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# Loftus Road for this EDITOR PHIL HARRIS LOOKS FORWARD TO TODAY'S GAME

afternoon's game against Luton Town. The pressure is mounting as the promotion race hots up - today promises to be another entertaining afternoon in front of what may well be a sell-out crowd. It should be guite an atmosphere.

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Hopefully the elements won't play guite the part they did in last weekend's game at

Wycombe! Ian Holloway called it surreal and for those of us who were there, it was a game we won't forget it in a hurry. It truly was the ultimate game of two halves

In today's edition of QPR Live we chat to two recent signings. Arthur Gnohere is back at Loftus Road having been on loan here earlier in the season and he chats about his permanent signing. Lee Camp has arrived on loan from Derby and he offers his first impressions of life at Loftus Road.

We also bring you regular

contributions from lan Holloway, Steve Palmer, David Davies and Tom Watt of BBC London 94.9FM. We hope you enjoy it and more importantly that you enjoy today's game.



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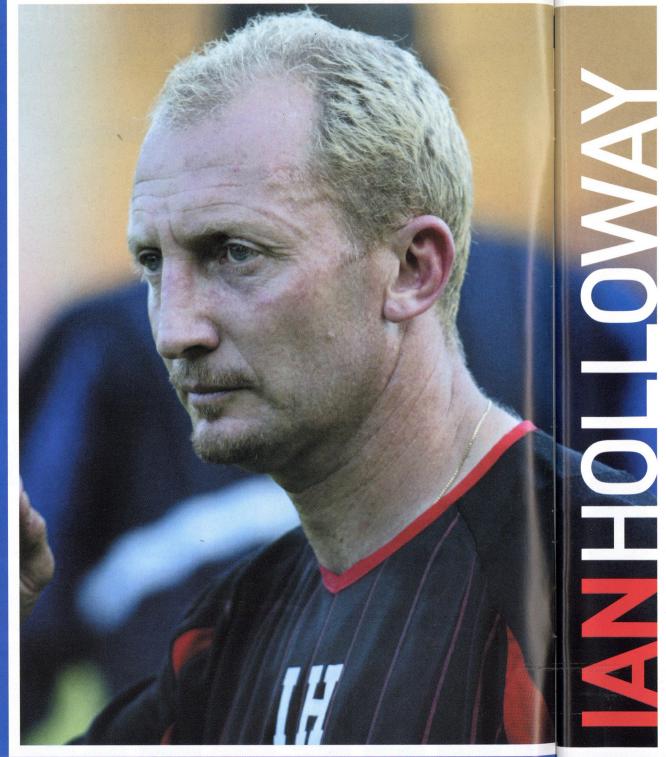
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#### THE THOUGHTS OF THE RANGERS MANAGER

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ood afternoon everyone and welcome back to Loftus Road for this afternoon's game against

Luton Town. This promises to be an entertaining and competitive fixture with both sides looking for another three points to help their promotion ambitions.

Hopefully we will be able to expect a more normal afternoon than the one we experienced last weekend at Wycombe. As I said at the time, it truly was a surreal day. I've never seen wind affect a football match like that before and any prospects for a straightforward game went completely out of the window.

We struggled to adjust to the conditions in the first half and I told the players that I expect them to be able to use their experience in situations like that. But even though we were two goals down at half time, I still expected us to come back in to the game and get something from it.

In the end, the players did well to recover and earn us what could turn out to be a valuable point against a side battling for their lives. I believed in the players' ability to get something from the game, despite the first half, and we showed all sorts of character to get back in to the game.

This was our eighth game unbeaten and I am pleased with our current progress. The seventh game in this run came against Wrexham on the previous Tuesday night and again, we

showed plenty of character to earn ourselves three important points.

I thought it would be a difficult game after the poor results they had suffered and I expected them to bounce back. But we put in a fantastic team performance, grinding it out in the first half and playing our football in the second.

Clarke Carlisle and Kevin McLeod scored two great goals and I was delighted for both of them. We all know that Clarke can score goals at this level - he's one of the best header's of the ball in the division. As for Kevin McLeod, he got what he deserved for his perseverance and took his goal very well.

But now our attentions turn to Luton Town and what will undoubtedly be a tough examination of our current form. Luton have overcome a host of off-field problems to give themselves an outstanding chance of reaching the play-offs and they should be applauded.

They will doubtless be keen to put a dent in our ambitions and we will have to be at our best if we are to earn all three points.

And of course, you have a vital role to play for us this afternoon. Please do all you can to get right behind the players throughout. Your encouragement genuinely makes a difference and with your backing we can achieve our ambitions.

Have a great afternoon everyone and come on you Rsss!!

### 12.03.04 - 23.03.04

#### ROUNDING UP THE LATEST QPR NEWS

#### 12.03.04

Rangers striker Eric Sabin signs for Division Three side Northampton Town after only eight months at Loftus Road.

The former Swindon Town man joins the Sixfields Stadium club on a free transfer after the Cobblers swooped to steal Sabin from under the noses of Boston United.

Sabin had been on loan with the Lincolnshire club but will now line for Northampton, ironically AGAINST Boston this weekend.

#### 13.03.04

A second half four-goal blitz earn Rangers a thoroughly deserved victory at Hartlepool United.

The visitors were good in the first half and yet couldn't find a breakthrough. But in the second period the Superhoops were sensational and found the net four times to record their best away win of the season.

Ian Holloway described the days leading

up to the game as a 'week from hell' but he was smiling after the Rs gained all three points.

"I thought the lad in goal had a good game. He's only a young kid but he showed an awful lot of promise. I thought he kept us in it in the first half."

"We've got to make sure that in the games we've got left we can come to places like this, against good sides, and get three points."

#### 15.03.04

Binatone Telecom sign a brand new two-year deal to remain the club's shirt sponsors.

The consumer electronics company sign a lucrative deal which will benefit the Club financially and see the company's logo emblazoned on Rangers' home and away kits during seasons 2004/05 and 05/06. The sponsorship deal was brokered by Jonathan Harris of Sport and Artist Management Ltd who also happens to be a OPR Season Ticket holder of 30



ERIC SABIN: JOINS NORTHAMPTON AFTER JUST 18MONTHS WITH RANGERS



RANGERS RECOVER FROM 2-0 DOWN AT WYCOMBE TO EARN A VALUABLE POINT AT THE CAUSEWAY STADIUM.

years standing.

Jonathan said 'It's a terrific moment for me as a supporter to be able to introduce such a positive deal for both parties'

#### 16.03.04

Second half goals from Clarke Carlisle and Kevin McLeod earn Rangers all three points against Wrexham.

A nervous first half display was replaced with a far more assured performance in the second period and the goals were the least the home side deserved for their efforts.

Rangers Boss Ian Holloway praised his 'fantastic' team.

"This was a fantastic team performance. We ground it out in the first half and played our football in the second."

#### 18.03.04

Rangers Reserves lose 1-0 after a lacklustre performance against Gillingham.

A first half Matthew Jarvis strike earned the home side victory and although Rangers improved considerably in the second period, the Gills did enough to keep Breacker's team at bay. Nevertheless, there was good news with the return to action of Richard Edghill. The full back played his first football of the year as he continued his rehabilitation from injury.

Elsewhere, Rangers' postponed game at Tranmere will be played on Tuesday April 6th, with the kick off 7.45pm.

The Wirral club were keen to wait until the outcome of their FA Cup quarter-final with Millwall had been decided before commiting themselves to a date.

#### 20.03.04

Rangers recover from going two goals down at Wycombe to earn a valuable point at the Causeway Stadium.

On a day when a buffeting wind wreaked havoc, Wycombe took full advantage in the first half scoring through Matt Bloomfield and Craig Faulconbridge.

But in the second half, and with the wind at the their backs, Rangers were a completely different proposition.

Holloway switched from 3-5-2 to 4-4-2 and his team ran Wycombe ragged.

Kevin Gallen and Martin Rowlands brought Rangers level and with the amount of possession they had a winner was not beyond them.

But in the end, and on a day that Bristol City lost, this could yet be the most valuable of points.

Ian Holloway was pleased with his side's second half revival.

"It was a really surreal day. I've never seen wind affect a football match like that before - not even in my amateur days."

"We nearly pulled this one out of the fire, but we need to recognise how to win difficult games.

"I believed in the players and we showed all sorts of character to get back in to the game."

#### 23.03.04

Rangers reserves enjoy a very satisfying 3-1 victory over Millwall at Northwood courtesy of goals from Scott Donnelly, Marien Ifura and Richard Pacquette.

There was further good news with the return to action of Gareth Ainsworth and Chris Day after injury lay-off.

OF RANGERS



ood afternoon and welcome to the game. The last couple of weeks have been a good lesson and reminder as to the unpredictable nature of football and the

necessity to have a number of contingencies available to call on as situations and circumstances change. In the lead up to the game at Wycombe the squad available and fit to train was very thin on the ground.

Injuries and illness devastated the normal group and ensured that planning for the to be geared towards ensuring that no earlier than normal for a roll-call to see declared themselves available for ideal. As it turned out the weather

down the pitch made any passing extremely difficult. Indeed it was necessary for players to take steps to stop the ball from blowing away when trying to take free-kicks. The infrequent sight of little mounds being dug behind the ball as it was placed for a corner was evident and there was even one instance of a player holding the ball still so that another could take a central free-kick. I am not surprised that other games were postponed. In such circumstances it becomes important to 'play to the conditions'. Defending against this hidden, invisible opponent becomes a matter of survival at times.

This can be aided by not defending too deep and thus avoiding the problem of being hemmed in and kept under pressure. Passing needs to be short and well struck. When aided by the conditions the reverse becomes appropriate - play the ball into the opponents defending third as often as possible, maintain do. Conditions like this are rare but a game plan to give the best chance of success is vital.

Today we face Luton and leaving old rivalries aside each game now has added significance. I'm happy now to admit to keeping a close eye on the table and fixtures of our rivals. Every passing game will present a new twist to the story and I have a feeling that matters could be resolved before the final games. Hopefully this will provide a positive outcome and the first step back up the leagues.

Enjoy the game. Steve



game had to be flexible and training had further casualties were taken. Indeed on Saturday morning the squad got together who was fit. Ultimately most of the boys selection but preparations were far from conditions would have made any detailed pressure and give the goalkeeper a lot to pattern of playing useless.

The strength of the wind blowing straight



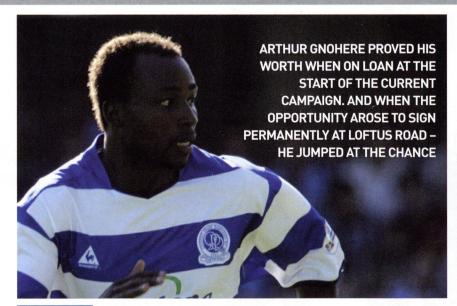
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rthur Gnohere was first introduced to Loftus Road earlier in the current

campaign, brought in on loan from First Division club side Burnley to bolster a somewhat undermanned Rangers defence.

