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## BUSH TELEGRAPH

### SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

At the beginning of this year we looked at the fixture programme of matches to be played during the final run-in of the season and we prophesied a really exciting finish as we were to play promotion contenders Aston Villa, Blackpool, Luton Town and Fulham at this ground in the closing weeks. In the event, of course, most of our promotion opponents have failed to stay the course. Blackpool and Fulham 'blew up' last Saturday and today's visitors, Luton Town, finally abandoned their promotion ambitions for this season when they surprisingly lost 0-4 at Hull City on Tuesday. (It's still mathematically possible for Luton to go up, however—but they would have to score over 40 goals in their last five matches to do so!) We can still expect a good game from Luton this afternoon—after all they are the "away game" experts of the Second Division—but it is apparent that the only remaining danger to our own promotion hopes comes from Aston Villa and Sunderland. Let's hope the issue is settled before that final game at Roker Park on 9th May—or 10,000 of us will be spending the night in Sunderland!

### SEASON TICKETS

Details of season ticket prices for next season will be given in the programme for our next home game against Brighton. Also included in the programme will be a new season ticket application form. Meanwhile we are continuing to sell season ticket seats for this season at a very fast rate. Prices after today's game will be £2.00 and £1.50. Purchase of a season ticket seat for this season guarantees that seat will be reserved for you for next season.

### SOUVENIR COLOUR PROGRAMME

For our last home match of the season against Fulham F.C. on 28th April, 1973, we shall be issuing a special souvenir colour programme. This will feature individual colour photographs of the team which we think you will find suitable for framing—our advice is to buy two copies of this particular issue!

### GERRY AND THE WALL MAKERS

Gerry Francis breaches the Portsmouth defensive wall during our last home game. (Can you spot the ball in the picture? It IS there!)

(Photo: Daily Mirror)



# MICHAEL WALE'S



# RANGERS REPORT

Another article in our series from the top columnist

## Terry Mancini

After meeting him you feel that if the main stand fell on Terry Mancini he'd come up smiling. Better known to the players as Henry, after his musical counterpart, Terry told me jokingly when I interviewed him for this piece: "Earlier in the season I was going to have a go at the crowd. But they're eating out of my hands now so I'm all for them. You're only as good as your last game".

And it was that last game at Loftus Road against Portsmouth that suddenly turned Mancini into the crowd's favourite. For one thing he scored a goal! But that is something I've felt has been coming for a long time. Against Blackpool it was only a defender kicking a shot off the line that prevented Henry getting one that day. But against Portsmouth things were very different. First of all he made one when he overlapped and centred causing a misunderstanding between goalkeeper and full back which resulted in an own goal. Then came the best moment of his season so far. Gerry Francis took a kick near the corner flag on the right and sensing this was his moment Henry ran through and met the ball with his head just outside the six yard line.

And the crowd will be glad to know that Henry puts part of that goal down to them: "They willed it for me. I just felt that at last they were really behind me. I've taken a lot of criticism this season. It's the first time for a long time, in fact since years ago when I was at Watford. The crowd has had a go at me and I've had to live with it. I know I'm not the greatest centre half in the game, but I always give one hundred per cent.

"I take some stick from the Press, for instance the cup game against Derby when they said I would struggle through the game, to be truthful I was quite pleased with my performance that day. The trouble is everyone was watching me, and with my head I stand out like a beacon".

"You can mistake Terry Venables for Gerry Francis and the other way around but you can't mistake me".

As a matter of fact I thought Henry had a good game up at Derby. Roger Davies only scored once, and at that time he was right in form. The first 36 minutes was a massacre of the innocents but I noticed that Henry won several balls in the air against Davies, and was by no means the worst man in the defence.

And he has done a workmanlike job for Rangers in a season when the perennial centre half problem reached a new crisis point. Yet he was almost sold before the season started: "I almost joined Charlton pre-season. We couldn't come to terms. Then

three or four weeks after the start of the season Charlton were doing poorly and they asked for me again, but Gordon said he didn't want to transfer me. What had changed his mind was that, although we'd started off the season well enough, he only had Ian Evans and Ronnie Hunt had just started training again. So he had no experienced cover. As it happened it turned out well for me because I got in the side. Then Ian broke his ankle in training and finally Ronnie Hunt was forced to give up the game".

All this time Henry has been quite aware that Rangers have been searching for a centre half, yet he has not complained and he has always played his best. I often wonder how the rest of us would feel if we picked up the paper at breakfast one morning and found that our employer was publicly looking for someone to replace us? That is the way it is in professional football.

However, Henry is a realist and as he says: "If they want me to stay for next season then I'll stay. Of course they'll buy someone for the First Division but they'll need experienced cover. To be quite honest if they keep me it will be as standby. They might even sell me but at least I've done my bit".

It is an attitude of mind that is very welcome these days. A player who is prepared to give a club everything of himself despite knowing the final rewards may not be a future with that club. Of course the crowd has every right to express its opinions of a player. But it is worth pausing to note that this continued vocal criticism almost destroyed Mickey Leach in the past. Yet now he is one of the most popular players in the club. And it looks as if at the last moment Mancini has also become a hero.

Rangers seem to have had a centre half problem as far back as I can remember. At least three centre halves came to replace Ronnie Hunt but Ron put his head down and outlasted them all. Even in this Henry Mancini can find amusement: "At least you can say I'm the first to outlast Ron Hunt".

Off the field Henry now runs a thriving boutique in Kingston: "I call it Mancini's because I like to remain incognito," he says with a laugh. All Rangers fans are welcome and you can find it in Fife Road, Kingston. Meanwhile cheer Henry on to another goal!

