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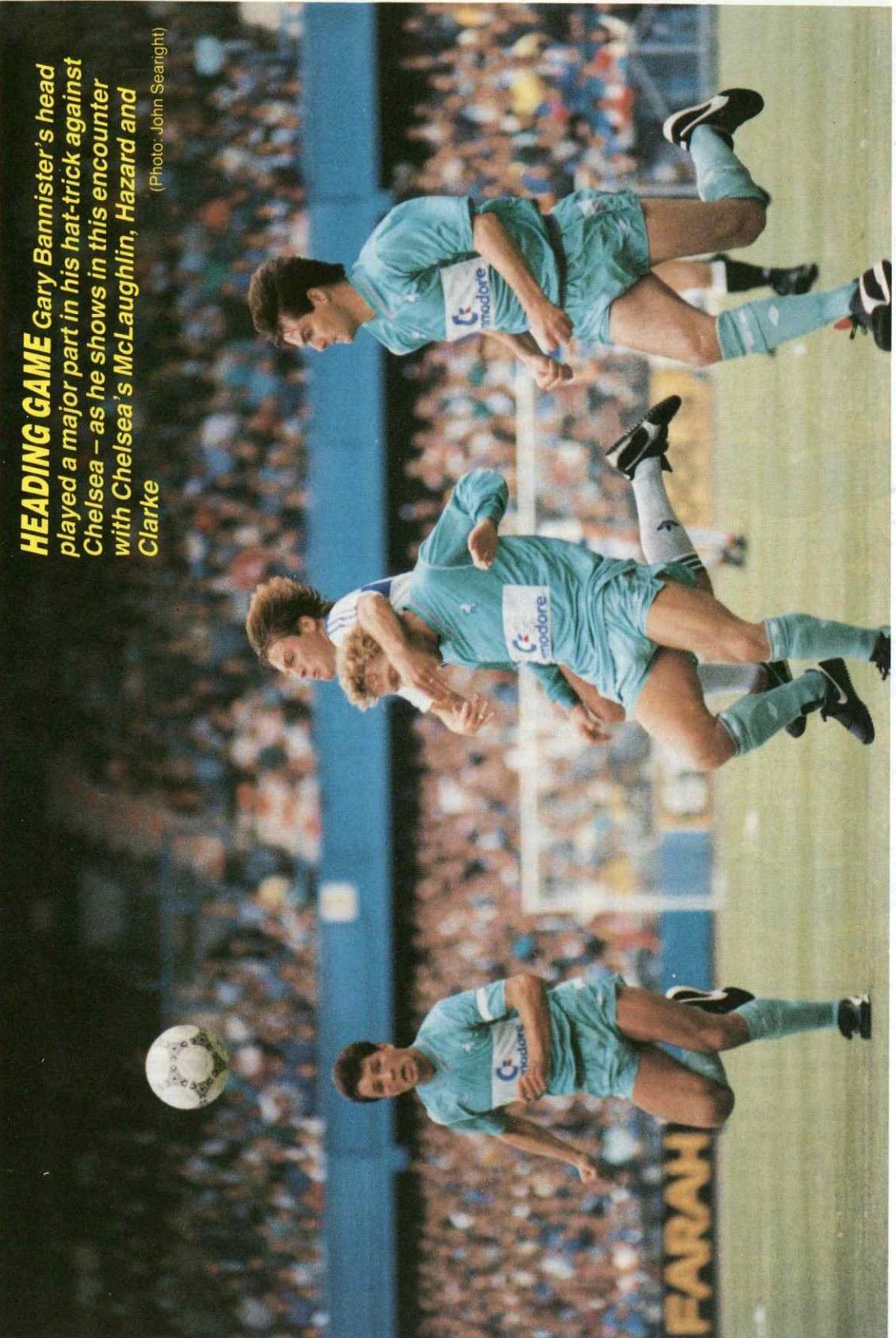
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HEADING GAME Gary Bannister's head played a major part in his hat-trick against Chelsea – as he shows in this encounter with Chelsea's McLaughlin, Hazard and Clarke

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BUSH TELEGRAPH

Rangers welcome the players and supporters of Luton Town for a game which has taken on added significance. Our sweeper and strong defensive tactics have been the talking point of the new season and have met with considerable admiration from many of the pundits of the game. The 'Mail On Sunday' even recommended that Bobby Robson give consideration to introducing our strategy into the England team (although it is Jim Smith's view that it would not work at International level as Bobby Robson is given so little time to familiarise his players with new tactics). But we lost 0-2 at Oxford last Saturday so the situation becomes very interesting. Let's see how we perform against Luton today - there is bound to be more ammunition for the argument either way.

Don't Get Locked Out!

Many Rangers fans who normally stand on the Loftus Road Terrace or use the Loftus Road Stand were disappointed to find they could not occupy their favourite viewing positions at the 'sell-out' Chelsea game as they had not taken the precaution of obtaining Membership Cards. Some of them had to watch the game from the Paddock or in seats surrounded by Chelsea fans (which may well have dampened their enthusiasm). We can only give them the advice we have been hammering out all season: do please obtain an application form from the Box Office in South Africa Road (or phone 01-743 0262) to have one sent to you) and make sure you become a Membership Card Holder. Then at our next big game (probably Manchester United on 5th December) you can watch the match in comfort from the Loftus Road Membership Area!

