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"The Easter holidays mean that our printers require today's Chairman's notes to be written early – before the game against Stevenage on Good Friday. I am therefore conscious that our position in the League may have changed by the time that you read this, but at the time of writing we sit in the relegation zone – a very uncomfortable position for us all."

"Hopefully, since then a good result against Stevenage will have taken the pressure off a fraction, but even if that has happened the fight for survival is far from over, and if it has not, the battle is tougher now than ever. In either scenario, we must face it and fight right to the finish.

There were many positives to take out of the draw with AFC Wimbledon. Although it was clearly a disappointment to come away with only 1 point rather than the all-important 3, it was an exciting game and a memorable League debut by youngster George Green, who we have with us for the rest of the season. But for me the most pleasing element was that I felt we played with a determination and spirit which has sometimes been lacking. Many of the coaching staff and the players have commented on the fact that the support of the fans right to the end of the game made a huge difference to the confidence of the team, and played a big part in spurring them on to fight to the final whistle, scoring the equaliser in the last moments rather than allowing heads to drop.

I felt that for most of the game we dominated the Dons, and whilst we were punished for a defensive error and a deflection, the supporters stayed to the end and the players fought to the end, resulting in us being rewarded with what could be a crucial point when it comes to the final reckoning.



Today we face Luton, who have a loyal and very noisy travelling supporter base. We are expecting anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 Luton fans here today and so we need to be at the top of our voices to make the most of home advantage. After a great first two thirds of the season, Luton suffered a major drop in form in late February and throughout March, similar to our own. However, Luton had the benefit of the cushion of a strong League position from which to ride that out, whereas we did not have that luxury. This means that despite both teams

suffering a cyclical dip which is not unusual in this League, Luton come into this game still fighting for a play-off place, whilst we are fighting for survival. There are 6 games left for us to secure our League status. Let us all keep united for each and every one of those games, in our determination to make it happen."

Boardroom Briefing

Mark Palios





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the Manager's pre-match
press conference...



Micky Adams

The Manager

"I'd like to welcome John Still, his Luton Town staff, players and supporters to Prenton Park and wish them a safe journey home after the match. John has built on last season's Conference winning season and has kept Luton in contention all this year. They're still well in with a shout of getting a place in the play offs so we know they'll be as desperate for a result today as we are."

"The Easter holidays mean these notes are being written before the Stevenage game so hopefully we've come away from the Lamex Stadium with a positive result and built on the draw against AFC Wimbledon.

I thought the players showed fantastic character to come from behind and get the point last weekend. They could have let their heads drop after going a goal down against the run of play but they kept battling, kept fighting and kept looking for openings. After the performance we'd put in, it would have been bitterly disappointing if we'd come away empty handed, so George Green's late goal was our reward for persistence. It was a fantastic strike from George on his debut and one I'm sure he will always remember.

I thought our support at the AFC Wimbledon game was fantastic. You got behind the players all game and really kept them going when they were a goal down. You didn't give up and the players didn't either. If we continue to play with the sort of tempo and confidence we did last weekend that will stand us in good stead and your support can help us do that.

We've got six games left and six chances to win. We've got to stand up and be counted this afternoon and the same in the five games that follow. I'm fighting and my staff and players are fighting for the cause, we're determined to keep the Club in League 2 and will continue to give everything we've got to achieve that.

Finally, I'd like to send my best wishes to Eliot Richards who has been diagnosed with testicular cancer. It's always a shock when someone who is young and fit gets cancer and I hope Eliot has a quick and full recovery.

Keep the faith."



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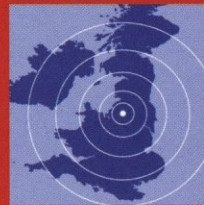
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Dressing Room Dialogue

Matt Hill 25

Matt Hill is thankful that, after an enforced absence following an Achilles injury, he is now at the end of a long road to recovery...

The 34 year-old former Wolves and Sheffield United defender arrived at Prenton Park at the start of the season and made eight appearances for the Club.

But 10 minutes into his eighth game in a Rovers shirt, at home against Newport County, he had to be replaced after injuring his Achilles tendon.

Hill has recently returned to full training after six months on the side lines and he reveals that it has been a tough period for him because he's not had such a bad injury in his career before.

He said: "It's been a long road. Obviously tearing your Achilles is a very unfortunate thing, it was something which just came out of the blue and was very disappointing. It's been difficult but I've been fully focussed on trying to get back.

"It's the most serious injury I've had in my career in terms of the length of time and I've never had to have surgery before so it was all new to me.

"It's been tough going on my partner too having to put up with me full-time at home! It's one of those things but I've been focused on trying to get back and finish the season well.

"In the early stages of the rehabilitation, I was at home because I couldn't drive so I was doing a lot of physio and ball work back in Preston so I hadn't really been around the club.

"As soon as you're back in, you desperately



want to be out there on the pitch and get amongst it with the lads, so I'm glad I'm fully into it and hopefully things will go well.

"There's not too many reserve games left so it might be a case of being thrown in the deep end possibly, but it's something I'm willing to do but we'll see what the gaffer decides to do.

"I've been working hard on my fitness. In terms of games to build up match fitness, it's going to be tough, but hopefully I can play some part in the run-in."

From his experience of over 500 appearances as a professional, Hill knows what the squad needs to do and the important role that the supporters can play in the remaining games of the season.

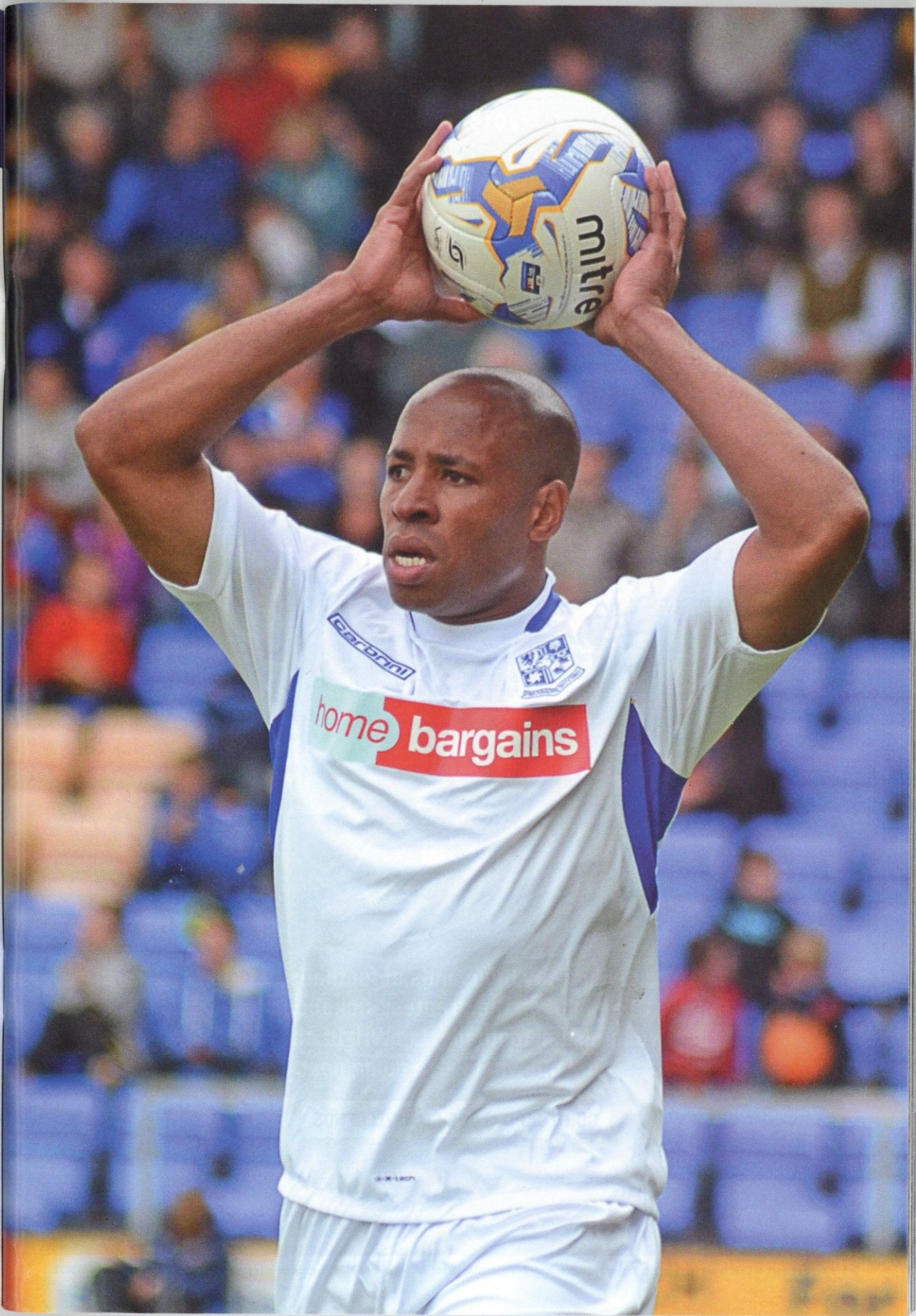
He added: "We've got six games left, we've got to take one game at a time. We have to forget what's gone in the past and focus on what we need to do now.

"We all have to be united, fans alike. We all have to stick together. During the 90 minutes, everybody needs to be together and everybody needs to be fighting to get ourselves out of this position.

"When you say about the 12th man, it's true, it's so important. When you've got that momentum and the fans are behind you, it gives the lads a boost to keep pushing on.

"We all want to perform and send the fans home happy and we can do that if we work together."

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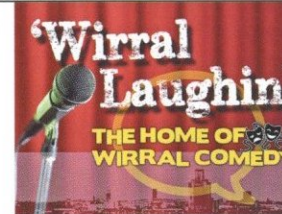
'Show Me The Funny' PATRICK MONAHAN as our headline act. Patrick will be supported on the night by Maff Brown and our compere for the evening Kevin Shepherd.

Tickets for the comedy night are now on sale from the Ticket Office.

Rovers Commercial Manager David Broadbent said, "This is something I'm really excited about, we have some fantastic comedians lined up to visit Prenton Park over the course of the next 12 months. "This has the potential to sell out on every occasion and should appeal to supporters of Tranmere and also the wider public.

"We are looking to make these nights affordable and to that extent, ticket prices for this show are just £12.50. The evenings will be superb entertainment and we'd urge you to buy early to avoid missing on Wirral's newest regular live comedy venue. Patrick Monahan is a superb booking for our first event and I can't wait!"

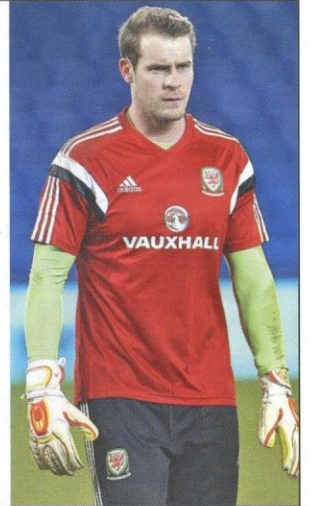
Tickets are available now priced at just £12.50 and can be bought in person from the Tranmere Rovers Ticket Office, by phone on 0333 012 4452 or online at www.trftickets.co.uk. More details about our headline act can be found at www.patrickmonahan.co.uk.



FONNERS ON WALES DUTY

Goalkeeper Owain Fon Williams missed Tranmere's last home game against AFC Wimbledon as he was away on international duty with Wales.

Fonners was an unused substitute as The Dragons pulled off an excellent 3-0 victory away in Haifa against Israel in their Euro 2016 qualifier with Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey opening the scoring on the stroke of half time before Real Madrid star Gareth Bale netted twice after the interval to seal the win.



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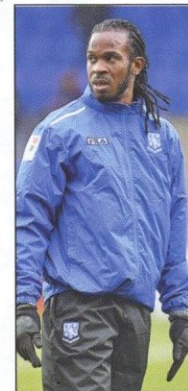
Tickets for Ian Goodison's Testimonial match, which takes place at Prenton Park on Monday 4th May, are now on sale from the Ticket Office.

The match, which will kick-off at 3pm, will feature an Ian Goodison International All-Stars team that will play against a host of former Tranmere players that were team mates of Goodison during his time at Prenton Park. Some of the names who are down to be involved so far include Eugene Dadi, Paul Hall, Antony Kay, Deon Burton and many more, not least the man himself, Ian Goodison.

Tickets for the match are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for under 17s. Initially, tickets will be on sale for the Main Stand, Paddocks and Cowsheds with further stands potentially opened subject to demand. Tickets are now on sale from the Club Shop at Prenton Park and online at www.trftickets.co.uk.

