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Mark Paliios



I would like to welcome Morecambe to Prenton Park tonight for what I hope will be an exciting game under the floodlights. I extend a particular warm welcome to the Morecambe manager, Ged Brannan - it is always good to welcome a former player back to the ground. Ged had a fairly lengthy spell with the SWA (7 years) before being sold to Manchester City in 1997. We wish him the best of luck with his first stint in management, starting after tonight.

These notes are being written before the away game at Doncaster Rovers, but at the time of writing only 3 points separate us from Morecambe, although they have two games in hand, so it should be a competitive match.

Last time we were playing here at Prenton Park we walked away with a valuable point against a high-flying Crewe team. It was a hard fought game and I was pleased in particular with our performance in the second half, although we lacked a little cutting edge in the final third. It is good to hear that Norris is back out training following his successful surgery and I have no doubt that he will add another dimension to our front line as we try to make a push for the play off places.

I would like to welcome Ousmane Kane to the Club, who we have signed from Senegal after spending some time training with us. He is a talented young player who still has plenty of development potential, and it will be interesting to see how he adapts to the English game.





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Nigel Adkins



Good evening and welcome back to Prenton Park for tonight's League Two fixture between Tranmere Rovers and Morecambe. We extend a warm welcome to ex-Tranmere player Ged Brannan, his staff, side and travelling supporters for what we anticipate being another challenging contest.

A solid performance by the team in our previous home game against high-flying Crewe Alexandra resulted with us keeping a clean sheet. We were, however, unable to capitalise on several of the good opportunities we created. Sometimes, it's down to fine margins that generate a win or a loss and, on another day, Brad Walker's or Rob Apter's shots go in to win us the game. Likewise, Luke McGee only had one shot to save, and did it really well to make sure we didn't concede and picked up a point on the day.

The consistency in performance on a regular basis has allowed us to continue the momentum that has been generated over the past few months, seeing us almost average two points a game. This consistency has been driven by the application of the players, staff and the team culture we have at Tranmere Rovers, along with the environment to strive for continual improvement and the support of the SWA.

These notes have been written before our trip to Doncaster at the weekend. Thank you to all our travelling supporters who made the journey to get behind the team.

Last Tuesday evening, we progressed to the semi-finals of the Liverpool Senior Cup with a 2-1 victory away at Warrington Rylands. It was another good opportunity for Assistant Manager Neil Danns to prepare and lead the team. It was also good that Neil was assisted by Head of Coaching for the Education Hub Dan O'Donnell, as we continue to develop the collaboration between the first team and our college programme. I was pleased that young first-year professional

Mikey Davies, goalkeeper Conor Robson and college players Jack Bentley, Seb Henderson and Kacper Mikulski managed some valuable game time in the victory. A mixture of experienced players also featured, Kristian Dennis played 90 minutes and scored from the penalty spot. There were also some younger players in action, the exciting Sam Taylor and Liverpool loanee James Norris provided the pace on the wings with James scoring the winning goal. It was also very pleasing that 21-year-old Joe Starbuck played 90 minutes in his first game back, after recovering from a long-term ankle injury.

It's pleasing that both forward Luke Norris and defender Jean Belehouan have started to join back in with training and we intend to have a behind-closed-doors practice match in the week after the Stockport game, to assist in their recovery to match fitness. It leaves Jake Leake, on loan from Hull City, as the only long-term injury.

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Tonight's Matchnight Mascots

We welcome this evening, for our meeting with Morecambe, our matchnight mascots who are Charlie and George Foran, aged 9 and 13, from Oxtan. Both avid football fans, George firstly attends St Anselms and plays for Shaftsbury Boys Club, while Charlie attends Prenton Preparatory School, and plays for Glenavon Falcons.

George has in fact scored a terrific goal at Prenton Park, and with all his family and friends watching, when they took part in the 'Play on the Pitch' last summer.

We hope you both have a great night with us, and bring us some luck with all three points!

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very Happy 10th Birthday to Dexter Downie!! A proud season ticket holder in the Johnny King Stand. He celebrated his birthday last Thursday 8 February, and is hoping for the celebrations to continue tonight – SWA! Lots of Love from Uncle Rev and Auntie Loz x Happy 42nd Birthday to Paul Mather from Lancaster, supporting Morecambe this evening, but also travelling to the match with longtime friends, neighbours - and Rovers fans - Dave and Rose Edwards. We hope you have had a great day Paul, except the result of course, you'll understand!



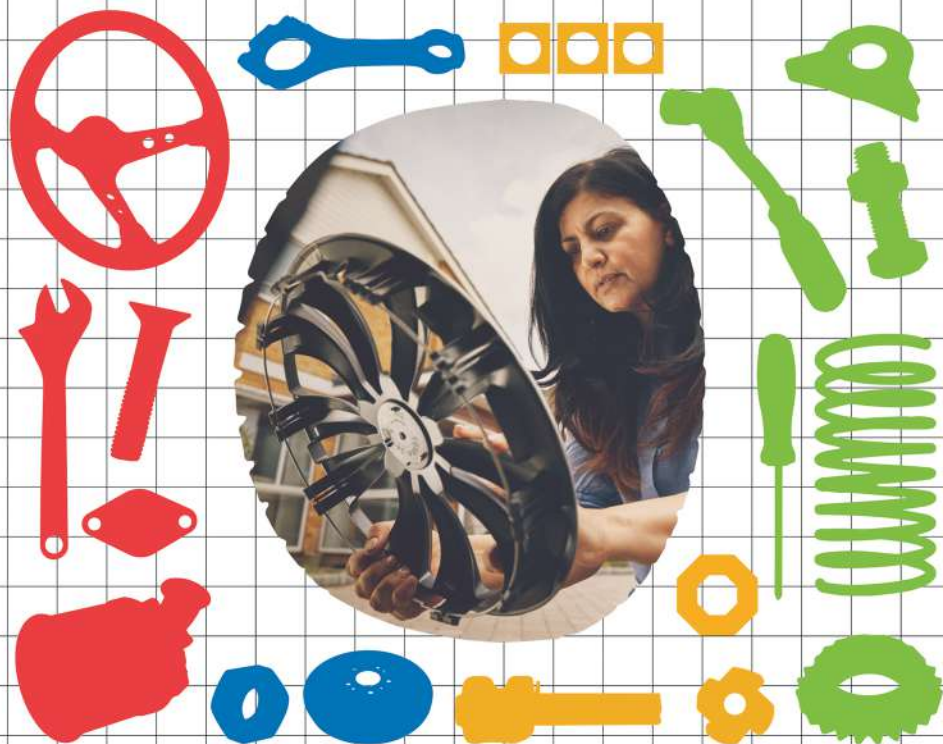
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Prentonian Personal Effects

Cricket and football have a long history as many fans switched their attentions between the two sports as the seasons changed. Many football clubs of the 19th Century grew out of cricket clubs and Tranmere Rovers is no exception.



In 1884 the two cricket teams Lyndhurst Wanderers and Belmont came together to form a new Birkenhead Football team, Belmont FC who later became known as Tranmere Rovers.

In modern football, players use the summer to relax a little and to train for the next season. However, in years gone by the amateur players of the day played purely for the enjoyment and wanted to keep playing sport even though the football season had ended. The desire to keep playing competitive sport led many football players to cricket in the summer.

Tranmere Rovers legends such as Moreton and Bell both played for Cammell Laird's cricket team and Urmson played for Neston in the 1930s. Tom McMurray even managed to be the 12th man in an England Test Match team against the West Indies in 1935.

This partnership between Tranmere and local cricket clubs meant some interesting friendlies took place. Tranmere Rovers annually played Cammell Laird Cricket Club and in

1935 there was some excitement surrounding that year's game. Although Moreton, Bell and Roberts were playing for Lairds, Tranmere were still expected to put up a good fight.

However, Lairds taught Rovers a lesson in cricket that year at Rock Park. Lairds batted first and notched up 200-7 as Rover's bowlers failed to be any real challenge for the shipbuilder's batters. The Tranmere players however put on a better show when it came to their innings with Newton reaching 41 which included four boundaries, Ridding and MacDonald together added 36 to the total with three 6s and three 4s. But Rovers innings only led to a total of 148 runs which meant Lairds were victorious.

The following summer Tranmere took on Birkenhead Park Cricket Club in a charity game to help the struggling cricket club. With a full-strength Birkenhead team and a Tranmere squad including its own talented cricket players it was sure to be an interesting game. The Birkenhead News said '...enthusiasts of both Cricket and Football will be sure of seeing a good sporting game...'

Tranmere went into the match reasonably confident with the Birkenhead News starting Bell and Clarke as the players to watch. However, Tranmere's confidence quickly disappeared as Birkenhead Park notched up 230 in just two hours! Bell and Clarke took eight wickets with Platt and Wood getting the other two.

Rover's innings were not particularly successful,

and they reached 199 before the final wicket fell. Dellow for Rovers notched up 52 runs with two 6s and six 4s but he was the only stand out batter Rovers had.

Tranmere's connection with cricket continued into the 1960s as goalkeeper Jim Cumbes played county cricket in the summer months. He also played for three other county teams whilst continuing his football career with other clubs. He is currently the Chief Executive of Lancashire County Cricket Club and has played a major part in the development of Old Trafford.

It is unlikely a current Tranmere team would be involved in cricket these days but the games of the 1930s can remind us of a simpler time when the summer wasn't about fitness and pre-season friendlies but about enjoying sport in the summer sun.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

The meeting of two of the oldest organisations in the town, in Birkenhead Park C.C., and Tranmere Rovers F.C., at cricket marks a new phase in local sport and this match—the first in history—should provide enjoyable entertainment. Park have a decided advantage but the footballers hope to give them a good game as several of them have some experience in the summer game.