In his first spell with the club, he proved a rock in Ian Holloway's defence, and was instrumental in a defensive line which conceded only one league goal at home until the end of October.

However, Gnohere had already gone back to Burnley earlier that month, with the return of Clarke Carlisle to the Rangers fold, and with a number of other players in the defensive unit also regaining their fitness - meant that Arthur's loan spell had come to and end.

Yet Gnohere had become popular amongst the players and coaching staff, for his committed commanding displays. And had fast become admired by the Rangers faithful, as he proved a solid defensive partner in a number of different combinations. And when one of Rangers' favourite

sons went down with a serious knee injury, Holloway moved in to secure the long term services of the Ivory Coast born central defender, who is - we all need to look out for each in every sense - loving being back at Loftus Road.

here. The players were happy to see me again, and I like it here.

"When Ian asked me if I'd like to make a permanent move I said yes of course -because for me QPR has always been a big club. It's one of those clubs that everybody knows. It was no question for me."

And it was the chance to work under the Rangers boss and Kenny Jackett which clenched the deal for Gnohere. A coaching team for whom he holds great respect, believing that they have found the right balance, and brought together a strong group of men, who are all focused in the same direction.

"QPR has such a great set up. lan Holloway was reason enough for me to move to Rangers – he's one of the best coaches around in my opinion. He talks to everybody – he gets everybody involved helping each other prepare mentally for the game.

"He looks at the team as a family He tells us that we are all part of that family. We are all brothers and other – and we have to go the distance. When Ollie talks - we listen. And you want to have a "I'm really enjoying myself being back manager that commands that kind of respect.

> "Kenny works very hard with us in defence. He talks to me throughout the week, and gets us organised for the next game. We sit down and watch the video, and we talk about shape and cover, and we work really hard to try and continually develop our technique and balance as a group.

"Kenny gives me a job. And I know that if I do my job, and the other players do theirs, that we will succeed. We have a great coaching staff - they really know how to get the most out of our group.

"But the greatest thing is - is that the feeling around the training ground is even more positive than when I was here last. Every one wants to go to Division One and every one knows what they have to do to. The ambition is still the same but the intensity has lifted."

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# REATMENT ROOM

RANGERS PHYSIO PRAV MATHEMA BRINGS US THE LATEST FITNESS NEWS







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ood afternoon and welcome to Loftus Road after a windy weekend in Wycombe. It's been a

busy week in the treatment room, with several players coming in for attention, while preparing several others for their return to competitive play.

It gives the whole squad a lift when players come back after long absences through injury. In recent weeks Marcus Bean has returned to first team football. Although he has been in for treatment this week with a little back stiffness, he's fit and raring to go.

Another long time absentee returned through the reserves this week. The 'Wild Thing' got through a full 90 minutes in Tim Breacker's side's 3-1 midweek win over Millwall. We are all delighted to see Ainsworth return to full competitive action – he's been bouncing off the walls he's so keen to get back on to the pitch.

Chris Day was another returnee in the

reserves. A full 90 minutes for Daisy sees him back to full fitness. The midweek fixture was played at a high tempo which was a good measure for both Chris and Gareth, both passing with flying colours.

Matthew Rose missed last weekend's game after coming off against Wrexham. His hamstring and lower back have been responding well to treatment – and at the time of writing we should have seen him return to training on Thursday. He will be 50-50 for today's match.

The biggest concern after last week's clash was swelling to Marc Bircham's knee. An MRI scan has revealed no structural damage, and we'll just have to wait and see how much the swelling reduces over the next couple of days. As he is suspened for both today's game and Bristol City – it will give us maximum time to fully assess his situation.

Nick Culkin has come through surgery and is resting. While Gino Padula is taking some time out while recovering from a fractured toe. The Argentine continues to wear an aircast to keep pressure off his foot.

And finally, Dan Shittu continues to respond well to his rehab. Big Dan has been great to have around at the training ground and continues to bring a smile to every ones face. The lads have been really encouraging him – and having him around at this time of the season has just been terrific.

Enjoy today's game and Come on U Rrrrs...



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"LUTON HAVE SPENT MOST OF THIS YEAR SORTING OUT THEIR FUTURE AND HAVING RECENTLY BEEN IN THIS SITUATION OURSELVES ONE CAN ONLY ADMIRE THE JOB THEY HAVE DONE"

# DAVID DAVIES THE THOUGHTS OF THE LOFTUS ROAD CHIEF EXECUTIVE

woud like to extend a warm welcome to Mike Newell, the directors, players and staff of Luton Town.

As most of you are aware, Luton have spent most of this year sorting out their future and having recently been in this situation ourselves one can only admire the job they have done in both guiding the club and the playing staff through what is an incredibly difficult time. The fact that they could yet attain a play-off position is a tribute to the job they have done. Although I'm not wishing them the very best this afternoon, I personally wish them the very best for the rest of the season.

Over the past week a number of people have contacted me regarding ticket allocations for the forthcoming fixtures at Bristol City and Plymouth and unfortunately the comments that have been passed to me, refer me to the old saying 'a little noise is a dangerous thing'. As most of you are aware the allocation for Bristol City was originally 2,000 and this has been extended

to 2,250. Originally, in the case of Plymouth, the allocation was originally 1,750 and Plymouth are currently working with police authorities to extend this allocation further.

The league rules seem to be ambiguous on the point of appropriate away allocation. Basically, either 10% or 2,000 - whichever allocation suits the requirements of the game. There are exceptions that can be agreed between both clubs and regulatory authorities and, in this case, the police as well as reduced allocation which can be agreed with the Football League. It would be reasonable to argue, given the size of our travelling fans and the original allocation that these allocations should be larger than they are.

The conversations with both Plymouth and Bristol City have been relatively focused, in that with new stadiums and shared stands, our concern is for the segregation and safety for all our travelling fans - plus the inclusion in those allocations of toilets and other facilities both of which remained guaranteed by the various clubs.

Therefore if there are any problems in terms of segregation on the day, the club would be delighted to hear from you and we will share your experiences perhaps by passing these comments to the Football League.

It would also be appropriate in the current climate to advertise the forthcoming international, on Tuesday, between Australia and South Africa. Many of those players on show currently play in the Premiership such as Mark Viduka (Leeds), Harry Kewell, Mark Schwarzer (Middlesbrough) and Lucas Neill (Blackburn).

It is in QPR's best interest to get the biggest crowd we can at Loftus Road, so please come along for what promises to be a great game. With a big crowd, it presents an opportunity for more international games at Loftus Road. We would encourage each one of you to come and watch and may this be the first of many.

Enjoy this afternoon's game everyone.



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#### **RANGERS REWIND**















QPR GALLEN 46, ROWLANDS 68 Gnohere, Rowlands, McLeod (Cuerton 75). Bircham (Bean 86), Richard Johnson, Gallen, Thrope, Furlong Unused subs: Day, Palmer Bookings: Bircham, Carlisle OLLIE'S **VERDICT** "We nearly pulled this one out of the fire, but we need to recognise how to win different games. I felt we wasted 45 minutes."

Rangers recovered from going two goals down at Wycombe to earn a valuable point at Causeway Stadium.

On a day when a buffeting wind wreaked havoc, Wycombe took full advantage in the first half with scoring through Matt Bloomsfield and Craig Faulconbridge.

Sloppy defending from the visitors also contributed to a miserable 45 minutes for Ian Holloway's team.

But in the second half, and with the wind at their backs, Rangers were a completely different proposition. Holloway switched from 3-5-2 to 4 4-2 and his team ran Wycombe ragged.

Kevin Gallen and Martin Rowlands brought Rangers level and with the amount of possession they had a winner was not beyond them.

But in the end, and on a day that Bristol City lost, this could yet be the most valuable of points.

Rangers caused the first alarm of the game, when an excellent cross from Kevin McLeod was cleared by Roger Johnson ahead of the incoming Paul Furlong.

It was Rangers who looked more composed, despite the strong wind in their faces but it would be Wycombe who took the lead when Nathan Tyson broke towards the goal and although Forbes got back to win the ball

with a well-timed slide tackle, it ran free to Matt Bloomsfield who coolly slotted home from an angle.

But things were to get worse with a second Wycombe goal only four minutes later. Tyson was the instigator again, leaving Clarke Carlisle for dead, before squaring the ball to Craig Faulconbridge.

At the other end the R's first shot on target came from March Bircham in the 35th minute, a tame strike that Steve Williams gathered without alarm.

Rangers went in at half time, battered by the wind and with heads bowed. But within 60 seconds of the restart the visitors were back in the game.

And from the first attack of the game Rangers halved the deficit when Tony Thorpe found Kevin Gallen who lifted the ball over Steve Williams and in off the crossbar.

On 68 minutes after consistent Rangers pressure, Rowlands scored the tying goal in bizarre circumstances. Rowlands picked the ball up on the right and sent in what was probably meant to be a cross. And yet it flew over the bemused head of Williams into the Wycombe net.

Rangers were gunning for a winner but after several good chances failed to connect, even with 3 minutes of added time.

# RANGER

EACH WEEK OUR 'SUPERFAN' GIVES US THE LOWDOWN ON HIS LOVE OF ALL THINGS RANGERS. THIS WEEK OUR VERY OWN QPR IN THE COMMUNITY'S STEVE QUASHIE

#### NAME: STEVE QUASHIE

#### BIRTHPLACE: PADDINGTON,

AGE

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#### WHY RANGERS:

My good friend George Winn who sadly passed away took me to my first game and I fell in love with this great club.

#### FIRST GAME:

v Notts County in 1981, the game finished 1-1.

#### ALL TIME PLAYER:

Gary Waddock was an excellent midfielder who always worked hard on the pitch and made good decisions especially when passing and tackling. Paul Parker is another favourite, as a small centre back his reading of the game was exceptional!

#### ALL TIME MANAGER:

As a young lad our 1986 Milk Cup run under Jim Smith was special.

In recent times our assistant manager 'Uncle Kenny' Jackett gives excellent technical information to the playing staff which benefits all.

#### ALL TIME GAME (AND WHY):

In my secondary school years the majority of children supported Liverpool. In 1985 we beat them 2-1 at home and following that result I couldn't wait to go into school on the Monday morning!

#### YOU HAVE £1 MILLION TO SPEND ON THE SQUAD -WHO DO YOU BRING IN?

Lee Camp, as I think he is an outstanding Goalkeeper and I would bring 'Langers' back from Cardiff.