Tranmere Suite tickets are priced at £16, Warwick Rimmer Vice President's Suite £18, while Dixie Dean Suite are available at £30. Tickets for all suites will be limited and supporters are advised that refreshments will only be served in the Dixie Dean Suite to keep costs to a minimum.

To keep up-to-date with plans for the match, follow the Ian Goodison Testimonial on Twitter @GoodyGame.



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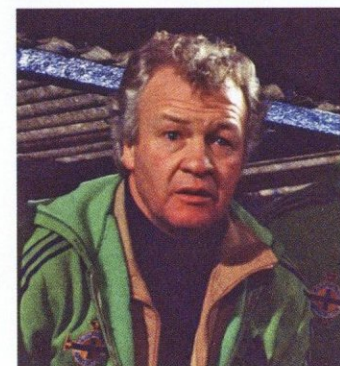
Press Perspective

Billy
Bingham

"When Billy Bingham scored Dagenham's third goal here early last month I couldn't help but reflect on how an outstanding footballer of the same name would have been very proud of such a strike. William Laurence 'Billy' Bingham, MBE has local links with Everton and Southport and the former Northern Ireland manager also has an association with today's visitors, Luton Town."

"When you describe a footballing man as 'old school' for some reason these days it seems to attract a negative connotation. As 'old school' myself it's more a case of being disappointed at how some of the best values in football have been lost to the modern game. Bingham began his career with Glentoran in 1948 before moving to England and spending eight years at Sunderland. From there he moved to Luton making nearly 100 league appearances during a three year spell. Following their relegation from the Football League in 2009 a list of the 50 best Luton Town players of all time was compiled by the 'Times' journalist Denis O'Donoghue and 'Billy' was quite rightly amongst them. It was from Luton that his association with Everton began - again making close to 100 appearances scoring 23 goals - before finishing his career at Port Vale after breaking his leg at the age of 33. A fine career in which he won 56 caps for Northern Ireland also saw him play at the 1958 World Cup and for once a notable playing career would also become an excellent managerial one!

Starting from modest beginnings at Southport in 1965 he became manager of his birth country just 2 years later - this after leading the 'Sandgrounders' to promotion out of the Fourth Division. A spell at Plymouth while also in charge of Northern Ireland followed and in his only



season in charge of Linfield led them to a quadruple success. Manager of Greece is also on his CV as is a 4 year spell in charge at Goodison Park. He was always in demand and in 1980 he was re-appointed as Northern Ireland boss a position he would hold for 13 years. He led his country to the finals of the World Cup in 1982 and 1986 making him one of a select group to have both played and managed at the FIFA tournament. A glittering career then for a man who grew up alongside another Irish legend Jackie Blanchflower on the streets of Belfast. His first professional wage was £6 a week when he made his senior debut in 1949 and left for Sunderland for a fee of £8,000. Like many of his age he continued

as an apprentice while playing, working on the Sunderland shipyards - how times have changed. Coincidentally Luton also paid £8,000 for his services - money well spent because he scored the winning goal in their 1959 FA Cup Semi-Final with Norwich. They lost 2-1 to Notts Forest in the Wembley final but it was his corner that set up Dave Pacey for the consolation. While at Kenilworth Road Bingham scored a 35 yard volley against Liverpool at Anfield - I wonder if that's what persuaded Everton's Johnny Carey to pay £15,000 for him in October 1960. The Blues won the league title in 1962-63 but after the arrival of Alex Scot Bingham fell down the pecking order and moved on. He returned to Goodison in May 1973 to take over from Harry Catterick signing such players as Bob Latchford and Martin Dobson and despite looking certain title winners in 1975 fell short in the final weeks to finish 4th - 3 points behind champions Derby County. He was sacked in January 1977 after a run of 8 games without a win, Gordon Lee took over and they finished 9th.

Billy Bingham was made an MBE in 1981 for services to football and in 1984 received the PFA Annual Merit Award - putting him on the same managerial pedestal as Shankly, Paisley, Clough and Sir Alex Ferguson. Thanks to Billy Bingham for reminding me of Billy Bingham and taking me on a trip down memory lane."



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Over the last 10 years, the average points tally needed to finish in the final League Two play-off spot is 71.

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Since 2004/05, the team finishing one place above the relegation zone in League Two has averaged 47.5 points.

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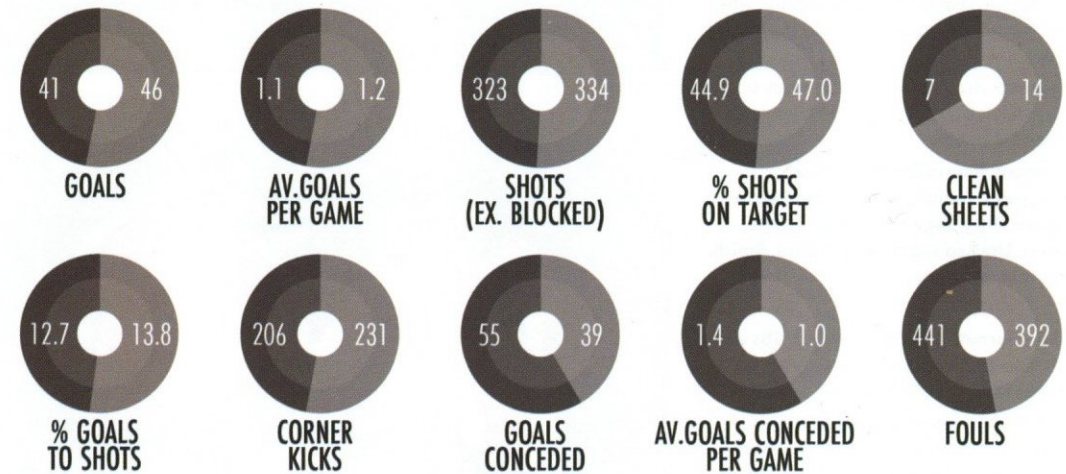
MATCH FACTS

Tranmere have conceded exactly once in each of their last five against Luton (W1 D2 L2).

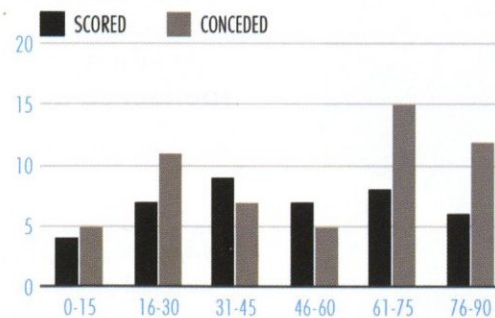


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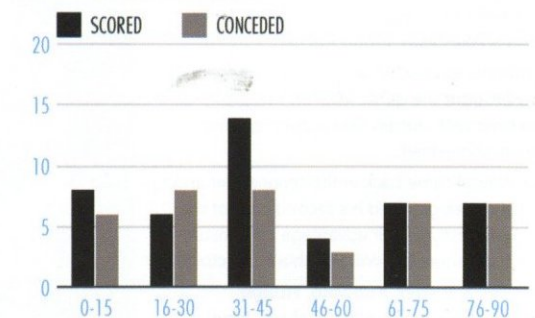
Luton have won their last two meetings with Tranmere by a 1-0 scoreline, though both of these came at Kenilworth Road.



GOAL TIMES



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Reserves & Youth Development

Reserves' final flourish in last home game of the season, while Youth edged out by Walsall

Goals from Iain Hume, Jake Kirby and Liam Davies earned Tranmere reserves a 3-1 win over Morecambe in the Final Third Development League last week.

The Shrimpers took the lead with their first chance of the game after Lee Molyneux and Liam Davies had gone close for Rovers.

Hume drew Shaun Garnett's side level late in the first half when he shot past the advancing keeper into the bottom left corner and he provided the assist for Jake Kirby to put Rovers ahead on 83 minutes, with the midfielder shooting through the legs of the goalkeeper.

The win was sealed a few minutes later when Liam Davies turned and fired into the bottom corner.

The match also marked the comeback from injury of left back Matt Hill who completed just under an hour.

Tranmere: Ramsbottom, Holmes, Thompson, Gumbs, Hill (Hunter 58), Shuker, Kirby, Jago, Molyneux, Hume, Davies. Unused substitutes: Pilling, Smith, Omotola, Moynes.

Shaun Garnett's Tranmere Under-18s were in action 10 days ago when they played host to Walsall at Raby Vale.

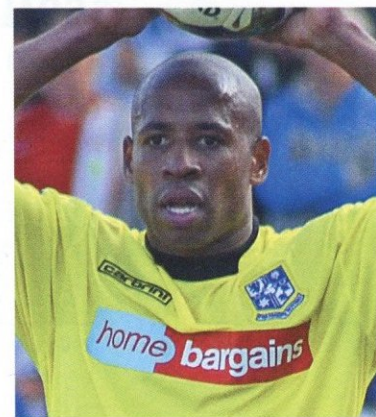
The Rovers youngsters were looking to bounce back from a 3-0 defeat the week before against Fleetwood Town, but despite putting in a good performance, it was not enough to get past a strong Walsall outfit who came out on top 2-1 winners.

There were a number of players missing from the Rovers line-up and The Saddlers took the lead early into the proceedings when striker Tevin Shakespeare found the net.

Tranmere responded well to that early setback and brought the game level on the stroke of half time with Darren Askew getting himself on the scoresheet.

But Walsall came back in the second half and Shakespeare grabbed his second goal of the game to restore their advantage and ensure that the visitors left Wirral with a 2-1 victory.

Tranmere: Rutter, Kubwalo, Hunter, Cringle, Gumbs, Fleming, Askew, Jago, Omotola, Lamb (Croughan), Moynes (Hulley). Subs: Smith, Pilling, Williams.



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Reserves & Youth Statistics 2014-2015

League Tables

Final Third Development League - West Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wigan Athletic	12	8	1	3	25	20	5	25
2 Port Vale	11	7	1	3	24	16	8	22
3 Walsall	9	4	1	4	13	10	3	13
4 Morecambe	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
5 Tranmere Rovers	10	2	4	4	19	20	-1	10
6 Wrexham	10	2	2	6	15	20	-5	8
7 Shrewsbury Town	8	2	2	4	12	17	-5	8

Final Third Development League Cup - North Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wigan Athletic	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
2 Fleetwood Town	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	7
3 Morecambe	3	1	0	2	7	8	-1	3
4 Tranmere Rovers	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Rochdale	26	19	2	5	64	31	33	59
2 Bury	26	18	4	4	55	28	27	58
3 Wigan Athletic	25	15	7	3	59	23	36	52
4 Preston North End	27	12	8	7	47	26	21	44
5 Walsall	27	13	5	9	39	29	10	44
6 Burnley	28	12	7	9	62	53	9	43
7 Oldham Athletic	26	13	2	11	54	39	15	41
8 Tranmere Rovers	27	11	8	8	43	44	-1	41
9 Blackpool	28	11	6	11	43	41	2	39
10 Port Vale	26	11	4	11	43	41	2	37
11 Wrexham	28	11	4	13	52	56	-4	37
12 Shrewsbury Town	27	7	8	12	52	56	-4	29
13 Carlisle United	28	6	10	12	35	59	-24	28
14 Accrington Stanley	27	7	4	16	34	61	-27	25
15 Fleetwood Town	26	5	0	21	18	55	-37	15
16 Morecambe	26	3	1	22	24	82	-58	10

Results & Fixtures - Reserves

Final Third Development League West Division

Tue 9 Sep	H	WALSALL*	W 2-1	Kirby, Jago (pen)
Mon 22 Sep	A	Morecambe	L 3-4	Donnelly, Rowe, Holness
Tue 14 Oct	H	SHREWSBURY T.	D 2-2	Kirby 2
Tue 28 Oct	A	Wigan A.	D 3-3	Moynes, Rowe (pen), Richards
Tue 27 Jan	H	PORT VALE	L 1-2	Donnelly
Tue 3 Feb	H	WIGAN A.	L 0-1	
Wed 4 Mar	H	WREXHAM	D 1-1	Omotola
Tue 10 Mar	A	Port Vale	L 1-2	Ilesanmi
Wed 25 Mar	A	Wrexham	D 3-3	Hume 2, Davies
Tue 31 Mar	H	MORECAMBE	W 3-1	Hume, Kirby, Davies
Wed 8 Apr	A	Shrewsbury T.	2.00pm	(at Shrewsbury Sports Village)
Tue 28 Apr	A	Walsall	2.00pm	(at Chasetown FC)

Final Third Development League Cup - North Group D

Wed 8 Oct	A	Fleetwood Town	L 1-3	Ilesanmi
Wed 12 Nov	H	Morecambe	L 0-3	
Mon 22 Dec	A	Wigan Athletic	L 0-4	

