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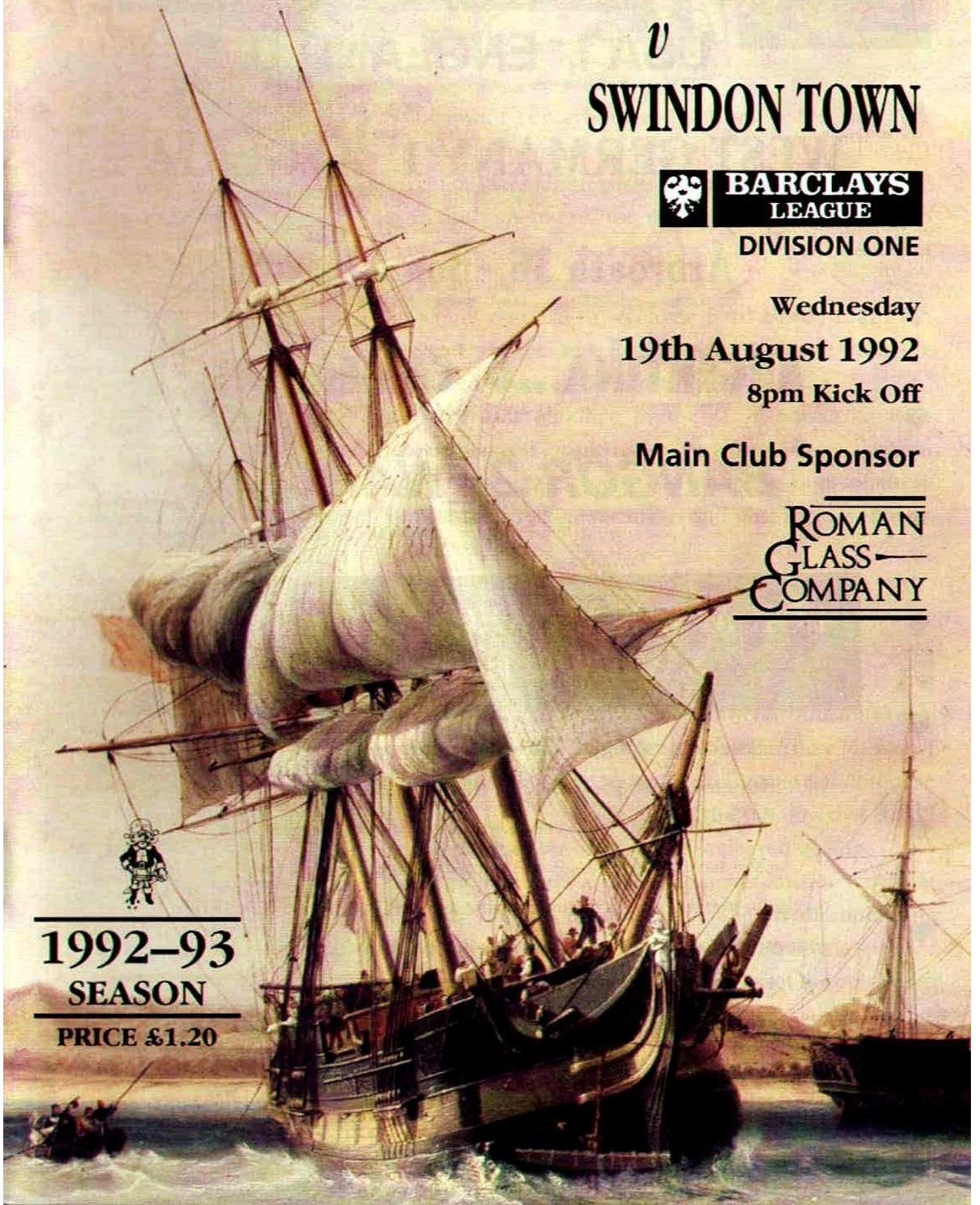
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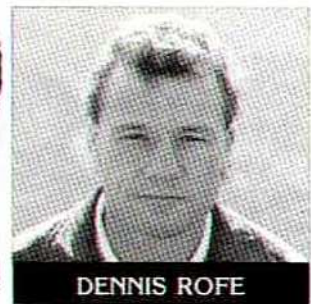
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Good evening everybody and welcome to Twerton Park at the beginning of a new season.

Since you were last with us there have been some changes both on and off the pitch. **Steve Cross** has been appointed as Coach, his experience and enthusiasm will prove invaluable to me.

We would also like to welcome **Paul Hardyman** from Sunderland who became Rovers' record signing, after the fee was fixed at the tribunal last week.

We have said goodbye in the close season to **Bob Bloomer**, and **Jeff Hopkins** is now at Reading on a month to month basis. We would like to thank both of these players for their service to Rovers and wish them well with their future careers.

As you are well aware FIFA, the game's governing body, have once again amended the rules. Amongst some minor changes the most significant is a change in the back pass rule where a goalkeeper may not handle the ball if it is deliberately kicked to him by one of his own team mates. This rule was amended in order to eliminate time wasting, I don't think that this was the major problem in our domestic football and I am certainly not of the opinion that it will make the product we offer you of improved quality.

This new rule was a major influence in our defeat at Oxford on Saturday in what was a slightly disappointing performance; we now have two home games in the space of 4 days and we must ensure that we do not let the points slip from our grasp.

Your support has been proved on many occasions and can make the difference in a tight finish. Enjoy the game.

DENNIS ROFO
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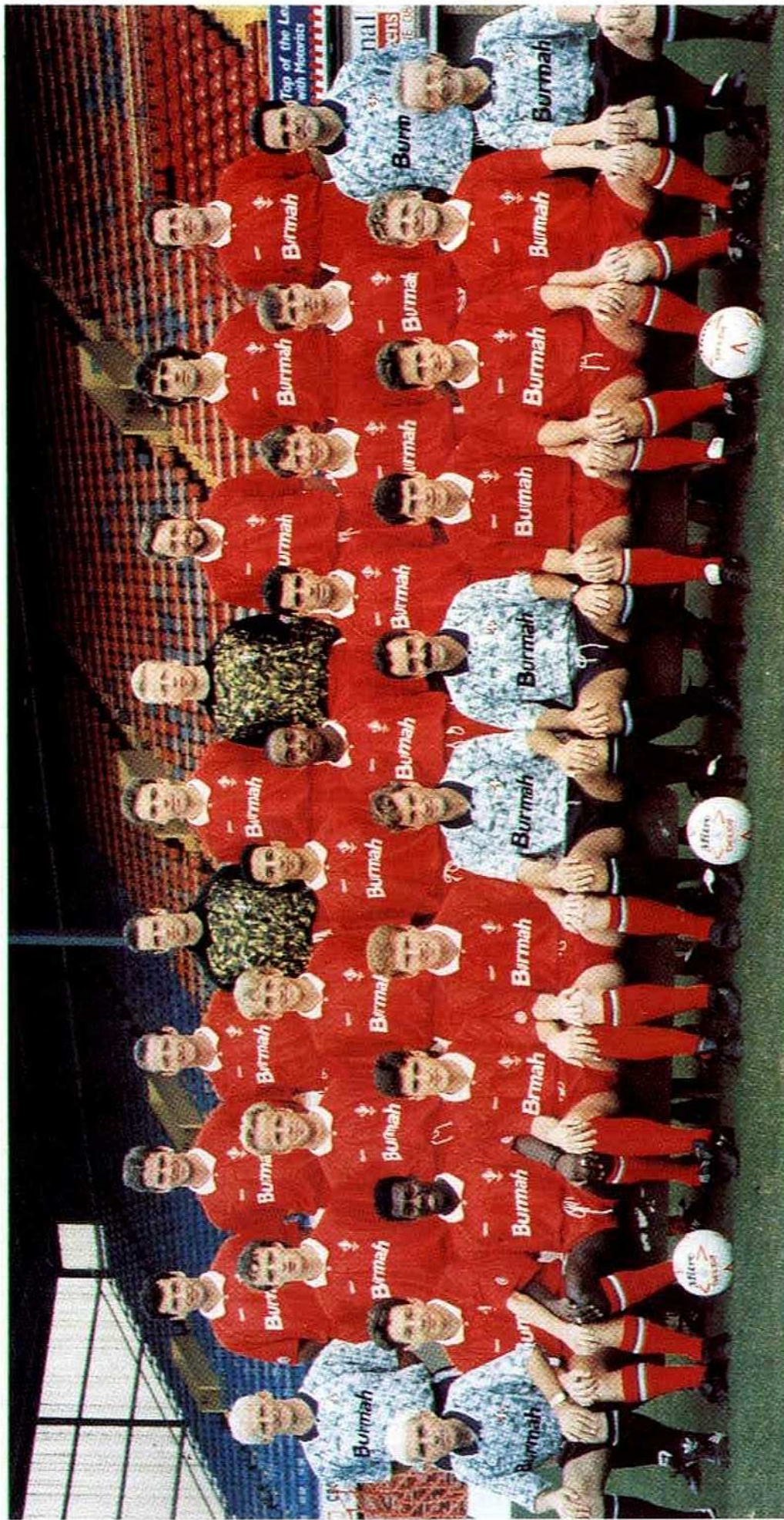
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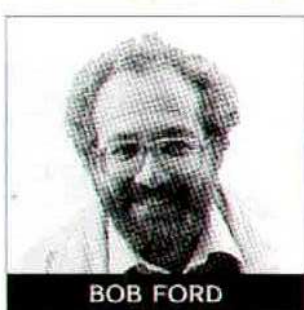


SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1992-1993

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)





BOB FORD



COUNTY GROUND NEWS

It is a mere four months since Swindon Town's last visit to Twerton and we should expect to see many familiar faces among the players selected to wear the famous red shirts this evening. The most likely area to feature an unfamiliar face will be in attack where some close season transfer activity has taken place in an attempt to fill the gap left by the move of record goal scorer Duncan Shearer to Blackburn and then onto Aberdeen.

