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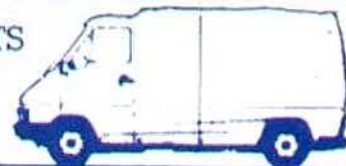
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On the
ball 

BRYAN HAMILTON



For last weeks programme against Northampton I was quoted as saying I was hoping to introduce 2 new players for our supporters. That statement was correct in as much as 2 new players did play in the game, but I got the names wrong. Mark Leonard suffered an injury in midweek and had to miss the game but due to the opportunity to sign another striker at the end of the week, Barry Wellings was able to make his debut at home, with our new defender Gary Williams. Both players showed up well in our 2-1 win, Barry Wellings winning goal was top class.

Hopefully all the players will be fit for tonights' game, if so the competition for places that I spoke of last week will be intense.

Tonights visitors are Swindon and there are quite a few connections between our two clubs. I spent a very enjoyable period there as a player and Kenny Beamish - a real Rovers favourite is now on their coaching staff. The game will also be very important to Gary Williams as Swindon was the club from which Gary joined us earlier this month. Swindon is a great football club and I hope to be able to welcome Mr Green, the Swindon Chairman, and his fellow directors to Prenton Park today. It will also be good to see my old friend Jim Trollope, the Swindon manager.

The object at present is to continue to pick up as many points as possible and climb up the fourth division. Although we won't figure in the promotion race, I am aiming to really give Rovers supporters something to shout about until the end of the season, with a consistent run that will lay the foundations for the assault the club is planning for next season.....

A warm welcome to everyone...I hope you enjoy your evening at Prenton Park.



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SWINDON TOWN

Introducing our visitors

ALLAN, Jim (Goalkeeper) Born Inverness. Experienced goalkeeper who has been with Swindon since signing from Scottish junior football in 1970. Made his league debut in September 1971 and has been the regular first team goalkeeper since 1976. Now the longest serving player at the club with 318 league appearances to the end of last season.

BADDELEY, Kevin (Defender) Born Swindon. Although brought up in Swindon Kevin joined Bristol City to serve his apprenticeship and made one league appearance for them against West Ham United in August 1980. Joined Swindon in July 1981 and established himself in the first team last season making 29 league appearances. Can play in either full back position although usually found on the left.

BAILIE, Colin (Defender) Born Belfast. Promising young full back who signed professional last season after completing his apprenticeship. Made one first team appearance at Oxford United in April 1982.

BARNARD, Leigh (Midfield) Born Worsley. A player who served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and spent several seasons with them after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977. A busy hardworking player he made around 90 league appearances for Portsmouth before joining Swindon in July 1982.

BATTY, Paul (Midfield) Born Edlington, Yorkshire. Young player who completed his apprenticeship last season and signed professional but had not appeared in the first team at the season's end.

BAVERSTOCK, Ray (Defender) Born London. Young fullback who served his apprenticeship with Swindon but had not appeared in the first team at the end of last season.

EMMANUEL, Gary (Midfield) Born Swansea. Gary started his career with Birmingham City making his debut in January 1975 at Stoke City. He played 71 first Division games for the blues before a transfer to Bristol Rovers in December 1978. A further 65 league appearances followed for the Eastville club and he joined Swindon in an exchange deal during the 1981 close season. Gave some all-action displays last season.

GRAHAM, Mike (Defender) Born Lancaster. Mike began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made his league debut as substitute at Mansfield in March 1978. He had made 46 league appearances for Bolton, mostly at fullback before he joined Swindon in the summer of 1981. He made 30 league appearances last season often in the centre of the defence but also in midfield.

HUGHES, Brian (Midfield) Born Ludgershall. A former Swindon apprentice he signed professional in 1980 and made his first team debut in a league cup-tie at Lincoln City in September of that year. A player of considerable potential despite his lightweight build he had made 51 league appearances at the end of last season.

LEWIS, Russell (Defender) Born Blaengwynfi. Russell joined Swindon from Welsh League Football in 1976 and made his league debut at York City in April 1977. He had to spend several seasons as reserve centre-half before winning a regular first team place at right full back during the 1979-80 season. The following season he took over at centre-half and at the end of last season had 138 league appearances to his credit. A whole-hearted tough-tackling player.

QUINN, Jimmy (Forward) Born Belfast. Swindon signed Jimmy from Northern Premier League side Oswestry Town in December 1981 after a months trial and he made his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. He made 2 full appearances and 1 more as substitute last season after a rapid rise from junior football. An old fashioned centre forward who is good in the air.

