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## BUSH TELEGRAPH

### NOT A LOCAL DERBY

Next Saturday over 9,000 of us will be setting off for the Baseball Ground to see what should be one of the most exciting clashes in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup—our match against Derby County. Following their success against Tottenham Hotspur, Derby decided to make the game all-ticket and our allocation of the terrace tickets will be on sale as you leave the stadium today. The sales points will be the South Africa Road Box Office; the Loftus Road entrance; and the Ellerslie Road School End entrance. Supporters Club members may obtain a special allocation from the Pools Office in South Africa Road. Don't rush—we have enough tickets for all who wish to go.

A Rangers Rocket express will be running once again for this trip and full details are given on page 14. This Rangers Rocket is bound to be a complete sell-out on this occasion but those who are disappointed may like to know that British Rail will be running one or two special trains to Derby for this match. Once you get to the Baseball Ground, don't forget that you're there in order to cheer the team on—9,000 versions of the Rangers Roar should easily silence 28,000 Derby voices!

### REPLAY NOTICE

In the event of a draw against Derby, the replay will take place at this ground on Tuesday 27th February (K.O. 7.30 p.m.). This replay would **not** be all-ticket but we would certainly expect a near capacity gate for such a game. Gates would open at 5.30 p.m. and we would advise you to come as early as possible. Terrace spectators would be strongly requested **not to block the entrances** but move farther along the terrace as soon as they enter.

### SEASON TICKETS

A good run in the League and the Cup has brought the club the usual sequel—we are selling season tickets practically non-stop and our total is currently the best since we were in the First Division. If you are contemplating buying a season ticket we do advise you to do so immediately before the last of the best seats disappear. We have a couple of hundred very good seating locations left in South Africa Road and Ellerslie Road Stands—but we are selling at the rate of about 20 a day. Prices are £6 and £4.50 after today's game.

### ALL THE ACTION AT OXFORD

The F.A. Cup Tie at Oxford United. John Brough's photographs show Terry Mancini, Tony Hazell and Don Givens tangling with Oxford's Dave Roberts and Nigel Cassidy









**MICHAEL  
WALE'S**



**RANGERS  
REPORT**

**Another article in our series from the top columnist**

## **Terry Venables**

Today is the first time in seven games that Terry Venables has been available for first team selection. On Tuesday night it was typical of the man whose presence, or absence, in the past has, in my opinion, had a major effect upon Rangers results that he told me: "I am fully fit again, but I haven't been selected yet". In other words he expected to fight for his place like anyone else.

Terry has missed four league games and the Cup games with Barnet (twice) and Oxford, as a result of being injured first at Sheffield Wednesday and then Middlesbrough. At Middlesbrough he couldn't come off because Stan Bowles had already left the field in the 22nd minute. I think we all trembled inwardly when we knew that first Terry and then Phil Parkes would be missing for more than one game. But as Terry says: "If you're going into the First Division you must have players who can come in and do a first team job. Millwall nearly went up last season with almost 12 players. They didn't seem to have much depth, and they used the same team nearly all the time. If they'd been in trouble we've been in this season I don't know what they'd have done".

During his absence his place has been very well filled by John Delve, who is still only nineteen-years-old, which bodes well for the future. Yet true to his generosity Terry has helped John as much as he can: "Yes, I spoke to John Delve and pointed out this and that, but in the end he delivered himself, he did the job. Of course before I was injured we played at Luton together. It's an important function to be a mid-field player, and he took to it straightaway".

Yet although the Rangers team averages under 23-years-old it is 'knowledge' that is the most valuable factor, especially as the First Division becomes just more than a hope. To watch Terry Venables is to see someone 'read' a game, talking those around him into the right situations, bringing his past knowledge with Chelsea and Tottenham to bear on a game.

In fact he was back at Tottenham the other night to watch that epic 5-3 fight back by Derby. The team Rangers will now meet in the next round. "Obviously I'd have preferred us to be meeting Tottenham", he says, "But Derby will be great opposition, and give us a taste of what to expect if we go up".

What chances promotion? That is the question every one asks. It is also the question no-one dare answer partly because of tempting the fates. Terry says: "The chances are very good, but it won't take care of itself. The run-in is the hardest part, but if we sustain the sort of form we've been showing we've got a good chance. The important game will be Aston Villa. I think that will be harder than the Burnley game. Although

Burnley wanted to win, they could afford to lose without it having any great effect on their chances. For Villa it will be make or break. If they win they will stand a helluva good chance of going up, but if they lose that could be the end of their chances."

We went on to talk about today's game. There is an ironic twist in the fact that Swindon should be managed by Les Allen, a skilful member of Rangers last promotion winning team. It was also after losing to Swindon in a cup game that he left the club. I remember him more vividly as player than manager, especially in Rangers thrilling fight back in the First Division against West Ham at Upton Park. Personally I think he gave up playing too soon, but only he knows the accurate answer to that. He was certainly a player of great grace and thoughtfulness, and Terry points out that Swindon's results have improved since Les went there as manager: "They are in this low position because of a bad run of results at the start of the season. They're not a bad side at all".

As for Rangers improvement this season Terry says: "The players added to our squad have been of a high standard. It's put us up a grade. I think you go up in stages. We needed two or three players, the club bought well and it's made us a better all round side".

Of those new players we talked about, of course, Don Givens, a player who seems incapable of not scoring. Terry looks at him from a player's point of view: "As soon as I saw him at the beginning of the season I knew he was good. I love to see sharp players. He is so quick. He goes in between two men a bit like Francis Lee. He has everything".

And lastly it is worth remembering that it is almost a year ago exactly that Rodney Marsh left Shepherds Bush. I talked with Rodney after Manchester City's game last week at Tottenham. He scored one and made another. For the record he thinks Rangers will go up, he also thinks Manchester City are ripe to win something. Looking back Terry reflects: "I think Rodney suppressed other personalities in the side without meaning to. If Mickey Leach scored then it always came out that Rodney made it. Other players have now got their own personalities". Looking back it was a deal that has been both successful for Rodney, successful for both clubs and successful for the Rangers team. How often can that be said?

