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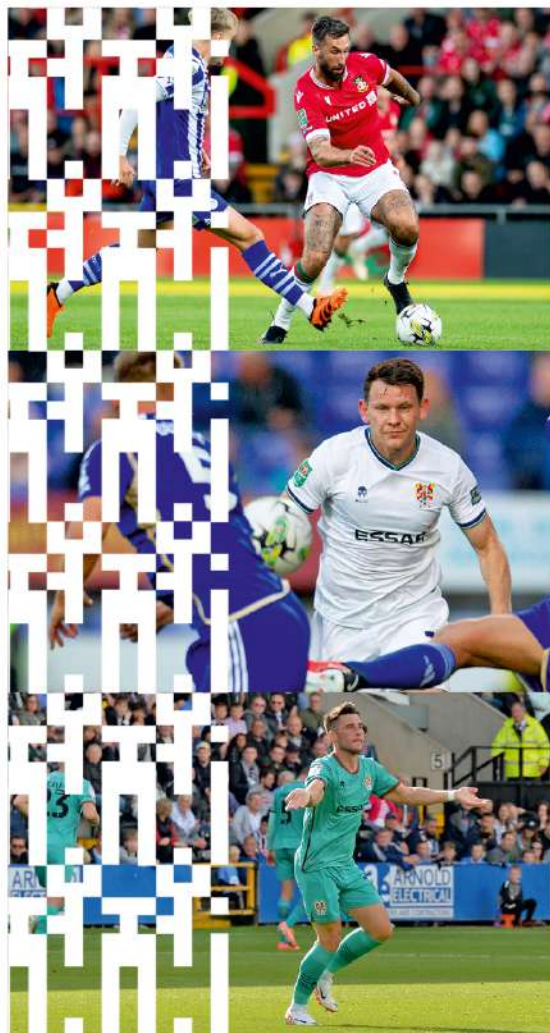
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Mark Palios

The best days in football are often local derbies and Tranmere v Wrexham is one of those historical rivalries that I am pleased to see back on the fixture list following Wrexham's promotion back into the EFL. When we were down in the National League, the matches between the two clubs were always a highlight of the season and I hope that means we are in for a good game today, in front of a big passionate crowd.



ON THE MARK AGAIN!

Goodbye Wrexham! Mark Palios powers in Colin Clarke's pinpoint centre only two minutes into the second half.

Of course, we want great passion but we don't want any crowd trouble and I implore both sets of fans to ensure that today's game goes off safely.

Both teams will be feeling some tired legs today having played on Tuesday night in the League Cup. Although Tranmere were beaten 2-0 by an excellent Leicester team who are enjoying their best start to a season in their history, I thought we acquitted ourselves very well and created a number of good chances. If we can play as well

today, we are in with a good chance of taking some much needed points.

We remain a somewhat depleted squad, with injuries to O'Connor, Norris and Leake, but I was pleased with Dan Pike's performance on Tuesday as emergency cover at full back.

I am under no illusion that today will be a tough match. Wrexham are riding the crest of confidence and enthusiasm that comes with promotion from the National League, and a budget supplemented by TV income. However, we showed in May 2018 that when the going gets tough we can sometimes pull out our best performances and I hope we can invoke the spirit of that Wembley performance here today.





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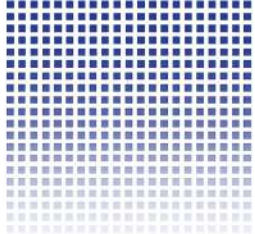
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Ian Dawes

Good afternoon and welcome to Prenton Park for our Sky Bet League Two fixture against Wrexham.

We are all excited to be back at Prenton Park for an occasion like today. Matches against Wrexham have a big game feel about them, and myself, the squad and the staff are relishing the opportunity to send you home with something to cheer. Days like these are the reason you get into football, and we are determined as ever to pick up three points.

We have faced two tough challenges this week, firstly in the shape of a league game against Notts County at Meadow Lane. We came into the match with a plan to deal with their system and style of play and try to give them problems to deal with. Unfortunately, we lost the game 2-1.

Then, on Tuesday night, we lost 2-0 to Leicester City at Prenton Park in the Carabao Cup second round. They are top of the Championship having won all their games this season. Their squad depth is excellent, retaining a lot of the squad that played for them in the Premier League last

season, so we knew it would be a big but exciting challenge to progress to the next round.

Enzo Maresca fielded a strong side and continues to take the competition seriously. We knew we had to get our defensive organisation right. Teams who press and jump against Leicester conceded plenty of opportunities and goals, so we knew we needed to limit their chances and then start pushing as the game went on. We managed the game really well in the first half, and had a few chances to score ourselves, having the first three shots on target. Overall, I was impressed with the performance and the response from last weekend. Full-back Dan Pike made his debut for the Club in midweek, after signing a one-month deal. He was thrown straight into the deep end and did a great job, especially coming up against players like Marc Albrighton down his side. We've signed Dan for a month to see how he goes, see if we are the right fit for him, and if he keeps performing, we could extend his deal for longer.

The players need all of you behind them today, as we walk out for another important game at home. As I have said already, we understand the importance of this fixture and the expectations that come when you represent this Club. We are expecting a big crowd this afternoon, and we will do everything we can to send you home happy.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.





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Today's Matchday Mascots



Welcome today's Matchday mascot, who is Evie Price.

'Hi - my name is Evie and I am 7 year's old. I absolutely love watching and playing football. Especially with my dad. I play for Glenavon Belles u8 as a winger or striker. I've scored 11 goals in pre-season so far. I love going to the Tranmere games (especially for a hot dog). My favourite players are Kane Hemmings and Rhys Hughes. I recently attended the Tranmere open day and played football with Rhys. This was my favourite part of the day. I love that Tranmere is next door to my school so

that I get to see Prenton Park everyday! I'm absolutely buzzing to be a mascot. Come on SWA!

We also welcome our Essar Match Mascot, who is Seb Garner. Seb was 10 in July and attends St Julie Primary School in Eccleston, St Helens. He loves football and plays on Saturdays for Billinge Juniors in the Warrington JFL league and Sundays for JN Sports in Burscough. In the 2022-23 season he received recognition from both teams winning player of the year awards and is really looking forward to the 2023-24 season. He hopes to follow in the footsteps of the Tranmere players that he will be walking on the field with as his dream is to become a professional footballer one day!

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We thank you all for your support this afternoon and hope you enjoy your day with us!

Happy Birthday!

To Phil Scott (pictured right) who was 39 last Wednesday. Best wishes from all the family, your friends and all of us here at TRFC – we hope you had a great day, and even better one this afternoon!

A big happy birthday to Annie - with lots of love from Matthew, Maggie and Delilah x

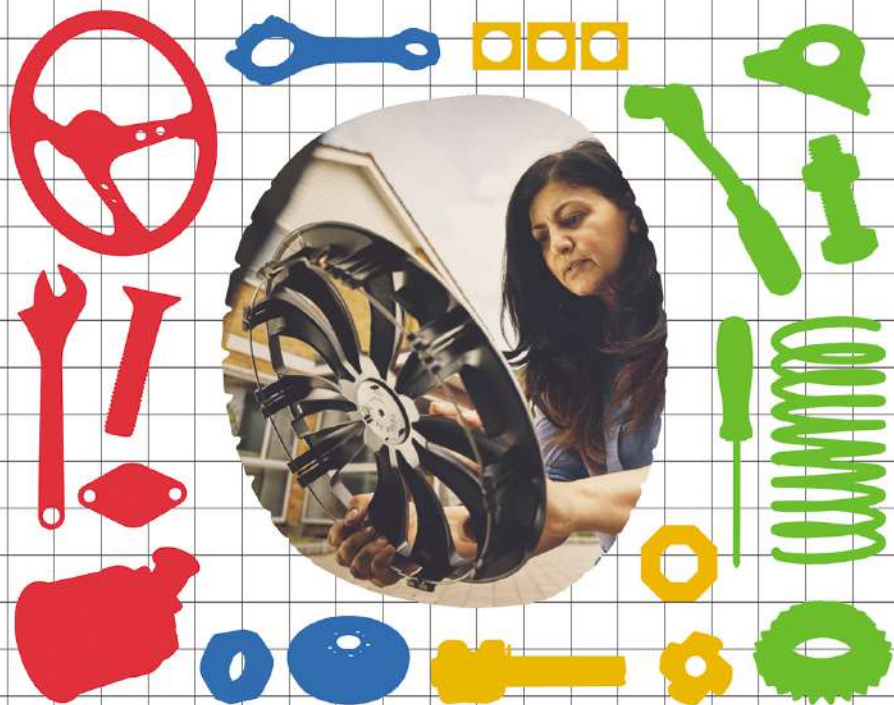
Happy 6th Birthday to season ticket holder Zac Taylor for this coming Monday – love from all your family and us at TRFC!