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## QPR APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

(FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS REPRESENT GOALS SCORED)

FIRST TEAM (Div. II & FL Cup, FA Cup)	RESERVE TEAM (Football Combination)	JUNIOR TEAM (S.E.C. League)
Up to Sat., 7th Apr., '73	Up to Sat., 7th Apr., '73	Up to Sat., 7th Apr., '73
Hazell ..... 41	Seary ..... 34	Tagg ..... 34 (4)
Francis ..... 40 (8)	Spratley ..... 34	Calder ..... 31
Givens ..... 40 (24)	Beck ..... 31 (2)	Hewson ..... 31 (6)
Clement ..... 39 (3)	Mayes ..... 31 (12)	Sanders ..... 31 (3)
Parke ..... 39	Everest ..... 29 (1)	Spencer ..... 31 (2)
Leach ..... 35 (12)	Abbott ..... 27 (13)	French ..... 30 (10)
Bowles ..... 33 (14)	Ferguson ..... 27 (2)	Wilson (L.) ..... 30 (5)
Venables ..... 33 (1)	Gillard ..... 27	Oliver ..... 29 (4)
Watson ..... 33	Williams ..... 21	Kempton ..... 26 (1)
Thomas ..... 26 (5)	Delve ..... 20	Barker ..... 22
Mancini ..... 22 (2)	Salvage ..... 16 (6)	Williams (G.) ..... 18
Evans ..... 19 (1)	Kempton ..... 15	Wilson (K.) ..... 14 (11)
Busby ..... 14 (3)	McGovern ..... 15 (1)	Roots ..... 9 (1)
Delve ..... 9	Morgan ..... 15	Weale ..... 6
Gillard ..... 8	Mancini ..... 14	Cocks ..... 5
O'Rourke ..... 8 (3)	O'Rourke ..... 14 (11)	Fitzpatrick ..... 4
McCulloch ..... 7 (1)	Hunt ..... 13	Huckle ..... 4
Ferguson ..... 4	French ..... 10 (2)	O'Connor ..... 4
Salvage ..... 4	Sanders ..... 7	Pennycuik ..... 4
Hunt ..... 3	McCormick ..... 5	Williams (E.) ..... 4
Morgan ..... 2	Roots ..... 5	Knife ..... 3
Spratley ..... 2	McCulloch ..... 4	Mason ..... 2
Beck ..... 1	Calder ..... 3	Sorenson ..... 2
Two own goals	Evans ..... 3	One own goal
	Spencer ..... 3	
	Watson ..... 3 (1)	
	Parke ..... 2	
	Bowles ..... 1 (1)	
	Leach ..... 1	
	Thomas ..... 1	
	Venables ..... 1	

PHOTOS OPPOSITE: Two shots of Terry Mancini. (Top right) in close up and (top left) in action against Swindon Town.

# HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE SOMEWHERE?

DEREK BUXTON reviews previous clashes between Rangers and today's opponents

## LUTON TOWN

Luton have not got a very impressive record at Loftus Road. Both teams became founder members of the Third Division in 1920, and when Luton visited Loftus Road on 25th September, 1920, QPR started the first of a hat-trick of victories. They won the first match 4-1, and won the next two 1-0 and 4-0.

In 1924 (the season QPR finished bottom) Luton won 2-0, but this was destined to be one of their few successes. QPR won the next five league and cup matches, and although Luton stopped the rot in 1929 by drawing 1-1, QPR then won six more between 1929 and 1935. In 1936 the sides drew 0-0, and in 1936/1937 (Luton's promotion year) QPR won 2-1.

After the war, the sides didn't meet until 1948, in the fifth round of the cup. 30,564 people squeezed into Loftus Road. The gates were closed by 1 p.m., and the crowd paid, what was then a record attendance gate money of £2,844.

The weight of the crowd caused part of the then wooden fencing to collapse, slightly injuring half-a-dozen people. Luton led 1-0 at half-time, but QPR went on to win 3-1 with goals by Danny Boxshall, Cyril Hatton and Billy McEwan.

The first time QPR met Luton in a Second Division league match in 1948 Luton chalked up their second victory winning 3-0.

QPR gained revenge the next season by reversing the score—with goals by Bert Addinall, Ted Duggan and Cyril Hatton. In QPR's remaining two seasons in the Second Division, both matches ended in draws.

When Luton came down to the Third Division in 1963, QPR added to their misery by winning 7-1. Brian Bedford (3), Mike Keen (3, including 2 penalties) and Roger Morgan scored.

Luton then dropped to the Fourth Division, and it wasn't until 1970, after they had climbed back to the Second Division that they met QPR again. As in 1948 they celebrated Second Division football with a victory against QPR by the only goal of the match scored by Mike Keen against his old club in the second minute.

Last season, as in 1949, QPR reversed the score with a goal by Mick Leach scored in the 44th minute.

If the sequence of 1948-1952 is to continue, today's game will end in a 1-1 draw, with one of the Luton players scoring an own goal (unlikely but not impossible).

Away from home, QPR have not won at Luton since 1952. They lost the first seven matches played at Luton between 1920 and 1926 and, although QPR won 1-0 in 1927, they lost the next six games. They drew 1-1 in 1934, lost in 1935, and in 1937 did the double over Luton by winning 1-0.

In the four Second Division games between 1948 and 1952 QPR won twice at Luton, one match was drawn, and Luton won in 1950. In 1963 the sides fought out an exciting 4-4 draw, but in 1965 Luton won 2-0. QPR have drawn their last three games there, 0-0 in 1971, 1-1 in 1971/1972, and 2-2 this season.

