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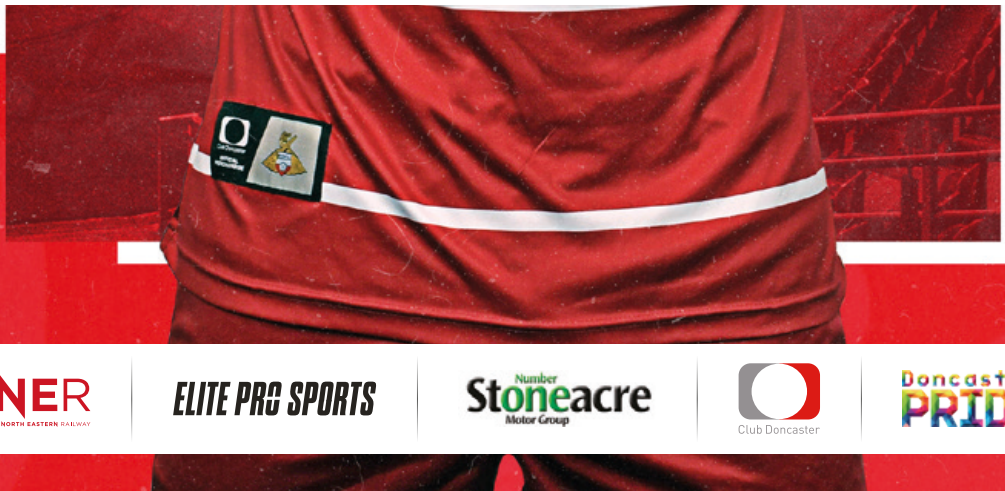

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IN CHARGE: RICHIE WELLENS

WELCOME BACK TO THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM FOR OUR FIRST LEAGUE MATCH IN FRONT OF FANS SINCE FEBRUARY 2020!

It was great to see you all back in the stadium for the pre-season friendlies but today will be particularly special as we finally get back to the league programme.

I'd like to first welcome Mark Robinson and the players, staff, directors and of course fans to the Keepmoat Stadium. I really admire what Mark has done at Wimbledon since he's gone in there, he's created a resilient, hard-working, honest team who will provide a difficult challenge for us this afternoon.

Firstly we've been focusing on ourselves and how we impose what we're good at on the game. We know the kind of football we want to play and the identity we want to create here at Doncaster Rovers and I hope that you'll see that today.



We know that we're not the finished product yet, we still have a new squad that hasn't been together very long but we're really looking forward to entertaining our fans this season both home and away.

This pre-season has been a challenging one with COVID playing its part in disrupting our plans. Considering that many of the squad missed a big chunk of training, I've been really impressed with how the squad have bonded and how well they're picking up on the messages that Hunty and I have been given to them. There's still so much more to come from this group.

I think we're all looking forward to the season and we hope you are too.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Richie

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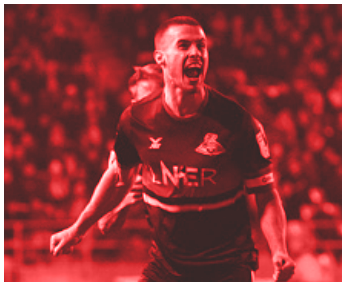
NEW SEASON, NEW START, OLD FRIENDS AND FAMILIAR FACES...

THE 2021/22 SKY BET LEAGUE ONE CAMPAIGN SIGNIFIES A NEW ERA FOR DONCASTER ROVERS, AND AN ARRAY OF FAMILIAR FACES GIVES PLENTY OF CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM AT THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM THIS COMING SEASON.











> I'VE ALWAYS SAID MY YEARS AT DONCASTER WERE THE MOST PROLIFIC OF MY CAREER. SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOT TO DO WHAT FEELS RIGHT AND COMING BACK TO DONCASTER FELT RIGHT FOR ME

As Rovers embark on a new era, familiar faces have returned to South Yorkshire to take on a new challenge.

The appointment of Richie Wellens to first-team manager, followed by the return of the evergreen James Coppinger provided plenty of talking points throughout the summer, and the homecoming of former captain Tommy Rowe has brought yet further delight for Rovers fans.

A real coup for Rovers, Rowe returned to the Keepmoat Stadium in June following two seasons in the Championship with Bristol City.

"It's really good to be back," Rowe admits. "It still feels a bit surreal but I'm really delighted to be here, it was like coming home."

The 32-year-old spent three years in South Yorkshire during his first spell at the club, making 144 appearances in the process, and was very much the driving force behind Rovers' promotion from League Two in 2016/17, before proving to be instrumental yet again in the 2018/19 campaign, as he captained the side to the League One Play-Offs in his final season.

"They were the most prolific years of my career," he says, reflecting on his first spell in Doncaster.

"I had great teammates, great managers and I had a really good relationship with the fans and the club in general. They're things that you don't forget. We jokingly call my spell at Bristol City a two-year loan and I'm really delighted to be back."

It's clear from talking to Rowe that there were multiple offers on the table for the former Bristol City midfielder to consider, but fond memories for him and his family, coupled with the long-term vision of new manager Richie Wellens, led him back to the Doncaster as Rovers soon became the "standout" option for the Mancunian.

"When I first left Bristol I wasn't sure where I wanted to go, but the more I started to look at options, the more returning to Doncaster was the standout option for me.

