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BUSH TELEGRAPH

Only six weeks to the end of the season now and the promotion outlook is as unclear as it was a few months ago. Anyone who can confidently state which of the top eight clubs in the Second Division will be playing in the First Division next year must be an astrologer and not a soccer pundit! What's your guess? We suggest you "perm" any three from eight!

The only way to settle the issue in our own favour is on the pitch and we have a splendid chance to do this today. Our opponents, Luton Town, will provide one of the toughest fights we shall see between now and the end of the season as their chances of attaining First Division status are almost identical to those of Rangers. If one of our two sides loses both points this afternoon, it could signal the end to the season's promotion campaign. And in view of the fact that our team's best performances have been achieved away from home lately, let's hope we shall see the Rangers players in "away" form today!

Cup Final

Congratulations to Rangers' Youth Team on attaining the Final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. This is to be played against Aston Villa in two legs, the first of which will be staged at Villa Park on Monday 31st March 1980 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.) and we hope that as many QPR fans as possible will be there to cheer the boys to victory. The second leg, which may be regarded as the Cup Final itself, will take place at this ground on Monday 21st April 1980 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.). It should be a memorable evening – please don't miss it.

In Memoriam

Regular readers of this programme may recall seeing the name of Mr. Samuel Angel, one of Rangers' oldest Season Ticket Holders. On 7th March, Mr. Angel passed away at the age of 90 and the club lost one of its best supporters. Our deepest sympathy goes to his relatives. We can ill afford to lose such a good friend as this.

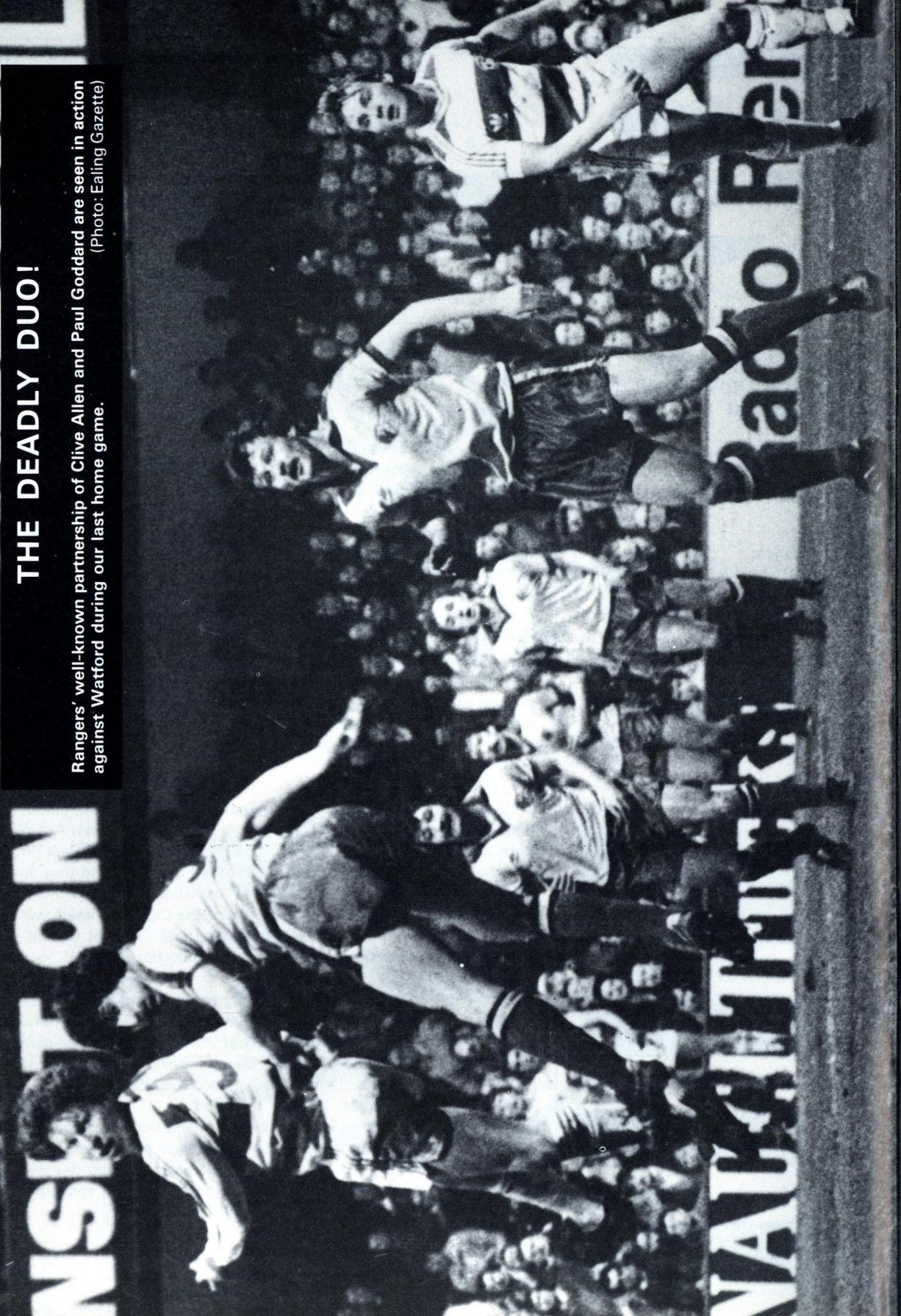
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This afternoon's particularly attractive fixture has been selected as a sponsored game by Argos Ltd. We acknowledge with pleasure the support they are giving to the club and we hope that the day will prove to be mutually beneficial for both Rangers and our sponsors. Many thanks, Argos!

THE DEADLY DUO!

Rangers' well-known partnership of Clive Allen and Paul Goddard are seen in action against Watford during our last home game. (Photo: Ealing Gazette)

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MICHAEL WALE

REPORT



Michael Wale, well known for his TV Sports report and "Evening News" articles, will be interviewing members of our staff during the season and will be expressing his views on all aspects of the soccer scene.

Returning to the Midlands last Saturday afternoon, after watching the Watford match on the Friday night and attending the launching of the Town Mead Youth Club appeal in Fulham (where I spent most of the time discussing the previous night's match with Hammersmith's Mayor and and QPR fanatic Bill Smith), I reflected on not being able to read a match report that recorded every move of Rangers' draw.

