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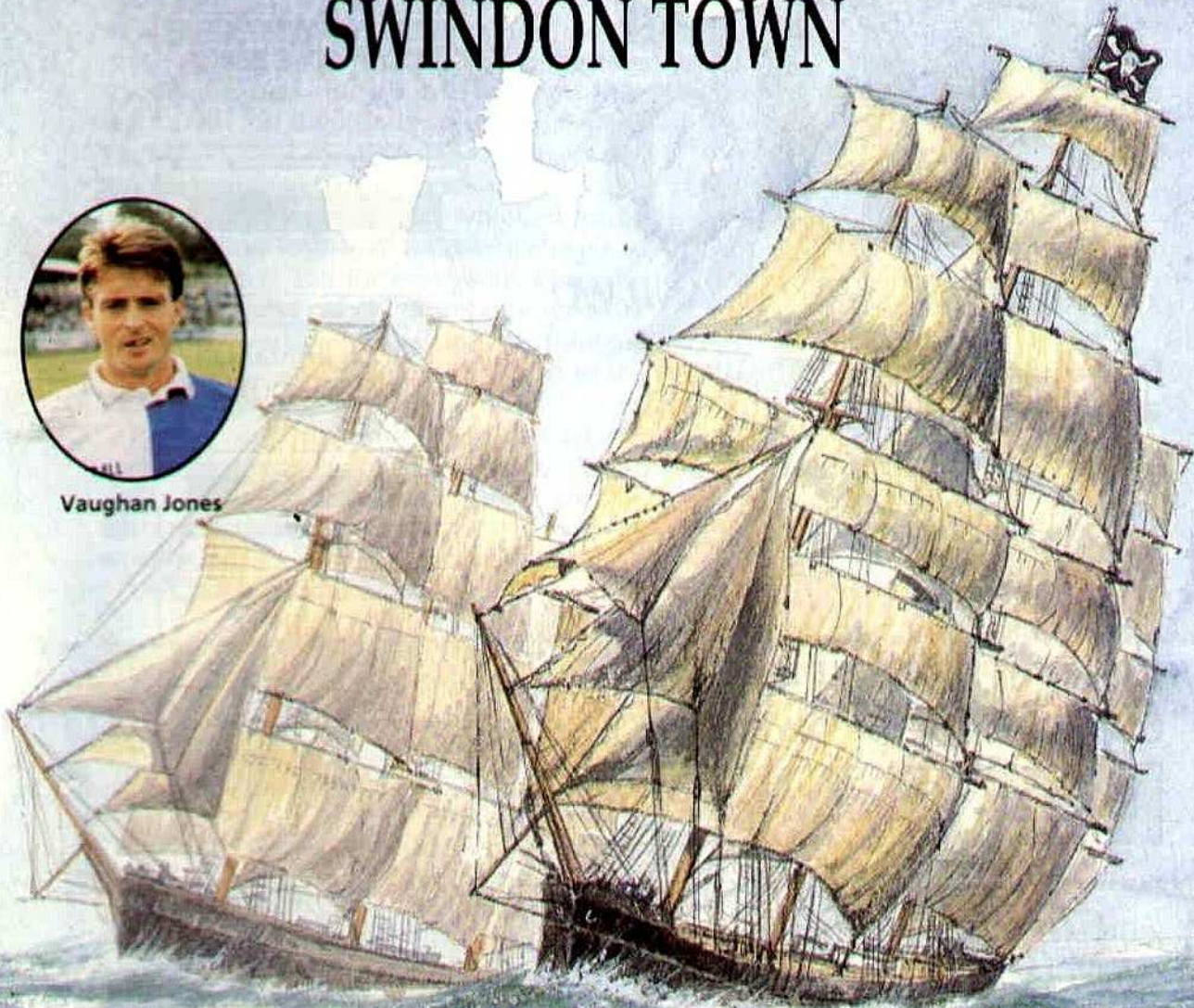
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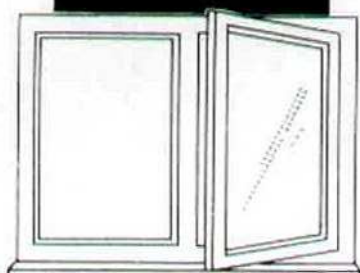
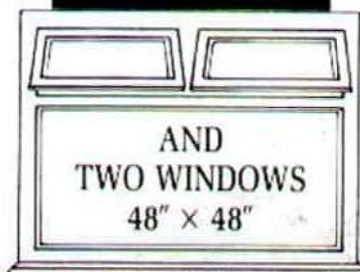
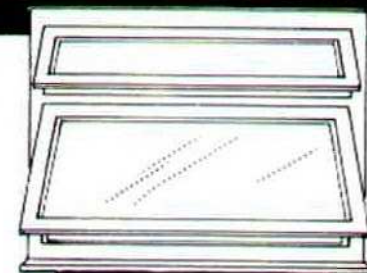
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DENNIS ROFE

Good Morning Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. We are faced with another strange day and kick-off time for today's game against **Swindon**. Owing to circumstances beyond our control we find ourselves here on this Sunday morning with an 11.30 kick-off. One advantage of this is that it gives myself a chance to get out and watch another game on Saturday, which is something that I obviously don't have a chance to do very much. But for everybody else connected with the club it means another work day, when most of us would be thinking about a nice Sunday dinner or a visit to the local hostelry around kick-off time.

Having said that our approach to the game will certainly not be any different than if this was a normal Saturday game, and the extra day we have all put in will be well worthwhile should we win today.

Our good run of late has pushed us to

the highest position we have attained all season and with continued effort and determination we obviously hope to climb still higher in the league. We have 5 games left and 15 valuable points to play for and although our position in the 2nd division seems secure for next season any signs of complacency will be quickly stamped on.

We welcome today our next neighbours **Swindon Town Manager, Glenn Hoddle** who has done an excellent job there, following in the footsteps of his successful predecessors Lou Macari and Ossie Ardiles. They will be pushing hard to try and get in the play-offs at the end of the season. We hope that we can hinder their progress into today's game. So make sure your voices are not too croaky after your Saturday night out.

DENNIS ROFE
Manager

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1953-62	1962-74	1920-53
1974-81	1981-90	
1990-92		

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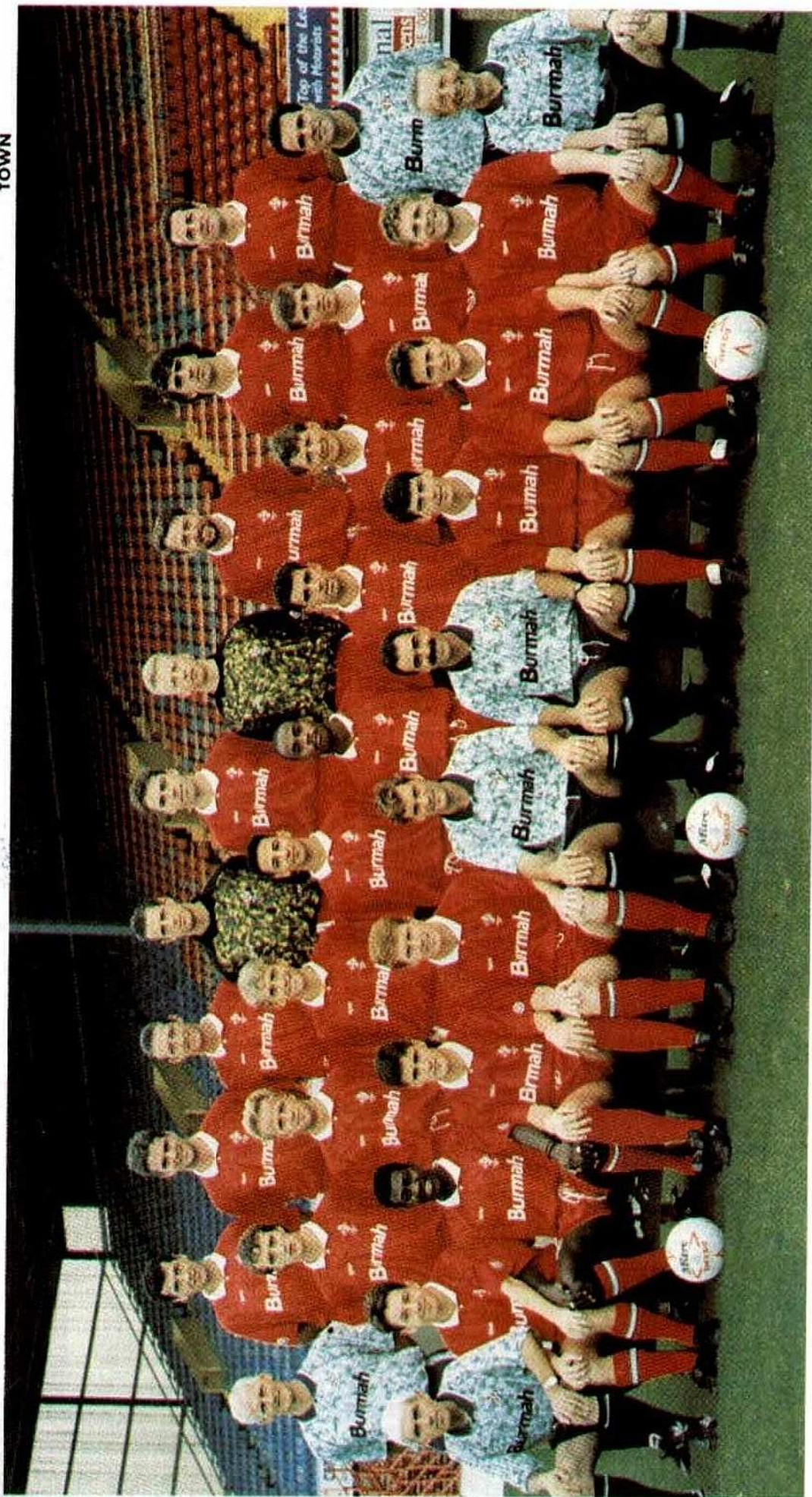
SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1991/92

Back row (left to right): Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Richard Green, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, David Mitchell, Nestor Lorenzo, Steve White.

Middle row: John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Nicky Summerbee, Darren Hall, Paul Trollope, Edwin Murray, Fitzroy Simpson (now Man City), Shaun Close, Steve Foley, Martin Ling, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager).