"When you leave a club and you have success, which I did here first time around, you leave with strong feelings and that club becomes special to you. It wasn't just my feelings either, it was my family's too. They loved my time here as much as I did.

"As a footballer it's easy to chase money, but sometimes you've got to do what feels right and coming back to Doncaster felt right for me."

A social media outbreak followed, as Rowe's return was met with an overwhelming response from the Rovers' faithful.

"It was amazing to see the fans' response, but ultimately the long-term plan is to show supporters why I wanted to come back, why I believe in what we're doing and why I want to be a part of the club's plans.

"Something is being built here and to be a part of that as one of the more senior players is a really good feeling, hopefully I can bring something to all aspects of the club, both on and off the pitch."

A mature, experienced and grounded professional,the 32-year-old's presence will no doubt be invaluable to Rovers in the coming season, particularly following a two-year spell in the Championship, where he made almost 80 appearances in the second tier.



"It was incredible for me to play at that level," he continues. "I played almost 80 games across two seasons which was unbelievable for me as a player, but I also learnt a lot in terms of the standards of the Championship, the standards of the players and competing day in, day out with them.

"Those standards of competitiveness, training and the all-round experience will hopefully allow me to play a big part this season on and off the pitch. I'm 33 in September, so I can certainly bring experience, but I like to kick it with the young lads and really compete with them too.

"In a division like this you need more than one leader. Tom [Anderson] is a fantastic captain; he's an outstanding person on and off the pitch that brings this side together, but we need four or five of us to push standards and lead the way, which is what I hope to do."

As a player Wellens himself contributed on the pitch for Rovers at a senior age, having made almost 200 appearances across two spells, but now the 41-year-old is orchestrating matters from the touchline and Rowe was quick to highlight the former midfielder's management style as a key reason for his return.

"The gaffer is hungry for success and wants to do well. He was a winner as a player and he's got a very good reputation as a manager. He demands high intensity from his teams, he always has and now Doncaster has a manager who is held in very high regard, as well as someone who is hungry for success.

"Speaking to him and listening to how he wants to play football, as well as his philosophy, it's similar to what I've been used to throughout my career and that got me excited to come back and play here. His quality is demanding and he wants to take us to the next level; obviously you need patience, but all the players that have come in want to be part of it and believe in what we want to achieve long term."

The enthusiasm in Rowe's voice is clear. This season signifies a new era for all associated with the club, and today's opening game of the 2021/22 campaign against AFC Wimbledon will no doubt be made even more special by the long-awaited return of fans to league action at the Keepmoat Stadium, following a near-18 month absence.

"For many reasons the first game of the season is always one of the best," Rowe concludes.

"A lot of people have asked how it feels to have been playing without fans, and it's a hard one to answer because in theory our job doesn't change. We still have to go out there and win a game of football, but when you suddenly get fans back, you notice how much of a difference they make.

"It's going to be special, there's no doubt about that. These are the moments that you want to be a part of, even more so now. It's going to be a big day for all of football and it'll be really special to walk out in front of the fans again."

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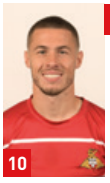

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TOMMY **ROWE**

MAIN	IDEAL ELECRITCITY
HOME	JAKE & ZACK SKINN
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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JON **TAYLOR**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	BEN SCHOFIELD
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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MATT **SMITH**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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JOHN **BOSTOCK**

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HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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AIDAN **BARLOW**

MAIN	RED VIKING RAIL
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JORDY **HIWULA**

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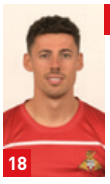

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CHARLIE **SEAMAN**

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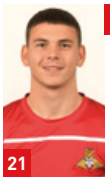

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TIAGO **CUKUR**

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HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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CAMERON **JOHN**

MAIN	DENNIS & DAVE HARVEY
HOME	MAIN BRANCH
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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AJ **GREAVES**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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BRANDEN **HORTON**

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AWAY	AVAILABLE



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LIRAK **HASANI**

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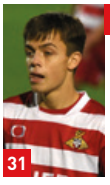

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LIAM **RAVENHILL**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



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BEN **BOTTOMLEY**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	AVAILABLE
AWAY	AVAILABLE



RICHIE **WELLENS**

MAIN	AVAILABLE
HOME	RITA JILL & PAUL
AWAY	AVAILABLE

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ACADEMY UPDATE

McSHEFFREY RARING TO GO

GARY McSHEFFREY IS READY AND RARING TO GO FOR HIS FIRST SEASON IN CHARGE OF ROVERS' U18S SQUAD, FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF PAUL STANCLIFFE IN THE SUMMER.

McSheffrey who made a combined 19 appearances in red and white across two spells has shadowed Stancliffe for the last two seasons while also leading the training of the former U23s squad.

Pre-season has been heavily hampered as many of the players were forced to self-isolate due to being identified as close contacts of positive COVID cases.

McSheffrey said: "It has been stop-start, but a lot of teams in the country are in the same boat with certain players having to isolated.

"Despite this, we had a good win against a young men's team in Pinchbeck, it was a good run-out and a test for the lads with a clean sheet.

"We're building every day getting fitter and stronger."