Liverpool Senior Cup

Tue 30 Dec	A	Bootle (QF)	L 1-2	Donnelly
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Cheshire Senior Cup

Tue 13 Jan	A	Nantwich Town (1)	W 5-1	Donnelly, Kirby, Moynes, Richards 2
Tue 17 Feb	A	Northwich Vic. (QF)	L 0-1	

All home games to be played at Rivacre Park, Vauxhall Motors FC, unless stated
*Played at Prenton Park

Results & Fixtures - Youth

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference

Sat 2 Aug	A	Carlisle U.	W 4-2	Omotola 2, Lamb, Akpan
Sat 9 Aug	H	WIGAN A.	D 0-0	
Sat 16 Aug	A	Oldham A.	W 2-1	Omotola, Ilesanmi
Sat 23 Aug	H	BURNLEY	D 2-2	Williams, Croughan
Fri 29 Aug	A	Burnley (FLYAC1)	W 1-0	Jago (pen)
Sat 6 Sep	A	Port Vale	D 1-1	Jago (pen)
Sat 13 Sep	H	WREXHAM	W 3-1	Jago, Omotola, Ilesanmi
Sat 20 Sep	A	Blackpool	W 4-3	Omotola 3, Gumbs
Sat 27 Sep	A	Morecambe	W 2-1	Croughan, Moynes
Sat 4 Oct	H	Blackpool (FLYAC2)	L 1-2	Askew
Sat 11 Oct	A	Rochdale	L 0-3	
Sat 18 Oct	A	Walsall	W 2-0	Moynes, Jago
Sat 25 Oct	A	Bury	L 1-2	Jago
Sat 1 Nov	A	Fleetwood T.	L 1-2	Duggan
Sat 8 Nov	H	SHREWSBURY T.	W 2-1	Jago, Omotola
Sat 15 Nov	A	Preston N.E.	D 0-0	
Sat 22 Nov	H	ACCRINGTON S.	W 4-2	Akpan 2, Omotola, Moynes
Sat 6 Dec	A	Wigan A.	D 2-2	Jago, Omotola
Fri 19 Dec	H	CARLISLE U.	W 3-2	Hunter 2, Ilesanmi
Sat 3 Jan	H	ROCHDALE	L 0-2	
Sat 10 Jan	H	MORECAMBE	W 2-0	Hulley, Ilesanmi
Sat 24 Jan	H	BURY	D 1-1	Ilesanmi
Sat 7 Feb	H	OLDHAM A.	L 0-4	
Sat 14 Feb	A	Burnley	W 3-2	Omotola 2, Ilesanmi
Sat 28 Feb	A	Wrexham	D 1-1	Hunter (pen)
Sat 7 Mar	H	BLACKPOOL	L 0-2	
Sat 14 Mar	A	Shrewsbury T.	D 2-2	Kubwalo, Ilesanmi
Sat 21 Mar	H	FLEETWOOD T.	L 0-3	
Fri 27 Mar	H	WALSALL	L 1-2	Askew
Thu 2 Apr	A	Accrington S.	2.00pm	
Sat 11 April	H	PRESTON N.E.	11.00am	
Sat 18 April	H	PORT VALE	11.00am	

FA Youth Cup

Tue 4 Nov	A	Oldham A. (1)	W 2-1	Jago, Moynes
Wed 19 Nov	H	SHREWSBURY T.(2)	W 3-1	Omotola, Ilesanmi, Askew
Wed 10 Dec	A	Mansfield Town (3)	D 2-2	Ilesanmi, Askew

*After extra time - Lost 4-5 on penalties

Lancashire FA Youth Cup

Sat 13 Dec	H	BURY (1)	W 3-0	Duggan 3
Wed 11 Feb	H	BLACKPOOL (SF)	W 2-0	Jago, Duggan
Sat 25 Apr	A	Wigan Athletic (F)	11.00am	

All home games played at Raby Vale Training Ground unless stated

Forthcoming Matches



NEXT HOME YOUTH FIXTURE
Preston North End U18s

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference
Saturday 11th April 2015, Kick off **11.00am**
Playing at Raby Vale Training Ground
Free Admission for All Spectators
For further information on all reserve and youth games, go to www.tranmererovers.co.uk



LANCASHIRE FA YOUTH CUP FINAL
Wigan Athletic U18s

Saturday 25th April 2015, Kick off **11.00am**
Playing at Robins Park Arena, adjacent to DW Stadium
Sat Nav Postcode: Newtown, Wigan WN5 0UZ
Admission £4.00 for All Spectators (Covered Seating)
For further information on all reserve and youth games, go to www.tranmererovers.co.uk

Sat Nav Postcodes for Home Game Venues

Reserves: Rivacre Park CH66 1NJ

Youth: Raby Vale Training Ground, Willaston Road CH63 4JE

Cover to Cover

A Post-War Matchday Programme Timeline



...Tranmere Rovers versus Luton Town

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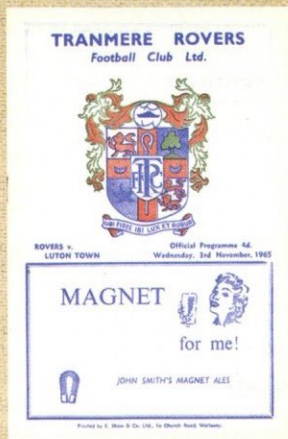
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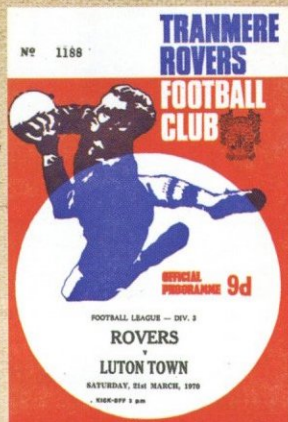
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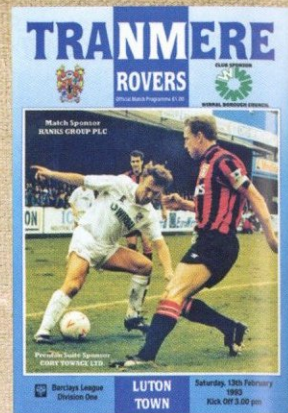
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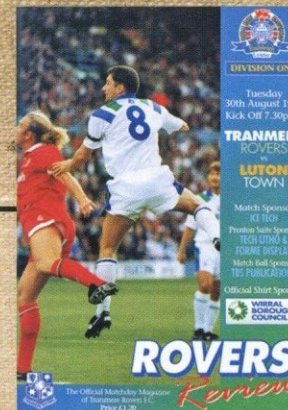
Wednesday 3rd November 1965
League Division Four, Won 2-0
Final league positions:
Rovers 5th, Hatters 6th



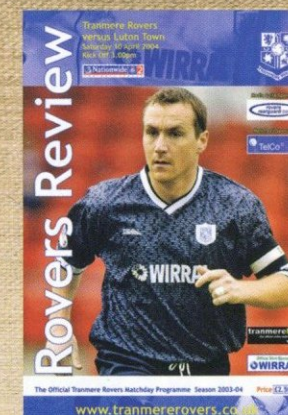
Saturday 21st March 1970
League Division Three, Won 3-2
Final league positions:
Rovers 16th, Hatters 2nd (promoted)



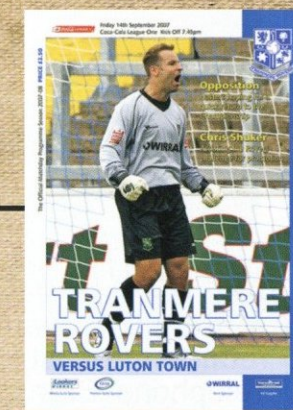
Saturday 13th February 1993
Barclays League Division One, Lost 0-2
Final league positions:
Rovers 4th, Hatters 20th



Tuesday 30th August 1994
Endsleigh League Division One, Won 4-2
Final league positions:
Rovers 5th, Hatters 16th



Saturday 10th April 2004
Nationwide League Division Two, Drew 1-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 8th, Hatters 10th



Friday 14th September 2007
Coca-Cola League One, Won 2-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 11th, Hatters 24th (relegated)

1950s

1960s

1970s 1980s

1990s

2000 onwards...

1966-67



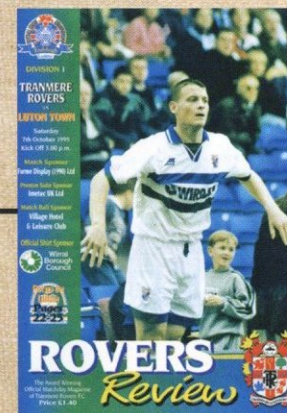
Monday 26th December 1966
League Division Four, Won 1-0
Final league positions:
Rovers 4th (promoted), Hatters 17th

1993-94



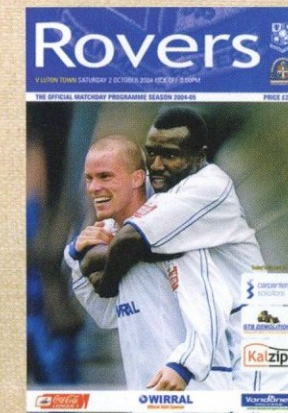
Tuesday 14th September 1993
Endsleigh League Division One, Won 4-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 5th, Hatters 20th

1995-96



Saturday 7th October 1995
Endsleigh League Division One, Won 1-0
Final league positions:
Rovers 18th, Hatters 24th (relegated)

2004-05



Saturday 2nd October 2004
Coca-Cola League One, Drew 1-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 3rd, Hatters 1st (promoted)

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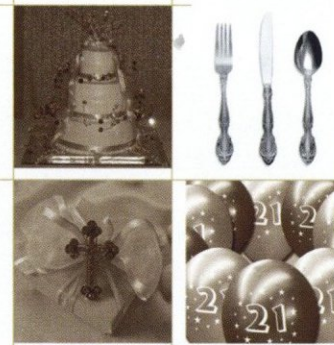
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On Home Ground

Tranmere Rovers 1

AFC Wimbledon 1



Sky Bet League 2

Date: Saturday 28th March 2015

Attendance: 5,592 (Away 406).

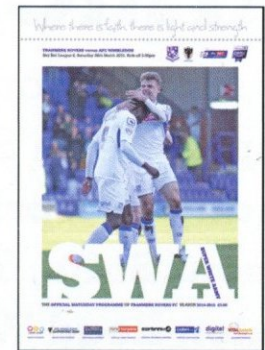
Tranmere: Brezovan, Ihiekwe, Donacien, Dugdale, Ridehalgh (Molyneux 84), Myrie-Williams, Power, Jennings, Green, Donnelly (Hume 64), Odejayi. Substitutes: Ramsbottom, Holmes, Laird, Shuker, Kirby.

AFC Wimbledon: Worner, Fuller, Smith (Harrison 17), Moore, Goodman, Oshilaja, Beere, Reeves, Akinfenwa, Tanner (Azeez 82), Rigg (Potter 87). Substitutes: McDonnell, Phillips, Agyei, Gallagher.

Referee: Andy Woolmer.

Yellow cards: Rigg (52), Donnelly (63), Akinfenwa (71), Goodman (75), Moore (89), Green (90+4), Hume (90+5).

Goalscorers: Tranmere - George Green (90+4). AFC Wimbledon - Adebayo Akinfenwa (29).



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Saturday 28th March 2015

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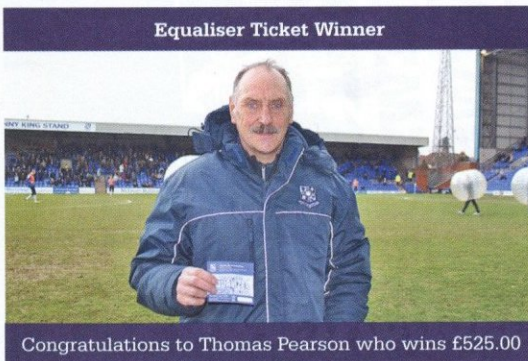
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Southend United

Sky Bet League 2

Roots Hall

Saturday 11th April 2015

Kick off 3.00pm



Rovers On The Road

SO FAR THIS SEASON?

We head to the Essex coastline as we reacquaint ourselves with our old friend Phil Brown at promotion chasing Southend United.

At the time of writing, before the Good Friday fixtures, The Shrimpers sit in fifth place and look assured of a place in the play-offs as they sit six points clear of today's visitors, Luton.

Southend have lost just the three games from 19 at Roots Hall, with the last of those coming on Valentine's Day against Accrington.

Before that Morecambe were the last side to leave with all three points, that being on 4 October. For the record, AFC Wimbledon were the only other league victors back in August. United's other 16 home games have seen eight wins and eight draws.

Brown has strengthened his side's promotion hunting squad with the loan deadline day acquisition of midfielder Stephen McLaughlin from Nottingham Forest.

