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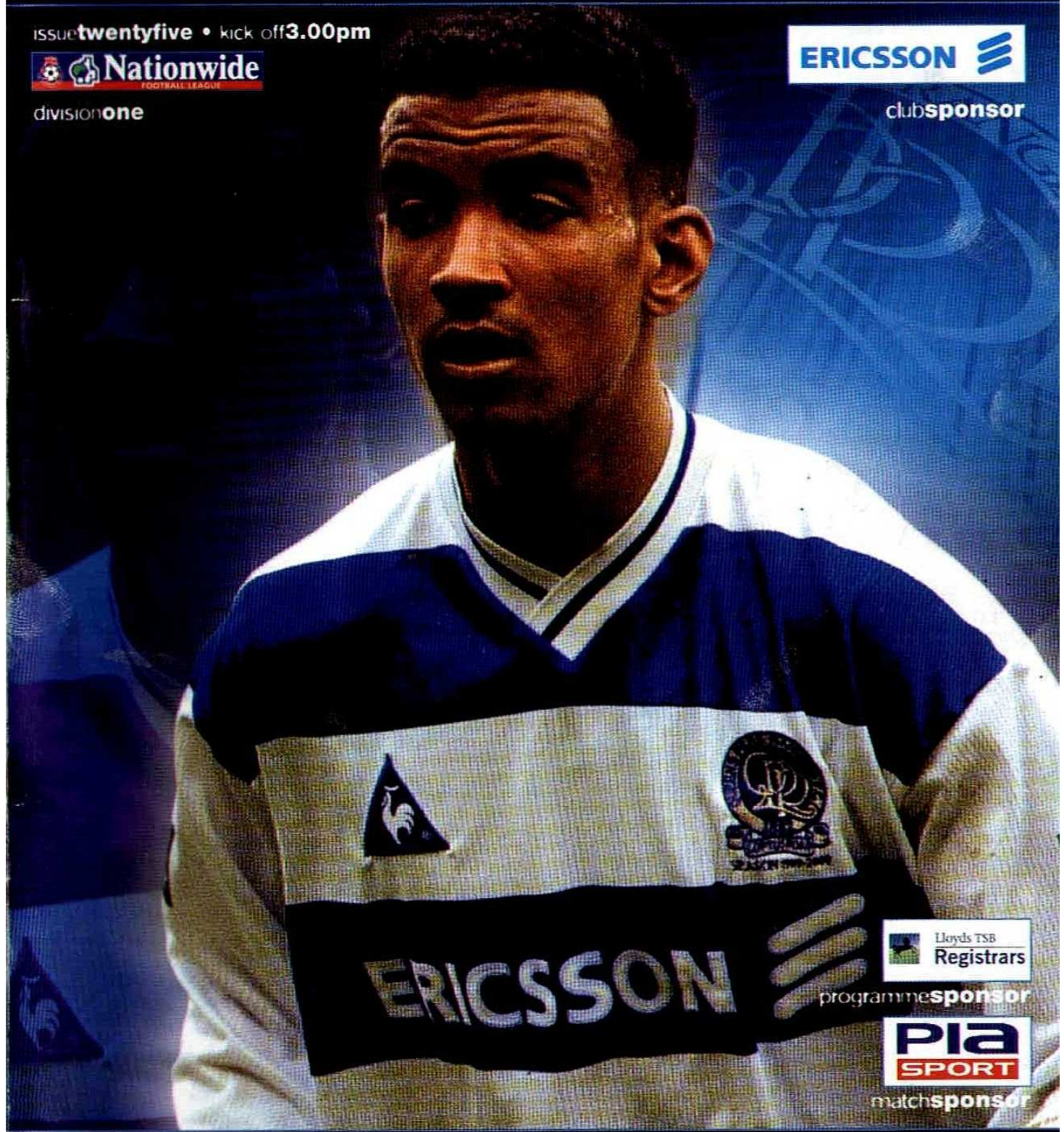
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Today's game sees us entertain Swindon Town, a team who have suffered both on and off the pitch this season following the summoning of administrators to sort out the club finances and with relegation to Division Two now all but confirmed.

Nevertheless, recent wins over Norwich, Huddersfield and Charlton have shown that a spirit of unity and resilience can still bring results in the face of such sporting adversity.

I am sure we wish Swindon all the very best in their battle to stay afloat. The modern game is not inclined to smile on the smaller club and their plight reflects not only on themselves but on English football as a whole. Much, much more needs to be done by the nation's richer clubs to assist their smaller brothers and with talk of the latest

Premiership television rights battle generating a potential £1 billion it is incumbent on the 'winners' in such a battle to ensure others do not suffer.

Their wealth has been generated in no small part by the base popularity of our national game as a whole and the smaller clubs have played a vital role in this historical process. Let them not be forgotten.

Today we feature the results of two surveys carried out over the Christmas period, here in Hoops Magazine. We hope you find the findings interesting and you can be sure that this information and a lot more besides will be put to good use by the club as we strive to improve all aspects of the service provided here at Loftus Road.

For now though, I hope you enjoy today's programme but more importantly let's hope we all enjoy today's game.

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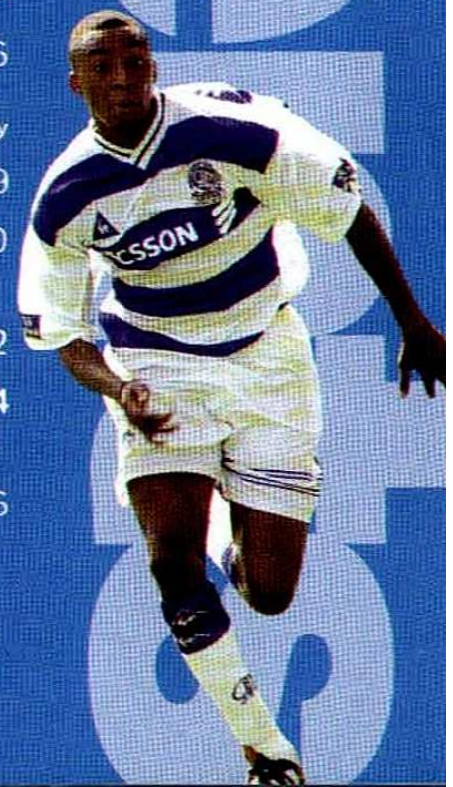
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gerry francis

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and a very warm welcome to this afternoon's Nationwide League game with Swindon Town.

Our televised game against runaway leaders Charlton just over a week ago saw us show a lot of spirit and determination to defend and then get back in to the game, after disappointingly going 1-0 down after only two minutes. Charlton, as they have shown all season, do not need any help at all to win games, let alone be offered the opportunity to go one up so early in the game, even though it was a tremendous strike by Shaun Newton. For most of the first half we had to contain and limit Charlton to their one early goal lead and this was no mean feat when you consider that Chris Plummer and Matthew Rose were out injured and we had two young and inexperienced players in Mark Perry and Paul Bruce in our defence.

I made a couple of changes for the second half bringing on Gavin Peacock and Gareth Taylor but unfortunately we were to lose another of our defenders, Jermaine Darlington, after an hour with a bad injury. He subsequently had to leave the field of play and go to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Thankfully tests have shown that this was not the case.

Kevin Gallen came on for Jermaine and we went for broke to try and get the equaliser. We came more and more into the game and eventually Gareth Taylor headed in Stuart Wardley's headed pass across goal with only nine minutes remaining. We all know now that Scott Parker was to score the winner with three minutes to go. I was very frustrated and disappointed for the players at the end of the game for all the effort they had put into it. But again I feel we still have to learn to concentrate for a full 90 minutes as this has been very costly for us this season.

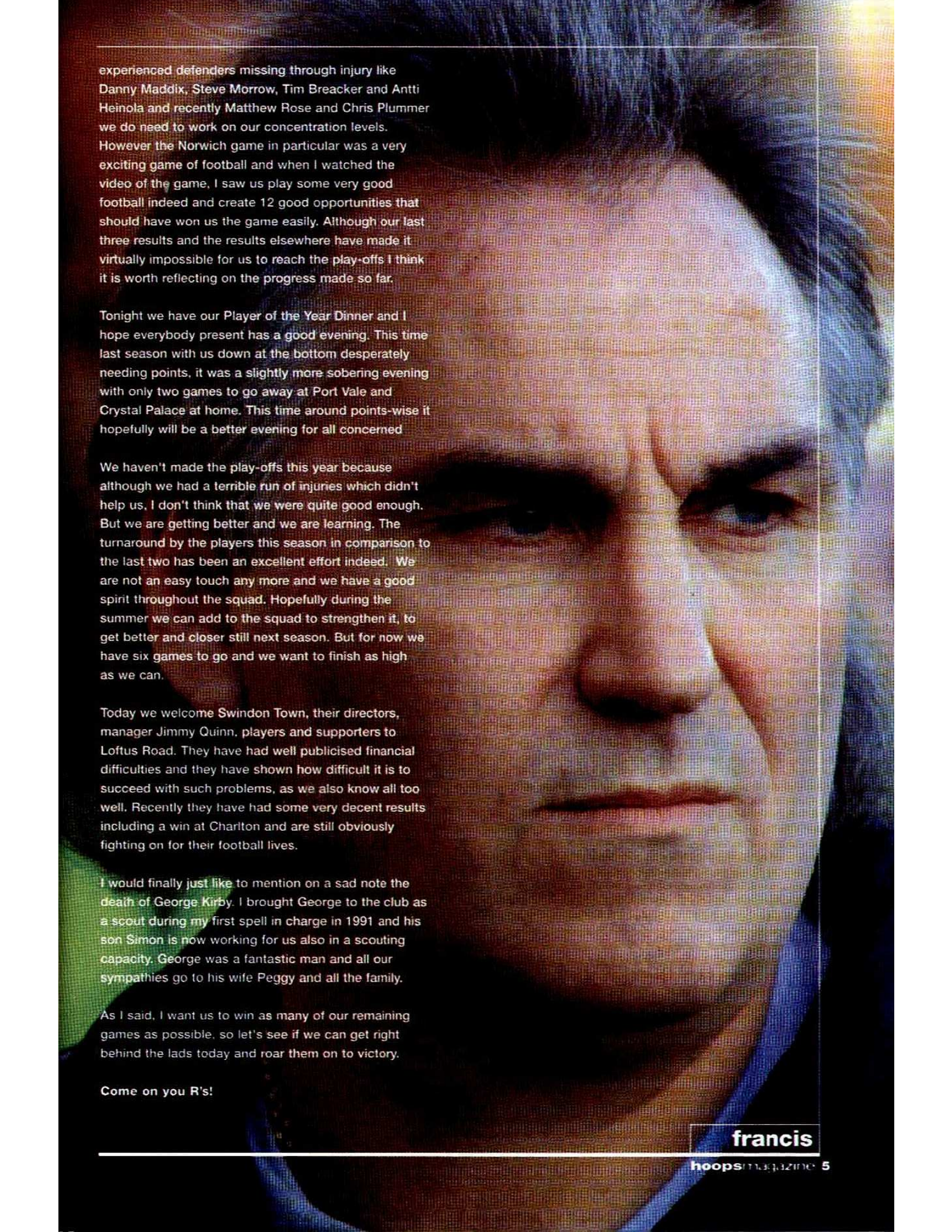
The two previous home games against Crystal Palace and Norwich were very disappointing for me results-wise. Both games we could and should have won especially the Norwich game. We again created very good chances in both games but once again failed to convert them. At the other end, defensively I was very disappointed with the three goals conceded in these games, all from free kicks. Although we have a number of our most

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experienced defenders missing through injury like Danny Maddix, Steve Morrow, Tim Breacker and Antti Heinola and recently Matthew Rose and Chris Plummer we do need to work on our concentration levels. However the Norwich game in particular was a very exciting game of football and when I watched the video of the game, I saw us play some very good football indeed and create 12 good opportunities that should have won us the game easily. Although our last three results and the results elsewhere have made it virtually impossible for us to reach the play-offs I think it is worth reflecting on the progress made so far.

Tonight we have our Player of the Year Dinner and I hope everybody present has a good evening. This time last season with us down at the bottom desperately needing points, it was a slightly more sobering evening with only two games to go away at Port Vale and Crystal Palace at home. This time around points-wise it hopefully will be a better evening for all concerned

We haven't made the play-offs this year because although we had a terrible run of injuries which didn't help us, I don't think that we were quite good enough. But we are getting better and we are learning. The turnaround by the players this season in comparison to the last two has been an excellent effort indeed. We are not an easy touch any more and we have a good spirit throughout the squad. Hopefully during the summer we can add to the squad to strengthen it, to get better and closer still next season. But for now we have six games to go and we want to finish as high as we can.

Today we welcome Swindon Town, their directors, manager Jimmy Quinn, players and supporters to Loftus Road. They have had well publicised financial difficulties and they have shown how difficult it is to succeed with such problems, as we also know all too well. Recently they have had some very decent results including a win at Charlton and are still obviously fighting on for their football lives.

I would finally just like to mention on a sad note the death of George Kirby. I brought George to the club as a scout during my first spell in charge in 1991 and his son Simon is now working for us also in a scouting capacity. George was a fantastic man and all our sympathies go to his wife Peggy and all the family.

As I said, I want us to win as many of our remaining games as possible, so let's see if we can get right behind the lads today and roar them on to victory.

Come on you R's!

noactivity

The transfer deadline passed with no activity involving Queens Park Rangers. Manager Gerry Francis told us: "The transfer market across the entire country was very quiet during deadline week. It was probably the quietest I have ever known. There were only two or three moves for money. The rest were loans and free transfers.

"We tried quite hard to sign a couple of players who we felt would strengthen the squad, but for one reason or another we were unable to do anything. Obviously we will try again in the summer with one or two of these situations. I think it is important that you try to get the person you want and try to get a bit of quality if you can.

"The fact that there will be plenty of players on Bosman free transfers in the summer has a lot to do with the lack of transfers on deadline day. There will be a lot of players out of contract and there is a possibility that you can get what you are looking for that way.

"Unfortunately there is not so much money about at the moment. Certainly outside the Premiership. A lot of First Division clubs, as well as Second and Third Division sides, are struggling financially and as I've said before, I think the television money should be distributed more fairly amongst clubs in years to come."

markperry

Mark Perry has made a good impression on on his return to the Rangers first team.

Mark says: "There have been a few injuries at the club and I've been lucky enough to get my chance. I had been playing quite well for the reserves, so it was nice to get a first team call-up. I've had my fair share of injuries that have set me back over the last year and a half which has been very frustrating, but I am over the worst of it and hopefully I can take the chance that Gerry has given me now.

