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# TOMMY BURNS



I'VE been well encouraged by our pre-season performances.

And tonight in our final warm-up game before the real thing gets underway on Saturday I hope we can carry on where we left off against Flamengo last week.

In the opening 45 minutes against the Brazilians I think it was a case of our players being a little nervous turning out at Hampden for a home game for the first time.

And coupled with our supporters finding their feet too it made for an eerie atmosphere early on.

But a few goalmouth incidents after the interval provided the spark that saw the fans get behind the team.

The whole thing then took off after we scored a good first goal and the players demonstrated how much they respond to backing from the stands by turning in a fine spell.

For about 25 minutes of the second half I felt we produced some exceptional stuff and this was against a team of a calibre we will rarely face this season.

**BLACKBURN WILL PROVIDE A DIFFERENT SORT OF CHALLENGE TONIGHT.**

## Rigid

Whereas Brazilian teams tend to play off the cuff and be pretty fluid, Rovers will have a rigid shape and their style is one we are familiar with.

Indeed it's helpful, six days before our first competitive match, to come up against one of the most formidable sides in this country and the game should give us an indication of how we're shaping up.

**I THINK OUR FOUR MATCH PROGRAMME HAS BEEN IDEAL PREPARATION FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD.**

But to work out the details of a system that suits the way we want to play - and the personnel available to us - will take far longer than four weeks.

I've tried very hard to concentrate on the

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football side of my job since I've come back but it will take many months for me to get to know the players and get close to what I'm looking for from them.

However the commitment and attitude they've so far shown has been very heartening and makes me very optimistic about what the coming months will hold for the club.



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Paul Byrne,  
*Blackburn* -  
Bobby Mimms  
(GK)  
Lee Marshall  
Ian Pearce



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*BLACKBURN* - Ryan O'Leary, Sean Cameron.

**TIM FLOWERS**



**HENNING BERG**



**GRAEME LE SAUX**



**COLIN HENDRY**



**ALAN WRIGHT**



**NICKY MARKER**



**MARK ATKINS**



**STUART RIPLEY**



**TIM SHERWOOD**



**JASON WILCOX**



**MIKE NEWELL**



**PAUL WARHURST**



**CHRIS SUTTON**



# +TONIGHT'S VISITORS+

**T**O say Blackburn Rovers are an example of how money CAN buy success, is not to under-value Kenny Dalglish's managerial abilities.

Dalglish has played a vital part in the re-birth of the Lancashire club as a force once more in the English game and it's no accident that since he arrived at Ewood Park in October 1991, things have been on the up for Rovers.

However, the Blackburn revolution inevitably must be traced back to the previous November when multi-millionaire Jack Walker got involved with the northern strugglers.

The Jersey tycoon - now senior vice-president at the club - has given Dalglish a spending power that far outstrips that of any other British football team.

*Certainly the former Celt has spent the £28 million prudently.*

**U**NDoubtedly Walker's money has been the major catalyst in transforming Rovers from Second Division also-rans into Premiership runners-up in a mere four years.

And with spending on the field being matched by investment off it - the rebuilt Ewood Park nearing completion after a £20m facelift - Blackburn fans will soon be watching one of the best club's in the country in one of the finest football stadiums Britain has to offer.

All in all it seems only a matter of time till the 66-year itch of the Lancashire club - Rovers haven't won a major domestic honour since 1928 - is scratched.

**TIM FLOWERS (Goalkeeper) Born 3.2.67 in Kenilworth.**

Britain's most expensive keeper when he joined Blackburn for £2m in November 1993. Joined Wolves as an associated schoolboy March 1981. Made his Football League debut against Sheffield United in August 1984. First of 72 appearances for the Molineux side before joining Southampton in June 1986 for £70,000. Capped by England at youth, Under-21 and full levels, making his debut against Brazil in June 1993.

