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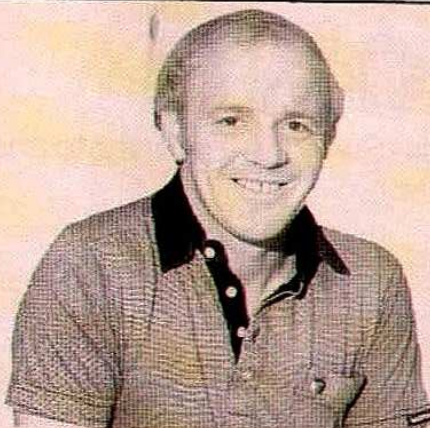
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# BILLYS VIEW



Sundays game at York was a good all round team performance. We were disappointed we didn't score more goals. I feel sure all our fans who went to the game would agree we had the edge over our opponents. The pleasing thing was the way our young team stood the pressure. Hopefully we can build on that result today.

We take this opportunity to welcome the four new boys to the club and wish them a long and successful stay. One final note, we would like to say a big thank you to all our fans for their magnificent support and good behaviour at York.



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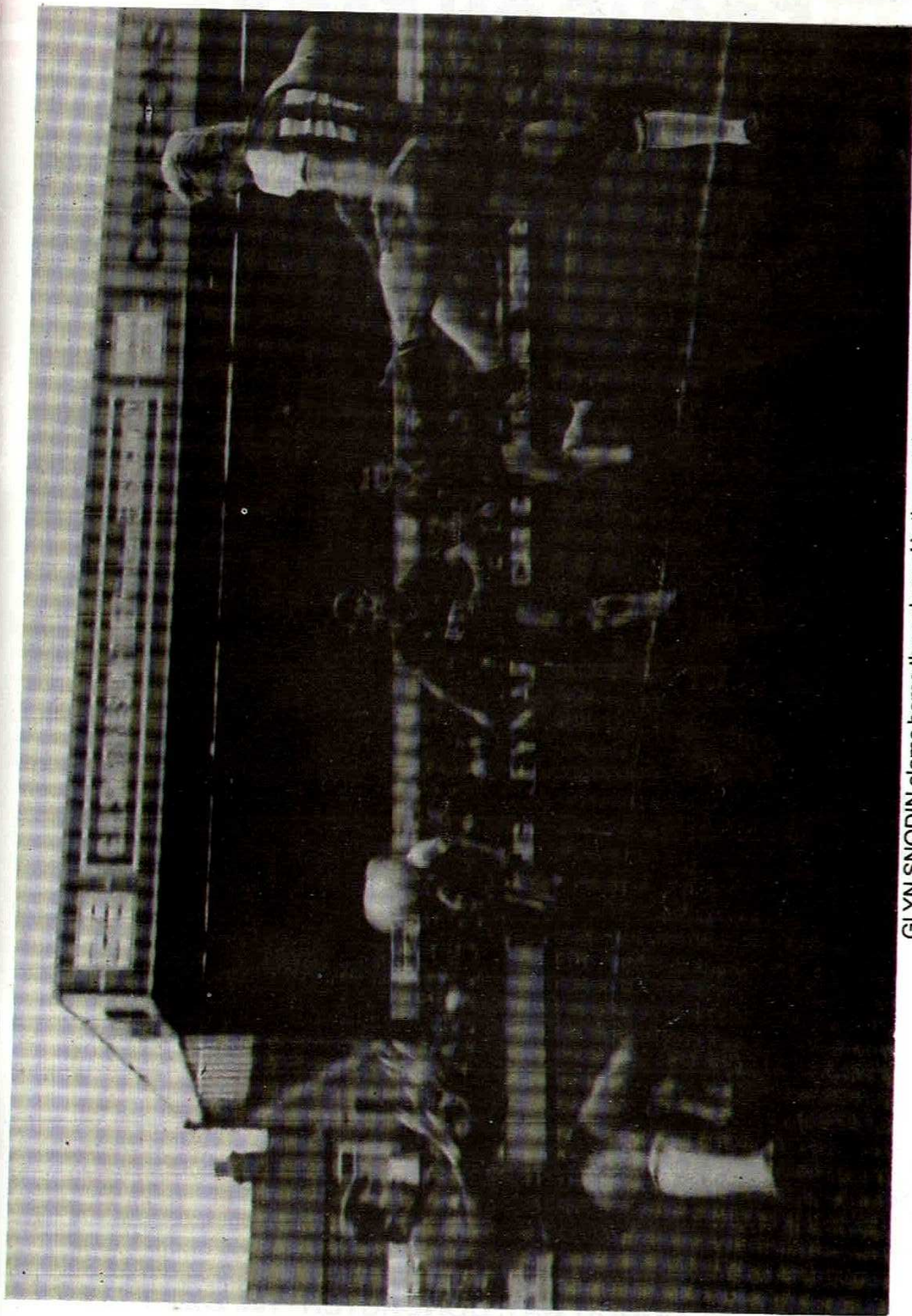
## SWINDON TOWN

Sorry folks due to circumstances beyond our control the Swindon team photo and pen pictures did not arrive in time.



