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**CUP
HEROES
SPECIAL**



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ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE EMIRATES FA CUP.

With 736 clubs from Non-League to the Premier League taking part, football's oldest competition is for all and a chance for players and teams to write their names into the history books.

Since football hero Roy Race first appeared in comics in the 1950s, commentators, managers and fans alike have used the term '*Roy of the Rovers* stuff' to describe the magical moments which see a team overcome the odds and record a famous FA Cup victory.

On 4th January, 2019, players and fans from the lower leagues travelled across the country in the hope that it would be their turn for a giant-killing.

And in what's regarded as one of the most highly anticipated set of fixtures in the footballing calendar, the Third Round didn't disappoint, delivering a number of cup upsets across the weekend.

To immortalise the Third Round wins of Barnet, Gillingham, Newport County and Oldham Athletic, The FA has teamed up with *Roy of the Rovers* to produce this limited-edition souvenir comic.

The *Roy of the Rovers* '*Cup Heroes Special*' is a chance for you to relive the exhilarating action from that Third Round weekend, as well as a chance to own a piece of history that will serve as a reminder of what makes the Emirates FA Cup so special.

Enjoy!



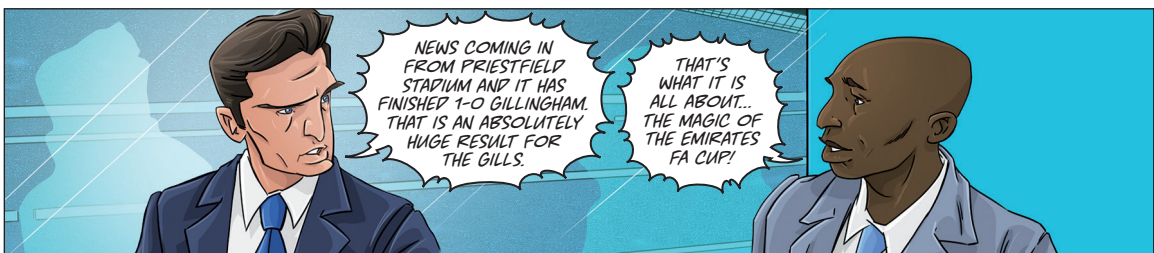
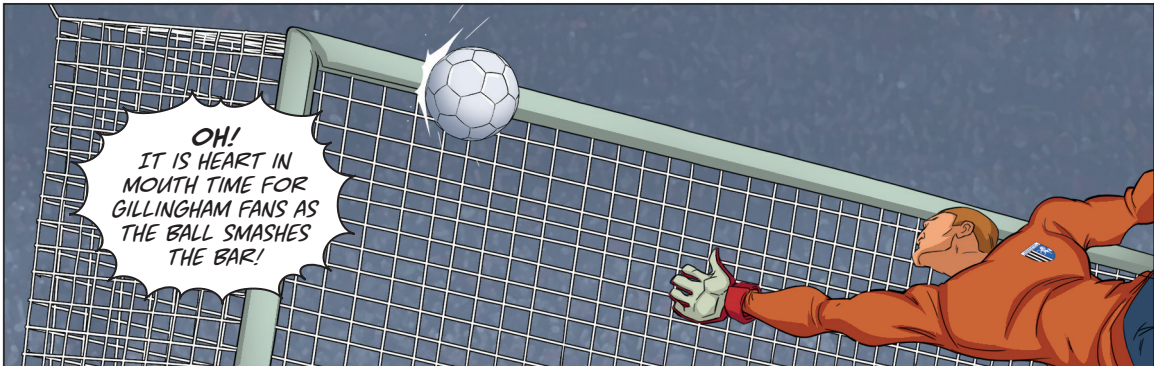
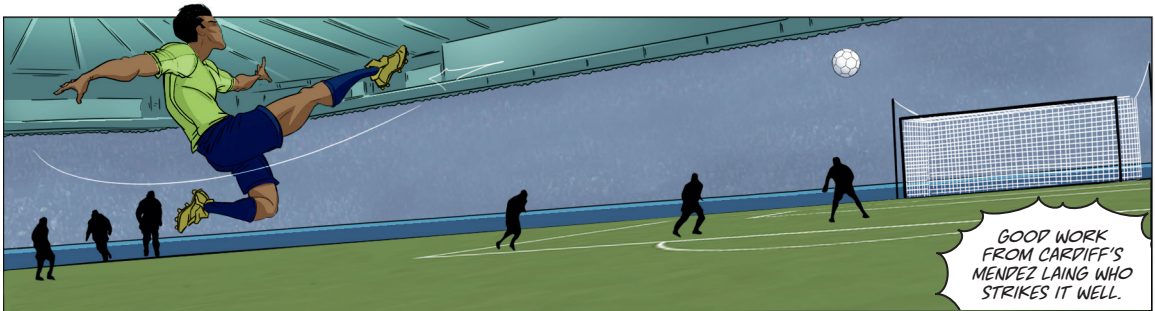
EMIRATES FA CUP THIRD ROUND WEEKEND

