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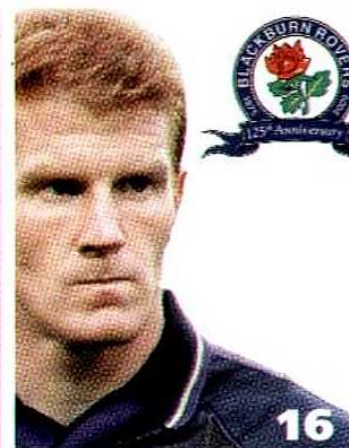
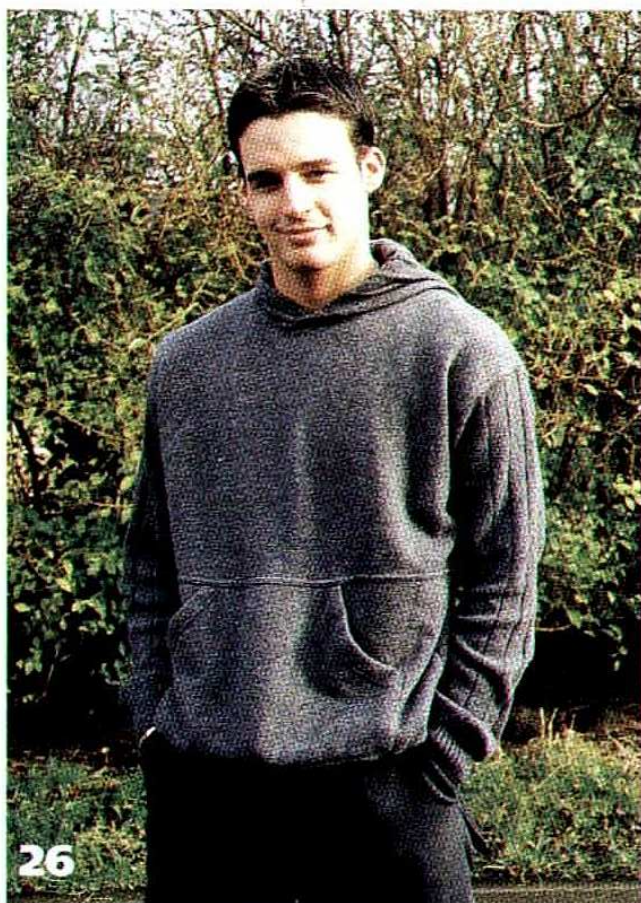
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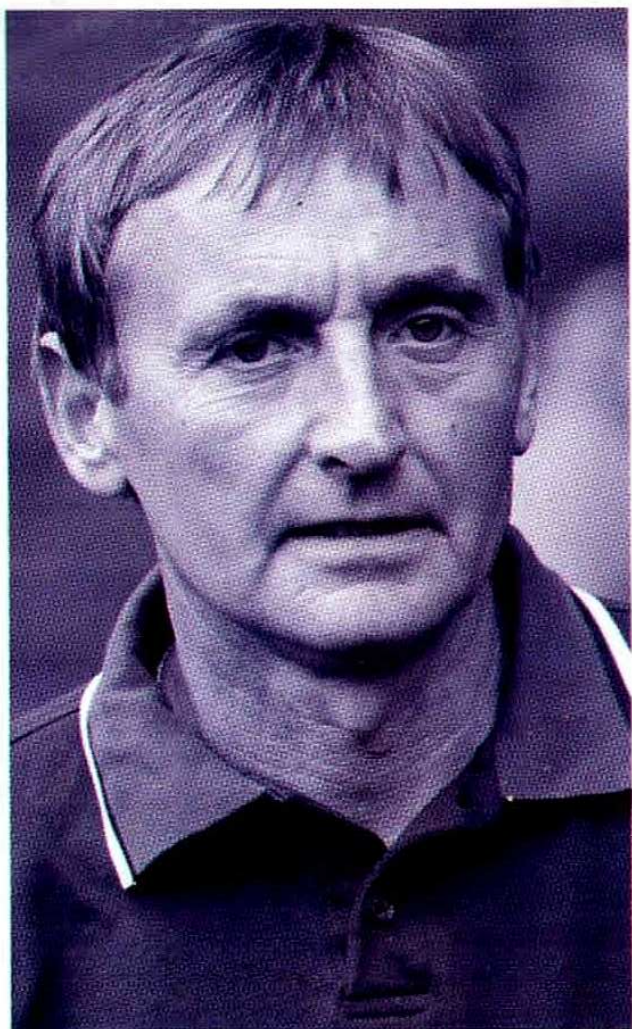
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TONY

We have not managed (certainly of late) to repeat that form on our travels and that is something we clearly need to rectify with immediate effect.

We were very disappointed to lose out in the local derby at Bolton last weekend, but we could have no qualms whatsoever about the scoreline.

We just didn't hit the standard required and expected and, to be blunt, Bolton were the better team on the day - end of story.

But football is all about bouncing back and when you lose the next game always takes on increased importance.

That is the case today with the visit of Swindon Town.

We must get back on track and make sure our focus is 101 per cent on collecting the three points.

Swindon are fighting for their very survival at First Division level and if we can assume anything it will be that they will roll up their sleeves and play with a passion.

We must match them in that respect and then trust we have enough about us to take things on from there and go forward to win the game. There is a score to settle too as we lost down at the County Ground back in late September.

In closing I would like to welcome everyone connected with Swindon, especially their manager Jimmy Quinn who we all know from his playing days here.

If our destiny was determined only by the outcome of matches here at Ewood Park then we would be sitting pretty right now.

Over the past few months we have gone about our "home-work" with real conviction, energy and enthusiasm to earn some excellent results, convincingly beating the likes of Huddersfield, Fulham, Bolton, Nottingham Forest and Stockport.

Add to that hard-fought draws against Wolves and Ipswich and we have got to be more than satisfied with the points yield.

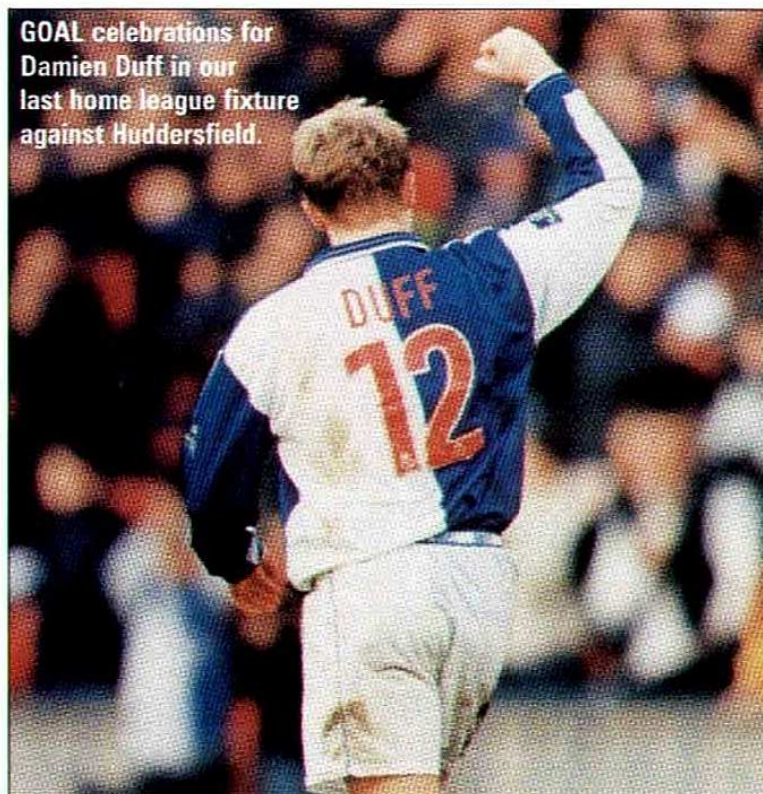
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RoversShorts

DOUGLAS SIGNS ON

DOUGLAS will always be a famous and respected name within the corridors of Ewood Park.

And now, following on from the exploits of England winger Bryan Douglas in the '50s and '60s, comes namesake Jonathan Douglas.

The Irish midfield starlet hopes to emulate the Ewood legend by carving out his own successful career with Rovers.

For 18-year-old Jonathan has just signed professional forms after coming through the club's ranks.

Jonathan, a native of Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland, has already represented his country at youth level and played a major role in Rovers winning the inaugural FA Premier Academy League last Spring.

"I am delighted to be signing professional terms and recognise the chance it gives me to further my career. I have always been very happy here and the future looks very exciting," said Jonathan.

Academy Director Bobby Downes added:

"Jonathan has progressed well during his time with us and we feel he has what it takes to take this important step up to senior level. He does so with the best wishes from everyone at the Academy."



Sign here please...Jonathan Douglas puts pen to paper watched by Bobby Downes and Rovers Secretary Tom Finn.

END OF AN ERA FOR YOUTH AID

ROVERS' youth policy witnessed the end of an era at the recent home game against Newcastle.

The long-running "Youth Aid" group has decided to disband after 14 years of sterling work for Rovers and the local community. Members Jim Furnell and Stuart Joseph made the break-up official during the FA Cup fifth round tie at Ewood as they presented a brand-new trophy to Rovers' Academy Director Bobby Downes.

"We have done a lot of work over the years to raise money for the Rovers' youth team," said Jim. "We thought this would be a fitting way to sign off.

"The award is to be used as a player-of-the-year

trophy for the under-17's side, as a lasting memorial to Youth Aid.



just seven and it is obvious that the time has come to pack in. Hopefully this trophy will ensure our efforts are not forgotten."

Left to right: Jim Furnell, Bobby Downes, Stuart Joseph and Tom Finn.

"We are very proud of the work done since formation in 1986, but it is time to call it a day.

"It used to be a vital source of revenue but due to change in circumstances Youth Aid has recently concentrated on raising funds for local teams.

"We started with 24 members, now we have

EGIL CLEANS UP

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY Egil Ostenstad donned his number 10 shirt to celebrate the 10th birthday of the National Spring Clean campaign.

The Norwegian striker is one of several soccer stars who share the same squad number who joined forces with the Tidy Britain Group to help promote a decade of keeping the country tidy.



STEWARDS QUALIFICATION

ROVERS have become one of the first clubs in the country to be accredited with a brand new award.

The Football Stewarding Qualification measures how effectively steward training has been carried out at individual clubs.

The scheme was launched last September and Rovers, along with Leeds United and Shrewsbury Town, are the first to achieve its criteria.

On application, clubs are visited by national verification manager Clive Warne who assesses whether they meet the standards laid down.

And Clive, a former police officer and football club safety officer, was highly impressed by the levels at Ewood Park: "The standards set are superb. Rovers can be very proud."

Football League Chairman Peter Middleton was due to present the award during the half-time interval at today's game.

PENPALS WANTED

We recently received a letter all the way from Bulgaria from one Vasil Tzomkov, a Rovers fan for 10 years who is looking for pen-pals here in England.

Dear RoverTime;

My name is Vasil Tzemkov. I am 18 years old and I am from Bulgaria. I am a keen Blackburn Rovers fan and I have supported Rovers for over 10 years. I watch every game on Sky Sports and a channel called Premiere, I love the Rovers style of play.

I would like to exchange letters with other fans in England. Please print my address in your programme - please!

Good luck & COME ON ROVERS! Best Wishes, Vasil Tzomkov.

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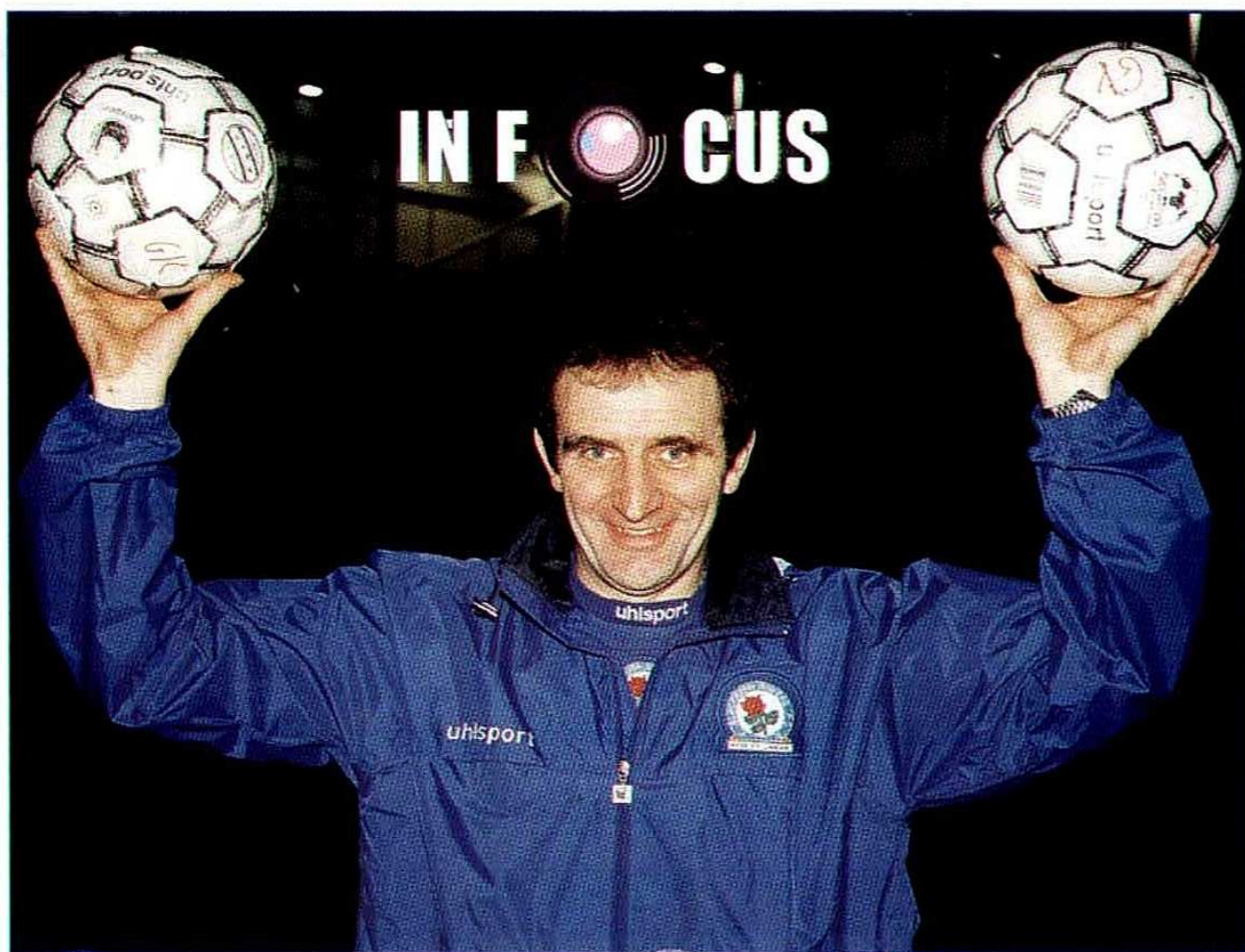
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Seen & Hird

All aboard the BRFC time-capsule...as we head back to Ewood Park for a typical Saturday match day in the late '70s.

Rovers are on the offensive, the play switches out to the right wing and an overlapping full back with a shock of curly hair latches onto a pass.

His way is blocked by an opponent jockeying back in the accepted style of a defender keen not to commit to a tackle.

The full back suddenly and audaciously flicks the ball up between right instep and left heel, over his own head and that of a bewildered opponent and runs on to retrieve his own pass.

