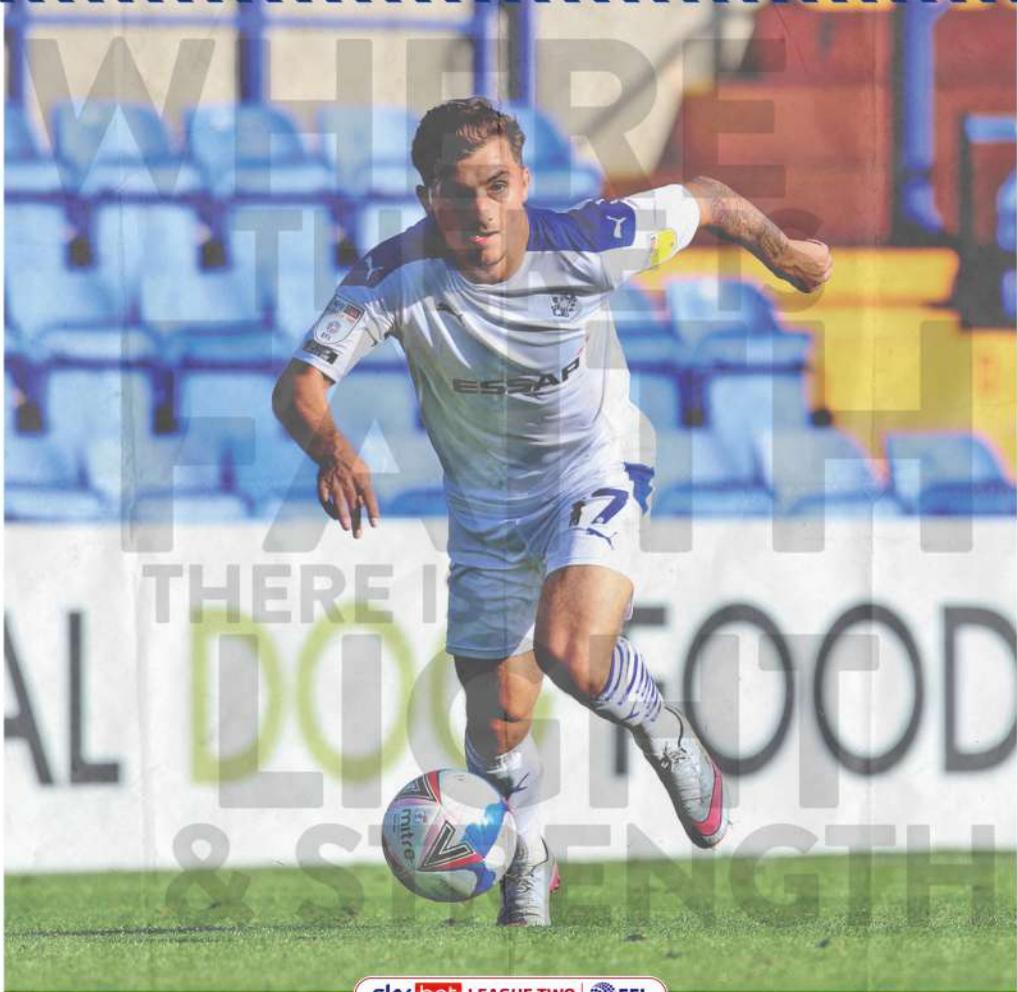


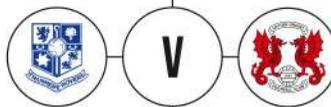
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MIKE JACKSON

# THE MANAGER

**Good afternoon and I hope that you are all keeping safe and well in very testing times.**

I'll start off by briefly addressing the tough week that we had last week as a whole football club. I don't want to go over it too much as most of you will have read my comments after the Salford game and any club statements that we have put out.

The priority for us will always be the safety of our players and their families. We had two positive COVID-19 tests and took the decision to isolate a number of players to reduce the risk as much as possible. Those players are safe and well and we have followed any rules set out, to the letter. The health of our players and families is bigger than any football match.

Obviously our preparations for the Salford game were disrupted slightly by these events but nobody complained, everyone just got on with what they had to do heading into the game on Saturday against tough opposition in Salford City.

As I said on Saturday, I'd rather talk about the lads who went out onto that pitch and gave everything they had for this football club in order to get us something out of the game.

I honestly believe we were the better side. The effort and desire the lads showed as well as having to adapt during the game to the changes that we wanted, was incredible. We had ten senior professionals available and some lads making their debuts, they showed the work rate and desire that they needed to.

We conceded an early sloppy goal from our point of view after a good start but the response from being 2-0 down was brilliant. I said to the players you've got to believe in what we're doing. We're Tranmere Rovers Football Club. Some teams could have made excuses given the situation we were in but the lads didn't do that at all.

We're huge on team spirit here. That includes the staff, players and also fans even though they're not able to be at games but we know we've got their full support. I've said many times, I know what the fans expect from a Tranmere Rovers player and I make sure the lads know that. I think everyone could see on Saturday that coming through to dig deep despite what had happened in the week.

As I said after the game, it was a great shame that the fans weren't at the stadium to be able to see and celebrate that goal because the SWA would have loved it.

We have two games coming up in quick succession at the time of writing this, with Newport away and then Leyton Orient (tonight). As always in football, they will be tough games so we will prepare the best we can for both of them and hopefully by the time you're reading this, we have picked up a positive result already at Newport.

We appreciate all of the support that we continuously receive and we'll keep doing everything we can to put a smile on your faces, albeit from home.

Enjoy the game.



# LEYTON ORIENT

## The Orient



**After 3 previous spells as interim head coach, Ross Embleton entered the Leyton Orient hot seat on a permanent basis in January 2020.**

Before being appointed Leyton Orient manager, Embleton had coached in the academies of Tottenham Hotspur, AFC Bournemouth and Norwich City, whilst also being the youth development manager at Leyton Orient. In his 50 matches in charge of Leyton Orient The O's have won an average 1.30 points per game.

Last season, Leyton Orient finished in 17th place in League 2, 19 points above the drop zone. This season Leyton Orient have strengthened with the signing of midfielder Ousseynou Cisse from Gillingham and loans of defenders Jordan Thomas and Tunji Akinola from Norwich City and West Ham United respectively. Thomas and Akinola having also been on loan at Brisbane Road last season. The French-born Malian midfielder, Cisse spent

time on the books of Paris Saint-Germain as a youngster before playing for Amiens and Dijon in France.

He has also collected 5 caps for the Malian National Team. He spent six months on loan at Brisbane Road last season, playing 9 times. He joined Ross Embleton's team on a permanent basis this past summer.

Over the history of the two clubs Tranmere have won 16, drawn 5 and lost 15 matches against Leyton Orient. The most recent meeting between the two sides was in February 2018 where the sides drew 1-1 at Brisbane Road with Dan Holman scoring for the home side and Ritchie Sutton notching for Micky Mellon's Tranmere.

In recent games, Orient's last game was away to Walsall this time last week, and despite taking a 15th minute lead, they went onto lose 2-1. They then hosted Grimsby Town on Saturday.

## OPPOSITION PLAYERS



### Lawrence Vigouroux

Born in Camden, goalkeeper Vigouroux spent a combined time of four years at the academies of Tottenham Hotspur and then Liverpool before departing for Swindon Town in 2016.

