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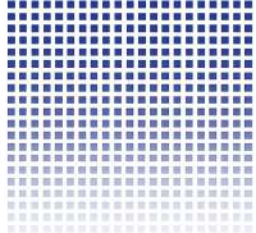
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Mark Palios



It was great to get a home win under the floodlights on Tuesday night, and I was pleased with the gritty performance that the lads put in to regain the lead and take the 3 points after having initially been pegged back by Bradford and the disappointment of missing a penalty. That mental strength to dig in is important and I am sure a big part in that was the fact that was the support of the SWA, so I would like to thank you for sticking with us.

I would also like to congratulate Josh Hawkes on having played his 100th game for us, and Joe Starbuck for making his Tranmere debut on Tuesday.

Despite the win on Tuesday, we still have a lot of ground to make up as we are far from where we wanted to be at this stage of the season. Hopefully, now that some of our injured players are starting to get back to match fitness we will be able to start to put together a run of wins.

Grimsbys of course will have their own plans to make sure that doesn't happen, and also come into this game on the back of a Tuesday night victory, in their case against Barrow. I would like to welcome the Grimsby team, directors and fans who have made the trip to Prenton Park today.





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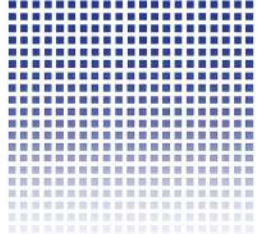
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Nigel Adkins



Good afternoon and welcome to Prenton Park for today's League Two fixture against Grimsby Town. We extend a warm welcome to Paul Hurst, his staff, side and all the travelling supporters. We anticipate another challenging contest, but one we are looking forward to as we strive to keep improving on our performances.

The games are coming in quick succession in this division, and all the teams in the league will be tested with a constant run of Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday fixtures.

It is not just the players and members of staff at Tranmere Rovers who must have the mental resilience to keep going consistently and overcome the many challenges that are presented with the timeframe, it is also you, our valued supporters, who travel to be part of the team. We have a belonging and we do truly appreciate your efforts. We are on the journey together supporting our Club in any way we can.

Players who have, perhaps, not featured in games have to make sure they are training as hard as possible and keeping their mind and behaviours consistent, doing the basics well to an elite level. They need to support their teammates with their behaviours and be ready for when the opportunity arises for them to contribute to the team and the collective goals we share, to do everything we can for Tranmere Rovers.

This was highlighted by Kieron Morris on Tuesday evening in the resilient win against Bradford City. The likeable, former player of the year made a big impact for the team with his energetic performance and scored a wonderful winning goal with a ruthless finish, following an intelligent run.

Competition for places should, in theory, drive performances and

that is exactly what we want for the team. It also pushes individuals striving to improve. We have a learning environment, looking to improve the individual and build the team.

Injuries impact on team selection and it has been a shame that Luke Norris has been unavailable for so long. He is working hard with his rehabilitation and although we have not set a time on his return, we are optimistic it will be sooner rather than later and I'm confident he will be a positive impact for the team when he returns. We have an excellent Medical and Sports Science Department here at Tranmere Rovers and I know that whoever is out injured is being well cared for.

Tuesday night's game against Bradford presented us with another opportunity to keep working hard for each other and the Club. We finished the game with the victory and the three points. I was delighted with the resilience the team showed, bouncing back from the long weekend trip to Wimbledon. A couple of things went against us on the night, but Bradford's equalising goal and our missed penalty didn't affect the team's desire to keep working hard and be committed to the performance. The hard work, team spirit, togetherness, Tranmere grit and determination was on show in abundance. Players, staff and supporters all working together for this Club.

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Today's Matchday Mascot



We offer a very warm welcome to this afternoon's Matchday Mascot, who is Castiel Griffiths, from Birkenhead.

Castiel is 7 years old and absolutely loves coming to the Tranmere Rovers matches with his dad. He has been supporting TRFC since he was young and loves to cheer his favourite team on and watch his favourite player Connor Jennings.

He was ecstatic at the opening day to get a picture with Jennings and Lewis.

He has also recently signed up to the Young Lions Blue team and has been busy training ready for his first match next week which he can't wait to get stuck into.

He loves to play football outside of school with his friends.

Castiel is over the moon to be mascot for the day and walk on the field with his heroes. Come on SWA!

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

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 such as our '23 Games 23 Images' feature (see page 62 of today's issue).

We are also now updating and additionally cataloging club-related memorabilia, in every walk of life and, following a 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 valuable.

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

Happy Birthday!



Happy 27th birthday to Calvin Liu - love from all your family and friends and all of us here at TRFC - we hope you have a great day, and also celebrating another three points this afternoon!

TRANMERE REMEMBERS

Sylvia Joynson

A good friend and Tranmere season ticket holder Sylvia Joynson sadly passed away recently.

Sylvia was 85 in August and has been coming to Prenton Park for many years firstly with her dad and more recently with her husband Austin - pictured here taken on her 80th birthday.

The Club sends it condolences to all of Sylvia's family and friends, and of course of those who knew here at Prenton Park.



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An evening with Tranmere Rovers Legend Steve McNulty including Q&A, entertainment, auction and raffle.

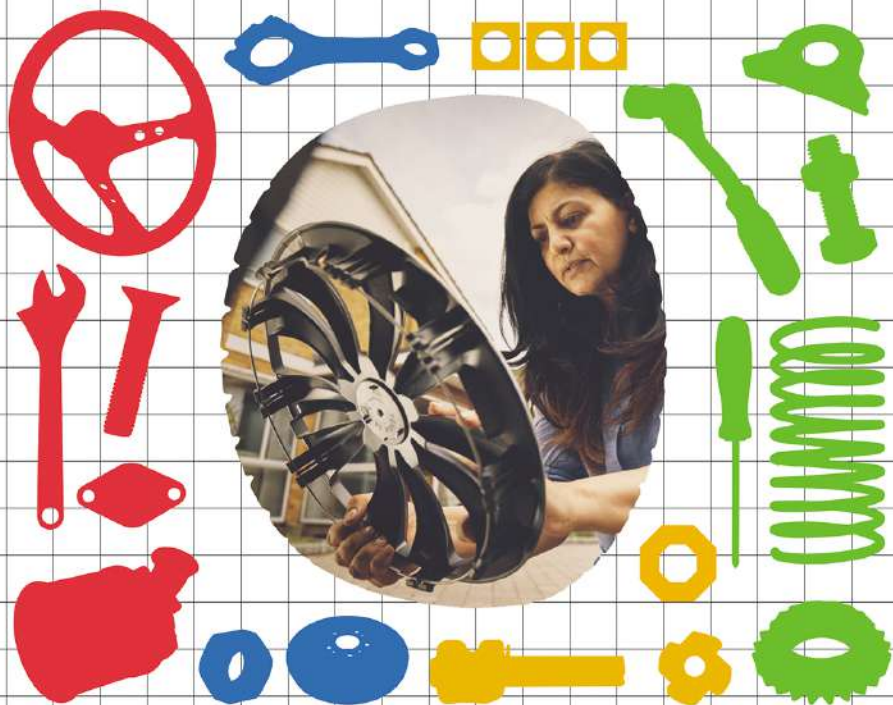
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Tranmere Rovers' Brand-New Audio Descriptive Commentary Service is now available to use at Prenton Park!



The new service provides unique and catered live full-match commentary to improve the matchday experience of supporters who are blind and vision impaired, or rely on audio description to follow the match.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Cheshire Lodge, Mike Ireland, and his committee for helping to allow us to make this possible.

We pride ourselves on being as inclusive as possible throughout the Club and on matchdays, so this is another step in the right direction to enhancing the matchday experience for all.

Alan March Sport, who are helping to provide the service, have commentary teams around the country, including in the Premier League, and have also covered World Cups, European Championships, the

UEFA Champions League and the Olympics.

Christine Roberts, Head of Operations & Matchday at the Club, said: "I'm delighted to introduce Audio Descriptive Commentary to Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to inclusivity."

"Over my time at Tranmere, we've consistently strived to enhance facilities for all supporters. Thanks to the generous support of the Cheshire Lodge and the Lee Knight Foundation, we are now able to provide this essential service to our supporters."

How does the coverage work?

Headsets will be available for every game at Prenton Park, to home and away supporters.

Pre-match coverage will typically begin around 40 minutes ahead of the match, with live coverage of the game starting 10 minutes before, with a break at half-time.

How can supporters access the service?

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Opposition Luke Birch

Grimsby Town have had a frustrating start to the season, winning two of their first eight matches, and have thus far failed to win in any of the cups.



Grimsby Town

The Mariners have suffered defeat 3-0 away at Wrexham, drawn away at Bradford City, and won at home to Gillingham in some of their most recent league games.

Grimsby lost their first two group games in the EFL Trophy, in normal time against Barnsley and on penalties against Manchester City U21.

In the Carabao Cup, Grimsby were knocked out by Mansfield Town in the first round.

