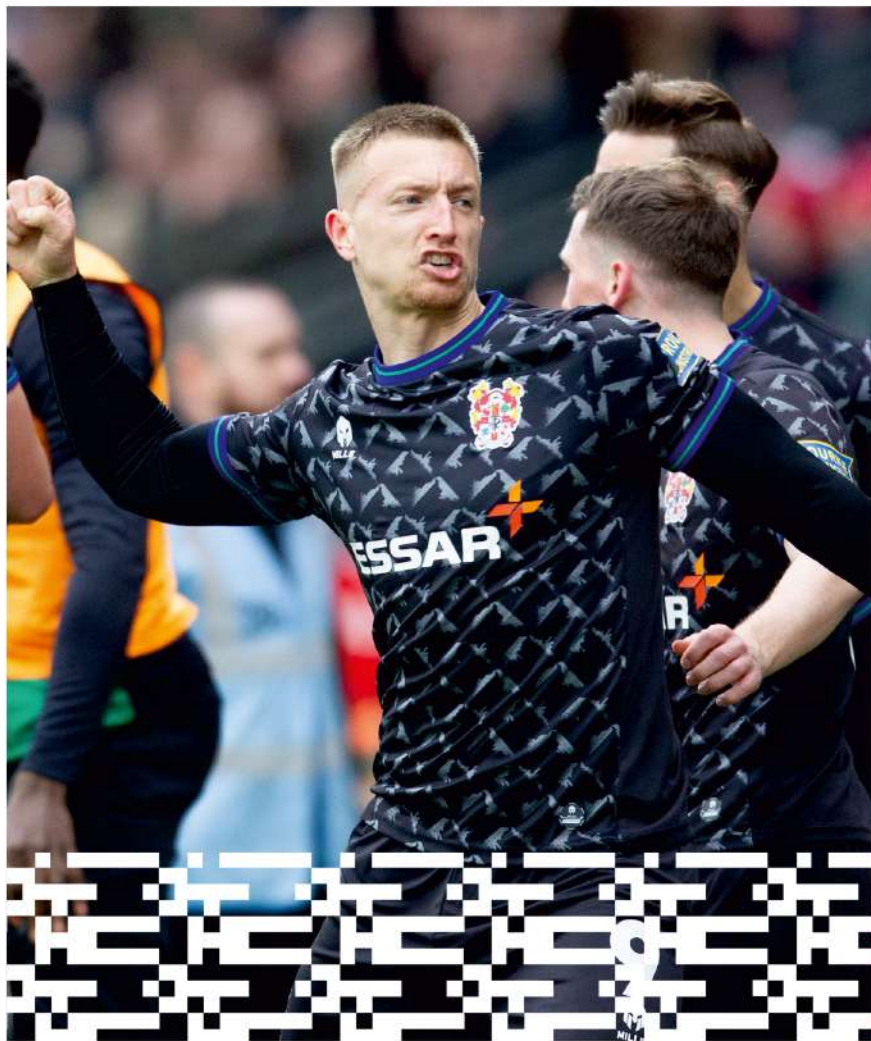


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Mark Paliios



I hope you all had a very Happy Easter.

It was a disappointment to lose to Crawley on Saturday after the heroics against Wrexham and the great run we were on. I thought we had two very strong penalty shouts in that game, and things could have been very different had either of those have been awarded, but it was not to be and we were punished for a couple of defensive errors.

These notes are being written before our Good Friday match against Bradford. I hope we bounced straight back there, but if not we have an opportunity to do it today on home soil. Although the season is effectively over in terms of promotion or relegation, it is important to keep some momentum going. Colchester are battling to retain their position in the EFL and so for them this is a real high stakes match. I would like to welcome the fans who have made the long trip to Prenton Park today. Whilst I cannot hope that they are rewarded with a win, I can hope they see an entertaining game.





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Nigel Adkins

Welcome back to Prenton Park for today's Easter Monday League Two game. We extend the welcome to today's opponents Colchester United, Manager Danny Cowley, his staff, side and travelling supporters for what we anticipate being another challenging contest in this division.

Today's game follows quickly on from the Good Friday game at Bradford City. The programme notes are written before the trip to Valley Parade - thank you to all the SWA who made the journey to support our team, it is appreciated the effort you make in supporting the team and it does make a difference.

Our intention is always to look to win the game, however an opponent has the same idea. Our intention is also to make it a fun and enjoyable experience with family and friends supporting Tranmere Rovers. There are special moments in a season that make the travelling worthwhile; the togetherness with the team in winning at Wrexham being one that puts a smile on your face, the 4-0 victory at Prenton Park against another local rival and league leaders at the time Stockport County being another.

Today is our Family Day matchday. We are Wirral's Family Club. Tranmere Rovers plays a major part in many people's lives on the Wirral, providing a belonging, an engagement and a community spirit. There are already over 1,000 Season Cards sold in preparation for next season. Thank you.

Today provides a fantastic opportunity for the TRICStars dance group to experience performing at half time.

Striker Luke Norris backed up his winning goal at Wrexham with another fine finish from a Rob Apter cross in our last home game against Crawley Town. He could have gone away with the match ball as he demonstrated again that he is improving with every game. Following an uncharacteristic start to the game, the team responded well with determination in search of a victory to continue the good

run of form we had been on. We played some exciting football at times and created good chances with some excellent passing, however the win evaded us. Always learning, the Monday debrief allowed us the opportunity to reflect on the many positives and the negatives as we continue to strive to improve our performance both collectively and individually.

The players and staff have consistently been working hard, smartly and with collaboration supporting each other every day they come into work. We have a supportive T.E.A.M. culture and a learning environment that demands we make the most of every opportunity we can to improve.

On the injury front, it was a shame that left-back Connor Wood picked up a calf injury during the first half of the game. He has been in exceptional form for us. Brad Walker also picked up an ankle injury during the game and it looks like both players will miss today's game. A positive is that Captain Tom Davies has returned to training along with left-back Jake Leake.

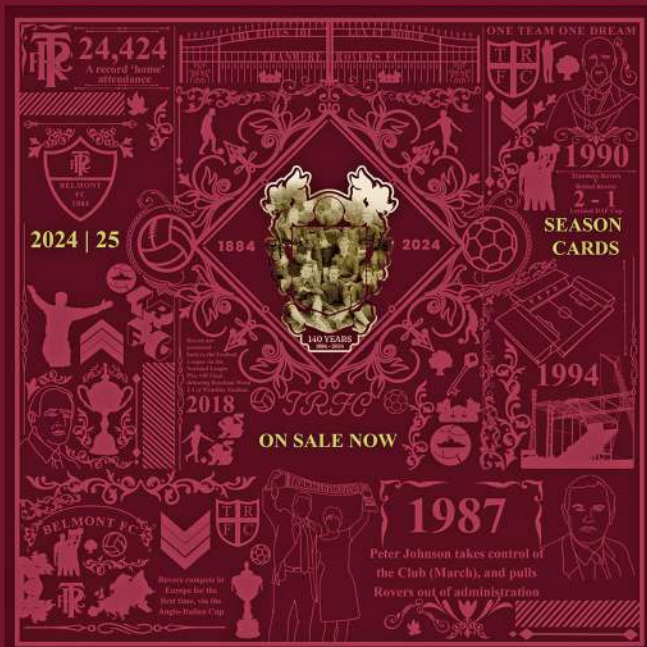
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Today's Matchday Mascots

A warm Easter welcome to our matchday mascots, kindly sponsored by First Choice Utilities, for our contest with Colchester United this afternoon.

Firstly, Jack Henaghan, aged 7 who lives in Moreton, is a Year 3 pupil at Christ Church Primary, and Lives at home with his Mum, Dad and sister Poppy.

Jack plays for Cheshire Vikings Conquerors Under-8s, and is a season ticket holder in the Kop.

He attended his first game in 2018 when he was 2 years old, and his favourite players are Connor Jennings and Jordan Turnbull.

Our other mascot - and here in his own words - "My name is Harry Dulson, I have just turned 9 years old as of last week - I love playing and watching all football!"



I have been appearing for Glenavon Juniors since I was 6 years old, and then two years ago started playing for Shore Villa every Sunday. I love playing in all different positions on the field, but my favourites are either forward or goalkeeper. I love both saving and scoring goals! - while my manager calls me the 'Fox in the Box'!

I attend St. Joseph's Primary School in Prenton, and have just been selected for their school football team.

After a busy week in school, I enjoy coming to watch my local football team with all my family, friends and our football team. My favourite players are Joe Murphy and Jordan Turnbull.

We both hope you have a great day with us, and of course bring us some luck with all three points by 5.00pm this afternoon!

Your Old TRFC Photos & Memorabilia

Once again, we are always on the lookout for old photos and memorabilia relating to TRFC for pages in our programme - especially those such as our '23 Games 23 Images' feature (see page 62 of today's issue).

We are also now updating and additionally cataloguing club-related memorabilia, in every walk of Tranmere life - more so following a personal donation recently to the Editor from one of our overseas supporters. It doesn't matter at all what it is, as we consider everything TRFC historic extremely valuable.

In the first instance then, please contact Tony at tonyc@tranmererovers.co.uk - and any items will of course be returned once scanned etc. here at the Club.