LEE CAMP: MAKING A BIG IMPRESSION AT RANGERS

#### WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT SUPPORTING QPR?

At every game the atmosphere amongst our supporters in second to none. This is a real football club with real supporters!

#### WHAT'S YOUR PRE-MATCH RITUAL?

On Saturday's working with hundreds of children who attend our matchday coaching experience. Before evening matches, coaching at primary schools in Hillingdon then dinner at Nando's.

#### WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IN FOOTBALL?

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# IN THE WORDS OF BILL SHANKLY, WHICH TEAM WOULD FORCE YOU TO DRAW THE CURTAINS IF THEY WERE PLAYING IN YOUR GARDEN?

It would have to be Tottenham Hotspur. In the last 30 years we have come closer to winning footballs top prize than that lot from North London and they still think they are World Class, please!

#### WHAT'S YOUR MOST APPEALING CHARACTERISTIC?

Being Rangers with Dreadlocks!

### WHAT'S YOUR LEAST APPEALING CHARACTERISTIC?

I respond badly whenever Rangers supporters talk negatively about our great team.

#### WHEN DID YOU LAST CRY?

At the Millennium Stadium last

year when we conceded that late goal.

#### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE CHEESE?

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fter just missing out on the play offs last year with a 9th placed finish, Luton remain entrenched in a battle with Port Vale and Bournemouth

along with several other teams for the last three play off spots this season.

With eight matches to go, Luton Town control their own destiny. A good finish to the season will almost certainly assure them the coveted chance at promotion - but that is easier said than done. The Hatters face tough matches with top teams such as Swindon Town, Bristol City and play-off rivals Bournemouth.

Luton's success this season has come despite many injuries to key players. Early in the season they suffered a devastating blow when team captain Kevin Nicholls suffered a knee injury that kept him sidelined until January. And just when Manager Mike Newell thought his squad was fit again, the Hatters suffered another set back when striker Adrian Forbes went down with a knee injury later that same month.

Forbes is the club's leading scorer with 14 goals. Also the injury bug sidelined another club regular in October, when midfielder Paul Hughes went down for four months.

The rash of injuries forced other players to step forward. Younger lads such as Ian Hiller, Lee Mansell and Michael Leary have provided insurance for Newell. In addition, the club relied on forwards Steve Howard, the Hatters leading scorer in each of the last two seasons, and Enoch Showunmi to keep the team in contention.

Luton have shown an ability to find the back of the net this season as they have scored three or more goals 11 times this season. The Hatters potent offense allows them to stay in almost any game and makes them a constant threat in the box.

An inability to win on the road has plagued the club all season. With only three wins and seven losses away from Kenilworth Road.

And as promotion hangs in the balance for Luton Town, with the opportunity to return to the first Division for the first time since 1996, Rangers should expect another tough battle from them at Loftus Road, especially with the added spice of recent history.

#### YEAR FORMED: 1885

NICKNAME: THE HATTERS

MANAGERS: MIKE NEWELL



FINEST ACHIEVEMENT: LEAGUE CUP WINNERS 1988

#### LAST SIX LEAGUE SEASONS: LAST SIX LEAGUE SEASONS:

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Mar 13	Blackpool	Н	3-2	00/01	2	40	22
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Feb 28	Peterborough	Α	2-1	98/99	2	58	12
Feb 24	Grimsby Town	Α	2-3	97/98	2	57	17

#### LAST SIX MEETINGS:

Sep 03	Luton 1-1 Rangers
Apr 02	Rangers 2-0 Luton
Nov 02	Luton 0-0 Rangers
Jan 01	Rangers 2-1 Luton
Jan 01	Luton 3-3 Rangers
Apr 92	Rangers 2-1 Luton

**MANAGER: MIKE NEWELL** 

#### THE PICK OF THE HATTER'S SQUAD



#### **MORTEN HYLDGAARD**

GOALKEEPER

The 6'6" Danish keeper joined the Hatters in January 2004 on a free transfer from Scottish Premier League side Hibernian. He began his career with Danish First Division side Ikast before his move to Coventry where he had several loan spells. He had made eight appearances for the Hatters this season with only one lost in net.

#### **CHRIS** COYNE

DEFENDER

A key figure in Hatters 2001 promotion run, came to Luton after a £50,000 transfer from Scottish Premier League signed in 1994 as a teenager at West Under 17 squad but Premiership chances were limited. He enjoyed loan spells with Brentford and Southend.

The Croatian born midfielder joined

from Leyton Orient in summer 2001.

Originally signed from on a free from

HNK Dubrovnik by Leyton Orient in

Luton on a Bosman free transfer

the autumn of 1999. Played a

valuable role on the right flank to

help Luton return to the second

## Dundee. The Australian centre half was Ham while playing for the Australian

#### DEFENDER Made his league debut for Luton in

the second game of the 2001/2002 season and has become a regular squad member. The Welsh Under-21 international and former captain of the Tottenham Hotspurs reserves was brought from Tottenham

IAN HILLER

for £30,000.

MIDFIELDER

**LEE MANSELL** 

MIDFIELDER

The Hatters signed the former Swindon Town defender after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/2002. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

#### **KEVIN NICHOLLS**

The tough tackling midfielder joined Luton in the summer of 2001 from Wigan for £150,000. The team captain has become a fans favourite with his aggressive tackles and enthusiasm for the game. Nicholls suffered a knee injury five games into the season that sidelined him for over four months but returned in January.

Yet another product of the Luton

system, Mansell hopes to make the

Hatters first team this season. Joined

as an 11 year old and signed when

he left school. Made his debut with

against QPR, where he scored less

than a minute into the game.

Luton during a January 2001 FA Cup

permanent breakthrough into the

#### **STEVE ROBINSON**

MIDFIELDER

**SOL DAVIS** 

DEFENDER

Acquired from Preston in the summer of 2002 for £50,000, Robinson brought welcome experience to Luton's midfield. He began his career as a trainee with Spurs and later joined Bournemouth on a free transfer where he hit 60 goals in 286 appearances. Robinson has been capped five times for native Northern Ireland.

#### **ENOCH SHOWUNMI**

**FORWARD** 

The London-born forward joined the club from non-league Willesden Constantine and signed a two-and-a half year contract in February 2004. Luton signed the striker when midfielder Kevin Nicholls went down with a knee injury early in the season. Showunmi has already impressed with 5 goals in 14 games.

#### **CURTIS DAVIES** DEFENDER

The central defender has been a solid and consistent performer in Luton's Under 19's over the past three years and the 18 year-old is now on the verge of the first team set up. Davies, in the final year of his scholarship with Luton, and with several defenders sidelined by injuries and suspensions, he could play a key role this season.

#### **PAUL HUGHES**

**MIDFIELDER** 

The injury plagued midfielder joined Luton at the start of the 2001/2002. He began his career as a trainee at Chelsea. A severe groin injury put the Hughes out of football for nine months while on loan to Southampton. This season he formed a formidable central midfield partnership with Matt Spring before an injury struck once again.

#### **ADRIAN FORBES**

FORWARD

Brought for £75,000 from Norwich City in the summer of 2001 by Luton and has considerable First Division experience. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide. or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He missed the majority of last season with cruciate ligament damage.

#### **EMMERSON** BOYCE DEFENDER

**PETER HOLMES** 

A product of the FA's school of excellence. Holmes has found first team

opportunities limited with the stay with

Luton. His defining moment for the

in Luton's 2001 promotion game

in the summer of 2003 he was

resigned in November 2003.

Hatters was scoring the clinching goal

against Swansea. After being released

MIDFIELDER

A product of the Luton youth development program that permanently broke into the first team squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000. Boyce has become a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

#### **MATTHEW SPRING**

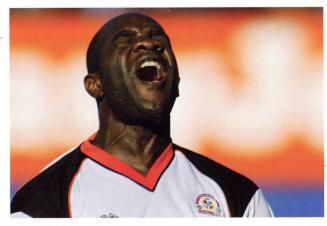
**AHMET BRKOVIC** 

MIDFIELDER

MIDFIELDER

division in 2001.

Brought up through the Luton youth system and made his league debut at the age of 17. Spring soon became a regular on Luton's Second Division team and he made 100 appearances before the age of 20. A midfielder who is always willing to drive forward and look for goals with a great long range shooting touch.



ADRIAN FORBES: HAS PUT HIS INJURY NIGHTMARE OF LAST SEASON BEHIND HIM.



In a deadline deal March 2001 Luton paid Northampton £50,000 for the forward and he has earned every penny of it. The Hatters leading scorer in sparked the club's each of the past two seasons and is a huge favourite of at Kenilworth Road where he was fans

play of year 2002, and players' player of year in 2003. In his first full season with Luton he led the third division with 24 goals and promotion. This season he continues his torrid pace as the second leading scorer at the club with eight goals.



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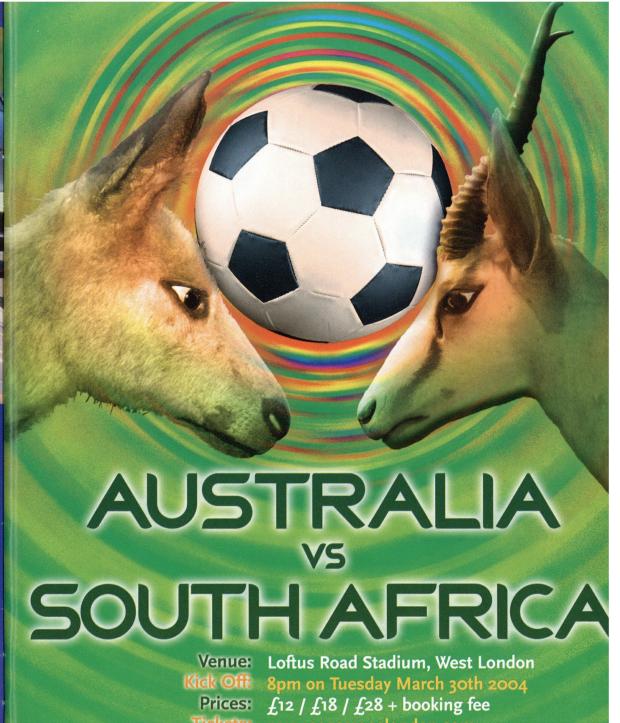
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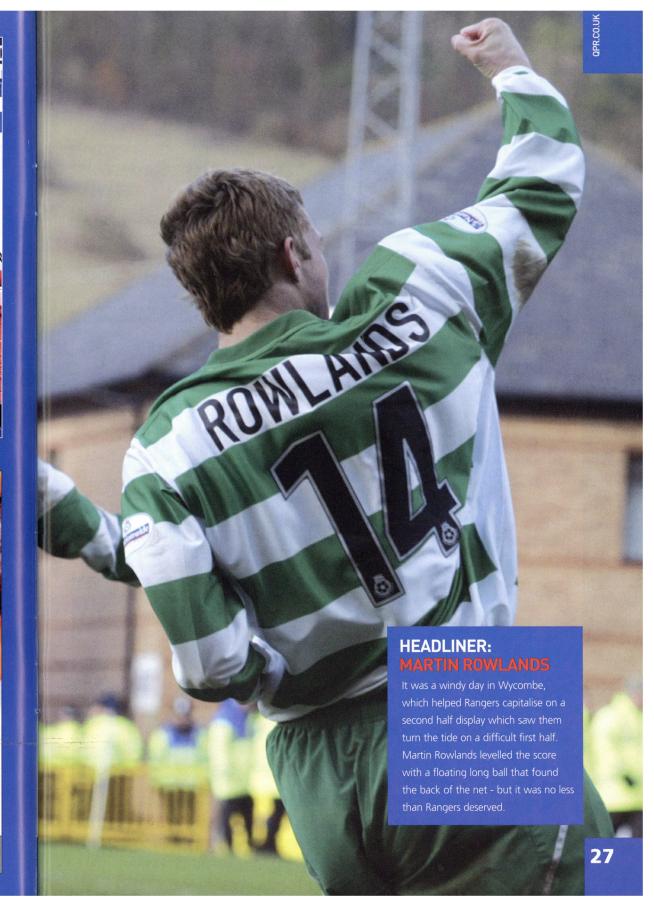
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE SECOND DIVISION

