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Let's be honest and admit that Tuesday's game against Middlesbrough was the type of non-event which loses friends and discourages people. Rangers, thank heaven, figure in less 0-0 draws than most other clubs in the Football League and our opponents really must shoulder rather more than 50% of the responsibility for Tuesday's stalemate. All credit to Middlesbrough for acquiring with such single-minded efficiency the solitary point for which they travelled to London. However, it's worth remembering that the game of football originated in bygone years as a pastime in which two teams attempted to score goals against each other. If our forefathers had attempted to introduce a game which was primarily concerned with the prevention of goal-scoring, our national sport would now be table-tennis (and England would be playing Scotland at Wembley this year at hop-scotch).

We are optimistic that this afternoon's match will offer far more entertainment than Tuesday's encounter. Our visitors, Luton Town, need only a couple of wins to achieve First Division security and such a modest ambition must make them go all out for a victory at this ground today. We trust that we are able to welcome a large number of Luton Town supporters to Shepherds Bush for a match that is so crucial to their club. If one thinks about it, the situation is very similar to that in which a team approaches promotion to the First Division—if this were the case, this afternoon's match would be an all-ticket sell-out! It will be interesting to see what the attendance for this game will be.

FRANKLY SPEAKING!

How about a chat with Frank McLintock? Our star player will be on the other end of the telephone on BBC Radio London's "Sportsline" Programme tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. (206 metres Medium Waveband) and if you phone in on 01-408 2033 Frank will be very pleased to answer your questions.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 5-A-SIDE

We are asked to remind you that the 5-A-Side Finals of the Youth Teams of London Clubs will be held at the Michael Sobell Sports Centre, Hornsey Road, Islington, N.17, on Thursday 6th March at 7.10 p.m. Tickets are 50p per adult or 25p per child and further details can be obtained by phoning 01-607 1632.

CONTROVERSIAL MOMENT

Stan Bowles and Dave Webb at the centre of controversy! Dave Clement has just been sent flying by the Coventry goalie but gets the ball in the net in the final seconds of the match—only to find the goal disallowed for a foul ON the goalie! (Photo: John Brough).



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APPEARANCES & SCORERS

(Figures in parenthesis represent goals scored)

FIRST TEAM (Division One, F.L. Cup and F.A. Cup)		RESERVE TEAM (Football Combination)	JUNIOR TEAM (S.E.C. League, F.A. Youth Cup & S.E.C. League Cup)
Up to Tues. 25th Feb., '75		Up to Sat., 22nd Feb., '75	Up to Sat., 22nd Feb., '75
Gillard	38 (1)	Jones S. R.	28
Givens	33 (18)	Pritchett	27 (5)
Parkes	36	Teale	27
Thomas	36 (4)	Westwood	23 (16)
Clement	35 (1)	Tagg	21
Francis	33 (8)	Hewson	16
Webb	33	Nutt	16 (2)
Bowles	32 (12)	French	15 (4)
Beck	26 (1)	Abbott	14 (2)
McLintock	24	Docherty	13
Leach	20 (2)	Mayes	13 (4)
Hazell	14	Smith	12
Rogers	14 (2)	Adams	11
Masson	14 (1)	Busby	10
Busby	12 (1)	Ti'ley	8
Mancini	9	Hazell	6 (2)
Venables	6	Leach	6
Abbott	4	Martin	6 (1)
Shanks	3	Shanks	6
Teale	2	Beck	5
Westwood	2 (1)	Mancini	5
		Sibley	5
		Evans I.	4
		Kember	4
		Rogers	4 (1)
		Evans N.	3
		McLintock	2
		Potts	2
		Burman	1
		Chivers	1
		Munro	1
		Sweetzer G.	1
		Webb	1

SPECIAL REPORT

A special feature in which Michael Wale reports on the tensions, strains and after match feelings of the Rangers side when he travelled with them to West Ham for the recent F.A. Cup game. The photo below shows Dave Sexton briefing Phil Parkes on the team coach.



Dave Sexton and the physiotherapist Richard Roberts were sitting in the lounge at Whites Hotel, just past Queensway, on the Bayswater Road. The rendezvous where the team meet before any game played in London.

The time is 11.15 a.m. and Dave and Richard are sharing a pot of tea. Frank McLintock, who is to replace the injured Gerry Francis that day as captain, is the first player to arrive. "It's the Cisco kid", jokes Dave as Frank enters wearing an open necked red shirt. Don Masson arrives after him more soberly dressed in a brown three piece suit, and almost immediately vanishes causing Dave to say "It's the scarlet pimpernel".

At 11.30 'lunch' is served and the rest of the team are arriving to sit at one end of the deserted dining room. Everyone seems to eat something different. For some there are steaks, and for most scrambled eggs, which Don Masson covers in brown sauce. For almost everyone there are peaches, which seem a

particular favourite with the team. Phil Parkes actually emptying his on top of his cornflakes and adding honey.

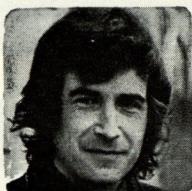
The talk is fairly general, about anything in fact except the afternoon's match. Earlier Frank McLintock had borrowed Dave Sexton's *Guardian* and discovered scrawled all across the Arts page various diagrams and plans of what Dave hoped would happen on the pitch that afternoon. Frank had also read an article in the *Daily Mail* by Brian James and noted aloud: "That must mean he's left *The Sunday Times*".

'Lunch' is a leisurely affair. At the far end Dave Webb and Ronnie Abbott are in conversation. Stan Bowles is sitting opposite Frank McLintock and Don Masson. Dave Sexton is next to Richard and the club doctors, Dr. Carne amazes us all by calling for a Cassata ice cream to finish his meal.

Afterwards the players straggle upstairs to the television room and a glimpse of the day's soccer previews.

THE MICHAEL

WALE REPORT



Michael Wale's very interesting article on the events surrounding the F.A. Cup game at West Ham continues on these two pages.

But just as Rangers are due for dissection it is time for the pre-match team talk, and Dave Sexton switches off the television.