Gathered in the Nuttall Street Stand and Enclosure, those Rovers fans in close proximity gasp as one. It is what football people do in response to witnessing a moment of true skill; nay, genius.

Kevin Hird always knew how to turn on the style. It made him a darling with the fans and finally persuaded Leeds United to part with £350,000 to land him some 21 years ago.

Nowadays, Kevin is teaching a trick or two to the youngest of Rovers future stars, coaching the under-8's group at the all-new Rovers Youth Academy.

It will surprise no-one who had the pleasure of watching him perform that the ball is used rather a lot by this particular coach.

"Fitness training comes very much down the league of priorities - it is wall-to-wall ball work.

"They only train for an hour a week," says Kevin, "So it would be pointless having them do anything other than ball work.

"I try to teach them the most important thing in football, confidence on the ball. If they are frightened of the ball they will never make it.

"Good players have a relationship with the ball, they are in absolute control. That is something you can only learn at a young age. The rest, fitness, tactical awareness, that all comes later."

Kevin ran soccer schools for 10 years before his former teammate and close friend Derek Fazackerley pointed him in the direction of Ewood Park.

"Faz put me onto Chris Sulley, who was at the Centre of Excellence at the time. That's where it all started and I have never looked back.

"When the Academy was built my role changed very little. The young players still needed coaching and it was decided that I was the man for the job. It made me very proud that after spending so much money on the place they wanted me to be a part of it.

"The under eight's have no actual team, they just come for the coaching. Mind you, that doesn't put them off.

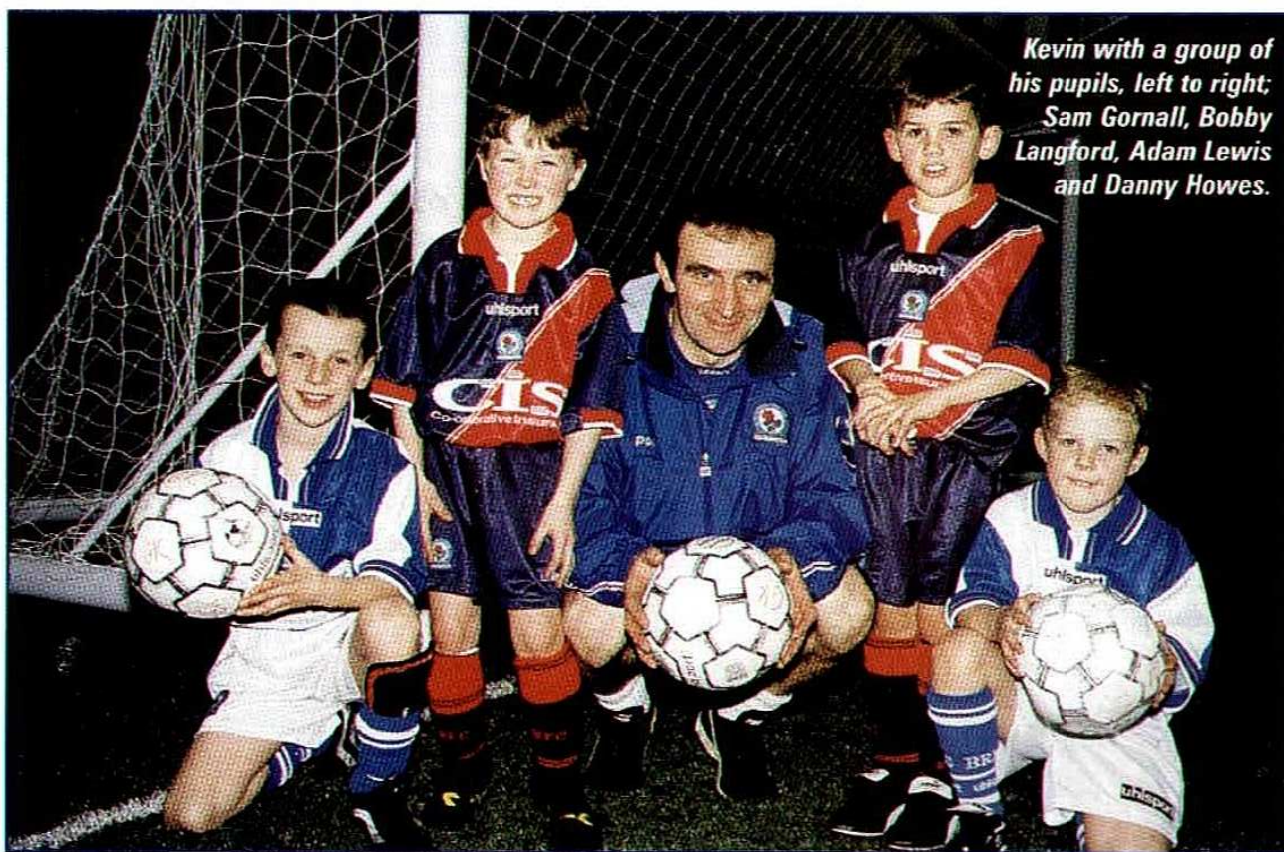
"When I was that young all we could do was kick a ball around in the streets and parks. Football clubs didn't even look at young players until they were fifteen or sixteen.

"Now the kids have the chance to be involved at a real club - the realisation of the dream to be a footballer. Because they are involved at Blackburn Rovers it adds to their enthusiasm, their enjoyment and their discipline; the professionalism appeals. I even find myself laying out kits ready for them!"

So ten years down the line can we expect to see a full team of players prepared to flick the ball over their heads in the middle of a vital Premiership match?

"I don't teach the players arrogance," says Kevin. "I teach them to be confident. If they want to do things like that then that is up to them, I don't want to say "never do this" or "always do that."

"But it would be nice to see someone try it in a game if only to see my influence out on the pitch again after all these years!"



Kevin with a group of his pupils, left to right: Sam Gornall, Bobby Langford, Adam Lewis and Danny Howes.

John Holden's Programmes from the past...

69/70 Sat. 3 Jan. 1970

FA Cup Third Round Rovers 0 Swindon 4

Third placed Rovers were stunned by newly promoted Swindon, who had won the League Cup final against Arsenal as a third division side the previous season. Rovers had already accounted for the second division new boys 2 - 0 at Ewood on the opening day of the season and weren't expecting to be knocked out of the FA Cup by such a big margin. Three full pages of match action from the 0 - 3 defeat at home to Portsmouth are spread throughout the programme. There was a chance for Junior Rovers members to win a 1970 colour calendar by answering three questions in Ewood Ernies quiz. Visitors Swindon have a full page dedicated to their pen pictures. The Rovers Supporters Association had raised £2,000 to make a total of £7,000 since May 1969 to donate to the club and were hoping to make it £10,000 by April 1970.

'From the Record Books' shows Swindon Town became a professional club in 1894 and that this was their first season as high as the second division. There is a price list for the souvenir shop, including scarves for 14s and a Rovers teddy bear for 37s 6d. 'Stars in Action' features a young Allan Clarke who had recently become the costliest player in British soccer history, following his £165,000 move from Leicester to Leeds. The programme is numbered for a competition to win two match tickets and also includes a ringed spectator, who wins a similar prize. Priced at 1s the programme is made up of 24 pages.

79/80 Sat. 25th March 1980

Division Three Rovers 2 Swindon 0



Two goals from Andy Crawford helped Rovers to another victory, which was part of 13 wins and 1 draw in a 14 game run which helped Rovers gain promotion back to the 2nd division. Howard Kendall was doing a great job as manager, though he was obviously no Carol Vorderman. He begins his column "Six at home, four away, which makes it nine matches to go." Swindon, still in the hunt for promotion themselves, included Ian Miller who would soon be joining Rovers and who is now employed as the

reserves team manager, and Bryan Hamilton, who would go on to manage Northern Ireland. Mike Horne was the Telegraph's sports writer before Peter White and he gets a full page advert next to the match sponsor R. Sandersons Cleaners.

A new director is welcomed to the club, 33 year old builder

Mr. Robert Coar. A fervent supporter of the club since he was six years old, Mr. Coar is the club chairman these days. Geoff Butterfield was the commercial manager, whose job included promoting Rovers lottery tickets. Two pages of facts and figures bring up the rear of the programme, which cost 20p.



93/94 Sat. 26th March 1994

Premiership Rovers 3 Swindon 1

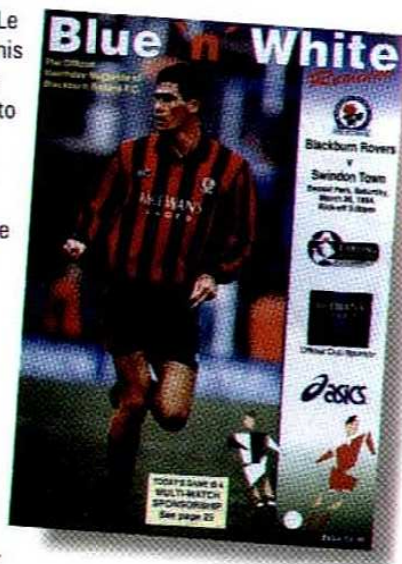
Almost 14 years to the day Swindon returned to Ewood propping up the table. Second place Rovers were closing in on leaders Manchester United. Jan Fjortoft's early goal shocked Rovers, but the blues managed to avoid a surprise defeat, scoring three times to win comfortably in the end. Mike Newell is pictured on the front of the programme, which was priced at £1.30. Manager Kenny Dalglish reflects on Rovers impressive

performance at Sheffield Wednesday, where Newell's late goal clinched a deserved win. Swindon, managed by John Gorman, take up three pages of information, including a look at 'Star Man' Brian Kilcline.

Rovers full back Graeme Le Saux had recently made his England debut and this is reviewed inside. The photo action covers Rovers' 2 - 0 win over Liverpool, with Jason Wilcox and Tim Sherwood sharing the goals. Andy Morrison takes 'Centre Stage,' in the middle of the programme, before 'Spotlight on Europe' rounds up the European leagues latest happenings.

More photo action shows Le Saux and Alan Shearer in action for England against Denmark.

Eddie Crossan is featured in 'Shooting Stars.' Crossan played 287 league games for Rovers in the forties and fifties, scoring 73 goals. The rear of the programme consists of Junior, commercial and reserves news, before two pages of results and tables finish off the tidy 32 page programme. Rovers eventually finished runners-up to complete their best season for 80 years.



* John has a variety of programmes and autographs - including many Rovers - for sale on car park E before every home game. Alternatively for a catalogue send a large SAE (with 40p in stamps) to John Holden, 15 Devonshire Street, Accrington, Lancs, BB5 1DL. Tel no: 01254 238092.

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It's Academic

Introducing two newcomers to the backroom staff

IAN McMINN ACADEMY COACH AND ADMINISTRATOR

MOST young boys dream of becoming one of two things... a pop star or a footballer.

Both involve entertaining thousands on a big stage, with lucrative rewards.

But very few get a foot in both camps.

Okay, so Ian Wright can carry a tune, John Gregory can hold his own with a guitar and who could forget Gazza's timeless rendition of "Fog on the Tyne"?

But it's usually one or the other...until now.

Rovers' Academy coach Ian McMinn has made his living in both football and the music business for most of his working life.

After being released by Oldham as a teenager, Ian went into sales and eventually landed a dream job with internationally acclaimed RCA records.

He went on to work in sales and promotion for music giants EMI and has helped promote such top acts as Louise, Kate Bush, Eternal and Crowded House.

But all the while, Ian kept a hand in the soccer world: "The two careers are things most people dream about so I feel very lucky to have experienced both," says Ian. "Football was my first passion and I knew that I wanted to keep my hand in if possible."

A native of Anfield - albeit an Everton supporter - Ian started coaching part-time 20 years ago with local non-league outfit Marine.

He trained the youth teams there and so was a regular visitor to



Ewood Park in the Lancashire League.

After getting to know then youth boss Jim Furnell, he was initially asked to scout in the Liverpool area and was then invited to coach part-time at Ewood in 1985.

"That was a good move for me because Blackburn were a bigger club and I've enjoyed my time here so much that I've never wanted to leave. It is a very homely club and the people here have always been very good to me."

Ian assumed a coaching role when the Academy system came into play at the beginning of last season but more recently he was asked to join the Academy staff on a full time basis. After Tony Parkes was appointed manager everyone below took a step upwards. Under 19's coach Ian Miller moved up to coach the reserves, Robert Kelly now coaches the under 19's and Sean Kimberley stepped up to become under 17's coach.

Sean left a void which needed to be filled and Ian was the obvious choice: "My role now is half coaching-based and half administrative.

"I look after all the fixture arrangements for the 9-16 year-olds and I act as physio to the under 17's as well as training the under 14s team.

"Youth coaching is a very rewarding job. To see the lads come right up through the ranks and eventually make it in the first team is brilliant.

"The likes of David Dunn and Damien Duff were in the youth teams I coached a few years ago and you feel proud that you've had a hand in their development."

TONY FAULKNER **ASSISTANT ACADEMY PHYSIO**

TONY Faulkner is a Manchester lad, born and bred.

He grew up in the shadow of Manchester City's Maine Road ground and has supported the club since he was old enough to walk through the turnstile.

And that made it all the more special when he came up through City's youth ranks and made it to reserve team level.

But his love of football and City in particular

doubled the force of the blow that his career would be cut short by a serious back injury.

"It was a major setback because I had no idea what other career path to take. I'd been preparing to play football since I was ten years old," remembers Tony. "I just knew I wanted a career and not some dead-end job."

Eventually Tony settled on the idea of physiotherapy as a way of staying in the game he loved so much.

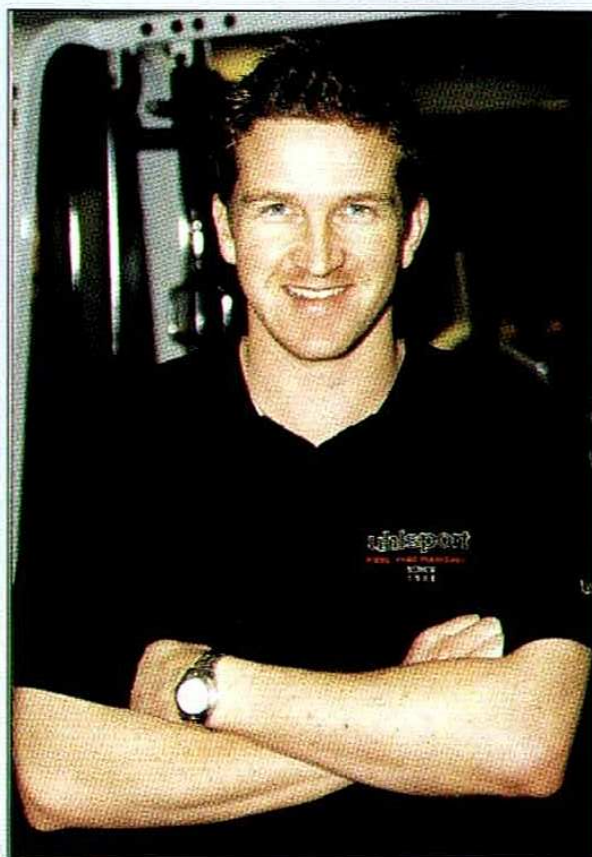
He went through the motions of qualifying and managed to land a work experience post back at Maine Road.

"I worked with the youth teams in my spare time and after I had qualified a position came up as the Academy's head physio."

