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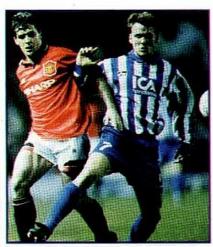
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Talking Point: Do you support our teams in Europe?

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ne week ago I would never have imagined myself writing programme notes as the manager of QPR, but a week is a short time in football and a lot has happened in the past seven days. My departure from Arsenal and the reasons behind my decision have been well documented by the press since my appointment as manager here. However with that chapter of my life behind me I am now concentrating all my efforts on getting this club back in the Premier League where we belong.

It has always been an ambition of mine to become a manager and I believe that, in Rangers I am joining a club with a great deal to look forward to in the future. Had I not accepted Chris Wright's offer, I would have turned down one of the best jobs outside of the Premier League. I have been working in the top flight for a long time now, so in some sense I am taking a step down, but in a big way for me personally it is a step up. I know that any manager is judged by his team's position and that if you do well you can expect the rewards, but I also realise that if you do not do well you have to face the consequences. I know I will have no regrets about taking this job and I am looking forward to the challenge immensely.

Chris Wright has assured me that I do have money to spend but I will need to assess the strength of the squad here first before deciding on the type of player we are looking for. I have to admit that I have not seen Rangers play since last season although I am well aware of their reputation for playing good football.

Today we face another tough test against Swindon Town — any team with a manager with the competitive spirit of Steve McMahon will never be easy to beat as we found out last Wednesday. Considering that prior to the match I had only had one full training session in which to work with our players, and with Danny Maddix, Steve Yates, Mark Perry, Nigel Quashie and Matt Jackson all unavailable I could not have asked for more from the team. We showed a lot of spirit and determination despite going a goal down and I was pleased for everybody that we got off to a winning start — although with the second leg to come the tie is by no means over.

Finally I know many of you will join with me in expressing the club's grateful appreciation to Frank Sibley and Billy Bonds both of whom I was very sorry to see leave this week. Frank has been a tremendous servant to Rangers for many years and is a Rangers man through and through. He is very honest and I know it was a very difficult decision for him to make. Billy has done a great job with the Youth Team during his two years here and again his sincerity in making his decision was a credit to him. I would have been very happy for both Frank and Billy to have stayed on, I did have a long chat with both of them and they both felt that for my and the club's benefit a change of staff may be the best way forward. They leave with everyone's best wishes and I hope it is not long before they find themselves back in football.

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League Record Against Swindon

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	39	24	7	8	89	42
Away	39	7	13	19	37	62
Total	78	31	20	27	126	104

Goals by Shaun Taylor, Jan-Aage Fjortoft and Nicky Summerbee gave Swindon Town a 3-1 win on their last visit to Loftus Road in April 1994. Their sole Premiership 'double' that season, QPR's 1-0 defeat at the County Ground in November 1993 was Swindon's first-ever victory in the top-flight. Swindon had previously failed to win at Loftus Road since 1953/54.



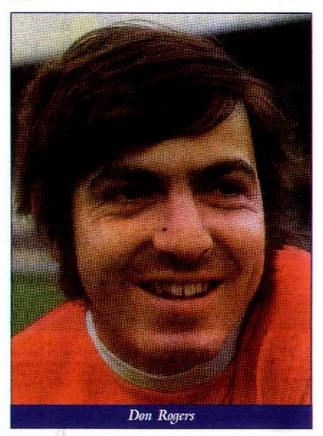
High Fives

QPR's last League win over Swindon Town was in February 1973 when Stan Bowles' hattrick and further goals by Gerry Francis and Don Givens gave the following side a 5-0 Second Division victory in front of 13,472 at Loftus Road. Team: Phil Parkes, Dave Clement, Ian

Watson, Terry Venables, Terry Mancini, Tony Hazell, Dave Thomas, Gerry Francis, Mick Leach, Stan Bowles, Don Givens. Midfielder Mick McGovern was making his Swindon Town debut two days after leaving QPR in a £10,000 deal.

Wing Wizard

Exciting England U-23 winger Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town won the League Cup in 1969 and Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. Signing professional from apprentice in October 1962, he



netted 146 goals in 400 League games before joining Crystal Palace for a record £150,000 in November 1972 and moved to QPR in exchange for Terry Venables and Ian Evans in September 1974. He briefly rejoined Swindon in March 1976 for £33,000 and still runs a sports shop in the town.

Managing To Succeed

Argentinian ace Ossie Ardiles left QPR to become Swindon Town player-manager in July 1989 and completely transformed their style of play. Guiding them to Second Division promotion play-off success at Wembley in 1989/90 — only for Swindon to be denied their place in the First

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Division after an illegal payments scandal — he left to manage Newcastle United in March 1991. Les Allen managed both clubs in the early 1970's.

Leading Marksman

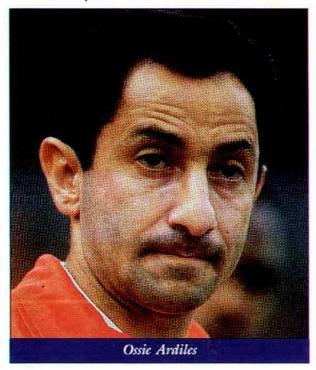
Striker Peter Eastoe was Swindon Town's top scorer in two successive seasons after a record £88,000 move from Wolves in November 1973.

He netted \$3 goals in 91 League games prior to joining QPR for £80,000 in March 1976. Other players to appear in the League for both clubs since the war include Lew Clayton, Terry Fenwick, Midge Hill, Frank Large, Ian Muir, Alan Spratley and Gary Waddock.



Cup Victory

Two goals by Les Ferdinand and another by Gary Penrice gave the following QPR team a 3-0 FA Cup third round win over Swindon Town on 4th January 1993 in front of 12,106 at Loftus Road: Tony Roberts, David Bardsley, Clive Wilson, Ray Wilkins, Darren Peacock, Alan





McDonald, Simon Barker, Ian Holloway, Les Ferdinand, Gary Penrice (Andrew Impey), Andy Sinton. QPR had lost 1-2 in each of their three previous FA Cup meetings with Swindon.

League Cup Hero

Versatile winger Brian Williams joined Swindon Town from QPR for £50,000 in June

1978 and was an influential figure as Swindon reached the League Cup semi-finals 1979/80. QPR's England U-21 right-back David Kerslake followed Ossie Ardiles to Swindon for £110,000 in November 1989 and featured prominently in the 1989/90 and 1992/93 promotion challenges.



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High Hoops

GOOD luck to Stewart Houston, our new manager.

1949 Born Dunoon, Scotland, August 20th.

1967 Joins Chelsea and makes six appearances.

1972 Joins Brentford and makes 77 appearances with nine goals

1973 Transferred to Man Utd and makes 204 appearances(13

goals) in six seasons at Old Trafford.

1976 EA Cup runners-up medal with Man Utd.

1980 Joins Sheffield Utd making 93 appearances.

1983 Joins Colchester Utd and makes 106 appearances.

Also appointed player-coach.

1985 Becomes coach at Plymouth Argyle.

1987 Appointed Arsenal reserve coach.

1990 Becomes first team coach at Highbury.

1995 Becomes caretaker manager after George Graham is sacked.

1996 Becomes caretaker boss again when Bruce Rioch is sacked.

Fresh Start

STEWART Houston's arrival at Loftus Road is a break from the recent tradition at Rangers of appointing managers from within the club.

The last four bosses - Trevor Francis, Don Howe, Gerry Francis, and Ray Wilkins - all had previous links with Rangers. Stuart becomes the first 'outsider' in the hot seat since Jim Smith's appointment in 1985.

What really came across at the press conference on Monday was that Stuart was delighted to be joining Rangers. He could have stayed in a very good job at Arsenal, but he really wanted to come to the R's and do well for the supporters here at Loftus Road. NEWS of former R's players...Brian Croft recently had a trial at Watford...Kevin Brock has moved from Rushden & Diamonds to join Oxford City in the ICIS League...Roy Wegerle has been named caretaker coach of USA Major League side Colorado Rapids.