#### **WILSON AT A LOSS**

Bristol City manager Danny Wilson admitted his side deserved nothing from the Ashton Gate clash with Oldham Athletic. The Robins produced a dismal display as they lost 2-0 to Brian Talbot's side, and Wilson was at a loss to explain the reasons for the performance of his promotionchasing side.

"We were poor and can offer no excuses. Our final ball lacked a cutting edge and we didn't create much," he said. "At the other end we gave away bad goals and all in all we were right out of sorts. But it's not all doom and gloom. Other results were kind to us and we're still right in the thick of things with nine games to go.

"No one at the top of the table will be throwing in the towel certainly not us."

#### **BARNET DARE**

Barnet have decided to seek a High Court injunction to stop Martin Allen becoming manager of Brentford.

Allen resigned as Barnet boss last week to replace the sacked Wally Downes at Griffin Park and he guided his new club to a vital win against Rushden & Diamonds at the weekend.

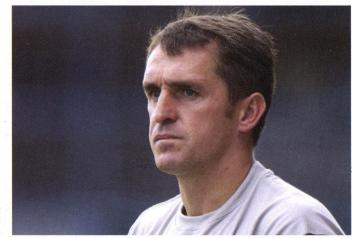
However, the Nationwide Conference promotion-chasers claim Allen is in breach of contract and must see out a period of two months' notice along with physio Damien Doyle, who was set to join him.

Barrister Shirley Bothroyd told the court Barnet had been left "in chaos". The case will be heard fully on Monday. A statement from Barnet read: "The issue of Martin Allen and Damien Dovle leaving is in the hands of our lawyers."

Barnet coach Adrian Whitbread has also left Underhill to join Allen, but is not alleged to be in breach of contract.

#### LATICS LOOK AT DOUDOU

Oldham Athletic boss Brian Talbot has handed a trial to Farnborough Town,



MARTIN ALLEN: BARNET ARE SEEKING A HIGH COURT INJUNCTION TO STOP HIM BECOMING BRENTFORD MANAGER

#### TODAY'S DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

BLACKPOOL	VS	STOCKPORT
CHESTERFIELD	VS	GRIMSBY
COLCHESTER	VS	PETERBOROUGH
HARTLEPOOL	VS	BRENTFORD
OLDHAM	VS	WYCOMBE
PLYMOUTH	VS	WREXHAM
PORT VALE	VS	BRISTOL C
QPR	VS	LUTON
RUSHDEN	VS	BOURNEMOUTH
SHEFF WED	VS	BRIGHTON
SWINDON	VS	BARNSLEY
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and ex-Rangers, midfielder Doudou, as he seeks to strengthen his squad before the transfer deadline.

The Kinshasa-born 23-year-old will turn out for the Latics' reserve team against Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday, in a bid to earn a short-term contract at Boundary Park.

Doudou arrived in England in 2001 after a spell with AS Monaco and spent two-and-a-half years with Rangers, making 51 appearances for Ian Holloway's team.

He was released by the Rs in June last year and subsequently signed for Nationwide Conference strugglers Farnborough and has since scored once in seven outings.

#### **ROBINS TO FLY THE NEST**

Swindon Town have announced that they plan to relocate to a purpose-built new 22,000-seat stadium at Shaw Tip. The club are planning to incorporate a hotel and sports complex into their £20million new home, with the project being funded by the redevelopment of the County Ground site.

Robins chief executive Mark Devlin said: "If the club is to prosper long term we need to take ourselves away from The County Ground and it is part of a big community project."

Town hope to be in their new home in time for the start of the 2007-08 season.

#### SPIREITES SNAP UP FULLARTON

Chesterfield manager Roy McFarland has completed the signing of Jamie Fullarton on a noncontract basis until the end of the season. Southend United released Fullarton earlier this month after the 29-year-old midfielder had made only seven appearances for the club. Evening Herald. "We know what

Fullarton endured an injury-ravaged time at Roots Hall after arriving at the club last summer following his release by Brentford. The Scot started his career at St Mirren and went on to have spells with Bastia, Crystal Palace and Dundee United before signing for the Bees in August 2002.

"This signing not only gives us cover for the remainder of the season, it also gives Jamie the

chance to earn himself a longerterm contract," McFarland told the club's official website.

#### **WOTTON BOOST FOR PILGRIMS**

Plymouth Argyle captain Paul Wotton is expected to shake off an ankle injury in order to face Wrexham today. The defensive stalwart picked up the injury during last weekend's 1-1 draw at Luton, but caretaker boss Kevin Summerfield is confident that it is not a major problem.

"Wottsie had a nasty knock on the ankle but Paul Maxwell (physio) has assured us he will be okay," Summerfield told the Plymouth Wottsie's like anyway. He will play through anything."

Summerfield also revealed that he had not ruled out strengthening his squad before Thursday's transfer deadline.

He added: "If it happens if happens, if it doesn't it doesn't. Nobody's any the wiser and nobody's upset. If we have got all 20 still here and working then great."

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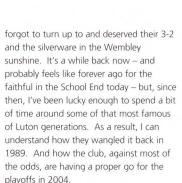
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have made Ian Holloway's commitment to chasing down the league leaders look a bit more realistic. It took an equaliser, deep – as they say – into injury time, to stop them nicking a 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road despite having been down to ten men for the last half hour of the game.

This club knows all about the position today's visitors are in. Administration for Luton is an even more dismal scenario given that there aren't 15,000 people out there willing to rally to the cause in the club's darkest hour as there were at Loftus Road a couple of years back. If they're to move forward, though, it'll be down to the same strength of character that enabled the Rs to push on. And, if that's what's needed, Luton won't be short of the necessary.

Not that I'd expect any sympathy on the subject around Loftus Road but the 1989 League Cup Final was one of the more miserable afternoons I've spent watching Arsenal. Luton rose to an occasion my mob



Mick Harford and Brian Stein are back on the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road and, you get the feeling, are committed to the cause in the way only former players can be. Harford recently turned down Joe Kinnear's offer to join him in Division One at Nottingham Forest. Now there's a man who never ducked out of a challenge in his life: just ask a generation of centre halves who've still got the scars to prove it.

One of my best ever nights watching the England team was in Rome back in 1997 when a 0-0 draw took us through to the World Cup in France. As you may recall, it got a bit lively inside the Stadio Olimpico. Just the sort of circumstances when, bowling out of the ground afterwards,

you're happy to be walking in Mick Harford's shadow. He was there with a couple of the other Luton lads from the late 80s: Steve Foster and Danny Wilson. You couldn't ask for better people to watch a game alongside and then get out on the town with afterwards. Dangerous company, maybe. But the very best.

A generation on and Luton appear to have dug out another Big Man. This time last year, Enoch Showunmi was doing what he does in the London Commercial League for Willesden Constantine. And standing in as Patrick Vieira's body double for a Adidas commercial, by the way. He arrived at Luton, all six foot five of him, on an expenses-only basis and found himself in the starting line up thanks to injuries to first team regulars.

Eight games and five goals later, the bloke had earned himself February's Player Of The Month award and a 2 1/2 year contract. Asked recently what his favourite animal was he replied: 'Koala bear because it sleeps most of the day and only wakes up to eat and mate.' On that evidence, Enoch will do for me. Can he play? Well, we'll all find out for ourselves this afternoon.

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# FOCUS ON YOUTH THE LATEST YOUTH TEAM NEWS WITH RANGERS' UNDER 17S COACH JOE GALLEN





FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2004

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Joe Gallen's second placed Under 17's side ran out emphatic 4-0 winners over third placed Cambridge United. The young Rangers put on a commanding display, with a double in both halves securing all three points.

It was game played at a high-tempo, a return to the kind of football which has seen Rangers amongst the pace setters for the entire campaign.

Gallen was particularly pleased with his players application and commitment to working off the ball, and their desire to win control of the contest.

"The lads worked well as a unit, and are still continuing to build on their performances. They have a hunger, a desire to improve, and as a coach that is really encouraging.

"Their closing down was where the game was won. They worked hard to win back the ball at every opportunity, and when we didn't have it – they gave the opposition very little time to settle on the ball."

First half goals by Scott Donnelly and Luke Townsend capitalised on a dominant performance, and second half strikes to Andrew Judge and Lee Barnett finished off a fine Rangers display. It was a first rate Rangers performance, against the leagues third placed side.

"We prepared for a tough battle, and in many ways it was. But we dominated in so many areas that we just ran over them in the end. Both Gary and I were really happy with the lads. They really wanted to win this one, and they were an outstanding unit on the day."

Rangers: Heselton, Hall, Craig (Murphy), Bailey, Johnson (Lewis), Fletcher, Mulholland, Donnelly, Sylvester (Barnett), Townsend, Judge Scorers: Donnelly, Townsend, Judge, Barnett

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 2004 QPR 4 RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 1

Rangers Under 17's came from behind to gather another three points against a full strength Rushden youth side. Joe Gallen had been forced to field a relatively young team, with many of his squad rested, having participated in a busy Reserves team schedule.

Gallen put out a team of largely Under 15's boys with some Under 16's, while also handing a first start to Chris Arthur, who was only 13 years of age. Rushden had fielded a physical team earlier in the season, and Rangers prepared for what was going to be a tough battle.