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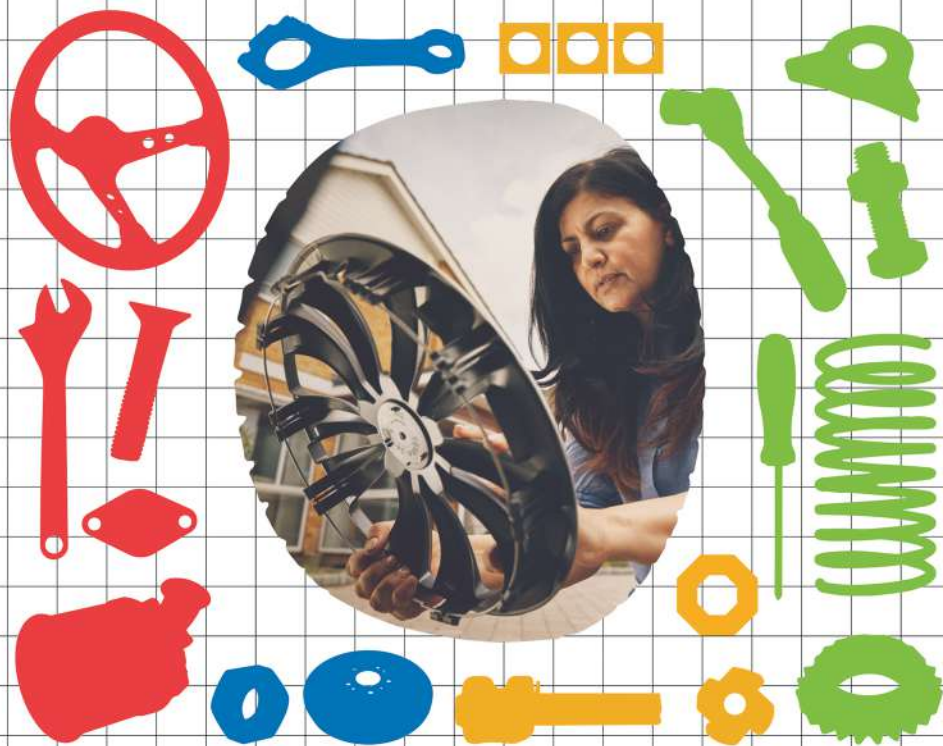
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Prentonian Personal Effects

Taken from the personal collection of long time supporter Tony Gibbons, this team photo holds additional significance as it shows the original dressing rooms that were located behind the old open Kop terrace at Prenton Park.



The very first dressing rooms at Prenton Park were located at the corner of the Cowshed and Borough Road sections of the ground, and were known as 'Salem Cottage'. Prior to Tranmere's Third Division North championship season of 1937/38, 'Salem Cottage' was finally demolished, with the required changing facilities relocated to the back of what was then an open Kop terrace,

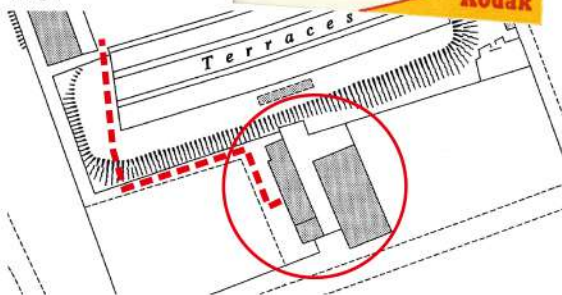
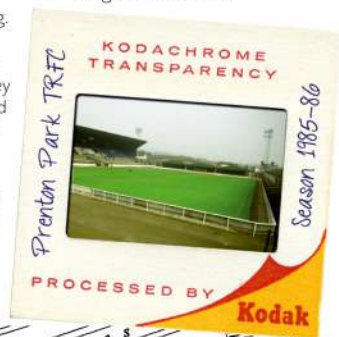
Now the site of the Recreation Centre, the new changing rooms were a much more modern brick and wooden building with the players gaining access over the cinder bank Kop, almost mingling with supporters on the way down to the pitch - as shown on the map (pictured right) from 1955.

Some of it still remains to day, as does the original Social Club, which was behind, and both mainly form the intersection between the Recreation Centre and the Belmont Suite, with the prominent chimney

/ventilation stack still standing. The facilities were rather cramped to say the least, but served the Club well, until they too however were demolished 30 years later. When the old wooden stand was replaced by the current Main Stand in 1968, one of the final touches to the then revolutionary cantilever structure was to incorporate more modern changing facilities into its design.

The new facility was fitted with large extractors - a break through in football overall - in order to banish the overwhelming amount of steam generated by the showers, thus preventing clothing - suits, shirts the lot - from gaining a soaking. This applied in both the home and away rooms.

In later seasons, plunge baths were also installed - although nowadays these are now deemed unusable with the introduction of new health and safety laws regarding amongst things the risk of HIV.



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Opposition Luke Birch

Relegation-battling Colchester United come into this game on a winless run in the league that stretches back to January.



Colchester United

The run includes five draws against Walsall, Sutton United, Salford City Accrington Stanley, and Forest Green Rovers, and one defeat against Barrow.

Colchester's last win was a 1-0 victory at mid-table Morecambe on 27th January.

In the FA Cup, Colchester bowed out in the first round, losing 3-2 at League One Shrewsbury Town.

In the Carabao Cup, Colchester suffered first round defeat on penalties at the hands of Championship Cardiff City. The U's had come back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 in normal time.

In January 2024, Colchester parted company with manager Matthew Etherington, after a run of eight defeats in nine league matches.

Later that month, experienced manager Danny Cowley took charge of Colchester. Cowley, 45, won one of his first ten matches in-charge of Colchester.

He previously spent two years in-charge of Portsmouth, before Pompey parted company with him in January 2023. Cowley is best known for his time as Lincoln City manager. He helped The Imps to the National League title in 2017, and the League Two title in 2019.

In 2017, Cowley's Lincoln became the first non-league side to ever reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup, before losing 5-0 at Arsenal.

During his time at Lincoln, his team competed fiercely with Micky Mellon's Tranmere as both sides strove for promotion from the National League and League Two.

Prior to managing Lincoln, Cowley had spells as manager at Braintree Town, and Concord Rangers.





The Present & The Past

THE PRESENT / CAMERON MCGEEHAN

Midfielder Cameron McGeehan joined Colchester United in September 2023, and has been a regular in The U's team since.

The midfielder has scored seven goals in Colchester's league season, playing defensive, attacking, and box-to-box roles in midfield.

Since making his Colchester debut against Tranmere earlier in the campaign, McGeehan has also notched two assists in the league.

Prior to joining Colchester, McGeehan spent three seasons in the Belgian Pro League with KV Oostende.

Having spent time as a junior at Fulham and Chelsea, the midfielder began his career on the books of Norwich City, whom he never made a senior appearance for.

After spending time on loan at Luton Town, McGeehan joined The Hatters on a permanent basis in 2015.

McGeehan made 65 league appearances as a permanent Luton player, scoring 22 goals, and helping The Hatters to the Conference Premier title in 2014.

The goalscoring midfielder then spent three years on the books at Barnsley.

As well as helping The Tykes to promotion to the Championship in 2019, McGeehan also had loan spells at Scunthorpe United, and Portsmouth.

Born in London, McGeehan qualifies for Northern Ireland through his grandmother.

The midfielder earned his only cap for the Green and White Army as a 67th minute substitute in their 2-0 European Championship qualifier win over San Marino in 2023.

McGeehan had previously made appearances for Northern Ireland's U17, U19, and U21 teams.



THE PAST / MICHAEL ANTONIO

Current West Ham United forward Michael Antonio spent almost half-a-season on loan at Colchester United.

Antonio made 15 league appearances for The U's in 2011, scoring four goals.

He made his debut for Colchester on the opening day of their campaign, a 2-0 defeat to Charlton Athletic.

Antonio featured for Colchester primarily as a right-midfielder, and he scored his first goal for the club in a loss against Huddersfield Town.

His other goals for Colchester came against Chesterfield, Yeovil Town, and Notts County.

Antonio's final league appearance for The U's was a 0-0 draw at Tranmere Rovers in November.

The Wandsworth native began his footballing career at Tooting & Mitcham United, before signing for Reading in 2008.

The Royals loaned him out to clubs including Southampton, Colchester, and Sheffield Wednesday.

Having made 28 league appearances for Reading, Antonio departed permanently for Sheffield Wednesday in 2012.

Antonio shone in a Wednesday shirt, helping them to promotion to the Championship in 2012.

He subsequently spent a successful year at Nottingham Forest. The Jamaica international scored the only goal of The Trees' League Cup win over Tranmere Rovers in 2014.

Antonio signed for Premier League West Ham in 2015, where he has played since.

He began life at West Ham as a winger, before beginning the conversion to striker during his second season with The Iron.

Antonio, now 33, has made 245 league appearances for West Ham, scoring 64 goals, and helping them to UEFA Conference League glory in 2023.





Three Previous Encounters



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**N-Power League One
Saturday 23 February 2013**

In 2013, promotion-chasing Tranmere defeated struggling Colchester 5-1 at the JobServe Community Stadium. Max Power's stunning half-volley opened the scoring, before Magnus Okuonghae slotted home the equaliser. A first-half chip from Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro, followed by a second-half header from Ash Taylor, a low-shot from Cole Stockton, and a Michael O'Halloran penalty completed the rout.



COLCHESTER UNITED 2 TRANMERE ROVERS 2

**Sky Bet League Two
Tuesday 23 March 2021**

In 2021, Tranmere came from two goals behind to draw 2-2 against Colchester at the JobServe Community Stadium. Harry Pell bundled home to open the scoring, before his low cross found Brendan Wiredu, who tapped home. Danny Lloyd's spot kick gave Tranmere a lifeline with half-an-hour to play, before Spearing's deflected shot from the edge of the area scurried in.