The players have motored separately to the hotel, but now they are to travel to Upton Park on the team bus, all except for Don Rogers who is driving Mickey Leach, because Leach is visiting friends that end of London after the game with his wife.

On the bus a cassette tape plays middle-of-the-road-type music with a pre-ponderance of The Carpenters. I also recognise Viva Espana. At the back I sit with Don Masson who keeps his legs stretched out up on the seat; David Webb and Dave Thomas. The seat is a U-shaped bench which curls around the back of the bus until it reaches a coffee making machine and cupboard. Further down the bus Frank McLintock sits opposite Dave Sexton with John Beck and Dave Clement. Dave Sexton is soon moving around the bus chatting to a player here and there as he goes. At one time in earnest conversation with Don Givens, at another sitting here between Dave Thomas and myself his pen continually tracing patterns of play on pieces of paper. And the name most overheard in the opposition's team is Robson. In fact the Rangers side don't at this point, as we drive down the Euston Road even know the final line-up of the West Ham team.

By now Dave Webb is proving that should he ever be out of a job the British Tourist Board would welcome him. There seems to be no fact that he doesn't know about London as he guides both Don Masson and Dave Thomas on their journey. It's all very odd for Don, who has only just got a house fixed up recently and still commutes back to Nottingham: "This is the Angel", says Dave Webb, "And just up there is the Arsenal". We pass an orange fronted transport cafe further down the East End and David notes that it is one of the few transport

cafes in Egon Ronay's Good Food Guide. "I come from Stratford, just near where the theatre is, if you know it. It was very tough down there".

As we plunge past Canning Town there are cars with Rangers fans waving behind and besides us. David Webb seems the calmest man on the bus, and Dave Sexton the most tense: "You always get that bit more tense before a Cup game because it's sudden death isn't it? It has that ingredient of gambling in it". He came up an hour later this morning on the 9.5 a.m. from Brighton and aims to go back on the seven-o'clock. "It's nice to wake up on a Sunday away from everything. Some people couldn't face all the travelling but I think there's something of the gypsy in every footballer. I'll use the time going back tonight working over what we should have done. What went right, what went wrong".

Don Masson notes that West Ham's midfield doesn't seem too disciplined: "They all go up and come back together".

In the opening half hour of the game his prediction is proved incredibly right as Rangers rip West Ham apart and Dave Clement puts the side ahead. But by halftime Holland has headed an equaliser.

Then in the first 45 seconds of the second half comes that mis-kicked cross that reaches the eager head of Robson and Rangers, despite their battling, are out of the Cup for another year. Drama is added by Stan Bowles being deputised by Don Rogers 14 minutes from the end.

Now all is gloom. In the players lounge along from the dressing room the upraised eyebrows of the Rangers players says everything they are thinking. So near, but so far! John Beck says that the mud had been worse than when the two teams drew 2-2 here a few weeks before. "You didn't know whether to drive it or lob it". The West Ham crowd and players are very pleasant. They know how we feel. Over the radio comes the news that the winners are away to either Leicester

Star Action Photo



John Brough captures this exciting moment during the F.A. Cup Tie against West Ham as the ball comes across to Mick Leach but Kevin Lock tries to intercept.

or Arsenal. For Rangers it's all might-have-been and the players are on the coach by half past five. As it slowly joins the traffic jam leading from the East End there is a stunned silence on board. No-one speaks at first, and then come a few words, gradually voicing thoughts.

Frank McLintock is sitting at the back now. He has his legs straight out in front of him on the table. Don Masson is beside him. The two Scots. They reflect each others attitudes. Frank says: "It's a real sickener losing like that! I'm going out to the Talk of the Town tonight to see Lena Martell with the wife and friends. I'll get really smashed, and I'll have a hangover tomorrow morning and it'll all keep coming back. When you lose like this I keep thinking about it for two or three days. We're out now, and we've got to wait another year".

Don Masson has to drive back to Nottingham. "I wouldn't fancy that", says Frank. Don says: "I wish the next match was on Monday. You really want to get on with the next match after something

like this. Instead, you've got to wait a whole week".

Although originally upset at his substitution Stan Bowles is seen to be a lot happier than the next day's papers are to report. Another team coach draws up beside us as we're driving into the City. Someone sees Rodney Fern on board. And for a few moments the gloom is dispelled as we all try to work out which team it is, because he is on loan at present. The talk is coming more freely now, but whereas before the match it never involved the game ahead, now the match is the sole topic. "He didn't mean that as a cross, you know, it was a shot and he miscued it". That was the phrase almost everyone said before we arrived back at Whites Hotel. It's by such vagueness that football matches are won and lost, but that's not much consolation if it's your livelihood and you're out of the Cup.

Michael Wale

THE VISITING TEAM ARE PUT UNDER THE MICROSCOPE BY



TONY PULLEIN

examines the past playing history and achievements of today's opponents

The odds are still stacked heavily against Luton making a sensational escape from relegation, but manager Harry Haslam and his team are making a brave bid even now to try and avoid the big drop only 12 months after gaining promotion. Last week they held leaders Stoke to 0-0 to give supporters hope that a miracle could yet occur.

Most Hatters' fans had abandoned all hope by mid-December when, with half their fixtures completed, Luton had managed only one solitary victory. Then, surprisingly and mysteriously, they won three games in a row!

Now the Hatters look back on a run of only one defeat in eight League games.

As one would expect, in their circumstances, the Luton team has undergone many changes since the opening of the season as Mr. Haslam tried to adapt it to First Division requirements.

Graham Horn lost his place to Keith Barber for a while but has now returned to the team.

Youngsters Steve Buckley and Paul Futcher have now been drafted into the back four, with considerable success. Buckley has taken over at left-back from former England international Bobby Thomson with Futcher and John Faulkner closing things up in the centre. John Ryan continues in the right-back position he has held for six years.

Up front another youngster Ron Futcher — Paul's brother — has been holding his place since hitting four goals in his first two games at Christmas time. He took over from the injured Peter Spiring and now usually plays in a striking line with Jimmy Husband and John Aston.