And Rushden stole an early lead, going ahead after only 20 minutes – looking confident and in control of the game. But

to their credit the young Rangers side fought back — and took it up to their opponents, getting back into the game via a Dean Sylvester strike.

With scores level the balance of play started to tip, and to Gallen's delight his young side showed the kind of resilience and attack that has paved the way to a campaign of countless successes.

"It was as pleased as I have been after any of our wins – and in many ways even more. The way the lads went about getting their way back into the game was really fantastic.

"Particularly, the younger lads. I couldn't have asked for more. They gave everything, and got their reward. I was really proud of their application."

Goals by O'Connell, St. Aimie and Kanyuka topped off a great team display, and secured another win for Gallen's squad, who sit second with two games in hand, seven points behind Brighton, who have one game remaining.

Rangers: Heselton, Hall, Murphy, Lewis, Kanyuka, Craig (Sethi), St Aimie, Judge, Barnett (O'Connell), Sylvester, Arthur (O'Rourke) Scorers: Sylvester, O'Connell, St Aimie, Kanyuka

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1-1 United are gunning for promotion but home advantage should earn Cardiff a point

1-0 Port Vale are playing well - City aren't. It's that simple



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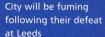
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Port Vale to do

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Honours even as Sheffield feel the pressure, a tight one - to close to call

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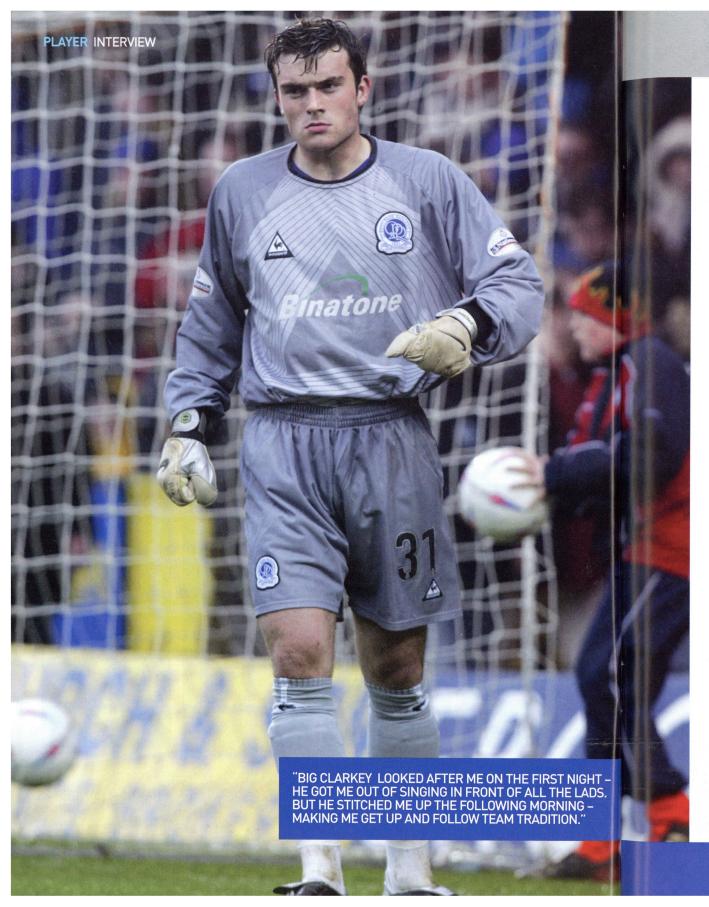
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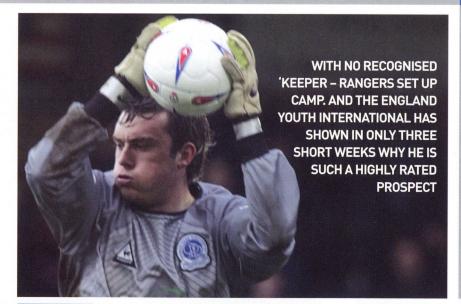
SCORES SO FAR: (TWO POINTS FOR CORRECT SCORE, ONE POINT FOR CORRECT RESULT)

BETTY 39

PLAYERS 26

**RANDOM RANGER 25** 





ee Camp stepped in at the 11th hour to answer Rangers' Goal-keeping crisis. The England Youth and Derby shot-

stopper joined the team bus on the way to Hartlepool, where he put in a stellar performance, only to be denied a clean sheet after a third touch from a double save, with the game ending 4-1.

His performances since - will likely keep the fit-again Chris Day on the bench, as he continues to impress with his vocal and commanding style, which has seen him come to international attention at three different age levels.

Camp's loan move to Rangers all came about very quickly, after Nick Culkin was determined to require surgery to a knee problem, Chris Day was still recovering from surgery to his shin, and young Jake Cole having just undergone surgery to his elbow. However, according to Camp, it wasn't a very difficult decision to make.

"I got a phone call from George Burley at Derby and he said he had lan Holloway on the phone, and asked whether I'd be interested in a loan move to QPR. It took me about a second to make up my mind – I said of course.

"I'd only been at the club a couple of

hours, and my first observation was that I was coming into a well organised side. The football is quick and lively, and Rangers tend to break up a lot of the oppositions attacks – before going into attack themselves.

"Coming into such an organised set up made my job easier, and I felt like part of the team even before kick off. The lads were great. You can see that the team is important to all the players, and they want to make you feel part of it.

"Big Clarkey looked after me on the first night – he got me out of singing in front of all the lads. But he stitched me up the following morning – making me get up and follow team tradition."

To add to Holloway's woes, Rangers were also to be without left-back Gino Paula, and have, since Camp's arrival, played at times with only three at the back. However, it is a task to which Camp has responded to with vigour, with a commanding nature and his 6ft frame, he has settled in well.

"With the injuries to the squad it forced Ollie's hand a little bit in playing three at the back. I prefer to play with four of course – but as a 'keeper it means you have to really stand up and dominate more. You have to be more active in the game and come and meet the ball and

cut out through balls."

Loan signing's are an important part of the modern game, allowing clubs to resolve short term injury problems while also having a look at the variety of talent available. And for the player, who may be short of match practice, it allows them the opportunity get crucial experience – while also giving them the chance be involved in the culture of another club – and maybe even warm to it.

"I've spent 20 games on the bench for Derby this season and playing regularly for the reserves team, I just haven't had enough time playing first team football. George Burley basically said I need to go out and prove myself, and that is what I intend to do.

"That is one of the positive things about coming in on loan. I am here to work as hard as I can. I am here to give 110 percent.

"In the short term I'd like to stay till the end of the season, but that's out of my hands. Rangers are a great club and the supporters are fantastic. Being here, you can see that it's a sleeping giant. You get the feeling that the whole club is about to erupt, and what ever part I can play, I'm sure that it will be an experience that I won't forget."

#### ONE OF OUR OWN

We would like to send our condolences to Dru and his family regarding his father's passing last year. Dru's father was a long time Rangers support and had a box at Loftus Road under his company's name where he attended games with his sons Dru matchday mascot!! and Gay. Loftus Road has a sentimental value to Dru as he is reminded of his father every time he's at the ground and the good times they shared there. He and his brother are both thrilled that Rangers are having a great season, because it is a great send off for their father. We at OPR are fortunate to be a part of your fond memories and Dru's father will be sorely missed at Loftus Road.

#### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Pam and Josie, family and Martin along with the QPR family would like to wish Arthur Rowland a very happy birthday today. So that's where Martin gets all the talent from.

Arthur Shepherd celebrates his 80th today. He is a long time fan that grew up in the area and now lives in Middlesex. Wife Doris, Wendy, David, Pauline, Stephen and his grandchildren Sakah, Emma and Sam all wish him a happy birthday.

1. All best wishes to Jo Hart who celebrated her 24th Birthday on 25th March. She has been a loyal season ticket holder for over 11 yrs., although she could have followed her older brother & sister, who have season tickets with their Dad at Chelsea!

Jo, together with her Mum and Aunt (who have also supported the "R's" since their teenage years) hope that Rangers get automatic promotion - that would be the best birthday present - so ..... come on your "Rs"!

2. Celebrating his 21st Birthday in the Executive Boxes with family and friends this afternoon is Ellerslie Road season ticket holder Duncan Darlison. One of the Sussex Rs, and seen here pre season at Farnborough Town, he still hasn't given up hope, even at this 'mature' age, of receiving his call up as the

- 3. Season ticket holder Chris Watkin celebrates his 16th birthday on March 28th. Pretty soon he'll be able to drive to all the QPR games to see his favourite players Gino Padula and Kevin Gallen.
- 4. A sweet 16 for Rangers fan Gemma Grainger today. Her Aunt Hillary (a season ticket holder in the West Paddock) and Uncle Mortin along with QPR send our birthday wishes.

#### 5. BELATED BIRTHDAY

Patrick Flynn loyal Rangers fan for over 40 years turns 71 on March 16th. He has been a season ticket holder in the South Africa Road stand for more years than he would wish to remember. Rangers gladly provided him with a birthday present with their 2-0 win over Wrexham. Pictured here with one of Rangers all times greats Sir Les.

Happy Birthday to Steve Zico who celebrated his birthday on March 10 from all your friends at QPR.

#### 6. THE SYDNEY RANGERS?

Michael Coutts and Juliette Heath felt like they were back home when they found a Loftus Road while travelling in Sydney, Australia. Much like QPR's home, it has a beautiful view but instead of a football stadium - it is of the harbour bridge. The couple has been travelling since after last year's playoff final in June 2003, yet has managed to follow the SuperHoops progress this year no matter the distance or time.

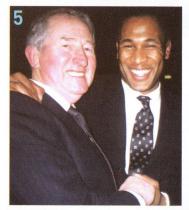


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#### "CHRIS DAY AND GARETH AINSWORTH BOTH ENJOYED THEIR RETURN."



COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE PONTINS COMBINATION SEASON

HOLIDAYS COMBINATION

PONTINS HOLIDAY COMBINATION TUESDAY MARCH 23RD 2004 QPR MILLWALL

Rangers reserves enjoyed a very satisfying 3-1 victory over Millwall at Northwood courtesy of goals from Scott Donnelly, Marien Ifura and Richard Pacquette.

There was further good news with the return to action of Gareth Ainsworth and Chris Day. Both enjoyed a competitive and trouble-free 90 minutes as they continue their rehabilitation from injury.

Rangers took the lead with 10 minutes of the first half remaining when Donnelly latched on to a through ball and coolly chipped the Lions keeper, Tony Warner. The home side then doubled their advantage midway through the second half courtesy of a goal from centre back Marien Ifura.

Rangers took their foot off the gas somewhat and allowed Millwall to pull a goal back, only for Pacquette to wrap up the game in comical circumstances. Warner comfortably claimed the ball from a corner only to lose control of the ball as he looked to clear his lines. Pacquette could barely believe his luck and took full advantage of the keeper's rick to roll the

ball in to an empty net.