COLCHESTER UNITED 2 TRANMERE ROVERS 0

**Sky Bet League Two
Saturday 9 September 2023**

In September 2023, Colchester United earned their first home win of the season by beating Tranmere Rovers 2-0. After a brilliant low through-ball by Arthur Read, Joe Taylor poked past Luke McGee to give The U's the lead. In the 88th minute, Bradley Ihionven bundled the ball home, after John Akinde's shot looped up to the back post.

Five Notable Numbers

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...Number of victories during Danny Cowley's managerial career in all matches involving Tranmere Rovers as opposition...

2008



...The year Colchester moved into their current Jobserve Community Stadium - having left their original home, Layer Road, from the club's inception in 1937...

49



...Total number of league points amassed in the 2022/23 season - with the team finishing in 20th place in League Two...

24



...The number of league wins attained by Rovers over Colchester - with United winning 19, from a total of 65 meetings...

1950



...The year United were elected to the Division Three South of the EFL, alongside Gillingham, and when the division was expanded from 22 to 24 teams...

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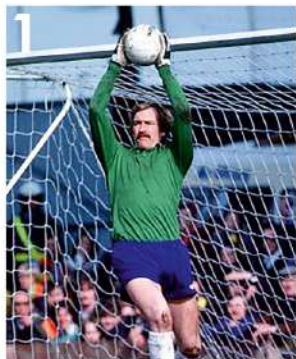
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Opposition Dream Team

Charlie Stubbs selects a United 'Fantasy Eleven'



1 - Goalkeeper: Mike Walker

Colchester's ex-player and manager Mike Walker starts in goal, thanks to playing over 450 times. The Welshman played between 1973 and 1983 and was inducted into the Colchester United Hall of Fame.

2 - Right Back: Micky Cook

All-time appearance maker Micky Cook starts at right back. With 614 appearances between 1969 and 1984, he was part of the teams that won two promotions, in 1974 and 1977, and two relegations, in 1976 and 1981, and reaching the 1971 FA Cup Quarter Final and 1975 EFL Cup.

3 - Centre Back: Tony English

Captaining our side, Tony English came through the Coventry City youth ranks but signed his first professional contract with the U's in 1984. He went to play up until 1996, making over 390 appearances, and captaining the U's to a Conference and FA Trophy double in 1992.

4 - Centre Back: Wayne Brown

Two loan spells and a permanent move sees Wayne Brown slot in as the second centre half. He played for the club in 1997 and 2004-07, where he played over 140 times. He was a mainstay for the side across his second stint, helping the side win promotion to the Championship in 2006, playing 38 games that season. He's returned to the club three times in a management

capacity, as a caretaker twice and permanent once, having a 30% win rate.

5 - Left Back: John Fowler

The player with a big legacy in the Colchester area, John Fowler played over 440 times for the side between 1955 and 1966. Known as 'Mr Reliable,' missed eight games in 1956-63; he was part of the sides who won promotion in 1962 and 1966. Since his sudden passing in 1976, aged 42, the John Fowler Memorial Cup has been played by teams in the Colchester & District Sunday League.

6 - Right Midfield: Ian Allinson

Academy-graduate Ian Allinson starts on the right. Graduating in 1975, he had two stints with the club, the first up until 1983, and the second during the 1988-89 season. He scored the winning goal in the final game of the 1976-77 season, which secured promotion.

7 - Centre Midfield: Karl Duguid

Born in Letchworth, Karl went through the Colchester academy and ended up notching over 400 appearances for the club across two stints (1995-2008 and 2011-14.) He broke through into the first team at age 17. He was part of the teams that won promotion to the Second Division in 1998 and to the Championship in 2006. Ever since retirement, he's managed a number of teams in the non-league game.

8 - Centre Midfield: Kemal Izzet

East London-born Kemal Izzet comes in the midfield for this side. Coming through the same Sunday league side as Jermain Defoe, Ledley King and John Terry, he moved on into the Charlton academy. His professional debut came for Colchester in 2001, the club he went on to play for until 2013. He was a key player in the 2006 promotion to the Championship.

9 - Left Midfield Neil Danns

Superwhites assistant manager Neil Danns will have to make do with coming in at left midfield although he primarily played in the centre. The Guyana international played for



Colchester United between 2004 and 2006, originally on loan. He played over 70 times for the club, scoring 19. He scored key goals including two against Derby to take the U's to the 2006 FA Cup Fifth Round. He was the competitions joint top goalscorer that year, and ended up in the PFA League One Team of the Year.

10 - Centre Forward: Chris Iwelumo

Scottish-Nigerian forward Chris Iwelumo played 92 times for Colchester, scoring 35. He was the club top goalscorer on their promotion winning season to the Championship in 2005-06. He ended up scoring more the next season, but was beaten out by teammate Jamie Cureton. Since retirement, he's coached Wolverhampton under-18s and Chester, and worked in the media at Channel 5's Football League Show and Stoke City's media department.

11 - Striker: Tony Adcock

London-born U's academy graduate Tony Adcock leads the line for this team. He played ten seasons for the club across two spells (1981-87 and 1995-99) and scored 149 goals in all competitions. He quickly became a prolific scorer, scoring a brace on his third league start, a 3-0 home win against Torquay in 1981. He reached the final of the EFL Trophy with the side in 1997, but lost to eventual winners Carlisle United, on penalties.

Alex Hay



Former Tranmere Rovers player Alex Hay will be completing a double marathon in two days next month to raise funds for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, finishing the first at Prenton Park prior to our game with AFC Wimbledon, before running the London Marathon the following day.

After completing the London Marathon in 2022, Hay will be going a step further with the double this time around, with Rovers supporters invited to come along early to the AFC Wimbledon game (Saturday 20th April, 3pm kick-off) to support him at the finish of the first leg. Donations have already surpassed £3,000, and supporters can donate to the cause via the JustGiving page. "After I did the London Marathon in 2022, it was very hard work but I enjoyed certain aspects of it. The experience and raising money for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity made me feel really positive." Alex's dad used to work for Tranmere Rovers, and was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. "It hit us all hard, but seeing his attitude towards it and how he's saying how he's living with cancer

rather than dying of it, is really positive. "My fiancée put me into the draw for the London Marathon without my knowledge! She told me my place had been pulled, and after the initial shock, we thought, "What could be different?"; I understand it's hard for people to keep sponsoring people, it's a lot of money and people work hard for their money,

and everything's so expensive now, so I thought, let's try two in two, let's put the two things I love together - Tranmere and doing something for the local area." Alex will of course be finishing the first leg of his double marathon at Prenton Park, and has spoken of the feelings it will evoke coming across the finish line at the Club he loves and where he started his career. "It'll be emotional, I think the whole idea of it is emotional. The fact that I'm doing it for such a big charity in the local area and something that hits everyone in one way or another, and I'm going through something really tough at the moment. "It'll obviously be emotional, but whenever I go back to Tranmere I get emotional, some of the best parts of my life have been spent there." >>>





Clatterbridge Cancer Charity is a cause close to Alex's heart, but one he feels raising money for can benefit the wider community: "It's such a big thing in the Merseyside area, everyone will know someone who has been to Clatterbridge or is going through something similar to what I am at the moment so I wanted to do something for the local community because it means that much to me and I try and give back as much as I can, and that's what I feel I'm doing."

Alex is having to train twice as much as he did for the 2022 marathon to prepare for the double feat this year. "It's been horrendous. It's having the time to do it is the difficult side. People see the day I do the marathon, the day after, but there's so much more that goes into it, doubling up on training each day."

"Mentally, it's hard to get yourself going the following day, but that's what I'm doing it for, I love a challenge, I like to work hard, it's always in my ethic and it's something I've been focused on to do now and it's not long until we do it."

Rock Ferry-born Hay enjoyed spells with his boyhood Tranmere Rovers, Morecambe and Rushden & Diamonds. Stints after, at Bangor City, Rhyl and a player-manager role at Cammel Laird saw the end of his career. Hay, who now works in a school, also enjoys his role coaching in his Blossom Skills academy. Cancer is something that so many people have been and are affected by on a daily basis so Alex wants to do what he can to help those who need it and will be putting himself through an intense training build-up for his double marathon.

The SWA and wider community have already showed fantastic generosity to support the cause and we want to help Alex raise even more money.

Times are hard for a lot of people currently so any donation is massively appreciated and will go a long way to helping Alex reach his goal and ultimately help those who need it most in such difficult circumstances.

Supporters are encouraged to come down to Prenton Park early ahead of the AFC Wimbledon game to support Alex as he finishes the first leg of his journey at his boyhood Club.

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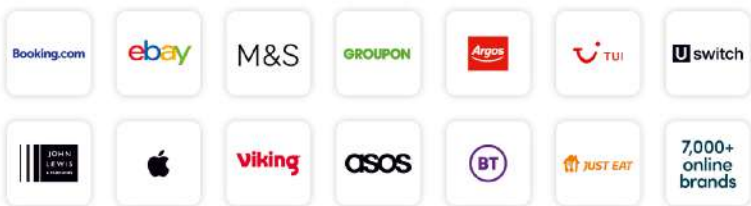
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The savage treatment doled out to Jude Bellingham last weekend is a reminder that not all divers are cheats.

England's star midfielder was kicked to pieces by a Brazil team intent on reducing his effectiveness and was eventually withdrawn for his own safety. That the former Birmingham City starlet was willing to take the hits was admirable, but not necessarily smart.