Now 28, Tony spent two years working full-time in the Maine Road youth set-up but the lure of moving to the superb facilities at Brockhall Village along with the appeal of working in a team of physios proved too much and Tony signed on at the Academy earlier this season.

"I knew head physio Dave Hancock and first team physio Mark Taylor from my time with City and felt it was a great chance and the right way to further my career.

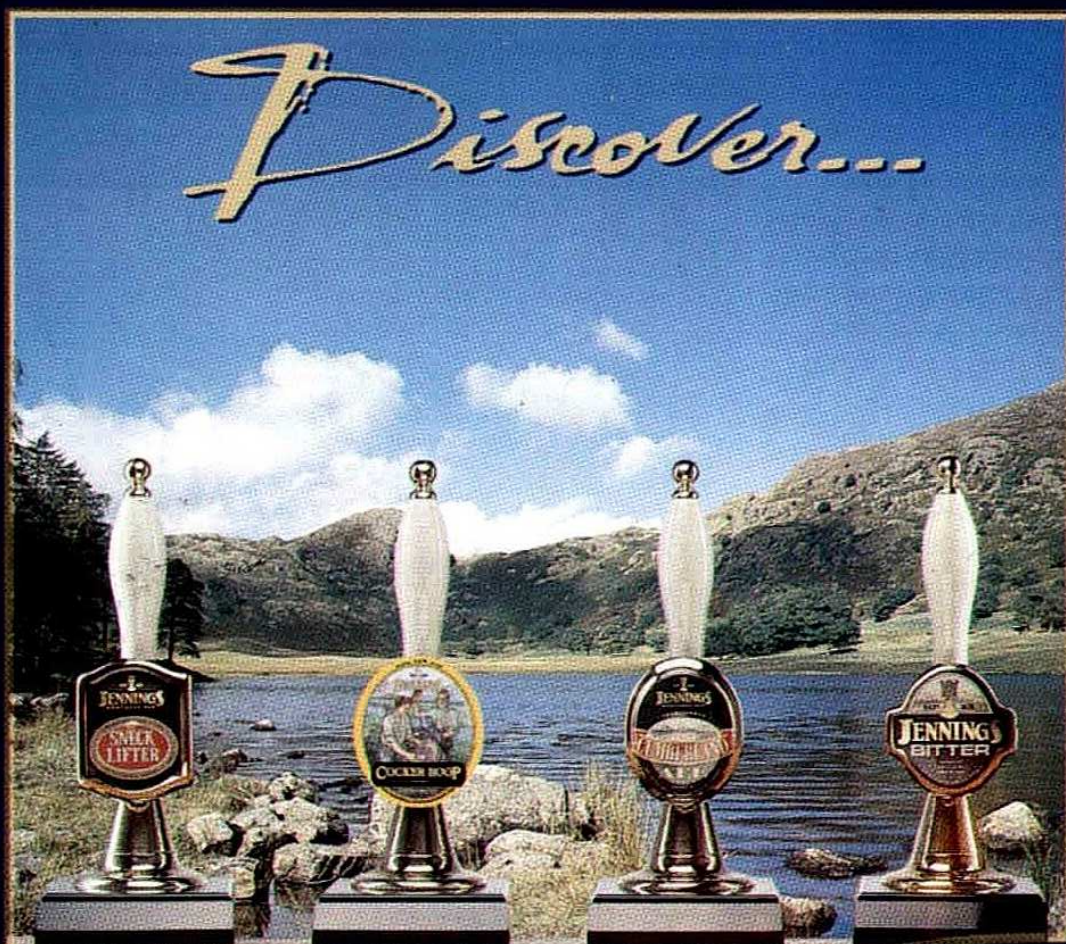
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A Foot in B

The name of Shearer will forever echo around Ewood Park.

But one thing many Rovers fans may forget is that one time idol Alan was not the only Shearer to figure on the teamsheet.

Those who occupied the Ewood stands (and terraces) in the early 90's will remember another striker of the same name.

We refer, as you have probably guessed, to one Duncan N. Shearer. Born in Fort William in 1962, he and brother David both began their careers at Inverness. In November 1983 Duncan's exploits as a goal-hungry striker earned himself a lucrative move south of the border, to Chelsea.

However, his first team opportunities at Stamford Bridge proved few and far between. A move to Huddersfield in 1986

brought about Shearer's rise in English football.

38 goals in 80 games attracted attention from several top clubs,

Swindon Town the team who eventually landed his signature.

After further success at Swindon the big time

beckoned. Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers were on the up, sitting pretty at the top of the Second Division. When Dalglish declared an interest in acquiring the services of the master marksman, Shearer had few doubts about coming to Ewood Park.

The deal was sealed in March 1992. Much was expected of Shearer as Rovers looked for a top quality striker to follow on from the legendary Simon Garner.

But Shearer had to bide his time and watch from the sidelines as Rovers' battled through the play-offs and into the Premier League. He also managed a goal for his new club, coming on as a substitute against Barnsley.



Duncan Shearer

oth Camps



The summer of 1992 saw an influx of stars in preparation for the all-new, elite Premier League. Shearer's position in the squad looked safe, however, as Dalglish had enjoyed his services for just a matter of weeks.

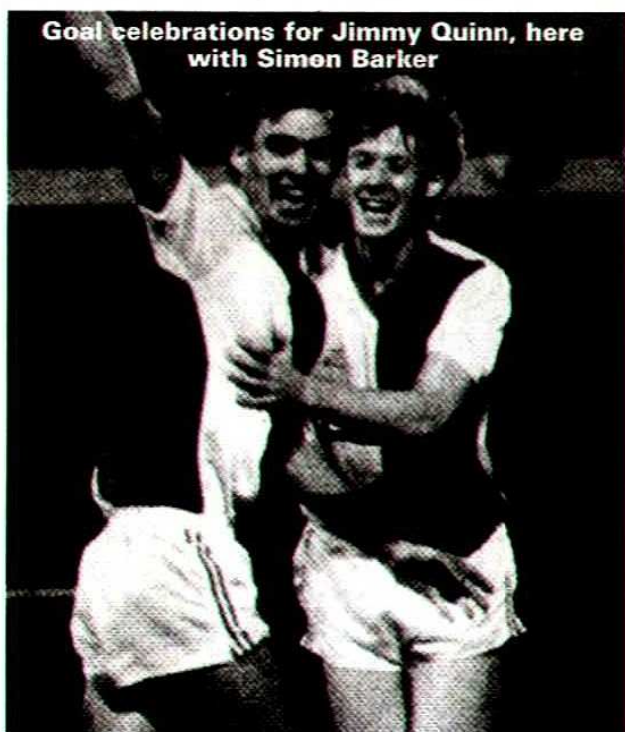
However, when a certain striker was brought in from Southampton for a British record £3.3 million, it became clear that the Rovers squad was not big enough for two Shearers.

Aberdeen declared an interest in taking Duncan back to his native Scotland and that was that. Rovers fans, although surprised at first, soon forgot all about the shock departure when their new acquisition began scoring goals at a remarkable rate.

Nowadays, Duncan could expect a warm reception from the Ewood crowd.

Many Rovers fans feel he was unfortunate and feel a certain sympathy for him. After all, who could compete with arguably the greatest goalscoring machine England has ever produced?

Others with a foot in both camps include current Swindon manager **Jimmy Quinn**, who scored 23 goals in 70 full appearances for Rovers after his move to Ewood in 1984. Quinn returned to the Robins in 1986.



Goal celebrations for Jimmy Quinn, here with Simon Barker

Frank Talia, a Rovers goalkeeper in the early 90's, never played a first team game after arriving at Ewood from Australian outfit Sunshine GC.

However, a move to the County Ground in 1995 proved slightly more successful, Talia finding himself in and out of the first team. Although he did not figure in the Swindon squad for Rovers' 2-1 defeat earlier in the season, look out for him on the bench this afternoon.



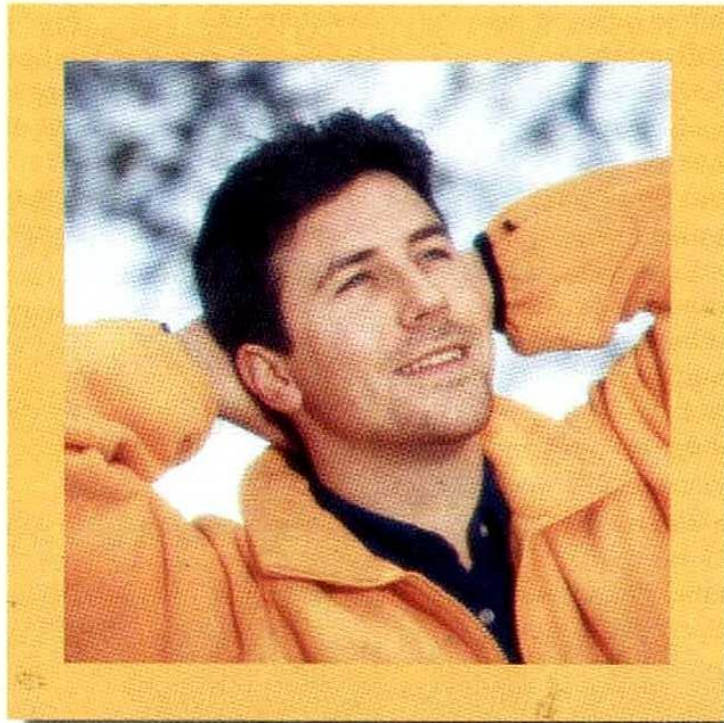
Rovers' reserve team coach **Ian Miller** (above) was signed from Swindon by Bob Saxton back in 1981. Miller later returned to the club in a coaching capacity and recently moved into his reserve team duties after managing the Academy's under-19's team.

Going a little further back, **Horace Cope's** fate was written in the stars - a reliable Ewood goalkeeper back in the 1930's he left for the County Ground.

*Defender **Tim Parkin** was a former Ewood apprentice who had spells at Malmo and Bristol Rovers before joining Swindon in 1986.

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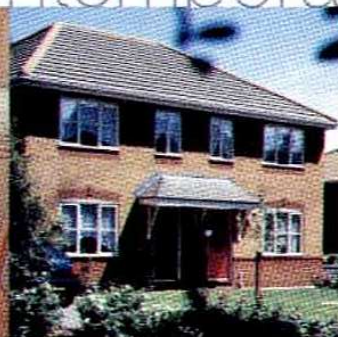
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| TOTALS | Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | |
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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A |
| FA Premier League | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Football League - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Div.2 (now Div.1) | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 15 |
| Div.3 (now Div.2) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 20 |

League doubles:

Rovers 1, Swindon 0.

Biggest win:

3 - 1, away, Prem Lge, October 2, 1993
and home, Prem Lge, March 26, 1994.

Heaviest defeat:

0 - 4, home, FA Cup Third Round,
January 3, 1970.

Hat-tricks: None.

Summary: Played 21, Won 10, Drawn 4, Lost 7, Goals For 28, Goals Against 24.

Previous League Meetings

HOME

| Season | Div | Res | Scorers | Attendance |
|---------|-----|-------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1969-70 | 2 | 2 - 0 | Martin, Connelly | 12,953 |
| 1970-71 | 2 | 1 - 0 | Conlon | 6,330 |
| 1974-75 | 3 | 2 - 0 | Parkes, Martin | 13,621 |
| 1979-80 | 3 | 2 - 0 | Crawford 2 | 11,571 |
| 1987-88 | 2 | 0 - 0 | | 13,563 |
| 1988-89 | 2 | 0 - 0 | | 7,622 |
| 1989-90 | 2 | 2 - 1 | Garner, Atkins | 10,689 |
| 1990-91 | 2 | 2 - 1 | Garner, Livingstone | 6,506 |
| 1991-92 | 2 | 2 - 1 | Hendry, Speedie | 14,887 |
| 1993-94 | PL | 3 - 1 | Shearer 2 (1pen), Sherwood | 20,046 |
| 1999-00 | 1 | | | |

AWAY

| Res | Scorers | Attendance |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 0 - 1 | | 10,716 |
| 0 - 3 | | 11,508 |
| 0 - 2 | | 5,130 |
| 0 - 2 | | 7,307 |
| 2 - 1 | Archibald 2 | 9,373 |
| 1 - 1 | Gayle | 8,220 |
| 3 - 4 | Garner, Kennedy(pen), Gayle | 8,426 |
| 1 - 1 | Stapleton | 8,091 |
| 1 - 2 | Speedie | 10,717 |
| 3 - 1 | Shearer 2, Ripley | 15,847 |
| 1 - 2 | Ostenstad | 7,354 |

Football League Play-Offs (Semi-final)

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1989-90 | 2 | 1 - 2 | Kennedy | 15,636 | 1 - 2 | Gayle | 12,416 |
|---------|---|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|--------|

Aggregate 2 - 4

FA Cup Meetings

| Season | Rnd | Res (H/A) | Scorers | Attendance |
|--------|-----|-----------|---------|------------|
| 67-68 | 3 | 0 - 1 (A) | | 20,830 |
| 69-70 | 3 | 0 - 4 (H) | | 11,538 |

Football League Cup Meetings

| | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----------|-------------------|--------|
| 68-69 | 3 | 0 - 1 (A) | | 15,402 |
| 95-96 | 2/1 | 3 - 2 (A) | Sutton, Shearer 2 | 14,740 |
| | 2/2 | 2 - 0 (H) | Shearer 2 | 16,924 |

Aggregate 5 - 2

Full Members Cup

| | | | | |
|-------|---|-----------|------|-------|
| 87-88 | 1 | 1 - 2 (H) | Reid | 3,638 |
|-------|---|-----------|------|-------|

**Did
you
know?**

Swindon's 4 - 0 win over Rovers in 1970 is the biggest by any visiting team to Ewood in the FA Cup.

Back Row: Alan McDonald (Assistant Coach), Craig Taylor, Gareth Davies, George Ndah, Steve Mildenhall, Iffy Onuora, Alan Reeves, Chris Hay, Dave Moore (Physiotherapist). Middle Row: Frazer McHugh, Robin Hulbert, Philippe Cuervo, Charlie Griffin, Jimmy Glass, Frank Talia, Giuliano Grazioli, Mark Robinson, Lee Collins, Steve Cowe. Front Row: Sol Davis, James Williams, Mark Walters, Gareth Hall, Mike Walsh (First Team Coach), Jimmy Quinn (Manager), Scott Leitch, Ty Gooden, Bobby Howe, Paul McAreevey.



Goalkeepers

FRANK TALIA

Ex-Rover Frank was spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed us in August 1992. Failed to make a first team appearance and was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995. He was back-up to Fraser Digby until he broke through with some terrific displays to earn him a regular place, and the No. 1 shirt. Frank has an infectious character with plenty to say both on and off the field. BORN: Melbourne, Australia, 20.7.72. Height: 6'1", Weight: 13.6 Former Clubs: Blackburn Rovers Hartlepool (loan)

STEVE MILDENHALL

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his third year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. In this match he suffered a terrible groin injury but with no keeper

on the bench, he bravely played on to earn the 'Man of the Match' award in front of the Sky cameras and put Swindon on top of the 1st Division for 24 hours.

BORN: Swindon, 13.5.78.

Height: 6'5", Weight: 13.5

Former Clubs: From Trainee

Defenders

GARETH HALL

Signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling, 30-year-old Hall has a wealth of experience. Best known as a full-back, he's versatile enough to play anywhere across the back. Started his career at Chelsea where he flourished under ex-Swindon boss Glenn Hoddle. Moved to Sunderland in 1995 and was a regular in the Premiership for the Wearsiders. Capped nine times for Wales.