Action from our last home game versus Peterborough United





GLYN SNODIN slams home the only goal in the match against York City  
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# FOCUS ON FACT

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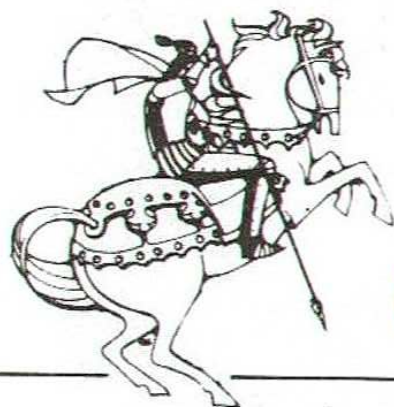
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# ROVERS COMMENTARY

Following last weekend's fixtures the race for promotion to Division Three is hotting up! York seem certain to be assured of winning the title whilst we of course, are more than confident of being with them. The remaining two places, you can name any two from four depending on your choice.

Our lads were overjoyed with the noise and support generated at York which lifted them no end. I have been specially asked to convey the team's appreciation to you to make sure you understand how important it is to make yourselves heard during a match . . . in proper manner of course.

You will have also heard recently about the attempt to lift the club's image to the football world in general and to the Doncaster public, in particular the new players signed by Rovers have been a subject of discussion in the national newspapers, besides local media, along with the club's football policy of building a good young team for the future which will take us hot into Division Three, but beyond that into Division Two. Hopefully season 85/86. Why not? Anyway we shall see but rest assured your board of directors are now impatient for success, and that is the best foundation along with a good squad of players on which to build up all aspects of the club.

To assist us in image building, we are pleased to be asked to assist in charitable events such as the sponsored walk, Doncaster/York (34 miles) undertaken last Sunday by the Hove Inn, York Road, Football Team and their supporters. Their object was to raise funds for the South Yorkshire Body Scanner Appeal and also their own club funds, and we do hope they achieve their object in view of the massive effort they made. We ourselves were pleased to be asked to give assistance by liaising with York City regarding accommodation and facilities on arrival and we do hope everything went well.

You will not be surprised to see a reference being made to our successful two lotteries. Our main problem on this front is that we simply cannot get hold of enough personal and business agents. We can accommodate many more than we have, although it may surprise you to learn we have between 400-450. What I would like to achieve before fading into the background and looking back on what is I believe a new era at Rovers, is a complete coverage of Doncaster and district with lottery agents, possibly a thousand of them. This would ensure that Scunthorpe, Humberside and Leeds Lotteries went back home where they belong and leave the Doncaster public to support their home town institutions including Rovers lotteries.

You would be surprised if you knew just how much money from the sale of other people's lottery tickets went out of town. What we should all be doing is supporting home industries in this context **Rovers Lotteries** I implore you, help us and you will see this old club of yours grow like a phoenix!

Continuing the theme on image building you will be glad to give a sincere welcome, I know to Dave Blakey our new Chief Scout. Dave is known as 'Mr Football' throughout the game, who and what he doesn't know isn't worth knowing! During his occupancy of this most important of staff posts, you will see a great change and improvements of the basic structure on the football side of the club.

Good luck Dave we will all be watching!



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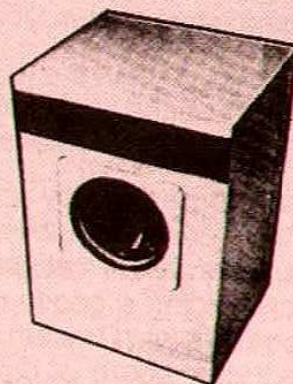
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Congratulations to Junior Rovers President Billy Russell who captained the First Team on his 200th league appearance at York last Sunday. Well done Billy, now for another 200.

Last Sunday the Junior Rovers had a day in York playing against York's Juniors visiting the National Railway Museum and watching the First Team. The match against York's Juniors saw the Rovers lose by 4-1, the Junior Rovers goal coming from Neil Cunningham. The members were able to look at exhibits as they were the only ones in the building. Finally they were able to watch an entertaining derby match with the honours being even at the end.

On Thursday the Junior Rovers travel to Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United to see the first team squad training and to go on a guided tour at Old Trafford. The coach leaves Belle Vue at 8 a.m. and should arrive back at around 6 p.m. Members travelling should take a packed lunch and do not forget your autograph books, it may also be possible to buy souvenirs from the ground as the Club Shop should be open.