Roy of the Rapids



FANS SING-LED OUT

THE travelling Rangers fans have been in fine voice during the last two away games.

At Norwich, the Rs followers inspired a marvellous second half performance by the team. Coach John Hollins said: "Our supporters were mentioned in the dressing room at half-time. Billy Bonds told the players that a lot of people had paid good money to travel a long way in midweek to support us. That did the trick and our display on the field was much improved in the second half."

Meanwhile, the Rangers roadshow went to Barnsley last Saturday with tremendous vocal backing. As the home side's 100% record evaporated, the QPR supporters sang "Can we play you every week?" Mark Perry's debut goal was acknowledged with a rendition of "Super Mark Perry..." and there were victory salutes towards the Rangers section of the director's box as the cry of "Chrissy Wright's Blue And White Army..." rang out.

Barnsley were outplayed on the field as their supporters were outsung in the stands.

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NIGEL QUASHIE missed the Barnsley game with a touch of flu, allowing 17 year old Mark Perry his League debut. Mark celebrated with an accomplished performance in midfield and a spectacular headed goal. Caretaker boss Frank Sibley said: "I was very proud of Mark. His father died recently, I only wish I could have told Mark on Friday that he was playing so that his mother could have travelled up for the game."



THE WRIGHT CHOICE

R's chairman Chris Wright is delighted with the acquisition of Stewart Houston as our new manager.

The R's owner said: "Stewart has a great understanding of football at the very highest level. He knows what is needed to get us back into the Premier League and to do well once we are back there. I am sure all the Rangers fans will get behind Stewart right from the word go. He knows he has money to spend and it is up to Stewart to decide how and when he wants to spend it."

Houston has signed a three year contract with the R's.

With Regret

Rangers have lost a lifelong supporter with the unexpected death of Graham Bundy. Graham was a season ticket holder at Loftus Road for many years, before concentrating on the secretarial duties at Brook House FC and then Hillingdon Borough FC. He had also served as press officer for the Middlesex League and the Spartan League. Graham was known for his love of football at all levels.

Rows Referes

Former Rangers director Brian Rowe has returned to the club on the marketing side. Brian will have special responsibility for the sale of executive boxes.

'S Buzzing

WASPS had a club record crowd of 8,356 for their debut at Loftus Road, celebrating with a 36-21 win over Saracens. With executive box holders and rugby officials included, the gate touched 9,600.

The occasion enjoyed extensive coverage on BBC TV's 'Rugby Special', who heralded the "first ever Rugby Union game at a Football League ground". The TV programme was actually presented live from Loftus Road.

Wasps' ground at Sudbury only holds 4,000, so with European ties to come and a clash with the well-supported Leicester club, more record rugby crowds are on the cards at Loftus Road.

R's chairman Chris Wright said: "The attendance for the Wasps versus Saracens game exceeded all our expectations, it was quite thrilling. Any Rangers fans who want to watch Wasps play will see a team that you will be proud to associate with QPR as our brother or sister club."

Wasps play Leicester at Loftus Road tomorrow at 3pm. Scats are £15; half price concessions.

swindon town

Steve McMahon's Swindon Town have spent the last few years on a tour of the English Divisions: this season is their fourth consecutive change. In 94/95 they had their moment in the Premiership, but the next two seasons saw them slip down to the second.

he Robins had no intention of making their stay there any longer than was absolutely necessary. Last May, they stormed to the Championship, nine points clear of their nearest rivals. Throughout the whole campaign they lost only four games and they ended with 89 points — the best tally in all four divisions.

Swindon's success was based on a patient, passing game. McMahon took over at the County Ground in November 1994, after the departure of John Gorman, and has done his best to instill the twin virtues of style and discipline. The Robins scored freely and defended stoutly. One of the disappointments for the Swindon fans was the number of home draws that they witnessed — ten in all. In contrast, on their travels, they won 13 times — again the best total in the country.

. The frustrating home form was a result of teams coming to the County Ground and simply shutting up shop. Intimidated by a side who were never out of the top two, opponents engaged in a damage limitation exercise. This season, however, McMahon expects that Robins home games will be more open — because better quality teams will be coming with three points in mind.

The boss has not seen the need to greatly strengthen his squad to meet the challenge of a higher Division. Only four new arrivals — and one of those a loan deal made permanent — demonstrate McMahon's faith in his players; several, after all, have Premiership experience behind them.

The most talked about new recruit is, perhaps, Mark Walters. The 32 year-old winger was released by Southampton when Graeme Souness arrived at The Dell and has signed a two year deal with The Robins. After a disappointing couple of years, the former Villa, Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers man jumped at the chance to resurrect his career. The move seems to be paying off. Walters turned in a man-of-the-match winning performance in the



Jason Drysdale — talented defender who came in from Newcastle

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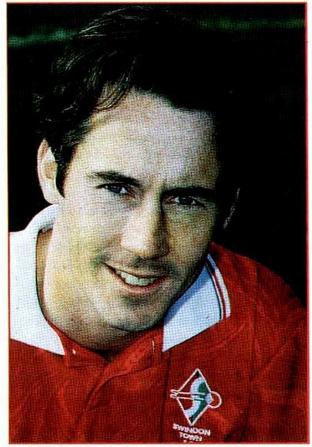
Ian Culverhouse is the Ice Man at the heart of the Robins defence. Ian, who celebrates his 32nd birthday tomorrow, came through the ranks at Spurs. He collected only one first team appearance before moving to Carrow Road, for £50,000, in October 1985.

At Norwich he gained the reputation as a polished full-back who rarely panicked.

Dangerous going forward and unflappable in defence, Ian played 369 games for the Canaries — and was outstanding in their European campaign.

He moved to the County Ground at the end of 1994 — to the disappointment of many Canaries fans. Swindon got themselves a bargain: Norwich wanted £900,000, which was above The Robins valuation. Eventually, a League tribunal set the figure at £250,000.

Included in last season's PFA Second Division representative team, Ian is equally happy at full-back, in central defence or as a sweeper.



Ian Culverhouse — Ice man in the heart of the Swindon defence

The Original Stan The Man

You know how footballers usually write boring books about their boring lives to cash in while they're famous.

Stan Bowles didn't.

But Stan The Man was one of the few who really had a story to tell.

Rangers' superbly gifted number 10 made the headlines as much for his off the field exploits, as he did for his outrageous talents on it.

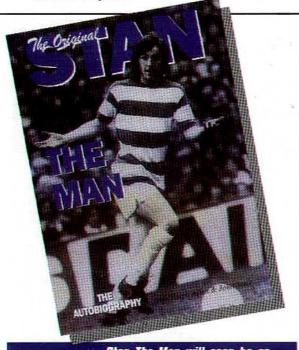
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His autobiography is a roller-coaster ride through fame, addiction and wrongful arrests.

How does a trip to a burger-bar lead to a charge of attempted armed robbery? How does a pre-season friendly end with a gun being held to your head? And how can a super-fit athlete chalk-up the lowest ever score in TV's Superstars?!

Stan The Man explains it all.

This unmissable autobiography will, at times, be hard to believe but even harder to put down.



Stan The Man will soon be on sale at all good book stores, but is available now from the Rangers Clubhouse price £12.50.

Stan Bowles will be available before the home game against Manchester City on Saturday October 12th, to sign copies of his autobiography.

If you like reading about high-life, low-life and football, you'll love this.

Coca Cola Cup against Wolves before picking up an injury and missing a couple of games. He returned to the side for the home defeat against Portsmouth — and was, once again, man-of-the-match. Walters has the speed and skill to prise open the tightest of defences. If he can maintain his early season form, two years spent on the subs bench at Anfield will fade in the memory — and he will have collected enough man-of-the-match champagne to open a wine bar.

Also over the summer, McMahon has snapped up French defender, Frederic Darras from Bastia. The cultured 30 year-old spent eleven years with top club Auxerre, where he made almost 20 European Cup appearances. He came to Swindon on a two week trial — played five friendlies in a week and impressed in all of them. Frederic's contract had expired at Bastia and, thanks to the Bosman Ruling, Swindon were able to pick him up on a free. The acquisition of the talented Frenchman has softened the blow suffered by the loss of Paul Bodin to rivals Reading.

