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As Don sees it...

OUR Easter home match today sees the return of the Boxing Day fixture with Swindon Town and, in welcoming them to Ewood Park, I would like to give a special welcome to their manager Ossie Ardiles.

Ossie had a spell here trying to help us to win promotion. Now, as a manager, he is trying to get his own team into a similar position and I am sure he will be the first to agree that it's vastly different sitting on the touchline as boss than it is playing!

We had an exciting first game with Swindon, at the County Ground, with the latter part played in fog, which made it difficult to see what was going on.

But we had a two-goal lead and threw it away. We shall be trying very hard to put that to rights this afternoon.

It's an important game for both clubs, this time for the right reasons. We've had some very difficult fixtures, recently, playing against teams desperate for points for the wrong reasons. Today we meet a team striving for the same goal as ourselves. But, knowing Swindon and Ossie, that won't make it any easier for us.

To comment on our last home match, I can only say we were very disappointed with the first half performance. But these things can and do happen and it was pointed out to me that Plymouth have been something of a bogey team in recent years.

Apparently, we hadn't beaten them in seven attempts since they returned to the Second Division. So it might be significant that we DID beat them this time.

I would just say in defence of the players that I have never known a player yet who has gone out to play badly on purpose. You have to give some credit, or criticism, depending on your choice of words, to the opposition.

Plymouth made it very difficult for us but, on our side, I think some credit should go to our midfield players who are often the subject of criticism. Scott Sellars got the glory but there were also significant contributions from players like John Millar and Nicky Reid.

On that note, what about the feast of football when the F.A. Cup semi-finals were shown on television?

It doesn't half put the rubbish written by some journalists to shame when we see two occasions



like that. Big crowds, so much at stake, yet Hitchcock couldn't have written a better script.

The thing that shatters me is that some people are so quick to jump on everything they can to have a go at the game.

So how refreshing it was to show people that the game is about what happens on the field. All four clubs who took part in the semi-finals deserve a pat on the back for the manner in which the games were played. They did football a service and let's hope, this afternoon, that we can contribute to that theme and add something to it.

I suppose I am obliged to thank Barclays Bank for the Second Division Manager of the Month award for March, and I am not being flippant when I say that. It's just that, when these things are announced, they are often followed by funny results.

The award comes to me, as I suppose I am the figurehead of the club. But, as I have said before, a lot of people have contributed and deserve credit — not least the players who have had a long and difficult season.

Having had just a few weeks break, following a promotion bid, they deserve credit for their efforts.

You, the supporters, also have a part to play and can help immensely by your attitude. Try to encourage the players, rather than knocking them in what is another important match, as we have two more away fixtures coming up again.

It's important we get the right result today but not so important that, at the end, we can't shake hands with our opponents and say 'Thanks for the game'.

Don Mackay



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JOHN HOWARTH



Lancashire's Chief Constable, Mr Brian Johnson, cuts the tape to officially open the Walkersteel Stand which includes an area for disabled supporters. On the left is Rovers' chairman Mr William Fox and on the right Mr Jack Walker, of Walkersteel.



Manager Don Mackay has signed a new contract along with Assistant Manager Tony Parkes, Reserve Team Manager Jim Furnell and Physiotherapist Jack Cunningham who are seen here with Club Chairman Mr William Fox. The club regards the contracts as reward for past efforts as well as securing the future.

It's all-ticket

In view of the expected interest in the game against Sheffield United on Tuesday, May 1st, (kick-off 7.45pm) we have decided to make it ALL TICKET for all areas of the ground. Tickets are on sale at usual League match prices.

Supporters should note that memberships are required for both the Nuttall Street Stand and Walkersteel Stand areas (details are available from the Ticket Office).

Season ticket holders should use Coupon No.22 to gain admission on the night as usual.

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Penalty contest

THE second semi-final of the under-13 penalty competition for the John Staniforth Cup, takes place at half-time today and features Billinge High School in the green strip and Witton Park High School in light blue.



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Seen & Heard

with Peter White

Lancashire Evening Telegraph

YOU'VE got to hand it to the Irish. Businesses in the Republic, faced with potentially-costly absenteeism this summer because of their team's World Cup bid, aren't just sitting back and waiting for the worst — they're doing something positive about it.

And they've turned to the most appropriate man to help them, Jack Charlton, the manager who inspired the team to Italy in the first place.

Worried that the economy could suffer, as workers take time off to watch the games, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce has invited big Jack to a pre-Italy seminar, which will consider the effects of absenteeism when matches are televised.

"We are saying there are ways it can be planned — hours and holidays can be moved, special arrangements can be made to accommodate staff," said Chamber president Vincent O'Doherty.

"We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to watch the ties and not have the national economy grind to a halt."

Nice to see someone getting their priorities right!

COVENTRY manager John Sillett has had enough — well, almost.

He is expected to sign a new three-year deal with the Highfield Road club but vowed: "This will be the last contract I will ever sign. I have made a promise to my family that it will be for only three years."

"Football has been my life but there is a lot of stress and there comes a time when you have to call it a day. But before I go I would love to win the League championship with Coventry."

I think Liverpool might just have something to say about that.



OXFORD manager Brian Horton was so annoyed by his team's recent defeat at Barnsley he put his entire playing staff "in suspense".

No, he didn't ban them. He told every player to report to the ground on the day the First Team were at home to West Ham and the Reserves were visiting Tottenham.

And he didn't tell them until they arrived whether it was off with the "Stiffs" to Spurs, or still in the first team against West Ham.

An understandable reaction, perhaps, but it couldn't have done much for pre-match planning for either game and — yes you've guessed — Oxford lost both!