Front row: Kevin Morris (Physio), Paul Hunt, David Bennett, Ross Maclaren, Duncan Shearer (now Blackburn), Glenn Hoddle (Manager), John Gorman (Asst. Manager), Tom Jones, David Kerslake, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).

(Not in photograph: John Moncur)



BRISTOL ROVERS F.C. 1991-1992 SEASON

Back row (left to right): Bob Bloomer, Steve Cross, Andy Reece, Gareth Taylor, Billy Clark, Justin Skinner, David Meheew, David Wilson, Ian Wilmott, Ian Alexander.
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 (Not in photograph: John Taylor, Jeff Hopkins).





BOB FORD

ON BOARD TODAY

LOOKING AT THE ROBINS



Shaun Taylor



Mick Hazard

Much as they did last year, Swindon have surprised many onlookers by selling prominent players at a crucial time. Last year Paul Bodin, Jon Gittens and Alan McLoughlin departed, although in Bodin's case not for long since his spell at Palace lasted only 10 months. This time Fitzroy Simpson moved to Manchester City at the beginning of March and most surprisingly top scorer Duncan Shearer joined promotion rivals Blackburn on transfer deadline day.

Promotion must still be a possibility but the only chance remaining must be via the play-off system which has served the club so well in the past. A third of the way into the season they headed the table and were displaying such

a flowing blend of football that few would have bet against an automatic promotion spot. Unfortunately 9 games without a win blew a hole in their expectations and since the New Year they have just managed to keep within sight of the leading group. Perhaps recent signings will provide the boost that will be needed to climb into the top six.

Certainly Terry Gibson has the credentials to suggest that he will contribute goals if he can aspire to the levels of performance he achieved at Coventry and in his early days at Plough Lane. In his first season in South London he won an FA Cup Winners medal but last year he managed only 5 goals in 22 first team appearances. If he is seen as the replacement for Shearer he has a hard act to follow. Duncan equalled a post-war scoring record for the club when he scored his 32nd of the campaign in his final outing at the County Ground against Southend.

Eire International Gary Weddock made his Robins debut in the same match and will bring his experience of over 250 league appearances to the squad. In contrast Stepney born mid-fielder John Moncur will be looking to finally land a regular first team place after waiting in the wings for 7 years at White Hart Lane and gaining more league experience during several loan spells than he could with his own club. Mick Hazard will sympathise with the

ALL TIME LEAGUE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CLUBS	HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
	20	3	11	61	39	7	7	23	39	64

★ ROVERS LAST HOME DEFEAT BY SWINDON WAS ON 10 APRIL 1987 WHEN

SWINDON STATISTICS 1991/92

August - 17th Leicester (home) DREW 0-0; 24th Cambridge (away) LOST 2-3; 31st Barnsley (home) WON 3-1.

September - 3rd Ipswich (away) WON 4-1; 7th Port Vale (away) DREW 2-2; 14th Sunderland (home) WON 3-3; 17th Bristol Rovers (home) WON 1-0; 21st Wolves (away) LOST 0-1; 28th Watford (home) WON 3-1.

October - 5th Plymouth (away) WON 4-0; 12th Derby (home) LOST 1-2; 19th Blackburn (home) WON 2-1; 26th Brighton (away) WON 2-0.

November - 2nd Newcastle (home) WON 2-1; 6th Charlton (away) DREW 0-0; 9th Southend (away) LOST 2-3; 16th Portsmouth (home) LOST 2-3; 22nd Tranmere (away) DREW 0-0; 30th Grimsby (home) DREW 1-1.

December - 7th Middlesbrough (away) DREW 2-2; 20th Ipswich (home) DREW 0-0; 26th Bristol City (away) DREW 1-1; 28th Barnsley (away) DREW 1-1.

January - 1st Millwall (home) WON 3-1; 11th Cambridge (home) LOST 0-2; 18th Leicester (away) LOST 1-3; 28th Oxford (home) WON 2-1.

February - 1st Blackburn (away) LOST 1-2; 4th Bristol City (home) WON 2-0; 8th Brighton (home) WON 2-1; 22nd Grimsby (away) DREW 0-0; 29th Middlesbrough (home) LOST 0-1.

March - 7th Oxford (away) LOST 3-5; 10th Charlton (home) LOST 1-2; 14th Newcastle (away) LOST 1-3; 17th Tranmere (home) WON 2-0; 21st Southend (home) WON 3-1; 28th Portsmouth (away) DREW 1-1.

April - 4th Port Vale (home) WON 1-0.

Rumbelows League Cup - 1st Round, West Brom WON 4-2 aggregate; 2nd Round, Millwall WON 5-3 aggregate; 3rd Round, Huddersfield (away) WON 4-1; 4th Round, Crystal Palace (away) LOST 0-1.

FA Cup - 3rd Round, Watford (home) WON 3-2; 4th Round, Cambridge (away) WON 3-0; 5th Round, Aston Villa (home) LOST 1-2.

THE PLAYER MANAGER

A year ago, on April 4th, Swindon appointed Glenn Hoddle in succession to Ossie Ardiles who had taken the managerial job at Newcastle United five days earlier. The appointment was seen as a declaration of intent to continue the style of passing football established during the Argentinian's reign and so it was proved.

Glenn was born at Hayes, Middlesex in October, 1957 and joined Tottenham Hotspur where his midfield skills created a legend. He graced 5 FA Cup Finals, including two replays, but gained a winners medal only once. Following the replay defeat at the hands of Manchester City in 1981 it was Glenn the goalscorer who earned victory in the next year again after a replay. In the first match against Queens Park Rangers Hoddle's goal set up a 1-1 draw. His penalty in the second game was the only goal. (Incidentally Mick Hazard played for Spurs and Gary Weddock for Rangers in both matches.)

He moved to Monaco in 1987 and it was while at the French club that he gained the last of his 53 full England caps scoring eight times. Swindon is his first experience of management.

Welcome to The Robins of SWINDON TOWN

Formed 1881. Founder members of Division 3 in 1920.

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FA Cup Semi-Finalists 1911 and 1913. Anglo Italian Cup Winners 1970.

new recruit since he clocked up only 73 full league appearances during seven years at Spurs. In his second season at Swindon he is close to overhauling that total already as he has established himself as the cornerstone of the side.

In addition to Mick, David Kerslake, central defenders Colin Calderwood and Shaun Taylor and Tom Jones, scorer of the only goal in our visit to Swindon in September, provide the regulars in the team. Otherwise there have been several playing changes during the campaign some enforced by injury. Notably, Glenn Hoddle missed 22 games but has been back in action since the beginning of March at the expense of Ross MacLaren. Steve White lost his place to Australian International David Mitchell on New Year's day and the antipodean has held onto the striker's spot scoring four times during the month of March.

It is "between the posts" that the greatest competition for first team selection has taken place. Fraser Digby who missed only 5 games last season has had to share the duties with Nicky Hammond. If Nicky gets the jersey this morning he will return to the ground where he played for Rovers in 1986 while on loan from Arsenal.

FOUR SEASONS LEAGUE FORM

SEASON		W	D	L	F	A	PTS
87/88	H	10	7	5	43	25	37
Div.2 (12th)	A	6	4	12	30	35	22
88/89	H	13	8	2	35	15	47
Div. 2 (6th)	A	7	8	8	33	38	29
89/90	H	12	6	5	49	29	42
Div. 2 (4th)	A	8	8	7	30	30	32
90/91	H	8	6	9	31	30	30
Div. 2 (21st)	A	4	8	11	34	43	20
TOTAL		68	55	59	285	245	259

GETTING VERY CLOSE

Having clinched promotion through the play-off system in 1987 the last four seasons have been spent in Division Two - but only just! The play-offs in 1989 saw Crystal Palace deny the Robins and fellow hopefuls Blackburn and Watford. Twelve months later Alan McLoughlin's goal at Wembley seemed to have secured First Division status for the first time. However, the much publicised judgements over previous financial irregularities almost dumped them into the Third but an appeal settled for a further spell in the Second.

Perhaps due to that disappointment, but also with early season injuries the results on the field almost brought about the relegation that the appeal had prevented.

TOTAL

W	D	L	F	A
27	10	34	100	103

TOWN WON 4-3 AT ASHTON GATE.

THE PLAYERS

	Age	Previous Clubs (and appearances during 1990/91)	
Fraser DIGBY	25	Manchester United, Oldham Athletic (loan)	(41)
Nicky HAMMOND	24	Arsenal, loans at Bristol Rovers, Peterborough & Aberdeen	(5)
David KERSLAKE	25	Queens Park Rangers	(37)
Paul BODIN	27	Crystal Palace, Newcastle (loan), Newport, Bath City, Cardiff City	(31)
Colin CALDERWOOD	27	Mansfield Town	(22)
Shaun TAYLOR	29	Exeter City, Bideford	(-)
Adrian VIVEASH	22	ex-trainee, born Swindon	(23)
Nestor LORENZO	26	Bari, played for Argentina in Rome World Cup Final 1990	(18)
Nick SUMMERBEE	20	ex-trainee, born Altrincham	(1)
Ross MACLAREN	29	Derby County, Shrewsbury Town, Glasgow Rangers	(45)
Tom JONES	27	Aberdeen, Weymouth, Farnborough, Chelsea	(42)
Martin LING	25	Southend United, Swindon, Exeter City, Mansfield (loan)	(1)
Mick HAZARD	32	Portsmouth, Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur	(31)
Shaun CLOSE	25	Bournemouth, Tottenham Hotspur	(4)
Gary WADDOCK	30	Millwall, Charleroi (Belgium), Queens Park Rangers	(-)
John MONCUR	25	Tottenham Hotspur, loans to Brentford, Portsmouth, Cambridge & Doncaster	(-)
Terry GIBSON	29	Wimbledon, Manchester United, Coventry City, Tottenham Hotspur	(-)
Steve WHITE	33	Bristol Rovers, Charlton Athletic, Luton Town, Lincoln (loan)	(28)
David MITCHELL	29	Chelsea, Newcastle (loan), Feyenoord, Glasgow Rangers, Cologne	(-)

