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Season 1983-84

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Review



CANON LEAGUE — DIVISION FOUR
SEASON 1983 - 84



MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 1983 KICK OFF 7.30 p.m

TRANMERE ROVERS

v

SWINDON TOWN

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS MATCH No.6



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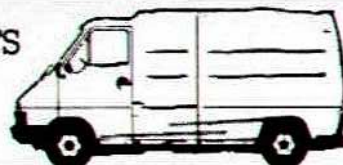
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Our away draw at Aldershot last weekend brought our points tally to 13 - the best start for at least four seasons. After that game we were in tenth place in the Fourth Division - only two points behind the second place club Bury. I know that we can improve our League position to challenge for a top four place but we shall have to finish off our approach play with more accuracy. I am looking for a striker who can put the ball in the net - but so is Bobby Robson and Brian Clough - and many other managers!

Our visit to the Army Camp at Aldershot was an enormous success. It gave my players an insight into another side of life and even more so it helped to build that team spirit so vital for success. If we could have got two more points from the Aldershot game the trip would have been perfect.

And so to tonight's game and a special welcome to the ever popular Ken Beamish and to Scott Endersby. Ken is in his first year of Management and everyone here at Prenton Park wishes him well (after tonight of course). One of his first signings was 'keeper Scott Endersby who will, no doubt, want to be at his best in front of Rovers supporters tonight.

Hope you enjoy the game - and the result.

Bryan Hamilton



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SUPPLIERS TO THE TRADE

OUR VISITORS SWINDON TOWN

BADDELEY Kevin (Defender) Born Swindon. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his league debut against West Ham Utd. in August 1980. He established himself in Swindon's first team shortly after his transfer in July 1981. Had made 65 league appearances to the end of last season and likes to overlap when he can. Can play in either full back position but usually on the left.

BAILIE Colin (Defender) Born Belfast. A former apprentice he made his league debut at Oxford United in April 1982 and established himself in the first team last season with assured displays in both full back positions. Had made 27 league appearances to the end of last season.

BARNARD Leigh (Midfield) Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977 went on to make 79 appearances for Pompey. Moved to Swindon in June 1982. Was ever present last season and is seen to best advantage on the left of midfield.

BATTY Paul (Midfield) Born Edlington. Paul served his apprenticeship at Swindon and made his league debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He went on to make 39 league appearances last season and is a very promising player who makes up for his lack of height with all round determination.

ENDERSBY Scott (Goalkeeper) Born Lewisham. Former Ipswich apprentice who moved to Tranmere Rovers for whom he made his league debut against Hereford United in September 1981. Spent two seasons between the posts for Tranmere before joining Swindon in May 1983.



GRAHAM Mike (Defender) Born Lancaster. Mike began with Bolton Wanderers making his debut at Mansfield in March 1978. He made 46 appearances for Bolton before signing for Swindon in July 1981. Had made 76 league appearances for Swindon to the end of last season.

GRAY Nigel (Defender) Born London. A tall centre half who signed for Swindon in July 1983 having previously played all his football for Orient with whom he had made around 230 league appearances since his debut against Bolton Wanderers in April 1975 to the end of last season.

HENRY Charlie (Defender) Born Acton. Former apprentice who signed professional in February 1980 and made his league debut as substitute at Reading in September of

that year. Most of his 93 league appearances to the end of last season have been at right full back, but he can also play in the centre of the defence.

HOCKADAY Dave (Forward) Born Sedgefield. Dave's only previous club was Blackpool for whom he made his league debut in September 1976 at Notts County. He went on to make around 140 appearances for Blackpool before joining Swindon in the 1983 close season. Fast and tricky winger.

MAYES Alan (Forward) Born London. Now in his second spell with Swindon, Alan began with QPR, but his league debut came after a move to Watford and was against Port Vale in November 1974. He made 133 league appearances for Watford before signing for Swindon in February 1979. Although at Swindon for less than two years, he made 89 league appearances and struck up a good partnership with Andy Rowland. He joined Chelsea in December 1980 and made about 70 league appearances for them before re-joining Swindon in July 1983. Mobile forward very quick in the penalty area.