# SOCCARTOONS



By  
TONY  
PULLEIN



# UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

A detailed Examination of the past record of today's visitors

Defeat at Sunderland, in the sixth round of the F.A. Cup, lowered an atmosphere of anti-climax around the Luton camp. With promotion beyond their grasp, Luton had set their sights on Wembley and it was a bitter disappointment when they fell at Roker.

A few days later they lost an Anglo-Italian Cup game 1-2 in Verona and then they lost 1-3 at home to Bristol City, after leading 1-0 at half-time.

Yet, when viewed in another context, Luton's achievements this season have been considerable. When the club last summer released such outstanding players as David Court, Don Givens and Chris Nicholl—following the departure, a year earlier, of Malcolm Macdonald—it appeared that the Hatters might be in for a bit of a struggle.

But manager Harry Haslam also went into the transfer market as a buyer—and came back with some astute new signings. He bought two defenders, Bobby Thomson and John Faulkner, and two new forwards, John Aston and Rod Fern. More recently he purchased a new goalkeeper, Graham Horn. He also paid a club record £50,000 for striker Barry Butlin who has, unfortunately, been ruled out for several weeks by injury.

They have won more away matches than any other club in the country, apart from Burnley—at Orient (1-0), Nottingham Forest (1-0), Swindon (2-0), Sunderland (2-0), Bristol City (1-0), Aston Villa (2-0), Middlesbrough (1-0), Huddersfield (2-1) and Fulham (1-0) in

the League, in addition to F.A. Cup victories at Newcastle (2-0) and Bolton (1-0).

The Hatters also drew away to Portsmouth (2-2) and Blackpool (1-1) in the League and at Birmingham (1-1) in the League Cup. Their only defeats on opponents' grounds were at Cardiff (1-2), Sheffield Wednesday (0-4), Preston (0-2), Brighton (0-2), Millwall (2-3) and Carlisle (0-2) in the League and Sunderland (0-2) in the F.A. Cup.

Luton Town F.C., formed in 1885, first entered the Second Division in 1897. But they dropped out three years later and didn't return to the League fold until becoming a founder member of Division Three (South) in 1920.

They had to wait until 1937 before they regained Second Division status which they held until a fantastic finish to the 1954/55 campaign saw them scrape into the First Division on goal-average. Contrary to most people's expectations, Luton made a good impression in the highest sphere and by 1959 they were good enough to earn themselves a Wembley visit to meet Nottingham Forest in the F.A. Cup final.

Luton's fortunes took a drastic turn from that day at Wembley. Twelve months later they were relegated to the Second Division, in 1963 they sank into Division Three and two years later—disaster, disaster!—they plummeted into the Fourth Division.

They won the Fourth Division championship in 1968 and two years later gained promotion to Division Two.

## Our Visitors' record this season

HOME				AWAY			
Preston	1-0	Q.P.R.	2-2	Cardiff	1-2	Preston	0-2
Oxford	0-1	Millwall	2-2	Orient	1-0	Huddersfield	2-1
Huddersfield	4-1	Sheff. Wednesday	0-0	Birmingham (LC)	1-1	Newcastle (FAC)	2-0
Birmingham (LC)	1-1	Orient	1-1	Nottm. Forest	1-0	Brighton	0-2
Brighton	2-1	Nottm. Forest	1-0	Sheff. Wednesday	0-4	Bolton (FAC)	1-0
Burnley	2-2	Cardiff	1-1	Swindon	2-0	Millwall	2-3
Blackpool	2-2	Bari (A-It)	4-0	Sunderland	2-0	Blackpool	1-1
Portsmouth	2-2	Sunderland	1-0	Bristol City	1-0	Sunderland (FAC)	0-2
Hull	1-2	Bristol City	1-3	Portsmouth	2-2	Verona (A-It)	1-2
Swindon	0-1	Florentina (A-It)	1-0	Aston Villa	2-0	Fulham	1-0
Carlisle	0-1	Fulham	1-0	Middlesbrough	1-0	Carlisle	0-2

**KEITH BARBER** (Goalkeeper)

Keith was signed from Southern League Dunstable Town in April 1971 and was quickly plunged into the bustle of League football. He broke a leg a few weeks ago but made such a remarkable recovery that he was back in the team within six weeks! **League record: Luton 49 aps.**

**JOHN RYAN** (Defender)

John, a Fulham regular in their First Division days, joined Luton in 1969 and has been ever-present for the past two seasons. **League record: Fulham 41(4) aps., 1 gl.; Luton 159(1) aps., 6 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 three seasons ago. He played so well that Leeds signed him shortly afterwards. When he dropped out of the reckoning for a first-team place he linked with Luton last season. **League record: Leeds 2 aps.; Luton 23 aps., 1 gl.**

**DON SHANKS** (Defender)

Don, a former England youth international, was once with Fulham as an apprentice. He joined Luton as a professional in July 1970, making his bow last season. **League record: Luton 39 aps., 1 gl.**

**KEN GOODEVE** (Defender)

Ken was unable to get into the first-team at Manchester United so he transferred to Luton in 1970. After waiting for almost three years he has been playing regularly for the past few weeks. **League record: Luton 6(5) aps.**

**BOBBY THOMSON** (Defender)

Bobby won eight England caps, and made 15 appearances for the under-23s in his Wolves' days. In 1961/62 he made his way into the Molineux club's senior eleven. He joined Birmingham in 1969 and at the end of last season he spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall. **League record: Wolves 277 aps., 2 gls.; Birmingham 62(1) aps.; Walsall 9 aps., 1 gl.; Luton 36 aps.**

**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 and last season was their top scorer. **League record: Luton 74(3) aps., 12 gls.**