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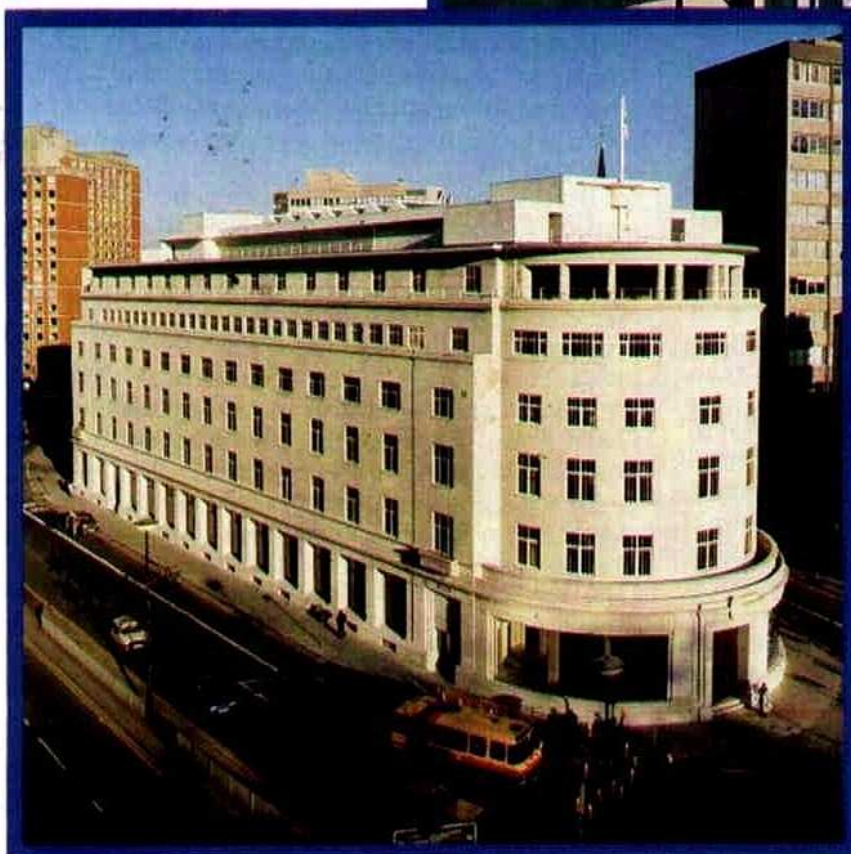
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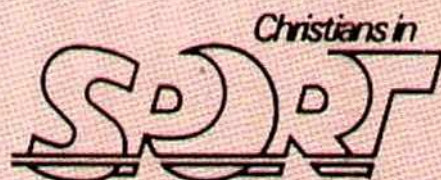
KEITH BROOKMAN

REACTION

IS GOD ON OUR SIDE?

Today's lesson is taken from the book of Rothmans, Chapter 6, beginning at the first verse.

For you non-believers, turn to page 24 of the 1991/92 Rothmans Football Year Book and all will be revealed!



I contacted **Stuart Weir** of **Christians in Sport** for more information on the role of football club chaplains, and he kindly sent me an extremely useful pack of information and put me in touch with **Derek Cleave** and **Nigel Sands**, chaplains at **Bristol City** and **Crystal Palace**, respectively.



Dennis Bailey

Copies of the **Christians in Sport Quarterly** magazine were very interesting to read and one featured an article on **Denis Bailey**, now at **QPR**, of course, and scorer of a televised hat trick against **Manchester United**. Other players receiving a mention included **Gavin Peacock** (**Newcastle**), **Phil Starbuck**

(**Huddersfield**), **Cyrille Regis** (**Aston Villa**), **Brian Irvine** (**Aberdeen**) and **John Salako** (**Crystal Palace**). **Bob Hamer**, one of our local referees, was also featured taking an active part in the **Second Annual Conference of Football Club Chaplains** in 1990.

Nigel Sands at **Crystal Palace** explains that football's association with the church is not so unusual when you consider that many clubs began life as church teams. **Swindon Town** and **Barnsley** were formed by clergymen, **Everton** began life as a Wesleyan Sunday School side, **Blackpool** as **Blackpool St John's** and **Queens Park Rangers** as **St Jude's FC**.

Nigel is a **Crystal Palace** fan, as well as the club chaplain. He is a regular contributor to the club programme and club historian, an association which began in 1974, when he began contributing historical articles on the club. He is also a member of the

'92 club, having been to every League ground in the country. (I assume he has now made that 93, with a visit to **Barnet**, but I forgot to ask him!).

He places great emphasis on the pastoral role of the club chaplain, with a great deal of his work being carried out behind the scenes and with the minimum of fuss. It can involve a variety of tasks. For example, visiting injured players, either at the club or in hospital, and talking to close relatives of the players. Counselling and establishing friendships with players is also important, especially as the life of a professional footballer can be so insecure with loss of form, transfers, family problems and, for the younger players, the fact that many will be told that they do not have what it takes to make it as a professional.

Bereavement is another area where a friendly word can help. It applies to us all – how many of us welcome the comforting words of our vicar when we lose a loved one? I suspect it applies to the majority of us. **Nigel** was able to help **Andy Gray** who recently lost his mother, while **Derek Cleave** at **Bristol City** has, I am sure, been of tremendous help to friends and families of the City personnel who have been touched by bereavement in tragic circumstances in recent years.

Derek is a keen City supporter and has been club chaplain since 1982, and attends all home matches. He also cites the pastoral role as being very important and makes a point of being at the club at least twice a week, just to talk to and listen to everyone, players and staff alike.

Now here, at **Bristol Rovers**, we don't have a chaplain. Is it because Pirates were regarded as heathens? Who knows, but I reckon it's about time we took some positive steps to remedy the situation. As someone who thought that **Gerry Francis** walked on water and feels that **Dennis Rofe** has performed a few miracles, I still reckon we could do with a little divine intervention on a permanent basis, starting this very Sunday morning!!

My sources tell me that **Gordon Wilson**, who was chaplain to **Sheffield Wednesday** at the time of the **Hillsborough disaster**, is now a very much respected figure in local Methodist circles. I'm sure that if the club contacted him, or **Christians in Sport**, we could find ourselves a football fanatic who might just fancy being club chaplain at Twerton Park!

KEITH BROOKMAN



MAKING WAVES



ALAN LACOCK

SECOND DIVISION UPDATE

Wednesday 25th March On the day that Aldershot's unequal fight for survival fails, Peter Shilton has no happy return to the Baseball Ground as his Plymouth team go down 2-0.

Saturday 28th March Ipswich following their 2-1 home victory over fellow promotion challengers Derby take over the leadership of the section a point clear of Blackburn for whom Duncan Shearer



Duncan Shearer

opened his account as they went down for the first time in their last fifteen league visits to Barnsley. Cambridge grabbed a late equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Brighton remain third. While Lennie Lawrence's Middlesbrough fought out a goalless affair on his return to Charlton. Leicester the previous evening kept up the promotion challenge with a 2-1 victory on the first league visit to Tranmere. Portsmouth and Swindon both keep up their play off aspirations following a 1-1 draw at Fratton Park. Southend do likewise after recording their 1,100 league win after beating Grimsby 3-1.

At the bottom, a Ray Walker penalty gave Port Vale their first three point haul in 18 league outings when beating Plymouth. Oxford are denied full reward after conceding a late goal in the 1-1 draw at Bristol City. The



David Kelly

following day Newcastle improved their position after a David Kelly goal in front of the section's largest gathering of the season 30,306 gave them victory over Sunderland. In other games Rovers lost 1-0 despite the defeat of John Taylor at Watford. Millwall had Alex Rae sent off in a goalless draw at Wolves.

Tuesday 31st March Ipswich extend their

lead at the top of the section to four points as Chris Kiwomya scores twice in their 2-0 victory over Barnsley who have now lost on their last seven league visits to Portman Road. Charlton enhance their promotion prospects with a 2-1 win at Portsmouth. Blackburn remain in second place despite going down 2-0 at bottom club Port Vale, who are now a point worse off than Plymouth, who conceded their 4,000 league goal in a 2-1 defeat by Grimsby. Town recorded their first success at Home Park since August 1948. Andy Mutch nets a hat trick in Wolves 6-2 win over Newcastle while Brighton 1-0 winners at Watford. Bristol City who conceded their 4,700th league goal in sharing four goals at Tranmere both improve their chances of avoiding the drop.

Wednesday 1st April Cambridge remain third after a goalless affair at Derby. Leicester move to fourth after a 2-1 win over Middlesbrough who were looking for their first success at Filbert Street since April 1938. Southend's challenge took a serious dent as they crash 4-1 here at Twerton and Millwall increase Oxford's season of woe in running out 2-1 winners at the Den.

ALAN LACOCK

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

(as at 9th April)

	Home					Away					Goal
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	
Ipswich Town	39	13	2	4	34 18	8	8	4	26	22 73	+20
Cambridge U	41	9	8	4	28 15	9	7	4	27	22 69	+18
Blackburn	39	13	4	2	36 15	6	5	9	23	27 66	+17
Charlton	40	8	6	6	22 21	10	3	7	26	22 63	+5
Derby County	40	9	3	8	27 20	9	5	6	29	25 62	+11
Leicester City	39	10	4	4	31 18	8	4	9	28	29 62	+4
Middlesbrough	37	11	6	1	29 9	6	4	9	16	24 61	+12
Swindon T	39	13	3	5	36 22	3	8	7	28	29 59	+13
Portsmouth	38	12	5	2	36 12	4	5	10	21	32 58	+13
Southend Utd	41	11	3	7	36 25	5	6	9	23	32 57	+2
Wolves	39	9	6	5	30 20	6	4	9	22	24 55	+8
Bristol Rovers	41	9	8	3	37 27	5	4	12	14	30 54	-6
Watford	40	7	4	9	18 20	8	4	8	24	24 53	-2
Millwall	40	9	2	8	26 27	6	6	9	30	37 53	-8
Tranmere	38	8	8	3	31 26	4	8	7	16	21 52	0
Barnsley	40	10	3	8	24 24	4	6	9	16	26 51	-10
Bristol City	40	9	7	4	26 20	2	7	11	20	39 47	-13
Grimsby Town	39	8	5	9	23 26	6	5	8	21	30 46	-12
Newcastle Utd	41	8	8	5	37 29	3	5	12	23	46 46	-15
Oxford United	40	10	4	7	36 27	2	4	13	21	35 44	-5
Sunderland	36	8	8	3	29 18	4	1	14	19	33 43	-3
Brighton	40	6	6	8	31 32	5	4	11	17	31 43	-15
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AT THE HELM



DENIS DUNFORD

It is interesting at this time, to look back over the present season.