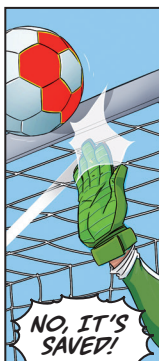
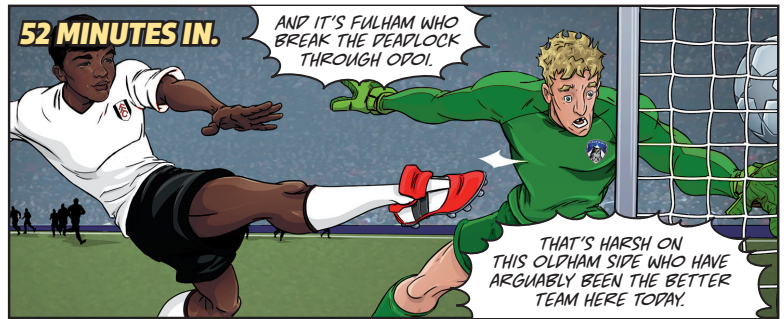
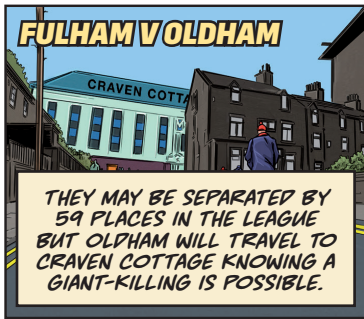
OVER 900 PLAYERS AND 64 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THIS VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND IN THE FOOTBALLING CALENDAR.