Reserve team Boss Tim Breacker was delighted with his team's effort and believed the result was fully deserved.

He said: "It was an excellent performance - I'm very pleased. I told the players that if you work hard you get results and that's what happened tonight. I had three great senior pros out there tonight and they blended really well with the younger players who all did their bit.

"Chris Day and Gareth Ainsworth both enjoyed their return. The game was competitive and played at a good tempo which is exactly what you need when you're coming back from injury. It was a good test and they came through it well."

Rangers: Day, trialist (Townsend), Craig (Perry), Fletcher, Ifura, Palmer, Ainsworth, Bailey, Farr, Pacquette, Donnelly

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09.09.03	READING	Н	0-3
12.11.03	C. PALACE (CUP)	Α	1-1
25.11.03	WYCOMBE WNDR	SH	1-0
03.12.03	BRIGHTON (CUP)	Α	0-1
09.12.03	ALDERSHOT TOW	NA	1-2
29.10.03	MILLWALL (CUP)	Н	3-0
03.02.04	BRIGHTON (CUP)	Α	0-1
17.02.04	NORTHAMPTON	Α	2-1
24.02.04	C. PALACE	Н	1-4
10.03.04	BRENTFORD	Α	3-3
23.03.04	MILLWALL	Н	3-1
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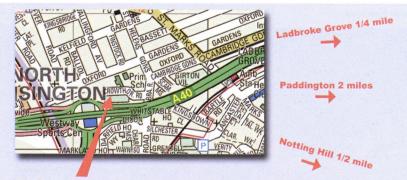
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ello and welcome to today's visitors Luton Town. It was certainly an eventful game up at Kenilworth Road earlier in the

season and I expect today to be no different. One player who knows about both clubs is Boo, well I think that's his name, or at least that's what the Luton fans called him back in September. I am of course, talking about Tony Thorpe.

Thorpey has been a great signing for the Rs and I caught up with him earlier in the week and he spoke about his time at Luton, saying how he enjoyed his time there, but with Rangers gunning for automatic promotion, I don't think he will give them any favours.

Another player who may be involved today is Gareth Ainsworth. Gareth was kind enough to give us an update on his injury last week and even entertained OPR WORLD listeners by co-commentating on the matches against Wrexham and Wycombe. Rock Prav Mathema. and Roll!

If you were at the Wycombe game then you would have had a good look at the new kit flapping around in the





wind. Kevin Gallen and Marcus Bean were good enough to model it for us. and very nice they looked too. I had a chat with both of them, Kev was pleased that it was launched on St Patricks day. Shame it couldn't help us get three points. The next time we wear it will be against Sheffield Wednesday on the last day of the season.

Since our last home game against Wrexham, OPR WORLD subscribers have seen extended highlights from the Wrexham and Wycombe game as well as reaction from Ian Holloway, Kenny Jackett, Clarke Carlisle, Richard Edghill, Tony Thorpe as well as injury updates from QPR physio,

Next week we travel to Bristol City. Didn't get a ticket? Remember you can listen live on OPR WORLD with our new update Match Live console that has even more match statistics.

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#### " HOPEFULLY A QPR PLAYER WILL SCORE TWICE TODAY AND CONTINUE A SEQUENCE OF FOUR GAMES IN WHICH A QPR PLAYER HAS SCORED 2 AT HOME TO LUTON.

# **Hammersmith** SOUVENIR PROMOTION ISSUE???

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- What the manager, players and directors say
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- Looking forward to Division One

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Goodbye Division Two!

ood afternoon, and welcome to our 123rd encounter with Luton. Our full league record against them, since we began playing them in league matches in

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Luton must be wondering when they are going to beat us again their last victory was at home against us (2-1) on 19th April 1988. Since then we've met 13 times (including cup games) and our

P13 W6 D7 L0 F21 A10

record against them reads



Luton beat us in three consecutive matches at Loftus Road 2-1 in 1981, 1-0 in 1983, 3-2 in 1984. Since

then they've paid 11 visits to this ground and our record against them is:

W6 D5 L0 F21 A9.



A goal less draw seems unlikely this afternoon. Since 1964, 22 games on this ground have produced just one 0-0 draw (in 1989).



Once again, the action seems to take place in the second half. Since 1984, 18 of our 24 goals scored

here against Luton have come after half time, and 8 out of 12 of Luton's goals have.



We haven't been beaten at home on March 27th since 1937, when Watford beat us 2-1. The only

other team to beat us, was, yes, Luton



Hopefully a QPR player will score twice today and continue a sequence of four games in which a

QPR player has scored 2 at home to Luton. Roy Wegerle began it in 1990. Les Ferdinand did it in 1992, Chris Kiwomya continued in 2001, and in the last home game Kevin McLeod scored a brace.



It's about time Kevin Gallen got on the score sheet against Luton, he has yet to score against them.



Only the "middle aged" would remember the last OPR hat trick.

We got two for the price of one in November 1964 when both Brian Bedford and Mike Keen scored three apiece in our 7-1 home win. These are the only hat tricks recorded against Luton, no Luton player has scored a hat trick against us since 1925 but I have no records of Luton's scorers prior to that- can anyone help?



One quite remarkable statistic is that Luton haven't beat us in a league match here, played after the new year, since 1924.



The last Luton player to score twice in a match against us, was Mick Harford in March 1985. He scored six times for Luton against us.



Next week we travel to Bristol City. I am predicting a draw there (so watch us lose 10-0!). The results of our last six matches there have been draw,



lose, win, draw, lose, win.

Kevin Gallen's goal at Hartlepool was the 1000th that QPR have scored in "Division II" it was the 23rd time that we have won away by that score.



Lee Camp became the 887th player to play in a competitive match since 1899. By the end of the Hartlepool

match we had scored 25 league goals away. With six more away games to play we could go past the 32 mark, which would be the most we have scored since the 1966/1967 season (37 goals).



We go into today's match unbeaten in 22 home league matches. It's a year and five days since our last

defeat. Our 2-0 home victory against Wrexham brought our total to scoring at home in our last 15 league matches and in the last 14 matches played at Loftus Road.

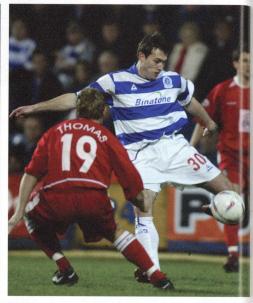


We have already won 14 league matches at home this season. A win today would equal our 15 home wins in 1981/1982

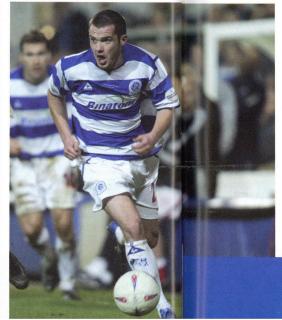
Derek Buxton has been compiling Queens Park Rangers statistics since 1968 and had a regular column in the Rangers matchday programme from 1968 until 1994. As he says himself his facts may not be important but they are always interesting and fun. We agree! Derek has a treasure trove of obscure and unknown facts. There'll be more nuggets from our Derek in the next issue.











#### **RANGERS REWIND**

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 16TH 2004**

#### QPR

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CARLISLE 67, MCLEOD 88

**TEAM:** Camp, Forbes, Carlisle, Gnohere, Rose (Thorpe 37), Rowlands, Bircham, Johnson, McLeod, Gallen, Furlong Unused subs: Palmer, Pacquette, Bean, Cuerton

Sent off: -



#### MAN OF THE MATCH CLARKE CARLISLE Scored his first goal of the season which sparked Rangers to victory. Also made a brilliant defensive play to prevent a goal.

#### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO ATTENDANCE: 13,363

#### WREYHAM

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TEAM: Ingham, Carlos Edwards, Roberts, Carey, Paul Edwards, Whitley (Crowell 84), Ferguson, Thomas, Armstrong, Llewellyn (Jones 76) Unused subs: Whitfield, Holmes, Pejic Bookings: Jones



#### OLLIE'S VERDICT

" This was a fantastic team performance. We ground it out in the first half and played our football in the second."

Second half goals from Clarke Carlisle and Kevin McLeod earned Rangers all three points against Wrexham.

Rangers moved up to second with the win and at time of writing had only 10 games to left.

A nervous first half display was replaced with a far more assured performance in the second half and the goals were the least the home side deserved for its efforts.

The Superhoops line-up, unchanged from their 4-1 victory over Hartlepool, made a livelier start, but could only boast a series of pot shots for their trouble during the opening stages.

Marc Bircham fired a shot just wide from distance inside the first two minutes. Then two minutes later, Richard Johnson tried his luck from distance after a Rangers free kick was only half cleared, and the visitors defence did well to keep his clean strike out.

The best chance of the game so far then fell Wrexham on 17 minutes. Chris Llewellyn's looping cross from the right found Chris Armstrong whose acrobatic bicycle kick went only narrowly wide of Lee Camp's right hand post.

With Rangers unable to stamp any real authority on the game, the atmosphere within Loftus Road was strangely subdued. The home supporters were then nervous as Wrexham

began to impose themselves, giving Rangers no time to settle and creating a good chance for themselves on 27 minutes.

At the 37th minute, Rangers were forced to make a change with Matthew Rose being replaced by Tony Thorpe.

There was little Rangers could do about the injury, but the choice of replacement may have raised a few eyebrows, with the home side reverting to a 3-5-2 formation as Gallen dropped back into the midfield.

Rangers began the second half minute in determined mood and won a free kick on the edge of the area after a foul on Gallen. Martin Rowlands saw his effort blocked before Richard Johnson fired the rebound just wide.

was only half cleared, and the visitors defence did well to keep his clean strike out.

But in the 66th minute, Loftus Road nerves disappeared with a goal for Clarke Carlisle, his first of the season. Rowlands swung in a cross The best chance of the game so far then fell to Wrexham on 17 minutes. Chris Llewellyn's unchallenged to head it home.

Rangers continued to press on and with three minutes to go, wrapped up proceedings with a second goal. Kevin McLeod roared down the left hand side, picked his spot and fired the ball past Ingham.

The Superhoops started nervously but in the end, looked comfortable.

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SATURDAY 3RD APRIL KICK OFF 3:00PM

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#### **TICKETS**

Match tickets will be valid for rearranged date or a full refund will be available prior to new date

#### **TRAVEL**

By coach: departs 11am — £18.00 Adult, £9.00 Junior, Senior Citizen and Student. Adult season ticket holders receive a £2 discount and Senior Citizen/Junior/Student receive £1 discount on away travel.