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Programme Special

We printed a special souvenir issue of the programme for the home game against Chelsea and, as it had a lot more pages and special features, we charged £1 for it. We were aware that some readers do not care for price increases so we made them a special offer: if they did not consider the programme was worth £1 they could send it back to us and we would refund the 30p extra cost plus their postage. And we also promised to return the programme to them so that they could not lose out on the offer! In the event, we sold 16,125 copies of the Chelsea issue. And how many asked for the 30p refund? No-one did. Looks as if we pleased everybody that time!

Regular reader, Clinton Wilcox, suggests that our "Let The Fans Have A Word" page could do with articles on such subjects as the team tactics mentioned in our first paragraph or the decision to return to grass next season. We would welcome features on these subjects. Would any of our talented supporters like to contribute a page on these interesting themes?

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Today's Cover Picture

A magnificent shot by Marc Morris capturing the agonising pressure of a corner kick at the Chelsea game and starring Steve Wicks and Alan McDonald.

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Michael Wale

REPORTS



kitchen so that my son can play with them when he starts playing soccer".

Gary has a son Alex, who is about to be three years old. And a daughter Christy, who arrived the week of the Chelsea game.

His wife Tracey has not been able to see many games while they have been living in Shotteswell, but Gary thinks she'll now be a much more regular visitor to watch him play for Rangers once they have moved to Bracknell.

One thing he did miss after that Chelsea triumph, and that was reading about it on the Sunday morning: "Because we live where we do in the Midlands, there are no reports of London matches unless a Midlands side is involved. So there wasn't a word about the Chelsea game. In fact I don't often read about Rangers, so I don't know what the papers down here think of me."

And so to Luton, who have done so well this season under the management of Ray Harford. Ray had an unhappy time when he was at Fulham, as he was obliged to sell player after player. But he has never been embittered, and now he is back and in the First Division at that.

We are only too aware that Luton have an amazing record at Loftus Road. I'll leave those facts and figures to Derek Buxton. But suffice to say that they won the first game played on the artificial surface here, and never seemed to look back after that. That is until that F.A. Cup replay here last season when at last we beat them.

Gary comments: "At least there will be no complaints about the pitch after this game. They are a very good team. They have lost Peter Nicholas, whom I rated very highly. But they have another player I think is very good in Mal Donachy."

"Brian Stein is always putting the ball in the net. Yes, they're a good side". And we need no reminding that they went to the Manor Ground and won 5-2. Still, all that is behind us both now, and Rangers can return to prove that we were no morning glory, as they say in racing.



Gary Bannister

Of course, two weeks ago today Gary scored that hat-trick against Chelsea and was able to keep the ball and take it home: "It took me about an hour to get hold of it after the match. The referee still had it in his room".

"I went up to the boxes and met a few people, as well as going in the Players Lounge. I didn't leave until an hour and a half after."

"I took the ball with me. I didn't get it signed, because I did get one signed and it all smudged. I've got two at home after games with Chelsea. As well as two others. I keep them on top of a cupboard in my



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MIRROR IMAGE

Compare this shot with the photo in our last issue—it shows the other side of the picture. But the despair on Charlton Athletic's faces, as Dean Coney head home a perfect goal, is unchanged



"BUSH RANGER"

I would like to thank all those supporters who suggested names for our new monthly newspaper.

We have chosen "BUSH RANGER" this being a suggestion of K. Hunt of Northolt, Middlesex. He will be invited to be a guest of the Club on a match-day, receiving an autographed football and a copy of the Football League Yearbook.

On the humorous suggestion, I must give an award to G. Waddon of Colliers Wood who suggested the "THE BULSTRODE BEAGLE". He will be my personal guest at a forthcoming match and will also receive a memento of the occasion.

Jim Smith has kindly agreed to donate a bottle of his Bell's Whisky to George R. Moore M.B.E. of Herne Hill for his suggestion of "Eagle's Eye".

Other suggestions included:-

"Taffy Bannister" — which we could not use because of likely "Leeks" of information.

"Old McDonald A.D. Farmer" — a subtle connection between player and vice-president.

Lastly — a variation of that old story:-

"What's blue and white, read all over and comes out every Fereday?" — Rangers' new paper!!!

The first edition is due to be published on 9th October and I hope you will find it a helpful means of keeping supporters better informed of events at Rangers Stadium.

DAVID W. BULSTRODE
CHAIRMAN.

SPECIAL REFRESHMENT FACILITIES

The Centenary Lounge in the South Africa Road Stand has now been refurbished. We are able to offer this Private Bar for Buffet Lunches etc. on Matchdays to a limited number of existing Season Ticket Holders. If you are interested in obtaining further information please ring BRIAN ROWE on:- 01-740 8737. In view of the limited availability applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS ARE
Lee Preston aged 12 years from Chichester, Sussex and Ben Carroll aged 10 years from Ealing W5.

WARNING TV SURVEILLANCE

This ground is equipped with
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STEWARDS WANTED
Rangers are looking for supporters who would like to help the club by acting as Stewards on match days. If you are interested, please ring 01-743 0262 to arrange an appointment with the Chief Steward.

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MARK DENNIS went to Charing Cross Hospital for laser treatment on the knee injury he aggravated in a car collision last month. The doctor's verdict on Tuesday was that Mark should go into the London Clinic that day for an exploratory operation.

