

Blackburn Rovers Players From 1880's to 1990's
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DAVID BATTY



David was born in Leeds in 1968 and first joined Leeds United as a schoolboy in 1983 then became an apprentice in 1985 turning professional in 1987. He moved to the Rovers in 1993 for £2,750,000 signed by Kenny Dalglish as a talented English International having come through England Youth, Under 21 to senior level. A hard tackling mid-fielder who became a driving force in the mid-field for the Rovers as a hard-working ball winner who was allowed to be creative by Dalglish. An injury to his foot put him out of the team in 1994 and he left to join Newcastle United in 1996.

HENNING BERG



Henning was born in Norway in 1969 and first joined Norwegian team Eidseoll before moving to the Rovers in 1993 for £400,000 as a right-full-back although he had not previously played that position. He developed into one of the best attacking right-backs and an extra winger in the Premiership team. A powerful player who could pass the ball accurately and was also good in the air. A regular member of the Norwegian International Team. He left the rovers to join Manchester United in 1997 before returning to the Rovers later. In total he made 234 first team appearances for the rovers scoring five goals.

NATHAN BLAKE



Nathan was born in Cardiff, Wales in 1972 and first joined Cardiff City as a youth in 1990 making 113 appearances before moving on to Sheffield United in 1994 and then Bolton Wanderers in 1995. He was signed by the Rovers in 1998 as a Welsh International centre-forward by Roy Hodgson after they failed to sign Dion Dublin and cost £3.75 million. In total he made 50 first team for the Rovers and 17 as substitute scoring 10 goals.

LARS BOHINEN



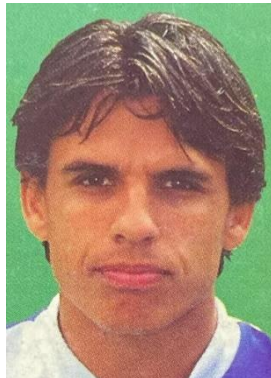
Born in Vados, Norway in 1966 he first joined English club Nottingham Forest where he scored an impressive number of goals as a midfielder and forward. With Rovers struggling, Ray Harford attempted to sign him helped by the fact that he had a clause in his contract allowing him to leave for a modest fee of £700,000 in 1995. He immediately helped the team win their first away game at Queens Park Rangers. Lars was skilful with both feet and could score from different positions and had a good reading of the game as an attacking midfielder. In total he made 45 first team appearances plus 21 as substitute and scored nine goals before leaving to join Derby County in 1998.

LEE CARSLEY



Lee was born in Birmingham in 1974 and first joined Derby County in 1992 where he made 122 appearances and 16 as substitute scoring 10 goals. He moved to the Rovers in 1999 signed by Brian Kidd for £3,375,000 to bolster the mid-field in the Premier League but failed to help the team's relegation to the First division. He was a hard tackling mid-field player who was a driving force to link with the forward line and a Republic of Ireland International. In total he made 48 first team appearances and six as substitute scoring 10 goals. He left the Rovers to join Coventry City in 2000.

CHRIS COLEMAN



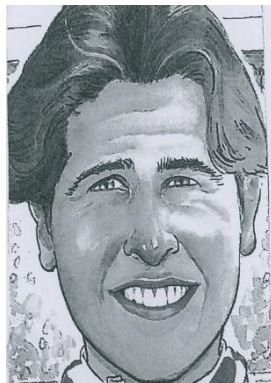
Chris was born in Swansea in 1970 and first joined Swansea City in 1987 making 159 league appearances before moving to Crystal Palace in 1991 where he made 143 appearances scoring 13 goals. He moved to the Rovers in 1995 signed by ray Harford to bolster the team's defence. A tall well-built player who dominated in the air and was a solid defender. In total he only made 31 first team appearances at half-back/centre-half before leaving to join Fulham in 1997.