He went on to make a combined total of 129 league appearances which included his initial loan spell.

In July 2019, Vigouroux signed for Chilean side Everton de Viña del Mar before joining Leyton Orient in January 2020.



### Josh Coulson

Central Defender Josh Coulson started out his senior career with Cambridge United. He was a part of the Cambridge squad who won both the FA Trophy and the Conference Premier title in the 2013/14 season.

He then made 273 league appearances for The U's scoring 14 goals. In the 2017/18 season Coulson on loan to Leyton Orient before making the move permanent. This campaign, he was so far only been absent in their home match against Brighton U23s, at the heart of The U's defence.



### Jobi McAnuff

Born in Edmonton, midfielder

McAnuff began his senior career with Wimbledon. He also featured with several other clubs, before signing for Reading in 2009, making 189 League and Premier League appearances.

In July 2014 McAnuff signed a two-year contract with Leyton Orient, featuring 51 times in the league.

In 2016 McAnuff began training with Minnesota United, spent a season with Stevenage - before rejoining Orient in July 2017. His father's nationality handed McAnuff international status, appearing for Jamaica, earning 32 caps, and scoring against Costa Rica in the 2015 Gold Cup.



### Danny Johnson

Often played as a striker, Johnson has featured at both Middlesbrough and Cardiff City including a loan spell at Tranmere Rovers in 2014. Johnson made his professional debut in a 0-0 home draw against Mansfield Town. Johnson also scored in a 2-1 victory in the EFL Trophy against Bury at Gigg Lane. Johnson enjoyed spells at Gateshead and north of the border at both Motherwell and Dundee.

The striker then signed for Orient in January of this year.



## FIRST MEETING

The first ever meeting between Tranmere Rovers and Leyton Orient was a Third Round FA Cup fixture at Prenton Park on Saturday 9 January 1954.

The score that day was 2-2, as Cyril Done and Bill Bainbridge scored the Rovers goals.

Orient then went on to win the replay 4-1 five days later, and in front of nearly 15,000 at Brisbane Road the following week.



## ON THIS DAY

### On This Day...

in 2001, Tranmere beat Huddersfield 1-0 at Prenton Park thanks to a 50th minute strike from Nick Henry in Division 2.

### Did You Know?...

Boxing promoter Barry Hearn was chairman of Leyton Orient from 1995 to 2014 after purchasing the club for just £5.



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# FROM THE BOARDROOM



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**These Chairman's notes are being written before our away game at Newport, and during one of the most tumultuous periods in football's history.**

I fear that financial stresses which existed before Covid, but which have been made hugely worse as a consequence of the virus, are leading many clubs to be tempted to agree changes which could have a permanent damaging effect on the football pyramid in this country. Although I am clearly in a minority at the moment, I will continue to fight for what I believe to be the long term best interests of the Game, and this Club.

It would be remiss of me not to mention, today, the remarkable performance at Salford which saw a scratch team come back from 2-0 down to score twice in the last 5 minutes of the game and share the spoils. In the end, we were unlucky not to have taken all 3 points. The team consisted of no full backs, a front line with a player returning to match fitness and a youngster, as well as a bench full of youth players. I am happy that, in the unfolding difficult circumstances of last week, we took the right decision for the Club and its players to take our chance on the pitch rather than trust to the decision of an EFL tribunal. More importantly, I was struck by the character and determination of the players who refused to give up, even when the odds were stacked against them and when it would have been so easy to just accept the predicament in which they found themselves. That spirit will serve us well in this campaign and I will also try to use the same spirit in my efforts to find a way to get some much needed funding to Clubs without the need to agree that EFL clubs will forever be vassals of the big 6.

I'd like especially to mention Jake Burton, who played brilliantly, doing all that was asked of him by the manager before being sacrificed early in on his debut for the sake of the team. Especially so when Jake was making his debut for Tranmere at Salford, in very difficult circumstances. I know from personal experience that a young player's debut is a huge moment in their lives and I felt for Jake that his came without fans being present and he was asked to make that sacrifice, coming off for tactical reasons so early in his debut. I'm sure that there will be plenty of opportunity for him in the future to play in front of the SWA.

Our opponents today are Leyton Orient. I was so pleased to see them return to the EFL and I would like to welcome Ross Embleton and his team to Prenton Park.



**Raring to reach new heights in the 2020/21 season, Danny Walker-Rice is striving for a successful season under the guidance of manger Mike Jackson.**

The 19-year-old midfielder made his first Football League appearance for Tranmere in a dramatic 2-2 draw with Salford City, entering the field of play in the 38th minute of the match.

Helping the team to a share of the spoils despite trailing by two goals at half-time, Walker-Rice described his outing at the Peninsula Stadium as a 'proud' moment.

"It was very big for me because I've been involved all of last year and before that. Just to get on the pitch, I needed to try and prove a point that I can cope in the league," he said.

"I was very proud to come on and play in the Football League, but I'd love to do it in front of 10,000 at Prenton Park with all my friends and family there. I couldn't do that with the circumstances, but it was still great to come on.

"I thought I did well. I felt like I worked hard for the team and we got a result, so that's what it's about. I spoke to the gaffer and he was saying that, with the personnel we had, he may need to make a

tactical change. With the change in formation, I felt that worked well. It did come as a surprise to come on so early in the game, unless there's somebody injured you don't expect to be coming on so early. I was raring to go and ready to come on."

Satisfied with not only his individual contribution to the result, the Rovers midfielder hailed the character shown as a collective unit versus Salford.

"He's [Jackson] got great football knowledge. If he knows something is not going well, he's not afraid to change it. The times he has done that, it has worked out. He's brilliant. He knows what he is talking about and I think he's a top manager," stated Walker-Rice.

"We proved that, even with key players missing, we can still get results against very good opposition. Results like that only brings us closer as a group and says a lot about us as a team. Everyone believed, even when we were two-nil down. We fought until the end and got the rewards." Now hopeful of earning further game time this campaign, Walker-Rice stressed the importance of seizing opportunities and remaining hungry to deliver an impact >>>

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# DANNY WALKER-RICE

## TOM CAVILLA'S PLAYER PRESS CONFERENCE

>>> Squad rotation could well prove critical for the months ahead, providing a potential platform for the Whites' youngster to make his first-team mark.

"As I've not been playing, you've always got to be ready. You don't know what is around the corner, you really don't. A lot of teams are going to struggle this year with COVID, it won't just be us. I just need to be ready," Walker-Rice told Tranmere Rovers FC.

"The manager and I had a chat. I've known him for a few years now and he knows my ability and when I'll be ready to play. He just told me to keep working hard and that the chances will come. For me, it's about working hard each day in training and when I get an opportunity to play, I need to impress.

"I just want to play. I will keep working hard every day, hopefully it pays off and allows me to make a few more appearances. Playing as many games as I can is the priority."

As a player continuing to develop new skills at a steady rate, the summer arrivals of Jay Spearing and James Vaughan have certainly complemented progress made by the 19-year-old.

Learning from those who have operated within the top tier of English football is something Walker-Rice values highly, as he explained the benefits of rubbing shoulders with seasoned professionals.