> "WE'RE BUILDING EVERY DAY GETTING FITTER AND STRONGER"

The 38-year-old paid tribute to Stancliffe after his tremendous 16-year service to the club. During that time, he recently won the club's first U18s league title.

McSheffrey added: "He has done a great job here. It is nice to take over such a top coach like Stan.

"He let me get on with training and driving the tempo of it, but he has seen a lot and come matchdays he was always at it, ready and prepared well.

"Sometimes I would miss a few things and he would help pin-point distances between units, how deep the defence is with the front three pressing well. He picked up on things which helped you learn off of him most days."

This season, Rovers second year scholars Tom Chambers, Tom Henson, Michael Nesbitt, Bobby Faulkner, Daniel Wilds, Will Hollings, Corie Cole, Tavonga Kuleya and Aleks Wolny will be joined by first year scholars Luke Chadwick, Alex Fletcher, Jak Whiting, Charlie Petch, Faris Khan, Jack Raper, Joshua Lindley, Tom Parkinson, Ethan Harrison and Jack Goodman.

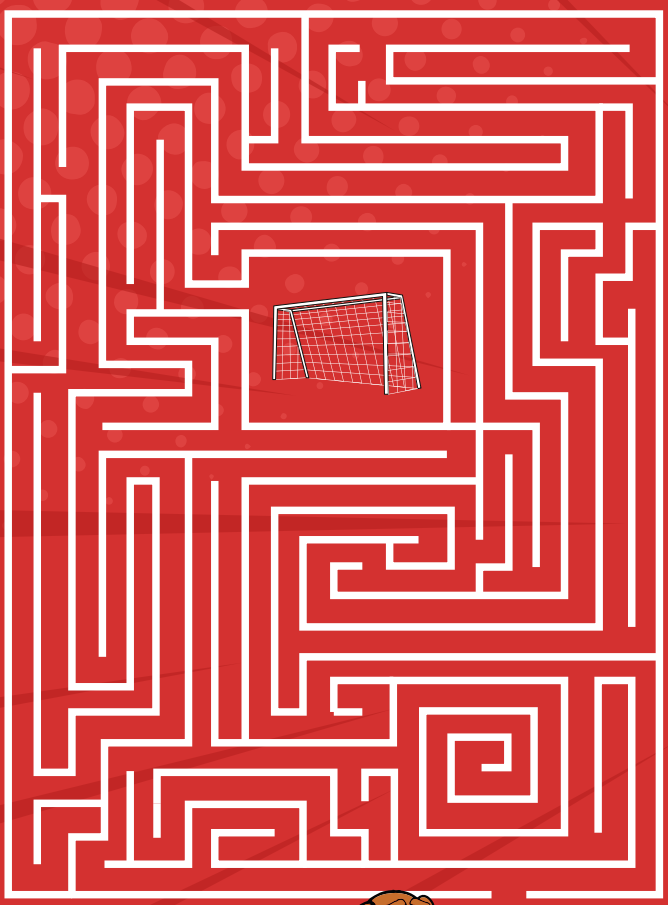
The U18s season kicked off against Lincoln City earlier this morning in their first competitive match of the 2021/22 season. You can check out the Academy website and Twitter @DRFC_Academy for updates on how that game unfolded.



DONNY KICKS

YOUR JUNIOR FUN ACTIVITY SECTION

Donny is trying to find his way to the goal, can you help him?





Donny is has been looking at Championship teams but someone has removed the names from the badges can you help Donny identify the teams?







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DONNY KICKS

YOUR JUNIOR FUN ACTIVITY SECTION



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

RO-SHAUN WILLIAMS



1. Which club did we sign Ro-Shaun from?

YOUR ANSWER

2. With which Premier League team did Ro-Shaun start his career?

YOUR ANSWER

3. How old is Ro-Shaun?

YOUR ANSWER

4. What position does Ro-Shaun play?

YOUR ANSWER

5. How tall is Ro-Shaun in metres and centimetres?

YOUR ANSWER

6. What are Ro-Shaun's two middle names?

YOUR ANSWER

7. Where was Ro-Shaun born?

YOUR ANSWER

ANSWERS (DON'T CHEAT)

1) Shrewsbury Town; 2) Manchester Utd; 3) 22; 4) Centre back; 5) 1 metre 88 cms 6) omar Stuart; 7) Manchester



FOUNDATION NEWS

"I'VE BEEN WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS - THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR ME."

Having undergone two ankle operations during lockdown, Doncaster Pride committee member Bea Wood wanted to get out on a bike to help get herself back to full fitness.

She took advantage of the Foundation's cycle library, based at the Keepmoat Stadium, and was able to hire a suitable bike to help get her on the road.

Bea, who works as both a community connector and transgender\LGBTQ+ support lead for PFG Doncaster, said: ""I have tourettes syndrome, and I'm transgender as well, which have their own battles in themselves in society."

"I used to be very active in cycling and triathlon, so I came to Club Doncaster Foundation to get back on a bike and get out there without the pressures of being on a road bike."

Bea was impressed with the welcoming atmosphere at Club Doncaster, praising the staff and participants for making her feel at home.

"It's one of the few places I go with no judgment and no preconceived ideas about my gender or tourettes. Everyone sees through that here, everyone sees me as a person. I'm not defined by how much I twitch, blink or blurt words out.