Peter Anderson, Alan West and Jimmy Ryan have been holding down the midfield positions all season.

Luton Town earned themselves a unique place in football's history books when they gained promotion last year. The Hatters are the only club relegated from the First to the Fourth Division ever to regain their place at the top. In the early 'sixties they dropped through all four sections in five years.

The man responsible for creating the new Luton is manager Harry Haslam. He has signed players of the calibre

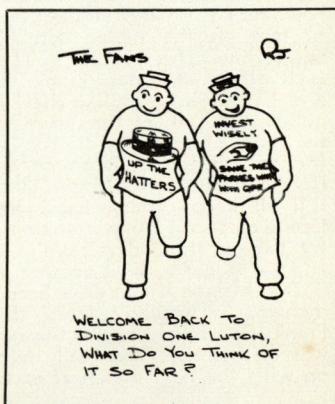
of Bobby Thomson, a former England defender, and winger John Aston. He also risked a then club record fee of £50,000 in a reasonably unknown player, Barry Buttlin, who proved a big success and has now moved on to Nottingham Forest.

Mr. Haslam last season raised the record payout of £80,000 when he secured the transfer of Burnley's midfield player Alan West, then expended a further £70,000 in return for the experience of striker Jimmy Husband. During the summer Australia's World Cup star Adrian Alston joined the club and the fee record was broken yet again with the arrival of £100,000 Paul Futcher from Chester.

It's scarcely three years since Luton, fearing they had lost their chance of First Division football started to sell off their best players for economy reasons. Malcolm Macdonald (Newcastle), Don Givens (Q.P.R.) and Vic Halom (Sunderland) are now scoring goals with gay abandon—they hit 61 between them last season!—for rival clubs.

Viv Busby (Fulham) and Chris Nicholl (Aston Villa) were other stars to leave the club.

When put into its true perspective, Luton's promotion achievement was quite spectacular.



QUEENS PARK RANGERS EXPERTS T. PULLEIN and D. BUXTON



DEREK BUXTON

our statistics wizard, looks back on the other times we have played today's visitors

Today's meeting between the two sides will be the 89th since 1899, and the 44th on QPR's grounds.

QPR have a pretty good home record against Luton. We have won 28 times, drawn 7 and lost 8 and have scored 89 goals to Luton's 43.

The first meeting between the two sides took place at Luton, on 9th December 1899—QPR's 13th professional game. In the 5th qualifying round of the F.A. Cup the sides drew 1-1 at Luton, and two days later QPR won the replay at Kensal Rise 4-1, watched by 2,000 spectators.

Luton won the first League match played between the two sides, winning the match at Kensal Rise on 6th October 1900—by 3 goals to 1.

It took us 5 more league matches to gain our first success when on 31st January 1903 we won 3-1 at home.

Both sides became Founder Members of the Third Division in 1920 and QPR won the first league match 4-1 on 25th September 1920, watched by 20,000 spectators.

Although Luton won at Loftus Road in 1924 (0-2), this was their only success on QPR's home grounds between 1919 and 1948 in 19 visits.

Luton won the first Second Division League match played on 18th December 1948, but then had to wait until 1970 for their next, and last win at Loftus Road, when they won 1-0.

The last match to be played down here between the two sides took place on 14th April 1973. Terry Mancini opened the scoring in the 26th minute when he headed in a Dave Thomas free kick, and in the 36th minute Don Givens scored his 25th goal of the season when he converted a pass from Gerry Francis.

In recent years QPR have done quite well at Luton. The 1-1 draw earlier in the season was the 4th consecutive time that the sides have drawn there, and since 1935 Luton have only managed to win 2 of their last 11 fixtures at home to QPR.

Their biggest win at home was in 1931 when they beat QPR for the 11th time in 12 meetings—they won the match 5-1.

Between 1920 and 1935 we only won once and drew once in 17 visits during which time we scored 13 goals to Luton's 43.

The one match excluded from these figures was the 1st round F.A. Cup match played at Luton on 30th November 1929 when QPR won 3-2.

Although the sides have met many times in league matches, they have only been drawn against each other twice in cup competitions since 1901—the other time being on 7th February 1948 in the 5th round of the cup when a record crowd of 30,564, paying £2,844 saw them win 3-1.

Since 1931, 235,978 have watched QPR's home fixtures against Luton. The biggest league attendance was 24,000 in 1936 whilst the smallest was 2,800 at the White City in 1931.

Of the current playing staff, Don Givens has scored twice against his old club. Mick Leach, Gerry Francis, Dave Clement, and Stan Bowles all have one to their credit.

Strangely enough, although QPR have scored 134 goals against Luton—only 2 QPR players have recorded hat tricks—and both in the same match. On 6th November 1964 Brian Bedford and Mike Keen both scored 3 in our record 7-1 home defeat of Luton.

OUR VISITORS' RECORD SO FAR THIS SEASON

HOME

South'ton 1-1 (Tex.)	Tott'ham 1-1 Sheff. U. 0-1	West Ham 2-1 (Tex.)	Sheff. U. 0-2 (L.C.)
Liverpool 1-2	Birm'ham 2-3	Orient 2-2 (Tex.)	Man. City 0-1
West Ham 0-0	Derby 1-0	West Ham 0-2	Newcastle 0-1
Q.P.R. 1-1	Wolves 3-2	Midd'bro. 1-1	Stoke 2-4
B. Rovers 1-0 (L.C.)	Birm'ham 0-1 (F.A.C.)	Leeds 1-1	Chester 0-2
Ipswich 1-4	Chelsea 1-1	Arsenal 2-2	Liverpool 0-2
Carlisle 3-1	Newcastle 1-0	Coventry 1-2	Ipswich 1-0
Birm'ham 1-3	Stoke 0-0	Leicester 0-0	Burnley 0-1
Midd'bro. 0-1			Sheff. U. 1-1

AWAY

GRAHAM HORN (Goalkeeper)

Luton paid Arsenal £25,000 for Graham and, though he had not played in the Gunners' first-team, he played several League games for Portsmouth while on loan to them in 1972/73. He has now established himself as first-choice at Kenilworth Road. **League record:** Arsenal 9 aps.; Portsmouth 22 aps.; Luton 54 aps.