**JOHN MOORE** (Midfield)

John arrived at Luton from Motherwell in 1965, holding a regular place until this season when he joined Brighton on loan. But he returned to reclaim his place. **League record: Motherwell 4 aps.; Brighton 5 aps.; Luton 266(9) aps., 13 gls.**

**LUTON TOWN**

**PEN PICTURES BY TONY PULLEIN**



**Back row (left to right): Terry Robinson, Derick Hales, Les Harfield, Gordon Hindson, Bob Hatch, Vic Halom, Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Paul Price, Peter Anderson, Jimmy Ryan, Gerry Jones, Nicky Sparks. Middle row (left to right): Tony Castiello, Alan Garner, Robin Wainwright, Ken Goodeve, Keith Barber, Willie Garrick, Tony Read, John Moore, Alan Slough, Steve Litt, Mick Gilchrist. Front row (left to right): Ray McCrohan (Coach), John Ryan, John Aston, Harry Haslam (Manager), Rodney Fern, Viv Bushy, Ken Whitfield (Assistant Coach)**

**ALAN SLOUGH** (Midfield)

A Luton discovery Alan made his League bow in 1965/66 and has held his place almost continually ever since. **League record: Luton 264(10) aps., 27 gls.**

**JIMMY RYAN** (Midfield)

Jimmy who made several First Division appearances for Manchester United, has been with the club for three years. **League record: Manchester United 21(3) aps., 4 gls.; Luton 75(8) aps., 7 gls.**

**GORDON HINDSON** (Midfield)

Gordon developed with Newcastle United but his chances in their senior team were limited. Last season, after joining Luton, he became accustomed to a regular game in League football. **League record: Newcastle 7 aps.; Luton 36(2) aps., 1 gl.**

**ROD FERN** (Striker)

Rod rose from the juniors to make his League bow with Leicester City in 1967/68 and two years later he was their top scorer. He didn't find the net so often in subsequent seasons but he is revelling in his new surroundings. **League record: Leicester 132(17) aps., 27 gls.; Luton 23(3) aps., 4 gls.**

**JOHN ASTON** (Striker)

Luton paid £30,000 for left-winger John. After breaking his leg, John never really re-established himself in the United side but is certainly enjoying his new lease of life at Kenilworth Road where he is currently top scorer with 12 goals. **League record: Manchester United 139(17) aps., 25 gls.; Luton 33 aps., 9 gls.**

**DEREK HALES** (Striker)

Derek rose from the amateur ranks with Luton to sign professional last March. He got his first taste of League football earlier this season. **League record: Luton 4(1) aps., 1 gl.**

# WEST LONDON SCHOOLBOY PENALTY COMPETITION



## TODAY'S TROPHIES

These are the cups to be won by today's competitors. Prize giving will very kindly be carried out by the heavyweight champion of Europe, Joe Bugner and well-known actor John Le Mesurier

The final of the West London Schoolboy Competition takes place at half-time this afternoon between John Ababio (Willesden High), Mark Thomas (Southfield) and Gary Stracey (Acton County) in the 11-13 Age Group and between Mark Grange (Ealing Mead), Sean Murray (Cardinal Vaughan) and Patrick Wilson (St. Edmunds) in the 14-16 Age Group. The winners of the two competitions will receive trophies plus a complete set of playing equipment for their schools in school colours. Our thanks go to the headmasters and sportsmasters of all the schools taking part for their co-operation and a special vote of thanks to goalies Ron Springett, Alan Spratley and Gary Calder for being so patient and long suffering!

### 14—16 AGE GROUP

NAME	SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
MARK GRANGE	EALING MEAD					
SEAN MURRAY	CARDINAL VAUGHAN					
PATRICK WILSON	ST. EDMUNDS					

### 11—13 AGE GROUP

NAME	SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
JOHN ABABIO	WILLESDEN HIGH					
MARK THOMAS	SOUTHFIELD					
GARY STRACEY	ACTON COUNTY					

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## TODAY'S WORLD OF SPORT

AS WORN BY PHIL PARKES AND DAVE THOMAS

Queens Park Rangers F.C. would like to thank GOLA for their kind gift of the sets of equipment awarded as prizes in the West London Schoolboy Penalty Competition.

# IT'S A RECORD!

THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

**GROUND**  
**DATE**  
**ATTENDANCE**  
**PLAYING CONDITIONS**  
**FIXTURE DETAILS**  
**TEAMS**

BLACKPOOL		PORTSMOUTH	
Home		Home	
Saturday, 24th March, 1973 (K.O. 3 p.m.)		Saturday, 31st March, 1973 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	
15714		14086	
A cold drizzly afternoon Pitch greasy and slippery		Cool and cloudy Pitch soft	
Football League, Div. II (17th home game—4 to play)		Football League, Div. II (18th home game—3 to play)	
QPR (2nd in Div. II)	BLACKPOOL (3rd in Div. II)	QPR (2nd in Div. II)	PORTSM'TH (15th in Div. II)
Parkes Clement Watson Venables Mancini Hazell Thomas Francis Leach Bowles Givens	Wood Hatton Bentley Alcock James Suddaby Burns Suddick Rafferty Dyson Ainscow	Parkes Clement Watson Venables Mancini Hazell Thomas Francis Leach Bowles Givens	Tilsed Lewis Collins Wilson Stephen- son Hand Foggo Reynolds Hiron Kellard Piper
Thomas Bowles Francis (1 own goal)		Thomas Venables Leach Mancini (1 own goal)	
(0) 4	(0) 0	(1) 5	(0) 0

**GOALS**  
**RESULT**  
**RANGERS REPORT**  
**AND THE PRESS SAID . . .**

"The best side we have played this season" (Gordon Jago). The score-line represents a particularly notable achievement as Blackpool, were no push-overs

