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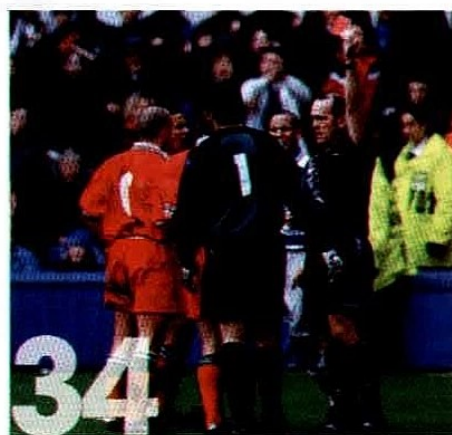


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MANAGER'S NOTES

HARRY REDKNAPP



# LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

**GOOD evening and welcome back to Loftus Road for tonight's Capital One Cup tie against Swindon Town.**

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Mark Cooper and his staff, as well as the Swindon directors, players and supporters.

I'm pleased to see that Mark has taken the job there on a permanent basis. It's a great opportunity for him, getting back into management in league football.

I'm writing these notes prior to our trip to Bolton on Saturday, but I was delighted with the win against Ipswich here just over a week ago.

There's no better feeling in the world than scoring a last-minute winner. Time was running out and you thought it wasn't going to happen for us.

But luckily enough, Tom Hitchcock came on and scored. It was great to see young Tom get the winning goal.

It was a fantastic moment for him and dad Kevin, our goalkeeping coach.

We've made a good start and have got some points on the board early. We want to keep progressing in all

competitions. Winning is a good habit - and we want to keep that going.

We'll make a few changes for tonight's cup tie, but it's up to the players who come in to do the job.

That being said, there's not really an opportunity for me to rotate too much - we're a little short on numbers.

But we're working tirelessly to improve the squad overall. We feel there are things we still need to do to give us a strong enough group to challenge for promotion.

I still feel there are two or three areas of the team we can improve on.

The chairman, Ruben, Philip and everybody else at the club are doing their best. Our scouts are out looking at as many players as possible and we're still trying to improve the squad.

But we're happy with the business we've done so far. We feel there's a good atmosphere within the squad.

We've got a good group of players who want to be here - and that's the most important thing of all.

Finally, we've had some great support in the opening weeks of the season.

The fans have got us going in the home games against both Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich and I can't thank you enough.

Enjoy the game.

Harry





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# FROM THE BOARDROOM



## Rangers CEO Philip Beard provides his latest programme notes...

**THE Capital One Cup is a welcome distraction from the Championship and tonight we welcome Swindon Town to Loftus Road for what promises to be an entertaining second-round tie.**

It is always interesting to see how managers approach cup ties. Some see them as a distraction and opt to put out a second string, but Harry views it the other way.

He has always picked a strong side in cup competitions as a win is good for momentum and confidence - let alone the feel good factor that a cup run generates for fans and everyone else associated to a club.

For me personally, a QPR cup run is really important as the FA Cup and Capital One Cup give me a chance to have a fun bet with our club secretary, Terry Springett. Now, before alerting the football authorities to any illegal betting activity, I should stress that the bets are purely forfeits and no cash is exchanged, win or lose!

My 'bet' with Terry, who has been with the club for over 25 years, is built around her well-founded view that QPR don't have a good cup record. Indeed, history suggests that since 1967, we've had one of the poorest in football.

I know Terry well enough to know that she wants us to win every cup tie as much as any other QPR fan, but her years at the club have taught her to have realistic expectations, and this means she isn't too surprised if our name isn't in the hat for future rounds.

I, on the other hand, dream of a day out at Wembley and in my wildest dreams I can visualise the team going up to get the League Cup trophy in March next year!

So I am hoping for another win tonight to keep our 100 percent home record intact.

I should probably clarify the bet I have with Terry. If we win tonight I get a free lunch and Terry gets the



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same if we lose. The stakes go up if we progress and if we were to reach a final this season, the loser will be Jude the Cat for the home fixture after it! Not that Terry would mind if it means QPR picking up our first piece of cup silverware since 1967!

As you all know, there are six days left until the end of the transfer window, with the deadline extended this summer owing to a full day of fixtures on the final day of the month this Saturday.

I really think we have done some fine business since July 1st and the squad is looking more balanced for the long season ahead of us.

The spirit in the camp is also the best I have known in my time here. Winning helps but having the right characters and professionals is also vitally important.