NELSON Gary (Forward) Born Braintree. Joined Southend United from school and made his league debut as a substitute against Colchester United in October 1979. He made around 100 appearances for Southend before his move to Swindon in August 1983.

QUINN Jimmy (Forward) Born Belfast. Signed from Osurestry Town in December 1981, he enjoyed a rapid rise from parks football to his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. A tall forward who is good in the air. He had made 18 league appearances by the end of last season.

RICHARDSON Paul (Midfield) Born Nottingham. Paul joined Swindon in July 1983 as player-coach. He was an apprentice at Nottingham Forest and made his league debut at Liverpool in May 1968. There followed 221 league appearances for Forest before a move to Chester in October 1976. After 28 league appearances he moved on to Stoke City and played in the promotion winning season 1978/79. Moved to Sheffield United in August 1981 and made around 50 appearances there.

ROWLAND Andy (Forward) Born Derby. Andy served his apprenticeship at Derby but his league debut (actually at Swindon) came after a transfer to Bury in August 1974. He joined Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer.

INCHARGE TONIGHT

DAVID ALLISON (Lancaster)

David started his refereeing activities in 1966 and progressed to the Full League list via the West Lancashire League and the Lancashire Combination. In 1981 he was linesman in a F.A. Cup semi-final and in 1982 'lined' an International game. Married with two daughters, he is a school master. He particularly enjoys playing cricket and is Training Officer of the local Referees Society.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Canon League Division Four

Saturday 29th October

ROVERS

v

DONCASTER ROVERS

Season ticket holders match no. 7

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A SHOT IN THE ARM.....



At our September Celebrity Dinner I was able to chat about the 'ups and downs' of professional football with that magical goalscorer of England and Blackpool fame Stanley Mortensen. He is a firm believer that the game needs a shot in the arm to try and lift it as a major entertainment for the sporting public of this country, and after the England team catastrophe who can argue against him. Possibly a man called Charlie Hughes the F.A. Assistant Director of Coaching, a man with a lot of influence in this game and who may be responsible for the disappearance of fans from the terraces. After reading about his Pomo position I think it is time that Bobby Robson saw him off and did his own thing. I wonder what Morty would have thought about the Pomo position, we used to call it 'poaching', something which the likes of Jimmy Greaves and Morty specialised in.

FOUR POINT PLAN Morty believes that the following alterations to the game are essential, and I only disagree with him on the last one. *A. Extension of the 18 yards line on the edge of the box right across the pitch, players only to be off-side in that area. This would avoid off-side tactics on the half way line. B. Outlaw the back pass to the goalkeeper, a completely negative tactic. C. Four up and four down in all divisions. D. Cut out the throw in, start play with a free kick from the touch line.* Monty asks the question where would the great wingers like Matthews and Finney be in the modern game? The simple answer is that they wouldn't be selected - its all about midfield play these days. On BBC2 recently I watched that maestro of Preston Tom Finney it also showed film of Stan Matthews in action. We saw more of the game where a winger takes on the man, or men in two minutes than we do in a full normal 90 minute game.

LIVE TELEVISION The first live game on television turned out to be a cracker - and both teams should be complimented for the way they battled. I hope that the next game Wolves v Aston Villa also provides fabulous entertainment because we need that shot in the arm from every source we can find. The commentators too did a great job - particularly praising the referee who tried to keep the game going so that nobody wanted to go to the kitchen to make the afternoon tea.

Jack Butterfield

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SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Tonight we welcome Swindon fans to Prenton Park and wish them a safe journey home. Swindon have not made a particularly good start to the season but you can be sure Ken Beamish will be demanding something extra from his players tonight. As an ex-Rover returning to Prenton as a player Ken had a nasty habit of having the last laugh. Welcome back to Ken and also Scott Endersby.

SUPPORTERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR The voting for Man of the Match has been brought up to date by Gary Hont. He will be continuing to collect votes from supporters after every game. Home games are covered from the club shop, away games are generally collected on the coach but if you travel privately to away games see Gary after home games. The player voted M.O.M. receives 10pts. with other players awarded 8-6-4 or 2 pts according to votes received. These points are continually tallied to give us the contenders for Player of the Year. At the moment Dave Burgess leads with 50 pts. followed by John and Gary Williams on 32 and 27 pts. respectively.