WHEN Watford played Ipswich, there were no suggestions of an old pals act, as Watford twice came from behind to snatch a 3-3 draw.

Though it could have been said that Vicarage Road caretaker-boss Colin Lee certainly owed Ipswich manager John Duncan a favour.

The duo were clubmates in their playing days at Tottenham and it was an injury to Duncan which enabled Lee to make his senior debut. You could say he grasped the chance. He scored four goals!

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ROVERS' Second Division rivals Wolves aren't backward when it comes to a bit of public relations.

In the Molineux club's weekly draw competition, winners of the top prize for six weeks will have their Poll Tax paid by the club! How did they come up with the idea? According to the Barclays League Bulletin, it stemmed from the Wolves Commercial manager who is, wait for it, a councillor who recently had to set the Poll Tax in his own area!

Welcome to...



OSSIE ARDILES (above) was appointed manager of Swindon Town on July 20, 1989. An Argentinian international, he earned fame during their World Cup triumph of 1978 in Rio De Janeiro when, along with Mario Kempes, he was the star of the Argentinian line-up.

With fellow Argentinian Ricky Villa he signed for Tottenham Hotspur in 1978 and during his ten years there he collected an F.A. Cup winners medal in 1987 and a U.E.F.A. Cup winners medal in 1984.

Ossie played five games for Blackburn Rovers while on loan during his final season at Tottenham and then moved to Queens Park Rangers at the end of the 1987/88 season.

He had the misfortune to break a leg while with QPR last season and after a period of recovery he spent the summer playing for Fort Lauderdale in America prior to joining Swindon Town.

FRASER DIGBY. Goalkeeper. The former England Under-21 international was the only player to make the maximum number of league appearances last season. Fraser began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice and following a period on loan at the County Ground, the Sheffield-born goalkeeper moved to Swindon Town for a fee of £12,500 in December, 1987.

NICKY HAMMOND. Goalkeeper. Nick, who commenced his career with Arsenal as a trainee, actually made his League debut with Bristol Rovers. Given a free transfer by the Highbury club at the end of the 1986-87 season, he has proved an able understudy to Fraser Digby.

DAVE HOCKADAY. Defender. Joined Swindon Town from Blackpool on a free transfer in August, 1983. He is capable of playing in several positions. In fact, Dave originally joined the club as a winger and was successfully converted to a full back role.

TIM PARKIN. Defender. Joined Swindon Town in July, 1986, after a Football Appeals Committee had set the compensation fee of £27,500 to be made payable to his former club, Bristol Rovers. Tim, who had previously played here at Ewood and for Malmö (Sweden) proved to be a shrewd signing, and he played a major part in helping the club to establish a springboard for promotion from the Third Division and gain a place in last season's Second Division play-offs.

ROSS MACLAREN. Defender. Ross moved to the County Ground in July, 1988, from Derby County and the Scottish-born defender quickly settled into a sweeper role. He entered the Football League with Shrewsbury Town in 1980 after being released on a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers. After five years there he moved to Derby County.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. Defender. Colin, the Club Captain, is widely regarded as one of the Second Division's strongest central defenders. Signed from Mansfield Town in June 1985.

PHIL KING. Defender. The former Exeter City and Torquay United full back joined Swindon Town after an initial loan period for a fee of £12,500 in March, 1987. Regarded by many clubs as one of the most promising young defenders in the Second Division.

PAUL BODIN. Defender. Paul joined Swindon Town from the now defunct Newport County in March, 1988. The Welsh-born utility player commenced his career in the Football League with the former Somerton Park club without making a senior appearance. It was after joining fellow Welsh club Cardiff City that he made his league debut. After three seasons he drifted into non-league football with Bath City. Newport County eventually paid the Southern League club £15,000 for his return in January, 1988.

JON GITTENS. Defender. Jon joined Swindon Town in July, 1987, with a Football League tribunal committee setting the fee at £40,000 following his move from Southampton. The Birmingham born central defender was signed by the Saints from Paget Rovers, the Midland Combination Club, in October, 1985.

TOM JONES. Midfielder. After being discarded by Chelsea as a youngster he drifted into non-league circles with Farnborough Town and Weymouth. He was signed by Aberdeen in 1987 and stayed just over a year before joining Swindon.

STEVE FOLEY. Midfielder. The former Liverpool apprentice made his League debut while on loan to Fulham. He joined Grimsby Town in 1984 and moved to Sheffield United a year later before moving to Swindon in July, 1987.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. Midfielder. The former Manchester United apprentice moved to Swindon Town on a free transfer in August, 1986. Originally a full back, Alan was converted to a midfield role and he relished the transition. Last season he established a regular position in the Town's Second Division promotion drive.

FITZROY SIMPSON. Midfielder. Former Swindon apprentice who made his League debut last season. A mainly left-sided player.

JOHN CORNWELL. Midfielder. John can perform equally well in midfield or defence. A former Leyton Orient apprentice, he moved to Newcastle in July, 1987, for £50,000 and joined Swindon in December, 1988 for a £60,000 fee.

MARK JONES. Midfielder. After seven years with Oxford United, during which he helped them win the Second Division Championship in 1984-85, Mark signed for Swindon in October, 1986, after a period on loan.

STEVE WHITE. Forward. Joined Swindon in a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July, 1986, and in the past three seasons he has never failed to score into double figures. His League career began at Bristol Rovers and he also played for Luton, Charlton and Lincoln before returning to Bristol Rovers.