RIDEOUT, Paul (Forward) Born Bournemouth. Paul was the regular centre forward in the England Schoolboys team for two seasons and signed as an apprentice for Swindon in May 1980. He was given a professional contract on his seventeenth birthday but by that time he had already scored on his debut against Hull City in November 1980 and made 16 league appearances last season to take his total to 51 before his eighteenth birthday. His ability to produce goals out of unpromising situations marks him as a player with the potential to succeed at the highest level.

Man in the Middle

ALLAN BANKS (Manchester)

Allan started refereeing in the Atherton Junior League, graduating through the Bolton Combination and Lancashire Combination to the Football League list. He has refereed three Lancashire Combination Cup Finals.

He is an accountant in local government and is interested in golf, music of all kinds and the theatre.

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ON AND OFF THE FIELD



This seasons FA Cup Competition will no doubt be remembered by football supporters on Merseyside as the one that turned out to be tremendous disappointment for Bob Paisley. There is no doubt whatsoever that the bookies were taking no chances in offering 8-1 odds against Liverpool winning the three Cup competitions - in fact they did not even bother to include the League Championship in the quotation - but it is not to be. Bob is going into retirement without that elusive FA Cup under his belt. But the surprise would be even greater if his magnificent team failed to win any of the three trophies. I hope they will do the hat-trick - it will be the best farewell gift from football for the mighty Bob.

PLEASURE

One of the most pleasing factors about this seasons FA Cup competition is the tremendous increase in attendance. I believe that the aggregate up to and including the fifth round games was up by over 230,000 spectators - an increase in cash of probably half a million pounds. All talk of changing the format of the competition should be scrapped immediately. It has stood the test of time and should remain in its present form whilst fans continue to support it in the way they do. Many clubs, and their supporters, find welcome relief with the cup games. Clubs near the bottom of Divisions such as Brighton, Derby County, Burnley, Crystal Palace, Middlesbrough, Cambridge United and Norwich City have all battled their way into the Fifth Round - and some of them into the Sixth -giving their supporters an unexpected 'shout' and the clubs themselves money that is no doubt very welcome indeed. And talking of crowds and money - almost 90,000 fans attended football games on Merseyside last weekend - and that represents an awful lot of money. Just a pity that Rovers gate money didn't even reach £2,000. New players on view didn't do the trick - a warning that life is still difficult moneywise at Prenton Park.

CENTENARY SEASON

No doubt that the outstanding memory of Centenary Season is going to be the close proximity that the club were to closing down last November, and the documentary film 'Forty Minutes' about which opinions seem to be very divided. My own personal opinion is that they lost their way in the financial crisis and didn't achieve their original objective, that is to show how a Club in the lower divisions of the Football League lives in the shadow of the mighty.

TYPICAL

Part of the film was typical media - instead of showing the leaking drain pipe why didn't they show the worlds greatest batsman Geoffrey Boycott speaking to a full house in our Vice-Presidents Lounge. Why did they not mention that Tranmere Rovers is the most successful Club in England - not for its Football I agree - but for the regular 9 or 10 Cerlebrity Dinners every year. Top class celebrities continue to come to Prenton Park -next month sees the visit of the one and only Brian Clough. Tremendous pleasure is gained by the dinner regulars - a point missed by the BBC - and even though it becomes more difficult every year to maintain the standard of guest speakers they continue to appear and entertain our members.

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ODD HAPPENINGS

Every World Cup competition brings its share of controversy. A fair amount of this usually centres around refereeing decisions, which, made as they are on the spur of the moment, are inevitably liable to error and, even if they are ultimately proved correct, will never please everyone.

There were several of these in the 1966 World Cup finals in this country. One thinks of the merciless treatment of the great Brazilian Pele by Portuguese defenders, who all stayed on the field under the tolerant gaze of an English referee. One thinks of the Russian linesman who flagged for the extra time goal that put England ahead in the final against Germany. And one thinks of German referee Herr Kreitlein and the England v Argentina quarter final game.

The press had given the Argentinians something of a hammering after a qualifying round goalless draw against Germany; the Argentinians were, perhaps not surprisingly, not pleased when they learned that a German referee, Herr Kreitlein, was to take charge of the game against England.