Spare a thought for a gallant Blackpool side that posed plenty of first-half problems with the powerful running of Ainscow and the aggressive approach of Rafferty. Yet few Second Division sides can match Rangers, once they smell blood; and they ran Blackpool ragged with the sheer deadliness of their intent up front. From the moment Bowles celebrated his return from a two-match suspension by scoring his 14th goal of the season, in the 55th minute, the issue was in little doubt. Blackpool skipper James must take his share of the blame for failing to head clear from Venables' free kick; and Bowles was left to stab home from ten yards. The second goal was a masterpiece of simplicity and cheek, when Venables chipped a free kick over the Blackpool wall—and Francis nipped round behind to shoot past Wood. Blackpool's Bentley chased referee Raby back to the half-way line, claiming Francis was off-side. But there was no disputing the third goal that was taken so superbly by Thomas, who beat Hatton and Alcock in a run into the area, before shooting past Wood in the 76th minute. Rangers' fourth goal although claimed by Thomas was an own goal. ("Sunday Mirror".)

... But one couldn't say the same for Portsmouth. The visitors came only to defend but were powerless to stop Rangers' goal blitz.

Portsmouth's ultra defensive attitude was soon broken by Rangers when they scored within 5 minutes. A free kick floated into the crowded Pompey penalty area and was headed straight out to Thomas, who took his time and half-volleyed a right-foot shot into the roof of the net. Bowles was hurt by Stephenson's boot as he ducked to head a cross near the foot of the Pompey post. (Danny Blanchflower, "Sunday Express".) Number two came four minutes into the second half. Terry Mancini crossed from the right and Portsmouth defender Brian Lewis stabbed the ball into his own net trying to play it back to Ron Tilsed. Venables grabbed a third in 73 minutes. He played a quick one-two with Dave Clement, burst into the area, and fired in a shot that Tilsed could only part-parry into the net. Five minutes later the ball came out of deep defence via Clement to Mike Leach. He chested it down, controlled it superbly, and fired in a peach of a shot. Mancini rounded off the five-star show when he scored with a searing header following a Francis free kick three minutes from time—the umpteenth foul on Stan Bowles, who collected a cheekbone injury during the afternoon. (Dennis Signy, "News of the World".)

# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

1972 - 1973

1972	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
Sat. Aug. 12	Swindon Town	Away	2—2	Busby, Leach	14,170	
Sat. „ 19	<b>SHEFFIELD WED.</b>	Home	4—2	Francis, O'Rourke, Givens, Leach	12,977	
Sat. „ 26	Preston North End	Away	1—1	O'Rourke	9,242	
Sat. Sept. 2	<b>MIDDLESBROUGH</b>	Home	2—2	Givens, O'Rourke	10,601	
Wed. „ 6	W.B.A. (k.o. 7.30 p.m.)	Away	1—2	Givens	8,282	
Sat. „ 9	Burnley	Away	1—1	Busby	10,798	
Sat. „ 16	<b>NOTTINGH'M FOREST</b>	Home	3—0	Givens, Bowles, McCulloch	12,528	
Tues. „ 19	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	Home	1—1	Francis	11,586	
Sat. „ 23	Orient	Away	2—2	Leach, Bowles	9,492	
Tues. „ 26	Hull City	Away	1—4	Givens	8,289	
Sat. „ 30	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	Home	3—0	Givens 2 (1 pen), Bowles	11,182	
Sat. Oct. 7	<b>CARLISLE UNITED</b>	Home	4—0	Francis, Leach, Evans, Busby	11,755	
Sat. „ 14	Aston Villa	Away	1—0	Francis	34,045	
Tues. „ 17	Fulham (k.o. 7.30)	Away	2—0	Bowles, Givens	20,614	
Sat. „ 21	<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	Home	3—2	Givens, Bowles 2	17,356	
Sat. „ 28	Blackpool	Away	0—2		14,160	
Sat. Nov. 4	<b>HULL CITY</b>	Home	1—1	Bowles	13,619	
Sat. „ 11	Bristol City	Away	2—1	Givens 2	12,570	
Sat. „ 18	<b>MILLWALL</b>	Home	1—3	Bowles	15,857	
Sat. „ 25	Portsmouth	Away	1—0	Givens	8,460	
Sat. Dec. 2	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	Home	0—0		9,790	
Sat. „ 9	Luton Town	Away	2—2	Givens, Clement	13,670	
Sat. „ 23	Brighton & Hove A.	Away	2—1	Givens 2 (1 pen)	13,735	
Tues. „ 26	<b>ORIENT (K.O. 3 p.m.)</b>	Home	3—1	Leach, Givens (pen), Thomas	15,062	
Sat. „ 30	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	1—3	Leach	20,185	
Sat. Jan. 6	<b>PRESTON N.E.</b>	Home	3—0	Givens 2, Francis	10,519	
Sat. „ 13	<b>BARNET (FAC 3)</b>	Home	0—0		13,627	
Tues. „ 16	Barnet (FAC 3 Replay)	Away	3—0	Leach, Bowles, Mancini	10,919	
Sat. „ 20	Middlesbrough	Away	0—0		8,398	
Sat. „ 27	<b>BURNLEY</b>	Home	2—0	Leach, Givens	22,518	
Sat. Feb. 3	Oxford United (FAC 4)	Away	2—0	Clement, Givens	16,057	
Tues. „ 6	<b>HUDDERSF'LD TOWN (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)</b>	Home	3—1	Givens (2), Thomas	13,539	
Sat. „ 10	Nottingham Forest	Away	0—0		11,617	
Sat. „ 17	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	Home	5—0	Francis, Bowles (3), Givens	13,472	
Sat. „ 24	Derby County (FAC 5)	Away	2—4	Leach, Givens	38,100	
Sat. Mar. 3	Carlisle United	Away	3—1	Thomas, Bowles, Clement	8,729	
Tues. „ 6	Huddersfield Town (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)	Away	2—2	Francis, Leach	8,627	
Sat. „ 10	<b>ASTON VILLA</b>	Home	1—0	Leach	21,578	
Sat. „ 24	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	Home	4—0	Thomas, Bowles, Francis, (1 own goal)	15,714	
Sat. „ 31	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	Home	5—0	Thomas, Venables, Leach, Mancini, (1 own goal)	14,086	
Sat. Apr. 7	Oxford United (SF)	Away	0—2		12,144	
Sat. „ 14	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	Home				
Wed. „ 18	Cardiff City	Away				
Sat. „ 21	Millwall	Away				
Tues. „ 24	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE A. (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)</b>	Home				
Sat. „ 28	<b>FULHAM</b>	Home				
Wed. May 9	Sunderland	Away				