"I've never been misgendered here either, which is massive, because when you come to do sport you're at your most vulnerable. You don't put makeup on, don't dress up nice and smart - you put your joggers and your t-shirt on and you go for it."

Bea finds that being out on a bike helps ease some of her symptoms, finding that her ticks almost completely disappear.

"My tourettes just disappear when I'm on a bike, that gives me the ultimate release mentally, physically it does me good, that time on a bike is bliss.

"I've been welcomed with open arms, that changes everything for me, it changes the way I feel walking in here, I feel safe, I know Club Doncaster are supporting the LGBTQ+ community, they're supporting people with mental health conditions. They see us as human and that's really important."

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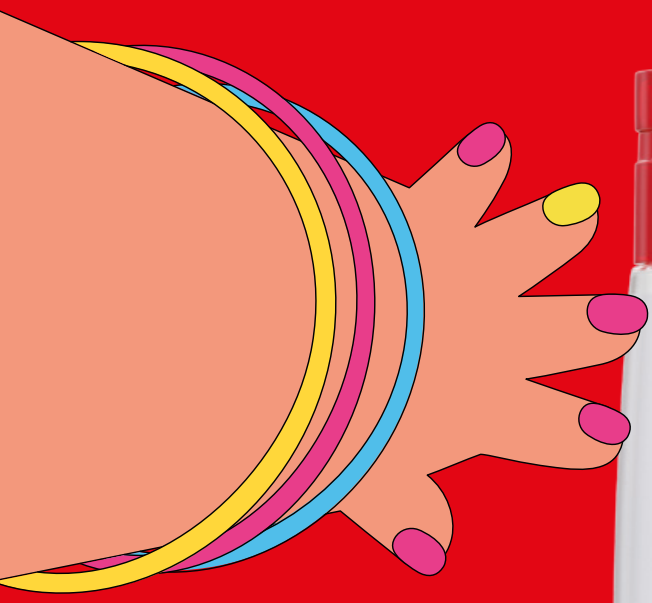



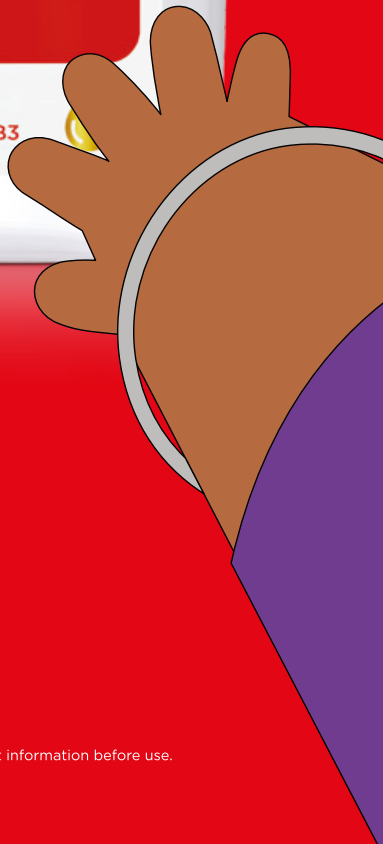

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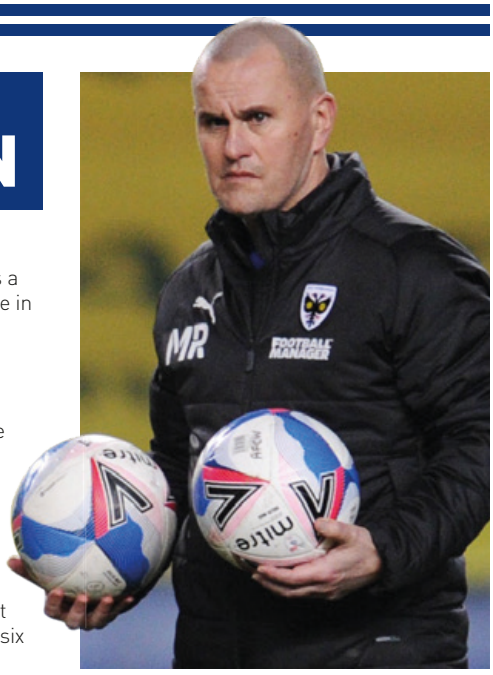
MEET THE BOSS: MARK ROBINSON



Robinson was on Fulham's books as a youngster, however injuries hindered his playing career and what followed was a life outside of football with Robinson working in a sales role in West London.

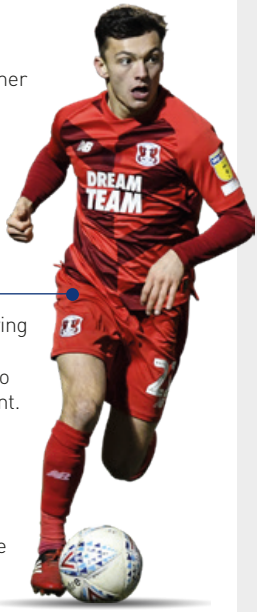
His involvement in youth football ignited his passion to do more at that level and Robinson became involved with AFC Wimbledon in 2004, when they were in the Isthmiam League Division 1. Having worked in a number of roles at the club and guiding the Dons Youth Team to two FA Youth Cup Quarter-Finals, the opportunity arose to take over first team affairs in January 2021 when he was offered the first-team manager role on an interim basis following the departure of Glyn Hodges. A man who clearly has AFC Wimbledon in his heart, Robinson steadied the ship last season and guided them to safety, with the Dons losing just six of the 21 games he had in charge.