"It's been very good to have players around, who have played at the highest level: they're experienced and know what you need to do as a young lad. I always try and speak to the older lads, and Peter Clarke is another one who's really good. He is always asking us how it's going and giving advice. I do learn a lot every day. I was watching Liverpool when I was younger and saw Jay playing, so to be playing alongside him now is brilliant. He's a top lad and is always trying to push everyone on."



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DEREK JONES

# PRESS PERSPECTIVE



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**The BBC Sports Website is always the best place to find an interesting story- my BBC colleagues come up with some great articles.**

Just last week there was a terrific piece about my second favourite sport, cricket, titled 'THE SECRETS BEHIND THE WORLD'S BEST UMPIRE'.

The piece focused its attention on Michael Gough who is a 40-year-old English umpire who won praise for his decision making in the recent behind-closed-doors test matches featuring England, West Indies and Pakistan. Since 2018 he has a 93% success rate on decisions referred to the TV umpire and the next best is Sri Lanka's Kumar Dharmasena with 79%. ( now is not the time to compare this to the success of VAR in football and its abilities to get decisions right but in my opinion cricket has it nailed while football still has a long way to go). In an interview with the BBC World Service's Stumped programme, Gough revealed why he makes so few mistakes and how he retired as a player at the age of 23 which helped shape his second career. Oh yes – and the secret of his success 'cleaning your ears!' He emphasises the importance of his eyes and ears – so does a 'lot of work with his eye muscles' and makes sure his 'ears are always clean'. Gough believes that this attention to detail



ensures he maximises his decision making qualities -'the little one-percenters that can make so much of a difference'. He is also very self-critical, 'sometimes when I have made an error, I look at it and think 'how did I get that wrong?' He also believes that keeping physically fit is vital -it means he ' can concentrate longer, I don't feel as tired at the end of the day, I feel as all my senses are a lot clearer – vision and sound.'

He could have had a good playing career. He opened the batting at Durham and was a useful spinner. He captained England Under-19's, played for England 'A' and in 2012 averaged more than 50 in first class cricket. After retiring, he tried to make it as a semi-professional footballer but ended up working in his father 'sports shop before watching the

famous 2005 Ashes series reignited his love for cricket.

He tried umpiring one Sunday afternoon and loved it – and so his upward curve to the 'elite' level began. He was voted Professional Cricketers' Association umpire of the year –voted for by the county cricketers- an unprecedented eight years in a row -and has been on the ICC elite panel since 2019 – his international debut as an umpire was in 2013.

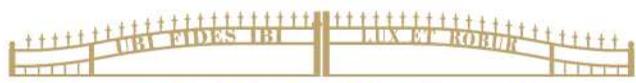
He's now at the top of his game and when asked how he gets so many decisions right he explains it like this: 'I always find that I give myself a little time and not rush into it' and 'sometimes you just have to go with your gut – if I do that, then, 9 times out of 10 I'm right'.

And that's why Michael Gough is the world's best umpire.



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# RETROSPECTIVE

**A little over 20 years ago, David Kelly scored the last of his 36 goals for Tranmere.**

Within a few weeks of notching the double that secured a 2-1 home win over Port Vale on 18 April 2000, the well-travelled Ireland international departed Prenton Park at the end of a three-year contract as a free agent. He headed off to another Division One club, Sheffield United.

So Tranmere did not get a penny back from the £350,000 manager John Aldridge invested in Kelly back in the summer of 1997.

But there were few complaints about the deal being poor value for money, even when you factored in several absences for injury that restricted the front man to 112 appearances over the three campaigns.

That's because he was able to deliver more than just cool finishing and intelligent leading of the line to the Rovers cause.

Kelly's additional virtue was an upbeat and infectious personality that had a positive influence on team morale and confidence.

Aldridge knew the value of Kelly's influence from time shared in the Republic of Ireland dressing room.

During those three seasons, Kelly helped Tranmere to comfortably hold onto second-tier status at a time when budgets at Prenton Park were tightening.

Rovers finished 14th in Division One in 1997/98, when Kelly contributed 15 league and cup goals from 38 appearances. They finished 15th the following season, when Kelly had the worst of his injury problems and started just 18 senior games.

Kelly's final season saw Tranmere finish 13th but was lit up by spectacular runs in the two main cup competitions.

He figured in the FA Cup home wins over Premier League opponents West Ham and Sunderland and was a scorer in the fifth round victory at Fulham, which preceded a quarter-final exit at

home to Newcastle United.

But it was in the League Cup run that took Tranmere all the way to the Wembley final of 2000 that Kelly made his greatest contribution of goals – eight in nine games.

He notched two in a first round success against Blackpool over two legs and a hat-trick in the first leg of a second round tie against Coventry City, which Tranmere won 6-4 on aggregate.

He was on target in Rovers' 2-1 quarter-final win over Premier League Middlesbrough and among the scorers in the 3-0 home win in the semi-final second leg against Bolton that booked a ticket to Wembley in style.

Kelly scored arguably the most famous goal of his career in the final against Leicester City, latching on to a flick on from Gary Jones to rifle home a precise low shot inside the near post. His 77th minute strike brought the game level at 1-1 at a time when Aldridge's team had been reduced to 10 men by the sending-off of defender Clint Hill. Sadly, Leicester responded within a few minutes with a second goal from defender Matt Elliott and the Premier League favourites held on to claim the prize of European qualification.

Kelly spent more time with Tranmere than all but one of the nine English league clubs he served as a professional between 1983 and 2002.

He played five seasons with his first club, Walsall, who recruited the Birmingham born youngster through the youth ranks. In his final season with the Saddlers, Kelly contributed 30 league and cup goals to help secure promotion from the third tier via the play-offs.

That success earned him a £600,000 move to Premier League club West Ham in August 1988. Kelly's two seasons at Upton Park included relegation in 1988/89.

He moved to another second-tier club, Leicester, in March 1994 for £300,000. In his one full season at

Newcastle, 1992/93, he helped Kevin Keegan's team win promotion to the top-flight, contributing 28 goals from 57 games in all competitions.

Keegan did not take Kelly into the Premier League, selling him instead to First Division Wolves for £750,000.

Kelly's two full seasons at Molineux included the 94/95 campaign in which he was top scorer with 22 senior goals, helping his team to the play-offs.

That led to a £900,000 transfer to Sunderland the following September and a three-year contract.

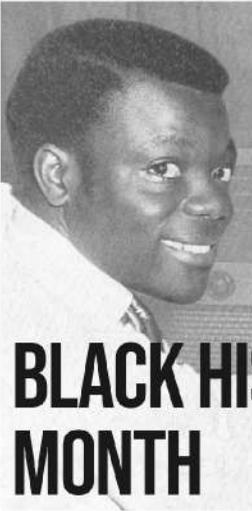
However, his time at Roker Park was blighted by injury. He played in only 10 league games as Peter Reid's team won promotion to the top-flight in 95/96. He played 24 Premier League games for Sunderland in a midfield role in 96/97, failing to score in any of them. That proved to be one of the factors in agreeing the move to Tranmere, where Aldridge had promised to play him up front.