Ian Dawes has deputised for Mark in the League games at Southampton, Charlton and Oxford and at home against Arsenal and Chelsea.

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Manager Jim Smith used two substitutes for the first time this season as Rangers conceded their first goals away from home at Oxford and **Warren Neill** took over from Dawes. **Gavin Peacock** replaced **John Byrne** for the third time this season — as against Arsenal and at Charlton.

The manager's verdict on the defeat against his former club at the Manor Ground: "The poorest performance this season. Rangers started confidently and had the chances to punish Oxford.... but United deserved their win".

Not a happy return "home" for Smith and **Kevin Brock**, who only left Oxford three days before the season. Former QPR goalkeeper Peter Hucker was more pleased in his first game against Rangers since his £100,000 transfer last season.

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As Rangers are without a match on October 10 because of the reduction in the number of clubs in the First Division manager Smith is trying to arrange a game for that week—possibly in Le Havre.

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Second Division Reading will be Rangers' first opponents at Loftus Road in the SIMOD Cup (formerly the Full Member's Cup) on Wednesday 25th November 87 (K.O. 7.45pm). Former goalkeeper Paul Barron will provide a few tips. He went on loan to Elm Park last season.

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Where are they now? I hear that Michael Robinson, who moved to Spanish First Division club Osasuna last season, may need a cartilage operation.... former Rangers Gary Micklewhite, now with First Division newcomers Derby County, will be out of action for at least two months after an Achilles tendon operation following a training injury.... Leroy Rosenior, transferred back to Fulham in the close season, scored both goals in the 2-1 win at Chester.

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Coach Peter Shreeves played for the staff of Forest School, Chigwell, against the first XI and helped inspire a 3-1 win.

Behind The Scenes

By Dennis Signy

Behind the RESERVES Scenes

Charlie Nicholas commanded most of the Press attention when he played for Arsenal in a Football Combination match at Loftus Road.... but Rangers won the match 3-0 with an excellent display.

Warren Neill was used in the role of sweeper in the game as the side tried to understudy the first team's tactics—the last time he played at the back as a second centre half was when he was in the England schoolboys side a few years ago.

The win was the more convincing as the Gunners included Northern Ireland international striker Niall Quinn alongside Nicholas, last season's top scorer in the First Division Martin Hayes, £250,000 recent signing from Watford Kevin Richardson and the highly promising Paul Merson.

Gus Caesar, another Arsenal player with First Division experience, gave Rangers the lead with an goal from **Gavin Peacock's** cross.

Justin Channing, back to the form that earned him a first team call last season, headed No. 2 from a **Clive Walker** centre.

David Kerslake was again on target when he converted yet another cross, this one from Israeli international **David Pezanti**.

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Walker, who is available on a free transfer, turned down a move to Second Division Ipswich last week.... striker **Les Ferdinand** is now available after a two match suspension for being sent off in a first team tour game in Holland pre-season.

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Former Tottenham youngster Danny Maddix got a kick on the calf in the Arsenal game and missed a day's training.... **Brian Law**, Rangers' 17-year-old Welsh youth international centre-back, needed an x-ray on a hip and a groin after the game but was given the all clear to play in the youth side

later in the week.

Behind the YOUTH Scenes

A penalty scored by **Mark Fleming** enabled the youth side to win 1-0 at Coventry in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, but a single goal did not reflect their superiority against last season's FA Youth Cup winners.

A home draw against Arsenal in the next round is their reward for victory.

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Republic of Ireland youth international **Greg Costello** was on crutches after the game at Highfield Road after coming off with an ankle ligament injury. Although an x-ray revealed no fracture, Costello is expected to be sidelined for another fortnight.

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The juniors, with promising **Michael Rutherford** deputising for Costello, lost 1-3 at home to Tottenham in the South East Counties League Cup last Saturday.

Spurs chairman Irving Scholar, en route to see his side move into second place in the First Division table by winning 1-0 at West Ham, saw his side benefit from Rangers defensive errors. QPR director Peter Ellis watched before driving up to Oxford.

Kevin Kingsmore, the 16-year-old who has been making a mark among the goals, gave Rangers the lead with a penalty and turned in his best performance since joining the club this season.



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SUPPORTERS CLUB

FOLLOW THE SUPERHOOPS OCTOBER 3rd WIMBLEDON AWAY. Luxury coaches will depart 1.15 pm FARE £3.00. Not an all ticket match, seat tickets available £7.00.

OCTOBER 6th MILLWALL AWAY (Littlewoods Cup) Coaches will depart 5.00pm FARE £3.00. This is not an all ticket match, seats available £5.30p.

OCTOBER 17th LIVERPOOL AWAY FARE NOW ONLY £12.00 (Including bus from station to Anfield and return) Depart 10.24am Arrive Edge Hill (Liverpool) 13.30 Depart Edge Hill 17.45 Arrive Euston 20.35. Seat tickets available £5.00. Light refreshments (soft drinks, snacks etc.) will be available on this train.

ADVANCE NOTE - Mini Programme Fair in the Supporters Club - South Africa Rd, October 24th. Commences 11.00 pm

Come into the Supporters Club and see our selection of old programmes, etc.

TOUR OF THE GROUND FOR SUPPORTERS

It is intended on October 5th, commencing 8.00 pm, to have a tour of the ground for interested supporters on the above date. This will be limited in number, could those who wish to join in contact the Supporters Club. It is hoped to make this into a pleasant social occasion.