This summer, Grimsby have bolstered their squad with experienced players, acquiring the likes of centre-back Harvey Rodgers, forward Danny Rose, and winger Arthur Cnahooa.

Grimsby finished in 11th place in last season's League Two table, three points above Tranmere.

Mariners manager Paul Hurst has been in-charge since 2020 and led Grimsby to their promotion to League Two in 2022, securing a dramatic victory 5-4 victory over Wrexham in the semi-final, before defeating Solihull Moors 2-1 in the play-off final.

Hurst previously took sole charge of Grimsby in 2013, helping The Mariners to promotion back to the Football League in 2016, before departing to succeed Micky Mellon as Shrewsbury Town manager.

Hurst, 48, spent his early managerial career as a joint-manager with Robert Scott at Ilkeston Town, Boston United, and Grimsby Town between 2011 and 2013.

As a player, Paul Hurst spent 15 years with Rotherham United as a left-back, before retiring in 2008.





The Present & The Past

THE PRESENT / ABO EISA

Forward Abo Eisa joined Grimsby from Bradford City this past summer and has hit the ground running at Blundell Park.

Eisa is currently enjoying his dream of playing in the Football League and has scored four goals in seven games, earning one assist this season.

The winger opened his Grimsby account with a double against Salford City in August.

Born in Khartoum, Sudan, Eisa moved to London at the age of seven with his brother Mo, a footballer for MK Dons, and their family.

Abo, now 27, started his career in non-league, with Uxbridge, where he scored 20 goals and 18 assists in a season after breaking into the first team.

He later played for Wealdstone, before joining Shrewsbury Town in 2018. Eisa spent two years on The Shrews' books scoring one goal in ten league appearances. He spent a brief spell on loan with Colchester United, before joining Bradford City.

In 2021, Eisa was selected to play for the Sudan senior national team, but he told them he could not play due to injury. Eisa said that he would like to play for Sudan in the future, but is putting his club interests first.

The Grimsby forward completed a Biomedical Science degree at Brunel University, London, preparing for when his playing days are over.



THE PAST / GRAHAM TAYLOR

Former England and Watford manager Graham Taylor played for Grimsby Town between 1962 and 1968 as a full-back.

Born in Worksop, Taylor was an apprentice at Scunthorpe United, before moving to Grimsby Town where he made 189 league appearances, scoring two goals.

He later signed for Lincoln City, before retiring to take up the managerial role at Sincil Bank in 1972.

Taking over at the age of 28, Taylor spent five years in-charge of The Imps, winning 44% of his games.

Hired by owner Elton John, Taylor joined Watford as manager in 1977, and went on to spend ten years in his first spell with The Hornets.

Taylor helped Watford to the top flight from the fourth tier in only five years.

Watford finished second in their first season in the top flight, 11 points behind league champions Liverpool.

Taylor led The Hornets to the 1984 FA Cup final which they lost 2-0 to Everton, Graeme Sharp and Andy Gray's goals ending Everton's 14-year wait for a trophy.

He joined Aston Villa in 1987, taking the club who had been recently relegated back to the top flight at the first attempt.

Villa survived their first season in the top-flight, before finishing runner-up to champions Liverpool.

Taylor was appointed as England manager in 1990, leading the club during the unsuccessful 1992 European Championship in Sweden.

Taylor resigned from the role in 1993, after the Three Lions failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup.

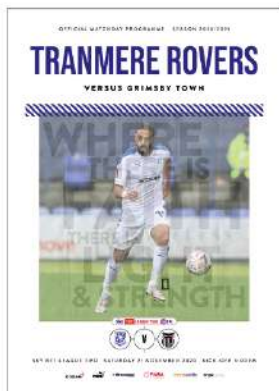
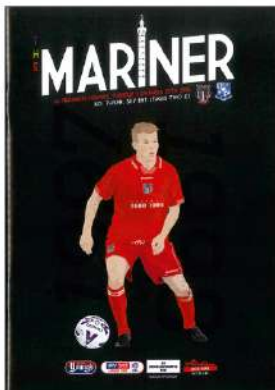
He later had return spells at Watford and Aston Villa, before retiring in 2001.

Taylor died in 2017, aged 72.





Three Previous Encounters



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Sky Bet League Two
Tuesday 19 October 1999

In 1999, a double from Wayne Allison helped Tranmere to defeat Grimsby Town 3-2 at Prenton Park.

Allison opened the scoring for Tranmere after 12 minutes, before Bradley Allen equalised for The Mariners.

Tranmere hit back swiftly through Allison, before Gary Jones added Rovers' third.

GRIMSBY TOWN 5 TRANMERE ROVERS 2

Sky Bet League Two
Tuesday 27 November 2018

In 2018, Grimsby came back to upset eighth-placed Tranmere 5-2 at Blundell Park, after James Norwood opened the scoring for Tranmere.

Goals from Harry Clifton, Wes Thomas, and Harry Davis, put Grimsby in the ascendancy, before Paul Mullin made it 3-2.

Late Mitch Rose and Elliot Embleton goals sealed the three points for Grimsby.

TRANMERE ROVERS 5 GRIMSBY TOWN 0

Sky Bet League Two
Saturday 21 November 2020

In 2020, Tranmere defeated Grimsby 5-0 at Prenton Park thanks to a double from James Vaughan.

Peter Clarke added Tranmere's second with a header off a rebound, before current Grimsby man Otis Khan notched for Tranmere with a shot from the edge of the area.

Paul Lewis completed the rout over Ian Holloway's team with a guided curling strike.

Five Notable Numbers

9

The number of cumulative goals scored in the highest-scoring iteration of this fixture, a 6-3 win for Grimsby at Prenton Park in 1960

39



The total number of appearances by Grimsby midfielder Otis Khan while playing for Tranmere between 2020 and 2021

1980



The Barrett Stand is demolished and replaced with a two-tier stand paid for by the fish processing firm Findus - and named the 'Findus Stand'

61



The number of points accumulated by Grimsby last season - their first back in the EFL, having been promoted via the National Division play-offs

1878



The year the club were founded, as 'Grimsby Pelham Football Club', before becoming 'Grimsby Town' a year later

**TRANMERE ROVERS****GRIMSBY TOWN****MATCH FACTS & TOTAL CARDS**

Tranmere have won each of their last six Football League home games against Grimsby by an aggregate score of 18-4 since a 1-2 reverse in December 1998.

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Just one of the last 14 Football League meetings between Tranmere and Grimsby has been drawn, a goalless stalemate in March 2021.

**GOALS****EXPECTED GOALS****GOALS CONCEDED****EXPECTED GOALS AGAINST****CLEAN SHEETS****SHOTS****AVERAGE POSSESSION %****SHOT CONVERSION RATE %****POINTS GAINED AFTER TRAILING****POINTS DROPPED AFTER LEADING****GOAL TIMES**

	SCORED	CONCEDED
0-15	3	3
16-30	4	2
31-45	1	2
46-60	1	3
61-75	2	6
76-90	4	4



	SCORED	CONCEDED
0-15	2	0
16-30	5	2
31-45	3	4
46-60	1	2
61-75	3	2
76-90	0	5



Opposition Dream Team

Charlie Stubbs selects a former Mariners fantasy 'eleven'



1 - Goalkeeper: James McKeown

In the net, Grimsby are spoiled for choice, but Birmingham-born James McKeown takes the gloves. Initially signed as a backup in 2011, he impressed and became a key starter, missing very few games as Grimsby went from the National League to League Two then back again. He won four Grimsby player of the year awards, as he helped the club win the National League playoffs twice.

2 - Right Back: John McDermott

As Grimsby Town as you can get, McDermott signed as an apprentice back in 1985, and in 1987, he signed professional terms. Originally a utility player, it took him two seasons to establish himself, but once he did, the position was his own until his retirement in 2007. During the 12 decades, he was relegated five times, promoted three, reached the FA Cup Fifth Round three times and played over 750 times.

3 - Centre Back: Paul Futcher

Chester-born Paul Futcher joins the team at centre back thanks to three impressive seasons in the 1990s. From 91-94, he made 132 appearances in the First Division (now Championship.) He was held in high esteem by the supporters through his time, despite signing in the twilight of his career.

4 - Centre Back: Kevin Moore

Perhaps the most well-known of the Moore dynasty, Kevin's two brothers, his father and his uncle all played for the club, but the defender played over double the games of all his family members combined. He was an integral

piece as the Mariners secured back-to-back promotions in 1979 and 1980, to reach the Second Division. He went on to play from 1976 to 1987.

5 - Centre Back: Ryan Bennett

This five-at-the-back formation sees Cambridge United defender Ryan Bennett come in as the third centre half. Graduate of the academy, he became the club's youngest ever captain, aged 17, when John McDermott was taken off in the Lincoln City derby. His 117 game spell between 2007 and 2010 saw him become the heart of a defence that reached the 2008 EFL Trophy final, which they lost to MK Dons.