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**Club Captain**  
**TERRY VENABLES**



**DIDN'T WE DO WELL!**  
Mutual congratulations after scoring that  
priceless goal against Burnley

## QPR APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

(FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS REPRESENT GOALS SCORED)

FIRST TEAM (Div. II & FL Cup, FA Cup)	RESERVE TEAM (Football Combination)	JUNIOR TEAM (S.E.C. League)
Up to Sat., 10th Feb., '73	Up to Sat., 10th Feb., '73	Up to Sat., 10th Feb., '73
Hazell ..... 33	Spratley ..... 24	Tagg ..... 26 (2)
Francois ..... 32 (5)	Seary ..... 23	Sanders ..... 25 (3)
Givens ..... 32 (21)	Abbott ..... 21 (13)	Wilson (L.) ..... 25 (3)
Clement ..... 31 (2)	Mayes ..... 21 (6)	Calder ..... 24
Parkes ..... 31	Beck ..... 20 (2)	French ..... 24 (7)
Bowles ..... 27 (9)	Everest ..... 20	Spencer ..... 24 (1)
Leach ..... 27 (8)	Ferguson ..... 20 (2)	Hewson ..... 22 (5)
Watson ..... 25	Delve ..... 19	Kempton ..... 21 (1)
Venables ..... 25	Gillard ..... 18	Oliver ..... 21 (3)
Evans ..... 19 (1)	Salvage ..... 16 (7)	Barker ..... 15
Thomas ..... 18 (2)	McGovern ..... 15 (1)	Williams ..... 15
Mancini ..... 14 (1)	Mancini ..... 14	Wilson (K.) ..... 11 (9)
Busby ..... 13 (3)	Hunt ..... 12	Roots ..... 9 (1)
O'Rourke ..... 9 (3)	Morgan ..... 12	Weale ..... 6
Gillard ..... 8	Williams ..... 11	Fitzpatrick ..... 4
Delve ..... 7	O'Rourke ..... 9 (8)	O'Connor ..... 4
McCulloch ..... 7 (1)	Kempton ..... 7	Cocks ..... 3
Ferguson ..... 4	Roots ..... 5	Knife ..... 3
Salvage ..... 4	McCulloch ..... 4	Sorenson ..... 2
Hunt ..... 3	Evans ..... 3	Huckle ..... 1
Morgan ..... 2	French ..... 3	Mason ..... 1
Spratley ..... 2	Watson ..... 3 (1)	
Beck ..... 1	Calder ..... 2	
	Spencer ..... 2	
	Parkes ..... 2	
	Leach ..... 1	
	Sanders ..... 1	
	Thomas ..... 1	
	Venables ..... 1	





## IN THE MANAGER'S VIEW...

MANAGER GORDON JAGO gives his comments on current events on and off the pitch

### **THEY USED TO PLAY ON GRASS**

Is the title of an excellent novel of soccer in the future written by our Club Captain Terry Venables and Gordon Williams.

It tells of how every club in the First Division has installed the new all weather plastic turf, bright green and indestructible. "The old pitches had been sold off at twenty shillings a square foot, people had formed queues to buy a slice of sentimental sod and all over the country supporters were tending these precious roots of grass, in gardens and tiny backyards keeping alive some golden memory of the past when the studs of the great had skimmed over those very blades, growing remnants of a pitch which had once been sacred."

Fiction yes—far-fetched, in my opinion I do not think so.

Already, throughout the United States, artificial surfaces have been installed in many of their stadiums. Professional American Football and Baseball games are being played on such surfaces with great success, and postponements of football games on these surfaces are unknown. Snow is simply brushed off, ice can be cracked and dealt with in the same manner, whilst water is vacuumed away.

If adopted in this country we would no longer see games reduced to farce, due to ankle deep mud or a surface more suited to skating boots than football boots. I know that tradition in this country dies hard and the adoption of something so radical will be opposed on a principle of "why should we change, our grounds have always been satisfactory and anyway the adapting to the mud and ice is part of our game and makes it what it is."

West Ham United whilst on tour in the United States in 1969 had the opportunity of playing on artificial surfaces and, following a game against Dundee on a Tartan surface at Portland Oregon, Ron Greenwood stated that "Everything they are doing is perfect. It is so easy to do everything perfectly. The players themselves say its just sheer joy to play on. It's so true—like velvet really."

Bobby Moore commented "When you

get a perfect surface like this I think it would make everyone far better players" and Geoff Hurst said "That surface is probably the best I've ever played on."

When a Manager and players of that calibre and with such experience make such statements then I feel that we should at least look into the possibility of such a product. I am certain that there may still be problems with artificial turf but I sincerely hope that in the immediate future the F.A. and the F.L. will set up a committee comprised of experts to investigate every aspect of artificial surfaces.

If such a committee's report was favourable then immediately one would hear the cry "it's too expensive, we cannot afford it". At present for one club to approach the manufacturers for a Tartan surface, the cost would be in the region of £100,000. Way out of reach for almost every club but if the League acting on behalf of all its 92 members, made a bulk order for every League ground plus a guarantee of any new club coming into the League being immediately equipped, then that price would be halved at least.

When one considers the amount of money each club spends each year on its field and only two weeks ago a Chairman of a First Division club in the Midlands stated that they had received an estimate of £28,000 to renew their soil and correct their field, then surely we may be able to save money over long periods.

An artificial turf will give us a true surface, the possibility of no postponement and, above all, we can then use our stadiums for almost any event we wish any day of the week, commercial or otherwise, without damage to our field. More revenue can be gained and a financial loan arrangement with the F.L. or F.A. for the initial cost of installation could be repaid with monies gained from new found entertainments or activities.

"They used to play on Grass" is at present the title of a book but I hope that one day in the near future that expression will become a reality.



**By  
TONY  
PULLEIN**



# UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

A detailed Examination of the past record of today's visitors

A run of seven League games without a win has halted Swindon's rapid rise up the table, inspired by new manager Les Allen who took over when Dave Mackay left for Nottingham Forest. So the Robins once again find themselves caught up in the relegation battle.

It is good to see Mr. Allen back in the driving seat again following a spell as coach to Swindon. He gave us fine service as a player towards the end of his career and then took over as manager. There were no hard feelings when he left us—he simply found it difficult managing players with whom he had played. So welcome back to the Bush Les!