Southend's danger man this season is striker Barry Corr, who has weighed in with

12 league goals with fellow front man Joe Piggott second on the list with six.

LAST TIME WE VISITED?

Saturday 13 February 2010 (League One): Southend United 1-1 Tranmere Rovers.

Southend: Mildenhall, Francis, Mvoto, Baldwin, Barrett, Scannell, Christophe, Moussa, Watt (McCormack 53), Laurent (Spencer 73), Vernon. Subs not used: Bentley, Paterson, Sankofa, Freedman, Herd. Goalscorer: Vernon 15 (pen)
Tranmere: Daniels, Logan, Goodison, Broomes, Bakayogo, Edds, McLaren, Welsh, Curran, Sordell (Gornell 79), Thomas-Moore. Subs not used: Colliester, Shuker, Cresswell, Barnett, McCready, Mahon.

Goalscorer: Goodison 48
Attendance: 6,382.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE:

Provision for away support is in a section of the North Stand, with an allocation of 1,200. However, on occasions this can be increased to the stand's entire 2,000 capacity.

Roots Hall is located on Victoria Avenue in Southend-on-Sea (post code SS2 6NQ for Sat Navs) and can be reached via Junction 29 of the M25 and the A127. On the A127 continue towards the town centre, going ahead through the traffic lights near The Bell pub. Then, at the next roundabout, continue on the A127 (third exit) and the stadium will be on the right past the next set of traffic lights.

There is no on site parking at the ground and there are strict restrictions in the surrounding streets. The pay-and-display car park at the Civic Centre on Victoria Street (SS2 6ER) is recommended, costing £5 for up to five hours (smaller charges for smaller stays also available). Alternative parking at Southend High School on Prittlewell Street (SS0 0RG), costing £5 per car, is also available. Both are approximately a five minute walk away.

For train travellers, Prittlewell - served by London Liverpool Street - which, again is approximately a five minute walk away. From the station turn right and go past the Fish House chip shop then turn right. The ground is tucked away approximately 100 yards along on the left.

Mark McKean



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Weekend Games - 10.00am until kick off, Midweek Games - 10.00am until kick off

Home Games

versus Oxford United

Sky Bet League 2
Saturday 18th April 2015, Kick off 3.00pm
ADVANCE TICKETS NOW ON GENERAL SALE
Admission: Adults from £15.00, Seniors 65+ from £9.00,
Young Persons 17-22 Years from £9.00,
Under 17 Years £6.00, Under 12 Years £5.00,
Under 7 Years £4.00.

*Photo ID is required for age concession admission
*Under 7 and Under 12 require tickets
*All tickets for the Main Stand and Family Paddock Areas must be purchased in advance

versus Bury

Sky Bet League 2
Saturday 2nd May 2015, Kick off 3.00pm
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Admission: Adults from £15.00, Seniors 65+ from £9.00,
Young Persons 17-22 Years from £9.00,
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Away Games



Southend United

Sky Bet League 2, Saturday 11th April 2015, Kick Off 3.00pm, Roots Hall Stadium



...Ticket Details...

Advance tickets available shortly from Prenton Park, up until 12.00pm on Friday 10th April.

Advance Prices: Adult £19.00, Over 60s £13.00,
Student with valid ID £13.00, Young Persons 17-20 £12.00,
Juniors U16 £9.00, Juniors U8 £4.00.

Disabled Wheelchair/Ambulant £12.00 with Carer Free.

Match Day: Adult £21.00, Over 60s £15.00,
Student with valid ID £14.00, Young Persons 17-20 £14.00,
Juniors U16 £10.00, Juniors U8 £5.00.

Disabled Wheelchair/Ambulant £14.00 with Carer Free.

...Travel Details...

Official Club Coach Travel: Departs Prenton Park 7.45am
Member Prices: Adults £31.00, Under 16s & Over 60s £29.50.
Travel Club Membership is FREE to Season Ticket Holders
Non-members add £2.50 to above prices.

Travelling by Car/Train:

Sat Nav Postcode: Victoria Avenue SS2 6NQ
Mileage: 252 miles.

Estimated Travel Time: 4 hours 30 mins.

Nearest Train Station: Prittlewell (½ mile 15 min walk)



Mansfield Town

Sky Bet League 2, Tuesday 14th April 2015, Kick Off 7.45pm, One Call Stadium



...Ticket Details...

THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH
- NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
Tickets now on sale from Prenton Park, up until 2.00pm on Tuesday 14th April only.

Adults £20.00, Concessions (Students, Over 60s and Disabled no carer) £15.00, Junior (7-16) £10.00, Under 6 (6 and under) Free.

Students are advised to take their ID to the game as entry will not be permitted without it.

The admission price for disabled supporters (with a carer) is based on their relevant age category with carer admitted free of charge.

...Travel Details...

Official Club Coach Travel: Departs Prenton Park 3.45pm
Member Prices: Adults £18.00, Under 16s & Over 60s £16.50.
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Travelling by Car/Train:

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Mileage: 100 miles

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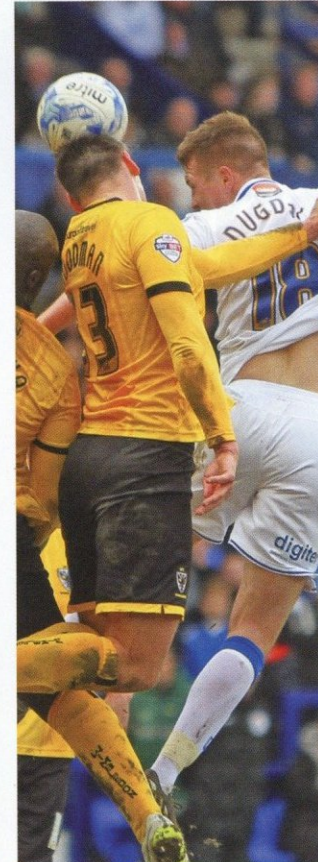
Happy Easter and welcome to today's vital game against Luton Town. Keep cheering the lads on this afternoon and hopefully we'll get those three points all important points!...

Matchday Mascot



Our mascot at our home game against Burton Albion was **Jayden Baines** who got to meet **Marc Laird** just before kick off.

Junior supporters who purchase a new full home kit were entered into the draw to become a mascot this season.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all our Junior Superwhites with birthdays coming up: **Connor Lennon, Ben Bresnan, Enriqw Appleby-Pineda, Charle Volan, Daniel McAleny, Erin Colebourn, Luca Patterson, Jonathan Bruffell, Sam Cooper, Aaron Forsyth, Sophie Carolan, Harry Johnston, Bridget Rogers.** We hope you have a good day from everyone at TRFC!

GUESS THE GATE

Don't forget to call into the Club Shop before every game to be in with a chance of winning, or you can email it to us before kick off on the day of each game. The winner at the home game against AFC Wimbledon was **Tom Johnson**. Well done Tom!

MATCH REPORTS

It's time for you to get writing! We want you to send in your match reports of Tranmere games and we'll include the best of them in the programme. Either drop them off in the Club Shop or email them to jsw@tranmererovers.co.uk



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Today's opponents Luton Town share their nickname 'Hatters' with which former Football League club?

- a) Grimsby Town
- b) Stockport County
- c) Wrexham



Anagrams

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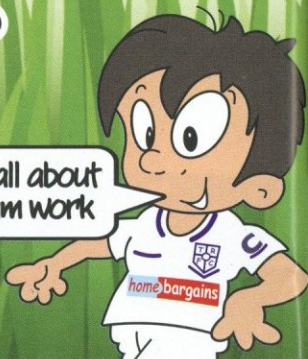
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T	U	Z	S	R	K	V	S	W	H	D	X	R	L	F	WILKINSON
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Answers from our AFC Wimbledon programme:
Quiz Question? a) Plough Lane
Anagrams: Anfield, Goodison Park, Loftus Road, Old Trafford, Liberty Stadium, Stamford Bridge.

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Answers in our next programme

It's all about team work



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Luton Town is one of the oldest clubs in the Football League having been founded in 1885, in fact, they will be celebrating 130 years of existence this coming Saturday.

They have had their fair share of ups and downs during that time with arguably their biggest success coming in 1988 when they beat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley to win the League Cup, their one and only major honour to date.

More recently, they have suffered from some financial difficulties which resulted in them dropping from the Championship in 2006/07 to the Conference Premier in 2008/09 after three successive relegations.

The club has bounced back into the Football League this season as John Still's side won the Conference Premier title at the end of last season with over 100 points, 19 points clear of second-placed Cambridge United.

They have enjoyed their return into League football and have been in the upper echelons of the League Two table for the majority of the season and they are currently sitting in 8th place at time of writing. However, their current form has not been great. March was a tough month for The Hatters as they were defeated in each of their six league matches, although the majority of those games were against top half of the table sides. They faced Exeter City at Kenilworth Road on Good Friday.

Those recent results have come without their influential goalkeeper Mark Tyler. The 37 year-old shot-stopper, who has almost 750 career appearances to his name, has been absent with a knee injury and The Hatters have had 24 year-old Elliot Justham in between the sticks deputising.

Another influential figure in the Luton defence is 31 year-old Steve McNulty. The commanding centre-back has mostly plied his trade in non-league football with the likes of Barrow, Vauxhall Motors and Burscough before helping, first, Fleetwood Town and then Luton into the Football League in recent years.

Their midfield is packed with experience with 32 year-old Alex Lawless at the heart of Luton's side. He will likely be joined in the centre of the park by Nathan Doyle, Jonathan Smith and Andy Drury who all have well over 200 career appearances to their names.

Up front, their main source of goals this season has come from striker Mark Cullen, who has scored 12 times in all competitions, while they recently acquired 20 year-old Eliot Lee (son of former England international Robert Lee) on loan from West Ham United who has 3 goals to his name so far.

A number of players have represented both clubs over the years including George Yardley, Steven O'Leary, Alec Chamberlain, Paul McLaren, John Lornie and Dino Seremet.

Did you know?

Luton Town were the first club in Southern England to turn professional, beginning to make payments to players from 1890 before turning fully professional one year later.

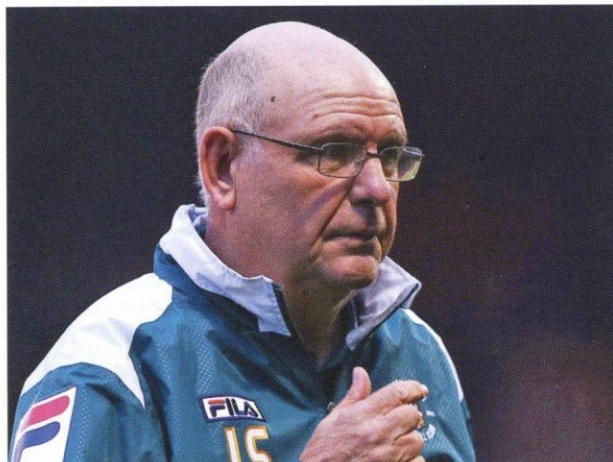
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Luton Town

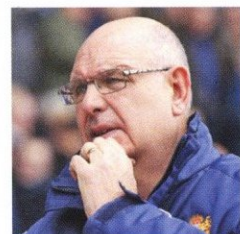
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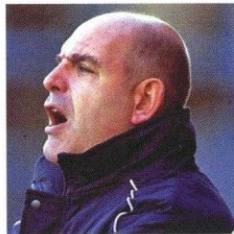
The Manager



John Still



...As a manager
Dagenham & Redbridge
1992 - 1994
2004 - 2013



...As a manager
Barnet
1997 - 2000
2001 - 2002

A managerial legend with more than 1,600 games under his belt, John Still guided Luton to a long-awaited Conference championship last year, and has since masterminded the Hatters' fourth tier promotion charge this term.

As a player in the early-70s, Still spent time with Leyton Orient, Bishop's Stortford and Dagenham, but persistent injuries forced him to hang up his boots prematurely at the age of 26.

Soon thereafter, Still became a part-time salesman, but maintained a deep love of football. Accordingly, he delved into the world of coaching, and was soon appointed manager of Leystone, a job he balanced with his professional work selling industrial cleaning supplies.

Still maintained control for seven years, guiding the club to its first Isthmian League title in 1982, and setting a precedent of success and longevity for his career ahead.

A successful three-year stint at Dartford followed, before Still returned to Leystone for a solitary season, en route to Maidstone, whom he steered into the Football League as Conference champions in 1989.

However, at that point, Still had no desire to become a full-time manager, and he subsequently resigned, only to accept a new challenge with sixth-tier Redbridge. In a five-year spell, Still oversaw the club's promotion into the Conference, and it's later merger with Dagenham.

In 1994, second division Peterborough appointed Still as manager, an arrangement that was truncated after just a year following poor results, yet nonetheless marked the beginning of his transition to a full-time football career.

