

QPR ban beaters' cup cheer

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TWO HUNDRED QPR fans beat the controversial Kenilworth Road away fan ban — with the help of Luton.

The breakthrough was revealed when Rangers took the lead in the 84th minute. One section in the corner of the main stand rose applauding and cheering loudly.

Afterwards, QPR chief executive Dennis Signy explained: "Luton had been very nice about this cup-tie. Instead of the usual allocation of 50 complimentaries they gave us 150 tickets.

"We thought very carefully about who to give the tickets to and we told Luton we would be responsible for the behaviour of our followers."

But how did the other 50 or so Rangers' fans get their tickets? Luton boss John Moore said: "We've probably got that many QPR followers among our membership"

Meanwhile, QPR manager Jim Smith was annoyed his team failed to win the cup-tie after going ahead in the 84th minute.

Rangers' striker John Byrne and Luton left-back Rob Johnson challenged for a high ball and referee Alan Seville awarded a penalty, which Terry Fenwick converted.

Luton equalised in the 88th minute with Mick Harford's penalty.