You may remember that we started the season without **Gerry Francis**, without **Ian Holloway**, without **Vaughan Jones**, and **Carl Saunders** and **Ian Alexander** were suspended for the first few matches. Vaughan suffered further injury and that has kept him out for the whole season. A very poor start was made under **Martin Dobson**.

But just compare our position now, with five games left to play, to last season with the same number of fixtures still to play.

We had won 14 (the same as this season) we had drawn 12 (the same as this season) and we are on 54 points the same as under **Gerry Francis**.

In addition we must remember our greatly improved performance in the Rumbelows Cup and the matches against **Plymouth** and **Liverpool** in the FA Cup.

I believe we have a better team now and all credit must be given to the players and to the **Manager, Dennis Rofe**.

It will be interesting to see if we can improve our

league position over last season, with the remaining games to be played.

All this is part of our policy of building for the future. Vastly improved contracts have been offered to players and their services with the exception of **Steve Yates**, have been secured for a further period. **Devon White**, who expressed a wish to leave last October has now been replaced with the exciting **John Taylor**. We shall continue to bring in new players as and when the time is right to do so.

On a different note I sometimes receive letters from supporters, complaining about some item of procedure or administration. I always attend to these matters but we are not always aware of these little annoyances. So if you find there is an irritation which causes annoyance, anything from cups of tea to ticket sales, please do write and let me know.

Thank you for your presence. Enjoy the game.

DENIS DUNFORD
CHAIRMAN

DISABLED ENCLOSURE

Next season may see a few alterations in the disabled enclosure. Ticket allocation and pricing will be under review during the close season – although major changes are not expected.

However it is felt certain improvements could be made to this enclosure to assist with its smooth running. Before alterations are made I would ask those who have used, or are presently using, these facilities to drop me a line if they have strong feelings on the way things should develop in the future. Due consideration will be given to constructive letters. The address to write to can be found in the front of the programme.

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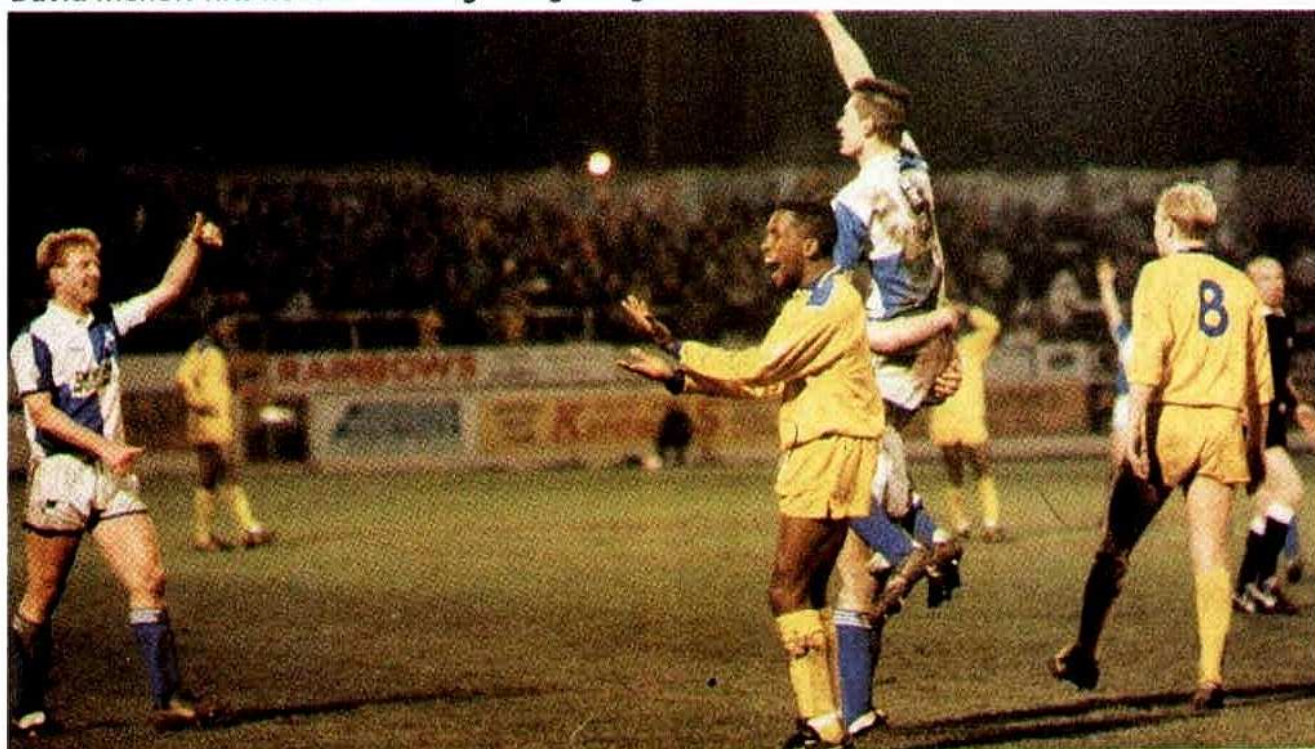


ALAN MARSHALL

CANNON SHOTS



David Mehew hits Rovers' cracking first goal against Southend.



David Mehew acknowledges John Taylor's first goal for the club. A deflected shot by Justin Skinner which Taylor assisted into the net.

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Marcus Stewart turns superbly to knock in Rovers second goal. It was his fifth goal in 12 starts this season.



John Taylor heads Rovers fourth goal from a fine Ian Alexander cross. This was Rovers best win in the Second Division since 26th December 1979 (Swansea beaten 4-1).



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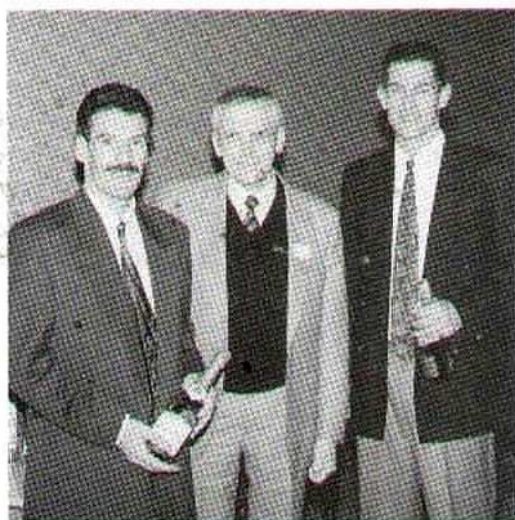
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Rovers 'Man of the Match' John Taylor and runner-up Ian Alexander, receive their awards from Match Sponsor David McFarlane of U.K. Corrugated Ltd, from Weston-Super-Mare, in the darkness of the Sponsors Lounge, after the recent mid-week game against Southend United, when the power failed at half-time, for the second successive "Blacked Out" evening fixture.

Rovers had trailed by a third minute Southend goal until early in the second half, when goals from David Mehew, Marcus Stewart and John Taylor (2) secured the club's biggest league win of the season.

V.I.P. DAY OUT AT THE ROVERS FOR ANDREW

Today the Directors, Players and staff at Bristol Rovers Football Club extend a very warm welcome to our special guest 13 year old Andrew Bown and his family from Langport in Somerset.

Andrew, who will be 14 tomorrow is at present convalescing after undergoing a Heart Transplant operation at London's Harefield Hospital last January.

His proud parents, say that he is now well on the road to recovery and they would like to thank the club for its support over the past few months, especially Steve Yates who visited Andrew in the Bristol Children's Hospital just before Christmas.

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Discovering the precise move date to a new stadium for Rovers seems to be about as elusive as the precise whereabouts of Lord Lucan! I realise that there may be reasons for the delay but it is of some concern to many fans that even clubs such as Walsall, Scunthorpe United, Chester City, Yeovil Town and Wycombe Wanderers have not only planned but built new stadiums in less than the time we have now spent here at Twerton Park.



"The Dolman Stand" - beneath which the Bowling Club thrives

Any new stadium will obviously need to include other uses just to be economic, and perhaps we should pay tribute to the foresight of the late Harry Dolman (Chairman of Bristol City) when he planned a Grandstand at Ashton Gate to include a home for the "Bristol Indoor Bowling Club."

That club is open **SEVEN** days each week between 10.00 and 22.30. They are in fact tenants of the football club and contribute the not inconsiderable sum of around **£38,000** annually, equivalent to the revenue from an extra "home" game.

The club has two pairs of 3 rinks back to back, which allows up to 48 players to play simultaneously. Play is divided into 2 hour sessions throughout the day. Needless to say there is a social side to the game and the self contained bars can

accommodate up to 350 at any one time, meaning that even during a "home" game at least 400 could be enjoying themselves irrespective of the state of play.

To ensure continuous use there are different leagues for each day. At week-ends Club League games are played in 3 hour sessions over 21 ends which last between 14.00 and 17.30. There are Cup competitions such as the Haven C.U. Cup as well as local club competitions played either early or late on Saturdays or Sundays.

To join the Club it is **£19** per person for the season which runs between September and April. They like their landlords have a five month close season, but their players then transfer to the outdoor greens.

The complete grandstand cost **£235,000** in 1970 and was partly financed by the sale of 16 club houses. Whilst it may seem a small income at today's prices at least it is a guaranteed regular income for the club. The foresight of the chairman, the late Harry Dolman, was perhaps not appreciated at the time of building but time has shown he was definitely well ahead of the future needs of the game. We can only hope that any "new" home for Rovers provides an income rather than a millstone for the club. I am afraid I may not be around 22 years after our "new" ground is built, to be able to judge the final long term benefit.



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You could be forgiven for thinking this is a new football club called Burmah especially from the front cover. The colour photo changes each match. It is not a bad programme with a fair bit to read but without any innovations or omissions. However, it is a bit of a dry read. Four pages feature the visitors, including a page feature on a previous meeting, but there is also a division two feature. "Frontline" is one of the best aspects of the magazine which incorporates a centre spread photo of a player and a page article about him. Swindon's programme is not amongst the best in the second division but it is more than adequate.

