

Secretarys Report Season 2019-2020.

This season ended early due to the government halting all sporting events due to the Covid 19 virus. My thoughts are with families who were affected by the terrible virus that affected the whole world.

On a brighter note Doncaster Rovers are a big family who can help each other in what unpredicted circumstances can bring. I would like to thank all Rovers fans who donated money back to the club from lost matches and other fund raising activities. Every little helps to make sure the club survives in difficult times.

Darren Moore was appointed the new manager in July following the departure of Grant McCann.

I would like to thank my fellow committee member for all their hard work to help supporters and the football club. Len South, Paul Mayfield and Ben Schofield need a big thank you for the amount of time they give up in organising the coaches and other events.

AUGUST.

The season started with two 1-1 draws against Gillingham at home and Rochdale away. Two home wins against Fleetwood and Gillingham followed. Rovers exited the Calabro cup with a 1-0 defeat at Grimsby in round one.

Bolton called off their home fixture against Rovers and this resulted in lots of debate what the outcome would be.

SEPTEMBER

Rovers produced a great display at Ipswich, but had to settle for a 0-0 draw. Rovers only defeat was when Blackpool won 1-0 at the Keepmoat. A win against Peterborough and a draw at Coventry plus two victories in the EFL Trophy over Lincoln city and Rotherham made September a good month.

OCTOBER.

October wasn't the best for Rovers with 4 defeats against John Marquis's Portsmouth, Oxford, plus Rotherham and Man U(U21s) in the EFL Trophy. Rovers beat Bristol rovers 2-0 at home. The highlight of the month came when Rovers beat Southend 7-1 away.

NOVEMBER.

Only one point was gained in November. A 1-1 draw at home to Burton. A defeat at Wycombe with a former Rovers favourite Akinfenwa scoring the only goal.

Round one of the FA Cup resulted in a 1-1 draw at Wimbledon with Rovers winning 2-0 in the replay.

The FA announced Rovers would have to play Bolton away.

DECEMBER.

The festival month wasn't good as Rovers managed just one win. A 3-0 victory at Peterborough was the highlight of the month. A draw with Accrington at home brought a point. Rovers went out of 2 cups in a week. Gillingham beat a below par Rovers side in the FA Cup and Leicester U21s beat Rovers in the EFL Trophy. A defeat at Wimbledon and a 2-1 defeat at home to Sunderland were disappointing results.

JANUARY.

This was the month when Rovers fans would say goodbye to Alfie May as he left for Cheltenham.

Four wins over Oxford, Shrewsbury, Bristol rovers and Wycombe gave Rovers fans hopes of getting a play off place. A home defeat against Coventry was the only disappointment. Rovers battled hard to gain a point against Sunderland.

FEBRUARY.

A busy month with 7 games. Ten points were gained with victories over Tranmere, Bolton, Wycombe and a draw with Rochdale. Fleetwood, Gillingham and Shrewsbury took all 3 points off the Rovers.

MARCH.

Rovers travelled to MK Dons and beat them 1-0 with Jacob Ramsey scoring. This was the only game to be played in March as the season was put on pause due to the coronavirus. It turned out to be Rovers final game of the 2019-2020 season.

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PLAYER OF THE SEASON WAS TOM ANDERSON.

The EFL announced on the 9th of June that league one clubs voted to end the 2019-2020 season.

The Rovers final table position was 9th.

As i write this report, the new 2020-2021 looks like starting 12th of September with the hope fans can start returning to stadiums when its safe to do so.

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