#### **BARNSLEY V QPR**

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2004 KICK OFF 3:00PM

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#### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE V QPR

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2004 KICK OFF 3:00PM

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#### TRAVEL

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Members with three ticket stubs from the previous five away games, at which tickets were issued. (Wycombe. Hartlepool, Brentford, Chesterfield or Bournemouth), will be entitled to one ticket – processed from Wednesday 7th April. Members will be entitled to one ticket – processed from Thursday 8th April.

We do not expect this game to go on General Sale



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Clarke Carlisle talking to Clubcall reporter Tony Incenzo.



"I wanted to go to the toilet for most of the second half. So when we got the second goal, I ran in to the loo because I

felt we had won the game.""

lan Holloway talking after the win over Wrexham

#### COMING UP!

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- The goal nets must be of the finest mesh practical and approved by the FA.
- 4. A fine of £25,000 is imposed on the Club which will only become payable in whole or part, if the Club is found guilty of a similar offence in the period expiring at the end of season 2003/2004.

These penalties have been imposed as direct result of incidents during the game against Crewe last April when a coin struck the Crewe goalkeeper and a spectator ran onto the Loftus Road pitch towards the match referee. The injury caused in the Bristol City match to their player Tony Butler, again by a coin thrown from the home crowd, was also taken into account.

Behaviour of this kind has no place at Loftus Road and we urge all supporters to support the Club in identifying and excluding anyone involved in criminal acts. Missile throwing, entering the field of play, racist/indecent/abusive language, consuming alcohol within view of the pitch are all against the law within football stadiums.

The Club, in conjunction with the Police and Local Authority will have no hesitation in enforcing these regulations; resulting in prosecution and a lengthy ban from Loftus Road.



















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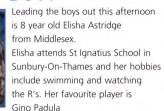
GOOD AFTERNOON ONE AND ALL.

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#### **ART ATTACK**

Well done to Shirley Coggins aged 11 and her brother Mark aged 7 for their great pictures of Gareth Ainsworth and Chris Day. Shirley and Mark, from Croxley Green are season ticket holders in the West Paddock and are desperate for the R's to get back where we belong.

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#### INTRODUCING TODAY'S MATCHDAY PACKAGE GUESTS

The following are either celebrating their Birthdays or just having a day out, today by treating their pals to the QPR Matchday Coaching Experience:

Pictured are JOE GIBBONS & JORDAN KLUGMAN who are Season Ticket Holders and will be celebrating their birthday together. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

HARVEY CRIMMINS who is from Eastcote. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MICHAEL KENNEDY who is celebrating his 11th birthday with 5 of his mates and is from Pinner.

The STARHURST SCHOOL from Dorking in Surrey are also here today...enjoy the experience.

WHITTON TOWN FALCONS who play their football out of Heston in Middlesex are here for their rnd of season day out as are HIVE FC who are aslo pictured on the community page.



#### SPONSORS MAN OF THE MATCH: PORT VALE

Martyn Beeney of Carlsberg Tetley presents Marc Bircham with his 'Man of the Match' Award after the Port Vale match.



#### **BOX LOTTERY WINNERS:**

#### **PORT VALE**

Kevin Gallen joins our Box Lottery winner Joseph Sweeney and friends after the Port Vale match.



#### SPONSORS MAN OF THE MATCH:

#### **WREXHAM**

Adam Whiting of Avnet presents Arthur Gnohere with his 'Man of the Match' Award after the Wrexham match.



#### **BOX LOTTERY WINNERS:**

#### **WREXHAM**

Clarke Carlisle joins our Box Lottery winner Mr Naish and friends after the Wrexham match.

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## COMMERCIAL & MARKETING DIRECTOR, SAMANTHA TAYLOR, TAKES A LOOK AT THE LATEST REVENUE GENERATING INITIATIVES



warm welcome to our Match Sponsors today GMB. We are pleased you join us today and hope you have a fantastic day. three points in the evening.

Congratulations to the Winners Bullseye Trophies, who won with 96pts and The Dave Morris Team who came second with 88pts. In third place were Team i-desk with 86pts.



#### BINATONE

We are delighted that our current sponsors Binatone have renewed their sponsorship for the next two seasons and we welcome Dino Lalvani as a Club Director.

The sponsorship deal offers continuity and the ability to plan forward for the forthcoming seasons. Binatone have enjoyed the coverage that the sponsorship has given them and have entertained many clients at Loftus Road. It has been a pleasure to work with Binatone over the past season and we have developed a strong working relationship so we look forward to working with them over the next two years.

Thanks also go to Jonathan Harris of Sports and Artist Management Ltd who brought Binatone to the Club as sponsors this season and who has been instrumental in the renewing of the sponsorship.

#### **GAME OF TWO HALVES**

A great day was had by all on the day of the Wrexham game. Some superb weather ensured that those teams competing at Wyke Green Golf Club before the match had an excellent round of golf, topped only by QPR winning Jason Clegg clinched the Individual Trophy with an excellent 35 points and winning the Longest Drive trophy was John Bostock of Team Avnet, and Nearest the Pin - Mark Kemp with Team See Bee. Aaron Symonds, playing with the Randall Ceramics Team had a great day, but his performance won him the wooden spoon!

We look forward to seeing every body back in September for the QPR Golf Day, date to be announced once next season's fixtures are published.

Finally a big thank you to all the sponsors on the day - Dunlop Slazenger, Bullseye Trophies, Nestle, and Shark. Also to Wyke Green Golf Club for a very warm welcome and the excellent condition of the course and to all of you who took part and supported the club.

#### **IN2WIN**

Congratulations to Simon Moulden our 600th in 2 win member.

At half time today we draw for this weekends winners – the prizes this week are:

- Two pairs of tickets for the one day County Cricket match at Arundel Castle, Sussex v Yorkshire on June 27th with full hospitality.
- £250 cash

Good Luck in the draw.



Discounts to QPR supporters on production of this programme.

15% OFF JEWELLERY AND GIFTS



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"THE ALERT DWYER TIMED HER RUN, BEAT THE KEEPER TO THE BALL AND DISPATCHED IT INTO THE EMPTY NET."

# PR LADIES

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SOUTH EAST
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WEST HAM UNITED

Were they the champions or the pretenders to the throne?...in any case the Super hoops dealt a serious blow to the championship credentials of their London neighbours.

A completely depleted Hoops side took the field against the league leaders, but with the knowledge that they have the best league record in 2004 ( 4 straight wins).

A confident Rangers side started brightly forcing the physical Hammers on the back foot and calling their defence into action on several occasions during the opening exchanges. The midfield was evenly contested with both teams stringing 5 across the park.

The first clear opening of the game fell to Beale who latched onto a through ball by Dwyer only to see her tame effort easily dealt with by the Hammers keeper. Undeterred the Hoops continued on the offensive forcing a number of good scoring opportunities but missing each one.

The break through for the R's finally came on the half hour, Dwyer again being pivotal releasing Smith down the right wing, her cross evaded the West Ham defence and fell to Moloney who in two touches planted the ball into the bottom right hand corner for her second goal in two games.

As expected the Hammers responded positively and Elrick was called on to make several good saves, one header from point blank range being "top drawer".

The half ended with the Hoops a goal to the good, but this was only the calm before the storm. The second half was a roller coaster of a ride. The Hoops played 35 minutes of the half with 9 players due to injuries to Ambridge and Gammell.

If ever there was a test of character and a will to win it was passed by every Rangers player.

As expected West ham had the majority of the possession and mounted wave after wave of attacks. Demery the Hoops skipper marshalled her troops superbly, Elrick, Bidewell and Goldsmith repelled everything that was thrown at them. The tension became evident for the west Ham players, their title hopes were about to end at the hands of QPR and their play became more desperate and physical.

With ten minutes to go they scored a very controversial goal. Elrick who clearly had both hands on the ball , had it kicked out of her hands and into the net, despite heated protests the goal stood.

Could the Hoops hold on for a draw? Well they did better than that, following a free kick on the halfway line Demery floated in a ball behind the Hammers defence, the alert Dwyer timed her run, beat the keeper to the ball and dispatched it into the empty net.

Pandemonium broke out the Hoops had achieved the improbable and consigned West Ham to defeat with 9 players.

Despite 7 minutes of added time after the ninety the Hoops held on for victory, their 5th straight in the league in 2004 and confirmed that they are the team to beat in the division.

**TEAM:** Elrick, Demery, Bidewell, Goldsmith, Rogers, Moloney, Gammell, Smith, Beale, Dwyer, Ambridge

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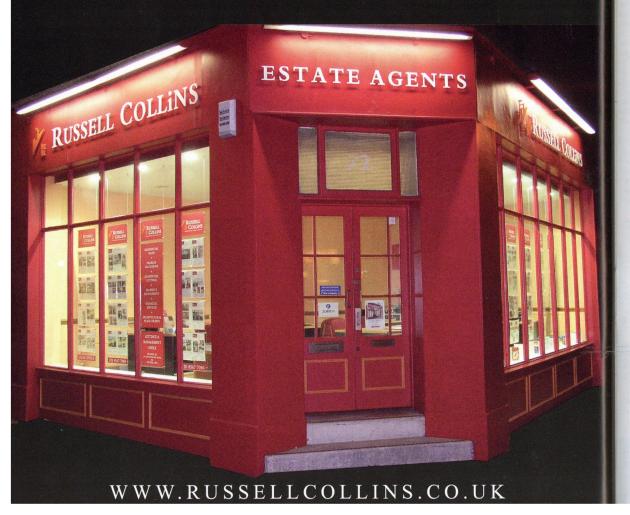
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### **QPR HEALTH FOR LIFE GOES INTO EXTRA TIME**



1 IN 20 CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING JOINING THE PLAYERS AT A TRAINING SESSION

Hundreds of loyal QPR fans have signed up to complete the Health for FRIDAY 2ND APRIL 2004 we will Life programme and do their bit to help fund the Football in the Community Scheme.

"Health for Life has been fantastic for the community scheme because it helps us to provide education opportunities to adults and to raise awareness of health issues." said Mark Kemp of the Community Department. "We are also very grateful for the extra funding that the programme generates which helps us to provide really practical support to coaching kids and trying to find a new star!"

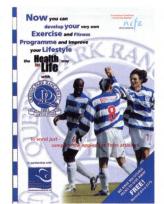
There are only 100 FREE places left on Health for Life, the Official OPR fitness programme, which have to be filled before the end of March.

If you enrol, and get accepted on the public concourses.

OPR Health for Life course before enter you into a FREE prize draw to win one of the following:

- A "Behind the Scenes" visit to the QPR training ground for TWO people to include meeting the players, lunch and receiving two QPR goody bags full of merchandise
- · Corporate package for TWO people at a QPR home game to include lunch and after match hospitality
- · Signed QPR home shirt
- Signed QPR match ball
- · QPR Goody Bags full of merchandise

Leaflets explaining all the details of the course and enrolment form can be found in the Club Shop, Ticket Office, and Public Bars and on the



Don't delay. Help QPR Football in the Community develop the players of the future by filling in the OPR Health for Life enrolment form TODAY and either posting it back to us or by leaving it in the Club Shop.