After Tranmere, Kelly wound down his playing career with spells at Sheffield United (second tier) Motherwell (Scottish Premier League) and Mansfield (fourth tier). His subsequent career as a coach began at Tranmere in October 2002, when he was appointed as No2 to Ray Mathias. Kelly's enthusiastic and up-beat approach was a factor in helping the team to a seventh place finish in League One, piling up 80 points. In most other seasons that would have been enough to secure a play-off spot.

However, he broke his contract with Tranmere by leaving in the summer of 2003 to work with Neil Warnock at Sheffield United.

He subsequently went on to assist Billy Davies at Preston, Derby and Nottingham Forest, then worked as No2 to Mark Robins at Scunthorpe. In the summer of 2019 he joined the coaching staff at Northampton Town, working alongside manager Keith Curle.





## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Black History Month gives us the opportunity to delve into the Tranmere Rovers' archives to examine the relatively little known story of mercurial footballer Elkanah Onyeali, the first black footballer to play for a professional football club in Merseyside, but also one of the first African born players to play professional football in England.**

Elkanah Onyeali was born in 1938 in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. A gifted footballer, he progressed through his College XI, to Port Harcourt Red Devils and then to the Nigerian national football team. In his native country, he thrilled crowds with his pace and goal-scoring ability, with notable performances including the 1958 domestic cup final, when he put on a sensational display as his team emerged the victors, and a four-goal haul in an international game - a feat that has only been matched once by a Nigerian player.

At the time, Nigeria was under British rule and it wasn't uncommon for young Nigerians to come to study in England. In 1960, Elkanah followed this well-trodden path but instead of heading for London he came to Wirral, to study electrical engineering at the Birkenhead Technical College. As a young man in a foreign country, he was keen to continue playing football alongside his studies and had high hopes of being picked up by Liverpool or Everton. He wrote letters to them, requesting trials, but neither of the famous old clubs was interested. It is not clear how he came to the attention of Tranmere, but Peter Farrell, who was the Club's player manager, was keen to see what he could do, and selected him for three reserve matches. Elkanah seized his opportunity and sufficiently impressed in those three games to be offered a first team contract for the season ahead in what was then Division Three.

He made an instant impact on his first team debut, scoring twice in a thrilling 4-3 victory, and soon became

a favourite with Rovers fans, who affectionately called him 'Al'.

Elkanah was not only the first black player in Tranmere's history, he was also their first non-British or Irish player, and one of the foremost and very earliest Nigerians to play professional football in Britain. To put it into context, it would be 15 years before one of the Merseyside giants had a black player on their books (with the signing of Cliff Marshall by Everton in 1975). Elkanah's time with Tranmere was brief but impactful - he scored 9 goals in 16 appearances, but found it difficult to adapt his skilful and fast playing style to English pitches in the depths of winter. As a dedicated student, he also sometimes struggled to reconcile the competing demands of study, football for Tranmere and his international duties. Having missed a number of midweek games, he explained to the local media *"My father at home in Nigeria would be very angry with me if he found out I was playing football rather than studying."* He also prioritised international football, and is reported to have flown back to Nigeria for a game after telling Tranmere he was tucked up at home with the flu!

Peter Farrell, Tranmere's manager, had been happy to accommodate Elkanah's limited availability because of his footballing ability, but when Farnell was replaced by Walter Galbraith, the new manager took a dim view of having a part-timer on the books. Elkanah's final first team appearance came against Notts County, just a few months after Nigeria gained independence from Britain, as he was released at the season's end.

Onyeali continued playing football, including for his native Nigeria, for some years, before stopping to pursue further education and opportunities in the United States.

He returned to Nigeria from Chicago in 1977, receiving a hero's welcome. and became a coach for the Trojans and later the Spartans, both of whom had domestic successes.

Elkanah died on 11th of August 2008, aged 70 and the Elkanah Onyeali Care Foundation was established in his memory to run an academy to help young Nigerian players have a career in football.

Tranmere is a club which espouses values of inclusion and equality and we are proud to have played a small part in the very earliest days of African players joining English professional clubs. It is heart-warming to hear from his family that Elkanah was welcomed by the Birkenhead community, given that this being a time when before the Race Relations Act had been enacted in the UK, and when it was relatively common for people to be denied employment or accommodation on the grounds of colour or ethnicity. But the real credit has to go to Onyeali himself, a young man who travelled from Nigeria to Africa as one of the early pioneers on a now well-trodden path for talented African footballers who now showcase their footballing talents at professional clubs across the globe.

# COMMUNITY



**The power of football has always played a huge part in the life of Simon Rycroft and has acted as a coping mechanism to deal with his depression and anxiety.**

Simon, aged 40, is a regular participant at Tranmere Rovers in the Community's Active Rovers Over 40s football sessions, and has benefited significantly, both mentally and physically, from participating in the weekly sessions at Prenton Park.

Speaking to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day 2020, Simon wanted to share his story of having a mental breakdown, and how Tranmere Rovers helped in his road to recovery.

"I hadn't played football for a long time, but I saw on social media about the football sessions, but I went along to try, and I have never looked back. That is now over three years ago.

"Time has flown by. I had a breakdown and a depressive episode four years ago and I got diagnosed with PCSD, an anxiety disorder, depression and OCD.

"Mental health affects a lot of people and through my own experiences, I know a lot of men have troubles talking about it.

"I was quite ill for a period of time, but I have always been quite open talking about my mental

health. I realised it is something a lot of people have experienced but don't always feel comfortable talking about it.

"I was surprised how many lads I know and in football in particular, you wouldn't have thought had any issues with mental health.

"I had a few conversations because I opened the subject with people and they shared their issues too. Gradually over the last few years, it is becoming a subject lads are finding it easier to talk about.

"We now see famous footballers and boxers talking about their experiences and making their mental health problems public. I think sharing helps."

Simon, who has always had a keen interest in football since an early age, admitted he is not the only one who has used football as a way to cope. He continued: "The football sessions at Tranmere have helped me deal with my anxiety.

"I know a lot of lads have said it is the only time they feel like they have not got problems is when they play football.

"The people at Tranmere Rovers Football Club are extremely friendly and the emphasis was having a good time. I have got my fitness back up and I have met some very positive people.

"I was very low on motivation and depressed, I wasn't doing much in my life general. Football has always been there in my life and by joining the sessions at Tranmere, it gave me confidence again. "It has been massive for me. It has given me routine and something to look forward to each and every week. I feel happy and it has given me a buzz when I head home.

"It is difficult when you are in that place and depressed. It is not a nice place when you don't have the motivation to go out and it is hard to make that first step.

"Once you have done the first step, you feel so much better. Tranmere Rovers is such a welcoming football club and when new lads turn up, the others make them feel right at home."

To find out more about the programmes Tranmere Rovers in the Community run, please send an email to [stevew@tranmererovers.co.uk](mailto:stevew@tranmererovers.co.uk).

**With the new season currently being played under unprecedented conditions, the availability of both hard copy and digital matchday programmes is now changing within the sport.**

This then is one of many features this season covering the history of our own matchday programme, and the various matches and special occasions they were connected to since we first entered the Football League in 1921.

**The letter 'C' brings us to a competition now currently under discussion.**

Our recent tie with Harrogate Town in the Carabao Cup here at Prenton Park marked the Sulphurites first ever competitive match in the EFL. For this game, taking into consideration the current circumstances only a team sheet was issued.