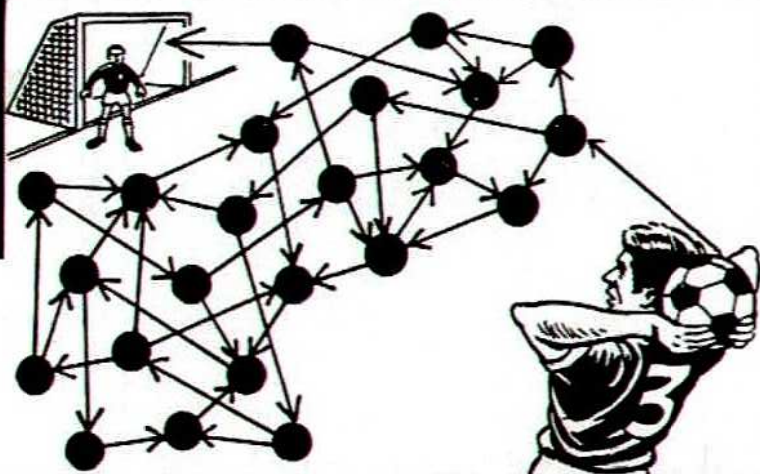
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MEMORY LANE

THIRTY YEARS AGO We extended our unbeaten run to four games though dropping a home point in a 1-1 draw with Bradford Park Avenue on October 10th 1953. Both goals came in the first half with RAY WILLIAMS on the mark for us and GEORGE BEATTIE for Bradford. Teams: *TRANMERE: Payne, Gibson, Lamont, Millington, Bell, Kieran, Davies, McDevitt, Atkinson, Williams, Fleming. BRADFORD: Downie, Suddards, Hudson, Currie, Hindle, Wright, Brickley, Beattie, Crosbie, Dunlop, Whitaker.* Attendance: 6,000 We were now a few points clear of bottom clubs Halifax and Workington while Port Vale continued to forge ahead at the top of Division Three (North). Bristol City meanwhile went down 3-2 at home to Division Three (South) leaders Ipswich and were now in tenth place. In Division One lowly Liverpool hammered Aston Villa 6-1 with BOB PAISLEY amongst the scorers while leaders W.B. Albion stayed on top after RONNIE ALLEN had got a hat trick in their 4-0 win over Huddersfield. In Division Two there were 31,299 at Leicester to see the home side take over the leadership from Doncaster Rovers by beating them 2-0 at Filbert Street, ARTHUR ROWLEY getting one of the goals and Everton slipped back in the promotion race after losing 4-0 at Plymouth.

TWENTY YEARS AGO After two successive defeats we picked up a point in a 1-1 draw at Rochdale on October 12th 1963, BERNARD EVANS gave us the lead in the first half with DAVID KERRY replying after the break. The teams were *ROCHDALE: Burgin, Milburn, Winton, Hepdon, Aspden, Thompson, Kerry, Richardson, Cairns, Morton, Storf. TRANMERE: Leyland, Billington, Conroy, King, Jackson, Edwards, Campbell, Dyson, Evans, Pritchard, Roberts.* We were now four points clear of the bottom four in Division Four while Gillingham remained the last unbeaten club in the Football League, strengthening their hold on top place with a 2-1 win at Doncaster. Bristol City had gained a 3-1 win over Peterborough in a mid table Division Three battle on the previous evening with two goals from BOB WILLIAMS and one from JANTZEN DERRICK. Leeds stayed at the top of the division with JOHNNY GILES opening the scoring in a 2-0 win at Huddersfield while in a restricted Division One programme W.B. Albion stayed in the title reckoning with a 4-3 win over Aston Villa. The programme was restricted because of the two internationals played on that day, BOBBY CHARLTON setting up a new record with his 31st England goal in the 4-0 win over Wales in Cardiff BOBBY SMITH (2) and JIMMY GREAVES got the other England goals while BILLY BINGHAM opened the scoring in Northern Ireland's 2-1 win over Scotland in Belfast. Present day TV presenter IAN ST. JOHN got the Scotland goal.