The only money that The Robins spent this summer was £15,000. That was the sum paid out

Frank Talia — new number one at the County groud

to Hearts to secure the signature of midfielder, Scott Leitch. The 26 year-old could well prove to be the bargain of the season. A combative dynamo — much in the mould of his manager — he was also on loan at the County Ground last season. He has impressed so far: he holds the midfield together well, runs and chases and is full of commitment. He can score goals as well.

Kevin Watson is another to have come in on a free transfer. The Hackney-born midfielder came through the ranks at Tottenham under the tutelage of Terry Venables. At White Hart Lane he only managed twelve League appearances and had loan spells at Bristol City and Barnet. After captaining the Spurs reserve team for the last two years, he is relishing the prospect of first team football. He is a ball player who can make things happen.

In defence, The Robins look solid. Australian, Frank Talia has displaced Fraser Digby in goal. He moved to the County Ground in November in 1995 — and has seized his chance well. He is an excellent shot stopper who is full of confidence. In front of him, the central defensive partnership of Ian Culverhouse and Mark Scagraves have a wealth of experience between





SWINDON TOWN

them — and that experience has proven invaluable.

Up front, Swindon have an embarrassment of riches. Last season's top scorer, Wayne Allison, has missed a few games through injury this term but should be back in the reckoning today. In his absence, Peter Thorne and Steve Cowe have performed well. Thorne came in from Blackburn Rovers last year and, despite a run of injuries, helped himself to ten goals in 22 games. Cowe came on loan from Villa — where he was down the pecking order behind the likes of Dwight Yorke and Savo Milosevic — midway through the last campaign. He impressed the management and the deal was swiftly made permanent. With Steve Finney also in the reckoning, The Robins are unlikely to struggle for goals this season.

McMahon has his side playing from the back, his players are adaptable and comfortable on the ball — very much in his own image. Swindon may not have had the best of starts, but they look far

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too good to be in trouble — and they are very likely to upset a few big names before the season is out.

meet the manager



iverpool born and bred, Steve McMahon was a ball boy at Everton, signed schoolboy forms with them — and eventually made 100 League appearances for The Toffees.

A £300,000 move took him to Villa, where he established himself as the midfield kingpin. Two years later, Kenny Dalglish tempted him to Anfield where, in his first season he won league and Cup

medals as the Reds clinched an historic 'double'.

A £900,000 move to Maine Road followed in 1991 before he took the reins as player/manager at Swindon.

An ongoing back problem limited his appearances for The Robins — but in his 21 appearances last term, his influence was crucial in the promotion push.

He has not yet ruled out a return to his midfield slot — he was due to see a specialist during the week to get the final verdict. If he has to retire, both Swindon and football will have lost a great talent.

PAST TO PRESENT

windon Town were formed in 1881, by the Rev. William Pitt, when
The Spartans — an offshoot of a cricket club — amalgamated with St. Mark's Young Men's
Friendly Society. Without ever winning the League or the FA Cup, Swindon appeared in the 1911
Charity Shield — where they lost 8-4 to Manchester United.

The Robins' big day came on the 15th March 1969 when, as a Third Division side, they beat Arsenal 3-1 in the League Cup Final — Don Rogers scoring one of Wembley's most memorable goals after a 60 yard run. That season they were promoted as runners-up to Watford — losing out on goal difference. The following season Swindon collected the Anglo-Italian Cup.

In 1985/86 they were promoted as champions of the Fourth Division with a record haul of 102 points.

After the disappointment of being demoted from the top flight without having played a game of the 1992/93 season, they finally made it as play-off winners two years later.

Rangars D 172st Brom

he hangover of Ray Wilkins' departure clouded the last home game at Loftus Road, as Rangers struggled in the continued absence of several key players.

West Brom bounced back from a midweek Coca Cola defeat against Colchester to sock it to Rangers with a ninth minute goal. Paul Peschisolido made space for himself with a jack-knifed turn and drove accurately into the left hand corner.

Trevor Sinclair tried to galvanise the Hoops with a stirring shot which Spink pushed away, and when Alan McDonald's thunderous volley bounced back from the inside of the post, you felt it wasn't going to be our day.

Danny Maddix headed just over the WBA crossbar before the visitors broke away with two minutes to go. Smith crossed and Taylor slid in the Baggies' second. It capped a disappointing week for Rangers.

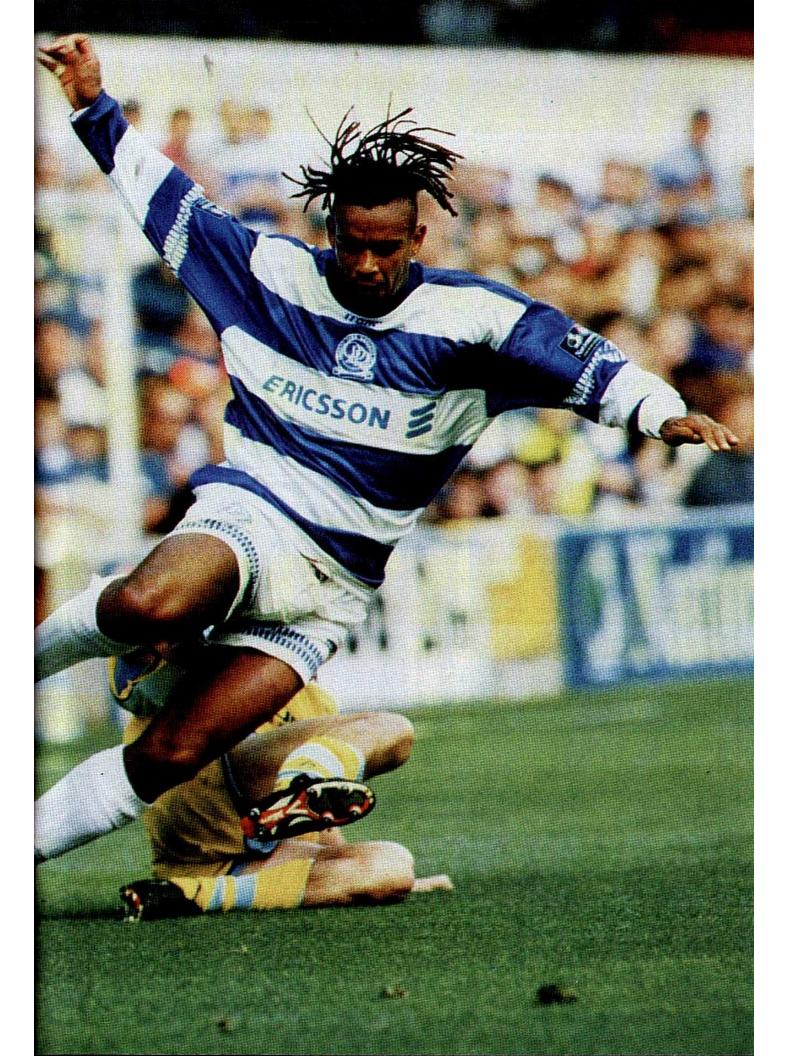
Teams. Rangers: Sommer,
Jackson, Brevett, Murray (Charles
69'), McDonald (Maddix 69'),
Yates, Challis, Quashie, Dichio,
Slade, Sinclair. Sub Not Used:
Roberts.

West Bromwich Albion:
Spink, Holmes, Nicholson,
Sneekes, Burgess (Smith 59'),
Raven, Hamilton, Mardon,
Peschisolido (Taylor 80'), Hunt,
Groves. Sub Not Used: Donovan.

Referee: S. Baines, Chesterfield.

Attendance: 12,886.





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We ask you to take these questionnaires seriously as it gives you access to have your say in what matters to you about your club.

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Queens Park Supporters Club Travel Club



Birmingham City Saturday September 28th. Coaches depart 10.00AM

Fare: Adults £11.00, Juniors and Senior Citizens £5.50. Inter-City Train To Birmingham

Depart Euston 11.05 — Arrive Birmingham (New St) 12.55 Depart Birmingham (New St) 17.45 - Arrive Euston 19.35

Fare: £14.50

Grimsby Saturday October 5th Coaches depart 8.30PM.