The format is though nothing new to this particular competition, especially for games involving Tranmere, and this even goes as far back as the first season of the competition – 1960/61 - and known simply as the League Cup. Having received a bye to the Second Round, Rovers were drawn away to Port Vale at Vale Park, as the Valiants issued a 4-page 'card edition' programme which is naturally a much sort after in recent times. No illustrations of any kind graced the cover or inside pages, as instead, Vale relied on simple text (as illustrated here) and an overall look in a similar vein to both their reserve and youth programme issues of the era.

Having then beaten Vale 2-0, with

goals from Elkanah Onyeali and Tommy Eglington, they progressed to the later stages and were rewarded with a meeting with neighbours Everton at Prenton Park. However, the first fixture was postponed due to snow, and with the game rearranged just two weeks later, Rovers decided to issue for the very first time in their home game history a 4-page insert to accompany the original programme.

The supplement contained an explanatory cover, with snapshots of players from both teams within the inner pages, and complemented with an advert on the final page from one of Rovers' regular patrons.

Once again, this issue also has since proved a rarity, especially those including the additional insert.

Highlighted games from here on included two home editions for Tranmere's marathon first round tie with rivals Chester in 1968, which spawned four matches via three replays (0-0, 2-2, 1-1) – and concluded with a 2-1 victory for Rovers at Sealand Road, thus

earning them another meeting Everton at Goodison Park in Round Two.

All the programmes applied the normal first team format for both clubs for that season.

Wind forward to the 1977/78 season, and to Southport's final term as members of the Football League. The first round of the competition brought the two sides together – Rovers in Division Three and Southport in Division Four - for a two-legged affair over consecutive matches. A 1-0 defeat at Prenton Park in the first encounter was complemented with a full programme – but for the second leg, Southport's financial status coupled with below average attendances would see a hand-typed team sheet, and using a stencil duplication - or 'mimeograph machine' – and blue ink, was then issued on a small, single sided sheet of paper.

It's been noted there were several altered copies with changes on the night, but all of these are still proving a collector's item, especially those still in pristine condition.



# TRANMERE ROVERS PROGRAMMES



# MATCHDAY PROGRAMMES

## Forthcoming matches

at Vale Park

Saturday, October 29th at 3-15 p.m.

**Port Vale v. Bournemouth**

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday, November 5th at 3-15 p.m.

**Port Vale v. Sunderland**

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### Our Visitors . . . Tranmere Rovers

Tranmere Rovers began in 1883 and first operated as minor leagues. In season 1884-85 they joined the Liverpool and District League and in that season were both the Worst Senior and Junior Clubs. Later the Rovers joined the Lancashire Alliance. Their next step was to the Lancashire Combination; now they were getting into good company.

Just before the 1914-15 war they gained promotion into the First Division of that organization. Then they joined, in 1921, admission to the Central League and continued much success. As a result, when the Third Division (North) was formed, Tranmere were elected, thus becoming one of its original members. They were promoted to the Second Division in 1937-38 but came back to the Third Northern the following season.

One of the worst seasons for Tranmere was 1936-37 when they finished last in the bottom of the league and had to apply for re-election together with Crewe Alexandra, but the following season, after taking over experienced players—particularly from Everton—found them in their highest finishing position since 1914. Even so, goal averages in their favour was the deciding factor between Third and Fourth Division football in the new season.

Season 1938-39 was a good one for the club and they finished seventh from the top of the league with 59 points, scoring 87 goals against 67.

Last season saw a renewal of the club's fortunes for they finished 10th from the bottom of the league with 41 points and net scored 109 goals. They won 14 games, lost 19 and drew 13, scoring 77 goals against 75.

Football followers will always remember that Tranmere produced two fine seasons consecutive, Oldham Athletic and Preston North End. Two other well-known players can be mentioned—Billy Ridding of Manchester United, now Rotherham's centre, and Eric Bamford of the Sheffield Wednesday team who won two consecutive league championships. Thus there was R. Bell who in a 124 min. against Oldham Athletic in 1935, scored nine, and who later went to Everton.

In this way Tranmere Rovers have made important contributions in first grade soccer.

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Fisher	Philpotts
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### PEN PORTRAITS

**George Payne (Goalkeeper)**—A long-serving player, having signed in 1927 and has since played valiantly to the club.

**Donk Jones (full back)**—Was signed from Ebbw Vale Port Town in 1925. Originally a centre-forward, he has shown his versatility in recent years, giving excellent performances in many positions. Born in Great Sutton, Wirral.

**Ken Rosewell (full back)**—Signed from Burnley in 1929, where he has been since his school days. Born in Colton, Lanes.

**David Pugh (full back)**—Signed from Blackpool in 1928, he has been a consistent performer in the First team since arriving at Port Vale. Born in Liverpool.

**Bob Harrow (wing half)**—Signed from Manchester United in 1929 with goalkeeper Gordon Clayton. A native of Manchester, he joined Manchester United from school.

**Ralph Millington (centre half)**—Signed professional in 1930 after joining the club from a local amateur team. He has played consistently in the First team for a number of years. Born Noisium, Wirral.

**Tommy Neill (wing half)**—Signed from Burnley within the last week after having had previous service with Bolton Wanderers. Is a native of Pitt, Scotland. (Not eligible for this tie.)

**Ken Finney (outside right)**—Signed from Stockport in 1933 and has played regularly in the First team. Born St. Helens.

**Keith Williams (inside right)**—Signed from Everton in 1937 when he had played as a striker. Has scored a large number of goals since he arrived. Born in Eastham, Wirral.

**Elisava O'Connell (centre forward)**—A Nigerian-born player who served in the U.K. during the summer to study electrical engineering. He has played for his country a number of times and flew to Nigeria in 20th October to represent Nigeria in their independence match against Ghana on 30th October. Born in Port Harcourt, Nigeria and popularly known as "TAP".

**Jim McMillan (inside left)**—Signed from Accrington Stanley in 1929 after previous service with Hibernian. Has played for Scotland "B" side. A native of Dunbarton, Scotland.

**Tom Edgington (outside left)**—Signed from Everton in 1937 when he had been a great favourite for many years. Has many international caps for his country. Born, Elm, Elm in Dublin.

### Port Vale v. Tranmere Rovers — Monday, October 24th

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*Black and Amber Strips, Black Stockings					
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	Harrop	Millington	Billington		
	(21)	(22)	(23)		
	Frah	Jones			
	(24)	(25)			
	Payne				
Left	Centre				Right

### TRANMERE ROVERS

Black Strips, White Stockings

Although Southport progressed to an away tie at Hull City, their league form throughout the season proved disastrous, placing them in the bottom four of the Fourth Division alongside Hartlepool United, York City and Rochdale. Before the days of automatic promotion between the Football League and non-league, these four clubs were then set to apply for re-election – and the final votes would then ensure Southport would lose their league place, and allow Wigan Athletic from the Northern Premier League to take their place.

This statistic now held some significance, as the Latics then provided the opposition for Tranmere at the same stage of the competition the following season, also marking Wigan's first competitive games in the Football League.

