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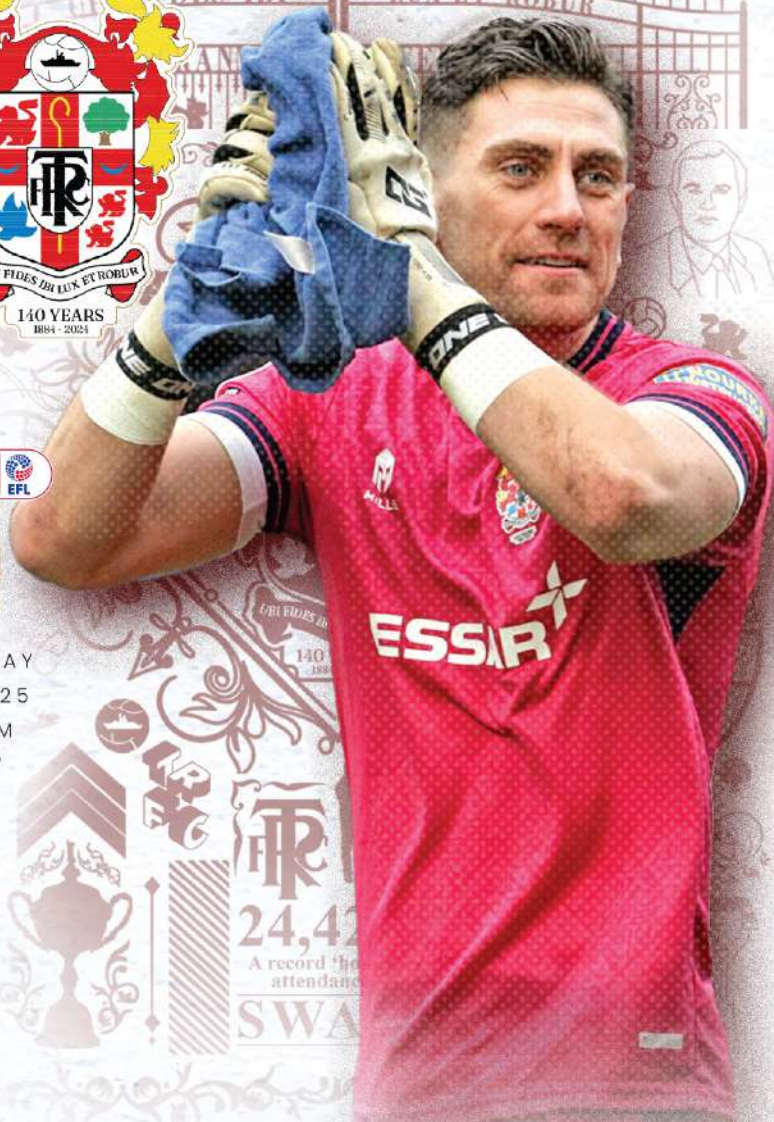
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MARK PALIOS

Tuesday night saw a battling performance with the players showing 100% commitment for 90 minutes, which is what we all want to see - and it was appreciated by the supporters in attendance.

We created lots of chances, kept a clean sheet and deserved more than the point we came away with. If we can keep that level of commitment and fight going, and convert a few more of the chances we create, then we will be heading back in the right direction.

There were a number of strong individual performances on Tuesday, and it was good to see Luke Norris coming back to fitness and getting minutes after a long layoff. These things are all important in restoring confidence in the team.

I would like to welcome MK Dons back to Prenton Park, and in particular the supporters who have made the journey up. The Dons always represent tricky opposition and so I am sure today will see a competitive match.

Let's all get behind the boys for 90 minutes and give them the best possible platform to take the win.



NIGEL ADKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Prenton Park for today's EFL League Two fixture. We extend the welcome to MK Dons manager Scott Lindsey, his staff, side and travelling supporters for what we anticipate being another challenging contest in this competitive division.

On Tuesday evening against Fleetwood Town, we saw a committed performance from the team. There were times when we played some nice, intricate play and saw quick passing between Chris Merrie and Blackburn Rovers loanee Jake Garrett, and we were bold in our set-up. We were totally committed in trying to be attack-minded in what we've done, with some positive attacking play from Omar Patrick and Sol Solomon out wide and the hard-working Josh Davison with Kristian Dennis up front. Unfortunately, some decisions haven't gone our way on the evening. We saw a clean sheet for Luke McGee and commanding defensive performances from the three central defenders, captain Tom Davies, Jordan Turnbull and Declan Drysdale. It was another point on the board, you want to win your home games, but you've seen a

team who are fighting, and they're scrapping. It was a big doubt whether Lee O'Connor was going to play the game, but I thought he was outstanding. He's a warrior, whole-hearted, he gives everything.

Now we've just got to keep working hard. We've got to score more goals, we've talked about that. In the situation we're in, we need wins.

Saidou Khan is set to undergo surgery on Monday, with Regan Hendry due to step up his training ahead of his return to fitness. It has also been encouraging to get Luke Norris involved again after his recovery from injury.

Enjoy today's game.

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Welcome Our Nate's Cup Team!

Today, we welcome guests from the annual Nate's Cup game, which took place this morning. Over the past three years, they have raised more than £10,000 for the CCLG in Nate's memory, an incredible tribute to a truly special young boy.

Nate's story touched the hearts of the entire Tranmere family. His bravery, along with the strength of his family and fellow supporters, inspired us to rename our Community Tickets scheme in his honour following his heartbreaking passing. The Nate's Community Ticket scheme represents exactly what Nate stood for—bringing people together, offering kindness in tough times, and using football as a way to create joyful, lasting memories, even in the face of life's biggest challenges.

Since its inception in the 2015/16 season, Nate's Tickets have given more than 45,000 people in our community the chance to experience the magic of live football, something many would otherwise never have been able to do. We regularly hear from those your donations have supported including foster families, parents cherishing precious contact time with their children, community groups, and individuals facing loneliness or hardship, all sharing how much this opportunity has meant to them. The joy, connection, and sense of belonging it brings are truly priceless. And it is all thanks to you—our incredibly generous supporters—who make this possible with your wonderful donations and inclusive nature.

Season Card renewal time is when we see the biggest boost in donations, and once again, the Club will match every donation made. This means that a donation covering one child's Season Card will allow two children to come along, two young fans given the chance to experience the excitement, passion, and community spirit of a matchday.

Right now, the demand for Nate's Tickets has never been greater. Many families are facing financial struggles, and for some, the chance to watch live football is more than just a game; it's an escape from the day to day and a way to be part of something special.

If you are in a position to help, we ask you to consider donating to Nate's Tickets today. You can do so by scanning the QR code above or adding a donation when purchasing a match ticket or Season Card. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Together, we can continue Nate's incredible legacy and bring the joy of football to those who need it most.

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Today's Matchday Mascot

It's a very warm welcome to our Matchday mascot this afternoon, who is Tilly Mottram, aged 10 from Wallasey.

Tilly is a pupil at Mount Primary School and plays football in goal for both Oxtan Ladies FC and Oxtan Warriors FC.

Tilly and her family are Season Card holders in the Main Stand, with her favourite player being Kieron Morris.

We hope you have great day with us Tilly and also bring us some luck with all three points this afternoon!



Happy Birthday!

Happy 7th birthday to Thomas Raynor.

Thomas will be celebrating today at the match with a few friends. Thomas is a Tranmere fanatic and has a Season Card in the Kop next to me, his mum Melanie and my pals, Justin Williams and Ian Dodd. He is fourth generation season card holder in our family. His favourite players are Luke McGee and Omari Patrick (although he has a soft spot for Joe Murphy as Thomas attends Joe's coaching sessions at The Solar Campus on Monday nights - a highlight for Thomas, a few weeks ago, was scoring against Joe, who was in goal!!).

Best wishes also from all us here at Tranmere Rovers FC - hopefully the lads can oblige with all three points this afternoon and round off a perfect day for you!



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The Turbulent Summer of 1990

As the final whistle blew at Wembley, Tranmere were condemned to another season in the Third Division. Notts County's 2-0 win came a week after Rovers had lifted the Leyland DAF Cup, denying them a promotion and cup double. Yet as the summer rolled into view, a lifeline appeared to be thrown to the Club.

Following the Second Division play-off final, in which Swindon defeated Sunderland 1-0, the Wiltshire side were suddenly charged with 36 counts of breaching League rules, 35 relating to illegal payments. Ten days after their Wembley triumph, Swindon admitted to the charges and were demoted two divisions by the Football League, while their chairman, Brian Hillier was later handed a six-month prison sentence in 1992. All of a sudden, Swindon were denied their first ever season in the topflight, while Sunderland and Tranmere benefitted from their penalty and were both promoted.

After the disappointment of the play-off final, Tranmere were overnight bumped up to the Second Division. John King now had a completely different task to tackle over the summer; to build a squad capable of competing in the second tier.

And then he didn't.

On 2 July, an appeals panel determined the punishment was overly severe and was reduced to a single relegation, thus returning Tranmere to the Third Division. It would be fair to say that this decision was not taken all too well by those affected and even resulted in Tranmere being brought up in the House of Commons. Birkenhead MP Frank Field tabled a motion titled 'Treatment of Tranmere Rovers' the day after the appeals panel's decision had been made. The motioned wished for 'this House [to] condemn the treatment of Tranmere Rovers' and for 'governing bodies of football to unite so that they might in future speak with



one voice and so prevent opportunities for stitching up decisions behind the scenes which favour the wealthier clubs.' Chairman Peter Johnson asked 'who the hell was running football?', as his club faced the new campaign having experienced emotional turmoil like few others over the close season.

In his programme notes for the first home game of the 1990/91 season, King said that not only did he have to tell his players that the Second Division wages and bonuses he had been discussing with them were no longer on the table, but that some of the players

had gone off on expensive summer holidays in the expectation of receiving promotion bonuses. These bonuses had 'gone up in smoke' by the time they got back.

Any concerns about an emotional hangover were soon quelled. Rovers were again to finish in the play-off places; however they would not be leaving promotion to chance. Having beaten Brentford in a close two-legged semifinal, Bolton were all that stood between Tranmere and the Second Division.

The final is now part of the Club's folklore. Chris Malkin's goal in extra time was the difference, celebrated with a forward roll on the hallowed turf of Wembley. Eric Nixon raised the promotion trophy to signify a return to Division Two for the first time since 1939. Having been denied promotion by bureaucratic vacillation, they were not to be denied twelve months later.



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PRESERVING OUR CLUB HERITAGE

The background image shows a museum gallery with large maps on the walls. A wooden ladder is leaning against one of the maps. In the foreground, there are wooden tables and chairs, suggesting a workspace or a place for visitors to sit and look at the exhibits. The lighting is dim, and the overall tone is historical and educational.