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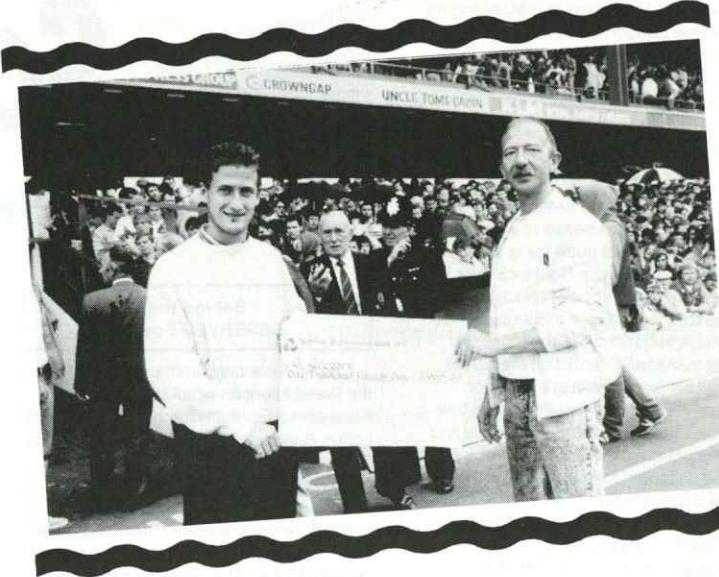
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- ⑥ Junior Supporters Club members receive a Christmas Card from the club and have their Birthday mentioned in the club programme.

For further information (and Supporters Club Application Forms) write to the Supporters Club Secretary, Mrs. Daphne Biggs, c/o Q.P.R. F.C., Shepherds Bush, London W12 7PA (or ring her on 01-743 0262).

Junior Birthday Greetings
Happy Birthday to Anthony Faithful (Hayes) 22nd Sept, Kevin McCann (Brentford) 14th Sept, Oliver Denton (W6) 19th Sept, Charles McLellan (W12) 26th Sept, Phillip Kalli (W13) 11th Oct, Thomas Brosnan (NW10) 13th Oct, Sean Byrne (W6) 17th Oct, Matthew Coker (High Wycombe) 1st Oct, Darren Currey (Theydon Bois) 13th Oct, Francisco D'Escoto (W6) 8th Oct, Sarah Holt (W12) 13th Oct, Stuart Hadden (Haslemere) 13th Oct, Gareth Fennell (Northwood Hills) 15th Oct, Jonjo Nickless (Harrow) 13th Oct, Adam Grent (Hayes) 13th Oct, Michelle Todd (W3) 24th Sept, Jonathon Laar (E18) 27 Sept, and to all Junior R's members.

POOLS AND PROMOTIONS

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RANGERS IN NORWAY

(Top) The Rangers Squad pictured during their successful Norwegian tour (Bottom) John Byrne makes the day for Norwegian youngster, Robert Vikse.

(Photo: Kenneth Vikse,





TONY PULLEIN

Top writer and super-sleuth Tony Pullein has carried out some detective work on today's opponents and this is his report.

HOW WILL THEY LINE UP?

New manager Ray Harford experimented with his side during the early weeks of the season but he soon discovered his strongest line-up and, since results have been showing a considerable improvement, he has naturally been sticking to his successful side.

Mick Harford – no relation to the manager – has been in particularly fine form and he usually partners Brian Stein up front whilst Chuk Nwaijobi has been recalled on the wing.

Ricky Hill, Danny Wilson and David Preece have been filling the mid-field positions but Mark Stein is often called on as substitute.

Steve Foster and Mel Donaghy form a formidable central defensive partnership whilst Tim Breacker and Ashley Grimes have been filling the full-back positions. Rob Johnson has played in the back four as substitute.

Les Sealey remains well in command in goal.

Mr. Harford, who took over as manager this summer, had been with the club for a year as coach. He had previously managed Fulham for two years. He spent his playing days with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester.

A LOOK BACK

Luton last season broke all club records by finishing seventh in the First Division – even though they lost manager David Pleat, the man who had lifted the club from the depths of Division Two, and who moved on to Tottenham during the summer of 1986.

John Moore took over but, in spite of the Hatters' unprecedented success, he stood down this summer because he was never really happy in the job. Coach Ray Harford has now taken over as manager.

He will now be seeking to break more barriers. Luton, founded in 1885, have yet to win any of the game's major honours. Last season was their best in the League and they were beaten by Nottingham Forest when they appeared in their only F.A. Cup final in 1959.

The Hatters have yet to survive beyond the fifth round of the Littlewoods Cup.

Luton were elected to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897 but failed to gain re-election three years later. They returned to the Southern League and became one of the founder members of the League's Third Division (South) in 1920.

They moved up to Division Two in 1937 and in 1955 tasted First Division football for the first time. But disaster struck following relegation five years later. By 1965 they were in Division Four.

Slowly their recovery began. They rose back to Division Three in 1968 and to the Second Division two years later. In 1982 they won the Second Division Championship and became the first club ever to drop from Division One to Four and then regain its place at the top.