6 - Left Back: Gary Croft

Something that the BBC Radio Humber-side commentator is going to be happy to see, the academy graduate played over 230 times across his two spells at the club. Graduating in 1992, Croft was a very versatile player, being able to cover all across the midfield, and this led to him eventually signing for then-Premier League Champions Blackburn in 1996.

7 - Right Mid: Tony Ford

Hometown hero Tony broke through the academy and ended up playing 490 times for the Mariners. He holds the all-time record for most matches played in the English leagues by an outfield player, and is one of three players to have played over 1000 competitive games. An industrious midfielder, he made a name for himself in his first 11 year stint as one of the most talented players outside of the top division; he played from 1975-86, before returning in 1991 for another three years.

8 - Centre Mid: Joe Waters

Irishman Joe Waters played over 350 games for Grimsby, at first on a 1976 loan, before being made permanent that same year. To sign for the club, the fans raised £2000 as the club could not afford the £10,000 asking fee. He repaid them with 8 years of service before joining Tacoma Stars of Major Indoor Soccer in the United States.



9 - Centre Mid: Paul Groves

Paul started his career in central midfield however was moved to centre back as he got older, so he could play in either position for his team. First signed in 1992, the former captain played over 450 games across two stints (1992-96 and 1997-2004,) with the later seeing him become player-manager, from 2001, for the second-tier side. He was sacked in February 2004, however was kept on as a player for the rest of the season

10 - Left Mid: Lenell John-Lewis

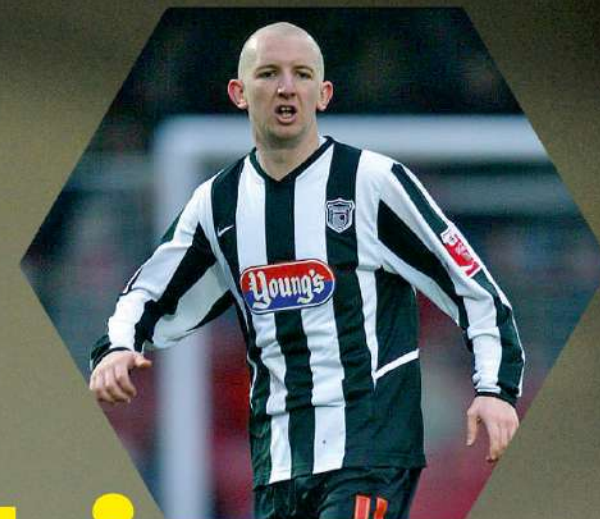
The charismatic striker makes it onto the left wing in this formation, thanks to playing the position only 12 times in his career. Lenell played nearly 150 games for the Lincolnshire side, scoring only 36 goals. Playing between 2013-15 and 2021-22, he was a clutch player, scoring in two minutes in the 2015 Conference Play-off Final. He however is more commonly known with 'the name is a shop' chant, embracing it when signing autographs for fans.

11 - Striker: Omar Bogle

The main piece of the puzzle of Operation Promotion, Omar signed for Grimsby from Solihull Moors. Fighting off League One, League Two and fellow National League clubs, he made 68 appearances scoring 32 goals, between 2015 and 2017. A striker that can hold up the ball, but then score with either foot, he scored 19 goals in the first half of the 2016-17 League Two season, before he was sold to Championship side Wigan for an undisclosed fee.

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Andy Parkinson

Andy Parkinson has been a familiar face at Prenton Park for almost 20 years, as a player, youth team manager and now first-team coach. He has featured for both of today's sides, contributing to some notable cup upsets along the way – as he now talks to Alex Bullions

AB: Good to see you, Parky, let's look back at your time with Rovers on the pitch. What are your fondest memories of playing under John Aldridge?

AP: I came here initially on trial from Liverpool, in 1997, and managed to earn myself a contract. By October the following season, I had made my debut against Wolves. John Aldridge was player-manager at the time, he was making the transition. It was probably the best football I played in my career. John was a really good motivator, individually and collectively. You were always well prepared for a game. He used all the old school tricks to motivate the team, newspaper cuttings on the wall of what other managers and players were saying. Over that period of time, teams didn't want to come to Prenton

Park. We had an unbelievable record of knocking bigger clubs out of cup competitions, and we certainly held our own in the second tier.

AB: Let's talk about your record in the cup. You caused some big giant killings and reached the League Cup final in 2000. What do you remember from those games?

AP: The run to the cup final was an unbelievable experience. When you look back, we were unfortunate to lose the match. The following season, we created the same kind of atmosphere in the cup games. I played in the quarter finals of the FA Cup a couple of times. I scored a last-minute winner against Leeds United. They got to the semi-finals of the Champions League that season.

Unbelievable experiences and we had a group of players that fought, were aggressive. That old saying 'hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work hard,' that's what we preyed on. We outworked and outbattled everyone we played against. That set the tone for John Aldridge's teams.

AB: How has John Aldridge's influence impacted you and your coaching style?

AP: I'm a Merseyside lad. John's style is naturally instilled in people from this area. We like to fight and scrap for our cause. When I came here, it was no different. We were the underdog and we loved it. It made us fight, and that's the history and heritage of this Football Club. That's the culture we try and instil on the new generation of players. >>>



>>>> This is my 20th year at this Club, I've done every type of job there is to do here. I'm probably in the best position to convey that message to the current crop of players. You have to bring fight, determination and willpower to Tranmere Rovers. Football changes and society changes, but we must do our very best to retain the culture of this Club.

AB: What does it mean to you to represent Tranmere Rovers?

AP: I'm very lucky. I live in the area now, and the Club has been a massive part of my life. All of my adult life, apart from seven years, has been Tranmere Rovers. I know nothing else, really, and it's a privilege. The supporters would give a limb to do what I've done at this Club. I don't take that responsibility lightly. I do believe that if I wasn't doing a good job, then I wouldn't still be here. I like to think I bring something to the

staff, use my experience to help new staff and players that come in, and do as good a job as I can do to represent myself, the supporters and the Club.

AB: Today's visitors to Prenton Park are Grimsby Town, what are your best memories of playing for them?

AP: I'd been at Sheffield United after Tranmere in the second division, Grimsby had just been relegated to the fourth. I'd not been getting much game time, so I decided to move on. Russell Slade was the manager at Grimsby, and he convinced me to go there. I enjoyed my two years at the Club. The first season was a transitional spell, but in the second we got to the Play-Off final. We lost to Cheltenham Town at the Millenium Stadium. I got an assist against Tottenham Hotspur in the League Cup. Knocking big teams out didn't stop when I left Tranmere!

Overall, I enjoyed my football. The fans were fantastic, and I only have fond memories.

AB: What is the highlight of your playing career?

AP: I got to represent Liverpool as a youngster and we won the FA Youth Cup, which was fantastic. I won the Welsh FA Cup and played in Europe towards the back end of my career. I played for some big clubs, in some big stadiums. However, my fondest time was representing Tranmere Rovers.

AB: You've had long spells as a player and now a coach – do you prefer one over the other?

AP: I don't actually miss playing. A lot of ex-players do, I don't. I enjoyed my time as a player, but I love coaching. I've never wanted to be a first-team manager, all I wanted when I finished playing was to become youth team



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CONTROLLING BRAINWAVES

In the midst of the build-up to Ryder Cup 2023 I was intrigued by an article from BBC Sports Peter Scrivener titled: 'How putting can be improved by controlling brainwaves'. So is this a solution when a golfer is standing over a crucial six-footer to retain the Ryder Cup – like Bernhard Langer in 1991...he three-putted and the Americans won. 'Imagine that pressure. You're quite stressed. Your heart is beating faster. Your muscles are a bit- more tense. The psychology is influencing your physiology and your technique goes awry,' says Andy Cooke, a senior lecturer in performance psychology at Bangor University. 'But new brainwave technology may actually allow us to predict whether a putt will go into the hole or not.'

The idea of psychology influencing physiology is nothing new. Seven-time major winner Arnold Palmer once said: 'Golf is a game of inches. The most important are the six inches between your ears.' But 21st Century advances in technology to monitor the brain are making Palmer's famous line more relatable. Langer acknowledged in an interview with Golf Digest that he had had the yips – a state of nervousness that causes players to miss easy putts – four times in his career and called them 'a tournament disease that show up at the worst time'. With about 40% of golf shots taken with the putter, being able to control what goes on underneath your skull is clearly important, particularly at an event like the biennial battle between Europe and the United States.