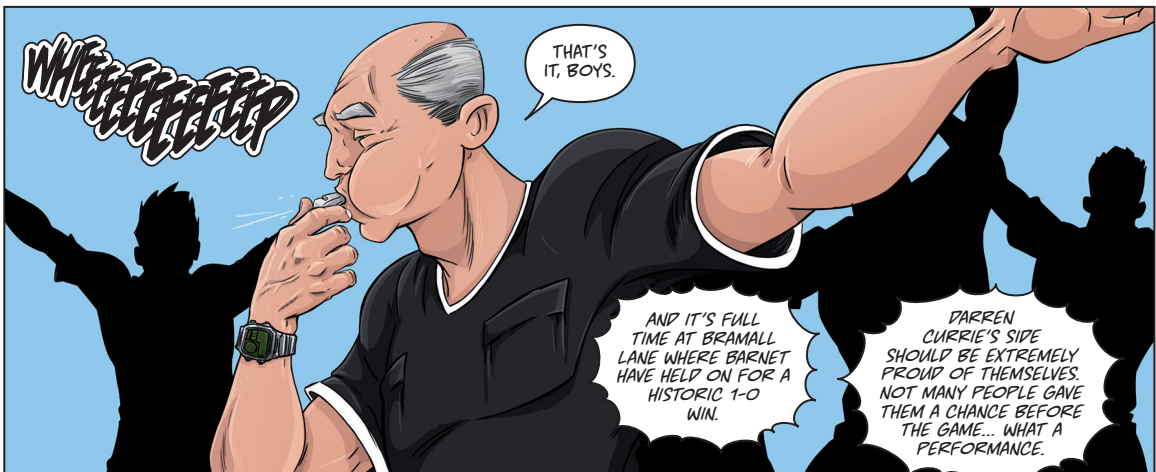
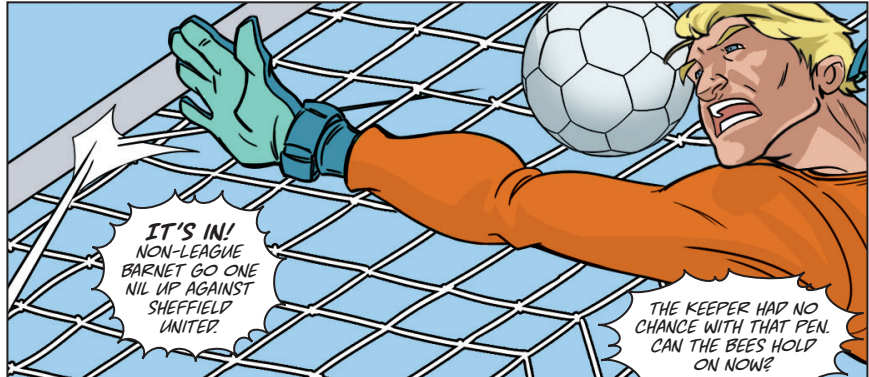
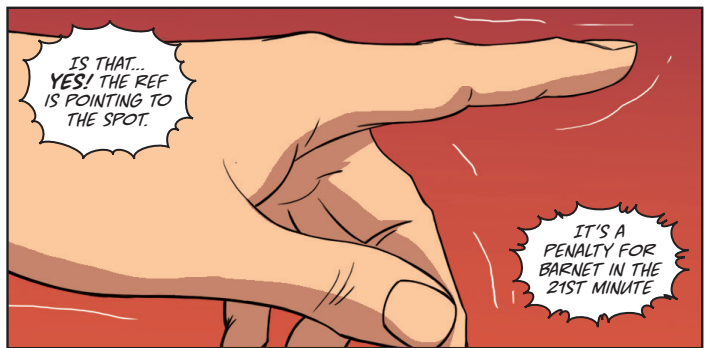
A CHANCE FOR LOWER LEAGUE SIDES TO WRITE THEIR NAMES INTO CUP FOLKLORE.

GILLINGHAM V CARDIFF

CAN THE GILLS PRODUCE AN UPSET?







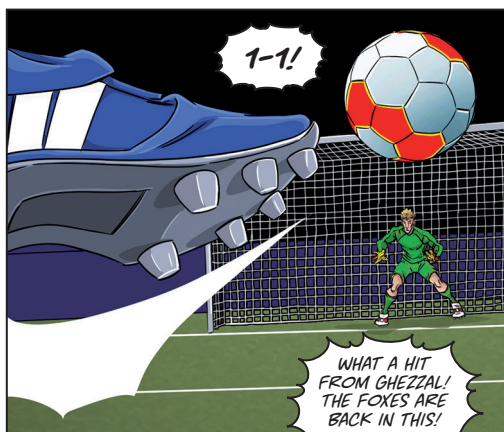
LATER THAT DAY, LEICESTER CITY TRAVELLED TO NEWPORT COUNTY WHERE THE SMELL OF A CUP UPSET WAS IN THE AIR...



ROBBIE WILLMOTT TEARING DOWN THE WING HERE -- CAN HE GET THE BALL IN THE BOX?

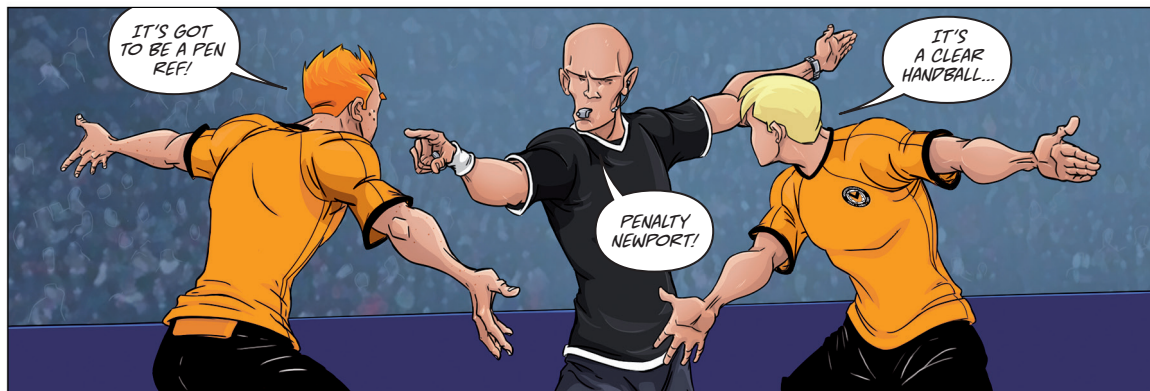


WHAT A HEADER FROM THE BIG MAN! JAMILLE MATT WAS UP FIRST AND NEWPORT COUNTY TAKE THE LEAD AGAINST THEIR PREMIER LEAGUE OPPONENTS.



