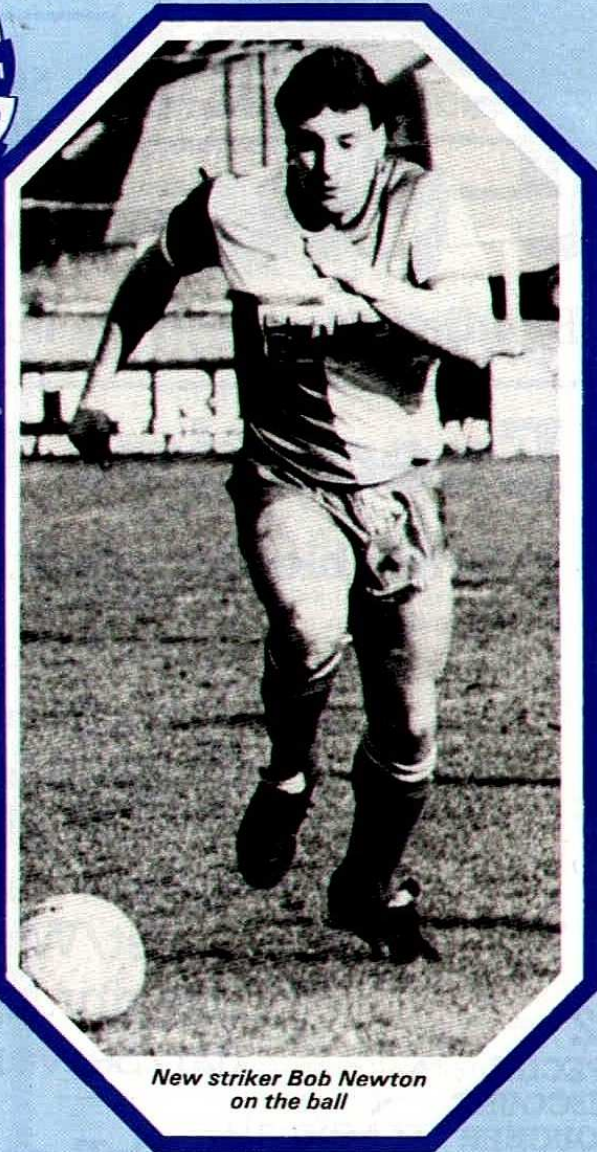


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From the Boardroom

POSITIVE ACTION FOR THE FUTURE

It is a good feeling to be playing back in Bristol this afternoon, amid our temporary exile at Bath. As you have probably read in the Press and seen on the television recently, we are leaving no stone un-turned in our efforts to return to our native city.

Bristol Rovers Football Club is a long standing, valuable institution of the City of Bristol. It has served the City well and with honour for over 100 years, and has given much pleasure and entertainment during that time.

We have not asked the City of Bristol for help in coping with the club's finances, or shirked the responsibility for them, but have put our house in order. What we are asking for is the opportunity to establish a home for the Club . . . just an opportunity.

Surely the City of Bristol owes that in return for 104 years of service. Rovers supporters have asked me what they can do to help. The answer is simple. The plight of Bristol Rovers must be conveyed to local M.P.'s Councillors and planners.

Please write to them and show that we will not lie down and be forgotten!

GEOFF DUNFORD
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Summer Fete at Hambrook

On Saturday, 11th July, Rovers New Helpline Society will be holding a "SUMMER FETE/EXTRAVAGANZA" incorporating the Draw for a Brand New FORD FIESTA.

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Welcome Swindon



In Focus

GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH?

Lou Macari's all-conquering Swindon Town side look set to sweep straight through the Third Division after creating Football League history last season when they gathered up no less than 102 points - topping York City's 101 tally two years earlier.

Their 32 victories was the best in any season in the club's illustrious history... but, surprisingly, their Fourth Division championship win was the first time Swindon had actually clinched a Football League title.

Mr. Macari likes to keep his team selections a secret right up to an hour before the kick-off, but their line-up has become fairly predictable in recent weeks as the shrewd ex-Celtic and Manchester United star seems to have decided on fielding a settled side in the crucial closing weeks of the campaign.

He went back to Old Trafford at the beginning of the season to recruit teenage goalkeeper **Fraser Digby**, (19), a former England schoolboy international.

The full backs are likely to be two players with close Bristol links - former Bristol City apprentice **Chris Ramsey** and Bristolian **Phil King**.

Twenty-four-year-old **Chris Ramsey** joined Brighton after leaving Ashton Gate and played in the Seagulls' 1983 F.A. Cup Final team against Manchester United. His career was stunted by a serious leg injury in that showpiece and, after a brief loan spell, he moved permanently to Swindon just over two years ago.