It is really horrific that the capital city of England should not print a sporting paper on Saturday night. In our neck of the Midlands you can get either the excellent Coventry Evening Telegraph or the Birmingham Mail. Both give verbatim reports of their teams. Even when the News and the Standard deigned to print on Saturdays they often gave us short shrift. So I am thinking of launching my own Michael Wale Report, cyclo-styled on a Saturday and available in certain selected local pubs and newsagents . . . if they would handle it.

It was one of the joys of my youth to read the buff or green coloured sports editions in Leicester, recording the doings of the city. A real supporter cannot read too much about his or her team! I would write 1,000 words of report, and add some news about Rangers. Surely there would be a demand and I would become a 1p millionaire overnight! But seriously don't you like to savour a match afterwards in more words than the National Press permit us? For example it would take several hundred words to describe Tony Curry's amazing thirty yard goal a week ago. A perfect dead ball rehearsed move if you ask me. And not so many minutes later going forward, this time without a free kick, the same player was only inches over the bar with a similar shot from 25 yards. In fact I feel that if we had shot more at the unsettled Steele in the Watford goal we would have won. Enough to say that the goal we let in was as bad as the goal which cost Nottingham Forest the League Cup last Saturday afternoon. I admired the irresponsibile Brian Clough when he produced the two 'culprits' either side of him on ITV last Sunday and let them own up in public. As it was, it was Peter Shilton who accepted the blame. I agree with him, and thought our ex-centre half David Needham did the right thing in chesting the ball down to a non-existent 'keeper.

One of the privileges of my job is that I go into the Players' Room after some matches. Needless to say they weren't in the best of moods last Friday.

Steve Wicks, who seems to improve game by game, was philosophical enough, and so too was Gordon Hill, our last few minutes substitute. Positively chirpy in fact. I long for him to regain the form that had the Manchester United fans under a spell! Because when he is on top of his game he is the most wonderful player about it. So too is Steve Wicks for that matter and our 'keeper Chris Woods, who had a wonderful game against Watford. Recalling that game I must mention Clive Allen and Paul Goddard, who really are becoming a deadly duo up front, but I felt at times when four towering giants were lined up behind them they needed some help. It was a David and Goliath action replay. If I were to criticise Rangers for anything it would be that we did not play wide enough and use the open spaces; after all, although you could not fault Watford for effort, they were not the most skilful team I have seen. From my seat where I was surrounded by First Division managers like Terry Venables of Crystal Palace and Keith Burtnshaw of Spurs I felt slightly embarrassed at some of the football. Terry's guest was writer Gordon Williams, who wrote the Hazell scripts for Thames-TV with him, and also the book about never playing on grass again. Gordon is one of those writers who lives in the part the public think writers and artists live. At half time he asked where he could phone his wife from. "She'll never believe I'm watching QPR v. Watford", he moaned. It was true. He wrote a book called *The Siege of Trencherman's Farm*, which was turned into the film *The Straw Dogs*. Now he is working on another film and 'thinking of becoming a producer'. Despite his career as a highly successful football manager, Terry Venables still remains his writing partner. At half-time we all admired a photo, in the Visiting Directors room, of a Rangers five-a-side team of the past that won at Wembley. Suffice to say that not only Terry was in that team but Phil Parkes and Rodway Marsh.

and Rodney Marsh.
After the match I met a director of the Northern Irish club Glentoran, who said that we should sign up Dave McCreery's brother, who is a full back. I was assured that although he is a lot older than his brother he would be a snip financially. Being a typical Irishman this gentleman had just returned from Cheltenham Races. And had only come to Rangers because the doorman of his hotel told him there was match on. Thank you, Mr. Doorman.
You meet Rangers' fanatics everywhere,

and surely I am one of the leading nuttines! Only the other day I went into a small bistro called La Vie En Rose, near the Middlesex Hospital for their 'special' lunch when the owner approached me and recounted accurately how we had lost to Leeds United the first time we were in the First Division. For the record they scored very early after the kick off when the floodlights failed. Despite the referee being in darkness at the time he allowed the goal. I remember it perfectly too because that night I had been asked to do a blow by blow account for Radio Leeds, who really only wanted to know what their own team was doing. We were bottom of the First Division at the time and Leeds were on the way to the Championship. We lost by that only goal and afterwards Don Revie said that anyone who had watched the match and not known who the two teams were they would have said we were top of the division and that Leeds were bottom. It was a totally truthful compliment at the

understand that when Ron Jones was on Radio London the other week there were callers who said why didn't I write more about the players? Well, for the record I have interviewed all our first team regulars this season, but do promise for the next game to do what they call an in-depth piece involving our young heroes, Clive Allen and Paul Ondard.

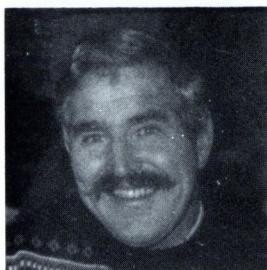
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Michael Wale appears on Thames News, nightly on ITV at 6 p.m. On Fridays he presents "Weekend Wale", an idiosyncratic look at what Londoners can do on Saturdays and Sundays. He has lived in Shepherds Bush and supported Rangers for over 15 years.

Luton Town



DEREK BUXTON

Our Statistics Wizard has assembled one of the best collections of club records in the Football League and uses it to look back on the other times we have played today's visitors.

We haven't played Luton at Loftus Road for just over 5 years, the last occasion being on 1st March 1975 – when we beat them 2-1. This completed a hat trick of home wins, for we also beat them 2-0 in 1973 and 1-0 in 1971.

Luton's last win at Loftus Road, and, indeed, their last victory home or away, was on 29th September 1970, when they beat us 1-0. A look back through the records reveals that apart from 1970, and a 3-0 win in 1948 – these are Luton's only 2 wins at Loftus Road since 1924. Of the matches played since then, we have won 17, 5 have been drawn, and Luton have won twice.

Another strange fact to emerge is that apart from their 3-0 win in 1948, they haven't scored more than one goal in a match down here since 1928.