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2004

We welcome our visitors MK Dons to Prenton Park for today's fixture. Scott Lindsey's side will be trying to get back to winning form following a disappointing recent run.

In The Dugout

Scott Lindsey replaced Mike Williamson in September after the club lost four of their first six league games. Lindsey left Crawley Town to join MK. Lindsey was Crawley's manager last season as they achieved promotion via the play-offs to League One. They beat MK Dons in the semi-final before defeating Crewe at Wembley.

In Lindsey's first eleven games MK lost just once, including going on a six-game winning streak climbing up to third. However, disappointing form over the festive period has continued and the club has fallen into the bottom half of the table.

Previous Encounters

In October at Stadium MK a 1-1 draw was played out with the home side taking the lead early thanks to Joe White, before Regan Hendry equalised in stoppage time. Last season they completed a league double over Rovers. Mo Eisa scored the only goal at the stadium MK when they beat Tranmere 1-0. At Prenton Park an Alex Gilbey goal gave them the lead before Kieron Morris cancelled this out. However, MK won in the last minute thanks to Ellis Harrison who ensured a 2-1 victory in Wirral.



Season So Far

Following last season's play-off heartbreak MK struggled at the start of the season, leading to the departure of Mike Williamson. After Scott Lindsey's appointment, the club's fortunes changed, and they climbed to third in the league in December. However, in the last couple of months they have only won twice, and pressure has mounted on a side who aspire to reach the play-offs again.

Player to Watch – Alex Gilbey

Attacking midfielder Alex Gilbey has impressed for the club since returning for a second spell last season. Gilbey has scored ten league goals already this term and was awarded the EFL League Two Player of the Month in November. He will be hoping for a repeat of last year where he opened the scoring at Prenton Park in their dramatic 2-1 win.



THE OPPOSITION SIX-PACK



Today's opponents Milton Keynes Dons are based in the north of Buckinghamshire. This is the Dons' second consecutive season in the league and their fifth seasons in League Two as Milton Keynes Dons.

FACT 1: MK Dons are the youngest team in the English Football League. They were established in 2004 after Wimbledon FC relocated from London to the city.

FACT 2: MK Dons' strip has been sponsored by Suzuki GB for ten seasons, across three different kit manufacturers. (Sondico, Erreà and Castore)

FACT 3: The club's stadium 'Stadium MK's record attendance is from the 2015 Rugby World Cup. 30,048 fans packed into the ground to watch Fiji beat Uruguay 47-15. For a football match, the record was 28,521 from 2019 when MK Dons lost 0-2 to Liverpool in the third round of the EFL Cup.

FACT 4: MK Dons have had a promising youth academy, despite the club's short time in existence. Notable products of the set-up include Dele Alli, Kevin Danso, Brendan Galloway and Brandon Thomas-Asante.

FACT 5: MK Dons have a history of forward players who have/did get international caps. This includes Patrick Bamford (England), Tore André Flo (Norway), Alan Smith (England) and Clinton Morrison (Republic of Ireland).

FACT 6: MK Dons were originally wanting to move to either Crystal Palace, Dublin or Belfast, with the Dublin move inspired by Welsh teams like Cardiff City and Newport County playing in the English football system. However, the League of Ireland and the Football Association of Ireland refused to let the club move to the country as they believed it would 'endanger the existence' of the Irish domestic league.

OPPOSITION IN NUMBERS

9000

The capacity of their previous home, the National Hockey Stadium, from 2003 (originally as Wimbledon FC) before relocation to Stadium MK in 2007.

The number of victories for MK Dons over Rovers over a total 22 League meetings since 2004/05.

12

At the time of writing, the Club record number of appearances made by Dean Lewington for MK Dons since 2004.

915

8

The number of occasions when MK Dons have reached the Third Round of the FA Cup since 2004/05.

The number of seasons MK Dons competed in the EFL Championship (2015/16).

1

23

The number of managers in charge of MK Dons first team since 2004/05 – the first was Stuart Murdoch (August to November 2004).

MATCH PROGRAMME ARCHIVE



2004/05
27 November 2004
Won 2-0



2004/05
7 May 2005
Lost 1-2



2010/11
30 October 2010
Won 4-2



2011/12
9 April 2012
Lost 0-3



2013/14
26 October 2013
Won 3-2



2019/20
2 November 2019
Won 3-0



TRANMERE ROVERS

MK DONS



MATCH FACTS & TOTAL CARDS

Tranmere Rovers have lost just two of their last eight league games against MK Dons (W4 D2), though they lost this exact fixture last season 2-1.

63

5

55

1

MK Dons have scored at least once on each of their last nine away trips to Tranmere in league competition, last failing to score there in the league in Nov 2004 (0-2 loss).



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	4	7
16-30	4	4
31-45	4	7
46-60	3	9
61-75	3	6
76-90	3	15



SCORED

CONCEDED

0-15	6	7
16-30	9	4
31-45	8	7
46-60	6	6
61-75	4	6
76-90	9	11

Data excludes matches played after February 9th

PRENTON **PAST** TIMES



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Tranmere Rovers 2, Milton Keynes Dons 1

Sky Bet League Two, Saturday 13 April 2019



Both teams came into the afternoon's fixture with automatic promotion in their sight as the season reached its climax.

The quality shared between the two sides was clear to see in the first half, with the opening stages seeing chances shared between the teams. James Norwood's effort from a tight angle inside the box was dealt with by keeper Lee Nicholls, whilst Chucks Eneke would send a right footed-strike over and into the Kop after some impressive play from teammate Conor McGrandles. Norwood and his side thought they'd taken the lead, after his finessed effort entered the MK goal. However, the striker was judged to have fouled defender Dean Lewington in the box, and the goal was ruled out. The deadlock would be broken thirty minutes into the game, when a Ben Pringle corner for Rovers was only partially dealt with. The headed clearance from MK fell to David Perkins on the edge of the box, who struck an impressive volley past Nicholls. The visitors would not have to wait long to equalise,



when two minutes later, Kieran Agard nodded home past Scott Davies. The striker found himself on the end of a Jake Hesketh delivery only a few yards out from goal, following impressive build-play yet again from McGrandles.

The home side looked the brighter of the two during the initial stages of the second half. Norwood found a bouncing ball fall to him after a flick-on by his striker partner Connor Jennings, but his effort didn't carry enough power to trouble Nicholls, who easily dealt with things. The hosts continued their pressure on the MK goal, and they'd be rewarded with a goal that saw them take the lead. Ollie Banks sprayed a long ball out to the left wing, which was brought under control by Pringle. The Preston loanee drove into the MK box, and floated an inviting ball into the box after some stepovers created space from Callum Brittain. The ball found Jennings in space from his defender, and his header couldn't be kept out by Nicholls as Rovers continued their chase on the top three with an impressive victory.



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Tranmere Rovers defender Jordan Turnbull spoke with us about the importance of bringing the standards and intensity of training to a matchday in a tough period for the team



+PLAYER INTERVIEW+



+ We understand the fans' unrest, their disappointment. We're disappointed at the end of the day, losing football matches isn't good for anyone in this building either. No one wants to lose football matches. We're sticking together, we're trying to do everything we can +

"It's not a good situation for anyone. Losing football matches is not good for the players, for the staff, fans are unhappy. We need to do everything we can to win football matches at the end of the day, it's the only way we can turn this around.

"I've been around the game quite a long time now, so I've been through a lot of highs and a lot of lows. We do have an experienced bunch of players here, so we need to lean on each other and use those experiences to help everyone involved in the squad. We've got experienced staff members as well, and we've got ourselves into this situation as well, so we've got 18 games (at the time of speaking) now to pull ourselves out of it.

"Intensity and standards in training are brilliant, it's about putting that all together on a matchday. Ultimately, that's not what we're doing on a matchday. We talk about doing things right at the minute, I think on a matchday is where it all counts. Ultimately, we're not putting it together for anywhere near long enough.

When we do, we look at Swindon away where we get ourselves through to 86 minutes, we shot ourselves in the foot a little bit with going down to ten men, and we fall behind in the last four minutes of the game. We talk about doing it for larger periods of the game, and ultimately we're not getting ourselves over the line anywhere near enough in recent games.

"We understand the fans' unrest, their disappointment. We're disappointed at the end of the day, losing football matches isn't good for anyone in this building either. No one wants to lose football matches. We're sticking together, we're trying to do everything we can. On a weekly basis, training is really good. We need to start picking up points, we've got an important week now with a few games we can go and pick up points. Hopefully after next week, things will start looking a little bit rosier. That's what we've got to look forward to, that's how we've got to go into games, looking at how we can win points and how we can win games. >>>



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It was important to add faces to the team, we need bodies, we needed help. The staff have brought in some new faces. They're integrating themselves into the group really well. We got the two young lads later on, and we obviously brought Jake (Garrett) in who featured against Colchester. I thought he was brilliant when he came on, as well as being really bright in training. It's great to have new bodies into the building, and they've really integrated well into the team so fast. We'll soon see what they can bring to the team going forward.

"We do have experienced players in the building, and we need to help bed them in as quickly as possible. We don't really have time to wait around, if we need to use their services straight away then so be it. The more comfortable they feel in the group, the better they can express themselves on the pitch. Especially the older heads, it's good to get your arm around them and have a chat with them and integrate them well into the team. We've got a great group of lads who they'll have no problem talking to, a lot of the players in the team. I'm sure they feel comfortable already.

"We need to get back to that home form that was a lot better. Okay, performances might not be incredible at this point in time, but the main thing is picking up points. We had a blip against Colchester, the performance was nowhere near good enough, so it's a fresh week. We need to start picking up points to drive ourselves out of this situation we're in. I don't know if it'll be enough, especially with our away form being as bad as it is, but it certainly helps. We spoke about it going into the Colchester game, about our recent form and the recent games that we'd played at home, the last six or seven games, we'd maybe had lost one before that, and drew a few, won a few. It wasn't a bad situation at all really, so we need to get back to that, to that home form of picking up points at the end of the day. We need to help the home form along with picking up some more points away from home.





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STANDPOINT



ETHAN HOIJORD / THE OPPOSITION PERSPECTIVE



MK Dons will look to push closer towards the top half of League Two as they travel to Prenton Park.

At the time of writing, before their away trip to Barrow last Tuesday, Scott Lindsey's side stand 14th, having picked up 38 points in 29 games.

Ahead of the game, MK fan Peter Duffy, provided Tranmere Rovers' Official Matchday Programme with his thoughts.

1. When did you start supporting MK Dons?

The first match I watched was against Yeovil in 2015 and it was the game that saw us promoted to the Championship!

2. What are some of your best moments as a MK fan?

That first match as we got promoted to the Championship!

I imagine many Dons fans would say beating Man United back in 2014 but that was before my time sadly.

3. Scott Lindsey took over as MK manager last September and has so far won nine of 25 games. How has the former Crawley Town boss been doing so far in Buckinghamshire?