A couple of years later, our visit to Turf Moor for our meeting with Burnley in the first round first leg was marked with just a team sheet, similar to the Clarets issues for reserve and youth cup fixtures. Again in similar vein to the process at Southport, stencil duplication printing was used for an unusual sized and double sided sheet containing the team selections and league cup fixtures on the reverse.

## TRANMERE ROVERS v. EVERTON

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP - FOURTH ROUND

SUPPLEMENT

This is the first time we have issued a supplement with our programmes. But this is a special occasion, and we hope our readers will appreciate the special nature pages.

But the reason for the supplement is something more than marking a notable event: it is an explanation of why we have been obliged to make use of the programmes originally printed for December 12th. Certain restrictions on the use of paper remain and the dumping of the money thousands of programmes printed for the 12th might have been considered a breach of those restrictions, even with a small adjustment—this supplement, for instance—they could be used. That is being done tonight, and we apologise for the brief references in the editorial to News County and Bradford, which, are of course, now out of date.

The programme enabled Everton to have their Wish International v. Ray Vernon, available for this evening. His inclusion would give the total number of full international and under-23 players in the Goodison side to no fewer than six and since Tranmere can boast three internationals in their ranks, it really is quite a remarkable parade of talent.

We have been added to remind Rovers' fans that the next Central Dinner being held by our Supporters' Association will be in the Technical College on the evening of Boxing Day.

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# +Vantage Point+

DAVE GOAT 'GIVE US AN R' TRANMERE ROVERS FANZINE

**I've never considered myself to be an anarchist. I've seen that movie 'V For Vendetta' many, many times, the film that spawned the white Guy Fawkes mask favoured by demonstrators and protesters the world over to give themselves a degree of anonymity, but I'm a long way from the lead character in that story.**

The closest I've come to anarchy is taking a Lidl carrier bag into Aldi, and on another day taking an Aldi carrier bag into Lidl. At the moment though I wish I could change the way football is run, and if that makes me an anarchist then I'm guilty as charged. I'm in that state of flux that I've been in many times before where I love Tranmere but hate football. How could those two things co-exist you might ask yourselves? Well, for me Tranmere is more than just a football club. I know, I know, it sounds like I've just stolen a slogan from the seating in the Nou Camp in Barcelona, but if you want any more evidence then I must refer you to the recent news story on Sky Sports News showing our Chairman and a Director delivering food parcels to the elderly (incidentally, the elderly' doesn't refer to any of our players). I've never felt more proud of the club. The work they've done during the lockdown shines a light on the true worth of a football club to its community. Most of us go to the match and go home. Or we go to the match, then the pub and go home. Or we



go to the match, the pub, and then the chippy, and go home. Fortunately though Rovers have a higher number than most clubs of fans and staff who want to do a lot more than that. Like a lot of us I spent a lot of time pre-season checking the club website and twitter account, just keeping that connect with the club and its activities. Week by week I was delighted to see a series of pictures of Les and Denise Sands and a small motley group of paint splattered volunteers painting and decorating the inside of the Johnny King Stand, elevating it to a smaller version of the inside of the Kop. These were people who couldn't wait to give more back to the club than just their admission fee. They are as much heroes of the club as the guys who took to the field at Salford and retrieved a point for us when everything looked lost. Earlier in the lockdown another group, with the assistance of goalkeeper Scott Davies, cleaned all the seats in the stadium, a pigeon's paradise

when the ground is not in use. It's a thing to treasure though when your club makes you proud both on and off the pitch.

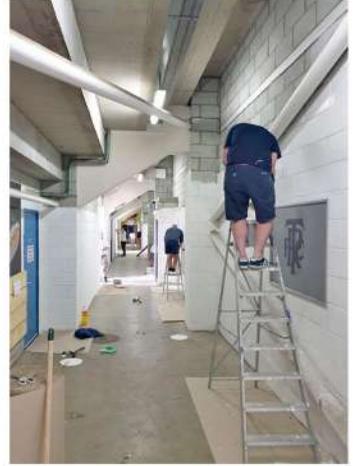
That's not to say we're not doing it on the pitch either. Our recent cobbled together squad of children and pensioners that were thrust forward into the cauldron of first team football at Salford engendered the sort of never say die passion that we have seen throughout the club in the last decade. It was no different in that respect than the comeback at Watford in the cup last season (slightly less Tranmere fans at Salford though). Let's not forget, that whatever we think of Salford's recent meteoric rise they are firmly ensconced as favourites to finish top of the table in polls by many of the popular footy mags. All the more reason to be encouraged, not so much by the team we put out, but by the squad we have got who seem to understand the ethos of the club and what the fans demand of them.



Living so close to the ground is a stark reminder of what we're all missing. Already on a match day for a home game I've realised that I can hear the shouts of the players and instructions from the bench in our back garden as the match day sounds are carried along on the ether. And for a night match a little bit of the floodlit sky peaks above the tops of the trees at our back wall. Every time I go to do a food shop I pass the Cowshed and can't resist crossing the road to the Paddock turnstiles to have a peek between the gate and its frame. I don't know if it's a blessing or a curse seeing that patterned piece of pristine pitch with a vertical slice of Kop seating above it. They've made such a good job of



the pitch it seems to draw you over for a new viewing every time you pass the ground. With a long injury list we haven't started too badly. I don't want to go down Cliche Avenue, but it looks like Michael Jackson is going to give us a Thriller. I think the SWA 'Wanna Be Startin' Somethin' and should not rest on their laurels. Don't Stop Till You Get Enough. Anyway, enough of that tosh. Back to my original paragraph. Am I an anarchist? No!! But I would like to see football change. I'd like to see clubs not just recognised for their off-field activities, but openly rewarded. It would encourage clubs to be more to their communities than just a club.



If this were to happen Rovers would be instantly elevated to the Champions League. As it is we get no credit for being a very well run club, firmly adhered to our local community. Damned if you do, damned if you don't. At least to the tens of thousands of people who've now received food hampers from Rovers, many of whom may not have ever set foot in Prenton Park, we now mean something, and it's something good. A lot of credit must go to the people at the top who want the club to be run in this way whatever other clubs decide to do. It might be their norm to just be a 'football' club, the other clubs, but it's not ours. SWA



JOHN ADAMSON

# ADAMSON'S AWAY DATES



**As they say, nostalgia ain't what it used to be, and neither is Hovis. The tasty upmarket loaf enjoyed by millions today is several bakes away from the original recipe, designed as cheap nourishment for poor mill workers.**

Yes, we are in Macclesfield today, where the Hovis loaf made its debut in 1886, to pay tribute to the community which has lost its club. Once the largest producer globally of finished silk, the town was dominated by no fewer than 71 mills some fifty years before the rather solid wholemeal bread hit the shops. The place is still known as Silk Town, although the nickname enjoys strong competition from an unlikely source.

History no longer records the date, but legend has it that centuries ago, a horse and cart was plodding through the streets of Macclesfield when the horse performed an

unexpected turn and jack-knifed the lot, spreading the treacle from the cart all across the street. The poor of the town rushed out to scoop the precious cargo off the cobbles to add to their evening dessert menu.

Maxonians, as the good people of Macclesfield are known, are unique in that they claim the title of Treacle Town willingly. No negativity here, then, and no suggestion of the use of the term in a derogatory sense around a population of slow-witted people who tend to stay put.