A look at our record at Kenilworth Road, reveals that recently, we have done rather well. Treble chance experts should remember this fixture, for we have drawn

our last 5 matches there, and 6 out of the last 7. We have only lost 2 of our last 12 visits there since 1937. Although prior to 1937, we only obtained 1 point there in 8 visits.

Should we score 3 goals today, the 3rd one would be our 400th at home in the 2nd Division.

Our record score against Luton was in 1964, when we beat them 7-1. Roger Morgan, Mike Keen (3) – including 2 penalties, and Brian Bedford (3) were our scorers.

Today's match will be our 3169th professional game, our 412th Second Division game, and the 91st time that we have played Luton.

Up to, and including 14th March, Luton's complete league record read:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Division 1	252	82	59	111	358	412	223
Division 2	1055	392	256	407	1632	1595	1040
Division 3	184	75	46	63	266	265	196
Division 3(S)	714	308	175	231	1295	1038	791
Division 4	138	67	29	42	236	187	163
Total	2343	924	565	854	3787	3497	2413

SOCCARTOON by Len Marshall



FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1979/1980 TABLE OF LEADING SCORERS

(Including League, League Cup, F.A. Cup and European Competitions)

ALLEN (QPR)	25
Mayes (Swindon)	24
Sunderland (Arsenal)	24
Moss (Luton)	22
Rowland (Swindon)	22
Boyer (Southampton)	21
Garwood (Aldershot)	21
Hoddle (Tottenham)	21
Johnson (Liverpool)	21
Penn (Walsall)	21
Stapleton (Arsenal)	21



TONY PULLEIN

The League's top Feature Writer examines the past playing history and achievements of today's opponents. Tony also writes the Pen Pictures on the back page.

Luton's biggest win against us was in 1931, when they beat us 5-1 at Kenilworth Road. Our 1-1 draw with Watford brings our record against London clubs at Loftus Road to only 1 defeat in 19 matches.

Fancy our chances against Shrewsbury next week? We have only lost 1 of our last 6 league matches there – the last two meetings have ended in 0-0 draws. At Chelsea? Well, there's a good chance of one of the teams scoring 3 goals. We drew 3-3 in 1974, won 3-0 in 1974/75, lost 1-3 in 1978 and won 3-1 in 1979.

The Hatters had defender Mal Donagh off the field for treatment when Cardiff equalised and they later conceded a second goal in a match they were desperately unlucky to lose. But that's the sort of luck that many teams encounter when they are trying to pull themselves back from a run of adverse results. The Cardiff set-back was Luton's fifth game without a win and, unless they can get back to winning form today, Luton could begin to see their promotion ambitions fade.

Manager David Pleat spent a great deal of time this week trying to get his team back into the right frame of mind for the tough closing weeks of the season. Unless he is forced to by injuries, however, he is unlikely to make any changes. The Luton side has remained virtually unchanged throughout the season.

Jake Findlay has been in goal protected by a back four of Kirk Stephens, Mike Saxby, Paul Price and Mal Donagh. The midfield usually lines up with Tony Grealish, Ricky Hill and Alan West on parade while the attacking line-up has been Brian Stein, David Moss and Bob Hatton.

Mark Aizlewood, a regular member of the defence last season, has come in for only the occasional game while Steve White, a £175,000 signing from Bristol Rovers earlier this season, has made most of his appearances as substitute.

Mr. Pleat has really worked wonders with his squad this season. Last term the Hatters were an average middle-of-the-table outfit but now, with only three more signings, they are running so strongly for promotion. Last summer the manager spent what was then a club record £200,000 to sign Mansfield defender Mike Saxby and then upped the record to £300,000 when securing the signature of Orient's Republic of Ireland international midfield man Tony Grealish. This season he bought Steve White, a forward of midfield player, from Bristol Rovers for £175,000.

Luton took early exits from both Cups, being beaten by Third Division sides in each competition. Gillingham ousted them 4-1 on aggregate from the first round of the League Cup whilst Swindon beat them 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

Luton's attacking policies have brought goals galore from their twin strike force of

Dave Moss and Bob Hatton. Moss's hat-trick against Fulham in mid-February took his total for the season to 21 while Hatton had scored 12 times at the same stage. Since then, however, their sharpness seems to have been blunted. Until Moss scored against Cardiff last week neither had added to his total in five games.

Away form has been particularly disappointing since the turn of the year and their last four away games have produced only one point from a 1-1 draw at Preston. Perhaps Luton have taken too cautious an approach since the pressures began to mount? They got to the top by taking a few chances, scoring a lot of goals. Though it's natural to adapt tactics as the season progresses, Luton appear to have been adopting style of play that is alien to their talents in recent weeks. But of course there's still time to right the situation.

The Kenilworth Road club almost had to close down about five years ago due to crippling debts. But, by shrewd selling of players and stringent economies, the Hatters have now pulled through the crisis and can look forward with much confidence to the future.

Chairman Dennis Mortimer tells some hair-raising stories of the days when Luton seemed certain to crash. The sale of Peter Anderson to Royal Antwerp for £60,000 kept the club in being and, largely through Mr. Mortimer's expert financial guidance, the club somehow pulled through until this season he was able to announce with pride that Luton were finally free of debt.

The club's last spell of First Division football lasted for only one season. In spite of a wonderful late run, Luton suffered immediate relegation at the end of 1974/75.

They were a First Division club earlier on, from 1955 until 1960, and in 1959 they reached the final of the F.A. Cup. Luton lost to Nottingham Forest 1-2.

After losing their First Division place in 1960, Luton slumped into the Third Division three years later and, by 1965, they found themselves in Division Four for the first time. They recovered their Third Division status in 1968 and two years later they returned to Division Two. Now they can widen their horizons again as the First Division beckons them.

BRIEFING

What's happening in Football

Last Saturday's Wembley defeat brought to an end Nottingham Forest's unbeaten run of 25 League Cup ties – a competition record.

Former Ranger Don Givens scored on his debut for Bournemouth at Harlepool last Saturday. He is currently on loan to the Cherries from Birmingham.

Wembley's gate receipts of £641,000 for last week's final were a League Cup record.

When Chelsea, Millwall and ourselves suffered relegation at the end of last season, it was the first time three London clubs suffered that fate in the same season. Sadley, Charlton, Fulham (in Division 2) and Wimbledon (Division 3) seem almost certain to repeat the process. And, if Brentford go too, they could set up a new record.