1-1!

WHAT A HIT FROM GHEZZAL! THE FOXES ARE BACK IN THIS!



IT'S GOT TO BE A PEN REF!

PENALTY NEWPORT!

IT'S A CLEAR HANDBALL...



PADRAIG AMOND STEPS UP...



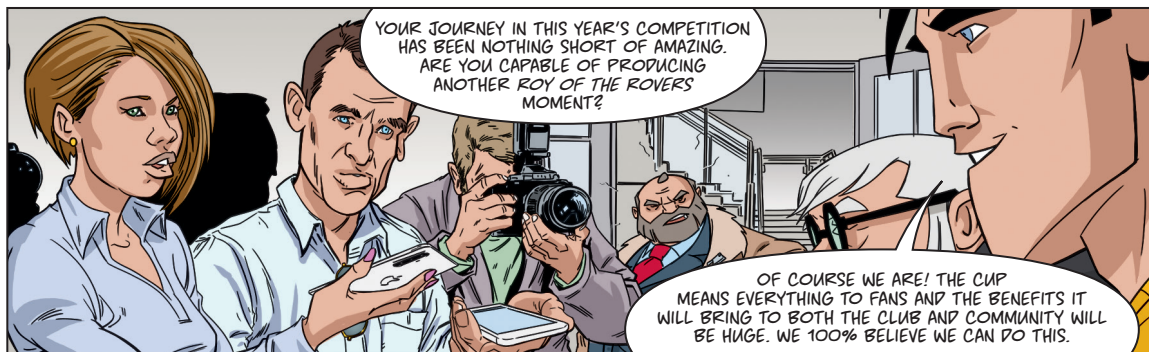
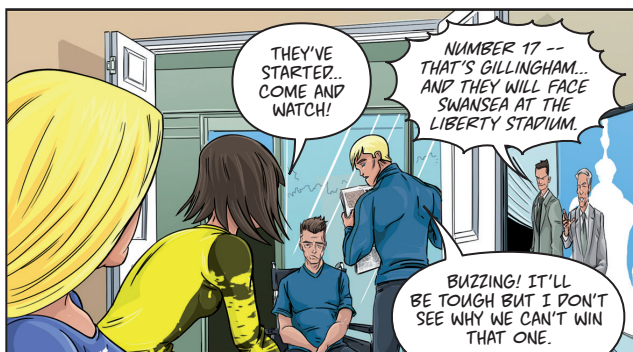
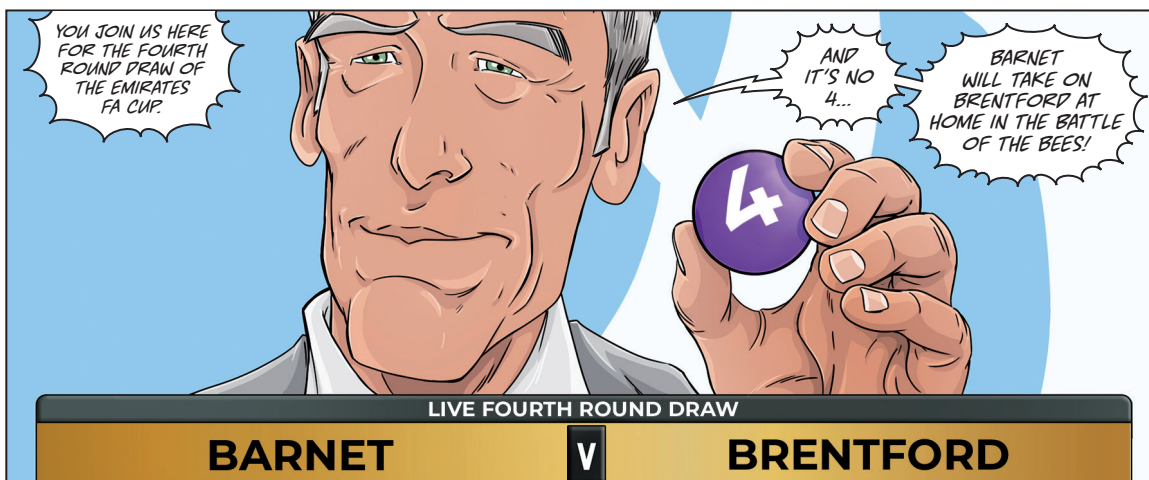
COOL AS A CUCUMBER! AMOND SLOTS IT COMFORTABLY AND NEWPORT COUNTY ARE IN DREAMLAND HERE.