Rating (max 100) 71



****Memory Lane Match****

**SWINDON
v ROVERS**
6/3/82
Size 241 x 169mm
28 pages
Original Price 35p

This was a two part programme the home produced pages wrapped around an unnamed syndicated insert of general football articles. This insert is largely coloured photographs and pages with plenty to read. The Swindon produced pages

are unusually in the mix of Blue and Red print and shows how Swindon's programme has developed since then. Photos seem strange in Blue and White. It starts with an article by the Chairman followed by a page by the Manager John Trollope, two pages of Pen-Pics on Bristol Rovers and a page of statistics bring us to the start of the inserted pages. The second half of the programme features a previous meeting between Swindon and Bristol Rovers, team squad photo on another page and an article on a Swindon Player, Kevin Baddeley who had Bristol connections. The programme finishes with two pages of Blue action photos and a feature on Paul Randall. The main innovation here seems to be the use of Blue print for some text and photos and Red on other pages for text. Without the insert the Swindon programme is a fair read and the Division 3 table as printed has more facts and figures than we normally get in a league table.

Programmes of this age are still relatively common and in good to mint condition fetch approximately 50p each as a Rovers away. Second-hand copies of course can still be found for 20p-30p each.

FINALLY a reminder that the Programme Shop will be open today in the car park before and after today's game. Postal requests plus a stamped addressed envelope to me at Bristol Rovers Supporters Club 468 Stapleton Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6PA, callers are welcome Thursday evenings 19.30 to 20.30.

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1.	AUG 17 (SAT)	IPSWICH TOWN		3-3	D	6,444	-	0-1	L. SHAPTER	PURNELL/7	1
2.	AUG 23 (FRI)	TRANMERE ROVERS	7.45pm	2-2	D	10,150	12	1-1	N. MIDGLEY	PURNELL/7	1
3.	AUG 31 (SAT)	NEWCASTLE UNITED		1-2	L	6,334	20	0-1	P. TAYLOR	SKINNER/5 PURNELL/7	1
4.	SEPT 4 (WED)	BRISTOL CITY	7.45pm	0-1	L	20,183	22	0-0	M. BODENHAM	SAUNDERS/7	1
5.	SEPT 7 (SAT)	GRIMSBY TOWN		2-3	L	4,641	22	0-1	J. MARTIN	ARCHER/11 SAUNDERS	1
6.	SEPT 14 (SAT)	SOUTHEND UNITED		0-2	L	4,670	23	0-1	R. WISEMAN	SAUNDERS/5 BOOTHROYD/7	1
7.	SEPT 17 (TUE)	SWINDON TOWN	7.45pm	0-1	L	11,391	23	0-1	G. SINGH	BROWNING/7	1
8.	SEPT 21 (SAT)	OXFORD UNITED		2-1	W	4,854	23	1-1	V. CALLOW	ARCHER/6 BROWNING/9	1
9.	SEPT 28 (SAT)	BRIGHTON & H.A.		1-3	L	6,392	24	1-1	R. LEWIS	BROWNING/7	1
10.	OCT 5 (SAT)	MIDDLESBROUGH		2-1	W	4,936	21	0-1	M. PIERCE	BROWNING/10	1
11.	OCT 12 (SAT)	CHARLTON ATHLETIC		0-1	L	5,685	23	0-0	R. SHEPHERD	PURNELL/6	1
12.	OCT 19 (SAT)	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		0-0	D	5,049	23	0-0	G. POOLEY	PURNELL/9	1
13.	OCT 26 (SAT)	SUNDERLAND		1-1	D	14,746	22	1-1	C. TRUSSELL	STEWART/10	1
14.	NOV 2 (SAT)	PORT VALE	12.30pm	3-3	D	3,565	24	2-1	D. FRAMPTON	PURNELL/7	1
15.	NOV 5 (TUE)	WOLVERHPTN WDRS	7.30pm	3-2	W	8,536	22	1-1	K. BREEN	-	1
16.	NOV 9 (SAT)	BARNSELY		1-0	W	6,688	22	0-0	R. NIXON	-	1
17.	NOV 16 (SAT)	WATFORD	2.00pm	1-1	D	5,064	22	1-1	M. BRANDWOOD	STEWART/11	1
18.	NOV 20 (WED)	LEICESTER CITY	7.45pm	1-1	D	10,950	22	0-1	M. REED	STEWART/10	1
19.	NOV 23 (SAT)	DERBY COUNTY	2.00pm	2-3	L	6,513	22	2-1	T. HOLBROOK	STEWART/7 CLARK/11	1
20.	NOV 30 (SAT)	MILLWALL		1-0	W	7,824	21	1-0	I. BORRETT	PURNELL/7	1
21.	DEC 7 (SAT)	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	2.00pm	2-2	D	5,280	20	2-1	D. SHADWELL	CLARK/2	-
22.	DEC 14 (SAT)	BLACKBURN ROVERS		0-3	L	12,295	22	0-3	A. HART	BOOTHROYD/7 STEWART/11	-
23.	DEC 21 (SAT)	BRISTOL CITY●	12 noon	3-2	W	6,306	18	2-1	P. DURKIN	-	-
24.	DEC 26 (THU)	PORTSMOUTH		0-2	L	10,710	19	0-1	A. WARD	BOOTHROYD/7 STEWART/11	1
25.	DEC 28 (SAT)	NEWCASTLE UNITED		1-2	L	19,329	21	1-0	K. HACKETT	STEWART/5	1
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27.	JAN 11 (SAT)	TRANMERE ROVERS		1-0	W	7,138	18	0-0	A. GUNN	POUNDER/9	1
28.	JAN 18 (SAT)	IPSWICH TOWN		0-1	L	10,435	20	0-0	R. PAWLEY	POUNDER/5 BLOOMER/11	1
29.	JAN 29 (WED)	PORTSMOUTH	8.00pm	1-0	W	5,330	17	1-0	C. WILKES	CROSS/6 STEWART/9	1
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34.	FEB 28 (FRI)	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	7.45pm	1-6	L	6,164	14	1-1	G. WILLARD	STEWART/11MADDISON/7	1
35.	MAR 7 (SAT)	BLACKBURN ROVERS●		3-0	W	6,313	15	2-0	P. DANSON	-	1
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45.	APR 25 (SAT)	MIDDLESBROUGH									
46.	MAY 2 (SAT)	CHARLTON ATHLETIC●									

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All matches 3pm kick-off unless otherwise stated

Notes: Hazel was a non playing substitute in League game no. 2. Jones played no 6 in I Moore (on loan) played no 3 in games nos 27-33. Kelly played no. 1 league games 27-33. Heaney (Cambridge) own goal match no. 34.

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• MATCH FACTS – in opposition •

Town Team: Sherwood; McDermott; Agnew; Rodger; Lever; Cunnington; Ford; Gilbert; Smith; Mendonca; Woods.
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er: Taylor (66 mins). **Match Fact:** Rovers win at Grimsby for the first time since 1959 – in fact 33 years to the day.

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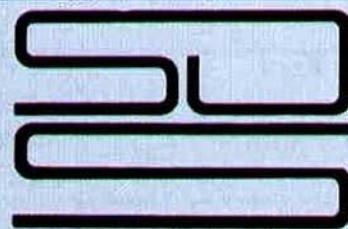


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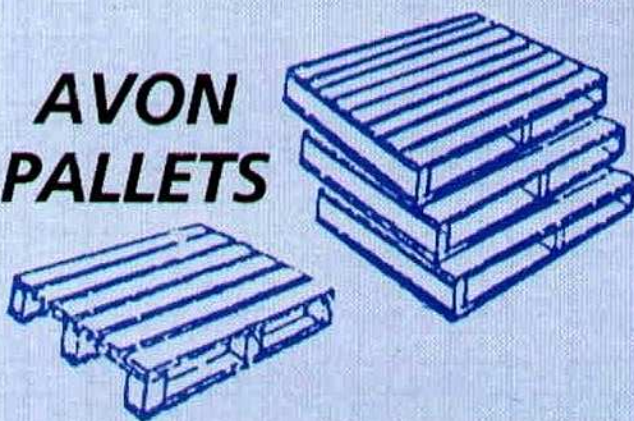


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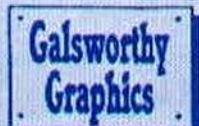
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• MATCH FACTS •

- in opposition

Watford Team: James, Gibbs, Drysdale, Dublin, Holdsworth, Ashby, Hesselthaler, Nogan, Bazeley, Butler, Solomon.

Subs: Blissett for Butler (69 mins) and Porter for Bazeley (82 mins)

Rovers subs: Bloomer for Maddison (45 mins) and Stewart for Pounder (82 mins)

Goalscorer: Drysdale (pen) (72 mins)

Match Fact: League debut for new signing John Taylor.

Another outstanding performance by goalkeeper Brian Parkin.

Southend United Team: Sansome, Austin, Powell, Jones, Scully, Prior, Ansah, Cornwell, Tilson, Benjamin and Angell

Subs (not used): O'Callaghan and Sussex

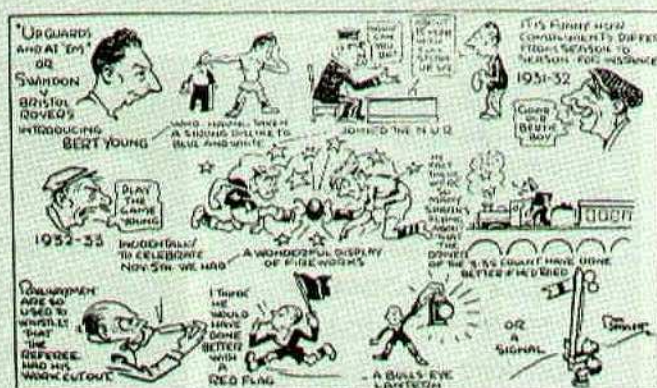
Rovers Subs: Saunders for Stewart (75 mins) and Hopkins (not used).

Goalscorers: Jones (3 mins) Mehew (60 mins) Stewart (62 mins) and Taylor (76 and 85 mins).

Match Fact: First time Rovers have scored 4 goals in a league match since 3 March 1990 (6-1 defeat of Wigan).