TEN YEARS AGO Though without a win for five games we were still in ninth place in Division Three after a 1-1 draw here with Blackburn on October 12th 1973. This was a Friday evening game and TOMMY YOUNG got our goal with JOHN KENYON replying, the teams being: *TRANMERE: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Fagan, Moore, Stevenson, Tynan (Crossley), Palios, Loyden, Young, McAuley.* Attendance: 5,500 On the following day Bristol City moved up to fourth place in Division Two with a 2-0 win at Millwall, BOBBY GOULD and ALAN WHITEHEAD getting the goals while Leeds in Division One and Bristol Rovers and Reading in Division Three remained the only unbeaten teams in the Football League. *Geoff Allman.*

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Bury.....1-1 2,130

Preston MILK CUP 1 (1).....0-1 3,231

Torquay Utd.....1-1 2,317

Northampton Town.....0-0 2,326

Wrexham.....2-1 2,451

Preston MILK CUP 1 (2).....0-0 2,992

Mansfield Town.....0-1 2,002

Hereford Utd.....0-1

Colchester Utd.....2-1

Hartlepool Utd.....1-1 1,769

MILK CUP 2 (1).....A 3.00

Aldershot.....A 3.00

Bristol City.....H 7.30

Swindon Town.....H 7.30

Peterborough Utd.....A 3.00

MILK CUP 2 (2).....A 3.00

Doncaster Rovers.....H 3.15

Darlington.....A 7.30

Halifax Town.....A 7.30

MILK CUP 3.....H 3.15

Rochdale.....H 3.15

F.A. CUP (1).....H 3.15

Crewe Alexandra.....H 3.15

MILK CUP 4.....A 3.00

Chesterfield.....A 3.00

F.A. CUP (2).....A 7.30

Stockport County.....A 7.30

Blackpool.....H 11.30 Boxing Day

York City.....A 3.00 Bank Hol.

Reading.....H 7.30

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Torquay Utd.....H 7.30

F.A. CUP (3).....A 2.15

Bury.....A 2.15

MILK CUP 5.....H 3.15

Mansfield Town.....H 3.15

Wrexham F.A. Cup (4).....A 3.00

Hartlepool Utd.....H 7.30

MILK CUP S.F. (1).....A 3.00

Hereford United.....A 3.00

Darlington.....H 7.30

MILK CUP S.F. (2).....A 3.00

Doncaster Rvs.....A 3.00 F.A. Cup 5

Peterborough Utd.....H 7.30

Swindon Town.....A 3.00

Halifax Town.....H 7.30

Rochdale.....A 3.00 F.A. Cup (6)

Aldershot.....H 3.15

Bristol City.....A 3.00

MILK CUP FINAL

Northampton Town.....H 7.30

Colchester Utd.....A 3.00

Chesterfield.....H 3.15 FA Cup (S.F.)

Blackpool.....A 3.00

York City.....H 3.15

Crewe Alexandra.....A 3.00

Chester.....H 11.00

Reading.....A 7.30

Stockport County.....H 3.15

F.A. CUP FINAL.....

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Bolton W. A.....5-1

Bolton W. A.....1-1

Barrow Res.....2-2

Rochdale Res.....1-0

Manchester City A.....4-0

Chorley Res.....0-2

Southport Res.....H 11.00

Manchester City A.....A 11.00

Manchester Utd. A.....A 11.00

Formby Res.....H

Crewe Alex. Res.....H 11.00

Burnley A.....H 11.00

Crewe Alex. Res.....A 11.00

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Stockport C. A.....H 11.00

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Everton A.....A 11.00

Barrow Res.....A 2.30

Burnley A.....A 11.00

Manchester Utd. A.....H 11.00

U.M.I.S.T.....H 11.00

Formby Res.....A

Everton A.....H 11.00

U.M.I.S.T.....A 2.30

Runcorn Res.....A

Liverpool A.....A 11.00

Liverpool A.....H 11.00

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

Who played... Where...When

Saturday 8th October 1983
Canon League Division Four
ALDERSHOT 1

ROVERS 1 (Brown)