A presentation will be made in front of the main stand at half time to two winners of the Junior Rovers Review newsletter competition. Autographed footballs will be presented to Louise Kidd and Patrick McKenna.

There are three dates for your diary. On April 26th there is another Junior Rovers training session. Details are in the last newsletter, members should meet outside the Social Club at 12.30 p.m.

In May the Pool Competition is to be held again starting on May 6th in the Social Club starting at 3 p.m. for the nine year olds and under and the following Sunday at the same time for the ten year olds and over.

Finally a warm welcome to Doncaster Rovers to John Philliben, Jim Dobbin and Alan Brown from everyone connected with the Junior Rovers.

## MASCOT OF THE DAY

Welcome to this afternoon's Mascot Andrew Fletcher of 23 Samuel Street, Balby. Andrew is 12 years old and attends Woodfield Middle School and is interested in all sports. We all hope Andrew enjoys his afternoon as the Rovers Mascot.



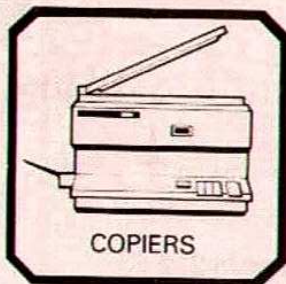
Bob Nellis presents Billy Russell, President of Junior Rovers with the new strip



Bob Nellis after the presentation of the new strip



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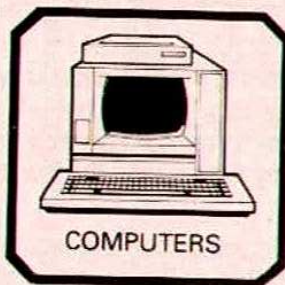
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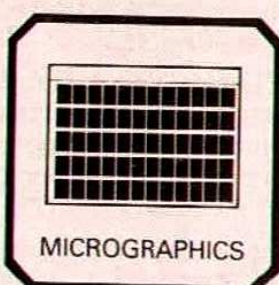
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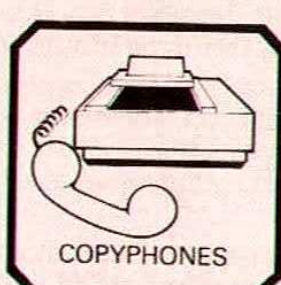
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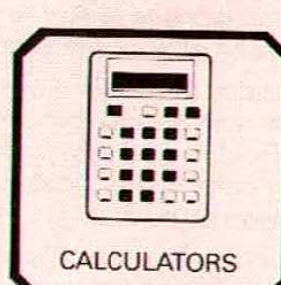
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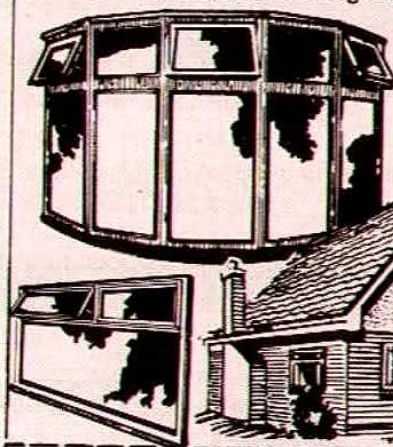
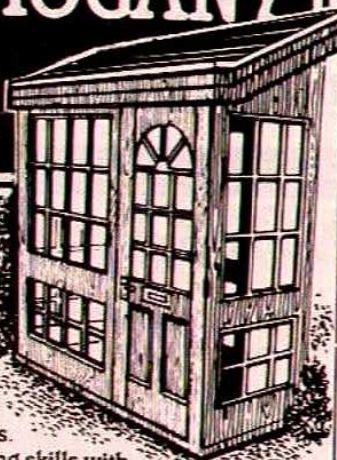
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Division 2 — Chelsea

Division 3 — Wimbledon.