We are sure there will be general satisfaction felt in the meeting of the teams and the clubs of all go out to the Directors of Tranmere Rovers, the Officials of the Park Club and Jimmy Moreton for bringing it about. We also thank the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo for the loan of the blocks for illustrating the cover.

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Opposition Luke Birch

Morecambe come into this game in mid-table in League Two, after struggling to find consistency for large parts of the season.



Morecambe

Recently, The Shrimps have picked up big away wins at Crawley Town, and Milton Keynes Dons.

They have also suffered defeat at home to struggling Colchester United.

Prior to that Morecambe drew at home to bottom half teams, Harrogate Town, and Mansfield Town.

The Shrimps suffered their biggest defeat of the season, 6-0 away at Wrexham, in November.

In the FA Cup, Morecambe won 2-1 away at League One Lincoln City in the first round, and won 2-0 away at third-tier Wycombe in the second round.

The Shrimps fell to a 2-0 defeat at Championship Swansea City in the third round.

In the Carabao Cup, Morecambe lost on penalties at second-tier Rotherham United in the first round.

The Shrimps will have to play the rest of the season without top scorer and son of a former Tranmere manager, Michael Mellon, who joined Dundee on loan from parent club Burnley in January.

Former Tranmere Rovers midfielder Ged Brannan, took over as Morecambe manager in November 2023.

Brannan made 238 league appearances for Rovers between 1990 and 1997, scoring 20 goals.

He won his first league game as Morecambe manager at the third opportunity, a thumping 5-0 victory at Doncaster.

Brannan will be hoping to return Morecambe to League One after last season's final day relegation under predecessor Derek Adams.

Adams' contractual release clause at Morecambe was met in November, as Scottish Premiership side Ross County appointed him as manager.





The Present & The Past

THE PRESENT / FARREND RAWSON

Defender Farrend Rawson joined Morecambe in 2022, and has made 21 league appearances for The Shrimps this season.

Rawson, 27, scored a 92nd minute winner in Morecambe's 2-1 opening day victory over Walsall.

The defender has captained The Shrimps in recent league games in the absence of captain Donald Love.

Rawson captained Morecambe in their FA Cup games against Wycombe Wanderers and Swansea City.

Rawson played 41 times as Morecambe were relegated from League One last season.

The six feet, four inches, centre-back joined Morecambe from Mansfield Town, where he spent two years.

Rawson previously spent two years at Forest Green Rovers, and he featured in both legs of The Green Devils' play-off semi-final defeat to Tranmere Rovers in 2019.

He has featured eight times in his career against Tranmere, his teams conceding seven goals.

Born in Nottingham, Rawson started his career with Derby County.

The defender never made a senior appearance for Derby, and was loaned out to Rotherham United, Coventry City, and Accrington Stanley, during his time with The Rams.

This provided Rawson with his first taste of what would go on to become a lot of first-team experience in the EFL.

In 2017, Rawson was cup-tied for Coventry's EFL Trophy final victory over Oxford United.

In 2017-18, Rawson made 12 league appearances for an Accrington Stanley team that would go on to win the League Two title.



THE PAST / DANNY WARD

Wales goalkeeper Danny Ward played five league games on loan at Morecambe from Liverpool in 2015.

Ward joined Morecambe on a one-month loan deal in March 2015, he featured in a Shrimps side that was in fourteenth-place in League Two. Ward started against Carlisle United, Accrington Stanley, Bury, Portsmouth, and York City, conceding six goals, and failing to keep a clean sheet.

Born in Wrexham, Ward started his career with Wrexham AFC, but never made a league appearance for The Red Dragons.

The Welshman joined Liverpool in 2012, but never made a first-team appearance for The Reds until 2016.

He started Liverpool's 2-1 win over AFC Bournemouth in 2016, and The Reds' 3-1 loss at Swansea City later that season.

Ward had a successful 2016/17 season on loan at Huddersfield Town, helping The Terriers to promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs. He was the hero in the play-off final's penalty shootout, saving one of the Reading penalties.

The goalkeeper's only other Liverpool appearance came against his future employers Leicester City in a 2017 League Cup tie.

Ward joined Leicester in 2018, whom he still plays for, and has made 27 league appearances since.

He started Leicester's fourth round and fifth round games on their way to winning the 2021 FA Cup.

Ward has earned 39 caps for Wales, including seven at major tournaments, most recently featuring for his country against England in Qatar.





Three Previous Encounters



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**Sky Bet League Two
Saturday 6 October 2018**

In 2018, Tranmere defeated Morecambe, thanks to a Harvey Gilmour double, in a seven-goal thriller at the Globe Arena.

The Sheffield United loanee's curling left-footed effort went in on off the post, and gave Tranmere an 89th minute winner.

Morecambe had scored two goals to pull level from 3-1 down, after Ollie Banks and Gilmour had put Tranmere ahead.



MORECAMBE 1 TRANMERE ROVERS 1

**Sky Bet League Two
Play-Off Semi-Final Second leg
Sunday 23 May 2021**

In 2021, Morecambe qualified for the League Two play-off final after drawing with Tranmere at the Mazuma Stadium. Aaron Wildig's low, accurate shot gave The Shrimps the lead on the day.

David Nugent's header from a corner found James Vaughan who tapped home, but it was not enough for Tranmere to overturn the 2-1 deficit from the first leg.



MORECAMBE 1 TRANMERE ROVERS 0

**Sky Bet League Two
Tuesday 24 October 2023**

In 2023, Morecambe defeated Tranmere Rovers 1-0, thanks to a Jordan Turnbull own goal at the Mazuma Stadium.

A high cross found Turnbull's head, and was diverted over Tranmere goalkeeper Luke McGee with 18 minutes to go.

Late-on, Rob Apter had a shot saved by Morecambe goalkeeper Adam Smith, and Connor Jennings' rebound strike sailed over the bar.

Five Notable Numbers

4

The total number of wins for Rovers over Morecambe from seven league meetings, and since they first met in 2014.

44



The number of points earned by the Shrimpers last season after relegation from League One - having finished two points adrift of safety

104



Years since Morecambe FC were formed in May 1920, and thus began ground sharing with Morecambe Cricket Club.

289



The total number of career appearances made by Shrimpers manager, Ged Brannan, at Tranmere Rovers between 1990 and 1997

5831



Morecambe's record attendance at the Mazuma Stadium, for the visit of Sunderland on 30 April 2022. The visitors won with the only goal of the game.



TRANMERE ROVERS



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MATCH FACTS & TOTAL CARDS

After going unbeaten in their first four Football League games vs Morecambe (W3 D1), Tranmere have since won just one of their last three league matches vs the Shrimps (L2).

57

5

65

4

Morecambe are looking to record a first Football League double over Tranmere Rovers after winning the reverse fixture 1-0 earlier in the season.



GOALS



EXPECTED GOALS



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POINTS GAINED AFTER
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POINTS DROPPED
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GOAL TIMES



SCORED

CONCEDED

0-15	8	6
16-30	6	8
31-45	5	5
46-60	10	7
61-75	9	8
76-90	7	9



SCORED

CONCEDED

0-15	5	7
16-30	7	7
31-45	4	7
46-60	8	7
61-75	6	9
76-90	12	8

*data excludes games played Feb 9-21



Opposition Dream Team

Charlie Stubbs selects a Shrimpers 'Fantasy Eleven'



1 - Goalkeeper: Barry Roche
The honorary Morecambian, Barry Roche has played over 450 games for the Shrimps. Signing in 2008, he was the starter for eight of his ten seasons at the club, entirely in League Two. Although largely battling near the foot of the table, he was loved by the fans, and now is the goalkeeper coach at the club

2 - Right Back: Chris McGready
Ex-Tranmere defender Chris McGready played four seasons for the Shrimps, amassing over 150 appearances. A dependable League Two talent, McGready went to the FA national school at Lilleshall where he learned his talent with his peers like Joe Cole. He played one and a half seasons for the Superwhites, the 2006-07 season and the second half of the 2009-10 season.

3 - Centre Back: Andy Parrish
Just as capable with playing at right back, Parrish joined Morecambe in 2008, staying for eight years. A constant at the Globe Arena, he played



throughout the club's first stint in League Two, including reaching the play-off semi-finals in the 2009-10 season. He only scored once for the club, and now runs an online coaching platform called Playerz.

4 - Centre Back: Sam Lavelle
Carlisle United centre half Sam Lavelle starts s the second centre back, after his four seasons at the club. Captain in the League Two playoff final triumph, many supporters regard him as an all-time great at the club. Solid at the back, he had the occasional trick up his sleeve, which even led to him receiving a two-match ban for 'deception' after falsely winning a penalty.

5 - Left Back: Laurence Wilson
Huyton-born Wilson came through the Everton academy system in 2004, however never made a start. He made 151 appearances for the Shrimps, making him the tenth in their all-time appearances. An attacking fullback who was just as capable to play at left midfield, he scored 13 times across his 2009-12 and 2014-15 stints.

6 - Centre Defensive Mid: Stewart Drummond
Preston-born Stewart Drummond came through the Morecambe academy, he spent ten years at the club, from 1994 to 2004, at the start of his career, making 188 appearances. During this time, he won the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy three times, and the Conference League Cup once. After spells at Chester City and Shrewsbury, he returned in 2008, where he made another 280 appearances until his eventual retirement in 2015.

7 - Centre Mid: Alex Kenyon
Our second midfielder born in Preston, Alex signed for Morecambe in 2013, after suffering relegation with Stockport County the season before. He made his football league debut for the club and was a constant throughout his eight years on the Lancashire coast. He was also part of the side who won the League Two playoffs in 2021 but was released that same season.

8 - Centre Mid: Aaron Wildig
Attacking midfielder Aaron Wildig had seven years in West Lancashire. Initially

on loan from Shrewsbury Town, he signed permanently in June 2015. He scored 25 goals in nearly 250 games, including eight in their League Two winning season, in 2021.