SWINDON TOWN



DUNCAN SHEARER. Forward. Leading scorer for Swindon in the League last season with 14 goals. The Scot entered League football with Chelsea and later moved to Huddersfield from where Swindon signed him for £250,000 in June, 1988.

DAVID GEDDIS. Forward. A former Ipswich Town apprentice who moved to Aston Villa in 1979 and later played for Barnsley, Birmingham City and Shrewsbury from where he was signed in October, 1988.

ADRIAN VIVEASH. Forward. A product of the club's youth scheme and now in his second year as a full-time professional. Although primarily regarded as a striker the local born player is capable of performing in several roles.

PAUL HUNT. Forward. Another of the club's youth team players of last season to be elevated to the senior ranks. This diminutive striker was a consistent goalscorer in his two seasons at Youth Team level.

NICKY SUMMERBEE. Forward. Son of the former Town, Manchester City and England international, Mike Summerbee. Nicky joined the club as a trainee, and after progressing through the club's youth ranks he was expected to establish a regular position in the club's Reserve team this season.

PAUL O'DRISCOLL. Forward. The former Southampton player joined the club for a trial period when pre-season training commenced after being given a free transfer by the First Division club.

NEIL TOMLISON. Forward. The former Shrewsbury Town non-contract player is in his second season at the County Ground. A regular member of the Town's Reserve team in the Football Combination last season.

BACK: Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin.

MIDDLE: Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross Maclaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard (now with Cardiff City), Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist)

FRONT: Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.

FORM GUIDE — SWINDON TOWN'S LAST TEN GAMES

Date	Opponents	Res	Gate	Scorers	Position in League
Feb 18	West Ham United	H 2-2	16,105	White, MacLaren	3
Feb 24	Portsmouth	A 1-1	10,300	McLoughlin	3
Mar 3	Port Vale	H 3-0	8,314	Calderwood, White, Shearer	3
Mar 6	Bradford City	H 3-1	8,483	Shearer (2), Foley	3
Mar 10	Plymouth A.	A 3-0	8,364	White (2), Shearer	2
Mar 17	Hull City	H 1-3	8,123	Shearer	3
Mar 20	Ipswich Town	A 0-1	11,856		3
Mar 24	Oxford United	A 2-2	8,382	White, Bodin (pen)	3
Mar 31	Leicester City	H 1-1	8,561	Spearing (og)	3
Apr 7	Bournemouth	A 2-1	7,772	Simpson, Gittens	4

(Up to and including April 7)

Flashback

with
HARRY BERRY

AS Ossie Ardiles carefully edges Swindon towards the possibility of the First Division, it is a subtle irony that the very players he is relying on are largely those that prevented his first tilt at master-minding a side out of the Second Division being successful.

Two years ago it was Blackburn who were poised for elevation when Swindon were the visitors and Ardiles had been secured on loan, shortly before the transfer deadline, to provide the leadership for the final push. In fact he was making his home debut, delayed somewhat because of the attentions he suffered on his away debut and which were typical of the treatment he experienced in his brief spell of Second Division life.

That Blackburn did not go up is history now. They failed in the play off against a Chelsea side that carried too much fire power and experience, yet if the



Colin Hendry's last-minute shot looked a winner, until Digby took off.

LAST TEN YEARS' HOME GAMES

88/89	Blackburn	0	Swindon Town	0
87/88	Blackburn	0	Swindon Town	0
Simon Cup	Blackburn	1	Swindon Town	2
	Reid		Gittens, Parkin	
79/80	Blackburn	2	Swindon Town	0
	Crawford (2)			

result of the Swindon game had been different, promotion would have been automatic and there would have been no play off heartbreak.

If you want to recall how close Blackburn came to promotion, focus your eyes on the very centre of the crossbar at the Blackburn end of the ground, and then on the very tips of the fingers of the Swindon goalkeeper Fraser Digby. These were all that stood between the Rovers and the First Division in those dying minutes.

The pattern of the game was set early on. The Rovers were forced to attack and, despite the presence of Ardiles, they looked increasingly incapable of constructing a score — especially when Digby revealed himself to be what he has consistently appeared, one of the finest goalkeepers outside the First Division. His save from Sellars was merely the best of a string of saves which gradually frustrated Blackburn's endeavours and made them become more frantic. That was rectified by a substitution that brought Ainscow into mid-field, but more importantly placed Reid at right back so that the galloping Chris Price could play on the right wing.

Price's quick feet and balance make him a dangerous attacker and he immediately caused an upsurge in the Rovers' fortunes. Sellars's cross fell to him out on the right and he swept it back across goal where Colin Hendry was prowling like some ancient Celtic warlord. His flying header was superbly half stopped by Digby, and then conjured from the line by Hockaday.

Price was soon back in the thick of it. The through pass sprung him past the defence and he sighted the goal carefully as Digby advanced. The shot would certainly have succeeded if it had been struck a fraction less sweetly, but instead it flew past Digby and shivered the crossbar. Nothing it appeared would enter the net.

Superb

The dying seconds confirmed it. As all threw themselves into a final onslaught it was the strong man who forced his tired limbs harder than the rest. Colin Hendry seized on a bouncing ball and volleyed it with all the strength of his huge frame, and the desperation of a man who knows that it is the last chance. The shot was superb, but Digby was better, arching through the air to reach the ball with the merest of touches and deflect it around the post. On the night he was never going to be beaten.

Seconds later the game was history and with the final whistle went the two extra points that would have brought the Rovers ultimate promotion.

BLACKBURN: Gennoe, Price, Millar, Reid, Hendry, Mail, Miller, Ardiles, Archibald, Garner, Sellars. Subs: Ainscow, Diamond.