Fare £14.00 Adults, £7.00 Juniors and Senior Citizens Seats will be reserved on a inter-city train details in next match programme.

Congratulations and Good Wishes from everyone at QPR, to Brian Harris and Angela Dunn on their recent marriage. QPR Supporters Club Committee Member Brian and Angela met on a QPR away trip, it turned out to be a perfect match.

junior B's



Birthday Greetings...

Happy birthday to Junior R Scott Williams, who was ten years old yesterday.

Best wishes from family, friends and all at QPR.



OPR Match Day Creche

The Rangers creche will be open again for home games (except evening kick offs) during the season.

The creche, which proved to be very popular last season, is situated in the White City Play Centre in Australia Road. It is run by two fully qualified play leaders and caters for children aged 18 months to eight years.

Charges are: £3.00 one child — £4.00 two children — £5.00 three or more.

There are only twelve places available for each game, so you are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings are taken five days in advance of each match.

It opens at 2.00pm and closes at 5.00pm.

If you need more information or wish to make a booking, please phone Sarah on 0181 740 2534.

OPR QUICK QUIZ

- 1 New boss Stewart Houston left which club to take over at Loftus Road?
- 2 When the R's travel to Boundary Park later on in the season, which club will be our opponents?
- 3 In which country was goalkeeper Juergen Sommer born?
- 4 Against which club did we chalk up our last Premiership victory?
- 5 How many League goals did Rufus Brevett score last season? Was it; A) 5 B) 0 or C) 1?

Answers at the bottom of the page.



Junior R Mascot

Today's mascot is nine year old Matthew Robert Blackbeard from Suffolk.

Matthew attends Sidegate Lane Primary School and enjoys football, watching TV, and art (his ambition is to be a cartoon artist).

His favourite player is Daniele Dichio.

Belated birthdays....

Belated birthday wishes to Junior Rs Andrew and David Finney who were ten on 11th September, love from Mum, Dad, Karen and all at QPR.

Let's hope the team can give all three boys a present of three points.

First timer....

A warm welcome to Loftus Road to five year old Joseph Bagshaw from Southampton.

Joseph is a Junior R but this is the first time he has seen the R's live at 'home'.



LAVER PROFILE

Jugragh Sommer

It's exactly a year since Juergen Sommer joined Rangers from Luton Town and the native New Yorker has maintained a high level of consistent form during his time at the club. Like every player at Loftus Road, Juergen is aiming for promotion back to the Premiership this season. And he feels that success for Rangers will help his international prospects.

Juergen says: "The number one objective is for Rangers to play as well as we can within our own means. We've got to go for one of the top two positions in Division One, so that we don't have to go to the play-offs.

"We have the necessary talent and resources in the club; in the playing staff, new management and the chairman included. It is just down to regaining that professional attitude and doing our job to get back to winning ways."

On a personal note, Juergen is relatively happy with his own form. He had another great match at Barnsley last Saturday, for example, including a world class save from a late, close range free-kick. But QPR's number one won't be resting on his laurels.

"I'm quite pleased with the way I've been playing," says Juergen. "Although I still look to improve my performances each day in training, and in every game I play."

Specialised training for the five pro keepers at Rangers now takes place under the watchful eye of Peter Bonetti. Juergen speaks highly of 'The Cat'.

"Training is going well. It's nice to have someone of Peter's calibre taking us twice a week. I worked with him before at Luton, which helps me now. He has a wealth of experience to pass on."

Away from Loftus Road, Juergen lives in the Regents Park area with his wife Susie. In fact, England has been his home for the last five years. "I really enjoy it here — the club, the people and the nice fresh air of London."

Juergen represents Rangers in the international arena, of course, with the USA international team. How's that going?

"It will definitely help my international prospects to have a good season with Rangers. It's a big year in terms of World Cup qualifying matches. Obviously, my first priority is here at Rangers, and my role with the international team is a bonus.

"The main way that players and teams stand out is to be successful and to win matches. So if Rangers do well, we all benefit. Therefore, my aim is for the R's to have a great season and to get promoted."

It hardly needs to be said that Juergen's hopes for Rangers are shared by everyone else at the club.

"I'm quite pleased with the way I've been playing, although I still look to improve my performances each day in training, and in every game I play."

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Which B's player has the most irritating habit?

Matthew Brazier thinks he's a part-time hairdresser.

Which R's player would be good at another job?

Simon Barker comes in each day with his briefcase as if he's going into the office.

Who is the most intelligent R's player?

Andrew Impey — he's always quoting poetry.

Which R's player might be an

Rufus his hair looks like the alien predator.

Have you ever been mistaken for somebody else?

No.

Team supported as a boy

New York Cosmos with Pele, Cryuff and Beckenbauer.

Which job would you hate doing?

I couldn't handle construction work.

Have you ever wasted a lot of money?

No, I'm pretty sensible.

Are you good at other sports?

Tennis and basketball.

Are you useful around the house?

I thought I was, but I tried to fix the shower the other day and I drilled through into the water mains!

Favourite/least favourite part of training?

The camaraderie of the team, shooting practice with Andrew Impey because he never hits the target.

Greatest goal ever seen?

Danny Dichio at Wolves.

Best/worst part of being a footballer?

Doing what you love/losing games.

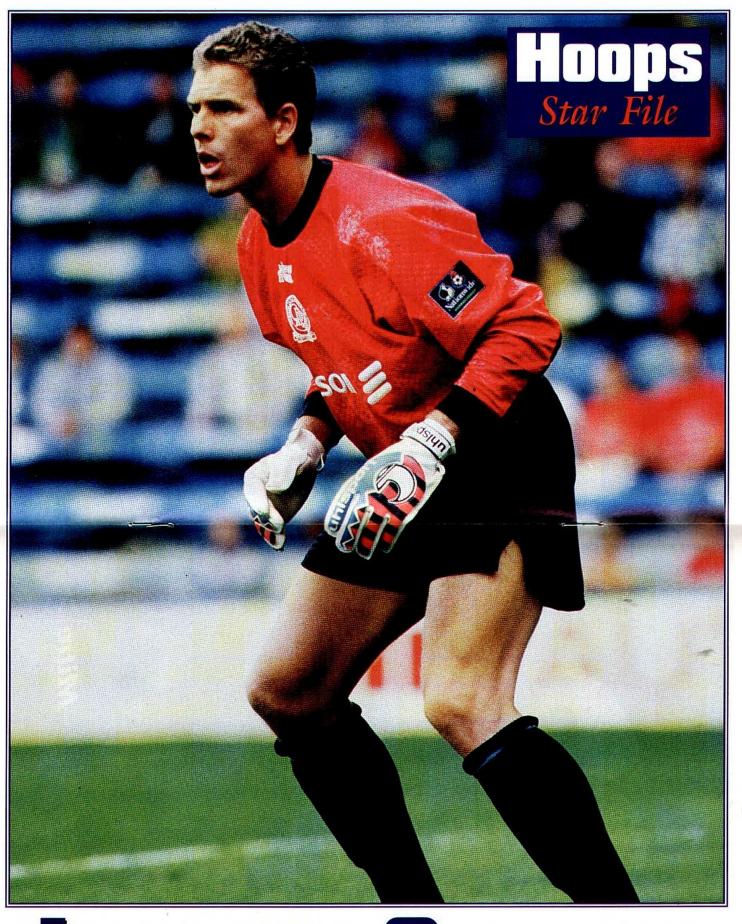
How do you pass time on the team coach?

Listening to music or reading.

Which R's player needs a change of image?

Steve Yates. His golden boy image isn't fooling anyone anymore.





Juergen Sommer



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30 years on... Taking Stock of

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Then: Skipper Mike holds aloft the League Cup at Wembley

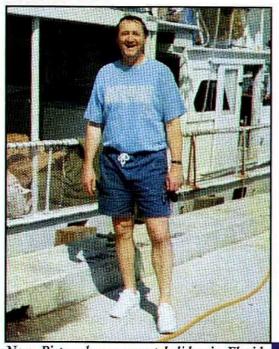
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ery consistent, powerful wing-half Mike Keen skippered QPR to the Third Division title and League Cup 'double' in 1966/67.