It is possible, of course, that Swindon are now beginning to feel the loss of England under-23 winger Ron Rogers who, after playing his 400th League game for the club, was transferred to Crystal Palace for £140,000 a few weeks ago even though £50,000 of the Rogers fee was quickly re-invested in Southampton's unsettled left-winger Tom Jenkins.

Swindon have not traditionally been great operators in the transfer market yet they have twice broken their club record fees in the past few months. A new record high was set when they paid Charlton £35,000 for Republic of Ireland international Ray Treacy in the summer and this in turn was beaten by the Jenkins transfer.

Swindon Town are one of the modern breed of ambitious clubs, trying desperately to break away from their old image. For years they were no more than an ordinary Third Division club, quite content to drift on aimlessly from year to year. Today Swindon want it known that

their declared intention is a place in the First Division.

The real turning point for Swindon came one March day in 1969 when they outplayed Arsenal at Wembley to win the League Cup.

At the end of that season, Swindon were promoted to Division Two. And, with those Wembley memories burning bright, the directors planned ground improvements in preparation for the day when First Division status is achieved. Part of these plans reached maturity last season with the completion of a new grandstand.

Founded in 1881, Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all the other Southern League first division sides, in 1920.

It was in 1963 that Swindon first broke out of the Third Division, with a star-studded young team assembled by manager Bert Head. They made a brilliant start to their Second Division career, heading the table for several weeks. Alas, they could not maintain the pace and, within two years they were relegated.

Danny Williams, who was responsible for the Wembley side, Fred Ford and Dave Mackay have since followed as Swindon managers and now Les Allen is in charge.

Though results haven't been running too well for Swindon in the League, they defeated First Division Birmingham City quite easily by two clear goals in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

Like us, they have been suffering a lot through injuries and, in his search for a settled team, Mr. Allen has called upon 20 players for first-team duty so far.

## Our Visitors' record this season

### HOME

Q.P.R.	2-2	Brighton	2-2
Bristol City	2-1	Huddersfield	1-1
Sheff. Wednesday	1-0	Orient	3-1
Derby (LC)	0-1	Fulham	2-2
Blackpool	0-0	Birm'gham (FAC)	2-0
Portsmouth	1-1	Sunderland	1-1
Luton	0-2	Aston Villa	1-3
Preston	3-2		

### AWAY

Sheff. Wednesday	1-2	Luton	1-0
Carlisle	0-3	Middlesbrough	2-0
Sunderland	2-3	Millwall	1-1
Aston Villa	1-2	Oxford	0-1
Huddersfield	1-1	Portsmouth	1-1
Hull	2-3	Bristol City	0-3
Burnley	1-2	Blackpool	0-2
Nottm. Forest	2-2	W.B.A. (FAC)	0-2



**JIMMY ALLAN** (Goalkeeper)

A Swindon discovery, Jimmy was promoted to the first-team for a few games last season and has recently been called up again to replace Peter Downsborough. **League record: Swindon 19 aps.**

**JOE BUTLER** (Midfield)

Joe, who was signed from Newcastle in 1965, has played in several positions for Swindon, proving one of their most valuable players over the years. He is one of seven survivors of that wonderful occasion at Wembley in 1969 when Swindon crushed Arsenal 3-1 in the League Cup final. **League record: Newcastle 3 aps.; Swindon 264(2) aps., 13 gls.**

**ROD THOMAS** (Defender)

A Welsh full and under-23 international, Rod has been Swindon's right-back for the past six years. He joined them from Gloucester City. He now has 25 full Welsh caps. **League record: Swindon 269 aps., 4 gls.**

**FRANK BURROWS** (Defender)

Frank first entered English football with Scunthorpe in 1965 after serving Raith Rovers. Swindon signed him in 1968 and only injuries have since kept him out of the side. **League record: Raith Rovers (not known); Scunthorpe 106 aps., 4 gls.; Swindon 178 aps., 5 gls.**

**RON POTTER** (Defender)

Ron took over Dave Mackay's role in the back four, playing dual centre-half with Frank Burrows. A former West Bromwich apprentice, he made his League debut for them in 1968/69 and transferred to Swindon two seasons ago. **League record: West Bromwich Albion 8(1) aps.; Swindon 34 aps.**

**JOHN TROLLOPE** (Defender)

John has been on parade—apart from a short injury absence—continually for 12 seasons. He completed 500 League appearances last term and in one unbroken run he played 368 consecutive games for the club. **League record: Swindon 528(1) aps., 16 gls.**

## SWINDON TO



Back row (left to right): T. Tinson, N. J. Tr D. Dangerfield, D. Moss. Middle row (left M. Owen (Trainer), K. Stroud, J. Butler, P T. Jenkins, P. Noble, C. Porter, L. Allen (T R. Bunkell, R. Smart, R. Howell, R. Thon

**ROGER SMART** (Midfield)

Another of Swindon's Wembley survivors, Roger came through the club's junior network to make his League debut in 1961/62. He hasn't been holding a regular place this season but hopes to be in the team today. **League record: Swindon 337 (6) aps., 42 gls.**



### **RAY BUNKELL (Midfield)**

Though Ray won England youth honours when he was with Spurs, he didn't get a game in their League team. But he satisfied his ambition for League soccer soon after joining Swindon in 1971. **League record: Swindon 41(3) aps., 2 gls.**

### **DAVID MOSS (Midfield)**

Another Swindon discovery. David turned professional with the club in 1969 and made his first League appearance against Hull City in January 1971. After several appearances as substitute this season, he has now come more fully into team affairs. **League record: Swindon 6 (7) aps., 1 gl.**

# OWN

**PEN PICTURES BY  
TONY PULLEIN**



**J. Trollope, R. Potter, T. Hubbard, P. Syrett,**  
(left to right): **K. Morris (Physiotherapist),**  
**ler, P. Peterson, J. Allan, P. Downsborough,**  
**en (Team Manager). Front row (left to right):**  
**Thomas, R. Treacy, S. Peplow, F. Burrows**

### **RAY TREACEY (Striker)**

With nine goals, Ray is now Swindon's joint leading scorer. He began his League career with West Bromwich, moved to Charlton in 1968 and last season was their top scorer with 19 goals. A Republic of Ireland international, Ray cost Swindon £35,000. **League record: West Bromwich Albion 2(1) aps., 1 gl.; Charlton 144(5) aps., 43 gls.; Swindon 26 aps., 8 gls.**