SWINDON: Digby, Hockaday, King, Calderwood, Parkin, Gittens, Barnes, White, Bamber, Foley, McLoughlin. Subs: O'Regan, Bodin.

Club Connections

IRISH international Jimmy Quinn had a spell with us sandwiched between two spells with Swindon Town. In fact it was after signing for them for the second time that he enjoyed the most prolific spell in his career.

Born in Belfast in 1959, it was with the Welsh border team Oswestry that he first made his mark. At the relatively advanced age of 22 he arrived on the Football League scene, signing for Swindon in December, 1981, and establishing himself in their side in 1983/84 when he got six goals in their run to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup where they went down 2-1 to us after he had given them a first half lead.

He came to us for £32,500 in August, 1984, and made his debut in the opening game of



Jimmy Quinn played 84 games for Rovers between two spells with Swindon Town. Picture: Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

1984/85, going on as substitute for Noel Brotherston at Crystal Palace.

He opened his account with two goals against Sheffield United in December, 1984, and got two more a week later against Wolves at Molineux. In the return game at Bramall Lane, near the end of that season, he got a hat-trick. To crown a highly successful first season he became a regular in the Northern Ireland side.

It was in December, 1986, after 23 goals in 84 games, that he moved back to Swindon for £60,000 and by the end of that season he had netted ten goals. He kicked off 1987/88 with a hat-trick in 20 minutes against Bristol City, and he followed this in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup with another hat-trick against Portsmouth. His season's tally was 31, though he missed the games here both in the Simod Cup and in Division Two.

He moved to Leicester in the summer of 1988 and got six goals before ending the season with a flourish, getting 8 goals in 12 games after moving to Bradford City.

He got seven more goals for them early this season then moved to West Ham for whom his recent spectacular hat-trick against promotion-seeking Sheffield United took his tally for them into double figures.

Still only just 30, Jimmy's league and cup tally is now nearing the 110 mark.

Who is it?

Each week we will give you several clues to a mystery football personality. See if you can guess who it is.

- He was born in Perth in 1955.
- His first Football League club was Bury.
- Swindon signed him from Doncaster in 1978.
- In three seasons with Swindon he scored 9 goals in 127 League games.
- These included a goal against us in our 1979/80 promotion season.
- His debut for us was in a 1-0 home defeat by Sheffield Wednesday in August, 1981.
- He was an ever-present in his first season with us.
- His last game for us was in last season's play-off final against Crystal Palace.
- All in all he played 293 games for us and scored 18 goals.
- He is a fast and exciting winger.

ANSWER to Who is it? in our last matchday magazine: Neil Ramsbottom.

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Back - Tracking with Berry

Harry Berry continues his survey of Welshmen who have played for the Rovers.



IF the club had ever viewed Wales as a recruitment ground, the Great War changed the outlook. No longer did scouts make the oddest of forays into the principality and the only Welshman to come to Ewood during the Twenties was only incidentally a Welshman.

Gilly Shaw was in fact discovered in the Midlands with Brierley Hill and made a few appearances in the mid to late Twenties. On one occasion he scored a goal that earned him comparison with the great Steve Bloomer, but such promise died. Four years later another inside forward, John Richards from Wrexham, had a similar brief career.

They missed the man they should have signed, Wilson Jones. Like Richards he was a red head and had a couple of games with the juniors in 1931. They were not enamoured with his form and rejected him, but the lively centre forward fought his way up the ladder from Brymbo to Wrexham and on to Birmingham, where he was able to make the Rovers suffer for a spell.

Soon after the club did find a Welshman who could grace the side, though his arrival was not greeted with cries of delight. Jack Hughes was employed in a brickworks when the club spotted him playing for Lanarch Celts after brief service with Aberystwyth. Hiding him for the future they found him employment with Dick Kerr's electrical works, for whose football team he played.

Victim

After a brief spell he was brought to Ewood and soon found himself pushed into the first team, even though the club had three fit professionals. Within no time he had gained an amateur international cap, had signed professional and gained a full international cap. However he was a victim of the Rovers' fall to the Second Division and their failure to adapt to life there. Surprisingly he was placed on the transfer list after a rare abysmal game near the end of the season, and before anyone could question the haste of the judgement he was playing for Mansfield. His son was later to have trials with the club, as a goalkeeper.

The final Welshman of the inter-war period was Billy Hough, a full back recruited by Preston, who was unable to obtain a regular place at Deepdale. Surviving an initial period when he was out injured for some time, he established himself in the

promotion side of 1939 as a rough, reliable right back who always returned knocks with interest. The war ruined the remainder of his career and he had retired well before the Football League resumed.

The Second World War might be expected to form a natural break in the story, but in point of fact as far as the Welsh are concerned that came later. In 1948, when the Rovers were desperate for a goalkeeper, they signed the Spurs' reserve Bill Hughes. By some strange quirk of wanderlust Hughes's three clubs had been Newry, in Northern Ireland, Huddersfield and Tottenham. As part of the deal the Rovers' reserve goalkeeper Stan Hayhurst moved to White Hart Lane, where he inherited the impossible task of understudying Ted Ditchburn. Like his namesake before, Hughes quickly gained international recognition but never the favour of the crowd, nor indeed that of the club's managers. He made only 27 appearances before moving and ended a long league career with a mere 56 league games.

Talent

The change in the Welsh story was the appointment of Johnny Carey as the club's manager. He had grown accustomed to the widespread scouting of Manchester United and knew personally of the wealth of young talent available in some of the remoter areas. Wales became an area where he was prepared to pay a scout to search for talent, and he found one who was to see his own nephew, Ron Davies, become an international star.