"I like to think I'm quite a versatile player — I can fit anywhere at the back — and I've even played in midfield for the reserves and for the first team in the past. So I can turn out in most positions and I'd like to think I can do a job there as well."

leonjeanne

Rangers youngster Leon Jeanne enjoyed his first start of the season in the 2-2 draw against Norwich City at Loftus Road. The Welsh under-21 international said: "It was a good break for me to get back in the first team squad. Hopefully I can stay there now. Gerry has given me another chance



and that is great for me. I want to take this opportunity now and I hope Gerry sticks by me."

Manager Gerry Francis summed up the winger's first team appearance by saying: "Leon has had a few problems to overcome but he has come through it well and it was just reward for him to return to the main squad. Hopefully, he will keep developing both on and off the pitch and if he does, I think he has got a good future."

bluepeter

A camera crew from the Children's BBC1 TV programme Blue Peter was at Rangers for the Norwich match to focus on the work of the St John Ambulance team who give the club excellent service.

Blue Peter presenters Matt Baker and Konnie Huq became members of the St John team for the day and their film report focused on the first aid room at Rangers.

The club are required by law to have one first aider on duty for every 1000 spectators at a match, so 12 members of St John's were available at the Norwich match. The most serious injury victim they treated on the day was Danny from the catering team who had burnt his hand in chip fat. Some young fans were also caught on camera - including William who had ear ache, Michael who had cut his hand and another lad who fell over and cut his ankle.

The report was a fascinating insight into the magnificent efforts of the St John Ambulance volunteers. It was also nice to hear presenter Matt Baker call Rangers "one of the hottest clubs in the League".

chris kiwomya

Chris Kiwomya was pleased with his two goal haul in the last home game against Norwich City. Chris told us: "For our opening goal, my first header was over the line according to Stuart Wardley. But the keeper pushed it on to the post, the ball came back to me and I just nodded it in. We needed that goal at the start of the second half because Gerry said we had to get back out there and get stuck into Norwich.

"Then after the second Norwich goal, we had a corner. Karl Ready headed it back across the goal and Kevin Gallen did well for me to nod it back again. I just got the outside of my right boot to it and I was happy to see it go in. That put us at 2-2 with five minutes to go and I felt we could have won the game after that."

gareth taylor

Gareth Taylor's header in the 2-1 defeat at Charlton was the first goal scored by Rangers in London derbies all season. The previous scorelines were:

0-1 away v Fulham
0-0 home v Charlton
0-0 home v Fulham

0-3 away v Palace
0-1 away v Charlton (FA Cup)
0-1 home v Palace

alan curbishley

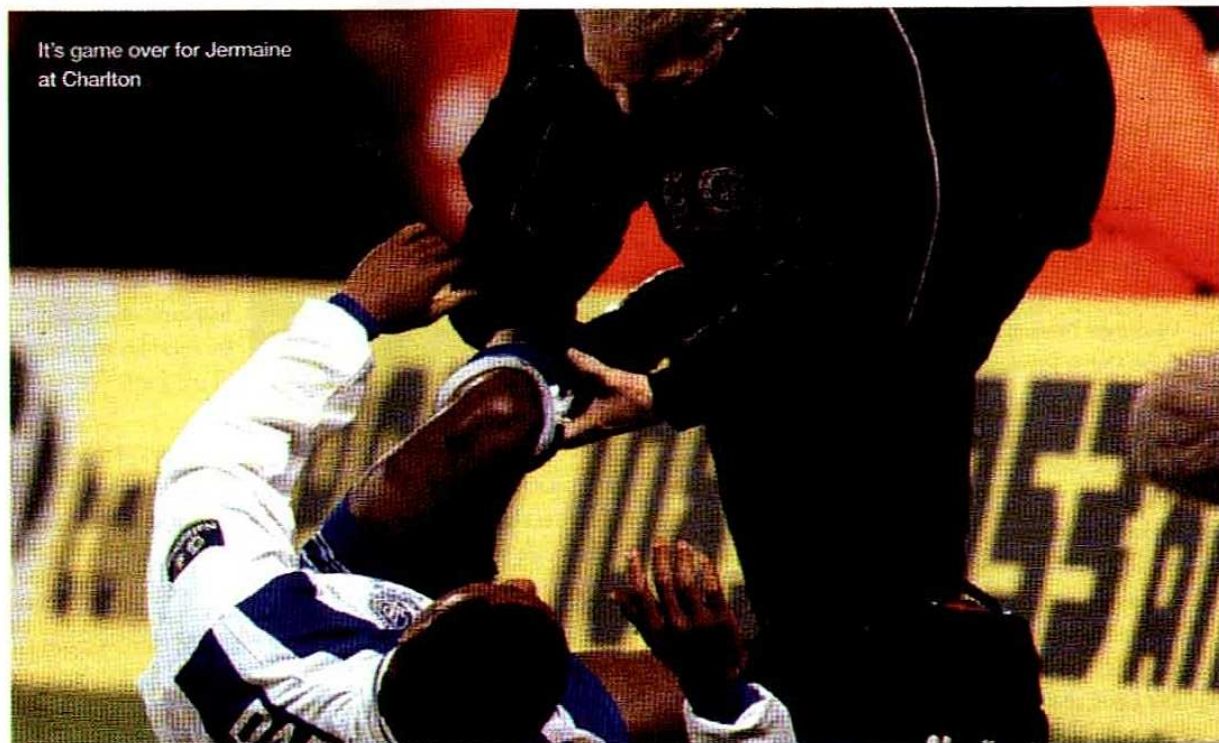
Charlton boss Alan Curbishley has paid tribute to Rangers after our battling performance at the Valley last Friday. Curbishley said: "Great credit to Gerry Francis. QPR came to our ground with a patched-up defence and were very, very organised. They made it extremely difficult for us. "I think if QPR had turned a few of their draws this season into wins then they would have been in with a shout of the play-offs. So they must be hopeful for next year."

jermaine darlington

Wing back Jermaine Darlington suffered quite a serious injury in the second half of Friday night's game against League leaders Charlton Athletic at the Valley. Jermaine says: "At first, I thought the injury was more serious than it actually is. The scan results have shown some bone bruising and a partial tear of the ligament at the front of the ankle. So to me, that is good news. I would rather have that than a fracture. "The injury happened when I went past Shaun Newton and he caught me. I just came down on the outside of my left ankle and all my weight went on it. As I went to get up, I heard something click in my leg. I didn't think it was too bad, but as soon as I put pressure on it I realised I couldn't walk. So the initial fear was that I had broken my leg.

"They put a brace on my leg and shot me off to hospital. I was seen quite quickly, went and had an x-ray and it showed there was no break. "Luckily enough, the situation is not too bad. But the bone bruising will take a bit of time to disappear. The ligament damage will heal in a couple of weeks and I will be able to run and I hope to be back playing before the end of the season."

It's game over for Jermaine at Charlton



as promised

As you may be aware the year 2000 is the 'Year of Promise' and as part of the Nationwide League's promise to help communities around England, Queens Park Rangers have handed out to 30 local groups from around the West London community (mainly schools), 75 tickets each free of charge, for the big match today.

The schools have been allowed to 'sell' these tickets for £2 each to pupils and parents and any monies raised by the school from the sale of these tickets at a greatly reduced price will be used to purchase books or equipment for the school.

For today's game the Ellerslie Road Stand will be packed and ready to make lots of noise with the children from the following groups who have benefited as a result of our pledge:

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- Wilberforce Primary School
- St Luke's Primary School
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- St Stephens Primary School
- Bentworth Primary School
- Pope John Primary School
- Lena Gardens Primary School
- Canberra Primary School
- Miles Coverdale Primary School
- Wormholt Primary School
- John Fisher Primary School
- Northmew Primary School
- Old Oak Primary School
- Flora Gardens Primary School
- Greenside Primary School
- Phoenix Secondary School
- Burlington Danes Secondary School
- St Joseph's Catholic Combined School
- Saints FC
- St Philip's Senior National School, Dublin
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

george kirby

George Kirby, a Queens Park Rangers scout and former player with Everton, Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday, Plymouth and New York Cosmos, passed away a fortnight ago. He was 66 years old and had been battling bravely against cancer. George was a hugely popular figure at Loftus Road having been with the club for nearly 10 years following a managerial career that had taken him to Halifax, Watford, Iceland, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

At his funeral, the church was packed with former colleagues in football and even saw friends from Iceland come over to pay their respects — a mark of how highly he was thought of by people in the game all over the world. Our thoughts are with his wife Peggy and two sons Gary and Simon, the latter of whom is carrying on his father's good work as a Rangers scout. He will be greatly missed.

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snapshot

A suitably smothered Chris Kiwomya receives congratulations from Messrs Beck, Langley and Wardley after his 85th minute equaliser against Norwich City. Honestly — he's in there somewhere...

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swindon town



Swindon Town's First Division status is hanging by a thread. Confined to the foot of the Division One table since August and with the club in the hands of the Administrators, it has been a season the Robins' faithful are dying to forget.

In the summer months manager Jim Quinn could look at his squad list with confident expectation. A mixture of emerging youth players and seasoned professionals suggested that this season, Quinn's first full season in charge of the Robins, may not end in a relegation scrap as it had done last term after he had taken over from Steve McMahon in September 1998. A 2-1 away win at Crystal Palace on matchday three offered Swindon Town some optimism for the season ahead. However, it went downhill from there and the Robins only collected two more victories over the next 33 matches, breaking a club record of 20 consecutive games without a win.

The debts continued to mount, with the club reportedly losing around £25,000 per week. The projected profits for the year were insufficient to attract the necessary funds required to implement a rescue plan. Consequently, in February the Swindon Town Board appointed

Administrators to reduce overheads and ensure the financial stability and long-term future of the Club.

Jim Quinn's task of managing the team has not been an enviable one, constantly losing his best tools to do the job. This season several of the Town's more established players have left the County Ground to ease the financial burden.

George Ndah, Mark Walters, Ify Onuora,

Ty Gooden and leading goalscorer Chris Hay have all parted company with the Town and with the exception of Ndah for nominal fees.

It is of some credit that the shoestring squad have battled furiously for their First Division survival and temporarily lifted the gloom hanging over the County Ground with a few notable scalps in recent weeks.

A home win over Huddersfield Town and then away wins at Charlton, ending the leaders 12 match winning streak, and Norwich City gave Town some glimmer of hope, however, two more defeats means that the Fat Lady is tuning up for Swindon Town's First Division farewell.



2 two players to watch

giuliano grazioli



date of birth 23.03.75

height 5'11"

weight 12st

position forward



Signed by manager Jim Quinn in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough Utd, Giuliano's previous visit to the County Ground was in 1997 with Stevenage Town in the FA Cup 3rd round. His winning goal dumped Swindon out and handed Stevenage a money making 4th round tie against Newcastle Utd. He scored 15 goals last season for Peterborough and Jim Quinn is certain that his former strike partner will continue his good form with Swindon



date of birth 6.10.69.

height 5'9"

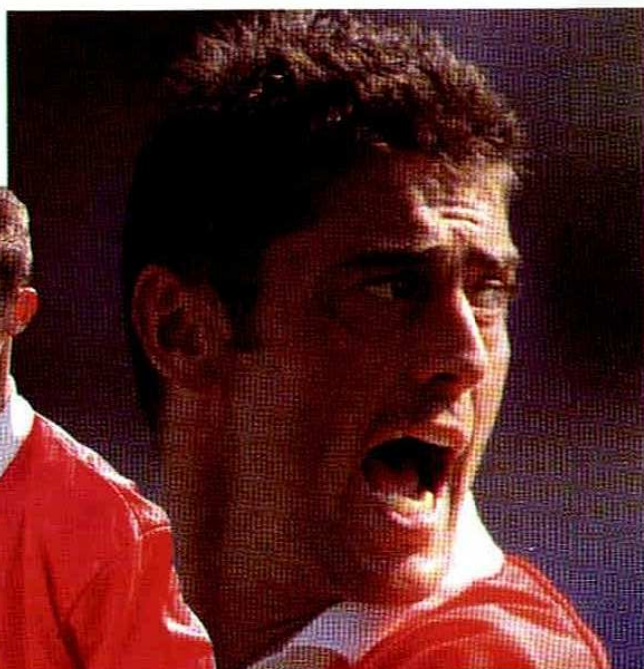
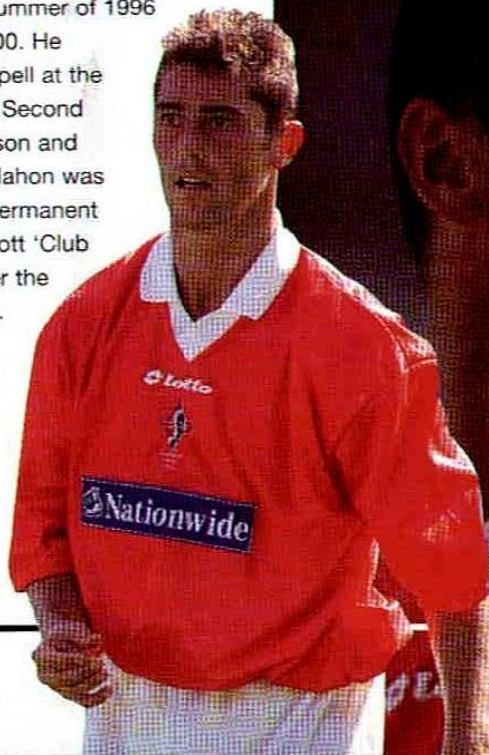
weight 11.8

position midfielder



scott leitch

Former Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder signed for Swindon in the summer of 1996 for a bargain price of £15,000. He enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during their Second Division Championship season and former manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis. Jim Quinn named Scott 'Club Captain' in the summer after the retirement of Brian Borrows. His gritty and determined nature has been invaluable to the entire squad this season and if he signs another contract this summer he will be a formidable force in the Second Division.



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today's **opposition**

a closer look at the best of the rest

FRANK TALIA

date of birth	20.7.72
height	6'1"
weight	13.6
position	goalkeeper

Spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. Failed to make a first team appearance and was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995.

GARETH HALL

date of birth	12.03.69
height	5'8"
weight	12.0
position	defender

Signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling, 31-year-old Hall has a wealth of experience. Best known as a fullback, he's versatile enough to play anywhere across the back. Started his career at Chelsea where he flourished under ex-Swindon boss Glenn Hoddle.

ALAN REEVES

date of birth	19.11.67
height	6'0"
weight	12.0
position	defender

Quit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale five years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales.

MARK ROBINSON

date of birth	21.11.68
height	5'9"
weight	12.4
position	defender

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994.

