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When, as a Third Division club, Rangers won the Football League Cup in March 1967, we sat back, a bit smugly, and said "Well, it will be a long time before another Third Division club does that again!" And, of course, the next season but one we were proved completely wrong by Swindon Town in their superb win over Arsenal. Following closely in our footsteps, Swindon at the same time gained promotion from Division Three to Division Two but left us the single consolation that they just missed equalling our record by a whisker for although we went into Division Two with the Football League Cup and the Third Division Championship Trophy, Swindon were "only" Third Division runners-up. It is interesting to contemplate that Swindon might have finished as Third Division Champions had the season run a few more months for, after their first matches in the higher sphere, Watford are now in the middle of an anti-relegation struggle whereas Swindon definitely have their minds set on greater things. All of which seems to indicate that today's match will be one of unusual interest and rivalry. It would be pleasant to hope that Rangers will be continuing their remarkable run of averaging four goals per home game—but we have a feeling that Swindon have no intention of co-operating in this! Anyway, a particularly warm welcome goes from us to this afternoon's visiting players and supporters.

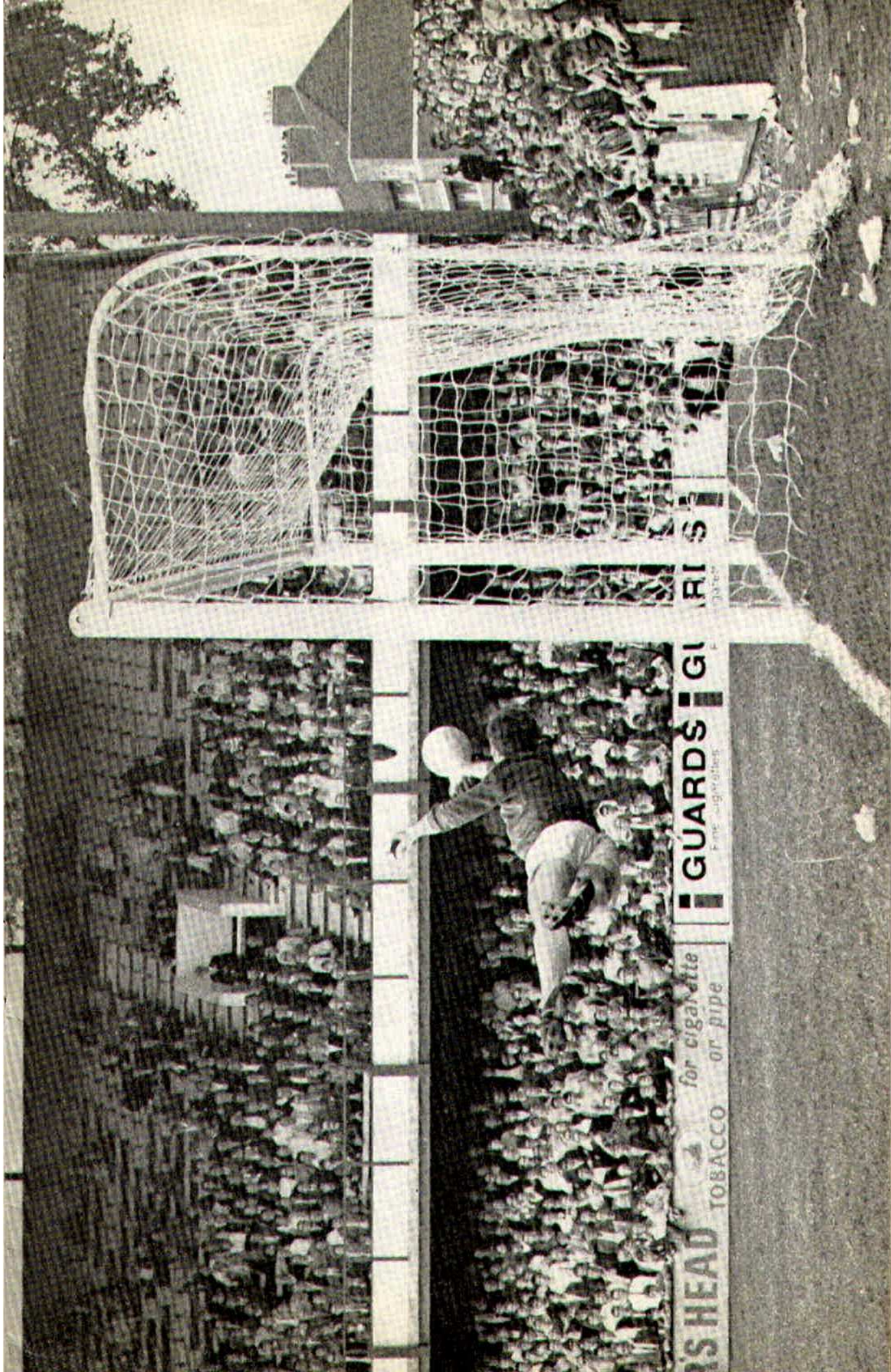
And to our own supporters a small reminder, which should not be necessary, that next Tuesday evening finds us at home to Tranmere Rovers in the third round of the Football League Cup. There is always a very special atmosphere in this stadium at an evening match and some particularly attractive and exciting games have taken place here during the hours of darkness. Come along and give us your support on Tuesday again, therefore—and we'll see how far along the road to Wembley we can get this time.

Finally, we give a "Highly Recommended" award to the new soccer magazine "Shoot!" which is one of the best by far to have appeared in this country. The issue on sale today is of particular interest to Rangers fans as it carries a very thoughtful and informative two-page article on us called "Rangers Are Riding High Again!"

In the event of our Third Round F.L. Cup match v. Tranmere Rovers resulting in a draw, the replay will be at Prenton Park on Thursday, 25th September, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Did he save it? Yes, Mick Kelly put in this flying leap during the Huddersfield match to turn the ball for a corner. (Photo: Noel Sava)





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SWINDON'S HAT-TRICK HEROES

By TONY PULLEIN

Swindon are the only club in the country whose forwards have cracked three hat-tricks this season. Leading scorer **Peter Noble** bagged hat-tricks in successive games against Charlton (League) and Swansea (League Cup). **Arthur Horsfield** got his in Swindon's 4-0 home leg victory over AS Roma.