### **PETER NOBLE (Striker)**

A £10,000 fee secured Peter's transfer from Newcastle in 1968 and he has been a persistent scorer for them since, never failing to reach double figures in a completed season. He was top scorer with 14 goals last season. **League record: Newcastle 22(3) aps., 7 gls.; Swindon 198(4) aps., 61 gls.**

### **STEVE PELOW (Striker)**

Steve has netted seven times — all of them, in fact, vital ones which clinched at least a point. Steve left Liverpool two years ago after getting only a couple of League games for the Reds. **League record: Liverpool 2 aps.; Swindon 37(3) aps., 11 gls.**

### **TOM JENKINS (Midfield)**

Swindon paid a club record £50,000 fee to Southampton for Tom this season. Once discarded by West Ham and Orient, Tom made his League come-back with Reading in 1969. Within weeks he was the subject of £60,000 transfer to Southampton. **League record: Orient 1 ap.; Reading 21 aps., 5 gls.; Southampton 84 aps., 4 gls.; Swindon 6(1) aps.**

### **CHRIS PORTER (Striker)**

Chris joined Swindon from Bridgwater Town and has made several appearances in the first-team over the past couple of seasons. He had not played this term, though, until recently being included as substitute. **League record: Swindon 25(2) aps., 4 gls.**



# IT'S A RECORD!

## THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

### GROUND

### DATE

### ATTENDANCE

### PLAYING CONDITIONS

### FIXTURE DETAILS

### TEAMS

### GOALS

### RESULT

### RANGERS REPORT

### AND THE PRESS SAID . . . .

#### OXFORD UNITED

Manor Ground

Saturday, 3rd February, 1973  
(K.O. 3 p.m.)

16057

Pitch firm and springy  
Sunny afternoon

F.A. Challenge Cup  
(Fourth Round)

**QPR**  
(2nd in Div. II)

Spratley  
Clement Watson  
Delve Mancini  
Hazell Thomas  
Francis Leach  
Bowles Givens  
(Hunt substituted for  
Hazell in  
80th minute)

Clement  
Givens

(2) 2

**OXFORD**  
(7th in Div. II)

Burton  
Lucas Shuker  
Roberts C. Clarke  
Evanston Gough  
Fleming Cassidy  
Curran Skeen

(0) 0

Rangers won with almost non-chalant ease — although Alan Spratley had to be pull off a couple of sensational saves.

This was a win conjured straight out of the Gordon Jago manager-ship manual — the chapter subtitled "How professional can you get?" Rangers smacked in two goals in the first half and then closed up the game so tightly that Oxford will find getting in to Wembley with forged Cup Final tickets a darn sight easier than cracking this defence. And when it was all over and Rangers were in the fifth round for only the second time in 25 years, Jago coolly said: "Of course I'm pleased about winning this game, for the sake of the fans. But I'm more pleased for myself, because this result will give us a great boost when we come back here for a League match in April." Rangers did it all so clinically, even though Oxford had gone five games at the Manor Ground without conceding a goal. This one had barely started when Rangers, who took off like a flight of Boeings, were in front. A six-man move ended when Clement, coming up on the blind side, screamed to Bowles: "Leave it" before thundering a Thomas cross. Nobody would blame Burton for that one, but he was sadly at fault with the second goal when Givens squeezed the ball just inside a post. ("Sunday People".)

#### HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Home

Tuesday, 6th February, 1973  
(K.O. 7.30 p.m.)

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Pitch very heavy

Football League—Div. II  
(14th home game—7 to play)

**QPR**  
(2nd in Div. II)

Parkes  
Clement Watson  
Delve Mancini  
Hunt Thomas  
Francis Leach  
Bowles Givens

Givens (2)  
Thomas

(2) 3

**HUDDERSF'D**  
(20th in Div. II)

Poole  
Clarke D. Smith  
S. Smith Lyon  
Nicholson Hoy  
Barry Gowling  
Summerill  
Chapman  
(Dungworth substituted for  
Nicholson in  
70th minute)

Gowling

(0) 1

Rangers looked a little tired after their Oxford cup-tie and Huddersfield had the worst of luck—but the result was never in doubt.

Don Givens added two more to his growing goal tally to push Rangers a step nearer the First Division. Rangers are now one point behind Second Division leaders Burnley, and have opened up a five-point lead on third-placed Aston Villa. And Givens—the division's leading scorer—has now netted 22 times since his bargain £38,000 move from Luton during the summer. Huddersfield are pushed into even deeper relegation trouble, and they are in real danger of going down for the second successive season. Rangers were unquestionably the better side—yet they will be the first to admit they got most of the breaks. Phil Parkes—back in goal after a two match absence—made brilliant saves from Alan Gowling, Steve Smith and Jimmy Nicholson and Rangers' defenders Ron Hunt and Ian Watson cleared off the line, and Bobby Hoy hit a post. Givens gave Rangers the lead after four minutes, rounding 'keeper Terry Poole to put the finishing touch to a flowing move. He was on the spot again to head through a Gerry Francis cross after twenty-two minutes, and set up the third for Dave Thomas. Then Gowling scored within sixty seconds, and two minutes later Hoy hit a post. (Jack Steggles, "Daily Mirror".)



# COMPETITION RESULTS

The results of the three competitions in our Burnley programme appear below and on page fourteen. Congratulations on such a huge entry—and many thanks for all the kind remarks so many of you sent with your letters.

## SOCCALETTAGRAM No. 7

The hidden phrase was "Don't be shy—let's hear some more of that once world famous Rangers roar". (Some of you took us to task for this and pointed out that the Rangers roar is still world famous. Brian Peacock probably inserted that "once" in order to make his lines scan). The first correct entry opened came from Mr. M. Hicks, 77a Wornington Road, North Kensington, who should collect his prize of two complimentary tickets from the Box Office.

## AWAY TRAVEL COMPETITION

The photos of the grounds we showed you were (A) Charlton Athletic, (B) Preston North End, (C) Watford, (D) Wembley, (E) and (F) Sheffield Wednesday, (G) Bristol City. Many of you had trouble with Watford but nobody got Wembley wrong! The first correct entry opened came from Neil Stevens, 64 Evelyn Avenue, Ruislip, Middx., who should collect his first prize of an autographed ball from the Box Office. Mrs. Sandra Sweetnam, 17 Eton Rd., Datchet, Slough, should collect her runner-up prize of two complimentary tickets from the Box Office.