JOHN RYAN (Defender)

John, a Fulham regular in their First Division days, joined Luton in 1969 and has been a permanent member of the Hatters' senior squad ever since. **League record:** Fulham 41 (4) aps., 1 gl.; Luton 216 (3) aps., 8 gls.

JOHN FAULKNER (Defender)

John first sprang to national fame as the centre-half of amateurs Sutton United who met Leeds United in the F.A. Cup five seasons ago. He played so well that Leeds signed him shortly afterwards. When he dropped out of the reckoning for a first-team place at Elland Road, he linked with Luton. **League record:** Leeds 2 aps.; Luton 89 aps., 3 gls.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender)

Luton paid Chester £100,000 for Paul last summer, at the same time paying a further £25,000 for his twin brother Ron. Paul, tipped for top honours, gave a good account of himself in the pre-season Texaco Cup ties and has now established himself in the senior side. **League record:** Chester 20 aps., Luton 9 (1) aps.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender)

Steve joined the Hatters from Burton Albion and made his League debut in the 0—0 draw with Leicester in October. Now he has taken over the left-back position from former England international Bobby Thomson. **League record:** Luton 10 aps.

BOBBY THOMSON (Defender)

Bobby won eight England caps and appeared in 15 under-23 games, during his Wolves' days. He transferred to Birmingham in 1969, later spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall and signed for Luton in 1972. **League record:** Wolves 277 aps., 2 gls.; Birmingham 62 (1) aps.; Walsall 9 aps., 1 gl.; Luton 101 aps., 1 gl.

JIMMY RYAN (Midfield)

Jimmy was for several years a Manchester United player but it was after his transfer to Luton in 1970 that he began to play regular League football. Last season he took over as Luton's penalty taker. **League record:** Man. United 21 (3) aps., 4 gls.; Luton 136 (9) aps., 17 gls

ADRIAN ALSTON (Striker)

Adrian hit the summer headlines as one of Australia's World Cup stars. Though he was ready to sign for Hertha Berlin, he changed his mind to join Luton. His club—Safeway United (Sydney) received a £12,000 fee. Adrian was born in Lancashire. **League record:** Luton 3 (2) aps., 3 gls.

LUTON TOWN

PEN PICTURES BY
TONY PULLEIN



Back row (left to right): Maitland Pollock, Peter Anderson, John Ryan, Paul Futcher, Paul Price, Jimmy Husband. Middle row (left to right): Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Barry Butlin, Alan Garner, Steve Litt. Front row (left to right): Reg Game (Physiotherapist), Brian Chambers, Alan West, Harry Haslam (Manager), Gordon Hindson, Jimmy Ryan, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach).

PETER ANDERSON (Midfield)

Peter made a quick conversion from non-League circles. Signed from Hendon in 1971, he went immediately into Luton's first-team in 1971/72 and was their top scorer. **League record:** Luton 147 (3) aps., 26 gls.

ALAN WEST (Midfield)

Luton paid a then club record £80,000 to sign Alan last season. He developed in Burnley's juniors and, when he lost his first-team place last season, he had apparently signed for Sunderland. But the Roker club called off the deal on medical grounds. **League record:** Burnley 41 (4) aps., 3 gls.; Luton 61 aps., 1 gl.

RON FUTCHER (Striker)

Ron made a sensational start to his First Division career, scoring on his debut against Ipswich on Boxing Day then claiming a hat-trick against Wolves two days later! Luton signed from Chester last summer. **League record:** Chester 4 aps.; Luton 6 aps., 5 gls.

JIMMY HUSBAND (Striker)

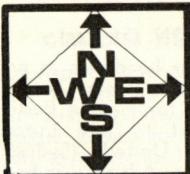
Jimmy's transfer cost Luton £70,000 when he left Everton last season. He made his League bow for Everton in 1965 and later won five England under-23 caps. Earlier he had played in school and youth internationals. **League record:** Everton 158 (7) aps., 44 gls.; Luton 44 aps., 9 gls.

JOHN ASTON (Striker)

Luton paid £30,000 for left-winger John who had starred in so many games for Manchester United—none more so than in the 1968 European Cup final. He was Luton's top scorer with 12 goals two seasons back. **League record:** Man. United 139 (17) aps., 25 gls.; Luton 102 aps., 16 gls.

PETER SPIRING (Striker)

Luton paid Liverpool £70,000 for Peter early this season but he lost his place, through injury, after only five games. He spent almost two years at Anfield, following his transfer from Bristol City, but didn't get into their first-team. **League record:** Bristol City 57 (5) aps., 16 gls.; Liverpool nil aps.; Luton 5 aps., 1 gl.



THE TEAM'S GOING PLACES ARE YOU GOING WITH THEM?

EVERTON

Saturday, 8th March, 1975 (K.O. 3 p.m.)

Approximately 216 miles from West London. Compiled by the Royal Automobile Club.

Leave by Westway and Western Avenue to the junction with the North Circular. Turn right and continue by the North Circular to Brent Cross Flyover. Filter left onto the A.41 and follow the signs to the start of the M.1. Proceed by the M.1 northward to Intersection No.19 then follow the M.6 to Intersection No. 23. Follow the signs "Liverpool A.580" to Liverpool. 216 Miles Enter Liverpool by East Lancashire Road and continue to Walton Hall Avenue to the junction with Queens Drive. Continue ahead to Walton Lane and the ground is on the right.

The RAC has signposted the routes to the car park and football ground. Your nearest RAC offices are at: RAC, P.O. Box 100, RAC House, Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 2JA; or, RAC Northern Home Counties, 130, St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

LIVERPOOL



The Marching and Concert Band of Braintree who entertain us before the match today.