A native of the North-East, **Peter Noble** started with Newcastle and cost Swindon £10,000 in January 1968. Before the Middlesbrough game in mid-week, Peter had score seven goals.

Middlesbrough spotted **Arthur Horsfield** in Newcastle junior soccer and he continued his scoring ways in their reserve teams until given his chance in the League team in 1963/64. All told he scored 51 goals in 107 full League games for Middlesbrough — including 22 in 1966/67—before he moved to Newcastle last January. Swindon signed him in May.

Hero of Swindon's Wembley victory was 2-goal **Don Rogers**, an England under-23 international left-winger who has been a regular for six seasons and top scorer for the past three campaigns. First Division clubs have tried to tempt him away with fabulous offers but so far he prefers to stay put. Another international to emerge from the Swindon nursery is right-back **Rod Thomas**, the only man in post-war soccer to win his first seven full international caps while playing in the Third Division. Swindon picked up Rod from Gloucester City, put him in the senior side in 1965/66 and now he is a regular choice for Wales.

A broken arm probably cost left-back **John Trollope** a fabulous League record. His injury, at Hartlepool last season, ended a run of 360 consecutive League appearances for the club—only 41 short of the League record which he would most certainly have cracked. Goalkeeper **Peter Downsbrough** was a bargain £3,000 buy from Halifax in 1965. Joining Halifax from school, Downsbrough made the first-team before signing professional in 1960. He has turned in many outstanding performances for Swindon—none better than at Wembley.

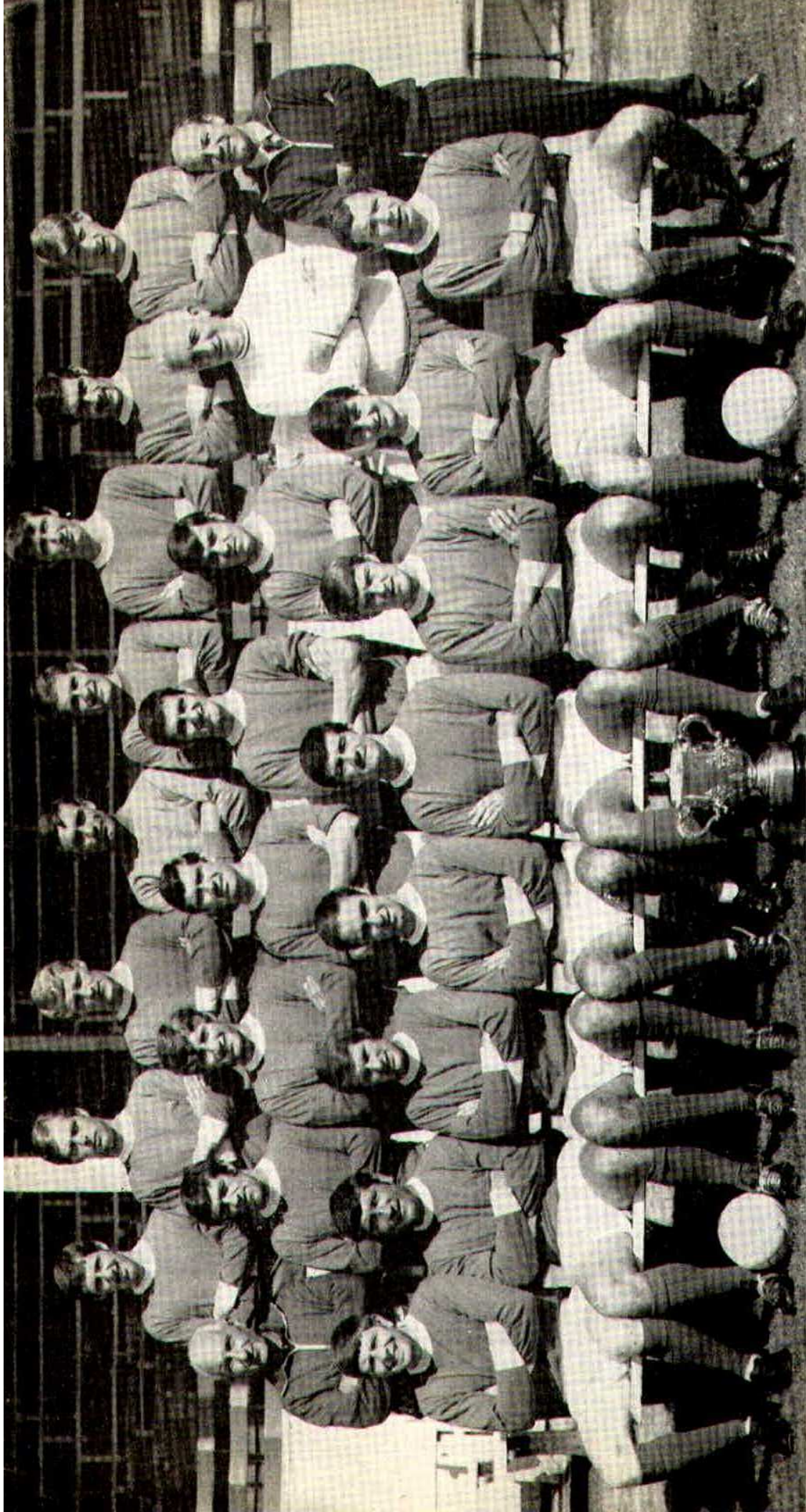
Skipper **Stan Harland** was a Burnley amateur but turned pro. at New Brighton. He moved to Everton but didn't make the League grade until signing for Bradford City in 1961. He put in two seasons at Carlisle before joining Swindon three years ago. Centre-half **Frank Burrows**, a Scot who began his career with Raith Rovers, cost Swindon £12,000 when they persuaded Scunthorpe to part with him last season. Burrows has missed a couple of games through injury, his place being taken by young **Michael Blick** who made his League debut two seasons ago but has had only some half-a-dozen chances in the first-team.