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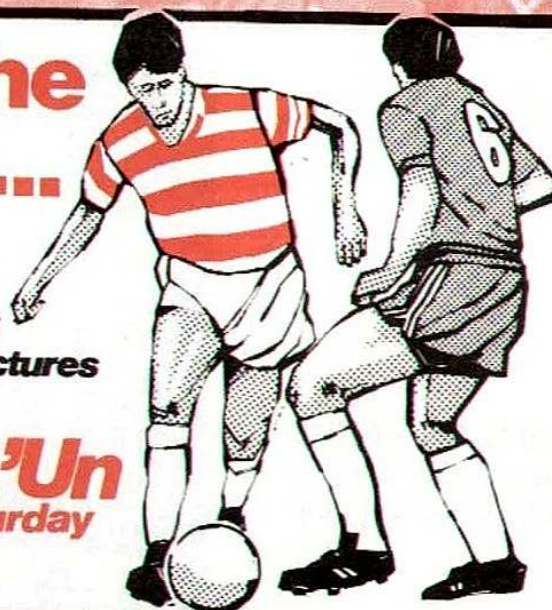
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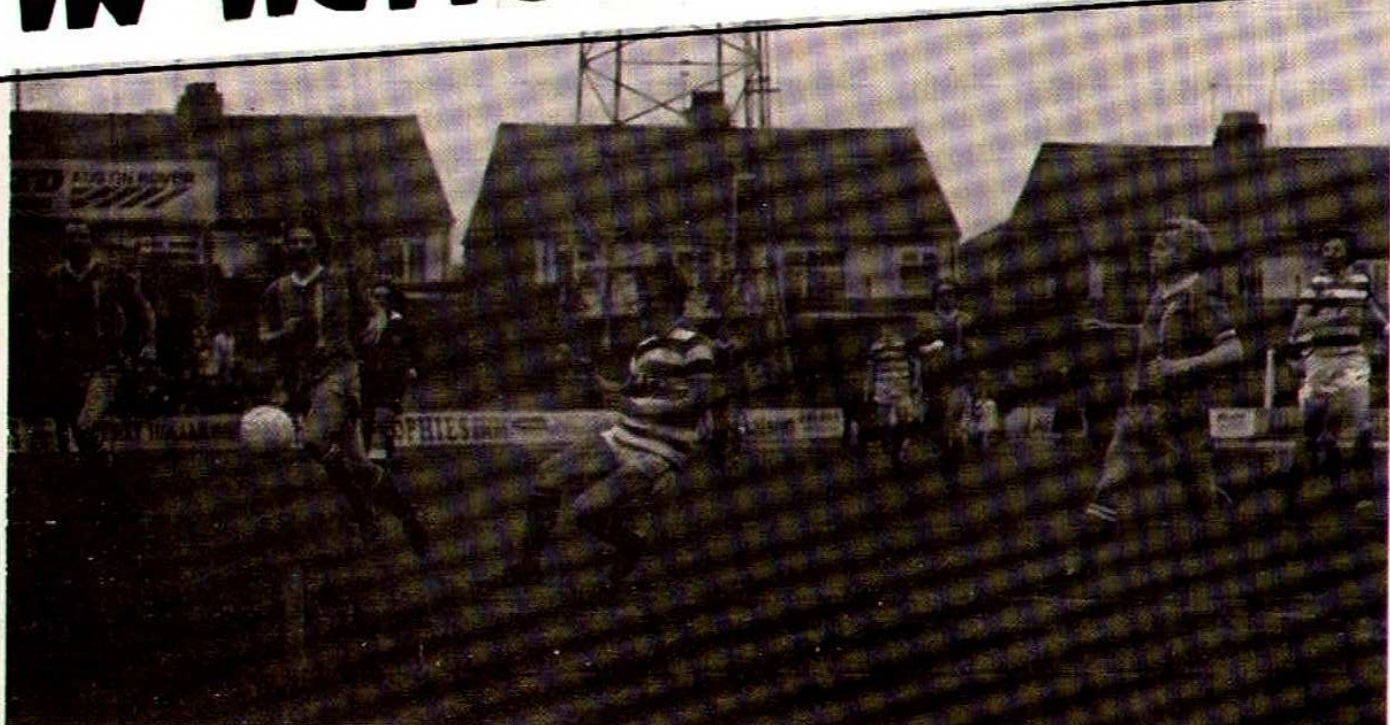
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# IN ACTION

versus  
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(above): Neil Woods fires in a shot

(above):  
Colin Douglas on  
the ball



(right): Mark Miller  
rises above the  
Peterborough defence



# SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

To bring you up to date with the voting for The Player of the Year, at our home match with Preston North End, Ian Snodin took top spot with 12 points, followed by Colin Douglas with 8, Billy Russell 5, Glyn Snodin 3 and Dennis Peacock 2. At our game with Peterborough United, Billy Russell came out on top with 12 points, followed by David Harle, Mark Miller, Ian Snodin and Colin Douglas 4 each, Glyn Snodin and Dennis Peacock one point each. Against Burnley, Colin Douglas was just two points short of a maximum with 13 points. New-comer Jim Dobbin obtained 6 points, Garry Lee 4, David Harle and John Philliben 3 each and Glyn Snodin one point. These results mean that Colin Douglas has increased his lead in our League table with an aggregate of 148 points, followed by Ian Snodin with 98, Glyn Snodin 67 and Steve Lister 58.