Discovered with Bucks Boys Club, he joined Rangers as an amateur and signed professional in June 1958. He was ever-present in five successive seasons including the rise from Third Division to First and scored 41 times in 393 League games before following Alec Stock to Luton Town for £17,500 in January 1969.

Captaining their 1969/70 promotion side, he moved to Watford in July 1972 and became player-manager a year later. He rejoined QPR for a spell as coach in 1977, then managed Northampton Town, Wycombe Wanderers (1982/83 Isthmian League title) and Marlow and now runs a sports shop in High Wycombe. His son Kevin plays for Stoke City.





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Harrow, Middlesex.

Reserves

Simon Barker made his comeback from a thigh injury as the reserves drew 0-0 at home to Millwall in the Combination League Cup last week.

Team: Roberts, McDermott, Brazier, Ready, Plummer, Maddix, Perry, Barker(Franklin 55'), Charles, Bruce, Whittle. Sub not used: Owen, McVeigh.

Manager John Hollins summed up the night by saying: "We had so much of the game and so much of the ball, we should definitely have scored. Lee Charles, Paul Bruce, Chris Plummer, Karl Ready and Matt Brazier all got into the box for decent chances. Their keeper got injured and we should have made a lot more of that. But the luck doesn't always go with you and things didn't go for us. That's all we need to turn the corner and get us back on the winning trail again."

The Graham brothers — Mark and Richard — played together for Rangers for the first time in Monday night's 4-0 victory over Crystal Palace. Richard celebrated with a goal, joining Steve Slade and Lee Charles (2) on the scoresheet.

Team: Roberts, McDermott, Franklin, M.Graham, Owen, Whittle, Spiller, R.Graham, Charles, Slade(Conlon 70 Mins), Bruce. Subs not used: Hurst, Murray.





The Brothers Graham

But the luck doesn't always go with you and things didn't go for us.



The youth team lost 2-1 to Birmingham City in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup tie played at Harrow Borough on Thursday, September 5th. Nicky Robinson was the goalscorer for Rangers.

Team: Warren Dobson, Ben Roostan, David Whittle, Karl Owen, Ben Kingsmith, Mark Perry, Fraser Murray, Nicky Robinson, Wayne Purser, Barry Conlon, Richard Graham.

Subs—Richard Spiller (For Kingsmith 60 mins), Damien Franklin (for Conlon 70 mins), Lee Ashton

Irishman David Whittle was the marksman for Rangers in the disappointing 1-5 reverse against Millwall in the league.

Team: Paul Hart, Ben Roostan, Karl Owen, Mark Perry, Lee Ashton, David Whittle, Richard Spiller, Nicky Robinson, Wayne Purser, Damien Franklin, Richard Graham.

Subs — Barry Conlon, Michael Currie (for Franklin 80mins), Mark McVeigh.

Youth team injuries include-Richard Langley (shin stress fracture), Angelo Leone (longterm), Ben Kingsmith (ankle).

Rangers
hammered Brentford
6-2 last Saturday in
the South East
Counties League
Cup first round. The
scorers were Spiller,
Purser, Conlon (2)
and Graham (2).



Barry Conlon

Team: Paul Hart, Ben Roostan, Nicky Robinson, Karl Owen, David Whittle, Carlos Brown, Richard Spiller, Fraser Murray, Barry Conlon, Wayne Purser Richard Graham.

Subs(not used)-Damien Franklin, Lee Ashton, Michael Currie.

The R's have been drawn at home to Crystal Palace in the Second Round on October 19th.

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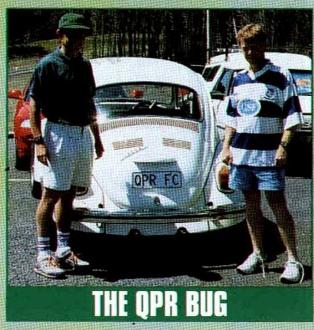
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"Yours Sincerely" is your page and we simply can't get enough of your contributions for this particular section of "Hoops". Hopefully today's page will give you a taste of what we're after; birthdays, weddings, holidays, anything goes really as long as it has a Rangers theme.

Obituary

We are sorry to report the recent death of Graham Bundy (46). Graham supported Rangers for over 30 years and was well known at the club. He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

We know there are Rangers fans worldwide but it was still quite a surprise for Chris Smithers when he bumped into a Hoops fanatic in New Zealand. Chris was accosted by a friendly Kiwi who had noticed his R's shirt. However, Chris' Kiwi pal wasn't simply marvelling at the style of his Hoops top he was a fully fledged Rangers nut and proved this to Chris by pointing out his personalised number plate, something that would be the envy of any QPR fan.



Programme Fair

Hayes Football Club are hosting a programme fair on Sunday 29th September. The fair is being held at Hayes FC clubhouse in Church Road, Hayes between 11am and 2pm, admission 30p.

The ground has extensive parking facilities, is close to the town centre and can be easily reached from both Ealing Broadway and Uxbridge stations.

Nearing Completion

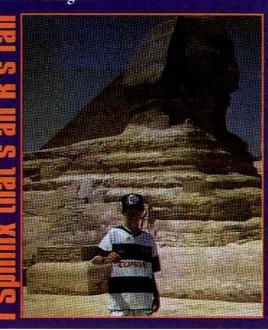
Graham Smith has been collecting QPR programmes for over 30 years, staggeringly he has every home programme since the 1965/66 season and nearly every away programme from that period.

Graham is searching for the following away programmes to complete his collection.

1976/77 v FC Cologne*, AEK Athens (UEFA)*
1977/78 v Bournemouth (L/Cup 2nd rd)
1991/92 v Sheff Wed
1992/93 v Aston Villa, Everton, Yeading (20/8/92*)
*If a program was issued

If anybody can assist Graham in his search for the above issues please contact him at; 28 Ramridge Road, Round Green, Luton, Beds, LU2 0TQ.

Season ticket holder Keir Frame recently enjoyed a holiday in Egypt and was determined to spread the Rangers word by sporting his full kit at every opportunity. Keir had a great time in the land of the pharaohs but couldn't wait to get home to see his beloved Rangers.



OPR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

6-A-Side League Starting Wednesday 9 October (5-7 PM Westway Centre)

Starting on 9 October, the Queens Park Rangers 6-A-Side Tournament is open to young teams (Under 11 and Under 14's boys). Competitors are invited to assemble their own side or enter as part of a schools/club team, however places are limited. For further details and an entry form contact Danny Hibbert on 0181 740 2509 (closing date for entry is 30 September, 1996).

Cost of entry - £5 per team.

After Schools Coaching Programme

Queens Park Rangers Sports Development start their after schools coaching programme on Tuesday 17 September. Sessions will be held at the Janet Adegoke Centre from 4.30 – 6.00 pm on Tuesdays and will cost £2.00 per session.

Queens Park Rangers after schools programme is designed to improve your skill as a player, concentrating on the basic techniques that are essential to become a quality player!

Those who participate will also get the chance to receive tickets to watch QPR matches at Loftus Road.

There is no need to book your place. Just come along each Tuesday evening and pay your £2.00.

If you require any further information please contact development officer Michael Thomas on 0181 740 2509.

So, be sure to come along, all children need to bring is football kit, trainers and themselves!

Queens Park Rangers After Schools Coaching

For anyone that wants to improve their skills with fully qualified QPR coaches, we provide tuition in techniques such as dribbling, passing, shooting, heading and controlling the ball. You will also play in a 6-a-side competition and have the chance to receive tickets for QPR matches at Loftus Road!

The sessions run every Tuesday evening at the Westway Centre from 5.00pm to 7.30pm.

Cost £1 per session – just turn up!!!