Later, Still became a coach at Lincoln, before a turbulent five-year spell as Barnet manager and Director of Football.

However, it would be a move to Dagenham in 2004 that defined Still's career; the experienced coach building a lower league dynasty against all the odds. In nine years at the helm, he transformed the Daggers from a middling Conference club to a highly-competitive League One outfit.

He now hopes to do the same with Luton, arguably the largest club on his extensive CV.

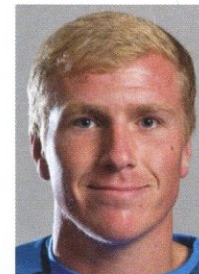
Last year, Still plotted the Hatters' Football League return with the seventh promotion of his managerial career and, with a few weeks remaining, will no doubt be looking to work the magic yet again this time around.

Ryan Ferguson

Elliot Justham

Following a knee injury to first-choice goalkeeper Mark Tyler, 24 year-old Justham has taken over between the sticks since mid-February, but has kept just one clean sheet in nine games at the time of going to print.

The stopper came to Luton's attention after performing well for East Thurrock United in the Ryman League Premier Division and was snapped up by the Hatters in May 2013.

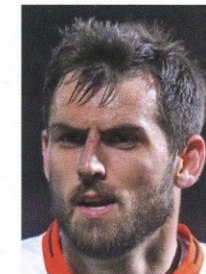


GK

Alex Lawless

Lawless is one of the longest-serving players in John Still's squad having signed in 2011.

He has worked his way up into the Football League after starting out at Welsh Second Division side Ton Pentre before moving to Fulham, Torquay United, Forest Green Rovers, York City and, eventually Luton.

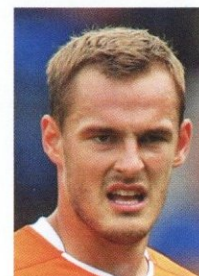


MID

Luke Wilkinson

A former stalwart of John Still from their time together at Dagenham and Redbridge, Wilkinson moved to Kenilworth Road last summer to reunite with his old boss.

He has been a virtual ever-present in the Hatters' defence this season, making 41 appearances and scoring four goals already, although he does have two red cards to his name.



DEF

Mark Cullen

22 year-old Cullen is a youth product of the Hull City Academy and joined Luton from The Tigers on a free transfer in May 2013. He had four loan spells away from Hull, featuring for Bradford City, Bury (twice) and Stockport County. Cullen featured prominently in The Hatters' promotion from the Conference Premier last season and continues to be an influential figure in their squad, leading the goalscoring charts with 12 goals so far this season.

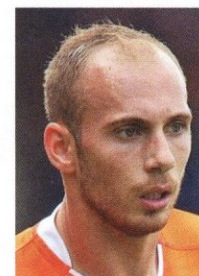


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Jake Howells

Howells is a product of Luton's academy system and made his first-team debut at the age of 17. Despite being just 23 years old, he is approaching 300 appearances for the Hatters.

The former Wales under-21 international has proven himself to be a versatile member of the squad with his ability to play left wing, central midfield or on the left wing, which is his preferred position.



MID

Paul Benson

A veteran striker with plenty of lower-league experience, Benson joined Luton last summer following a successful loan spell in which he helped the club back into the Football League.

He also won the Conference in 2007 with Dagenham and the League Two title with Swindon in 2012. Now he is looking to repeat the trick and get promoted to the third tier for a third time.



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Last Five In Charge...



Kevin Blackwell
Mar 2007 to Jan 2008



Mick Harford
Jan 2008 to Oct 2009



Richard Money
Oct 2009 to Mar 2011



Gary Brabin
Mar 2011 to Mar 2012



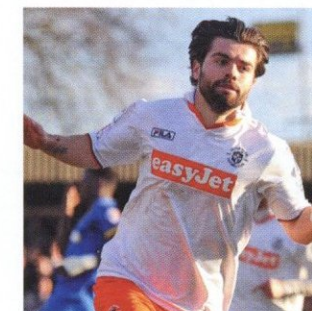
Paul Buckle
Apr 2012 to Feb 2013

Opposite Numbers



Elliott Lee

The son of former Newcastle and West Ham midfielder Rob Lee, Elliot has followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a professional footballer. The 20 year-old striker is on loan to Luton from West Ham having had similar spells elsewhere with Colchester United and Southend, and to date has scored three goals in seven games.





Facts & Figures



Recent Game



Northampton Town (Away)

Lost 1-2 (HT 0-0)

Sky Bet League Two, Saturday 28th March 2015
Sixfields Stadium, Attendance: 5,668.

...The Starting Eleven...

Justham

Wilkinson McNulty Harriman Kinsella
Lawless Smith Doyle Drury
Benson Cullen

Subs: Gooch, Lacey, Guttridge, Hall, McGeehan,
Miller, Stockley.

Goalscorers: Alex Lawless (46).



Played for Both



Paul McLaren (Midfield)

Paul McLaren had two spells at Tranmere, firstly between 2006 and 2008 before he returned to the Club a year later for a further 18-month period at Prenton Park.

Over the course of the two spells, McLaren made 143 appearances for Rovers and scored six goals. But he began his career at Luton Town where he appeared 201 times for The Hatters and found the net six times. McLaren also played for Sheffield Wednesday, Rotherham United, Bradford City and he ended his career at Oxford United. He hung his boots up in 2012 and is now a football agent.

The Numbers Game

16

...The number of goals scored by Luton away from home in the league this season

15

...The number of clean sheets the Hatters have kept this season so far

252

...The number of appearances made by Mark Tyler for Luton...

Five League Games



Saturday 7th March 2015
Morecambe (Home)
Lost 3-2



Saturday 14th March 2015
Portsmouth (Away)
Lost 2-0



Tuesday 17th March 2015
Newport County (Away)
Lost 1-0



Tuesday 24th March 2015
Wycombe Wanderers (Home)
Lost 3-2



Saturday 28th March 2015
Northampton Town (Away)
Lost 2-1



Previous Meeting



Tranmere Rovers 2, Luton Town 1

Coca-Cola League One
Friday 14th September 2007, Prenton Park
Attendance: 6,525 (Away 217).

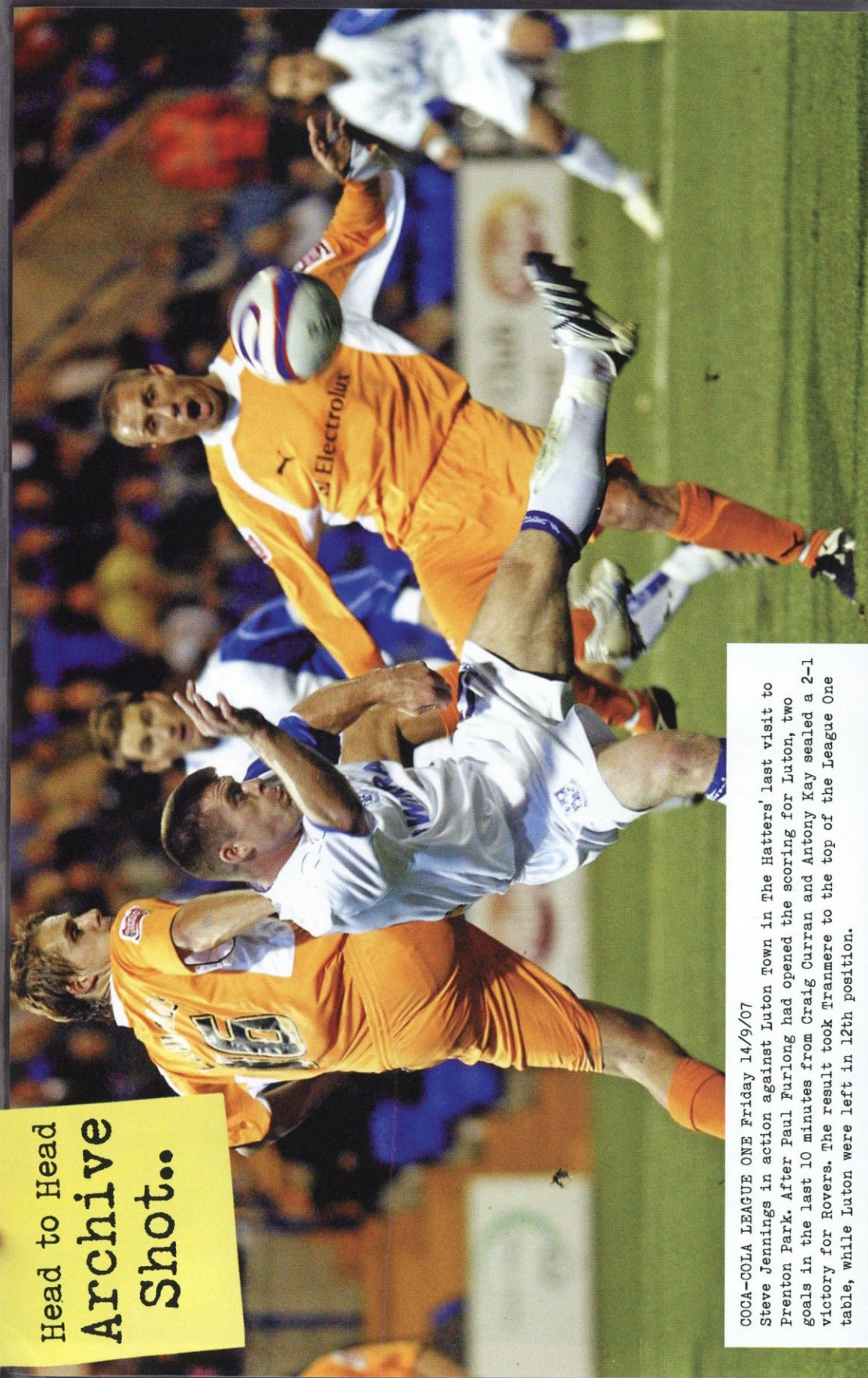
Tranmere: Coyne, Stockdale, Chorley, Goodison, Sherriff, Shuker, McLaren, Jennings (Kay 76), Davies, Taylor (Curran 71), Greenacre. Substitutes not used: Achterberg, Tremarco, Jones.

Luton: Forde, Jackson, Perry, Coyne, Goodall, Robinson (Fojut 85), Edwards, Spring, Bell (Brkovic 76), Furlong, Morgan (Peschisolido 90). Substitutes not used: Currie, McVeigh.

Referee: Tony Bates.

Yellow cards: Luton - David Bell.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Craig Curran (83), Antony Kay (86).
Luton - Paul Furlong (5).



Head to Head
Archive
Shot..

Coca-Cola LEAGUE ONE Friday 14/9/07
Steve Jennings in action against Luton Town in The Hatters' last visit to Prenton Park. After Paul Furlong had opened the scoring for Luton, two goals in the last 10 minutes from Craig Curran and Antony Kay sealed a 2-1 victory for Rovers. The result took Tranmere to the top of the League One table, while Luton were left in 12th position.