ADAM WILLIS

date of birth	21.9.76
height	6'1"
weight	12.2
position	defender

Released by the Sky Blues after failing to make the grade in the Premiership. After limited first team opportunities this season Adam worked hard to improve his physical presence and is now a regular in the side.

SOL DAVIS

date of birth	4.9.79
height	5'9"
weight	11.0
position	defender

Left-sided fullback/wing back who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday.

ANDY WILLIAMS

date of birth	8.10.77
height	5'10"
weight	10.10
position	defender

Andy moved from Southampton in October 1999 in a £65,000 deal after an impressive loan spell at the County Ground. Andy is an extremely versatile player and has taken on a variety of defensive and midfield duties.

LEE COLLINS

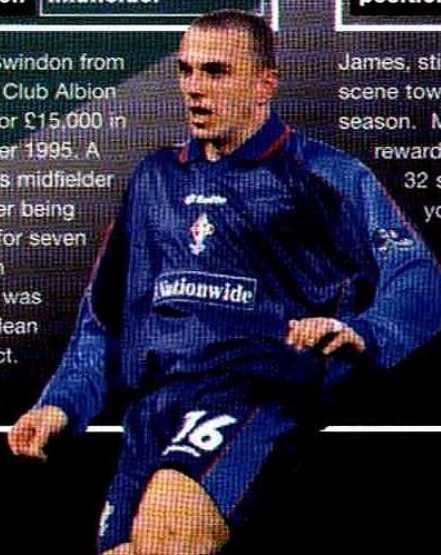
date of birth	3.2.74
height	5'8"
weight	10.8
position	midfielder

Joined Swindon from Scottish Club Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995. A tenacious midfielder who, after being banned for seven games in 1997/98 was told to clean up his act.

JAMES WILLIAMS

date of birth	15.07.82
height	5'7"
weight	10.2
position	midfielder

James, still only 17, burst onto the scene towards the end of last season. Manager Jim Quinn duly rewarded him with the number 32 shirt this season and the young defender/midfielder has become a very useful asset to his dwindling squad. James can be called upon to play in a variety of positions.





CHARLIE GRIFFIN

date of birth 25.6.79

height 6'0"

weight 12.8

position forward

Like manager Jim Quinn, Charlie started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals.

MICHAEL MEAKER

date of birth 15.2.79

height 5'11"

weight 12.12

position forward

A tricky winger with pace and skill, joined Bristol Rovers on a free transfer from Reading in August 1998. He began his career as a QPR trainee before moving to Reading for £550,000 in the summer of 1995.

WAYNE GRAY

date of birth 07.11.80

height 5ft 10

weight 12.07

position forward

The 19-year-old graduated from the Dons' youth ranks and made two substitute appearances this season in defeats to Coventry and Fulham. Impressed since joining on loan and capped a series of fine displays with his first goal in league football in the 4-1 defeat at Portsmouth.

the manager

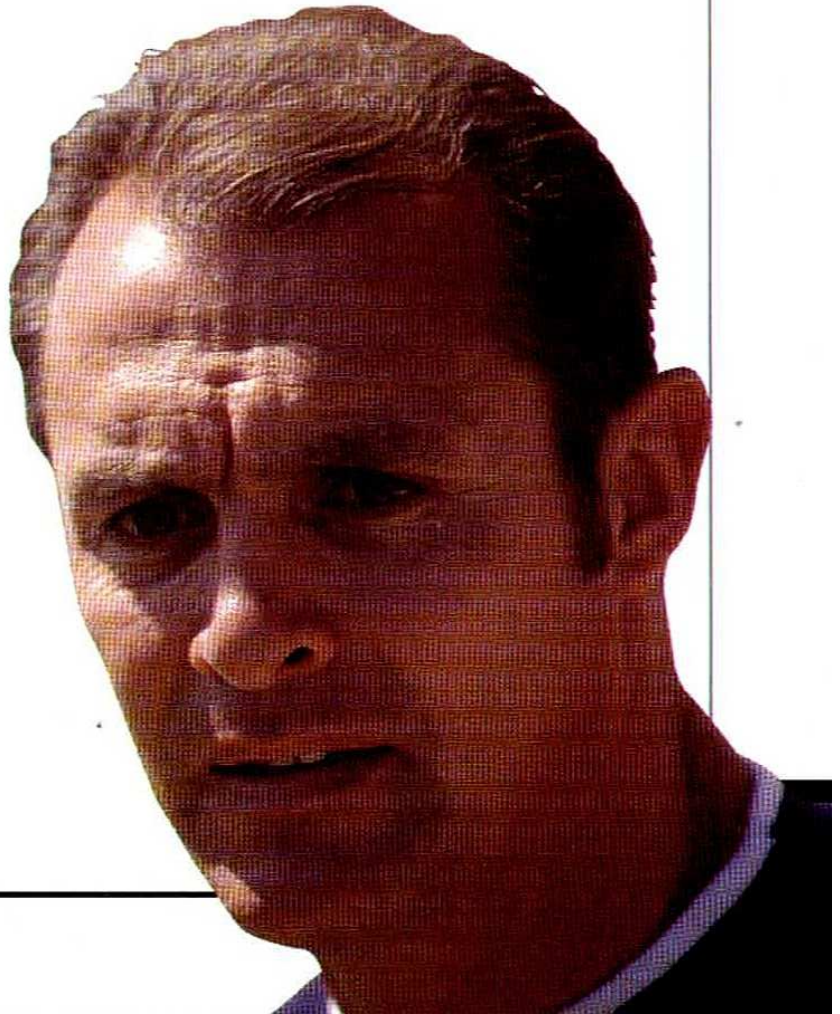
jimmy quinn

Jimmy Quinn was born in Belfast on the 18th November 1959. Jimmy's usual position with Swindon in his early days seemed to be on the bench.

After being signed from Oswestry Town for £10,000 his first appearance was in the number 12 shirt in a home match against Walsall on 9th March 1982. A move to Blackburn Rovers saw him score 23 goals before he returned for a second spell at the County Ground in December 1986. The fact that Lou Macari was prepared to part with £50,000 for him was testimony to his talent and he certainly did not disappoint as his second spell at Swindon saw him average a goal every other game. Quinn exercised his right to move at the end of the 1987/88 season and the Football League tribunal awarded Swindon £210,000 when he joined Leicester City.

A true test of a class player is how he performs at international level and, although playing for Northern Ireland, by no means a great power in the soccer arena, Jimmy had enough quality to score 12 times in his 48 international appearances. He went on to play for Bradford City, West Ham United and Bournemouth before moving to Reading where he scored 94 goals in 216 appearances and also enjoyed a first stint as Player/Manager.

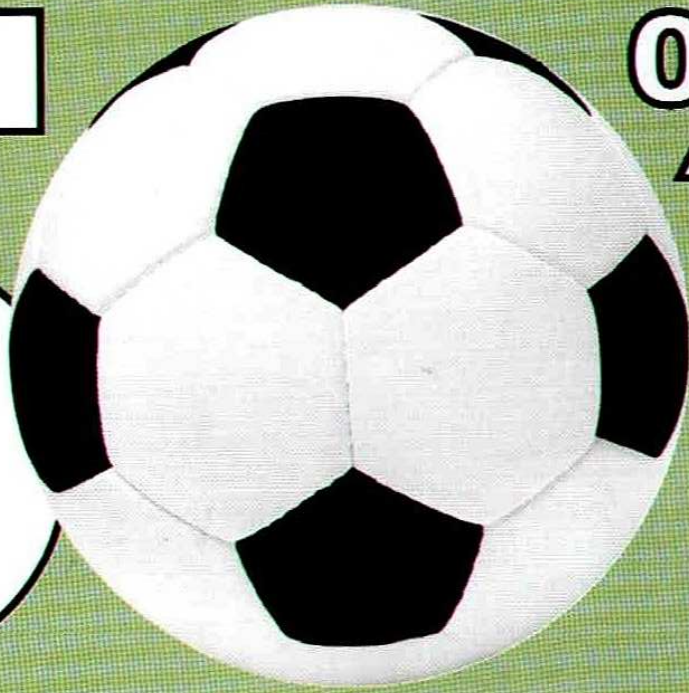
It appeared his playing days had come to an end when he gave up his job as player coach at Peterborough to manage Town but injuries and financial pressures have caused him to don his boots again at Swindon and his scoring days may not yet be all behind him.



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your friends and **R's**



The season is now drawing to a close and our thoughts turn to the summer: transfer gossip, Euro 2000 and of course plenty of opportunities to show off that beloved Rangers top on holiday!

We know that there must be thousands of you who will get away from it all this summer and whether you're bathing in Bognor or trekking in Tahiti there are two things you MUST take with you — a camera and a QPR top. Send in your snaps and we PROMISE that along as they're not too rude (although the editor will happily run his eyes over them anyway...) we will print them.

Next season, we will be incorporating 'Your Friends & Rs' in a brand new double page spread devoted to YOU the fan and we want to see as many Rangers fans around the world as possible.

Remember....

Show offs are welcome!!

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A fan for all seasons



Many thanks to one of Rangers' most vociferous supporters Tracy Stent for sending us this snap of your friend and ours, Dave Thomas, editor of the number one QPR fanzine 'A Kick Up the Rs'. Tracy wanted us to make special mention of Dave after his problems getting to the Norwich game. Dave lives in Cheshire and

'home' games mean a 300 mile round trip. Unfortunately a tyre blow-out on the way down prevented him from arriving until 4.30. Tracy reckons that printing this photo will "go a long way in cheering up an old friend" (we'll take your word for it of course) and that as he often prints other fans' photos in his magazine it would be nice to see the boot on the other foot for a change!

All's Wells that ends Wells

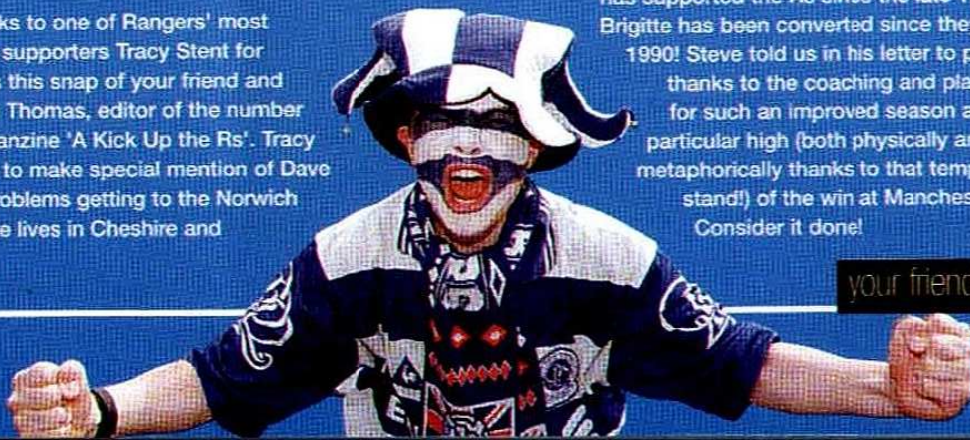


Andrew Wells visited Gran Canaria earlier in the season and couldn't resist the opportunity to pop along to Lineker's bar — run of course by Gary's brother — in his QPR top. Andrew tells us he has been a Rangers fan for 20 years now and was a season ticket holder until he moved to Warwickshire last year. He still gets to as many games as he can though, especially when Rangers travel to the Midlands and as you can see from this photo, no matter where he is, Rangers are never too far away from his thoughts.

R friends in the North



A big hello to Steve and Brigitte Colwell, founder members of the Yorkshire Rs and seen here in their Rangers tops whilst visiting Antwerp in Belgium. Steve has supported the Rs since the late 1960s and Brigitte has been converted since they met in 1990! Steve told us in his letter to pass on his thanks to the coaching and playing staff for such an improved season and for the particular high (both physically and metaphorically thanks to that temporary stand!) of the win at Manchester City. Consider it done!



your friends and **R's**

matchreport

Queens Park Rangers 2

Kiwomya 47,85

Norwich City 2

L Marshall 14, 58

Nationwide League Division One

Saturday March 25th 2000

Official attendance 11,918

With memories of the defeat against Crystal Palace still fresh in the mind from only four days before, Rangers picked themselves up to battle for a point against a Norwich side who twice took the lead in the opening 15 minutes of each half. Chris Kiwomya scored both equalisers though much to the chagrin of the assembled City fans who remember him well from his days as an Ipswich Town striker. His second strike came with only five minutes remaining and having looked on the verge of defeat, Rangers almost snatched a not undeserved winner in the dying seconds through Stuart Wardley. Nevertheless it wasn't to be and with Huddersfield winning again, any hopes of reaching the play-offs were all but extinguished by this result.

Rangers started the game brightly, spraying the ball around midfield and looking the more likely during the opening exchanges. Yet it was the visitors who took the lead through Lee Marshall who looped his header from Garry Brady's free-kick over Lee Harper in the 14th minute, following a foul on Raymond de Waard.

This goal stirred Rangers into action and although both sides enjoyed an even share of possession with Leon Jeanne looking lively down the right wing, it was the home side who squandered the clearer chances. The most glaring came on 36 minutes when a neat move between Beck and Murray saw the former Carlisle man whip in a pin point cross to the head of an unmarked Richard Langley. The young midfielder appeared to almost react too soon and sent his header wide of Andy Marshall's right hand post.

Half time arrived with the visitors still in front, yet the second half was only two minutes old when Kiwomya pulled Rangers level. Mikkel Beck was fouled on the left hand corner of the City box and when Ian Baraclough floated in the free-kick, Andy Marshall palmed Kiwomya's header on to the post. Like all good strikers though he was there to follow up and bundled the ball home.

At this point it looked as if Rangers were ready to take the game by the scruff of the neck and yet Norwich responded well and just before the hour mark, restored their lead. De Waard sent in a free-kick to Lee Marshall who after a couple of bobbles fired the ball past Harper for his second goal of the game. Stunned by this second reverse, Rangers piled on the pressure with Beck and Peacock firing wide.

With five minutes to go though, Rangers equalised once more. A Richard Langley corner created an almighty scramble before eventually, Kiwomya was able to poke the ball home to the relief of the assembled Rangers fans. A Stuart Wardley shot in the dying moments almost snatched a win for Rangers but it finished in the stands not the net and both sides had to settle for a point in an entertaining but ultimately frustrating fixture.