IT'S A RECORD! THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

GROUND	v. COVENTRY CITY	v. WEST HAM UNITED
DATE	Saturday, 8th February '75 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	Saturday, 15th February, '75 (K.O. 3 p.m.)
ATTENDANCE	18807	39193
PLAYING CONDITIONS	A mild afternoon Pitch soft and sanded	Mild and damp Pitch very muddy and greasy
Fixture Details	Football League, Div 1 (15th away game)	F.A. Challenge Cup (5th Round)
TEAMS	QPR (11th in Div. I)	COVENTRY (14th in Div. I)
	Parkes Clement Gillard Masson McLintock Webb Thomas Francis Beck Bowles Givens (Leach substituted for Francis in 8th minute)	Ramsbottom Oakey Holmes Craven Lloyd Dugdale Carr Alderson Ferguson Green Hutchinson
GOALS	Leach	Green
RESULT	(1) 1	(1) 1
Rangers Report	Coventry distinctly lucky to scrape a point from this game. Rangers continue to play in their new assured and skilled manner.	
AND THE PRESS SAID . . .	<p>It was easy to see in Saturday's 1-1 draw at Highfield Road why Queens Park Rangers are still in the F.A. Cup and Coventry are not. Sheer ability. But I hope Rangers, for their own sake, can turn that ability into telling goals when they meet West Ham in the fifth round next Saturday. For at Coventry they had two goals disallowed and it's getting to be a habit. "That was a 1-1 massacre," said defender Frank McLintock. "We were all over them but I think that's the fifth game where we've had at least one goal turned down." With Francis's departure Rangers might have been expected to lose some rhythm, but substitute Mick Leach fitted in admirably and had the ball in the net within two minutes of his arrival. But he was clearly offside. Not to be denied, he scored the equaliser right on half-time, slipping the ball under Ramsbottom after Clement had rounded the unusually-ineffective Graham Oakey on the Coventry byline. After this Rangers, inspired by the superb Don Masson, hit the bar twice and missed a host of chances as the ball bobbed about the sandy pitch like a beach toy. (Ray Williams "Daily Express".)</p> <p>A magnificent Cup tie in the mud, whose development and end were scarcely implicit in its beginning. For half an hour Rangers carried the battle to West Ham, bewildered them with football of remarkable poise and delicacy in the conditions, scored a goal and might have had two. Then West Ham equalised the pendulum swung back. By the final whistle, the margin of one goal did West Ham very much less than justice, the triumphant choruses of "I'm for ever blowing bubbles" were abundantly deserved and Brooking was the hero of an enthralling afternoon. ("Sunday Telegraph".)</p> <p>Rangers had dominated the opening half hour of a superb Cup tie and took a deserved lead after 25 minutes when full-back Dave Clement scored his first goal of the season. Clement seized on to a flashy back-heel by Keith Robson, veered wide of Lock and Frank Lampard and drove home a low, left-footed shot from the edge of the area. At that stage, with Don Masson pulling the midfield strings, QPR were in complete command. But West Ham's character showed through as they battled back to turn the tide. (News of the World".)</p>	

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

1974 - 1975

1974	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
Sat. Aug. 17	17	Sheffield United	Away	1-1	Francis	16,032
Wed. 21	Leeds United	Away	1-0	Francis	31,497	
Sat. 24	STOKE CITY	Home	0-1			21,117
Tues. 27	LEEDS UNITED	Home	1-1	Givens	24,965	
Sat. 31	Luton Town	Away	1-1	Bowles	18,535	
Sat. Sept. 7	BIRMINGHAM CITY	Home	0-1		16,058	
Tues. 10	ORIENT (FL2)	Home	1-1	Francis	14,604	
Sat. 14	Leicester City	Away	1-3	Francis	19,763	
Tues. 17	Orient (FL2) Replay	Away	3-0	Francis, Givens, Bowles	11,750	
Sat. 21	NEWCASTLE UNITED	Home	1-2	Keeley (o.g.)	18,594	
Tues. 24	EVERTON	Home	2-2	Givens, Busby	16,638	
Sat. 28	Manchester City	Away	0-1		30,674	
Sat. Oct. 5	IPSWICH TOWN	Home	1-0	Francis	19,494	
Tues. 8	NEWCASTLE UTD. (FL3)	Home	0-4		15,815	
Sat. 12	Arsenal	Away	2-2	Bowles (2)	29,690	
Sat. 19	LIVERPOOL	Home	0-1		27,392	
Sat. 26	Wolves	Away	2-1	Givens (2)	20,320	
Sat. Nov. 2	COVENTRY CITY	Home	2-0	Bowles, Givens	17,256	
Sat. 9	Derby County	Away	2-5	Leach, Bowles	23,339	
Sat. 16	CARLISLE UNITED	Home	2-1	Thomas, Bowles	15,700	
Sat. 23	Middlesbrough	Away	3-1	Bowles, Givens, Rogers	27,500	
Wed. 27	Stoke City	Away	0-1		22,403	
Sat. 30	WEST HAM UNITED	Home	0-2		28,357	
Sat. 7	Burnley	Away	0-3		16,487	
Sat. 14	SHEFFIELD UNITED	Home	1-0	Rogers	13,244	
Sat. 21	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	2-1	Bowles 2 (1 pen)	21,150	
Thur. 26	LEICESTER	Home	4-2	Beck, Thomas, Givens, Westwood		
Sat. 28	Chelsea	Away	3-0	Francis, Givens 2	38,917	
1975						
Sat. Jan. 4	Southend (FAC3)	Away	2-2	Gillard, Francis	18,100	
Tues. 7	SOUTHEND (FAC3Rpy)	Home	2-0	Givens (2)	21,484	
Sat. 11	BURNLEY	Home	0-1		19,359	
Sat. 18	West Ham United	Away	2-2	Masson, Bowles (pen)	28,772	
Fri. 24	NOTTS COUNTY (FAC4)	Home	3-0	Thomas, Bowles (pen), Givens	23,428	
Sat. Feb. 1	DERBY COUNTY	Home	4-1	Thomas, Givens (3)	20,686	
Sat. 8	Coventry City	Away	1-1	Leach	18,807	
Sat. 15	West Ham (FAC5)	Away	1-2	Clement	39,193	
Sat. 22	Carlisle United	Away	2-1	Givens (2)	13,176	
Tues. 25	MIDDLESBROUGH	Home	0-0		18,487	
Sat. Mar. 1	LUTON TOWN (LCF)	Home				
Sat. 8	Everton	Away				
Sat. 15	MANCHESTER CITY	Home				
Tues. 18	CHELSEA	Home				
Sat. 22	Birmingham City	Away				
Sat. 29	TOTTENHAM H.	Home				
Mon. 31	Newcastle United	Away				
Sat. Apr. 5	WOLVES	Home				
Sat. 12	Ipswich Town	Away				
Sat. 19	ARSENAL	Home				
Sat. 26	Liverpool	Away				
Sat. May 3	F.A. Cup Final					