**Our members cash draw was unclaimed at the last three home games so today's prize is worth £5.50. Remember to claim if your membership number is the lucky one announced at half-time. Claims must be made within 20 minutes of the end of the match. Two Main-Stand tickets for today's game have been won by Mr David Mulholland, 54 Central Drive, Rossington, Doncaster (Membership No. 283) in our second free draw. We are also inviting Mr Mulholland to make the presentation of the Bob Nellis Trophy to the Player of the Month for March. The winner is Colin Douglas and the presentation will take place on the pitch before the kick-off in today's match.**

We shall be running coaches to Northampton on Saturday, 21st April leaving at 11 a.m. when the fare will be an extra charge of £1 if you elect and save money.

**Note for your Diary! On Easter Monday, 23rd April, our York Road Branch will be holding their Easter Draw at The York Bar Club and there are 30 prizes to be won. The entertainment will be in the hands of Stan Richards (Seth Armstrong of Emmerdale Farm). The evening commences at 7.30 p.m. but you are advised to go early if you want a seat.**

Latest result in our Inter-Branch Panel Games League - H.Q. 0 v Conisborough 6. League positions: Barnby Dun played 7-28 points; H.Q. played 8-22 points; Conisborough played 7-20 points; Retford played 7-20 points; Bentley played 6-18 points; York Road played 7-18 points.

**Now is the time to consider your Season ticket for next season. Why not pay for this on easy instalments and get the advantage of any discount schemes which may be offered by the club during the close season. Full details are available at the Supporters Club Office.**

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# Rovers Notes

F.A.O. Mr Ian Jones

Dear Ian,

I am writing on behalf of Doncaster Rovers Supporters Club, Retford Branch to ask a favour of yourself and the Football Club. On Saturday 24th March the Branches away travellers have arranged a friendly football match against Aldershot's Supporters Club at the Aldershot Military Stadium, although the Retford Branch has it's own football team on a Sunday, they will be needing their own kit to play in the following day, so would it be possible to borrow a complete strip from the Rovers. — (NO PROBLEM)

The date for our Annual Dinner/Dance has now been set, it will be held once again at the Masonic Hall, Carolgate, Retford on Friday 25th May at 8 p.m. the price is once again £6.00 There will be a bar extension till 12.30 a.m. and again we will be running a free bus from Doncaster to the event. It would be a great pleasure if yourself and fellow directors and families could attend.

On behalf of the Branch may we thank the whole board of Directors for the hard work and effort put in to the club to restore the Rovers as a team to be reckoned with, resulting in what certainly looks like a promotion winning season.

Yours in sport,  
PAUL MAYFIELD, Secretary D.R.S.C. (Retford)



Rovers new Chief Scout  
DAVE BLAKEY joined the club  
from 3rd Division Burnley

## REVIEW

## PREVIEW

Sunday's game against leaders York City saw 3,000 Rovers fans travelling to North Yorkshire to support their team for what was without doubt one of the most important games of the season.

Rovers had effectively closed-down City's twin strike force of Walwyn and Byrne, and they took the lead in the 17th minute. John Philliben, who had an outstanding game, lofted a free-kick into the York box - Ernie Moss nodded the ball on and Glyn Snodin scored his 10th goal of the season.

Within a minute York were awarded a penalty when Glenn Humphries was adjudged to have handled the ball. It seemed a particularly harsh decision but justice was done when Dennis Peacock pulled off a magnificent save from John Byrne's penalty-kick.

Rovers continued to contain York, but City drew level just before half-time. Gary Ford lobbed the ball into the unguarded net as Dennis Peacock raced out of his goal.

Rovers had the edge in the second-half, Alan Brown weaved past two City defenders and appeared to be brought down inside the area but the referee waved aside appeals for a penalty. Six minutes from time Jim Dobbin sped down the left wing and crossed into the area, but Ernie Moss was crowded out just as he was lining up his shot.

Overall it was a good performance by Rovers, and York fans admitted to me after the game that City were fortunate to get a point.

**ALAN SMITH**, BBC Radio Sheffield



Managing Director of Plas-Vent Mr Alan Nettleship  
receives the Match Sponsorship Plaque for the Preston  
game from Director Graham Smith