GORDON COWANS



Gordon was born in Carnforth in 1958 and first joined Aston Villa as a youth apprentice in 1974 turning professional in 1976. He left in 1985 to join Italian Club Bari for £500,000 then returned to Aston Villa in 1988 for £250,000. Gordon joined the Rovers in 1991 at a cost of £200,000 signed by Kenny Dalglish as an experienced mid-fielder and was given the task of organising the mid-field to achieve promotion. His skills included the fact he read the game well and could pass the ball accurately. In 1993 he left the Rovers on a free transfer after making 62 first team appearances, scoring three goals to rejoin Aston Villa and later joined Derby County in 1994 for £75,000.

GARY CROFT



Born in Burton-on-Trent in 1974 he first joined Grimsby Town in 1992 and went on to make 139 league appearances, 10 as substitute scoring three goals. He was signed by the Rovers in 1996 by Ray Harford as a utility player for midfield or full-back. In total he made 43 first-team appearances, nine as substitute scoring one goal before leaving to join Ipswich Town in 1999.

MARTIN DAHLIN



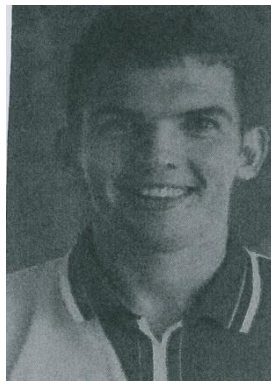
Born in Sweden in 1968 and was later signed by A.S. Roma in Italy and was then signed by the Rovers in 1997 after being a top striker in Europe. However, at Rovers he suffered from back problems and only made 30 first team appearances scoring six goals before retiring from the game in 1999.

CHRISTIAN DAILLY



Born in Dundee in 1973 he later joined Derby County in 1996 as an effective midfield player making 62 league appearances and scoring four goals. He was signed by the Rovers in 1998 as a midfield player and Scottish International centre-back for £5 million as Roy Hodgson needed cover in defence due to injuries. In total he made 71 first team appearances for the club, 11 as substitute scoring four goals before leaving to join West Ham United in 2001.

CALLUM DAVIDSON



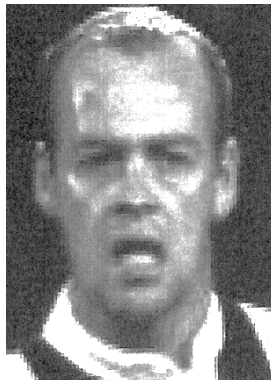
Born in Stirling, Scotland in 1976 he first joined St Johnstone and joined the Rovers in 1998 as a utility defender often playing full back signed by Roy Hodgson. In total he made 73 first team appearances four as substitute before leaving to join Leicester City in 2000.

KEVIN DAVIES



Born in Sheffield in 1977 he first joined Chesterfield in 1994 as a striker making 113 league appearances scoring 22 goals. He then moved to Southampton in 1997 and although there only for one season he became very popular as a very dangerous striker with an ability to run at defenders and cause them problems being both speedy and a good header of the ball. He was signed by Roy Hodgson for £7.5 million in 1998 to great fanfare. An England International and a new Rovers record signing he struggled to make an impact in just 17 first team appearances and 12 as substitute scoring only two goals leading to the sacking of Roy Hodgson, he then moved back to Southampton in 1999.

TONY DOBSON



Born in Coventry in 1969 he first joined Coventry City as a schoolboy in 1983 turning professional in 1986. He left to join the Rovers in 1990 for £250,000, a former England Under 21 International signed by Don Mackay. He was an effective centre-half and helped the club climb up the table but lost form in the 1991/92 season and was out of favour with Kenny Dalglish, but he did move him to left-back but he lost his place to Alan Wright. He made 49 first team appearances up to 2000 before later joining Portsmouth first on loan then signed for £150,000.

DAMIEN DUFF



Born in Ballyboden, Ireland in 1979 he joined the Rovers as a youth in 1996 and developed into a very talented winger making his league debut against Leicester City at Ewood in 1997 when Tony Parkes was in charge. Damien proved a real menace to opposing defenders with his skilful dribbling skills and runs at defenders creating chances for the club's strikers. He gained International Honours with Ireland and was well known in the Premiership and made 153 first team appearances scoring 16 goals up to 2000 for the Rovers before leaving to join Chelsea and later Newcastle United and Fulham.