Ollie Morah has been signed for a two month loan period

from Tottenham to provide an extra bit of competition for the striking positions but the most likely newcomer to make an appearance is Craig Maskell. The Aldershot born striker has spent the last two years at Reading but has been unable to reproduce the goal touch that made him a regular on the scoring lists while at Huddersfield Town. He is no stranger to the County Ground having been on loan from Southampton, the club that gave him his apprenticeship, five years ago. He is also no stranger to following in the

footsteps of Duncan Shearer since it was he who took over from the Scotsman when he left Huddersfield for Swindon in the 1988 close season. Craig scored the second goal in a one-sided 2-0 victory over Exeter City ten days ago and will be hoping that it will be a prelude to a successful league season.

The Exeter game rounded off an uninspired pre-season with a performance full of quality that produced countless goal scoring chances for the Robins. The first strike was converted by

THE VISITING CREW

IN GOAL	Age	Ports of Call	Swindon Appearances (and Goals)			
			Careers		1991-92	
Fraser DIGBY	25	Manchester United, Oldham	223	(-)	21	(-)
Nicky HAMMOND	24	Arsenal, Bristol Rovers	34	(-)	25	(-)
AT THE BACK						
Colin CALDERWOOD	27	Mansfield Town	282	(18)	46	(5)
Glenn HODDLE	34	Monaco, Tottenham Hotspur	22	(-)	22	(-)
Nestor LORENZO	26	Bari	20	(2)	2	(-)
Ross MacLAREN	29	Derby County, Shrewsbury Town	160	(9)	32	(1)
Shaun TAYLOR	29	Exeter City, Bideford	42	(3)	42	(3)
Adrian VIVEASH	22	Swindon born ex-trainee	32	(1)	9	(-)
IN MIDFIELD						
Micky HAZARD	32	Portsmouth, Chelsea	75	(15)	44	(7)
John MONCUR	25	Tottenham Hotspur, Brentford	1	(-)	1	(-)
Paul BODIN	27	Crystal Palace, Newport County	108	(11)	21	(2)
David KERSLAKE	26	Queens Park Rangers	103	(1)	38	(1)
Mick SUMMERBEE	21	Altrincham born ex-trainee	17	(-)	16	(-)
Martin LING	26	Southend United, Exeter City	19	(3)	17	(3)
UP FRONT						
Steve WHITE	33	Bristol Rovers, Charlton Athletic	178	(75)	21	(9)
David MITCHELL	30	Chelsea, Glasgow Rangers	24	(4)	24	(4)
Craig MASKELL	24	Reading, Huddersfield Town	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Shaun CLOSE	25	Bournemouth, Tottenham Hotspur	8	(1)	3	(1)
Ollie MORAH	18	On loan from Tottenham Hotspur	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)

Welcome Swindon Town, The Robins from Wiltshire

Formed 1881. Turned professional 1894. Founder member Division 3 in 1920.

Promoted from Third in 1963, 1969, 1987 under Bert Head, Danny Williams and Lou Macari.

This is 13th season in Second Division/New First Division, highest placing 4th in 1990.

Division 4 Champions in 1986. FA Cup Semi-Finalists 1911 and 1913.

League Cup Winners 1969 beating Arsenal 3-1. Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1970.

Martin Ling at the end of a superb move that manager Hoddle rated as unlikely to be bettered all season. Martin made over 100 appearances for Exeter at the outset of his career as did defender Shaun Taylor who begins his second season at the County Ground as an established member of the defence. The Exeter game had special significance for Shaun as his younger brother Craig was among the opposition.

Shaun's partner in the centre of the rearguard is the club's senior professional, Colin Calderwood, the only surviving member of the Town's Fourth Division Championship-winning side of 1985-86. Colin has been at the County Ground since July 1985, eighteen months longer than goalkeeper Frazer Digby his main challenger for current appearances. They both stand little prospect of overhauling John Trollope's club record of 767 league outings between 1960 and 1981.

In fact Fraser will have his work cut out to keep his place between the posts in the face of stiff competition from ex-Rover Nicky Hammond. Both keepers had the best of groundings for their league careers with Digby having been apprenticed at Old Trafford and Hammond at Highbury. It was while at Arsenal that Nicky made three on-loan appearances for the Gas during Bobby Gould's second reign.

If penalty-taking plays any part in the goalkeeping selection process then Nicky will be in



Micky Hazard

trouble. During the Borsele Trophy held in Holland at the beginning of August, Swindon drew 1-1 with Iraklis, the Greek club, in the third place play-off match. The situation that all keepers must dread actually occurred when all ten outfield players on each side converted their kicks in the resultant penalty competition. Poor Nicky fired high over the bar and to rub salt into the wound his opposite number scored from the spot a few moments later.

It is normally in midfield that Swindon exhibit their classic pattern of play. In addition to Martin Ling we can expect the experienced Micky Hazard to be ably assisted by full backs David Kerlake and Paul Bodin moving forward into wide positions. All four have strong London connections. Ling and Kerlake through birth, Sunderland born Hazard through his spells at Spurs and Chelsea and Bodin from an unhappy period at Crystal Palace. Paul will know the Twerton pitch well enough from his days with our landlords Bath City. It will be of added interest to see if he can use his local knowledge to the benefit of his team tonight.

SIX SEASONS FORM

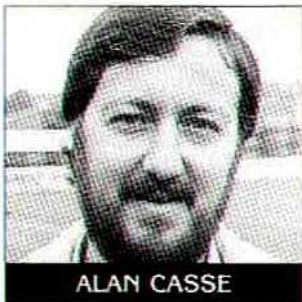
Our visitors' away league record and final league placings over recent seasons.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pos. (Div)
86/87	11	7	5	40	28	3 (3)
87/88	6	4	12	30	35	12 (2)
88/89	7	8	8	33	38	6 (2)
89/90	8	8	7	30	30	4 (2)
90/91	4	8	11	34	43	21 (2)
91/92	3	12	8	31	33	8 (2)
Total	39	47	51	198	207	

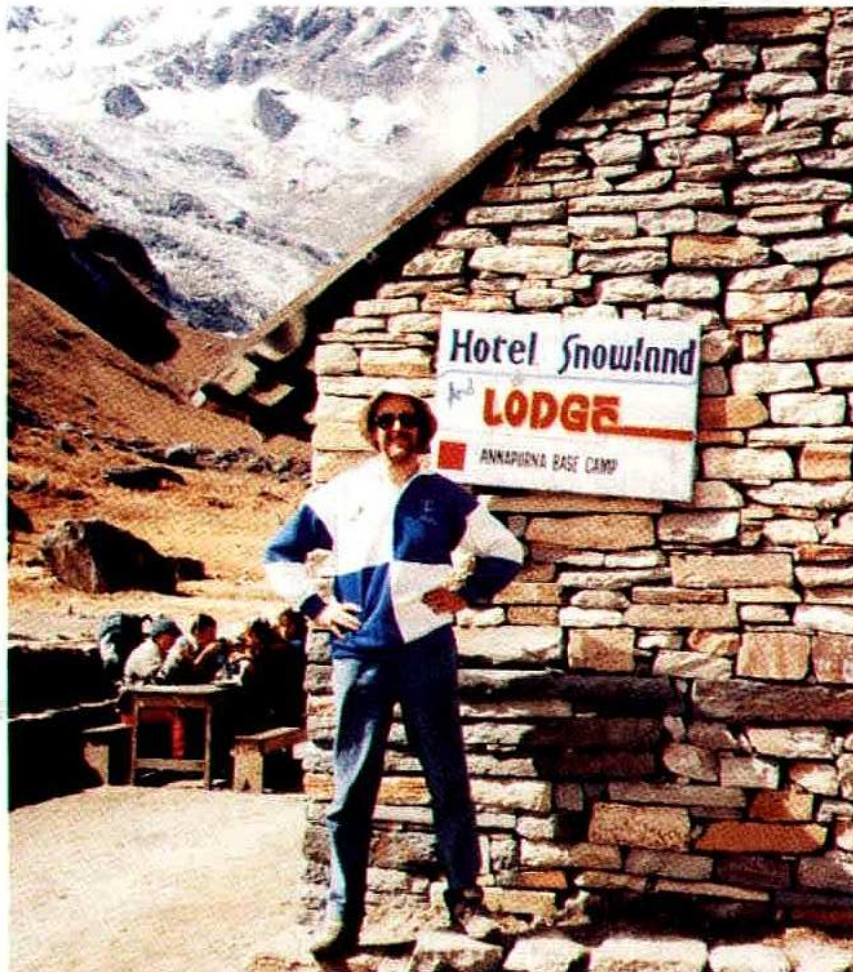
THE ENGINE ROOM

Glenn Hoddle begins his second full campaign in management with a very different pre-season experience than twelve months ago. Last time a sequence of good results boded well for a successful start to the League but only one point was earned from the first two matches. This year things have not gone as well from a results point of view and several players have suffered from injury including Glenn himself. In fact, with only a week to go to the opening game at Sunderland the player-manager had only completed one full ninety minute outing leaving a difficult team selection decision ahead.

Glenn won 53 full England caps during an illustrious playing career. Nine of them came while at French club Monaco whom he joined in 1987 but of course his name is more closely associated with Spurs. During thirteen years at White Hart Lane he won UEFA and FA Cup Winners medals. He became manager of the Robins in April last year.



ALAN CASSE



Nov. 2nd 1991: End of a 4½ trek to Base Camp at 4,500 metres, just below the snowline.

My thanks to Steven Forbes for sending me this photo of himself from last winter at the base camp of Mount Annapurna in Nepal. "I have followed Rovers since my schooldays in the 1950's and although I now live in Berkshire, I still watch them play when they are in the London area" said Steven. "The day this photo was taken I had climbed to 4,500 feet and heard on the world service radio that Rovers and Port Vale had drawn 3-3" he added.