Research into brain activity during sport picked up in the 1980's but with limited success because athletes were hooked up to monitors in labs. Recent advances in wireless technology have made field-based activity more accessible in the pursuit of better performance. 'The technology is making it possible to collect high quality movement data,' says Cooke, who has been working in the field for more than a decade and is part of Bangor's Institute for the Psychology of Elite Performance. While it is still early days in the accuracy of wireless monitoring of the brain, players such as England's Justin Rose, has used a brainwave-reading headband to train himself to control his emotions. Australian Jason Day, another who has topped the world rankings, and major winner Bryson De Chambeau, nicknamed 'the scientist' for his approach to the game, have also used similar technology, which is readily available to buy. 'Most of us can learn quite quickly how we can use different thought processes to change our brainwaves,' says Cooke. 'Neurofeedback is a type of bio-feedback for the brain. Specifically we use small sensors on the scalp to measure brain waves and then we display



them on a screen in real time, effectively showing people a mirror into their brain. The aim is to try and train people to produce the pattern of brainwaves that we think is optimal for golf putting. We want them to learn to recognize that state and learn to initiate their backswing only when the desired state is produced.'

In Cooke's study, he played a tone through headphones while participants were standing over a putt. The frequency changed and volume faded as the brain reached the optimal pattern. So how do you actually train your brain? Cooke equates it to hooking yourself up to a heart monitor. 'You can quickly see how fast your heart is beating and then you can use relaxing images to help slow it down, or think about different things to speed it up,' he says. 'It's the same with brainwaves. People experiment using their own psychological strategies and then after a few sessions they learn to get into the zone and hit the putt.'

Would this work for player's who take penalties – not so sure but for those of us who regularly miss short putts could this mean there is a solution on the horizon.

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Mason from our PL Kicks sessions selected for England Para team

Mason, 15, who has been attending our Premier League Kicks sessions since age seven, has been selected for the England national squad in the junior CP team.

Mason has progressed from the Regional to National Emerging Talent Programme which is to support the transition from talent programmes to England Cerebral Palsy development squads and then hopefully to the under-21 squad.

On his selection, Mason said: "It's amazing. I'm made up after all the hard work I put in."

Mason said his mum found out before him, and did the classic trick of telling him he hadn't made it before telling him the truth! "When my mum got the email, I didn't know about it. They tricked me to say that I didn't get in, and then told me I'd got in! I was nearly in tears of joy."

Having played for the regional CP teams before, Mason is looking forward to the challenge of moving up to the national squad in a new age group.

"It's harder going up age groups now because it's more physical with my CP but I love the challenge."

"I got used to playing in the regionals with the same players so this will be a new challenge for me."

Asked how proud he was to be potentially representing his country after completing this new talent programme, Mason said: "I don't have any words! If I get through the nationals, I go through the development squads and then the international squads so hopefully if I'm good enough, I can make it there and put all the hard work in".





MATCH IMAGES

v Bradford City 3/10/2023

Rovers bounce back from a heavy defeat last weekend, with all three points against Bradford City last Tuesday - as both Regan Hendry and Kieron Morris are on the mark in an impressive 2-1 win

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GIANTS



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It is quite rare, particularly in the 21st century, for a footballer to pile up four centuries of games for the same League club.

What made Jamaican centre-back Ian Goodison's achievement with Tranmere even more special was he did not play his first Rovers game until the age of 31, back in 2004.

Goodison built his Prenton Park career through a personal decade when the physical powers of the average professional footballer are supposed to be in decline >>>

NICK HILTON'S ROVERS RETROSPECTIVE

Not so the man from Montego Bay, whose reputation as one of the best defenders in League One scarcely diminished as he marched through his 30s and into his 40s.

When Goodison played game number 400 at Bradford City on October 13, 2013, he was just over a month away from his 41st birthday. Goodison's performance that Sunday at Valley Parade was a typically strong and commanding one, helping Rovers secure a 1-0 victory on the back of a 69th minute goal from striker Ryan Lowe.

Speaking at the time of the landmark, manager Ronnie Moore painted a picture of Goodison as a unique footballer.

Moore said: "The term legend is used lightly these days but it certainly applies to Ian Goodison. He is a remarkable footballer to be playing the way he is just short of his 41st birthday."

"He is a quiet assassin, very clever at what he does. He throws fear into opposing strikers' hearts. You don't see that often in the modern game.

"He is a one-off," Moore added. "He hardly trains. He goes to the gym and cycles on some days of the week and on Saturday he goes out and plays and produces it.

"He reads the game so well. You don't play for your country more than 100 times unless you're a very good player."

Goodison commanded respect well beyond the confines of Prenton Park, three times winning player of the year in the North West Football awards and winning 120 international caps for Jamaica.



IAN GOODISON

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When Jamaica became the first English-speaking nation from the Caribbean to qualify for the World Cup finals in 1998, the team included three players who went on to feature for Tranmere: Goodison, midfielder Theodore Whitmore and winger Paul Hall. Goodison played his 410th and final Tranmere game, also against Bradford City, on the final day of the 2013/14 season, when Rovers' relegation from League One was confirmed by a 2-1 defeat. Goodison signed off, at 41, as the oldest player in the Football League.

He contended he could have gone on playing "until I was 43 or 44."

When he first joined Tranmere in February 2004, Goodison wasn't a stranger to English football, having played 84 games for Hull City between October 1999 and April 2002. Brian Little, who had been the manager at Hull, felt Goodison could do a good job for his new club, Tranmere. Goodison, by then back in Jamaica, was keen to have another crack at English football.

Initially, Little moved Goodison around different positions of Tranmere's defence, including left back. It was Little's successor, Moore, who made the six-foot-four Jamaican the pillar of his central defence. Goodison was late arriving home from Jamaica to start pre-season training in his first season with Moore.

"I don't think he appreciated me being late coming back and he did not play me in the first few pre-season games," Goodison recalled in an interview with the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo. "Then about a week before the season started, he picked me at centre back and said he wouldn't be taking me out.

"I think that's when the fans began to see the real Ian Goodison, when I was playing centre back week in week out, which is a position I played for the Jamaican international team.

"I am the type of player that once a manager plays me and I get a bond with the manager,



I will do anything for him. I will put my neck on the line for the manager."

Goodison was routinely late in returning to the UK for pre-season training in the years that followed but Moore and his successor Les Parry made jokes about the situation rather than complain.

Both knew that putting Goodison through a gruelling pre-season regime would be counter-productive.

"I've never trained much throughout my career," he said. "It started when I was playing for my community club, Olympic Gardens, back in Jamaica. I would just turn up and play on Saturday. I never trained with them and always started in the team.

"When I first came to Tranmere I said I didn't need to run up and down the six-yard box or do 10 mile runs, or run on the Wirral Way or up Welsh mountains. I was naturally fit.

"Some players have to do that but everyone is different." Goodison added: "Most of the time I was with Les Parry I didn't train right through the week. I would do set plays with the lads on a Friday. I kept fit by playing games.

"I had more injuries in my final season at Tranmere because I didn't play many games."

Goodison said an emotional farewell to Tranmere in a testimonial game at Prenton Park in May 2015.

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We are proud to confirm the Tranmere Rovers fundraiser will support Nates tickets formerly the community scheme that has been renamed in honour of Nate Gidman, a five year old supporter who sadly passed away earlier this season following a battle with brain cancer.

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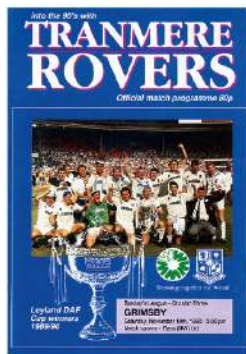
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COVER TO COVER

ANDREW STURGEON ON **TRANMERE V GRIMSBY** 1990/91

For the majority of the 1990/91 season Grimsby and Tranmere could be found near the top of the Division Three table. At its conclusion, it was Grimsby who secured an automatic promotion spot, but only just after pipping Bolton into third place on goal difference. Tranmere would of course overcome the Lancashire side in the play offs and join the Mariners in Division 2 the following season.



It wasn't just on the pitch where success for Rovers was achieved that season. The programme, edited by Peter Bishop, claimed the coveted Programme Monthly, Divisional Programme of the Year Award, for the second successive season.

Fans purchasing the award winning programme for the early November clash, would have been well aware of Rovers's triumph in the Leyland Daf Cup the previous season. The celebratory team photo, underneath an image of the trophy, provided the backdrop for the "into the 90s" programme cover. Priced at 80p for 32 pages, the programme opened with the 'Prenon Patter' which included a news roundup, alongside the teams of the day which were listed on the right hand side of page 3.

Whilst we may look to John King's management column for some wise quotes, there is none so within this issue, although he mundanely suggests "The games are certainly coming thick and fast at the moment and next week of course we have a difficult journey into the unknown world of Halesowen". Further

details and directions for the FA cup game, along with that of Fulham for the league game the following Saturday, where set out in the Rovers on the Road page. Whilst the coach travel, ticket and programme prices for the FA Cup fixture were noted, there was still some concern regarding refreshments on offer, as arrangements were still being made by the non league team in this regard.

Club sponsors Wirral Borough Council, take two full page colour adverts within the programme. One based on the attractions to see on the Peninsula, whilst the other promotes the 8 Leisure Centres in the Borough, now open 7 days and nights! The rear cover page is taken up with a full page advert for Vauxhall, showing their Astra GTE, which remained throughout the season.