The pickings from Wales were soon rich. First of all came red-headed left back, Len Hughes, a youth international from the Druids clubs near Wrexham. And a lean, whipcord inside forward, with a smouldering Welsh temperament and fire in his boots, Roy Vernon. Despite a lot of opportunity Hughes did not make it, though it must have been pretty close. Vernon became a real star, sold to Everton for a large fee, and a man who had all the skills of creativity and despatch that were needed to grace the international arena.

To be continued in our next Matchday Magazine.

Profile

Peter Devine, once on the playing staff of Rovers — and Burnley — is now working full time as a leisure-sport training supervisor. He talks to Ron Kennedy about what is involved . . .



PETER DEVINE'S playing career came to a sickening end four years ago when a drunken driver rammed into him on the holiday island of Corfu.

I found him tucked away in an office above the Rovers' Club Shop from where he heads a team of 10 who are responsible for local operations in a scheme bearing the title "Community Programme in Professional Football.

It is funded by the P.F.A. and is run under the auspices of Employment Training.



Peter Devine . . . getting the community involved.

He has been involved from its pilot inauguration, since when the scheme has been embraced by 54 of the clubs in the Barclays League, Rovers being among the backers.

I have to admit that I thought the programme was devoted entirely to football. Not so, as Peter was anxious to point out.

"We want to get all sectors of the community involved, though our target projects are mentally and physically handicapped, children and the elderly," he explained.

"We go into schools and organise all sorts of visits to clubs on a reciprocal basis. We've held such events as dances for pensioners, indoor bowls and trips to the Rossendale ski centre."

THE P.F.A. have given their blessing and backing to the nationwide courses which aim to provide training for people wishing to take up a career in the recreation and leisure industry, which naturally involves a variety of activities, not just football.

Practical

The team of 10 supervised by Peter are hoping to "graduate" from the course with the right brand of qualifications to fan out into the community at large and put their expertise to practical use.

Clearly, clubs such as the Rovers cannot help but benefit from involvement in the operation.

To some extent, however, Peter feels rather isolated; "We want people to know we are here, ready to help in any way we can," he said.

"If anyone wants more information in any shape or form, they should not hesitate to ring me, either through the club or direct on Blackburn 681130.

On a personal note . . . Peter still lives in Blackburn and he and his wife Julie have a two-year-old son, Luke.

I hope and trust his invitation to get in touch brings in a flood of inquiries.

Schools finals

THE Blackburn and Darwen Secondary Schools' Football Finals will be played at Ewood Park on April 26th starting at 4.30pm.

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Rovers in the Picture



Simon Garner puts all he's got into a shot on the Plymouth goal.



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Scott Sellars chips a superb second goal against Plymouth



Scott Sellars slots in the first goal.



Scott Sellars chips a superb second goal against Plymouth. Pictures: John Barry.



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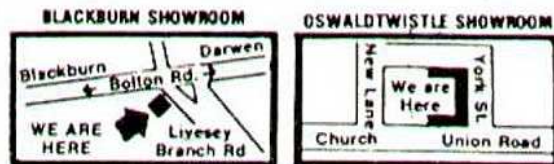
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The London Branch of the Blackburn Rovers Supporters Club sponsored the kit for the match against Plymouth Argyle. Here Andy Carruthers, of Camberley, receives an autographed ball on behalf of the London supporters from Scott Sellars.



The match against Plymouth Argyle was a multi-match sponsorship. The sponsors named Scott Sellars as Rovers' Man of the Match and here he receives his award from Rovers' chairman Mr William Fox.



Gilmartin and Bradley sponsored the ball for the Plymouth Argyle match and here Scott Sellars presents an autographed ball to Maurice Gilmartin watched by Fred Rhodes, Stuart Haworth, Rex and Greg Bradley.

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Colin Hansford, a guest of Vibroplant Plc, one of the five match sponsors for the Plymouth Argyle game, won the Guess the Crowd competition and here receives an autographed ball from Rovers' chairman Mr William Fox.



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February 17	Port Vale	v/d Marel B.V. (Plastics)
March 3	Wolverhampton W.	Rishton Waste Paper
March 10	West Bromwich A.	Mr G. Dickinson, Birmingham
March 20	Portsmouth	Norweb/Hotpoint
March 24	Newcastle United	Senior Heat Treatment, Blackburn
April 7	Plymouth Argyle	London branch, Supporters Association
April 16	Swindon Town	Central School of Motoring
May 1	Sheffield United	S & J Welding
May 5	Brighton & Hove A.	4,000 Holes

Ball

January 1	Bradford City	Blackburn Rovers 100 Club
January 6	Aston Villa (FAC-3)	Slingers Wholesale Meats/S.B. Tippers
January 13	Leeds United	New & Used Office Furniture
January 27	Stoke City	Simon Leigh
February 3	AFC Bournemouth	Mr G's Nightspot
February 17	Port Vale	Mr David Hembrough, Darwen
March 3	Wolverhampton W.	Smurfitt Waste Paper
March 10	West Bromwich A.	Mr J. McNeill, Blackburn
March 20	Portsmouth	Booker Food Services
March 24	Newcastle United	New & Used Office Furniture
April 7	Plymouth Argyle	Gilmartin and Bradley
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THE Reserves made the trip to Malne Road to meet Manchester City knowing that they would have to play much better than they did against Hull the previous week.

Looking at the team sheet it became even more apparent that a big improvement would be required to get anything out of this game. Cooper, Hinchcliffe, Brightwell, Seagraves, Beckford, Heath, Clarke and Co. would prove a much sterner test.