After a positive initial run, results haven't been so great lately.

He's now brought in a lot of ex-Crawley players.

I think many fans are now wondering why with the quality we have we aren't doing better but I'm not hearing too many calls for his head, I think most realise he's a very good manager.

He's always honest with the fans in his assessment of the games.

4. Alex Gilbey has netted 10 goals in 29 games so far this season. The experienced midfielder, born in

Dagenham, left Charlton Athletic for MK two years ago. How special is he?

Gilbey will always have a special place in our heart.

He was at MK before he went to Charlton and that move didn't go too well for him and I think he's referred to coming back to address unfinished business.

That said, to be completely honest, his form hasn't been the same of late and many fans are calling for him to be dropped as a result.

5. Are you happy with the club's recent January transfer deals?

It was a great transfer window on the whole, we brought in Nathan Thompson who only lasted a short while before his season ended cruelly and so I think defensively we are still a bit weak.

Can't complain elsewhere though with the likes of Dan Crowley and Danilo Orsi coming in.

We must have most of League Two's goals in our forwards, we just need to get them firing now!

6. With MK placed 14th in League Two, what are your hopes and aspirations for the remainder of the season?

I think any sort of promotion push is relatively unlikely now, despite having amazing quality and a great manager we've had several very poor spells and you can't keep doing that.

I'd like us to finish in the top half obviously and close to the play-offs but I'm not expecting this now to be completely honest.

7. What's your score prediction for today?

I'm hoping the team are back to winning ways by then, but probably still shifting goals so I'm going for a 1-2 win to the Dons!



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JOSH HAWKES AND LUKE MCGEE VISIT DEVONSHIRE PARK PRIMARY FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Tranmere Rovers in the Community take part in weekly player visits to local schools as part of the Premier League Primary Stars programme. This week was the turn of forward Josh Hawkes and goalkeeper Luke McGee who made the short trip around the corner from Prenton Park to Devonshire Park Primary School to visit a group of students and talk to them about the importance of mental wellbeing as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

At the visit the players were welcomed warmly by the students and their teacher Mr Croucher who were very excited to meet their heroes in person.

At the session the players faced a variety of questions in a Q&A from the students before joining in on a quiz with students about the history of Tranmere Rovers Football Club. During the Q&A which was mainly focused on the theme of mental health to raise awareness as part of the previously mentioned Children's Mental Health Week the players answered questions about how they cope with the mental challenges of being a professional footballer. The pick of the questions came when one student asked, "How do you keep yourself positive and motivated?" with McGee saying "You've got to take each day as it comes really. Obviously sometimes in football and in life things aren't always easy but as long as you have good people around you, a lot of friends and family it helps you to stay positive and in turn you work hard for them".

Away from the questions on mental health the players were also asked a few football themed questions with Josh Hawkes telling the story about when he lifted the Papa John's Trophy for Sunderland against Tranmere at Wembley in 2021. Hawkes then went on to joke about how all is forgiven now and how that game probably helped him get his move to the mighty Tranmere.

The afternoon was wrapped up with the players and students participating in a Tranmere Rovers history quiz on Kahoot with Hawkes doing the Club proud with a respectable third place finish. The players were also very impressed with the

students' knowledge and fascinated to learn that the school is on the site of one of the Club's former pitches.

When asked about the purpose of the players visits and the significance of this one taking place on Children's Mental Health Week Tranmere Rovers in the Community's Faye Jones said:

"It's important that we help raise awareness to children at a young age about the importance of mental wellbeing and with it being Children's Mental Health Week it is significant that we utilise the Premier League Primary Stars programme as a tool to help educate the children and use their heroes from their local team to help encourage them with their stories and words of wisdom".



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ROVERS USA TO THE SWA

USA

Gboly Ariyibi joined Tranmere on loan from Leeds United in 2014. He spent a total of two months at the Club in 2014 and made two appearances. He made his international debut four months after leaving Prenton Park, being called up to the USA U20 side to face up against the Argentina U20 squad. The following year Ariyibi debuted for the U23 side against England's U23 side, and went on to make another three appearances in Olympics Qualification matches. He scored his first international goal against the Qatar U23 side.

Ian Feuer made only one appearance for The Stars and Stripes. He came on as a substitute in a 3-1 loss against Morocco in 1992. He joined Rovers in 2002 on a free transfer from Wimbledon then left a month later on another free transfer to Wolves.

Canada

Rovers have had only one player get called up to play for the Canucks. Ian Hume started his career at Prenton Park. He joined in 2000 and made 149 appearances and scored 32 goals for the Club before moving to Leicester City for £750,000. He returned back to Birkenhead 10 years later, joining from Kerala Blasters on a free transfer. He made 12 more appearances. He made his international debut in 2001 for the Canadian U20 side. He debuted against the Iraq U20 side in a 3-0 loss. He scored his first international goal against the Australian U20s. He made a total of 18 U20 appearances and scored seven goals.

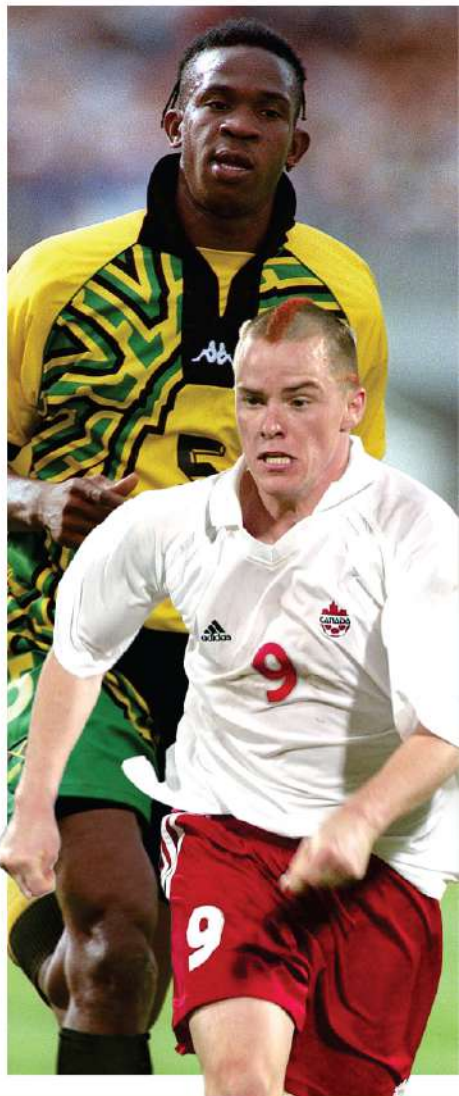
In 2003 Hume was called up to make his debut for the senior team at the age of 20. He made his senior debut against Libya in a 4-2 win. However, he didn't get onto the score sheet for another two years, scoring his first against Luxembourg in a 1-0 win. Unfortunately for Hume he struggled to really get going only scoring six goals in 43 international appearances.

Jamaica

Tranmere have had a rich history of Jamaican footballing talents. Paul Hall played for Tranmere between 2004 and 2005 and made a total of 55 appearances and scored 13 goals. He debuted against Grenada in a 1-1 draw in 1997. He scored his first goal against El Salvador in a 2-2 draw. He totalled 48 appearances and scored 14 goals. He also took over as Jamaica's interim manager in 2021 for a total of 10 matches.

His Jamaican and Tranmere Rovers teammate, Ian Goodison, is the record holder for most appearances for Tranmere, making a whopping 364 appearances for The Rovers between 2004 and 2014 and scored 11 goals. He also made a total of 128 appearances for Jamaica between 1996 and 2009, scoring 10 goals.

Theodore Whitmore joined Tranmere in 2004 completing the Jamaican backbone of the Club. He played a total of 37 appearances for The Super White Army, scoring five goals. He also went on to play 120 matches for Jamaica between 1993 and 2004, scoring 24 goals. He also took over as interim manager in 2007, then as assistant in 2008, interim again in 2008 and manager between 2009 and 2013, then again from 2016 to 2021, managing over 100 matches. His spell as assistant manager was under ex-Tranmere manager John Barnes for nine games.



THIS WEEK >>>

Nick Hilton looks back on events in Tranmere's history that happened around this weekend in years gone by...

VILLA THRILLER

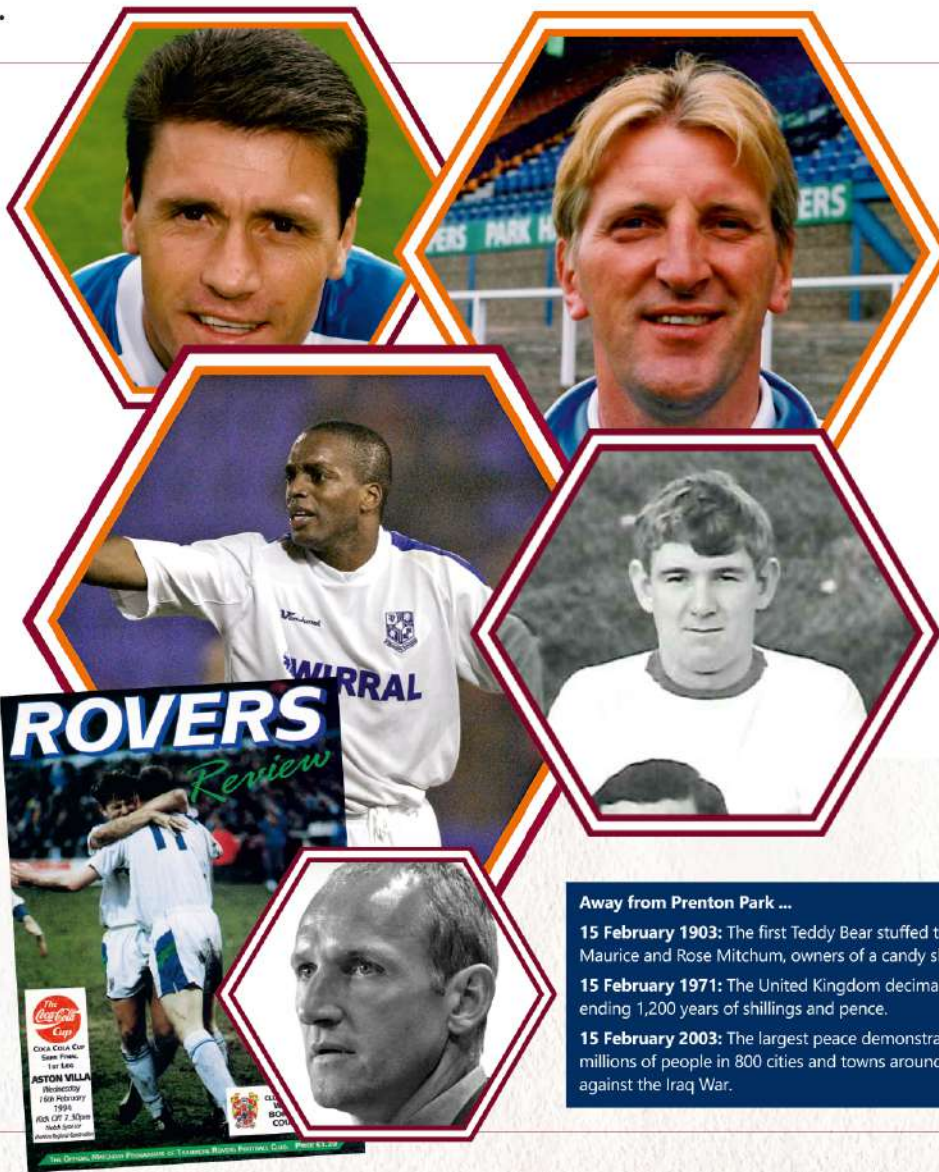
16 February 1994: One of Prenton Park's great nights of drama as Johnny King's second-tier promotion chasers give Aston Villa the run around in a League Cup semi-final first leg. The crowd of 17,140 could scarcely believe what they were seeing. King's tactic of deploying wingbacks in a 5-2-3 formation wrongfooted the Premier League giants, who found themselves 3-0 down by the 78th minute, thanks to goals by Ian Nolan, Mark Hughes and John Aldridge. However, with the game in injury time Dalian Atkinson pulled a goal back for Ron Atkinson's team. Tranmere protests that Chris Malkin had been fouled in the build-up were ignored by referee Roger Milford who, after seeing television replays, telephoned to apologise to King for allowing the goal to stand. Milford expressed the hope that his error would not tip the balance of the tie in the second leg at Villa Park