This photograph is part of my Homes of Football competition. If you can answer question 1 – (a) Who is the goalkeeper? (b) What was the match? and (c) Who scored the Rovers goal pictured below in the game featured? Now turn to page 17 for details of how to enter the competition and what excellent prizes are on offer.

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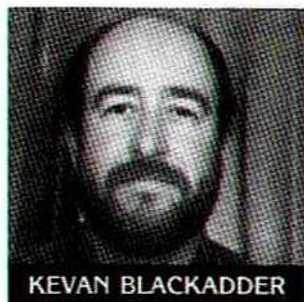
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ELEVEN-A-SIDE: 11 FACTS ABOUT TONIGHT'S VISITORS

- Formed: 1881
- Turned professional: 1894
- Nickname: The Robins
- Biggest League Victory: 9-1 v Luton Town, 1921.
- Biggest League Defeat: 0-9 v Torquay United, 1952.
- Most Points: 3 for Win = 102 (1985-86); 2 for Win = 64 (1968-69).
- Most Appearances: John Trollope 753 (1960-81).
- Most Goals: Harry Morris 230 (1926-33).
- Most Goals in Season: Harry Morris 48, (1926-27).
- Oldest Player: Alex Ferguson, Aged 43 + 103 days, (1947).
- Youngest Player: Paul Rideout, Aged 16 + 107 days, (1980).

CURRENT FORM

Swindon Town completed the 1991-92 season with just one defeat in their final 10 games – the very last match of the season at Derby County. But five of those games also ended in draws, with many believing the departure of Duncan Shearer to Blackburn Rovers was the main reason a promising season ended outside the play-off places.

LAST 6 LEAGUE RESULTS 1991-92

March 21 (H) Southend 3-1; March 28 (A) Portsmouth 1-1; April 4 (H) Port Vale 1-0; April 8 (A) Millwall 1-1; April 12 (A) Bristol Rovers 1-1; April 18 (H) Wolves 1-0; April 20 (A) Watford 0-0; April 25 (H) Plymouth 1-0; April 27 (A) Sunderland 0-0; May 2 (A) Derby County 1-2.

A GAME TO REMEMBER

Swindon Town 4 Bristol Rovers 3 October 5 1965 (Division 3)

It was not just the high score of this game and the twists that took place within it that make it one of the most memorable games between the two sides. What happened at the County Ground that evening was also to bear an uncanny similarity to the fortunes of the teams for the rest of the season. Before the game, Rovers were eighth, their early results had included a 5-1 win away at York City and promotion was being discussed at Eastville. Swindon had played three previous home league games that season without a goal being scored and their fans were becoming impatient. After 24 minutes they must have been thinking about going home:

Bobby Jones and Harold Jarman had put Rovers 2-0 ahead. But by half-time the scores were level. Don Rogers, then just 19, made goals for Eric Weaver and Roger Smart. Rovers hit back after the break, Jarman scoring with a right-foot shot from the edge of the area. Rovers remained on top but in three incredible minutes, Town stole victory with goals from Dennis Brown and Smart. The turn around was to be matched by the contrasting fortunes of the two teams from that time on. Rovers tumbled down the table and finished 16th, just six points above relegation while Town recovered to complete 1964-65 in a respectable 7th place.

A NAME TO REMEMBER John Gorman (Born Winchburgh, 16/8/49)

Any Rovers or Swindon fan who believes that, despite all the promising signs of the last few seasons, their club will never be big enough to win promotion to the premier league need look no further than the Town dugout today. The Assistant manager to Glenn Hoddle is John Gorman and he, more than anyone at Twerton Park tonight, knows the "impossible" can be achieved. Gorman was a key member of the unfashionable Carlisle United team who stunned the football world by winning promotion to the first division in 1973-74. Bill Shankley, a former manager of

Carlisle, described the achievement as "a miracle" and much of it was down to the performances of attacking left-back Gorman. He played a total of 228 games for the Cumbrians between 1970 and 1976 after failing to make the grade with Celtic. Then came his much-deserved move to a big club when he joined Tottenham Hotspur. A promising start ended in disaster with a badly broken leg and he played a total of just 30 games for Spurs. Gorman managed a playing return in America with Tampa Bay Rowdies before returning to England as coach at Gillingham and then reserve and youth team manager at Leyton Orient. And when Hoddle was appointed manager at the County Ground the first "signing" he made was Gorman – a friendship that started at Spurs may this season see Gorman win his second promotion to join the elite of the English game.

●FOOTNOTE: When Carlisle won promotion to the then first division, Manchester United were relegated. Unfortunately for the Cumbrians they swapped divisions again the very next season!

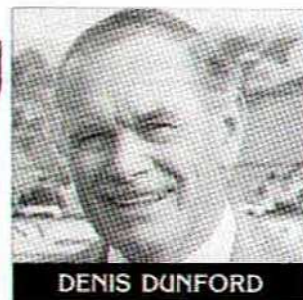


John Gorman

ALL TIME LEAGUE MEETINGS

HOME						AWAY						TOTAL					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
35	20	4	11	62	40	35	7	7	21	39	64	70	27	11	32	101	104

AT THE HELM



DENIS DUNFORD

A warm welcome is extended to our visitors, Swindon Town F.C. and their supporters for our first home match this season, now in the 1st Division of the New Football League.

A special welcome to all our supporters. I can assure you that we face another season full of optimism and the desire to continue to build on our past success. We have a strong and enthusiastic playing squad who will always give you, their supporters, their best endeavour and will to win.

An interesting change this season is the new rule regarding passing back to the goalkeeper. Many players and managers have spoken out against this change to the rules and we have only seen the implementation just recently in the friendly fixtures and the G.F.A. Cup Final. Since then, I think some views may have changed but it will be quite a talking point this season. An explanation of this rule is printed elsewhere in the programme.

Next month we compete in a new competition, the Anglo-Italian Cup. The matches against West Ham and Southend will be very important if we are to progress towards another Cup Final at Wembley.

We earnestly thank you for your tremendous support in the past and look forward to that continuity throughout the season.

DENIS DUNFORD
CHAIRMAN

My last programme notes summarised the new law on passing back to the goalkeeper. Scrap those – further amendments have been made by F.I.F.A. and confusion reigns even before the season has started. Episode 2 is as follows:

“Subject to the terms of Law XII, a player may pass the ball to his own goalkeeper using his head or chest or knee, etc. If however, in the opinion of the referee, a player uses a deliberate trick in order to circumvent the amendment to Law XII, the player will be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct and will be punished accordingly in terms of Law XII, that is to day, the player will be cautioned and an indirect free-kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the player committed the offence.”

Examples of such tricks would include: a player who deliberately flicks the ball with his feet up onto his head in order to head the ball to his goalkeeper; or, a player who kneels down and deliberately pushes the ball to the goalkeeper with his knee, etc.

Match officials have been handed an extra responsibility with a great deal depending on their interpretation of the new law. Referees, players and fans are only human and, to put it mildly, I anticipate considerable debate for the early part of the season at least.

On behalf of everyone at Rovers I extend a warm welcome to you all for the start of a new season, our seventh at Twerton.

BOB TWYFORD
CLUB SECRETARY



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KEITH BROOKMAN



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THE REVEREND GASHEAD

The programme for the home fixture against Swindon last April carried an article on club chaplains and highlighted the fact that Rovers didn't have one. Well, today's first home fixture of the new season sees us take on Swindon again, with a new club chaplain in post. Of course, it could be coincidence, but it would seem that our prayers have been answered and God really is on our side!

Rovers officials, having contacted the Archdeacon of Bath for advice on an appointment, invited **The Reverend Simon Stevenette** to be honorary club chaplain in May and, having met Simon recently, I would like to say what an excellent signing he is and, on behalf of all of you, welcome him to Twerton Park.



Simon Stevenette
Rovers new Chaplain

Simon, who is thirty years old, hails from Brighton and is a sports fanatic. He studied Law and Politics at Hull University but after obtaining his degree, took a year off when he undertook a year's nursing at Weybridge Hospital before embarking on a three year

Theological course at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was ordained in 1987 and moved on to a curacy at Overton, near Oxford and, in fact, was chaplain to the Witney Wildcats American Football Team during his time there.

He moved to Keynsham in 1990, where he is one of a team of vicars, with a particular role in education, training and youth work. He works closely with local schools and enjoys working in the local community.

Shortly after his move to the area, he formed a Church football team to play in the Bath and Bristol Church League. This venture has proved to be so successful that another team was formed. Simon runs both teams and turns out for one of them at right back.

In fact, if you live in the Keynsham area and are between the ages of 17-30 and want to join the Church Choir, confirmation or bible classes, one of the first questions you will be asked, on meeting Simon, will be 'Can you play football?' Simon has signed a number of his star players this way!

Matches are played on Sunday afternoons, so Simon has to go easy on the communion wine on Sunday mornings, in order to be fit for the afternoons exertions. He then has to have a quick shower and change back into his working clothes, to take the evening service!

Seriously, Simon says he has

been made very welcome by everyone at the club. He has met the players, Directors and most of the staff and is "impressed with the family atmosphere at the club".

He places great emphasis on the confidential nature of his role. He will be there to listen to problems and build up friendships and help, advise and counsel staff and players. He himself has received a great deal of help from Derek Cleave, club chaplain at Bristol City and he will be attending the national conference of club chaplains organised by 'Christians in Sport'.

He has already impressed Rovers trainees, not for his sporting prowess, but for his appearance at the Pilton Pop Festival, where he conducted a service!

He is ably supported by his wife Nicola, but has yet to convert her to becoming a football fan, though hopes are high that 11 month old son, Thomas, will follow in dad's sporting footsteps.