OUR VISITORS' RESULTS

HOME	AWAY
Gillingham (LC)	1-1
Cambridge	1-1
Orient	2-1
Swansea	5-0
Oldham	0-0
Bristol Rov.	3-1
Sunderland	2-0
Preston	1-1
QPR	1-1
Birmingham	2-3
Newcastle	1-1
Charlton	3-0
Chelsea	3-3
Swindon (FAC)	0-2
Leicester	0-0
Notts Co.	2-1
Fulham	4-0
West Ham	1-1
Cardiff	1-2
Gillingham (LC)	0-3
Bristol Rov.	2-3
Leicester	3-1
Notts Co.	0-0
Fulham	3-1
Cardiff	1-2
West Ham	2-1
Cambridge	2-1
Burnley	0-0
Shrewsbury	2-1
Wrexham	1-3
Watford	1-0
Orient	2-2
Oldham	1-2
Sunderland	0-1
Swansea	0-2
Preston	1-1

IT'S A RECORD!

GROUND
DATE
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Fixture Details

TEAMS

GOALS
RESULT
Rangers Report

AND THE PRESS SAID....

v. SUNDERLAND		v. BURNLEY	
Home		Turf Moor	
Saturday 1st March 1980 (K.O. 3 p.m.)		Saturday 8th March 1980 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	
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Cold and damp Pitch soft but level		Cloudy and dull Pitch good and firm	
Football League Division II (16th Home game)		Football League Division II (16th Away game)	
QPR	SUNDERLAND (7th in Div. II)	QPR	BURNLEY (7th in Div. II)
Woods Shanks Gillard McCreery Hazell Wicks Roeder Goddard Allen Currie Burke	Turner Whitworth Hinnigan Clarke Hindmarch Elliott Arnott Marangoni Cooke Robson Cummins	Woods Shanks Gillard McCreery Hazell Wicks Goddard Roeder Allen Currie Burke (Hill sub. for Currie in 86th minute)	Stevenson Arins Brennan R. Overton V. Overton Dickson James Cavaner Hamilton Jacub Smith
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An unexciting draw but not quite so bad as some press reports suggested. If the game lacked thrills, the visiting team should take about 75% of the blame!			
The big boot and the big kick ruled at Shepherds Bush. With Rangers finishing failing to match their approach work, it was Sunderland's spoiling, brawny defenders who hewed hard-won draw in this depressing and frenzied battle for promotion points. The Roker defensive heroes in a harsh, tense, tight-marking struggle were 18-year-old Bobby Hindmarsh, their skipper, Steve Whitworth and Jeff Clarke with Shaun Elliott putting together a good technical midfield show after a shaky start. For QPR, Steve Wicks, right back, Don Shanks and in particular, the creative Ian Gillard, snuffed out the visiting forwards. While Rangers' keeper, Chris Woods, had so little to do in the first half that his manager Tommy Docherty sent him out for a warm up at half-time, Sunderland 'keeper Chris Turner earned his wages with two magnificent saves. Early on, after Paul Goddard - who worked hard all through - had flicked the ball on to Clive Allen, Turner rushed from goal to block Allen's close-range shot with his legs. (Ronald Kennedy, "Sunday Express".)			

RANGERS SUPPORTERS ROLL OF HONOUR

This season we are recording in the programme the names of those whom we consider to be the best supporters of our club. We are beginning with the names of Season Ticket Holders and will eventually record Supporters Club Members. Names are given in alphabetical order and, if any omissions occur, please advise us so that these can be inserted at a later date. Today, however, Rangers' thanks are extended to the following:

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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.

61 Chesterton Sq., Kensington,
Dear Mr. Phillips,
Ashford Road, Staines,
W.8.

Dear Ron,
I was absolutely staggered to find that two records went at the Burnley game on 8th March.

The first, wasn't too surprising - the first time that we have won at Turf Moor (though I thought it would be a game that we would lose - I'm glad I'm wrong).

The second I find hard to believe, but I've spent the last hour going back through my records, and can't prove otherwise.

I do believe, it's THE FIRST TIME EVER that both QPR full backs have scored in the same match.

Certainly it hasn't happened in the last 40 years, and I've gone back to 1899, and unless someone played out of their normal position - which didn't happen very much in the old days - I can't find another occasion.

It might be interesting to throw the question open to our old supporters - but I don't think they will come up with anything.

Best wishes,

DEREK BUXTON

★ Can anyone recall both full-backs scoring for us in one game before?

160 Chambersbury Lane, Hemel Hempstead,
Dear Mr. Phillips, Herts. HP3 8BH

On the last day of my holidays I was reading the Ranger to Ranger page of this season's Fulham programme. I looked through the suggestions for topics to write about and decided on the players' names story. After much thought, here is my version.

Whilst out on Shanks' pony, I met my friend Allen walking along the Roeder. We walked through the Woods, and over the Hill. We ate Hazell-nuts and hoped for Currie for tea.

"Howe on earth did you walk so far?" asked my mum, who was getting on our Wicks by now. She did not like my friend and when he had gone called him a Nutt and a Burke.

That night when Neal-ing on my bed I fell off and hit my head. Following Busby the bird's advice, my mum telephoned the Doc, who came round and said I would be all right, but I couldn't go out for two days, so I missed Gillard's, McCreery's and co's next home game (sob, sob)!

THE END

Yours R'fully,
ANDREW HEAD (13)

★ Nice one, Andrew - we can't think of a more comprehensive cast list.

28c, Ramshill Rd., Scarborough,
Dear Sir,
YO11 2QF.

I am very interested in the fortunes of QPR in the last few seasons. My brother is a member of the supporters' club and he spends every penny he has on getting to see the club.

My interest has been aroused by his enthusiasm and I am looking forward to my first match at Loftus Road when we come to see QPR v. Luton Town. Good luck to all the lads.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MILLWARD

★ If you've come to watch us today all the way from Scarborough, you deserve to see your name in the programme. Thank your brother too for his splendid support.

Flat 10, 14 Boveney Road,
Honor Oak Park,
SE23 3NR.