Grimsby, who prior to this match, had only one defeat, in their first 14 games, took the three points due to a 2-1 win, further strengthening their early position in the automatic spots. Rovers would gain revenge though, when the teams met again in February. Thanks to a super Kenny Irons goal, Tranmere would claim their first ever win at Blundell Park at their twentieth attempt!

The match sponsors for the Grimsby game were Humberside Leisure Services but alas no advert or even mention of them within the programme so I'm unsure of what they offered. Full page colour adverts were for Match – the fastest growing soccer magazine, and Town's shirt sponsors - Ciba-Geiger Chemicals.

The 32 page 80 pence programme was titled 'Mariner' and certainly lived up to its name. Nautical references were throughout, none more so than the cartoon trawler-boat manned by manager Alan



Buckley and a few gleeful players on the cover. In addition, the page numbers were located within fishing nets on the bottom corner, and a trawler boat was located on the top corner of every page.

The programme opens with Alan Buckleys 'On the Bridge' column, where he suggests Tranmere are a good footballing side so todays game should be interesting. Three pages are given over to Rovers under the title "In Port Today". Interestingly the writer describes "Rovers as enjoying their best period in their 106 years' history, after their playing performances of the 1980s suggested the Vauxhall Conference beckoned." The Face in the crowd competition popular in programmes throughout the 90s, was branded "caught in the net" and shows a grainy image of a lost looking teen in the crowd, covered by a red fishing net, who no doubt would be happy claiming the £10 club shop voucher on offer. The seafaring theme never ends and on the rear page are the team line ups, sponsored by Ford Immingham Motors placed within the style of a Captains Log Book.



CLASSIC SUPER WHITE SNAP SHOT

9.5.1989 - It's the 1988/89 season once again, and the fans are revelling in destiny - as Rovers are all but on course for promotion to Division Three, having defeated Grimsby Town and completing a 3-2 come back (see Page 62 for the full story)

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Having looked through a variety of general football magazines in previous programmes, we've now come across one of the more diverse football publications, issued by the same company and which appeared on two separate occasions during the 1970s.

Marshall Cavendish had famously been producing their "Partworks" since 1968 covering a variety of subjects from cooking to sport, and their proudest football moment was the "Book of Football" which was launched in 1971 and built into 75 weekly parts.

Sky TV's football commentator Martin Tyler was one of those who helped with the publication of the "Book of Football", and built into 6 binders - the first 5 binders of 300 pages in each. At the back of the 5th binder was a comprehensive index, while the final 6th binder was a collection of statistics showing the final league standings and FA cup results for every season from 1871/72 until 1971/72.

Although printed a rather unusually thick and heavy paper, the quality of the writing and the reproduction of the photographs was excellent and was clearly a quality product aimed at a discerning reader. Interestingly this is the earliest magazine that attributes every photograph to the photographer or the Agency. In all the other magazines of its time photos were published without attribution.

Each 20 page weekly magazine featured a range of topics but overall it had to build into a complete reference work. The topics featured every week were:

The Players (First issue: Jimmy Greaves and Trevor Francis)

Skills and Tactics (First issue: The Wall Pass)

World of Football (First issue: Scotland)

The Clubs (First issue: Liverpool)

Matches to Remember (First issue: Benfica v Manchester United)

Fabric of Football (First issue: The Affluence that spreads Football Poverty)



Rovers' appearance in the first production was in Volume Four, Part 54 (of 58) and alphabetically under 'The Clubs' section number 97.

Ron Yeats was the current manager, while the statistical review shows Rovers league record from 1921-22 to 1971-72, while offering the Club's main profile complete with illustrations of the Club crest, and the home and away kit of the era. A rather quirky written then

circulates Rovers history from the emergence of Dixie Dean and also incorporates Tranmere's early formation years as Belmont and Lyndhurst. It then runs past Rovers more recent struggles as Merseyside's third club living in the neighbourhood shadows of both Everton and Liverpool.

Marshall Cavendish's second foray into the world of football was the "Football Handbook" launched in 1978, initially to create a guide to football skills in 21 parts by Marshall Cavendish. The coaching consultant for the series was Graham Taylor and each issue real life football stars giving coaching advice.

It also took time out to cover general and club topics with most if not all of the League clubs at that time. Almost an A5 sized format, it saw Rovers featured in Part 40, and consisted of a double-page spread.

The usual facts and profile were again included alongside the club home colours, but this time had the adage of a more in depth look at Rovers then-current plight within the League (which ironically ended in relegation shortly afterwards!). The range of colour photographs was also more extensive.

This curious and diverse productions overall provoked mixed reactions from football supporters of the generation, although looking back at it now it certainly evokes some fond memories of the beautiful game during the 1970s.

In recent years, a compilation of the 'best bits' from the Football Handbook were put together in hardback under the title of the 'Glory Years' and contains some real gems for those fans who remember the 1970s well indeed.



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Owning a football club is a bit like running a marathon. It seemed like a good idea at the time. For the first few miles, it was a lot of fun. But when the novelty wears off and the pain sets in, and there's no alternative but to keep staggering onwards, you wonder despairingly why you ever set foot on the start line.

Dejphon Chansiri, the owner and chairman of Sheffield Wednesday, reached that point a long, long time ago.

The Thai spent millions attempting to propel the Owls into the Premier League. He has since spent millions keeping the wolf from the door. And every month, he spends millions more, because that's what is required just to keep a Championship football club in existence.

Last week, he snapped, lashing out at Wednesday supporters protesting against his running of the club.

"Some fans need to have more respect for owners of clubs and not be so selfish, thinking of their own benefit without doing anything good to the club," he said.

"I am the one who needs to pay around £2m on average every month. If you want me to leave, then show me how to run the club and invest the money before I do that. You have no right to ask me to leave. I am the one who saved the club and spent the money for the club."

That figure is no exaggeration. Kieran Maguire, a lecturer in football finance and host of the Price of Football podcast, has calculated the operational losses for last season average out at £476,000 a week for every Championship club.

That's £24m poured down the drain every single



year, by every single club - all of which must be covered by the owner's own money. And what do they get for it? Most of the time, absolutely nothing. A lucky few will win promotion to the Premier League. Some will find another lunatic to take the club off their hands, though rarely at a price sufficient to reimburse their losses.

The vast majority will simply tread water or, worse, struggle to compete and incur the wrath of supporters.

In some ways, then, Chansiri's anger and frustration is understandable. How would you feel if you gave £2m to a charity every month and they ridiculed you in public?

Equally, a football club is not a normal business and anybody who buys one must tolerate a unique level of scrutiny and accountability.

Chansiri's running of Wednesday has been questionable and many of his statements - such as urging supporters to buy more tickets and replica shirts in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis - are hopelessly crass. He needs to stay off his laptop, and hire someone to run the club.

The real villain, though, is the Championship. Unsustainable wage inflation due to the distorting effect of parachute payments has created an environment where the only way a team can survive - let alone succeed - is if its owner loses huge amounts of money.

With no guarantee of a return on that investment, desperation and short-termism prevail, making poor decisions and conflict with supporters inevitable. It is a toxic division, and it will stay that way unless losses are brought under control.



By Chris Dunlavy, reporter, The Football League Paper

Tranmere Rovers Women's icon, Jodie Taylor, retires from football, concluding her fantastic 21-year career. Taylor's journey from Wallasey to Washington embodies the pinnacle of success for Tranmere Women, showcasing the remarkable progress of women's football in recent times.



Commencing her professional journey in 2002, Taylor donned the Rovers jersey for 38 appearances and netted an impressive 29 goals before embarking on her American adventure. In 2014, she earned her spot in the England squad, amassing 51 caps and an impressive 19 goals while also securing the Golden Boot in the 2015 Women's Euros.

Throughout her remarkable career, Taylor clinched the FA Cup with Birmingham City, conquered the Champions League with Lyon, and claimed league titles in both Australia and Sweden. After a brief stint with Arsenal Women last season, she has now chosen to hang up her boots.

In 2019, we had the privilege of speaking with this Lioness star about her early days in women's football when it lacked support. She reminisced about her childhood, recalling,

"My first memories of playing football are when I was about seven years old, playing in the back garden with my dad. I have a twin sister and then two older sisters so I think my dad was desperate to have a boy around to play football with - I was the son he never had!

"I remember he got me a goal for

the back garden and used to stand there letting me take shots on him while my sisters would be doing cartwheels behind us.

"My nan always used to ask us "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and my response was always "I want to play for Liverpool". Her response was always "Maybe by the time you grow up they will let girls play".

"This just shows how when I was growing up, women playing professional football wasn't even considered to be an option let alone a career."

Reflecting on her start in football, Taylor continued: "Looking back, I think there was definitely a missed opportunity for any girls growing up playing football in my generation. My only role models were male players like Robbie Fowler and Michael Owen.

"I hope that girls now have me and my teammates as role models to look up to and inspire them.

"If I could give my younger self one piece of advice it would be that no matter what - work hard. Believe in yourself! I didn't make my England debut until I was 28 years old.