RANKINE TAKES HIS BOW

18 February 2006: A 1-0 home defeat to Barnsley marks the final home appearance of Mark Rankine in a Tranmere shirt. The 36-year-old midfielder had joined Rovers in the summer of 2004 from Sheffield United and played a central role in helping Brian Little's team to a third-place finish and the play-offs in 2004/05's third tier. But Rankine found it more difficult to fight off injuries and fitness issues during his second season. A few days later Rankine made the decision to terminate his contract by mutual consent and hang up his boots. Rankine's long career, which also included spells at Doncaster, Wolves and Preston, covered more than 700 senior games.

ROVERS SHACKLE SAINTS

17 February 2001: Tranmere made light of a dismal away record in the second tier during the 2000/01 campaign by holding top-flight Southampton to a goalless draw at The Dell in the FA Cup fifth round. Rovers' composed and disciplined defensive performance secured a replay at Prenton Park three days later, which produced one of the greatest turnarounds in FA Cup history. Glenn Hoddle's Saints thought they had the replay in the bag after going 3-0 up seconds before half-time. But they were unnerved and then swept away by a stunning Tranmere fightback which saw veteran striker Paul Rideout notch a hat-trick to level the scores by the 80th minute, before substitute Stuart Barlow gleefully crashed home the 83rd minute winner.

BACK THEN

140 YEARS OF TRANMERE ROVERS

MOORE STEPS UP

14 February 1987: Ronnie Moore begins a spell as Tranmere's acting manager with a 1-1 draw at Cambridge United. Moore, the senior player on the books, was handed the job by the administrator running Tranmere's affairs after manager Frank Worthington had been dispatched in a cost-cutting exercise. Moore was in charge for 11 games (four of which he played in as a centre back) recording three wins, three draws and five defeats. The arrival of new owner Peter Johnson saw Johnny King appointed as manager in April and Moore was persuaded to stay on as assistant manager and to continue as a player.

RED FACES FOR SKY BLUES

17 February 1968: Tranmere hold top-flight Coventry City to a 1-1 draw at Highfield Road in the FA Cup fourth-round, thanks to a goal from Alan King. Coventry were angered about the result, arguing that a cross from Rovers winger Graham Williams had gone out of play before midfielder King headed the equaliser three minutes from time. Noel Cantwell's team were responsible for their own woes in the replay at Prenton Park four days later, watched by a crowd of over 20,000. A mistake by centre back Maurice Setters gifted George Hudson the opening goal after half an hour. Five minutes later Hudson's striking partner George Yardley tucked away the second goal, earning Tranmere a fifth-round trip to mighty Merseyside neighbours Everton.

TOTTENHAM TOO STRONG

17 February 2002: Tranmere reach the fifth round of the FA Cup for the third season in succession and are paired with Premier League club Tottenham. But unlike in the previous two seasons, when giant killing became the trademark of the team put together by John Aldridge, Rovers under Dave Watson couldn't rise to the occasion at White Hart Lane. They were beaten 4-0. By way of consolation they took home a sizeable cut from the gate of 30,696.

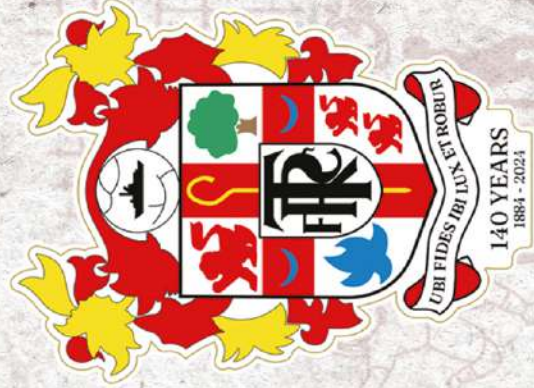
Away from Prenton Park ...

15 February 1903: The first Teddy Bear stuffed toy was introduced by Maurice and Rose Mitchum, owners of a candy shop in Brooklyn.

15 February 1971: The United Kingdom decimalized the Pound, ending 1,200 years of shillings and pence.

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It was a case of *Deja vu*, when Rovers made their second visit to the National Hockey Stadium in April 2006.

As per the previous year's encounter in May 2005, this would be the Dons' last home match of the season and would see them needing to win in their battle to stay in League One. However, on this occasion Rovers were also needing the points as they hovered just above the drop zone.

Issue 27 of the "Official Matchday Magazine of Milton Keynes Dons FC", was on sale, around the ground for £2.50. Along the left-hand side of the cover was the club logo which was placed horizontally in the top corner with the club's name and the red dot placed vertically underneath. The red colour was also used as a moon shape effect, in the top right corner where the fixture details were noted.

On a very busy cover, the main image showed keeper Matt Baker being congratulated by Aaron Wilbraham, whilst at the foot of the page either side of the match day sponsors were head shots of the opposing managers Danny Wilson and Brian Little.

The inside cover page is taken up with a full-page advertisement from main club sponsor Marshall. The musical theme continues throughout the programme within the title headings. In his 'On the Record' column, Pete Winkleman notes "It promises to be a game to remember for both ourselves and our visitors, as we continue the rollercoaster ride that is football in Milton Keynes".

The following page has a full-page image of Danny Wilson standing in the dugout at Saltergate, alongside the obvious and key quote from his 'Fast Forward' article on the adjacent page.

"We go into today's game knowing that a win over Tranmere will take us above them and out of the bottom four".

'Rewind/Replay' provides match action photos from three of the Dons' recent

games, which had seen them win at Chesterfield and Swindon, either side of a home victory against Hartlepool.

A page of statistics supplied by SoccerStats.com, shows the Dons on a four-match unbeaten streak, whilst Rovers hadn't won or scored in the previous four as the teams rapidly moved towards each other in the table.

Last season's encounter is relived by two players. Paul Mitchell in his 'On the Pitch' column, recalls how despite not playing in the game, was so confident the Dons would win that he managed to win some cash of his friends. Whilst Gareth Edds, who scored both goals in the previous seasons match, was the subject of the 'Last Post' interview. After noting this would be another six pointer, he eulogises over the area stating "Milton Keynes is one of the best places I have ever resided and that includes Australia. MK is an exciting club and city with an exciting future!". He would of course later move to Tranmere!

With the tag line, "Just like Wembley only Different!", is a full-page advert for Bon Jovi's 'Have a Nice Day Stadium Tour', which would be at the National Bowl in June. There were also full-page adverts for Westbury Home's new housing development at Shenley Park, and the MK News - delivered to 99,000 homes and businesses every Wednesday.

At the rear of the programme the season's results and fixtures were set out across two pages, under the now outdated title of 'The Season Ahead'. Alongside this is the Coca Cola League One Table which shows the Dons in 20th on 49 points and Tranmere two places and two points higher.

Three goals in a frantic final five minutes would see Rovers win 2-1 and preserve their league status. MK Dons relegation was confirmed the following week, as they failed to win away at Rotherham. Tranmere would never visit the National Hockey Stadium again.



COVER STORY

ANDREW STURGEON'S MATCHDAY PROGRAMME COMPENDIUM

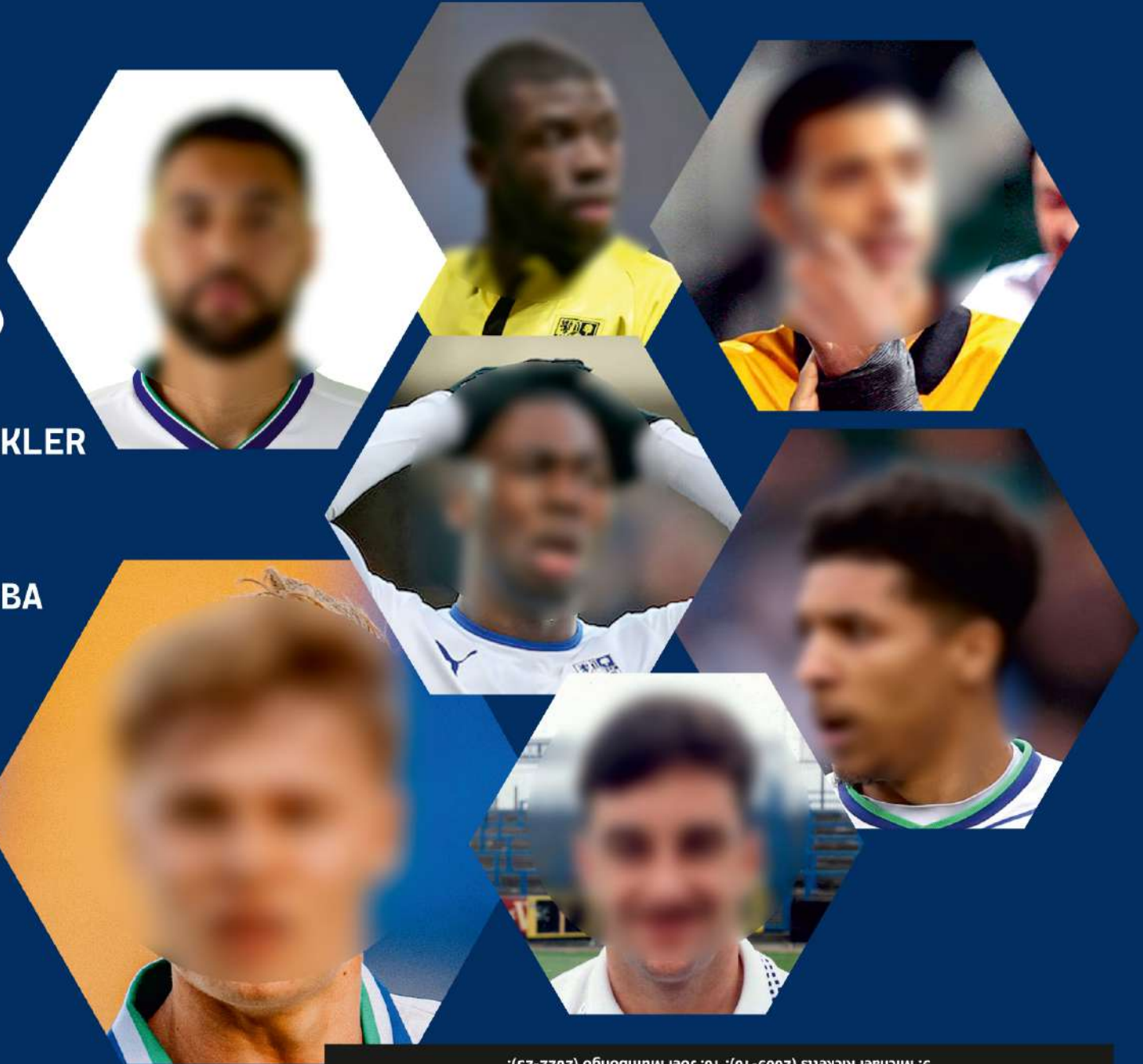
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PLAYERS' ANAGRAM PUZZLES...?