THE MATCH CARTOON

by David M. Woods



Today's visit of our friends Swindon Town gives us the opportunity to see the Bob Bennett cartoon produced in the Bristol Evening Post on Monday 7th November 1932, this following the game at 'Stapleton Road' on the previous Saturday, watched by 11,000 spectators.

The game resulted in an excellent win for Rovers, who were reduced to ten players for the second-half when Johnny Townrow was taken to the Homoeopathic Hospital following an injury received after 30 minutes. Townrow was displaying brilliant form until his injury, and he displayed great pluck in returning and playing on until the interval. The Rovers obtained the only score of the game in the sixtieth minute when McNestry put the ball in the net after the Swindon custodian, Leslie Berry, had dropped it following a centre from Vivian Gibbins.

The end of the campaign saw Swindon bottom of the Third Division (South), and the Rovers in tenth place, thereby finishing in the top half of the table for only the fourth time since joining the Football League.

ON THE HORIZON



PETER JEFFERIES

There is sure to be a large contingent of Rovers fans making the short trip to **Oxford on Easter Saturday**. However, over the years the Manor Ground has not been a happy hunting ground. In 9 visits "The Pirates" have only won once and that was in the the 1967-68 season, which ironically was the season Oxford won the Third Division Championship after just six seasons in the Football League. Rovers have lost 7 of the



Paul Randall

other 8 games, the only draw took place in 1981-82 with Paul Randall scoring in a 1-1 draw. Incidentally this was Rovers' first game after Terry Cooper's departure as Rovers manager.

In the corresponding fixture last season The Pirates were well-beaten, 3-1. All the goals



Vaughan Jones

came in the first 27 minutes and included a spectacular own goal from Vaughan Jones. Rovers beat Oxford 2-1 back in September. This proved to be Martin Dobson's only victory as

manager. Unfortunately it was also the match in which Vaughan Jones fractured his leg after just 8 seconds.

Rovers will face a United side desperate for points to stay in the Second Division. After their 1-0 home defeat by Southend on Boxing Day, Oxford found themselves firmly anchored at the foot of the table repeating their league placing of last season. But there the similarity ends. Last season saw a tremendous revival which included a club record 15 game unbeaten run from February to April which saw the 'U's' finish in a very creditable 10th

position. Such was their form that they were seen by many as potential play-off contenders. However, this season there has been no such revival. Although their form has improved since Christmas, especially at home where they are unbeaten in 8 matches they have remained firmly entrenched in the bottom three. Given Rovers' poor away form this season, their dismal record at the Manor Ground and Oxford's crucial bid to stay up, I'd settle for a draw.

Our next visitors to **Twerton Park on Easter Monday** will be **Brighton** another club anxious for points as they battle to stay in the Second Division. Yet after reaching the play-off finals last season (where they lost to Notts County), 'The Seagulls' must surely have hoped for something better this time round!

The Pirates have played more league matches against Brighton than any other club, and have conceded more goals than against any other club; Over 50 goals at home and over 100 away. Indeed Rovers' 3-1 defeat at the Goldstone Ground back in September was true to form!

Brighton did not enjoy their visits at Eastville between 1947 and 1952. They lost five times by a combined margin of 22-3! However, Rovers have not been nearly so successful since.

In 17 games at home against the Seagulls, The Pirates have only won three times and not at all in the last 9. The last victory was back in 1968, Rovers winning 3-1 with goals from Stuart Taylor, Richard Plumb and Bobby Williams. Let's hope the Easter holiday ends with Rovers recording a long overdue victory!

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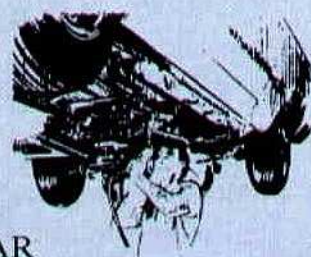
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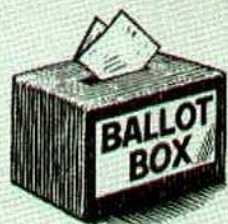
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OFF THE PLANK



"IN THE BOX"

So, by now, it should be all over. Even the votes from the Outer Hebrides should have been totted up and the new Government declared. It should be noted that I'm writing this piece on April Fools Day and I'm already well fed up with the claims and counter claims of the various parties. It's all a bit like the sparring between the League and the F.A. earlier in the season isn't it? Handbags at twenty paces, that sort of thing.

Also last month there was the 'Trading Places' charity fund raising event – I thought that the next such event might do well to combine the election 'theme' with the 'Trading Places' concept and link it to football. Why not have people in the game 'trade places' with politicians? There are many in football who seem to me to be more than well qualified, so here goes:

PRIME MINISTER: well, as at the 8 April it should have been John Major. With his Chelsea connections he could be difficult to replace but I'll come back to that one when I've given it more thought. **Leader of the Opposition** isn't so difficult. It has to be **Brian Clough** if only to give the Government a tough time and make them work to gain any new legislation. **Chancellor?** Definitely not **Ron Atkinson**, not based on the way he has been spending this season, (although in his defence many of the signings have been financed by sales). No, I'd go for **Gerry Francis**



Gerry Francis

based on his record whilst here at Twerton for being able to balance the books and a good deal more. Back to **Big Ron** and I see his forte being at the **Foreign Office**. Admittedly the Spanish episode didn't go down too well but he does have that larger-than-life

persona that could go down well at EEC gatherings.

They say that **Clive Allen** is on his eighth club following his deadline day transfer to West Ham United. A much-travelled player – including six London clubs – makes him more than adequately suited to the job of **Transport Minister**.

His former Tottenham colleague, **Glenn Hoddle**, manager of today's visitors Swindon Town, was a player of rare talent. I see him as joint **Minister for Arts** – a post to be shared with **John Beck** of Cambridge United. Both ends of the spectrum must be represented, I feel. Taking things literally, and a **Home Secretary** would have to be **Malcolm Norman**, a regular contributor to 'The Pirate'. It is recorded somewhere, but the last time that he missed a Rovers home game was due to a family celebration, something to do with a street party to mark the Queen's coronation!

That would seem to be most of the major posts filled although **Gordon Taylor** of the PFA does seem to care about the game so much that I'd make him **Minister of Sport** with special responsibilities for football. (First legislation to amend sections of the Taylor Report (no relation) especially regarding all-seater stadia). I'd put **Kevin Keegan** at **Education** to prove just what can be achieved with a bit of determination and at **Health** – well, it's back to **Ron** again. He seems to survive quite well on the cigar and champagne image maybe he should instruct us in how it's done!

P.M.? I've gone for the seemingly 'dour' approach, as at present, and plumped, (if that's an apt word in the circumstances), for **Graham Kelly** at the F.A. Can't really explain why other than he seemed to fit the bill.

Where would all that leave the politicians? Certainly not on the terraces if their antics in the 'House' are anything to go by!

DAVE PEACEY

P.S. Today being Rumbelows League Cup Final day brings fond memories for Swindon fans of, arguably, the club's greatest achievement in 1969 when, as a Division 3 side, they beat 1st Division Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley courtesy of goals from Roger Smart and Don Rogers (2). Arsenal's goalscorer? A certain R. Gould. Wonder what ever happened to him?

CAPTAINS LOG



GEOFF TWENTYMAN

Good Morning and welcome to everyone connected with **Swindon Town Football Club**.

Also a special welcome to **Glenn Hoddle** one of the most talented footballers during my lifetime. I don't know whether he will be playing today but nevertheless his name still carries great charisma. In my opinion the England team should have been built around his great talents, indeed had he been French, Italian or of any other European origin I am sure that would have been the case. Playing against him earlier in the season was a great experience. Whenever he had possession of the ball, sometimes even 80 yards away, you had to be so aware of where your man was because of the distinct possibility that the ball

could be delivered accurately anywhere on the field.

Vaughan, Jock, Brian, Steve Cross, and I attended the recent **PFA Awards Dinner** and we all had a great night. The evening is a stylish one, good food, excellent entertainment, in the palatial surroundings of the Grosvenor House Hotel. The only drawback is getting up early and getting in for training next day!!

Last Saturday was a great win for the lads which puts us in the top half of the table. If we can finish strongly and improve on last season's final placing it will be a marvellous achievement after such a miserable start.

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PRESIDENTS CLUB

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. A warm welcome to our West Country rivals **Swindon Town** and in particular **Steve White** one of our old players.

Your committee would very much like to thank **Grimsby Town** for their hospitality last weekend and to the members who supported our annual away weekend. The weekend was a success both on and off the field.

Please don't forget our **'Player of the Year'** awards this coming Wednesday, if you don't already have tickets then contact a committee member today.

Congratulations to **John Taylor** who has made such a successful start to his career at Rovers and best wishes to **Devon White** who has left us for Cambridge United.

Finally, this year's A.G.M. will be held on **Wednesday 15th June at Mangotsfield Golf Club. UP THE BLUES.**

EDWARD WARE

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BRISTOL EVENING POST



PIRATE PROFILE



John Taylor pictured on his debut at Watford.

JOHN TAYLOR



John Taylor joined us on transfer deadline day from Cambridge United with Devon White travelling in the opposite direction with a £100,000 cash adjustment in our favour. John who made his debut in the blue and white quarters a fortnight ago in our 1-0 defeat at Watford was born in Norwich on the 24th of October 1964.

John, whilst playing parks football, was brought into the professional game by Colchester United but was released without making the league side. John then went back to playing non league football with Sudbury Town, then in the Eastern League, coming to the attention of Chris Turner then manager of Cambridge who offered him a second chance of league football in the summer of 1988. John quickly forced himself into the league side coming in for the second game of the coming season a 4-2 defeat at Hereford on the 3rd September. In his first full season of league football, John proved a shrewd investment for the £2,000 paid to the Suffolk club scoring 12 times in his 40 league appearances in helping the Abbey Stadium club to a creditable 8th position in the Fourth Division.

The following season, the 1989-90 campaign, John found the net on 15 occasions in 45 outings in helping Cambridge, then under the stewardship of John Beck, into the Third Division via the play off system. As Cambridge last time won the Third Division championship, returning to the Second, a division that they last left in 1984, John's goal scoring exploit continued with 14 in 40 league outings. John has not been a regular in United's starting line up this term appearing in 28 league games scoring 5 times including one at Twerton in November. In all John scored 48 times in 153 league outings for his former club. His last goal coming for the U's against Rovers in the 6-1 defeat at the Abbey Stadium on 28th February.