"Work hard, be persistent, have a good attitude, be a good teammate and keep wanting to learn and improve.

"Don't let anyone tell you that you aren't good enough or can't do something."

Jodie Taylor has undeniably paved the way for future generations of female footballers, and here at Tranmere Rovers, we take immense pride in having played a part in launching her career in the beautiful game. She stands as a testament to our outstanding development pathway at Tranmere Rovers Women.

We extend our heartfelt best wishes to Jodie for all her future endeavours beyond football, and we eagerly anticipate her return to Prenton Park in the near future.



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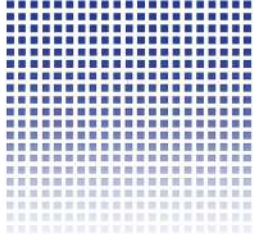


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Steve *He's One Of Our Own* Bower



My working weekend seven days ago included the eventful Tottenham/Liverpool match in north London. A red-hot topic within the game ever since. It had all the ingredients of a top-level match and sadly VAR and referring have again dominated the headlines. We all know it was the most high-profile human error in a long time. What the bigger narrative is damaging though is the future referees and attempts to raise standards going forward.

Ironically, the same day I watched my youngest son first on the Wirral. His coach, who is an outstanding qualified official, had to take charge of the game and was unable to coach and encourage the team. I was informed half of the games across the Wirral last weekend were without referees. The number of officials doesn't match the number of fixtures. It's a national problem, not just in our area. It's a huge concern.

Don't misunderstand me - I'm not lifelong PR officer for officials. As a young amateur player, I cringe when I look back on how I sometimes treated officials. Two of my school friends both qualified at an early age and I used to go and watch them and realise the challenge they faced. In later years I've had to go in the middle myself in emergencies and it changes a lot of your perception.

Our own Mike Dean is a good friend of mine and over the years just spending time with him has helped my education. It doesn't stop me shouting at Prenton Park when frustrated at a decision!

But where is the incentive for youngsters to get involved in refereeing now and in the future?

As I remind my sons all the time, without a referee there isn't a game. Further up the ladder where are the next Michael Oliver's and Anthony Taylor's for example?

I was delighted at the start of the season to see the FA announce a three-year strategy known as 'grow guide and govern', to inspire the next generation of referees all the way from grassroots to the elite side of the game.

They've even halved the time it takes potentially to reach the top.

We can't just moan, we need to encourage for all our sakes.

Enjoy the game

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Steve



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Disabled & Personal Assistant	£17.00	£19.00
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Accompanied Junior (Under 12)	£5.00	£7.00

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Disabled & Personal Assistant	£16.00	£18.00
Junior (Under 18)	£9.00	£11.00
Accompanied Junior (Under 12)	£5.00	£7.00

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Adult	£51.00	£53.00
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Stadium Location & Main Contact

Address: Mornflake Stadium, Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire
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Tranmere Rovers Disabled Supporters Association

Hello and welcome back to Prenton Park to the Super White Army for our second home game in a week. A warm welcome is also extended to Grimsby Town's fans for making the trip over from Lincolnshire and we hope you enjoy your day on the Wirral.

Audio Descriptive Commentary Now Available

A new audio descriptive commentary service is now available to use at Prenton Park! The new service provides unique and catered live full-match commentary to improve the matchday experience of supporters who are blind and vision impaired, or rely on audio description to follow the match.

Supporters can collect a headset from The Club Store and return them there afterwards. Headsets can be reserved via email at shop@tranmererovers.co.uk or on the phone at 03330 144452.

Whatsapp Group

Last summer, we set up a WhatsApp group, so we can chat as disabled Tranmere fans and share our opinions on everything from the football on the pitch to our matchday experiences.

If you'd like to join our inclusive, informal group, please drop us a line on TranmereRoversDSA@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 on TranmereRoversDSA@gmail.com with any experiences, positive or negative, of away days 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, who are keen to hear about accessibility in the women's game.

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, audio-visual 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.

Food 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. Big thanks to the SUPA coffee shop on Woodchurch Lane, The Stork pub on Price St and Liberty Bell on Hamilton St for recently taking tins!

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

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. Which Turkish side beat Manchester United 3-2 in midweek?
2. Who scored the winner that day?
3. Which Rovers player won the MOTM award in our victory over Bradford City?
4. Which club were controversially denied by VAR in their match against Spurs last weekend?
5. Which female player is the highest rated in EA FC 24?
6. What is the name of Grimsby Town's stadium?
7. And what is their club nickname?
8. Which Football League side did Nigel Adkins last manage before taking over at Prenton Park?
9. Which Welsh side did our current interim manager feature for between 1993 and 1996?
10. Who do Rovers face in the EFL Trophy next Tuesday here at Prenton Park?

WORDSEARCH...

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JOHN OSTER
PAUL HURST
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THE MARINERS

KIT OF THE DAY

>>>>>

Which season is this kit from?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 57...

Matchday ten of the 2023/24 Sky Bet League Two season produced plenty of goals, with the month of September only delivering two goalless draws in what has been an action-packed commencement of the campaign.



Colchester United narrowly edged table-topping Notts County in a nine-goal thriller that had everything. United opened the scoring thanks to Noah Chilvers' 40-yard-effort after the 'keeper misplaced a pass, but were pegged back minutes later as Sam Austin equalised. The hosts took the lead once more as Jayden Fevrier fired home from a tight angle, with Arthur Read doubling their advantage via a sumptuous free-kick. Cameron McGeehan went from hero to zero after being dismissed for accumulating two cautions after making it 4-1. A Macaulay Langstaff brace

and a sublime curling effort from Jodi Jones were not enough, as Read doubled his tally and concluded a cracking tie. Holker Street laid host to an eventful affair as despite late

drama, Barrow secured a 3-2 victory over Doncaster Rovers. Tyrell Warren headed home the opener inside twelve minutes, ensuring the hosts went into the break ahead.



The second half got off to a flying start, as Gerard Garner drilled a free-kick under the wall and in, doubling Barrow's lead. Three minutes later, Joe Ironside halved the deficit with a headed attempt from close range. With five minutes remaining, Emile Acquah slotted the ball past the outrushing shot-stopper to restore the hosts' two-goal cushion. West Bromwich Albion-loanee, Mo Faal made it 3-2 in the dying moments of the game, but it was too little, too late for Rovers.

The ten men of Wrexham left it late to secure a point from their home tie against Crewe Alexandra. Paul Mullin scored a seven minute brace, whilst Micky Demetriou, Shilow Tracey and a Chris Long penalty put Alexandra 3-2 up with seconds remaining. Up stepped Steven Fletcher, who in the fifth minute of injury time sent the Red Dragons fans into pandemonium with a diving header at the back-post that salvaged a point for the Welsh outfit.





Tranmere Rovers Supporters Club



Good afternoon to the SWA and to our visitors from Grimsby.

It is nice to be writing this on the back of three vital points. The game against Bradford City was hard fought but the points were well deserved. In the second half as we fired towards the Kop, hearing the choruses of 'Super White Army' and 'Tequila' gave a real reminder of how electric Prenton Park can be when we all pull together. Let's hope results now turn round with some consistency and we can do our bit by backing the team as we did on Tuesday night.

If you've seen the latest retro offering and you missed out, then keep your eyes on social media and our online store as a very limited number in select sizes will soon be going on sale. You can also find retro RS training wear and lots of other pieces of merchandise at www.trosshop.co.uk. We will have a coach running to Crewe next Saturday, at the time of writing there are spaces available but we do anticipate these will go quickly. For enquiries and bookings please contact us on supportersclub@tranmererovers.co.uk. Without being too cryptic, there are a couple of exciting announcements coming your way in the very near future so as ever, follow us on twitter (or should I say X), Facebook and Instagram to be the first to hear - or indeed keep an eye on this column! In the meantime, we will continue to have live music post-match following most Saturday games in Aldo's this season and will be there at our TROSC Hub bar with a wide range of excellent brands at competitive prices. It's open to all home fans before and after the match, and if you're in the Kop you can also pop in from 3.15pm.

Thanks for reading and let's hope for three more points.





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A League Of Our Own

John Adamson...and Crewe Alexandra

PART 2

'All you'll ever need in a car.' The proud claims of the Citroën publicity in the eighties promoting their legendary 2CV targeted the competition.

The advert proclaimed four wheels, all round and placed thoughtfully in each corner, just like a Crewe-made Rolls Royce.

Ferrari were the next target. The Citroën 2CV was faster than a Ferrari, they said. The proof? The French icon travelling flat out at 71.5 mph easily overtook a Ferrari motoring at 65 mph. Porsche? The Germans couldn't match the boot capacity. The canvas cover peeled right back, simultaneously spoiling the need for one of Porsche's rear exterior parcel shelves so popular at the time. Easy.

At Britain's Rolls factory in Crewe, they produced the classic Silver Shadow. The workforce did style and elegance at the Pym's Lane site for Bentley too, but they had one hiccup.