Local Schools Matchday Coaching Package

As part of the Ericsson/

Sportsmatch sponsorship of the community scheme, the Community department have invited ten of the local schools to send children to the QPR matchday coaching package consists of a morning's coaching where the young people are taught basic skills and take part in 6-a-side games and a ticket for today's game.

We would like to welcome all the schools who have attended today:

St Augustine, Wormholt, Ellerslie, St Paul's, Greenside, Old Oak, St Stephens, Canberra.

We hope you enjoy the day and cheer on QPR! Emlyn Brown, Sports Department

Job Seekers & School Leavers Football Session

Come and take part in a structured football session at the Westway Centre. The session will incorporate skill and fitness work as well as organised games and matches.

The opportunity may also be available to work towards coaching qualifications in football.

The sessions take place every Monday afternoon at the Westway Sports Centre, W10 at 2pm - 4pm. There is no cost and we encourage anyone to to come along – just bring sports kit trainers.

For further information contact Danny Hibbert (QPR Community Officer) on 0181 740 2509.

QPR Women Reserves 5 Hampstead Women 1

QPR Women Reserves recorded a fine 5-1 win over fifth Division Hampstead Women to prepare them for their first league game on Sunday.

QPR Women Reserves play Arsenal fourth's on Sunday 22nd at Warren Farm, Windmill Lane, Southall (2pm).

19**49** — Promotion Heroes Leave

members of OPR's 1947/48 Third Division (South) title-winning side were allowed to leave Loftus Road in September 1949. Skipper and centre half George Smith moved to Ipswich Town after scoring once in 75 League games, while winger Johnny Harrburn joined Watford after netting ten goals in 58 League outings. Neither player had appeared for QPR in 1949/50 as Dave Mangnall's team started with an unbeaten seven-match run. Smith had been displaced in the heart of defence by record £10,500 signing Horace Woodward from Spurs, while Hartburn was squeezed out by competition from George Wardle, Stan Hudson and Ted Duggan and was subsequently reunited with fellow wingers Johnny Pattison and Billy McEwan at Alec Stock's Levton Orient.

1963 — Sibley Is The Youngest Player

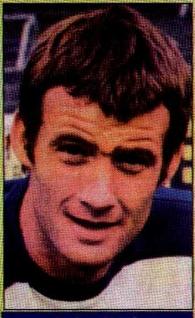
With several regular players out injured, QPR gave a debut to winghalf Frank Sibley in the League Cup first round tie at Aldershot on 4th September 1963. At the age of 15 years 274 days, Sibley became the voungest player to represent the club in a first-team match but was unable to prevent Rangers losing 3-1 to their Fourth Division opponents. Spotted by Derek Healy playing for NW Middlesex Schoolboys, he skippered England Youth and made his League debut at Bristol City in March 1964, signing professional from apprentice under Alec Stock in February 1965. Destined to star in QPR's 1966/67 Third Division title League Cup 'double', he scored three goals in 150 League games before injury forced his premature retirement and he joined the coaching staff.

1969 — Tranmere Hit For Six

Rodney Marsh scored four times and further goals by Mick

Panger:

Football historian Leigh Edwards looks back at 50

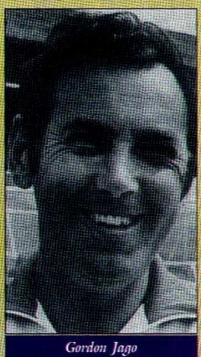


Rodney Marsh

Leach and Frank Clarke gave the following QPR side an emphatic 6-0 win over Third Division Tranmere Rovers in the League Cup third round in front of 17,477 at Loftus Road on 23rd September 1969: Alan Spratley, Ian Watson, Ian Gillard, Dave Clement, Ron Hunt, Tony Hazell, Mick Leach, Alan Wilks, Frank Clarke, Rodney Marsh, Ian Morgan. Crowd favourite Marsh had previously scored four times in the 5-0 League Cup win over Colchester United that launched QPR's 1966/67 run to Wembley glory and he equalled Brian Bedford's post-war record twice scoring four goals in a firstteam game for Rangers. It remained QPR's biggest League Cup victory until they hammered Sheffield Wednesday 8-2 in the first round in 1973/74.

1977) Jago Resigns As Manager

Gordon Jago resigned as manager in September 1974 after QPRs poor start to the season and some unrest amongst the players. Terry Venables was sold to Crystal Palace, Terry Mancini listed and Stan Bowles suspended. Succeeding Les Allen in charge at Loftus Road in January 1971, Jago had guided QPR to promotion in 1972/73 and they were London's top club in 1973/74. Chairman Jim Gregory denied claims that he quit QPR because he was demoted, and not allowed to do the job for which the board appointed him. Jago's assistant Stan Anderson was put in temporary charge of the team until ex-Chelsea boss Dave Sexton was appointed manager three weeks later, on the same day that Jago took charge of Millwall.



1978 — Rangers' European Debut

QPR first competed in the UEFA Cup in 1976/77 after Dave Sexton's team finished First Division runners-up the previous season. Rangers made their European

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post war years over this month at Loftus Road

debut at home to Norwegians Brann Bergen on 15th September 1976 as Stan Bowles' hat-trick and another goal by Don Masson gave the following side a 4-0 first-leg win: Phil Parkes, Dave Clement, Ian Gillard, John Hollins, Frank McLintock, David Webb, Dave Thomas Mick Leach, Don Masson, Stan Bowles, Don Givens. Both teams were unchanged for the second-leg a formight later and Bowles nerted a second-half hat-trick to keep his pre-match promise. Other goals by David Webb, Don Givens (2) and Dave Thomas completed OPR's 11-0 aggregate victory and secured a second round tie against Slovan Bratislava.

1977. – Lights Doll At Lintus Road

A power failure at Loftus Road during Leicester City's First Division visit on 3rd September 1977 led to the Leicester players spending the half-time break sitting on the pitch and QPR gathered in the entrance hall. Featured on BBC TV's 'Match of the Day', Rangers beat Frank McLintock's side 3-0 with 3 goals by Gerry Francis, Don Givens and Dave Needham, McLintock had left QPR to rejoin Leicester as manager three months earlier and £50,000 Scottish midfielder Eddie Kelly had followed him to Filbert Street as his first signing. By the end of September, Rangers experienced central defender David Webb had also moved to Leicester in a £50,000 deal. Leicester finished bottom of the First Division in 1977/78 and McLintock was sacked.

Hazell's Soci

England U-21 central defender

Bob Hazell was sold to Leicester City for £100,000 in September 1983. Signed from Wolves four vears earlier, Hazell had started in QPR's 1981/82 EA Cup run and 1982/83 Second Division title success, scoring eight goals in 106 League outings. His shock move to Filbert Street came just four days after he had finally agreed a new three year contract at Loftus Road and he recalls: 'I was happy to stay with Rangers, very pleased with the contract and delighted the matter had finally been resolved. Suddenly, manager Terry Venables said Leicester had asked for me and I was free to talk with them. It hurt a little to



realise that if Rangers were prepared to let me talk with Leicester, they couldn't have wanted me that badis.'

1987 — Rangers Extend Lead

Gary Bannister's har-trick gave First Division leaders OPR a 3-1 victory over West London rivals Chelsea in front of 22,583 at Loftus Road on the 12th September 1987. the team that day being: David Seaman, Wayne Fereday, Ian Dawes, Paul Parker, Alan McDonald, Terry Fenwick, Martin Allen. Dean Coney Gary Bannister, John Byrne, Kevin Brock Unbeaten Rangers had won six of their opening seven League games - including wins over West Ham, Arsenal and Charlton Athletic - to open up an amazing five point lead over second-placed Spurs, although the victory over Chelsea was spoilt by a pitch invasion on the final whistle with 15 people being arrested. Jim Smith's team lost 2-0 at his former club Oxford United in their next game but remained top of the rable until mid-October.