BORN: Croydon, 12.03.69

Height: 5'8", Weight: 12.0

Former Clubs: Chelsea, Sunderland, Brentford (loan)

ALAN REEVES

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football.

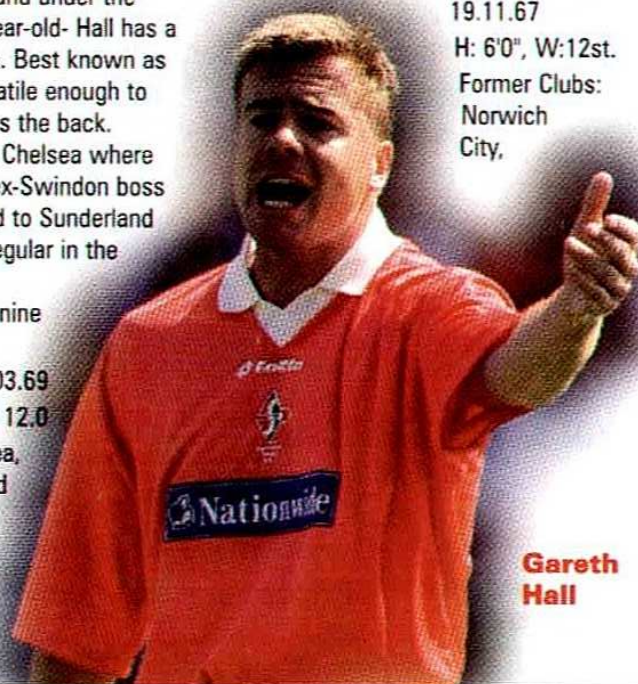
Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale five years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales.

Excellent header of the ball, 31-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces.

BORN: Birkenhead, 19.11.67

H: 6'0", W: 12st.

Former Clubs: Norwich City,



Gareth Hall

Gillingham (loan), Chester City, Rochdale, Wimbledon

MARK ROBINSON

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994 and he has been a regular and consistent performer ever since. Mark can play at full-back, central defence and was also a success as a sweeper.

BORN: Rochdale, 21.11.68.

Height: 5'9", Weight: 12.4

Former Clubs: West Bromwich Albion, Barnsley, Newcastle Utd

GARETH DAVIES

Was signed on a free transfer in March 1999, Gareth made the short trip down the M4 from Reading and despite being a firm favourite with the fans, he did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is well known for his commitment and aggressive style.

Born: Hereford, 11.12.73

Height: 6'1", Weight: 11.12

Former Clubs: Hereford Utd, Crystal Palace, Cardiff City, Reading

SOL DAVIS

Left-sided fullback/wing back who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of '98 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. Last season he established himself as reliable first team player making 23 appearances.

BORN: Cheltenham 4.9.79

Height: 5'8", Weight: 11.0

Former Clubs: From Trainee

ANDY WILLIAMS

Andy moved from Southampton in October 1999 in a £65,000 deal after an impressive loan spell at the County Ground. Andy is an extremely versatile player and has featured in both wing-back positions though Andy admits he usually plays on the left wing. A

regular Under21 international he made his debut coming on as substitute against Brazil in the Maracana Stadium.

BORN: Bristol, 8.10.77

Height: 5'10", Weight: 10.10

Former Clubs: Southampton

Midfielders

SCOTT LEITCH

Former Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder signed for Swindon in the summer of 1996 for a bargain price of £15,000. Enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during their Second Division Championship season and former manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis. Scott was named 'Club Captain' by Jim Quinn in the summer after the retirement of Brian Borrows. He works hard in the Town's engine room, possesses a strong tackle and is capable of spreading the play.

BORN: Motherwell, 6.10.69.

Height: 5'9", Weight: 11.8

Former Clubs: Dunfermline Ath, Heart of Midlothian



**Scott
Leitch**



Manager JIMMY QUINN

This former Town player and fans favourite has gathered a wealth of experience over his career playing at the likes of Leicester City, West Ham, and of course Rovers, playing a total of 70 games for us (14 as sub) and he scored a respectable 23 goals.

During his time as a player at Swindon he scored 43 goals in 86 appearances and then went on to score 94 goals for Reading.

Jimmy picked up 48 caps for Northern Ireland, before beginning as a player/manager at Reading.

Still a member of the playing staff, he is currently on 699 career appearances (01.02.00)

Born: Belfast, 18.12.59

Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 13.10

Former Clubs

Rovers, Leicester City, Bradford City, West Ham Utd, Bournemouth, Reading, Peterborough Utd.

ROBIN HULBERT

Gifted young midfielder, he gained Premiership experience on-loan with Newcastle Utd and showed much improvement last season. Six full starts last season gave him added experience and incentive. Will be looking to become a regular this season.

BORN: Plymouth, 14.3.80.

Height: 5'9", Weight: 10.5

Former Clubs: From Trainee, Newcastle (loan)

LEE COLLINS

Joined Swindon from Scottish Club Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995. Lee was probably Swindon's most improved player in 1997-98. After being banned for seven games and told to clean up his act, he successfully channelled his aggression and energies into developing as a player and his tough tackling remained, but with control. A terrible shoulder injury forced him to miss all but two games of last season.

BORN: Bellshill, 3.2.74.

Height: 5'8", Weight: 10.8

Former Clubs: Albion Rovers

PHILIPPE CUERVO

This gifted Frenchman impressed during a trial period and was quickly signed on a three-year contract from Sochaux (free transfer) 1997. He was a revelation during the first two months of the season but then spent several months out with a hip problem.

He has not had the best of luck with injuries and again missed all but two games of last season due to a broken ankle.

BORN: Ris-Orangis, 13.8.69

Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.6

Former Clubs:
St Etienne



Lee
Collins

BOBBY HOWE

An attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. He made 17 appearances for Forest and has had loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich Town. Bobby made 23 appearances last season scoring three valuable goals.

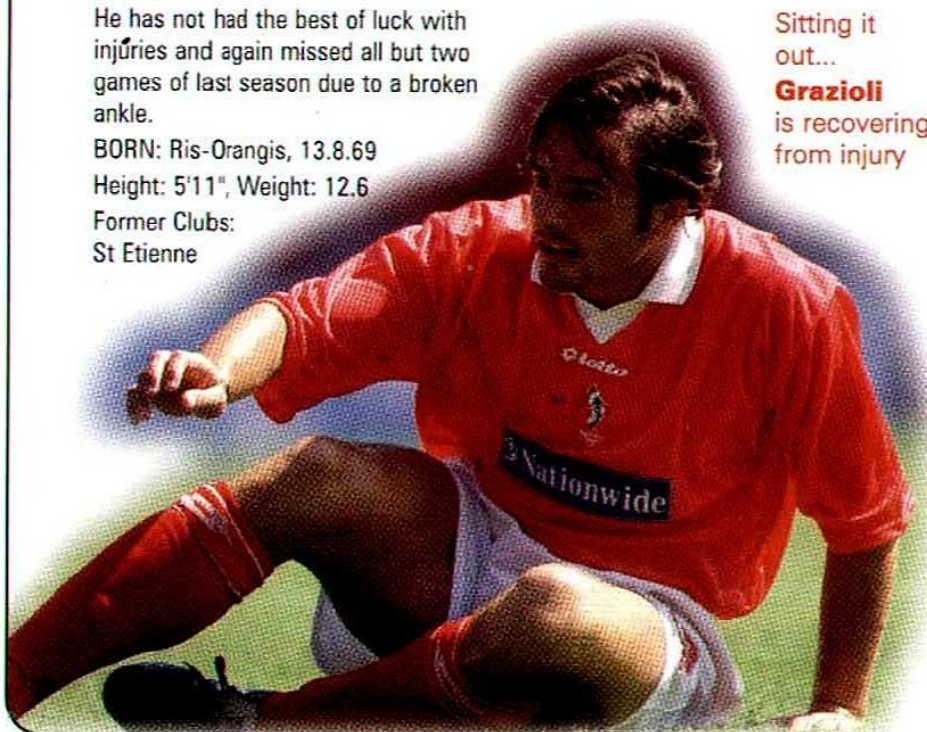
BORN: Annisford, 6.11.73.

Height: 5'7", Weight: 10.4

Former Clubs: Nottingham Forest, Ipswich Town (loan)

Sitting it
out...

Grazioli
is recovering
from injury



Forwards

CHRIS HAY

This pacy young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000, and quickly made a good impression scoring 13 goals in 18 appearances before Christmas 1997. A number of niggling injuries hampered his last campaign but he is raring to go this season. He still managed to notch six goals in 18 starts last season.

BORN: Glasgow, 28.8.74.

Height: 5'11", Weight: 11.7

Former Clubs: Celtic

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

Signed by manager Jim Quinn in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd. He scored 15 goals last season for Peterborough and Jim Quinn is certain that his former strike partner will continue his good form with Swindon. (Broke his foot in Nov 99, and likely to be out today).

Born: 23.03.75

Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.0

Former Clubs: Stevenage Town (non-league), Peterborough Utd

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

Like manager Jim Quinn, Charlie started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. At nineteen years old he is a prospect for the future and the coaching staff believe that with a handful of reserve games under his belt he will be ready to step into first team football.

His first start in the first team came in the final game of last season against Barnsley, where he opened his account after only seven minutes.

BORN: Bath, 25.6.79

Height: 6'0" Weight: 12.8

Former Clubs: Chippenham Town (non-league)

Other squad members

Steve Cowe, Adam Willis, Sam Campagna, Frazer McHugh, Nicky Burke, Jamie Mills, Ricky Culbertson, Alan Flanagan, Paul McAreavey, Alan Hughes, James Williams.



FACTFILE

Head-to-Head Nathan Blake v Chris Hay

Brawny frontman Nathan Blake is starting to establish himself in the Rovers first XI under new boss Tony Parkes.

Today he goes head-to-head with Swindon's former Celtic star Chris Hay. The cash-strapped Robins are being run by administrators and are in dire financial trouble. The fact that they are also nine points adrift at the foot of the table – and 12 points from safety – is incidental by comparison.

Hay has put his injury woe of the last few years firmly behind him and in a season during which Swindon have had trouble even scoring, yet alone winning, he has been in super form, with five goals already.

Blake has three league goals to his name so far this season, his most recent coming last week against Bolton, but his overall contribution to the side should not be overlooked.

His passing has been more accurate than Hay's, and he has set up three goals for team-mates with his deft flicks and incisive through balls.

Nathan has also contributed more defensively, his height being useful when Rovers are defending opposition corners and free-kicks. But he has a less impressive disciplinary record, with that red card at home to Ipswich in November and the same number of fouls committed as Hay despite playing less football. He will definitely be looking to add to his goal tally against a Swindon side which has kept only one clean sheet in 23 league games.

Hay, meanwhile, has got more of his efforts on target than off, so in-form goalkeeper Alan Kelly is certain to have some work to do this afternoon if Rovers are to ensure all three points.



Carling Opta 99/2000 Stats

Blake / Hay

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Minutes On Pitch | 1043 | 1736 | Cross Completion % | 0% | 22% |
| Goal Attempts | | | Dribbling | | |
| Goals | 3 | 5 | Dribbles & Runs | 28 | 42 |
| Shots On Target (inc goals) | 14 | 20 | Dribble Completion % | 75% | 76% |
| Shots Off Target | 14 | 18 | Defending | | |
| Blocked Shots | 7 | 8 | Tackles Made | 8 | 20 |
| Strike Rates | | | Tackles Won % | 38% | 40% |
| Shooting Accuracy % | 50% | 53% | Blocks | 5 | 3 |
| Goals-to-shots Ratio % | 11% | 13% | Clearances | 13 | 2 |
| Passing | | | Interceptions | 1 | 1 |
| Goal Assists | 3 | 1 | Discipline | | |
| Total Passes | 373 | 352 | Fouls | 23 | 23 |
| Pass Completion % | 66% | 61% | Offside | 18 | 10 |
| Crossing | | | Yellow Cards | 1 | 2 |
| Total Crosses | 7 | 27 | Red Cards | 1 | 0 |

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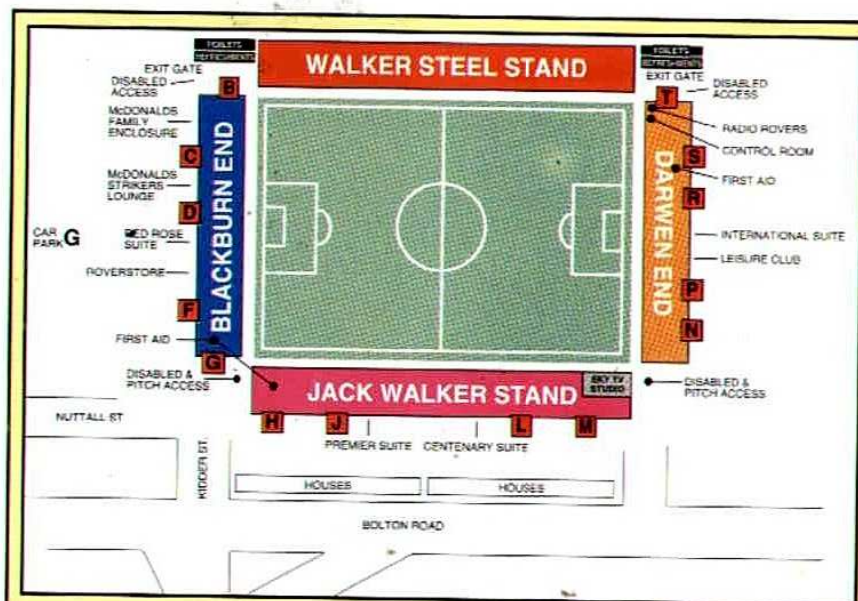
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Getting to know... Matt Jansen

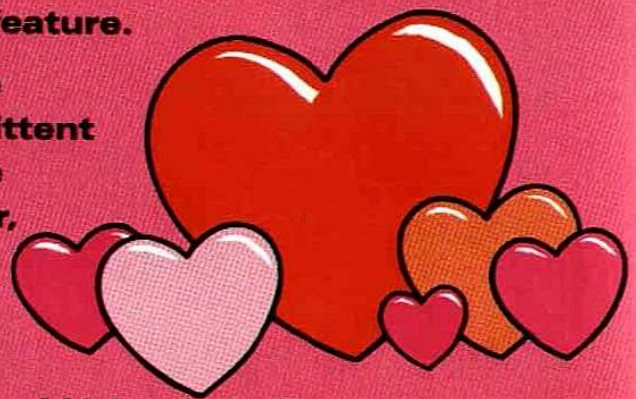


Matt Jansen could get the sack on Monday..... from his postman!

For the young Rovers striker is one of those "first class males" who can expect cards by the van load every time February 14th comes around.

It was anything but romantic when the turn came to interview of one Matthew B. (Don't ask what the B stands for!) Jansen in our popular Getting to Know You feature.

A typical wet and blustery day in the windswept Ribble Valley with intermittent showers always going to hamper the photography (aside from the weather, water was very much a running theme throughout the interview)



More of that later....for now let's get back to the heart of the matter and Valentine's Day.

RoverTime: How many cards did you get last year?

Matt: (A modest laugh) Quite a few - too many to count.

RoverTime: More than a hundred?

Matt: Somewhere around that...you can't print this, the lads are gonna hammer me.

RoverTime: What is the most romantic thing you have ever done?

Matt: Nothing I'm going to reveal here.