We had lost Jason Wilcox (flu), Ally Dawson (first team duty) and Darren Collier (suspended), so had to re-jig our team with Neil Oliver going to left-back, Tony Finnigan playing right-back, Lennie Johnrose on the left flank and Craig Skinner up front.

We did play better than the previous week, but it was City that caused the problems. It was only a series of fine saves by Lee Gillespie that prevented City gaining a two or three goal lead by half time. As it was, the only goal of the half was scored by Ronnie Hildersley who smashed a shot into the bottom corner after good work from Andy Kennedy and Alan Irvine.

A good result at half time, but still room for improvement if we were to hold on to our lead. We never

really caused them to panic in defence in the second half, and it wasn't any real suprise when they equalised after a series of corners. Again it was down to bad marking (not by a recognised defender I may add). Soon after they got the winner which looked slightly offside, but on reflection they deserved the points for their overall performance.

TEAM: Gillespie, Finnigan, Oliver, Hildersley, Hill, May, Irvine, Shepstone, Skinner, Kennedy Johnrose. Subs: Thorne and Ainsworth.

MEN OF THE MATCH: Craig Skinner and Lee Gillespie.

The 'B' team finished their season at Wigan last Saturday with a commendable 2-2 draw. Playing with a couple of triallists, and against a strong wind, we found it hard work to create any openings in the first half. It was the home side that cashed in on a couple of defensive errors to take a 2-0 lead at half time.

With the wind at our backs in the second half we put the Wigan team under a lot of pressure and had we taken our chances, we could have won 5-2.

We had to settle for a 2-2 draw with our goals coming from Gareth Ainsworth, who scored direct from a corner, and Peter Thorne who hit a glorious volley from the edge of the area for the equaliser.

TEAM: Gillespie, Holt, Sixsmith, Beattie, Dewhurst, Pickup, Ainsworth, Jewson, Butterworth, O'Neill, Baah. Subs: McGarry and Thorne.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Jim Beattie.

Cup final

THE ATS Cup Final between Colne Dynamos and Morecambe is being played at Ewood Park on Monday, April 23, kick-off 7.30pm.

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19 Aug	Morecambe Res.	A	4 0	9 Dec	U.M.I.S.T.	A	5 2
23 Aug	Accrington S Res	A	5 0	16 Dec	Accrington S Res	H	0 1
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2 Sept	Rochdale Res.	H	1 2				
9 Sept	Bolton Wand. 'A'	A	1 1	6 Jan	Man. City 'A'	H	3 1
16 Sept	Liverpool 'A'	H	2 1	13 Jan	Liverpool 'A'	A	0 5
23 Sept	Carlisle Utd Res.	H	2 0	20 Jan	Morecambe Res.	H	2 2
30 Sept	Man. Utd. 'A'	H	0 3	27 Jan	Man. Utd. 'A'	A	0 2
7 Oct	Everton 'A'	A	3 0	3 Feb	Everton 'A'	H	3 2
14 Oct	Preston N.E. 'A'	H	1 0	10 Feb	Carlisle Utd. Res	A	3 0
28 Oct	Crewe Alex 'A'	A	1 2	17 Feb	Marine Res	H	3 0
				24 Feb	Crewe Alex 'A'	H	5 3
4 Nov	Marine Res.	A	PP	10 Mar	Burnley 'A'	A	0 2
11 Nov	Man. City 'A'	A	0 5	24 Mar	Preston N.E. 'A'	A	4 2
18 Nov	U.M.I.S.T.	H	1 0	31 Mar	Bolton Wand 'A'	H	6 0
25 Nov	Burnley 'A'	H	3 0				

The Games People Play

	FA	Att	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	
Aug 19	Oldham Athletic	1.0	9,939	3		Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
23	Leicester City	1.0	11,411	6		Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
26	Leeds United	1.1	25,045	7	2	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Sept 2	Oxford United	2.2	7,578	8	3	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hendry	Hill	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
9	Port Vale	0.0	7,601	9	4	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
16	Sunderland	1.1	10,329	10	7	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
20	Exeter City (I.C. 1-Leg)	0.3	4,808			Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
23	AFC Bournemouth	4.2	7,000	13	2	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
27	West Bromwich Albion	2.2	9,269	14	7	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
30	Barnsley	5.0	8,415	17	2	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Oct 3	Exeter City (I.C. 2-Leg)	2.1	6,608			Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
14	Portsmouth	1.1	7,004	18	6	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
18	Newcastle United	1.2	20,702	18	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
21	Watford	2.2	7,950	19	8	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
28	Plymouth Argyle	2.2	6,876	20	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
31	Hull City	0.0	7,456	21	11	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Nov 4	Brighton & Hove Albion	2.1	7,445	24	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
7	Leeds United (ZC 1)	0.1	5,070			Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
11	Ipswich Town	2.2	7,913	25	10	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
18	Wolverhampton Wand.	2.1	14,695	28	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
21	Middlesbrough	2.4	8,317	28	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
25	West Ham United	5.4	10,215	31	5	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Dec 1	Oldham Athletic	0.2	10,635	31	8	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
9	Leicester City	2.4	7,538	31	8	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
26	Swindon Town	3.4	8,426	31	9	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
30	Sheffield United	2.1	17,279	34	8	Marriott	Reid	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Jan 1	Bradford City	2.2	9,957	35	9	Marriott	Reid	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
6	Aston Villa (FAC 3)	2.2	14,456			Gennoe	Reid	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
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20	Oxford United	1.1	5,973	36	11	Gennoe	Reid	Sulley	Finnigan	Atkins	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
27	Stoke City	3.0	9,132	39	9	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Feb 3	AFC Bournemouth	1.1	7,947	40	9	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
10	Sunderland	1.0	16,043	43	8	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
17	Port Vale (FAC 5)	1.0	9,240	46	5	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
24	West Ham United	1.1	20,054	47	6	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Mar 3	Wolverhampton Wand.	2.3	12,064	47	8	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
10	West Bromwich (FAC 6)	2.1	8,148	50	7	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
17	Middlesbrough	3.0	15,259	53	5	Gennoe	Dawson	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
20	Portsmouth	2.0	8,047	56	5	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
24	Newcastle United	2.0	13,285	59	4	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
31	Watford	1.3	9,096	59	5	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Apr 3	Barnsley	0.0	8,713	60	6	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	Mail	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
7	Plymouth Arg. (FAC 5-F)	2.0	7,492	63	6	Gennoe	Atkins	Dawson	Reid	Moran	Mail	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
10	Hull City																	
14	Bradford City																	
16	Swindon Town																	
21	Stoke City																	
28	Ipswich Town																	
May 1	Sheffield United																	
5	Brighton & Hove Albion																	