We wish former-players Neville Powell (60) and Joey Pritchard (80) a very happy birthday from all of us here at TRFC. Neville was a very familiar face here between 1980 and 1984, playing as a Midfielder and made 91 appearances and scoring 5 goals – while Joey featured here from 1962 to 1969, and was a popular figure, again as a midfielder making over 204 appearances and scoring 31 times.

We hope you all have a great day!



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The Beautiful Game



We all know that attendances at football matches have declined over the last few decades and we can each probably recall a time when you could barely move due to the masses of fans within the ground. Ok, fair enough, you'd probably have to be in your Twilight years to remember a match day experience such as this! Perhaps you were in attendance here at Prenton Park for the FA Cup game in February 1972 against Stoke City when 24,424 fans were packed into our humble home!

What is pleasing is an unexpected turnout for a game, for one reason or another. It's especially pleasing for the hosts of the game as they take the chunk of the gate receipts! The best most clubs can hope for is a plump FA Cup home-tie against a Premiership side. Unless, you're Doncaster Rovers reserves, in which case you could sign-up a member of 'One Direction' and boost your crowd from 100-ish to over 5,300!! That's what happened in 2014 at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster. Imagine you're one of the faithful Donny Rovers fans, you watch the 1st team and the reserves in action. Normally, you're at a reserve game and you're there with 100 or so like-minded fans watching the youngsters turn out and develop into first team players, enjoying your cup of tea, there's peace and quiet other than the refs whistle and players shouting at each other. You turn up for one particular reserve game and all of a sudden there's an additional 5,200 in attendance, all of them are squealing little teenage girls, only there to see their 'idol' play 25 minutes of football! Yeah, that's all Louis Tomlinson (of One Direction) played when he came on as a sub in the game. If you were one of the regular 100 at the game, you'd be pretty peeved, especially as the refreshments probably sold out early doors as a result of the massive crowd and you couldn't even get your cuppa!

In the past we've witnessed the small club taking a big star signing, normally as a publicity stunt to attract a larger crowd. In 2004 the Brazilian

World Cup winning captain Socrates (now sadly deceased) signed for Garforth Town on a month's loan. In 2012 we saw the Ex-Holland International Edgar Davids take on the role of player manager at Barnet FC. His debut for the Bees saw the attendance double at the old Underhill ground, swelling to a 3,229 crowd (v Plymouth Argyle) following the previous games' attendance (v Exeter City) attracting 1,483 fans.

Two of the most surprising big name signings occurred at the very same club, albeit decades apart. Notts County have had their fair share of big names. The first big name signing and a big shock to the football world was the acquisition of Tommy Lawton from Chelsea in 1947. This was no short-lived signing though, Lawton, then described as the world's best centre forward, went onto play 151 times for Notts County! In stark contrast to that particular signing, there's the signing of Sol Campbell in 2009, he played just the one game and walked away from Meadow Lane after just 29 days. Both these signings were crowd boosters for County but what of other extra-ordinary attendances



at grounds? In January 1957, Wrexham reserves got a crowd of 18,069 for their game against Winsford United – crazy but true. The reason was that Wrexham had been drawn to play Manchester United in the cup and tickets for that game went on sale on the night of the reserve game!

Sometimes, there doesn't even have to be a match taking place at the ground. In 2002, at the Dynamo Kiev stadium in Russia, over 100,000 were in attendance! They were there for the funeral of Valeri Lobanovsky. He had coached Kiev and also the National sides of the Ukraine and Russia over a 40 year period. I doubt there'd be such an attendance today following the trouble between the two Nations currently!

...And sometimes, there doesn't even have to be any football being played or any stadium for fans to turn out in their droves! In 1999 on a live radio show, Ex Middlesbrough player Bernie Slaven pledged to show his rear-end in a local department store window if Boro' just happened to beat the mighty Manchester United at Old Trafford. Boro' hadn't beaten United in 68 years. Boro' won the game 3-2.

On the Monday morning after the game in Binns department store window, with 3-2 scrawled across his bum cheeks, Slaven was true to his word. In attendance, outside the store were over 3,000 chanting Boro' fans to see the show.

Enjoy the game and make as much noise as possible to spur the lads onto victory!!



Club Partners





Opposition Luke Birch

Back in the Football League for the first time since 2008, Wrexham AFC won one of their first four league games this season.



Wrexham

They lost their first, 5-3 at home to Milton Keynes Dons, before beating Wigan Athletic on penalties in the League Cup. They drew 1-1 at AFC Wimbledon, before earning their first win, 4-2 at home to Walsall.

They were then involved in a 5-5 thriller at home to Swindon Town.

Wrexham played four pre-season games in the USA, including a 5-0 defeat to Chelsea at the University of North Carolina, and a 3-1 victory over Manchester United.

Wrexham have been without last season's top-scorer with 38 goals Paul Mullin, who suffered a punctured lung during their pre-season win over Manchester United.

Former Premier League goalkeeper Ben Foster retired after Wrexham's draw with Swindon Town, making 12 appearances since returning to the club in March.

Wrexham have strengthened over the summer, adding Republic of Ireland winger James McClean, and former Huddersfield Town centre-back Will Boyle to their squad.

The Red Dragons' revival under Hollywood ownership has been covered by a documentary, 'Welcome to Wrexham', which has given them greater exposure particularly in North America.

Manager Phil Parkinson took over at Wrexham in 2021, after the takeover by Hollywood actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney.

Parkinson led The Red Dragons to promotion last season with 111 points, four more than second-placed Notts County.

He previously managed clubs including, Sunderland, Bolton Wanderers, and Bradford City.





The Present & The Past

THE PRESENT / BEN TOZER

Centre-back Ben Tozer joined Wrexham in 2021, and played a key part in last season's promotion to League Two.

He played in every game for The Red Dragons during last season's promotion run, scoring four goals.

Vice-captain Tozer played in all four of Wrexham's opening league fixtures, as well as their League Cup tie against Wigan Athletic.

Tozer is well-known for his dangerous long throw, which he perfected after studying former Stoke City midfielder Rory Delap.

He previously played for Cheltenham Town, and won the League Two title with The Robins in the 2020/21 season.

Tozer won Cheltenham's 'Players' Player of the Season', and the club's 'Supporters' Player of the Season' accolades that season.

The defender was included in the 'PFA League Two Team of the Year' in the 2020/21 and 2019/20 seasons.

Born in Plymouth, and a product of the Plymouth Argyle academy, the 33-year-old made two appearances for Newcastle United as a young player, after signing from Swindon Town.

After signing a four-and-a-half year contract with The Toon, he made his debut in a League Cup tie against Peterborough United in 2009.

Tozer then spent five years with Northampton Town, initially on loan from Newcastle.

He then featured for Yeovil Town and Newport County before joining Cheltenham in 2018.

Tozer has been candid about his recovery from struggles with anxiety, which led to him nearly quitting the game. He has advocated for others to take action on their own struggles.



THE PAST / IAN RUSH

Liverpool legend Ian Rush played for Wrexham between 1998 and 1999, failing to score in 17 league matches with The Red Dragons.

Born in St Asaph and raised in Flint, Rush didn't play for Wrexham until towards the end of his career.

He earned 73 caps for Wales between 1980 and 1993, scoring 28 goals.

Rush scored his first goal for Wales at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground against Northern Ireland in 1982.

The striker started his career over the border at Chester City, before joining Liverpool in 1980.

After asking Bob Paisley for a chance in the first team, or he would leave, the Liverpool manager told him he intended to sell him.

When he did get his chance, Rush scored seven goals in three-and-a-half games. Paisley's trick had worked, as he never intended to sell him.

The striker went on to score 109 goals in 182 league games during his first spell with The Reds.

He was sold to Juventus in 1986, but went back on loan to Liverpool for a year.