Inside-forward **Roger Smart** is a product of Swindon schools football who got his first taste of League football in 1961/62. He helped Swindon into the Second Division for the first time in 1963 when he really began to establish himself as a regular and now looks back on over 200 League games for them.

Don Heath first signed professional for Middlesbrough but he never managed to get a League game with them. He moved on to Norwich City where he won himself a regular place in the senior team in 1964/5. For three years he was a member of the senior squad, then he shifted to Swindon in September 1967.

Perhaps the most experienced member of the side is former England youth and under-23 cap **John Smith** who kicked off with West Ham as a wing-half. After holding a regular place for four years, he moved to Tottenham in 1960. But it was a bad move for John rarely got a League game with Spurs. Consequently, he shifted to Coventry, then had short spells with Orient and Torquay before linking with Swindon last year.

When **Danny Williams** left Swindon to manage Sheffield Wednesday during the close-season, they appointed **Mr. Fred Ford** in his place. Mr. Ford had the unusual experience of managing both the Bristol clubs, first City then Rovers. Between those two appointments he took a coaching job at Swindon and it was because of the good impression he made then that he was invited to take over as manager this year.



SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): D. Dangerfield, O. Dawson, N. Trollope, P. Downsbrough, R. Jones, R. Thomas, M. Blick, J. Bailey.
Middle Row: H. Cousins (Youth Manager), R. Handrick, R. Desmoules, R. Smart, F. Burrows, D. Rogers, F. Ford (Manager),
M. Owen (Trainer).

Front Row: J. Butler, J. Smith, D. Heath, P. Noble, S. Harland, C. Jones, A. Horsfield, W. Penman.

IT'S A RECORD!

THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

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RANGERS REPORT

AND THE PRESS SAID

V MANSFIELD TOWN		V PORTSMOUTH	
Home		Fratton Park	
Tuesday, 9 September, '69 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)		Saturday, 13 September, '69 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	
17315		21969	
A cool clear evening. Pitch soft and springy.		Fair and bright. Pitch firm and well grassed.	
Football League Cup (2nd Round Replay)		Football League—Div. II (4th away game—17 to play)	
QPR (3rd in Div. II)	MANSFIELD (13th in Div. III)	QPR (3rd in Div. II)	PORTSM'TH (16th in Div. II)
Kelly Watson Clement Venables Hunt Hazell Bridges Sibley Leach Marsh Morgan (F. Clarke substituted for Leach in 55th minute)	Brown Pate Walker Boam Saunders Waller Partridge Stenson Sharkey Roberts Goodfellow	Kelly Watson Clement Sibley Hunt Hazell Bridges Wilks Clarke Marsh Francis (Turpie substituted for Kelly in 60th minute)	Milkins Travers Ley Munks Hand Youlden McCann Atkins Hiron Pointer Jennings
Venables (pen.) Clement Marsh Clarke		Clement Francis Bridges	Hiron
(3) (4)	(0) (0)	(1) (3)	(0) (1)
<p>Yet another 4 home goals from Rangers—but this time the score could have been doubled *** Mansfield were completely out-played and provided no opposition.</p> <p>Ball-juggling Rodney Marsh's magic spurred rampaging Q.P.R. to an easy second round League Cup replay win last night. Brave Mansfield, were cut down by Rangers' power-play. Towards the end Marsh and Co., thriving on skipper Terry Venables' midfield work, were cruelly toying with the Third Division side. ("Daily Sketch").</p> <p>Mansfield, the giant-killers of last season, made a League Cup exit against a Rangers side that has recovered confidence enough to average four goals a home game. The goals-saturated Loftus Road regulars, who must be the envy of most of the other 91 League club crowds, paused only to boo former Q.P.R. manager Tommy Docherty on his first return to the ground following his 28-day reign last season. The rest of the time they cheered some good goals and all-out attack in a match that became a slaughter of the innocents. The Mansfield goalkeeper had little chance of glory against a rampant attack. Terry Venables, who did not score a League goal for Spurs last season, converted his third penalty since joining Rangers when Marsh was pushed after 17 minutes. ("Daily Mail").</p>		<p>Rangers, now Division II top scorers, secured this fine win despite 9 injuries in playing staff and further injury to 'keeper Kelly, whose place in goal was taken by Watson.</p> <p>Injury-haunted Rangers—Terry Venables, Ian Morgan and seven others out before the match, goalkeeper Mike Kelly carried off in the 60th minute—snatched a fantastic away win. Full back Ian Watson, who took over from Kelly in goal, kept out two good shots and only in the last second did centre-forward Hiron head past him. Even with Kelly injured, Rangers added two more and showed themselves masters of the breakaway. ("Sunday Mirror").</p> <p>There was plenty of drama in Q.P.R.'s victory at Fratton with a spectacular goal by a full-back; Marsh, accidentally knocked on the head, staying down long enough to get a shampoo and set; Rangers' keeper going off injured; a goalline clearance by the substitute; and finally two breakaway goals to settle the issue. But under the surface of these events it was a straightforward victory for Rangers' superior professionalism. It was evident from the first that they were going to rely on the quick break and they were always more direct than Portsmouth, whose slow thinking moves went all round the houses on the way to goal. (Max Reese "Sunday Telegraph").</p>	