9 - Right Wing: Garry Thompson
Graduate of the Morecambe academy, he played ten seasons for the club across two stints, amassing over 360 appearances. A crafty winger, Thompson would chip in with goals, even being top goalscorer in their 2006-07 Conference Play-Off winning season. He played from 1999 to 2008, then returned for one last season of professional football, in the 2017-18 season.

10 - Striker: Cole Stockton
Superwhites academy graduate Cole Stockton graduated the Tranmere academy in 2011. Whilst at the club, he was loaned twice to Morecambe, scoring 7 in 26 games. He rejoined Tranmere for the 2018-19 season, before being sold to Morecambe in 2019. He was top goalscorer twice at the club, including scoring 23 in the club's first League One season.

11 - Left Wing: Kevin Ellison
A player that seems to defy the physics of aging, Kevin Ellison was playing for City of Liverpool last season, and went into this season at the ripe age of 44. He played for Tranmere for the 2006-07 season, helping them finish 9th in League One. He joined Morecambe in 2011, aged 32. Over 350 appearances and 88 goals later, entirely in League Two, he was released in 2020.





Tom Davies

Rovers captain Tom Davies recently made his 100th appearance for the Club. The skipper speaks to Alex Bullions about his milestone, and pride to represent Tranmere.

AB: Tom, congratulations on surpassing 100 appearances for Tranmere Rovers, what does it mean to you to have reached this milestone?

TD: It's massive and I was excited to get to the milestone. This is a Club that I've enjoyed playing for. Lee O'Connor actually mentioned it to me in the dressing room at Grimsby, he said it was coming up as he's looked in the programme. It's not something you keep a close eye on but obviously it's something nice to achieve and surpass. We look forward now and hopefully I can rack up more games. It was a tough

start to the season but now it's back to how we all like it, winning games and playing well, and it's a nice milestone to achieve.

AB: You've been ever-present in the side since arriving at Prenton Park, how important is that consistency for you?

TD: I think it's massive. Obviously, you're a footballer and you want to play every game so it's nice to be on the pitch. Then as a team you benefit from that as well because you learn how to play with people and what they're going to do in certain situations. I think you're seeing

the benefits of that now with the settled team we've got, and it's a nice team to be a part of.

AB: How much of an honour is it for you to captain a Club of this size?

TD: It was an honour for me when I got told I was going to be captain. I enjoy leading the team, I enjoy what I do. Hopefully we see the rewards of that. There's not just myself, there's other leaders in there as well who I bounce off and talk to. We've got a good group, and we manage it well. >>>



AB: Everyone in the team speaks of the positive atmosphere in the camp, how good a group are they to play with and be around?

TD: They're a fantastic group and I think the ease to fit in for the newer players, and how seamless it was, shows the good group of lads we've got here. Whenever there's a new signing, they do fit in well. You enjoy playing for each other and I think you're going to work harder for someone that you enjoy playing alongside and being around. It's a great place to work. It's a great place to come to every day and play football with your mates. Hopefully now we can kick on and do something special.

AB: A large part of your time here has been spent alongside Jordan Turnbull. How do you view the defensive partnership you have struck up?

TD: First of all, we're good mates, which is good. So, we're always looking out for each other, and I enjoy playing with Jordan. We've got that chemistry now and we're starting to get back to where we should be, keeping clean sheets and winning games. It's nice and I enjoy playing with him.

AB: It was a tough start to the season for the squad, but results have since improved. How do you go about galvanising both yourself and the squad when results are against us?

TD: It's tough and you have your dark days when you're losing games. You're here to win and you want to win. You don't play for Tranmere unless you want to win and expect to win games. We talk a lot, as I said, there's a lot of leaders in there who all have a say and we come through as a squad. It's a siege mentality where we all have to group together. We've done that and we've got a way of playing, a way that's working and hopefully we can carry that on.

AB: How much have you enjoyed playing under a manager with the experience of Nigel Adkins?

TD: You don't understand the level of knowledge until you're around him every day. Obviously, I knew about the gaffer before he came in and his successful career in management, but then you now understand why he's had such a good career and it's a pleasure to work with him. It's a pleasure to learn off him. Not just his tactics, but what he

does on a matchday and throughout the week as well. The way he talks to people, his man management. If you're not being a sponge around him and taking things in, then you're doing yourself a disservice because he's a good person to learn from.

AB: How important have the supporters been for yourself and the rest of the squad throughout this season?

TD: I'll always give credit to the supporters. They're so good here. There was a time when we weren't winning games and it was tough, but they still turned out in their numbers. We feel indebted to them for doing that. We have spoken about giving back to them and the support they showed us earlier in the season. I always like kicking towards them in the second half. Away from home, we've had some tough games. Harrogate is one that sticks out, with the wind, the rain and the freezing cold, and then they're still there in great numbers. They're brilliant supporters and they've always been good to me.

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Tranmere Rovers In The Community

Rovers, Merseyside Police and partners unite to deliver powerful county lines event...

Schools, partners and the police joined forces last week to host a county lines event, aimed at helping young people understand the dangers of drugs and criminal exploitation.

The event was organised by Merseyside Police's Safer Schools Co-ordinator, Faye Smith, and took place at the People's Hub on Friday 2 February.

50 young people aged 11-13 from schools in Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, and Wirral took part in an afternoon of impactful conversations and activities, all aimed at explaining the county lines 'business model' and the dangers of exploitation in an interactive way, outside the classroom.

The event was the conclusion to a week-long initiative by the Safer Schools Team, who delivered educational workshops and activities focused on raising awareness of county lines to school age children.

The students took part in a range of workshops, talks and Q&As delivered by the force's County Lines Taskforce, Cyber Dependent Crime Unit, Fairness in Policing team and Safer Schools Officers. Football sessions were delivered by Everton FC, Liverpool FC Foundation and Tranmere

Rovers and boxing sessions by non-for-profit Catch22.

Faye Smith, Safer Schools Co-ordinator at Merseyside Police said: "Events like these are vital to empowering and educating young people about County Lines and how to make positive choices in life.

"The young people tackled some tough conversations and were engaged throughout the different workshops and presentations. The feedback we have had from them, and the teachers has been brilliant.

"This hands-on event provided a creative way to educate and engage with children about the signs to look out for and where to turn to for help and advice."

If you are a young person who is worried about being involved in county lines, or knows someone who is, you can speak to an adult and let them know how you feel.

You can contact www.fearless.org who allow you to pass on information about crime anonymously, or Childline on 0800 1111.

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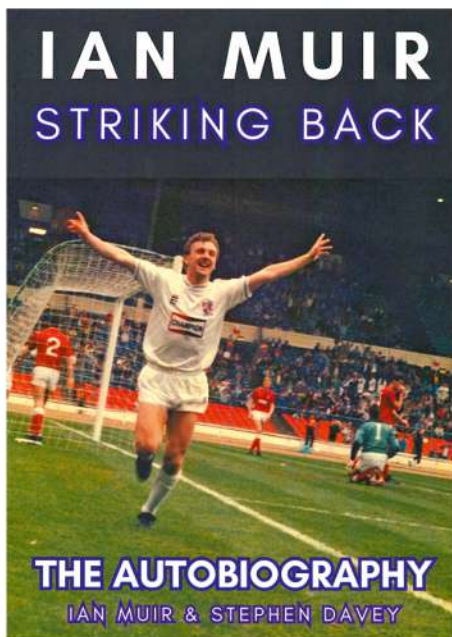


Good evening and welcome to Prenton Park for tonight's Sky Bet League Two fixture against Morecambe.

Following a couple of defeats, four points from our last two games was a pleasant return to the sort of form we were all suddenly coming to expect. With a settled squad churning out good performances, there's plenty to be positive as we head towards the end of the season.

It has been great to see an upturn in away form, and the support on the road remains popular. Our coaches continue to run with our new operator providing an excellent service. Remember, if you are a member you will receive a £2 discount on fare every single time. Coaches are filling up so if you are interested in travelling with us please get in touch via email: supportersclub@tranmererovers.co.uk
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copies of Ian Muir's autobiography 'Striking Back' on sale if you're yet to take the plunge. You can purchase at www.troscshop.co.uk for £15 (plus an extra £5 if you want delivery). We hope those of you who have it in your possession already are all enjoying it! Plenty more products are also available in our online store so why not head over? We have plenty of colours and sizes of the RS retro training range and a very limited number of some of our historic retro releases. Any queries, please get in touch via troscshop@yahoo.co.uk. As ever we are in Aldo's today so please do pop in if you're looking for somewhere to have a drink before the game or at half-time (if you sit in the Kop). Enjoy the game and let's hope for three points!





MATCH IMAGES

v Crewe Alexandra, Saturday 3/2/2024

Following on from our victory at Grimsby Town, Rovers settle for a point with visitors Crewe Alexandra, in a hard working display at Prenton Park

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GIANTS



of Prenton Park

John Achterberg and Dickie Johnson share the rare distinction of keeping goal for Tranmere in over 300 games apiece.

They both endeared themselves to supporters with heroics in giant killing cup wins and each earned a testimonial for loyal service to the club over the course of a decade.

While Johnson made most of his 397 games over nine seasons between 1972/73 and 80/81 when he was rarely out of the team, Achterberg spent much of his 11 seasons between 1998 and 2009 facing battles with injury and challenges for the number one spot with the likes of Danny Coyne, Joe Murphy and Gavin Ward.



NICK HILTON'S ROVERS RETROSPECTIVE

JOHN ACHTERBERG

John Achterberg may be a Dutchman by birth but as far as Rovers fans were concerned, he was a local hero who went on to even bigger and better things as a goalkeeper coach with Liverpool.

In his time at Tranmere, as a goalkeeper but latterly as a goalkeeper coach, he won a reputation as one of the most dedicated professionals to have served the Wirral club.