DAVID DUNN



Born in Great Harwood, in 1979 he first joined the Rovers as a trainee in 1997 and then turned professional. He was given a chance in the first team by Brian Kidd after Tim Sherwood left the club as he favoured the youth in partnering David with Jason McAteer in midfield when the club was facing relegation. However, he was a member of the Rovers for many years proving to be a loyal club player who possessed great determination and skill in pushing forward and a very popular player with the club well into the 2000s, being with them when promoted back into the Premiership and working with several managers. In total David made 98 first team appearances scoring 22 goals before retiring from the game and becoming involved with the coaching of the Rovers youth teams and later made football management at Oldham.

JOHN FILAN



Born in Sydney, Australia he first joined Cambridge United in 1993 making 68 first team appearances as their goalkeeper. He then moved on to Coventry City in 1995 where he made only 15 appearances before signing for Roy Hodgson at the Rovers in 1997 to provide experienced cover for Tim flowers. In total he made more than 80 first-team appearances for the club after Flowers left to join Leicester carrying on into the 2000s

GARY FLITCROFT



Born in Bolton in 1972 he first joined Manchester City in 1991 making 109 league appearances and six as substitute scoring 13 goals. In 1992 he joined Bury on loan but made few appearances before joining Rovers in 1996 as an experienced midfielder for £3.2 million from Manchester City by Roy Hodgson to bolster the defence forming a strong midfield with Billy McKinley and Tim Sherwood. A popular player with the fans as he always gave his best as a strong tackler and a love in bursting forward to support the attack. Up to 2000s he had made 140 first team appearances with 10 as substitute scoring 12 goals and remained with the club well into the 2000s.

TIM FLOWERS



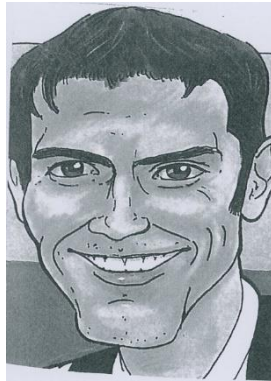
Born in Kenilworth in 1967 he first joined Wolverhampton Wanderers as a schoolboy apprentice in 1981 turning professional in 1984 as a goalkeeper. In 1986 he left to join Southampton for £70,000 and after loan spells at Swindon joined the Rovers in 1993 for £2.4 million helped by Jack Walkers money as he was classed as an outstanding keeper and having gained England International Caps signed by Daglish. An excellent short stopper and could easily handle crosses. In total he made 214 first team appearances for Rovers before moving on to Leicester City in 1999.

KEVIN GALLAGHER



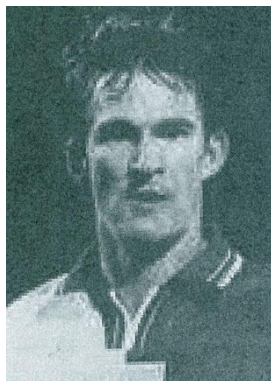
Born in Clydebank, Scotland in 1966 he first joined a local boys club, then Dundee United in 1983 later moving on to Coventry City in 1990 for £900,000. He joined the Rovers in 1993 for £1.5 million and gained five Scottish International caps in the same year. Kevin was a speedy winger and inside forward and had the skill to take on defenders and worked well with Mike Newell. His family were well known footballers in Scotland and Kevin appeared in two Scottish Cup Finals and a UEFA Cup final with Dundee. He suffered a triple fracture to his right leg in 1994 which held him back and he moved on to Newcastle United in 1999 having made 154 first team appearances scoring 53 goals. today he is a football pundit.