# STAT CHECK



Aug. 27 Wrexham.....	H 3-0	2,035	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries 1	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Woods (9)
30 Scunthorpe MC1.....	A 1-1	4,295	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Buckovina
Sept. 3 Mansfield.....	A 2-1	2,957	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin 1	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	Lister	G. Snodin
7 Reading.....	A 2-3	3,688	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	Lister	G. Snodin
11 Hereford United.....	H 3-0	3,532	Peacock	Russell 1	Breckin	I. Snodin 1	Green	Humphries 1	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Lister (11)
13 Scunthorpe MC1, 2.....	H 3-0	4,377	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Buckovina	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Lister (11)
17 Hartlepool.....	A 0-1	1,611	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	Lister	G. Snodin (9)
24 Bury.....	H 3-1	2,777	Peacock	Russell	G. Snodin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas 1	Kowalski	Lister 1	Buckovina
27 York City.....	H 2-2	4,996	Peacock	Russell	G. Snodin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas 1	Kowalski	Lister	Buckovina
Oct. 1 Torquay United.....	A 1-4	1,896	Peacock	Russell	G. Snodin	I. Snodin	Green 1	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Harle	Kowalski	Lister	Woods (8)
5 Fulham MC2, 1.....	H 1-3	4,843	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin 1	Green	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	Lister	Allanson
8 Peterborough United.....	A 1-1	4,400	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	G. Snodin	Lister	Kowalski
15 Aldershot.....	H 3-1	2,299	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries 1	Harle	Moss	Douglas 1	G. Snodin	Lister	Miller (5)
18 Chesterfield.....	A 0-0	6,446	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller (7)
21 Halifax Town.....	H 3-2	3,365	Boyd	Russell 1	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 2	Harle
26 Fulham MC2, 2.....	A 1-3	2,900	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Allanson
29 Tranmere Rovers.....	A 1-1	2,766	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Miller (7)
Nov. 1 Colchester United.....	H 3-3	3,491	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin 1	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller (7) 1
5 Bristol City.....	A 2-1	5,639	Boyd	Russell	Humphries	I. Snodin	Lister	G. Snodin	Miller	Moss	Douglas	Harle 1	Kowalski	Tomlinson
12 Blackpool.....	H 2-1	4,804	Boyd	Russell	Harle	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas 2	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Tomlinson (3)
19 Mansfield FAC 1.....	A 0-3	5,261	Boyd	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Allanson (8)
26 Chester.....	H 0-0	2,967	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Allanson (7)
Dec. 3 Swindon Town.....	A 1-2	3,545	Peacock	Russell	Breckin	I. Snodin 1	Lister	Humphries	Tomlinson	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	Allanson	Miller (11)
17 Crewe Alexandra.....	A 1-1	2,515	Peacock	Russell	Yates	Harle	Lister	Humphries	Mutrie	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller
26 Northampton.....	H 1-0	3,827	Peacock	Russell	Yates	Harle	Lister	Humphries	Mutrie	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller (4)
27 Darlington.....	A 2-1	2,457	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Mutrie 1	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller (3)
31 Stockport County.....	H 2-1	3,736	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Mutrie	Moss 2	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Miller (3)
Jan. 2 Rochdale.....	A 3-3	1,978	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Mutrie	Moss	Douglas	G. Snodin	Miller	Kowalski
7 Mansfield Town.....	H 3-1	3,804	Peacock	Russell 1	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller 1	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Mutrie
14 Wrexham.....	A 2-1	2,266	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Breckin (9)
21 Hereford United.....	A 3-0	2,547	Peacock	Russell 1	Yates	Harle 1	Lister	Humphries	Miller 1	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Breckin
Feb. 4 Torquay United.....	H 1-1	3,727	Peacock	Russell	Yates	Harle	Lister	Humphries	Miller 1	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Breckin
11 Bury.....	A 3-2	2,400	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Miller 1	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Breckin
14 Colchester.....	A 1-1	2,821	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle 1	Moss 1	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Miller
18 Tranmere Rovers.....	A 1-1	3,781	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Miller
25 Halifax Town.....	A 2-1	2,198	Peacock	Russell	Yates	I. Snodin	Lister	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas	Kowalski	G. Snodin 1	Miller (10)
Mar. 3 Chesterfield.....	H 2-1	4,162	Peacock	Yates 1	Breckin	I. Snodin	Green	Humphries	Woods 1	Moss	Douglas	Harle 1	G. Snodin	Breckin
6 Bristol City.....	H 1-0	4,287	Peacock	Harle	Breckin	I. Snodin	Yates	Humphries	Woods	Moss	Douglas 1	Harle	G. Snodin	Miller (7)
10 Blackpool.....	A 1-3	5,306	Peacock	Russell 1	Breckin	I. Snodin	Yates	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Woods
17 Peterborough United.....	H 1-1	3,672	Peacock	Russell	Philben	I. Snodin	Harle	Humphries	Harle	Moss	Douglas 1	Kowalski	G. Snodin	Woods
24 Aldershot.....	A 1-2	3,636	Peacock	Russell	Yates	Harle	Philben	Humphries	Miller	Moss	Douglas	Brown	G. Snodin	Green
Apr. 8 York City.....	A 1-1	11,270	Peacock	Russell	Yates	Philben	Humphries	Dobbin	Kowalski	Moss	Douglas	Brown	G. Snodin 1	Woods
14 Swindon Town.....	H													Miller
21 Northampton.....	A													
24 Darlington.....	H													
28 Chester.....	A													
May 1 Reading.....	H													
5 Rochdale.....	H													
7 Stockport County.....	A													
12 Crewe Alexandra.....	H													
15 Hartlepool.....	H													