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# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II up to and including 7th April '73

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
36	10	6	2	36	18	Burnley	9	7	2	23	16	51
36	13	4	1	48	13	<b>QUEENS PARK RANGERS</b>	6	8	4	23	24	50
37	10	5	4	24	16	Aston Villa	6	6	6	21	27	43
38	10	6	3	33	17	Blackpool	6	4	9	19	30	42
38	13	3	3	39	20	Sheffield Wednesday	3	6	10	18	30	41
37	13	1	4	33	14	Oxford United	4	5	5	10	23	40
38	7	7	4	27	16	Bristol City	7	5	8	29	32	40
36	6	8	5	24	22	<b>Luton Town</b>	9	2	6	19	19	40
37	10	5	4	30	17	Fulham	4	6	7	22	27	39
38	10	6	3	23	13	Middlesbrough	3	7	8	13	27	39
37	12	3	3	31	15	Millwall	3	4	12	21	29	37
37	11	5	3	30	15	Nottingham Forest	2	6	10	12	28	37
32	8	6	2	27	13	Sunderland	4	4	8	20	27	34
35	8	6	4	35	20	Hull City	3	5	9	20	33	33
38	7	8	4	26	22	Swindon Town	2	6	11	18	36	32
37	6	6	7	19	20	Portsmouth	5	4	9	20	32	32
37	10	4	4	38	20	Carlisle United	1	5	13	9	27	31
36	9	5	4	28	15	Orient	1	6	11	13	29	31
37	5	7	6	16	22	Preston North End	5	4	10	17	35	31
37	6	9	4	19	18	Huddersfield Town	1	7	10	14	29	30
35	10	2	5	27	17	Cardiff City	0	6	12	9	33	28
37	6	6	6	27	27	Brighton and Hove Albion	1	5	13	14	47	25

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

### FIXTURES 1972-73

Tues Aug. 15	Bristol City	0—0
Sat. „ 19	Leicester City	1—1
Wed. „ 23	Oxford United	0—1
Sat. „ 26	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	2—0
Tues. „ 29	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	2—0
Sat. Sept. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	0—4
Tues. „ 5	<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	2—2
Tues. „ 12	Bristol Rovers	1—1
Sat. „ 16	Birmingham City	1—2
Sat. „ 23	<b>READING</b>	3—0
Sat. „ 30	Swindon Town	0—1
Tues. Oct. 3	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS 2.30 pm</b>	1—3
Sat. „ 14	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	1—0
Tues. „ 17	Swansea City 2.30 p.m.	1—3
Sat. „ 21	West Ham United	0—1
Sat. „ 28	<b>ARSENAL</b>	4—2
Tues. „ 31	<b>OXFORD UTD. (2.30 pm)</b>	3—1
Sat. Nov. 4	Cardiff City 5 pm	1—0
Sat. „ 11	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	3—2
Sat. Dec. 2	Ipswich Town	2—2
Sat. „ 16	Norwich City	3—0
Sat. „ 23	<b>CHELSEA</b>	3—1
Sat. „ 30	<b>LEICESTER CITY</b>	2—1
Sat. Jan. 6	Southampton	2—0
Sat. „ 13	F.A. Cup (3)	
Sat. „ 20	<b>TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR</b>	1—0
Sat. Feb. 10	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	1—2
Wed. „ 14	Reading	0—1
Sat. „ 24	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	1—0
Tues. „ 27	<b>SWANSEA CITY 2.30 pm</b>	2—1
Sat. Mar. 10	Plymouth Argyle	0—1
Tues. „ 13	<b>CARDIFF CITY 2.30 pm</b>	1—1
Sat. „ 17	<b>WEST HAM UNITED</b>	3—0
Tues. „ 20	<b>BOURNEMOUTH 2.30 pm</b>	1—5
Sat. „ 24	Arsenal	0—3
Tues. „ 27	Chelsea 2.30 p.m.	2—0
Sat. „ 31	Bournemouth	1—0
Sat. Apr. 7	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	0—4
Tues. „ 10	Fulham 2.30 pm	0—0
Tues. „ 17	<b>FULHAM 2.30 pm</b>	Home
Sat. „ 28	Crystal Palace	Away