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V MANSFIELD TOWN	V HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
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Field Mill Ground		Home	
Wednesday, 3 September '69 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)		Saturday, 6 September '69 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	
9759		18746	
Overcast and close. Pitch firm and springy.		Mild—sunny in second half. Pitch still perfectly grassed.	
Football League Cup (Round 2)		Football League—Div. II (4th home game—17 to play)	
QPR (5th in Div. II)	MANSFIELD (14th in Div. III)	QPR (5th in table)	H'DERSF'D (3rd in table)
Kelly Watson Clement Venables Hunt Hazell Bridges Sibley Leach Marsh Clark	Brown Pate Walker Hopkinson Foam Wailer Partridge Stenson Ledger Sharkey Goodfellow	Kelly Watson Clement Venables Hunt Hazell Bridges Sibley Leach Marsh Morgan	Poole Clark Hutt Nicholson Ellam Cherry Hoy Lawson Worthington McGill Dobson (Smith substituted for Cherry in 60th minute)
Bridges Watson	Goodfellow Ledger	Marsh Morgan Bridges Venables (pen.)	McGill Worthington
(1) (2)	(1) (2)	(2) (4)	(1) (2)
<p>Mansfield with a well-known reputation as cup giant-killers, were considered formidable opposition on their home ground *** But after a rather scrappy match Rangers won a replay.</p> <p>Rangers, romping along in the Second Division, did not scare League Cup opponents Mansfield. The Third Division fighters shrugged off lightning Q.P.R. bursts that brought goals at the start of each half and fully deserved the replay. The match started dramatically when Jim Stenson was booked for a first-minute foul on Rangers live wire Rod Marsh. And two minutes later Rangers were in front. A burst by Marsh tangled the Mansfield defence and Barry Bridges planted the ball in the net. But Mansfield hit back and they had Rangers at full stretch before Jimmy Goodfellow equalised after 21 minutes. The fans had hardly settled down after the interval when Rangers struck again. Full-back Ian Watson moved down the right and unleashed a centre which curled into the net. Still Town came back and they deservedly drew level 20 minutes later when Bob Ledger headed in a Nic Sharkey corner to book a trip to Loftus Road next Tuesday. ("Daily Sketch".)</p>		<p>Superb entertainment with Rangers continuing extraordinary 4 goals per home average *** Huddersfield, promotion challengers, deserved at least a point.</p> <p>A match of high excitement and swaying fortunes was won not by Marsh himself but by his notoriety. Ten minutes from time with the score level at 2-2 Marsh, on the edge of the penalty area but not looking particularly dangerous, was cruelly hacked down. Venables took the free kick, the heads rose, and the agile Bridges had the ball in the net. Five minutes later Marsh was again marauding, this time in the penalty area. Once again, in full view of the referee he was badly fouled. Venables, with all the relief of a man who has seen his dreams come true, beat Poo'e all the way with his penalty shot.</p> <p>Rangers' form as a whole is symbolised by Marsh. He looks happier than he did in the First Division with more room to display his uniquely flexible gifts—the deceptive change of pace and direction, and gentle header. (R. F. D. Green "Sunday Telegraph").</p> <p>If it's goals you want—try Loftus Road. It promises to be the in-place this season for goal-lovers. Rangers have got 16 goals from 4 home League games and 3 of the 4 they got against Huddersfield were good enough for anybody. (Danny Blanchflower "Sunday Express")</p>	

THE MICHAEL WALE REPORT

(Michael Wale, contributor to "The Observer" on soccer, is writing a series of articles for us this season on club personalities and players.)

IAN MORGAN (*outside right*)

Until Roger Morgan was transferred to Spurs for £100,000 six months ago the only time people really knew the difference between the Morgan twins was when they were wearing numbered shirts on the field.

And earlier in their careers with Q.P.R. even that did not make any difference to one referee in charge of a South East Counties game. Ian says: "Roger had had his name taken early in the game. Soon afterwards I tackled someone a bit hard and the ref. came running up to me and said 'I've warned you once. The next time you're off'. I tried to explain to him but he wouldn't believe me."

They were born at Bart's Hospital on the 14th December 1946. Roger was ten minutes ahead of Ian. Ever since they have possessed the uncanny understanding of identical twins. Ian says: "Roger and I used to play a game 'Think of a record' I'd say, and we'd always think of the same titles. We always seemed to get on well playing together. You feel very close. There was this time at Ipswich, the season we went up from the Second Division. He got injured and had to have a cartilage operation. I was so emotionally involved I raced over to the ambulance men. We have the same likes, long hair, same clothes. Whenever we go out together we always wear different clothes, but even the other day I popped round to Roger's and we were both wearing the same shoes, suits and shirts. It's just that we have exactly the same taste".

And on September 8th, 1968, they both married hairdressers, and both their wives are blondes.

When Roger left Rangers, Ian says he felt: "Sick that he was going. Choked more than anything, after being your whole life together and you get split up it's a bit of a blow, plus the thing inside you which says you want to do as well as him".

Whether it is to do with no longer playing in the shadow of his twin brother, or not, Ian certainly seems to be more confident in his game this sea-

son. He says: "I put a lot of it down to going on the F.A. tour this summer. We had five weeks in America, the Far East and New Zealand. Jimmy Armfield was player-manager and he told me to play how I wanted."

"I used to play on the right wing. He told me to take the full backs on when I wanted to, and as a result I had some great games. I scored five in the 11 games I played. I think the great help really came from playing with experienced players like George Eastham, Don Megson, Keith Weller and Tony Hateley. George Eastham helped me a helluva lot, he used to put me right about a lot of things. It improved my play and I felt better equipped to do things."

His adaptability as a player could be fully judged in the game against Mansfield Town where he started on the left wing, switched to the right and ended up in mid-field. He says: "I'll play anywhere because I just like playing, but I suppose I do prefer the right wing to anything."

His new attitude has been reflected on the training ground where under the guidance of international sprinter Ron Jones he has clocked 51.5 seconds for the 440 yards. The fastness of this time can be gauged from the current world Olympic record being 45 seconds and Lillian Board's international best of 53 seconds. Ian says: "I used to be a lazy trainer, maybe it was the presence of Roger. In a game I'd run and run and run, but on the training ground I wouldn't bother so much. Now I train harder than ever. I'm two yards quicker in the 100 yards now. Ron Jones reckons he could get me doing the 440 yards in the top bracket of athletics, but I prefer to keep it just for training. The day I set up my best time Ron had said he wanted a really good 440 from me. So I set off with Rodney. I was astonished. I knew I'd done a fast time because I felt absolutely shattered after doing it."

And out there on the field he feels that Terry Venables has made an enormous difference to the team. Bringing the same experience that helped him so much on that F.A. tour.

TALK ABOUT A COINCIDENCE !

The photos opposite show Ian Morgan slamming home a goal during our Huddersfield match. Examine the top photo (taken by John Brough from behind the goal) and the bottom photo (taken by Paul Willer in the new stand) and you will find both photographers must have pressed their buttons at the same instant !