Weddings permitting, Simon will attend as many matches as possible at Twerton Park; though I'm sure we all hope that he can do more for us than he did for Brighton last season. As a Brighton supporter, Simon was on the terraces to see the Seagulls lose 4-1 which confirmed their relegation.

I know that Simon is looking forward to his time with the club. With him and God on our side, the only way is up!!!

KEITH BROOKMAN

CAPTAINS LOG



GEOFF TWENTYMAN

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. Welcome to the players, staff and officials of **Swindon Town**.

The new season fills players and fans throughout the country with excitement and optimism. Everyone hopes it will be their team's year for success. I am confident if we can start the season in the same vein as we finished the last one, we will go on to enjoy a good season. Personally I don't think anyone will run away with the first division so it could be a long season with consistency at home **and away** proving crucial.

All in all so much has happened since May – the Premier League, Coca Cola Cup, Anglo Italian Cup, Law changes, new referee's kits, mandatory drug testing, a record British transfer, the Swindon Town trials, the poor showing of our national team – it has been difficult to digest.

A big welcome to **Paul Hardyman**. Paul has settled in very well and already is a popular figure. He has shown great ability not only at left back but also with the baseball bat during some "therapeutic" training sessions!

It was disappointing to lose at **Oxford**. No season is won or lost on the opening Saturday although it is nice to get 'something' from the first fixture. Still we now have two consecutive home games and it's important we utilise this to maximum effect. The following at the **Manor Ground** was amazing; enjoy tonight's game and give the lads your best support.

Best wishes.

GEOFF 20 ✂

PRESIDENTS CLUB

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of your committee I would like to welcome members old and new to the new season. Your committee for the coming season and their positions are as follows:

John Goodchild	– Chairman
Syd Boulton	– Vice chairman
Roy Cowell	– Secretary
Brian Harding	– Treasurer
Peter Thornell	– Away Travel, Guest Tickets
John Harding	– Social Secretary
Edward Ware	– Publicity
Jerry Richardson	– Fund Raising

You will be pleased to know that the Presidents Club will be sponsoring the Under 14's football team this season. Our name will be on the shirts of the team and I'm sure they would welcome your support at some of their matches this season. If you would like a fixture list please contact Roy Cowell.

We shall again be supporting the Bristol Hospital Radio Broadcast and have agreed to Sponsor the cost of the transmission for a game in September.

If there are any members who could sponsor this very worthwhile cause either as individuals or through their business, then Frank Pearson who organises the sponsorship would be very pleased to hear from you.

Frank can be contacted on 561016.

A very big welcome to Paul Hardyman our £160,000 record signing from Sunderland and to Steve White one of our old players who is playing for Swindon Town, our visitors this evening.

UP THE BLUES

EDWARD WARE

• ROVERS SCHOOLBOY TRAINING CAMP •

Training will commence for Rovers Schoolboy Groups at 7pm on Thursday 10 September at the Club's Training Ground. Boys are reminded to bring with them two passport size photographs when they attend their first session.

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After the change of manager last season, this summer has been reasonably uneventful for Bristol Rovers. Unlike the Rovers from Blackburn who seem to have enough money to end the recession on their own.

It is worth considering, however, if all the "money no object" attitude of Dalglish is enough to ensure success. We have seen in the past few seasons how our big-spending neighbours have failed to achieve a higher position in the league than Rovers.

There is no substitute for the family club atmosphere of Bristol Rovers and long may it continue.

Those involved with Helpline wish all supporters an exciting and successful season. Here's hoping that come next May we will be looking down on 22 other teams in the new First Division. Move over Dalglish!!

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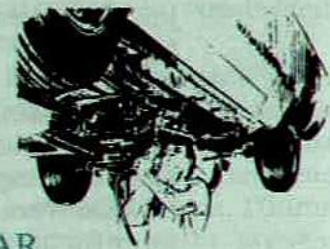
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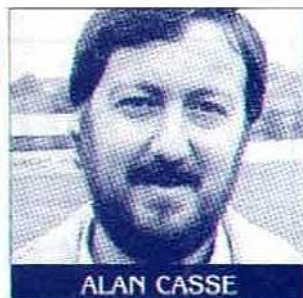
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LAST SEASON

Did you know that 5,809,787 people watched 552 second division matches at an average of 10,525 which was 7.7% down on the previous season? **ROVERS** average gate was 5,850 which was 1.3% down with their highest attendance 7,622 v Charlton and lowest 3,547 v Port Vale. In my **TOFFS** competition in the Brighton programme **Mr A Sheppard** from Hove won the England Shirt and in my Book

and Video competition in the Charlton programme **Mr R Drew** from Crewe won the book and **Mr P Clayton** from Trowbridge won the video.

A reminder of **Screen Soccer's** compilation video called **Everyone for Dennis**. It is two hours of the best league action since Dennis Rofe became manager including extensive away highlights, 14 unbeaten league games and more goals than any other

Division 2 team. The price is £13.95 and you can buy a copy at the ground or club shop.

DAVID STACEY reports that the international programme fair was a roaring success in June. Over 1,000 attended on the day and much swapping, buying and selling took place. For details on the **Football Programme Directory** or the London Programme Fair on 6th September ring David on 0268 732041.

THE EYES OF STUART CLARKE

F. Stop Photographic Gallery is hosting a touring exhibition showing the Cibachrome photographs of Cumbrian based freelance photographer **Stuart Clarke**. This series called **The Homes of Football**, captures all the aspects of our great game including the character of the fans. The camaraderie of crowds, architecture of stands and unusual action, included among the forty images from football grounds around Britain are scenes from the terraces of

Twerton Park, Ashton Gate and the **County Ground, Swindon**.

The series draws upon recent developments in our national game and hopes to attract a wide variety of visitors from regular football supporters to the casual passer by. Why not take a trip along to 2 Longacre, London Road, Bath (0225-316922) or phone Stuart on 05394-45481.

Stuart has kindly donated three **Kodak 35mm 'Stretch' Cameras** (great for photo-

graphing grounds!) for our competition. Question 2 – Stuart's photograph of the four boys (see below) is taken at **Kilbowie Park** (reputed to be Britain's first all seater stadium), what club plays there; Question 3 – Name the only Premier League Club to start 1992-93 with an all seater stadium. Answers to **Homes of Football Comp**, 22 Oolite Grove, Bath BA2 2UF by 31 August (remember Question 1 is on page 8).

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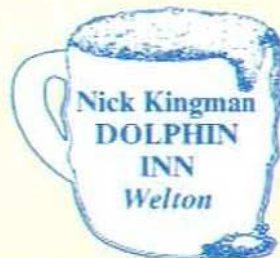


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YESTERDAYS HEROES

ARCHIE STEPHENS

One of Rovers favourite players throughout the 1980's was striker **Archie Stephens**. Liverpool born Archie was indeed a late entrant to professional football at the age of 27. He came to the attention of Rovers manager Terry Cooper after scoring goals for Western League Melksham in 1981. I remember his Rovers debut in a pre-season friendly against Wigan Athletic and just weeks later his super two goal performance on his league debut against Burnley. Archie netted eleven times in his first season with Rovers. An all action striker Archie formed a formidable goal scoring partnership with Paul Randall and latterly Steve White and in total Stephens managed 40 league goals in 100 full appearances. Rovers accepted an offer of £40,000 from Middlesbrough in March 1985, 92 league appearances – 24 goals. He assisted



Boro in their climb from Division 3 to Division 1 before moving to Carlisle United in December 1987 (18 apps – 1 goal), before Archie completed his league career at Darlington on loan in March 1989. He actually scored their last goal in the league before losing their league status. Archie had a brief spell with Darlington in the Conference before playing for part-timers Guisborough Town.

Anyone know his current whereabouts?

Archie Stephens sets up Rovers' second goal for Paul Randall in the 5-1 victory at Swindon on 27 August 1984.

MIKE JAY

TALES OF TIME



1939



Paul Randall on target
14 years ago today

ROVERS 4 BRISTOL CITY 0 (FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUBILEE MATCH)

Two goals from Jimmy Watson who had just rejoined Rovers. Jim had started his league career at Eastville in Season 1933/34 before moving to Northampton, Gillingham and Notts County – Jim had previously scored in a local derby in a 5-1 victory over City in December 1933.

1950



Miah Dennehy
debut in 1978

ROVERS 1 SWINDON TOWN 0 (FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUBILEE MATCH)

Winning goal by Vic Lambden on the opening day of the season before 19,057 fans. Rovers league debuts for goalkeeper Bert Hoyle and forward Tony Jones. Rovers did the double over Town (2-1 win at County Ground).

1961

LIVERPOOL WIN 1-0 AT EASTVILLE

Debuts for the Reds for Ian St John and Ron Yeats. Gate 19,438. Liverpool subsequently became Division 2 Champions.

1962

ROVERS ARE DEFEATED 3-0 AT HULL CITY

1967

BOURNEMOUTH 3 ROVERS 1

1972

HALIFAX 3 ROVERS 0 before just 2,812 paying customers!

1978

ROVERS 3 FULHAM 1

Goalscorers: Randall, Gould and Barry. League debut for Irish International Miah Dennehy. Paul Randall scores Rovers' first league goal of the season for the second consecutive season.

1980

TWO DAYS AFTER THE SOUTH STAND FIRE

Rovers are defeated 4-0 at Queens Park Rangers. Rovers wore borrowed shirts from Rangers in what was their heaviest defeat of what proved to be Rovers' relegation season.