On Sunday 29th November of this year, Boris permitting, the annual Treacle Market again takes over Macclesfield. We might envisage hundreds of competing stalls selling treacle to thousands of these dark syrup enthusiasts, the traditionalists among them tasting and comparing products as they scoop it up from ancient cobbles? We would be wrong, of course, but

we would find a large number of artisan stalls spread over a wide area selling everything you didn't know you needed for a Covid Christmas. It has to be worth a trip.

Macclesfield has been where it is for more than a thousand years. Early on, its defences consisted of a ditch and a wooden fence on its western approaches to keep out undesirable people and wild animals.

Learning from experience, the town was fortified and enclosed by walls. A royalist stronghold in the civil war, it was attacked by Cromwell's army, and the walls were damaged. After the end of hostilities, the remains were removed, the main reminder of them being the street names of Chester Gate, Jordan Gate and the more prosaic Church Wall Gate.

If cobbled treacle isn't a delicacy on your bucket list, you might prefer to delay your trip until the annual Barnaby Festival in June. Over ten event-packed days, Macclesfield celebrates its history and traditions through an arts festival which recently featured a 'Pants on Fire' lying contest, presumably for those seeking a career in politics.

Nostalgia for the town's football club is rampant in the community following its collapse. Next time you buy a Hovis, or that scarf of the finest silk, spare them a thought.

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You can also progress on to our very own football industry specific HNC/HND programme, where you will study football coaching, performance analysis and development, you will also gain realistic industry experience.

#### **Employment Opportunities**

Although, if higher education is not your desired outcome, if successful on the course, Tranmere Rovers also has employment opportunities for dedicated and reliable prospects. Tranmere Rovers College can also support you in finding employment within the sports industry.

#### **English & Maths**

At Tranmere Rovers College, we value the importance of life skills, so we offer English and Maths GCSE lessons and exams to students who didn't quite attain their desired grades at school.



## RESULTS &amp; FIXTURES

## GAMES

2020  
2021

■ Played
 ● First Sub
 ● Second Sub
 ● Third Sub
 SO Sent Off

+ Live on Sky Sports
 # Live on BT Sports

MN	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RESULT	POS	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS	REFEREE
1	Sat 5 Sep	H	HARROGATE TOWN	CC1	D 1 - 1	--	BCD	--	Vaughan (64)	Tom Nield
2	Tue 8 Sep	A	Port Vale	EFT1-NGD	D 0 - 0	--	BCD	--	Lost 4-3 on additional penalty shoot-out	Declan Bourne
3	Sat 12 Sep	A	Mansfield Town	SBL2	D 0 - 0	17th	BCD	--		James Bell
4	Sat 19 Sep	H	CHELTENHAM TOWN	SBL2	L 0 - 3	20th	BCD	--		Carl Boyeson
5	Sat 26 Sep	A	Cambridge United	SBL2	D 0 - 0	20th	BCD	--		Sam Purkiss
6	Tue 29 Sep	H	LIVERPOOL U23	EFT1-NGD	W 3 - 2	--	BCD	--	Vaughan (74, 75), Payne (90)	Scott Oldham
7	Sat 3 Oct	H	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	SBL2	W 2 - 0	15th	BCD	--	Vaughan (41, 66)	Anthony Backhouse
8	Sat 10 Oct	A	Salford City	SBL2	D 2 - 2	13th	BCD	--	Morris (86), Lewis (90)	Sam Allison
9	Sat 17 Oct	A	Newport County AFC	SBL2	3.00pm					
10	Tue 20 Oct	H	LEYTON ORIENT	SBL2	7:00pm					
11	Sat 24 Oct	H	SOUTHEND UNITED	SBL2	3.00pm					
12	Tue 27 Oct	A	Crawley Town	SBL2	6:30pm					
13	Sat 31 Oct	H	MORECAMBE	SBL2	3.00pm					
14	Tue 3 Nov	A	Harrogate Town	SBL2	TBC					
15	Sat 7 Nov		Emirates FA Cup First Round							
16	Tue 10 Nov	H	WIGAN ATHLETIC	EFT1-NGD	7.45pm					
17	Sat 14 Nov	A	Port Vale	SBL2	3.00pm					
18	Sat 21 Nov	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
19	Tue 24 Nov	H	CARLISLE UNITED	SBL2	7.45pm					
20	Sat 28 Nov		Emirates FA Cup Second Round							
21	Tue 1 Dec	A	Oldham Athletic	SBL2	7.45pm					
22	Sat 5 Dec	H	WALSALL	SBL2	3.00pm					
23	Sat 19 Dec	A	Bolton Wanderers	SBL2	3.00pm					
24	Sat 26 Dec	H	BRADFORD CITY	SBL2	3.00pm					
25	Tue 29 Dec	A	Barrow	SBL2	3.00pm					
26	Sat 2 Jan	A	Colchester United	SBL2	3.00pm					
27	Sat 9 Jan	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	SBL2	3.00pm					
28	Sat 16 Jan	A	Stevenage	SBL2	3.00pm					
29	Sat 23 Jan	H	BOLTON WANDERERS	SBL2	3.00pm					
30	Tue 26 Jan	H	HARROGATE TOWN	SBL2	7.45pm					
31	Sat 30 Jan	A	Morecambe	SBL2	3.00pm					
32	Sat 6 Feb	H	PORT VALE	SBL2	3.00pm					
33	Sat 13 Feb	A	Grimsby Town	SBL2	3.00pm					
34	Sat 20 Feb	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	SBL2	3.00pm					
35	Tue 23 Feb	A	Carlisle United	SBL2	7.45pm					
36	Sat 27 Feb	A	Leyton Orient	SBL2	3.00pm					
37	Tue 2 Mar	H	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	SBL2	7.45pm					
38	Sat 6 Mar	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
39	Tue 9 Mar	A	Southend United	SBL2	7.45pm					
40	Sat 13 Mar	A	Walsall	SBL2	3.00pm					
41	Sat 20 Mar	H	EXETER CITY	SBL2	3.00pm					
42	Sat 27 Mar	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	SBL2	3.00pm					
43	Fri 2 Apr	A	Cheltenham Town	SBL2	3.00pm					
45	Mon 5 Apr	H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	SBL2	3.00pm					
46	Sat 10 Apr	A	Scunthorpe United	SBL2	3.00pm					
47	Sat 17 Apr	H	SALFORD CITY	SBL2	3.00pm					
48	Tue 20 Apr	A	Bradford City	SBL2	7.45pm					
49	Sat 24 Apr	H	BARROW	SBL2	3.00pm					
50	Sat 1 May	A	Forest Green Rovers	SBL2	3.00pm					
51	Sat 8 May	H	COLCHESTER UNITED	SBL2	3.00pm					

**v Harrogate Town, Carabao Cup First Round - lost 8-7 on penalties:**

Scored: Khan, Banks, MacDonald, Morris, Payne, Clarke, O'Connor. Missed: Vaughan, Spearing, Monthe.

**v Port Vale, EFL Trophy First Round - lost 4-3 on penalties:**

Scored: Banks, Morris, O'Connor. Missed: Khan, Payne, Walker-Rice.