FIXTURES 1969/70 FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

1969			
Sat. Aug.	2	GLASGOW RANGERS	3-3
Sat. ..	9	HULL CITY	3-0
Sat. ..	16	Preston North End	0-0
Wed. ..	20	Watford	1-0
Sat. ..	23	MILLWALL	3-2
Tues. ..	26	BLACKPOOL	6-1
Sat. ..	30	Birmingham City	0-3
Wed. Sept.	5	Mansfield Town (L.C. 2)	2-2
Sat. ..	6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	4-2
Tues. ..	9	MANSFIELD T. (L.C. 2 Rpy)	4-0
Sat. ..	13	Portsmouth	3-1
Wed. ..	17	Blackburn Rovers	1-0
Sat. ..	20	SWINDON TOWN	Home
Wed. ..	24	League Cup (3)	
Sat. ..	27	Cardiff City	Away
Sat. Oct.	4	MIDDLESBROUGH	Home
Tues. ..	7	PRESTON NORTH END	Home
Sat. ..	11	Norwich City	Away
Sat. ..	18	Carlisle United	Away
Sat. ..	25	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	Home
Sat. Nov.	1	Aston Villa	Away
Sat. ..	8	SHEFFIELD UNITED	Home
Tues. ..	11	WATFORD	Home
Sat. ..	15	Bristol City	Away
Sat. ..	22	LEICESTER CITY	Home
Sat. ..	29	Bolton Wanderers	Away
Sat. Dec.	6	OXFORD UNITED	Home
Sat. ..	13	PORTSMOUTH	Home
Sat. ..	20	Huddersfield Town	Away
Fri. ..	26	Millwall	Away
Sat. ..	27	BIRMINGHAM CITY	Home
1970			
Sat. Jan.	3		
Sat. ..	10	Swindon Town	Away
Sat. ..	17	CARDIFF CITY	Home
Sat. ..	24		
Sat. ..	31	Middlesbrough	Away
Sat. Feb.	7	NORWICH CITY	Home
Sat. ..	14	Hull City	Away
Sat. ..	21	Sheffield United	Away
Sat. ..	28	ASTON VILLA	Home
Sat. Mar.	7	Leicester City	Away
Sat. ..	14	BOLTON WANDERERS	Home
Sat. ..	21	Oxford United	Away
Fri. ..	27	CARLISLE UNITED	Home
Sat. ..	28	BRISTOL CITY	Home
Tues. ..	31	Charlton Athletic	Away
Sat. Apr.	4	Blackpool	Away
Tues. ..	14	BLACKBURN ROVERS	Home

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FIXTURES 1969/70 FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1969			
Tues. Aug.	12	Walsall	3-2
Sat. ..	16	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-2
Sat. ..	23	Swindon Town	4-1
Sat. ..	30	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	0-1
Sat. Sept.	6	Chelsea	1-1
Sat. ..	20	Birmingham City	Away
Sat. ..	27	BOURNEMOUTH	Home
Sat. Oct.	4	Gillingham	Away
Sat. ..	11	CRYSTAL PALACE	Home
Sat. ..	18	LUTON TOWN	Home
Sat. ..	25	Ipswich Town	Away
Sat. Nov.	1	SWANSEA TOWN	Home
Wed. ..	12	Cardiff City	Away
Wed. ..	26	Reading	Away
Tues. Dec.	9	FULHAM	Home
Sat. ..	13	Norwich City	(Cup) Away
Tues. ..	16	IPSWICH TOWN	(Cup) Home
Sat. ..	20	NORWICH CITY	Home
Tues. ..	23	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Home

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

(Up to and including September 13th, 1969)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
West Ham United ...	6	6	0	0	17	2	12
Ipswich Town	6	5	1	0	21	3	11
Tottenham Hotspur .	5	4	1	0	9	3	9
Cardiff City	5	4	0	1	11	7	8
Arsenal	6	2	3	1	11	7	7
Bristol City	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
Leicester City	6	3	1	2	14	12	7
Birmingham City	6	2	3	1	10	9	7
Swansea Town	4	2	2	0	2	0	6
Reading	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Q.P.R.	5	2	2	1	10	7	6
Plymouth Argyle	6	3	0	3	9	10	6
Southampton	6	2	1	3	13	11	5
Luton Town	5	1	3	1	11	10	5
Norwich City	6	2	1	3	7	6	5
Bournemouth	5	0	5	0	8	8	5
Chelsea	6	2	1	3	9	11	5
Oxford United	5	2	0	3	6	10	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Swindon Town	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Bristol Rovers	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
Gillingham	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
Fulham	5	0	2	3	2	6	2
Peterborough United	6	0	1	5	4	20	1
Walsall	5	0	0	5	4	16	0
Northampton Town .	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Today's issue of the Match Magazine contains the Football League Review but is priced at 1s. instead of 1s. 3d. This is due to the fact that today's issue of the Review contains a special article by Rangers Chairman, Mr. J. A. Gregory, who by request of our supporters, is making a public reply to articles recently appearing in the national press by Mr. T. Docherty. As Mr. Gregory's article is of maximum interest to you all, we are making sure that everyone can read it without paying extra for the Football League Review. (The system of paying 1s. 3d. for Match Magazines containing the Review will be re-commenced at our next match.)



FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II
(Up to and including September 17th, 1969)

HOME					AWAY						
P	W	D	Goals		A	W	D	L	Goals		
			L	F					A	Pts.	
9	4	0	0	16	5	3	1	1	5	4	15
10	4	1	0	8	1	2	1	2	10	7	14
9	3	1	1	11	6	2	1	1	4	3	12
9	4	1	1	11	4	1	1	1	4	5	12
9	2	3	0	6	4	2	1	1	6	4	12
10	4	1	0	8	2	1	0	4	7	10	11
9	3	0	1	8	2	1	3	1	1	2	11
9	2	2	0	9	3	1	2	2	6	7	10
10	3	2	0	7	3	1	0	4	2	8	10
10	4	1	0	8	2	0	1	4	1	10	10
9	3	2	0	6	3	0	2	2	2	9	10
9	4	0	0	10	2	0	2	3	6	10	10
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9	3	1	1	10	6	0	1	3	1	7	8
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7	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	9	3
9	0	1	3	2	6	0	1	4	2	9	2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP (3rd Round)
v. **Tranmere Rovers F.C.**, Tuesday 23rd September '69 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.).