You hear similar sentiments from Anfield, where manager Jurgen Klopp has described Achterberg as giving a "25 hours a day" commitment to the job.

Staff and supporters at Tranmere saw for themselves how Achterberg's passion for his work was all-consuming, whether as a player or as a coach.

He worked under five different managers at Tranmere: John Aldridge, Dave Watson, Ray Mathias, Brian Little and Ronnie Moore, then five more at Anfield: Rafael Benitez, Roy Hodgson, Kenny Dalglish, Brendan Rodgers and Klopp.

Achterberg initially worked with Liverpool's youngsters but was promoted to first team duties in 2011, by Dalglish.

Achterberg's early playing career in his native Holland was slow to take off. He saw more action in the reserves than in the first team with home town club Utrecht and NAC Breda. He enjoyed regular senior football with FC Eindhoven, then decided to take a chance on pursuing a career in the United Kingdom.

Tranmere manager John Aldridge initially signed him in 1998 as a short-term measure, but Achterberg quickly demonstrated he could have long-term value.

He made more than two dozen first-team appearances in his first season and close to 40 in 1999/2000, including many of the giant-killing victories in the knockout competitions and the two League Cup semi-final games against Bolton Wanderers.

Achterberg's omission from the side that contested the Wembley League Cup final against Leicester City in February 2000, with manager Aldridge preferring young Irishman Joe Murphy, opened a wound that was slow to heal.



JOHN ACHTERBERG DICKIE JOHNSON

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NICK HILTON

Achterberg featured in the majority of Tranmere games the following season, when more spectacular results in the cup competitions went hand-in-hand with a slide to relegation from the second tier.

The Dutchman became Tranmere's most regular first choice over the next five years, establishing a reputation as one of the most consistent goalkeepers in League One.

His spells out of the side were often caused by fitness issues. Achterberg disliked being injured more than anything in the game and was prepared to push himself to extremes to cut down time on the sidelines.

That sometimes caused friction with Tranmere's long-serving physiotherapist Les Parry, who later went on to become manager at Prenton Park.

Not known for going easy on players with knocks, Parry found himself trying to hold back Achterberg from pushing so hard that he risked aggravating the injury or causing a new one.

Those arguments fostered a friendship and deep mutual respect between the two men, as their careers developed in new directions.

Most players can point to an iconic moment in their career and Achterberg's arrived in an FA Cup quarter-final against Millwall at the New Den in March 2004, when he saved a penalty from Kevin Muscat to earn Rovers a goalless draw and replay.

Tranmere lost the return at Prenton Park but Achterberg was voted player of the season for the second year in succession by his teammates. Vastly experienced manager Brian Little described the man in the number one shirt as "among the most professional players I have ever worked with."

A serious injury then forced Achterberg out of action as a player for more than a year. But by that time he was already laying the building blocks of the next phase of his career.

Achterberg, enthused by his work with Tranmere's centre of excellence goalkeepers, organised his own goalkeeping schools.

He gave himself the mission of raising the standard of goalkeeping in the parks and playing fields across Wirral and beyond and also to seek out young prospects who might have a chance of developing a career with Tranmere.

Achterberg recovered from injury to understudy Danny Coyne in his final two seasons at Prenton Park. He played six games in the 2008-09 campaign and made the last of his 312 Tranmere appearances in a 1-1 draw at Northampton Town on March 7, 2009.

DICKIE JOHNSON

Johnson was a graduate of the youth development set-up put in place at Tranmere by manager Dave Russell during the 1960s. He made his debut as an 18-year-old in a Division Three game against Bolton Wanderers in September 1971, keeping a clean sheet in a goalless draw at Prenton Park.

Johnson spent the next 18 months understudying Tommy Lawrence and making a handful of first-team appearances when the former Liverpool veteran was injured.

He took over the first team gloves on a regular basis early in the 1973/74 season and won some early plaudits for a composed performance in Tranmere's giant-killing 1-0 win over Arsenal in the League Cup at Highbury in October 2, 1973.

Johnson missed only three league games in the 74/75 season which saw Tranmere relegated to Division Four and Ron Yeats' departure as manager.

He was an ever-present in the 1975/76 campaign as Tranmere bounced back with promotion under new manager Johnny King. Johnson missed 11 league games during the 1977/78 Division Three season through injury but only six more over the next four years.

He was an ever present during the 1980/81 campaign during which Bryan Hamilton replaced Johnny King. But he found himself pushed out of the number one spot when Hamilton signed Scott Endersby from Ipswich in September 1981.

Johnson was allowed to leave Prenton Park in May 1982 and moved into non-league football with Altrincham and South Liverpool.

Following a career path outside football, Johnson took a degree and worked in local government, becoming deputy director of leisure and open spaces for Liverpool City Council.

In his spare time he coached junior goalkeepers at the Liverpool FC academy.

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COVER TO COVER

ANDREW STURGEON ON MORECAMBE V TRANMERE 2014/15

Tranmere and Morecambe, met in the EFL for the first time, during the 2014/15 season.

Despite it still being August, the Shrimps were the fourth team to visit Prenton Park that season, ensuring a busy start of the season for the production team responsible for the 72-page, SWA titled programme, which came in at £3.

Indeed, it was a busy time for many, due to several changes happening at the club. Mark Palios writes in the 'Boardroom Briefing', for just the second time and discusses the highs and lows of his first few weeks, with the notably high being gaining planning permission for Solar Campus. Whilst rookie manager Rob Edwards, in his column suggests he is still trying to bring in a couple of new faces.

The photo shoot of new signings Elliot Richards and Marc Laird modelling the new Carbrini kit is used in full page adverts for both the shirt sponsors Home Bargains and for the Club Shop. A double page feature is given over to the new Head of Scouting – Alex Hay, whilst another new signing, Danny Woodards has the Junior Super Whites centre page poster.

Off the pitch, photographs of the freshly painted blue Main Stand exterior, were incorporated into a double page feature article on the history of the oldest stand at Prenton Park.

Tony Coombes reviews previous encounters between the sides with an array of programme cover images and photographs from previous friendlies played at Christie Park. Whilst Tony Evans in his 'Periodically Speaking' article reviews the programme from the 2008 Johnstones Paint tie. A further four pages are given over to the Shrimps.

Under Jim Bentley, Morecambe had made a flying start to the season, winning their first four matches, and sitting top of the table, Tranmere meanwhile had just one league win and were in 15th place. Rovers would consign



the visitors to their first defeat of the season. A 2-1 win for Rovers, thanks to two Cole Stockton goals. By the time of the return fixture in January 2015, and in what would be Tranmere's first visit to the Globe Arena, both teams have slipped down the table, Morecambe to 11th and Tranmere to 23rd.

Like Rovers, Morecambe's programme cost £3, and they had also gone with their nickname 'The Shrimps' as the title of their programme, which included a homage to Eric Morecambe, whose silhouette is placed in front of the letter I.

The front cover is predominantly red and uses a backdrop of the new stadium entrance with a superimposed home and away player in the foreground, Max Power being the Tranmere player represented.

Both front and back inside cover pages have advertisements for the upcoming Wedding Fair at the ground, under the tagline "The perfect match can now happen at the Globe Arena and not just on the pitch", as the club sought additional income streams from the gleaming new stadium.

The team line ups are located on the inside back page, and include

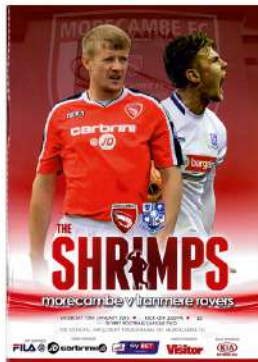
an array of tick boxes for played, sub, yellow and red cards next to each player. Curiously, none were to note goal-scorers, which was fortunate as the match ended goalless.

Club News and Views is listed under the ironic title heading 'Around the Globe' whilst the League Two News is more simply referred to as 'Around the League'. An impressive 8 of the 68 pages are dedicated to Tranmere. This includes additional info on the Star Man-Jason Koumas and Manger Micky Adams.

The team formation and match report from Rovers's most recent game - a 6-2 FA Cup home defeat versus Swansea are also included.

The 'Played for both' article details the career of Chris Shuker, whilst a further two-page interview, on how Jim Harvey become a Hero, is provided. Interestingly this included an action shot of him prior to his Tranmere and Morecambe days playing for Arsenal.

Come what May - the positions of the teams had hardly changed since the January encounter. Morecambe finished 11th and Tranmere slipped down one further place, to finish rock bottom of the Football League.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW?

Jordan Turnbull

1. Which South Coast club's academy did Jordan feature for? A) Portsmouth B) Bournemouth C) Southampton.
2. How tall is Jordan? A) 5'11 B) 6'1 C) 6'3.
3. What number does Jordan wear for Tranmere?
4. Which club did Jordan join Tranmere from?
5. Which appearance milestone did Jordan pass against Wrexham in September? A) 200 B) 300 C) 400.



6. True or False? Jordan has won the EFL Trophy twice.
7. Jordan achieved promotion to League One in 2020 with which club nicknamed 'The Cobblers'?
8. Which club did Jordan score his first goal for Tranmere against? A) Harrogate Town B) Swindon Town C) Bradford City.
9. How old is Jordan?
10. True or False? Jordan previously played for tonight's opponents, Morecambe.



1: C) Southampton. 2: B) 6'1. 3: 6. 4: Salford City. 5: C) 400. 6: True. 7: Northampton Town. 8: A) Harrogate Town. 9: 29. 10: False.

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FOOTBALL FIRSTS

Most clubs like to claim they were first to do something, more often than not this is disproved, But here are just a few who can rightly claim their place as a club that did beat the rest.