KEITH GILLESPIE



Born in Larne, County Antrim in 1975 he joined Manchester United as a youth in 1993 and moved to Wigan Athletic on loan the same year. He established himself as a skilful winger at Newcastle United where he moved to in 1995 making 94 league appearances plus 19 as substitute scoring 11 goals. Keith was signed for the Rovers in 1998 for £2.3 million by Tony Parkes as a Northern Ireland International. An effective striker who was an excellent crosser of the ball and up to 2000 he had made 43 first team appearances plus 21 as substitute scoring four goals and went on to make many appearances for the Rovers into the 2000s.

SIMON GRAYSON



Born in Ripon in 1969 he first joined Leeds United in 1988 as a youth only making two league appearances. He then joined Leicester City in 1992 where he made 175 league appearances scoring four goals and establishing himself as a powerful full-back defender. Simon later joined Aston Villa in 1997 making 32 appearances and 16 as substitute. He moved on to Blackburn Rovers in 1999 signed by Brian Kidd for full-back and half-back and proved a good purchase coping well in the first division as Rovers had been relegated and made many appearances into the 2000s. Up to 2000 he made 34 first team appearances and five as substitute.

STEPHANE HENCHOZ



Born in Switzerland in 1974 he joined Rovers in 1997 from Hamberg in Germany, a Swiss International player and centre-back signed by Roy Hodgson. He became an automatic choice as centre-back, both effective in the air and on the ground. In total he made 81 first team appearances before leaving to join Liverpool in 1999 for £3.5 million.

MATT JANSEN



Born in Carlisle in 1977 he first joined Carlisle United in 1996 where he learnt his trade making 26 league appearances and 16 as substitute scoring 10 goals. He then moved to Crystal Palace in 1998 where he made only 23 appearances with three as substitute, again scoring 10 goals. Matt joined the Rovers in 1999 as a talented inside-forward who could take on defenders and score goals. Popular with the fans he remained with the club into the 2000s but a biking accident on holiday held back his career although he made various attempts to renew his career with lower league clubs. Up to 2000 he had made 64 first team appearances plus 28 as substitute scoring 34 goals for the Rovers.

DAMIEN JOHNSON



Born in Lisbon, Ireland in 1978 he joined the Rovers as a trainee in 1996 signed by Tony Parkes and developed under Roy Hodgson. During Brian Kidd's tenure he was one of the youngsters introduced, due to injuries, to First Team players as a striker. He continued as a utility player making 47 first team appearances and 24 as substitute scoring two goals before moving on to Nottingham Forest in 1998 on loan but still at the club in 2000.

ALAN KELLY



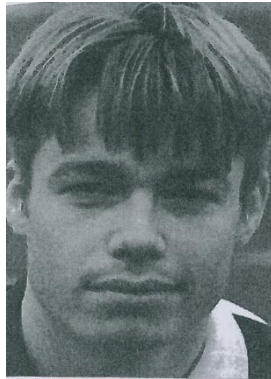
Born in Preston in 1968 he first joined Preston North End as a goalkeeper in 1985 and went on to make 142 appearances for them. He then moved to Sheffield United where he made 213 league appearances. Alan joined the Rovers as a very experienced goalkeeper in 1999 at a time when the Rovers had just been relegated from the Premiership and Tim Flowers had departed. Signed by Brian Kidd, the Republic of Ireland International keeper proved a good purchase helping the team move into promotion places and served the team into the 2000s. Up to 2000 he had made 44 first team appearances.

JEFF KENNA



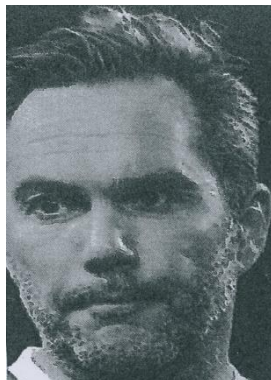
Born in Dublin, Republic of Ireland in 1970 he first joined Southampton as a defender in 1989 and went on to make 110 league appearances scoring four goals. He joined the Rovers in 1995 as a Republic of Ireland International gaining 13 caps and played at left-back as Alan Wright had moved to Aston villa. Jeff was signed by Kenny Dalglish and joined the team that won the Premiership title the previous year. He continued in the team into the 2000s making over 200 first team appearances for the club as an attacking full-back. Up to 2000 he had made 159 first team appearances plus four as substitute.