RoverTime: How much fan mail do you get?

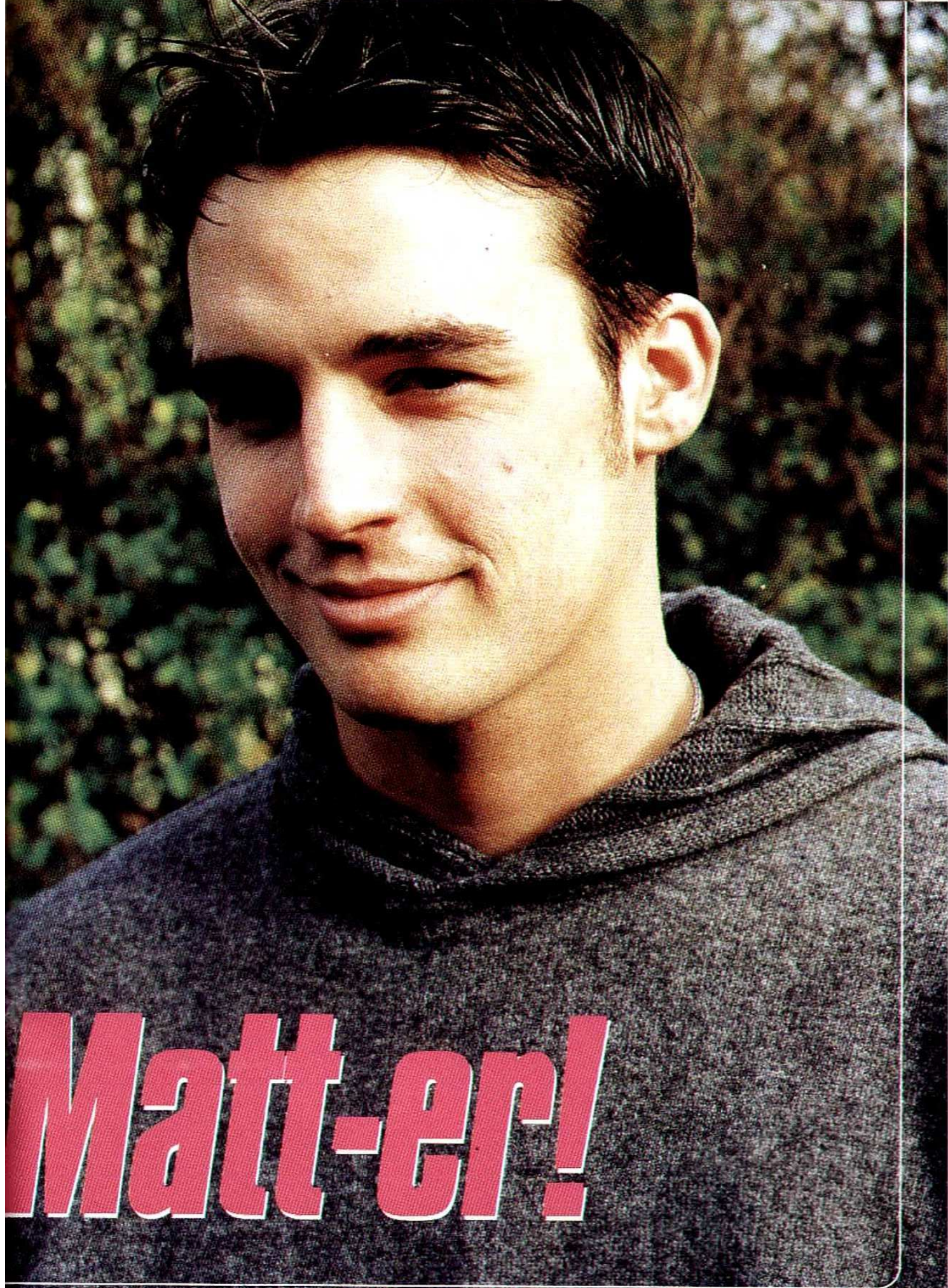
Matt: Quite a bit but it varies from week to week. I'm hoping to get quite a few envelopes on Monday!

RoverTime: How do you manage to reply to them all?

Matt: My mum is brilliant and she helps out with a lot of it - I have to hide the saucy ones though!

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Heart of the





RoverTime: Have you ever had a bad experience with the media?

Matt: When I was at Crystal Palace I'd had a knee operation and I was on my way back, receiving treatment and such-like. I wasn't fit for the weekend's game but there was a chance I could link up with the England under 21's shortly after. I got a call from some reporter who asked me if there'd been a rift between me and Terry Venables and suggested Terry had thrown me off the team bus.

Of course I told him it wasn't true but the paper printed it anyway and Terry phoned me to ask what I'd been saying. But we sorted it out eventually and the paper had to retract the story.

RoverTime: Do you have a favourite band?

Matt: I like all types of music - The Beatles and other 60's and 70's music. The last group I saw live was the Lighthouse Family at Wembley which was a really good concert.

RoverTime: What tune does your mobile phone play?

Matt: At the moment it just has a ring on it. I'm hopeless with mobile phones - I keep losing them and breaking them.

RoverTime: Do you have a middle name?

Matt: Yes, but there's no way I'm going to let you print it!

RoverTime: What is the origin of your surname?

Matt: It's Dutch. My dad's dad was Dutch but I haven't a clue what it means.

RoverTime: Do you live alone?

Matt: Yes.

RoverTime: Do you do your own ironing?

Matt: No...my cleaner does it for me..

RoverTime: Are you an animal lover - do you have any pets?

Matt: No.....oh yes! Sorry, I have two fish.

RoverTime: Do they have names?

Matt: No, I suppose I should Christen them shouldn't I?

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Fish seem to be an appropriate topic given the events that follow Matt's last answer.

There we were sitting peacefully in the reception at the Brockhall training HQ when Steve Harkness popped his head around the door and showered us both with a full bottle of Evian!

Before I had time to shake the water from my dampened notepad Matt was off down the corridor like a whippet chasing a hare. He caught up with Steve in the car park but was far more merciful than his attacker and decided a warning shot was enough.

A quick dab with a towel and Matt was back in the hot-seat.....

RoverTime: Aside from giving chase to water-wielding maniacs, what is the most dangerous activity you have ever participated in?

Matt: I'd love to try ski-ing but obviously I can't really do that while I'm playing football. I wouldn't be allowed and I probably couldn't get the insurance but I will definitely have a go when I've finished playing football.

RoverTime: What has been the proudest moment of your career so far?

Matt: Your debuts are always special. I scored on my debut for Crystal Palace and I was particularly happy with my goal against Spurs in my first game for Rovers. Playing for England under 21's was also quite a proud moment.

RoverTime: Do you have a most memorable goal?

Matt: My favourite would have to be one against Aston Villa when I was at Palace. It was Attilio Lombardo's first match as manager and we went 3-0 down after about half an hour. Although it didn't affect the final scoreline I enjoyed scoring that goal in the second half.

RoverTime: What is your best talent off the field?

Matt: I play a bit of golf with the boys, my handicap is six so I'm a bit behind Callum yet. I have also just started playing the piano. I started a couple of months ago just to fill my spare time. I played the saxophone at school and so I can read music but I'm just having a bit of difficulty getting my hands to do two different things at once.

RoverTime: What was the best thing about playing for your home-town team (Carlisle)?

Matt: It's always your boyhood dream to one day be good enough to play for your own club but it can also work against you depending on how well you are playing.

RoverTime: Are you religious?

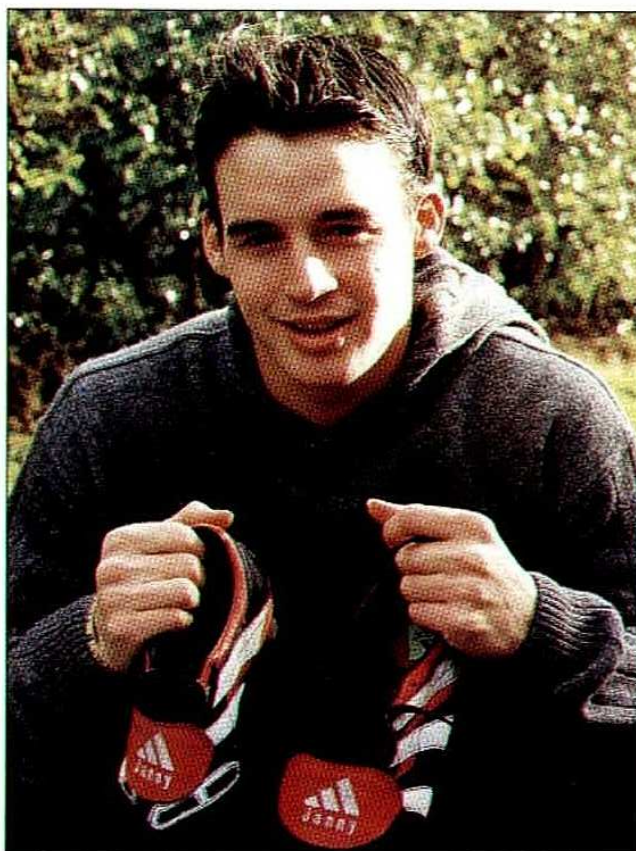
Matt: Yes, quite. I go to church whenever I can.

RoverTime: If you could have followed another career what would it have been and why?

Matt: I wouldn't have minded playing golf for a living. Otherwise I think I'd like to do something sports-related like teaching PE or being a PT instructor.

RoverTime: Do you have a favourite film?

Matt: I have a few - The Shawshank Redemption, Seven and most things starring Robert De Niro.



RoverTime: When was the last time you shouted at someone?

Matt: Every day on the training pitch!

RoverTime: What was the last charity you supported?

Matt: We did one with Terry (Darracott) a few days ago in training. For every bad cross you put in you had to donate a tenner to a multiple sclerosis charity - my bill came to around three grand!

RoverTime: Are you any good at video games?

Matt: I have Nintendo 64 and I play Super Mario Kart with a few of my mates but I'm not the world's greatest.

RoverTime: What is the most extravagant item you have splashed out on?

Matt: I bought myself a Porsche but last year I took my whole family on holiday to America. There were ten of us altogether.

RoverTime: Do you read your stars?

Matt: Never.

RoverTime: Do you read your player ratings in the newspaper?

Matt: Never.

RoverTime: Which newspapers do you read?

Matt: I get the News of the World, the Star - the ones that are full of scandal and gossip.

RoverTime: Where do you recommend for a good night out?

Matt: I love going out in London, Cafe de Paris and all that. But when I'm back home in Carlisle I go to a restaurant called the Fantails.

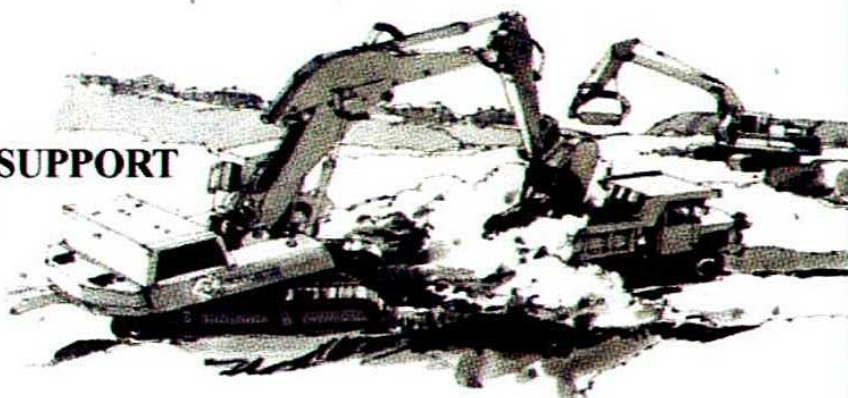




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| Date | H/A | Opponent | Kick-off/Result | Att. (away) | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------|----------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Sat Aug 7 | H | Port Vale | D 0-0 | 20,530 (1,808) | Filan | Grayson | Short | Broomes | Davidson | Dunn* |
| Fri Aug 13 | A | Huddersfield Town | L 2-3 | 13,670 (2,001) | Filan | Grayson | Dailly | Broomes | Davidson | Gillespie |
| Sat Aug 21 | H | Barnsley | L 1-2 | 19,537 (1,907) | Filan | Grayson | Short | Broomes | Davidson | Gillespie* |
| Sat Aug 28 | A | Norwich City | W 2-0 | 15,407 * (742) | Filan | Grayson | Short | Dailly | Kenna | Dunn* |
| Sat Sep 11 | H | Tranmere Rovers | W 2-0 | 17,899 (999) | Filan | Grayson | Short | Dailly | Kenna | Dunn* |
| Wed Sep 15 | A | Portsmouth (Worth Cup 2/1) | W 3-0 | 8,542 (140) | Kelly | Kenna | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Gillespie* |
| Sat Sep 18 | A | West Bromwich Albion | D 2-2 | 16,902 (1,710) | Filan | Grayson | Short* | Dailly | Davidson | Dunn* |
| Wed Sep 22 | H | Portsmouth (Worth Cup 2/2) | W 3-1 | 7,512 (120) | Kelly | Kenna | Peacock | Taylor | Harkness* | Gillespie* |
| Sat Sep 25 | H | Walsall | W 2-0 | 18,232 (802) | Filan | Kenna | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson* |
| Tue Sep 28 | A | Swindon Town | L 1-2 | 7,354 (412) | Filan | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Wilcox |
| Sat Oct 2 | A | Queens Park Rangers | D 0-0 | 14,002 (1,420) | Filan | Grayson | Peacock* | Dailly | Kenna | Wilcox |
| Wed 13 Oct | A | Leeds United (Worth Cup 3) | L 0-1 | 24,353 (1,366) | Filan | Kenna | Short | Taylor | Richardson | Johnson |
| Sat Oct 16 | H | Grimsby Town | D 1-1 | 17,575 (746) | Filan | Kenna | Short | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson* |
| Wed Oct 20 | H | Crystal Palace | D 1-1 | 15,819 (266) | Filan | Grayson | Short | Dailly | Davidson | Wilcox |
| Sat Oct 23 | A | Manchester City | L 0-2 | 33,027 (2,350) | Filan | Kenna* | Short | Dailly | Davidson | Wilcox |
| Tue Oct 26 | A | Walsall | D 1-1 | 6,484 (780) | Filan | Kenna | Short | Dailly | Davidson | Wilcox |
| Sat Oct 30 | H | Queens Park Rangers | L 0-2 | 17,491 (804) | Filan | Kenna* | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Wilcox |
| Sat Nov 6 | H | Ipswich Town | D 2-2 | 18,512 (1,321) | Kelly | Grayson | Taylor | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Sat Nov 20 | H | Fulham | W 2-0 | 18,543 (1,109) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Tue Nov 23 | A | Crewe Alexandra | D 0-0 | 6,495 (1,350) | Kelly | Grayson | Short | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Sat Nov 27 | H | Stockport County | W 2-0 | 17,592 (1,228) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Tue Nov 30 | A | Charlton Athletic | W 2-1 | 18,939 (640) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Sat Dec 4 | A | Port Vale | D 0-0 | 6,084 (1,481) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Tue Dec 7 | H | Bolton Wanderers | W 3-1 | 21,046 (3,089) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Sat Dec 11 | A | West Bromwich Albion (FAC3) | D 2-2 | 10,609 (1,287) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Harkness | McAteer |
| Sun Dec 19 | A | Sheffield United | L 1-2 | 10,437 (891) | Kelly | Grayson | Taylor | Dailly | Harkness* | McAteer* |
| Wed Dec 22 | H | West Bromwich Albion (FAC3r) | W 2-0 | 11,766 (1,185) | Kelly | Kenna | Taylor | Dailly | Davidson | McAteer* |
| Sun Dec 26 | H | Nottingham Forest | W 2-1 | 23,406 (1,242) | Kelly | Kenna | Taylor | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson |
| Tue Dec 28 | A | Portsmouth | W 2-1 | 15,208 (918) | Kelly* | Kenna* | Taylor | Dailly | Davidson | McAteer |
| Mon Jan 3 | H | Wolverhampton Wanderers | D 1-1 | 24,743 (3,848) | Filan | Kenna | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson |
| Mon Jan 10 | A | Liverpool (FAC4) | W 1-0 | 32,839 (2,986) | Filan | Kenna* | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson |
| Sat Jan 15 | H | Huddersfield Town | W 2-0 | 21,420 (3,384) | Filan* | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson |
| Sat Jan 22 | A | Barnsley | L 1-5 | 18,088 (2,051) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson* |
| Mon Jan 31 | H | Newcastle United (FAC5) | L 1-2 | 29,946 (7,150) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | McAteer |
| Sat Feb 5 | A | Bolton Wanderers | L 1-3 | 17,687 (2,961) | Kelly | Grayson | Peacock | Dailly | Davidson | Johnson |
| Sat Feb 12 | H | Swindon Town | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Tue Feb 15 | A | Birmingham City | 7.45pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Feb 19 | A | Stockport County | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Feb 26 | H | West Bromwich Albion | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Tue Feb 29 | H | Norwich City | 7.45pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Mar 4 | A | Tranmere Rovers | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Tue Mar 7 | A | Ipswich Town | 7.45pm | | | | | | | |
| Sun Mar 12 | H | Crewe Alexandra | 1pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Mar 18 | A | Fulham | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Wed Mar 22 | H | Birmingham City | 7.45pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Mar 25 | A | Nottingham Forest | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 1 | H | Sheffield United | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 8 | A | Wolverhampton Wanderers | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 15 | H | Portsmouth | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 22 | A | Grimsby Town | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Mon Apr 24 | H | Charlton Athletic | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 29 | A | Crystal Palace | 3pm | | | | | | | |
| Sun May 7 | H | Manchester City | 1.30pm | | | | | | | |