- 1: BOYCOTT RELAY-TACKLER
- 2: BOATER JUNK
- 3: WISHBONE TART
- 4: ILLEGAL BUDGIE-BABA
- 5: JINGLED HOARD
- 6: GULLET PLAZA
- 7: MIKES HANGMEN
- 8: ASSAILED JOB
- 9: CHEMICAL SKITTER
- 10: LOUNGE JOB MOM

ANSWERS

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ANSWERS

- 1: Corey Blackett-Taylor (2019-21). 2: Jake Burton (2020-23). 3: Ethan Bristow (2022-23). 4: Abdulai Bell-Bagie (2012-15). 5: John Aldridge (1991-98, 1996-2001 - manager). 6: Paul Glatzel (2021-22 loan, 2022-23 loan). 7: Kane Hemmings (2022-23). 8: Joss Labadie (2010 loan, 2010-12). 9: Michael Ricketts (2009-10). 10: Joel Mumbongo (2022-23).



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THE WORD FROM PETER BISHOP

As we celebrate 140 years as an Association Football club, it is perhaps appropriate to look back and explain why any old Soccer book had Tranmere Rovers' formation as 1882, and indeed those more senior fans will recall we celebrated our 'centenary' back in 1982!

Simply put, there were TWO completely separate clubs operating under the name of Tranmere Rovers!

Firstly, Tranmere Rovers Cricket Club (Association football section), played only one season, 1881/82, using a pitch on the corner of Church Terrace and Agnes Road - now Mersey Park.

Mid-way through that season, those packed into the Beehive Hotel on 17 January 1882 for the AGM elected to drop "Rovers" from their name and from the start of the next season became known simply as 'Tranmere'. Under that sparse title, they continued to play football until 1888 when they disbanded.

However, in 1884, two different cricket clubs, Belmont CC and Lyndhurst Wanderers CC, both connected to the Tranmere Wesleyan Church, convened a meeting, legend has it, in a ditch alongside Borough Road and decided to form a winter section to play Association football.

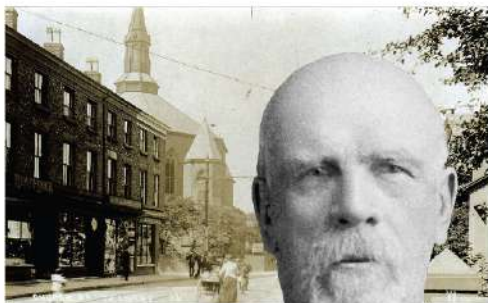
The outcome was the formation of Belmont AFC. With admirable foresight, the teenage footballers, invited local entrepreneur Mr J.H. McGaul J.P., who, not without coincidence, had been Vice-President of the original Tranmere Rovers C.C. & Football section, to become their first President. McGaul bought their first kit - blue shirts and white shorts.

Belmont played one season of friendly matches before changing their name to Tranmere Rovers - believed to be at the suggestion of Mr McGaul - announcing the change, in the Birkenhead News of 16 September 1885. "The Belmont has changed its name to Tranmere Rovers - a more consequential name of a district rather than a mere street."

This formation date anomaly, first spotted by an elderly man named George Wilmot, got me and fellow historian Gil Upton thinking, prompting two years of twice weekly research in the Birkenhead Central Library until we uncovered the truth amongst the microfilm reels of local newspapers.

The wealth of history we uncovered subsequently spawned six books between us, a couple in collaboration with another fan - and computer geek - Steve Wilson; the biggest being the 576 page "Complete Record" tome, published in 2009 by the now defunct Brendon/Derby Books.

And for the record, there is zero chance of the three authors ever reprising that "Complete Record" and updating the book, but if there is someone out there willing to start again and take on the massive task!





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A dominant display sees Rovers progress to the next round of the Alliance Design & Print Plate as Litherland are swept aside.

The game got underway at a gloomy Ellesmere Port Sports Village as Tranmere had their eyes set on progression in the competition. Rovers started strongly going close through an Amy Shannon effort from distance before the Captain Lindsey Smith teed up Anya McCready moments later following a corner with her shot going wide of the up right.

It took until the 15th minute for the visitors to breach the Rovers defence with the Remyca number 7 going on a mazy run but her through ball to a teammate was collected by a commanding Ava Elkerton in the Tranmere goal.

Tranmere continued to press and made the breakthrough on 27 minutes when an Amy Shannon corner from the Rovers right dropped to the feet of Keris McRoberts inside the area and she made no mistake from close range. Ten minutes later Rovers had a second when the captain Lindsey Smith coolly slotted the ball home from the spot after Rovers were awarded a penalty for a foul inside the area.

Rovers would get on the scoresheet again before the half drew to a close with Aaliyah Turner converting an Amy Shannon cross for her first competitive goal for the first team.

The half-time interval saw a double change for Rovers with Shaney Bond and Amina Butt coming on in place of Livvi Turkington and Ellie Howard. The half started off at a quick pace with Aaliyah Turner adding to her tally with a thunderbolt from the edge of the area which left the keeper with no chance.

In the blink of an eye four became five with Amy Shannon getting on the scoresheet after she drove home from distance following a great interchange of play with Anya McCready. With Rovers in cruise control it was time for Daisy Thompson to make her first team debut coming on in place of Keris McRoberts.

Just after the hour mark Shannon got her second when she curled home inside the area after great work down the left.

Tranmere continued to dominate, rounding off the scoring eight minutes from time when Shaney Bond beat the offside trap and rifled the ball into the roof of the net inside the area to finish off a wonderful afternoon for the super whites.

Up next Tranmere Rovers Women return to league action as they travel to the Step Places Stadium to take on West Didsbury & Chorlton Women tomorrow, kick-off 2:00pm.

Words: Joe Stanley

Photo: Tegan McMahon

Season 2024/25 Results & Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Result
Sun 18 Aug	H Salford City	W 1-0
Sun 25 Aug	A Bury FC	L 2-3
Wed 28 Aug	H Wythenshawe FC	D 1-1
Sun 1 Sep	A. Crewe Alexandra	L 1-4
Sun 8 Sep	M Bury FC	W 3-0
Sun 15 Sep	H Mancunian Unity	L 1-3
Sun 22 Sep	H Bolton Wanderers (FAC2Q)	W 3-1
Sun 29 Sep	A. Mancunian Unity	D 1-1
Sun 6 Oct	H Fleetwood Town Wrens	D 2-2
Sun 13 Oct	A. Penrith (FAC3Q)	D 2-2*
Sun 20 Oct	H FC United of Manchester	W 4-0
Sun 27 Oct	A. Bolton Wanderers (NWIC1)	L 3-10
Sun 3 Nov	A. Salford City	W 4-2
Sun 10 Nov	A. Darwen FC Women	W 3-2
Sun 17 Nov	H Crewe Alexandra	W 3-0
Sun 24 Nov	H West Didsbury & Chorlton	W 3-0
Sun 1 Dec	A. FC United of Manchester	W 4-1
Sun 19 Jan	A. Stockport County (CCQP)	L 0-7
Sun 26 Jan	H Macclesfield (PLT1)	W 8-1
Sun 9 Feb	H Litherland REMYCA (PLT2)	W 7-0
Sun 16 Feb	A. West Didsbury & Chorlton	2:00pm
Sun 23 Feb	H Curzon Ashton	2:00pm
Sun 2 Mar	H Darwen FC Women	2:00pm
Sun 23 Mar	A. Curzon Ashton	2:00pm
Sun 30 Mar	A. Wythenshawe FC	2:00pm
Sun 20 Apr	A. Fleetwood Town Wrens	2:00pm

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On 11 January following our unacceptable 5-1 defeat at Walsall the TROSC made the rare decision to publicly share their representation of the fan's concerns to the Club's owners.

We highlighted the danger of our league position, the importance of not repeating the disaster of 2015 and the subsequent need for the owners to make sure that the right decisions were made in the following weeks to spark change.

With the transfer window now closed and the league position even more concerning we have all read the statement from the current Chairman Mark Palios in which he outlined his reasons for taking the decision to support the current manager. As we sit in a perilous position going into the final few months of the season it is fair to say that there is large and understandable disagreement amongst the fanbase with this decision. The statement also included information about the potentially imminent change of ownership and made reference to the 'golden share'. This is an issue that the TROSC is working on to ensure that, as a condition of the sale, the future of Tranmere Rovers would be secured against potential changes to the Football Club that oppose the diplomatic interests of the Club's true owners; the supporters, through unity of and consultation with all fan groups.

This leaves us in a unique situation where a growing and justifiable concern about a return to non-league football has turned to anger, whilst at the same time the Club are on the brink of a new era that is safeguarded and will see a fresh approach to the leadership decisions that will drive positive change. Throughout these tough times the supporters have continued to back the team home and away and it is

our faith that will remain as the light and the strength of this Club long after our current owners have left.

Whilst the complex changes unfold the priority in the short-term for everyone who loves the Club is straightforward: We must do whatever we can to help the team move away from the relegation places and ensure that we remain a Football League Club that is ready for a bright future. The key people in this task will be the players and as supporters we must stand together as one and lift them. For three of them the shirt is brand new and right through from young Sol Solomon to Club legend Connor Jennings they will need us all behind them.