## DELIBERATE MISTAKE COMPETITION

This is always such a popular competition that many competitors wonder why we don't run it more often. The reason is that you all find so many unintentional 'deliberate mistakes' that it's bad for our editorial ego. This time (thanks to a sudden eruption of gremlins in the works) you've excelled yourselves. We have been bombarded with lists of mistakes so varied and numerous (and all quite justified) that we are currently contemplating emigration. Well, none of these extra mistakes was our deliberate mistake so they don't qualify for a prize. However, we'll list as many as possible for you in order to give you the satisfaction of seeing your names in the programme at least.

George Beevor, Croydon, pointed out that our Rangers Newsdesk account of the away game at Brighton omits to show that one of Don Givens' goals was a penalty (\* Quite true, George—we've now corrected this). Mr. P. A. Colfer, Shepherds Bush (and many others), states that the attendance for the away game at Barnet is shown as 13,627 in Rangers Newsdesk but as 13,626 in "It's A Record!" (\* 13,627 is correct. Blast those gremlins!) Miss K. Hughes, Shepherds Bush (plus a large following) said that the finals of the West London Schoolboy Penalty Competition are shown by us as April 24th when we play Luton Town, but this should be April 14th. (\* Yes, April 14th is the correct date). David Morrison (aged 14), Iver Heath, Bucks, tells us that we printed the address of the car club winners as Glaised Way, Iver Heath, whereas he knows it should be Glaisyer Way, Iver Heath. (\* Well, this would have been a rather unfair deliberate mistake for spectators from, say, Amsterdam). Oliver McNamee, Wembley, noticed that the physiotherapist in the Burnley team photo had an arm missing. (\* Sorry about that, Oliver). J. Neville, Teddington, was the first of a vast army of readers to tell us that the date of our Football Combination game against Tottenham Hotspur was 20th January and not 20th December. (\* Gremlins, gremlins, gremlins). Colin Large, Bedford, Middx., spotted the fact that we have happily been calling "League Football" magazine on our front cover by its former name of "Football League Review". (\* Ouch! Thanks for that one, Colin—we would be most unpopular with the Football League if we didn't alter it). Andrew and Donald Darke, Ealing, list all sorts of errors thus, they say, proving that our statement "our printer never makes printing errors" is untrue and so this is the deliberate mistake. (\* Beautifully logical but most unkind of you, Andrew and Donald!).

Competition results continued on page 14

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE SOMEWHERE?

DEREK BUXTON reviews previous clashes between Rangers and today's opponents

## SWINDON TOWN

QPR certainly have met Swindon Town before, in fact they have met Swindon more times than any other club.

Today's meeting will be the 113th time that the teams have met, 110 times in league matches and three times in cup games—spanning a period of 73 years.

The next highest number of games that QPR played against any one club are 106 (v. Watford), 96 (v. Reading) and 93 (v. Bristol Rovers).

It is now 19 years since Swindon last won at Loftus Road in a league match. Their last league victory was on 16th January 1954, when they won 2-0.

Since then, in the 14 league games played at Loftus Road, QPR have on 13 and one has been drawn, and QPR have scored 39 goals to Swindon's 12. In fact, since 1932, Swindon have only won twice in 25 visits—and the only times that they failed to stop QPR scoring was when they won the two matches 2-0 in 1947 and 1954.

Like Hull City, the figure 1 seems to be an unlucky one for Swindon. They have scored a single goal on 11 visits to QPR's grounds since 1934—and have never won.

Swindon spoilt QPR's good home record against them in 1971, when they won 2-1 in the third round of the cup. They have in fact, won all the three cup matches 2-1 (1908, 1937 and 1971).

However, QPR have an equally poor record at Swindon. QPR have not won there since 1956—they have drawn six and lost seven of their last 13 visits. By scoring two goals there this season, in the 2-2 draw, QPR scored more than one goal at Swindon in a match for the first time since 1953, and in spite of scoring these two goals have only scored eight goals there in the last 16 games.

For those who like seeing plenty of goals scored, they should have been around when the sides met for the first four times. All the four games were played in 1900—and 26 goals were scored. Swindon won the first two games, 5-3 and 4-0, QPR won 7-1, and finally Swindon won 4-2.

The highest score for a match is 8-3. Swindon won 8-3 on their ground in 1908, and QPR returned the compliment in 1930 when they won at Loftus Road.



# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

## 1972 - 1973

1972	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
	Sat. Aug. 12	Swindon Town	Away	2—2	Busby, Leach	14,170
	Sat. " 19	<b>SHEFFIELD WED.</b>	Home	4—2	Francis, O'Rourke, Givens, Leach	12,977
	Sat. " 26	Preston North End	Away	1—1	O'Rourke	9,242
	Sat. Sept. 2	<b>MIDDLESBROUGH</b>	Home	2—2	Givens, O'Rourke	10,601
	Wed. " 6	W.B.A. (k.o. 7.30 p.m.)	Away	1—2	Givens	8,282
	Sat. " 9	Burnley	Away	1—1	Busby	10,798
	Sat. " 16	<b>NOTTINGH'M FOREST</b>	Home	3—0	Givens, Bowles, McCulloch	12,528
	Tues. " 19	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	Home	1—1	Francis	11,586
	Sat. " 23	Orient	Away	2—2	Leach, Bowles	9,492
	Tues. " 26	Hull City	Away	1—4	Givens	8,289
	Sat. " 30	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	Home	3—0	Givens 2 (1 pen), Bowles	11,182
	Sat. Oct. 7	<b>CARLISLE UNITED</b>	Home	4—0	Francis, Leach, Evans, Busby	11,755
	Sat. " 14	Aston Villa	Away	1—0	Francis	34,045
	Tues. " 17	Fulham (k.o. 7.30)	Away	2—0	Bowles, Givens	20,614
	Sat. " 21	<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	Home	3—2	Givens, Bowles 2	17,356
	Sat. " 28	Blackpool	Away	0—2		14,160
	Sat. Nov. 4	<b>HULL CITY</b>	Home	1—1	Bowles	13,619
	Sat. " 11	Bristol City	Away	2—1	Givens 2	12,570
	Sat. " 18	<b>MILLWALL</b>	Home	1—3	Bowles	15,857
	Sat. " 25	Portsmouth	Away	1—0	Givens	8,460
	Sat. Dec. 2	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	Home	0—0		9,790
	Sat. " 9	Luton Town	Away	2—2	Givens, Clement	13,670
	Sat. " 23	Brighton & Hove A.	Away	2—1	Givens 2 (1 pen)	13,735
	Tues. " 26	<b>ORIENT</b> (K.O. 3 p.m.)	Home	3—1	Leach, Givens (pen), Thomas	15,062
	Sat. " 30	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	1—3	Leach	20,185
	Sat. Jan. 6	<b>PRESTON N.E.</b>	Home	3—0	Givens 2, Francis	10,519
	Sat. " 13	<b>BARNET</b> (FAC 3)	Home	0—0		13,627
	Tues. " 16	Barnet (FAC 3 Replay)	Away	3—0	Leach, Bowles, Mancini	10,919
	Sat. " 20	Middlesbrough	Away	0—0		8,398
	Sat. " 27	<b>BURNLEY</b>	Home	2—0	Leach, Givens	22,518
	Sat. Feb. 3	Oxford United (FAC 4)	Away	2—0	Clement, Givens	16,057
	Tues. " 6	<b>HUDDERSF'LD TOWN</b> (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)	Home	3—1	Givens (2), Thomas	13,539
	Sat. " 10	Nottingham Forest	Away	0—0		11,617
	Sat. " 17	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	Home			
	Sat. " 24	Derby County (FAC 5)	Away			
	Sat. Mar. 3	Carlisle United	Away			
	Tues. " 6	Huddersfield Town (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)	Away			
	Sat. " 10	<b>ASTON VILLA</b>	Home			
	Sat. " 17	Sunderland (6)	Away			
	Sat. " 24	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	Home			
	Sat. " 31	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	Home			
	Sat. Apr. 7	Oxford United (SF)	Away			
	Sat. " 14	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	Home			
	Wed. " 18	Cardiff City	Away			
	Sat. " 21	Millwall	Away			
	Tues. " 24	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE A.</b> (K.O. 7.30 p.m.)	Home			
	Sat. " 28	<b>FULHAM</b>	Home			

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(Up to Monday, 12th February, 1973)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich Town	29	19	6	4	62	19	44
Arsenal	28	17	6	5	59	25	40
Tottenham Hotspur	27	13	12	2	47	22	38
Birmingham City	28	15	5	8	47	30	35
Chelsea	28	13	8	7	28	23	34
Cardiff City	27	13	6	8	38	32	32
<b>Q.P.R.</b>	26	13	5	8	42	28	31
Oxford United	27	10	11	6	36	27	31
Crystal Palace	26	13	3	10	37	32	29
Fulham	29	9	10	10	31	25	28
Bristol City	27	10	7	10	33	38	27
Bristol Rovers	28	11	4	13	41	37	26
Southampton	30	10	5	15	42	50	25
Swindon Town	29	8	6	15	34	48	22
Norwich City	29	7	8	14	30	43	22
Leicester City	25	7	6	12	24	42	20
Reading	26	8	4	14	26	49	20
Swansea City	25	8	3	14	41	57	19
Plymouth Argyle	26	6	6	14	24	46	18
A.F.C. Bournemouth	23	5	6	12	21	31	16
West Ham United	27	4	5	18	13	52	13



# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II up to and including 10th Feb. '73

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	Goals			W	D	L	Goals		Pts.
				F	A					F	A	
28	8	5	1	29	15	Burnley .....	7	6	1	20	12	41
29	9	4	1	33	13	<b>QUEENS PARK RANGERS</b> ...	5	7	3	18	19	39
28	8	4	3	17	11	Aston Villa .....	5	5	3	18	17	35
28	8	4	2	26	12	Fulham .....	3	6	5	18	20	32
29	7	4	3	24	12	Blackpool .....	5	4	6	28	23	32
28	4	7	4	29	18	Luton Town .....	8	1	4	15	13	32
30	8	4	3	16	11	Middlesbrough .....	3	6	6	12	20	32
29	10	1	3	24	10	Oxford United .....	3	4	8	11	19	31
29	9	2	3	29	16	Sheffield Wednesday .....	2	6	7	16	24	30
28	7	6	2	32	16	Hull City .....	2	4	7	11	21	28
29	8	3	3	21	11	Millwall .....	2	4	9	17	23	27
28	3	6	4	14	13	Bristol City .....	6	3	6	21	24	27
28	7	5	2	20	12	Nottingham Forest .....	2	4	8	11	22	27
29	5	4	5	14	18	Preston North End .....	5	3	7	14	26	27
28	4	4	7	14	18	Portsmouth .....	5	4	4	19	15	26
27	8	3	3	33	16	Carlisle United .....	1	4	8	7	17	25
25	5	5	2	18	10	Sunderland .....	2	4	7	15	24	23
28	4	7	2	19	18	<b>Swindon Town</b> .....	2	4	9	15	26	23
28	5	5	4	15	13	Orient .....	1	6	7	11	21	23
29	5	6	4	14	14	Huddersfield Town .....	1	5	8	11	23	23
26	9	1	4	23	14	Cardiff City .....	0	3	9	7	25	22
29	2	6	6	19	25	Brighton & Hove Albion .....	1	3	11	11	40	15

Today's match ball has been kindly donated by BRENTSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1972-73