Line ups:

Rangers: Harper, Langley, Perry, Ready, Jeanne (Peacock), Baraclough, Rose (Taylor), Murray, Wardley, Beck (Gallen), Kiwomya
unused subs: Bruce, Kulcsar

Norwich: A Marshall, Sutch, Fleming, Jackson, de Waard (Llewellyn), Fuglestad, Brady, Hamilton, L Marshall, Roberts, Dalglish (Carey)
unused subs: Green, Mackay, Wilson

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Leon Jeanne sets off towards the Norwich goal

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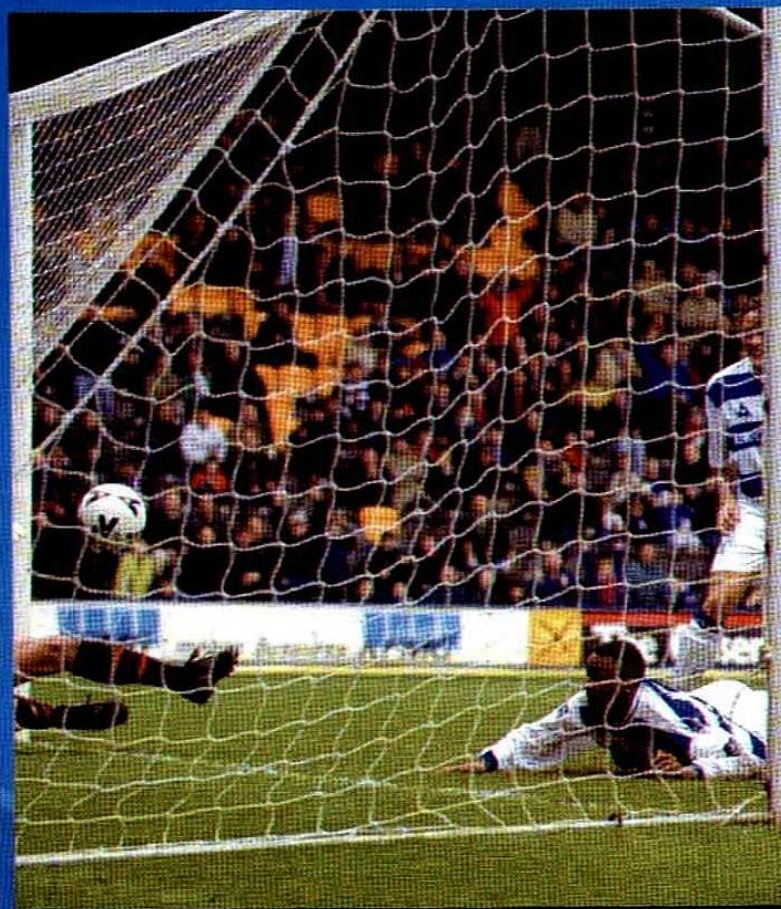
Chris Kiwomya sends the ball goalwards



Kevin Gallen gets to grips with Norwich



Paul Murray looks for an opening



Chris Kiwomya bundles the ball home for the first of his two goals

division one 1999/2000

highest attendance:

33,027 — Manchester City v Blackburn Rovers, October 23rd

lowest attendance:

3,737 — Port Vale v Grimsby, September 4th

biggest home win:

7-1 — Huddersfield v Crystal Palace, August 28th,
6-0 — Sheffield Utd v West Brom, February 19th

biggest away win:

2-5 — Grimsby v Charlton November 12th
1-4 — Swindon v Ipswich, August 15th
Ipswich v QPR, October 16th
Swindon v Birmingham, February 19th

division one sequences

Games since a defeat

Bolton	6
Barnsley	6
Fulham	6

Games since a home defeat

Birmingham	9
Wolves	7
Fulham	6

Games since a 0-0 draw

Barnsley	49
Grimsby	40
Wolves	40

1999/2000 division one top scorers

(Nationwide League only)

Shaun Goater ————— (21)
Man City
Andy Hunt ————— (21)
Charlton
Craig Hignett ————— (18)
Barnsley
Ade Akinbiyi ————— (16)
Wolves
Marcus Bent ————— (16)
Sheff Utd

1999/2000 division one average attendances

team	1999/2000	1998/99
Manchester City	31,987	27,699
Birmingham	21,552	17,222
Wolves	21,518	22,693
Charlton	19,499	18,002
Blackburn	18,753	23,275
Ipswich	18,284	16,558
Nottm Forest	17,094	24,078
Norwich	15,451	16,084
Crystal Palace	15,408	16,613
Barnsley	15,264	16,378
West Brom	14,352	16,697
Sheffield Utd	14,068	15,340
Bolton	14,009	18,161
Huddersfield	13,762	10,529
Portsmouth	13,526	2,372
Fulham	13,124	12,815
QPR	12,336	11,148
Stockport	7,441	6,944
Tranmere	7,258	6,148
Swindon	7,091	8,712
Walsall	6,614	4,019
Crewe	6,226	5,341
Grimsby	6,072	7,566
Port Vale	5,954	8,045

today's fixtures

Barnsley	v	West Brom
Bolton	v	Walsall
C Palace	v	Stockport
Huddersfield	v	Birmingham
Ipswich	v	Port Vale
Man City	v	Crewe
Nottm Forest	v	Charlton
Portsmouth	v	Norwich
QPR	v	Swindon
Sheff Utd	v	Grimsby
Wolves	v	Blackburn

tomorrow's fixture

Tranmere	v	Fulham
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division one
round up

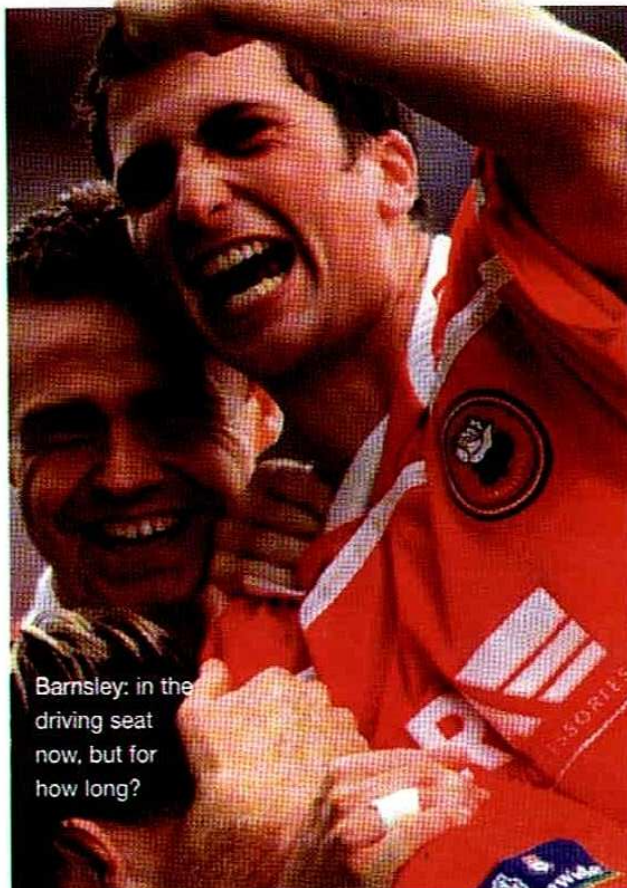
division one round up

Both at the top and bottom of the division the tension is beginning to show as sides battle for supremacy and the right to leave this division or stay and fight another day.

Charlton's defeat of QPR last Friday only served to provide further evidence that the Addicks' future lies in higher places. Their thoughts will soon turn of course to the Premiership and how exactly they can stay in such a harsh and competitive environment for more than the obligatory one season. Right behind them are a side in exactly the same boat although of course their future is far from being determined. Barnsley scored four times in the second half at Walsall to take them up into second place and like Charlton, have had recent experience of winning more friends than points in the top flight. Their stay in the Premiership was equally as brief, although with Dave Bassett at the helm, you can't help feeling that any failure will not be for want of trying, or for that matter, backbone. They went a goal down at the Bescott yet still turned it round in style — just the kind of mental fortitude that will be vital to take them the extra mile.

Nevertheless it really is anybody's guess as to who will join Charlton in the top flight. It's probably now only two from five, with a Wolves near-miss looking likely once again. Huddersfield have surprised many by recovering from what looked like a terminal slide and with only one defeat in six may still surprise one or two more vaunted teams in a play-off showdown. Birmingham look a good bet when they can field a full strength side, Manchester City are still cruising on the euphoria of last season and Ipswich are possibly the best team when all is said and done. You only have to look at the form of these teams though to realise that quality is not necessarily the be all and end all:

last six games....	W	D	L
Barnsley	4	1	1
Birmingham	4	0	2
Huddersfield	3	2	1
Man City	2	2	2
Ipswich	2	1	3



Barnsley: in the driving seat now, but for how long?

Hardly the form of world beaters you would have to admit and it just shows how the tension will affect nearly everybody when the going gets tough. Just ask Ipswich — it happens to them every year!

At the bottom, Swindon's fate is all but sealed, despite their recent run of 'not without a fight' victories over Norwich, Huddersfield and Charlton, whilst Port Vale look best placed to join them in Division Two next season. A win over Portsmouth last weekend certainly gave them a fighting chance of avoiding the drop but it will be very, very difficult from here on in. They will have to win possibly four of their last seven games and as they have only won seven in 39 so far, this seems a tall order.

Unless another team truly stumbles, the third spot seems to be a straight battle between West Brom, Walsall and Crewe. The latter have certainly had plenty of experience when it comes to such end of season struggles, although their 3-0 defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Nottingham Forest last weekend was not what the doctor ordered. Walsall also got walloped at home by the aforementioned Barnsley and are perhaps the team with the most to fear. West Brom should have too much quality and experience with the likes of Lee Hughes and Andy Townsend on board to finish below them and may well pull away in time. But then again people were saying that about Manchester City two seasons ago and we all know what happened then don't we?



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GOOD AFTERNOON

Are you all looking forward to your Easter break? Don't forget, if you get bored between chocolate eggs then please take the time to write to me here at Loftus Road Are you going to a QPR Soccer School? Going on Holiday? Supporting the R's at Tranmere?

Whatever you do, take your R's flag and a camera. I'd love to see what you get up to.

I hope you've all registered your Player of the Year Vote. If not, you have until Monday.

Enjoy the game
C'mon you R'sssssssssssssss

Love 

RECIPROCAL TO TRANMERE

There will be a reciprocal trip to Tranmere on Monday 24th April 2000.

Prices, which include coach and match ticket are £17 adults (members) and £9 Junior R's.
The coach departs South Africa Road at 8.45am.

Tickets are available in person from the Box Office or via credit card by phoning Sarah on 0181 740 2533.

Please remember, tickets are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
We expect this to be a popular trip, so book early to avoid disappointment.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Here are two young men obviously being brought up the R's way.

Happy birthday to Michael Hillier who will be celebrating his 1st birthday on 7th April and his cousin George King who will be 2 years old on April 10th.

Best wishes form everyone at Loftus Road.

ART ATTACK



This wonderful picture of Lee Harper was drawn by Phoebe Studdent-Kennedy from Thornton Heath. Phoebe is just 3 years old but it seems she has already chosen her favourite player.
Thank you to Marijyn Demmen for sending it in.

mascotduty

today's mascot: craig stack



Our mascot this afternoon is 13 year old Craig Stack from Basildon. Craig, a QPR Season ticket holder, attends Chalvedon School and his hobbies include playstation, art and football. He plays for Corrington Cosmo's and his favourite R's players are Danny Maddix and Gavin Peacock. We are sure Craig and his family will have a great afternoon.



player profile

He first burst on to the scene in England as a pacy energetic 23 year old for Denmark in Euro '96 and in four short years has become one of the most recognisable faces in English football.

Yet despite playing at the highest level for both Middlesbrough and Derby County, Mikkel Beck knows that when he looks back on his career, some of his fondest memories will be of the short spell he spent with Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road. You only have to speak to him briefly to acknowledge the debt of gratitude he feels to Rangers and Gerry Francis for helping him through what he himself has called "a difficult period".

Having signed for 'Boro on a free from Fortuna Cologne in September 1996, he played a major part in the most amazing season in that club's history — two cup finals and relegation — before helping them to promotion the following year. This season he moved to Derby County where he has unfortunately struggled to stamp his authority and after a temporary spell at Nottingham Forest, a loan deal brought him to Loftus Road in mid February. His energetic displays in his time here have endeared him to fans and have contributed to a run of only two defeats in 10 games. By his own admission he feels like a new man.

"Everything has gone exactly as I wanted it to at Rangers. I hoped to get my happiness back and enjoy my football during my spell here and having been made to feel so welcome and appreciated, I couldn't have asked for anything more.

"I was getting very frustrated at Derby and I feel I had become a different person, which was really upsetting. Gerry Francis and all the players have helped me through this difficult period though and I feel back to my old self."

Naturally, all good things must come to an end though and I put it to Mikkel that he must be frustrated at knowing that a permanent deal is out of the question. In actual fact he was quite phlegmatic about the situation and just seemed grateful for this brief opportunity.