GRAEME LE SAUX



Born in Jersey in 1968 he first joined Chelsea in 1998 and went on to make 77 league appearances and 13 as substitute scoring eight goals. He joined the Rovers in 1993 for £400,000, when Steve Livingstone was allowed to move to Chelsea with the total deal worth £650,000, as a left back by Kenny Dalglish. Graeme was a member of Rovers Premiership winning team as an exciting attacking full-back and won three England caps. He left the Rovers in 1997 to re-join Chelsea after making 151 first team appearances some of which were at half-back and scoring seven goals. Later he became a football pundit on TV and other media outlets.

JASON MCATEER



Born in Birkenhead in 1971 he first joined Bolton Wanderers in 1992 as a midfield player making 109 league appearances scoring eight goals. He then moved on to Liverpool in 1995 and made 84 league appearances and 16 as substitute scoring three goals. Jason was signed by Rovers in 1999 by Brian Kidd for £4 million as an attacking mid-fielder who was combative and formed a good partnership with David Dunn. However, he was part of the squad who were relegated to the first division and taken over by Tony Parkes and then by Graham Souness before the team went on to return to the Premiership in 2001. Jason made many appearances for the Rovers well into the 2000s. Up to 2000 he made 68 first team appearances and 11 as substitute scoring four goals.

BILLY MCKINLAY



Born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1969 he first joined Dundee United before joining the Rovers in 1995 signed by Ray Harford in the season following the winning of the Premiership title to bolster the Rovers mid-field. Although not a tall player he proved to be a hardworking, hard tackling midfielder with an eye to attacking oppositions defenders. In total he made 85 first team appearances scoring four goals before he moved on to Bradford City in 2000.

LEE MAKEL



Lee was born in Sunderland in 1973 and first joined Newcastle United as a schoolboy in 1987 turning professional in 1991 and had only played in 12 first team games for Newcastle United before Kenny Dalglish signed him for £160,000 in 1992. A rather slim player but effective as an attacking mid-fielder as he could distribute the ball well. At the start he was used in the Central League side with few first team opportunities. Up to 2000 he had made only one first team appearance and five as substitute.

NICKY MARKER



Nicky was born in Budleigh Salterton in 1965 and first joined Exeter City as a schoolboy in 1979 then turning professional in 1985. He then moved to Plymouth Argyle in 1987 where he made 201 appearances scoring 13 goals before moving on to the Rovers in 1992 signed by Kenny Dalglish for £250,000 plus a player. As a mid-field or central-mid-field player he was good in the air and strong in the tackle and proved to be an effective stopper/anchor man in defence having been at the heart of the Plymouth Argyle defence for five years. At the Rovers however the experienced and effective performances of Colin Hendry and Kevin Moran limited his appearances in the first team except in the 1993/4 season. In total he made 49 first team appearances and 16 as substitute before moving on to Sheffield United in 1997.

KEVIN MORAN



Kevin was born in Dublin, Republic of Ireland in 1956 and first joined Manchester United in 1978 where he made 228 first team appearances scoring 21 goals. He was signed by the Rovers towards the end of his career by Don Mackay as a central defender in 1990. After his arrival he helped the Rovers rise from the lower reaches of the Second Division. During his career he gained 24 Republic of Ireland International caps and was a member of the Rovers Team who won the Second Division Play-Offs to gain promotion to the First Division in 1992 as the club's captain. A player who read the game well and could organise the defence and a defender who challenged for the ball well and was very effective in the air. In total he made 167 first team appearances for the Rovers scoring 12 goals before retiring from the game in the 1994/5 season after injuries took their toll on his game.