IT FINISHES 2-1. THE EXILES ARE HEADING INTO THE FOURTH ROUND.



THIS IS ROY OF THE ROVERS STUFF!!

WHAT A WIN!!





From penalty saves to last-gasp winners, the Emirates FA Cup Third Round certainly lived up to expectations.

Starting at Priestfield Stadium and ending at Rodney Parade in Newport, the *Roy of the Rovers* 'Cup Heroes Special' tells the story of four giant-killing victories from the Third Round.

Whether it was Oldham keeper Daniel Iversen's incredible penalty stop against Fulham at Craven Cottage or the 966 fans who travelled 150 miles north to watch Barnet upset Sheffield United, the games grabbed the headlines and put smiles on the faces of fans up and down the country.

As Pete Wild, Oldham's Caretaker boss rightly declared after their win against Fulham, it was "*Roy of the Rovers* type stuff".

After a 17 years hiatus, Roy Race returned to comic books in 2018, with a new image, but the same love and passion for the game which made *Roy of the Rovers* such a loved part of British footballing history.

As we look forward to the Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round, fans and managers from all over the country will be hoping for their team to deliver a *Roy of the Rovers* performance.

The very best of luck from us.

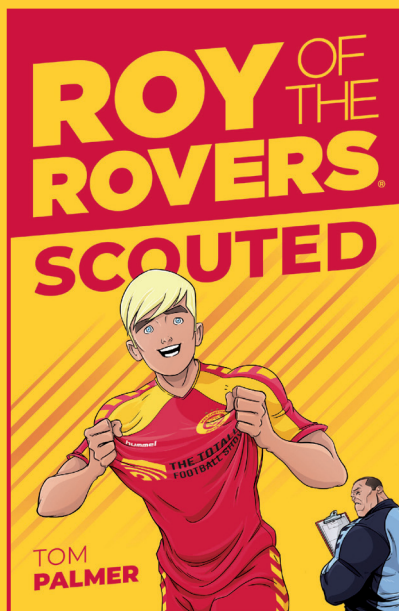


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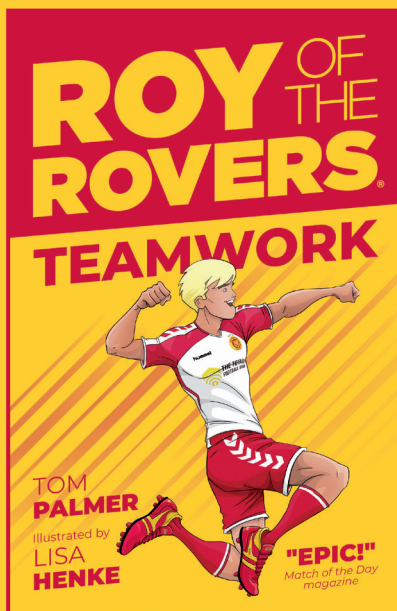


BOOK 1 SCOUTED

Author: Tom Palmer
Out: October 2018
ISBN: 978-1-78108-698-8

Roy Race is the most talented striker in Melchester – but is he good enough to catch the eye of the Melchester Rovers scouts?