Players like Neymar and Jack Grealish have received similar attention for years and are routinely criticised for taking theatrical tumbles.

But consider the alternative. Neymar's career has been blighted by injury, the vast majority resulting from opposition challenges. He has already missed one Copa America, will sit out another this year and in 2014 was famously robbed of the chance to play for Brazil in the semi-finals of his home World Cup when a high knee from Colombia's Juan Zuniga fractured a vertebrae.

Grealish, though physically more robust, spent his formative years in a fug of frustration, unable to focus on football because he was so upset at being constantly chopped. Only after spending two years in the Championship, where he was forced to look after himself, did the then-Aston Villa man truly flourish. Like Neymar, he has learned through painful experience to see the fouls coming, take evasive action, and manipulate the situation to his advantage.

Is this cheating? Perhaps. But it's also a form of self-preservation. If you can get an opponent booked, he isn't going to risk whacking you again.

Ruud Gullit summed this up perfectly when he spoke about a clash with notorious hardman Vinnie Jones shortly after joining Chelsea from Sampdoria in 1995.

The Dutch international was 33 by then, his knowledge of the game's dark arts honed by a decade spent dodging the subtle malice of Serie A's hatchet men.

So when Wimbledon's enforcer came steaming in from behind, Gullit was already leaping skywards, minimising the actual impact whilst ensuring he was still caught with enough force to guarantee a red card.

"He dived," said an irate Jones. "I own two pot-bellied pigs, yet they don't squeal as much as Ruud Gullit."

Gullit, though, was unabashed. "If someone wants to hit you in the face, and you see it coming, what do you do?" he said. "You try to avoid it, don't you? It's the same with football."

"When someone is coming at you with both feet, you have to go up in order to avoid the tackle. If you don't, it'll break your legs. Even when you jump, they still hit you, and it's not so bad."

"I said to Jones, 'If I stay on my feet what do you think will happen? You'd break my leg. Would you be happy then? I don't want you to get the red card, but I don't want a broken leg either'."

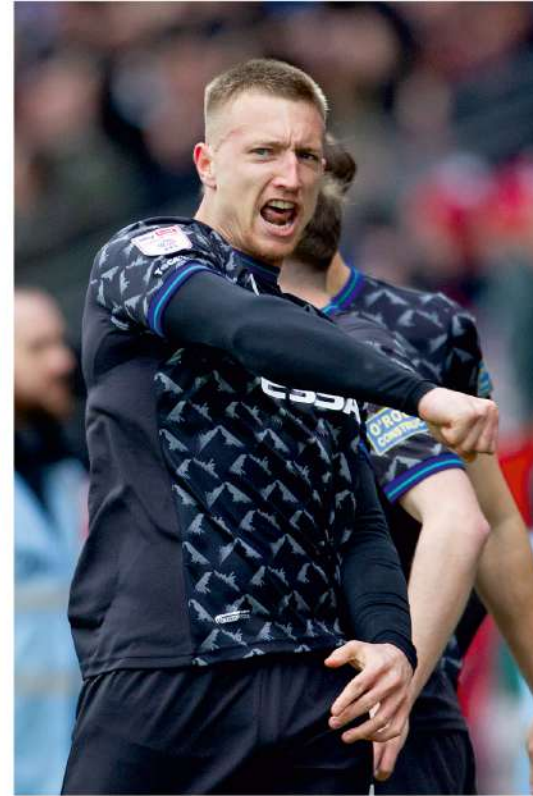
"He accused me of diving when he didn't even make contact with me. But his attitude was wrong, so you have to punish his attitude."

It is of course important to make a distinction between someone diving to win a penalty and someone diving to avoid getting hurt. The first is cheating. The second - well, that raises an interesting question.

Is the cheat the clogger who tries to kick an opponent out of the game? Or the one trying to get out of the way?

One way or another, Bellingham will have to master the latter if he is to stay injury-free and fulfil his monstrous potential.

By Chris Dunlavy, reporter, The Football League Paper



MATCH IMAGES

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of Prenton Park

Through much of the 1950s and 1960s, the left half position in the Tranmere side was held by a couple of Birkenhead-born hard men, Len Kieran and Alan King.

Each of them made more than 350 senior appearances in a Rovers shirt and became popular figures with the Prenton Park faithful.



NICK HILTON'S ROVERS RETROSPECTIVE

Len Kiernan

Had it not been for the intervention of World War II, Len Kieran's career as a professional footballer would have run longer than his 10 seasons with Tranmere.

He originally signed for his hometown club on his 17th birthday in 1943 – then promptly found himself recruited into the Parachute Regiment.

Kieran's military service lasted for four years and he had to wait until March 1948 to make his Football League debut for Tranmere.

He quickly established himself as a first-team regular under secretary/manager Ernie Blackburn. Tranmere twice went close to winning promotion to Division Two, in the 1949/50 and 50/51 campaigns but for the most part Kieran was a member of a team that played entertaining football, attracted healthy crowds but often finished in mid-table in Division Three North.

Historian Peter Bishop, co-author of "Tranmere Rovers – the Complete Record" recalled how Kieran became known by supporters as "Lion Hearted Len".

Bishop went on: "Len was a powerhouse of a player, thunderous in the tackle and strong in the air."

Kieran's consistency in a Tranmere shirt earned him selection for the FA's 21-match summer tour of Australia in 1950. After playing in several games and scoring one goal, he was awarded an England B cap.

He went on to play 359 games for Tranmere and earned a benefit match, shared with Percy Steele and Harold Lloyd, in 1956.

Len Kieran died from a heart attack in 1983.



LEN KIERAN ALAN KING

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NICK HILTON

Alan King

Alan King, recruited from schoolboy football, was little more than 18 years old when given his first team debut by Rovers in May 1963.

He had to wait another season before he finally broke into manager Dave Russell's Division Four side on a regular basis.

The team of 1964/65, in which King established himself at left half, making 45 league appearances, missed promotion by a single point.

King had to swallow the same bitter pill in 65/66, when Rovers again finished fifth, losing out on goal average to Colchester United.

But Tranmere and King finally pulled off promotion in 66/67 by finishing fourth and King's contribution was 45 league starts and three goals. It was the highlight of a Prenton Park career that would run for another five seasons.

Bishop describes King as a "player of indomitable spirit, a true leader who would run through a brick wall for Rovers."

He was also versatile, to the extent that according to Bishop, he played in every position on the field in a Rovers shirt, at one level or another, including goalkeeper in the game at Bangor City.

Alan King was first spotted by Tranmere's assistant secretary of the time, Norman Wilson, playing for St Hugh's Secondary School and signed initially as an amateur. In those early days, he played up front.

He scored a hat-trick from the inside right position on his debut for the reserves in 1961. But within a few months he was switched to left half, where he remained for most of his career.

Manager Russell gave the youngster a couple of first-team games at the end of the freeze ravaged 62/63 season and King scored on his debut, a 2-0 win at Hartlepool.

He was given a further five outings during the 63/64 season. But in 64/65 Russell handed King the number six shirt for the opening game and the local boy made it his own.

In spite of the bitter disappointment of two

promotion near misses, Tranmere were able to mount another push in 66/67 and this time they were successful.

This time the secret of their success was a tighter defence, helped by the arrival of goalkeeper Jimmy Cumbes.

While Alan King played in 45 out of the 46 league games, manager Russell boosted Tranmere's firepower with an inspired signing, centre forward George Yardley, who arrived in December from Australia and contributed 15 goals from 28 appearances.

Tranmere were four points clear of their nearest rivals, Crewe Alexandra, in clinching fourth place and a ticket to Division Three.

Life in the third tier was difficult at first.

Rovers escaped relegation in their first season by three points and the ever-consistent King was asked to play in an attacking role following serious injury to Yardley.

King featured at every stage of Tranmere's exciting adventures in the FA Cup in 1967/68, which saw them defeat Huddersfield Town of Division Two in round three, Coventry City of Division One (after a replay earned by King's equaliser at Highfield Road) before the run ended in a 2-0, fifth round defeat to Everton in front of 61,982 people at Goodison.

King showed his versatility by alternating between left half, right half, inside left and inside right during the 68/69 season in which Tranmere finished a highly creditable seventh in Division Three.

He missed only six league games over the next two seasons in which Tranmere stayed a few points clear of the relegation places.

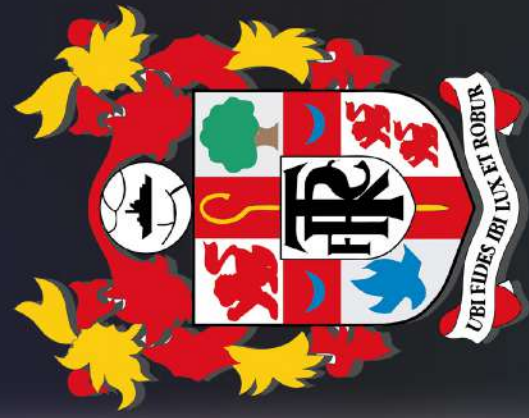
Coach Jackie Wright replaced Russell as manager in December '69 and was in turn replaced by Ron Yeats in May 1972.

King marked the former Liverpool captain's appointment by scoring the winner in Yeats' first game in charge, a 2-1 home win over Notts County.

But the two men did not get on. After a series of arguments with Yeats, King left Tranmere on a free transfer and concluded his playing career in non-league football with Ellesmere Port Town, Bangor City and Marine.