The Shadow prototype was originally labelled the Silver Mist until a flurry of calls from German RR dealerships put an end to that idea. Mist is the German word for crap.

The 2CV made its debut in 1948 and was dubbed an umbrella on wheels. It featured one taillight, and wipers which went quicker the faster you drove. It was multi-purpose.

A decade earlier, French farming was still dependent on the horse and cart, so this groundbreaking affordable vehicle had to be capable of negotiating a ploughed field. The canvas sunroof came into its own, allowing small to medium sized animals and awkwardly shaped farm objects to get in with the driver.

The name 2CV was agri-friendly too, meaning two horses, and it appealed to everyone. It was

the original MPV. The suspension was key, and it worked. In all, over 9 million were sold over 41 years of production.

It continued to be simple. Air conditioning? No problem. Just push on a stick beside the dashboard and a small flap, the width of the windscreen, opened up, delivering more fresh air than you could shake a stick at.

The Shadow was rather longer and offered disc brakes and luxurious seating. Freddie Mercury, who never owned a driving licence, acquired a chauffeured one, whilst the late Princess Margaret was also a huge fan.

The car featured in many films, an easily recognisable symbol of wealth and success. Around 40,000 were sold across the world.

Dodgy claims aside, the Roller genuinely shared one quality with the earthy French vehicle - the comfort of the ride.

And therein lies an irony. Rolls Royce, arguably the UK's premium car builder of all time, bought their suspension system in from Europe, rather than engineering their own. And they sourced it from Citroën.

Rolls rolled on and new editions appeared.

Waiting lists were commonplace, with even Elton John having to face up to a delay in the delivery of his vehicle, whilst Paul McCartney was sharper off the mark.

The final new 2CV hit the road thirty-three years ago and many still run today. With due respect to Crewe, it's all you'll ever need in a car.





Luke
McGEE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Larne Wallissson
Sweden

BUSINESS SWA2



Lee
O'CONNOR

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Sol-Britt Wallissson
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WALKER

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DENNIS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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Chris
MERRIE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Phil Hughes

Geoff Meeson



Kieron
MORRIS

FULL KIT

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Sweden

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Regan
HENDRY

FULL KIT

Steve & Tim
Shephard
Foxboro USA

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Luke
NORRIS

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Reece
McALEAR

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

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Josh
HAWKES

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Liv Harding

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Rhys
HUGHES

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

BUSINESS SWA2



Connor
JENNINGS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

Larne Wallissson
Sweden

Double Trouble
(Phil & Mark)

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Harvey
SAUNDERS

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

The Factual Figures So Far From Season 2023/2024

56

Substitutions made
in all games played so far

2

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

11

Goals scored at home
in all competitions

8

Goals scored
in all competitions in
the second half of matches

Quiz Zone Page: Answers from Page 49

10 Questions

- Galatasaray.
- Mauro Icardi.
- Connor Jennings.
- Liverpool.
- Alexia Putellas.
- Blundell Park.
- The Mariners.
- Charlton Athletic.
- Bangor City.
- Leicester City U21's.

Kit Of The Day - Which Season?

1998/99 (Away)



2023/2024

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MIN	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RESULT	POS	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS	REFEREE
1	Sat 3 Aug	H	BARROW	SBL2	L 1 - 2	17th	6,384	557	Hawkes (83 pen)	Ollie Yates
2	Tue 8 Aug	A	Barnsey	CC1	D 2 - 2*	--	4,343	439	Norris (23), Taylor (47)	Thomas Kirk
3	Sat 12 Aug	A	Milton Keynes Dons	SBL2	L 0 - 1	23rd	5,831	819		Sunry Sakhrur Gill
4	Tue 15 Aug	H	HARROGATE TOWN	SBL2	W 3 - 0	17th	5,278	83	Norris (24), Taylor (20), Morris (89)	Lee Swabey
5	Sat 19 Aug	H	SALFORD CITY	SBL2	L 3 - 4	19th	5,594	157	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	Fleetwood Town	EFL1-NGD	L 0 - 2	--	604	81		Scott Simpson
10	Sat 9 Sep	A	Colchester United	SBL2	L 0 - 2	22nd	3,474	165		Declan Bourne
11	Sat 16 Sep	A	Crawley Town	SBL2	L 2 - 3	23rd	2,061	285	Jolley (21), Taylor (56)	Alan Young
12	Sat 23 Sep	H	ACCINGTON STANLEY	SBL2	W 2 - 0	23rd	5,580	354	Hawkes (14 pen, 49)	Sam Parkins
13	Sat 30 Sep	A	AFC Wimbledon	SBL2	L 1 - 4	23rd	7,267	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	Sat 7 Oct	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
16	Tue 10 Oct	H	LEICESTER CITY U21	EFL1-NGD	7.00pm					
17	Sat 14 Oct	A	Crowe Alexandra	SBL2	3.00pm					
18	Fri 20 Oct	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	SBL2	7.45pm					
19	Tue 24 Oct	A	Morecambe	SBL2	7.55pm					
20	Sat 28 Oct	A	Stockport, County	SBL2	3.00pm					
21	Sat 4 Nov		EMIRATES FA CUP ROUND 1							
22	Sat 11 Nov	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	SBL2	3.00pm					
23	Tue 14 Nov	H	WIGAN ATHLETIC	EFL1-NGD	7.00pm					
24	Sat 18 Nov	A	Sutton United	SBL2	3.00pm					
25	Sat 25 Nov	H	GILLINGHAM	SBL2	3.00pm					
26	Tue 28 Nov	A	Mansfield Town	SBL2	7.45pm					
27	Sat 2 Dec		EMIRATES FA CUP ROUND 2							
28	Sat 9 Dec	H	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	SBL2	3.00pm					
29	Sat 16 Dec	A	Walsall	SBL2	3.00pm					
30	Sat 22 Dec	H	SWINDON TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
31	Tue 26 Dec	A	Salford City	SBL2	3.00pm					
32	Fri 29 Dec	A	Harrogate Town	SBL2	TBC					
33	Mon 1 Jan	H	NOTTS COUNTY	SBL2	3.00pm					
34	Sat 6 Jan	A	Barrow	SBL2	3.00pm					
35	Sat 13 Jan	H	MILTON KEYNES DONS	SBL2	3.00pm					
36	Sat 20 Jan	A	Swindon Town	SBL2	3.00pm					
37	Sat 3 Feb	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	SBL2	3.00pm					
38	Sat 10 Feb	A	Doncaster Rovers	SBL2	3.00pm					
39	Tue 13 Feb	H	MORECAMBE	SBL2	7.45pm					
40	Sat 17 Feb	H	STOCKPORT COUNTY	SBL2	3.00pm					
41	Sat 24 Feb	A	Forest Green Rovers	SBL2	3.00pm					
42	Sat 2 Mar	H	SUTTON UNITED	SBL2	3.00pm					
43	Sat 9 Mar	A	Gillingham	SBL2	3.00pm					
44	Tue 12 Mar	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	SBL2	7.45pm					
45	Sat 16 Mar	A	Wrexham	SBL2	3.00pm					
46	Sat 23 Mar	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
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).

MM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
	LUKE RICE	LEE O'CONNOR	JAKE LAKE	BRIAN WALKER	TOM DAVIES	JORDAN TURNBULL	KAREN MORRIS	ROGAN HODGROVE	LUKE ROBERTS	JOHN HERRING	OSY HANNAKE	CHARLIE COLLEY	LEE HURPHY	GRIGOR DENNIS	BEN HOCKENHULL	CHLOE MERRIE	RHY HUGHES	COMOR JENNINGS	HARVEY SAUNDERS	SHIM TAYLOR	JOS WARNEY	JIM LEWIS	NICO MALLAR	DAN FINE	ROB APTER	JAMES NORRIS	COMOR WOOD	MIKEY DAVIES	COMOR ROBSON	JEN BELLHOUGH	JOS STARBUCK					
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Volunteer Opportunity: Become the voice of Prenton Park!

Are you ready to be at the heart of the action on matchdays at Prenton Park? We're adding to our team of dedicated volunteers to be our PA announcers and music maestros, creating the ultimate matchday vibe for our beloved Tranmere Rovers!

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Imagine yourself as the voice that echoes through Prenton Park, announcing our starting lineup with

passion and pride. Cheer on our goal scorers and keep the atmosphere buzzing with match updates and half-time entertainment.

JOIN THE TEAM!

Are you a die-hard Tranmere Rovers supporter with a soft spot for music and football fervour? Then this is your moment! Drop us an email at christiner@tranmererovers.co.uk with your details, a few words about

yourself and a short recording including the following:

*Welcoming people to Prenton Park

*Announcing the line-up (home and away)

*Announcing a goal scorer for Tranmere






*Any message of your choice, could be a birthday celebration, first visit to the ground, group tour etc.

*Let's make Prenton Park roar with pride.