READ? ☐

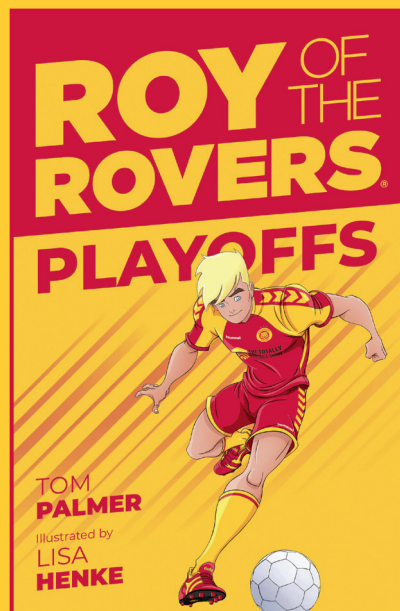


BOOK 2 TEAMWORK

Author: Tom Palmer
Out: February 2019
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Life gets tricky for Roy as he adjusts to life in the spotlight. Fortune and glory await, but can Roy juggle football, fame and family?

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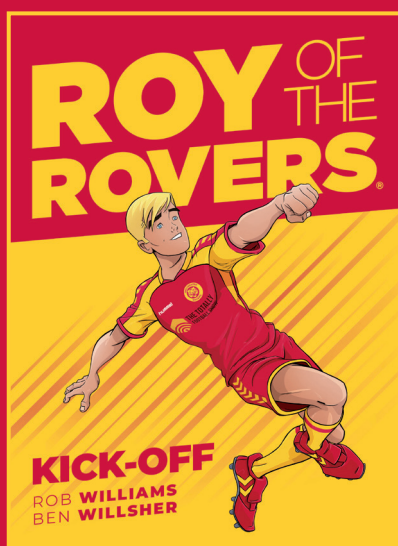
BOOK 3 PLAYOFFS

Author: Tom Palmer
Out: May 2019
ISBN: 978-1-78108-722-0

Crunch time for Rovers: the end of the season is here, the club is in deep trouble, and it's down to Roy to bring a bit of hope back to the Melchester faithful.

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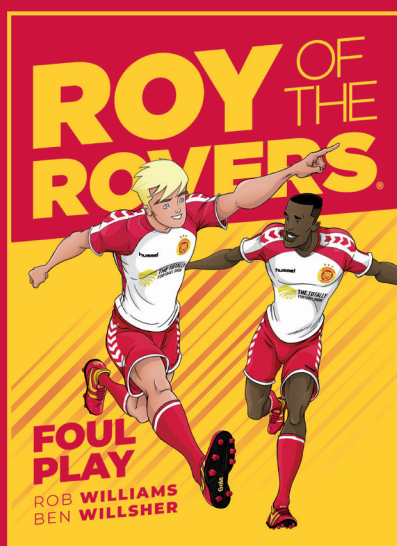


BOOK 1 KICK-OFF

Writer: Rob Williams
Artist: Ben Willsher
Out: November 2018
ISBN: 978-1-78108-652-0

Roy Race is 16, talented, and desperate to make it as a footballer. But is he good enough for Melchester Rovers? Now's the time to prove if he's got what it takes to become Roy of the Rovers.

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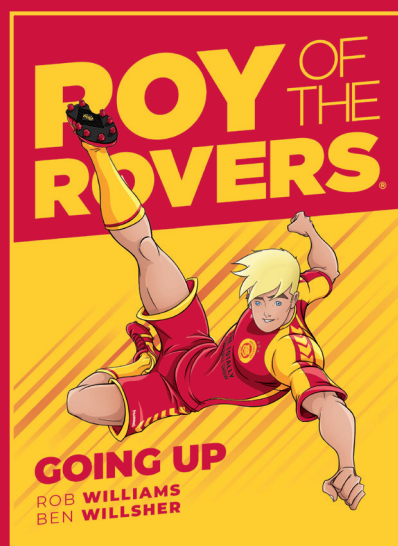


BOOK 2 FOUL PLAY

Writer: Rob Williams
Artist: Ben Willsher
Out: March 2019
ISBN: 978-1-78108-669-8

Roy picks up an injury that puts him on the sidelines, and suddenly there's competition for his place as a brand new - and brilliant - striker is brought in by the management...

READ? ☐



BOOK 3 GOING UP

Writer: Rob Williams
Artist: Ben Willsher
Out: June 2019
ISBN: 978-1-78108-673-5

Roy and the team have battled through a tough season, but have they got enough left to get promoted? Or will they fall at the final hurdle and see the club sold by its greedy owner?

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