The Welshman returned to Liverpool in 1988, and went on to become Liverpool's record goalscorer, with 346 goals in all competitions.

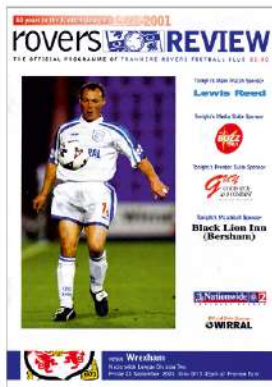
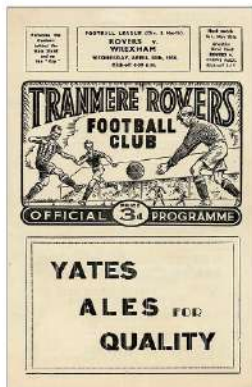
He later had brief spells at Leeds United, Newcastle United, and Sheffield United, before joining Wrexham as a player and a coach.

In his only spell in management, Rush took charge of Chester City between 2004 and 2005.





Three Previous Encounters



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Division Three North
Wednesday 30 April 1957

In 1958, Tranmere defeated Wrexham 2-1 to secure their Third Division status at Prenton Park, as the leagues were re-organised.

Tommy Eglington despatched a penalty for Tranmere before a miscued clearance by Wrexham hit Tranmere's Kenny McDevitt to double the lead, and secure survival.

The match was witnessed by 19,615 spectators, as Wrexham also survived thanks to other results going their way.

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Nationwide League Division Two
Friday 21 September 2001

In 2001, a Stuart Barlow hat-trick saw Tranmere defeat Wrexham 5-0, in a third tier league match at Prenton Park. Barlow's second was an audacious lob over the goalkeeper from outside of the penalty area.

A Jason Koumas free-kick had opened the scoring for Tranmere just before half-time, and Steve Yates added Rovers' fourth in the second half.

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Coca-Cola League One
Saturday 15 January 2005

In 2005, the last Football League meeting between the two teams saw Tranmere win 5-1 away at Wrexham. Chris Dagnall opened the scoring for Tranmere with a cool right-footed finish, before he found Iain Hume for Tranmere's second.

A terrific Gareth Roberts volley added Tranmere's third, before Theo Whitmore, and Paul Hall completed the rout.

Five Notable Numbers

11

Matches played between the two clubs in total where either side has scored 5 goals or more in the game

101



The number of league appearances made by Paul Mullin, playing at both Wrexham and Tranmere, between 2018 and 2020

5500



The capacity of Wrexham redeveloped 'Kop End' at the Racecourse Ground once completed, and incorporating rail seating

8

Total number of seasons Wrexham competed in Europe between 1972/73 and 1995/96, having won the Welsh Cup during that period

1807



The year Wrexham's Racecourse Ground first opened - now known for sponsorship reasons as the STOK Cae Ras

**TRANMERE ROVERS****WREXHAM****MATCH FACTS & TOTAL CARDS**

Tranmere and Wrexham last faced in the Football League in January 2005 in League One, with Rovers winning 5-1 under Brian Little.



The last meeting between Tranmere and Wrexham in any competition came in the National League in January 2018, a 2-2 draw in which all four goals came before half-time.

**GOALS****EXPECTED GOALS****GOALS
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	SCORED	CONCEDED
0-15	1	2
16-30	2	1
31-45	1	1
46-60	0	1
61-75	1	3
76-90	3	1



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



Opposition Dream Team

Charlie Stubbs selects a former Wrexham fantasy 'eleven'



1 - Goalkeeper: Rob Lainton
Initially signed on a season-long loan in 2018, Lainton made 21 league clean sheets in his first season, equalling the club record. He has made over 140 appearances since signing as he has struggled with some injuries.

2 - Right Wing Back: Carlos Edwards

Capped 92 times by the Trinidad and Tobago, he played for the club from 2000 to 2005. During this time, he suffered two relegations and one promotion in the 2003 Division Three season.

3 - Centre Back: Brian Carey

Capped 3 times by Ireland, Brian Carey played across two stints at the club, one loan season and nine regular seasons. He joined in the 1991-92 season, on loan from Manchester United, and played in the memorable FA Cup third round tie knocking out reigning league champions Arsenal. He went on to join permanently in 1996 and was captain. He won the 2005 EFL Trophy in his final season.

4 - Centre Back: Gareth Davies

Born in Bangor, Gareth Davies went through the Llandudno and Colwyn Bay youth academies before he signed for Wrexham, in 1967. He did 490 appearances for the club up until his retirement in 1983. He won the Welsh Cup three times and won the 1978 Division Three title.

5 - Centre Back: Ben Tozer

Current centre half Ben Tozer has



played around 100 times for the Red Dragons, including an important role in Wrexham's title win last season, earning a place in the National League Team of the Year.

6 - Left Wing Back: Phil Hardy

Academy graduate Phil Hardy starts at left back for the side, as he played over 450 games from 1990 to 2001. Born in Ellesmere Port, he made his debut in 1990, being a Welsh Cup runner up in his debut season. During his time, he was consistently strong, playing less than 32 games in only three of his eleven seasons. He won promotion from the Third Division in 1993, finishing second.

7 - Centre Midfield: Arfon Griffiths

Local lad Arfon Griffiths MBE graduated the Wrexham academy in 1959. He was at Wrexham for 22 years, excluding fifteen games at Arsenal in the 1961-62 season and fifteen games on loan at the Seattle Sounders in 1975. He played 591 games for Wrexham, winning four Welsh Cups, the 1978 Division Three title, reaching two FA Cup quarter finals and the European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter Final in 1976. He became manager in 1977 and left in 1981.

8 - Centre Midfield: Brian Flynn

Capped 66 times for Wales, Flynn first joined Wrexham as a player in 1988. He played 100 times for the Red Dragons and retirement from playing, in 1993. He became player-manager from 1989, leaving in 2001. At the time, he was the third-longest serving manager in the



league. He returned as an assistant manager in 2019.

9 - Centre Midfield Karl Connolly

Prescot-born Karl Connolly was spotted by a Wrexham scout when he was played for Sunday League side Napoli in the Warrington Sunday League. He scored 88 times in 358 appearances throughout his 1991-2000 career. During this time, he won the 1995 Welsh Cup and promotion from Division Three in 1993.

10 - Striker: Gary Bennett

Known by 90s Superwhites fans for his performances in the 1995-96 season, he had two stints at the Red Dragons, scoring 82 goals in 136 appearances at the club. His first stint, from 1992-95, he joined from Chester City and was massively prolific. He was part of the team who won promotion to Division Two in the 1993-94 season, and the Welsh Cup in 1994-95.

11 - Striker: Paul Mullin

Scoring 8 goals in 42 games during his two seasons at Tranmere, he signed for the Red Dragons in 2021. In his first season in North Wales, he won the Golden Boot in the National League, scoring 26 goals in the league. In the second season, in Wrexham's title-winning season, he won the FA Cup golden ball, scoring 9 goals in 7 games, and scored 38 goals in the League, trailing Macauley Langstaff for the Golden Boot.

Connor Jennings



Connor Jennings needs no introduction in these parts.

The forward made over 150 appearances for Rovers between 2016 and 2020. Signed from Wrexham, he scored 36 times for the Club, the most important of which coming in the 119th minute of the 2019 League Two Play-Off final against Newport County. Jake Caprice cross. Connor Jennings header. Picture perfect. The 31-year-old returned home this summer and netted his first of the season against Salford City, of similar ilk to the one that forever immortalised him in Tranmere Rovers folklore four years ago. It was like he'd never been away, but Jennings is focused on putting his previous spell behind him and pushing on with a brand-new chapter in his career.

AB: Connor, it's a pleasure to have you back at Tranmere Rovers, how has your season been so far?

CJ: So far, so good. I'm really happy to be back. I've really enjoyed working with the gaffer, the staff and all the boys. I was probably a bit nervous at the start but that soon went away, and things were back to normal. I don't know why, maybe because of how good

my time here was before. It was really important for me to put that behind me and focus on this new chapter. I wanted to come in with a clear mind and start fresh.

AB: How did the process of coming back play out?

CJ: I'd heard a few things. I was hoping it was true. Finally I got the all clear to go ahead with it and I just couldn't say no.

This is the best Club I've played for; I just get it. The fans are brilliant with me, and I just love representing Tranmere to the best of my ability.