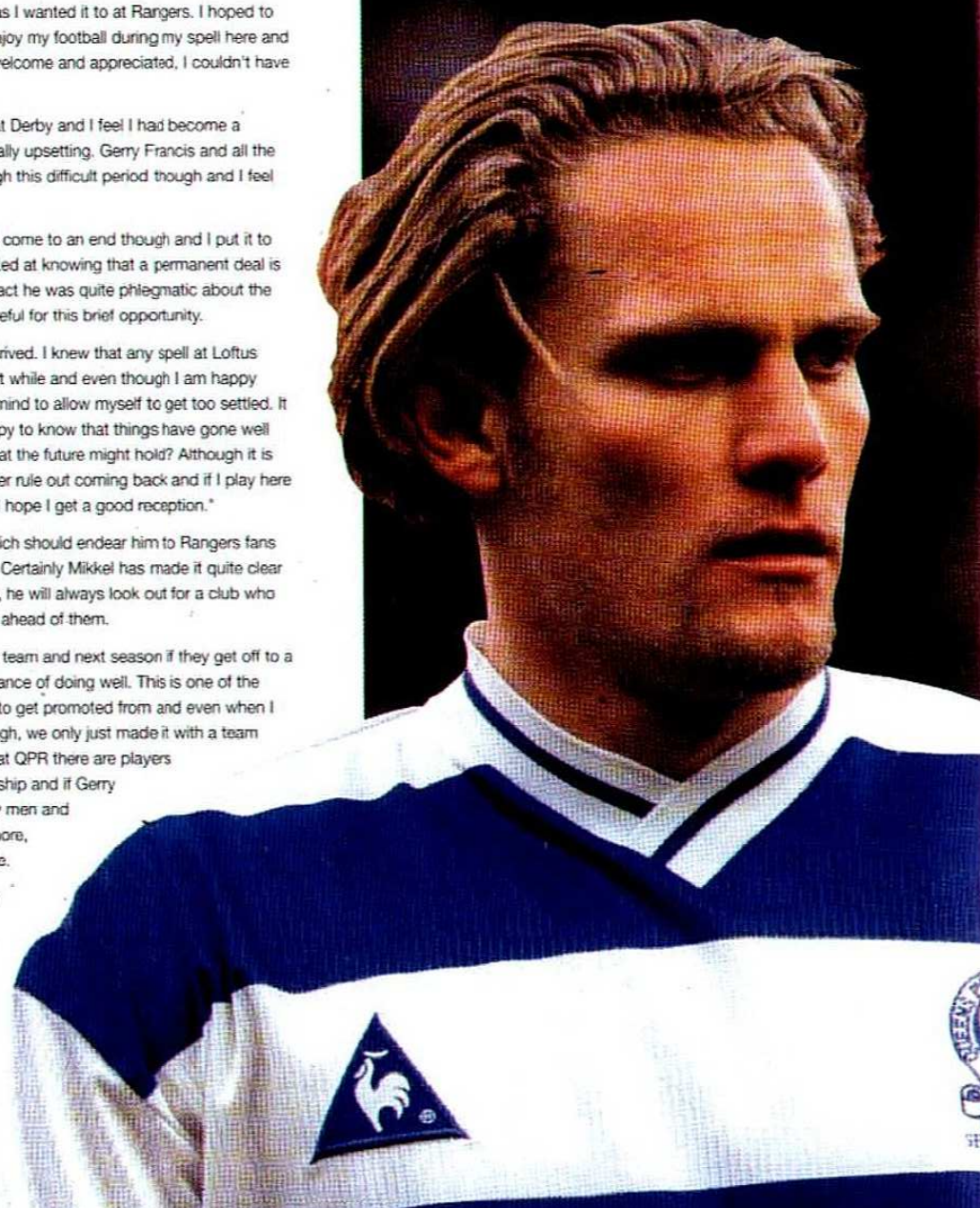
"I knew the situation when I arrived. I knew that any spell at Loftus Road would only be for a short while and even though I am happy here, it has never been in my mind to allow myself to get too settled. It is a great shame but I am happy to know that things have gone well and in the end who knows what the future might hold? Although it is not possible now you can never rule out coming back and if I play here in the future for another team I hope I get a good reception."

An honest enough attitude which should endear him to Rangers fans despite the brevity of his stay. Certainly Mikkel has made it quite clear that even when he does leave, he will always look out for a club who he believes have a rosy future ahead of them.

"Anything is possible with this team and next season if they get off to a good start they have every chance of doing well. This is one of the hardest divisions in the world to get promoted from and even when I was promoted at Middlesbrough, we only just made it with a team of excellent players. But here at QPR there are players who could play in the Premiership and if Gerry Francis can hold on to the key men and perhaps bring in one or two more, promotion is definitely possible.

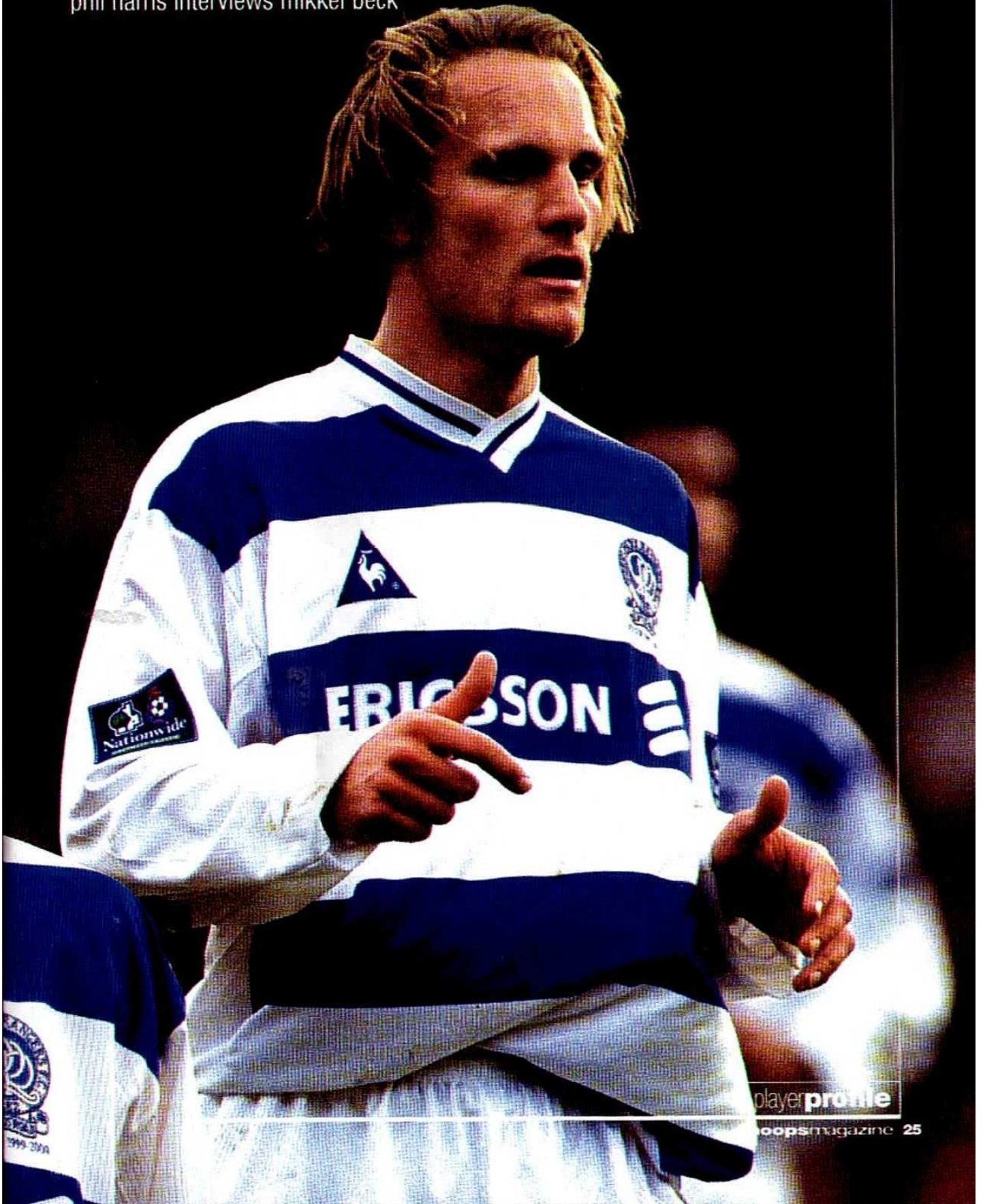
"I will certainly be keeping my fingers crossed next season and if they do get promoted I will be the first to ring up and congratulate them."

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phil harris interviews mikkel beck



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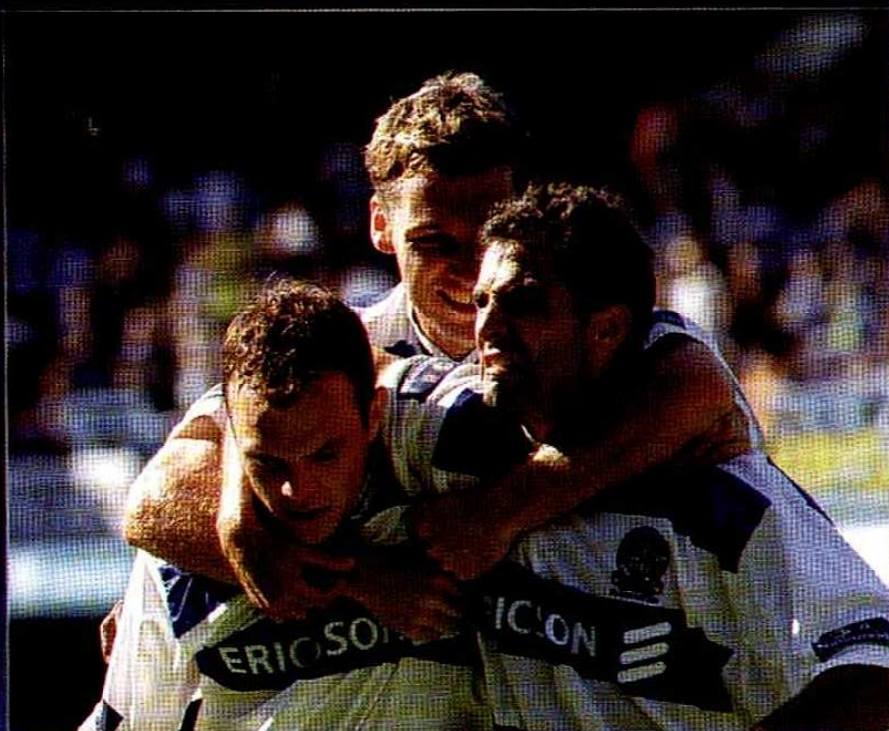
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Queens Park Rangers Millennium Supporters Survey

At Christmas time, as we left the last millennium and entered the 21st century, we felt it was high time we conducted a survey to ascertain the lives, loves and hates of the average QPR fan. Our millennium survey asked YOU a number of questions relating to your own lives and QPR habits, on the one hand to produce a broad picture of what it is to be a Rangers fan but more importantly to help us understand what you want and what you need from your favourite club. Negative and positive responses alike have been registered and will hopefully enable us as a club to improve the service offered to you at Loftus Road.

Of course there is nothing definitive about our findings and we appreciate that whilst the majority of you may agree on certain issues, there will always be some who don't. These voices are naturally as important and as valid. Only when 100% of you are happy, can any organisation consider themselves to have done all they can.

Nevertheless these results, whilst assisting us, will hopefully also interest you and provide on a small scale at least, a record of what it was like to be a QPR fan at the end of the 20th century.

Finally, on the fourth page of this section, we will also be publishing the findings of another survey, conducted to ascertain your opinions on this season's matchday programme. Again, these findings will hopefully enable us to make improvements in time for next season.

Many thanks again to everybody who took part in both surveys and remember, QPR's feedback service is there to hear your opinions on any non playing matter. Call us on 0181 740 2597 or email us at qpr@loftusroadplc.co.uk — we always want to know what you have to say.

GETTING PERSONAL

figures not adding up to 100% means questions were not answered by some entrants

Age Group; under 16 **5.0%** 17-25 **8.0%** 26-35 **34.5%** 36-45 **27.5%** 46-55 **10.5%** 56-65 **10.5%** 66-75 **3.0%** 76+ **1.0%**
male **79.0%** female **21.0%**

How far from the stadium do you live? 0-5 miles **21.9%** 6-10m **16.0%** 11-20m **25.5%** 21-30m **9.0%** 31-50m **11.6%** 51m+ **16%**

Employment status: full time **81.0%** part time **4.0%** don't work **0.6%** retired **3.0%** student **8.0%**

over 18s: what is your preferred alcoholic drink? bitter **24.6%** lager **42%** stout **8%** wine **14%** spirits **5.25%**

Do you have access to the internet? yes **51%** no **47%**

Do you visit www.qpr.co.uk? yes **49.0%** no **51.0%**

If so, how often? every day **16.0%** once a week **22.0%** once a month **9.0%** n/a **51.0%**





THE BIG DAY

How many QPR home games have you been to since August 1998?	0-1 0.6%	2-5 5.25%	6-10 8.6%	10+ 85.0%		
How many QPR away games have you been to since August 1998?	0-1 26.0%	2-5 37.8%	6-10 14.0%	10+ 21.5%		
How do you travel to home games?	car 61.0%	bus 1.8%	tube 31.0%	train 18.0%	by foot 9.5%	bicycle 1.5%
Do you find the process of buying a ticket...	very simple 50.0%	adequate 20.6%	difficult 1.8%			
Do you find the matchday stewards...	very helpful 30.0%	adequate 60.0%	unhelpful 3.0%			
What do you think of this season's matchday programme?	excellent 22.0%	good 60.0%	average 14.0%	poor 0%		
	awful 0%	no opinion 4%				
What do you think of the food inside the ground?						
value for money:	good value 3.6%	about right 44.0%	poor value 31.0%			
taste & quality:	delicious 1.0%	tasty 16.0%	fills a hole 43.0%	poor 16%	inedible 1.5%	
Do you use the Loftus Road Club Shop?	yes 81.0%	no 19.0%				
What do you think of the merchandise?	excellent 12.0%	good 55%	average 20%	poor 4.0%		

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Which of the following best describes Ericsson's sponsorship of QPR?	a partnership with QPR 52.0%	proactive 13.0%	adequate 23.0%	could have done more 6.0%
How important is the sponsors contribution to a club like QPR?	very important 77.0%	fairly important 20%	fairly insignificant 0.6%	very insignificant 0.0%

Programme Survey - results

Finally, here are the programme survey findings. Obviously we appreciate that those who voted are in a sense, 'a captive audience', having filled in the survey because they are probably regular buyers anyway. Nevertheless, these findings will hopefully assist us in ensuring we retain our loyal readers, whilst attracting a new generation of programme buyers. We are constantly striving to improve the magazine all the time. After all it is YOUR programme and YOU have the final say in how good it is by deciding whether to buy it or not!

How regularly do you buy the programme? every game 84% most games 8% sometimes 4% rarely 4%

Why do you buy the programme? as a memento of the game 28% as reading entertainment 35%
for administrative information 23% purely out of habit 14%

Compared to previous seasons do you buy the programme... more often 4% just as often 88% less often 8%

Generally speaking, what do you think of this season's programme?

I love it 4% I like it 62% it's ok 30% I don't like it 4% I hate it 0%

If you have read other clubs' programmes, how does Hoop magazine compare?

it's amongst the best 46% it's somewhere in the middle 46% it's amongst the worst 8%

A selection of regular features: do you enjoy them, dislike them or are not fussed either way?

"I enjoy it"

in the ranks 84%
bush telegraph 80%
player profile 78%
looking ahead 71%
head to head 64%
visitors info 64%
rangers rewind 59%
this week then 58%
division one diary 46%
fancy a flutter 44%
premier league review 12%
world football 4%

"I dislike it"

in the ranks 0%
this week then 0%
looking ahead 4%
bush telegraph 8%
player profile 9%
division one diary 13%
rangers rewind 15%
head to head 16%
visitors info 16%
fancy a flutter 16%
world football 30%
premier league review 36%

Every issue we will be taking a trawl back through the records to find out what was happening at Loftus Road this week then.

All the matches, all the heroes and some great memories. How much do you remember?

april 1980

A 2-2 draw at Loftus Road against Cambridge dealt a further blow to Rangers' hopes of promotion from Division Two, although it could have been a whole lot worse. The visitors, playing at Loftus Road for the first time in their history, took a two goal lead through Christie and Reilly before Rangers rallied.