We have recently seen opposition players score and taunt us with gestures about going down. We now have a list of upcoming opponents, starting this weekend, who would love to send us down. So, whether or not we agree with the current owner's stance, we all agree that we belong in the Football League and must fight to remain there. We all share the dismay about how this season has gone so far but that emotion creating a vicious circle where there is no unity or togetherness is not constructive. In the coming weeks our Club needs us as much as they ever have.

There is a famous moment in our history where a takeover happened at the same time that a relegation out the league was dramatically avoided, with safety secured in front of a packed and ferocious Prenton Park. The fans did not give up hope and pushed the struggling team over the line and a trip to the moon was launched. Without the fans' support at that moment this Club may not even exist. You are this Club, let's stand together and lift it.

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Notts County

Sky Bet League Two

Saturday 22 February 2025, Kick-off 3.00pm



Match Admission

Jimmy Sirrel Stand (Covered seats). We have been initially allocated 700 tickets for this fixture.

Advance Prices (Matchday prices in brackets): Adult £24.00 (£27.50), 65+ & Over £18.00 (£21.50), 18-21 £18.00 (£21.50), Under 18 £10.00 (£13.50), Under 16 £8.00 (£11.50), Under 12 £4.00 (£7.50). Supporters under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult (18 and over). Proof age will be required prior to entering the turnstiles.

Club Coach Travel

Departs Prenton Park 10:30am.

Season Card Holders £28.00, Non-Season Card Holders £30.00.

Seats subject to availability. Please note that refunds on coach travel are not permitted 48 hours or less prior to the game.

Stadium Location & Main Contact

Address: Meadow Lane Stadium, Nottingham NG2 3HJ.

Main Telephone: 0115 952 9000.

Grimsby Town

Sky Bet League Two

Tuesday 4 March 2025, Kick-off 7.45pm



Match Admission

Osmond Stand (Covered seating).

Prices: Adult £23.00, Senior 65+ £16.00, Young Adult 18-22 £16.00, Student (valid NUS card) £16.00, Under 18* £7.00, Junior 14-17 £9.00.

*These categories must be accompanied by an full-paying adult. Tickets on general sale shortly. Tickets will also be available on the day and will increase by £2.00. Concessions may be asked for proof of age at the turnstiles.

Please note there is no parking is available at the ground.

Club Coach Travel

Departs Prenton Park 2:30pm.

Season Card Holders £28.00, Non-Season Card Holders £30.00.

Seats subject to availability. Please note that refunds on coach travel are not permitted 48 hours or less prior to the game.

Stadium Location & Main Contact

Address: Blundell Park, Cleethorpes DN35 7PY.

Main Telephone: 01472 605050.

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Welcome back to the Super White Army for today's match against Milton Keynes Dons. A warm welcome is also extended to MK fans for making the trip up from Buckinghamshire and we hope you enjoy your day on the Wirral whatever the result.



Power Sports

Our friends over at Merseyside's inclusive sports centre, Greenbank Sports Academy have asked us to mention their powerchair football and power hockey sessions. Oftentimes, those with limited mobility are excluded from team sports, but not so at Greenbank - which is located near Sefton Park in Liverpool.

These sessions are fast, furious and great fun, using specially-adapted electric wheelchairs - the power hockey is essentially like electric bumper cars and takes place on Tuesdays between 4:30 and 6:30pm, while the powerchair football is on Wednesdays between 4pm and 7pm.

Advertising Board

We're delighted to say that this season, we've got a Disabled Rovers advertising hoarding on the side of the pitch. This has been a long-term ambition for us as a disabled supporters' association and we hope it'll improve the visibility and awareness of our group amongst the fanbase.

That being said, it has come at a significant expense to us as a group - so we'd be very grateful for fundraising ideas and opportunities you might have for us.

Badges

We still have some of our DSA badges available. They cost £5 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.

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.

Ideas Wanted

We're always open to new ideas and fresh thinking to support our work as a disabled supporters' association.

If you've got any ideas about how you might be able to raise funds to support our work, improving things for disabled supporters and those who with them, drop us a line.

DISABLED ROVERS



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



THE HALF-TIME

QUIZ ZONE

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WORDSEARCH

...FA Cup Fifth Round Teams

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FULHAM
IPSWICH TOWN
MANCHESTER CITY
MILLWALL
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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...ANSWERS ON PAGE 57

10 X QUESTIONS

1: Glasgow Rangers suffered a shock home defeat to Queens Park in the Scottish FA Cup last weekend – but who was the Queens Park goalkeeper who saved a vital penalty in the closing stages of the game?

2: The last ever Merseyside derby to be played at Goodison Park took place last Wednesday evening – but how many meetings have been contested there during the Premier League era alone?

3: Everton's new Bramley Moore Stadium will historically host its first 'test' event this coming Monday evening, featuring the Toffees' Under 18 side – but which club will they face?

4: The movie 'Mean Machine', released in 2001, features a team of prison inmates facing a team of prison guards in a soccer game. It also features former legendary Wimbledon striker Vinnie Jones – but what was the name of the character he portrayed?

5: Last weekend's series of FA Cup Fourth Round ties were completed last Tuesday night – but how many of these games required extra time/penalties in order to determine the winners?

6: Liverpool were beaten 0-1 at Championship side Plymouth Argyle in last weekend's FA Cup Fourth Round tie – but how many pre-match changes had the Reds manager Arne Slot reportedly made to the line-up who had faced Tottenham in their EFL Cup semi-final game three days earlier?

7: What is the full name of Sky Bet League Two side Chesterfield FC's furry matchday mascot?

8: When Bradford City reached the 2013 EFL Capital One Cup final, which division were the Bantams playing in at that time?

9: Which of these current EFL clubs have never played in the Premier League – Oldham Athletic, Barnsley, Plymouth Argyle or Blackpool?

10: Vanarama National League highfliers, York City, recently moved from their original Bootham Crescent ground to their new home at the LNER Community Stadium – but in which year, and with which rugby league club do they share these facilities?

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Steve Bower



HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN

World-renowned broadcaster and Rovers fan Steve Bower talks about how Rovers' 3-0 2001 FA Cup fourth round victory over Everton at Goodison Park ranks in his all-time Tranmere memories as a fan...

I hope I'm wrong, and you never know in football, it surprises you all the time, but I don't think I'll get another day like that, as good as that as a Tranmere fan in my lifetime. I hope I do. Obviously, you've got your play-off finals and League Cup final, and all the obvious ones. I did that podcast with Matt (Jones), he's doing a series, your favourite five, which was difficult, but St. Yates Day was number one. That was number one, brilliant.

You could argue, we then went and played Liverpool in the quarter-final where Steve Yates scored again, funnily enough! We didn't actually win anything, but it doesn't matter. The feeling as a fan, to go to Goodison Park, and we didn't win with a scrappy 1-0, a deflected goal, we battered them and won 3-0. Six-and-a-half thousand sounded like sixty thousand, and Goodison Park was emptied.

As a fan, it's just the feeling. The Bolton play-off final win would probably be right up there, because of the magnitude and what it meant. We missed out the year before to Notts County, it went to extra time, we hated

Bolton, the rivalry. Chris Malkin's goal to get us into the second tier of English football at the time was like, wow. Connor's goal at Wembley as well really, I always say, the best place to win is an injury time or extra time winner at Wembley, and it's the worst place to lose, and we've done both on numerous occasions! Whether it's Notts County then, or Forest Green, or whatever! The Bolton one would be right up there, like I say, to come back having lost there the year before, to do it in extra time, to do it against Bolton, to get us into the Championship, in terms of achievement. The thing is with Everton, it just slightly tops it as a fan, the euphoria.



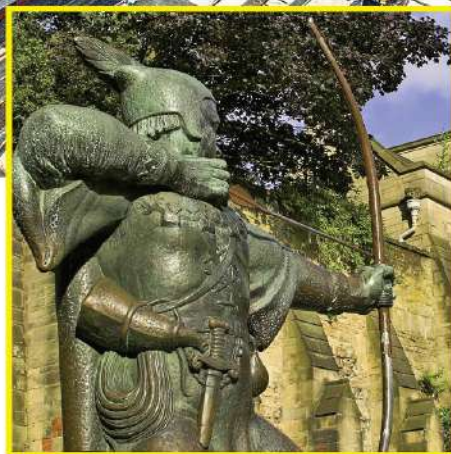
A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN

Do you find that fractions are divisive and pointless? Does your calculator tend to break when you are counting on it? You are not alone, although 63.25% of people say they can do maths, while 41.39% say they can't. And did you know that 3% exceeds 2% by 50%? Me neither.

Fortunately, help is at hand for the numerically and technologically challenged. The base of our decimal system is the number 10, corresponding to the number of digits at the end of your arm. This helped farmers in Medieval Nottingham and elsewhere, who were required to contribute a tenth of their harvest to the local church. The practice, called "tithing" from the Old English word for "tenth", was part of the cost of renting church land. Farmers called it the syntax.

In Newark, Nottinghamshire, syntax by the shedload may have been due from overtime on delivery day to the parish church tithe barn. Farm hands went to-and-fro all day, fetching their tithe of wheat in the morning, bringing their bagged barley in the afternoon and getting their oats in the evening. No-one is sure when it was erected, but the barn, situated in Lovers' Lane, was demolished in 1960.

Built onto the church, these buildings needed to be weatherproof and sturdy enough to resist the threats posed by thieves, accountants, and other big bad wolves. They were constructed by specialist builders whose work still informs their modern counterparts on efficient, elegant and effective structuring of buttresses and waterproof tiling. Modern restoration works require blue lias, a rare stone formed in the Jurassic period a couple of hundred million years ago.



The barns' long narrow windows, angling into where the congregation worshipped, enabled lepers to have a pray without infecting others. Owls had a hoot using purpose-made gaps, there so they could have a prey too, by swooping on crop-damaging vermin.

The barns were the tax shelters of their time. They are also a throwback to Biblical times when 10% was the norm for tax or charitable giving.

Furthermore, that number spelt doom for every tenth Roman soldier in line when an army was being punished with decimation for mutiny or cowardice. Today, is that the rate for acquiring political influence, or rewarding your agent for a particularly lucrative transfer?

In Scandinavia, tithe-tithing is the order of the day for members of the Lutheran church there, should they be hell-bent on a blessed wedlock or churchyard burial. Both are covered by the bargain tariff of 1% of income, although the latter may be subject to a prepayment plan.

Here, building new tithe barns may be too taxing for politicians who claim to do maths in the aptly-named Number 10. So how about a 10% tax on bad dad jokes? A recent survey found that they don't make kids laugh—no pun in ten did. So here's a simple plan which needs neither fractions nor calculators, just your hands. Taxable income at 20%? Eight digits for you, and two fingers to the taxman.