In 1988 Scunthorpe became the first English football club in the modern era to move to a new, purpose-built stadium, Glanford Park. This some 33 years after Southend United constructed their 'Roots Hall' stadium. Not only that, but 'Scunny' also have a 'first' relating to their previous home 'The Old Showground' as this was the first ground to have a 'cantilever stand'. The 'Iron' built this in 1958 some 4 years before Sheffield Wednesday's was constructed at Hillsborough. Scunthorpe did look into the possibility of moving their 'cantilever' to the new ground but it was deemed impractical and demolished with the rest of the ground.

And then there are Internationals.

First England dismissal – Alan Mullery of Spurs against Yugoslavia on 5th June 1968. First All-foreign International – the first not involving a British side was USA v Canada in 1885 – Canada won 1-0. Names on Shirts – England players first wore names on the back of their shirts during the 1992 European Championships in Sweden. Fastest England goal – Tommy Lawton of Chelsea – 17 seconds in England's 10-0 friendly win over Portugal in Lisbon in 1947.

And a few quick-fire other firsts of football trivia.



The two handed 'throw-in' was made compulsory in 1883. Goal nets were first used in 1891. Numbered shirts were first worn in the 1933 FA Cup Final between Everton and Manchester City. Substitutions during English league matches were first permitted in the 1965/66 season. The first British club to enter the European Cup was Hibernian in 1955.

Those of you who are foolish enough to read my regular piece will know my fascination for 'strange football facts'...so a couple of odd ones. When dense smog threatened their match with Bolton in November 1951, Arsenal erected fluorescent green sightscreens at both ends of the pitch to make the goals more visible. And finally – in April 1908 Newcastle United fan Gladstone Adams drove down to Wembley in a 1904 Daracq-Canon motor car to see his team play Wolves in the FA Cup Final. On his way back it snowed heavily and Gladstone had to keep getting out of his car to clear it from the screen. This experience led to him inventing the windscreen wiper later that year.

So as you shout for me to 'get a life' – I'll leave you to enjoy another first hopefully – Tranmere's first goal this evening.





Tranmere Rovers In The Community

'Football for Change' programme aims to help aspiring coaches.

Tranmere Rovers in the Community (TRIC) recently acquired funding to deliver an innovative 'Football for Change' project.

The programme offered twelve people the opportunity to take their first steps into football coaching and was delivered by our community coaches and staff from our Education Hub.

All participants expressed an interest in wanting to develop their coaching skills and were invited to attend weekly education and football sessions at Prenton Park and The Campus. The group were also supported through their on-line learning to complete the FA-accredited 'Introduction to Football Coaching.'

The project culminated in a visit to the National Football Museum in Manchester where the group explored the history of the game and participated in football-related interactive activities.

Some of the participants aspire to continue their coaching journey both within community and grass-root settings and others simply want to use the skills and confidence they've developed to enter the job market.

Upon completing the course, participants spoke to us about their newfound motivation, and some were able to observe first team training to see how our first team coaches deliver training sessions.

One participant said 'This project has opened my eyes to new opportunities and helped me understand what it's like to be on the other side to participating in sessions. I now appreciate what the coaches do, and it's helped me start my coaching journey.'

Head of Business Development and Community Matt Houghton said:

'This project has enabled us to offer a group of people a unique opportunity to observe first-hand what it takes to structure and deliver coaching sessions. The group have had access to the club's expertise and facilities and have benefited from this funded opportunity to take their first steps into coaching.'

We'd like to wish all participants the very best and will look to offer support to them on their chosen path. I'd like to thank 'Football for Change' for their support in enabling us to deliver this project.'



Tranmere Rovers Women in goalless draw with Bury AFC in their first home game of 2024.



The game started in blustery conditions at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village with Rovers enjoying the better of the opening exchanges going close from a Jess Brady freekick after Holly Jones was fouled 25 yards from goal. Moments later Katie Bowers Folan produced a wonderful piece of skill nutmegging the opposition fullback with a backheel to kick start a Tranmere attack but the Bury defence stood firm.

Thirty minutes into the game Bury went close themselves when they won a corner. The ball from the right was played to the far post and headed narrowly wide of the target.

A couple of minutes before the break Rovers suffered an injury blow as Holly Jones went down and had to be replaced by Lorna Stratton after what had been a bright half from the forward. The second half started quietly with neither side creating any clear-cut chances but on fifty minutes the game sparked into life when Jess Brady found Katie Bowers Folan with a Delightful diagonal ball her cross was collected by the keeper, but Rovers immediately won the ball back with Evie Paget driving forward and firing narrowly wide from distance.

A succession of Rovers chances followed with Anya McCready going close from range before Jess Brady danced through the Shakers

defence, but she could only find the side netting.

With twenty minutes of the game remaining Tranmere won a corner which was cleared seeing Bury counter but a wonderful stop by Size denied the Bury attacker one on one before Rovers went close again when Evie Paget found Amy Shannon on the inside left but she could only bend her shot over the bar.

Anya McCready forced the Bury keeper Wolstencroft into another save with a header from a Brady corner before Brady drove an effort from range which was collected by the Wolstencroft. There was four minutes added onto the end of the game with Bury having the best opportunity when a cross from the left was cleared by Jess Brady the ball fell to a purple shirt who fired it towards goal, Amelia Size sprung across to her left to pull off an unbelievable stop and did enough to put off the Bury forward who put the follow up wide.

Up next for Tranmere Rovers Women is a journey to Cumbria to face Penrith AFC in the League Cup at Frenchfield Park tomorrow (2.00pm), before facing Stockport County Women at Ellesmere Port Sports Village on Sunday 18 February, as they begin their defence of the Cheshire Ladies Cup (kick-off 2.00pm).

Words: Joe Stanley
Photo: Tony Coombes



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Steve Bower

He's One Of Our Own



Over the next few editions, we'll hear the story of world-renowned broadcaster and Rovers fan Steve Bower and his Tranmere roots...



I'm Wirral born and bred and Tranmere was inked into me from as young as I can remember through my dad. My dad's been a season ticket holder for over 60 years. He started going with his mates because he lived in Prenton. He used to walk down to the ground. My uncle's also a season ticket holder now since he moved back to the North West.

He used to go with my dad when he was old enough as well, I'm told! My dad was Tranmere through and through, that was his team. My uncle was Liverpool and we used to go and watch Tranmere on a Friday night like a lot of people. My grandfather, their father, was Everton! And their mother was Manchester United because of George Best! I got taken everywhere and a real flavour which was great, but Tranmere was the first game I went to with my dad like loads of sons and fathers, and it just got me straight away.

You follow your father, like a lot of sons do, although it's

slightly different in this day and age, my sons have got a bit of a mix, but their first game they went to was Tranmere.

I can't remember who we played, but I can remember being very young and going to Prenton Park with my dad for the first time, I think standing in the old standing enclosure which is left of the away dugout now, that area was a standing terrace.

As I've mentioned in previous columns, the Exeter goal and the Gary Williams goal was my first real vivid memory for all the wrong reasons! The Frank Worthington years, signing Johnny Morrissey, we had a wide player called Dougie Anderson, Ian Muir who everyone knows is my hero, Billy O'Rourke in goal, Steve Mungall was coming through then as well. That team was my first memories.

The Friday Night Fever, I know it's a cliché, but it was just great. As a young teenager, back then it was the first thing we were allowed to do on our own. We weren't hanging round street corners or anything like that, we were getting the bus, a group of us, get off at the Halfway House pub and walk down to the ground, and into the Cowsheds we went!

You can read the rest of Steve's Tranmere story in the next editions of our programme.

Steve

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AWAY GAMES 2023/24

Forest Green Rovers

Sky Bet League Two.
Saturday 24 February 2024.
Kick-off 3.00pm.



Match Admission

West Terrace/Stand (Covered Seating/Covered & Uncovered Terrace).

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Swindon Town

Sky Bet League Two.
Tuesday 27 February 2024.
Kick-off 7.45pm.



Match Admission

The John Trollope Arkell's Stand (Covered Seating).

Adults £27, Over 65/Student £22, Under 21 £15, Under 18 £11, Under 11 £3. Tickets now on general sale.

PLEASE NOTE: All tickets purchased for the original fixture on Saturday 20 January are still valid for this game. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the night of the game from the County Ground, with only card payments accepted.

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Tranmere Rovers Disabled Supporters Association

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Hello and welcome back to Prenton Park to the Super White Army. A warm welcome is also extended to Morecambe's fans for making the trip down to Merseyside from the North Lancashire coast. We hope you enjoy your evening on the Wirral, except of course the result!



An Evening with Rob Palmer

Join us on Friday 1 March for an incredible evening with Rob Palmer, the renowned Premier League and La Liga commentator. This in-person event will be held at Aldo's bar at Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, UK. Get ready to dive into the world of football as Rob shares his experiences, anecdotes, and insights from his career.



Whether you're a die-hard football fan or just curious about the behind-the-scenes action, this event will be a fun night.

Don't miss the chance to gain a unique perspective on the media and how it covers the beautiful game.

Mark your calendars and secure your spot now by searching "An Evening with Rob Palmer" and getting your ticket from our Eventbrite page

If you need further support in purchasing your ticket, please drop us a line on TranmereRovers DSA@gmail.com

Away Tickets

Just a quick reminder that if you are a fan with mobility difficulties who attends away games, it's really easy to get a seat that suits your support needs by selecting the "Easy Access" filter on the ticketing website.

This way, you can make sure you get a seat that suits you and your needs in a hassle-free fashion.

Please feel free to drop us a line with any experiences, positive or negative, of your

experiences as a Tranmere fan so we can feed that back.

Also, if any of our disabled supporters are going to watch women's games, home or away, please do get in touch

as we'd be keen to hear your experiences and feed this back to Level Playing Field, the national level group for disabled supporters associations.



Bucket Collection

We're looking for volunteers who might be able to help us out with a bucket collection before the game against Sutton United on 3rd March.

We're looking to cover all areas of the ground, so if you think you might be able to help out, please drop us an email.