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

- v. **West Ham United**, 17th March. 3—0.  
Spratley, Williams, Gillard, Beck, McCormick, Seary, Everest, Sanders, French, Mayes, Ferguson.  
Scorers: **Mayes (2), French.**
- v. **Bournemouth**, 20th March. 1—5.  
Spratley, Williams, Gillard, Beck, McCormick, Seary, Everest, Sanders, Abbott, French, Mayes.  
Scorer: **French.**
- v. **Arsenal**, 24th March. 0—3.  
Spratley, Williams, Gillard, Beck, McCormick, Seary, Everest, Mayes, French, Sanders, Ferguson.
- v. **Chelsea**, 27th March. 2—0.  
Spratley, Spencer, Gillard, Kempton, Seary, Beck, Delve, Sanders, French, Abbott, Mayes.  
Scorer: **Mayes (2).**
- v. **Bournemouth**, 31st March. 1—0.  
Spratley, Williams, Gillard, Kempton, McCormick, Seary, Beck, Everest, Ferguson, O'Rourke, Mayes.  
Scorer: **O'Rourke.**
- v. **Ipswich Town**, 7th April. 0—4.  
Spratley, Williams, Gillard, Beck, Kempton, Seary, Ferguson, Everest, O'Rourke, Abbott, Mayes.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich Town	36	25	6	5	84	29	56
Arsenal	38	23	9	6	74	32	55
Tottenham Hotspur	34	18	13	3	64	27	49
Birmingham City	36	19	7	10	56	35	45
Oxford United	36	15	13	8	49	37	43
<b>Q.P.R.</b>	37	18	6	13	53	40	42
Cardiff City	34	15	9	10	44	37	39
Chelsea	35	14	10	11	31	34	38
Fulham	36	12	11	13	44	38	35
Southampton	38	14	7	17	50	58	35
Crystal Palace	33	13	7	13	41	40	33
Bristol Rovers	35	13	6	16	50	46	32
Leicester City	37	11	10	16	41	53	32
Norwich City	37	11	9	17	41	53	31
Bristol City	36	12	7	17	40	58	31
Swindon Town	36	11	7	18	40	56	29
Plymouth Argyle	35	11	7	17	35	57	29
Reading	34	11	5	18	34	57	27
A.F.C. Bournemouth	33	7	9	17	32	41	23
Swansea City	33	9	5	19	49	70	23
West Ham United	35	5	7	23	19	69	17

# SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

## SUPPORT US PLEASE!

### POOLS SECTION

Once again we are nearing the end of another tremendously exciting season, in which we as supporters have witnessed some of the most entertaining and skilful football ever displayed by a Rangers team. Now with only five games left, promotion to the greatest League in football is in our sights.

But when all the cheering and shouting has long passed, one Organisation must continue to function **The Pools**.

A lot of work must be carried out during the summer months if we are to make a success and establish your club, and it is your club as supporters, in the higher sphere of football.

This can come about if everyone goes with us and I am sure everyone can if they will just make the effort. You can become an agent quite easily, we require your support now in the summer months so that we can increase our support to the club.

We are proud of the happy family atmosphere we have engendered at Shepherds Bush. Here is an opportunity for the whole family to help us build a great club. We feel that we are doing our share. Will you please do yours? I am convinced that you will not let us down.

You could be one of the lucky winners next week. All you require are 10 members. Make the effort now by posting the application form below.

### POOLS AGENT APPLICATION FORM

To: Q.P.R. Pools, South Africa Road, London, W.12.

I am interested in becoming an agent for your football pools competition. Please send me details.

Name .....

Address .....

### GRAND DERBY DRAW

All members should by now have received an allocation of tickets, we hope once again the draw will prove very popular. Please apply as early as possible for any more you may require. If you have received more than one allocation of tickets, we apologise, and would be grateful if you are not able to sell them, please return them at your earliest convenience.

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

#### CARDIFF CITY v. Q.P.R.

Coach tickets are now available for the away fixture at Cardiff on Wednesday, April 18th, 1973. Leaving the ground 2.30 p.m. Tickets available from the Pools Office today. Very reasonable fare.

### LUCKY CAR CLUB WINNERS

Our two winning guests who are today entertained by the club:

Mr. D. Baker, 3 Gloucester Gate Lodge, Regents Park, N.W.1.

Mr. J. Worth, 48 St. Martins App., Ruislip, Middlesex.

Only a few days left if you want a chance of winning our Car Club Vauxhall Viva. Membership is still open until Saturday, April 21st. Grand draw to take place on April 28th, when we entertain Fulham. View the car today in front of the Ellerslie Road Stand. Membership forms available.

### GOLDEN GOALS

Tickets on sale all entrances. Price 2½p. Goal time for winners versus Portsmouth:

04.27      49.28      73.38      78.20      86.55



# 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.**

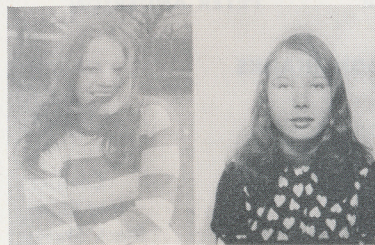
9 Samson House, Maxey Rd., Plumstead, London, S.E.18.

I hope the fact that Rangers being in the First Division next season (well-er-providing there isn't an atomic war before then) doesn't also mean that there will be a change of strip. Many teams lately have ben changing their shirts virtually every season, which can be very confusing, and it would be a great shame if the Rangers changed those dear old blue and white hoops. The Rangers shirts are the most outstanding in the country, and until recently they were the only team in the league with hoops. One point though, a friend of mine seeing the Rangers for the first time, commented on how short and stocky all the Rangers players were, of course they all aren't, but it must be very deceiving to an opposing forward, when a seemingly short Rangers player jumps well above him. That's the sort of visual effect hoops have. It also doesn't do much for a girl's figure, as shown by my friend Denise at a recent football match. Can you try and print this picture, as it will be a tremendous surprise for her when she opens the match programme and it might also liven the programme up even more than its usually high standard.