**BOBBY MIMMS (Goalkeeper) Born 12.10.63 in York.**

Began career with Halifax in October 1979. Moved to Rotherham for £15,000 after only three months as a professional. Made League debut against his present club in May 1982. Capped by England at Under-21 before joining Everton for £150,000 in June 1985. Loan spells at Notts Co, Sunderland, Blackburn and Manchester City. Moved to Spurs in February 1988 for £325,000. Had a six-game loan spell with Aberdeen in February 1990 and faced Celtic in a 1-1 draw at Celtic Park. Rovers paid £250,000 for him in December 1990.

**HENNING BERG (Defender) Born 1.9.68 in Norway.**

Joined Rovers in December 1992 from Norwegian side Lillestrom for £400,000. Made his Football League debut as a substitute against Crystal Palace in February 1993. Capped by Norway at Under-21 and full levels, making his debut against the Faroe Islands in 1992.

**COLIN HENDRY (Defender) Born 7.12.65 in Keith**

Began career with Dundee in 1983. Made his Scottish Premier debut against Rangers in March 1984. Moved to Ewood Park for his first spell at the club in February 1987 for £30,000. In his fifth game he scored the winning goal



to give Rovers their last trophy (Full Members Cup). Joined Manchester City in a £700,000 deal in November 1989, but returned to Ewood Park two years later for the same fee. Capped by Scotland at 'B' and full levels making his debut against Estonia in June 1993.

**GRAEME LE SAUX (Defender) Born 17.10.68 in Jersey**

Arrived Ewood Park March 1993 in a £700,000 deal from Chelsea. Spotted by the London club when playing for a local Jersey side, St Paul's and signed professional forms in December 1987. League debut as sub against Portsmouth in May 1989. Won a regular place in season 1991/92. Capped by England at Under-21, 'B' and full levels making his debut against Denmark in March 1994. First Channel Islander to win England honours.

**ALAN WRIGHT (Defender) Born 28.9.71 in Ashton-under-Lyne**

Began career with Blackpool as trainee in August 1988. Became youngest player for the Seasiders when he made his League debut aged 16 years and 217 days. Joined Rovers in October 1991 for £400,000. Capped by England schools, youth and Under-21 level.

**IAN PEARSE (Defender) Born 7.5.74 in Bury St Edmunds**

Joined Rovers in October 1993 in a £300,000 move from Chelsea. Progressed through the ranks at Stamford Bridge and made League debut while still an apprentice against Aston Villa in May 1991.

**STUART RIPLEY (Midfielder) Born 20.11.67 in Middlesbrough**

Joined Middlesbrough, in August 1984 and made his



# + TONIGHT'S VISITORS +

## Kenny in Route 66 fast lane

League debut as sub against Oldham in February 1985. Signed professional forms in November '85. Moved to Wood Park in July 1992 in a £1.3m deal. Capped by England at youth, Under-21 and full levels making his debut against San Marino in November 1993.

**TIM SHERWOOD (Midfielder) Born 2.2.69 in St Albans**

Signed for local club Watford as an apprentice in February 1986. Turned pro and made his League debut as sub against Sheffield Wednesday in September 1987. Joined Norwich in July 1989 for £175,000. Joined Blackburn February 1992 for £500,000. Capped by England at Under-21 level while at Norwich.

**JASON WILCOX (Midfielder) Born 15.3.71 in Farnworth**

First joined Rovers as an associated schoolboy in June 1986, became trainee in July 1987 and later pro in June 1989. Made League debut as sub against Swindon in April 1990. Established a regular first-team place in season 1991/92.

**MIKE NEWELL (Forward) Born 27.1.65 in Liverpool**

Began career with Crewe and made League debut against Swindon in October 1983. Joined Wigan and scored 35 goals in 83 appearances before moving to Luton in January 1986. Moved on to Leicester in September 1987 for £350,000 where he spent two seasons before a move to Everton in £1.1m deal. Former England Under-21 and 'B' international then joined Rovers for the same fee in November 1991.