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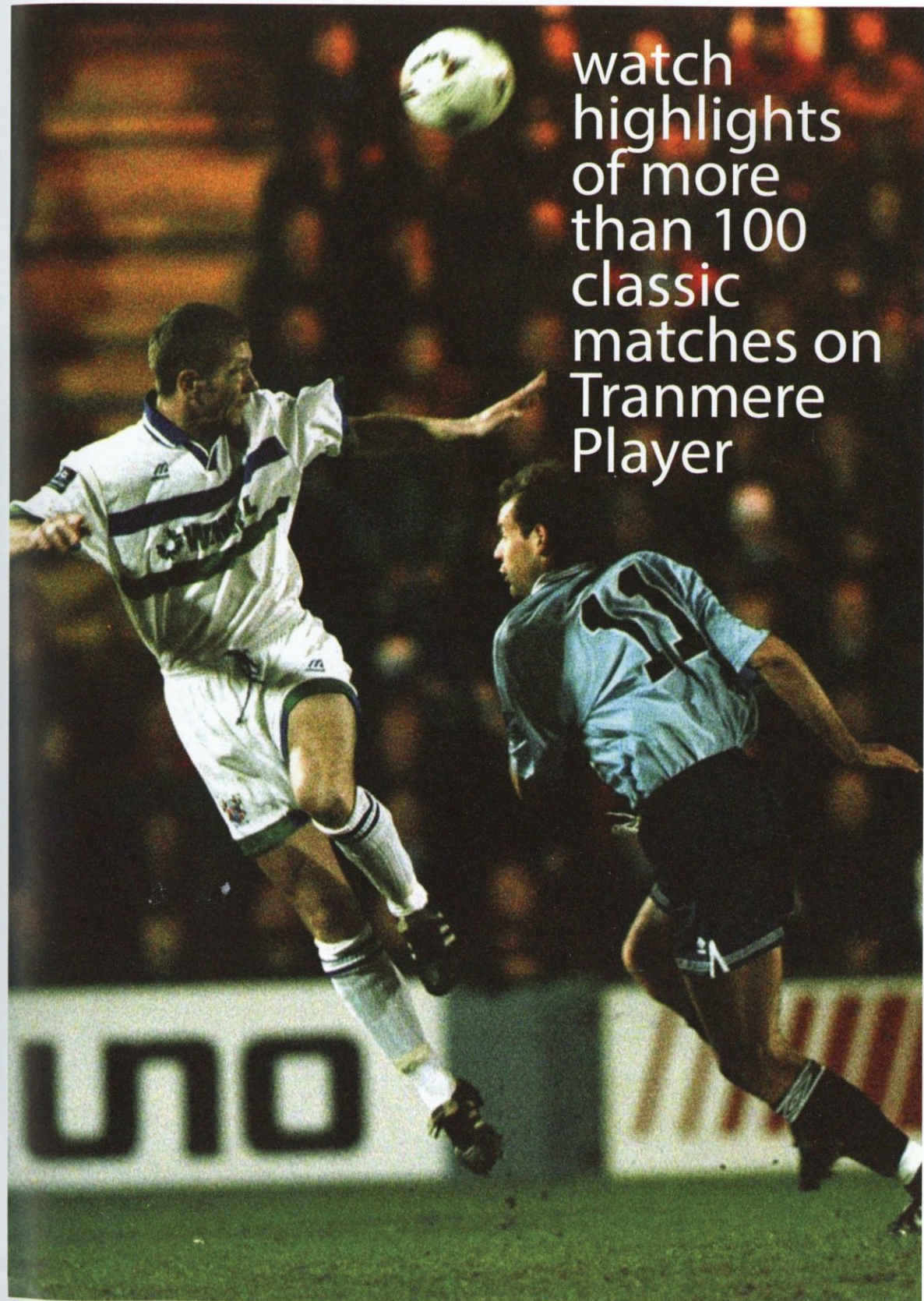
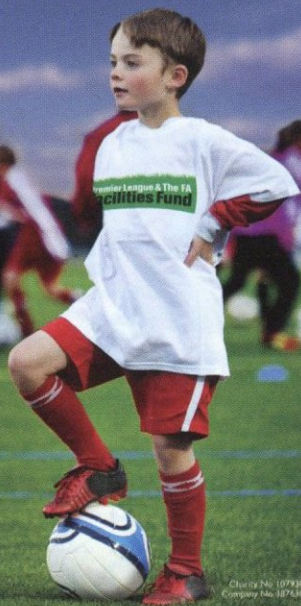
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FUTSAL IS THE FUTURE!

Tranmere Rovers in the Community are launching a Futsal and Education Scholarship programme for girls aged 16-18 years old.

The scholarship will offer 16 and 17-year-old girls the chance to play Futsal at a competitive national level, train full-time with professional coaches and work towards a BTEC in Sport.

The full-time course will run for two years, allowing the scholars to study using state-of-the-art computer platforms and take part in valuable work experience opportunities with Tranmere Rovers in the Community.

The work experience element of the Futsal and Education Scholarship has set Tranmere Rovers in the Community apart from the other courses that are offered locally. It has hugely proved popular with other Football League clubs.

The Futsal and Education Scholarship Programme will give girls the unique opportunity to develop their technical, tactical, physiological and social skills within a sporting environment whilst also gaining a BTEC qualification.

Futsal is a five-a-side indoor game, originating in South America. It is played on a hard surface with hockey-sized goals and a size four ball with reduced bounce. Matches are played over 40 minutes and to a stop-clock (like basketball), with time-outs allowed.

The sport naturally develops all the skills and techniques required for traditional 11-a-side football but also helps to develop a more rounded player. The small sided nature of the game requires competitors to be equally competent in both attack and defence as well as showcasing close ball skills, increased number of touches, quick decision making, creativity and tactical nous.

Futsal is a fantastic sport in its own right whilst being an invaluable development tool for football.

Tranmere Rovers in the Community manager Steve Williams said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for girls to play an exciting and fast-paced sport as well as developing and learning new skills while also working towards a BTEC qualification."

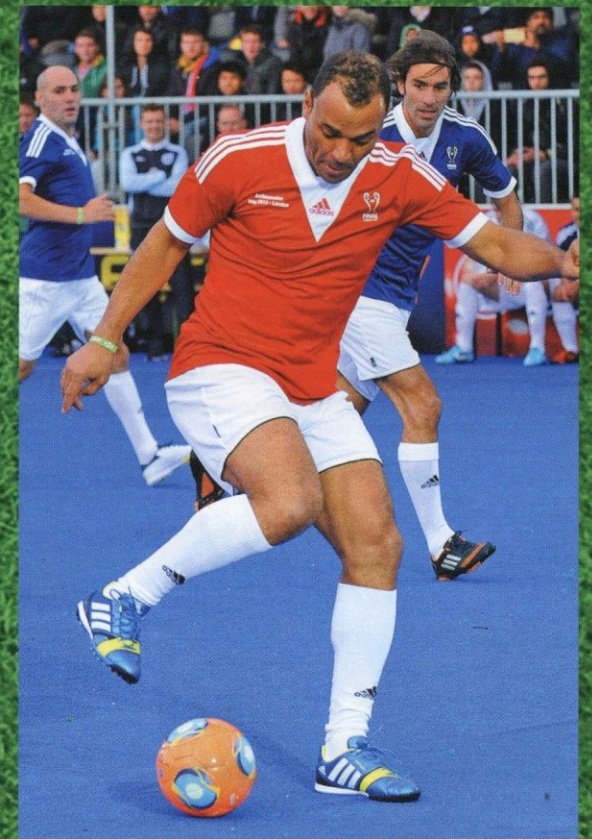
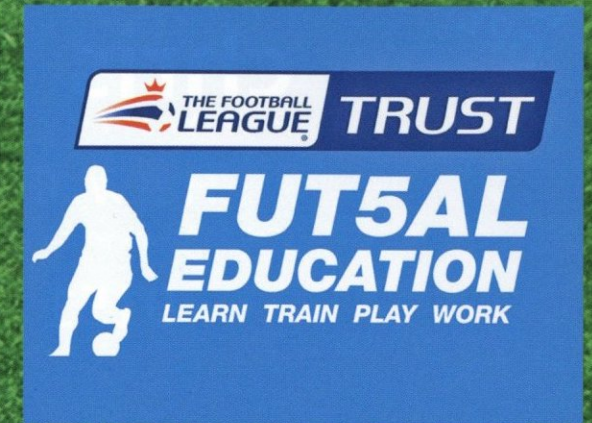
Any Year 11 girls wishing to carry on with their education and play a fast-growing, fast-moving sport when they leave school this summer, should contact Tranmere Rovers in the Community on 0151 608 2354 or email trfccommunity@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

CELEBRATE WORLD AUTISM DAY

Tranmere Rovers in the Community have recently celebrated World Autism Day with a group of people from the Wirral Autistic Society who attend our day centre session here at the Recreation Centre every Thursday morning.

They take part every week in football and dance, and have a small break in between the two to have a drink and socialize with other people from different day care centres.

World Autism Day is officially on April 2nd and takes place every year. It is used to raise awareness of the condition and fund raise for the cause.



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Ridgway's Rovers' Retrospective

On This Day

...Rovers results on this date since 1921...

- 1925-26
Halifax Town (A) Drew 1-1
- 1927-28
Rochdale (H) Won 3-0
- 1928-29
South Shields (H) Won 4-0
- 1930-31
Gateshead (H) Won 2-1
- 1933-34
Crewe Alexandra (H) Won 5-1
- 1952-53
Barrow (A) Lost 2-0
- 1956-57
Scunthorpe United (H) Won 4-2
- 1962-63
Brentford (A) Lost 4-0
- 1967-68
Bristol Rovers (A) Lost 3-1
- 1969-70
Plymouth Argyle (H) Won 3-1
- 1972-73
Plymouth Argyle (H) Drew 2-2
- 1973-74
Oldham Athletic (A) Drew 2-2
- 1975-76
Hartlepool United (H) Lost 2-1
- 1978-79
Colchester United (A) Lost 1-0
- 1984-85
Darlington (H) Won 3-0
- 1989-90
Crewe Alexandra (A) Drew 2-2
- 1992-93
Swindon Town (H) Won 3-1
- 1995-96
Norwich City (H) Drew 1-1
- 2003-04
Queens Park Rangers (H) Drew 0-0
- 2011-12
Stevenage (H) Won 3-0
- 2012-13
Doncaster Rovers (A) Lost 1-0

With tensions likely to surround Prenton Park this afternoon, a strong start could be imperative for Tranmere if they are to claim three crucial points...

Three years ago to this day the stakes were much lower, with the club's League One position looking safe going into April, but two early goals against Stevenage made the job ever easier.

Wolves loanee Jake Cassidy struck twice in the opening 11 minutes at Prenton Park, once with a bullet header and the other a close range tap in.

Lucas Akins wrapped up the win with the third after the break, as Stevenage's play-off hopes took a knock – similarly to Luton, should Rovers claim three points today.

Unfortunately there was no similar joy in 2013, as The Whites continued their downward spiral away from the promotion pack after a 1-0 defeat at Doncaster Rovers.

11 years ago they were similarly unlucky, as second-placed QPR clung onto a point on Merseyside. Eugene Dadi's successful

penalty was chalked off due to an encroachment, before he slammed his second strike against the post in the 0-0 draw.

That evening the likes of Paul Hall, Graham Allen and Gary Jones were all in the Rovers side, as The Whites secured a fifth successive clean sheet.

Other past victories on 6 April include against Swindon Town (3-1 in 1993), Darlington (3-0 in 1985) and Plymouth Argyle (3-1 in 1970).

Between 1928 and 1935 Rovers won their four consecutive 6 April fixtures, as Rochdale, South Shields, Gateshead and Crewe Alexandra all left Prenton Park empty handed.

The club's first fixture on this date according to recent records was against Halifax Town in 1926, and the two sides played out a 1-1 draw in West Yorkshire.



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PRENTONIAN NOSTALGIA

Rovers Run the Wirral 100

With the Wirral District Football Association currently celebrating its 125th anniversary this season, our nostalgic backtrack this time around has unearthed a mid-season friendly fixture, used predominantly as a backdrop to celebrate the Wirral and District Football Association's Centenary twenty years beforehand in 1984...

Prenton Park staged the on Tuesday 16th October 1984, with just over 500 spectators turning out to watch the 'away' side, a near-Rovers first team sporting their all-red away strip, take on a collection of household names drafted from the local non-league scene such as Poulton Victoria, Cammell Laird and West Kirby.

While history will record that Tranmere Rovers spoil the Wirral FA's celebrations, the beaten Wirral side were at least consoled by the thought that the damage was inflicted by local league player Chris Camden, who was guesting for Rovers on the night.

Camden's brace of neatly executed goals, the first an overhead shot at the near post courtesy of Doug Anderson's corner in the 36th minute and the second a 57th minute header, again set up by Anderson.

The Wirral FA side though could have well shared the honours or even won, during a late rally which saw ex-Rovers striker and current Morecambe assistant manager Kenny McKenna and Heswall's Jimmy Kelly spur some gift wrapped opportunities.

McKenna though did get it right after 66 minutes when he was first to react having won a contest of courage for a through ball with substitute 'keeper Ian Douglas.

Tranmere: Adkins (Douglas), Hamilton, Edwards, Higgins, Humphreys, Lee, Aspinall, Camden, McMullen, Anderson.

Wirral FA: John Kelly, Cass (Thompson), Owens (Fitzmaurice), Woodcock, Hickson, Ley, Wiggins, Jim Kelly, Penrose, McGuire, McKenna.

Referee: Jack Blakemore (Wallasey).

While the NSPCC, who were also celebrating their centenary, benefited from the gate receipts, the now rich and rare programmes were a simple four-page issue costing 10p which was produced in two different colours - of which the 'white' issue was made available to supporters and the 'yellow' edition solely to the committee, directors and their guests.

As it would turn out in later seasons, Chris Camden went on to appear for Rovers under more inauspicious circumstances, when a short-term 'loan' from local Sunday league side The Avenue propelled him into the spotlight for the three final games of the 1986-87 season. Taking to the field early as a substitute, he then scored Rovers' only goal in a 1-3 home defeat to Leyton Orient,

while wearing the number 9 shirt away to Wrexham and our famous last-gasp victory over Exeter City to help retain our Football League status.

Connections with the Wirral District Football Association though headed in another direction, as sadly, the Association's main Blue Riband showpiece, the Wirral Senior Cup Final is no longer a feature at Prenton Park.