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

1		9	JAKE YOUNG
2		8	MACAULAY LANGSTAFF
3		8	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
4		8	WILL EVANS
5		7	ELLIOT LEE

ASSISTS

1		5	JODI JONES
2		5	DANIEL KEMP
3		4	CHARLIE AUSTIN
4		4	LIAM KELLY
5		4	JOEL TABINER

TOTAL SHOTS

1		49	JAMES TILLEY
2		47	MACAULAY LANGSTAFF
3		43	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
4		38	ALI AL HAMADI
5		36	ELLIOT LEE

CHANCES CREATED

1		31	KYLE MCALLISTER
2		30	REMEAO HUTTON
3		24	NOAH CHILVERS
4		22	DANIEL KEMP
5		22	ELLIOT LEE

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		58.8	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
2		50	MICHAEL MELLON
3		50	TROY DEENEY
4		50	JAMES TILLEY
5		50	ANDY COOK

SUCCESSFUL PASSES

1		861	MATTHEW PALMER
2		734	RICHARD BRINDLEY
3		668	FRAZER BLAKE-TRACY
4		667	LOUIS REED
5		663	KYLE CAMERON

DRIBBLES COMPLETED

1		31	JAYDEN FEVRIER
2		27	LOUIE BARRY
3		26	OMARI PATRICK
4		25	JONATHAN LEKO
5		23	DAVID MCGOLDRICK

SAVES

1		45	HARVEY DAVIES
2		40	LUKE MCGEE
3		38	OWEN GOODMAN
4		37	COREY ADDAI
5		36	CRAIG MACGILLIVRAY

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Forest Green have underperformed their expected goals more than any side in League Two this season, scoring 10 goals from 14.02 xG.

Swindon's Remeao Hutton has created the most chances in open play of any player in League Two this season (25).

Pos	Club	Home Record					Away Record					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Notts County	11	5	0	0	15	8	2	2	2	11	12	6	23
2	AFC Wimbledon	11	1	3	1	9	7	4	2	0	11	3	10	20
3	Crewe Alexandra	11	4	2	0	15	8	1	3	1	11	9	9	20
4	Stockport County	11	3	2	1	12	5	3	0	2	10	8	9	20
5	Crawley Town	11	5	0	1	13	5	1	2	2	7	14	1	20
6	Swindon Town	10	4	1	0	17	6	1	3	1	10	11	10	19
7	Mansfield Town	11	3	2	0	7	2	1	5	0	10	7	8	19
8	Gillingham	11	3	1	1	5	5	3	0	3	4	6	-2	19
9	Wrexham	11	3	2	1	20	16	1	3	1	3	7	0	17
10	Barrow	10	2	1	0	6	4	2	2	3	6	7	1	15
11	MK Dons	11	2	1	2	5	5	2	2	2	11	11	0	15
12	Morecambe	10	3	3	0	9	4	1	0	3	3	8	0	15
13	Walsall	11	2	2	1	5	5	2	1	3	10	12	-2	15
14	Newport County	11	3	2	1	13	9	1	0	4	7	13	-2	14
15	Accrington Stanley	11	3	1	2	11	9	1	1	3	4	8	-2	14
16	Grimsby Town	11	3	2	1	9	5	0	2	3	5	10	-1	13
17	Salford City	11	1	1	3	5	8	3	0	3	10	9	-2	13
18	Bradford City	11	2	2	1	6	6	1	2	3	6	8	-2	13
19	Harrogate Town	11	2	0	3	5	5	2	1	3	4	7	-3	13
20	Doncaster Rovers	11	2	2	2	7	7	1	0	4	6	12	-6	11
21	Colchester United	10	2	1	2	10	10	1	0	4	6	7	-1	10
22	Tranmere Rovers	11	3	0	3	11	8	0	0	5	4	12	-5	9
23	Forest Green Rovers	11	0	0	6	4	15	2	1	2	6	7	-12	7
24	Sutton United	11	1	1	4	6	9	0	0	5	6	17	-14	4

NEXT UP...



Leicester City Under 21s are the next side to make the trip to Prenton Park, as Ben Petty's men look to secure all three points in the EFL Trophy in Merseyside on Tuesday 10 October 2023, with the tie commencing at 7.00pm.

The youngsters returned to winning ways in their last outing, beating Fulham away 3-1 in the U21 Premier League 2.

The Foxes had lost their previous six fixtures prior to the win in the capital, and will hope to build on the league victory with a win against Rovers.

Manager, Petty, enjoyed a stellar playing career, donning the stripes of Hull City and Stoke City most notably.

He was appointed head coach of the under 21 side in July 2022, having previously managed the under 18 team at fellow Midlands outfit, Aston Villa.

Tuesday 10 October 2023

Kick-Off 7.00pm - Tickets On Sale Now



23 Images

This week's photo image taken from the Club archives takes us back to May 1989 – and in particular to a near-magical and successful end to a season on and off the pitch at Prenton Park, with the prize of promotion almost achieved at the final hurdle.



The tragic and unforgettable events at Hillsborough at the same time ad already overshadowed everything. On the evening of Tuesday 18 April, it was announced by the hierarchy at Rovers that the home fixture with Grimsby Town on the following Saturday, 22 April, would be postponed, and be replaced with a memorial service to be staged at Prenton Park – this to bring everyone together and in place of a normal church, this to account for the numbers (just over 10,000) who would want to attend and pay their respects.

The rearranged meeting with the Mariners then was moved to Tuesday 9 May, with the promotion stakes on the night now even higher due to the postponement. Just fifteen minutes in however, Rover had found themselves two-nil down. Both John Cockerill's long-range strike from a free kick, which literally cut a path through the Rovers defence, was then added to Dave Gilbert's point-blank effort, having been set up from Shaun Cunnington's cross – and looked to have put the Mariners in command.

Many of the near-7,000 crowd now feared the worst, with a possible blow to Rovers' promotion hopes looking a realistic probability.

But by half-time, the scoreline had been simply

transformed, with the sides now going in at the break all square – this following Ian Muir's close range goal, and Mark Hughes' deflected shot which struck Mark Lever, and leaving Mariners' keeper Steve Sherwood completely stranded.

The intensity around Prenton Park had now grown in stature, with the home support roaring Rovers forward with every attack during the second 45 minutes. The breath taking comeback was then reserved until a minute from time, when Mark McCarrick, who already injured with a dislocated shoulder and who had requested to soldier on, met John Morrissey's cross from a corner to head past a cluster of players, to score. At the final whistle, the mass pitch invasion itself told the story that Rovers were now on the brink – as news then filtered through of Crewe Alexandra's home victory against basement side Burnley. A draw now at home with the Railwaymen four days on would secure a passage to the next level.

With both clubs able to finish off a successful season, the eventual 1-1 draw was enough to see more delight at Prenton Park in front of an 'official' attendance of 15,286 (thought more to be closer to 18,000), with both sets of fans revelling in the moment on the pitch.

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



LOVE FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE GAME.

Tranmere Rovers



Interim 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

Grimsby Town



Manager: Paul Hurst
Red Shirts
Red Shorts & Socks

- 1 Harvey CARTWRIGHT
- 2 Michee EFETE
- 3 Anthony DRISCOLL-GLENNON
- 4 Kieran GREEN
- 5 Harvey RODGERS
- 6 Luke WATERFALL
- 7 Abo EISA
- 8 Gavan HOLOHAN
- 9 Rekeil PYKE
- 10 Charles VERNAM
- 11 Otis KHAN
- 12 Jake EASTWOOD
- 14 Arthur GNAHOUA
- 15 Harry CLIFTON
- 16 Callum AINLEY
- 19 Jamie ANDREWS
- 22 Danny AMOS
- 25 Donovan WILSON
- 28 Toby MULLARKEY
- 29 Alex HUNT
- 30 Evan KHOURI
- 31 Niall MAHER
- 32 Danny ROSE
- 34 Aaron BRAITHWAITE
- 35 Cameron GARDNER
- 37 Harvey TOMLINSON
- 38 Jamie BRAMWELL
- 39 Edwin ESSEL
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Match Officials

Referee:
Martin Coy

Assistant Referees:
Jonathon Bickerdike
Ollie Williams

Fourth Official:
Matthew Sowerby

Fixtures



Fixtures

Saturday 7 October 2023

Accrington Stanley
v Forest Green Rovers
Barrow v Notts County
Bradford City
v Swindon Town
Colchester United
v Morecambe
Crowley Town v Wrexham
Gillingham
v Milton Keynes Dons
Mansfield Town
v AFC Wimbledon
Newport County
v Harrogate Town
Salford City
v Crewe Alexandra
Stockport County
v Doncaster Rovers
Sutton United v Walsall
Tranmere Rovers
v Grimsby Town

**All games kick-off
3.00pm unless stated**



Next Game at Prenton Park

Tranmere Rovers versus Leicester City U21
EFL Trophy First Round Group D / Tuesday 10 October 2023 / Kick-off 7.00pm