AVENGERS GE THE LAST LAUGI OVER RANGERS



Rodney Marsh comes charging in, but Luton's Chris Nichol clears the ball to the relief of his own 'keeper, Tony Read, at Loftus Road last night

By BOB DRISCOLL: QPR 0, Luton 1

LUTON skipper Mike Keen went to Queen's Park Rangers last night nursing all the meanness of an avenging warrior—and struck a fantastic 180-second goal to gain massive revenge for the way he and his manager Alec Stock were axed by QPR two years ago.

Stock was the manager who steered QPR straight from Third to First Division and brought them their Wembley League Cup win.

And he was still being cheered to his seat as Keen ran towards a 35-yard free-kick.

As Rangers were still organising their defence, the ball ripped into the net off a post.

And Keen, the man whose reward for skippering Rangers to Division One was to be sold to Luton, leaped with a joy all could understand.

It turned out to be the only goal of a game that was played at a frenzied pace.

Delighted

Afterwards a delighted Keen said: "It was a great feeling to see that ball go in, But the man I am really glad for is Alec Stock. I know he wanted this win more than anything."

The match was billed in the programme as a "family occasion." But there was nothing friendly about the way the two sides battled for victory.

As if recognising that the goodes had won, the thankers fans began shouting a like. Stock . Alec Stock . But it was a fibe at the Rangers management, inspired more by their own teams tailure than a bar on the back for their role boss.