Would he be able to forget the Argentina v Germany game? If he seemed at times to be leaning on the Argentinians would anyone believe that he was merely enforcing the laws of the game? Be that as it may he was very active from the start. Fouls were awarded against the Argentinians right from the start. Names were taken and a re-run of the film of the game still seems to suggest that these fouls were no worse than might be expected at the beginning of any tense match and were equally shared by the two teams though rarely did the whistle sound in favour of Argentina.

Nor did the referee endear himself to either side or the crowd by the way he seemed pompously to strut about the field. Maybe it was his normal mode of walking but few would have believed this at the time. Least of all Argentine Captain Antonio Rattin, who came to the game with a tough reputation and left it as a household name.

Rattin several times protested in the early stages of the game about decisions and was waved aside. So far so good. At another protest he pointed to his captain's armband, which in Argentina enables a captain to protest politely over a decision.

Kreitlein did not accept this and as Rattin continued to protest he was ordered off by the furious little German referee. Rattin continued to argue and the Argentinians threatened to walk off the field in sympathy with their captain. Officials appeared from all directions and for a time there seemed no prospect of the game being completed.

Eventually Rattin agreed to go and after sitting for a time on the red carpet in front of the Royal box before disappearing to the dressing rooms. Opinions were divided as to who was most to blame in this sad episode but almost from the restart an England player sent an Argentinian flying and no action was taken. Happily some good football was played on both sides after this. England finally netted through Geoff Hurst 11 minutes from time.

The game ended in a gloomy atmosphere despite England's win. ALF RAMSEY (before his knighthood) did not help matters by forbidding his men to swap shirts with the opposition and by referring to the Argentinians as animals. Maybe they had been in previous games, but not in this particular game.

Happily there have been no repeat of these amazing scenes at Wembley in the intervening 17 years, and maybe we shall never see the like again of a top international game held up for 10 minutes by protesting players.

Geoff Allman

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Season By Season

GEOFF ALLMAN

1973/74. For the second season in succession we looked to be in the running for a place in Division Two, but after not conceding a goal in our first six games we fell away badly and until we rallied to take 16 points from our last ten games we were in danger of relegation. In a mixed season we beat Arsenal away in a League Cup-tie and took Wolves to a replay in the next round. RESULTS:

Aug	25	Aldershot	A	0-0	Jan	1	Plymouth	A	0-2
Sept	1	Plymouth	H	4-2	12	Grimsby	A	0-5	
	8	Rochdale	A	1-0	20	Aldershot	H	0-1	
	10	Shrewsbury	H	1-0	26	Port Vale	A	0-1	
	14	Grimsby	H	0-0	Feb	2	Watford	A	2-4
	19	Hereford	A	2-0	4	Oldham	H	0-2	
	22	Bournemouth	A	1-2	10	Bournemouth	H	1-1	
Oct	28	Halifax	H	0-1	17	Blackburn	A	0-0	
	6	Charlton	A	0-1	24	Charlton	H	2-0	
	8	Hereford	H	0-0	Mar	2	Wrexham	A	0-0
	12	Blackburn	H	1-1	9	York	H	0-0	
	19	Huddersfield	H	1-1	16	Huddersfield	A	0-0	
	23	Shrewsbury	A	3-1	23	Chesterfield	H	1-2	
	27	York City	H	0-2	27	Cambridge	A	0-1	
Nov	2	Walsall	H	3-0	30	Walsall	A	1-0	
	10	Chesterfield	A	0-1	Apr	1	Port Vale	H	3-0
	17	Southport	A	2-2	6	Oldham	A	2-2	
Dec	1	Southend	A	1-1	8	Watford	H	1-0	
	8	Brighton	H	4-1	12	Bristol Rov.	H	0-0	
	22	Halifax	A	1-2	13	Southport	H	3-1	
	26	Wrexham	H	0-1	16	Bristol Rov.	A	0-1	
	29	Rochdale	H	1-1	20	Brighton	A	3-1	
					22	Cambridge	H	5-2	
					26	Southend	H	2-0	

League Cup, Aug.29 Rd.1 Crewe H 3-3 Sept 5 Crewe A 1-0

Oct 2 Rd.2 Arsenal A 1-0

Oct 31 Rd 3 Wolves H 1-1 Nov 7 Replay Wolves A 1-2

F.A. Cup, Nov.24 Rd.1 Bury H 2-1, Dec.15 Rd.2 Doncaster A 0-3.