A lethargic home side were given a half-time rollicking by manager Tommy Docherty and they came out in the second period looking a changed team. Clive Allen pulled the first goal back with a 20 yard drive before Martyn Busby topped that with a screamer from 25 yards that left United 'keeper Malcolm Webster helpless. According to Dennis Compton who was writing for the Sunday Express it was "One of the finest goals I have ever seen."

Nevertheless this result saw another point dropped and left Rangers still four points away from the top three with only a handful of games still to be played.

Team of the week: vs Cambridge United (h) Saturday April 12th 1980 — Woods, Shanks, McCreery, Gillard (Hazell), Wicks, Roeder, Goddard, Busby, Burke, Allen, Currie

april 1990

Rangers' excellent run of late in Barclay's League Division One was brought to a halt by Everton who won at Goodison courtesy of a Tony Cottee penalty. It could have been oh so different though had Neville Southall not brilliantly saved Simon Barker's injury time spot kick.

The penalty for Everton looked a little harsh with Brian Law penalised for handling as he challenged Graeme

Sharpe in the box. Tony Cottee converted the spot-kick and it looked like curtains for Rangers. Nevertheless Rangers bounced back and were awarded a much more clearcut penalty of their own at the death. Wright fouled Danny Maddix in the box and up stepped Simon Barker. Neville Southall was equal to the task though and his brilliant save preserved the points for the home side. Barker later apologised to his team mates although he was told quite categorically that it was a great save and nothing he should blame himself for. Rangers dropped down from seventh to ninth in the table.



Team of the week: vs Everton (a) Saturday 7th April 1990 — Seaman, Bardsley, Sansom, Parker, Law (Channing), Maddix, Wilkins, Barker, Clarke, Wegerle, Sinton

april 1995

Rangers produced possibly their best performance of the season to beat Arsenal 3-1 at Loftus Road, five years ago today. The win, courtesy of goals from Andy Impey (left), Kevin Gallen and Karl Ruddy maintained QPR's position in the top half of the Premiership table and was no more than they deserved following a dominant display.

Impey's goal came following good work from Ferdinand and Brevett with Gallen doubling Rangers' lead after the break with a low drive past David Seaman.

Karl Ruddy rounded off the scoring for Rangers on 83 minutes following a shot from Gary Penrice which rebounded back off the post. Karl Ruddy was there though to convert the rebound and score his first ever goal at Loftus Road.

Rangers, following this excellent display, had taken part in 10 London derbies up to this point and had lost only one and this particular win completed an Rs double over Arsenal for only the second time in history.

Team of the week: vs Arsenal (h) Saturday 2th April 1995 Roberts, Ruddy, McDonald, Wilson, Barker, Holloway, Brevett, Impey, Ferdinand, Gallen (Penrice), Sinclair

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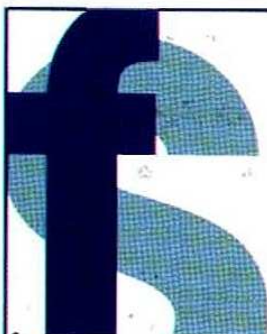
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We'll take a look at what Stan has to say about today's game in a moment, first we will take a further look at one of this weekend's big sporting occasions. A couple of weeks ago we urged you to get your cash on last year's Grand National winner Bobbyjo to repeat the feat in today's big race. Well we see no reason to change our minds! Only 11 favourites have ever won the race, but we feel number 12 is just around the corner

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TODAY'S GAME



We asked Stan Bowles about today's big game and this is what he said:

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league fixtures 1999/2000

FA Premier Academy League u19's

Month	Date	Home	Away	Score
aug				
sat	28	A	Bristol City	0-0
sept				
sat	4	H	Aston Villa	1-1
sat	18	A	Peterborough	3-1
sat	25	A	Millwall	3-2
oct				
Sat	2	A	Watford	3-2
Sat	16	H	Ipswich	3-0
Sat	23	A	West Ham	1-2
Sat	30	A	Charlton	2-2
nov				
Sat	6	H	Norwich	2-1
Sat	13	A	Wimbledon	0-0
Sat	20	H	Tottenham	1-2
Sat	27	H	Watford	3-1
dec				
Sat	4	A	Ipswich	2-2
Sat	11	H	West Ham	1-4
jan				
Sat	22	A	Norwich	0-1
Sat	29	H	Charlton	1-1
feb				
Sat	5	H	Wimbledon	1-1
Sat	12	A	Tottenham	3-1
Sat	19	A	Arsenal	2-2
Sat	26	A	Reading	1-0
mar				
Fri	3	H	Fulham	2-2
Sat	11	H	Southampton	4-1

FA Premier Academy League u17's

Month	Date	Home	Away	Score
aug				
sat	28	A	Bristol City	0-0
sept				
sat	4	H	Aston Villa	2-2
sat	18	A	Aston Villa	3-5
sat	25	H	Millwall	2-1
oct				
Sat	2	A	Watford	3-1
Sat	16	A	Leicester	0-2
Sat	23	H	West Ham	3-1
Sat	30	H	Charlton	2-0
nov				
Sat	6	H	Crewe	1-6
Sat	13	A	Wimbledon	4-1
Sat	20	H	Tottenham	1-1
Sat	27	H	Watford	5-1
dec				
Sat	4	A	Arsenal	0-3
Sat	11	A	West Ham	0-2
jan				
Sat	22	A	Fulham	1-0
Sat	29	A	Charlton	5-0
feb				
Sat	12	A	Tottenham	2-0
Sat	19	H	Arsenal	1-0
Sat	26	H	Reading	0-0
Mar				
Sat	4	H	Fulham	1-2
Sat	11	A	Southampton	2-2

Under 19s Academy Premier League (South)

Group E — Final table

West Ham	22	13	5	4	46	20	44
Wimbledon	22	12	5	5	30	22	41
QPR	22	9	9	4	39	29	36
Charlton	22	8	6	8	35	39	30
Tottenham	22	7	7	8	36	31	28
Watford	22	6	4	12	34	49	22
Ipswich	22	6	3	13	26	41	21
Norwich	22	4	1	17	19	60	13

Under 17s Academy Premier League (South)

Group E — Final table

West Ham	22	14	3	5	48	21	45
Watford	22	11	4	7	37	35	37
QPR	22	10	6	6	40	32	36
Wimbledon	22	8	5	9	31	30	29
Charlton	22	5	4	13	25	49	19
Tottenham	22	2	8	12	17	41	14

This season's activities for both the Under 19s and Under 18s came to an end a fortnight ago with defeats on the same afternoon in the FA Academy Premier League Play-Offs.

After such a promising regular season campaign both exits were a disappointment although the Under 17s should feel no shame in losing to an Arsenal side who lost only one game during their 22 match league campaign.

Warren Neill's Under 19s who enjoyed a bye through to the second round thanks to their good league finish went out to Millwall 1-0. It was a disappointing end to the season after such a good campaign in the league and the players will know that they had every chance of going further in the competition.

Nevertheless, the players have come on leaps and bounds this year and their performances throughout should not be overshadowed by this one defeat in the sudden death environment of knockout football.

The Under 17s won their first round game, defeating Reading by two goals to one courtesy of an own goal and a strike from Alastair Heselton. Unfortunately they then came up against one of the favourites for the title — Arsenal, who defeated them 3-0.

The Rangers youngsters gave a good account of themselves though and were only one down as the game entered the final quarter hour. Two late goals did for Gary Waddock's team though and like the Under 19s they can now reflect on a job well done for the majority of the campaign.

the reserves

Queens Park Rangers 2

Bristol City 3

Rangers were defeated at Loftus Road on Tuesday afternoon by a lively City side, containing several players with one eye on a possible place in their team's Auto Windscreen Shield squad for Wembley.

Peter Beadie, Matt Hewlett and Alex Meechan scored the visitors' goals with Gavin Peacock (right) and Sammy Koejoe responding for Rangers.

It was a tough test throughout for Des Bulpin's side with Bristol City putting Rangers under pressure for the majority of the game. Nevertheless, the home side were always in it and in fact could even have pulled level towards the end, such was their resilience in the face of an eager Bristol team.

Rangers next reserve fixture sees them entertain Portsmouth at Loftus Road this coming Wednesday. If you fancy coming along, kick-off is at 2pm.



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team	pld	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Millwall	20	13	6	1	39	14	45
QPR	19	12	3	4	45	17	39
Ipswich	17	11	3	3	44	23	36
Swindon	18	11	3	4	33	22	36
Fulham	18	10	4	4	32	17	34
Bristol City	17	10	5	2	27	16	35
Cambridge	20	9	4	7	38	30	31
Bournemouth	18	9	3	6	27	27	30
Peterborough	19	8	5	6	35	23	29
Norwich	20	6	8	6	27	23	26
Portsmouth	16	7	2	7	21	24	23
Brighton	15	7	1	7	26	22	22
Leyton Orient	19	6	4	9	26	39	22
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	22	26	21
Colchester	18	5	6	7	25	35	21
Gillingham	17	5	4	8	19	31	19
Barnet	18	4	5	9	22	29	17
Oxford Utd	20	4	4	12	26	41	16
Northampton	16	4	3	9	21	31	15
Luton	20	3	6	11	16	30	15
Southend	17	4	1	12	20	41	13
Wycombe	16	2	2	12	16	57	8

reserve fixtures 1999/2000

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weds	18	A	Leyton Orient	7-1
sept				
thurs	2	H	Norwich City	1-1
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matchreport

Charlton 2

Newton 2, Parker 85

Queens Park Rangers 1

Taylor 81

Nationwide League Division One

Friday March 31st 2000

Official attendance 19,617

With the play-offs now no longer a consideration for Rangers and Charlton all but promoted, this game could so easily have petered out into not very much at all. Thankfully though, both sides went out looking for three points and although Rangers ended up as losers, their performance, particularly in the second half ruffled a few feathers at the Valley. Charlton may be by far and away the best side in the division, yet Rangers refused to be overawed and came very close to claiming a share of the spoils.

Nevertheless such a result seemed a million miles away after the opening exchanges with an eager Charlton swarming all over the visitors before taking the lead in spectacular style with only two minutes on the clock. One shot was cleared but only into the path of Shaun Newton on the edge of the area. He unleashed a literally unstoppable shot which Lee Harper did well to get a hand to. The sheer force of the strike though, measured at 80mph, sent the ball home and broke the deadlock before anyone had caught their breath.

The following 80 minutes though reflected very well on Rangers who resisted any further Charlton advances and whilst Brown and Kinsella went close from distance, the home side couldn't add to their advantage. Charlton passed the ball crisply and showed flashes of why they will finish this season on top of Division One, yet by and large, Rangers' territorial awareness prevented them from taking charge of proceedings. The Rs found it hard to create many openings of their own, with a couple of half chances falling by the wayside but with Charlton stifled, there was always a way back with only one goal separating the two sides.

Gareth Taylor and Gavin Peacock were introduced at half-time and with Jermaine Darlington limping off inside the hour, all Rangers' allowed substitutes were used with over half an hour to play. Nevertheless a reshaped side continued to thwart Charlton who failed to enjoy any sustained period of possession. Rangers continued to make it tough for them and with nine minutes remaining got their reward. A high swinging free-kick from Ian Baraclough teased Charlton keeper Dean Kiely out of his goal and when he flapped and missed, Stuart Wardley steered it back across goal. Carl Tiler couldn't clear it and Gareth Taylor looped a measured header under the crossbar and into an unguarded net.

Yet within five minutes Charlton restored their lead. A low cross from the right saw substitute Andy Parker react the quickest to steer the ball in off the right hand post for what proved to be the game's winning goal.

A disappointing end after such hard work from Rangers but a performance which once again highlighted a backbone and a passion in this Rangers side that was perhaps not quite so conspicuous in previous seasons. Charlton never looked like truly controlling this game and for that, Rangers should be proud.

Line ups:

Charlton — Kiely, Powell, Barnes, Rufus, Brown, Stuart, Kinsella, Robinson, Newton (Tiler), Hunt (Parker), Svensson (Kitson)
unused subs: Royce, Salako

Rangers — Harper, Bruce, Baraclough, Murray (Peacock), Ready, Perry, Langley, Wardley, Beck (Taylor), Kiwomya, Darlington (Gallen)
unused subs: Miklosko, Kulcsar

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Physio Brian Morris helps the injured Jermaine Darlington to his feet

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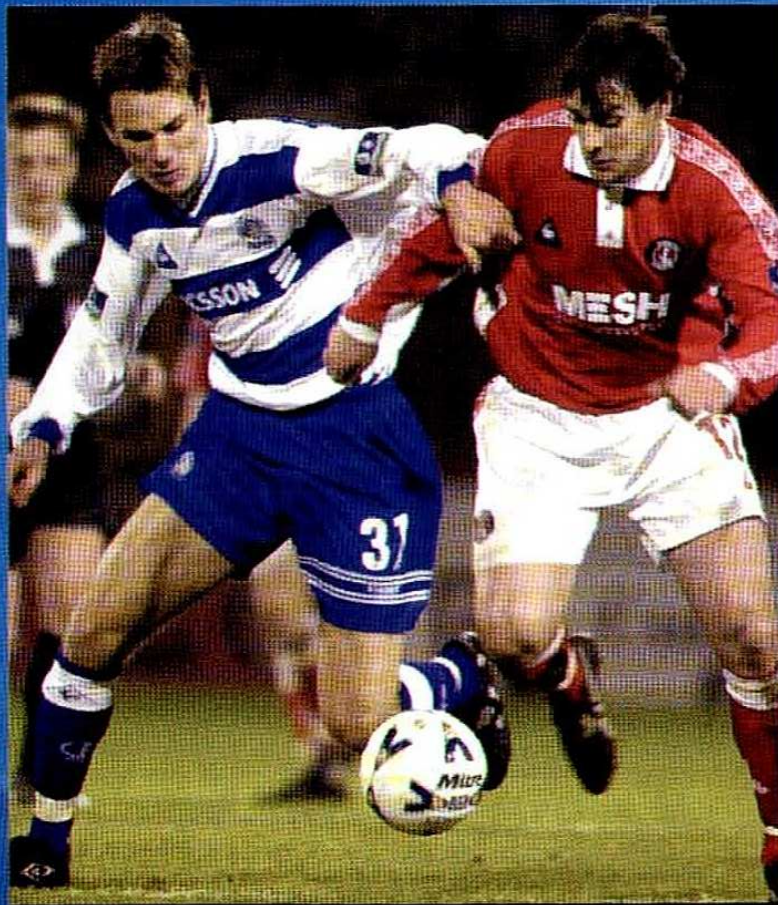
Chris Kiwomya looks for a way through



Kevin Gallen keeps his eye on the ball



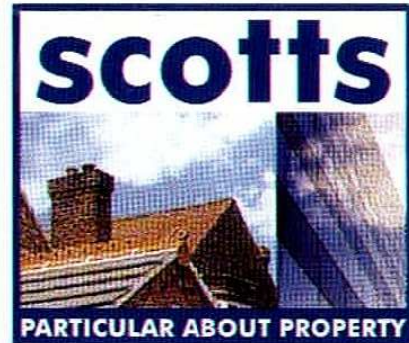
Paul Bruce makes his move



Gareth Taylor battles for control

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At the regional final, which took place at Watford, Adam finished as runner up to Ben Rackstraw of Wycombe Wanderers in a closely fought final.