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4

BRAD WALKER

HOME KIT AWAY KIT

BUSINESS SWA2
Sell My House Fast Wirral



5

TOM DAVIES

HOME KIT AWAY KIT

BUSINESS SWA2
REDAPPLE EDUCATION



6

JORDAN TURNBULL

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7

KIERON MORRIS

FULL KIT
LARNE WALLISSON

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Electricity Solutions Ltd



8

REGAN HENDRY

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Steve Shephard

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9

LUKE NORRIS

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PARKS POWER

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10

JOSH DAVISON

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PARKS POWER

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11

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SPORTS PATTERNS



14

KRISTIAN DENNIS

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REHAB RIDERS



16

CHRIS MERRIE

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Phil Hughes Geoff Meeson

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17

SAM FINLEY

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CONNOR JENNINGS

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20

SAM TAYLOR

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21

SOL SOLOMON

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T15 International Nina Armstrong



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LEE O'CONNOR

HOME KIT AWAY KIT

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Zak BRADSHAW +	22/09/2003	England	Lincoln City	3	DEF	19	0	0	0	2	0	4	0		25
Tom DAVIES	18/04/1992	England	Bristol Rovers	5	DEF	26	0	1	0	1	0	2	0		30
Josh DAVISON	16/09/1999	England	AFC Wimbledon	10	STR	22	1	0	0	2	0	4	1		28
Kristian DENNIS	12/03/1990	England	Carlisle United	14	STR	21	3	1	0	2	0	4	2		28
Declan DRYSDALE	14/11/1999	England	Newport County AFC	35	DEF	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		9
Reuben EGAN	27/07/2005	Ireland	Athlone Town	25	GOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Sam FINLEY	04/08/1992	England	Bristol Rovers	17	MID	19	0	1	0	0	0	3	0		23
Jake GARRETT +	10/03/2003	England	Blackburn Rovers	15	MID	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
Josh HAWKES	28/01/1999	England	Sunderland	11	MID	8	0	1	0	0	0	2	2		11
Regan HENDRY	21/01/1998	Scotland	Forest Green Rovers	8	MID	13	1	1	0	1	0	1	0		16
Louis JACKSON +	18/09/2005	Scotland	Manchester United	26	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Connor JENNINGS	29/10/1991	England	Wrexham	18	STR	28	3	1	1	2	0	3	0		35
Saidou KHAN +	05/12/1995	Gambia	Swindon	28	MID	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10
Sam MATHER +	03/09/2004	England	Manchester United	12	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Luke MCGEE	02/09/1995	England	Forest Green Rovers	1	GOL	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		31
Chris MERRIE	02/11/1998	England	Wigan Athletic	16	MID	16	0	0	0	2	0	3	0		21
Kieron MORRIS	03/06/1994	England	Walsall	7	MID	18	2	1	0	0	0	2	0		21
Joe MURPHY	21/08/1981	Ireland	Shrewsbury Town	13	GOL	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0		6
Cameron NORMAN	12/10/1995	England	MK Dons	2	DEF	27	1	1	0	2	0	3	0		33
Luke NORRIS	03/06/1993	England	Stevenage	9	STR	12	0	1	0	1	0	1	0		15
Lee O'CONNOR	28/07/2000	Ireland	Celtic	22	DEF	25	0	0	0	2	0	3	0		30
Omari PATRICK	24/05/1996	England	Sutton United	30	STR	30	6	1	0	2	1	2	1		35
Harvey SAUNDERS	20/07/1997	England	Bristol Rovers	19	STR	28	2	1	0	2	1	4	0		35
Sol SOLOMON	17/03/2001	England	Marine	21	STR	13	2	0	0	2	0	4	0		19
Sam TAYLOR	23/12/2004	England	Youth/College	20	STR	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	1		10
Jordan TURNBULL	30/10/1994	England	Salford City	6	DEF	28	1	1	0	1	0	3	0		33
Brad WALKER	25/04/1996	England	Port Vale	4	MID	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0		12
Josh WILLIAMS	13/07/2004	Wales	Connahs Quay	24	MID	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0		5
Connor WOOD	17/07/1996	England	Colchester United	23	DEF	21	0	1	0	2	0	3	0		27
OWN GOALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	0		--

+ Player on loan # No longer with the club

Factual Figures - Season 2024/2025

120

Substitutions made
in all games played
so far

1

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

16

Goals scored at home
in all competitions

10

Total number
of different goalscorers
in all competitions

11

Goals scored
in all competitions
in the second half
of matches

Quiz Zone Page: Answers from Page 49

10 x QUESTIONS

1: Callum Ferrie. 2: 32. 3: Wigan Athletic. 4: Danny Meehan. 5: 3 (Preston North End v Wycombe Wanderers; Stoke City v Cardiff City; Exeter City v Nottingham Forest). 6: 10. 7: 'Chester the Field Mouse'. 8: npower Football League Two. 9: Plymouth Argyle. 10: 2021, York Knights.

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1	Sat 10 Aug	H	NOTTS COUNTY	SBL2	D 0 - 0	14th	8,196	1,437		Michael Barlow
2	Tue 13 Aug	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	CC1	W 3 - 0	--	2,288	88	Saunders (3), Williams (45), Patrick (71)	Scott Simpson
3	Sat 17 Aug	A	Port Vale	SBL2	D 0 - 0	16th	8,102	1,150		James Oldham
4	Tue 20 Aug	H	EVERTON U21	EFLT1-GA	L 1 - 3	--	1,296	103	Davison (11)	Richie Watkins
5	Sat 24 Aug	H	WALSALL +	SBL2	W 1 - 0	12th	6,145	575	Patrick (13)	Thomas Parsons
6	Tue 27 Aug	A	Leicester City	CC2	L 0 - 4	--	13,011	1,233		Lewis Smith
7	Sat 31 Aug	A	Carlisle United	SBL2	W 2 - 1	8th	8,008	723	Patrick (6, 37)	Simon Mather
8	Sat 14 Sep	A	Gillingham	SBL2	L 0 - 3	14th	6,660	281		Will Finnie
9	Sat 21 Sep	A	Colchester United	SBL2	L 0 - 3	16th	4,243	267		Matthew Corlett
10	Fri 27 Sep	H	SALFORD CITY +	SBL2	D 0 - 0	15th	7,281	214		Edward Duckworth
11	Tue 1 Oct	H	SWINDON TOWN	SBL2	D 1 - 1	17th	5,120	178	Dennis (17)	Sebastian Stockbridge
12	Sat 5 Oct	A	Milton Keynes Dons	SBL2	D 1 - 1	17th	6,047	452	Hendry (50+1)	Craig Hicks
13	Tue 8 Oct	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	EFLT1-GA	W 2 - 1	--	919	42	Hawkes (40), Taylor (75)	Zac Kennard-Kettle
14	Sat 12 Oct	H	BRADFORD CITY	SBL2	L 0 - 2	19th	8,366	1,825		Sunny Sukhair Gill
15	Sat 19 Oct	A	Bromley	SBL2	W 2 - 1	16th	3,376	460	Patrick (75), Saunders (80)	Scott Tallis
16	Tue 22 Oct	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SBL2	L 0 - 1	18th	5,428	424		Ben Toner
17	Sat 26 Oct	A	Crewe Alexandra	SBL2	L 1 - 3	19th	5,967	1,162	Jennings (8)	James Durkin
18	Sat 2 Nov	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	FAC1	L 1 - 2	--	6,464	2,022	Jennings (9)	Ross Martin
19	Sat 9 Nov	H	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	SBL2	W 2 - 1	17th	5,805	294	Jennings (41), Morris (58)	Martin Coy
20	Tue 12 Nov	A	Stockport County	EFLT1-GA	W 2 - 0	--	1,236	92	Dennis (21), Hawkes (39)	Jamie O'Connor
21	Fri 22 Nov	A	Cheltenham Town	SBL2	L 0 - 1	19th	3,939	401		Ruehyn Ricardo
22	Tue 26 Nov	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	SBL2	L 0 - 2	21st	5,067	148		Olly Yates
23	Tue 3 Dec	H	MORECAMBE	SBL2	D 2 - 2	20th	4,968	234	Turnbull (48), Jennings (75)	Oliver Mackey
24	Sat 7 Dec	A	Chesterfield	SBL2	L 0 - 3	21st	7,923	642		Lee Swabey
25	Tue 10 Dec	A	Rotherham United	EFLT2	L 2 - 3	--	1,093	129	Dennis (85), Patrick (90+8)	Scott Tallis
26	Sat 14 Dec	H	HARROGATE TOWN +	SBL2	W 2 - 1	19th	5,122	93	Dennis (25), Patrick (67)	Tom Reeves
27	Sat 21 Dec	A	Doncaster Rovers +	SBL2	L 1 - 3	19th	7,201	418	Solomon (83)	Alex Chlowicz
28	Sun 29 Dec	H	BARROW	SBL2	D 1 - 1	19th	6,109	387	Patrick (35 pen)	Aaron Bannister
29	Wed 1 Jan	A	Morecambe	SBL2	L 0 - 2	21st	3,577	759		John Mulligan
30	Sat 4 Jan	H	CARLISLE UNITED	SBL2	W 1 - 0	20th	6,866	1,296	Norman (23)	Sebastian Stockbridge
31	Sat 11 Jan	A	Walsall +	SBL2	L 1 - 5	22nd	5,614	336	Jennings (44)	Jeremy Simpson
32	Sat 18 Jan	A	AFC Wimbledon	SBL2	L 0 - 2	22nd	7,975	444		Scott Simpson
33	Sat 25 Jan	H	GILLINGHAM	SBL2	D 1 - 1	22nd	5,496	349	Solomon (17)	Michael Barlow
34	Tue 28 Jan	A	Swindon Town	SBL2	L 1 - 3	22nd	6,180	122	Devison (7)	James Bell
35	Sat 1 Feb	H	COLCHESTER UNITED	SBL2	L 1 - 3	22nd	5,166	183	Dennis (50)	Scott Oldham
36	Sat 8 Feb	A	Salford City	SBL2	L 0 - 2	22nd	3,097	841		Matthew Corlett
37	Tue 11 Feb	H	FLEETWOOD TOWN	SBL2	D 0 - 0	22nd	4,621	148		Adam Herczeg
38	Sat 15 Feb	H	MILTON KEYNES DONS	SBL2	3.00pm					
39	Sat 22 Feb	A	Notts County	SBL2	3.00pm					
40	Tue 25 Feb	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	SBL2	7.45pm					
41	Sat 1 Mar	H	PORT VALE +	SBL2	12.30pm					
42	Tue 4 Mar	A	Grimby Town	SBL2	7.45pm					
43	Sat 9 Mar	H	BROMLEY	SBL2	3.00pm					
44	Sat 15 Mar	A	Bradford City	SBL2	3.00pm					
45	Sat 22 Mar	A	Fleetwood Town	SBL2	3.00pm					
46	Fri 28 Mar	H	CHELTHAM TOWN	SBL2	7.45pm					
47	Tue 1 Apr	A	Harrigate Town	SBL2	7.45pm					
48	Sat 5 Apr	H	CHESTERFIELD	SBL2	12.45pm					
49	Sat 12 Apr	A	Accrington Stanley	SBL2	3.00pm					
50	Fri 18 Apr	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	SBL2	3.00pm					
51	Mon 21 Apr	A	Barrow	SBL2	3.00pm					
52	Sat 26 Apr	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	SBL2	3.00pm					
53	Sat 3 May	A	Newport County AFC	SBL2	3.00pm					



RESULTS & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

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

MIN	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	36	37	38
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Monthly and whole season passes can be found on our Club website along with individual match passes – the options for which will vary according to whether you are in the UK or overseas.