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COVER TO COVER

ANDREW STURGEON ON COLCHESTER UNITED V TRANMERE 1982/83

A crowd of 1,435 were present at Prenton Park in November 1982 to witness the debut of 17-year-old Nigel Adkins, in the 4-2 home defeat against Colchester.



Tranmere's programme cover was based on the team kit of that season, with white pinstripes set against a royal blue background. In the bottom left-hand corner, was a reference to Stairways, as the official shirt sponsor.

At the top of the cover, the Rovers Review title was set out in a bold black text, next to the club crest, which itself was encircled with '1882-1982 centenary year'. A white diagonal banner across the centre of the cover, set out the match details. For the first time ever on a Rovers programme, a differing match action photo was used for each game. This was enclosed within a circle on the right-hand side, whilst underneath this was the 30p price.

The 20-page programme opens with Bryan Hamilton's 'On the Ball' column, where he expresses concern about having such a small squad, and the impact injuries are having. He writes 'For the first time in 18 months, I am able to go out and look for players to strengthen our squad, but we find ourselves at the foot of the fourth division and the position of the club isn't inspiring at present'.

The precarious position of the club off the pitch, is noted in articles from Jack Butterfield and the Supporters

Association, with Butterfield extremely concerned that the club may die by the end of the season. In a brighter moment for the club, a unique picture of the manager, is provided in the centre pages. Surrounded by club staff, Hamilton is pictured, at the helm of the Royal Iris, captaining the ship on the Mersey, as part of 'Rovers Centenary River Cruise'. However, it later transpired that the centenary celebrations took place prematurely.

Two pages are given over to Colchester as the visitors, which includes their team photo alongside player pen pics, starting with future Rovers' keeper - Alec Chamberlain. The proposed starting eleven for the teams, are set out on the rear cover page, but these don't reference either Adkins or Andy Brown, who also made his debut that day. Underneath the teams, is an advert for Radio Merseyside (95.8VHF Stereo/1485kHz+202m), located on a backdrop of the Liverpool skyline. By the time Rovers visited Essex for a Friday evening game in March, their form had improved, and they were no longer propping the table up, something which was noted in the managers column from Cyril Lea.

A colour laden programme cover was dominated by a drawing of a U's player striking an imaginary ball, with his head obscured by the title heading of Colchester United, set out in white text.

Underneath the player, in the middle of the programme were six action images, with the main club sponsor, The Royal London Insurance, noted at the foot of the cover in a blue banner, which included the 35p price.

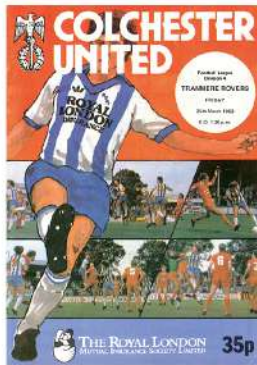
Vertical blue and white stripes were used throughout the programme to highlight the article headings, alongside horizontal blue and red bands, which were placed at the top and bottom of each page, bringing some colour to the predominantly

black and white publication. An impressive six out of the 32 pages are recent match action photos, provided by Essex County Newspapers. The pen pics of Tranmere are squeezed into two thirds of a page, adjacent to the Rovers team photo, which included just 12 players.

Whilst there may have been goals aplenty in this match - a 3-3 draw; this was nothing compared to a recent match, which took place between Colchester United Travel Club and Braintree Blue Eagles. A full-page match report with pictures is provided for the match which raised £200 for the Mike Walker and Micky Packer Testimonial Funds. The mammoth eight-hour match resulted in a scoreline of 20 (Twenty) - 17 (Seventeen) to the Travel Club.

Team Check on the rear cover page, is sandwiched between advertisements for the Evening Gazette and the Essex County Standard.

Thankfully Rovers didn't die that season and finished clear of the re-election spots in 19th place. Colchester would finish 6th, 2 points off the top 4 automatic places.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW?

Lee O'Connor

- 1: What country is Lee from?
- 2: Lee made his senior international debut against which country in 2019? A) Australia B) Fiji C) New Zealand
- 3: True or False? Lee got an assist in that game.
- 4: Lee initially joined Tranmere on loan in which year?
- 5: Which Scottish Premiership club did Lee join Tranmere from? A) Celtic B) Rangers C) Aberdeen.

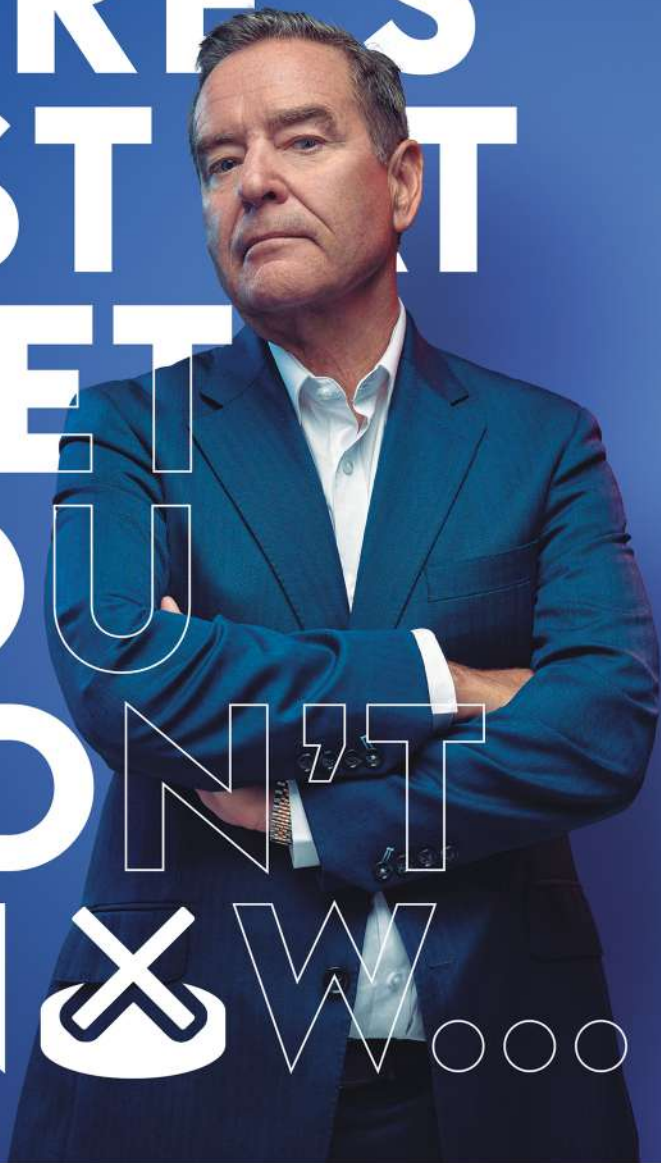


- 6: Which former Premier League champions did Lee play for as a youngster?
- 7: How old is Lee? A) 23 B) 24 C) 25.
- 8: Lee made his home league debut against which Gloucestershire side?
- 9: What number does Lee wear for Tranmere?
- 10: In what year was Lee's move to Tranmere made permanent?

ANSWERS
1: Republic of Ireland. 2: C) New Zealand. 3: True. 4: 2020. 5: A) Celtic. 6: Manchester United.
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FROM A PRESS PERSPECTIVE

NAMING THE FAMOUS

I openly confess my fascination with names be it by a christening, deed poll or just a nickname. Brazilian international striker 'Fred' could just as easily be my best friend or the landlord at my local but his family name of 'Frederico Chaves Guedes' sounds so much more impressive - even if us commentators finds it harder to pronounce.



Sometimes sporting stars have been named after a product - but it still adds a touch of class, one of my favourites was 'Austin Healey', the former English Rugby Union international after a top of the range car of its day. As for the much-missed American tennis player Arthur Ashe, well he named his daughter 'Camera', after his wife's profession as a photographer.

There are many examples up and down the country of children being named after whole football squads following the success of their favourite team or favourite band or artist - in the case of Brazilian footballer 'Creedance Clearwater Couto' - you guessed it - named after his Dad's favourite band. The problem with this is that kids are stuck with it and who knows what kind of problems it causes at school. 'Metallica Tomaro' went to class named after her parent's favourite band too, while actor Nicholas Cage named his son 'Kal-El' after fictional character 'Superman' - I can imagine the 'Kryptonite' jokes in the playground already. Then there are those who have perfectly normal names but must use 'deed poll' as a way of connecting themselves to their obsession. How about these as examples - 'Manchester Yunayted' - a man from Svishtov, Bulgaria managed this one. 'Christine Daae' - is a huge Phantom of the

Opera fan and 'Optimus Prime', then a member of the US National Guard, changed his name to one of a 'Transformers' character.

There are, however, names with a beautiful meaning, the second premier of British Columbia in Canada was 'Amor De Cosmos' which actually means 'Love of Cosmos' while a recent US Secretary of State 'Condoleezza Rice' is based on a misspelling of the Italian 'musical term', 'con dolcezza' which means 'to be played with sweetness'. There are the 'double entendres'. Robert Craft changed his name to 'Jack Ass' just so he could bring a plagiarism lawsuit against MTV for their comedy sketch series of the same name. There are those who just can't help themselves - Barry Kirk became 'Captain Beany' because of his liking for baked beans...and there are plenty more! Quite often it is sporting stars or musical icons who begin the naming trends for us mere mortals to make their children's names 'stand-out' from the crowd'. I do have a favourite and I still think that musician Frank Zappa has the bragging rights for unusual names. 'Moon Unit', 'Dweezil' and 'Diva Thin Muffin Pigeen' are just three of his children's names - makes Derek Jones seem really boring doesn't it - and before you shout it -yes I probably am.