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Next Home Games

Football Combination	
CARDIFF CITY	
Tuesday Mar 4	K.O. 2.30 p.m.
Football Combination	
SWINDON TOWN	K.O. 3 p.m.
Saturday Mar 8	
Football League, Division 1	
MANCHESTER CITY	K.O. 3 p.m.
Saturday Mar. 15	
Football League, Division 1	
CHELSEA	K.O. 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday Mar 18	

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 up to and including 25th Feb., '75

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
30	8	7	1	26	13	Everton	4	5	6	19	22	37
31	9	6	3	29	14	Stoke City	4	5	6	21	27	37
31	10	3	3	31	18	Burnley	5	0	11	14	25	36
31	12	2	1	31	4	Ipswich Town	5	4	7	10	17	35
30	10	3	2	32	14	Liverpool	4	5	8	16	20	35
31	9	4	2	27	12	Leeds United	5	5	8	9	30	35
30	13	2	1	33	11	Manchester City	1	3	6	16	25	33
30	9	3	2	28	14	Derby County	4	5	7	16	27	34
31	8	5	2	32	15	West Ham United	3	6	7	16	25	33
31	6	6	3	22	13	Middlesbrough	5	5	6	16	20	33
31	6	3	6	18	15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	6	5	5	23	24	32
30	11	3	2	33	15	Newcastle United	2	3	9	14	32	32
30	8	6	2	24	17	Sheffield United	4	2	8	16	25	32
30	8	4	3	27	16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	6	7	12	22	30
31	7	7	2	26	18	Coventry City	2	5	8	15	29	30
30	4	6	5	18	24	Chelsea	4	5	6	16	26	27
31	8	2	6	26	22	Birmingham City	2	4	9	13	26	26
29	6	4	3	21	10	Arsenal	3	3	10	12	24	25
32	4	4	8	18	22	Tottenham Hotspur	4	4	8	19	26	24
29	3	5	6	12	14	Leicester City	3	3	9	15	30	20
30	4	5	6	16	20	Luton Town	1	5	9	10	23	20
31	5	1	9	13	16	Carlisle United	3	2	11	17	28	19

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1974-75

1974

Sat. Aug. 17 **NORWICH CITY**

Tues. 20 **CRYSTAL PALACE** 2.30

Sat. 24 **BIRMINGHAM CITY**

Wed. 28 **CRYSTAL PALACE**

Sat. 31 **BRISTOL ROVERS**

Wed. Sept. 4 **CARDIFF CITY**

Sat. 7 **SWINDON TOWN**

Sat. 14 **SOUTHAMPTON**

Tues. 17 **BIRMINGHAM CITY** 2.30

Wed. 25 **READING**

Sat. Oct. 12 **ARSENAL**

Sat. 19 **BRISTOL CITY**

Wed. 23 **LEICESTER CITY**

Sat. 26 **OXFORD UNITED**

Sat. Nov. 9 **BOURNEMOUTH**

Sat. 16 **Plymouth Argyle**

Sat. 30 **Chelsea**

Sat. Dec. 7 **WEST HAM UNITED**

Sat. 14 **Norwich City**

Tues. 17 **TOTTENHAM** (2.30)

Sat. 21 **LUTON TOWN**

Sat. Jan. 11 **West Ham United**

Tues. 14 **LEICESTER CITY** (2.30)

Tues. Feb. 4 **IPSWICH TOWN** (2.30)

Sat. 8 **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**

Tues. 11 **CHELSEA** (2.30)

Tues. 18 **Ipswich Town**

Sat. 22 **Bournemouth**

Wed. 26 **Southampton**

Sat. Mar. 1 **Bristol Rovers**

Tues. 4 **CARDIFF CITY** (2.30)

Sat. 8 **SWINDON TOWN**

Sat. 15 **Luton Town**

Sat. 22 **READING**

Sat. Apr. 5 **Arsenal**

Wed. 9 **Tottenham Hotspur**

Sat. 12 **FULHAM**

Wed. 16 **Oxford United**

Mon. 21 **Fulham** (2.30)

Sat. 26 **BRISTOL CITY**

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (Up to Tuesday, 25th February 1975)

P W D L F A Pts.

Bristol City	31	22	5	4	67	33	49
Chelsea	28	19	7	2	61	29	45
Ipswich Town	27	19	3	5	65	24	41
Luton Town	30	15	7	8	55	34	37
Plymouth Argyle	28	15	5	10	58	46	35
Tottenham Hotspur	29	14	6	9	47	40	34
Arsenal	27	13	5	9	33	23	31
Leicester City	31	11	8	12	46	41	30
Southampton	28	10	7	11	51	41	27
Norwich City	28	10	6	12	42	38	26
Crystal Palace	27	12	2	13	46	49	26
Q.P.R.	28	9	7	12	37	53	25
Oxford United	27	10	3	14	34	37	23
AFC Bournemouth	26	8	7	11	28	41	23
Cardiff City	26	9	4	13	47	54	22
Birmingham City	25	7	8	10	26	35	22
Bristol Rovers	29	7	6	16	28	54	20
Reading	26	8	3	15	28	59	19
Fulham	25	5	7	13	40	40	17
West Ham United	25	7	2	16	36	51	16
Swindon Town	23	2	4	17	11	50	8

STOP PRESS

QPR's first team will be playing at Brighton Football Club in a Testimonial Match for their player **FRANKIE HOWARD** on Monday 3rd March 1975, K.O. 7.30 p.m. Will you be there to cheer us on?