Enjoy the game,  
Philip



THE BIG  
INTERVIEW

# GARY O'NEIL

INTERVIEW BY MATT WEBB

**MUCH has been made this summer of QPR signing players whose character off the pitch matches their ability on it.**

With the signing of Gary O'Neil, boss Harry Redknapp has brought in to QPR yet another player who many believe to possess those qualities.

The 30-year-old turned down a new contract offer from West Ham United in the close season – doing so in a bid for first-team football.

*Hoops caught up with O'Neil prior to our trip to Bolton Wanderers on Saturday to find out how the midfielder is settling into life at Loftus Road...*







**Gary, firstly, how are you finding life as a QPR player?**

Good. Settling in has been made easier by the fact that I've been able to stay in London - albeit the other side of the capital, which isn't that easy to travel across to! My little girl can stay in her school. There are a great set of lads here, and obviously I know the coaching staff quite well too. It's been fairly easy for me to settle in. I knew quite a few of the lads already anyway. I think there are some great players here. There have been a number of changes at the club in terms of players over the summer, but I think we've got more than enough to compete in the Championship. Hopefully we can get back up to the Premier League at the first attempt.

**You came on to make your debut in our recent home win over Ipswich Town. How pleased were you with your performance?**

It was okay. I was only on for 35 or 40 minutes I think, but I enjoyed it. The last-minute goal helped - it was important to get the win. It was a big game for us and we managed to make sure we got it.

**Victory was certainly dramatic, wasn't it, with Tom Hitchcock also coming from the bench to make his first-team debut - and scoring at the death, as you said, for a 1-0 win?**

It was. We probably deserved to be in front a bit earlier, but we stuck





in there and kept a clean sheet. That was important – it was our first one in the league this season. The signs are good at the moment. Teams will come to Loftus Road and make it difficult for us to break them down, but I think that's something we're going to have to learn to live with. The year we were in the Championship at West Ham, we struggled quite badly at home. Our away form was miles better. It is something that you have to come up against sometimes, where teams come and make it difficult and raise their game. You need everyone to be patient, as we were against Ipswich, and we got there in the end. It was also great for Tom to get off the mark so early on – it was a good start for him.

**Was there an element of nerves on your part with it being most QPR fans' first chance to watch you closely in action?**

I think so. But I think there's always an element of nerves in every football

match you play. I think people sometimes underestimate how demanding it is to go out in front of that many people and try and perform. It's a lot different to training. I've played with lots of players who've been brilliant in training but have not been able to take that into matches. You get a little bit nervous before every game, but the first few are always a little bit more nerve-wracking.

**Your debut was certainly well received by your new supporters. How pleasing is that?**

It is pleasing. I had to come on and play right midfield, which I don't mind too much. I spent most of my time playing in the middle at West Ham, but I don't mind going out on the right – even though I'm not an out-and-out winger like Wrighty [Shaun Wright-Phillips] and Junior [Hoilett]. I can sometimes tuck in and if there's a bit of space in the middle, I can also sometimes find it. It went quite well for me against Ipswich.

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**You've only just recently signed but have been training with the club since the beginning of the season. Prior to our trip to Bolton Wanderers at the weekend, what have you made of our start?**

It's been good - the lads have done great. When you go down, sometimes you can have a slow start because you're getting used to the league and you're playing with new players. So far, we've managed to get off to a decent start. But there are some difficult games coming up and we've got to make sure we're still picking up points.

**Team spirit - or the lack of it - was heavily criticised last season. But there have been wholesale changes at Loftus Road this summer. Having come in clean, how is the current mood in the camp?**

I was surprised how good it was when I first came in - especially after hearing rumours about last year. By the time I got here, everyone was

getting on great and focused on achieving the targets that the club have set for this season. We want to try and win promotion.

**And you are no stranger to promotion, Gary, having won it previously with both Portsmouth and West Ham United. How does this current QPR side compare?**

I think it's right up there, but we need to make sure we continue to perform on a regular basis. You are going to have low points during the season and when we do, we need to make sure that they don't last too long - and we don't get dragged down by poor results that will inevitably come in the Championship, because you play so many games against some tough teams. I think if we can make sure that we all stay in there and that we're all together, I don't see any reason why we shouldn't go very, very close.

**This evening, our league campaign takes a backseat with the visit of**

## o'neil facfile

**Born:**  
May 18th 1983 (age 30)  
**Place of birth:**  
Beckenham, England  
**Height:** 5ft 8ins  
**Position:** Midfielder

**Playing career:**  
1999-2007 **Portsmouth**  
174 games (16 goals);  
2003 **Walsall** (loan)  
7 games (0 goals);  
2004 **Cardiff City** (loan)  
9 games (1 goal);  
2007-2011 **Middlesbrough**  
109 games (8 goals);  
2011-2013 **West Ham United**  
48 games (3 goals); 2013-present  
**Queens Park Rangers**  
1 game (0 goals).