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APPEARANCES

| Wilcox | Carsley | Duff | Davies | Jansen* | Kenna | Dailly | Johnson* | Gallacher* | Kelly | No Player | Full Sub (P) |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Flitcroft | Carsley | Wilcox | Davies* | Gallacher* | Kenna | Duff* | Johnson | Blake* | Fettis | 1 | FILAN 18 8 (0) |
| Flitcroft* | Carsley* | Wilcox* | Ostenstad* | Ward | Kenna | Dunn* | Johnson* | Jansen* | Kelly | 2 | KENNA 16 10 (0) |
| Wilcox | Carsley | Jansen* | Ostenstad* | Ward | Davidson | Gillespie* | Johnson* | Gallacher* | Kelly | 3 | DAVIDSON 22 6 (1) |
| Wilcox | Carsley | Jansen* | Ostenstad* | Ward | Davidson | Duff* | Gillespie | Blake* | Kelly | 4 | McATEER 14 4 (4) |
| Dunn | Gill | Johnson* | Blake | Ward | Harkness* | Taylor | McNamee | Jansen** | Fettis | 5 | PEACOCK 18 3 (1) |
| Wilcox | Carsley | Jansen | Ostenstad* | Ward | Peacock* | Gill | Gillespie | Blake* | Kelly | 6 | CARSLEY 30 1 (0) |
| Dunn | Gill | Duff | Ostenstad* | Blake | Grayson* | Carsley | Johnson* | Gallacher* | Filan | 7 | FLITCROFT 2 0 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Wilcox | Gallacher | Ward | Grayson | Taylor | Duff* | Blake | Kelly | 9 | WARD 23 1 (1) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Blake | Gallacher* | Ward | Kenna | Taylor | Duff* | Ostenstad* | Kelly | 10 | OSTENSTAD 17 14 (6) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Blake | Ostenstad* | Ward | Davidson | Taylor* | Gill | Duff* | Kelly | 12 | DUFF 22 6 (6) |
| Dunn | Gill | Duff | Jansen | Ward | Grayson | Brown | Corbett | Ostenstad | Kelly | 13 | KELLY 17 15 (1) |
| Frandsen* | Carsley* | Wilcox | Ostenstad* | Blake | Grayson | Taylor* | Duff* | Jansen* | Kelly | 14 | BLAKE 17 8 (7) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Jansen | Blake* | Dunn | Taylor | Ward* | Ostenstad | Kelly | 15 | JANSEN 11 11 (7) |
| Frandsen | Carsley* | Duff | Jansen | Ward | Grayson* | Taylor | McAteer* | Ostenstad | Kelly | 16 | BROOMES 3 2 (0) |
| Frandsen* | Carsley* | Duff | Jansen | Ward | Grayson | Taylor | McAteer* | Ostenstad | Kelly | 17 | McKINLAY 0 0 (0) |
| Frandsen* | Carsley | Duff | Jansen* | Ward | Grayson* | Brown | McAteer* | Ostenstad* | Kelly | 18 | GILLESPIE 4 8 (5) |
| Dunn* | Carsley** | Duff* | Blake** | Ward | Kenna | Peacock | Wilcox* | Ostenstad* | Filan | 19 | JOHNSON 11 8 (7) |
| Dunn | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad* | Ward | Davidson | Taylor | Wilcox* | Jansen | Filan | 20 | FRANDSEN 21 1 (1) |
| Dunn* | Carsley | Duff* | Ostenstad* | Ward | Frandsen* | Taylor | Wilcox* | Blake* | Filan | 21 | CORBETT 0 1 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad* | Ward | Kenna | Taylor | Wilcox | Blake* | Filan | 22 | FETTIS 0 9 (1) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad* | Ward* | Davidson | Taylor | Wilcox | Blake* | Filan | 23 | DAILLY 31 1 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Wilcox | Ostenstad* | Ward | Kenna | Taylor | Jansen | Blake* | Williams | 24 | McNAMEE 0 1 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Wilcox | Blake | Ward | Kenna | Taylor | Dunn | Ostenstad | Filan | 25 | O'BRIEN 0 0 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley* | Davidson | Blake | Ward | Kenna | Taylor | Johnson* | Ostenstad | Filan | 26 | THOMAS 0 0 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Blake* | Ward | Kenna | Davidson* | Jansen* | Ostenstad | Filan | 27 | DUNN 12 7 (2) |
| Frandsen | Carsley* | Duff | Blake* | Ward | Harkness | Broomes | Johnson* | Ostenstad* | Fettis | 28 | TAYLOR 7 15 (2) |
| Frandsen | Carsley* | Duff | Blake* | Ward* | Grayson | Dunn | Jansen* | Ostenstad* | Fettis | 29 | SHORT 11 1 (0) |
| Dunn | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad | Johnson | Grayson* | Peacock | Jansen | Harkness | Fettis* | 30 | WILLIAMS 0 1 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad | Jansen* | Grayson | Harkness | Dunn* | Gillespie | Fettis | 31 | GRAYSON 22 11 (5) |
| Frandsen | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad* | Blake* | Grayson* | Jansen | Dunn* | Gillespie* | Kelly | 32 | MURPHY 0 0 (0) |
| Frandsen* | Carsley | Duff | Ostenstad* | Blake | Harkness | McAteer* | Dunn | Jansen* | Kelly* | 33 | HARKNESS 9 6 (2) |
| Frandsen | McAteer | Duff | Ostenstad* | Blake | Short | Gillespie* | Dunn | Jansen* | Fettis | 34 | GILL 3 2 (0) |
| Frandsen | Carsley* | Duff | Jansen | Blake | Harkness | Gillespie | Johnson* | Ostenstad | Fettis | 36 | RICHARDSON 1 0 (0) |
| Frandsen | McAteer* | Duff* | Blake | Ward* | Broomes | Gillespie* | Dunn* | Ostenstad* | Fettis | Players who have left club | |

| | | | | |
|----|-----------|----|---|-----|
| 8 | GALLACHER | 3 | 2 | (2) |
| 10 | DAVIES | 2 | 0 | (0) |
| 11 | WILCOX | 16 | 5 | (3) |
| 20 | CROFT | 0 | 0 | (0) |
| 35 | BROWN | 0 | 2 | (0) |

GOALSCORERS

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Carsley | 9 |
| Ostenstad | 7 |
| Ward | 6 |
| Blake | 5 |
| Frandsen | 5 |
| Duff | 4 |
| Jansen | 4 |
| Dailly | 2 |
| Broomes | 1 |
| Dunn | 1 |
| Gallacher | 1 |
| Johnson | 1 |
| McAteer | 1 |
| own goals (Portsmouth WC) | 1 |

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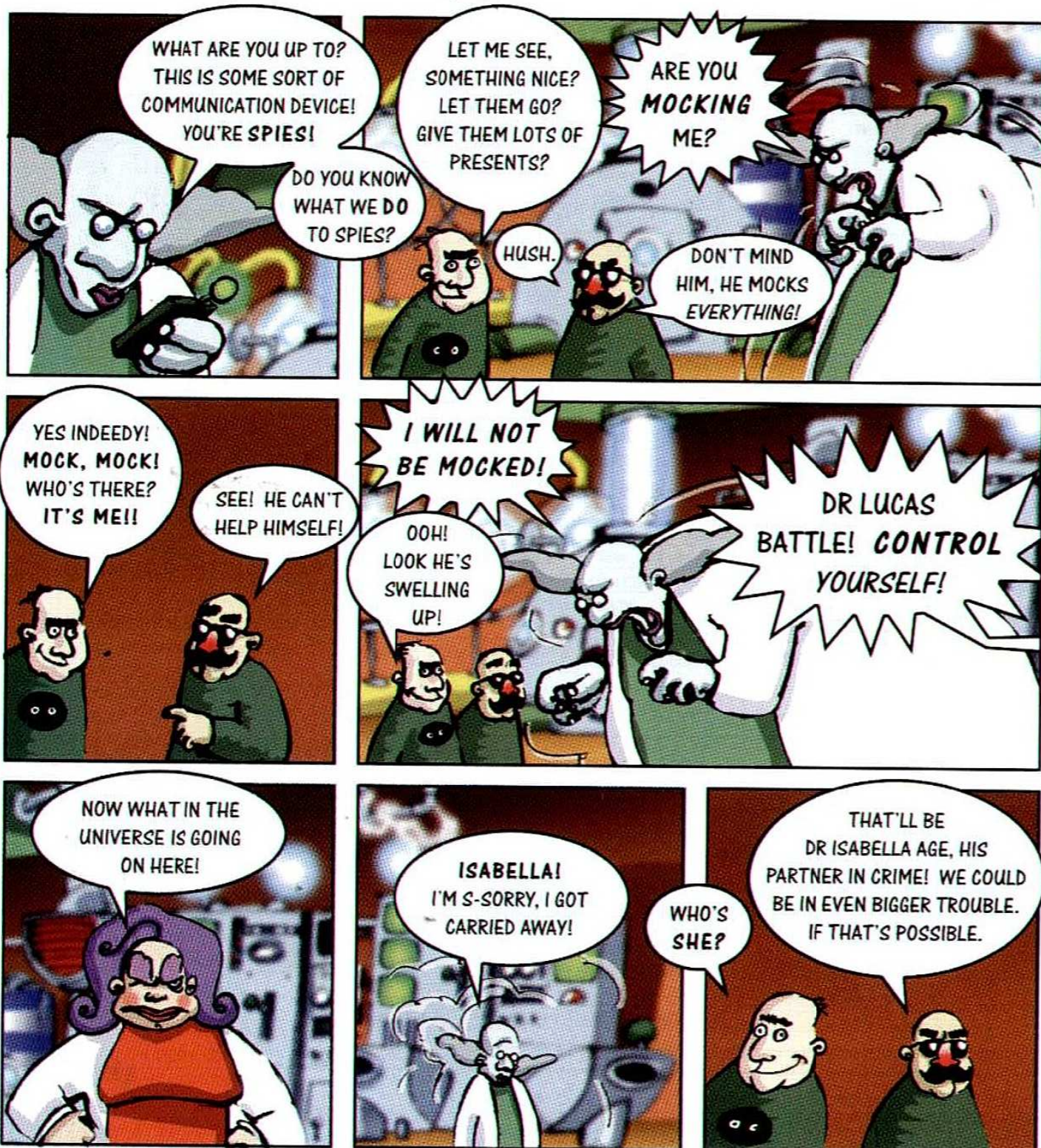
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IT IS, BUT WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE SECOND SIGNAL!

WHAT SECOND SIGNAL?

THE SIGNAL THAT TELLS US WHEN THE END OF THE TRANSPORT HOLE IS SET UP IN A SAFE PLACE

AH, THAT SIGNAL.

BACK AT THRAAPF'S HQ...

WHO ARE THESE IDIOTS LUCAS? AND WHATS THAT YOU'VE GOT THERE?

WELL...

WE'RE REPAIRMEN, THAT'S JUST A TOOL WE USE TO REPAIR THINGS.

YUP! WE JUST 'REPAIRED' YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM!

LUCAS YOU FOOL! THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY SPIES AND SABOTEURS SENT TO LOWER OUR DEFENCES! HOW COULD YOU LET THEM NEAR OUR SECURITY SYSTEM?

BUT ISABELLA...

ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE. LET'S SEE WHAT THIS DOOHICKEY REALLY DOES.

BEEP!

DON'T PRESS THAT BUTTON!

WHOOPS! SHE JUST DID!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! I'VE STILL GOT THAT HOLE IN MY POCKET!

YOU SHOULD GET THAT MENDED!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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Saturday 29th January 2000

MAN UTD U19 0 ROVERS U19 0

THE Old Trafford youngsters put up much more of a fight than in the corresponding fixture back in October.

Rovers were 2-1 victors on that occasion thanks to goals from Gary Hamilton and Jon Douglas but United proved much tougher to break down on home turf.

Rovers fielded a strong side, which included Scottish starlets David McNamee (pictured) and Burton O'Brien. But the strikeforce of Ryan Baldacchino and Steve Foster couldn't quite find the net. To their credit though, Rovers prevented United from finding a way through with some resolute defending throughout the 90 minutes.



ROVERS: Bingham, McCann, Nutter, D Dunning (Douglas, 40), Hawe, Murphy, McNamee (Hardy, 80), O'Brien, Foster (Richards, 60), Baldacchino, Forsyth.

Subs not used: Hind, Howson.

MAN UTD U17 1 ROVERS U17 0

TESTING weather conditions turned a potentially classic clash into a hard-fought battle as both sides struggled to get to grips with strong winds and driving rain.

The home side were strong at the back but Rovers created several chances to take the lead and even had a goal disallowed.

United had fewer clear-cut goal-scoring opportunities but managed to bury one midway through the second half, smashing the ball into the roof of the net from inside the box - the strike which eventually proved the winner.

ROVERS: Renton, Hockenhull, Woodhead, P Murray (Creasy, 60), Taylor, Stone, Danns, Blakeman, Bell, Byrne (Donnelly, 55), Hevicon.

Subs not used: Robinson, Gibson.

Saturday 5th February 2000

ROVERS U 19 1 LIVERPOOL U 19 0

STEVE Foster bagged his tenth goal of the season as Rovers coasted to another comfortable league victory.