NEW TO PLOUGH LANE: SUMMER SIGNINGS

AARON COSGRAVE
A young, direct striker who had been training with the club since last season. Having had success at Lewes during last season's campaign, Cosgrave was signed in the summer, though he has since been loaned out to Dover.

AARON PRESSLEY
Edinburgh-born forward who joined from Brentford on a season long loan, with the 19-year-old making three appearances for the Bees last season. His exploits were in the Brentford B team last term, where he bagged 19 goals in 26 appearances.

DARIUS CHARLES
Joined from Wycombe Wanderers in the summer having helped them achieve promotion to the Championship two years ago. With a host of experience, the 33-year-old centre back has over a decade of EFL experience and returns to Wimbledon for his second spell at the club.



GEORGE MARSH
The 22-year-old midfielder joined the club having previously been at Tottenham Hotspur where he made just one FA Cup appearance. Has also previously spent a spell on loan at Leyton Orient.

LUKE MCCORMICK
Similar to George Marsh, McCormick is a 22-year-old midfielder who joined from the Premier League. Having been at Chelsea since the age of 6, McCormick spent last season on loan at Bristol Rovers where he made 39 league appearances, scoring six goals. Unfortunately three of these were against Donny, as he bagged the consolation goal in the Gas' 4-1 defeat at the Keepmoat, however he also bagged a double in the 2-1 win at the Memorial Stadium.

ZAKI OAULAH
Although 26-year-old Algerian Zaki has been training with AFC Wimbledon for seven years, he was signed up in the summer on a contract to provide goalkeeping cover. Zaki has appeared for many non-league clubs over the years including Leatherhead, Aldershot Town, Hayes &Yeading and Farnborough.

HENRY LAWRENCE
The 19-year-old England Youth International has signed on a season-long loan from Chelsea. Lawrence is versatile and can play at either left or right full-back and made 16 appearances in Premier League 2 last season.

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TYLER GARRATT
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43 APPS 3 GOALS
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2010-11 DRFC
12 APPS 3 GOALS

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2014-16 AFCW
94 APPS 23 GOALS
2003-04 DRFC
9 APPS 4 GOALS

WE'VE MET BEFORE

WIMBLEDON & AFC WIMBLEDON

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AFC WIMBLEDON (2002-PRESENT):

COMPETITION		P	W	D	L	F	A
Football League	H	3	2	1	0	4	1
	A	4	0	1	3	3	8
Total		**7**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**7**	**9**
FA Cup	H	1	1	0	0	2	0
	A	1	0	1	0	1	1
Total		**9**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**10**	**10**

WIMBLEDON FC: (PRE 2002)

COMPETITION		P	W	D	L	F	A
Football League	H	4	2	0	2	4	6
	A	4	1	1	2	6	7
Total		**8**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**10**	**13**

RECENT RESULTS:

EFL		RESULT			GOALSCORERS
01/05/2018	H	D	0	0	
17/11/2018	H	W	2	1	Crawford, Rowe
26/01/2021	H	W	2	0	Okenabirhie, Richards
26/08/2017	A	L	0	2	
09/03/2019	A	L	0	2	
14/12/2019	A	L	1	2	Thomas
03/11/2020	A	D	2	2	Smith, Coppinger
FA CUP		**RESULT**			**GOALSCORERS**
09/11/2019	A	D	1	1	Anderson
19/11/2019	H	W	2	0	Coppinger, Bingham



Wimbledon FC was formed in 1889, though they did not turn professional until 1964, a year after winning the FA Amateur Cup. They won the semi-professional Southern League in 1974/75 and repeated the feat in each of the following two seasons. In 1974/75 Wimbledon also reached the Fourth Round Proper of the FA Cup, defeating First Division Burnley at Turf Moor,before going on to hold Football League Champions Leeds United to a draw at Elland Road.

Wimbledon's performances in both League and Cup helped them secure Football League status in 1977 - they were elected in place of Workington. Their first meeting with Rovers came on 28th December 1977 at their old Plough Lane ground. In a pulsating game, Steve Galliers put the home team ahead after 11 minutes, only for Rovers to lead seven minutes later following goals from Brendan O'Callaghan and Glynn Snodin.

Having led 2-1 at the interval, Rovers went further ahead through a Joe Laidlaw penalty after 53 minutes. However, Steve Parsons pulled a goal back from the spot on 58 minutes and nine minutes later John Leslie made it 3-3. That's how it ended, with Rovers holding on following the sending-off of defender Fred Robinson. In the return game, played at Belle Vue on 25th March 1978, Wimbledon took advantage of an out-of-sorts Rovers side to win 2-0, with second-half goals from Jeff Bryant and Alan Cork.

The two clubs went on to meet in three of the next four seasons, but thereafter their paths diverged. While Rovers plied their trade in the lower reaches of the Football League, Wimbledon enjoyed 14 seasons in the top-flight as well as a memorable FA Cup win in 1988. Their success came at a price however, as in 1991 they were forced to move from their Plough Lane home and groundshare with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. Worse, in 2003, despite fierce opposition from supporters, the club moved to Milton Keynes, eventually being rebranded as MK Dons.