This is a vital fundraiser for our work as a DSA and allows us to continue our activities as an association to support disabled Tranmere fans and those who come with them.

Unite For Access

The annual fortnight of campaigning and awareness raising by Level Playing Field, the national-level group for disabled supporters associations, starts at the end of this month. It's running between February 24th until March 10th.

This campaign holds a special place as the most prominent disabled advocacy and education initiative in the UK, dedicated to highlighting and promoting access and inclusion for disabled sports fans. Last year, over 120 clubs took part

Tins, Tins, Tins

We're still running our collection tin fundraiser and, in fact, we've got some new reusable tins and stuck our new design of labels on them too.

The idea is simple: take a tin from us, fill it with whatever change you have, and hand it back to us when it's full. The funds will be used towards supporting disabled members of the SWA.

Maybe you know of a local shop or pub that might like participate. If so, please do get in touch.

If you have any concerns this afternoon about access or accessibility, please feel free to ask one of our stewards who'll only be too happy to help.

Any queries relating to the experience of disabled supporters - and those who come with them - can be directed to TranmereRoversDSA@gmail.com.

QU?Z ZONE



CAN YOU HELP JUNIOR FIND THE ANSWERS? >>>

10 X QUESTIONS...

1. Who will non-league Maidstone United face in the next round of the FA Cup?
2. Which former Rovers managers' son starred for Morecambe during the first half of the season?
3. Which Scottish side has Neil Warnock recently taken charge of?
4. Which company now has a minority stake in Manchester United?
5. And who have they brought in to oversee their investment?
6. Who scored Rovers' first goal in our 2-1 victory at Grimsby?
7. What is the name of Morecambe's home stadium?
8. How many fans can the stadium hold to the nearest 100?
9. Which Manchester City star scored a hat-trick in their recent 3-1 win over Brentford?
10. Which Championship side did Nottingham Forest host in a 4th round replay?

WORDSEARCH...

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JIM BENTLEY
JIM HARVEY

LANCASTER
MAZUMA MOBILE
MORECAMBE
THE SHRIMPS
TYSON FURY

KIT OF THE DAY



From which season(s) is this kit from?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 57...

Matchday 31 of the 2023/24 Sky Bet League Two season provided fans with plenty of goals throughout the division. The pick of the fixtures occurred at the Colchester Community Stadium, where Colchester United hosted Forest Green Rovers in an important clash at the foot of the table.



The visitors took the lead in the 11th minute as Mathew Stevens dispatched a spot-kick. Christian Doidge doubled their lead deep into the first-half with a powerful finish to conclude a dominant half. A chaotic five minutes saw United

complete a miraculous comeback. Alistair Smith halved the deficit in the 65th minute with a composed far-post finish, as Jayden Fevrier found an equaliser two minutes later. Harry Anderson made it 3-2 to Colchester in the 70th

minute after firing the ball into the bottom right corner from 25-yards out. The hosts failed to hold on to their newfound lead though, as Dominic Thompson's strike from range sailed into the bottom corner to put an end to the six-goal thriller.

There was another huge clash at the other end of the table, as Mansfield Town hosted closely located Notts County. Town took the lead in the eighth minute thanks to Davis Keillor-Dunn, who curled the ball perfectly into the top corner from the edge of the box. County fought back and were inches away from salvaging a point but were denied by the woodwork. The victory saw Mansfield climb to second place, whilst County slipped to seventh place.

Another side fighting for an automatic promotion place is Wrexham, who fell to defeat at the hands of Salford City. A quickfire double put City into a comfortable lead, as two set-pieces found the back of the net. Theo Vassell's header at the far-post combined with Elliot Watt's goal directly from the corner flag set the mood for the afternoon. Sam Dalby pulled one back for the Welsh outfit, but all hope of a comeback was removed when Matt Smith's acrobatic volley crept in to secure all three points for Salford.





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A League Of Our Own

John Adamson...and Forest Green Rovers

Two part-time poets are competing in front of three judges in the final of a contest to win a trip to Africa. Their topic is Timbuktu. The first looks smug.

“Walking along by the shore, hearing loud the sea's roar, I saw a boat come in my view, heading out to Timbuktu.”

The adjudicators purr and are about to hand over the prize without even hearing the second poet. The latter seizes the microphone.

“Traffic wardens Tim and I, saw judges' cars parked all awry. As they were three and us just two, I booked one and Timbuktu.”

William Henry Davies never wanted to go to Africa. He was a real-life vagabond and poet who spent his later life in Forest Green's hometown of Nailsworth. His most famous rhyme was “What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.”

A natural rebel, having no fixed abode led him to commit minor crimes to earn nights in a warm prison cell, but this poetic tramp had a dream, and that was not to visit Timbuktu, but to cross the pond to follow his U.S. hobo hero.

That man was Three Fingers Jack. He was a cowboy turned prospector, a bloke who was comfortable in the lawless al fresco life of the Klondike Gold Rush.

So Davies worked his passage across the Atlantic several times on cattle and sheep boats.

Determination blinded him to the wisdom of the old adage. He went to seek out his hero.

He eventually found the digitally depleted dude,

a leader in that great 100,000 strong migration.

He realised quickly that TFJ's strength was that he knew how to look after his nuggets.

Jack's success brought him power, which then

brought enemies. In time, a price was put on him, the t's and c's of the deadly challenge indicating that clear proof of his demise was required. The reward was paid when the lucky winner produced Jack's head and the hand which gave him his name, both preserved in alcohol. William not only met but followed his role model. He would have been better staying at home if he'd had one. Whilst riding North American freight trains with his mentor, he elected to imitate the great man's carriage jumping skills, missed, and suffered the severance of his lower leg.

Back in Nailsworth, his rhyme and reason got noticed by leading literary figures of the day. He made the big time.

Three Fingers Jack is now the name of a volcano in Oregon. For William, that threat of red-hot lava risk contrasted sharply with the blessing of bourgeois bonhomie among the cosy Cotswold hills. Awarded an honorary degree by the prestigious University of Wales, WH Davies is now revered as one of the Principality's finest English language poets.

As for standing and staring, if his latter-days surrounded by poetry-loving Nailsworth neighbours had done that at the same man a few years earlier, the dirty tramp would have been hounded out of town. Rhyme sometimes has no reason.






**Luke
McGEE**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT
Larne Wallissson
Sweden 

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**Lee
O'CONNOR**

FULL KIT
Sol-Britt Wallissson
Sweden 

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**Brad
WALKER**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Tom
DAVIES**


AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



**Jordan
TURNBULL**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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Jim & Calum
Hanrahan




**Charlie
JOLLEY**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT
Ian & Denise Lally

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**Joe
MURPHY**

HOME KIT
The Abraham
Family

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**Kristian
DENNIS**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Ben
HOCKENHULL**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Chris
MERRIE**

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Phil Hughes
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**Kieron
MORRIS**

FULL KIT

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Sweden

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HENDRY**

FULL KIT
Steve & Tim
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**Luke
NORRIS**

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**Reece
McALEAR**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Josh
HAWKES**

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Liv Harding



**Rhys
HUGHES**

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**Connor
JENNINGS**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT
Ian & Denise Lally
Larne Wallissson
Sweden 
Double Trouble
(Phil & Mark)


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**Harvey
SAUNDERS**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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The Uniform Shop
Liv Harding



**Sam
TAYLOR**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Paul
LEWIS**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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**Andy
PARKINSON**

FULL KIT

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**Rob
APTER**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT
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Lally

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BELEHOUAN**

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**Joe
YARNEY**

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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Nina Armstrong



**Jake
LEAKE**

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**Dan
PIKE**

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Rob Apter (L)	16/01/2003	Scotland	Blackpool (L)	25	MID	21	5	1	1	0	0	2	0	24	6
Jean Belehouan	01/09/2000	England	Sheffield United	30	DEF	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
Mikey Davies	23/09/2004	England	Youth/College	28	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tom Davies	18/04/1992	England	Bristol Rovers	5	DEF	28	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	31	2
Kristian Dennis	12/03/1990	England	Carlisle United	14	STR	20	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	24	2
Josh Hawkes	28/01/1999	England	Sunderland	11	MID	25	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	28	5
Kane Hemmings +	08/04/1992	England	Burton Albion	10	STR	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
Regan Hendry	21/01/1998	Scotland	Forest Green Rovers	8	MID	28	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	33	2
Ben Hockenhuill	03/09/2001	England	Brentford	15	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhys Hughes	21/09/2001	Wales	Everton	17	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Connor Jennings	29/10/1991	England	Wrexham	18	STR	29	9	1	0	2	0	1	0	33	9
Charlie Jolley	13/01/2001	England	Wigan Athletic	12	STR	22	4	1	0	1	0	3	0	27	4
Jake Leake (L)	20/02/2003	England	Hull City (L)	3	DEF	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	0
Paul Lewis	17/12/1994	England	Northampton Town	22	MID	10	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	14	0
Reece McAlear	12/02/2002	Scotland	Norwich City	23	MID	16	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	21	0
Luke McGee	02/09/1995	England	Forest Green Rovers	1	GOL	28	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	30	0
Chris Merrie	02/11/1998	England	Wigan Athletic	16	MID	10	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	13	0
Kieron Morris	03/06/1994	England	Walsall	7	MID	28	8	1	1	2	0	2	0	33	9
Joe Murphy	21/08/1981	Ireland	Shrewsbury Town	13	GOL	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	5	0
James Norris (L)	04/04/2003	England	Liverpool U21 (L)	26	DEF	7	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	11	0
Luke Norris	03/06/1993	England	Stevenage	9	STR	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	9	3
Lee O'Connor	28/07/2000	Ireland	Celtic	2	DEF	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Dan Pike	09/01/2002	England	AFC Fylde	24	MID	12	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	16	0
Conor Robson	05/07/2004	England	Stoke City	29	GOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey Saunders	20/07/1997	England	Bristol Rovers	19	STR	24	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	26	2
Joe Starbuck	03/08/2002	England	Sheffield United	31	MID	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Sam Taylor	23/12/2004	England	Youth/College	20	STR	13	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	18	3
Jordan Turnbull	30/10/1994	England	Salford City	6	DEF	26	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	30	0
Brad Walker	25/04/1995	England	Port Vale	4	MID	21	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	24	0
Connor Wood	17/07/1996	England	Colchester United	27	DEF	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
Joe Yarney	08/10/1997	England	Oldham Athletic	21	DEF	18	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	22	0
OWN GOALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	3

+ No longer with the club

*Stats not including Doncaster Rovers v Tranmere Rovers 10/2/2024

The Factual Figures So Far From Season 2023/2024

128

Substitutions made in all games played so far

4

Penalties in favour of Rovers in open play and in all competitions

28

Goals scored at home in all competitions

27

Goals scored in all competitions in the second half of matches

Quiz Zone Page: Answers from Page 49

QUIZ - 10 x QUESTIONS:

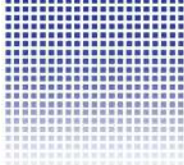
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- Bristol City.