MANCHESTER CITY NEWSFLASH!

Huge sales of seat tickets for our next home game against Manchester City on Saturday 15th March indicate that a certain sellout of all seats is expected—so book today! A very large crowd is expected so please arrive as early as possible if you want a good view.

IT'S A RECORD!

THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

GROUND

v.
CARLISLE UNITED

Brunton Park

Saturday, 21st February, '75
(K.O. 3 p.m.)

DATE

13176

ATTENDANCE

Mild and sunny
Pitch firm and well grassed

PLAYING CONDITIONS

Football League, Div. 1
(16th away game)

Fixture Details

QPR
(13th in Div. I) v
CARLISLE
(20th in Div. I)

Parkes
Shanks Gillard
Masson
McLintock
Clement Thomas
Rogers Beck
Bowles Givens
(Busby substituted for
Masson in
88th minute)

Givens (2)

(1) 2

Carlisle is distinctly becoming one of Rangers' favourite away grounds. A particularly good result in view of our injury-hit side.

TEAMS

v.
MIDDLESBROUGH

Home

Tuesday, 25th February, '75
(K.O. 7.30 p.m.)

18487

A cold windy night
Pitch firm

Football League, Div. 1
(15th home game)

QPR
(13th in Div. I) v
MIDD'BRO.
(10th in Div. I)

Parkes
Clement Gillard
Masson
McLintock
Webb Thomas
Francis Beck
Bowles Givens

Ross
Carr Spearritt
O'Neil Green
Parker Martin
Train Owen
Laidlaw Clarke

Owen

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Middlesbrough's defensive blanket effectively smothered the action and made this a difficult game in which to play and watch.

GOALS

RESULT

RANGERS REPORT

AND THE PRESS SAID . . .

Two superb goals from Givens sank Carlisle further into the quagmire of relegation and revitalised Rangers after the disappointment of their Cup defeat at West Ham the previous week. The harder Carlisle struggle the worse it gets for them and on their superb pitch they gave an outstanding display of spirited football, but fell to a brace of goals which their sweeper Parker described as sucker punches. Certainly they deserved a little bit more than they got. They went behind in the 12th minute when a corner from Thomas was accurately placed to the near post and Eire international Givens knocked the ball home from six yards. It was all so simple, but Carlisle responded and within five minutes had snatched a merited equaliser. In the second half, Carlisle set about reasserting their authority and for 20 minutes they succeeded. Then the Londoners escaped the seige and broke up-field. McLintock released a fine pass to Masson, who helped the ball on its way across field and out to the left where Thomas saw his shot blocked and go wide for a corner. From the flag kick the ball was half cleared and Givens quickly shot home from 20 yards. ("Sunday Telegraph").

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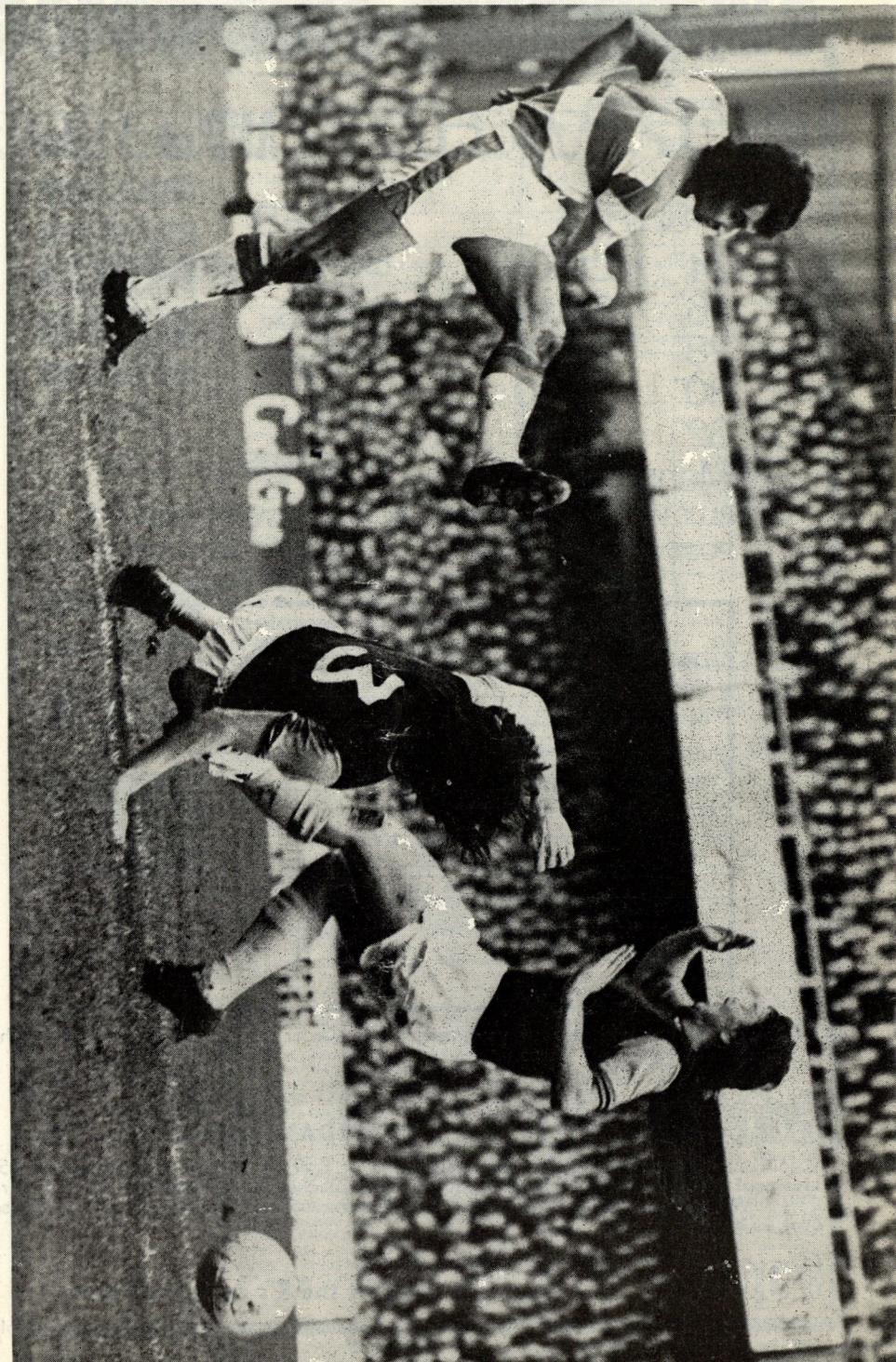
EVERTON
SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, 1975