THE LUTON TOWN FILE

LUTON RECOVER AFTER POOR START

Luton, who created a club record by finishing seventh in the First Division last season, made a disappointing start to the current campaign. Beaten by a solitary goal in their first two games – at Derby and at home to Coventry – the Hatters collected their first point in a 2-2 draw with West Ham at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters then began to show a great improvement. After drawing at home to Arsenal (1-1), they achieved their first victory at Oxford (5-2) and followed this with a fine 2-1 home win over Champions Everton.

Last Saturday they slipped again when they lost away to the bottom club Charlton (0-1).

One heartening fact for new manager Ray Harford – the former Fulham manager who took over at Kenilworth Road in June – has been the form of his namesake, but no relation, Mick Harford. Top scorer with 25 goals two seasons ago, Mick was savaged by injuries last season but is back to his old form, scoring his third goal of the season at Oxford.

Mr. Harford made only one close-season signing, paying Brighton £150,000 for N. Ireland international midfield man Danny Wilson. If Luton are awarded a penalty at The Bush, we can expect Danny to take it.

The Luton manager has recently been in negotiations to sign winger Mickey Weir from Hibernian but there was a disagreement over the fee. Hibs were asking £300,000 whilst Luton offered £50,000.

Mr. Harford's hand was strengthened when he sold striker Mike Newell to Leicester. The £350,000 received gives him cash in hand.

Though recent results have improved, and the Luton side has been more settled, the manager clearly believes it can be improved.

Last season Luton achieved a club record by finishing seventh in the First Division. Mr. Harford believes they can do even better this time out.

TEN YEAR REVIEW

Season	DIVISION II					FAC	LC	Rounds Reached
	P	W	D	L	For			
1977/78	42	14	10	18	54	52	38	13th
1978/79	42	13	10	19	60	57	36	18th
1979/80	42	16	17	9	66	45	49	6th
1980/81	42	18	12	12	61	46	48	5th
DIVISION I								
1982/83	42	12	13	17	65	84	49	18th
1983/84	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	16th
1984/85	42	15	9	18	57	61	54	13th
1985/86	42	18	12	12	61	44	66	9th
1986/87	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	7th

DEREK BUXTON

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.

QPR v LUTON TOWN

League results since 1970

SEASON	HOME	AWAY
1970/71	0-1	0-0
1971/72	1-0	1-1
1972/73	2-0	2-2
1974/75	2-1	1-1
1979/80	2-2	1-1
1980/81	3-2	0-3
1981/82	1-2	2-3
1983/84	0-1	0-0
1984/85	2-3	0-2
1985/86	1-1	0-2
1986/87	2-2	0-1

them was a Cup match. Portsmouth also went six games without losing between 1920 and 1961 and Southampton went five between 1958 and 1979 (six, including a Cup match).

Swansea City get 6 consecutive drawn here between 1923 and 1951, and West Ham managed 4 draws and a win between 1969 and 1977.

① Will John Byrne score again this afternoon? He has scored 4 times in the last 3 home games. He can equal George Goddard's record. George managed to score in 4 consecutive games between 1927 and 1930 all away from home equaling Jimmy Birch's performance between 1914 and 1922 (also away). Between 1910 and 1922 Birch managed to score 12 times against Luton.

② You may be wondering if 4 League visits to Luton without scoring is a record. The answer is no. We played 5 League games at Cardiff without scoring between 1971 and 1980 and Luton fans will be quick to remind me that we played five matches on their ground between 1922 and 1926 without registering a goal.

③ Five visits to Manchester City Between 1969 and 1976 also were goal-less though the first was a Cup match.

④ If you really want to go back in the mists of time – we failed to score in 6 matches at Millwall between 1903 and 1908 then we went one better (or worse) between 1920 and 1926 – 4 consecutive 0-0 draws then 3 0-3 defeats. We also went 6 consecutive games at



Norwich between 1960 and 1973 and at Plymouth between 1919 and 1924.

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⑥ I crave the indulgence of the Luton support if I now comment on our really remarkable start to the season. Here are some of the answers to questions you may be thinking up. Yes we have started a season as well as this before – though it was a long time ago. Take a look at the start of the 1911 season.

PLYMOUTH (A)	1-0
READING (H)	3-0
WATFORD (A)	3-0
NEW BROMPTON (H)	3-0
EXETER (A)	1-1
BRENTFORD (H)	4-0
LUTON (H)	2-0
MILLWALL (A)	1-1
WEST HAM (H)	4-1
BRISTOL R (A)	2-0

Then came the big crash a 3-1 defeat at home to Swindon and a 5-1 defeat at Northampton.

⑦ One strange fact was that for these two games our left back Pullen was injured. When he returned we went 4 more games before conceding a goal!!!



STAR SHOT! Just one person takes the star billing today: hat-trick hero, GARY BANNISTER, seen here in action against Chelsea.

(Photo: Marc Morris.)



AS THE YEARS ROLL BY

Travel back in our Time Machine and discover what was happening to Rangers in past years.

5 YEARS AGO: Long before he became a Rangers' player, John O'Neill got his name on the scoresheet for us. He conceded an own-goal to give us a 1-0 win at Leicester in Division Two. @ Luton were involved in an eight-goal First Division thriller at Stoke. Paul Walsh scored twice for the Hatters with Brian Stein and Mel Donaghy notching singles in a 4-4 draw. @ With Manchester United being held to a goalless home draw by Arsenal, Liverpool went to the top of the First Division. @ Jim Melrose scored a hat-trick in Coventry's 4-2 home win over Everton.