AB: Describe the buzz you got stepping out at Prenton Park again?

CJ: It was nice in pre-season to do it. The opening league game was a really nice moment too. >>>



It was obviously disappointing to not get the result. Nothing changes with these fans; they still turn up in huge numbers. They're superb and I expect nothing else.

AB: We're playing Wrexham this afternoon, what was the process like transferring between the two clubs?

CI: I really enjoyed my time there. I was captain. At that time in my career, I just knew Tranmere were going to go on to win things. It was a no-brainer to change clubs and it ended up being a really good decision. The games are great, two big clubs going at it with huge fanbases. It's set up to be a brilliant game. These are the ones you want to play in, you become a footballer for matches like this.

AB: Of all the Tranmere sides you've played in, how does the current squad compare in terms of the characters and the atmosphere in the dressing room?

CI: It's got huge potential. It's a very talented and close group. We're all hard working and there's definitely great pedigree to put us in great stead for the rest of the season. There's a lot of younger players. The more experienced lads can help out in lots of different ways. The young lads have got a great career ahead of them if they keep listening to the staff, the older players, and keep willing to learn. I've been really impressed with Sam Taylor. He's really fast, great movement and a top lad. He could be a really important player for us. Luke Norris and Kristian Dennis are great to link up with. We certainly need to turn these great performances into wins, though.

AB: How have you adjusted to life back at Prenton Park?

CI: I've got a little one, so I've not had much time to spend with the lads away from training and games. They're a great group. There's a few lads that play a lot of golf when they have time off. It's still early days, I've only been with the group

for a couple months but we're getting on really well.

AB: What's your favourite goal you've scored for Tranmere?

CI: There's the obvious one against Newport in the Play-Off final. That was a great moment. I enjoyed Southport away, and my hat-trick against Solihull in the 9-0 win at home. One of those was from outside the box, that stands out to me.

AB: Who would you say is your all-time favourite teammate?

CI: I'd have to say Liam Ridehalgh, Scott Davies or James Norwood. Someone asked me recently who had played with me the most and it was Liam and Scott. I've always enjoyed playing with all three of them. They're characters, you go into battle every day with them. When all your hard work pays off and turns into promotion, you get even closer after going through so much together.



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Those of you who read my 'Press Perspective' on a regular basis will know how I love a strange sporting story – so how about BBC News George Wright's article about the 'World Eskimo-Indian Olympics'. Now, no reason at all why these Olympics shouldn't be something to admire and marvel at but when the headline includes 'How ripped ears are preserving a rare culture in Alaska' I'm afraid I just had to read on.



George explains that: 'hundreds of years ago, the Native people of Alaska's coastal whaling settlements had a unique way of communicating when a hunt had been successful. The vast, icy plains had few hills, so it was possible to see for miles on a clear day. Once there had been a successful catch, a messenger would run inland towards their village and, when within sight, would jump and kick both feet into the air. The village then knew it was time to jump into action and help bring the catch home. But kicks were not always used to convey good news. One could be used to sound the alarm if someone was injured. The passage of time and technological advances meant that these forms of long-distance communication eventually disappeared. But, once, a year the tradition is revived as a community comes together.' 'On 12th July 2023, thousands flocked to Fairbanks, Alaska, to watch the one and two-footed high-kicks, alongside events such as the ear pull, seal hop and Indian stick pull, in the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics (WEIO). Now do I have your attention! WEIO was born in 1961 after two non-Native airline pilots, Bill English and Tom Richards Sr, encountered the traditional games while flying over Alaska's outlying communities. By then the dominant American culture had started encroaching into these communities, threatening to 'homogenise' local customs out of existence. These two gentlemen could see where some of these traditions could be endangered and so native athletes and dancers from a handful of villages were brought together at Fairbanks and the first WEIO took place on the banks of the Chena River.'

But what about the intriguing titles of some of those events:

'The objective of the ear pull – essentially tug-of-war with your ears – is to pull the sinew off your opponent's ear or force them to submit. It's a game of stamina, with the winner illustrating they can withstand pain, a trait needed to survive the harsh realities of rural Alaska.

The four-man carry tests how far a single competitor can carry four volunteers draped across them. It harks back to a time when hunters had to lug their hefty catches long distances in freezing temperatures.

The Indian stick pull is a test of grip, with competitors attempting to wrench a short, greased stick from their rival. It replicates holding onto freshly-hooked fish by the tail. The Eskimo stick pull meanwhile involves a longer stick and relies more on strength, the same strength needed to haul a seal from a hole in the ice.'

'These unique sports are growing in popularity, despite the lure of ice hockey and basketball for young people in Alaska. The games have also played a role in both preserving Native Alaskan culture, helping younger people reconnect with their roots and helping those recovering from substance abuse. Historically, Native Alaskans have some of the highest rates of drug and alcohol abuse in the country. For indigenous people whose culture can be endangered, finding something that connects you closely to that which has been there for thousands of years, that you can be personally involved with, is an amazing gift.'



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Tranmere Rovers in the Community deliver daily diversionary sessions across Wirral throughout summer holiday

Tranmere Rovers in the Community have been out delivering diversionary multi-sports sessions at youth centres across Wirral in a targeted engagement project to involve children in stimulating activities to maintain healthy lifestyles and friendships during the summer holidays.

With sessions taking place five days a week at all of West Kirby Concourse, Moreton Youth Space, Birkenhead Youth Club, Woodchurch Youth Space and Tranmere Rovers Beechwood Recreation Centre, we have engaged over 100 different children across the Wirral this summer holidays.

Local centre managers from where we have been delivering the sessions have been extremely positive about its effects.

Johanne, from West Kirby Concourse, said: "To have the Tranmere Rovers in the Community coaches here as well provides a role model for the kids, someone to look up to.

"Tranmere Rovers in the Community have done me a massive favour. I work as a full-time youth worker and I'm not at my fittest, so for the coaches to come and do this for me is amazing.

"I want to say a big thank you to Tranmere Rovers in the Community. I speak to the other centre managers, as it's all about partnerships in the community, and the feedback from these sessions at each centre has been amazing."





MATCH IMAGES

Tranmere Rovers v Leicester City 29/8/2023

The Second Round of the Carabao Cup brought Championship leaders Leicester City to Prenton Park - with Rovers only losing out by two quick second half goals despite a good, persistent performance

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NICK HILTON'S ROVERS RETROSPECTIVE



The two pre-war seasons had been a rollercoaster ride as the club's first-ever promotion to the second tier was followed by a record-breaking relegation season in 1938/39, during which an out of their depth team lost 31 out of 42 games.

Then, two weeks before Rovers' first practice match of the summer of '46, Bill Ridding, who had helped to develop a pool of talented young players during the years of conflict, left the club to become trainer at Bolton Wanderers. Tommy Jones, a former player hastily appointed to replace Ridding, took Tranmere into the start of the Division Three North campaign.

Two heavy defeats into the opening four games were enough to convince the board that they had the wrong man in charge of the team. They decided they needed a secretary/manager with experience and a solid track record who could run the playing side of the club from top to bottom at a time when money was tight.

Enter Ernie Blackburn, a Lancastrian who had established his credentials over four seasons with local rivals Wrexham during the 1930s and followed that with a successful spell at Hull City.

Blackburn's teams achieved second-place finishes at both Wrexham and Hull although it was an era when only the Division Three North champions earned the right to promotion to the Second Division.

At Prenton Park the gentleman manager demonstrated once again his capacity to put together competitive and entertaining teams on a limited budget.



ERNIE BLACKBURN

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There was plenty of good football on view for post-war crowds that averaged close to 10,000 in several seasons.

Derby matches with Wrexham were often particularly well attended with 13,450 seeing the Welsh team's 2-0 win at Prenton Park in April 1949 and 13,992 watching a 2-1 Wrexham win in March 1951.

There was a strong rivalry but also a deep mutual respect between the clubs that grew from a match played out in the most tragic of circumstances five years prior to the start of the war.

The Division Three North fixture on September 22, 1934, went ahead little more than 12 hours after an explosion deep underground at the Gresford Colliery, close to Wrexham, traumatised the North Wales town.

The Gresford Disaster would claim the lives of 266 men and boys.

According to local reports, many of the victims were working a double shift underground through the early hours of the morning of the 22nd, so they could attend the Wrexham-Tranmere match later in the afternoon.