KIT OF THE DAY:

1993/94 Away Kit.



2023/2024



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MN	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RESULT	POS	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS	REFEREE
1	Sat 5 Aug	H	BARROW	SB12	L 1 - 2	17th	6,584	557	Hawkes (63 pen)	Ollie Yates
2	Tue 8 Aug	A	Barnsley	CC1	D 2 - 2*	--	4,343	439	Norris (23), Taylor (47)	Thomas Kirk
3	Sat 12 Aug	A	Milton Keynes Dons	SB12	L 0 - 1	23rd	5,831	819	Sunny Sukhvir Gill	Sunny Sukhvir Gill
4	Tue 15 Aug	H	HARROGATE TOWN	SB12	W 3 - 0	17th	5,278	83	Norris (24), Taylor (26), Morris (89)	Lee Swabey
5	Sat 19 Aug	H	SALFORD CITY	SB12	L 3 - 4	19th	5,594	197	Jennings (6), Dennis (36), Jolley (87)	Scott Tallis
6	Sat 26 Aug	A	Notts County	SB12	L 1 - 2	21st	10,174	805	Hawkes (88)	Thomas Parsons
7	Tue 29 Aug	H	LEICESTER CITY	CC2	L 0 - 2	--	6,610	1,441		Ben Toner
8	Sat 2 Sep	H	WREXHAM	SB12	L 0 - 1	21st	10,630	2,074		Marvin Woods
9	Tue 5 Sep	A	Reedwood Town	EFL1-NGD	L 0 - 2	--	664	81		Scott Simpson
10	Sat 9 Sep	A	Colchester United	SB12	L 0 - 2	22nd	3,474	185		Declan Bourne
11	Sat 16 Sep	A	Crawley Town	SB12	L 2 - 3	23rd	2,961	285	Jolley (21), Taylor (66)	Alan Young
12	Sat 23 Sep	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	SB12	W 2 - 0	23rd	5,980	354	Hawkes (14 pen, 49)	Sam Purkiss
13	Sat 30 Sep	A	AFC Wimbledon	SB12	L 1 - 4	23rd	7,367	444	Jennings (4)	Daniel Middleton
14	Tue 3 Oct	H	BRADFORD CITY	SB12	W 2 - 1	22nd	5,672	872	Hendry (24), Morris (83)	Scott Oldham
15	Sat 7 Oct	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SB12	D 2 - 2	22nd	5,968	581	Morris (16), Jennings (61)	Marvin Coy
16	Tue 10 Oct	H	LEICESTER CITY U21	EFL1-NGD	L 0 - 1	--	678	16		Adam Herczeg
17	Sat 14 Oct	A	Crewe Alexandra	SB12	L 0 - 2	21st	5,826	1,193		Ross Joyce
18	Fri 20 Oct	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	SB12	L 1 - 2	21st	5,835	386	Jennings (70)	Ben Speedie
19	Tue 24 Oct	A	Morecambe	SB12	L 0 - 1	22nd	3,678	526		Paul Howard
20	Sat 28 Oct	A	Stockport County	SB12	L 0 - 2	23rd	9,735	782		Christopher Pollard
21	Sat 4 Nov	A	Stevenage	FAC1	L 3 - 4	--	2,404	177		Neil Hair
22	Sat 11 Nov	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	SB12	W 3 - 0	22nd	6,416	170	Norris (28 pen), Apter (55), Morris (90+1) Own Goal (Omotoye 8), Dennis (47), Apter (71)	Edward Duckworth
23	Tue 14 Nov	H	WIGAN ATHLETIC	EFL1-NGD	D 0 - 0**	--	1,142	472		Ross Joyce
24	Sat 18 Nov	A	Sutton United	SB12	D 1 - 1	22nd	3,548	483	Own Goal (Goodfille 17)	Lee Swabey
25	Sat 25 Nov	H	GILLINGHAM	SB12	W 3 - 1	22nd	5,283	328	Apter (43, 66), Jennings (53)	Marc Edwards
26	Tue 28 Nov	A	Mansfield Town	SB12	D 2 - 2	22nd	6,421	187	Jolley (13), Apter (62)	Matthew Corlett
27	Sat 9 Dec	H	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	SB12	W 2 - 1	21st	5,861	245	Morris (57), Jennings (88)	Seb Stockbridge
28	Sat 16 Dec	A	Walsall	SB12	L 0 - 1	21st	5,190	717		Alan Young
29	Sat 23 Dec	H	SWINDON TOWN	SB12	W 2 - 1	18th	5,894	266	Morris (55), Davies (72)	Sunny Sukhvir Gill
30	Tue 26 Dec	A	Salford City	SB12	W 5 - 1	18th	3,435	1,244	Saunders (12), Morris (35), Jennings (50), Hendry (64), Hawkes (90)	Ben Toner
31	Fri 29 Dec	A	Harrogate Town	SB12	W 2 - 0	17th	3,105	805	Jolley (54), Davies (70)	Tom Reeves
32	Mon 1 Jan	H	NOTTS COUNTY	SB12	W 4 - 2	15th	7,828	864	Morris (5), Jennings (44, 90+3 pen), Saunders (56)	Ollie Yates
33	Sat 6 Jan	A	Barrow	SB12	L 0 - 1	16th	4,023	696		Adam Herczeg
34	Sat 13 Jan	H	MILTON KEYNES DONS	SB12	L 1 - 2	18th	6,861	344	Morris (12)	Darren Drysdale
35	Sat 27 Jan	A	Grimsby Town	SB12	W 2 - 1	17th	6,421	401	Apter (35), Own Goal (Mullarkey 54)	Paul Howard
36	Sat 3 Feb	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	SB12	D 0 - 0	16th	7,169	1,045		Carl Brook
37	Sat 10 Feb	A	Doncaster Rovers	SB12	3.00pm					
38	Tue 13 Feb	H	MORECAMBE	SB12	7.45pm					
39	Sat 17 Feb	H	STOCKPORT COUNTY	SB12	3.00pm					
40	Sat 24 Feb	A	Forest Green Rovers	SB12	3.00pm					
41	Tue 27 Feb	A	Swindon Town (formerly 20/1)	SB12	7.45pm					
42	Sat 2 Mar	H	SUTTON UNITED	SB12	3.00pm					
43	Sat 9 Mar	A	Gillingham	SB12	3.00pm					
44	Tue 12 Mar	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	SB12	7.45pm					
45	Sat 16 Mar	A	Wrexham	SB12	3.00pm					
46	Sat 23 Mar	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	SB12	3.00pm					
47	Fri 29 Mar	A	Bradford City	SB12	3.00pm					
48	Mon 1 Apr	H	COLCHESTER UNITED	SB12	3.00pm					
49	Sat 6 Apr	H	WALSALL	SB12	3.00pm					
50	Sat 13 Apr	A	Newport County AFC	SB12	3.00pm					
51	Sat 20 Apr	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	SB12	3.00pm					
52	Sat 27 Apr	A	Accrington Stanley	SB12	3.00pm					



KEY: ■ Played ● First Sub ● Second Sub ● Third Sub ● Fourth Sub ● Fifth Sub SO Sent Off

*Won 7-6 on Penalties:- Scored: Hawkes, Jennings, Hemmings, McAlear, Saunders, Leake, Lewis. Missed: Hendry (saved).

**Lost 5-6 on Penalties:- Scored: Morris, Hughes, Jolley, James Norris, Mikey Davies, Missed: Saunders (bar), Taylor (saved), Pike (saved).

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ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES**GOALS**

1		20	MACAULAY LANGSTAFF
2		19	MATT SMITH
3		16	WILL EVANS
4		16	JAKE YOUNG
5		15	DANIEL KEMP

TOTAL SHOTS

1		113	MACAULAY LANGSTAFF
2		106	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
3		99	ANDY COOK
4		89	MATT SMITH
5		88	DANIEL KEMP






% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		48.5	JOE IRNSIDE
2		47.6	MATT SMITH
3		43.2	ALI AL HAMADI
4		42.9	ANDY COOK
5		41.7	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN

DRIBBLES COMPLETED

1		83	JAYDEN FEVRIER
2		59	DAVID MCGOLDRICK
3		50	JODI JONES
4		45	AARON NEMANE
5		43	KAYNE RAMSAY

ASSISTS

1		17	JODI JONES
2		8	MATTY DALY
3		8	DANIEL CROWLEY
4		8	DANIEL KEMP
5		7	LIAM KELLY

CHANCES CREATED

1		87	REMEAO HUTTON
2		72	KYLE MCALLISTER
3		63	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
4		60	DANIEL KEMP
5		60	ELLIOT NEWBY

SUCCESSFUL PASSES

1		2133	ADEN BALDWIN
2		1750	KYLE CAMERON
3		1649	WARREN O'HORA
4		1644	FRASER HORSFALL
5		1632	RICHARD BRINDLEY

SAVES

1		96	LUKE MCGEE
2		96	COREY ADDAI
3		88	JAKE TURNER
4		88	OWEN GOODMAN
5		82	ALEX BASS

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Newport are unbeaten in their last eight home league games (W4 D4), and could win three in a row on home soil in the league for the first time since May 2021.