In response to the move, supporters formed AFC Wimbledon who began playing in the Combined Counties League in 2002 and swiftly moved through the non-League pyramid. In 2012 they earned Football League status after winning the Football Conference Play-Off Final. In 2015/16, AFC Wimbledon were promoted to League One after beating Plymouth Argyle in the League Two Play-Off Final. They didn't meet up with Rovers until 26th August 2017 when they won 2-0 at their temporary home, Kingsmeadow, thanks to second-half goals from Kwesi Appiah and Andy Barcham which sealed the win.

Both AFC and Rovers have remained in League One since then and have met on eight occasions, including a replayed FA Cup tie. The most notable recent meeting came last season, on 3rd November 2020, when Rovers were the first visitors to the New Plough Lane ground. The game matched the occasion with Rovers twice coming from behind to equalise with James Coppinger's stoppage time goal sealing a 2-2 draw. Here's hoping for similar excitement today.

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ON THIS DAY

7TH AUGUST

WORDS: John Coyle

The scorer of the first goal at the Keepmoat Stadium, **MARK McCAMMON**, was born on this day in 1978 in Barnet. A much-travelled striker, his longest settled spell was three seasons at Brentford between 2000 and 2003. He joined Doncaster Rovers from Brighton & Hove Albion in August 2006, making his debut on 5th August in a 0-1 defeat at Carlisle United. He finished his first season with five goals - the most notable coming on 1st January 2007, as he scored after nine minutes of Rovers' match against Huddersfield Town in the first League game played at the Keepmoat Stadium. The following season (2007/08) he helped Rovers gain promotion to the Championship, appearing as a substitute in each of the three Play-Off matches. The Play-Off Final at Wembley - where Rovers defeated Leeds United 1-0 - was McCammon's final game for Rovers and he moved south to join Gillingham. His record for Rovers was 70 appearances and 13 goals.


Mark McCammon

Also born on this day, in 1987 in Freetown, Sierra Leone, was **MUSTAPHA DUMBUYA**. He moved to England at the age of five, was spotted by Rovers playing non-league football and signed for the club in July 2009. The speedy full-back made his League debut as a late substitute in a 1-1 draw at Bramall Lane against Sheffield United on 3rd October 2009. He went on to play 38 times for Rovers before moving to Portsmouth in 2012. Subsequently, he played in Scotland and the USA, most recently for Tampa Bay Rowdies, and has represented his native Sierra Leone on 12 occasions.