Phil King was a colleague of Rovers' **Ian Weston** in the Northavon Schoolboys team. He became an apprentice with Exeter City, moved on to neighbouring Torquay in a freedom-of-contract transfer last summer and was signed by Lou Macari two months ago. He is still only 19.

Centre half **Tim Parkin** also needs no introduction to Rovers fans. Voted 'Player of the Year' in the last two of his five seasons with Rovers, 29-year-old **Tim** - who previously played for Blackburn and Malmö (Sweden) - was signed by Mr. Macari last summer for a tribunal-fixed fee of £27,500.

Tim's partner at the centre of defence, **Colin Calderwood**, a Scot, aged 22, previously with Mansfield Town, was recruited in the same manner twelve months earlier for an identical fee.

Mr. Macari has four main midfield men - **Leigh Barnard**, **Chris Kamara**, **Peter Coyne** and **Mark Jones**.

Leigh Barnard, (28), is the only survivor of the players the manager inherited in 1984 who is still a regular first-choice. A former Portsmouth apprentice, he arrived at the County Ground in 1982 on a free transfer and nearly joined Exeter City two years ago after a month's loan to the Devon club.

Chris Kamara, another ex-Pompey apprentice, rejoined Swindon for a second spell in 1985 from Brentford for £12,500. Aged 29, he is one of the few players to have had two periods with two clubs, Portsmouth and Swindon.

Peter Coyne is a 28-year-old former 'schoolboy wonder' following hat-tricks at Wembley for England Boys who failed to make the grade with Manchester United and then Crewe, but who has made the most of his 'second chance' after being picked up from non-League Hyde United two seasons ago.

And **Mark Jones**, (25), a recent recruit from Oxford United, is an ex-Oxford apprentice who helped his club's fairy-tale climb from the Third to First Divisions but jumped at the move to Swindon when he found difficulty in commanding a regular place in the top flight.

TOWN'S 1986/87 PHOTO

Back row: **Mark Gardner**, **Steve White**, **Jimmy Gilligan**, **Chris Kamara**, **Tim Parkin**, **Alan Churchward**, **Kenny Allen**, **Dave Bamber**, **Charlie Henry**, **David Cole**, **Colin Calderwood**, **Chris Ramsey**. Middle row: **Philip Bell**, **Nicky Hughes**, **Tony Berry**, **Peter Lango**, **Andy Rowland**, **Garry Gillen**, **Dave Barnett**, **Dean Casserly**, **Adrian Viveash**. Front row: **John Trollope**, **Alan McLoughlin**, **Lee Barnard**, **Martin Ling**, **Peter Coyne**, **Lou Macari**, **Mark Hughes**, **Jamie Reynolds**, **Bryan Wade**, **David Hackaday**, **Kevin Morris**.



Attack-minded Macari often includes four strikers in his squad - **Dave Bamber**, **Steve White**, **Jimmy Quinn** and **Bryan Wade**.

Bustling **Dave Bamber**, the ex-Blackpool, Coventry, Walsall and Portsmouth goal ace, aged 28, joined Swindon thirteen months ago for £15,000 - and immediately repaid the investment by scoring nine times in the run-up to the championship.

He is joint top scorer this season with **Steve White**, the 28-year-old from Rangeworthy who began his career with Rovers, went into Division One with Luton and after a spell with Charlton returned to Rovers for three years before moving to Swindon last summer.

Northern Ireland international **Jimmy Quinn**, (27), is another player in his second spell at the County Ground. Originally recruited from Oswestry Town, he was lured to Blackburn three summers ago in a freedom-of-contract move but happily returned to Swindon earlier this campaign.

While 23-year-old **Bryan Wade**, formerly with Bath City and Trowbridge Town, has made a very successful transition to full-time soccer, contributing his full quota of goals.

Mr. Macari further strengthened his squad with two beat-the-transfer-deadline signings - former Portsmouth and Sunderland midfielder **Steve Berry**, who celebrated his 24th birthday last Saturday and cost £15,000 from Newport; and teenage striker **Craig Maskell**, who is on loan from Southampton.

Watch out For

Colin Calderwood will play for Scotland in the near future - that's the confident prediction of proud Scot Lou Macari, who should know something about it having won 24 caps himself!

The Stirling-born central defender is rated his manager's best buy. He played an inspirational role in last season's Fourth Division championship triumph, deservedly winning the 'Player of the Year' award to crown a memorable first season at the County Ground.

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And below left is Helpline winner Graham Hazell receiving his £50 Argos Voucher from Ian Weston.

Today's spin of the Golden Arrow at half-time is for this week's Helpline £200 cash prize and five £50 Argos Vouchers. If you would like to join the society, contact Tony Wood at 468 Stapleton Road on Bristol 510363.



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Mark O'Connor (now Bournemouth) and Steve White (now Swindon) scored for Rovers when the clubs met last season in the Freight Rover Trophy. Rovers winning 2-1 with Swindon's reply coming from Leigh Barnard.