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	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	W	D	L	F		
Leeds United	39	14	6	0	39	15	7	28	28	74	
Sheffield United	39	10	5	4	31	22	9	7	4	30	25
Newcastle United	39	14	3	2	44	24	4	9	7	26	24
Swindon Town	39	10	5	4	43	25	8	6	6	28	27
Sunderland	39	10	7	3	37	26	7	6	6	25	30
Blackburn	39	9	7	4	40	28	7	8	4	28	63
Wolverhampton	39	10	5	4	30	18	6	7	7	29	33
West Ham	39	10	5	4	37	20	6	6	8	28	29
Oldham Athletic	37	12	6	1	39	20	3	6	9	15	25
Ipswich Town	38	11	7	1	32	17	4	5	10	21	36
Port Vale	39	10	8	2	33	17	3	6	10	19	30
Leicester City	39	9	7	4	29	22	4	6	9	28	38
Watford	39	10	4	6	35	24	3	8	8	15	24
Oxford United	39	8	6	6	35	29	6	2	11	18	26
West Bromwich	40	6	8	7	34	31	5	6	8	25	28
Portsmouth	39	6	8	6	33	32	5	5	9	17	27
Brighton	39	10	5	5	25	18	3	2	14	24	40
Bournemouth	40	8	6	7	28	27	3	6	10	23	36
Middlesbrough	38	8	3	7	32	22	3	6	11	17	31
Barnsley	38	6	7	6	18	19	4	5	10	21	43
Plymouth	38	7	5	6	25	21	3	4	13	21	37
Hull City	38	3	7	8	14	24	5	8	7	28	31
Bradford City	40	8	5	6	23	20	0	8	13	17	40
Stoke City	39	4	9	6	18	20	1	7	12	10	37

(Up to and including April 7)

Leading Scorers (inc. Cup games)
 Strachan 15, Davison 11, Chapman 9, Deane 19, Bryson 8, Agana 8, Quinn 33, McGhee 23, Gallacher 8, Shearer 24, White 22, McLoughlin 16, Gabbadini 25, Armstrong 10, Gates 9, Garner 17, Sellers 15, Kennedy 13, Bull 23, Mutch 12, Dennison 6, Dicks 12, Quinn 12, Slater 11, Ritchie 26, Palmer 17, Bunn 10, Wark 9, Milton 8, Dozzell 7, Beckford 15, Cross 14, Earle 11, McAllister 9, Reid 8, Campbell 6, Wilkinson 13, Penrice 12, Hodges 8, Dumin 14, Simpson 9, Stein 8, Goodman 19, Bartlett 8, Ford 8, Whittingham 21, Kuhl 7, Filley 5, Codner 9, Bremner 9, Wilkins 6, Blissett 18, Moulden 14, Shearer 6, Slaven 26, Kernaghan 6, Brennan 4, Currie 8, Cooper 7, Agnew 7, Tynan 15, Thomas 13, Stuart 6, Payton 15, Swan 7, McParland 5, Quinn 7, Leonard 7, Tinnion 6, Biggins 9, Bamber 3, Ellis 3.

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PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE		PONTIN'S LEAGUE	
(K.O. 7pm unless otherwise stated)		Division One	
August	2 Everton 2-3	(Up to and including Saturday, March 3 (st))	
21 Derby County 0-0	17 DERBY COUNTY 0-0	Liverpool	27 19 4 4 62 34 61
30 MANCHESTER UTD 1-0	24 Leeds United 1-3	Manchester Utd	28 15 4 9 44 32 49
September	31 NOTTS COUNTY 2-2	Derby County	25 14 6 5 49 30 48
6 EVERTON 1-1	February	Everton	28 14 4 10 51 43 46
12 Notts County (7.30pm) 2-4	7 ASTON VILLA 2-2	Leicester City	28 13 7 8 41 41 46
20 LEEDS UNITED 0-2	12 Leicester City 2-2	Aston Villa	27 13 5 9 65 38 44
October	20 Manchester Utd 2-0	Nottm. Forest	24 13 3 8 58 38 42
5 Coventry City 0-1	March	Leeds United	28 11 7 10 47 37 40
11 BRADFORD CITY 3-1	7 Bradford City (7.30pm) 4-0	Manchester City	27 12 3 12 47 42 39
17 NEWCASTLE UTD 3-2	14 Newcastle United 2-1	Rovers	27 10 8 9 51 51 38
25 NOTTM FOREST 3-2	21 Nottingham Forest 2-6	Coventry City	26 11 3 12 43 47 36
November	28 HULL CITY 4-3	Newcastle United	27 11 3 13 29 41 36
1 Hull City 1-1	April	Sheffield United	23 11 1 11 37 34 34
8 Huddersfield (7.30pm) 3-1	4 Man. City (6.45pm) 1-2		