APPEARANCES

Lawrence T.....	8	Stevenson W.....	20	Young T.....	40
Fagan C.....	14	Loyden E.....	21	Allen R.....	14 (6)
Farrimond S.....	38	Tynan R.....	38 (1)	Flood E.....	9
Moore R.....	46	Yeats.....	35 (1)	Seasman J.....	5 (1)
Seddon B.....	1	McAuley H.....	13	Coppell S.....	6 (3)
Pallios M.....	29 (3)	Johnson R.....	38	Peplow S.....	18
Vitch R.....	32	Pritchard R.....	(1)	Mitchell B.....	16

SCORERS: Crossley 9, Young 8, Pallios 7, Tynan 5, Allen 4, Mitchell 4, Loyden 3, Moore 2, Peplow 2, Yeats 2, Mathias 1, Veitch 1, McAuley 1 o.g. 1.

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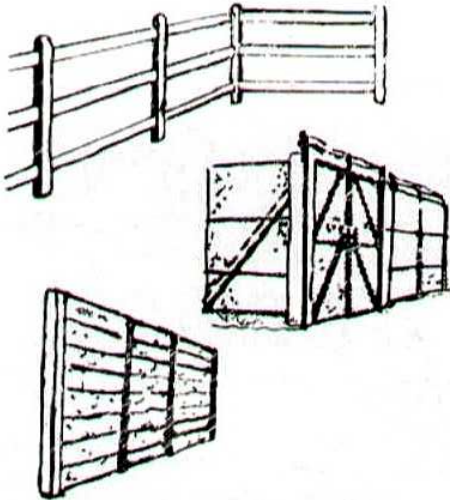
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MARTIN TYLER



Find yourself in any conversation with football people these days and sooner, rather than later, the discussion will turn into a debate on the style of play that has given Watford such an impact on their first season in Division One.

Oddly enough, Watford haven't shown off their method to the best effect in the North-West, having been beaten at Manchester City, Liverpool and Everton as well as losing at home to Manchester United in December. Yet, these have been rare hiccups as Graham Taylor's detailed planning has masterminded Watford into a First Division force.

The critics of Taylor's philosophy dislike the long ball tactics, a contrast to the more calculated inter-weaving in midfield which has become the norm in international football. Ian St. John, my ITV colleague, is a firm believer that moves should be shaped with a sophisticated touch and Ian readily admits that Watford don't for him, satisfy that criterion.

But the First Division is struggling to find an answer to Watford's style, a pattern of play which owes everything to the belief in the method which Graham Taylor has instilled in his players. Talk to any member of the Watford first team and you will find an enthusiastic advocate of their tactics. The fierce work-rate that they sustain in every match to make the planning work is ample testimony to that enthusiasm.

Nor is their play the aimless "kick and rush" that it might appear at first sight. Those long passes are channelled into specific areas. Even the winning of a throw in is a minor target. Watford are very organised at those as well.

So what is the best way to counteract the Watford way? Swansea, for example, approached the task using a sweeper, a tactic regularly favoured by John Toshack. But home and away it was Swansea who were swept aside.

A distinguished First Division captain believes one possibly, is to gamble on leaving players upfield to catch out Watford when they commit numbers forward. The percentages though, would still be in Watford's favour.

Graham Taylor can point to tremendous success for his philosophies, a fourth Division championship in his managerial baptism at Lincoln a prelude to Watford's dramatic rise under his influence. He has thrown down a challenge to the best football brains in the domestic game, and next season is well placed to do the same in Europe.

My admiration is for any club that can consistently win football matches at this level. My one criticism is that the relentless nature of Watford's play does lack variety and that's a quality the very best always have.

Liverpool, for example, rarely flinch from striking a long pass to utilise the pace of David Hodgson and Ian Rush, but they possess other elements as well.

But what credit to Watford that these days they are mentioned in such comparisons.

Memory Lane

THIRTY YEARS AGO We went down 1-0 at Crewe on February 21, 1953, JOHN KING (who was later to score over a century of goals for Stoke) getting the only goal of the game in the first half to lift the home side to sixth place in Division Three (North) and to leave us in mid-table. Teams:

CREWE: Kelly, Mould, Lyons, Meaney, Lees, Murphy, McGuigan, Mitcheson, Basford, King, Betts.
TRANMERE: Payne, Lamont, Steele, Mycock, Bell, Kieran, Harlock, McDevitt, Atkinson, Done, Icton,

Attendance 6,800

Leaders Oldham got a shock when going down 3-1 at re-election haunted Rochdale while in Division Three (South) Northampton suffered a 2-0 home defeat by Bristol City and though they were still in second place they were a full nine points behind leaders Bristol Rovers.