In the earlier game this season at the County Ground Rovers again won 2-1 thanks to two goals from Trevor Morgan (now Bristol City). Dave Bamber netted for Swindon.

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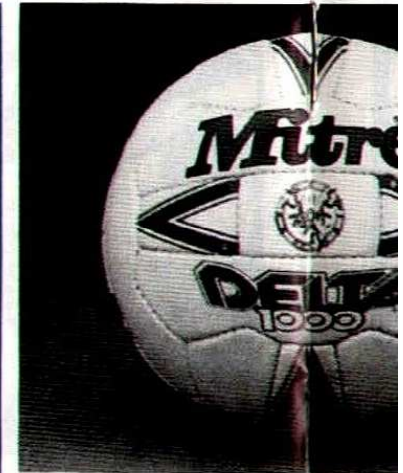
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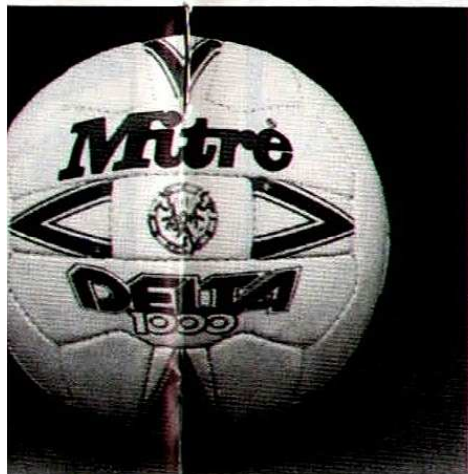
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Twentyman	36	-	36	-																																																																																																																																																																		
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Alexander	22 + 2s	1	22 + 2s	1																																																																																																																																																																		
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	Res.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AUGUST 1986														
23 Walsall	3-0	6,269	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit 1	Smalley	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan 2	Mehew	Micallef	Smart
27 Reading (L. Cup 1-2)	1-2	3,790	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit*	Carr	Jones	Alexander	Penrice 1	Morgan	Mehew	Purnell*	Smart / Francis
SEPTEMBER														
30 Bolton Wanderers	1-0	4,092	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Smalley	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan 1	Mehew	Purnell	Smart / Francis
3 Reading (L. Cup 1-2)	0-4	4,300	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander*	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew	Purnell*	*Carr / Francis
6 York City	0-1	3,795	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Francis	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew	Micallef	*Alexander
13 Mansfield Town	0-0	2,802	Carter	Scales	Jones	Hibbit	Smalley	Smalley	Alexander*	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew	Purnell	*Smart
17 Middlesbrough	1-2	3,768	Carter	Scales	Jones	Hibbit*	Twentyman	Smalley	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Micallef 1	Purnell	*Smart
20 Rotherham United	1-0	2,702	Carter	Scales	Jones	Francis	Twentyman	Smalley	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Micallef 1	Tanner 1	*Smart
27 Blackpool	2-2	3,417	Hammond	Scales	Jones 1	Francis	Twentyman	Smalley	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew 1	Tanner*	*Smart
30 Notts County	0-3	3,409	Hammond	Scales	Jones	Francis	Twentyman	Smalley	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew*	Tanner	*Smart
OCTOBER														
4 Chesterfield	3-2	2,768	Hammond	Tanner	Jones	Francis	Twentyman	Smalley	Alexander 1	Penrice	Johns 1	Mehew 1	Purnell*	*Scales
11 Wigan Athletic	3-4	2,438	Carter	Tanner	Jones	Hibbit 1	Twentyman	Smalley	Scales	Penrice	Johns	Mehew 2	Alexander*	*Noble
18 Port Vale	0-0	3,053	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Jones	Smalley	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew	Noble	Twentyman
21 Fulham	2-2	2,351	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Micallef	Twentyman	Carr	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan 1	Mehew 1	Noble	Weston
25 Carlisle United	0-2	2,799	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Micallef	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew	Noble*	*Carr
NOVEMBER														
4 Swindon Town	2-1	9,070												
8 Bury	1-1	2,947	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan 2	Mehew*	Noble	*Carr
22 Chester City	1-3	2,026	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Mehew 1	Noble	*Carr
DECEMBER														
3 Brentford (F.A.C. 1)	0-0	3,035	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan 1	Mehew*	Micallef	*Noble
6 Brentford (F.A.C. 1R)	0-2	3,848	Carter	Scales	Carr	Hibbit	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander*	Penrice	Morgan 1	Mehew*	Micallef	*Noble
14 Newport County	2-2	2,660	Carter	Hibbit	Carr	Hibbit*	Twentyman	Jones	Weston	Penrice	Morgan*	Purnell	Tanner	*Boyle / Noble