Dear Sir,
DULWICH HAMLET PROGRAMME FAIR

The above event will take place on Sunday 30th March 1980, in the DHFC Club Rooms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., admission by programme 20p. Many dealers will be in attendance, including: David Stacey, Peter Holtom and The Thameside Programme Club.

I would appreciate it, if you would kindly mention the above event in your forthcoming home programmes and in any other publication your club produces.

The ground is situated 10 minutes walk from Denmark Hill and Herne Hill BR stations and the 184, 185 buses pass the ground.

I thank you in anticipation and wish you the very best of luck in your remaining matches.

Yours faithfully,
TONY BROWN



Hang on in there,
Rangers!

★ This sketch was sent in by NIGEL PICKERING (aged 15), Whitehaven, Cumbria who feels it sums up Rangers' promotion hopes at the moment. Nigel promises to eat his Supporters Club Diary if we print his masterpiece O.K., Nigel, the ceremony will take place on the pitch at one of our forthcoming games. Will you need salt and pepper for it?



CHRISTMAS PHOTO COMPETITION

Here's a selection of photos of the seventies – and a very strange assortment they are. Do you think you can make up a short story to include as many scenes as possible? For guidance, here are a few suggestions. Please get your entry plus a short caption and the name and address of the sender and idea in to Photo Competition, Q.P.R. F.C., Shepherd's Bush, London, W.12. The most humorous entry will win the sender a prize of being Q.P.R.'s guest at one of our future matches when he will sit in the Directors Box: meet the players after the game, and receive an autographed match ball. So start thinking!



CHRISTMAS PHOTO COMPETITION – RESULT

We invited you to submit funny captions for the above range of Photos From The 70's (No, we don't know how that shot of Frank Sibley and Jim Langley at the 1967 Football League Cup Final got in either!). Our prize for the best entry was to be our guest at a forthcoming match. So if **David Webber**, 203 Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware would like to sit in our Directors Box at the Cambridge United game and meet the players afterwards, he should contact the Secretary. David's captions are as follows:-

1. I told you three to go before the game started!
2. Two little dickie birds sitting on the wall, one named.....
3. I've heard of packing them in, but this is ridiculous.
4. You put your left leg in, your left out.....
5. Waving, no! Just seeing if the deodorant works.
6. I should have twigged this when they said come down the Bush and be a Ranger.
7. The Editor always makes a mistake! I bet he would have loved us back at Wembley in the seventies.
8. Who me on my hands and knees cutting the lawn with scissors!, who grassed?
9. I'm telling you, these outfits don't suit everyone.
10. Would you tell your alsatian, it's me who goes to the dogs!

Honourable Mentions: (and our sympathy if they are disappointed after all their hard work) go to **Andrew Roche**, London, N.10. (for such offerings as "Dave Thomas looking for the coin that the short-sighted referee lost at the previous Saturday's game!"') and **John Campbell** (aged 12), South Harrow. (We particularly liked his idea for the "Phil Parkes & Police photo – "Autographs after the match, please, gentlemen!" says Phil Parkes.)

FOR THE BLIND

We have been delighted to give permission to the Royal London Society for the Blind to make a collection at the Ground today in aid of its School Rebuilding Fund. Please give GENEROUSLY. The Society is one of the oldest and largest organisations for the Blind in the Country and is primarily concerned with the education and employment of the Blind. The modernisation of its School at Dorton House, Seal, Sevenoaks at a cost of around £3m, is currently under way and financial help is desperately needed. The Society, whose headquarters are but a stone's throw from Loftus Road, is always pleased to send further information of its activities to interested enquirers.

WHEN IS RANGERS' CENTENARY?

by REG STARNES,
Director of QPR

Some trace our history back to 1885, others to 1882. I can testify to 1882 because I took the place on the Board of George J. Wodehouse who was there in 1882. (He was the father of George F. Wodehouse who served many years as Director, then Chairman and now a Vice President). Before he died in 1947. George Wodehouse, Senior told us the story of the club's formation. He was an original member of the boys' club Christchurch Rangers when that team started in 1882. Also in 1882 J. McDonald and Fred Weller formed a team from the boys of Droop St. School, Queens Park London W. and when they became interested in the Boys' Brigade at St. Judes Church they adopted the name St. Judes F.C. in 1885. One day in 1886 a friend of the family came to watch George Senior play for Christchurch Rangers against their old rivals St. Judes F.C. In the St. Judes team was Albert Pearsall who, like George Wodehouse of Christchurch Rangers, later became a QPR Director. On the way home George's friend remarked that an amalgamation of the two sides would bring about a really good team. The idea took concrete form a few weeks later when some of the Christchurch Rangers of Paddington formed St. Judes F.C. of Queens Park, but, on the question of a name neither organisation would give way. Eventually St. Judes succeeded with "Queens Park" to which Christchurch added "Rangers". This however was

not a complete amalgamation of the two clubs, for the rest of Christchurch continued for, a few years under the name of Paddington. Queens Park Rangers became one of the senior amateur clubs in the South. In 1898 the present company was incorporated (at a meeting at St. Judes Institute!) and the first professional league match was played in September 1899. In 1967 the Rangers won the Football League Cup at Wembley and in 1976 became Runners-up in the First Division of the Football League. Those two men, who in due course both became QPR Directors were on rival sides. Albert Pearsall tracing St. Judes F.C., Queens Park back to 1885 (formerly Droop Street 1882) while George Wodehouse went back to 1882 with Christchurch Rangers. Joining the Board in Feb. 1948, when Queens Park Rangers F.C. was well established, and having known both Albert and George (Senior) I vote for the earlier date – which would make Queens Park Rangers Centenary Year 1982. What do you say?

(★ **EDITOR'S NOTE:** In view of the fact that a club's history is recorded from the time its earlier teams started playing and NOT from the date at which it gained its present name, it is clear a case exists for our Centenary Date to be reckoned from 1882. Unless a challenge arises to this proposition, we shall act on it accordingly.)