In Division One Burnley and Wolves were making the running at the top and improved their championship chances with wins at Derby and Manchester United respectively. Preston meanwhile kept their hopes alive in fourth place by forcing a spectacular 4-4 draw at Tottenham, the goalscorers including such household names as CHARLIE WAYMAN, TOM FINNEY and LEN DUQUEMIN, the latter getting a hat-trick for Spurs.

TWENTY YEARS AGO We were still in the midst of a 2 month lay-off because of inclement weather and had to wait until February 27 before taking the field again at Oldham. On Saturday February 16 we stood in eighteenth position in Division four on a day when just 11 Football League games were played. Northampton were also out of action though a fortnight earlier they had played and won at Q.P.R. and were handily placed near the top of Division Three just behind Peterborough and Swindon. In fact they were given something of a boost by Peterborough's surprise home defeat by Wrexham.

In Division One Liverpool in their first season back in Division One won their ninth league game in a row, 4-1 against Wolves with IAN ST. JOHN netting twice and after a mediocre start were now moving into a challenging position five points behind leaders Spurs. At the bottom of the table relegation haunted Leyton Orient (as they were then) and Fulham played out a 1-1 draw at Brisbane Road in a game in which JOHNNY HAYNES played his first game for six months after injuring a foot in a car accident.

TEN YEARS AGO We beat Watford 1-0 here in a Third Division game on February 16, 1973 with ED-DIE LOYDEN getting the only goal of the game in the first half. At the time we were on the edge of the promotion race while Watford were in serious danger of slipping into Division Four. Teams.

TRANMERE: Lawrence, Pritchard, Flood, Fagan, Yeats, Mathias, Graham, Duffy, Loyden, Yound, Sinclair,

WATFORD: Rankin, Welbourne, William, Keen, Lees, Franks, Jennings, Jenkins (Mercer), Morrissey, Wigg, Farley.

Attendance 5,401

Northampton chalked up their first win in seven games, JOHN BUCHANAN getting the only goal of their game against Mansfield and they were now two places from the bottom of Division Four. Meanwhile in Division One Arsenal were grateful to Leicester defender MALCOLM MANLY for deflecting the ball into his own goal for the only goal of the game at Highbury.

This enabled them to move further ahead of second place Liverpool, who drew a bruising match at Maine Road. PHIL BOERSMA levelled the scores after TOMMY BOOTH had put City ahead and Liverpool defender TOMMY SMITH was sent off.

Geoff Allman

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Mon. 6	Mansfield Town.....	3-0 1,280
Sat. 11	York City.....	1-2 1,634
Mon. 13	Milk Cup 1 (2) Crewe Alex.....	1-1 1,709
Sat. 18	Stockport County.....	1-1 1,449
Sat. 25	Hartlepool United.....	0-4 1,202
Tues. 28	Bury.....	0-3 1,796
OCT		
Sat. 2	Wimbledon.....	0-2 1,225
Wed. 6	Milk Cup 2 (1) Chelsea.....	1-3 7,982
Sun. 10	Northampton Town.....	0-1 2,433
Sat. 16	Peterborough Utd.....	1-0 1,084
Mon. 18	Darlington.....	2-0 1,105
Sat. 23	Scunthorpe Utd.....	1-2 3,052
Wed. 27	Milk Cup 2 (2) Chelsea.....	1-2 4,579
Sat. 30	Hull City.....	0-1 1,568
NOV		
Tues. 2	Swindon Town.....	2-4 4,407
Sat. 6	Torquay Utd.....	0-3 2,545
Sat. 13	Colchester Utd.....	2-4 1,435
Sat. 20	F.A. CUP 1 Scarborough.....	4-2 2,836
Sat. 27	Hereford Utd.....	2-1 3,204
DEC		
Sat. 4	Port Vale.....	1-0 3,452
Sat. 11	F.A. CUP 2 Telford Utd.....	1-1 4,010
Tues. 14	FAC2R Telford Utd.....	2-1 4,087
Fri. 17	Halifax Town.....	2-1 913
Mon. 27	Chester.....	2-4 5,199
Tues. 28	Blackpool.....	2-0 3,563