10 YEARS AGO: Ken Swain gave Chelsea the lead at The Bush but Don Masson's equaliser in the 68th minute earned us a point. Luton went down 0-2 to Tottenham at White Hart Lane, while Keith Osgood (penalty) and Chris Jones getting the goals. Victory took Spurs to the top of Division Two. @ Burnley remained bottom of the same section after crashing 1-4 at Mansfield. goals from Billy Holmes and Phil Summerill enabled Wimbledon to record their first victory as a Football League club. They defeated Northampton 2-0 at Plough Lane. @ Terry McDermott got the only goal in Liverpool's home win over Derby.

15 YEARS AGO: We found ourselves a goal down in the Second Division game at Orient when Barry Fairbrother scored in the eighth minute. Don Givens equalised three minutes later and it wasn't long before Stan Bowles put Rangers ahead. But Derek Downing got another for Orient before half-time and the score remained 2-2. @ Luton crashed 0-4 at Sheffield Wednesday in Division Two. @ Jimmy Greenhoff hit a hat-trick in Stoke's 5-1 victory over Manchester City. Terry Conroy and Geoff Hurst were the Potters' other scorers. Francis Lee got Manchester's goal from a 73rd minute penalty and they remained at the foot of the First Division.

20 YEARS AGO: Rangers remained on top of Division Two after beating Charlton 2-1 at The Bush. Matt Tees opened the scoring for Charlton but Ian Morgan and Les Allen hit back for Rangers. @ Bruce Rioch scored twice for Luton as they won 3-1 at home to York in Division Four. Ray Whittaker got the other from the spot. York's goal came from Ted MacDougall. @ Manchester City went down 0-1 at Arsenal, John Radford's first-half goal settling the issue. So City's run of six successive victories was brought to an end. @ A crowd of 54,185 packed Anfield for the Liverpool-Everton derby. Roger Hunt's 78th minute goal settled it in Liverpool's favour.

25 YEARS AGO: We lost the leadership of the Third Division after losing 0-1 at Northampton, for whom Alec Ashworth was on target. Watford moved above us as they drew 3-3 at Bristol City. @ Luton were held to 2-2 at home by Leeds in Division Two. Bob Turner converted a penalty and Brendan McNally got the second. @ Peter McParland scored twice for First Division leaders Wolves, who won 3-2 at Ipswich. Alan Hinton was their other scorer. @ Joe Baker's goal gave Arsenal a 1-1 home draw with Leicester. Geoff Hurst, Malcom Musgrave, John Byrne and Martin Peters scored in West Ham's 4-0 First Division victory at Blackburn. @ The Merseyside derby attracted 73,000 to Goodison Park. Roy Vernon (penalty) and Johnny Morrissey were Everton's marksmen in a 2-2 draw. Kevin Lewis and Roger Hunt scored for Liverpool. @ John Connolly scored a hat-trick for Burnley in their 5-2 win over Manchester United at Old Trafford. Nobby Stiles and Denis Law were United's scorers.



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A special preview of our next opponents

PORPSMOUTH

ON

24th October
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

Poor old Pompey didn't really know what had hit them when they returned to the First Division last month after a absence of 28 years.

Promotion had been gained largely due to a defence which conceded only 28 goals – the best in the whole of the Football League.

Yet Portsmouth conceded 15 goals in their opening four First Division games. Manager Alan Ball, being the great competitor that he is, soon found the answer to Pompey's problems and they have conceded only two goals in their last four League games.

Former England striker Paul Mariner has been operating as a sweeper and his experience has helped the defence to find its confidence. He has been joined by centre-back Malcolm Shotton, signed

from Oxford last month to play alongside Billy Gilbert in the middle of the defence.

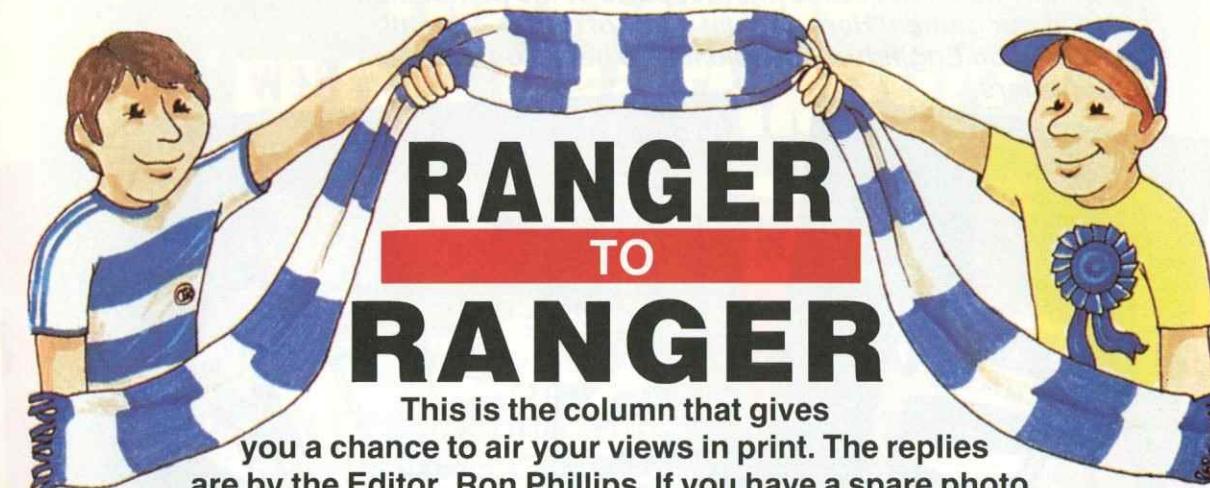
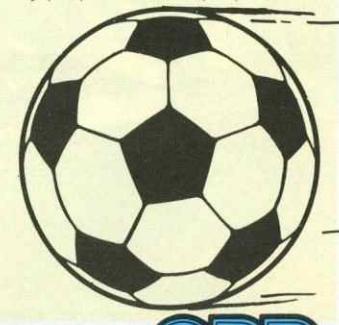
Several other new faces have been drafted into the Pompey side this season. Striker Ian Baird, a big-money signing from Leeds, has been keeping last season's top scorer – 28-goal Mick Quinn out of the side.