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Lee Harper vs Frank Talia



The view from Opta:

When Ludek Miklosko was given the nod to play between the sticks at the start of the season by Gerry Francis, 28-year-old goalkeeper Lee Harper must have been bracing himself for another season of frustration sitting on the bench.

However, an injury to Miklosko in the 72nd minute of the game against Birmingham in September gave Harper his chance - and he has grabbed it with both hands. Like QPR's other success stories Jermaine Darlington and Stuart Wardley, Harper came up through the non-league ranks, playing for Eltham Town and Sittingbourne while also working as a scaffolder.

Harper's big break came with a transfer to Arsenal before he moved on to Loftus Road in 1997. This season he has been a regular since

Miklosko was injured, playing a total of 2,863 minutes in the Nationwide Football League.

In that time, the 6'1" glovesman has conceded 35 goals and kept nine clean sheets. You cannot argue with Harper's reflexes and he has pulled off a total of 104 saves this season. However, he has dropped eight crosses, so while his saves to shots ratio is superior to that of his opposite number today, Swindon's Frank Talia, his catch success rate is inferior.

That said, Talia has conceded more goals and kept fewer clean sheets than Harper despite the fact the Aussie 'keeper has played less football in 1999-2000. The former Blackburn custodian has made a fair few saves though and is likely to prove a tough barrier to break down as Swindon cling on to a faint hope of survival.

minutes on pitch: harper: 2,863 talia: 2,385

goalstats

	harper	talia
goals conceded	35	46
clean sheets	9	6

saves

	harper	talia
inside box	48	50
outside box	56	44
smothers	0	0
% shots saved	75%	67%

longdistribution

	harper	talia
total long kicks	993	810
success rate	46%	43%

shortdistribution

	harper	talia
total throws/short kicks	93	136
success rate	91%	90%

discipline

	harper	talia
yellow cards	0	1
red cards	0	0

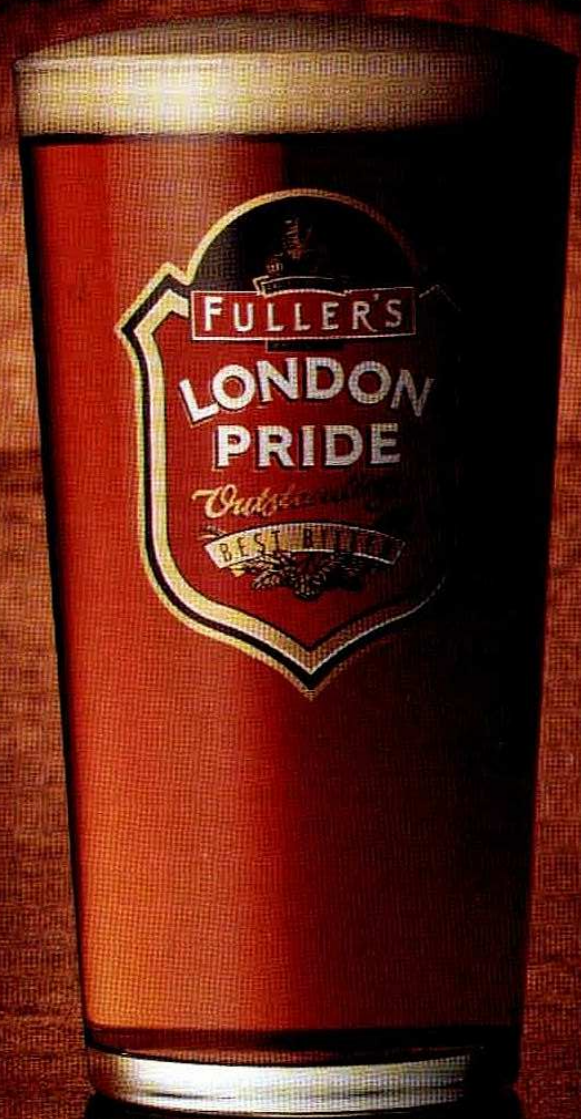
claims

	harper	talia
catches	67	43
punches	11	34
dropped catches	8	3
catch success rate	89%	93%

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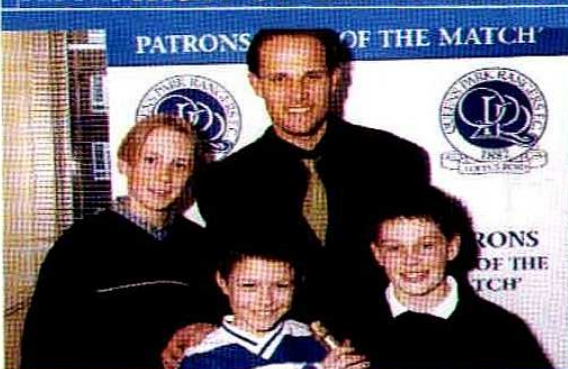
Chris Mitas of Hydro Car Wash presents Mikkel Beck with his Man of the Match award following the game against Crystal Palace

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Steve McGuinness of Avon Insurance presents Leon Jeanne with his Man of the Match award following the Norwich City game

patrons' man of the match



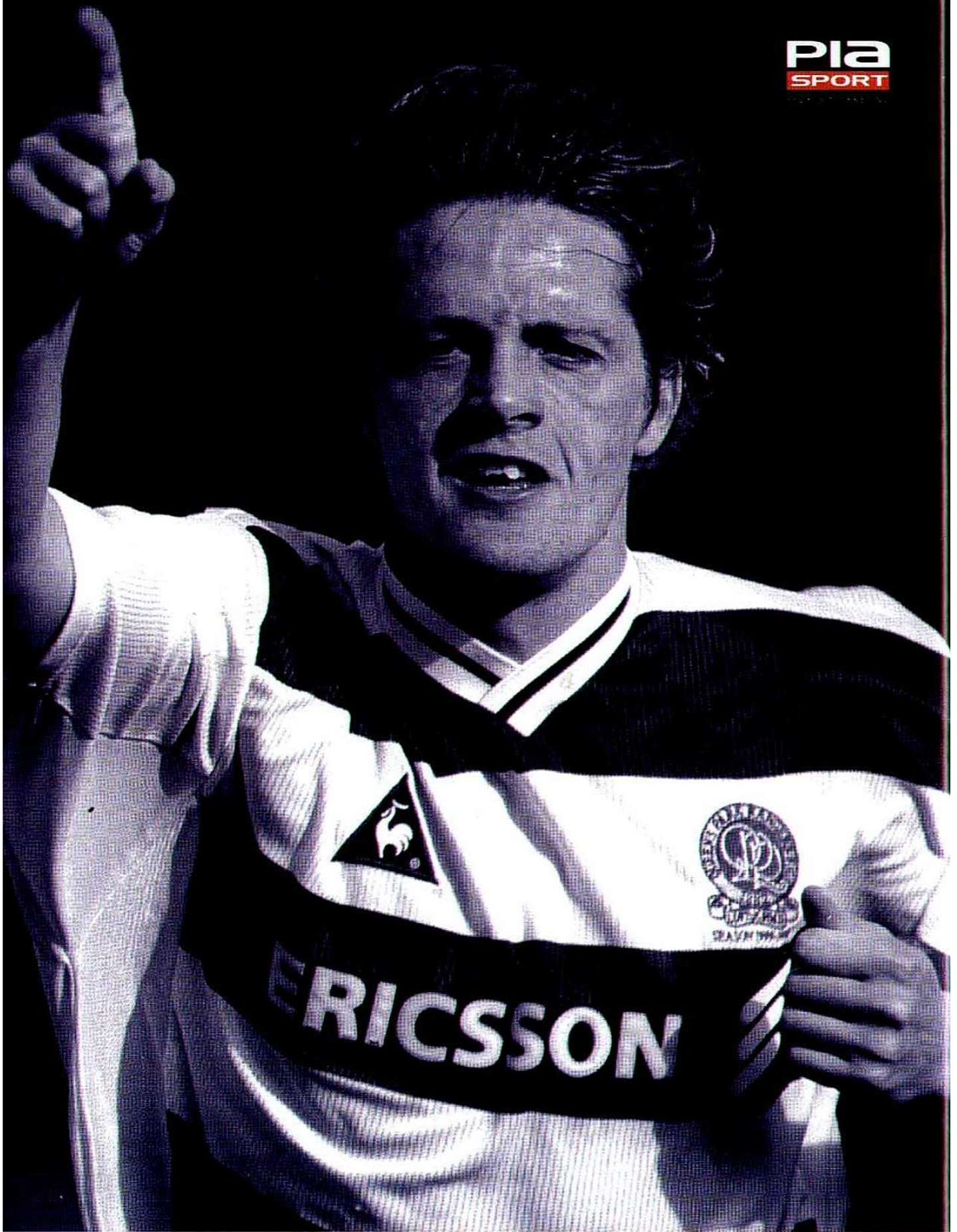
James Stroud, William Renton-Rose and Vincent Tempest present Mikkel Beck with his Patrons' man of the match award following the Norwich game

patrons' man of the match



Bernd Hintz is on hand to award Mikkel Beck the Patrons' man of the match bubbly following the Crystal Palace game

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- 2 - Botev Plovdiv
- 3 - Lommel
- 4 - Jablonek
- 5 - Jazz Pori
- 6 - Bastia
- 7 - Lyngby
- 8 - Willem II
- 9 - Xanthi
- 10 - Balkan

Rangers quiz

The 1999/2000 season so far

- 1 Which Rangers player has made the most appearances this season?
- 2 How many players have made first team appearances this season — 30, 32 or 34?
- 3 Which Rangers player has scored the most goals as a substitute this season?
- 4 Manchester City and which other side have hosted Rangers games in front of a crowd over 20,000?
- 5 Which game produced the lower crowd — a: Stockport v Rangers or b: Torquay v Rangers?



quick quiz

The late lamented Cup Winners Cup....

- 1 In the very first final in 1961, which Italian side defeated Glasgow Rangers?
- 2 Tottenham Hotspur were the first English winners of the trophy — who did they beat 5-1 in the final in 1963?
- 3 At which stadium did West Ham win the trophy in 1965?
- 4 Which Arsenal player missed the crucial penalty in the 1980 final shoot-out against Valencia?
- 5 17,804 fans saw which side defeat Real Madrid in the 1983 final?
- 6 Who scored Manchester United's second goal against Barcelona in the 1990 final?
- 7 Which former Spurs player scored the winner against Arsenal in the 1995 final?
- 8 Which Italian team won the last ever final?

Answers: Where in the World? 1 Northern Ireland, 2 Bulgaria, 3 Belgium, 4 Czech Republic, 5 Finland, 6 France, 7 Denmark, 8 Holland, 9 Greece, 10 Macedonia
 Quick Quiz? 1 Fiorentina, 2 Atletico Madrid, 3 Wembley, 4 Graham Rix, 5 Aberdeen, 6 Mark Hughes, 7 Rayem, 8 Lazio, 9 Lazio, 10 Lazio
 Which Clubs? Gmsey, Sherriff United, Ipswich, Portsmouth, West Brom, Who's This? (top) Donio Carboni (bottom) Jamie Redknapp
 Rangers quiz? 1 Ian Baradough, 2 32, 3 Kevin Gallen, 4 Wolves, 5 a.



who's this



which year?

These games took place in the World Cup....

France beat Italy 2-0

USSR beat Hungary 6-0

Denmark beat Uruguay 6-1

Brazil beat Northern Ireland 4-0

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vs crewe alexandra



Nationwide League Division One
Saturday 15th April Kick off 3pm

Tickets:

1650 seat tickets go on general sale on Saturday April 1st priced @ £14 adults £11 OAPs and £6.50 for juniors.

Travel:

Supporters Club coach:

No details as yet but we will of course keep you posted.

By Train: Reserved train travel Fare: £20.50

Depart Euston 10.55am Arrive Crewe 1.07pm

Depart Crewe 5.21pm Arrive Euston 7.45pm

By road: Take the A52 to the A5020 then on to Crewe Roundabout. Follow Chester signs into Nantwich Road. Take a left into Gresty Road.

Notes:

Just when you think they can go no further, just when you think they have sold one player too many, Crewe prove once again that they have the ability and nous to remain in this division. They're not safe yet, but recent wins against Norwich and Blackburn have gone a long way to securing their status. As ever they are a pleasing side to watch and still no-one knows how they do it.

the rough guide...

club **crewe alexandra**

nickname **'railwaymen'**

ground:

The Football Ground, Gresty Road, Crewe, CW2 6EB

phone:

01270 213 014

capacity:

8,000

bite to eat:

The stadium boasts a decent array of hot dog, pie and burger stalls and there is a half decent chippy right outside. Nantwich Road boast a number of fast food takeaways.

watering holes:

The Brocklebank is within walking distance of the station and is a friendly enough place which serves food and has no problem with travelling fans.

coming up

vs tranmere rovers



Nationwide League Division One
Monday 24th April Kick off 3pm

Tickets:

3000 covered seats are available, cash at turnstiles. No advance sales. Priced @ £13 adults, £6 senior citizens, £3 juniors under 16.

Travel:

Supporters Club coach:

departs 8.45 fare: adults £15, juniors/OAPs £8

By Train: fare: £23.50

depart Euston 10.05 arrive Liverpool 12.45

then take Mersey Rail to Rock Ferry for Tranmere's ground. Far includes train to Rock Ferry. There are two trains back from Liverpool for which no seats have been reserved as it is Easter Monday.

depart Liverpool 17.45 arrive Euston 20.30

depart Liverpool 18.45 arrive Euston 21.30

By road: Take M53 to Junction 4, exit and then take fourth exit at roundabout (B5151). After two miles turn right into Prenton Road West.