Seat tickets for the above match are on sale at the Box Offices in South Africa Road and Ellerslie Road.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS who possess Cup-Tie ticket vouchers should use Voucher No. 2 for this match. (Note: Last season's Cup Tie vouchers and Cup Tie Voucher No. 1 for this season are now invalid.)

Those few season ticket holders who have not purchased Cup Tie ticket vouchers for this season will have their seats held for them until 12 noon on the day of the match. They may purchase their seat at normal prices at whichever Box Office is applicable. Seat tickets not purchased by 12 noon on 23rd September will be immediately re-sold.

GOLDEN GOALS

The times of the goals and corners scored in our last match were:

Goals: 16.35 35.20 41.15 56.59
Corners: 3.54 7.10

Prizes are £20 and tickets are only 6d. each from the orange coated sellers.

AWAY GAMES TRAVEL

TO CARDIFF CITY, Sat, Sept. 27th, 1969

Depart Paddington Arr. Cardiff Cent.
10.00 12.00 12.32 2.30
Depart Cardiff Arr. Paddington
6.30 9.10

Return fare 65/-

Rally Round the Rangers!

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"The Bob Bank" opposite players tunnel.

RESULTS DESK

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

v. **Blackburn Rovers**, 17th Sept. 1—0.
Spratley, Clement, Turpie, Sibley, Hunt, Hazell, Leach, Wilks, Clarke, Marsh, Morgan.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

v. **Ipswich Town**, 6th Sept. 1—1.
Teale, Sparrow, Lane, Rusher, Evans, Thomas, Everest, Owen, Perrin, Martin, Mayes.

v. **Gillingham**, 13th Sept. 0—2.
Teale, Delve, Sparrow, Rusher, Evans, Thomas, Everest, Cohen, Owen, Martin, Mayes.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

v. **Chelsea**, 6th Sept. 1—1.
Springett, Harris, Gillard, Busby, Tom, Turpie, Collman, Francis, Clarke, Metchick, Seary.
Scorer: Metchick.

NEXT HOME GAMES

Football League Cup, 3rd Round

TRANMERE ROVERS

Tuesday Sept. 23 K.O. 7.30 p.m.

Football Combination League

BOURNEMOUTH

Saturday Sept 27 K.O. 3 p.m.

Football League, Division II

MIDDLESBROUGH

Saturday Oct. 4 K.O. 3 p.m.

A TIDY TURN OF MIND

Bill Tidy looks at the Funny side of the Football World



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"I've heard of blokes having their ashes sprinkled on the pitch . . ."



We're a little late with this one but we thought the ladies among our supporters would like something to sigh over. Tony Hazell marrying Brenda Conie last year.
(Photo: John Brough)

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

(A detailed examination of the past record of today's visitors).

By TONY PULLEIN



SWINDON TOWN

Memories of Swindon's sensational Wembley League Cup final victory over Arsenal last season will remain indelibly inscribed in the minds of all who saw it for many years. As we had done two years earlier, they completely over-ran their First Division opponents to win 3-1 in extra time. Like Rangers, too, they went on to gain promotion to the Second Division, a feat which, in the long term, was probably more important to them.

Swindon followed those triumphs by crushing Italian first division side AS Roma 5-2 on aggregate in the first of what could become a series of challenge matches between the Italian and English League Cup winners. Swindon won their home leg in magnificent style, cruising to a 4-0 victory ten days ago.

Intent on consolidating their position in the Second Division Swindon made a good start this season, picking up nine points from eight games. Away from home they have beaten Aston Villa (2-0), drawn at Cardiff (2-2), and lost at Blackburn (0-2) and Blackpool (2-3). They were due at Middlesbrough on Tuesday evening.

The Wiltshire club cannot be looking forward to today's game with too much optimism for, in recent times, they have found points very hard to come by here. They've picked up only one point—2-2 in 1962/63—from their last 11 League visits. Their last victory was way back in 1953/54 when they succeeded 2-0. Our complete League record against them is:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Home ...	34	20	7	7	74	37	47
Away ...	34	7	17	10	35	58	31
	68	27	24	17	109	95	78

Swindon's last visit to The Bush was for a Third Division game on September 3rd, 1966:

RANGERS (1) 3 SWINDON (1) 1
Lazarus (2) Brown
Morgan (R.) 7,900

Rangers: Springett; Watson, Hazell; Keen, Hunt, Sibley; Lazarus, Sanderson, Allen, Marsh, Morgan (R.).

Swindon: Hicks; Dawson, Trollope; Smart, Nurse, Harland; Weaver, Brown, Penman, Butler, Rogers.

The Swindon club was founded in 1881 by a clergyman. They were one of the original members of the Southern League in 1894, later winning the championship on two occasions, and it wasn't long before they won national acclaim. In 1910 they fought their way to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, defeating First Division Spurs (3-2), and two Second Division sides, Burnley (2-0) and the divisional champions-to-be Manchester City (2-0) on the way before succumbing to the reigning Football League champions, Newcastle United, 0-2 at Tottenham.

In 1911, as Southern League champions, they met Football League champions Manchester United in the F.A. Charity Shield, losing a goal feast by eight goals to four. A year later they again reached the F.A. Cup semi-final.

Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all the Southern League first division sides, in 1920. And they made a flying start to their League career, finishing in fourth place—a position they were unable to improve upon until winning promotion 43 years later!

It was during the early 'sixties that the Swindon club instilled itself with great ambitions. Players, who were to become international stars, were discovered in a region never previously renowned for its soccer talent and, in 1962/63, a highly eloquent Swindon side gained deserved promotion to the Second Division.

For a while they threatened to move further up into Division One. They led the Second Division for several weeks before their confidence mysteriously drained away. A bad spell took them well down the table; the following season they returned to Division Three. There they remained until regaining their place this year.

Next week they face the second stage in their fight to retain the League Cup. Having beaten Swansea, 3-1 away, they now travel to Oxford United.