APPEARANCES & SCORERS

(Figures in parenthesis represent goals scored)

FIRST TEAM (Football League Div. 2, F.L. Cup & F.A. Cup)	FOOTBALL COMBINATION	JUNIORS (S.E.C. League)
(Up to and including 14th March, 1980)	(Up to and including 15th March, 1980)	(Up to and including 15th March, 1980)
Allen 39 (25)	Burke 3 (2)	Pape 30
Busby 6	Busby 22	Neill 25
Burke 25 (2)	Elsey 7	Daves 29
Currie 24 (3)	Harkouk 16 (7)	Ferday 23 (16)
Gillard 34 (2)	Hill M. 27 (3)	Fullerton 26 (1)
Goddard 37 (14)	Hucker 17	Gavin 27 (1)
Harkouk 5	Howe 1	John 24 (2)
Hazell 29 (1)	Michklewhite 32 (6)	Muir 22 (16)
Hill G. 7	Neal 24 (19)	O'Connor 26 (10)
McCreery 39 (4)	Nutt 16	Roe 13 (1)
Neal 6 (1)	Rogers 29	Wilkins 26 (11)
Roeder 36 (9)	Waddock 6	Robinson 7
Shanks 39 (2)	Wallace 20 (3)	Gregory 7
Waddock 15 (1)	John 15	Williamson 2
Wallace 8	Wilkins 7	Woods 6
Walsh 9	Walsh 13 (4)	Mason 2
Woods 39	Neill 10	Duffield 4
Wicks 30	O'Connor 5	Link 1
	Fullerton 10 (1)	McDonald 10 (2)
	Ferday 2 (1)	Stewart 23 (12)
	McDonald 1	Waddock 5
	Pape 1	
	Roeder 1	
	Hill G. 5 (1)	

THE FACTS AND

Football League Division 2 (Up to and including 18th March, 1980)

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
33	11	2	3	28	13	Chelsea	8	2	7	28	32	42
32	11	3	2	29	13	Birmingham City	6	4	6	16	16	41
33	9	5	3	26	15	Leicester City	5	7	4	20	17	40
33	9	6	2	39	19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	6	2	8	21	21	38
33	7	8	2	32	16	Luton Town	6	4	6	21	21	38
32	13	3	0	37	11	Sunderland	2	5	9	15	25	38
33	12	3	1	26	10	Newcastle United	2	7	8	16	25	38
30	11	2	3	27	12	West Ham United	5	3	6	13	16	37
33	7	5	4	23	26	Orient	5	6	6	17	18	35
32	10	3	3	23	13	Oldham Athletic	2	6	8	17	26	33
33	11	2	3	23	10	Wrexham	3	3	11	14	30	33
33	10	2	4	18	12	Cardiff City	4	3	10	15	27	33
33	7	6	3	28	16	Cambridge United	2	8	7	16	25	32
33	4	9	4	22	18	Notts County	6	2	8	19	20	31
33	10	3	3	31	15	Shrewsbury Town	4	0	13	15	29	31
33	6	8	3	25	22	Preston North End	2	7	7	17	22	31
33	10	0	7	25	18	Swansea City	2	6	8	11	29	30
33	6	5	5	18	17	Watford	2	7	8	10	19	28
33	7	6	3	28	18	Bristol Rovers	2	4	11	14	33	28
33	5	6	6	17	20	Burnley	1	4	11	17	40	22
32	6	5	5	20	20	Charlton Athletic	0	3	13	9	36	20
32	3	4	9	14	24	Fulham	3	3	10	17	34	19

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Tuesday, 18th March 1980 (not inc.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	32	20	8	4	81	39	48
Chelsea	34	20	7	7	57	36	47
Arsenal	31	20	6	5	72	34	46
Norwich City	31	19	7	5	57	22	45
Fulham	33	18	6	9	64	44	42
Ipswich Town	34	14	11	9	56	41	39
Southampton	35	13	11	11	54	44	37
QPR	32	15	6	11	68	59	36
West Ham United	33	14	7	12	57	50	35
Bristol City	29	14	5	10	64	43	33
Birmingham City	33	12	9	12	44	47	33
Bristol Rovers	33	12	9	12	49	59	33
Leicester City	35	13	5	17	54	57	31
Crystal Palace	34	10	10	14	54	55	30
Luton Town	32	8	13	11	34	45	29
Swindon Town	32	11	5	16	45	55	27
Oxford United	33	8	9	16	42	54	25
Cardiff City	33	9	7	17	42	57	25
Plymouth Argyle	34	8	6	20	45	84	22
Orient	33	6	7	20	22	46	19
Hereford United	31	5	7	19	40	70	17
Reading	29	6	5	18	41	91	17

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

DIV. I LEAGUE TABLE 15/3/80

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Norwich City	25	15	6	4	57	25	36
Arsenal	24	12	7	5	37	24	31
QPR	23	12	5	6	66	31	29
Watford	22	13	3	6	48	27	29
Charlton Athletic	24	13	3	8	52	50	29
Ipswich Town	23	10	7	6	42	26	27
Crystal Palace	22	10	6	6	39	38	26
Millwall	22	9	7	6	37	33	25
West Ham United	23	10	5	8	38	38	25
Fulham	23	10	5	8	34	36	25
Gillingham	26	11	2	13	40	53	24
Orient	26	9	4	13	35	48	22
Tottenham Hotspur	25	7	5	13	45	51	19
Southend United	23	5	3	15	33	50	13
Chelsea	24	3	6	15	29	50	12
Portsmouth	21	2	0	19	23	75	4

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

Tues.	Aug.	21	Birmingham City	2-2
Sat.	Sept.	1	FULHAM	2-3
Sat.	"	8	Crystal Palace	3-3
Tues.	"	11	TOTTENHAM	6-1
Sat.	"	15	ARSENAL	2-10
Wed.	"	19	Tottenham Hotspur	0-0
Sat.	"	22	West Ham United	4-1
Mon.	"	24	HEREFORD UNITED	2-1
Sat.	"	29	SOUTHAMPTON	3-1
Tues.	Oct.	2	OXFORD UNITED	5-1
Sat.	"	6	Plymouth Argyle	5-0
Tues.	"	16	LEICESTER CITY	1-0
Sat.	"	20	Luton Town	4-1
Tues.	"	23	ORIENT	3-0
Sat.	Nov.	3	Hereford	2-0
Mon.	"	13	Birmingham City	1-3
Sat.	"	17	Ipswich Town	2-1
Wed.	"	21	Cardiff City	0-4
Tues.	"	27	LUTON TOWN	2-3
Sat.	Dec.	8	Bristol Rovers	2-1
Wed.	"	19	Chelsea	0-4
Sat.	Jan.	5	Swindon Town	2-3
Mon.	"	14	BRISTOL CITY	4-1
Sat.	"	19	C. PALACE (K.O. 11.00 a.m.)	3-4
Sat.	"	26	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1-2
Sat.	Feb.	2	Arsenal	2-3
Sat.	"	9	WEST HAM UTD. (K.O. 11 a.m.)	2-2
Sat.	"	13	READING	1-1
Sat.	"	16	Southampton	1-0
Tues.	"	19	NORWICH (2.30)	0-0
Sat.	"	23	Leicester City	0-0
Mon.	Mar.	10	Oxford Utd.	0-2
Sat.	"	22	Bristol City	A
Sat.	"	29	IPSWICH	H
Sat.	April	5	Orient	A
Sat.	"	9	CHELSEA (2.30)	H
Sat.	"	12	Swindon Town	A
Sat.	"	14	Reading	A
Sat.	"	19	CARDIFF	H
Sat.	"	26	Norwich City	A
Tues.	"	3	BRISTOL ROVERS	A