A popular player at Cambridge he was nicknamed Shaggy by their fans. You will have to ask him how he acquired the name! John's home debut for Rovers was remarkable as he assisted a Justin Skinner shot into the Southend net and scored from a far post header. Everyone at Rovers wishes him well in his career at Twerton.

ALAN LACOCK



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THE PIRATES

We welcome the supporters of local rivals **Swindon Town** to Twerton today for another oddly timed local 'derby' – will we ever play such a match at 3.00pm on a Saturday again I wonder?

The first choice for a rearranged date for this particular fixture was a Wednesday night, until the Football League stepped in. Just as well really in view of another power failure at the ground during the Southend match which closed our clubroom and prevented the members from choosing the 'Man of the Match' once again!

Never mind, the season is nearly over, the 'Gas' are virtually safe from relegation thanks to two fine wins last week and, you all now have the chance to vote for the '**Player of the Year**'. Voting slips will be handed out, (but not pens!), at all the home turnstiles on Easter Monday when Rovers entertain Brighton. **The Presentation Evening will be on Tuesday, May 5th, at the 'Potters Bar' nightclub in Kingswood.** All the players and staff should be there for a great night out which will be compered by none other than **Keith Valle**. As

an added attraction this year, **Andy Warren** of **Screensoccer** will be coming to show a few clips of the Pirates in action from which you will be invited to choose Rovers' '**Goal of the Season**'. At the time of writing we are still sorting out catering details and so cannot yet give you the cost of the tickets but these will be on sale from all the usual places starting Easter Monday.

Next Saturday we travel past Swindon to the Manor Ground for our customary Bank Holiday defeat at the hands of **Oxford United**. Without wishing to be unsporting, there just might be some consolation in suffering our usual fate again this time but I won't mention why! Coaches leave Eastville at 11.45 and the fare is just £4.50 so, how can you resist it – book with **Ralph Shaw** in the clubroom today.

Due to a severe bout of overwork and a spot of gross incompetence, I forgot to mention in the Southend programme both our Quiz Night at Mangotsfield last Sunday and the Lottery Draw at the 'Black Horse', Downend, on Tuesday. News on these will be in the Brighton programme.

• Enjoy an entertaining match.

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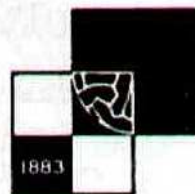
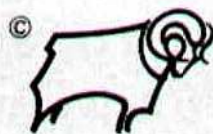
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For those of you who do not have our latest newsletter, here are the events for the remainder of the season:

Wed. 15th April

Easter Soccer School, Keynsham Town Football Ground, 9.30am–4.00pm. Cost: YP £8, others £9.

Sat. 18th April

Young Pirates trip to OXFORD Cost: YP £7, parents £12. Two coaches, BOOK TODAY!!

Coach 1 – Play football against Oxford Utd.

Juniors, have lunch together, then watch the GAS

Coach 2 – For those who just want to watch the GAS.

Sat. 2nd May

Young Pirates football against Charlton Athletic Junior Reds U12s and U16s. U16 players still needed for this game. See us in the YP Room if you want to play.

Sun. 17th May

Trip to WEMBLEY for the International match ENGLAND v BRAZIL. Cost: £15 YP, £24 Parents.

Sun. 24th May

5 A SIDE TOURNAMENT at Yate Leisure Centre.

You can either enter a team, or just by yourself, and we'll find a team for you to play in. Pick up an entry form TODAY from the Young Pirates Room.

Last date for entries is 2nd May.

For more information on this or any of the events listed above, phone Ian on 0454 321925.

A warm welcome to new striker **John Taylor** from all Young Pirates. Congratulations on your excellent start. We wish you a happy and successful stay at Twerton.



Jonathan Taylor

The Young Pirates now have their own John Taylor, pictured here. Our John was born on 16th March and his parents, who obviously intend to bring him up correctly, made sure he immediately joined the Young Pirates.

★LUCKY MASCOT★

Today's Young Pirates Official Mascot is 13 year old **Gary Pine** from Paulton. Gary comes from a family



Gary Pine

of lifelong Gasheads. Both his father and grandfather are keen Rovers fans. Gary is a pupil at Somervale school, Midsomer Norton, whom he represents at both football and athletics. He also plays for

Paulton Boys (32 goals so far this season) and the Young Pirates football team. Gary's favourite players are Carl Saunders and Ian Alexander. Have a great day, Gary!!

IAN METHERINGHAM

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- 3) What was the only football song to reach No 1 in the charts?

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SCREEN SOCCER, AND MIDLANDS SOCCER COMP. WINNERS

Answers to the Screen Soccer Comp. were Keith Brown, Paul Randall, Graham Withey, Dave Palmer, Ian Weston, Peter Aitken and Gary Smart – Winners Darren Bowden from Mangotsfield and Jim Willcox from Bath. Answers to the Midlands Soccer Comp. were Kenny and Terry Hibbitt and Emlyn Hughes – Winners N. Ewart-Clarke from Bristol, Chris Jordan from Bath, Michael from Dudley, Worcs. and C. Peacock from Wells.

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TALES OF TIME

JOY AND DESPAIR IN THE SAME MATCH

Only on seven occasions has a player scored for both teams in a match involving Bristol Rovers. The seven players to have achieved this feat are:

ROVERS PLAYERS

JOHN HAMILTON v Newport County (A)
29/30 Div 3 (South)
Saturday 8th February 1930
Newport 3 Rovers 2

Wing-half John Hamilton played in two seasons for Rovers (29/30, 30/1), scoring 2 goals in 63 league appearances. His son, Ian, was to score 60 league goals for Rovers between 1958 and 1968.



Vic Lambden

VIC LAMBDEN v Brighton (A)
Div 3 (South)
Saturday 5th April 1952:
Brighton 1 Rovers 1

Rovers' team included ex-Brighton winger Geoff Taylor. It was to be Taylor's third, and last, appearance for Rovers. In the opening

minute Rovers took the lead when Brighton keeper John Ball and centre half Wilf McCoy collided trying to collect a Geoff Bradford pass, the ball rebounding to Vic Lambden to score with a slow bounding shot.

Thirty minutes later Lambden was to score in the wrong net when he deflected a Jack Mansell indirect free-kick past Howard Radford. The 51/2 season saw Lambden (29) and Bradford (26) score 55 of Rovers' 89 League goals. The next highest scorer was Bill Roost (7).



Tim Parkin

TIM PARKIN v Swindon (A) 81/2 Div 3
Saturday 6th March 1982:
Swindon 5 Rovers 2

Non-playing substitute for Swindon was Gary Emmanuel who had swapped clubs at the start of the season with Rovers' Brian Williams. Certainly two different

types of player! Tim Parkin was to join Swindon in 1986 and gave tremendous service to both clubs.

Rovers entered March on the fringes of the promotion race but still looking for our first away win under Manager Bobby Gould who had replaced Terry Cooper after our 4-1 defeat at Eastville against Swindon in October. Swindon were now fifth from bottom.

In wet and windy conditions, Tim Parkin gave Rovers the

lead after 30 minutes with a diving header from a left-wing cross from Mike Barrett. However within a minute Parkin deflected a centre from Howard Pritchard past Phil Kite for the Swindon equaliser. The second half saw the following 4 goals in 13 minutes.

54 mins: Swindon 2 Rovers 1: 17 year old Paul Rideout heads in a Roy Carter cross.

60 mins: Swindon 3 Rovers 1: Steve Bailey back-pass intercepted by Kevin Baddely who is brought down by Brian Williams. Roy Carter scores from penalty.

62 mins: Swindon 3 Rovers 2: A Swindon back-pass sticks in the mud enabling Archie Stevens to score.

67 mins: Swindon 4 Rovers 2: Another Rideout header.

The match had an explosive finish when after 84 minutes Brian Williams was sent-off against his old Club for retaliation. After 88 minutes Rovers' misery was complete when Charlie Henry broke away to make the score 5-2.

At the end of the season Rovers finished 15th whilst Swindon along with Bristol City, were relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

GEOFF TWENTYMAN v Notts County (H)
87/8 Div 3



Geoff Twentyman

Wednesday 2nd March 1988:
Rovers 1 Notts County 1

Rovers entered the match, in Gerry Francis' first season as Manager, in 20th position whilst County were second. Rovers took the lead after 46 minutes when

Devon White headed down a Gary Penrice cross for Geoff to "crack home" from 8 yards. This was his first goal in 64 League appearances for Rovers.

County equalised after 67 minutes when Adrian Thorpes "powder-puff" miskick was deflected past Nigel Martyn by Twentyman who commented "the ball hit me on the shinpad. It didn't have any power and I was amazed that it reached the goal, let alone went in."

After a remarkable run of results Rovers finished the season 8th whilst County lost in the promotion play-offs.

OPPOSITION PLAYERS SCORING FOR BOTH TEAMS IN ROVERS MATCH.

ALAN WADDLE: Swansea City v Rovers at Eastville
Boxing Day 1979 Div 2.

CLIVE ADAMS: Kings Lynn v Rovers at Eastville
17th November 1984 FA Cup.

NEIL HEANEY: Cambridge v Rovers at Abbey Stadium
28th February 1992: Div 2.

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STEVE WHITE



Steve White
Swindon Town 1985–1992

Steve White started his career with Mangotsfield United after gaining England Schoolboy honours. He joined Rovers in July 1977 as a professional. Born in Chipping Sodbury on 2 January 1959 "Chalky" as he was nicknamed at Eastville made his league debut for The Pirates at Southampton on 27 March 1978. Steve scored his first goal in his second game against Millwall at Fratton Park. The competition for strikers in Rovers' first team at the time was fierce with Bobby Gould, Paul Randall and Dave Staniforth in the squad. Nevertheless, Steve gained a regular place scoring consistently.