The Manchester-born target-man showed great finishing skills after good work by Marc Richards to blast Rovers into the lead on 15 minutes.

But Rovers didn't rest on their laurels and continued to take the game to the visitors, Lee Hardy going close when he bounced a first-half free-kick off the cross-bar.

After the break, Liverpool threw everything they had at Rovers in search of an equaliser but the rear-guard of Stuart Howson and Jonathan Douglas held out superbly.

Coach Robert Kelly said: "It was a very competent performance from all concerned which took us three points clear of second-placed Everton, who are our next opponents."

ROVERS: Bingham, R Dunning, F Murray, O'Brien, Howson, Douglas, Derbyshire (McNamee, 55), Flitcroft, Richards, Foster, Hardy (Nutter, 30).

Subs not used: Hind, Chamberlain, Doyle.

ROVERS U17 1 LIVERPOOL U17 0

MARK Byrne's first-half strike made the difference between Rovers and the visiting Anfield youngsters last weekend.

After 20 minutes the Billinge-born hit-man buried an Andy Bell flick-on in the bottom right hand corner to put Rovers in front.

And Rovers dug their heels in to hang on to the advantage, despite some heavy pressure from the visitors, and seal a double victory over Liverpool opposition.

Three points helped stretch the gap between Rovers and fourth-placed Liverpool and pulled the Brockhall boys to just two points adrift of second-placed Crewe.

ROVERS: Renton, Hockenhull (P Murray, 45), Woodhead, Blakeman, Taylor, Stone, Creasy, Donnelly (Atkinson, 80), Bell (Walters, 70), Byrne, Hevicon.

Subs not used: Robinson, Gibson.

ACADEMY LEAGUE RESULTS AND APPEARANCES

UNDER 19

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| 28th Aug | Newcastle United | W 2-1 |
| 4th Sept | Leeds United | W 3-0 |
| 11th Sept | Huddersfield Town | W 2-0 |
| 18th Sep | Middlesbrough | W 6-1 |
| 25th Sep | Coventry City | W 6-1 |
| 2nd Oct | Sheffield Wed | W 4-1 |
| 16th Oct | Bolton Wanderers | W 6-2 |
| 23rd Oct | Crewe Alex | D 0-0 |
| 30th Oct | Manchester Utd | W 2-1 |
| 6th Nov | Manchester City | W 3-1 |
| 13th Nov | Liverpool | W 3-0 |
| 20th Nov | Everton | L 1-2 |
| 27th Nov | Barnsley | L 3-2 |
| 4th Dec | Bolton Wanderers | W 3-0 |
| 11th Dec | Crewe Alex | D 2-2 |
| 22nd Jan | Manchester City | W 3-1 |
| 29th Jan | Manchester Utd | D 0-0 |
| 5th Feb | Liverpool | W 1-0 |
| 12th Feb | Everton | a |
| 19th Feb | Aston Villa | a |
| 26th Feb | Sunderland | a |
| 4th Mar | Barnsley | h |

UNDER 17

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|-------|
| 28th Aug | Newcastle United | D 1-1 |
| 4th Sept | Leeds United | W 5-3 |
| 11th Sep | Leeds United | L 2-5 |
| 18th Sept | Middlesbrough | D 2-2 |
| 25th Sep | Coventry City | W 3-0 |
| 2nd Oct | Sheffield Wed | W 3-2 |
| 16th Oct | Bolton Wanderers | W 2-0 |
| 23rd Oct | Crewe Alex | W 1-0 |
| 30th Oct | Manchester Utd | W 2-1 |
| 6th Nov | Manchester City | L 0-2 |
| 13th Nov | Liverpool | L 1-2 |
| 20th Nov | Sheffield Wed | D 1-1 |
| 27th Nov | Barnsley | W 5-0 |
| 15th Jan | Bolton Wanderers | W 3-1 |
| 22nd Jan | Manchester City | D 2-2 |
| 29th Jan | Manchester Utd | L 0-1 |
| 5th Feb | Liverpool | W 1-0 |
| 12th Feb | Birmingham City | h |
| 19th Feb | Aston Villa | a |
| 26th Feb | Sunderland | h |
| 4th Mar | Barnsley | h |
| 11th Mar | Crewe Alex | a |

UNDER 19 APPEARANCES

| | A | (S) | G | | A | (S) | G |
|-------------|----|-----|----|----------|----|-----|---|
| Baldacchino | 11 | (1) | 2 | Hardy | 2 | (3) | |
| Bingham | 16 | | | Hawe | 17 | | 2 |
| Burgess | 7 | (1) | 7 | Hind | 2 | | |
| Chamberlain | 3 | (1) | | Howson | 11 | | 1 |
| Derbyshire | 3 | | | Lawless | 4 | (2) | |
| Douglas | 12 | (1) | 4 | McCann | 14 | | |
| Doyle | 3 | (3) | | McNamee | 3 | (1) | 1 |
| Dunning D | 15 | | 2 | Murphy | 4 | | |
| Dunning R | 14 | (2) | | Murray F | 6 | (1) | |
| Flitcroft | 4 | (3) | 1 | Nutter | 3 | (3) | |
| Forsyth | 16 | | 3 | O'Brien | 4 | | 1 |
| Foster | 12 | (1) | 10 | Richards | 5 | (2) | 1 |
| Hamilton | 8 | (2) | 8 | Taylor S | 2 | (1) | |

A=Full Appearances, (S)=Sub Appearances, G= Goals

UNDER 17 APPEARANCES

| | A | (S) | G | | A | (S) | G |
|------------|----|-----|----|-----------|----|-----|---|
| Atkinson | 12 | (1) | 2 | McVeigh | 2 | | |
| Bell | 7 | (5) | 4 | Murray P | 9 | (2) | |
| Blakeman | 11 | | 2 | Renton | 8 | | |
| Byrne | 17 | | 5 | Robinson | 9 | | |
| Creasy | 14 | (1) | 1 | Stevenson | 1 | | |
| Danns | 16 | | 10 | Stone | 16 | | |
| Donnelly | 3 | (9) | 1 | Taylor M | 17 | | |
| Gibson | 6 | (2) | | Walters | 2 | (4) | 4 |
| Hevicon | 15 | | 3 | Watt | | (9) | |
| Hill | | (1) | | Woodhead | 18 | | |
| Hockenhull | 14 | | | own goals | | | 1 |
| Martin | | (2) | | | | | |

A=Full Appearances, (S)=Sub Appearances, G= Goals

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 19 GROUP B TABLE

| | pl | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ROVERS | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 49 | 16 | 42 |
| Everton | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 14 | 39 |
| Manchester City | 17 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 37 | 26 | 31 |
| Manchester United | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 36 | 17 | 28 |
| Liverpool | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 35 | 27 | 27 |
| Crewe Alexandra | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 23 | 28 | 22 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 18 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 50 | 8 |

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 17 GROUP B TABLE

| | pl | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manchester United | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 46 | 20 | 34 |
| Crewe Alexandra | 17 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 60 | 28 | 33 |
| ROVERS | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 34 | 23 | 31 |
| Liverpool | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 27 | 28 |
| Manchester City | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 35 | 21 | 26 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 18 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 14 | 49 | 7 |

ReserveReview

COMEBACK DUO HELP INSPIRE YOUNGSTERS

Middlesbrough Reserves 0 Rovers Reserves 0 Wednesday February 2nd 2000

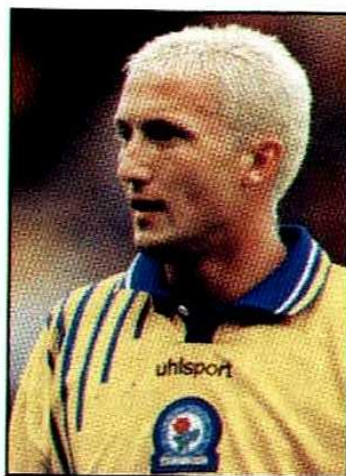
ROVERS held Boro to a goalless draw at Billingham as Ian Miller's team took a valuable point away from this FA Premier Reserve League clash.

But what was even more pleasing for Rovers was the continuing return of midfield duo Garry Flitcroft and Billy McKinlay (right) from long-term injuries.

Flitcroft has been sidelined for 18 months with knee problems while McKinlay, has been out for a similar period with a groin injury.

But both players looked to be re-discovering their true fitness, turning in impressive displays as they helped to keep the Middlesbrough threat to a minimum in a tense affair.

Boro did threaten early on, striker Alun Armstrong forcing a fine save from Alan Fettis. Hamilton Ricard then turned on the style to set up Armstrong for a second chance, but the finish was poor from the former Stockport man.



On the half-hour mark Paul Forsyth picked up the ball in midfield and embarked on a surging run which ended in a vicious shot that flew just over the crossbar.

Rovers further enforced their presence in the second half when Leam Richardson's effort hit the post. Flitcroft almost made the fairy tale complete later in the half, but Marlon Beresford denied the former Manchester City man the opening goal.

At the end both teams had to settle for the draw, but Rovers surely left the field the happier, boosted by the progress of two such influential stars.

Rovers lined up: Fettis, Richardson, Murphy, Flitcroft, Hawe, Broomes, Gillespie, Burgess, McKinlay, Baldacchino, Forsyth.

Subs: Corbett, Dunning, Douglas, O'Brien, Bingham

• Rovers Reserves clash with Sunderland was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

FA Premier Reserve League Fixtures

| | | | | |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Wed Aug 18 | A | Barnsley | ..... | W 3-0 |
| Tues Aug 31 | H | Bolton Wanderers | ..... | L 0-1 |
| Tues Sep 7 | A | Everton | ..... | L 0-1 |
| Wed Sep 29 | A | Bradford City | ..... | D 1-1 |
| Tues Oct 5 | H | Sheffield Wednesday | ..... | W 4-0 |
| Mon Oct 11 | A | Newcastle United | ..... | L 0-3 |
| Wed Oct 27 | A | Aston Villa | ..... | W 2-1 |
| Tues Nov 9 | H | Middlesbrough | ..... | W 2-1 |
| Wed Nov 17 | A | Man United (Gigg Lane) | ..... | D 1-1 |
| Mon Nov 29 | A | Liverpool (St Helens R.L.) | ..... | D 3-3 |
| Mon Dec 13 | A | Sunderland (New Ferens Park) | | L 0-2 |
| Wed Jan 12 | A | Bolton Wanderers | | W 2-0 |

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|-------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Tues Jan 18 | H | Leeds United | | L 0-1 |
| Tues Jan 25 | H | Aston Villa | | P |
| Wed Feb 2 | A | Middlesbrough (BillinghamSFC) | D 0-0 | |
| Tues Feb 8 | H | Sunderland | ..... | P |
| Wed Feb 16 | H | Manchester United | ..... | 7pm |
| Tues Feb 22 | A | Leeds United | ..... | 7pm |
| Wed Mar 8 | H | Liverpool | ..... | 7pm |
| Tues Mar 14 | A | Sheffield Wednesday | ..... | 7pm |
| Tues Mar 28 | H | Bradford City | ..... | 7pm |
| Tues Apr 5 | H | Barnsley | | 7pm |
| Tues Apr 25 | H | Newcastle United | | 7pm |
| Wed May 3 | H | Everton | | 7pm |

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Lucky Mascot

Our away day mascot at Bolton was Ashley Bibby.

Away Days

Our Away Day trips are proving ever popular, and the forthcoming trip to Stockport is now sold out.

Following Stockport we are off to Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 4th March. Cost of this trip inclusive of match ticket is £8.00.

Competition Time

How would you like the chance to win an autographed Rovers Pennant?

Well all you have to do is tell me the name of the Rovers player who was recently transferred to a Premier League club and the name of the club he now plays for. First correct answer drawn on Friday 25th February will be the winner.

Answers on a postcard, with your name, membership and telephone number to me by Friday 25th February. The winner will be announced in the Crewe programme.

Here is junior member Robert Savage, up to mischief as usual! Having a great time in the tots area in Strikers before a recent home game.



Strikers Competitions

Starting shortly will be our Connect 4 and Table Tennis knockouts.

Members wishing to take part need to sign the entry forms today in Strikers.

Both competitions will commence at the West Brom game.

Easter Competitions

We are planning to run two Easter Competitions for our junior members and you can choose to enter both or just one and we thought we would tell you about them before half term then if the weather is bad and you can't play outside you will be able to work on your entry.

Both competitions will be judged on Monday 24th April before the Crystal Palace game.



Competition Number One

Make a 3D Easter Garden, you can even put plants in if you want to!

Competition Number Two

Design and make an Easter Card. There will be prizes for winners and runners up in both competitions.

ROVERS MASCOT

Name: DANNY MARISH
From: Otterton, Devon
School: Otterton Primary
Age: 10 years, Danny will be 11 on the 17th February
Favourite player: John Filan
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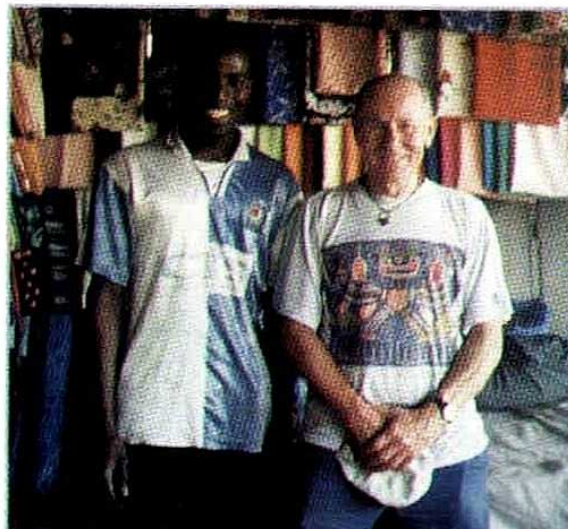
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Barbara Magee, Blackburn Rovers, Ewood Park.

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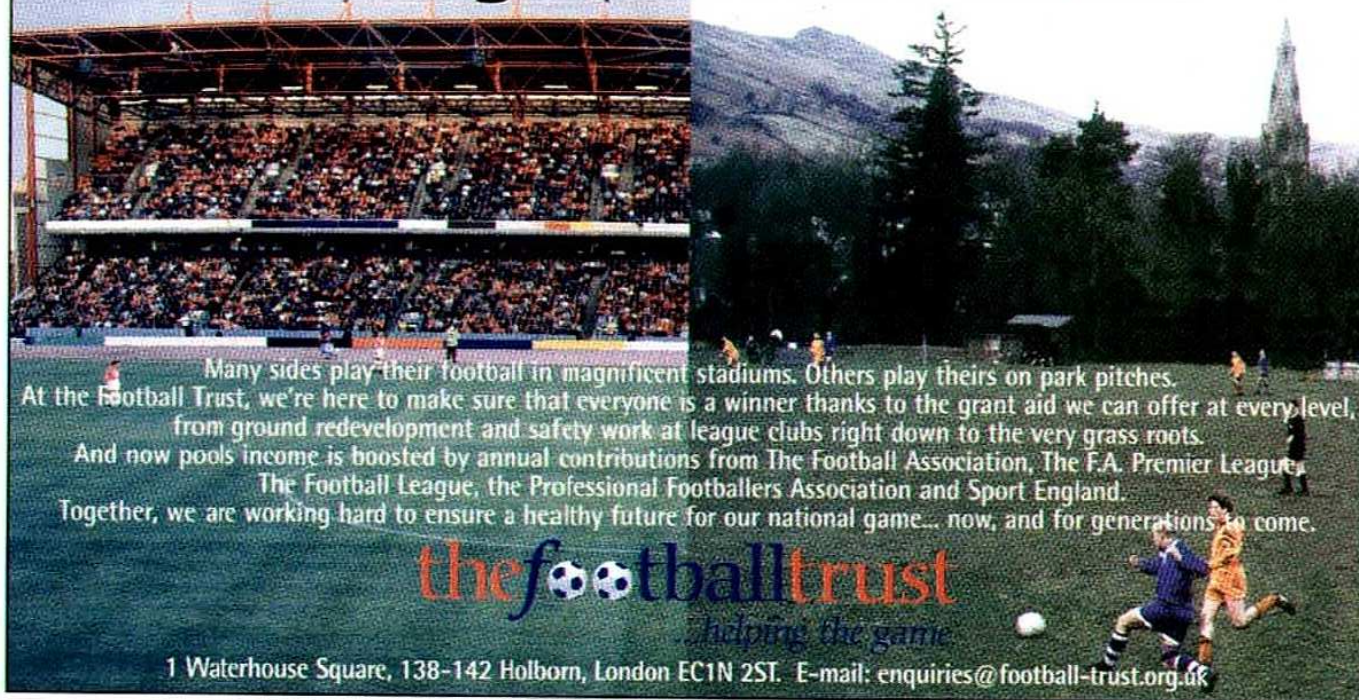


Simon Moyle from Simon Jersey
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Bolton v Rovers Nathan Blake heads in Rovers goal



Schools Coaching

Women's football is growing day by day at Blackburn Rovers. With the ladies team, the new centre of excellence for girls and now the schools are getting involved.