Rovers: Davies, McMahon, Burgess, Parry, Mungall, Williams J, Ferguson, Aspinall, Hilditch, Brown, O.J., Williams G. Sub (Hamilton for Parry) Att. 1,769

Lancashire League

CHORLEY RES. 2

ROVERS RES 0

Rovers Res. Adkins, Horgan, Philpotts, Brown A, Roberts, Woods, Palios, Powell, Sansbury, Schoran, Sumner. Subs. Procter for 11, Fitzpatrick for 10.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

....about the game at HARTLEPOOL

Football Echo

ASPINALL FLYER LIFTS ROVERS. Rovers tried to press home their early advantage, winning a string of corners with an impressive attacking display.

Liverpool Echo, Monday 3rd October. Tranmere's first away win of the season at Hartlepool was a major boost for Bryan Hamilton, but the 1-0 winning margin could have been so much better!

....and at ALDERSHOT

Sunday Express

TRANMERE COME STORMING BACK. Battling Tranmere got over the shock of a first half penalty and kept their unbeaten run ticking over with a stunning equaliser 7 minutes from time.

News of the World.

IT'S BROWN OUT OF BLUE.

Owen Brown was Tranmere's hero leaving Aldershot keeper stranded with a cracking 'on the turn' shot from outside the area with 7 minutes to go.

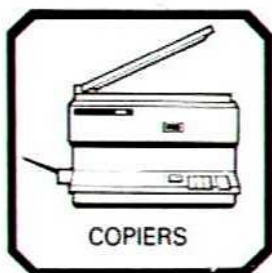
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York.....	9	5	0	0	15	1	1	2	1	5	4	20	
Bristol City..	9	5	0	0	17	1	1	1	2	4	5	19	
Bury.....	8	2	2	0	7	3	2	1	1	6	6	15	
Colchester ..	9	3	1	0	7	1	1	2	2	4	6	15	
Hereford	9	2	1	1	4	4	2	2	1	5	4	15	
Peterborough	8	4	1	0	13	2	0	1	2	3	6	14	
Doncaster ...	9	3	1	0	11	3	1	1	3	6	10	14	
Chesterfield .	9	3	2	0	6	2	0	3	1	5	6	14	
Wrexham ...	9	3	2	0	11	4	0	2	2	3	7	13	
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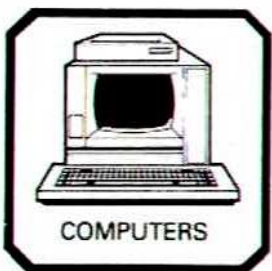
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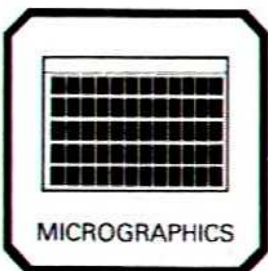
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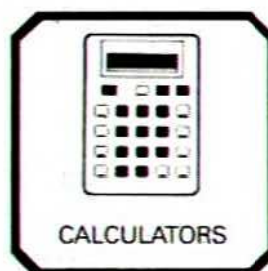
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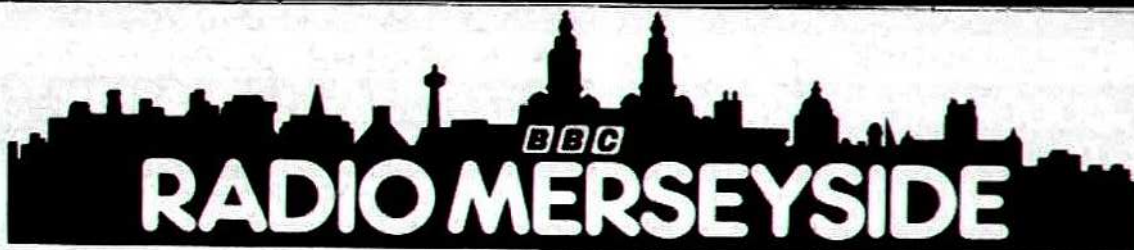


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