Former Ranger Mike Fillary is one of three newcomers in midfield. Clive Whitehead (signed from W.B.A.) and Barry Horne (Wrexham) are the others.

Another ex-Ranger who joined Portsmouth during the summer is Ian Stewart, the N. Ireland international forward. He joined them on a free-transfer from Newcastle but he has so far been limited to one outing as substitute.

Portsmouth were heavily beaten in their first two away matches at Oxford (2-4)

and Arsenal (0-6). Since then they have looked much meaner in defence, as they were last season, and they have drawn their last two away First Division games at Derby (0-0) and Watford (0-0).



RANGER TO RANGER

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

STAR LETTER

The sender of the following letter wins two complimentary tickets for sending us the most interesting or amusing letter in the programme.
Have a go at winning two complimentary tickets yourself.

Dear Mr Phillips,

I was present at the Chelsea match last Saturday.

I was in the 'Loft' end and left when I saw Chelsea fans running across the pitch.

The real point of writing, however, is a plea. I have supported QPR for ten years (I am 15) and have been coming regularly for 6 years. In this time I have enjoyed the atmosphere, which is unique to Loftus Road. I have never had to think twice about coming to a match for fear of trouble. My plea is simple: do not cage us in like animals. Our ground is one of the few which does not have fences obstructing the view of spectators. This is why the ground has that special atmosphere and character.

If it is necessary, erect fences in front of the away end and make the rest of the stadium 'members only' but do not let the F.A. or League punish loyal supporters for the mindless acts of thugery from hooligans posing as supporters.

If fences are erected then the hooligans will have succeeded in spoiling the game for the real supporters.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Fenlon

* We agree with your views very strongly, Andrew, and we trust that the

game's authorities will take into account our supporter's excellent record when the events of 12th September are considered.

Dear Phillips,

My friend and I were frequent visitors to Loftus Road last season and aim to continue the trend this year, the year we will win the League!

We have both managed 3 visits so far this year (1) West Ham United (2) Southampton – away (3) Chelsea – home, when at the Chelsea game we found that we had to go into the Ellerslie Road Stand, because we forgot about the membership scheme, despite the fact that close to the end of last season you warned us about 1 million times.

So I write in the hope that you may send me 2 membership card application forms for the Loftus Road terrace.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Donovan

* The forms are on the way, Simon. (And we hope Simon's terrible experience will jog other supporters' memories into obtaining their Membership Cards!!).

Dear Sir,

Whilst reading the Rangers/Chelsea programme I saw the letter from Paul Jenkins from Bracknell concerning the idea of running low-cost coaches to Rangers ground.

I would like to back Mr. Jenkins proposal and can say that I know of a dozen people from Woodley alone who travel to Rangers each week. There are also Rangers fans who live actually in Reading as we all see each other on the Reading Transport Goldine X1 bus which runs from Reading to Aldgate. I am sure that they would be pleased to support the idea as then it would be like one big giant – instead of being with other supporters on the X1 ie, Arsenal,

West Ham, Millwall, Chelsea etc.
Yours faithfully,

Miss Michelle Willis

* Mr Jenkins and Miss Willis have now broken the ice for the Bracknell and Reading areas. Can we now hear from other supporters in those localities, please, to see if there is enough demand to run coaches?



RANGERS BOUNCING BABIES

Today's candidate for this spot in which proud Rangers Mums and Dads parade their offspring is Blaine Michael Carey from Shepherds Bush.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Many, many years ago, the following supporters carefully arranged to be born on this day so that they could be welcomed in the Luton programme. So it's "Many Happy Returns" Of The Day!" to Richard Cohen (Aged 8); Ryan Bell from Pinner (Aged 9); and Philip Bowler from Buck (Aged 11).

RANGERS FANS AROUND THE WORLD

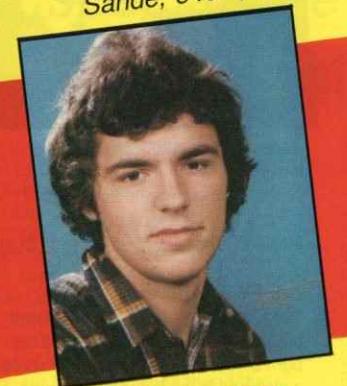
Soccer is certainly a wonderful way of bringing together people from countries all over the globe. Rangers probably have more fans in other parts of the planet than attend our games! Here are just a few of them – they all speak good English and would like to hear from Rangers supporters.