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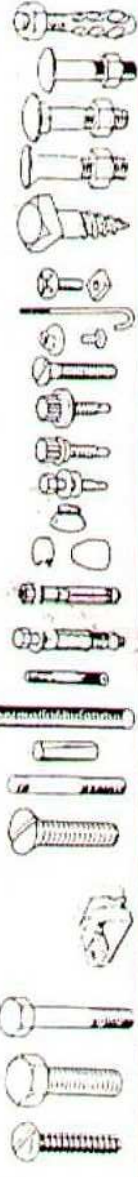
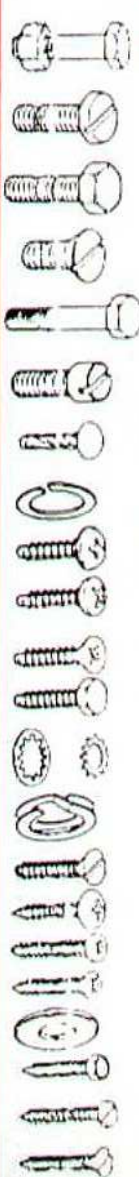
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10 years ago

AFTER a great run of 14 games in which they had gained 27 points, the Rovers came a cropper at St. James's Park, the home of their bogey team Exeter City.

The Devon side led 1-0 at the interval with a goal from Forbes and Neville added a second after 84 minutes.

Rovers: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Parkes.
Attendance: 5,107.

20 years ago

THE Rovers found Huddersfield Town too much for them at Ewood Park. The 2-0 win by the Yorkshire side made sure that they carried off the Second Division championship title.

The Rovers played it too casual and were very disappointing in attack. The line never got moving and the makeshift effort to play Mulvaney as a double spearhead with Don Martin was not a success.
Attendance: 15,125.

30 years ago

NOBODY could accuse the Rovers of not trying against Leicester City at Ewood Park. It was just that the forwards hadn't the necessary craft or punch to beat a splendidly organised City defence.

MacLeod was the best forward. Douglas attempted too much on his own, and Dobing could not make any impression against England prospect Knapp. The only goal came from Leicester's Wills.
Attendance: 18,601.

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Family Club News

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THIS programme had to be printed early due to the Easter holidays, so I cannot guarantee that at the time you are reading this we will still have seats left for the Away Day to Stoke City on Saturday. If you are interested call into the Away Travel Office and Paul will have the latest information.

The cost is £4.50 per person and all adults must be accompanied by a junior member.

◆ Bring a packed lunch because we will be playing football before the match.

Departures: Boar's Head, Accrington 8.45am; Bridge Street, Blackburn 9.15am; Albion Hotel, Ewood 9.30am; Darwen Leisure Centre 9.45am.

Away Day to Ipswich

ONCE again we have a Family Away Day to Ipswich, on April 28, which costs £15 including match tickets. Departures: Boar's Head, Accrington 7.00am; Bridge Street, Blackburn 7.30am; Albion Hotel, Ewood 7.45am; Darwen Leisure Centre 8.00am.

Graham's a winner!

THE winner of the Goodmans radio cassette



This group of young Family Club members knew that Peter Devine had organised a day out for them last Monday. But it was not until they arrived at Ewood that they discovered the trip involved a tour of Liverpool Football Club AND Everton! Simon Garner and David Mall were there to give the youngsters a great send-off.

recorder offered as a competition prize in the Rovers v Portsmouth programme is Graham Jones, of Highcross Road, Poulton. The correct answer to the contest question is: Tony Parkes, Graham Hawkins and Ken Beamish.

Club night

OUR next Family Club Night will be on Tuesday, April 24th, in the 100 Club here at Ewood Park. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Football training

WHY not join in our Football training sessions which start again on Sunday, April 22nd? It's at Shadsworth Sports Centre and begins at 11.00am. These sessions are still being held indoors at the moment until the weather improves.

Birthdays

THREE members have birthdays during the next few days. Emma Kay celebrates her's on Thursday, April 19th, Gareth Williams on Saturday, April 21, and Jared Young on Sunday, April 22. Everyone here at Blackburn Rovers sends their best wishes to you all for a very happy birthday.

Meet Neil

TODAY'S Matchday Mascot is Neil J. Cole who is 10 years old and attends St. Mary's School, Haslingden. His hobby is Football and his favourite Rovers player is Scott Sellars. Hope you have a great day, Neil.





BLACKBURN ROVERS		SWINDON TOWN
Terry GENNOE	1	Fraser DIGBY
Mark ATKINS	2	David KERSLAKE
Ally DAWSON	3	Paul BODIN
Nicky REID	4	Alan McLOUGHLIN
Kevin MORAN	5	Colin CALDERWOOD
David MAIL	6	Jon GITTENS
Howard GAYLE	7	Tom JONES
John MILLAR	8	Duncan SHEARER
Frank STAPLETON	9	Steve WHITE
Simon GARNER	10	Ross MACLAREN
Scott SELLARS	11	Fitzroy SIMPSON
	12	
	14	



**Referee
Robert Hart**

Robert, of Darlington, Co. Durham, has a vehicle repair business and is married with two sons. He began refereeing in the Auckland and District League in 1971, was appointed to the Football League's linesmen's list in 1977 and the referees' list in 1986. In 1986 he was a linesman for the F.A. Cup Final, the European Cup Winners' Cup and an Under-21 international.



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