DEREK JONES

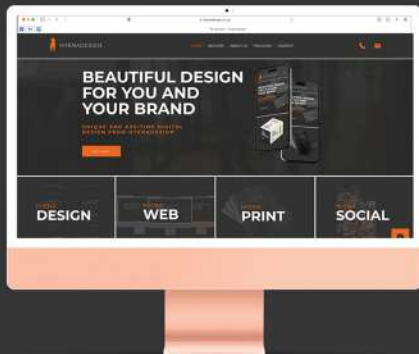
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Tranmere Rovers Women made it back-to-back victories in the league and cup over Darwen with a 1-4 away win set on the backdrop of some glorious Lancashire weather.



It was the hosts that got the game underway, but it was Rovers who went close first when Amy Shannon got on the end of a cross from the right, but both her efforts were block by Darwen defenders. Ten minutes in and a Darwen freekick from the right was played in at pace but was collected in the air by a strong Ava Elkerton. Seven minutes later Rovers took the lead when a mix up at the back saw the Darwen defender head the ball past their own keeper and Amy Shannon nipped inside and slotted the ball into an empty net.

Darwen tried to respond when Ali Johnson sent a long-range effort towards goal, but it was collected with ease by debutant keeper Ava Elkerton. Rovers continued to press and doubled their advantage on 28 minutes when Katie Bowers Folan latched onto a through ball by Holly Jones and finished brilliantly at the near post.

Tranmere continued to attack and went close to a third when Amy Shannon fired a Katie Bowers Folan cross from the right over the bar.

The hosts had the better of the opening exchanges of the second half but were unable to trouble Elkerton in the Rovers goal.

Tranmere grew into the second half winning a corner after great work by Jess Brady on the right. Kiah Sullivan's ball in was headed to Anya McCready whose effort was deflected wide.

With 15 minutes remaining Darwen pulled a goal back through a smart finish by Ali Johnson. With time ticking away and the game becoming stretched manager Sam Irvine introduced Shaney Bond for her First Team debut hoping that her pace would cause havoc with the tiring Darwen defence.

Two minutes into stoppage time with a Darwen defender breathing down her neck Shaney Bond brought down a long ball and teed up Amy Shannon who found the bottom corner for her second of the game.

Minutes from time the debutant Shaney Bond got herself on the scoresheet when she raced through on goal and lofted the ball over the keeper with a calm finish to wrap up the points much to the delight of the travelling Tranmere faithful.

Words: Joe Stanley

Photo: Tony Coombes

***Rovers complete their League programme on Sunday 14 April with a 'double-header' rearranged contest against Blackpool, which covers both their home and away fixture in one match – with six points up for grabs! Kick-off is at 2.00pm at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.**

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Hello and welcome back to Prenton Park to the Super White Army. A warm welcome is also extended to Colchester United's fans for making the trip up. We hope you enjoy your weekend on the Wirral and enjoy Easter, if you are celebrating.



DSA Events Raise Over £1,000

Thanks to everyone who recently supported our annual bucket collection at the recent Sutton Utd game and our evening with Rob Palmer, the renowned Premier League and La Liga commentator.

We're delighted to say that these vital fundraising events for our work as a DSA raised over £1,000, to allow us to continue our activities to support disabled Tranmere fans and those who come with them.

Blankets And Sensory Packs

We're delighted to announce that we've recently purchased some blankets to keep our supporters at the front of the Bebington Paddock and the Kop warm in the cold weather. If you would like one, please ask a steward and return it at the end of the match.

Also, in partnership with the Supporter Liaison Officers, we've relaunched our sensory packs for neurodivergent supporters. These can be ordered by filing in the form on the accessibility page on the club website.

Accessible Food Ordering System

If you're a disabled supporter sitting in the accessible seating area of Bebington Paddock or the Kop, we're delighted to say that, after talking to Cowsheds' Catering, we've been able to sort out food and drink orders to your seats.

It's all the usual good grub, available to order and eat in the accessible seating area of Bebington Paddock or the Kop.

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.

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.



Badges

Our DSA badges are still available now. They cost £3.50 and are a limited-edition design.

Please contact us on TranmereRoversDSA@gmail.com if you would like one and we can sort out collection or delivery.

Let's End Discrimination

As a disabled supporters' association, we are proud to celebrate inclusivity in football. We ask all to join us in creating a positive atmosphere, where everyone is welcomed and has a fantastic matchday experience.

It is imperative that no-one faces discrimination based on their race, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Ableism is the word used to describe discrimination based on the grounds of disability - this covers physical disabilities, but also other impairments you might not be able to sense at first glance, such as long-term medical conditions, neurodiversity, audiovisual impairments, and learning difficulties. Not every disability is visible either and it isn't always immediately apparent why someone might need a reasonable adjustment to use accessible infrastructure.

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 did Wales face in their crucial UEFA Euro play-off final?
2. Which nation did San Marino draw 0-0 with last week?
3. Who scored Brazil's winner against England at Wembley?
4. And how old is he?
5. Which side were promoted to League Two after beating Boreham Wood last week?
6. In which county are Colchester United found?
7. Who is the current manager of Newcastle United?
8. What stadium do Germany traditionally play their home matches at?
9. Who are currently ranked top of the FIFA World Rankings?
10. What is the name of Chelsea's owner?

OPPOSITION WORDSEARCH...

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WESTON HOMES

KIT OF THE DAY



From which season(s) is this kit from?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 57...

Whilst the international break halted the top two divisions across the country, the Sky Bet League Two stepped up to provide fans with a host of exhilarating ties. The pick of the fixtures occurred at the Mazuma Stadium where Morecambe hosted Gillingham.



The hosts took the lead inside 11 minutes as Jordan Slew's first-time finish found the bottom corner. Oliver Hawkins equalised seven minutes later by tapping-in at the back-post following a deflected cross. Charlie Brown restored the hosts lead in the 64th minute from point-blank range after a low-cross reached the far-post. Timothee Dieng equalised for the visitors once more nine minutes later with a dipping strike from 25-yards out that sailed over the head of the 'keeper. With four minutes remaining, the turnaround was complete as Connor

Mahoney's strike rifled into the back of the net to secure all three points for the Gills. Things were more one-sided at Edgeley Park as Stockport ran riot against MK Dons to cement their place in

second. Callum Camps broke the deadlock on the half-hour mark after rounding the 'keeper who spilled the ball when attempting to collect an overhit pass. Paddy Madden



doubled Stockport's advantage on 36 minutes with a composed finish after being played in one-on-one. Isaac Olaofe made it three on the stroke of half-time by rounding the Dons shot-stopper once more. Connor Lemonheigh-Evans made it four from range, as Neil Byrne completed the demolition in injury time by tapping home from a yard out following a corner that was not dealt with.

Elsewhere in the race for automatic promotion, Wrexham climbed to third after a scintillating first-half performance saw them run away with it against Grimsby Town. Aaron Cannon fired the Welsh outfit into the lead with only five minutes on the clock. The 28-year-old shifted the ball onto his favoured foot before releasing a venomous strike that evaded the 'keeper's reach. Cannon then completed a brace, with Paul Mullin making it 3-0 heading into the break. Arthur Gnahoua grabbed a consolation goal for Town, who remain in 21st.





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A League Of Our Own

John Adamson...and Newport County AFC

PART 1

Bony skeletons don't need a phone because they have nobody to talk with, whilst oysters chat on shell phones. Tolkien's hobbit set his mobile to silent so the ring didn't give him away, while the pasta chef bought an Italian handset made by Gnocchia.

Even if you can't picture yourself without a smartphone, what do we remember about the history of landlines? Even as recently as the seventies, many users shared a line with their neighbours. Discounted rental was one reason, but the other was a capacity issue. The General Post Office (GPO), which ran the network back then, called them party lines.

One of the services which really irritated the folks next door who were waiting to use the shared arrangement was a bedtime story line. The son of a Newport postman, one Johnny Morris, had become a popular storyteller in the town. His melodic tones and ability to mimic a variety of accents got him the job of recording the telephonic tales.

There was one issue darkening an otherwise bright idea. If the radio was in use, the soothing tones of a gentle tale on the talking bone were ideal for lulling children to sleep. Sounds good? Not when you realise the large handset was hard-wired to a socket in the hall.

Johnny was an animal lover despite not getting on too well with spiders. When he moved from radio to television, his trademark was creating and then voicing imaginary conversations between the animals and himself in *Animal Magic*, a children's programme which stayed popular for over twenty years.

This successful format was echoed in 'Tales of the Riverbank', a teatime TV treat for kids on which Johnny again provided all the voices.

Another TV regular was Swampy, real name Daniel Hooper. He lived in a yurt near Newport. This eco-warrior was usually seen in the company of apprehending constables. They were persuading him to desist from protesting against environmentally damaging developments such as the Newbury By-Pass. By then an octogenarian, Morris was enjoying a fairly active retirement in the town and aligned himself firmly on Swampy's side with the pro-environment camp.

Unlike Morris, Swampy was no stranger to the custody suite. He remains active today. A couple of years ago, he lived as a human mole for four weeks underground in a campaign to disrupt the building of HS2.

