

ROY OF THE ROVERS / SAMPLE NEWSPAPER STRIP 2 / FIRST DRAFT

Title: **ROY OF THE ROVERS**

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1

Close to Rocky and Mel, but in full figure. They are in the corridor outside the office. Rocky has one of those large ski-boot-like plastic casts on his right ankle. Rocky points into the office. He looks surprised. Mel holds out one open hand, looking for payment. She's smiling, enjoying getting one over on her twin - though again it's playful, not smug. The door to the office is open. Roy and Sam Farrel are visible inside, standing and talking.

ROCKY: IS THAT SAM FARREL, SIS? DAD'S DOING THE ENGLAND BOOK THEN..?

MEL: YOU OWE ME A TENNER...

2

Switch angles, so Roy and Sam are closer to us in the porter-cabin office. If possible, angle it so we can see the DVD poster of Roy senior on the wall, with Rocky just visible at the doorway in the background. Roy is moving behind his desk, leaning on the walking stick. He looks serious despite Sam's attempts to keep it light-hearted. Sam is facing the poster. He jerks a thumb and tilts his head slightly in Rocky's direction.

SAM: WHEN'S THE NEW ROY OF THE ROVERS, TRADEMARK, GOING TO PLAY AGAIN?

ROY: ROCKY'S MONTHS AWAY YET.

3

A head image of Sam and a head image of Roy either side of a full figure image of Rocky playing for Rovers. Rocky is volleying the ball, right footed. There's an image on page 62 from the 2000 Annual of him doing this, which also shows his name and shirt number 9. Something similar to that would be good, as it also avoids showing the shirt sponsor. (Perhaps later, the image might be redrawn if a new Rovers shirt sponsor has come on to the scene). Sam's expression is neutral. Roy wears an intrigued frown.

SAM: BLACKIE GRAY TOLD ME YOU RATE ROCKY AS BETTER THAN YOURSELF...

ROY: YOU GOT BLACKIE TO TALK? YOU MUST BE GOOD. HE SAY MUCH ELSE?

4

From close over Roy's shoulder, on Sam. He is sitting opposite Roy now, Roy's desk between them. There is a small framed photo of Penny Race on Roy's desk. Sam is pulling out a handheld tape recorder from his laptop bag. He glances back at Roy as he does this, wanting to see his reaction.

SAM: WELL, THAT YOUR BEST GAMES IN AN ENGLAND SHIRT CAME IN THE SOUTH AMERICA WORLD CUP IN THE 70s...

ROY: THAT'S A FAIR SHOUT.

5

On Roy only, swivelling slightly in his chair behind his desk. He has his hands clasps together under his chin. He looks thoughtful.

SAM (BALLOON OFF) 1: SO FOR A BOOK ON ROY RACE AND THE THREE LIONS, THAT'S A GOOD PLACE TO START.

SAM (BALLOON OFF) 2: TELL US ABOUT THAT WORLD CUP...

(Ends strip 2)