The rescue operation was in its early stages when the decision was taken - three miles away in the Wrexham boardroom - that the match should go ahead.

Blackburn, the Wrexham secretary/manager explained to reporters why the directors decided against a postponement.

"We cannot do any good if we postpone the match," Blackburn said. "The scene of the disaster is only three miles from our ground and the atmosphere today is very depressing. Our sympathies go out to these people, and we consider that by playing we may do something to help turn their minds from the appalling tragedy."

The tragedy began just after 2am when an explosion rocked the Dennis Section of the privately owned mine. Almost 500 men

were underground on the night shift at the time.

Rescuers battled for more than 40 hours, trying to push back the flames in an effort to reach the men known to be trapped behind the fire. But they could advance no more than a yard or two.

The disaster left 164 widows, 242 fatherless children and put 1,700 men on the dole after the mine was closed for a number of years on safety grounds.

All the casualties lived in the Wrexham area but only 11 bodies were ever recovered. The remainder were sealed in the mine.

The match at the Racecourse attracted a large crowd of 10,158, who saw the teams play out a 2-2 draw.

George Lerry, sports reporter for the Wrexham Leader newspaper, reported:

"The news of the disaster had become known on the morning of the match and at one time it was thought that the game would be postponed.

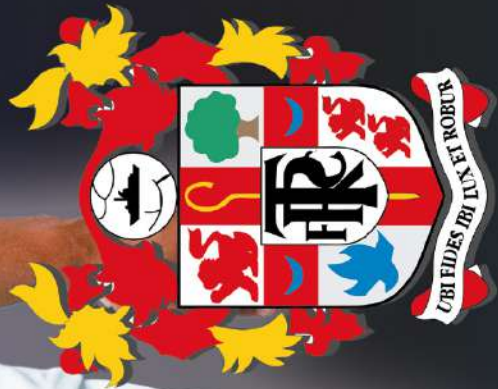
"Personally, I wish it had been so. After hurrying from the pit head where I had seen the dead bodies of miners and brave rescuers who had lost their lives... I did not find it easy to settle down to the task of taking notes of this match." The game was a 2-2 draw.

Blackburn later served Tranmere as secretary/manager for nine years (save for an 11-month spell in 1955/56 when Noel Kelly acted as player/manager). He gave up on team affairs for a second time in 1957 but continued as secretary until March 1959.

Director Bill Bothwell described Blackburn as "a very hard-working man who looked after Tranmere through some very sticky times. He was a fine judge of a player and always made a penny do the work of a shilling."

Blackburn passed away five years later, in 1964, at Birkenhead General Hospital.

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COVER TO COVER

ANDREW STURGEON ON WREXHAM V TRANMERE 1988/89

We have to rewind to 1988/89 for the last time, these two teams met at the fourth-tier level, which for ease of reference was conveniently known at the time as Division Four.



The Red Dragons, produced a 32-page programme, priced at 70p. The front cover showed a colour shot of a pondering Kevin Russell in match action. The admiral shirts and very tight shorts a clear giveaway to this being the late 80s era.

A number of articles were contained within the programme, these included FiloFax, where new signing Martin Lane was on the receiving end of the everyday questions. The Racecourse News and Views, included thanks from Linfield for allowing the Racecourse to hold their recent European tie whilst a couple of paragraphs in Welsh, where in the aptly named section "The Welsh bit".

Three pages were dedicated to Tranmere, with ex Wrexham forward, Jim Steel being identified as the Star Man for Rovers. The recent changes at Prenton Park were discussed, and it was noted that the newly upgraded floodlights at the stadium would now meet the minimum standards for European football nights.

Region-based adverts encouraged businesses to invest in the local area. These came from both The

County of Clwyd and the Wrexham Development Area, the latter of which had a somewhat bizarre picture of wild west cowboys with the quotation "Reach for Wrexham, They're so Persuasive".

On the back cover, the team line ups of 1-11, with a brief bio of each player, were sandwiched by adverts from main club sponsor Marston Ales and the Wrexham ClubCall telephone line. Callers to the phone line would have required a number of updates, as Wrexham would race into a 2-0 lead after only 7 minutes, but an Eddie Bishop goal, and two from former Wrexham loanee and now Tranmere Captain Jim Harvey, saw Tranmere turn the game around 3-2. However, within the dying minutes, Wrexham equalised with a 'freakish' goal to end the game 3-3. By the time the teams would meet again at Prenton Park in March, both were looking for promotion, and were separated by a single place and point, with Tranmere having the upper hand in 5th on 48 points.

The Tranmere programme priced at 60p for 28 pages, used the same cover image throughout the

season. This featured four iconic pictures from Rovers first Wembley outing, in the Football League Centenary Tournament, the previous April.

On the Notice Board page, fans were encouraged to write to the local MPs to say No to ID Cards for football supporters; whilst inflatable Rover the Dog bones, would be on sale soon in the Souvenir Shop. Thankfully it was the bones, rather than the ID cards that proved the thriving success.

On the rear page, the top half is dedicated to the team list of 13 players, (1-11 and 12 & 14 for Subs) whilst the bottom half was taken up with advertising from match sponsor Bass North West.

An attendance of 7,353 would see Tranmere turn around a half time 1-0 deficit, to win 2-1 thanks to goals from Muir and Steel, to open up a 4-point lead on the Welshmen. By the end of the season there would be 9 points separating the sides. Tranmere would be promoted automatically as runners up, whilst Wrexham had to settle for a play-off place and would ultimately loose the two-legged final against Leyton Orient.


***FACT - Kieron Morris has scored in all three league seasons that these teams have met and remains the only player from either side to have scored more than once in this fixture.**



CLASSIC SUPER WHITE SNAP SHOT

3.3.1989 - It's the 1988/89 season, and Rovers are already on course for promotion to Division Three, more so following a 2-1 win over Wrexham at Prenton Park. Played out in front of a total crowd of 7,353, this included 576 visiting Reds

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You may have already read today's 'Cover to Cover' feature on Page 35, where Andrew Sturgeon regularly selects a past programme involving the visitors.

The staple diet you might say for any long-time supporter, Andrew has already covered some interesting issues - including the rare 1963/64 League Cup tie involving last Tuesdays' opponents Leicester City, as well as Salford City with their popular, unique and imaginative design covers.

With the future of the matchday programme highlighted in recent times though, especially those that are printed, the digital era now plays a part in the transition of a traditional matchday feature that has been available to supporters since the late 1800s. Mixed opinions from fans, plus the removal of printed copies by some clubs, and in our division alone, are now the topic of conversation for some just as much as the match itself. On a lighter note though, consider this, which is an excerpt taken from the Birkenhead Advertiser newspaper, dated from Saturday 12 August 1922, and just 10 days before the visit of Stalybridge Celtic to Prenton Park on the opening day of the new season - and an example of the interpretations of matchday programmes sales etc. during that era:

'Might we suggest to those in charge of the Rovers official programme for next season that they seriously consider (if they have not already done so) the question of putting it on sale at one penny instead of twopence.

It will be generally agreed that a penny is quite enough to pay for a programme the size of that offered for sale on the ground during the past few years at twopence, and we feel

that at the former figure it would be easy to dispose of twice the quantity than at twopence.

There have been many strong criticisms in the past about what has been frequently referred to as "fleecing the spectators", and, with the cost of production much cheaper than it was when the price was rightly doubled during the war

period, we think it is only right that the spectators should be considered.

Of course, if the size of the programme is doubled, and the publication improved accordingly, that will be a different matter, but at the old size, leaving so little room for news after allowing for advertisements, a penny a copy is quite ample.'



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Transfer window shut and holes to fill? There are plenty of free agents out there, all desperate for a club. OK, so not many EFL clubs can afford the wages of Eden Hazard or David De Gea. But there are plenty of proven operators and promotion winners available on knockdown wages after a fruitless summer of trials and tribulations. Here are some of the best:

Josh Onomah (Midfielder - Age 26)

Former Spurs midfielder Onomah is a veteran of two promotions to the Premier League with Fulham, for whom he scored five goals in 76 games before signing a short-term contract with Preston in January.

Ryan Lowe was sufficiently impressed to offer a longer deal, but negotiations collapsed and Onomah walked. He spent the summer on trial at Stoke and looked set to pen a one-year contract with the Potters in early August. It was never signed, and things have since gone very quiet.