**International:**  
2003-04 **England U21**  
9 caps (0 goals)





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**Swindon Town in the Capital One Cup. Would you welcome a cup run, or are you more concerned with our push for promotion?**

I think we just have to go out and try and win the game. You can't look too far ahead, we have to treat tonight as another game. We don't want to lose tonight, it's not a good habit to be getting into, and we'll be trying our best to win. It's important that we continue our good start, because that's vital. And by a good start, I don't just mean the first few games, more the opening 10. We need to make sure we continue the way we're going.

**And finally - your thoughts on tonight's game?**

It'll be a tough game. Swindon will put up a good fight - they're a decent side who've enjoyed a few good seasons recently. It'll be difficult, maybe another one of those frustrating ones where we have to dig in for spells, but it's important that we get hold of the ball and try and move it around. **hoops**



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# WRIGHTON TIME

**Sky Sports presenter, author and lifelong Rangers fan Tony Wrighton gives us an alternative look at all things QPR...**

**WHEN I was growing up, my main sources of QPR news were a) Teletext, and b) those premium rate footie phone lines charging £1.50 a minute. Which was a bit of a drag, really.**

The daily choice was to either waste a huge amount of time waiting for Teletext to refresh with some news that might conceivably relate to the R's, but could just as likely be about Doncaster's exciting new free transfer.

Or call the hotline. 'Coming up, details of Rangers' latest activity in the transfer market. But before that, here's a couple of minutes of meaningless messages to ensure you pay a fiver for this call rather than one fifty'.

These days, of course, life is so much easier as a QPR fan. The moment Tom Hitchcock scored against Ipswich here at Loftus Road, we could reach for our phones and get all the information we'd ever needed on our new hero, as well as exchange views on his dramatic winner. Netting on your debut in front of the Loft - does it get any better? As @RobWalshh observed on Twitter...

**Tom Hitchcock literally lived my dream yesterday.**

Same as all of us Rob, same as all of us. While @Meg\_x wrote...

**Tom Hitchcock comes on, Ipswich fans sing 'who are ya,' Hitchcock scores winner that they will not be forgetting in a while.**

Given a chance to reflect, QPR fan @RibenaBoy00 tweeted the next day while watching the Spanish football...

**Just watched Neymar's debut. Not bad, obviously can't be as good as Tom Hitchcock, but not bad.**

Agreed. In fact, 48.6million-quad-signing Neymar didn't come on until his Barcelona side were 6-0 up. A lot less pressure than coming on for your debut against the Tractor Boys with



the score at a tense 0-0, surely?

Just as enjoyable as reading all these tweets were the heartwarming pics of Tom's hug with dad Kevin after the game. Just think, in the Teletext era you'd have got home, clicked refresh to read 'Hitchcock 90', and that would have been that.

I wonder what other new faces we might see at Loftus Road this season. Well we're gearing up on Sky Sports News for transfer deadline day - and here's hoping for some more decent signings.

**"The moment Tom Hitchcock scored we could reach for our phones and get all the information we'd ever needed on our new hero."**

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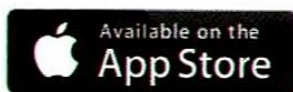
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QPR V SWINDON TOWN



Provider of stats, facts and trivia about the R's, Paul Jenkins from @qpr\_stats takes a look at tonight's fixture...

## WELCOME to this evening's second round Capital One Cup clash against Swindon Town of League One.

Tonight is QPR's 165th League Cup match of all-time. Rangers have made the final on two occasions in 1967 and 1986, reached the semi-finals in 1977 and the quarter-finals on three occasions in 1969/70, 1984/85 and, most recently, in 1988/89.

The R's victory at Exeter City in the last round was our 82nd win in the history of the competition, while our 302 strikes puts Rangers in 14th place in the all-time list of goals scored. This is the 42nd time in the League Cup's 54 years that QPR have played in the second round, and the Hoops have progressed to the third round on 31 previous occasions.

Rodney Marsh is our highest League Cup scorer with 20 goals in the competition, which remarkably includes four in a match on two separate occasions. Marsh, of course, was instrumental in the 1967 cup win, scoring 10 goals on the way to the final and getting the equaliser on that historic day at Wembley. Allan Wilks holds the club record of five goals in a match, achieved in a second-round fixture against Oxford United in October 1967.