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DATE OPPONENTS				FINAL SCORE	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	LEAGUE POSITION	HALF-TIME SCORE	REFEREE		
AUG 15	SAT	OXFORD UNITED		1-2	L	7333	17	0-2	R. Lewis	Parkin	Alexander
AUG 19	WED	SWINDON TOWN*	8.00pm								
AUG 22	SAT	BRENTFORD									
AUG 25	TUE	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	7.45pm								
AUG 28	FRI	TRANMERE ROVERS	7.30pm								
SEPT 2	WED	WEST HAM UNITED (AIC)	7.45pm								
SEPT 5	SAT	NEWCASTLE UNITED									
SEPT 12	SAT	SWINDON TOWN									
SEPT 19	SAT	GRIMSBY TOWN									
SEPT 23	WED	CCL CUP 2 (1)									
SEPT 26	SAT	SUNDERLAND									
OCT 3	SAT	NOTTS COUNTY									
OCT 7	WED	CCL CUP 2 (2)									
OCT 10	SAT	WATFORD									
OCT 17	SAT	WEST HAM UNITED									
OCT 24	SAT	BIRMINGHAM CITY									
OCT 31	SAT	MILLWALL									
NOV 3	TUE	BARNSELY	8pm								
NOV 7	SAT	WOLVERHAMPTON WNDRS									
NOV 14	SAT	DERBY COUNTY									
NOV 21	SAT	PETERBOROUGH UNITED									
NOV 28	SAT	LEICESTER CITY									
DEC 5	SAT	LUTON TOWN									
DEC 12	SAT	BRISTOL CITY*	12 noon								
DEC 18	FRI	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	7.45pm								
DEC 26	SAT	PORTSMOUTH									
DEC 28	MON	SOUTHEND UNITED									
JAN 2	SAT	FA CUP 3									
JAN 9	SAT	GRIMSBY TOWN									
JAN 16	SAT	SUNDERLAND									
JAN 27	WED	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	8.00pm								
JAN 30	SAT	BRENTFORD									
FEB 6	SAT	OXFORD UNITED									
FEB 13	SAT	NEWCASTLE UNITED									
FEB 20	SAT	TRANMERE ROVERS									
FEB 27	SAT	WATFORD									
MAR 6	SAT	NOTTS COUNTY									
MAR 10	WED	DERBY COUNTY	7.45pm								
MAR 13	SAT	WOLVERHAMPTON WNDRS									
MAR 20	SAT	LUTON TOWN									
MAR 24	WED	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	8.00pm								
MAR 27	SAT	BARNSELY									
APR 3	SAT	LEICESTER CITY									
APR 6	TUE	BRISTOL CITY	7.45pm								
APR 10	SAT	PORTSMOUTH									
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APR 17	SAT	CAMBRIDGE UNITED									
APR 24	SAT	WEST HAM UNITED									
MAY 1	SAT	BIRMINGHAM CITY									
MAY 8	SAT	MILLWALL									

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES

25 July	Chippenham	(A) W 7-0	Chenoweth; Mehew 2; Taylor; Twentyman; Maddison; Browning.
25 July	Calne	(A) W 8-1	Pounder 2; Saunders 2; Stewart 3; Hardyman.
28 July	Cheltenham	(A) D 0-0	-
30 July	Gloucester	(A) W 5-1	Mehew 2; Browning 2; Stewart.
1 August	Bath City	(A) W 3-1	Taylor 2; Mehew
3 August	Keynsham	(A) W 10-2	Browning 3; Stewart 3; Evans 3; Chenoweth.
5 August	Bristol City	(H) W 2-1	Mehew; Stewart.
6 August	Yate Town	(A) L 2-3	Twentyman; Stewart (pen).
8 August	Cardiff City	(A) W 1-0	Saunders.
8 August	Clevedon	(A) L 3-2	Evans; Own Goal.
10 August	Mangotsfield	(A) W 4-1	Boothroyd; Archer; Stewart; Cross.



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**FINAL TABLE
Barclays League 1991/92**

SECOND DIVISION												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	46	16	3	4	42	22	8	9	6	28	28	84
Middlesboro'	46	15	6	2	37	13	8	5	10	21	28	80
Derby County	46	14	4	8	35	24	12	5	6	34	27	78
Leicester City	46	15	6	4	40	22	9	4	10	21	31	77
Cambridge Utd	46	10	9	4	34	19	9	8	6	31	28	73
Blackburn Rovers	46	14	4	4	39	19	6	6	10	26	31	70
Charlton Ath	46	9	7	7	25	23	11	4	8	29	25	71
Swindon Town	46	15	3	5	38	22	3	12	8	31	33	69
Portsmouth	46	15	6	2	41	12	4	6	13	24	39	69
Watford	46	9	5	9	25	23	9	6	8	26	25	65
Wolves	46	11	6	6	36	24	7	4	12	25	30	64
Southend Utd	46	11	5	7	37	26	6	6	11	26	37	62
Bristol Rovers	46	11	9	3	43	29	5	5	13	17	34	62
Tranmere Rovers	46	9	9	5	37	32	5	10	8	19	24	61
Millwall	46	10	4	9	32	32	7	6	10	32	39	61
Barnsley	46	11	4	8	27	25	5	7	11	19	32	59
Bristol City	46	10	8	5	30	24	3	7	12	23	42	54
Sunderland	46	10	8	5	36	23	4	3	16	25	42	53
Grimsby Town	46	7	5	11	25	28	7	6	10	22	34	53
Newcastle	46	9	8	6	38	30	4	5	14	28	54	52
Oxford Utd	46	10	6	7	39	30	3	5	15	27	43	50
Plymouth A	46	11	5	7	26	26	2	4	17	16	38	48
Brighton & H A	46	7	7	9	36	37	5	4	14	20	40	47
Port Vale	46	7	8	8	23	25	3	7	13	19	34	45

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 91/92

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	26	18	5	3	69	24	41
Wimbledon	26	16	5	5	71	24	37
Oxford United	26	15	4	7	49	31	34
Luton Town	26	14	6	6	60	46	34
Brentford	26	13	5	8	47	33	31
Southampton	26	11	8	7	32	30	30
Brighton & Hove Alb	26	12	4	10	51	38	38
Bristol City	26	10	5	11	44	45	25
Tottenham Hotspur	26	9	3	14	34	55	21
Swindon Town	26	7	6	13	30	53	20
Reading	26	8	3	15	44	64	19
BRISTOL ROVERS	26	7	2	17	41	86	16
A.F.C. Bournemouth	26	6	3	17	35	50	15
Maidstone Utd	26	5	3	18	32	60	13

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 91/92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	20	16	3	1	54	11	51
Exeter City	20	11	3	6	49	29	36
BRISTOL ROVERS	20	10	5	5	46	28	35
Plymouth Argyle	20	10	5	5	38	20	35
Swansea City	20	8	7	5	33	29	31
AFC Bournemouth	20	9	2	9	49	38	29
Hereford United	20	8	3	9	40	30	27
Torquay United	20	8	3	9	33	43	27
Cardiff City	20	6	2	12	25	45	20
Cheltenham Town	20	5	2	13	25	56	17
Yeovil Town	20	1	1	18	14	77	4



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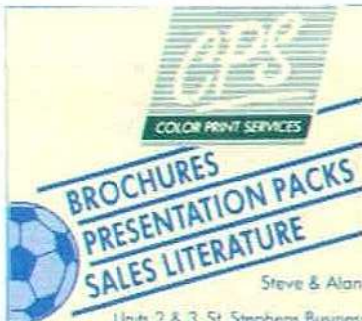
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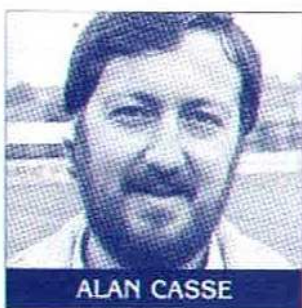
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DIVISION TWO REVIEWED

The national and local press coverage of the facts and figures regarding last season's campaign make interesting reading and reproduced below.

ROVERS MATCH FACTS

MAN OF THE MATCH

Rovers: Alexander 4, Yates 3, Parkin 3, White 2, Cross 2, Skinner 2, Reece 2, Clark 2, Twentyman, Saunders, Stewart, Mehew, Moore, Maddison, Bloomer, Taylor.
Opponents: 25.

GOALS

Rovers: Saunders 16 (1 pen), White 12, Mehew 11, Taylor (J) 8, Stewart 5 (1 pen), Pounder 5, Reece 4, Skinner 2, Alexander 2, Evans, Twentyman, Clark. **Own goals:** Llewellyn (Bristol City), Barber (Millwall), Heaney (Cambridge).
Opponents: 76.

CORNERS

Rovers: 202
Opponents: 434.

SHOTS ON TARGET

Rovers: 294 (White 66, Saunders 48, Reece 34, Mehew 32, Alexander 21, Stewart 19, Pounder 18, Taylor 17, Skinner 13, Browning 6, Clark 4, Cross 4, Twentyman 3, Purnell 2, Evans 2, Boothroyd 2, Archer 1, Yates 1, Maddison 1).
Opponents: 307.

OFF-TARGET

Rovers: 325
Opponents: 308

FOULS

Rovers: 675
Opponents: 677.

OFF-SIDES

Rovers: 248
Opponents: 239.

BOOKINGS

Rovers: 34 (Alexander 8, White 6, Mehew 4, Hopkins 3, Clark 2, Saunders 2, Boothroyd, Moore, Cross, Skinner, Purnell, Reece, Twentyman, Yates, Bloomer).
Opponents: 37.

SENDINGS OFF

Rovers: None
Opponents: 2.

APPEARANCES

Rovers: Parkin 50, Alexander 48, Reece 48, Skinner 47 (1), Yates 46, Pounder 43 (3), White 41, Mehew 41, Cross 38 (1), Saunders 37 (5), Twentyman 30, Clark 25 (3), Stewart 19 (16), Boothroyd 9 (6), Maddison 9 (2), Taylor (J) 8, Browning 7 (8), Moore 7, Purnell 5 (8), Bloomer 4 (5), Archer 4 (2), Hopkins 4 (2), Wilson 3, Evans 3, Kelly 3, Willmott 2, Jones 1, Taylor (G) 1.