Yours sincerely, MISS S. MARTIN

P.S.—Denise will be very upset if QPR lose against Arsenal next year, as she used to support them, until she discovered the error of her ways.

★ Does anyone else think our hoops (which will definitely NOT be changed) produce optical illusions? Denise's photo appears below and, if this liven's up the programme, we'll double the effect by also printing a photo of Rangers supporter, Lorraine Larkin (aged 13). (Let us be the first to place on record that we have the best looking feminine fans in the league at this ground!)



12 Spur Road, Orpington,

Kent  
Dear Sir,  
I am an Arsenal supporter who as a small girl came to see the Rangers in the days of Rodney Marsh. The next time I returned to Loftus Road I saw the team with Dave Thomas, Stanley Bowles and Don Givens and was really impressed, what a great new

Rangers! QPR are really exciting and I am sure that they are of a high First Division class. Well done Rangers!

JENNIFER LESLEY BATTEN

★ Delighted to welcome so many Arsenal fans to our midst!

221 Greenford Ave., Hanwell,

London, W.7.

Dear Sir,  
Continuing the debate on the programme layout, I think the main reason for the success and popularity of Rangers' programme is the superior quality of its contents. Both Tony Pullein's and Michael Wale's articles are first rate. The letters column distinguishes itself by including a fair proportion of mail devoted to serious comment. This is most unlike the banal drivel common to many club programmes (viz. previous comment on Derby County's programme). I think the vast majority of supporters prefer your publication as it is and it would be a mistake to degenerate to the level of the various children's soccer magazines on the market, e.g., "Shoot". Another subject I'd like to air a few views on is the still controversial one of Rodney Marsh, Manchester City and Queens Park Rangers. Living, as I do for half the year ten minutes' walk from Maine Road, yet being a life-long supporter of the R's I've been in a great position this season to see the progress of both parties. I've seen Rangers grow from being practically a one-man band in the palmy days of the Rod, to the great little free-scoring outfit they are now, with every player a favourite with the crowd. Our old hero Rodney, however, got off to rather a patchy start with his new club and although he has shown touches of genius this season he has never reproduced the sort of brilliance that were regular features of his extravagant Shepherds Bush performances. As a result he's fallen foul of a proportion of the northern fans. Also he's been pressurised by the newspaper faction into making several outrageous statements (e.g., "I've had to lower my standard of play since coming to Manchester City") which have resulted in further unpopularity. Anyway, next season we shall be able to meet Rodney and his club on equal terms and, we hope, give them a football lesson. Good luck in the First Division!

Best wishes, MARTIN WILSON

★ Rodney does seem to be going through an unhappy phase just now in every way. Everyone at Rangers hopes he will soon snap out of it—for the good of the game itself.





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# SCORERS

**QUEENS PARK RANGERS**

MANCINI , GIVENS

**LUTON TOWN**

## QUEENS PARK RANGERS (2)

Colours:

Shirts Blue & White Hoops

Shorts White

Manager: **Gordon Jago**

Coach: **Bobby Campbell**

1  
PHIL PARKES

2  
DAVE CLEMENT

3  
IAN WATSON

4  
TERRY VENABLES  
(Captain)

5  
TERRY MANCINI \*

6  
TONY HAZELL

8  
GERRY FRANCIS

10  
STAN BOWLES

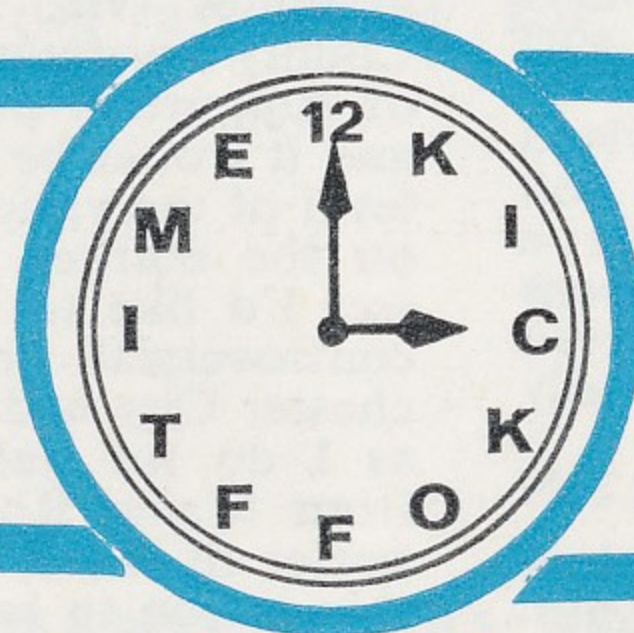
7  
DAVE THOMAS

9  
MICK LEACH

11  
DON GIVENS \*

12. DELVE

Referee:  
Mr. I. P. JONES  
(Glam)



Linesmen:  
Mr. A. ROBINSON  
(Red Flag)  
Mr. K. BRAY  
(Yellow Flag)

12. SLOUGH

11  
JOHN ASTON

9 ~~RODNEY FERN~~ BUSBY

7  
JIMMY RYAN

10  
GORDON HINDSON

8  
GRAHAM FRENCH

6  
~~ALAN GARNER~~  
JOHN RYAN

5  
JOHN FAULKNER

4  
PETER ANDERSON

3  
BOBBY THOMSON  
(Captain)

2  
DON SHANKS

1  
KEITH BARBER

Manager: **Harry Haslam**  
Coach: **Ray McCrohan**

Colours:  
Red Shirts  
Black Shorts

## LUTON TOWN (0)

RESULT—Q.P.R.

2

LUTON TOWN

0