However, on 21 December 1979 Luton Town offered Rovers £200,000 for White. This exceeded the previous record transfer fee received for Paul Randall who moved 12 months earlier for £175,000. Steve enjoyed success at Luton in his 18 month career there including being ever present in their Division 2 Championship team. Unfortunately, before he could make his Division One debut White was involved in a transfer swap involving Charlton's Paul Walsh who moved to Luton with Steve going to the South London club. Steve scored 12 times for Charlton in 29 games before he jumped at the chance to return 'home' to Rovers for a bargain fee of £35,000. After a further 101 appearances and 24 goals for 'The Pirates', Steve became the subject of Rovers' financial plight and was released on a free transfer to West Country rivals Swindon Town in August 1985. It proved to be an inspired signing many pundits describing it as "The Robins" best ever free signing. In his first season Steve was top goalscorer and scored 2 goals in the play off final to secure promotion to Division 2. In season 88/89 the First Division play offs were reached but disappointment followed. The following season promotion was achieved to the First Division, via the play offs again only to be dashed by "financial irregularities" within his club. That was a great pity for the skilful, wholehearted professional who has never failed to give 100% in every game he plays.

MIKE JAY



BRISTOL ROVERS 1984/85

Back Row: Neil Slatter, Paul Bannon, Archie Stephens, Ray Cashley, Geraint Williams, Phil Bater, Mark O'Conner and Brian Williams.

Front Row: Gary Penrice, Paul Randall, Aiden McCaffery, David Williams, Tim Parkin, Steve White and Ian Holloway.



CHRIS WALKER

RESERVE TEAM FOCUS

RESERVE TEAM STATISTICS FULL APPEARANCES

20 Taylor (G)	19 Evans
18 Boothroyd	16 Kelly
14 Bloomer	13 Chenoweth, Hazel, Stewart (M)
12 Browning	11 Maddison, Purnell, Willmott
10 Archer	9 Clark
7 Wilson	6 Gurney
5 Mehew	4 Slade, Tovey, Thomas
3 Pounder	2 Elliott, Skinner, Yates
1 Crossey, Jones, Knop, Paul, Reece, Robottom, Saunders, Smith, Stewart (A), Twentyman, Webb, White.	

SUB APPEARANCES

5 Chenoweth	3 Archer, Elliott, Maddison
2 Gurney, Knop	
1 Bloomer, Proudfoot, Thomas, Tovey, Wilson	

GOALS SCORED

17 Stewart (M)	9 Archer
8 Evans	5 Purnell
4 Browning	3 Elliott, Hazel, Mehew
2 Chenoweth, Saunders	
1 Bloomer, Boothroyd, Paul, Taylor (G), Twentyman, Willmott, Wilson	

Former Rovers reserve Ian Hazel has left Gloucester City to sign for Maidstone United on non contract terms.

• FORTHCOMING FIXTURES •

TUES. 14TH	APRIL	SOUTHAMPTON	AWAY	(Cup)
WED. 22ND	APRIL	YEOVIL TOWN	HOME	(League)
MON. 27TH	APRIL	BRISTOL CITY	HOME	(League)

Somerset Premier Cup Semi-Final
Monday 30th March 1992, 7.30 pm
RADSTOCK TOWN 4 BRISTOL ROVERS 5

BRAVE RADSTOCK FIGHT TO THE FINISH

This Cup replay produced a memorable and eventful evening for the large Radstock crowd. The home side took an early lead only for Marcus Stewart to equalise at once. A header from a corner saw Radstock back in front to lead 2-1 at the break.

Rovers dominated the spell after the interval. Two fine goals by Marcus Stewart and a 20 yard drive from Richard Evans saw Rovers go 4-2 ahead. Gutsily, Radstock fought back to draw level, when a long deflected shot made it 4-3 before Lee Archer's attempted slide tackle produced an own goal. With time running out a free kick, cleverly worked by Adie Boothroyd and Phil Purnell, saw Marcus Browning score with a shot in off the underside of the bar.

A game that contained everything, including a Radstock sending off, produces a two-legged cup final for Rovers against Yeovil Town. We also meet Yeovil in the league on Wednesday 22nd April.

Team: Slade; Boothroyd; Gurney; Taylor; Bloomer; Evans; Wilson; Chenoweth; Purnell; Stewart; Browning.
Subs: Paul Tovey; Lee Archer for Bloomer.
Scorers: Richard Evans; Marcus Stewart (3); Marcus Browning.

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bristol City	17	14	2	1	46	10	44
Exeter City	16	9	3	4	45	25	30
Bournemouth	20	9	2	9	49	38	29
Hereford United	17	8	3	6	37	23	27
Plymouth Arg	16	8	3	5	22	12	27
Torquay United	18	8	2	8	31	40	26
Swansea City	17	6	7	4	31	27	25
BRISTOL ROVERS	14	7	3	4	36	22	24
Cheltenham Town	19	5	2	12	25	49	17
Cardiff City	16	5	0	11	17	39	15
Yeovil Town	18	1	1	16	11	65	4

CITY ARE CHAMPS

Bristol City's emphatic 6-0 victory over Torquay United at Ashton Gate on Wednesday 1st April means that they have retained the championship of the South West Counties League. Their last match will be on Monday 27th April at Lodge Road, Yate when they will expect to turn the tables on the Rovers reserves who beat them on February 19th.

FIXTURE CHAOS LOOMS

As we move into the last few weeks of the season there are still at least SEVEN reserve matches to be played. This is the price that has to be paid (or is it the reward) for



LEE ARCHER

Like all the other 1st year professionals in the club this season, Lee has spent most of his time watching rather than playing games. His fresh legs may help to bring home some silver.

YOUTH TEAM SPOTLIGHT



TONY GILL

YOUTH TEAM 1991/92 FULL APPEARANCES

29 Scott Crossey, Dean Elliott, Paul Tovey
28 Spencer Thomas
27 Scott Impey, Andy Stewart
26 Andy Gurney, Martin Paul
24 Karl Robottom
18 Ian Smith
16 Tony Bennett
14 Jamie Proudfoot
9 Tom White
5 Steve Davies, Marco Micciche
4 Mark Harrington
2 Stuart Rogers
1 Jake Dowden

SUB APPEARANCES

9 Mark Harrington	8 Ian Smith
6 Tony Bennett, Marco Micciche	3 Martin Paul
2 Tom Crowley, Tom White	1 Craig Webb

GOALS SCORED

14 Dean Elliott	9 Martin Paul
8 Paul Tovey	5 Andy Gurney
4 Scott Crossey	3 Ian Smith
2 Tony Bennett, Jamie Proudfoot	
1 Tom Crowley, Jake Dowden, Mark Harrington, Scott Impey, Spencer Thomas, Tom White.	

• FUTURE FIXTURES •

SAT. 18th APRIL BRENTFORD AWAY (LEAGUE)

South East Counties League
Saturday 21st March 1992 11.00 am
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION 2
BRISTOL ROVERS 0

"PIRATES" TAKE GIFTS TO THE "SEAGULLS"

Rovers failed this IQ test in a match held on the campus of Sussex University. Tony Gill was "very disappointed with our finishing we had half a dozen good chances and failed to score. Our play was good but the goals were one-a-season mistakes; stupid and soft goals".

Having played against the strong wind in the first half, we were pleased to end the 45 minutes, 0-0. In the second period, Martin Paul and Paul Tovey both missed two good opportunities which they would normally expect to convert. Probably, the turning point in the match came 5 minutes after the interval when a misunderstanding between the defence and the goalkeeper proved fatal.

At least some satisfaction can be derived from the greatly improved performance compared to the inept home display against Brighton last November.

Team: Davies; Thomas; Gurney; Stewart; Impey; White;
Crossey; Tovey; Smith; Elliott; Paul.
Subs: Tony Bennett; Mark Harrington for Ian Smith.

DEAN ELLIOTT

Leading goalscorer in the youth team this season, Dean Elliott must count himself unlucky not to win a full contract for next season. Despite being a member of a young, inexperienced and only moderately successful team "Deano" has averaged one goal every two games.

In the Youth team, Dean operated last season as a right winger and as a striker throughout this season. He is a strong runner on the ball, quick off the mark, turns well and shows good anticipation in and around the box. His excellent close ball control and natural pace are obviously his greatest assets.

An ex-pupil of Withywood School, Bristol, Dean played for Bristol Boys, Bromley Heath, St. Valier and also Birmingham City as a schoolboy. His father, Bob, has been the most supportive influence on his career. Outside of soccer, Dean enjoys tennis. However soccer is his greatest love. He admires Andy Townsend of Chelsea and Fire, would love the opportunity to play at Goodison Park and has a soft spot for Leeds United.

During these last few weeks of the season, Dean will be very busy trying to impress managers of senior non-league clubs in the area. He has proved this season that he has genuine striking talent. Dean is likely to be much in demand. It will be no surprise if in a few years time the name of Dean Elliott is spoken of in league circles again.



DEAN ELLIOTT

Scorer of 14 South East Counties League goals.



**BARCLAYS
LEAGUE**

DIVISION TWO

SUNDAY, 12th APRIL 1992

11.30am KICK OFF

TODAY'S TEAMS

AT TWERTON PARK



BRISTOL ROVERS v SWINDON

Blue and White quartered shirts

Red shirts



BRIAN PARKIN

1

FRAZER DIGBY

Glenn Hoddle

IAN ALEXANDER

2

DAVID KERSLAKE

BILL CLARK

3

PAUL BODIN

STEVE YATES

4

TOM JONES

BOB BLOOMER

5

COLIN CALDERWOOD

JUSTIN SKINNER

6

SHAUN TAYLOR

DAVID MEHEW

7

MICKY HAZARD

ANDY REECE

8

TERRY GIBSON

JOHN TAYLOR

9

GARY WADDOCK

MARCUS STEWART

10

MARTIN LING

TONY POUNDER

11

DAVID MITCHELL

SUBSTITUTES

JEFF HOPKINS

12

JOHN MONCUR

CARL SAUNDERS

14

SHAUN CLOSE



Dennis Rofe



OFFICIALS

Referee: **Mr Howard King**
(Merthyr Tydfil)

Howard returns to Twerton Park for the first time since 6 October 1990 which was for the visit of Sheffield Wednesday. 44 year old Howard is a sales representative who commenced refereeing in 1967 graduating to the league list in season 1977/78.

Linesmen:



Mr D. Colwell
(Kidderminster, Worcs)



Mr V. Reed
(Merthyr Tydfil, Mid. Glam)



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