Tom Rogic (Midfielder - Age 30)

A Celtic legend after nine glittering years at Parkhead, the Australian playmaker's free transfer to West Brom last summer was touted as a major coup.

In the event, he made just 23 appearances in all competitions and was continually overlooked by Carlos Corberan as the Baggies failed to secure a playoff spot in a difficult campaign at the Hawthorns.

Unsurprisingly, Corberan opted against activating the one-year options in Rogic's deal and there has been barely any speculation about his future since, with not a single club publicly credited with an interest. It's all rather puzzling for a 30-year-old player of proven international class.



Stefan Johansen (Midfielder - Age 32)

Another former Celtic (and Fulham) player whose whereabouts are unknown, Johansen left QPR at the end of last season, reportedly after a row with new gaffer Gareth Ainsworth.

Both men played down the rumours, but they certainly haven't helped the Norwegian in his quest to find a new club.

Since leaving Loftus Road in May, he has not been spotted anywhere on trial or linked to clubs in the media.

Whether the stylish midfielder wants to play in England remains to be seen, but with three Scottish titles and two Championship play-off victories, he has plenty to impress would-be employers.

Rolando Aarons (Winger - Age 27)

One day, Aarons will stay fit. And when he does, somebody will have themselves a fast, inventive and game-changing wideman.

During his formative years at Newcastle, Aarons looked the real deal, and in late 2014 - aged just 18 - was commanding a regular berth in the side. "I expect him to do great things," said youth coach Peter Beardley.

Then, during a game for England's Under-20s, he tore a hamstring. It would mark the start of a wretched and seemingly never-ending run of hamstring issues, which over the last nine years have restricted him to fewer than 100 professional appearances.

The most recent came on loan at Motherwell last season, after which he was released by Sheffield Wednesday. It would take a brave manager to commit a chunk of his budget to a player who averages nine games a season, but the potential - just about - remains.



By Chris Dunlavy, reporter, The Football League Paper

Tranmere Rovers Women extended their undefeated streak at the beginning of the season, securing a late draw in their away match against Curzon Ashton.



The match kicked off with a balanced five minutes of play, during which Tranmere had a notable chance that led to a corner. Holly Jones controlled the ball from the corner and executed a spin inside the area before unleashing a left-footed volley that missed the target.

The momentum shifted, and the home team started to exert pressure, attempting two long-range shots, but Size, the Rovers' goalkeeper, remained untroubled. However, a little later, Tranmere found themselves trailing. A pass down the right side reached Bailey, despite Rovers' offside claims. Bailey delivered a low cross that found Chesworth, whose initial shot was saved by Size, but she capitalized on the rebound.

Tranmere regrouped and began to construct intricate passing sequences in the midfield involving Paget, Doyle, McCready, and Bowers Folan. Unfortunately, they couldn't find a breakthrough before the first half ended.

The second half commenced with Tranmere displaying strength, as Holly Jones cut inside from the left flank, but her shot curved wide of the goal. Bowers Folan played a pivotal role once again in creating attacking opportunities, and shortly after, she herself came close to scoring after being sent behind Curzon Ashton's defense, but her shot missed the mark.

As time dwindled, Tranmere persisted in their offensive efforts. Lorna Stratton, a substitute, managed to find the net, but the goal was disallowed due to an offside decision. Nonetheless, she redeemed herself minutes later by receiving a through ball, embarking on a run from the halfway line, and skillfully slotting the ball past the keeper to salvage a late draw for Rovers.

Looking forward, Tranmere Rovers Women's next fixture will take them back to Greater Manchester, where they are scheduled to compete against Bury FC, now being played at Unsworth CC (32 Pole Lane, Bury BL9 8QD). The match is set to commence at 2pm.



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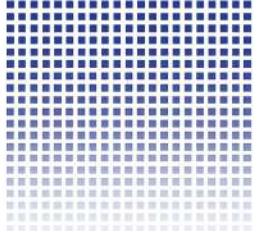
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Steve Bower



It's brilliant to have Wrexham back as football league opposition and indeed everything that comes with it!

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It's a topic of hot debate.

What is a football club? Someone new to the game once asked me. It's one of those questions that seems simple but is actually difficult to answer as not all the clubs are the same and not every individual, certainly owners have the same view.

At any level sustainability is a constant ongoing issue, particularly now at the highest level. A lot of fans will base an ownership on whether they deliver what they promise from the outset.

A high percentage of owners forget clubs were born to represent communities and fans, not owners. Certainly, Mark and Nicola don't fall into that category! When your chairman played over 250 games for the club as well it's a massive advantage! No supporter can ask whether he really gets our club.

I commented on Luton at Chelsea for match of the day last weekend, and it reminded me why we all can dream.

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DISABLEDROVERS

Tranmere Rovers Disabled Supporters Association

Hello and welcome back to Prenton Park to the Super White Army for this big grudge match. I don't know about you but, for me, this is the match that my eyes darted towards when the fixtures were released. It's been a fair few years since we faced Wrexham in the Football League - and there's also their recent global fame as a result of international investment generating extra interest in this fixture too.

Wrexham's disabled supporters' association is very highly-regarded and we hope their disabled fans who are visiting our ground today enjoy the fixture.

New Disability Identifiers

We have recently launched a new scheme whereby fans who have either a visible or hidden disability can opt to wear a disability identifier during matches at Prenton Park. Staff are aware that anyone wearing ID may need additional support. Any fan who feels they might benefit from this can choose either a green lanyard OR a more discreet silicone wristband - I personally love my wristband and find playing with it a great way to relieve stress at tense moments of our matches. These can be collected from the Club Shop free-of-charge anytime. We're delighted to supporting this scheme with the Supporter Liaison Officers, so if you have any questions about how it'll work, please drop us or the SLOs a message on Facebook, Twitter/X or email.

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.

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.

Disabled Supporters Survey

We've also launched a short survey to find out what disabled Tranmere Rovers fans want from us as their Disabled Supporters' Association! Fill it in by going to <https://bit.ly/3s1Ck53> and help us shape a Disabled Rovers group that works for disabled Tranmere fans.

New 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.

Badges

The new range of our DSA badges are available now - and we've even now got them in the club shop at Prenton Park. 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, if you can't get down to the club shop.

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 former Rovers star recently joined UAE side Al Urooba?
2. Which EFL team started the current season on a tally of -8 points following a points deduction?
3. Former Rovers captain Peter Clarke recently joined which non-league team following his release from Walsall?
4. Can you name the man who scored a hatrick in a 5-0 win over today's visitor's in 2001?
5. What former Rovers keeper scored from his own half against Leyton Orient in 2006?
6. Who scored the first goal in Manchester City's famous 3-2 win over QPR in 2012?
7. Luton Town recently made their Premier League debut but what is the name of their former captain who joined Rovers on loan in 2015?
8. Which team did both Nigel Adkins and Joe Murphy win promotion to the championship with in 2007?
9. Rovers won the Papa John's trophy, then known as the Leyland DAF Cup, in 1990 but which current League One team did we beat in the final?
10. Rovers signed a player from today's visitors in 2015 and he went on to play over 100 times for rovers, who was it?

WORDSEARCH...



BRIAN LITTLE
DERBY GAME
IAN DAWES
LEAGUE TWO
MARK PALIOS
PHIL PARKINSON

PRENTON PARK
RACECOURSE
ROB MCELHENNEY
RYAN REYNOLDS
TRANMERE ROVERS
WREXHAM

KIT OF THE DAY



Which season is this kit from?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 57...

Matchday four of the 2023/24 Sky Bet League Two season produced bundles of goals, with no goalless games across the division.



The pick of the fixtures came at the Colchester Community Stadium, where a last gasp winner saw MK Dons complete a miraculous comeback. The visitors

opened the scoring in the eighth minute through Mohamed Eisa, who glanced a header across goal that crept in at the far post. Five minutes later, a

quickfire Joe Taylor brace fired Colchester ahead. The equaliser was a tap-in from a yard out after a superb cross was fired across the face of goal. His second was a carbon copy of the first, with the only difference being that the cross came in from the right. In the 88th minute, the travelling side made it 2-2, as Alex Gilbey lobbed the 'keeper who had left his line. In the tenth minute of extra-time, carnage was caused as Matthew Dennis' clever finish rustled the back of the net and stole the points for MK Dons.