Johnny Morris loved Bristol Zoo, where many of *Animal Magic* scenes were filmed. However, he would have dreamed of starting his own zoo, beginning with a couple of browns, three pandas and a pair of grizzlies, but would never have been satisfied with the bear minimum. He passed away in 1999, before subsequent developments would have allowed him to film the tech-savvy sloth who fell asleep after downloading a nap. Bedtime stories became audio books and podcasts, and party lines were phased out by British Telecom to allow new technologies to improve the service. To those who experienced his work, the Morris legacy is one of which Newport can be proud.





Luke McGEE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Larne Wallissson Sweden 


BUSINESS SWA2





Lee O'CONNOR

FULL KIT

Sol-Britt Wallissson Sweden 

BUSINESS SWA2



Brad WALKER

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Tom DAVIES

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2




Jordan TURNBULL

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2

Jim & Calum Hanrahan





Charlie JOLLEY

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

BUSINESS SWA2



Joe MURPHY

HOME KIT

The Abraham Family


BUSINESS SWA2






Kristian DENNIS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT



BUSINESS SWA2





Ben HOCKENHULL

AWAY KIT HOME KIT





Chris MERRIE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Phil Hughes

Geoff Meeson

BUSINESS SWA2





Kieron MORRIS

FULL KIT



BUSINESS SWA2





Regan HENDRY

FULL KIT


Steve & Tim Shephard Foxboro USA

BUSINESS SWA2



Luke NORRIS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT



BUSINESS SWA2





Reece McALEAR

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Josh HAWKES

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Liv Harding

BUSINESS SWA2



Rhys HUGHES

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Connor JENNINGS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

Larne Wallissson Sweden 

Double Trouble (Phil & Mark)





Harvey SAUNDERS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

The Uniform Shop

Liv Harding

BUSINESS SWA2



Sam TAYLOR

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Paul LEWIS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Andy PARKINSON

FULL KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

BUSINESS SWA2



Rob APTER

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Josh & Maddison Lally

Luca-Cole McDonnell

BUSINESS SWA2



Jean BELEHOUAN

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

BUSINESS SWA2



Joe YARNEY

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Nina Armstrong

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Jake LEAKE

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Rob Apter (L)	16/01/2003	Scotland	Blackpool (L)	25	MID	31	9	1	1	0	0	2	0	34	9
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	34	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	37	3
Kristian Dennis	12/03/1990	England	Carlisle United	14	STR	25	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	29	2
Josh Hawkes	28/01/1999	England	Sunderland	11	MID	30	6	0	0	2	0	1	0	33	6
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	38	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	43	5
Ben Hockenhill	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	38	11	1	0	2	0	1	0	42	11
Charlie Jolley	13/01/2001	England	Wigan Athletic	12	STR	23	4	1	0	1	0	3	0	28	4
Ousmane Kane	23/07/2001	Senegal	AS Douanes (Sen)	32	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	14	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	18	0
Reece McAlear	12/02/2002	Scotland	Norwich City	23	MID	21	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	26	0
Luke McGee	02/09/1995	England	Forest Green Rovers	1	GOL	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	40	0
Chris Merrie	02/11/1998	England	Wigan Athletic	16	MID	13	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	16	0
Kieron Morris	03/06/1994	England	Walsall	7	MID	36	8	1	1	2	0	2	0	41	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	10	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	14	0
Luke Norris	03/06/1993	England	Stevenage	9	STR	14	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	16	5
Lee O'Connor	28/07/2000	Ireland	Celtic	2	DEF	34	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	0
Dan Pike	09/01/2002	England	AFC Plyde	24	MID	13	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	17	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	32	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	34	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	14	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	19	3
Jordan Turnbull	30/10/1994	England	Salford City	6	DEF	36	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	40	2
Brad Walker	25/04/1995	England	Port Vale	4	MID	28	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	31	0
Connor Wood	17/07/1996	England	Colchester United	27	DEF	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0
Joe Yarney	08/10/1997	England	Oldham Athletic	21	DEF	23	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	27	0
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+ No longer with the club

*Not including Bradford City v Tranmere Rovers 29/3/2024

The Factual Figures So Far From Season 2023/2024

148

Substitutions made
in all games played so far

5

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

38

Goals scored at home
in all competitions

34

Goals scored
in all competitions in
the second half of matches

Quiz Zone Page: Answers from Page 49

10 X QUESTIONS

- Poland.
- St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Endrick.
- 17.
- Chesterfield.
- Essex.
- Eddie Howe.
- Olympiastadion.
- Argentina.
- Todd Boehly.

KIT OF THE DAY

1983/84 Home Shirt.



2023/2024



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MN	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RESULT	POS	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS	REFEREE
1	Sat 5 Aug	H	BARROW	SBL2	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	L. Norris (23), Taylor (47)	Thomas Kirk
3	Tue 12 Aug	A	Milton Keynes Dons	SBL2	L 0-1	23rd	5,831	819		Sunny Sukhvir Gill
4	Tue 15 Aug	H	HARROGATE TOWN	SBL2	W 3-0	17th	5,278	83	L. Norris (24), Taylor (26), Morris (89)	Lee Swabey
5	Sat 19 Aug	H	SALFORD CITY	SBL2	L 3-4	19th	5,594	197	Jennings (6), Dennis (36), Jolley (87)	Scott Tallis
6	Sat 26 Aug	A	Notts County	SBL2	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	SBL2	L 0-1	21st	10,630	2,074		Martin Woods
9	Tue 5 Sep	A	Reedwood Town	EFL1-NGD	L 0-2	--	664	81		Scott Simpson
10	Sat 9 Sep	A	Colchester United	SBL2	L 0-2	22nd	3,474	185		Declan Bourne
11	Sat 16 Sep	A	Crawley Town	SBL2	L 2-3	23rd	2,961	285	Jolley (21), Taylor (66)	Alan Young
12	Sat 23 Sep	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	SBL2	W 2-0	23rd	5,980	354	Hawkes (14 pen, 49)	Sam Parkins
13	Sat 30 Sep	A	AFC Wimbledon	SBL2	L 1-4	23rd	7,367	444	Jennings (4)	Daniel Middleton
14	Tue 3 Oct	H	BRADFORD CITY	SBL2	W 2-1	22nd	5,672	872	Hendry (24), Morris (83)	Scott Oldham
15	Tue 7 Oct	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SBL2	D 2-2	22nd	5,968	581	Morris (16), Jennings (61)	Martin 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	SBL2	L 0-2	21st	5,826	1,193		Ross Joyce
18	Fri 20 Oct	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	SBL2	L 1-2	21st	5,835	386	Jennings (70)	Ben Speedie
19	Tue 24 Oct	A	Morecambe	SBL2	L 0-1	22nd	3,678	526		Paul Howard
20	Sat 28 Oct	A	Stockport County	SBL2	L 0-2	23rd	9,735	782		Christopher Pollard
21	Sat 4 Nov	A	Stevenage	FAC1	L 3-4	--	2,404	177	L. Norris (28 pen), Apter (55), Morris (90+1)	Hair Neil
22	Sat 11 Nov	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	SBL2	W 3-0	22nd	6,416	170	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	SBL2	D 1-1	22nd	3,548	483	Own Goal (Goodfille 17)	Lee Swabey
25	Sat 25 Nov	H	GILLINGHAM	SBL2	W 3-1	22nd	5,283	328	Apter (43, 66), Jennings (53)	Marc Edwards
26	Tue 28 Nov	A	Mansfield Town	SBL2	D 2-2	22nd	6,421	187	Jolley (13), Apter (62)	Matthew Corlett
27	Sat 9 Dec	H	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	SBL2	W 2-1	21st	5,861	245	Morris (57), Jennings (88)	Seb Stockbridge
28	Sat 16 Dec	A	Walsall	SBL2	L 0-1	21st	5,190	717		Alan Young
29	Sat 23 Dec	H	SWINDON TOWN	SBL2	W 2-1	18th	5,894	266	Morris (55), Davies (72)	Sunny Sukhvir Gill
30	Tue 26 Dec	A	Salford City	SBL2	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	SBL2	W 2-0	17th	3,105	805	Jolley (54), Davies (70)	Tom Reeves
32	Mon 1 Jan	H	NOTTS COUNTY	SBL2	W 4-2	15th	7,828	864	Morris (5), Jennings (44, 90+3 pen), Saunders (56)	Ollie Yates
33	Sat 6 Jan	A	Barrow	SBL2	L 0-1	16th	4,023	696		Adam Herczeg
34	Sat 13 Jan	H	MILTON KEYNES DONS	SBL2	L 1-2	18th	6,861	344	Morris (12)	Darren Drysdale
35	Sat 27 Jan	A	Grimsey Town	SBL2	W 2-1	17th	6,421	401	Apter (35), Own Goal (Mullarkey 54)	Paul Howard
36	Sat 3 Feb	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	SBL2	D 0-0	16th	7,169	1,045		Carl Brook
37	Sat 10 Feb	A	Doncaster Rovers	SBL2	L 1-2	18th	6,389	884	Hawkes (60)	John Busby
38	Tue 13 Feb	H	MORECAMBE	SBL2	L 2-3	18th	5,486	294	Apter (4), Jennings (10 pen)	Ben Speedie
39	Sat 17 Feb	H	STOCKPORT COUNTY	SBL2	W 4-0	17th	7,882	2,035	Davies (30), Turnbull (55, 63), Jennings (85)	Alex Chlitzow
40	Sat 24 Feb	A	Forest Green Rovers	SBL2	L 0-1	17th	2,308	558		Dale Baines
41	Tue 27 Feb	A	Swindon Town (formerly 20/1)	SBL2	L 1-3	18th	7,245	292	Apter (25)	Martin Woods
42	Sat 2 Mar	H	SUTTON UNITED	SBL2	W 1-0	18th	5,423	146	Apter (87)	Ruebyn Ricardo
43	Sat 9 Mar	A	Gillingham	SBL2	D 1-1	17th	6,077	207	Hendry (4)	James Linington
44	Tue 12 Mar	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	SBL2	W 2-1	16th	5,418	535	Hendry (12), Apter (56)	Ben Toner
45	Sat 16 Mar	A	Wrexham	SBL2	W 1-0	14th	12,519	1,151	L. Norris (8)	Scott Oldham
46	Sat 23 Mar	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	SBL2	L 1-3	15th	5,829	142	Norris (21)	Stephen Parkinson
47	Fri 29 Mar	A	Bradford City	SBL2	3.00pm					
48	Mon 1 Apr	H	COLCHESTER UNITED	SBL2	3.00pm					
49	Sat 6 Apr	H	WALSALL	SBL2	3.00pm					
50	Sat 13 Apr	A	Newport County AFC	SBL2	3.00pm					
51	Sat 20 Apr	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	SBL2	3.00pm					
52	Sat 27 Apr	A	Accrington Stanley	SBL2	3.00pm					