Moved from Birkenhead Park Rugby Club's Upper Park ground at the end of the First World War, it was then became one of the post-season attractions at Rovers, even drawing crowds in at one stage of between 8-10,000.

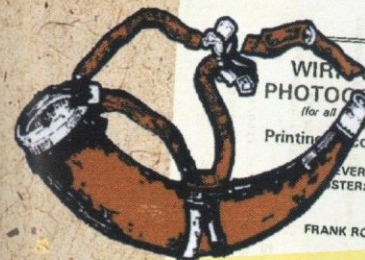
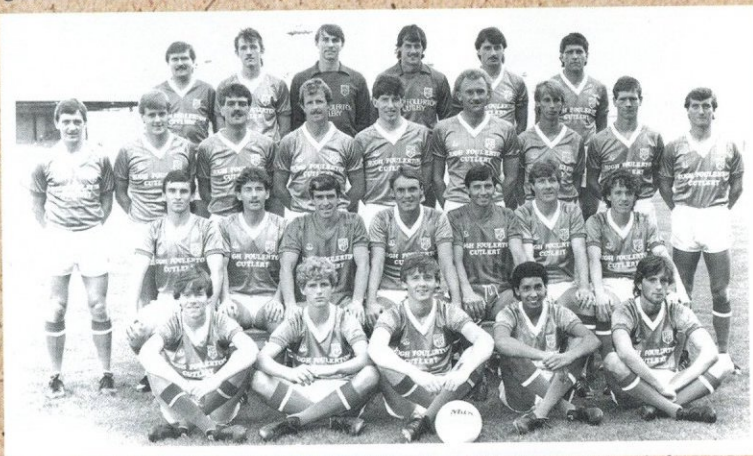
Even Tranmere Rovers themselves were involved a good spread of final appearances, lifting the trophy on nine occasions and under the guise of the first team, reserves and even their 'B' team in January 1941.

The last final was held at Prenton Park at the close of the 2006-07 season when West Kirby defeated Ashville 4-2 after extra time, after the two sides had drawn 1-1 in normal time.

This seasons' final is being staged at Cammell Lairds MBS Stadium on Wednesday 6th May at 7.00pm, with two West Cheshire League Division One sides, Mallaby FC and Vauxhall Motors, both contesting the trophy.



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	from-		
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Andy Lee	John Aspinall	Dougie Anderson	Colin Clarke
	John Clayton	Ray Woods	

REFEREE

Jack Blakemore (Wallasey)

LINESMEN

Alan Jones (Eastham) John McDonald (Greasby)

Wirral Dist. F.A. XI

Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts, Blue Socks

	1		
	John Kelly (Cammell Laird & Queens Park)		
2	Tommy Cass - capt. (Cammell Laird)	4	John Owens (Poulton Victoria)
3		5	Stephen Woodcock (Newton)
6	Jimmy Kelly (Heswall/Ch. Yeoman)	7	Reg McGuire (West Kirby/Pilot)
8	Gary Ley (Heswall/Ch. Yeoman)	10	Harry Wiggins (Poulton Vics/Ave)
9	John Penrose (Cammell Laird/Queens Park)	11	Kenny McKenna (Heswall/Avenue)

SUBSTITUTES:

Dave Thompson (Poulton Vics/Avenue)
Carl Fitzmaurice (Heswall/Avenue)
John Farrell (Moreton)

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Tranmere Rovers

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Kenny McKenna

Periodically Speaking

Tony Evans on all things past programmes...

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE BIG WIDE WORLD?

*Former actor and American Football star, OJ Simpson was acquitted for the double murder of his wife, Nicole, and Ronald Goldman to the astonishment of most observers. The law did finally catch up with him some years later and he is currently serving a lengthy jail term for robbery and kidnapping.

*French woman Jeanne Calment reached the confirmed age of 120 years 238 days, making her the oldest person ever.

*Channel 4 broadcast the first episode of Hollyoaks.

*After nearly 30 years of playing Coronation Street's Bet Lynch, Julie Goodyear bowed out from the soap. She would later make a brief and undistinguished return to the role.

*Conservative MP, Alan Howarth, defected to the Labour Party, leaving the Government with just a seven seat majority.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE SUPERWHITE WORLD?

After three successive heart-breaking failures in the play-offs, Rovers had made a mixed start to the new campaign, which saw us holding a mid-table position after nine matches, although we had a game in hand on all the teams above us. Our defence boasted our club record signing Shaun Teale, who had joined us during the summer from Aston Villa for £450,000.

Another record-breaker, Ian Muir, our highest ever scorer, had left the Club but was still very much in the thoughts of supporters looking forward to his testimonial year. A forthcoming hot-pot supper audience could look forward to being entertained by former Tranmere boss, Frank Worthington, amongst others.

Although our league form had been patchy, a second leg Coca Cola victory at Oldham in the previous midweek had seen us safely through to Round 3, as goals by Ged Brannan and Gary Jones (2) helped us to a 3-1 victory to add to a 1-0 win at Prenton Park.

WHAT ABOUT THE PROGRAMME?

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Manager, John King, criticised his team for what he described as "five minutes of sloppiness" which had cost us valuable points in the previous weekend's 2-3 home defeat against Watford. One plus John took out of the game was the excellent display of the versatile Gary Jones in midfield. He also praised the attitude of Eric Nixon since losing the No. 1 goalkeeping spot to Danny

Coyne and revealed that he had agreed to his request to go out on loan when the right offer appeared.

In his "Chairman's Briefing", Frank Corfe echoed his manager's comments about Nico and also congratulated Danny on gaining his first call-up to the full Welsh squad as understudy to Neville Southall. Frank identified another disappointment aspect from the Watford match in the attendance figure. With neither Everton nor Liverpool having fixtures on that day, the 7,041 gate showed a sharp and worrying decline from the beginning of the season. What wouldn't Mr Palios give for that number to turn up at Prenton Park today, though?

As ever the "News Headlines" double-page brought readers up to date with all the latest Tranmere news, views, quotes and gossip. Seventies favourite, Steve Peplow had recently tied the knot at the age of 46 and his former teammate, Barrie Mitchell cut a fine figure as best man, wearing full Scottish regalia! As landlord of The Coach and Horses in Greasby these days, Barrie can't guarantee he'll be wearing the kilt, but he will promise a fine pint and a friendly chat if you care to pop into his cosy pub!

The same article carried a photo of a slightly bemused Pat Nevin, wondering what exactly he was going to do with his man-of-the-match prize from the home cup victory against Oldham. I trust his car had a large enough boot to hold his new mountain bike emblazoned with the Coca Cola logo!

Johnny King's trusty assistant, Kenny Jones, who was still listed in the programme rather old-fashionedly as "trainer", proved an entertaining subject for the "Spills the Beans" feature. Remembering that our squad at the time consisted of the likes of Aldo, Nico and Kenny Irons perhaps his least believable claim was that "none of the lads drink - they are all teetotal!"

WHAT ABOUT THE MATCH?

Tony Thomas was photographed on the front cover taking a throw, but it was his fourth minute cross, nodded home by John Aldridge, which proved the key moment in our 1-0 win against the Hatters.

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

Which current member from our own staff was scoring goals for the B Team in 1995?

ANSWER FROM WIMBLEDON PROGRAMME

Ian Feuer was the tall American Dons' keeper, who played two games on loan here in 2002-03.

Tranmere Rovers
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For the first time in the history of Royal Mail the British public are to help decide what will appear on a special Stamp issue. The stamps will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Football Association's formation in 1885.

COVER THE SEASIDE TO SEE WHO'S CROWNED?
New Wales boss Bobby Crowl has made it clear he will be looking for the crown jewel in the current season's transfer market. He has identified the following as his top targets: Steve Peplow, Kenny Jones, Alan Jones, and John Aldridge.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A very happy birthday to **Jessica Williams** who turns 21 today. She has had a season ticket since she was 7 years old. With love from all the family. She is pictured here on a windy day in Somerset.



Happy 21st Birthday to **Abigail Skinner**. Hope you enjoy your day! Lots of love from Auntie Keita and the rest of the family in the Borough Road xxx

OLD TRFC PHOTOS

Thanks to our supporters, our library is building - but we are still in the hunt for any Rovers-related photos anyone may have from years gone by.

We've had an excellent response so far, especially after notices in recent programmes, some already from families of former players who kindly brought in images for us to scan, archive, and use in the next few issues.

If you can help, you can contact Tony here at the Club in the first instance, at tonyc@tranmererovers.co.uk.

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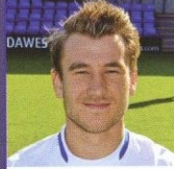


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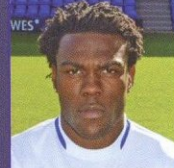


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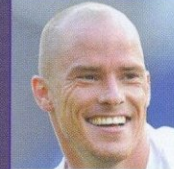


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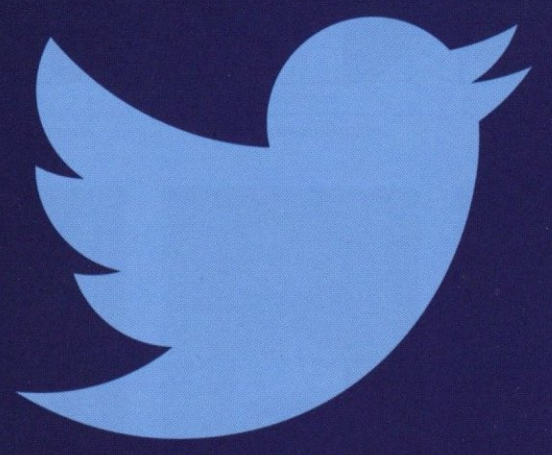
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					App	Sub	Gls	App	Sub	Gls	App	Sub	Gls	App	Sub	Gls		App	Sub	Gls	
Will AIMSON*	29	Defender	3/6/1994	Loan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Abdul BAGGIE*	11	Midfielder	28/4/1992	--	6	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	37	28	4	
George BARKER*	29	Striker	26/9/1991	Loan	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
Antonie BOLAND*	18	Defender	30/12/1994	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Peter BREZOVAN	26	Goalkeeper	9/12/1979	--	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	0		
Gerado BRUNA*	22	Midfielder	19/1/1991	--	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Ben DAVIES*	28	Defender	11/8/1995	Loan	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	
Liam DAVIES	21	Midfielder	22/10/1996	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Janol DONACIEN	19	Defender	3/11/1993	Loan	22	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	0	0	0		
George DONNELLY	7	Striker	28/5/1988	--	5	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	8	0			
Rory DONNELLY	29	Striker	18/2/1992	Loan	11	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	3	5			
Adam DUGDALE	18	Defender	12/9/1987	--	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	1			
Mitch DUGGAN	27	Midfielder	20/3/1997	--	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Matthias FANIMO*	22	Midfielder	28/1/1994	Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Shamir FENELON*	28	Striker	3/8/1994	Loan	9	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2	2			
Owain FON WILLIAMS	1	Goalkeeper	17/3/1987	--	31	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	179	0	0			
Dan GARDNER	11	Striker	5/4/1990	Loan	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2			
Matt GILL*	23	Midfielder	11/8/1980	--	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	0			
Armand GNANDUILETT*	30	Striker	30/11/1991	Loan	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2			
George GREEN	10	Midfielder	2/1/1996	Loan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1			
Evan GUMBS	24	Defender	21/7/1997	--	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Matt HILL	25	Defender	26/3/1981	--	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0			
Danny HOLMES	2	Defender	6/1/1989	--	27	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	139	8	4			
Marcus HOLNESS	6	Defender	8/12/1988	--	15	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	22	2	0			
Jordan HUGILL*	10	Striker	4/6/1992	Loan	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	1			
Iain HUME	34	Striker	30/10/1983	--	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	63	37			
Michael IHIEKWE	5	Defender	20/11/1992	--	28	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	38	1	1			
Calaum JAHRALDO-MARTIN*	30	Striker	27/4/1993	Loan	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0			
Ben JAGO	30	Midfielder	4/9/1996	--	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Steven JENNINGS	22	Midfielder	28/10/1984	Loan	23	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	186	34	12			
Danny JOHNSON*	31	Striker	28/2/1993	Loan	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	1			
Jake KIRBY	15	Midfielder	9/5/1994	--	6	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	28	32	3			
Jason KOUMAS	7	Midfielder	25/9/1979	--	6	9	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	148	56	37			
Marc LAIRD	14	Midfielder	23/1/1986	--	24	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	27	8	1			
Guy MADJO*	33	Striker	1/6/1984	--	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0			
Clayton McDONALD*	19	Defender	26/12/1988	--	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Harrison MCGAHEY*	28	Defender	26/9/1995	Loan	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0			
Lee MOYVIELIX	19	Midfielder	24/2/1989	--	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	0			
Jennison MYRIE-WILLIAMS	31	Midfielder	17/5/1988	--	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	5	5			
Kayode ODEJAYI	8	Striker	21/2/1982	--	22	11	4	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	6	26	15	6			
Max POWER	4	Midfielder	27/7/1993	--	36	0	5	4	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	103	16	17			
Sam RAMSBOTTOM	20	Goalkeeper	3/4/1996	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Elliot RICHARDS*	10	Striker	10/9/1991	--	7	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	12	4	1			
Liam RIDEHALGH	3	Defender	20/4/1991	--	11	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	54	5	1			
James ROWE*	12	Midfielder	21/10/1991	--	3	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	18	18	3			
Chris SHUKER	23	Midfielder	9/5/1982	--	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	124	23	18			
Cole STOCKTON	16	Striker	13/3/1994	--	12	6	4	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	6	31	57	15			
Rob TAYLOR	17	Midfielder	16/1/1985	--	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0			
Josh THOMPSON	32	Defender	25/2/1991	--	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0			
Danny WOODARDS*	17	Defender	8/10/1983	--	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0			
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1	Burton Albion	39	14	3	3	29	11	9	5	5	28	22	24 77
2	Shrewsbury Town	39	14	4	1	36	9	8	4	8	22	19	30 74
3	Wycombe Wanderers	39	8	7	4	24	19	12	7	1	34	17	22 74
4	Bury	38	12	3	4	29	17	8	4	7	21	20	13 67
5	Southend United	38	8	8	3	19	9	9	4	6	25	26	9 63
6	Newport County	39	9	6	4	26	17	8	4	8	19	25	3 61
7	Plymouth Argyle	39	11	4	4	27	9	6	5	9	18	19	17 60
8	Luton Town	39	11	4	4	30	15	5	6	9	16	24	7 58
9	Stevenage	39	12	2	5	31	20	4	8	8	22	27	6 58
10	Northampton Town	39	12	2	6	35	23	5	3	11	23	27	8 56
11	Exeter City	39	6	8	6	26	27	8	5	6	26	26	-1 55
12	AFC Wimbledon	39	10	4	5	31	22	4	7	9	19	28	0 53
13	Morecambe	39	6	5	8	18	23	7	6	7	23	21	-3 50
14	Portsmouth	39	10	5	5	31	20	2	8	9	13	24	0 49
15	Dagenham & Redbridge	39	7	2	11	22	26	7	5	7	24	26	-6 49
16	Oxford United	39	6	7	7	24	23	5	6	8	16	23	-6 46
17	Accrington Stanley	39	8	5	7	26	28	5	2	12	21	37	-18 46
18	Mansfield Town	39	9	5	6	22	21	3	4	12	11	29	-17 45
19	Cambridge United	39	6	4	9	27	25	5	7	8	25	28	-1 44
20	York City	39	2	10	7	12	18	6	7	7	29	28	-5 41
21	Carlisle United	39	7	3	9	27	32	5	2	13	19	32	-18 41
22	Hartlepool United	39	7	4	9	19	27	4	2	13	12	31	-27 39
23	Tranmere Rovers	39	5	7	8	26	29	4	4	11	15	26	-14 38
24	Cheltenham Town	39	4	8	8	19	27	4	5	10	16	31	-23 37