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JAN		
Sat. 1	Crewe Alex.....	1-1 3,087
Mon. 3	Rochdale.....	2-4 1,758
Sat. 8	FA Cup Wolverhampton W.....	0-1 10,803
Tues. 18	Bristol City.....	0-1 3,344
Fri. 21	Stockport County.....	2-3 2,198
Tues. 25	Aldershot.....	1-1 1,508
Sat. 29	York City.....	3-0 1,803
FEB		
Sat. 5	Hartlepool Utd.....	1-1 1,545
Tues. 15	Darlington.....	2-1 1,466
Sat. 19	N'thampton Town..... (FA 5) H 3.15	-
Sat. 26	Peterborough Utd.....	A 3.00 -
Mon. 28	Swindon Town.....	H 7.30* -
MAR		
Sat. 5	Scunthorpe Utd.....	H 3.15 -
Sat. 12	Hull City..... (F.A. 6) A 3.0	-
Tues. 15	Wimbledon.....	A 7.30 -
Fri. 18	Torquay Utd.....	H 7.30 -
Fri. 25	Colchester Utd..... (IM/C Final) A 7.30	-
Sat. 26	Milk Cup Final.....	-
APR		
Sat. 2	Blackpool.....	H 3.15 -
Mon. 4	Chester.....	A 3.00 -
Fri. 8	Port Vale.....	H 7.30 -
Sat. 16	Mansfield Town..... (F.A. Semi) A 3.0	-
Sat. 23	Halifax Town.....	H 3.15 -
Sat. 30	Hereford Utd.....	A 3.00 -
MAY		
Mon. 2	Rochdale.....	H 3.15 -
Sat. 7	Bury.....	H 3.15 -
Fri. 13	Crewe Alex.....	A 7.30 -
Sat. 21	F.A. CUP FINAL.....	-

Reserves Fixtures

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE SEASON 1982-83 TRANMERE ROVERS RESERVES FIXTURES

1982			1983				
Aug	28	Southport Res.	1-1	Jan	1		
Sept	4	RUNCORN RES.	0-1		8		
	11	Rochdale Res.	2-1	15	FORMBY RES.	6-1	
	18	ROCHDALE RES.	3-1	22	Formby Res.	1-0	
	25	STOCKPORT Co.	1-2	29			
Oct	2	MANCHESTER UTD.	1-0	Feb	5	MANCHESTER CITY 'A'	1-3
	9	Bolton Wan. 'A'	2-7	12			
	16	ALTRINCHAM RES.	0-4	19	CHESTER 'A'	1-1	
	23	Chester 'A'	4-1	26	Manchester Utd. 'A'	A 11.00	
	30			Mar	5	SOUTHPORT RES.	H 11.00
Nov	5	Stockport County 'A'	0-1	12	Everton 'A'	A 2.30	
	13				26		
	20			Apr	2	LIVERPOOL 'A'	H 11.00
	27	CHORLEY RES.	1-1	4			
Dec	4	Barrow Res.	1-1	9	Runcorn Res	A 2.30	
	11	BARROW RES.	1-2	16	Manchester City	A 11.00	
	18			23	EVERTON 'A'	H 11.00	
To re-arrange				30	Chorley Res.	A 2.30	
BURNLEY A. H.				May	2		
BURNLEY A. HOME				7	BOLTON WAN. 'A'	H 11.00	
LIVERPOOL A. AWAY				14	Altrincham Res	A 2.30	

Reserve team home fixtures are played at the Oval, Bebington.

League Division 4

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Hull	31	11	5	0	40	9	6	5	4	15	13	61
Port Vale	29	11	2	2	24	8	7	4	3	21	11	60
Wimbledon	30	8	3	2	29	16	8	5	4	24	16	56
Bury	32	10	4	2	30	11	6	5	5	22	17	57
Colchester	30	11	4	0	32	10	4	2	9	13	24	51
Scunthorpe	28	7	5	2	21	8	6	5	3	18	14	49
Swindon	28	10	1	2	29	11	4	6	5	11	16	49
York	29	10	2	1	38	15	2	7	7	15	24	45
Halifax	30	7	4	4	23	15	5	3	7	19	25	43
Torquay	28	9	3	2	27	14	3	3	8	12	23	42
Chester	32	7	2	8	23	19	5	4	6	17	20	42
Stockport	31	8	5	2	28	19	3	2	11	17	38	40
Aldershot	30	8	3	3	21	15	1	9	6	16	30	39
Peterborough	29	7	4	4	19	14	2	6	6	11	14	37
Mansfield	29	6	2	6	15	18	4	3	8	18	29	35
Northampton	30	6	7	3	31	21	2	3	9	11	29	34
Tranmere	30	6	5	4	23	19	3	0	12	13	30	32
Rochdale	29	7	6	2	25	16	0	4	10	12	32	31
Hartlepool	30	8	4	3	20	14	0	3	12	10	38	31
Bristol City	31	5	5	5	18	19	1	7	8	16	34	30
Darlington	29	4	4	6	14	16	3	4	8	20	28	29
*Blackpool	29	7	6	3	23	16	1	1	11	09	28	29
Crewe	29	5	4	7	24	26	2	2	9	12	21	27
Hereford	31	6	4	6	15	17	1	1	13	14	38	26