Gresty Road laid host to another cracking tie in the

fourth division as a late goal stole the headlines yet again as Crewe Alexandra hosted Walsall. Freddie Draper got the visitors off to a superb start, breaking the deadlock in the opening minute with a sliding finish after the Crewe shot-stopper parried an effort on goal. Isaac Hutchinson doubled the visitors' lead in the 29th minute, blasting a strike at goal that hit the post on its way in. Former-Tranmere forward, Elliott Nevitt halted the deficit with a tidy finish after being played in on goal, and in the dying seconds, Jack Powell turned in a tempting cross to send the home fans wild and salvage a point for Crewe. Gillingham made it four wins from four, topping the table in the early stages of the campaign. All of their wins have been courtesy of a singular goal, winning each game 1-0. On the other hand, Colchester United are yet to register a point this season, having lost all three of their opening fixtures, with their game against Swindon Town being postponed.





Tranmere Rovers Supporters Club



Good afternoon and welcome to Prenton Park for our first game against Wrexham in five and a half years, and the first EFL encounter between two rivals since January 2005. A repeat of the result that afternoon would be most welcome today...

There's no getting away from the fact it's been a difficult start to the season, with the defeats column not looking so pleasant. We are no stranger to difficult starts and overcoming the odds but these things only happen when we all stick together. It's easy to vent frustration and anger but a united fanbase makes Prenton Park a difficult place for away teams to come, all the moreso in derby matches. Let's do our bit and remind our visitors that this is not an easy place to come.

Our coaches to Notts County were a huge success and our next away trips are somewhat lengthier. Crawley and Colchester await us. They are long drives and uneasy train rides even when the things are running. So get yourselves booked into the TROSC coaches by contacting us on supportersclub@tranmererovers.co.uk. A reminder to all to keep your eyes on our social media channels for announcements of future trips and that all TROSC members receive £2 off the cost of using our coaches on each trip.

While you wait for our shipment of our 89-91 yellow away shirt to arrive, check out the TROSC store for a new batch of RS training shirts. These are high quality and available in a range of colours for only £25. Check out www.troscshop.co.uk for more details. And for those who have pre-ordered the yellow shirt - great

news - we expect to take shipment any day now. Keep your eyes peeled. As ever we will be present in Aldo's for today's game and all home games this season. We are always open before and after the game for all supporters, as well as from 15 minutes after kick-off for fans who reside in the Kop. With our hub bar along complimenting the club's draught offering, queues are short and swift and there are great offers to be found. You can also collect your membership pack from us. If you've not been in yet then why not pop in and see what all the fuss is about? Enjoy the game everybody - let's get our season on track and we can do our bit - SWA





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A League Of Our Own

John Adamson...and Colchester United

PART 2

A precocious undergraduate was helping out at an Essex University (yes, there is one!) open day in Colchester when the demonstration lecture started.

Sitting in the lecture theatre were dozens of prospective freshers with their nervous parents. He leaned forward and tapped the shoulder of the mother in front of him.

"Please don't think this is normal," he began, "but we call this guy Dr Ennui, he is the most boring lecturer in our department if not the whole uni. His tone is so monotonous, he's so repetitive, he's just dire."

The woman turned round. "Do you know who I am?"

"No."

"I'm Mrs Ennui."

The young man was silent for a few moments before tapping her again. "Do you know who I am?"

"No, I don't." Her tone was firm.

He smiled. "Good. Enjoy your day. I'm off."

Uncertain of your own identity? Problems with your ancestral roots? Unfairly stereotyped? Let's look at anecdotes of others with similar issues.

The apocryphal story is told of former PM David Cameron visiting a Colchester care home on the general election campaign trail. Seeing a grey-haired lady in a wing-backed chair, he crouched down. "Hello!"

She looked at him before smiling rather vaguely. "Erm, hello."

"Do you know who I am?" The PM raised his eyebrows.

The lady shook her head. "No, but Matron will be along in a few minutes and she'll be able to tell you."

In 2023 our identity seems to come mostly from

the job we do. 'He's a librarian', 'She's a lorry driver'. Your family background is less important. It wasn't always so. Locals tell you that in 1274, a boy child named Raibeart an Bruis was born just down the road from Colchester. Nothing unusual, I hear you say, they have girls named Chardonnay down there. But this one had a real identity issue. His English name reveals he was the legendary Scot, Robert the Bruce.

Scottish? From Essex? It wasn't even that simple. His six times grandparents came from Bruis, or Brix, in Normandy, where there was a castle. Hence the Bruce. Robert had French blood. He rose to become King of the Scots at the age of 32 and secured his place in history by defeating us Sassenachs and bringing independence to his adopted country.

Another Essex man was walking in Colchester early one November evening when he saw the window beside the rear entrance to his doctor's surgery lit up. He went in and knocked on the consulting room door.

"Come in!" came the response. "What can I do for you?"

The man looked at the GP. "It's a mental thing, Doc. I think I'm a moth."

The doctor shook his head. "You need a psychiatrist, not me."

The man nodded. "I thought as much. Sorry to have disturbed you. But I had to come in. Your light was on."

Does our place of birth affect our identity, character and destiny? The jury's out. Whilst today's Essex culture says yep, Robert says nae.





Luke McGEE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Larne Wallissson
Sweden

BUSINESS SWAZ



Lee O'CONNOR

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Sol-Britt Wallissson
Sweden

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AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Jim & Calum
Hanrahan



Charlie JOLLEY

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Joe MURPHY

HOME KIT

The Abraham
Family

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AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

CASE & CASE
High Street



Ben HOCKENHULL

AWAY KIT HOME KIT



Chris MERRIE

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Phil Hughes

Geoff Meeson



Kieron MORRIS

FULL KIT

Bet Press Sweden



Regan HENDRY

FULL KIT

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Connor JENNINGS

AWAY KIT HOME KIT

Ian & Denise Lally

Larne Wallissson
Sweden

Double Trouble
(Phil & Mark)



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						GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS
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	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0
Kristian Dennis	12/03/1990	England	Carlisle United	14	STR	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	1
Josh Hawkes	28/01/1999	England	Sunderland	11	MID	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	2
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	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0
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	Everton	17	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connor Jennings	29/10/1991	England	Wrexham	18	STR	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	1
Charlie Jolley	13/01/2001	England	Wigan Athletic	12	STR	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1
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	0	0	6	0
Reece McAlear	12/02/2002	Scotland	Norwich City	23	MID	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0
Luke McGee	02/09/1995	England	Forest Green Rovers	1	GOL	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Chris Merrie	02/11/1998	England	Wigan Athletic	16	MID	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Kieron Morris	03/06/1994	England	Walsall	7	MID	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	1
Joe Murphy	21/08/1981	Ireland	Shrewsbury Town	13	GOL	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	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	Celbic	2	DEF	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Dan Pike	09/01/2002	England	AFC Fylde	24	MID	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Harvey Saunders	20/07/1997	England	Bristol Rovers	19	STR	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Sam Taylor	23/12/2004	England	Youth/College	20	STR	5	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	7	2
Jordan Turnbull	30/10/1994	England	Salford City	6	DEF	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Brad Walker	25/04/1995	England	Port Vale	4	MID	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Joe Yarney	08/10/1997	England	Oldham Athletic	21	DEF	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
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The Factual Figures So Far From Season 2023/2024

28

Substitutions made
in all games played so far

1

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

7

Goals scored at home
in all competitions

5

Goals scored
in all competitions in
the second half of matches

Quiz Zone Page: Answers from Page 49

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Morgan Ferrier. 2. Wigan Athletic. 3. Warrington Town.
4. Stuart Barlow. 5. Gavin Ward. 6. Pablo Zabaleta. 7. Steve McNulty.
8. Scunthorpe United. 9. Bristol Rovers. 10. Jay Harris.

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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		Sunny Sakhrur Gill
4	Tue 15 Aug	H	HARROGATE TOWN	SBL2	W 3 - 0	17th	5,278	83	Norris (24), Taylor (26), 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		
8	Sat 2 Sep	H	WREXHAM	SBL2	12.30pm					
9	Tue 5 Sep	A	Fleetwood Town	EFLT1-NGD	7.00pm					
10	Sat 9 Sep	A	Colchester United	SBL2	3.00pm					
11	Sat 16 Sep	A	Crawley Town	SBL2	3.00pm					
12	Sat 23 Sep	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	SBL2	3.00pm					
13	Sat 30 Sep	A	AFC Wimbledon	SBL2	3.00pm					
14	Tue 3 Oct	H	BRADFORD CITY	SBL2	7.45pm					
15	Sat 7 Oct	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
16	Tue 10 Oct	H	LEICESTER CITY U21	EFLT1-NGD	7.00pm					
17	Sat 14 Oct	A	Crewe Alexandra	SBL2	3.00pm					
18	Fri 20 Oct	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	SBL2	7.45pm					
19	Tue 24 Oct	A	Morecambe	SBL2	7.45pm					
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	EFLT1-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 23 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).