Join our supporters for our next away game at Everton. Details are: Euston 09.25, Liverpool 12.00, Liverpool 19.04, Euston 21.43. Coaches to and from the ground. Fare £3.15. We only have a certain number of tickets available on the service train so please book as early as possible.

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RANGER TO RANGER

This is the column that gives you a chance to air your views in print. The replies are by Editor, Ron Phillips. If you have a spare photo, send it along with your letter and we'll try to find room for it.

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED AT RANGERS STADIUM"

In a recent programme we invited you to send in your memories of the oddest happenings you have seen at this stadium. Well, you bombarded us with so many weird incidents that it's surprising we ever had time to play soccer here! Most of them seem to concern Arthur Longbottom (see below) or Mark Lazarus and those torn shorts! The winner of this interesting competition is Brian Davies, Greenford, Middx. (who should collect two complimentary tickets from the Box Office) but we print the other letters below and award each one an "Honourable Mention".

14 Twickenham Gardens, Greenford, Middx.
Dear Ron,

The oddest thing happening at Loftus Road? Firstly the longest slide on a muddy pitch I have ever seen by Albert Smith a Rangers wing half near the end of the war years. All the way on the seat of his pants from just outside the penalty area nearly to the centre circle. Secondly a goal scored by Arthur Longbottom (who, for some reason, changed his name to Langley after leaving Rangers.) The Wallsall goalkeeper had cleared the ball to the halfway line and Arthur returned the ball high in the air, it slowly dropped down over the goalkeeper's head and into the net to give Rangers the game 1-0. (April 1st, 1961.)

As everyone else will probably mention Mark Lazarus dashing down the wing without his shorts I'll pass over that and on a personal note remember Frank Kletzenbauer, a Coventry back of the late 'fifties, knocking my younger brother's school cap off with a wild clearance in the crowd.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN DAVIES.

NOT the goal Dave Clement scored during the Cup tie at West Ham on 15th February—but a useful rehearsal for it as Dave is seen here sending two West Ham players reeling from one of his powerful shot.

(Photo: John D. Marsh.)

218 Third Avenue, Queens Park, North Paddington, W.10.
Dear Sir,
Odd moments at the ground competition. How about 1960-61 season when Arthur Longbottom was doing his bootlace up on the halfway line when the Wallsall 'keeper Christie drop-kicked the ball out. Arthur looked up, saw the ball coming down to him so hammered it straight back from the halfway line towards the Wallsall goal. 'Keeper Christie was still on the edge of his box. Over his head the ball went. He began to chase back but it was too late. One bounce and the ball was in the net followed seconds later by 'keeper Christie. It turned out to be the only goal of the game, but Wallsall still gained promotion and we finished third!

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BARNES.

★ Mr. D. D. DAY, Wembley, Middx. also described this incident).

112 Elms Road, Harrow, Weald, Middx. HA3 6BT.
Dear Sirs,
In a wartime game at Loftus Road a Rangers centre-forward Reg Swinfen hit a shot with such force that it burst the roof of the net and the ball finished up in the School grounds. The referee thought that the ball had gone over the bar and awarded a goal-kick but after examining the damage he changed his mind and awarded the goal.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. WEST.

84 Raleigh Ave., Hayes, Middx. UB4 0ET.
Dear Mr. Phillips,
In reference to long distance goal scorers. From Rangers' penalty area Sam Abel took a free kick against the Arsenal Reserves, and scored. Arsenal's goalie was the famous Frank Moss; you should have seen his face—was it red! (like the Arsenal jersey).

Now for interesting memories: Rangers Reserves v. Leicester Reserves, October 1928/29, W. Pearce Benefit Match, (final score QPR 6 Leicester 3). W. Pearce playing left-back scored 3 goals. A hat-trick—but everyone a penalty! What a benefit match!

Yours sincerely,
W. G. HULL.
(54 years a Rangers supporter)



Scorers

QUEENS PARK
RANGERS

LUTON
TOWN

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Colours:

Shirts Blue & White Hoops
Shorts White

Manager: **Dave Sexton**
Assistant Manager: **Frank Sibley**
Substitute:

1 PHIL PARKES

2 DAVE CLEMENT

3 IAN GILLARD

4 DON MASSON

5 FRANK McINTOCK

6 DAVE WEBB

8 GERRY FRANCIS
(Captain)

10 STAN BOWLES

7 DAVE THOMAS

9 JOHN BECK

11 DON GIVENS

Referee:
Mr. A. W. S. JONES
(Ormskirk)



Linesmen:
Mr. J. H. BELLAMY
(Red Flag)
Mr. B. E. BALDRY
(Yellow Flag)

11 JOHN ASTON

9 RON FUTCHER

7 JIMMY RYAN

10 ALAN WEST
(Captain)

8 JIMMY HUSBAND

6 PAUL FUTCHER

5 JOHN FAULKNER

4 PETER ANDERSON

3 STEVE BUCKLEY

2 JOHN RYAN

1 GRAHAM HORN

Manager: **Harry Haslam**
Coach: **Roy McCrohan**

Colours:
Orange Shirts
Black Shorts

LUTON TOWN

RESULT-QPR

LUTON TOWN