16 Bristol City (F.R.T.)	0-3	6,903	Carter	Hibbit	Tanner	Smart	Twentyman	Jones	Noble 1	Penrice	Morgan	Purnell	Tanner	*Alexander
19 Gillingham	1-4	4,448	Carter	Hibbit	Carr	Smart	Twentyman	Jones	Alexander	Penrice	Morgan	Purnell*	Noble*	*Scales / Mehew
26 A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-3	3,573	Carter	Scales	Carr	Smart	Twentyman	Jones	Noble	Penrice	Morgan 1	Alexander	Tanner	*Boyle
28 Brentford	2-1	4,510	Carter	Scales	Carr	Alexander	Twentyman	Jones	Noble	Penrice	Morgan	Purnell	Tanner	*Smart
JANUARY 1987														
1 Bristol City	1-0	17,122	Carter	Jones	Scales	Weston*	Twentyman	Carr	Dryden	Smart 1	Morgan	Mehew	Tanner	*Micallef
7 Exeter City (F.R.T.)	1-1	1,608	Carter	Jones	Scales	Penrice	Twentyman	Carr	Dryden*	Smart	Morgan	Mehew*	Tanner	*Turner / Micallef 1
17 Bolton Wanderers	2-2	4,081	Carter	Jones	Scales	Weston	Twentyman	Carr	Dryden*	Smart 1	Turner	Micallef	Tanner	*Penrice 1
23 York City	1-0	2,597	Carter	Jones*	Scales	Weston	Twentyman	Carr	Smart	Penrice 1	Turner	Micallef	Tanner	*Noble
31 Mansfield Town (4)	0-5	2,718	Carter	Scales	Noble*	Weston	Twentyman	Carr	Dryden	Penrice	Turner	Micallef	Tanner	*Purnell
FEBRUARY														
7 Middlesbrough	0-1	11,639	Carter	Scales	Dryden	Weston	Twentyman	Carr	Smart	Penrice	Turner	Micallef	Tanner	Hibbit
14 Rotherham United	0-2	2,467	Carter	Scales	Dryden*	Hibbit	Twentyman	Carr	Smart	Penrice	Turner	Micallef	Tanner	*Purnell
21 Blackpool (5)	1-6	3,434	Carter	Scales	Tanner	Hibbit	Twentyman	Carr	Smart	Penrice	Turner*	Mehew 1	Micallef	*Smart
28 Notts County	0-0	2,978	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Weston*	Twentyman	Cawley	Alexander	Penrice	Tanner	Newton	Mehew	*Hibbit
MARCH														
3 Darlington	1-1	1,350	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Weston	Twentyman	Yates	Penrice	Tanner	Newton	Mehew 1	Noble*	*Micallef
7 Carlisle United	0-3	2,282	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Weston*	Twentyman	Yates	Penrice	Tanner	Newton	Mehew	Noble	*Diamant
11 Walsall	1-4	2,758	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Weston	Twentyman	Tanner	Clement	Penrice 1	Newton*	Mehew	Noble	*Purnell
18 Fulham	0-0	2,448	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Carr	Twentyman	Tanner	Clement	Penrice	Newton	Purnell	Hibbit	*Micallef
21 Wigan Athletic	1-0	2,635	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Carr	Twentyman	Tanner	Clement	Penrice	Newton	Purnell*	Hibbit 1	*Alexander
28 Chesterfield	1-1	2,157	Carter	Scales	Rushbury	Carr	Twentyman	Tanner	Clement	*Penrice 1	Newton	Mecham	Hibbit	*Jones
APRIL														
4 Bury	0-1	1,960	Bradshaw	Scales	Rushbury	Carr	Twentyman	Tanner	Clement	Penrice	Jones	Mecham	Hibbit	Cawley
8 Darlington														
10 Swindon Town														
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KEY 1 Denotes goalscorer * Player substituted • Substitute used ± Own goal Home matches and scorers in heavy type Rovers score given first

Did you know.

★ The recent introduction of Paul Bradshaw into Rovers' team means that so far this season Bobby Gould has used no less than thirty different players - a record in the club's 103-year history.

★ An analysis of the appearance chart reveals that all eighteen full-time professionals on the club's books have been used with the exception of long-term injury victim Lee Portch, plus of course Trevor Morgan (now at Bristol City).

★ The total is completed by two part-timers, two trainees, four non-contract players and four loan signings.

★ Breaking that down another way - by positions - shows Rovers using three different goalkeepers, nine defenders, eleven midfielders and seven strikers, and that analysis does not include the occasions when players have occupied unusual positions.

★ Injuries have to a large extent forced the manager's hand, with first team regulars like Vaughan Jones, Kenny Hibbit, Ian Alexander, Tarky Micallef, and most recently Rob Turner and Bob Newton on the side-lines for lengthy spells.



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