MIKE NEWELL



Mike was born in Liverpool in 1965 and first joined Wigan Athletic in 1983 making 64 appearances and scoring 25 goals. He then moved on to Luton Town in 1986 for £100,000

and made a further 62 appearances scoring 18 goals then moved on to Leicester City for £350,000 in 1987 making 81 appearances and scoring 21 goals and finally moving to Everton in 1989 for £1,100,000 where he made 48 appearances and 20 as substitute scoring 15 goals. Mike joined the Rovers for £1,100,000 in 1991 as an experienced strong running forward signed by Kenny Dalglish. He formed a good partnership in the forwards with David Speedie and scored the winning goal by a penalty in the Rovers Play-Off Final to win Rovers a place in the new Premiership League. A player who could hold up play well and score opportunist goals. In total he made 145 First Team appearances scoring 48 goals before leaving to join Birmingham City in 1996.

DARREN PEACOCK



Darren was born in Bristol in 1968 and first joined Newport County in 1986 where he made 24 appearances before signing for Hereford United in 1989 making 56 appearances. He then moved on to Queens Park Rangers in 1990 where he went on to make 123 appearances before leaving in 1994 to join Newcastle United and made 131 appearances there. Darren joined the Rovers in 1998 as an experienced centre-back signed by Roy Hodgson for his ability in defence. A tall and rugged defender who was very effective in dealing with high balls and was also a good tackler. In total he made 54 appearances in the first team and five as substitute before retiring from the game in 2000.

IAN PEARCE



Ian was born in Bury St. Edmunds in 1974 and first joined Chelsea as a schoolboy and turned professional in 1991 making four substitute appearances. He then signed for the Rovers in 1993 for £300,000 by Kenny Dalglish as an England Youth International aged 19 years, to cover either centre-half or centre-forward positions. A player who was good in the air and skilful with the ball who was often used as a substitute to come on to bolster the forward

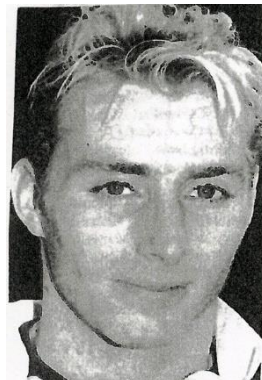
line although an outstanding defender. In total he made 54 first team appearances and 26 as substitute scoring three goals before moving on to West ham United in 1997.

LEE RICHARDSON



Lee was born in Halifax in 1969 and first joined his home-town team Halifax Town in 1986 and turned professional in 1987 before making 43 appearances and 13 as substitute. He next joined Watford in 1989 for £175,000 and made 40 appearances before joining the Rovers in 1990 in a deal worth £250,000 including Andy Kennedy who moved to Watford. A talented mid-fielder who became a member of Rovers 1992 Second Division Play-Off winning team whose main strength was his ability to pass the ball accurately. He lost his place when Gordon Cowans joined the club and left the club to join Aberdeen in 1992 for £150,000 after making 53 first team appearances and 16 as substitute scoring three goals. Lee later moved on to Oldham Athletic.

STUART RIPLEY



Stuart was born in Middlesbrough in 1967 and first joined Middlesbrough F.C. in 1983 as a schoolboy turning professional in 1985 and made 210 league appearances plus 39 as substitute for the club scoring 26 goals. He then moved on to Bolton Wanderers on loan in 1986 before joining the Rovers in 1992 for £1.2 million signed by Kenny Daglish. Stuart had been a member of the Middlesbrough side who had won promotion to the Premier league. A talented right winger where Daglish played him although he could equally play on the left. He had the speed and ability to get past defenders and deliver good crosses for forwards such as Shearer and Sutton to devastating effect. Stuart developed into an outstanding winger gaining an England cap and in total made 212 first team appearances for the Rovers and 16 as substitute scoring 16 goals before leaving to join Southampton in 1988.