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- *Welcoming people to Prenton Park
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- *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		7	JAKE YOUNG
2		6	WILL EVANS
3		5	ELLIOT LEE
4		5	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
5		4	ABO EISA

TOTAL SHOTS

1		22	MACAULAY LANGSTAFF
2		21	JAMES TILLEY
3		21	DAVIS KEILLOR-DUNN
4		20	RHYS OATES
5		19	DANIEL KEMP

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		71.4	JAMES TILLEY
2		66.7	JAKE YOUNG
3		66.7	MATT STEVENS
4		66.7	ABO EISA
5		60	MICHAEL MELLON

DRIBBLES COMPLETED

1		15	JONATHAN LEKO
2		14	SAM FOLARIN
3		13	JAYDEN FEVRIER
4		13	LOUIE BARRY
5		11	AARON NEMANE

ASSISTS

1		4	STEPHEN QUINN
2		3	JACOB MENDY
3		3	DANIEL KEMP
4		3	JAKE YOUNG
5		2	PAUL LEWIS

CHANCES CREATED

1		15	ELLIOT LEE
2		15	KYLE MCALLISTER
3		12	RYAN RYDEL
4		11	REMEAO HUTTON
5		11	REGAN HENDRY

SUCCESSFUL PASSES

1		425	MATTHEW PALMER
2		322	KYLE CAMERON
3		306	LOUIS REED
4		297	RICHARD BRINDLEY
5		280	WILL WRIGHT

SAVES

1		22	HARVEY DAVIES
2		20	ALEX BASS
3		19	LUKE DANIELS
4		18	BEN HINCHLIFFE
5		18	JAKE EASTWOOD

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

After finishing bottom for goals scored in League One last season with 31, Forest Green Rovers are bottom for goals scored in League Two this season with three.

Grimsby Town are unbeaten in their last seven league matches at home (W4 D3), keeping five clean sheets during this run.

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

NEXT UP...



Accrington Stanley are the next side to visit Prenton Park, as John Coleman's men will make the journey to Merseyside in the Sky Bet League Two on Saturday 23 September 2023.

Stanley were narrowly relegated to the fourth division last season, concluding a disappointing season with 44 points, two shy of safety. With aspirations of a rapid return to the third tier, they have commenced this campaign strongly; sitting comfortably in the play-off spots after four games.

Manager, Coleman, has been in charge of the club almost a decade now, taking the reins back in 2014. This is his second spell at the club though, having first managed the reds from 1999 to 2012. In his first spell at the club, he guided his side to three promotions as champions, establishing their status as Football League outfit in 2006.

Saturday 23 September 2023
Kick-Off 3.00pm - Tickets On Sale Now



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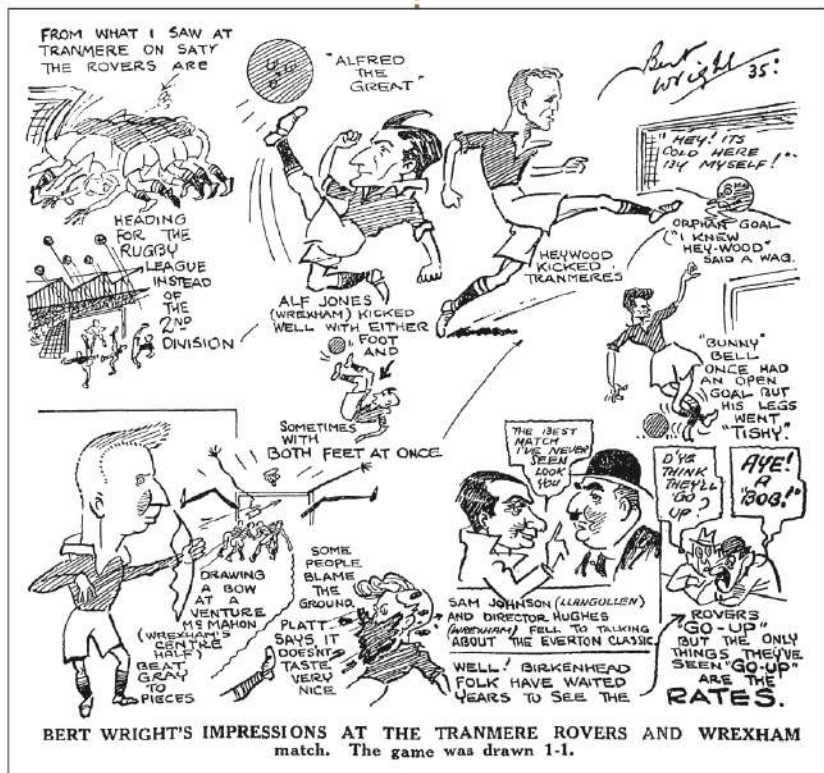
We've slightly digressed from the normal photo image of other programmes here today, and concentrated a small and artistic metaphor taken from the Club's 'alternative' image archives.

Newspaper cartoons, especially in the pre-war years, were often put in place of match photography, and offered the readers a more satirical and comical view of matches contested around the UK.

Rovers were no exception, enjoying regular coverage thanks to local artists such as George Green - and through the pages of the Birkenhead News, Birkenhead Advertiser, Liverpool Echo, Liverpool Daily post - plus the now defunct Liverpool Evening Express, from which this example crafted by Bert Wright has been lifted from.

Played on Saturday 2 February 1935, the game ended 1-1, as Tranmere Rovers claimed their eighth draw of the season, enough to keep them top of Division Three North, and three points ahead of Chester. Wrexham meanwhile, who had been looking for their first win in over a month, saw this result against Rovers leave them in eighth place and level on points with Lincoln City.

The match attracted a gate of 8,697, one which surprisingly was below the average five-figure attendances of the season so far.



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



Manager: Ian Dawes
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
- 10 Kane HEMMINGS
- 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
- 28 Mikey DAVIES

Wrexham



Manager: Phil Parkinson
Black Shirts
Black Shorts & Black Socks

- 1 Rob LAINTON
- 3 Callum McFADZEAN
- 4 Ben TOZER
- 5 Aaron HAYDEN
- 6 Jordan TUNNICLIFFE
- 7 Jordan DAVIES
- 8 Luke YOUNG
- 9 Ollie PALMER
- 10 Paul MULLIN
- 11 Liam McALINDEN
- 14 Anthony FORDE
- 15 Eoghan O'CONNELL
- 16 Billy WATERS
- 17 Bryce HOSANNAH
- 18 Sam DALBY
- 19 Jacob MENDY
- 20 Andy CANNON
- 21 Mark HOWARD
- 22 Tom O'CONNOR
- 24 Scott BUTLER
- 25 Will BOYLE
- 27 Jake BICKERSTAFF
- 29 Ryan BARNETT
- 30 James JONES
- 32 Max CLEWORTH
- 34 Aaron JAMES
- 35 Owen CUSHION
- 38 Elliott LEE
- 39 Dan DAVIES

Match Officials

Referee:
Martin Woods

Assistant Referees
Jake Topp
Daniel Robinson

Fourth Official
Matt Corlett

Fixtures



Saturday 2 September
2023

Tranmere Rovers
v Wrexham (12.30pm)

Crewe Alexandra
v Milton Keynes Dons

Doncaster Rovers
v Swindon Town

Grimsby Town
v Gillingham

Harrogate Town
v Barrow

Mansfield Town
v Bradford City

Morecambe
v Salford City

Newport County
v AFC Wimbledon

Notts County
v Accrington Stanley

Stockport County
v Crawley Town

Sutton United
v Forest Green Rovers

Walsall
v Colchester United

All games kick off
3.00pm unless stated



Next Game at Prenton Park

Tranmere Rovers versus Accrington Stanley
Sky Bet League Two / Saturday 23 September 2023 / Kick-off 3.00pm