THE FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	GOALSCORERS
Sat. Aug. 18	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	12,652	Allen, Goddard
Wed. " 22	Cardiff City	0-1	11,656	
Sat. " 25	LEICESTER CITY	1-4	13,091	Allen (pen.)
Tue. " 28	BRADFORD CITY (FLC2 1st Leg)	2-1	8,560	McCreery, Neal
Sat. Sept. 1	Notts County	0-1	8,751	
Wed. " 5	Bradford City (FLC2 2nd Leg)	2-0	11,372	
Sat. " 8	FULHAM	3-0	17,105	Gillard, Roeder
Sat. " 15	Swansea City	2-1	16,931	Goddard, Allen, Currie
Sat. " 22	WEST HAM UNITED	3-0	24,692	Burke, Stevenson (o.g.)
Tues. " 25	Mansfield Town (FLC 3)	3-0	9,485	Goddard, Allen (2)
Sat. " 29	Oldham Athletic	0-0	8,975	Currie, Bowles, Allen
Sat. Oct. 6	Watford	2-1	22,341	Allen, Roeder
Tue. " 9	CARDIFF CITY	3-0	12,225	Allen (2) 1 pen., Roeder
Sat. " 13	PRESTON NORTH END	1-1	14,316	Goddard
Sat. " 20	Sunderland	0-3	25,201	
Sat. " 27	BURNLEY	7-0	11,261	Allen (2), Goddard (2), McCreery, Roeder, Shanks
Tue. " 30	WOLVERHAMPTON (FLC4)	1-1	20,904	Allen
Sat. Nov. 3	Bristol Rovers	3-1	8,351	Thomas (o.g.), Roeder, Allen
Wed. " 7	Wolverhampton (FLC4 Rep.)	0-1	26,014	
Sat. " 10	Luton Town	1-1	19,619	
Sat. " 17	SHREWSBURY TOWN	2-1	12,048	McCreery, Roeder
Sat. " 24	CHARLTON ATH. (1)	4-0	13,013	Allen (2) 1 pen., Bowles, Roeder
Sat. Dec. 1	Cambridge United	1-2	8,083	Bowles
Sat. " 8	WREXHAM	2-2	11,312	Goddard (2)
Sat. " 15	Newcastle United (2)	2-4	24,986	Goddard, Roeder
Tue. " 18	CHELSEA	2-2	26,598	Allen (2)
Sat. " 29	Leicester City	0-2	20,743	
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Tue. Jan. 1	Birmingham City	1-2	25,963	Allen
Sat. " 5	WATFORD (FAC 3)	1-2	19,398	Hazzell
Sat. " 12	NOTTS COUNTY	1-3	9,613	Allen
Sat. " 19	Fulham	2-0	11,579	Waddock, Burke
Sat. Feb. 2	SWANSEA CITY	3-2	11,153	Goddard (2), Allen
Sat. " 9	West Ham United	1-2	26,037	Goddard
Tue. " 12	ORIENT	0-0	11,361	
Sat. " 16	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	4-3	8,372	Allen (2), Goddard, McCreery
Sat. " 23	Preston North End	3-0	10,350	Allen Goddard, Roeder
Sat. Mar. 1	SUNDERLAND	0-0</td		



AWAY TRAVEL NEWS

SHREWSBURY. MARCH 29th, 1980. FARE £6.00. SPECIAL QPR TRAIN

DEPART EUSTON	11.03	ARRIVE SHREWSBURY	13.54
DEPART SHREWSBURY	17.05	ARRIVE EUSTON	20.00
FARE £6.00 (£6.50 if purchased on day of travel)			

COME ON THE "SUPERHOOP" RIVERBOAT DISCO. THURSDAY MAY 8th. FROM WINDSOR DOWN RIVER AND BACK. LEAVING WINDSOR 7.30 p.m. RETURNING 11.30 p.m. A Coach will run from QPR ground to Windsor, picking up at Hammersmith Broadway and Chiswick Roundabout. Price (including sausage and chips supper) £4.50 (inclusive of coach fare), if coach not required £3.50.

SUPPORTERS CAR STICKER COMPETITION:

The entries for this competition was of a very high standard and judging was difficult. Some although beautifully designed and drawn were too complicated for car stickers, as these have to be fairly easy to reproduce to enable them to be sold at a reasonable price. Taking all these things into consideration the winner is:

Mr. ALAN CHAMBERS of EAST ACTON. (Supporters Club No. 2029)

Runners-up and very highly commended: David Elderfield of Edgware, Mr. Singerton of Biggin Hill. Although Mr. Chambers sticker was considered the best, others entered will probably also be reproduced, all entries will be contacted.

CLUB SHOP NEWS

SALE ITEMS:

Calendar Pennants 40p,
Addidas Large Boys Home Kit shirts (seconds) £4.00,
Dartboards £1.00,
Book Marks 20p,
QPR Embroidered Shirts (Light Blue) £4.00,
QPR Table Lighters £5.00,
Red QPR Holdall Bags £2.00.

ALSO IN STOCK:

Assorted QPR "Iron On" Motifs (suitable for T shirts etc.) £1.00 per pack,
QPR Jotter Pads £1.40,
QPR Glass Ashtrays 95p,
Various new Sew On Patches 45p,
Coloured photographs individual & team 35p,
Team Photograph (7 x 5) 80p.