ALAN SHEARER



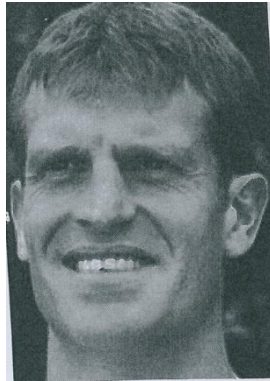
Born in Newcastle in 1970 he first joined Southampton in 1984 as a schoolboy turning professional in 1988 making 105 appearances, 13 as substitute scoring 23 goals. He then joined the Rovers in 1992 as a free scoring centre-forward signed by Kenny Daglish for £3.3 million. Whilst at Southampton he became the youngest player to score a hat-trick in a First Division match. His England Under 21 appearances were outstanding and led to him gaining seven Full England Caps. Shearer's transfer fee to the Rovers aided by Jack Walker was a British transfer record. He scored two goals on his debut match for the Rovers against Crystal Palace and went on to score many spectacular goals helped by two excellent wingers in Ripley and Wilcox. Shearer reached 50 goals for the Rovers in 53 games. He was good in the air, difficult to dispossess and had a powerful shot. Footballer of the year in 1993/94 he made 154 first team appearances scoring 130 goals before moving to Newcastle United in 1996 for a world record £15 million. Today Alan is a football pundit on Match of the Day.

TIM SHERWOOD



Born in St Albans in 1969 he first joined Watford as an apprentice in 1986 turning professional in 1987 and joining Norwich City the same year for £175,000. He first joined Rovers in 1992 on loan signing later for £500,000 for Kenny Daglish and coped well in the First Division. Tim was an attacking midfielder who read the game well allowing him to create openings in defences and was very competitive. He became club captain in the 1993/94 season and was a constant threat to opposing teams having the skill to glide into danger areas without a marker. In 1999 he left the club to join Tottenham Hotspur after making 290 first team appearances and scoring 32 goals during Brian Kidd's reign. Today he is a football pundit on Sky Sports.

CRAIG SHORT



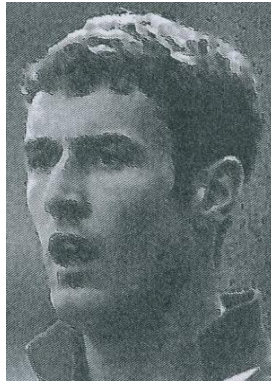
Born in Bridlington in 1968 he first joined Scarborough in 1987 making 62 appearances before joining Notts County in 1989 where he made 128 appearances. Craig went on to join Derby County in 1992 making 118 appearances before moving to Everton where he made 90 appearances. He joined the Rovers in 1999 as an experienced centre-half to fill the void when Stephane Henchoz left. Short had previously turned down a move to the Rovers during the early part of Kenny Dalglish's time. However, Brian Kidd was happy to use his powerful presence at the centre of his defence with his ariel skill and strong tackling ability. Craig went on to make many appearances and up to 2000 had made 56 first team appearances scoring 1 goal and he also scored in 2001 during Rover's rout of Burnley 5-0.

DAVID SPEEDIE



Born in Glenrothes in 1960 he first joined Barnsley in 1978 before moving to Darlington in 1980 making 88 appearances and scoring 21 goals. In 1982 he joined Chelsea making 155 appearances scoring 47 goals followed by Coventry City in 1987 for £700,000 making 121 appearances scoring 31 goals. After a very short spell at Liverpool, who paid £675,000 for him, he joined the Rovers in 1991 for £400,000 signed by Don Mackay as an experienced inside-forward. Although he was only at the Rovers for one season, he was a very popular player, a fiery little Scot, tigerish in the tackle and good in the air. Speedie formed a productive partnership with Mike Newell in attack and responsible for Rovers success in the play-offs. However, he was allowed to join Southampton in 1992 for £400,000 as part of the package which brought Alan Shearer to Ewood. In total he made 41 first team appearances scoring 26 goals. Later he would join Birmingham City in 1992 then West Bromwich Albion, West Ham United and Leicester in 1993.

CHRIS SUTTON



Born in Nottingham in 1973 he first joined Norwich City in 1991 making 89 appearances scoring 35 goals. He was signed by Kenny Dalglish for the Rovers in 1994 as an England Under 21 striker for £5 million. Chris quickly formed a fantastic forward attacking partnership with Alan Shearer which created much media attention known as the SAS due to their potent attacking prowess which allowed the Rovers to win the Premiership title. An inside forward of great skill he, like Shearer, benefitted from two brilliant wingers who could send devastating crosses into the penalty area. He left the Rovers in 1999 for £10 million to join Chelsea, after making 184 first team appearances for the Rovers scoring 59 goals. Today he is a football pundit in both newspaper and TV.