NEW ZEALAND



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Jesper Magnusson (Aged 13)
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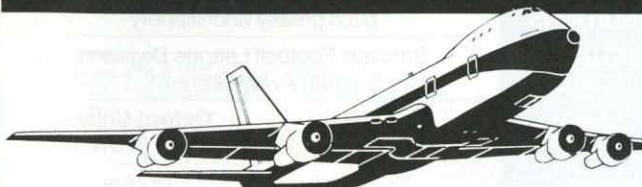
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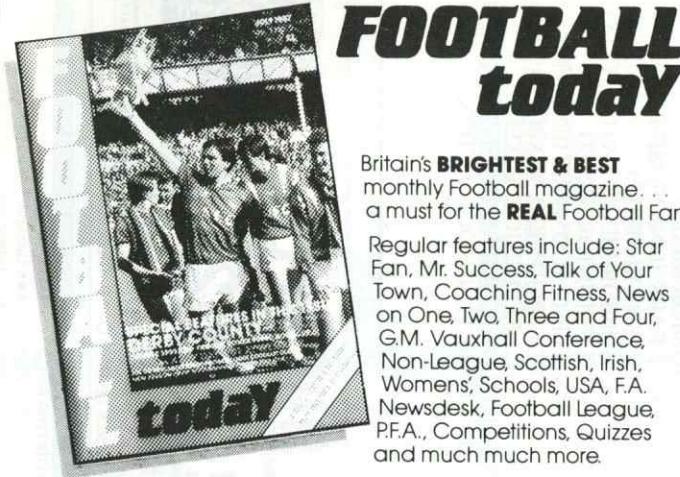
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**DAVID SEAMAN**

After winning ten under-21 caps, David now hopes to get his chance in the full England team. He previously played for Peterborough, Leeds and Birmingham, signing for Rangers in 1986.

**WAYNE FEREDAY**

Wayne got an early chance in the Rangers' side in 1980 and has been in the senior squad for three years now. He has been capped five times by the England under-21s.

**IAN DAWES**

A former England schoolboy international, Ian came through the ranks to make his League debut for Rangers in 1982. He made an unbroken run of 167 League appearances until it ended by injury last season.

**PAUL PARKER**

Paul made his name as an outstanding defender with Fulham, gaining England under-21 recognition. He joined Rangers this summer in a joint transfer with Dean Coney.

**ALAN McDONALD**

Alan broke into League soccer whilst on loan to Charlton in 1982/83. A regular with Rangers for the past two years, Alan has 13 N. Ireland caps.

**TERRY FENWICK (Capt.)**

Terry was blooded in the Crystal Palace side in 1978, moving on to Rangers in 1981. After gaining under-21 caps, Terry played for the full England team on 19 occasions.

**MARTIN ALLEN**

A Rangers' discovery, Martin was introduced to First Division Football during 1984/85 and has been a firm member of the side for two years.

**DEAN CONEY**

Dean was an early success as a striker in the Fulham side in the early eighties. He won three England under-21 caps and was top scorer for the past seasons before his summer move to The Bush.

**GARY BANNISTER**

After serving Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday, Gary joined Rangers in 1984 and has been top scorer in each of his three seasons with 28, 18 and 16.

**JOHN BYRNE**

John developed his goalscoring art with York City and, it was after a good performance against Rangers in a cup-tie, that he was signed in 1984. Scored 14 times last season.

**KEVIN BROCK**

Kevin was signed from Oxford United in the week prior to the start of the season. Kevin won England Under-21 Honours whilst at Oxford United.

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LES SEALEY

Les developed with Coventry City and held his first-team place for five years before joining Luton in 1983. In a brief period, when he was out of the side in 1984/85, he was loaned to Plymouth.

TIM BREACKER

Tim is a Luton discovery. He got his senior chance in 1984 and has been a regular for the past three seasons.

**ROBERT JOHNSON**

A Luton discovery, Rob was first introduced to League soccer in 1983/84 when he also played for Lincoln on loan.

**RICKY HILL**

Ricky, who joined the club from school, made his debut in 1976 and has now played well over 400 games. He has also been capped by England on three occasions.

**STEVE FOSTER (Capt.)**

Steve left Portsmouth for Brighton in 1979 and, whilst with the Seagulls, he won three England caps. Aston Villa signed him in 1984 and he moved on to Luton about a year later.

**MAL DONAGHY**

Mal was signed from Larne Town in 1978 and has built a wonderful record of consistency. He has also established himself in the N.Ireland team, winning his 50th cap last season.

**DANNY WILSON**

Danny, who won three N.Ireland caps last season, was signed from Brighton in the summer. He previously played for Bury, Chesterfield and Nottingham Forest.

**BRIAN STEIN**

Brian, an England international, made his debut for Luton in 1977 and now looks back on more than 350 League games. He has twice been top scorer.

**MICK HARFORD**

Mick is a prolific goalscorer who began with Lincoln. He then served Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham before joining Luton three seasons ago.

**MARK STEIN**

Mark got his chance in the Hatters' senior side in 1984 and last season became a regular member of the squad.

**DAVID PREECE**

David established himself in the Walsall side in the early eighties and was transferred to Luton in 1984.

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