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

1		15	NATHAN LOWE
2		14	ALASSANA JATTA
3		14	MICHAEL CHEEK
4		13	MATTY STEVENS
5		13	DAVID MCGOLDRICK

TOTAL SHOTS

1		81	DAVID MCGOLDRICK
2		72	LUKE MOLYNEUX
3		68	ALEX GILBEY
4		66	ARMANDO DOBRA
5		63	ALASSANA JATTA

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		42.5	MICHAEL CHEEK
2		38.5	MATTY STEVENS
3		38.3	ALASSANA JATTA
4		38.1	OMARI PATRICK
5		36.4	NATHAN LOWE

DRIBBLES COMPLETED

1		55	MAX CONWAY
2		51	DANNY IMRAY
3		49	JORDAN THOMAS
4		38	CONNOR BARRETT
5		38	JAMES DALY

ASSISTS

1		9	DENVER HUME
2		8	AARON NEMANE
3		8	BEN JACKSON
4		7	DAN CROWLEY
5		7	JACK PAYNE

CHANCES CREATED

1		68	DENVER HUME
2		62	JACK PAYNE
3		55	DAN CROWLEY
4		50	JAMES TILLEY
5		43	LUKE MOLYNEUX

SUCCESSFUL PASSES

1		1759	MATTY PLATT
2		1657	MATT PALMER
3		1430	DAN CROWLEY
4		1428	JACOB BEDEAU
5		1408	LUKE OFFORD

SAVES

1		102	ALEX BASS
2		94	JAMES BELSHAW
3		88	NICK TOWNSEND
4		86	TOM MCGILL
5		86	GRANT SMITH

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE - LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Tranmere won their first weekend fixture of 2025 in League Two, beating Carlisle 1-0. Since then, however, they haven't won any of their five weekend matches in the competition, losing four of them (D1).

Walsall are winless in their last three weekend games in League Two (D1 L2), last having a longer such run without a victory in February 2024 (five games).

Data excludes matches played after February 9th

Pos	Club	Home Record						Away Record						GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD		
1	Walsall	30	11	4	1	37	20	7	2	5	19	13	23	60	
2	Notts County	29	8	3	3	20	8	7	5	3	27	20	19	53	
3	Bradford City	30	12	3	1	26	10	3	5	6	14	18	12	53	
4	AFC Wimbledon	29	10	3	2	28	9	5	4	5	14	11	22	52	
5	Doncaster Rovers	30	8	4	3	21	15	7	3	5	23	22	7	52	
6	Port Vale	29	6	5	2	18	13	7	5	4	20	19	6	49	
7	Salford City	30	9	2	5	22	15	4	7	3	16	14	9	48	
8	Crewe Alexandra	31	7	5	3	21	16	5	7	4	15	15	5	48	
9	Grimsby Town	30	7	2	6	23	24	7	1	7	19	22	-4	45	
10	Chesterfield	29	6	7	2	25	17	5	2	7	23	17	14	42	
11	Colchester United	29	6	5	4	19	11	3	8	3	16	19	5	40	
12	Fleetwood Town	29	6	7	3	19	14	4	3	6	20	21	4	40	
13	Bromley	30	3	6	5	19	20	6	6	4	21	20	0	39	
14	Newport County AFC	30	8	2	4	24	19	3	4	9	17	28	-6	39	
15	Milton Keynes Dons	30	7	4	6	21	16	4	1	8	22	27	0	38	
16	Swindon Town	31	6	4	5	26	22	3	7	6	20	25	-1	38	
17	Cheltenham Town	29	8	3	4	22	19	2	5	7	15	22	-4	38	
18	Barrow	30	8	4	4	26	16	2	3	9	6	17	-1	37	
19	Gillingham	29	6	1	7	17	16	3	5	7	9	17	-7	33	
20	Accrington Stanley	29	3	7	4	15	19	4	2	9	19	27	-12	30	
21	Harrogate Town	31	5	2	8	12	21	3	4	9	13	21	-17	30	
22	Tranmere Rovers	30	4	7	4	12	15	2	2	11	9	33	-27	27	
23	Morecambe	30	2	3	8	14	24	4	2	11	13	24	-21	23	
24	Carlisle United	30	2	3	9	11	23	3	3	10	12	26	-26	21	

*Table does not include Port Vale v Notts County played 13/2/2025

FIXTURES

Saturday 15 February 2025

AFC Wimbledon v Salford City
(12:30pm)

Doncaster Rovers v Grimsby Town
(12:30pm)

Bromley v Fleetwood Town
Carlisle United v Colchester United

Cheltenham Town v Barrow

Gillingham v Crewe Alexandra

Harrogate Town v Swindon Town

Morecambe v Accrington Stanley

Newport County v Bradford City

Tranmere Rovers v Milton Keynes Dons

Walsall v Chesterfield

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

COMING NEXT

Accrington Stanley

Sky Bet League Two

Tuesday 25 February 2025, Kick-off 7.45pm

Our next match here at Prenton Park is another rearranged fixture, this time with Accrington Stanley after the original meeting was called off due to heavy fog.

Currently just ahead of Rovers in the table, and at the time of writing, Stanley's season had recorded just three wins since New Years Day – 3-2 at home to Grimsby Town, added to victory on the road at both Colchester United (2-0) and Crewe Alexandra (1-0) respectively. They were defeated 1-0 by Bradford City at Valley Parade last Tuesday.

This will though be the third of four meetings between the two clubs this season following our two cup encounters, both of which ended successfully for ourselves, with Stanley no doubt now looking to overturn the outcome in the league matches to come before May.

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Although we have already faced Carlisle United this season both home and away, we were recently donated this rare image from the family of former player, Ray Davies.

This then takes us back to the 1952/53 season, and a visit to Brunton Park to meet the Cumbrians in Division Three North.

The original fixture in early December 1952 had been postponed due to Tranmere's progression in the FA Cup and saw the Carlisle contest put back to mid-March 1953.

It may have been strange enough indeed kicking off on an unconventional Thursday afternoon, but momentous events at the stadium 24 hours earlier, it was then played out in rather strange and surreal surroundings.

Carlisle had entertained Scottish Division 'A' side Falkirk in a friendly fixture. At the close, and unknown to most of those who were there, the simple discarding of a still-lighted cigarette which was kept alight by the breeze soon led to a fierce blaze – and which in turn decimated United's wooden Main Stand.

Fondly labelled as 'The Hencoop', by the then United manager and of course later Liverpool legend Bill Shankly, it was completely destroyed along with not only the playing kit boots, but almost everything associated with the club – leaving the Cumbrians in immediate disarray. United's misfortune however was to be overturned by both the Carlisle community, and the generosity of their then-local neighbours Workington Reds, who provisionally loaned out

their red and white playing strip in order for the Cumbrians to complete their Third Division North fixture with Tranmere on the following Thursday. Even the adjacent rugby league ground on Warwick Road – the home of Carlisle Rugby Union Club – offered the use of their changing rooms, as both sets of players then walked the 300 yards or so across the field towards a now rather unrecognisable Brunton Park.

Although they got off to a good start, Rovers overall could not prise open the grip United had on the game, and with half an hour were already two goals down.

It was all watched by a crowd of 4,069 – considered to be a sharp drop on the high average attendance that season. A rather subdued and unorthodox atmosphere was complimented with a far from entertaining game. Nonetheless, it proved an important and moral victory for the home side following their recent heavy loss off the pitch.

There were flashes of inspiration from Tranmere, but it was almost as if the home side were determined to make amends for their loss that week, and subsequently scored two more goals in the second half. Despite a late rally in the closing moments, it all ended in Rovers' heaviest defeat of the season.

The structure was eventually replaced by a new Main Stand, while First Division Newcastle United donated playing strip, footballs amongst other things – ensuring Carlisle were soon back on track and finishing the season in 9th.



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Tranmere Rovers



1	Luke McGEE	17	Sam FINLEY
2	Cameron NORMAN	18	Connor JENNINGS
3	Zak BRADSHAW	19	Harvey SAUNDERS
4	Brad WALKER	20	Sam TAYLOR
5	Tom DAVIES	21	Sol SOLOMON
6	Jordan TURNBULL	22	Lee O'CONNOR
7	Kieron MORRIS	23	Connor WOOD
8	Regan HENDRY	24	Josh WILLIAMS
9	Luke NORRIS	25	Reuben EGAN
10	Josh DAVISON	26	Louis JACKSON
11	Josh HAWKES	28	Saidou KHAN
12	Sam MATHER	30	Omari PATRICK
13	Joe MURPHY	35	Declan DRYSDALE
14	Kristian DENNIS		
15	Jake GARRETT		
16	Chris MERRIE		

MANAGER: Nigel Adkins

COLOURS: All White

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Stephen Parkinson
Assistant Referee Steve Durnall
Assistant Referee Kevin Mulrairie
Fourth Official Jonathan Wyatt



NEXT GAME AT PRENTON PARK

Accrington Stanley

Sky Bet League Two

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Kick-off 7.45pm

Milton Keynes Dons



1	Connal TRUEMAN	25	Phoenix SCHOLTZ
3	Dean LEWINGTON	26	Nico LAWRENCE
6	Nathan THOMPSON	27	Joe WHITE
7	Jonathan LEKO	29	Scott HOGAN
8	Alex GILBEY	31	Ronnie SANDFORD
10	Liam KELLY	32	Jack SANDERS
11	Dan CROWLEY	35	Charlie WALLER
14	Joe TOMLINSON	36	Charlie STIRLAND
15	Craig MacGILLIVRAY	37	Albert WOOD
16	Aaron NEMANE	42	Jay WILLIAMS
17	Luke OFFORD	51	Seb STACEY
18	Tommi O'REILLY	66	Travis PATTERSON
19	Joe ANKER		
20	Kane THOMPSON-SOMMERS		
21	Danilo ORSI		
22	Callum HENDRY		
24	Connor LEMONHEIGH-EVANS		

MANAGER: Scott Lindsey

COLOURS: All Red

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