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1983/84

### Current Positions

Colin Douglas	148
Ian Snodin	98
Glyn Snodin	67
Steve Lister	58
Billy Russell	46
Andy Kowalski	33
Mark Miller	33
Steve Yates	24
David Harle	22
Glenn Humphries	22
Bill Green	21
Ernie Moss	19
John Breckin	16
Jim Dobbins	6
Dennis Peacock	5
Garry Lee	4
Les Mutrie	3
John Philliben	3
Willie Boyd	2

## Next Home Match

Canon League Division Four

# Darlington

## Tuesday, 24th April

Kick off 7.30 p.m.

## Doncaster Rovers Playing Staff 1983/84

	App	Goals
D. Peacock	32	-
W. Boyd	10	-
G. Snodin	42	10
I. Snodin	36	5
A. Kowalski	33	1
J. Breckin	23	-
S. Lister	35	2
N. Woods	7	2
E. Moss	41	15
B. Green	12	1
C. Douglas	39	14
B. Russell	39	4
G. Humphries	41	3
M. Miller	32	5
G. Allanson	2	-
J. Bukovina	1	-
D. Harle	21	6
A. Tomlinson	2	-
S. Yates	18	-
L. Mutrie	6	1
J. Philliben	3	-
J. Dobbins	2	1
A. Brown	2	-

## CANON LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts								
York City	38	15	4	1	49	15	10	3	5	30	19	82								
Bristol City	40	15	3	2	44	15	5	5	10	16	25	68								
<b>ROVERS</b>	37	11	6	0	34	16	7	7	6	30	30	67								
Reading	38	15	5	0	48	13	3	7	8	23	34	66								
Aldershot	38	12	5	2	40	22	7	3	9	22	33	65								
Blackpool	37	12	4	3	37	15	5	5	8	20	23	60								
Tranmere	38	10	4	5	30	20	5	10	4	18	18	59								
Peterborough	39	12	4	3	39	14	3	8	9	18	25	57								
Colchester	37	12	6	2	38	13	2	7	8	18	27	55								
Stockport	38	11	4	5	30	22	4	5	9	23	33	54								
Torquay	38	10	5	3	24	14	4	6	10	24	40	53								
Hereford	39	8	5	6	24	18	5	8	7	21	25	52								
Chesterfield	39	9	9	2	30	22	4	4	11	19	29	52								
Crewe A.	38	9	6	4	29	22	5	3	11	18	34	51								
Northampton	40	10	7	4	28	25	2	6	11	17	32	49								
Swindon	38	9	6	4	28	19	3	6	10	20	27	48								
Bury	38	6	7	5	27	25	5	6	9	24	28	46								
Darlington	36	9	3	6	21	15	4	2	12	14	24	44								
Wrexham	37	5	6	7	25	24	4	6	9	19	34	39								
Rochdale	39	6	8	5	31	28	3	4	13	16	39	39								
Hullfax	39	8	6	5	25	22	1	6	13	16	53	39								
Mansfield	39	6	7	6	37	24	3	4	13	18	41	38								
Hartlepool	39	7	6	6	27	22	2	2	16	15	53	35								
Chester	37	5	4	10	19	32	0	7	11	18	38	26								

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CUP

### FIRST ROUND

February 22nd  
Lincoln A 2-0 1,941 Harle, Woods

### SECOND ROUND

March 13th  
Preston NE H 2-1 2,108 Miller, Woods

### QTR-FINALS

March 30th  
Burnley H 1-3 3,504 G. Snodin



# ROVERS SCRAPBOOK

## SEASON 1970-71

Following the improved performances of the previous campaign, hopes were high that the team would go on to even better things, but it was not to be: the Rovers finished next to bottom in Division Three, with just thirty-four points from forty-six games.

The season opened ominously with just two draws to show from the first nine fixtures, though it must be added that of the six defeats suffered, all but one were by a single goal. The first win was enjoyed at the expense of Brighton, who were beaten by two goals to nil at Belle Vue. There then followed an upturn in the fortunes of the club, with further wins away at Bury and at home to Reading, before Mansfield took both points with a narrow victory at Field Mill. Doncaster resumed their good form and lost just one of their next six games, the pick of these performances being away wins at Barnsley and Shrewsbury.

Sadly, the next few weeks saw this good form evaporate, as the Rovers suffered six consecutive defeats, before winning again in the last week of January at Gillingham, who incidentally were to finish bottom at the seasons end.