Moorland Secondary School, Darwen have taken up the opportunity to run a girls only after school along with the Rovers coaches going into the



school once a week to give a helping hand in the P.E. lessons.

Pictured here are some of the girls picking up a few ball skills.

During February the community office is running the Adidas Predator 5-a-side competition. 32 Secondary Schools have already entered their U13's girls teams and the competition looks to be of huge interest.

Saturday Club

Today we'd like to welcome three teams to Ewood Park. Northampton Town and Ripon City Panthers have travelled from North Yorkshire today for coaching, lunch and to cheer Rovers on. Bruche Athletic have once again visited.

Pictured here are the Under12's team.



Standing: James Harrison, Tom Meachin, Neil Glendinning, Matthew Duane, Jonathan Yates, Chris Ure, Sean Myers, Danny McCarthy, Mike Grinnell.

Kneeling: Wesley Hardman, Ryan Finch, Jason Costello, Kallum Farrell, Chris Jacques, Andy Shaw. Not pictured Danny Watson, Mike Forrest.

Bruche play in the Solvay Division, the top league of Warrington's Solvay/Interox League. They were promoted last year after losing only 3 league games in the whole of last season.

All three teams are in the Darwen End of the ground to watch the game. Enjoy the game and come again soon.

Coaches Wanted

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Tickets on open sale from Monday 21st February

Away League Games

v BIRMINGHAM CITY Tue 15th Feb 7.45pm

Tickets are now on open sale and are priced at £16 adults and £8 juniors and senior citizens. Tickets will not be on sale on the day of the game at Birmingham.

v STOCKPORT COUNTY Sat 19th Feb 3pm

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OFFICIAL COACH TO STOCKPORT - 19/2/00 3pm

ACCRINGTON 12.20pm

EWOOD 12.45pm

CHORLEY 12.15pm

Members: £7.50, Non-Members: £8.00.

Would all supporters please note that the away travel coaches departing from Ewood will now leave from the Blackburn End of the ground.

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KIDS IN SAFE HANDS!

ROVERS' Academy, one of the biggest and best youth facilities in the country, now has another claim to fame.

For the £7 million youth complex was this week officially named the safest of its kind in the country.

The club has received a coveted police safety award in recognition of the efforts made to keep visitors, staff and residents as safe as possible.

Rovers' Stadium Manager Mel Highmore said; "It is a tribute to the architects and builders that the club has received this award.

"We hope this reassures everyone, especially the

parents of the youngsters in our care, that the safety of the Academy players is of the utmost importance to us."

"It is a national standard award and as such it sets us apart from all the other Academy clubs.

"We now have the honour of being the only club to be recognised in this way for our commitment to keeping our young players safe and secure."

• Chief Superintendent Eddie Walsh of the Lancashire Constabulary presents the safety award to Rovers' Chief Executive John Williams and Academy Director Bobby Downes.



'Ome Thoughts From Burnley

WE have featured several poems in RoverTime recently, but none as inventive as this piece of verse from Mr. John Aubin. John is a Rovers fan in exile in (quietly) Burnley and doesn't get to the games as much as he used to do, but was kind enough to write in with his thoughts on Rovers.

*There's a little bit of heaven that's Called Ewood Park,
It's on t'left 'and side goin' to Darren.
It's ppsH now cōs Jack Walker's med it that way,
But, by 'Ell in t'past it were barren.*

*It's fifty years sin' I first set foot in t'ground,
I'd just graduated from t'pram.
From Clithera to Blackburn were by Ribble bus,
From t'boulevard to t'ground were by tram.*

*T'Blackburn End were open to whatever come down.
If it were rainin', t'best gait were to waddle.
If tha went fer a pee on a fine day late on,
Tha could lay Lincoln Odds tha'd to paddle.*

*Reg Elvy were t'first bloke I saw between t'sticks,
Bill Eckersley were a "giant" at left back.
There were loads o'good blokes at t'club around then,
Who could put th'opposition on t'rack.*

*They said they were good old days after t'war,
To this day I'm never quite sure.
I were lucky, I'd warm clothes and a good pair o'shoes,
But a lot o' kids round me looked poor.*

*We all 'ad a good laugh one cold winter's day,
The Rovers 'ad really lost t'plot.
One bloke at t'back shouted "Yon Quigley wants droppin',"'
His mate yelled "Bring Pierpoint, drop t'lot."*

*There were characters in t'crowd as well as on t'pitch,
They'd shout and they'd rattle and sing.
You could laugh and joke then with other teams' fans,
Cos kickin' and spittin' weren't in.*

*In t'seventies they battled in lumps up in't crowd,
Luckily the bobbies didn't yield,
Of crowd safety in t'nineties everyone could be proud,
Kickin' and spittin' is now done on t'field.*

*They've 'ad some lean times this last year or two,
But our Tony 'as sorted things out.
If I ever win t'lottery or t'Littlewood's pools,
I'll attend more to give t'lads a shout.*

*I were reet suited watchin' t'Liverpool match,
Every Man Jack give it 'is very best try.
I watched it all spellbound on t'telly at 'ome,
I'll perhaps spend some brass on it next tie.*

PUTTING THE HEART BACK IN

Rovers are putting the heart back into football...with a little help from their friends.

The club's financial controller Barbara Hoyle helped raise a whopping £780 for the British Heart Foundation after linking up with Darwen Masters Swimming Club.

Sunnyhurst-based Barbara not only captained a team of five Ewood employees to first place in Darwen's gruelling annual Biathlon, but also co-organised the contest, sponsored by Wolstenholme Rink.

Denis Tobain, Chairman of Blackburn with Darwen and District Branch of the BHF, is delighted with the end result.

It is the first time the Masters Club has raised money for the BHF, prompted by the successful treatment of a member who suffered



(l-r) Darwen Masters Chairman John Dewhurst with British Heart Foundation's Chairman of the Blackburn with Darwen and district branch Denis Tobin, Area Organiser Carole Gemson and BRFC's financial controller Barbara Hoyle.

with a heart condition. They have previously raised thousands of pounds for charities including Blackburn-based Tomos, Macmillan Nurses and Cerebral Palsy.

HEADLINE GRABBERS

NEWSBOYS - and girls - from all over Blackburn and Darwen rushed their paper rounds this morning...to be at today's match.

All had reason to be cheerful....but one, Gary Moore, had special cause for celebration.

Rovers donated 70 tickets to the region's brightest and best newspaper boys and girls as part of the National Federation of Retail Newsagents' annual news deliverer of the year awards.

The awards ceremony, held earlier this week at East Lancs Cricket Club, crowned 14-year-old Gary from Feniscowles with the coveted title.

Gary is pictured with David Collier, Branch President of the Blackburn, Darwen, Great Harwood and Clitheroe branch of the National Federation of Retail Newsagents.



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| Callum Davidson | 1 |
| David Dunn | 1 |
| Per Frandsen | 1 |
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Oakwell has undergone a transformation in recent years, with three new stands being built. The away fans are seated behind the goal in a single tiered stand, with tickets priced at £16 and £9. Sat towards the back, the view was good albeit too high for some. Seats in the last few rows may well suffer from obstructed views.

The small concourse underneath the stand was obviously built from a recycled wind tunnel. All the basic facilities and fare was available. There are apparently two pubs for away fans but unfortunately directions were not provided.

The 48 page programme cost £2 and was fairly standard stuff, though not much to read.

From the motorway the ground is well signposted and directs you to the away fans car park which is a field next to the ground.

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City provide 22 spaces for visiting wheelchair users while deaf and vision-impaired fans share 24 places with home fans. Commentary head-sets are available for use anywhere in the ground and special car-parking arrangements can be made in advance.

The Blues 48 page match-day magazine is priced £2.

TRAVEL ROUTE

BY CAR: Leave the M6 at junction 6 and take the A38 (Aston Expressway.) Leave at 2nd exit and take first exit at roundabout. Continue along the Dartmouth Middleway for 1.5 miles and the ground is to the left.

Limited car-parking space is available at the Railway End Stand but there is an abundance of street parking around the ground.

BY TRAIN: The nearest railway station is Bordesley which is only open on match-days and is just a five-minute walk from the ground (the route is sign-posted).

CLUB CONNECTIONS

FORMER Rovers striker Mike Newell, whose penalty strike shot Rovers into the inaugural Premier League in 1992, left Rovers for Birmingham City in July 1996 for a fee of £775,000. He scored 28 goals in 130 games for Rovers after signing from Everton. This week he has joined Blackpool from non-league Doncaster.

THE BLUES AT HOME

Birmingham are one of our main rivals to land a play-off place and they have underlined their intentions with some great performances at home - Charlton and Huddersfield are among the mighty to have fallen at St Andrews. But the Blues are far from invincible as Man City and Sheffield United have both proved this season.

ROVERS' RECORD AT ST ANDREWS

by Derek Jones

Played 44, Won 4, Drawn 13, Lost 27, Goals For 40 Against 84

Last six league and cup visits: LWDLLD

Last time: October 4th 1994 League Cup 1-1 (Sutton)

THE LADS



FOLLOWING TRIP: STOCKPORT COUNTY

Saturday 19th February 2000

Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Road, Stockport.

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Website: www.stockportmbc.guv.uk/county

EDGELEY PARK

NO less than six grounds have been home to Stockport County since their formation back in 1883. The Hatters played out of Heaton Norris Recreation Ground, Heaton Norris Cricket Ground, Chorlton's Farm, Wilkes' Field and Nursury Inn, Green Lane before arriving at their current home in 1902. Edgeley Park currently holds a maximum of 11,540.

FACILITIES

COUNTY don't have many problems with hooliganism and so most of the local pubs are happy to welcome visiting supporters.

"Sir Robert Peel" offers bar snacks TV and a beer garden, "Prince Albert" also has TV and families are welcome and "The Greyhound" have sandwiches and pies available plus two TV's.

The nearby Grand Central retail complex offers a range of shopping outlets as well as fast food restaurants such as McDonalds, Burger King and Pizza Hut.

The ground has six places for visiting wheelchair users and while there is no special provision for the deaf or the ambulant disabled, ticket price concessions are available.

TRAVEL ROUTE:

BY CAR: Get onto the M60 (either via the M61 or M62) and take junction 1 (sign-posted Stockport town centre).

At the roundabout follow the signs to Cheadle A560 into Hollywood way. Go straight on at the first set of lights and turn right at the next set (sign-posted Cheadle A560, Stockport County FC).

Continue for 1 mile and then turn left by the Farmer's Arms onto the B5465 Edgeley Road. After 1 approx. mile turn right at the traffic

lights into Dale Street and take the second left into Hardcastle Road.

BY RAIL: Edgeley Park is only half a mile from Stockport station. Walk up the cobbled Station Road, cross the main road and turn left. At the roundabout, take the exit sign-posted Cheadle A5464 into Mercian Way where the floodlights are visible to the left.

ONE TO WATCH-TONY DINNING

WALLSEND born Tony Dinning has established himself as County's danger-man in front of goal this season.

A former St James' Park trainee, he turned professional at Edgeley Park after being released by Newcastle United.

Now 24 years old, he is nearing the milestone of 200 appearances in County colours.



FORM GUIDE

Stockport's home form has been steady and with memorable victories over the likes of Birmingham, Fulham, Tranmere and Wolves they have forced their way into play-off contention and currently hold 9th spot in Division One.

Unfortunately they don't really have the crowds to match, County's highest attendance being around 10,000 for the visit of Wolves and their average being a little over 7,000. A decent turnout is expected for our own trip to Edgeley Park.

ROVERS RECORD AT EDGELEY PARK

By Derek Jones

Surprisingly, Rovers have made just one league visit to Edgeley Park - in October 1937 - when a goal from Bob Mortimer secured a 1-0 victory. Since then Rovers have only travelled to Stockport twice in the League Cup (1969-70 and 1974-75) when they came away 2-1 winners on both occasions.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

| | |
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| 1 | John FILAN |
| 2 | Jeff KENNA |
| 3 | Callum DAVIDSON |
| 4 | Jason McATEER |
| 5 | Darren PEACOCK |
| 6 | Lee CARSLY |
| 7 | Garry FLITCROFT |
| 9 | Ashley WARD |
| 10 | Egil OSTENSTAD |
| 12 | Damien DUFF |
| 13 | Alan KELLY |
| 14 | Nathan BLAKE |
| 15 | Matt JANSEN |
| 16 | Marlon BROOMES |
| 17 | Billy McKINLAY |
| 18 | Keith GILLESPIE |
| 19 | Damien JOHNSON |
| 20 | Per FRANDSEN |
| 21 | Jim CORBETT |
| 22 | Alan FETTIS |
| 23 | Christian DAILLY |
| 24 | David McNAMEE |
| 25 | Burton O'BRIEN |
| 26 | James THOMAS |
| 27 | David DUNN |
| 28 | Martin TAYLOR |
| 29 | Craig SHORT |
| 30 | Anthony WILLIAMS |
| 31 | Simon GRAYSON |
| 32 | Peter MURPHY |
| 33 | Steve HARKNESS |
| 34 | Wayne GILL |
| 36 | Leam RICHARDSON |

SWINDON TOWN

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|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Frank TALIA |
| 2 | Mark ROBINSON |
| 3 | Gareth HALL |
| 4 | Scott LEITCH |
| 5 | Gareth DAVIES |
| 7 | Bobby HOWE |
| 10 | Giuliano GRAZIOLI |
| 12 | Alan REEVES |
| 15 | Chris HAY |
| 16 | Lee COLLINS |
| 17 | Steve COWE |
| 18 | Steve MILDENHALL |
| 19 | Adam WILLIS |
| 20 | Charlie GRIFFIN |
| 21 | Sol DAVIS |
| 22 | Robin HULBERT |
| 23 | Phillipe CUERVO |
| 25 | Frazer McHUGH |
| 32 | James WILLIAMS |
| 33 | Andy WILLIAMS |
| 40 | Jim QUINN |

MatchOfficials

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