*Not including results of games played Friday 2/4/2015

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Stadium Safety Policy

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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.

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Code of conduct:

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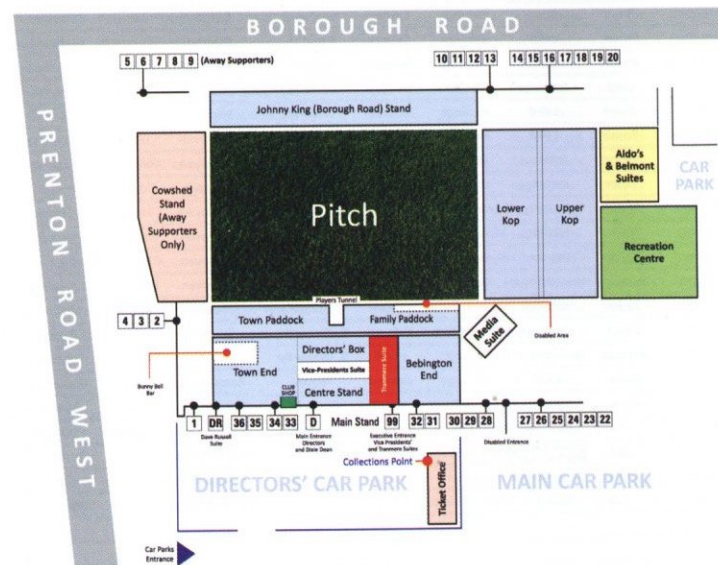
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- Cowshed - Rows H-J, seats 35-44.

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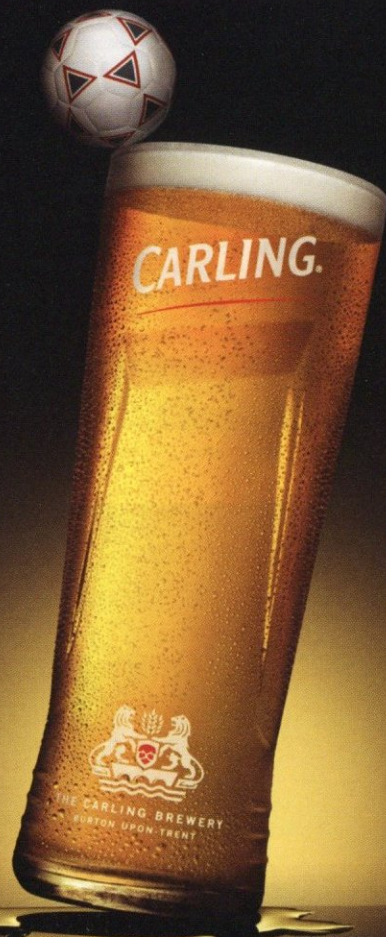
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Today's image from the archives has unearthed a rather rare photo of Rovers sporting their blue and white away strip from 1968.

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Back row:- Left to right: George Yardley, George Hudson, Barry Martin, Jim Cumbes, Gerry Casey, Alan King, Stan Storeton, Jackie Wright (trainer).

Front row: Joe Pritchard, Dennis Stevens, Johnny King, John MacNamee, Graham Williams.

While Rovers were creating more FA Cup giant killing headlines by beating First Division Huddersfield Town, Coventry were 3-0 winners over Second Division Charlton Athletic in the Third Round at Highfield Road.

Coventry's league season left little to cheer, with a dour record of just three wins from eight games, and occupying second from bottom in going into the game with Rovers, this despite beating Chelsea 2-1 at Highfield Road.

Tranmere overcame First Division Coventry City the hard way by battling to a 1-1 draw at Highfield Road, then finishing the job in front of a 20,996 crowd paying record receipts at Prenton Park just four days later - where Rovers ran out 2-0 winners and set up a Fifth Round tie with Everton at Goodison Park.

Tony Coombes

Matt's **MATCHDAY** Monologue

"The European U21 championships are just a few months away, and already there is a battle simmering away between club and country."

"Several managers are concerned about their players going to compete in the tournament after a long, hard season. Roberto Martinez is amongst them, calling on Everton's Ross Barkley to be given a break after traveling to Brazil for last summer's world cup.

For England boss Roy Hodgson, the shoe is on the other foot. Having used Barkley at senior level for the last two seasons, he's made him available for Gareth Southgate to pick, and also stated that Harry Kane WILL go to the tournament, despite recently making his full debut.

So what are the benefits of the youngsters going to the Czech Republic this year?

The obvious thing is it gives them some valuable experience of playing in a major tournament.

This is something that could help England in the future. If any of the squad continue their development and go to a world cup, they might not be as overawed by the tournament.

They will know, to a certain extent, what it is all about, how to handle living away from home for six weeks at a time and so on.

But on top of that, there are surely benefits for the club too.

Their young stars, who have the honour of being called up to such a big competition, get to test themselves against the best under-21s that the rest of Europe has to offer.

That, in turn, may help them learn new techniques, or if they come up against one of them a few months down the line in a Champions League match, it is possible that they will be better equipped to handle facing said player.

Of course, these are just a handful of examples of what is good about playing in the tournament.

And there is a flip side. After a long season, the players may well be a little tired and therefore more susceptible to injury.

But take Barkley or Harry Kane. These are two lads who barely feature for the opening few months of the campaign.

Kane, whilst playing in the Europa League and cup competitions, did not start a league fixture until November, whilst Barkley was out until mid-October through injury.

They should be a little bit fresher than others who may have played every match since August, people who may be mentally tired as well as physically.

For me, then, the question should not be about the clubs pulling the players out of the tournament.

If they feel they are able to go, then they should. Who knows what will happen in the future? They might never get the chance to go to another World Cup or European Championships.

What should be being asked is do they deserve a place in the squad? Kane has actually featured regularly for the under-21s, he has helped them book their place in the finals.

But for Barkley or a Raheem Sterling, they have not been part of the squad. Both instead have been a more important part of the senior step up.

And therefore, I actually think it would be wrong to take one of these lads over a campaigner who has genuinely earned his place in the squad."

Matty Jones



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The Teams

Tranmere Rovers



Manager: **Micky Adams**

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- 1 Owain **Fon Williams**
- 2 Danny **Holmes**
- 3 Liam **Ridehalgh**
- 4 Max **Power**
- 5 Michael **Ihiekwe**
- 6 Marcus **Holness**
- 7 George **Donnelly**
- 8 Jason **Koumas**
- 9 Kayode **Odejayi**
- 10 George **Green**
- 11 Dan **Gardner**
- 12 Janoi **Donacien**
- 14 Marc **Laird**
- 15 Jake **Kirby**
- 16 Cole **Stockton**
- 17 Rob **Taylor**
- 18 Adam **Dugdale**
- 19 Lee **Molyneux**
- 22 Steve **Jennings**
- 23 Chris **Shuker**
- 26 Peter **Brezovan**
- 29 Rory **Donnelly**
- 31 Jennison **Myrie-Williams**
- 32 Josh **Thompson**
- 34 Iain **Hume**

The Match Officials

Referee: **Dean Whitestone**

Assistant Referees:

Mark Duncan & Ken Haycock

Fourth Official: **Steve Rushton**



Scan this image from your iPhone or Android phone for today's team news from around 2.30pm



Luton Town



Manager: **John Still**

Colours: **Orange / Navy / Orange**

- 1 Mark **Tyler**
- 2 Fraser **Franks**
- 3 Danny **Fitzsimons**
- 4 Jonathan **Smith**
- 5 Stephen **McNulty**
- 6 Alex **Lacey**
- 7 Alex **Lawless**
- 8 Andy **Drury**
- 9 Paul **Benson**
- 10 Alex **Wall**
- 11 Jake **Howells**
- 12 Scott **Griffiths**
- 13 Mark **Cullen**
- 14 Andy **Parry**
- 15 Luke **Rooney**
- 16 Elliot **Justham**
- 17 Pelly **Ruddock Mpanzu**
- 18 Ross **Lafayette**
- 19 Ricky **Miller**
- 20 Shaun **Whalley**
- 21 Luke **Gutteridge**
- 22 Michael **Harriman**
- 23 Curtley **Williams**
- 24 Ashley **Bayes**
- 25 Jayden **Stockley**
- 26 Nathan **Doyle**
- 27 Ryan **Hall**
- 28 Jim **Stevenson**
- 29 Paul **Connolly**
- 30 Luke **Wilkinson**
- 31 Nathan **Oduwa**
- 32 Brett **Longden**
- 33 Mark **Onyemah**
- 34 Zane **Banton**
- 35 Charlie **Walker**
- 36 Charlie **Smith**
- 38 Elliot **Lee**
- 39 Ian **Rees**
- 40 Lewis **Kinsella**
- 42 Liam **Gooch**
- 50 Cameron **McGeehan**



Fixtures

Monday 6th April 2015

- Accrington Stanley v Carlisle United
 - Burton Albion v Wycombe Wanderers
 - Bury v Morecambe
 - Cheltenham Town v Stevenage
 - Dagenham and Redbridge v AFC Wimbledon
 - Exeter City v Newport County AFC (1.00pm)
 - Hartlepool United v Southend United
 - Mansfield Town v Shrewsbury Town (1.00pm)
 - Northampton Town v Cambridge United
 - Oxford United v York City
 - Portsmouth v Plymouth Argyle
- All games kick off 3.00pm unless stated**

Next Home Game

- versus **Oxford United**
- Sky Bet League 2
- Saturday 18th April 2015
- Kick-off 3.00pm



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