So get your enrolment in by Friday 2nd April 2004!





**FIXTURES & RESULTS** DATE **OPPONENTS** SAT 09 AUG TUE 12 AUG CHELTENHAM (CC1) MON 16 AUG BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION SAT 23 AUG BOURNEMOUTH MON 25 AUG SAT 30 AUG CHESTERFIELD SAT 06 SEPT COLCHESTER UNITED WYCOMBE WANDERERS SAT 13 SEPT TUE16 SEPT WREXHAM SAT 20 SEPT LUTON TOWN TUE 23 SEPT SHEFFIELD UNITED (CC2) SAT 27 SEPT BRISTOL CITY TUE 30 SEPT BARNSLEY (7.45PM SAT 04 OCT **GRIMSBY TOWN** TUE 14 OCT KIDDERMINSTER H (LDV1) (7.45PM) SAT 18 OCT PETERBOROUGH UNITED TUF 21 OCT PORT VALE 17 45PMI **SAT 25 OCT** TRANMERE ROVERS TUE 28 OCT MANCHESTER CITY (CC R3) 17.45PM SAT 01 NOV STOCKPORT COUNTY TUE 04 NOV DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE (LDV2) SAT 08 NOV **GRIMSBY TOWN (FAC1** TUE 11 NOV BRENTFORD (7.45PM SAT 15 NOV PLYMOUTH ARGYLE SAT 22 NOV SWINDON TOWN SAT 29 NOV SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY SUN 7 DEC BRIGHTON & H.A [LDV AREA QF] SAT 13 DEC HARTLEPOOL UNITED SAT 20 DEC OLDHAM ATHLETIC FRI 26 DEC NOTTS COUNTY SUN 28 DEC COLCHESTER UNITED SAT 03 JAN **RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS** SAT 10 JAN BLACKPOOL SAT 17 JAN **BRIGHTON & H.A** TUE 20 JAN SOUTHEND UTD (LDV AREA SF) SAT 24 JAN BOURNEMOUTH SAT 31 JAN CHESTERFIELD SAT 07 FEB NOTTS COUNTY SAT 1/ FER RRENTEORD FRI 20 FEB PETERBOROUGH UNITED (7.45PM TUE 02 MAR PORT VALE (7.45PM) SAT 06 MAR OLDHAM ATHLETIC

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#### **FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES**

	LEAGUE APPS GOALS	FA CUP APPS GOALS	CAR, CUP APPS GOALS	LDV TROPHY APPS GOALS	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL GOALS
GARETH AINSWORTH	14(8) 6	1	2(1) 1	2	19(9)	7
WARREN BARTON	2[1] -		-	2	4(1)	
MARCUS BEAN	18(7) 1	1	1 -	3	23[7]	-
MARC BIRCHAM	29[2] 1	0	3 -	2	34[1]	
LEE CAMP	3				3	-
CLARKE CARLISLE	25(1) 1	1	2 -	3	31(1)	1
NICK CULKIN	5		-	3	8	
JAMIE CURETON	[6] 2			-	[6]	2
WES DALY	(2)	[1]		-	[3]	-
CHRIS DAY	29 -	1	3 -	1	34	
RICHARD EDGHILL	7 (5)		2 -	1(1)	10(6)	
TERRELL FORBES	30 -	1	3 -	4	38	
PAUL FURLONG	22 (5) 10	-	2 -	1[1]	25 [6]	10
KEVIN GALLEN	35 (1) 16	1	3 -	2(2)	37 (3	16
ARTHUR GNOHERE	12 -			1.1	- 13	1
RICHARD JOHNSON	5(1)				5(1)	
RICHARD LANGLEY	11		1.1	-	2	2
DEAN MARNEY	1(1)			1	2[2]	-
KEVIN MCLEOD	25 (3) 3	1	2 -	11	31 (3)	4
DENNIS OLI	[3] -	(1)		1 (1)	1(5)	
RICHARD PACQUETTE	(2)		1	21	3(2)	1
GINO PADULA	33 3		3 -	31	39	4
STEVE PALMER	22 (7) 3	1	1 -	2(2)1	24(7)	4
MATTHEW ROSE	9 (3)			1 (1)	10 (4)	
MARTIN ROWLANDS	34(1) 7	1	22	3	40(1)	9
ERIC SABIN	3(7) 1	1	[2]-	2 [1]	6(10)	1
DAN SHITTU	19 (2)-		2 -	1	22 [2]	
TONY THORPE	20 (5) 9	1		1(2)1	22 (7)	10
BEN WALSHE						*
TOMMY WILLIAMS	4(1)				4(1)	

#### DUTY

Andrew Gilbert is seven years old and a his favourite player is Martin Rowlands

Matthew Kingham is ten years old and a his favourite player is

Lee Benham is 13 years old and a his favourite player is Kevin Gallen

DATE

SAT JAN 17

SAT NOV 29

SAT NOV 15



LAST THRE		
OPPONENTS	RESULT	PL
WYCOMBE	A 2-2	MA
WREXHAM	H 2-0	MA
HARTLEPOOL	A 4-1	MA

DUTY

Welcome to today's 'Binatone

ames Keeley is 8 years old. We hope you have alovely day with us at Loftus Road.



#### **DISCIPLINARY RECORD**

PLAYER NAME	YELLOW	RED
MARC BIRCHAM	11	0
MARCUS BEAN	9	0
MARTIN ROWLANDS	8	0





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**GALLEN** THORPE **FURLONG** 

PLAYER NAM

SAT 13 MAR

TUE 16 MAR

SAT 20 MAR

SAT 27 MAR

SAT 03 APR

TUE 06 APR

SAT 10 APR MON 12 APR

SAT 17 APR

SAT 2/ APR

SAT 01 MAY

SAT 08 MAY

SUN 30 MAY

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WREXHAM (7.45PM)

TRANMERE ROVERS

STOCKPORT COUNTY

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

DIVISION TWO PLAY-OFF FINAL

THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

LEAGUE

16

11

10

CUP

SWINDON TOWN

**LUTON TOWN** 

BRISTOL CITY

**BARNSI FY** 

TOTAL

16

11

10

THE DEVASTATING ONE-TWO PUNCH OF STRIKERS LEE PEACOCK AND LEE MILLER GENERATE THE **GOALS FOR CITY.** 

LOOK AHEAD TO THEIR LEAGUE RISTOL 8 WITH RANGERS







**COMPETITION:** NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD 2004 KICK OFF 3PM

**VENUE: ASHTON GATE** 

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ristol City are praying that after several years of trying, they of Division Two this

season. They came close to promotion last year but lost to eventual playoff winners Cardiff. City hope to improve on for £600,000 in the summer of 2000. their third place finish last year and secure automatic promotion with a top two finish - but there are at least two clubs that will have plenty to say about that.

The club caught fire during the middle of

the season, not losing for almost two months. From December 20th to February 21st Bristol City recorded 11 straight wins as they surged to the top of the league, the streak finally ended when they lost to Sheffield Wednesday 0-1 on February 28th. Over that stretch they outscored their opponents 20-5 and recorded six clean sheets.

The devastating one-two punch of strikers Lee Peacock and Lee Miller generate the goals for City. They share more than their first name in common as the two combined to net 23 goals this can finally make it out season. Peacock is the club's top goal scorer with 14 and has justified being the team's most expensive signing in history with his purchase from Manchester City The Scottish under-21-International Miller - ranks second with 9 goals. After being signed over the summer, Miller has tried his best to propel City towards promotion as he proceeded to do with his previous club Falkirk to the Scottish Premier League.

Much like Rangers, Bristol City has excelled at home this season. Any team playing at Aston Gate faces a task before them. They have not lost a league game at home since September 20th in a 0-1 loss to Port Vale. From that point on City has recorded 9 wins and 4 draws at Aston Gate.

Bristol City remains locked in a battle for the 2nd automatic promotion spot. After holding on to the spot for several weeks, dropped from the second slot after QPR's win against Wrexham on March 17, but City manager Danny Wilson expects it to be a tight race until the end of the

The last time Rangers and Bristol got together at Loftus Road in September it resulted in a 1-1 draw. This time around the game holds even more important promotion implications.

Fans will be guaranteed a hard fought battle next weekend, as both clubs look to define their seasons.



so in comfort and safety.

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"Ladies and gentlemen, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to continue this event. Please leave the stadium as quickly and as quietly as possible using exits indicated to you by the stewards."

Please note that should an evacuation be carried out, refunds will not be considered at the time. However — retain your ticket and await further information from the club.



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#### **TODAY'S SQUADS**

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**QUEENS PARK RANGERS** 

**LUTON TOWN** 



MANAGER:
IAN HOLLOWAY

	01	CHRIS DAY	MORTEN HYLDGAARD	0
	02	TERRELL FORBES	ALAN NEILSON	0
	03	GINO PADULA	MATTHEW SPRING	0
	04	STEVE PALMER	RUSSELL PERRETT	0
	05	CLARKE CARLISLE	ADRIAN FORBES	0
	06	DAN SHITTU	KEVIN NICHOLLS	0
	07	MATTHEW ROSE	STEVE ROBINSON	1
	08	MARC BIRCHAM	CHRIS COYNE	1
	09	TONY THORPE	ENOCH SHOWUNMI	1
	10	KEVIN GALLEN	EMMERSON BOYCE	1
	11	GARETH AINSWORTH	AHMET BRKOVIC	1
2	13	NICK CULKIN	STEVE HOWARD	1
	14	MARTIN ROWLANDS	PAUL HUGHES	2
	15	RICHARD PACQUETTE	DAVE BAYLISS	2
	17	MARCUS BEAN	IAN HILLIER	2
	18	DENNIS OLI	SOL DAVIS	2

**SQUAD SPONSORS** 

20

22

40

ARTHUR GNOHERE

MARIEN IFURA

**KEVIN MCLEOD** 

**ANDREW POWER** 





23 RICHARD EDGHILL **DEAN BRILL DEAN CROWE** 24 JAKE COLE 25 JOHN FLETCHER JOE DEENEY 26 KEITH KEANE RYAN JOHNSON JAMIE CURETON 28 MICHAEL LEARY 29 PAUL FURLONG STEVEN O'LEARY **KEVIN FOLEY** 30 RICHARD JOHNSON 31 MATTHEW JUDGE LEE CAMP

PETER HOLMES

**CURTIS DAVIES** 

LEE MANSELL

UNDERDUPARK OKAI

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MANAGER: MIKE NEWELL

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