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Tuesday 15th February 1983

Darlington 1 Rovers 0

Rovers: Endersby, Williams S.G. Burgess, Oliver, Hamilton, Williams J. Powell, Ferguson, Leonard, Brown, Griffiths Sub: Warriner (for Brown)

Saturday 19th February 1983

Rovers 2 (Brown, Wellings) Northampton Town 1

Rovers: Endersby, Williams G, Burgess, Oliver, Hamilton, Williams S.J., Powell Ferguson, Wellings, Brown, Griffiths. Sub. Warriner (for Hamilton)

● CLUB GOALSCORERS ●

	F.L.	F.A. CUP	MILK CUP
BROWN O.J.	7	4	1
KERR J	6	1	—
FERGUSON M.	5	—	—
HAMILTON B.	4	—	—
ASPINALL J.	3	1	1
GRIFFITHS I.J.	1	1	—
HUTCHINSON R (now with Mansfield)	2	—	1
POWELL N.D.	2	—	—
MUNGALL S.	1	—	—
OLIVER G.R.	1	—	—
WELLINGS S.B.	1	—	—
o.g.	1	—	—
Total	36	7	3

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APPEARANCES

(to 19th February inclusive)

	F.L.	F.A. Cup	Milk Cup
Adkins N.	1	—	—
Aspinall J.	21 (3)	3	3
Brown A.	1	1	—
Brown D.	1	—	—
Brown O.J.	21	3	1
Burgess D.J.	30	3	4
Endersby S.	29	3	4
Ferguson M.	21 (5)	2 (1)	2 (1)
Griffiths I.J.	29	3	4
Hamilton B.	22	3	3
Hutchinson R.	6	—	1
Kerr J.	26	3	4
Leonard M.	1	—	—
Mathias R.	10	—	3
Mooney K.	20 (1)	2	2 (1)
Mungall S.	20	3	3
McGuire R.	—(7)	—	— (1)
Oliver G.R.	7	—	—
Parry L.	10	—	3
Powell N.D.	21 (7)	1 (2)	4
Warriner S.	1 (3)	—	—
Wellings B.	1	—	—
Williams G.	2	—	—
Williams W.J.	26	3	3

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Good Evening. Tonight we welcome those fans who have made the journey from Wiltshire. Swindon have an impressive away record and are well placed for a challenge for promotion, a tough task for Rovers. No doubt Rovers will be asked by Bryan Hamilton for just a little bit extra in the attempt to beat the club he was player/coach for a few years ago.

The 3 home games on the trot v Aldershot, York & Hartlepool produced only one victory, emphatic as it was it failed to lift Rovers any further away from the re-election zone. However things may take a turn for the better as Rovers have obtained striker Mike Leonard, on loan from Everton and Gary Williams. Gary made his debut in League football for Rovers a number of years ago, at Gillingham I think. I remember he made a good impression on those of us who were in Kent that day. Despite that Gary went off to Sweden for a time but returned to play for Swindon and Blackpool. We hope both players enjoy their time at Prenton, be it permanent or temporary.

AWAY GAMES

On Saturday March 12th Rovers travel to Hull City, a club that were as close to extinction as Rovers were. They now look a good bet for promotion to Division Three. If you wish to travel to the game contact Audrey Evans in the Club Shop and book your seat on the coach. There will be no coach organised by Audrey for the Colchester game, but if you are interested in the Milk Cup Final Special taking in both games contact the club as soon as possible.

Hope you all return on Saturday for the match v Scunthorpe, another team challenging for promotion. Try to bring a friend.

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AWAY THE LADS

SATURDAY 12th MARCH 1983
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v

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