COMPETITIONS CORNER

LUCKY LETTERS JACKPOT

The Secretary's Office has been flooded out with entries for the last Lucky Letters Jackpot and more kept coming in every post last week. The ages of our competitors ranged from 9 year old **John Barwick**, 71 Banim Street, W.6, to **Mr. Albert J. Gillham**, 33 Masfield Avenue, Southall, who is in his eightieth year. We were soundly cursed, and justifiably so, for tying so many of you up in knots by requesting, in error, 10 names instead of 12. (**Mrs. D. Robinson**, 16 Fairfield Crescent, Edgware, broke into rhyme with "trying to find five of each name, has been driving me insane. But now I know it's six of each, here's hoping the thirty is in my reach!"). On the other hand many, many of you added kind and complimentary remarks about the competitions and the magazine itself. We cannot hope to send individual replies to everybody but we thank you all and you can rest assured all of your remarks were read with interest.

To keep you in suspense no longer the winning entry that was first opened was sent in by **Mr. P. Sidney**, 47 Amundsen House, Willesden, and he should contact the Secretary to arrange payment of his prize. The 12 missing names we required are given below (and we apologise for the tricky "Albion" and "Liverpool" which could have been "Blackpool"—but we didn't want to make it too easy!). The names are as follows:—

CHELSEA, GORDON BANKS, IAN URE, HULL CITY, TERRY HENNESSEY, MARTIN PETERS, ORIENT, ALBION, IAN MORGAN, ALAN GILZEAN, SOUTHAMPTON, LIVERPOOL.

NEW LUCKY LETTERS JACKPOT

As requested by so many of you, a new Lucky Letters Jackpot will start in the next match magazine. To make it more exciting the prize money will be **Fifty Pounds** initially and will reduce by five pounds on each occasion that new letters are added. In view of the size of the prize we shall have to insist that all entries are submitted on the crossword square found in the magazine. This will sadden those competitors who have informed us that they "hate cutting up such a great programme" but the only answer seems to be for them to buy two copies if they want to retain a "mint" magazine for their collection. Also, by buying additional magazines, you may submit as many entries as you wish!

RANGERS BRAINTEASER RESULTS

Huddersfield Programme—West London Clubs League Table

One of the most popular competitions we have ever run and we would ask **Mr. D. M. Adams** of London, N.W.9, who thought it up, to let us have another one on similar lines. The first correct entry opened was from **Mr. D. Whitman**, 33 Linhope Street, N.W.1, who wins two complimentary tickets and should claim them from the Box Office. (And an Honourable Mention to **Mr. K. A. Porter** of Wormholt Road, W.12, who sent an amusing entry which also queried whether it was true that Barry Bridges was the competition's leading goal-scorer.) The correct scores in the matches played are as follows:—

Q.P.R. 2 Chelsea 1	Chelsea 2 Fulham 1	Q.P.R. 2 Fulham 0
Chelsea 0 Brentford 0	Q.P.R. 3 Brentford 0	Brentford 2 Fulham 0

We give Mr. Adams reasoning to show how it was possible to arrive at these results:—

We see at once from the table that Brentford beat Fulham and drew with Chelsea. As B score 2 goals to 0 in these games they must have won 2—0 and drawn 0—0. This disposes of Brentford and leaves three games. Now Q.P.R. had only one goal scored against them and Fulham only scored one goal. Assume Fulham's goal was against Q.P.R. in that case Chelsea did not score against Q.P.R. but Chelsea scored 3 goals therefore they must have been scored against Fulham. Fulham had 6 goals against them 2 by Brentford and 3 by Chelsea (if we assume Fulham scored v. Q.P.R.) and the remaining goal was scored by Q.P.R. but as we have assumed Fulham scored 1 goal against Q.P.R. the match would have been drawn. It was won by Q.P.R. and therefore Fulham could not have scored. Therefore the goal against Q.P.R. must have been scored by Chelsea and as they scored 3 goals the other two must have been v. Fulham who must have scored their only goal against Chelsea. Thus Q.P.R. beat Chelsea by 2—1 and Fulham by 2—0 while Chelsea beat Fulham by 2—1.

Mansfield Programme—Rangers Players

A very amusing competition, apparently, which most of you had very little trouble with. By a process of elimination it is possible to work out that goalkeeper, **Mike Kelly**, did not touch the ball for, although it states he dived brilliantly, a goal-kick followed (taken by Watson) therefore the ball must have crossed the line without Kelly touching it. A few competitors thought that the answer was "Frank Clarke". But the problem states that Ranger's kick off in the normal manner so it must be assumed that the centre-forward kicked off. An Honourable Mention to **Mr. Peter Butcher**, Farnham, Surrey, who assured us, with a straight face, that the Rangers players who had not touched the ball in this problem were "Gerry Francis, Alan Gillard, Allan Harris, Mick Leach, etc., etc." (i.e. the entire Rangers playing staff)—all right, next time we'll word the question more carefully. Anyway, we're all wrong—or so says **Mr. P. Devlin**, White City Estate, W.12, who pointed out that the correct answer was "Frank Clarke" because according to F.A. rules the game begins only after the ball has travelled forward the distance of its own circumference—therefore Frank's initial kick did not count and, for the purposes of this problem, he had not touched the ball! Very, very clever, Mr. Devlin and, in fact, too clever for us. We therefore award the two complimentary tickets to **Patrick Murray**, 6 Bowes Road, W.3, whose correct entry was the first opened.

New Rangers Brainteaser

Today's new brainteaser has been sent in by **Mr. A. J. Lewell**, Forest Gate, E.7 (his second appearance on this page and he wins a further two complimentary tickets for his idea. Mr. Lewell has sent us a series of initials which, if you look at them closely enough, are connected in some way. You have to continue the connection by giving us the next two letters in the series. (For example if we gave the series "S, M, T, W" this would stand for "Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday" and your answer should therefore be "T, F" for "Thursday, and Friday"). Send your solutions to "Rangers Brainteaser, QPR F.C., London, W.12, and the first correct entry opened will win two complimentary tickets. And the series of initials are:—

- (1) M, A, M, J, J
- (2) O, T, T, F, F
- (3) H, C, D
- (4) A, F, D, I, G
- (5) J, G, P



Ranger to Ranger

This is your club correspondence column and if you have anything to say, now's your chance to say it! Write to "Ranger to Ranger" Q.P.R. F.C., London, W.12. **SPECIAL NEW FEATURE.** If you have a spare photograph, send it along with your letter and, if we have room, we'll try to print it.