ATTENDANCES

Average at all matches home and away — 8,302

FACTS courtesy of
Bristol Evening Post



CARL SAUNDERS
Rovers' top goalscorer with
16 goals



BRIAN PARKIN
Rovers' top appearance
maker and player of
the year

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

DIVISION TWO

	90-91	91-92	% up-down
Barnsley	8,937	7,500	-16.1
Blackburn	8,126	13,288	+63.5
Brighton	8,386	7,991	-4.7
Bristol C.	11,544	11,475	-0.6
Bristol R.	5,929	5,876	-0.9
Cambridge	5,503	6,831	+24.1
Charlton	6,548	6,779	+3.5
Derby	16,257	14,648	+9.9
Grimsby	7,237	6,917	+4.4
Ipswich	11,772	14,433	+22.6
Leicester	11,546	15,183	+31.5
Middlesbrough	17,023	14,709	-13.6
Millwall	10,838	7,900	-27.1
Newcastle	16,535	21,035	+27.2
Oxford	5,780	5,634	-2.5
Plymouth	6,851	6,740	-1.6
Portsmouth	9,689	11,118	+14.7
Port Vale	8,092	7,382	-8.8
Southend	6,174	6,789	+10.0
Sunderland	22,577	18,369	-18.6
Swindon	9,805	9,653	-1.6
Tranmere	6,740	8,846	+31.2
Watford	9,576	8,511	-11.1
Wolves	15,837	13,743	-13.2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

DIVISION TWO

	Lge	FA	LC	Eur	Oth	Tot
Aldridge (Tranmere)	22	3	8	0	7	40
Shearer (Blackburn)	23	4	6	0	0	33
32 for Swindon						
Speedie (Blackburn)	23	1	0	0	2	26
Wilkinson (Middlesbro)	15	4	3	0	2	24
Angell (Southend)	21	0	1	0	1	23
Bull (Wolves)	20	0	3	0	0	23
Peacock (Newcastle)	16	1	3	0	2	22
Byrne (Sunderland)	12	7	2	0	0	21
7 for Brighton						
Goodman (Sunderland)	18	1	1	0	0	20
9 for WBA						
Dublin (Cambridge)	15	1	3	0	0	19
Gabbiadini (Derby)	16	0	1	0	2	19
5 for Sunderland, 7 for C Palace						
Simpson (Derby)	16	1	0	0	2	19
12 for Oxford						
Kiwomya (Ipswich)	16	1	0	0	2	19
Wright (Leicester)	12	0	0	0	7	19
Slaven (Middlesbro)	17	0	1	0	1	19
Gall (Brighton)	15	1	0	0	1	17
3 for Maidstone						

FACTS courtesy of
"THE OBSERVER"

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DAVE PEACEY

SWEDEN '92 – WAS IT WORTH IT?

That's that for four years then. A series of mainly forgettable matches between teams that seemed out of sorts for one reason or another. Not wishing to knock the achievements of the eventual winners of the European Championships, it was a bit of a bore wasn't it?

Denmark's approach was refreshing, ('Did you have a few beers after beating Holland?' one player was asked. 'No' he replied. 'We had a lot.') but you have to ask yourself whether they would have adopted the same approach if they had qualified as of right and not been allowed to compete due to the misery and suffering in the name of 'liberty' in Yugoslavia. Arriving in the competition at ten days' notice and not being given much hope of success, their bandwagon gradually gained momentum as they progressed and if their victory over the over-confident Dutch in the semis was slightly fortunate, (being via a penalty shoot-out), they certainly deserved to defeat a surprisingly lack-lustre Germany in the final.

And what of England? There are those that will have you believe that Graham Taylor should be out on his ear. Replacements? Well, to old chestnuts such as Brian Clough and Terry Venables have been added the likes of Ron Atkinson and Howard Wilkinson but this is always assuming that they would want to give up the day-to-day cut and thrust of league management. And for what? Maybe the lonely existence of team suprema at Lancaster Gate with all the frustrations imaginable. Taylor is the right man for the job. I don't agree with every selection he makes but I do believe that they are made honestly.

What I would question is the attitude of those who think that the national side have a divine right to be successful no matter who they play. England's record in major competitions whilst not bad is not exactly brilliant either. World Cup winners once and fourth place in '90; in the Europeans, 3rd as long ago as '68.

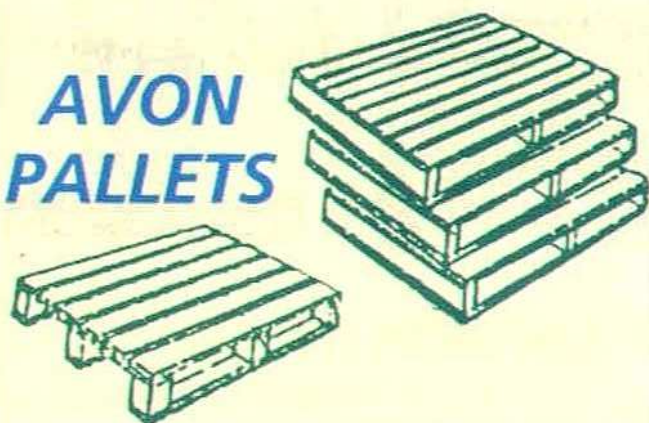
I think that the side in Sweden suffered from harsh press criticism too. However, it has to be said that the relationship between media and squad isn't helped by comments such as Carlton Palmer's gem, 'we're not here to entertain. We're here to get a result.' (Or something similar).

So, where do we go from here? Well, providing those off the pitch behave themselves, (supporters and officials), the Championships will be here in '96 so we don't have to qualify! How about something really revolutionary? Give the manager a four year contract. Tell him that results, although important, are not the be-all and end-all and allow him time to develop a squad that can take on the best. A bit naive, I guess. About as daft as thinking that a side could enter a championship at the last minute and two weeks later be crowned European Champions!

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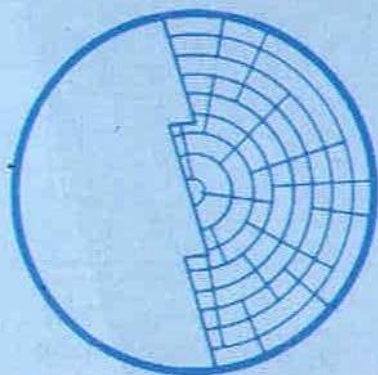
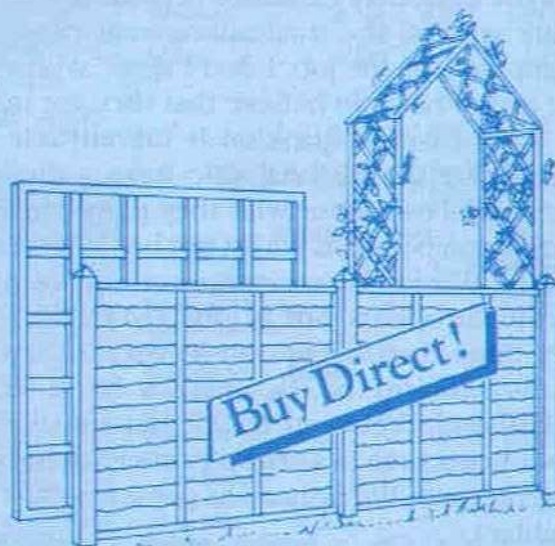
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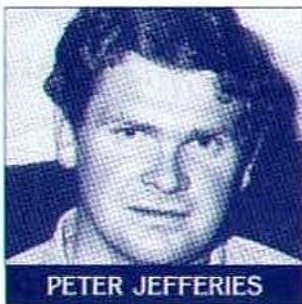
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David Mehew
- Winner -

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Tony Sealy
Released

With most clubs facing five league fixtures in the opening two weeks of the season, August is becoming as crucial as the Christmas/New Year period. However, as Rovers showed last season it is possible to recover from a disastrous start. After drawing their opening two matches Rovers went on to record five consecutive defeats before recording their victory in mid-September against Oxford United. Indeed if the season had started on January 1st "The Pirates" would have been in the play-offs!

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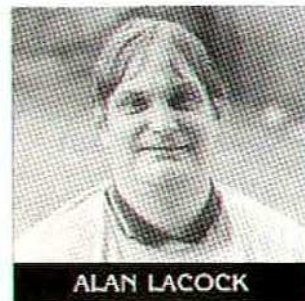
FLASHBACK:

Goal! David Mehew nips in to head Rovers winning goal in the 1-0 victory over Charlton in the last match of the season.



Dennis Rofe and Rovers players receive the justified acclaim of the supporters following the memorable end of season.

ONE UP MANSHIP



ALAN LACOCK

DIVISION TWO REVISITED

With the revamped Football League starting last Saturday, it is a good opportunity to look back on the happenings of the Second Division last season.

The season was just over two weeks old when **Don Mackay** became the first managerial casualty when **Blackburn Rovers** then in the bottom three, disposed of his services. By the end of September **Middlesbrough** opened a five point gap at the top of the table ahead of **Ipswich** and **Swindon**. At the bottom were ourselves, **Newcastle** and **Oxford**. In October our indifferent start under **Martin Dobson**, he was



Martin Dobson

dismissed after three months in charge. **Blackburn** appointed **Kenny Dalglish** as manager who within weeks started his rebuilding programme with the purchase of **Alan Wright**. By the end of the month **Middlesbrough's** lead at the top was cut to a single point ahead of **Cambridge**, and **Charlton** with **Swindon**, **Ipswich** and **Derby** in hot pursuit. **Newcastle** were replaced in the bottom three by **Plymouth** who slipped to bottom with ourselves and **Oxford** four points adrift of the safety line. November saw the Ewood Park cheque book come into evidence again with **Colin Hendry**, **Mike Newell** and

Gordon Cowans helping the club by the end of the month move into fourth place. **Cambridge**, in the meantime moved into pole position a point ahead of previous occupants, **Middlesbrough** while **Derby** were third. At the bottom **Plymouth** and **Oxford** were anchored four points behind **Grimsby** who in 22nd place were only a point adrift of **Sunderland** who were in 15th place.