1995 — Sommer's Day At Leens

Giant goalkeeper Juergen Sommer starred on his QPR debut as goals by Daniele Dichio (2) and Trevor Sindair gave Ray Wilkins' side an excellent 3-1 win at Leeds United in September 1995 Rangers' first away win of the season and first victory at Elland Road for five years. Born in New York after his German parents emigrated to the United States, Sommer was in his country's squad for the US Cup, Copa America and the World Cup. QPR's player-manager Wilkins paid £625,000 to Luton Town for him and he became the first US goalkeeper to play in the Carling Premiership, contesting Rangers' goalkeeping slot with Welsh international Tony Roberts and unsertled Sieb Dykstra and quickly impressing Loftus Road fans with his commanding presence and outstanding ability.

City Swoop For Spurs Striker

ot content with having current Division One hot-shot, Mike Sheron at their disposal, Stoke City have signed Gerry McMahon from Spurs. The 22 year-old Northern Ireland striker has moved to the Potteries for a fee that could rise to £450,000 — depending how many appearances he makes.

Today's visitors, Swindon Town, have moved to snap up Wimbledon defender, Gary Elkins, for £100,000. The 30 year-old has signed a three year deal with the Wiltshire side.

• Huddersfield have swooped to pick up Wayne Burnett for £150,000. The midfielder was on loan from Bolton and impressed Terriers boss, Brian Horton, so much that he quickly made the move permanent.

Everyone involved with Sheffield United were fuming recently, when the club received a much awaited consignment of Blades leisure wear. It turned out that the logo emblazoned on the tops was that of..... Sunderland.

 Bolton's rejuvenated striker Nathan Blake helped his side to the top of Division One with a 49th minute header against Portsmouth. After the game he spoke about the recent departure of Serbian star, Sasa Curcic. "Aston Villa can afford to have a player swanning around, but we couldn't. You can't blame the manager for selling him. Sasa was a good player here, but he's just a memory now." Blake was ordered by Trotters boss, Colin Todd to lose weight in the summer and the new slimline model has already notched five goals in seven games.

Last Sunday, Iwan Roberts became the first Wolves player to notch a hat-trick against Black Country rivals West Brom. No player has bagged three goals in the derby since 1963 and the Wolves victory was their first triumph against the old enemy since 1989. Roberts hadn't found the net in his first seven outings for his new club, but now has four in the last two games.

On-loan Chris Holland starred in Birmingham City's 3-1 victory over Stoke City last weekend. The England U-21 star provided the vital cross for Paul Furlong's killer second goal and put in an impressive all-round performance. Blues boss, Trevor Francis, is delighted to have the youngster on board at St Andrews and it seems that the deal suits Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, as well. Says Francis: "Kevin is quite pleased about it because with no

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reserve team any more at Newcastle they know he's getting valuable experience here."

Wolves' summer signing from Manchester City, Keith Curle, saw a specialist this week, in a bid to get his Molineux career back on track. The 32 year-old has yet to play first team football for the Old Gold, due to calf and heel problems. The news is that he is likely to remain sidelined for at least another two weeks. Meanwhile, another of Wolves' summer buys, former Reading skipper Adrian Williams, will not play before Christmas. The knee ligament damage, suffered

during pre-season his taking longer to heal than was expected.

Third Division Lincoln City provided the shock of the round from the midweek Coca Cola Cup games. They hammered struggling Manchester City 4-1 at Sincil Bank. Uwe Rosler put the First Division outfit into a first minute lead. Lincoln equalised on the half hour and goals either side of half-time put The Red Imps in control. A 79th minute strike from John Whitney completed the humiliation.



Uwe Rosler's first minute goal couldn't spare Man City's blushes as they crashed at Lincoln

Both Charlton and Crystal Palace looked to have booked their place in the third round of the Coca Cola Cup, thanks to comfortable first leg wins. The Addicks were too strong for Second Division Burnley, goals from Carl Leaburn, Bradley Allen and two from John Robinson sealed a 4-1 victory. Two goals from hot-shot, David Hopkin and one from Marc Edworthy helped Palace continue their promising start to the season.

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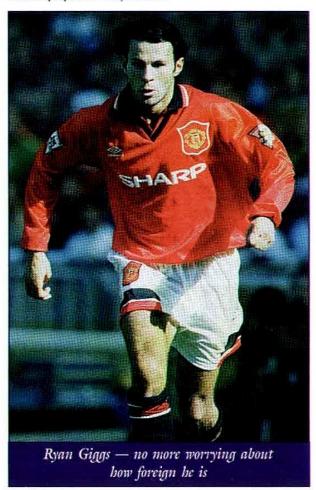
Autumn is, according the poet Shelley, 'the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Old Percy can't have been a fan of the Beautiful Game. If he had been, he would have added that it was also the season where British clubs regularly suffer disappointment in Europe.

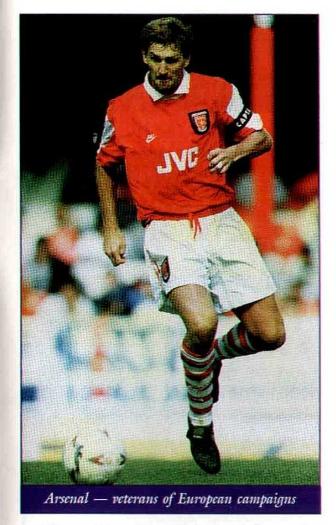
So, here we are again. After the hype and hope of Euro 96 — plus a little bit of restored pride, of course — our domestic clubs sallied forth once more to do battle with the continental cream. Last season, manager after manager was quoted in these pages as saying that this campaign would see British clubs compete as equals once again. Changes to the rules in the wake of the Bosman ruling would allow our sides to field their strongest teams — no more worrying about how foreign Ryan Giggs was. A host of overseas imports had added grace and guile to the traditional British game and we ourselves had adopted a touch of continental flair. Everything seemed set fair.

Sadly the early reports from the front suggest that the promised rebirth has been put back a bit. Once again, British clubs failed to set the world on fire. This is, of course, bad enough, but what was worse was that we half expected it. Worse still, was the fact that many fans across the country were happy to see teams go down.

Most of the West Midlands smiled at Villa's inability to sweep aside a bunch of part-timers. Manchester United's defeat in Turin pleased an awful lot of people and three-quarters of London celebrated Arsenal's defeat at the hands of a German side.

That last example has to be the most instructive. Jealousy of Manchester United is almost to be expected, and local rivalries could be expected to account for the other two. However, it's when you think about Arsenal's opponents that things become a little worrying. Given Italia 90 and Euro 96, the German national team is not exactly flavour of the month in this country. And yet, the delight of lots of Arsenal-hating Londoners was almost palpable. Why is this?





We are able to bury our local prejudices - just about - when it comes to the Three Lions. But if it's the team that you spend your Saturday afternoons singing less than complimentary songs about, you just can't do it. When British teams - Rangers and Celtic can't be left out of this - go abroad, they face not only the opposition but three-quarters of fans back home.

The response to this might be: so what? Like Nick Hornby says: "On Planet Football, everyone hates Arsenal." So teams like Arsenal and Manchester United

should not expect the good wishes of the rest of the country. However, this isn't the case in other countries. In most other places you find that the team represents not only its local area but is seen as representing the whole nation. National pride is poured into the team that is playing - they embody the spirit of the country. National identity is expressed through their participation in a competition where they will meet the representatives of other nations. And 'national identity' is very, very important.

The thing about Britain — and England in particular - is that we've never really got into the idea of football as a world game. It's 'ours', and a lot of people would like to keep



it that way. Millions would be delighted to see international football consisting of endless England v Scotland matches. Europe, for many, is just a distraction from the real business of City v United, or whoever.

Strangely enough, we are fairly laid back about identity in England. After all, the country has a thousand years of history to look back on. You have to realise that Italy and Germany only have a hundred years or so apiece. And in Spain, national identity is a burning issue - never call a Barcelona fan Spanish; he's Catalan and wants you to know it. Then when you think about the countries emerging from the old Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc, it gets even more muddled. What their players represent is something that, thankfully, we haven't had to deal with here for hundreds of years.

So, we go on with our local rivalries, and come Christmas our interest in European matches is but a memory. It's then that we think: "I wouldn't mind watching a game on the telly tonight. Even if it would only have been Arsenal" or Liverpool, or Villa, or Newcastle.