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

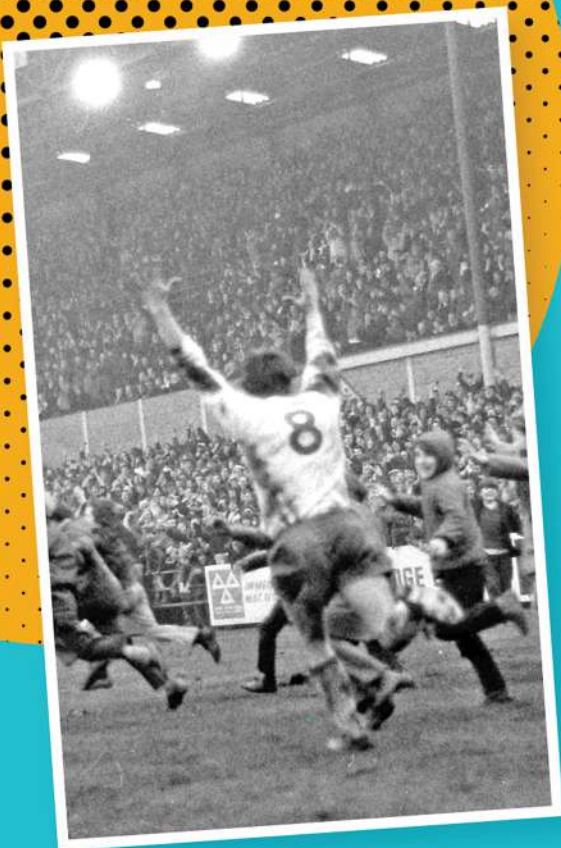
*Won 7-6 on Penalties:- Scored: Hawkes, Jennings, Hemmings, McAlear, Saunders, Leake, Lewis. Missed: Hendry (saved).

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

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2023/2024

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Pos	Club	Home Record					Away Record					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Mansfield Town	39	10	7	2	37	16	10	6	4	42	21	42	73
2	Stockport County	38	12	5	3	41	15	8	6	4	34	25	35	71
3	Wrexham	39	13	3	3	48	23	7	7	6	22	25	22	70
4	Milton Keynes Dons	40	13	4	3	38	19	7	3	10	25	35	9	67
5	Crewe Alexandra	39	11	5	4	35	26	7	6	6	32	29	12	65
6	Barrow	38	10	7	2	23	13	7	6	6	30	27	13	64
7	Crawley Town	38	10	2	7	32	24	8	3	8	25	30	3	59
8	Gillingham	40	8	7	5	20	21	9	1	10	19	26	-8	59
9	AFC Wimbledon	40	9	5	6	34	23	6	8	6	19	19	11	58
10	Walsall	38	10	6	3	28	17	5	5	9	29	35	5	56
11	Newport County AFC	39	9	6	4	35	27	7	1	12	23	32	-1	55
12	Morecambe	39	7	7	5	26	22	8	2	10	33	46	-9	54
13	Harrogate Town	39	7	2	10	24	29	8	7	5	22	26	-9	54
14	Notts County	39	10	1	8	42	34	5	5	10	34	40	2	51
15	Tranmere Rovers	40	11	2	7	39	26	4	3	13	20	31	2	50
16	Accrington Stanley	39	9	4	7	29	24	5	4	10	23	33	-5	50
17	Bradford City	39	6	8	6	22	27	7	3	9	24	26	-7	50
18	Doncaster Rovers	38	10	2	7	27	27	4	5	10	24	35	-11	49
19	Salford City	40	5	7	8	33	40	7	4	9	27	33	-13	47
20	Swindon Town	39	9	4	7	37	28	2	7	10	28	42	-5	44
21	Grimsby Town	38	7	4	9	30	40	1	11	6	19	25	-16	39
22	Colchester United	37	4	6	7	26	31	4	4	12	21	35	-19	34
23	Sutton United	40	4	8	8	27	28	3	4	13	18	43	-26	33
24	Forest Green Rovers	39	4	4	12	18	33	4	5	10	20	32	-27	33

*Not including results 29/3/2024

NEXT UP...



Walsall are the next side to make the trip to Prenton Park, as Mat Sadler's men make the trip from the West Midlands in search of three points in the Sky Bet League Two on Saturday 6th April, with the tie kicking off at 3.00pm.

The Saddlers have enjoyed a successful campaign this year and find themselves in amongst the pack fighting for a play-off place as we enter the business end of the season. Jamile Matt's second-half strike made the difference in the reverse fixture in December.

Manager, Sadler began his career at Birmingham City and represented the Brummies in the Premier League. A youth international with England, the 39-year-old has done well in his first managerial role since taking charge of the Black Country side.

Walsall took all three points in the reverse meeting at the Poundland Stadium in mid-December, when just a 64th minute goal from Jamile Matt seperated the two sides.

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23 Images

This afternoon's example from the Rovers photo archive is a rather simple and straightforward one, and which highlights the clubs' plight during the early 1980s.



It also explores the measures fans went to at that time in order to preserve Tranmere's status – and which prompted, as we've previously mentioned on other programmes, the BBC's '40 Minutes' programme. '40 Minutes' was a BBC TV documentary strand broadcast on BBC Two between 1981 and 1994. Some documentaries in the original series were revisited and updated in a 2006 version '40 Minutes On' - but in our case was never followed up, surprisingly more so since the rise of the clubs fortunes a few years on once Peter Johnson had taken charge and helped pull Rovers out of administration.

The photo here portrays the now famous meeting at the Birkenhead YMCA in 1982, in which a few famous fans faces from the past can be seen, while a set of multi coloured flyers were handed out at matches and across Wirral in an attempt to gain support.

Amongst other 'projects' around that time, were matches against Wolves and Manchester United who both offered to step in and assist, and staged at Prenton Park. Both teams fielded first team players, attracting near-5,000 plus gates.

Even one of Birkenhead's finest music exports 'Half-Man Half Biscuit' held a locally-staged fund-raising gig.

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- ✗ 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
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- ⚖ Criminal record
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- 🏟 Stadium ban and criminal prosecution

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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
- 25 Rob APTER
- 26 James NORRIS
- 27 Connor WOOD
- 28 Mikey DAVIES
- 29 Conor ROBSON
- 30 Jean BELEHOUAN
- 31 Joe STARBUCK
- 32 Ousmane KANE

Colchester United



Manager: Danny Cowley
Red Shirts
Black Shorts & Red Socks

- 1 Owen GOODMAN
- 2 Will GREENIDGE
- 3 Ellis IANDOLO
- 4 Fiacre KELLEHER
- 5 Connor HALL
- 6 Tom DALLISON
- 7 Matt JAY
- 8 Conor WILKINSON
- 9 Samson TOVIDE
- 10 Noah CHILVERS
- 11 Owura EDWARDS
- 12 Tom SMITH
- 13 Cameron McGEEHAN
- 14 Tom HOPPER
- 15 Zach MITCHELL
- 16 Arthur READ
- 17 Harry ANDERSON
- 18 Mandela EGBO
- 20 Jay MINGI
- 21 Gene KENNEDY
- 22 Riley HARBOTTLE
- 24 John AKINDE
- 26 Jayden RICHARDSON
- 27 Ali SMITH
- 28 Ronnie NELSON
- 29 Sam HORNBY
- 30 Al-Amin KAZEEM
- 31 Donell THOMAS
- 33 Marley MARSHALL MIRANDA
- 37 Chay COOPER
- 42 Jayden FEVRIER
- 48 Bradley IHIONVIEN

Match Officials

Referee:
Scott Tallis

Assistant Referees:
Danny Guest
Jack Forder

Fourth Official:
Alan Clayton

Fixtures



Easter Monday 1 April 2024

Grimsby Town
v Bradford City (1.00pm)

Crewe Alexandra
v Forest Green Rovers

Harrogate Town
v Gillingham

Mansfield Town
v Accrington Stanley

Morecambe
v Barrow

Newport County
v Crawley Town

Notts County
v Milton Keynes Dons

Stockport County
v AFC Wimbledon

Sutton United
v Swindon Town

Tranmere Rovers
v Colchester United

Walsall v Salford City

All games kick off 3.00pm
unless stated



Next Game at Prenton Park

Tranmere Rovers versus Walsall
Sky Bet League Two / Satrday 6 April 2024 / Kick-off 3.00pm