Three successive draws then ensued, before the team crashed to a four goal defeat at Chesterfield. Once again, Doncaster rallied to take maximum points from the next two fixtures, these being a particularly pleasing home win over Barnsley plus an away victory at Walsall.

Bristol Rovers came to Belle Vue and won with the only goal of the match, but Wrexham were beaten a few days later, and the fight was on to escape relegation.

Three of the next six fixtures were won as time began to run out, but as if to show the lack of good fortune which dogged the club throughout the season, the last four games were all lost, each by just a single goal.

The Cup competitions were a great disappointment, Doncaster being eliminated at the first hurdle in each instance. In the F.A. Cup, the Rovers were knocked out by Crewe Alexandra in a replay, after a draw at Crewe. Darlington were the victors in the League Cup tie with Doncaster, this too, had to be replayed, following a draw at Belle Vue.

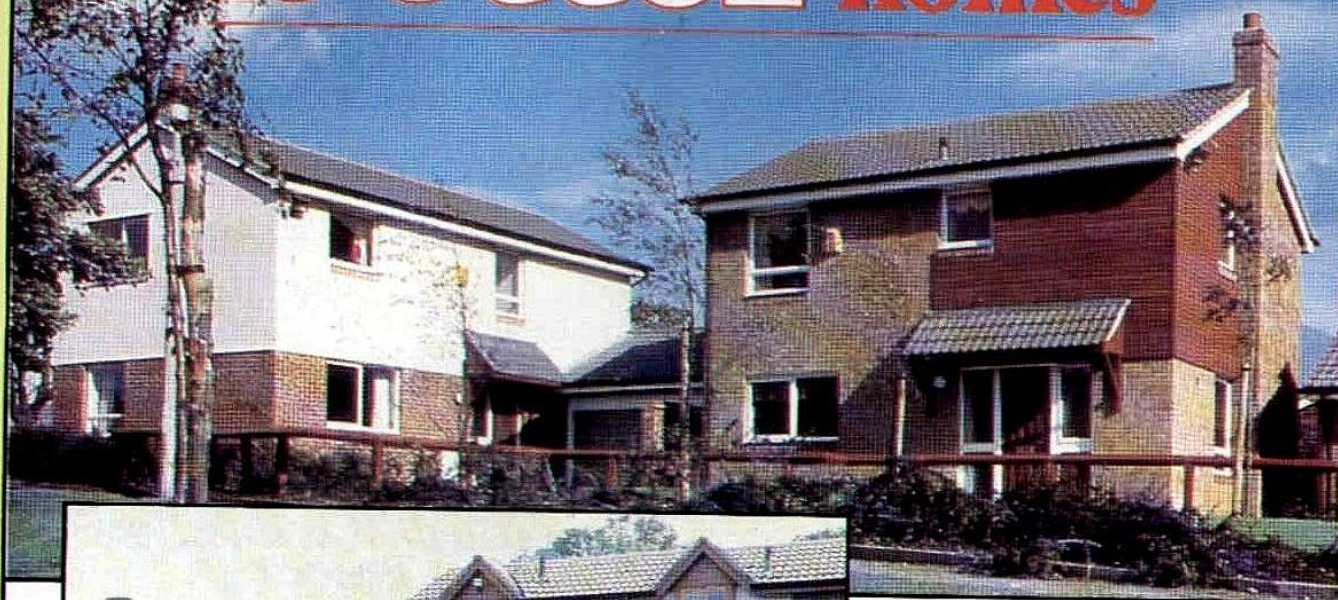
MANSFIELD	1-2	1-2	PORT VALE	1-2	0-1
TRANMERE	2-2	0-1	PLYMOUTH	0-0	1-1
HALIFAX	1-2	0-4	SHREWSBURY	1-1	3-0
TORQUAY	0-1	1-2	GILLINGHAM	2-2	1-0
BRIGHTON	2-0	0-3	BARNSELY	1-0	1-0
READING	2-0	0-1	BRISTOL ROVERS	0-1	0-2
WALSALL	1-2	2-1	WREXHAM	2-1	0-0
PRESTON	1-1	0-4	ASTON VILLA	2-1	2-3
CHESTERFIELD	2-1	0-4	BRADFORD CITY	3-1	0-3
SWANSEA	1-2	1-1	BURY	2-0	3-2
ROTHERHAM	0-2	0-2	FULHAM	0-1	1-1
			ROCHDALE	1-2	0-1

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D. Peacock 1. S. Endersey

B. Russell 2. C. Bailie

S. Yates 3. K. Baddeley

I. Snodin 4. P. Batty

G. Humphries 5. S. Gibson

J. Philliben 6. M. Graham

A. Brown 7. D. Hockaday

E. Moss 8. G. Emmanuel

C. Douglas 9. A. Rowland

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