The 'we hate them because they're not us' attitude is not, of course the only problem with our participation in Europe - there are many other shortcomings. But, one thing is for sure: it certainly doesn't help. Shelley also wrote about winter: "gather about great fires, and yet feel cold." As far as our interest in Europe goes, we may feel cold for some time to come.

JAMES POWER



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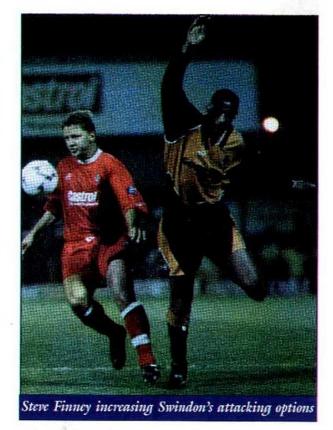
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he next visitors to Loftus Road are today's guests Swindon Town, which is an unusual and not altogether ideal situation for a preview. Obviously R's fans at tonight's game can form their own opinions as to who to lookout for this coming Wednesday in the second leg of our Coca-Cola Cup tie.

The Robins have made a steady start to life back in the First Division and after four years of ups and downs their fans may well settle for consolidation this time around. They have beaten Oldham and Tranmere at home, but lost to Portsmouth and drawn with Port Vale, while on the road they have won at Southend and lost at both Grimsby and Norwich. Mid-table is not quite a position Swindon are used to but it does provide the opportunity to either climb or crash as the season progresses!

After winning the Second Division title by nine points last season, this year will be the test as far as manager Steve McMahon is concerned and he has received some criticism after selling popular defender Shaun Taylor to

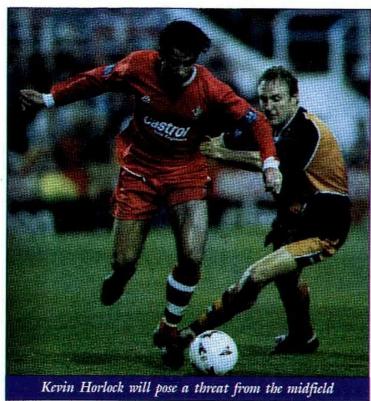


Bristol City. His signings include the former Aston Villa and Rangers winger Mark Walters

(from Southampton) and Tottenham midfielder Kevin Watson. The key men in the side are Ian Culverhouse, best known for his days at Norwich, and Kevin Horlock, who nets regularly from midfield.

Three consecutive matches against the same opposition is certainly unusual and it may be that by the third encounter the sides know each other just that little bit too well. On the other hand it is a cup-tie and with the sides knowing just what they need to do to progress the excitement should be maintained.

Swindon are sure to provide tough opponents both today and on Wednesday. We need revenge for their results against us in their Premiership season, three points plus a cup win would redress the balance.



Ticket

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Swindon Town

Coca Cola Cup Second Round 2nd Leg Wednesday 25th September kick-off 7.45 pm Category "B" prices. CUP TIE VOUCHER NO. 1.

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Nationwide Football League Division One Wednesday 2nd October kick-off 7.45 pm Category "B" prices VOUCHER NO.5.

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Wed 30 Ipswich Town NOVEMBER

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Sat 16 Charlton Athletic

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Wed 29 Birmingham City FEBRUARY

Sat 1 Crystal Palace Sat 8 Ipswich Town

Sat 15 Reading (EA:Cup 5)

Wed 19 Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final (1)

Sat 22 Stoke City MARCH

Sat 1 Oldham Athletic Tue 4 Charlton Athletic

8 Huddersfield Town (F.A.Cup 6)

Wed 12 Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final (2) Sat 15 Southend United

Sat 22 Portsmouth

Sat 29 Oxford United

Mon 31 Wolverhampton Wanderers APRIL

5 Bolton Wanderers

6 Coca-Cola Cup Final

Sat 12 Grimsby Town (F.A.Cup Semi-Final)

19 Manchester City Sat 26 Tranmere Rovers

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4 Bradford City 17 F.A. Cup Final Sun

Why not come along to Loftus Road tomorrow to watch a top quality game of Rugby Union as Wasps, second in the League take on Leicester when all being well the world famous Va'aiga Tuigamala will be making his home debut. The game kicks off at 3.00 p.m. and with an attendance of over 8,000 for their first appearance at Loftus Road earlier this month, another bumper crowd is expected, so it is advisable to arrive early. Gates open at 1.00 p.m.

Seats are priced

£12 for Wasps Members and £15 for non-Members.

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Further Wasps fixtures scheduled to take place

at Loftus Road are as follows

Cardiff Sunday 13th October

Toulouse Saturday 26th October

Bristol Saturday 7th December Northampton Saturday 28th December

Harlequins Saturday 4th January (subject to

Q.P.R. not being drawn at home

that day in the F.A. Cup sponsored

by Littlewoods Third Round)

London Irish Saturday 18th January

Gloucester Sunday 9th March

Bath Saturday 5th April Sale Saturday 19th April



9	10	11	12	13	14
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METROPOLITAN POLICE

THEFT FROM YOUR CAR IS PREVENTABLE

JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES TO ENSURE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TIME AT LOFTUS ROAD.

- · Always try to park in an open area which is well lit at night.
- · When you leave your car ensure that the windows are closed and doors locked. Set your alarm.
- · Don't leave valuables or clothing on display in your car. Either take them with you or lock them in the boot.
- · Radio-cassette players and mobile phones are particularly sought after by thieves. Remove them if possible.
- THINK CAR CRIME!

(Up to and including Sunday 15th September 1996)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	7	4	0	0	12	2	1	1	1	5	7	16
Barnsley	6	3	0	1	10	4	2	0	0	4	2	15
Wolves	7	2	1	0	3	1	2	1	1	8	5	14
Norwich	7	2	2	0	4	1	2	0	1	4	3	14
Tranmere	7	3	0	0	6	2	1	1	2	3	4	13
QPR	7	1	0	2	3	5	2	2	0	7	4	11
Stoke	7	2	1	0	5	3	1	1	2	5	9	11
Huddersfield	6	2	1	1	6	4	1	0	1	4	4	10
C Palace	7	2	2	0	6	2	0	2	1	3	4	10
Swindon	7	2	1	1	4	3	1	0	2	4	5	10
Portsmouth	7	1	1	1	3	3	2	0	2	3	5	10
Ipswich	7	1	1	1	7	6	1	2	1	6	5	9
Man City	7	2	0	1	4	3	1	0	3	4	6	9
West Brom	6	1	0	2	6	8	1	2	0	3	1	8
Birmingham	5	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	4	5	8
Sheff Utd	5	1	1	1	8	7	1	0	1	2	1	7
Oxford Utd	7	2	1	1	8	2	0	0	3	1	6	7
Reading	7	2	1	0	5	2	0	0	4	4	12	7
Port Vale	7	1	2	1	4	4	0	2	1	2	4	7
Charlton	6	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	3	1	5	7
Bradford	7	2	0	1	4	3	0	0	4	0	7	6
Grimsby	7	1	0	2	3	5	0	2	2	5	11	5
Southend	7	1	1	1	7	6	0	1	3	0	8	5
Oldham	7	0	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	3	7	2

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JUERGEN SOMMER

- 2 MATT
- 3 Rufus BREVETT
- 4 SIMON
- 6 CHRIS
- 7 MARK
- 8 PAUL
- 9 DANIELE
- 10 ANDREW IMPEY
- 11 TREVOR

Bussmurs

- 12
- 13
- 14

Referec: P Rejer

Paul Rejer progressed through the Staffordshire County and West Midland Leagues before becoming a Football League referee in 1994. Paul is married with two children and his hobbies include listening to music, running and watching TV.

FRANK 1 TALIA

- FREDERIC 2
- WAYNE 3
 - Scott 4
- MARK 5
- IAN 6
 - MARK 7
 - PAUL 8
 - STEVE 9 COWE
 - WAYNE 10
 - KEVIN 11

STEETHURS

- 12
- 13
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Assistant Referees:

C J Francis (Red & Yellow flag) P W Barnes (Yellow flag) **rve Official:** D M Donnelly