West End Road,
Ruislip, Middx.

c/o Flower Lane,
London, N.W.7.

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Congratulations to all the team on the remarkably assured win over Mansfield Town last week. Am I right in assuming that the subtle insertion of a photograph in the programme showing Rangers winning the 1967 Football League Cup Final, was a calculated attempt to braun-wash the Mansfield team?

Yours sincerely, G. V. EADES.

★ **You're not wrong, Mr. Eades, you're not wrong. All's fair in love, war and professional football!**

Mall Cottage, Chiswick Mall,
London, W.4.

Dear Sir,

I should like to come to your soccer coaching for boys. I am 11 years old and enjoy an exciting game of football. I go to St. George's School in Windsor and sing in the choir of St. George's Chapel. Twice every day we walk up 92 steps—that is my so-called training!

Yours faithfully, JAMES GOODDEN

★ **Let us know how choir singing and walking up 184 steps each days helps your football, James. If it works, we'll pass this training tip on to Les Allen.**

27 Exeter Court, Cambridge Rd.,
Kilburn, N.W.6.

Dear Sir,

Very impressed with this season's programme and it deserved the name "Best Programme In The League". Pleased to see Rangers back on form and also to see the crowd supporting the team. However, it seems that the vocal support only comes from the Loftus Road end of the ground. Surely Rangers could be supported vocally by people in other parts of the ground . . . all seasons; win or lose!

Yours truly, D. MASON.

★ **This sounds very like a challenge thrown down to the South Africa Road and School End terraces. What are you all doing—listening to your transistor radios?**

71 Shakespeare Road,
Acton, W.3.

Dear Sir,

Your new feature on the supporters page, "Twenty Years Ago" is a sure winner with older fans like myself and should also give the youngsters an idea of how we played in the old days. But why not go one better and each week print an action picture of such stars as Jefferson, Hatton, Ridyard and all the others that served Q.P.R. so well.

C. POTTS.

★ **Glad you like the feature, Mr. Potts. Unfortunately action photos of old players are now very hard to obtain (programme photos cannot be reproduced).**

Dear Sir,

As a great admirer and fan of English football I shall have always a peculiar attitude and affection for Q.P.R. and for Ranger's ground. It was last year's match v. Sunderland played on 20th of August which actually was my very last game before I got to know about the invasion of Czechoslovakia. It was also the last match I really enjoyed to the full as I did not have to think of the fate of my friends and relatives I left behind in Prague. When I came back to Czechoslovakia I, of course, kept following the English soccer and, needless to say, that I was deeply disappointed with the relegation of Q.P.R. from the First Division. When I returned to London this summer I naturally went to see Q.P.R. with Rodney Marsh about whom I had heard a lot, but whom I could not see last year because an injury prevented him from playing at the start of last season. I would like to thank all Rangers' players for an unforgettable entertainment I was given in the match against Blackpool. I would not want to diminish the efforts and the skill of the other ten "R's" players but the man who impressed me immensely was "the darling of Shepherds Bush" Rodney Marsh. I have seen plenty of great footballers in Germany, Czechoslovakia, here in this country so far but Rodney's fantastic dribbling, his all round skill and before all three brilliant goals exhilarated my "central European" heart enormously.

Yours faithfully, YAU TAUBER.
14 U Pernikárky, Prague 5,
Czechoslovakia.

★ **Very glad to hear that Rangers took your mind off the crisis in your country. We seem to have quite a few Czechoslovakian fans!**

63 St. Margarets Road,
Kensal Rise, N.W.10.

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to thank you for the cheque I received last week for £50— it was a very pleasant surprise. May I also add, that, it is very much appreciated to find that a football club pays out, so promptly, without having formalities of claiming, etc.

Yours faithfully, C. E. HOLLIS.

★ **One of our delighted winners in the Supporters Club Pools competitions. Have you bought YOUR tickets yet?**



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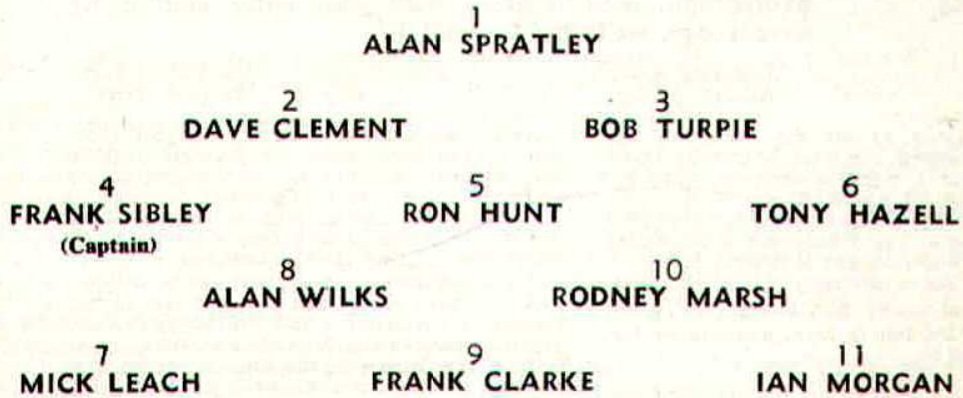
QUEENS PARK RANGERS

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Colours :
Shirts Blue & White Hoops
Shorts White

Manager : **Les Allen**
Coach : **Jim Barrett**



Referee :
Mr. R. KIRKPATRICK
(Leicester)



Linesmen :
Mr. D. M. MORGAN
(Red Flag)
Mr. J. H. CHAMBERLAIN
(Yellow Flag)



Manager: **Fred Ford**
Coach: **Maurice Owen**

Colours:
Red Shirts
White Shorts

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RESULT — Q.P.R.

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