No side in League Two this season has kept more clean sheets at home than Mansfield (8), who kept one in their last home league game against Notts County (1-0).

*data excludes games played Feb 9-10

Pos	Club	Home Record					Away Record					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Stockport County	29	10	4	2	34	12	7	3	3	28	17	33	58
2	Mansfield Town	29	7	6	1	18	8	7	6	2	30	16	24	54
3	Barrow	30	7	6	1	17	11	7	5	4	26	19	13	53
4	Wrexham	28	11	2	1	43	21	4	5	5	12	19	15	52
5	Crewe Alexandra	30	9	3	3	30	22	5	6	4	25	22	11	51
6	Milton Keynes Dons	29	9	3	3	26	15	5	3	6	21	22	10	48
7	Notts County	29	10	1	3	36	20	3	4	8	25	34	7	44
8	Harrogate Town	29	5	2	7	18	21	8	3	4	19	16	0	44
9	AFC Wimbledon	29	6	3	4	28	19	5	7	4	16	15	10	43
10	Gillingham	29	7	3	5	15	17	6	1	7	11	18	-9	43
11	Accrington Stanley	29	8	3	5	25	18	4	3	6	17	20	4	42
12	Morecambe	28	5	6	3	20	15	6	1	7	22	30	-3	40
13	Newport County	29	7	6	2	28	20	4	1	9	14	26	-4	40
14	Crawley Town	28	8	0	7	26	21	4	3	6	18	26	-3	39
15	Walsall	28	6	5	2	17	10	4	3	8	25	31	1	38
16	Tranmere Rovers	30	8	2	5	29	19	3	2	10	16	24	2	37
17	Swindon Town	30	8	2	4	29	19	2	5	9	24	37	-3	37
18	Bradford City	30	4	7	3	15	16	5	3	8	20	23	-4	37
19	Salford City	30	3	4	7	20	29	6	3	7	22	23	-10	34
20	Grimsby Town	29	5	4	6	25	29	1	7	6	16	22	-10	29
21	Colchester United	30	4	4	7	24	29	4	1	10	18	29	-16	29
22	Doncaster Rovers	29	6	2	7	20	26	2	3	9	13	27	-20	29
23	Sutton United	30	3	6	7	21	23	1	4	9	13	36	-25	22
24	Forest Green Rovers	29	2	3	10	14	27	2	5	7	16	26	-23	20

*Not including results from 9 & 10/2/2024

NEXT UP...

Stockport County are the next side to make the trip to Prenton Park, as Dave Challinor's men make the trip from Greater Manchester in search of three points in the Sky Bet League Two on Saturday 17 February 2024, with the tie kicking off at 3.00pm.

County top the table and have enjoyed a stellar season so far. A highlight of their season occurred on home soil at Edgeley Park, as Stockport thrashed Sutton United 8-0. Saturday's opponents possess real threat in the final third, with Paddy Madden and Isaac Olaofe leading the line.

Manager, Challinor commenced his career with Rovers, making 140 appearances as a centre-back. During his time at Prenton Park, the 48-year-old notched six goals and went on to play for Stockport, where he now finds himself in the dugout.

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23 Images

Almost taking up from where we left off in our last programme against Crewe Alexandra - and continuing the subject of Tranmere Rovers players and staff appearing on TV quiz shows - for tonight's edition we take note of John Aldridge's impressive number of appearances on BBCTV's now institutional 'A Question Of Sport'.



'Aldo' made more than eight in total, and these all between the years of 1988 and 2000. His national and international popularity coupled with his famed goalscoring prowess saw him pit his quizzical wits alongside other household sporting names. Already a hit in his first full season with Liverpool FC since joining from Oxford United in 1987, and just under a year later with the Reds also racing towards both the Division One title and a run to the FA Cup Final, Aldo teamed up on the night with Wimbledon champion Jo Durie, rugby union's Robert Jones and show jumper Malcolm Pyrah. Alongside team captains Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont, his 'debut' was aired on 1 March 1988. The show's presenter, the legendary commentator David Coleman, had previously quoted that John was a 'big hero of his', and his request to have him on the show once again

eight months later was granted. This time both captains, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham (who replaced Emlyn Hughes), joined Lloyd Honeyghan, Nick Farr-Jones and Martin Brundle. When 'Aldo' joined Rovers in 1991, his sensational return to English football, having played abroad, won him more publicity, as John was also now becoming a 'regular' on the show. In the midst of Rovers' first season back in the old Second Division, John joined Roger Black, Alan Tait, Eamonn Martin and Richard Dunwoody. Aired on 17 March 1992, it ironically clashed with Rovers' rearranged league fixture away to Swindon Town, the postponement of which came on the back of the Robins FA Cup Fifth Round meeting with Aston Villa - meaning that most of the regular SWA missed the episode. 'Aldo' was at it again in both 1993

(16 November) and 1994 (8 November), with his Rovers 'hero' status now all but secured, this added to international stardom in the World Cup 1994 matches in the USA playing for the Republic of Ireland. Another appearance followed on 21 February 1997 alongside the show's new team captains, Ally McCoist and snooker player - and John's Merseyside neighbour - John Parrott. His final bow came on 21 February 2000, as per the image shown here, when as part of a 'Football Managers' special edition hosted by Sue Barker, John rubbed shoulders with Leeds' boss David O'Leary, Everton's Walter Smith, and manager of 30 years, Jim Smith, all of whom joined the captains McCoist and Parrott. The edition was then repeated six days later, and on the eve of Rovers' meeting with Leicester City in the Worthington Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.

DANGEROUS & ILLEGAL BEHAVIOUR HAS NO PLACE IN OUR GAME.

**FOOTBALL HAS COME TOGETHER TO
TOUGHEN MEASURES ADDRESSING FAN
BEHAVIOUR AT MATCHES**

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR:

- ✗ Entering the pitch without permission
- ✗ Smoke bombs and pyros
- ✗ Throwing objects
- ✗ Drug use
- ✗ Discriminatory behaviour
- ✗ Football Tragedy Abuse

POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES:

- ⊕ Serious injury
- ⊖ Automatic club ban
- 👮 Reported to the police
- ⚖️ Criminal record
- 🎓 Education and employment at risk
- 🏟️ Stadium ban and criminal prosecution

HELP US ENSURE MATCHES ARE SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL



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Tranmere Rovers



Manager: Nigel Adkins
White Shirts
White Shorts & White Socks

- 1 Luke McGEE
- 2 Lee O'CONNOR
- 3 Jake LEAKE
- 4 Brad WALKER
- 5 Tom DAVIES
- 6 Jordan TURNBULL
- 7 Kieron MORRIS
- 8 Regan HENDRY
- 9 Luke NORRIS
- 11 Josh HAWKES
- 12 Charlie JOLLEY
- 13 Joe MURPHY
- 14 Kristian DENNIS
- 15 Ben HOCKENHULL
- 16 Chris MERRIE
- 17 Rhys HUGHES
- 18 Connor JENNINGS
- 19 Harvey SAUNDERS
- 20 Sam TAYLOR
- 21 Joe YARNEY
- 22 Paul LEWIS
- 23 Reece McALEAR
- 24 Dan PIKE
- 26 James NORRIS
- 27 Connor WOOD
- 28 Mikey DAVIES
- 29 Conor ROBSON
- 30 Jean BELEHOUAN
- 31 Joe STARBUCK

Morecambe



Manager: Ged Brannan
Red Shirts
Black Shorts & Socks

- 1 Stuart MOORE
- 2 Donald LOVE
- 3 David TUTONDA
- 4 Jacob BEDEAU
- 5 Farrend RAWSON
- 6 Yann SONGO'O
- 7 Brandon BARKER
- 8 Joe ADAMS
- 9 Gerard GARNER
- 10 JJ McKIERNAN
- 11 Julian LARSSON
- 12 Joel SENIOR
- 14 Jordan SLEW
- 15 Chris STOKES
- 16 Jacob DAVENPORT
- 17 Cammy SMITH
- 18 Jake TAYLOR
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- 20 Charlie BROWN
- 21 Adam SMITH
- 22 Kayden HARRACK
- 23 Max MELBOURNE
- 24 Cameron ROONEY
- 25 Lennon DOBSON
- 26 George PEDLEY
- 27 Nathan MERCER
- 28 Oscar THRELKELD
- 30 Archie MAIR
- 33 Saul FOX
- 38 Nelson KHUMBENI

Match Officials

Referee:
Benjamin Speedie

Assistant Referees:
Daniel Woodward
Joe Simpson

Fourth Official:
Ross Joyce

Fixtures



Tuesday 13 February 2024

Accrington Stanley
v AFC Wimbledon

Barrow v Forest Green
Rovers

Bradford City v Milton
Keynes Dons

Colchester United
v Grimsby Town

Crawley Town v Walsall

Gillingham
v Swindon Town

Mansfield Town
v Harrogate Town

Newport County AFC
v Notts County

Salford City
v Doncaster Rovers

Stockport County
v Crewe Alexandra

Sutton United v Wrexham

Tranmere Rovers
v Morecambe

All games kick-off
at 7.45pm unless stated



Next Game at Prenton Park

Tranmere Rovers versus Stockport County
Sky Bet League Two / Saturday 17 February 2024 / Kick-off 3.00pm