**PAUL WARHURST (Forward) Born 26.9.69 in Stockport**

Joined Rovers October 1993 in £2.75m deal from Sheffield Wednesday. Broken leg after only five games and made comeback March this year. Began career as a trainee with Manchester City in July 1986 and signed as pro two years later. After four months joined Oldham for £10,000. League debut against Portsmouth in October 1988. Moved to Sheffield Wednesday in July 1991 for £750,000. Was used as emergency forward to and has rarely returned to defensive role since.

**CHRIS SUTTON (Forward) Born 10.3.73 Nottingham**

Record £5m signing three weeks ago from Norwich. Began career as a trainee at Norwich in July 1989 before graduating to pro ranks in summer of 1991. Made League debut while an apprentice as a sub against Queen's Park Rangers in May 1991. Capped by England at under-21 level.



# + Defender's first team bid +

## The big INTERVIEW

MALKY MACKAY

**CELTS young stopper Malky Mackay is determined to stay in Celtic's first team squad now that he's there.**

And he reckons that's the way it should be for all the young stars who emerge from the second string.

Malky made his mark two weeks ago in Ireland when he scored his first top team goal for the club against Brazilian aces Flamengo in the 1-1 draw in Dublin.

And now he is hoping Celtic fans will get to see more of the same when the season starts on Saturday.

But the 23-year-old former bank clerk admits that it's all come as a bit of a shock after joining Celtic from Queen's Park at the start of the season.

**He said: "The transition from reserves to joining up with the first team in Canada at the end of the season came very quickly and it was unexpected.**

### Shock

"I can hardly remember anything about being a bank clerk as it just seems such a long time ago.

"It was great to go to Canada at the end of the season and play with some of the first team over there.

"But I really thought with the new management I would be back in the reserves this season, so it's been a great surprise.

"I did feel that I had a good pre-season and I thought that with a bit of luck I would get the chance to go to Ireland, and play out there.

"When I was told on the Monday after training that I would be going I was a bit shocked."

Shocked at travelling to Ireland he may have been, but the Celt's defender admits he wasn't nervous

### Interview: MERLE BROWN

at all about playing with the first team.

**He said: "I had played with the first team before so there were no nerves. I don't get like that before games which is a good thing."**

Malky's goal against Flamengo was described by some as a fantastic strike but he insists that it wasn't as good as what his South American opponents are capable of.

He said: "It was great to score but it wasn't a Brazilian type strike at all! I was surprised to be in that position and I stayed up for the corner, the ball came to me and I hit it.

"It was a sweet strike, but my reaction was a bit delayed. I saw the crowd going up behind the goal and then realised it was in!

**"The game was a really good one, with a big crowd and a good park.**

"And the Brazilians were very skillful, although I think we matched them in the first half.

"They did have great touch and great pace though and very good stamina to last the game at such a quick pace.

Malky's other run out was in the 3-2 win over Cork.

## No way am I scared of the Blackburn strikers

"The scoreline flattered them and we could have scored three or four goals in the last 15 minutes.

"But the main thing was that the boss was happy with the shape of the team and the commitment shown.

"He made it clear the week was about training together and the matches weren't the most important thing.

"The team spirit was great. There is a smile back on everyone's face now and it's good to see."

Malky reckons that with the upsurge in season ticket sales and the interest of the fans, the players should feel just as excited as they do about the new season.

He said: "The fans are obviously looking forward to the new season and the players should be too."

Now the talented defender faces the Blackburn millionaires, but he is undaunted at facing the big buck strikers.

### Strikers

**He said: "We've come up against the most expensive players in Scotland in the likes of Mark Hateley and Duncan Ferguson, so I'm not really worried if I'm playing against the Blackburn players.**

"I just hope I get a game and it's a good last test before the season starts for real.

"Games like the Blackburn game can only boost the crowds and the fans interest and I'm sure they look forward to seeing big name players."

**BUT ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN...KENNY DALGLISH'S MILLIONAIRE MEN BETTER WATCH OUT FOR THE FORMER BANK CLERK**