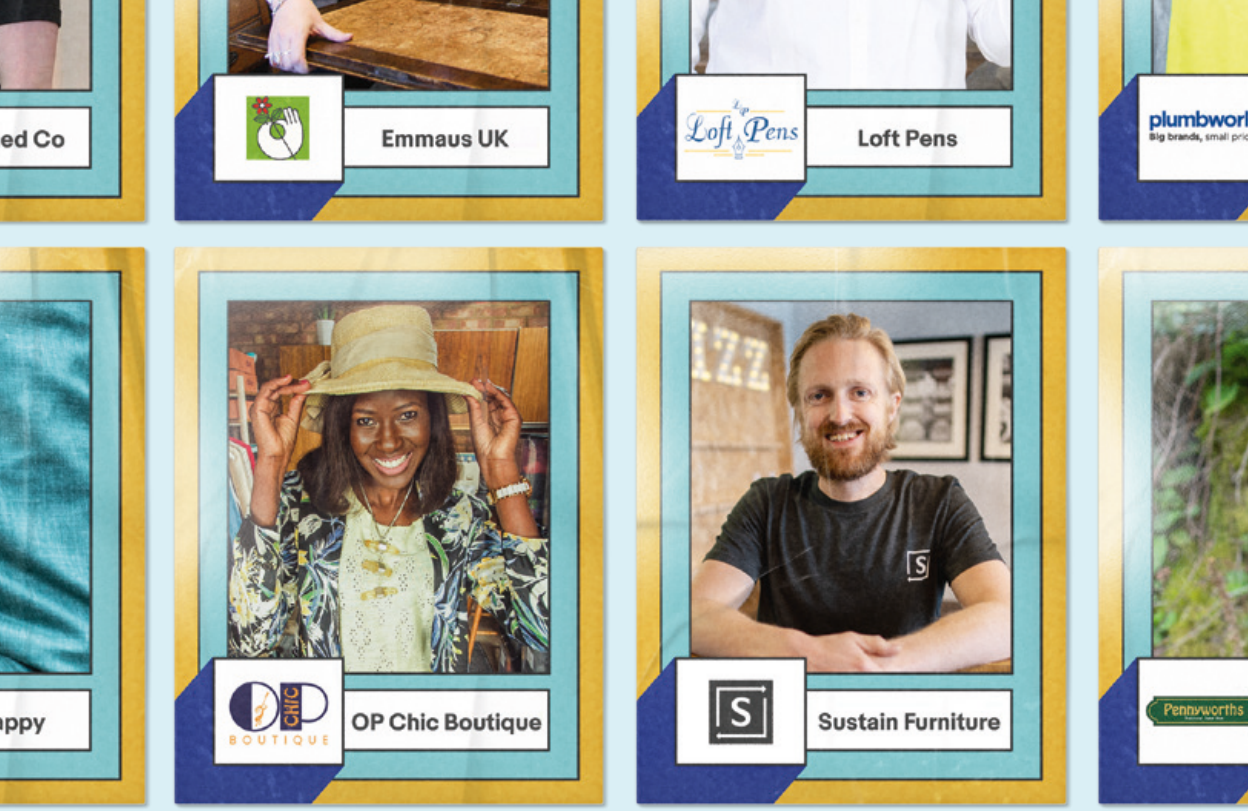


Mustapha Dumbuya

Two other former Rovers players born on this day were **ALBERT HUNTER** (1902) and **JACK VICKERS** (1908). Hunter, a Sheffield-born full-back, joined Rovers from Walsall in July 1932 and over two seasons at Belle Vue made 63 senior appearances. He succeeded Vickers, who was with Rovers from 1930-1932 before moving to Charlton Athletic. Jack Vickers made 39 appearances for Rovers and scored twice, his only goals in senior football.

Today's game is only the third Football League game to be played by Rovers on this day and previous results are encouraging to say the least. On 7th August 2004 Rovers opened their season in the rebranded League One with a 2-0 win over Blackpool at Belle Vue. Tim Ryan and Leo Fortune-West scored the goals. Six years later, with Rovers in the Championship, they beat Preston North End 2-0 at Deepdale with goals from Jimmy O'Connor and James Hayter.

Can we expect another 2-0 win today?



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ON THIS DAY

7TH AUGUST

WORDS: John Coyle

ROVERS:

A mixture of pre-season friendlies and League games have taken place on this day, let's take a look back:

LEAGUE FIXTURES:

2004 Doncaster Rovers 2 (Ryan, Fortune-West) Blackpool 0
2010 Preston North End 0 Doncaster Rovers 2 (O'Connor, Hayter)

FRIENDLIES:

1971 Doncaster Rovers 3 (Usher, Briggs, Wilcockson) Cowdenbeath 1
1978 Doncaster Rovers 1 (Lewis) Chesterfield 0
1982 Denaby United 1 Doncaster Rovers 2 (Mell, G.Snodin)
1992 Doncaster Rovers 2 (Jeffrey) Derby County 0
1993 Huddersfield Town 1 Doncaster Rovers 2 (Bottomley, Moss) Yorkshire Electricity Cup











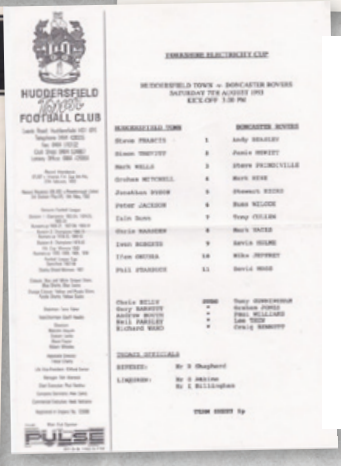

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FIXTURES & RESULTS

2021/22

DATE	OPPOSITION		COMP	RES/KO	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 7	**AFC Wimbledon**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 10	Walsall	A	CC1	19:45				
Sat 14	Sheffield Wednesday	A	EFL1	15:00				
Tue 17	Accrington Stanley	A	EFL1	19:45				
Sat 21	**Portsmouth**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 28	Rotherham United	A	EFL1	13:00				
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 4	**Cambridge United**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 7	**Rotherham United**	**H**	**PJTG**	**19:00**				
Sat 11	Wigan Athletic	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 18	**Morecambe**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 21	**Manchester City U21s**	**H**	**PJTG**	**19:00**				
Sat 25	Plymouth Argyle	A	EFL1	15:00				
Tue 28	Ipswich Town	A	EFL1	19:45				
OCTOBER								
Sat 2	**Milton Keynes Dons**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 9	Crewe Alexandra	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 16	**Wycombe Wanderers**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 19	Gillingham	A	EFL1	19:45				
Sat 23	**Cheltenham Town**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 30	Charlton Athletic	A	EFL1	15:00				
NOVEMBER								
Tue 9	Scunthorpe United	A	PJTG	19:00				
Sat 13	**Fleetwood Town**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 20	**Lincoln City**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 23	Bolton Wanderers	A	EFL1	20:00				
Sat 27	Burton Albion	A	EFL1	15:00				
DECEMBER								
Tue 7	**Oxford United**	**H**	**EFL1**	**19:45**				
Sat 11	**Shrewsbury Town**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 18	Lincoln City	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sun 26	**Sunderland**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Wed 29	Cambridge United	A	EFL1	19:45				
JANUARY 2022								
Sat 1	Morecambe	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 8	**Rotherham United**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 15	**Wigan Athletic**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 22	Milton Keynes Dons	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 29	**Plymouth Argyle**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
FEBRUARY								
Sat 5	Sunderland	A	EFL1	15:00				
Tue 8	**Ipswich Town**	**H**	**EFL1**	**19:45**				
Sat 12	Portsmouth	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 19	**Sheffield Wednesday**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Tue 22	**Accrington Stanley**	**H**	**EFL1**	**19:45**				
Sat 26	AFC Wimbledon	A	EFL1	15:00				
MARCH								
Sat 5	Cheltenham Town	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 12	**Gillingham**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 19	Fleetwood Town	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 26	**Charlton Athletic**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
APRIL								
Sat 2	Wycombe Wanderers	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 9	**Crewe Alexandra**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Fri 15	**Bolton Wanderers**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Mon 18	Shrewsbury Town	A	EFL1	15:00				
Sat 23	**Burton Albion**	**H**	**EFL1**	**15:00**				
Sat 30	Oxford United	A	EFL1	15:00				