Notes:

Their work is done this season, courtesy of Worthington Cup deming-do and a safe mid-table position. John Aldridge will not tolerate any slacking though and Rangers can expect a battle from a side who don't lose that many at home.

the rough guide...

club **tranmere rovers**

nickname **'rovers'**

ground:

Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead L42 9PN

phone:

0151 608 4194

capacity:

16,789

bite to eat:

Outside the ground you can enjoy the 'Eastern Delight', an 'award winning' Chinese/chippy on Borough Road. The stadium does burgers and hot dogs.

watering holes:

You can either grab a friendly pint at the Mersey Clipper, which is adjacent to the ground and is quite roomy or at the Prenton Park on the main road which is predominantly used by home fans but happily welcomes the opposition.

ticket information

Tickets for all home during the next two months can be purchased by post or in person from the Box Office. Telephone Credit Card bookings (credit/debit/switch) can be made direct to the Box Office Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.45pm on 0181 740 2575 (£2 per transaction will be added) or outside these times on 0171 344 9494 (Ticketmaster - extra charges apply). If applying by post, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

please note:

The Loftus Road Upper Stand is for members only - no guests. The Loftus Road Lower and East and West Paddocks are also members only although members may purchase tickets for two guests per game prior to matchday in these areas. Guest tickets cannot be purchased on matchdays.

box office opening times

monday-friday	9.30am - 4.45pm
saturday (non-match days)	9.30am - 11.45am
matchday	9.30am - k.o.



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Adult	OAP	Junior	Europe	Rest of World
£20	£10	£15*	£25	£28

Membership will be operated as in previous years i.e. a £2/£1 adult/OAP and junior discount on tickets in the Lower Loft and Paddocks. The Upper Loft is reserved for members and season ticket holders only, but no discount applies. *Junior R's includes an exclusive 'train with the players day' and goodie pack.

Match Ticket Prices

	1999/2000		
	Adult	OAP	Junior
South Africa Road	£19	£10	£10
Ellerslie Road	£17	£9	£9
Loft (Upper)*	£14	£7	£7
Loft (Lower)	£16	£8	£8
Paddocks	£14	£7	£7

Figures shown represent non-members prices. (Apart from *Members only). Membership discounts are applicable against the Loft Lower and Paddocks only.

next home match



Saturday April 22nd 2000
VS
Ipswich Town
 Kick off 3pm



It's deja vu all over again as the pundits will tell you with Suffolk's finest primed once again for a nail biting conclusion to their season. Just like last year they look best equipped to grab that second automatic promotion slot behind a runaway leader but similarly, one slip could see them fall back in to the hellish lottery that is the play-offs.

Despite losing their finest player in Kieron Dyer to Newcastle at the end of last season, Ipswich have once again impressed with a team that plays football the right way, constructed on a relatively small budget. David Johnson and Jamie Scowcroft have impressed up front and with the addition of Marcus Stewart to their armoury, Town have made a clear declaration of intent. Their visit to Rangers will not only see them desperate to claim three points but also to avenge a 4-1 defeat at Portman Road earlier in the season. Ipswich must win but they know it won't be easy.

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Latest news

Today sees London Wasps take part in the semi-finals of the Tetley's Bitter Cup against Bristol at Reading's Madejski Stadium.

This is the third consecutive season that Wasps have reached this stage, having lost in the final to Saracens in 1998 and beaten Newcastle last year to secure their first ever cup final success. Both semi-finals are taking place today in a double header jamboree in Reading with favourites Northampton taking on London Irish in the other fixture.

Next week, Wasps are embroiled in cup matters once again with the team travelling to Northampton for a quarter-final in the Heineken European Cup. It should be a fantastic game and despite the tough nature of the draw should be one that Wasps will hope to win.

Northampton may be one of Europe's better sides at present but with new signing, the England international hooker Phil Greening bolstering an already strong looking side, Wasps will go in to this game with confidence. The Loftus Road team have won their last five games, racking up an incredible 235 points in the process. They're the form team at present!

Up and coming



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VS

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Wednesday April 19th

kick-off 7.45pm - **LIVE** on the pitch

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VS

Sale Sharks

Sunday April 30th

kick off 3pm - **LIVE** on the pitch

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Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Chas Bickerstaff who died suddenly a fortnight ago. Chas was a loyal Rangers fan and he will be greatly missed.

Our condolences go to Debbie Jackson and her 11 month old son Charlie following the sudden death of her husband Russell a fortnight ago. He was 33 years old and died whilst working on the A40. Our thoughts are with all his family and friends at this time.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT



A warm welcome to commercial mascot Timothy Higgins (right). Timothy is six years old and currently attends St James' Roman Catholic School in Twickenham. His favourite players are Jermaine Darlington and Chris Kiwomya and his hobbies include QPR (of course!), football, tennis and reading. We hope you enjoy your day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy 9th birthday to Robert Ash! He is seen here with his cousin Tia. Lots of love from Mum and all the family.



Many happy returns to Darren Grosch who will be 30 on Wednesday from Mum, Dad, Lisa and Leigh. As you can see, Darren has been supporting QPR for quite some time now!

HELLO!

...to Mick Weston and family who are here today to see QPR, having travelled over from Australia. It will be their first game in over 36 years. We hope it is worth the wait!



First Aid

Should you require medical first aid during your visit, contact the nearest steward who will arrange for qualified first aiders to assist you. First Aid teams are located at all four corners of the playing area. The medical First Aid centre is situated under Block T at the rear of the Ellerslie Road Stand.

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the hoops fact-files...

the key...

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Kick-off times are 3.00pm at weekend fixtures and 7.45pm for mid-week fixtures unless otherwise stated

date	opponents	result	attn	pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
sat 7 aug	Huddersfield	H	3-1	13,642	-	MIKLOSKO	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	MORROW	ROSE	MADDIX	LANGLEY (3)	PEACOCK	STEINER
tue 10 aug	Cardiff City (WC)	A	2-1	5,702	-	MIKLOSKO (1)	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	MORROW	ROSE	MADDIX	LANGLEY (2)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 14 aug	Bolton W	A	1-2	13,019	10	MIKLOSKO	BREACKER (5)	BARACLOUGH	MORROW	ROSE	MADDIX	LANGLEY (2)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 21 aug	Wolves	H	1-1	13,239	10	MIKLOSKO	BREACKER (2)	BARACLOUGH	MORROW (5)	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	GALLEN
wed 25 aug	Cardiff City (WC)	H	1-2**	6,185	-	MIKLOSKO	BREACKER (5)	BARACLOUGH	MORROW (3)	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	GALLEN (2)
sat 28 aug	Nottm Forest	A	1-1	18,442	9	MIKLOSKO	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (3)	PEACOCK	GALLEN
tue 31 aug	Port Vale	H	3-2	9,502	6	MIKLOSKO	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY (2)	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (4)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 18 sept	Fulham	A	0-1	19,623	13	MIKLOSKO	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 25 sept	Birmingham	A	0-2	18,748	17	MIKLOSKO (1)	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (2)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 2 oct	Blackburn	H	0-0	14,002	17	HAPPER	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (5)	PEACOCK	KIWOBYA
sat 9 oct	Tranmere	H	2-1	9,357	15	HAPPER (1)	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (3)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 16 oct	Ipswich	A	4-1	17,871	12	HAPPER	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX (5)	LANGLEY	PEACOCK (3)	STEINER
tue 19 oct	West Brom	A	1-0	9,874	9	HAPPER	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY	PEACOCK (5)	STEINER
sat 23 oct	Portsmouth	H	0-0	13,303	9	HAPPER	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY	ROSE	STEINER
wed 27 oct	Birmingham	H	2-2	11,196	8	HAPPER	BREACKER	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	LANGLEY (5)	ROSE	STEINER
sat 30 oct	Blackburn	A	2-0	17,941	8	HAPPER	ROWLANDS	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	MURRAY	ROSE	STEINER
tue 2 nov	Stockport	A	3-3	4,868	8	HAPPER	ROWLANDS	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	MURRAY	ROSE (2)	STEINER
sat 6 nov	Man City	H	1-1	19,002	10	HAPPER	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	MURRAY	ROWLANDS	STEINER
sun 14 nov	C. Palace	A	0-3	15,861	10	HAPPER	ROSE (3)	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	MADDIX	MURRAY (2)	ROWLANDS	STEINER
sat 20 nov	Walsall	H	2-1	10,056	8	HAPPER	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER	MORROW	LANGLEY (3)	PEACOCK	STEINER
tue 23 nov	Grimsby	A	1-2	4,297	9	HAPPER	PLUMMER	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER	MORROW	ROWLANDS (2)	PEACOCK	STEINER
sat 27 nov	Barnsley	H	2-2	11,054	9	HAPPER	KULCSAR	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY (4)	BREACKER	MORROW (2)	MURRAY (5)	ROSE	STEINER
tue 30 Nov	Sheffield United	H	3-1	9,922	8	HAPPER	KULCSAR	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER	PLUMMER	MURRAY (3)	ROSE (2)	STEINER
sat 4 dec	Huddersfield	A	0-1	13,027	8	HAPPER	KULCSAR (4)	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER	PLUMMER	MURRAY	ROSE	STEINER
sat 11 dec	Torquay FAC R3	H	1-1	8,843	-	HAPPER (1)	BRUCE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY	STEINER
sat 18 dec	Charlton	H	0-0	14,709	8	HAPPER	BRUCE	WARD	WARDLEY	BREACKER	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY (3)	STEINER
Tue 21 Dec	Torquay (FAC3R)	A	3-2	5,232	-	HAPPER	BRUCE	KULCSAR	WARDLEY (2)	BREACKER	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY	KOJIC (1)
sun 26 dec	Norwich City	A	1-2	17,800	10	MIKLOSKO	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER (2)	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY	STEINER
tue 28 dec	Crewe	H	1-0	12,011	8	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BREACKER (2)	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY	STEINER
mon 3 jan	Swindon	A	1-0	9,302	7	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	MCGOVERN	PLUMMER	MURRAY	LANGLEY	STEINER
sat 8 jan	Charlton (FAC 4R)	A	0-1	16,758	-	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BRUCE	PLUMMER	MURRAY (4)	LANGLEY	STEINER
sat 15 jan	Bolton	H	0-1	11,396	9	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BRUCE (3)	PLUMMER	MURRAY	KULCSAR (5)	STEINER
sat 22 jan	Wolves	A	2-3	20,069	9	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	BRUCE (4)	PLUMMER	MURRAY (5)	MCGOVERN	KOJIC (2)
sat 29 jan	Nottm Forest	H	1-1	12,267	10	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	MCGOVERN (4)	ROSE	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	SLADE
sat 5 feb	Port Vale	A	1-1	5,493	11	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	ROSE	LANGLEY (2)	PEACOCK	SLADE (1)
sat 12 feb	Stockport	H	1-1	10,531	10	HAPPER	WARD (5)	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	ROSE	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	SLADE (2)
sat 19 feb	Barnsley	A	1-1	14,212	10	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY (1)	ROSE	KULCSAR	PEACOCK	BECK (1)
mon 28 feb	Fulham	H	0-0	16,308	10	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	ROSE (5)	LANGLEY (1)	PEACOCK	BECK
sun 5 mar	Sheff Utd	A	1-1	11,554	11	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	MURRAY	READY	PLUMMER	LANGLEY	PEACOCK	BECK (1)
wed 8 mar	Man City	A	3-1	31,253	11	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	MURRAY	READY	PLUMMER	LANGLEY (5)	PEACOCK (4)	BECK
sat 11 mar	Grimsby	H	1-0	10,450	10	HAPPER	WARD	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	PLUMMER	LANGLEY (4)	MURRAY	BECK
sat 18 mar	Walsall	A	3-2	6,414	10	HAPPER	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	PLUMMER (2)	LANGLEY	MURRAY	BECK (1)
wed 22 mar	Crystal Palace	H	0-1	12,842	10	HAPPER	ROSE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	PLUMMER (3)	LANGLEY (5)	MURRAY (4)	BECK
sat 25 mar	Norwich	H	2-2	11,918	10	HAPPER	ROSE (5)	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	JEANNE (5)	LANGLEY	MURRAY	BECK (1)
fri 31 mar	Charlton	A	1-2	19,617	11	HAPPER	BRUCE	BARACLOUGH	WARDLEY	READY	PETTY	LANGLEY	MURRAY (2)	BECK (2)
sat 8 apr	Swindon	H												
sat 15 apr	Crewe	A												
sat 22 apr	Ipswich	H												
mon 24 apr	Tranmere	A												
sat 29 apr	West Brom	H												
sun 7 may	Portsmouth	A												
sat 20 may	FA Cup Final													

**After extra time, Cardiff won 3-2 on penalties

this season's top scorers

Wardley	14
Kiwomya	13
Peacock	8
Steiner	6

this season's top gates

Manchester City	19,002
Fulham	16,308
Charlton	14,709
Blackburn	14,002

last four games

Charlton (a)	1-2
Norwich (h)	2-2
Crystal Palace (h)	0-1
Walsall (a)	3-2

today's teams



queens park rangers

vs

swindon town



○	Ludek Miklosko	1	○	Frank Talia	○
○	Tim Breacker	2	○	Mark Robinson	○
○	Ian Baraclough	3	○	Gareth Hall	○
○	Steve Morrow	4	○	Scott Leitch	○
○	Karl Ready	5	○	Gareth Davies	○
○	Danny Maddix	6	○		○
○	Paul Murray	7	○	Bobby Howe	○
○	Gavin Peacock	8	○		○
○	Rob Steiner	9	○	Wayne Gray	○
○	Kevin Gallen	10	○	Giuliano Grazioli	○
○	Chris Kiwomya	11	○	Michael Meaker	○
○	Matthew Rose	12	○	Alan Reeves	○
○	Lee Harper	13	○		○
○	Antti Heinola	14	○		○
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○	Tony Scully	20	○	Charlie Griffin	○
○	Richard Langley	21	○	Sol Davis	○
○	Jermaine Darlington	22	○		○
○	Leon Jeanne	23	○	Philippe Cuervo	○
○	Mark Perry	24	○		○
○	Iain Dowie	25	○	Frazer McHugh	○
○	Richard Graham	26	○		○
○	Stuart Wardley	27	○		○
○	Michael Currie	28	○		○
○	Ross Weare	29	○		○
○	Paul Bruce	30	○		○
○	Sammy Koejoe	31	○		○
○		32	○	James Williams	○
○	Terry McFlynn	33	○	Andy Williams	○
○	Nikki Bull	34	○		○
○	Nikkel Beck	36	○		○
○	Gareth Taylor	37	○		○
○		40	○	Jim Quinn	○



today's referee: mick fletcher

assistant referees

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Mick Fletcher is a 41 year old Local Government Worker and is married with two children. He commenced his refereeing career in 1981 before being promoted to the Football League line in 1990. He became a Football League referee in 1995. His hobbies include playing golf and snooker and watching most sports.