Derby dormant in the transfer market for some time, the following month signed **Ian Ormondroyd**. **Sunderland** lost the services of **Denis Smith**. Following the death of **Robert Maxwell**, **Oxford's** complete playing staff were put up for sale, within days **Lee Nogan** joined **Watford**. **Ipswich** join **Blackburn** at the top with surprise package **Southend** moving to third. **Brighton** replaced **Plymouth** in the bottom three. In January **Derby** paid their record fee for **Marco Gabbiadini** while **Blackburn**, **Ipswich** and **Southend** again occupied the top three places. **Grimsby** moved out of the bottom three being replaced by **Newcastle**.

February saw **Blackburn** and **Derby** once again active in the transfer market with **Tim Sherwood** and **Chris Price** joining the Ewood Park ranks and **Paul**



Kevin Keegan

Simpson moving to the Baseball Ground. **Ossie Ardiles** made room for **Kevin Keegan** at **Newcastle**. **David Kemp** and **Jimmy Lumsden** both lost their jobs at **Plymouth** and **Bristol City**. **Blackburn** and **Ipswich** were joined by **Cambridge** in the top three while **Plymouth**, **Oxford** and **Brighton** maintain the bottom three.

The managerial merry go round continued in March with **Bruce Rioch** leaving **Millwall** where **Mick McCarthy** took over. **Denis Smith** was appointed at **Ashton Gate** and **Peter Shilton** moved into the hot seat for the first time at **Plymouth**. **Blackburn** and **Derby** continued the cheque book game with **Roy Wegerle**, **Duncan Shearer** (since moved to **Aberdeen**) and **Matt Dickins** moving to **Ewood Park** while **Steve Sutton** and **Paul Kitson** made short journeys to the Baseball Ground. **Ipswich** took over in pole position from **Blackburn** with **Cambridge** in third. **Port Vale** after a disastrous run fall to bottom. With the promotion race hotting up in April, **Ipswich** held on to top spot with **Leicester**, **Cambridge**, **Middlesbrough** in contention for the second automatic promotion place. The final table saw the Suffolk club take the title with the Teessiders gaining promotion. **Oxford** escaped relegation on the final day with **Port Vale**, **Brighton** and **Plymouth** occupying the bottom three places.

In the play offs **Blackburn** after overcoming **Derby** made it a fifth unsuccessful trip to **Wembley** for **Leicester** who defeated **Cambridge** in the Semi final.

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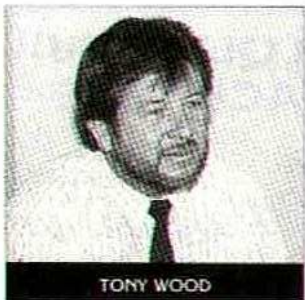
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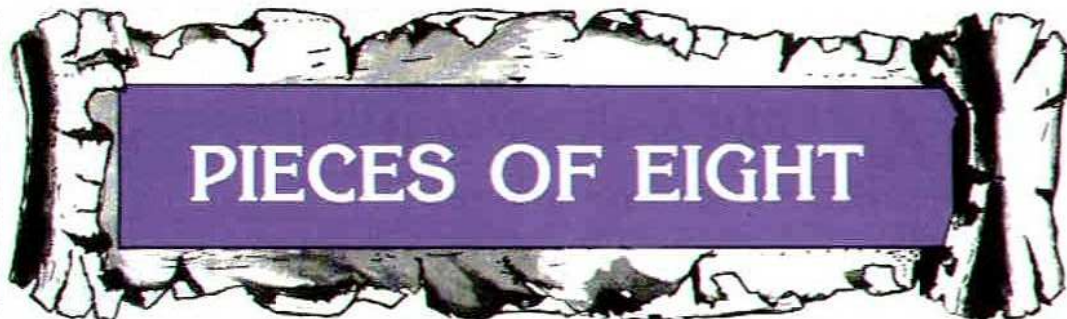
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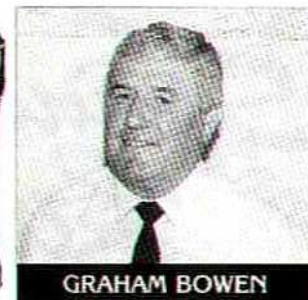
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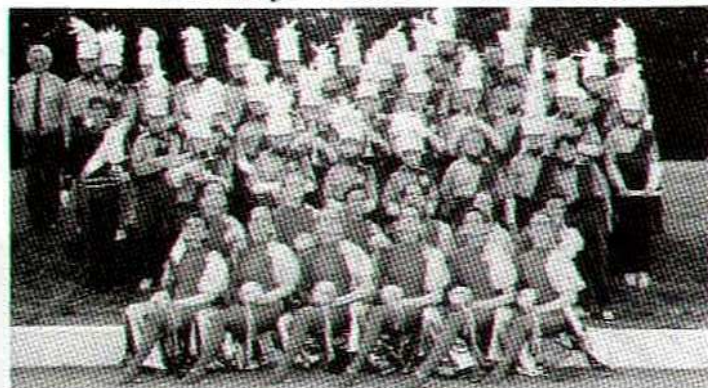
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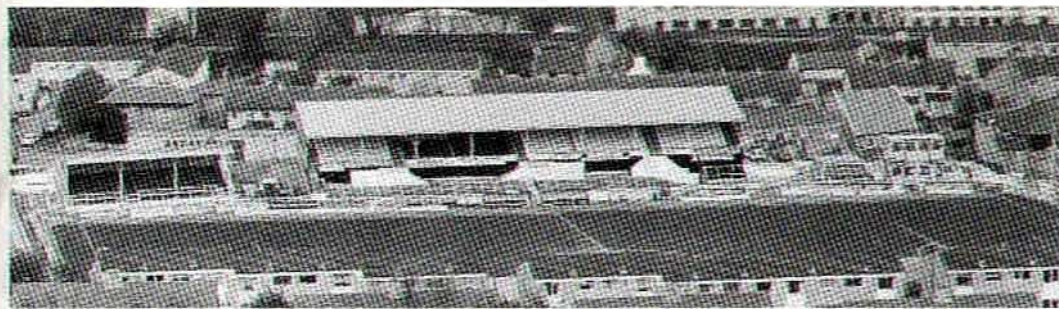


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Thanks for those Memories!

As many regular fans will know the bulk of these programme articles have been written by fellow supporters for the past five seasons.

The club was faced with a void following the departure of secretary Gordon Bennett, who had a printing background, and had produced *The Pirate* almost single-handed for many seasons. Mike Jay was eventually approached to undertake this work. Needless to say possible volunteers were hard to find but, Phil Draper, Malcolm Norman, Alan Marshall and myself were persuaded to "sign on". Our only reward being the satisfaction of producing a regular programme for you the fans.

As games and seasons passed not only did we need to adjust to changes of style, printer and even club policy, but gradually the contributors' efforts improved the programme quality to the point where other "fans" came forward to join our team and further improve the quality of your programme.

Regular gatherings take place to plan this programme and Editor Mike Jay has been given the total loyalty of each contributor. Some contributors however have assisted perhaps for just one or two seasons, whereas others have consistently backed both Mike and the Club. This has not always been easy especially when perhaps short deadlines have occurred with cup replays. One instance I well recall following an away game and copy was required by the start of work on the following day and still a top quality edition was created for you the fan.

I regret to say that one of our "original" team has decided to call it a day, namely Malcolm Norman. He has decided the pressures of researching and compiling 30 "new" articles each season has begun to place a heavy burden on his free time. He feels that after 150 games ever-present over the past 5 seasons he is entitled to step into retirement.

The programme team and I am sure that you the fans will miss his regular historic or statistical articles.

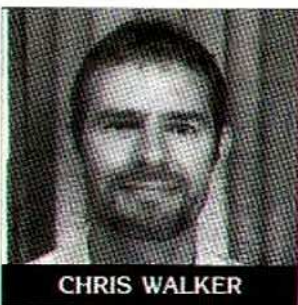
Malcolm your contributions to this programme and its development cannot be valued too highly. You will be missed. Thanks for all those memories. Should you wish to come out of retirement even for a guest appearance, you will be more than welcome.



Editor's Note: I sincerely echo the remarks attributed to Malcolm by Gordon Pearce, his dedication and knowledge of the club will be missed.



Gordon Pearce (secretary of the 92 Club) welcomes Malcolm Norman to the ranks of his Club in May.



CHRIS WALKER

SPECIAL RESERVE

FIXTURES 1992-93		
Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 17	H Cardiff City	
26	A Birmingham City	
Sept 2	H Exeter City	
9	A Yeovil Town	
16	H Swansea City	
23	A Exeter City	
30	H Birmingham City	
Oct 7	A Cardiff City	
14	H Yeovil Town	
21	A Swansea City	
28	A Torquay United	
Nov 4	A Yeovil Town (L Cup)	
11	H Torquay United	
18	A Yeovil Town	
25	H Plymouth Argyle	
Dec 2	A Plymouth Argyle	
9	H AFC Bournemouth	
16	H Cheltenham Town	
23	A Cheltenham Town	
30	H Exeter City	
Jan 6	H Plymouth Argyle	
19	A AFC Bournemouth	
26	H Cheltenham Town	
Feb 2	A AFC Bournemouth	
17	H Cardiff City	
24	A Torquay United	
Mar 3	A Birmingham City	
17	H Swansea City	

Whatever happened to the Reserve Team lads?

You can find them at Lodge Road, Yate. For a second year, our alternative team will stage their home fixtures at Yate Town's Ground.

Players and supporters enjoyed the good pitch and fine facilities last year. If you haven't been to a reserve match for a while, pop along one Wednesday evening. Most matches start at 7.30pm.