Tues Aug.	15	Bristol City	0-0
Sat.	19	Leicester City	1-1
Wed.	23	Oxford United	0-1
Sat.	26	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	2-0
Tues.	29	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	2-0
Sat. Sept.	2	Tottenham Hotspur	0-4
Tues.	5	<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	2-2
Tues.	12	Bristol Rovers	1-1
Sat.	16	Birmingham City	1-2
Sat.	23	<b>READING</b>	3-0
Sat.	30	Swindon Town	0-1
Tues. Oct.	3	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b> 2.30 pm	1-3
Sat.	14	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	1-0
Tues.	17	Swansea City 2.30 p.m.	1-3
Sat.	21	West Ham United	0-1
Sat.	28	<b>ARSENAL</b>	4-2
Tues.	31	<b>OXFORD UTD.</b> (2.30 pm)	3-1
Sat. Nov.	4	Cardiff City 5 pm	1-0
Sat.	11	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	3-2
Sat. Dec.	2	Ipswich Town	2-2
Sat.	16	Norwich City	3-0
Sat.	23	<b>CHELSEA</b>	3-1
Sat.	30	<b>LEICESTER CITY</b>	2-1
Sat. Jan.	6	Southampton	2-0
Sat.	13	F.A. Cup (3)	
Sat.	20	<b>TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR</b>	1-0
Sat. Feb.	10	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	1-2
Wed.	14	Reading	0-1
Sat.	24	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	Home
Tues.	27	<b>SWANSEA CITY</b> 2.30 pm	Home
Sat. Mar.	3	League Cup Final	
Sat.	10	Plymouth Argyle	Away
Tues.	13	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b> 2.30 pm	Home
Sat.	17	<b>WEST HAM UNITED</b>	Home
Tues.	20	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b> 2.30 pm	Home
Tues.	27	Chelsea 2.30 pm	Away
Sat.	24	Arsenal	Away
Sat.	31	Bournemouth	Away
Sat. Apr.	7	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	Home
Tues.	10	Fulham 2.30 pm	Away
Tues.	17	<b>FULHAM</b> 2.30 pm	Home
Sat.	28	Crystal Palace	Away

## NEWS FLASHES

\*\*\* Tony Hazell made his 350th appearance for the first team at Nottingham Forest last Saturday  
 \*\*\* Congratulations are in order to **John O'Rourke** and **Ian Morgan** whose wives presented them with a son and a daughter (respectively) recently. The proud fathers are both doing well  
 \*\*\* Its farewell and good luck to **Barry Salvage** and **Mick McGovern** who joined Brentford and Swindon Town this week. Thanks for all you did for us, boys! \*\*\* **Martyn Busby** is out of plaster and back in light training \*\*\* **Ian Evans'** fracture is progressing well and his plaster comes off in two week's time \*\*\*

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION II

v. Nottingham Forest, 10th Feb. 0-0.  
 Parkes, Clement, Watson, Delve, Mancini, Hazell, Thomas, Francis, Leach, Bowles, Givens.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

v. Birmingham City, 10th Feb. 1-2.  
 Spratley, Seary, Gillard, Venables, Kempton, Morgan, Ferguson, Beck, O'Rourke, Mayes, Everest. Scorer: O'Rourke.

## NEXT HOME GAMES

Football Combination

**SWINDON TOWN**

Saturday Feb 24

K.O. 3 p.m.

Football Combination

**SWANSEA CITY**

Tuesday Feb 27

K.O. 2.30 p.m.



# SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES



## Fifth Round — F.A. Cup DERBY COUNTY v. Q.P.R. Saturday, 24th February, 1973

The Supporters Club in conjunction with 4S Sports Travel have again arranged a special charter train to Derby. Our first venture this season to Sheffield was a great success and we do hope all you supporters will again give us your support and backing and travel with us once again.

Depart St. Pancras — 11.10 a.m.

—Arrive Derby 13.16 p.m.

Depart Derby — 17.35 p.m.

—Arrive St. Pancras 20.00 p.m.

Any supporter booking on this train will be entitled to a ticket for the game. So book now today in South Africa Road, at the Away Trip Bookings next to the Pools Office.

Price: £2.00. Members of Q. P. R. Supporters Club.

Price: £2.50. Non Members.

All enquiries please ring Pools Office: 01-743 0339.

## AWAY TRAVEL

For our Football League fixture v. Carlisle on March 3rd we hope to run our coaches as usual to this away game, but we do request you to book early. For details apply the Pools Office.

## GOLDEN GOALS

Tickets on sale at all entrances. Price 2½p. Goal time winners v. Huddersfield, Tuesday February 6th, 1973:

03-33	27.52	67.21	68.24
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All claims valid until next home First Team fixture.

## LUCKY CAR CLUB WINNERS

Our two winning guests who are today entertained by the club:

Mrs. L. Tozer, 122 Liffiput Ave., Northolt, Middx.

Mr. D. Freeth, 15 Creesy Court, 203 Goldhawk Rd., W.12.

View the Vauxhall Viva on show in front of the Ellerslie Road Stand. For details enquire from our staff member in charge. Membership forms available.



## Competition results continued from page eleven

Mr. R. Chad, Birmingham, hinted that the B.B.C. might have perpetrated the deliberate mistake as they showed our old club badge in "Match of the Day" that night. (\* We have reprimanded the B.B.C. accordingly and they will be showing our new badge in future—quite soon in fact . . . ). Mr. R. Knight, Hanwell, felt our "It's a Record!" report of the playing conditions at Barnet erred in calling them dark and drizzly with a very soft pitch. In his view they were frosty and misty and the pitch was hard/firm with frost. (\* It all depends where you were sitting). Mr. S. Fulford, Chalfont, Bucks, noticed that Burnley's 3-0 defeat in the F.A. Cup at Liverpool had been omitted from the "Under the Microscope" page. (\* Tony Pullein sent this result to us—we just didn't have room for it). Michael Dwyer, Hanwell, is sure that Grimsby's nickname is 'The Mariners' and not 'The Fishermen' (\* Tony Pullein feels either name is correct). Rosemarie and Robert Darke, London, W.13, reel off a number of clubs with better unbroken runs in the First Division than Burnley thus casting doubt on Tony Pullein's statement that only Arsenal and Manchester had longer unbroken runs at the top. (\* Tony Pullein is considering emigrating to Australia). Malcolm Lucy, Stevenage, informs Tony Pullein that Dave Thomas was transferred for £165,000 and not £160,000. (\* Tony Pullein was probably rounding the figure off but he is definitely leaving for Australia on the next ship out).