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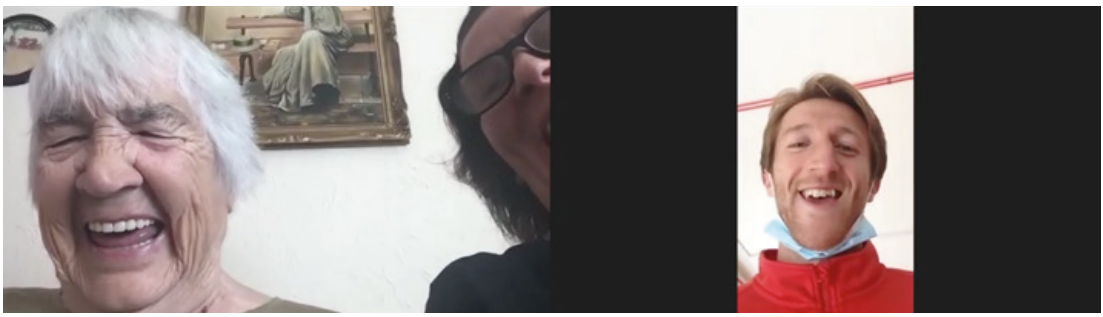
		P	GD	PTS
1	Accrington	0	0	0
2	AFC Wimbledon	0	0	0
3	Bolton	0	0	0
4	Burton	0	0	0
5	Cambridge	0	0	0
6	Charlton	0	0	0
7	Cheltenham	0	0	0
8	Crewe	0	0	0
9	Doncaster	0	0	0
10	Fleetwood	0	0	0
11	Gillingham	0	0	0
12	Ipswich	0	0	0
13	Lincoln	0	0	0
14	MK Dons	0	0	0
15	Morecambe	0	0	0
16	Oxford	0	0	0
17	Plymouth	0	0	0
18	Portsmouth	0	0	0
19	Rotherham	0	0	0
20	Sheff Weds	0	0	0
21	Shrewsbury	0	0	0
22	Sunderland	0	0	0
23	Wigan	0	0	0
24	Wycombe	0	0	0

ROVERS ROLL-CALL

		21/22		DRFC	
		A	G	A	G
01	Jones	0	0	17	0
02	Knoyle	0	0	0	0
04	Anderson	0	0	128	8
06	Williams, R	0	0	0	0
07	Bogle	0	0	17	2
08	Close	0	0	0	0
09	Okenabirhie	0	0	52	16
10	Rowe	0	0	144	31
11	Taylor	0	0	64	10
14	Smith	0	0	0	0
15	Bostock	0	0	18	0
16	Barlow	0	0	0	0
17	Hiwula	0	0	0	0
18	Williams, E	0	0	17	0
19	Seaman	0	0	0	0
21	Cukur	0	0	0	0
24	John	0	0	59	5
27	Greaves	0	0	12	0
28	Horton	0	0	13	0
29	Hasani	0	0	5	0
30	Blythe	0	0	1	0
31	Ravenhill	0	0	2	0
32	Bottomley	0	0	0	0



TOM ANDERSON TOOK SOME TIME OUT OF HIS TUESDAY MORNING TO WISH SUPER FAN JOYCE A HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY AND GIVE HER A VIRTUAL TOUR OF CANTLEY PARK.



> JOYCE WAS OVER OVERWHELMED AND SURPRISED THAT TOM TOOK TIME OUT TO SHOW HER ROUND THE TRAINING GROUND AND WISH HER HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Today Rovers play their season opener against AFC Wimbledon as the club welcomes fans back through the turnstiles for a league match for the first time since February 2020.

Among them will be Joyce. Joyce first watched Rovers when she was 17 and has been an ardent supporter ever since. Rovers runs in the family too and her great granddaughter attended her first match when Rovers faced Newcastle United in July.

As a thank you for her unwavering support and to say happy 90th birthday, Joyce was treated to a virtual tour of the training ground shown around by the skipper.

Neighbour Helen, who helped organise the surprise, said: "Joyce was over overwhelmed and surprised that Tom took time out to show her round the training ground and wish her happy 90th birthday.

"I just want to say thank you so much from myself and her daughter Carol."



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- 11 Jon **TAYLOR**
- 14 Matt **SMITH**
- 15 John **BOSTOCK**
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- 17 Jordy **HIWULA**
- 18 Ed **WILLIAMS**
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- 24 Cameron **JOHN**
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- 28 Brandon **HORTON**
- 29 Lirak **HASANI**
- 30 Ben **BLYTHE**
- 31 Liam **RAVENHILL**
- 32 Ben **BOTTOMLEY**

AFC WIMBLEDON

- 1 Nik **TZANEV**
- 2 Henry **LAWRENCE**
- 3 Daniel **CSOKA**
- 4 Alex **WOODYARD**
- 5 Will **NIGHTINGALE**
- 6 George **MARSH**
- 7 Cheye **ALEXANDER**
- 8 Anthony **HARTIGAN**
- 9 Ollie **PALMER**
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