NEW IN STOCK:

Sweatshirts (White with badge) - 20", 24" chest £3.50, 26", 28" chest £4.00, 30", 32", £4.50. Adult sizes Small, Medium and Large £6.00.

Also Blue Sweatshirts (with Badge), Small, Medium, Large £6.00.

BE A "WITH IT" QPR SUPPORTER, WEAR THE NEW RANGERS T SHIRT. (White cotton with badge).

22" to 28" chest £1.80, 30" & 32" chest £2.00. Small, Medium & Large £2.50. Extra Large £2.75.

LUTON TOWN



Back row (left to right): Andrew Pearson, Seamus Heath, Leslie Harriott, Gary Heale, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Gary Sisman, Alan Ollis. 3rd row (left to right): David Coates (Coach), Mark Aizlewood, John Findlay, Graham Jones, Alan Judge, Kirk Stevens, Brian Stein, John Moore (Coach). 2nd row (left to right): Lil Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, Michael Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (Ass. M.an.), David Pleat (Manager), John Smith (Chief Executive), Bob Hatton, Paul Price, Alan Birchenall, David Moss. Front row (left to right): Alan Cosby, Robert Johnson, Jan Piotrowski, Tom Murphy, Frank Murphy, Ray Brammer, Conquest, John Cole, John Woodward, Neil Madden.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Manager: **TOMMY DOCHERTY**
Colours: Blue & White Hooped Shirts, White Shorts

CHRIS WOODS

Chris's transfer to Rangers last summer did more than earn him a place in League soccer for the first time. His outstanding displays won him a game in the England U-21 side against Bulgaria in November.

DON SHANKS

Play-anywhere Don has been much more settled this season, filling the right-back spot for much of the campaign. A former Fulham apprentice, Don turned professional with Luton and came to The Bush in 1975.

IAN GILLARD

Consistent Ian has been a member of our first-team for more than ten years now. His stylish displays at left-back earned him three full England caps and further honours at under-23 level.

DAVID McCREERY

David is a regular member of the Northern Ireland team. He spent seven years with Manchester United, appearing in two F.A. Cup finals, before joining us last summer for £200,000.

BOB HAZELL

Bob is only in his third season of League football but he has quickly grown in stature. Already he is an England 'B' and under-21 international and we had to pay £240,000 to sign him from Wolves earlier this season.

STEVE WICKS

Steve entered League soccer with Chelsea in 1975 and soon became an outstanding First Division centre-back. Derby paid £575,000 for him last season and we had to go above that figure to persuade the Rams to part with him this season.

PAUL GODDARD

Paul got his big break in 1977/78 and earned a regular place mid-way through last season. He is currently enjoying by far his best season and is now one of our leading scorers.

GLENN ROEDER (Captain)

Glen can perform equally well as a central defender or as a midfield player and this versatility has already earned him England 'B' honours. He began his career with Orient and we signed him for £250,000 in 1978.

CLIVE ALLEN

Clive has been the Second Division's leading scorer for most of the season. He showed his potential when introduced to the side last season, hitting four goals in only four full League appearances.

TONY CURRIE

Tony, who joined us last summer from Leeds for £400,000, has 15 England caps. He began his career with Watford and later served Sheffield United before going to Leeds in 1976.

STEVE BURKE

Steve didn't get into Nottingham Forest's League eleven but he soon got his chance after joining us last summer. He made his League bow against Fulham in September and has been a fairly regular member of the side since.

LUTON TOWN

Manager: **DAVID PLEAT**
Colours: Orange Shirts, Black Shorts

JAKE FINDLAY

Jake got only 14 chances to play in Aston Villa's League team and his career really didn't begin to flourish until his £100,000 transfer to Luton last season. Now he is hoping to get the chance to play for Scotland.

KIRK STEPHENS

Kirk joined the club from Nuneaton Town and went into the first-team last season. Now he is firmly settled at right-back. He scored his first League goal on Boxing Day this season – it gave Luton a 1-0 win at Watford.

MAL DONAGHY

Mal won N. Ireland under-21 honours in his Larne Town days. Luton signed him for £20,000 during the 1978 close-season and now he has switched from midfield to left-back. He has been included in the N.I. squad for the coming World Cup Tie v. Israel.

TONY GREALISH

Luton increased their club record payout to £300,000 when they signed Tony from Orient last summer. He had spent the previous five seasons in the O's first-team. Tony won his 12th Republic of Ireland cap against England in February.

MIKE SAXBY

Mike paid a then club record fee of £200,000 to sign Mike from Mansfield last summer. He had worked his way into the Stags' senior team for a couple of games in 1975/76 but last season he was ever-present.

PAUL PRICE (Captain)

Paul has been with the club since 1971 and he has been a regular first teamer for the past three-and-a-half years. He completed 150 League appearances for them this season.

RICKY HILL

Ricky first signed for Luton as a schoolboy in May 1975 and later completed his apprenticeship with the club. He made his first-team bow in 1975/76 and has been holding his place for the past three years.

ALAN WEST

Alan is a former England under-23 international who first entered League soccer with Burnley in 1970. Luton paid £80,000 for him in 1973 and he has now played more than 250 League games for the club.

BRIAN STEIN

Brian is a local discovery who came into the first-team two seasons ago. He scored 11 goals last season and has hit six so far this term.

BOB HATTON

Bob served Wolves, Bolton and Northampton before becoming a top scorer for Carlisle. Birmingham paid a then record £85,000 for him in 1971 and sold him to Blackpool for £50,000 five years later. After topping their list, he joined Luton in 1978.

DAVID MOSS

Dave joined Luton from Swindon for £90,000 in 1978 and was top scorer with 13 goals last season. Now he is chasing Clive Allen for the lead in the Second Division this term. Dave has scored 22 goals so far but was badly injured in last week's game against Cardiff.

REFEREE

Mr. A. J. HAMIL
(Staffs.)

RESULT

QPR

LUTON TOWN

LINESMEN

Mr. D. J. AXCELL
(Yellow Flag)

Mr. D. G. KING
(Red Flag)

SCORERS

QPR

LUTON TOWN