The attitude and commitment of the players are first class. After all, as Marcus Browning, on signing a new contract said, "I didn't sign for two years to play in the reserves".



Marcus Browning

RESULTS 1991-92		
Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 19	A Yeovil Town	5-0
28	H AFC Bournemouth	2-1
Sept 9	A Swindon Town (RTC)	4-4
18	A Bristol City	0-1
Oct 1	H Cardiff City	4-3
8	A Cheltenham Town	4-0
16	H Swansea City (RTC)	6-1
22	H Exeter City	5-0
22	A Paulton Rovers (SPC)	1-0
28	A Hereford United	2-2
Nov 19	A Swansea City	1-1
27	H Torquay United	7-2
Jan 6	A AFC Bournemouth	2-5
15	H Hereford United (RTC)	5-1
27	A Taunton Town (SPC QF)	3-1
Feb 6	H Plymouth Argyle	0-4
19	H Bristol City (RTC QF)	2-1
26	H Cheltenham Town	3-1
Mar 9	H Hereford United	0-1
16	H Radstock Town (SPC SF)	1-1
18	A Plymouth Argyle	1-1
30	A Radstock Town (SPC SF R)	1-1
Apr 6	A Torquay United	1-0
14	A Southampton (RTC SF)	0-1
16	H Yeovil Town (SPC F1)	1-2
21	A Cardiff City	1-1
22	H Yeovil Town	5-3
27	H Bristol City	1-1
30	H Swansea City	2-0
May 6	A Exeter City	0-1
7	A Yeovil Town (SPC F2)	2-0

THE NEVILLE WHAT!

This season we will be in Division Two of the Neville Ovenden Combination. Most of the other teams have come from the Clifton Stockbrokers League, previously the South West Counties League.

In this reserve league we will play 3 matches against 9 other teams. We have 2 home fixtures with Cardiff, Cheltenham, Exeter, Plymouth and Swansea. Against Birmingham, Bournemouth, Torquay and Yeovil we have 2 away fixtures.

Birmingham, under TC, are the new boys in the league. Meanwhile Bristol City have

been given a place in Division One and Hereford United have pulled out.

There is no guarantee of automatic promotion to Division One for the league winners. At the end of the season the bottom two clubs in Division One and the Division Two Champions are involved in some voting system. Facilities, location and success will be factors that determine the outcome.

To have any chance of promotion whatsoever we need to win Division Two. Unusually, for a Rovers side, we are clear favourites.

NEW RECRUITS



TONY GILL

"NINE LEAGUE WINS"

The target that Tony Gill has set the youth team this season is Nine League Wins. He is also looking for a greater consistency in performances, although he accepts the difficulty of such a target for youngsters.

Progress in cup competitions is welcomed by players and supporters, but Tony is focusing on the league only. To achieve nine wins would mean an improvement on last season and a probable place in mid table.

Our first league match is against Luton away. This will be a tough opener since the Hatters won an inter-

national youth tournament at Ploughonvelin, in France during June.

Rovers' party was John French, Matt Parkinson, Marco Micciche, Tom White, Dean Bronham, Matt Hayfield, Simon Levett, Jason Matthews and the six second year trainees!

The experts "singers" on the trip were David Wilson, Ron Hicks, Ken Purnell, Len Conway, Charlie Condick and Tony Gill. "They'll never walk alone".

Our youth team players now understand and speak French fluently; they took great notice of the interpreter!

FIXTURES 1992-93

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 15	A Luton Town	
22	H Swindon Town	
29	A Bristol City	
Sept 5	H Brighton & Hove	
8	A Frome Town (FAYC)	
12	H Wimbledon	
19	H Crystal Palace (SECLC)	
26	A Reading	
Oct 3	H Colchester United	
10	A Tottenham Hotspur	
17	H AFC Bournemouth	
31	A Brentford	
Nov 7	H Oxford United	
14	A Southampton	
21	H Crystal Palace	
Dec 5	A Crystal Palace	
12	H Luton Town	
19	A Swindon Town	
Jan 2	H Bristol City	

(Other Fixtures to be arranged)

Home matches are held on Saturday mornings at Fry's Ground, Keynsham.

Most matches start at 11.00am.

RESULTS 1991-92

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 17	A Tottenham Hotspur	4-6
24	H Swindon Town	3-0
26	A Torquay United (FAYC)	3-2
31	A Reading	1-6
Sept 7	H Crystal Palace	1-4
14	H Brentford	2-4
18	H Bashley (FAYC)	3-3
21	H West Ham United (SECC)	1-6
29	A Bashley	1-5
Oct 12	H Oxford United	4-2
19	H Bristol City	2-2
Nov 2	A AFC Bournemouth	2-1
9	A Wimbledon	1-7
16	A Luton Town	1-5
23	H Brighton & Hove Albion	0-5
30	A Southampton	1-2
Dec 7	H Southampton	0-4
21	H Tottenham Hotspur	1-4
Jan 4	A Swindon Town	3-2
11	H Reading	2-2
18	A Crystal Palace	1-6
Feb 1	H Maidstone United	4-1
15	A Oxford United	0-3
22	A Bristol City	1-5
29	H AFC Bournemouth	2-1
Mar 7	H Wimbledon	0-5
14	H Luton Town	4-2
21	A Brighton & Hove Albion	0-2
Apr 11	A Maidstone United	0-2
18	A Brentford	1-3

BENNETT ON SONG

Tony Bennett has rediscovered his Californian heart and means business this year.

Tony found the step up to South East Counties football difficult last season. However, in pre-season matches, the "Gentle Giant", has looked sharper and is scoring goals.

The partnership of Martin Paul and Tony will make or break our youth this year.



Tony Bennett



Steve Yates holds aloft the Gloucestershire Cup.



Marcus Stewart sets his sights on goal and glory for Bristol Rovers.



Marcus Stewart is mobbed by jubilant team mates after his match winning goal against Bristol City



IAN METHERINGHAM

YOUNG PIRATES

Hello Young Pirates and welcome back to Twerton for what promises to be an exciting and hopefully a successful season. It is important that we get off to a winning start at home, so let's hear you get behind the team right from the start tonight.

You may be wondering what happened to the start of the season barbecue and disco. Unfortunately your committee have not had the time to organise it. Also, I am very sorry but some of the activities that Young Pirates enjoyed last season will no longer take place. The reason for this is that the Young Pirates Club has now grown so large (already we have over 700 members which is more than we had by Xmas last season), that in order to do all the things that last season made us the **BEST** club for young football supporters in the West Country, it now needs somebody running it full time if this progress is to be maintained. But all the people who run the Young Pirates already have jobs, and do the job of running the Young Pirates voluntarily in what spare time they have, and this means they do not always have time to arrange activities for you.

At the end of last season we held a 5-a-side Tournament at

Yate Leisure Centre. Congratulations to Deerswood who won the U11 section, and to Dean Matthews, Gary Pine, John Rendell, Jamie Rendell and Shane McArdle who won the U14s. Special mention goes to the team consisting of Chris Chappell, Daniel Brownen, Graham Young, Stuart Price and Darren Brown who won the Sportsmanship award. Also, thanks to the referees without whom the Tournament could not have taken place.

We have something new for you in the Young Pirates Room starting on Saturday. Have you been chosen to be mascot yet?? If not, then make sure you are in the Young Pirates Room between 2-2.15pm when one of the Players will be making the draw to choose a mascot for the Grimsby game. We are hoping to make this a regular feature for Saturday home games, so make sure you're there to find out if it's you!!

I am pleased to report that



Stuart Chant

we are once again being sponsored by GWR FM. This is now the **3rd** season of sponsorship and shows they know a good thing when they see it!! If you want to hear your name on the radio, then make sure you listen to Peter Rowell on **FRIDAY MORNINGS** between 8 and 8.30am. All Young Pirates with birthdays that week get a special birthday greeting. GWR are also broadcasting a special competition for **YOUNG PIRATES ONLY** with some super prizes. But you have to listen to GWR to win!! Make sure you're tuned to GWR on 96.3FM every Friday!! You will also hear any Young Pirates news. So, if anything important is happening with the Young Pirates, you will hear it first on GWR.

* LUCKY MASCOT *

First Young Pirates mascot of the season is 12 year old Stuart Chant from Glastonbury. Stuart is a pupil of St. Dunstons School Glastonbury, where his favourite subject is sport. His hobby is playing football, and his best position is on the left side of midfield. Stuart's favourite players are Justin Skinner and Carl Saunders.

Enjoy the evening Stuart!!



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Welcome Back!

First of all we hope you all had a good summer break and now looking forward to an exciting new season in the first division. I'm sure if the superb support the lads receive both home and away is maintained, they won't disappoint us.

Lottery News

It's been a very busy time for me this summer as we have been canvassing for new agents. So if you live in Bath or Somerset areas pop into your local shop or pub and purchase a ticket – your support is always welcome. Many thanks to all those who have already sold their draw books. A special thanks to Martyn and Sue Fisher who managed to sell 10 books in Hong Kong!

A.G.M.

Don't forget that our A.G.M. is **tomorrow** at Mangotsfield Golf Club. Kick off is at 7.30 **prompt** and there will be representatives from the Football Club to answer any questions. All members welcome.

Enjoy the game

Club Bar

Unfortunately the bar tonight is closed following a request from the Police. I have had discussions with them regarding our club and hopefully the only two games when the club has to be shut will be tonight and our game against Bristol City in December. On Saturday it will be business as usual with our popular "Guess the Gate" competition and the 'Man of the Match' award.

Twerton Park Shop

We now have a permanent shop at the far end of the car park which will be open before and after the match with a wide range of souvenirs and programmes. The shop isn't completely ready so bear with us. Our Chairman Jim is our D.I.Y. man and he's been busy at work!

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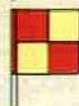
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