Mr. C. A. Bell, Hampstead, (and others) turned his attention on Derek Buxton and his statement that, after Burnley beat Q.P.R. in the F.A. Cup in 1961/62, Burnley reached the 6th Round before losing 1-0 to Sheffield United. In fact, of course, Burnley reached the Cup Final that year and beat Sheffield United 1-0. (\* Do you suppose the gremlins will get annoyed if we blame this one on them as well?) Jeffrey Smith, Greenford, advises Derek Buxton that, as Rangers played Burnley in the Second Round of the 1920/21 season, the tie must have been played in 1920, so if the sides met again in 1962 it was a period of 42 years and not 41 years as stated by Derek. (\* Our statistics expert has decided to join Tony Pullein on board that ship to Australia). Ian Williams, Ruimsip, Middx., spotted the most unusual 'mistake' of all. He claims that the photo on page 3 of the Burnley programme proves that Phil Parkes wasn't on the pitch! (\* It does look like it, Ian—Phil probably had so little to do in that game that he'd just popped out for a cup of tea). Finally, Julie O'Donovan (aged 12), London, W.2, worries us by stating that she always tries to find our deliberate mistake every week she comes to the match. (\* Wonderful, Julie, but we only run this competition once a year. What on earth have you been finding?)

So, if all those 'mistakes' weren't deliberate, what was? Over 90 per cent of the competitors did find it—we placed Charlton Athletic in the Division II League Table instead of Portsmouth. The first correct entry opened came from Peter May, 33A New Broadway, Ealing, who should collect his prize of two complimentary tickets from the Box Office.





# RANGER TO RANGER

This is the column that gives you a chance to air your views in print. The replies are by Editor, Ron Phillips. If you have a spare photo, send it along with your letter and we'll try to find room for it.

111 Hillcroft Crescent, Oxhey,  
Dear Sir, Herts.

No doubt many people will have spotted the deliberate mistake in the QPR/Burnley programme, which is of course that Portsmouth should replace Charlton in the League Table with different figures. The main reason for my writing is that until I spotted this, I genuinely believed the deliberate mistake was elsewhere. I was a little puzzled by the comment under Mike Docherty: "He is the son of . . . Tommy Docherty who recommended him to Burnley . . ." Surely, I thought, Tommy Docherty would recommend Burnley to him and was about to write when my wife pointed out that perhaps Tommy Docherty did in fact do as stated because he was trying to "sell" his son to a club who are always on the look-out for young talent. If you can find time to confirm this point, purely for interest, I should be grateful. Incidentally, I like the layout of your programme and the friendly presentation of facts and ideas. The writing is unpretentious and makes interesting light reading. Also, incidentally, I support Burnley, usually from afar because of my address. It must be lucky for them that I rarely watch them because they are quite incapable of winning whenever I do watch. In fact they have lost their last six games that I have seen. One of these was the 1-3 defeat at Loftus Road last season. Burnley actually scored the minute I left the ground. I should have stayed away perhaps on Saturday, Rangers walked it on Saturday. Good luck for promotion.

Yours faithfully, P. T. JENKIN

★ How can we induce you to go and watch all Burnley's games for the rest of the season, Mr. Jenkin? (You could well be right about Tommy Docherty—but we haven't the nerve to ask him!)

20a Henry Rd., Slough,  
Dear Mr. Phillips, Bucks.

On the 27th January 1973, at the QPR v. Burnley match under the South Africa Road Stand I was standing when I lost something of great sentimental value to me. This was a silver identity bracelet that was engraved, "Bill" on the front of the bracelet and on the back "All my love, Eileen". I would be more than grateful if you could print this in the next home programme. I would be willing to give a small reward as well as my gratitude. I hope you can help me find this. Wishing the R's all the best of luck for 1st Division.

From a true supporter, Mr. W. PECK

P.S.—Not being biased but I thought Mick Leach was the man of the match. "Great".

★ Can anyone help Mr. Peck?

100 Ealing Rd., Wembley,  
Dear Sir, Middx.

My dad is Q.P.R. mad, he goes to all your matches with my Grandad, Cousin and Uncle

Ken. It's my dad's birthday February 25th and having my photo in your programme would make a smashing birthday present as he collects them—he has hundreds of them.

Yours truly, EMMA JONES (age 1)

★ Many happy returns of next Friday to your Dad, Emma. Mind you don't trip over that QPR scarf!



17 Bentham Drive, Liverpool 16,

Sir, L16 1JE, Lanes.

I am an Everton supporter and I think after seeing Q.P.R. defeat Burnley the other week that Q.P.R. along with Burnley will be the two clubs promoted. Q.P.R. have bought a number of fairly expensive players like Dave Thomas and Stan Bowles while Burnley rely on "home-grown" players like Leighton James and free transfer men like Keith Newton. Q.P.R. are slightly the stronger side in my opinion. Their goalkeeper Phil Parkes is bound to play for England, while Burnley's keeper, Alan Stevenson, though a very good keeper is not quite up to Parkes' standards. Both attacks are superb but Rangers must have the edge with Bowles and Givens well supported by Mike Leach and midfield ace Dave Thomas. Gordon Jago, Q.P.R.'s manager, is probably one of the best in England. Yes Q.P.R. and Burnley must win promotion.

Your sincerely, KEITH RISK

★ This letter was sent to "Goal" Magazine who forwarded it on to us as they thought we might like to print the viewpoint of a "neutral" supporter.





# SCORERS

QUEENS PARK  
RANGERS

Francis Bowles 3, Giveno

SWINDON  
TOWN

## QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Colours:

Shirts Blue & White Hoops

Shorts White

Manager: **Gordon Jago**

Coach: **Bobby Campbell**

	1	
	PHIL PARKES	
	2	3
	DAVE CLEMENT	IAN WATSON
4	5	6
JOHN DELVE	TERRY MANCINI (Captain)	TONY HAZELL
	8	10
	GERRY FRANCIS	STAN BOWLES
7	9	11
DAVE THOMAS	MICK LEACH	DON GIVENS

Referee:  
Mr. A. W. GREY  
(Yarmouth)



Linesmen:  
Mr. P. HOLNESS  
(Red Flag)  
Mr. T. G. BUNE  
(Yellow Flag)

11	9	7
TOM JENKINS	RAY TREACY	DAVID MOSS
10	8	
PETER NOBLE	RAY BUNKELL	
6	5	4
JOE BUTLER	RON POTTER	ROGER SMART
3	2	
JOHN TROLLOPE	ROD THOMAS (Captain)	
	1	
	JIMMY ALLEN	

Manager: **Les Allen**

Colours:  
Red Shirts  
Black Shorts

## SWINDON TOWN

RESULT—Q.P.R.

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SWINDON TOWN

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