# MATCH DATA



2020  
2021

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALS

Player	DOB	SN	POS	SBL2		FACUP		CCUP		EFLT		Total	
				GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS	GMS	GLS
Oliver Banks	21/09/1992	28	MID	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	0
Corey Blackett-Taylor	23/09/1997	11	MID	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Jake Burton	15/11/2001	27	STR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Peter Clarke	03/01/1982	26	DEF	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0
Scott Davies	23/02/1987	1	GK	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Mark Ellis	30/09/1988	5	DEF	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0
Liam Feeney +	28/04/1986	19	MID	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Morgan Ferrier	15/11/1994	10	STR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kyle Hayde	25/09/2001	24	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otis Khan	05/09/1995	17	MID	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0
Paul Lewis	17/12/1994	22	MID	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	1
Calum MacDonald +	18/12/1997	18	DEF	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	0
Emmanuel Monthe	26/01/1995	6	DEF	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0
Kieron Morris	03/06/1994	7	MID	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	1
Joe Murphy	21/08/1981	13	GK	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Sid Nelson	01/01/1996	4	DEF	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
George Nugent	04/12/2001	25	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee O'Connor +	28/07/2000	2	DEF	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	0
Stefan Payne	10/08/1991	23	STR	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	6	1
George Ray	13/10/1993	21	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Liam Ridehalgh	20/04/1991	3	DEF	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0
Jay Spearing	25/11/1988	8	MID	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0
James Vaughan	14/07/1988	9	STR	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	6	5
Danny Walker-Rice	10/11/2000	20	MID	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Kaiyne Woolery	11/01/1995	14	STR	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Own Goals	--	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

+ Player in on loan \* No longer at the Club

## SKY BET LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES & LEAGUE TABLE

Sky Bet League Two		Pos	Club	Home Record					Away Record					GD	PTS	
Tuesday 20 October 2020				P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Cheltenham Town		1	Morecambe	5	1	0	1	1	5	3	0	0	7	4	-1	12
v Scunthorpe United (6:00pm)		2	Cambridge United	5	2	1	0	5	1	1	0	1	5	2	7	10
Morecambe v Mansfield Town (6:30pm)		3	Newport County	5	2	0	0	4	2	1	1	1	4	3	3	10
Cambridge United v Port Vale*		4	Salford City	5	0	3	0	4	4	2	0	0	5	0	5	9
Exeter City v Crawley Town*		5	Cheltenham Town	5	1	0	2	4	5	2	0	0	5	0	4	9
Oldham Athletic v Carlisle United*		6	Forest Green Rovers	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	9
Stevenage v Newport County*		7	Walsall	5	2	1	0	4	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	9
Barrow v Bolton Wanderers**		8	Carlisle United	5	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	4	0	9
Bradford City v Walsall**		9	Harrogate Town	5	0	1	1	3	4	2	1	0	5	0	4	8
Colchester United		10	Exeter City	5	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	6	5	1	8
v Forest Green Rovers**		11	Colchester United	5	1	1	0	5	3	0	3	0	2	2	2	7
Grimsby Town v Harrogate Town**		12	Port Vale	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	7
Salford City v Southend United**		13	Crawley Town	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	6	-2	7
*7:00pm kick off		14	<b>Tranmere Rovers</b>	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	2	2	-1	6
**7:45pm kick off		15	Stevenage	5	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	1	2	3	1	5
		16	Bradford City	4	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	5
		17	Leyton Orient	5	0	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	3	3	-2	5
		18	Grimsby Town	4	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	1	3	2	-3	4
		19	Bolton Wanderers	5	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	2	3	-4	4
		20	Scunthorpe United	5	1	1	1	3	5	0	0	2	0	3	-5	4
		21	Barrow	5	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	3	-2	3
		22	Mansfield Town	5	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	4	-2	3
		23	Southend United	5	0	1	2	3	8	0	1	1	1	3	-7	2
		24	Oldham Athletic	5	0	0	3	4	7	0	1	1	3	6	-6	1



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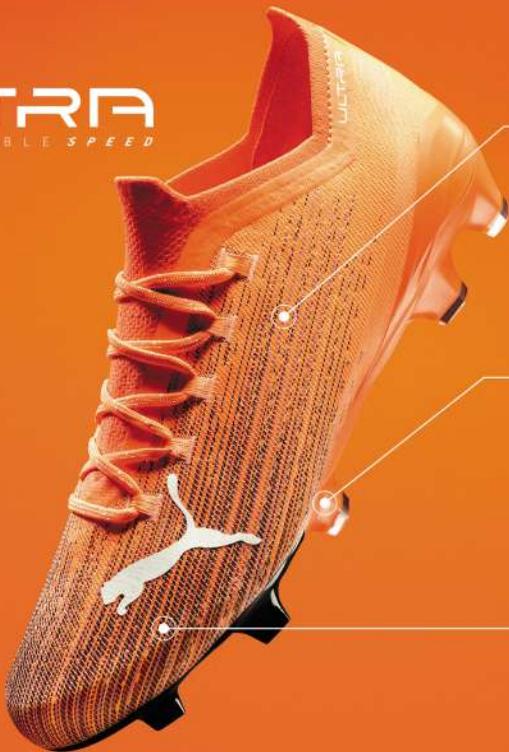


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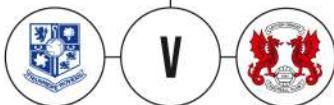


SPEED



FINISHING



**TRANMERE ROVERS****LEYTON ORIENT****Manager:** Mike Jackson**Manager:** Ross Embleton

Scott Davies	1	1	Sam Sargeant
Lee O'Connor	2	2	Sam Ling
Liam Ridehalgh	3	3	Joe Widdowson
Sid Nelson	4	4	Ouss Cissé
Mark Ellis	5	5	Dan Happe
Emmanuel Monthe	6	6	Josh Coulson
Kieron Morris	7	7	Jobi McAnuff
Jay Spearing	8	8	Craig Clay
James Vaughan	9	9	Conor Wilkinson
Morgan Ferrier	10	10	Jordan Maguire-Drew
Corey Blackett-Taylor	11	11	James Dayton
Joe Murphy	13	12	Jordan Thomas
Kaiyne Woolery	14	14	Myles Judd
Otis Khan	17	16	James Brophy
Calum MacDonald	18	17	Louis Dennis
Danny Walker-Rice	19	18	Tunji Akinola
Liam Feeney	20	19	Lee Angol
George Ray	21	20	Ruel Sotiriou
Paul Lewis	22	21	Brendon Shabani
Stefan Payne	23	22	Lawrence Vigouroux
Kyle Hayde	24	23	Jamie Turley
George Nugent	25	24	Jayden Sweeney
Peter Clarke	26	25	Shad Ogie
Jake Burton	27	26	Hector Kyprianou
Oliver Banks	28	39	Danny Johnson
Lee McAteer	50	44	Josh Wright
Larne Wallisson	51		
Simon Moscrop	52		
Mark Richardson	53		
Martyn Best	55		

**NEXT HOME GAME****Southend United**

Sky Bet League Two  
 Saturday 24 October 2020  
 Kick-off 3:00pm

**TONIGHT'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: Samuel Barrott  
 Assistant Referee: Joe Clark  
 Assistant Referee: Matthew Parry  
 Fourth Official: Ben Toner

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