ASHLEY WARD



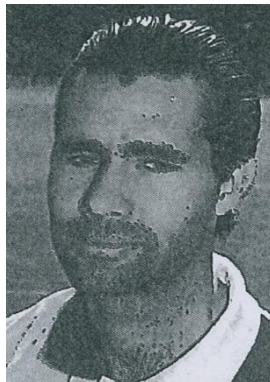
Born in Manchester in 1970 he first joined Manchester City in 1989 then Leicester City and Crewe Alexander where he made 58 appearances from 1992 scoring 25 goals. He then moved on to Norwich City in 1994 making 53 appearances scoring 18 goals then Derby County in 1996 and Barnsley in 1997 making 45 appearances scoring 20 goals. Ashley joined the Rovers in 1998 as an experienced striker (mainly centre-forward) for a fee of £4.25 million signed by Brian Kidd. In total he made 58 first team appearances scoring 13 goals before leaving to join Bradford City in 2000.

PAUL WARHURST



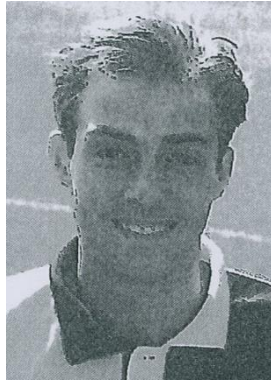
Born in Stockport in 1969 he first joined Manchester City as a trainee in 1986 turning professional in 1988 and moving to Oldham Athletic for £10,000 the same year. There he made 60 appearances as a utility forward before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in 1991 for £750,000 making 60 appearances scoring six goals. He then moved to the Rovers in 1993 for £2.7 million. During his career he played many positions both in defence and forward, including full-back centre-half and centre-forward. At the Rovers Kenny Dalglish favoured him in midfield but he broke his leg in 1994 limiting his appearances. Paul was a fast skilful playmaker who supported the attack well due to his passing skills and had the power to win the ball. In total he made 42 first team appearances and 32 as substitute scoring four goals before moving on to Crystal Palace in 1997.

ROY WEGERLE



Born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1964 he first joined Tampa Bay Rowdies then moved to Chelsea in 1986 for £100,000 making 15 appearances plus 8 as substitute scoring three goals. He then moved to Swindon Town in 1988 on loan then on to Luton Town the same year for £75,000 where he made 39 league appearances scoring 10 goals. The next year he moved to Queens Park Rangers for £1 million making 71 appearances scoring 29 goals. Roy joined the Rovers in 1992 for £1.1 million. A talented striker who could easily turn defenders and score spectacular goals made him popular. He was signed by Kenny Dalglish because of an injury to his forward Mike Newell but he failed to find form allowing Newell to return to the team and when Alan Shearer arrived there was less chance of first team football. However, a serious injury to Shearer gave him more opportunity in the first team. In total he only made 27 first team appearances with another 18 as substitute before leaving to join Coventry City in 1993 as part exchange for Kevin Gallagher.

ALAN WRIGHT



Born in Aston-under-Lyne in 1971 he first joined Blackpool as a trainee in 1988 turning professional in 1989. He joined the Rovers in 1991 for £500,000, having gained an Under 21 England cap, being Kenny Dalglish's first signing. A rather small player he was however a talented left-back with both speed and the ability of a winger making him a great asset as an attacking full back, and as a second winger. He was a member of the Rovers team that won the Play-Off Final and in 1992/93 moved to midfield before later returning to full-back. A hernia operation allowed Graeme-le-Saux signed from Chelsea to take his place. However, an injury to Jason Wilcox allowed him to take that place before Jason returned. In total he made 86 first team appearances and 8 as substitute before joining Aston Villa in 1995.