The R's and Swindon are the only two English teams to win a major domestic trophy while plying their trade outside of the top two divisions. QPR's famous League Cup victory of 1967 as a Third Division team was matched by Swindon when they beat Arsenal

two seasons later.

We have crossed swords with the Robins many times over the years. You have to go way back to 1899 for our first encounter. That was Swindon's 5-3 Southern League win at one of Rangers' many homes of the past, Kensal Rise Athletic Ground.



In all, QPR have played Town 133 times, winning 58 of the previous fixtures and drawing 27. In April 1930, the R's beat Swindon 8-3, which is the only time Rangers have recorded that particular score. It is also the joint-highest-scoring match in our history. The other eleven-goal game came in our record 9-2 win against Tranmere Rovers eight months later.

The Hoops' biggest League Cup victory was an 8-1 mauling of Crewe Alexandra in October 1983, eclipsing an 8-2 win against Sheffield



Wednesday 10 years earlier. The Alex win was the last time that QPR have scored eight or more goals in a match and also the last time that six different players have scored in the same fixture.

Finally, could there be penalties tonight? Rangers have previously been involved in three League Cup shoot-outs.

QPR won away at both Derby County in 1980/81 and Grimsby Town in 1992/93 after spot-kicks, but most recently lost at home against Cardiff City in the 1999/2000 season.

The next R's clean sheet will be our 50th in the competition. Fingers crossed we can achieve that landmark tonight and progress to the next round.

## last time we met

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QPR 3

Defender Damien Delaney proved to be the match-winner as QPR came from behind to win away at Swindon Town in the first round of the League Cup.

The R's took the lead when Angelo Balanta stabbed the ball in after Swindon failed to clear, but the Robins levelled when Anthony McNamee crossed for Simon Cox to fire home.

Billy Paynter gave Swindon a shock lead three minutes before the break when he headed home McNamee's cross, but Dexter Blackstock headed in to equalise.

Delaney lashed in from 12 yards on 54 minutes and QPR withheld late pressure to earn victory.

## tonight's fixtures

Barnsley v Southampton  
Bristol City v C Palace  
Burnley v Preston  
Burton v Fulham  
Carlisle v Leicester  
Derby v Brentford  
Doncaster v Leeds  
Huddersfield v Charlton  
Leyton Orient v Hull  
Liverpool v Notts County  
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# FANCY A FLUTTER?

**BetVictor's Charlie McCann looks ahead to this evening's Capital One Cup clash against Swindon Town...**

**WE WELCOME Swindon Town to Loftus Road this evening for tonight's second round Capital One Cup tie.**

The visitors will always be associated with this competition as they won the League Cup at Wembley back in 1969 when playing in the third tier of English football, beating the mighty Arsenal 3-1 thanks to two goals from, arguably, the club's most famous son, Don Rogers.

That Wembley success came two years after a Rodney Marsh-inspired Rangers had beaten West Bromwich Albion 3-2 and it should be noted that both QPR and Swindon missed out on European football because of their Division Three status. Those games are two of the best-known finals ever staged at the old Wembley and let's hope for a terrific tie this evening.

Swindon are 500/1 to lift the trophy at Wembley next March with the R's 80/1 at BetVictor. Premier League sides Chelsea and the Manchester clubs head the betting at 7/1 with Arsenal 8s, Liverpool and Spurs 9s and Everton at 14s. Bradford City, lest we forget, reached the final of the competition last season from League Two and, while promotion remains the primary objective of the season for most, a good cup run can help any club's confidence and coffers.

Rangers are 1/2 favourites, at the time of writing, with BetVictor to make it through to the next round in 90 minutes with Swindon 5s and the draw and extra time at 13/5. A single-goal victory against Torquay United was enough to put Town into the second round of the Capital One Cup, and they will be looking to hit QPR on the break this evening.

At the time of writing, the R's went back to the head of the Championship market (9/2 from 5s with BetVictor) after their last-gasp winner against Ipswich Town gave them seven points from their opening nine, and it is certainly a question of so far, so good

for Harry Redknapp's men.

Twenty-year-old Tom Hitchcock hit the late goal against the Tractor Boys and the name Hitchcock will always be associated with thrillers - let's hope Tom whips up Rangers fans into a Frenzy especially those with a touch of Vertigo having climbed the 39 Steps to their seat, although the Suspicion is we will be Spellbound by his goals without a Shadow of a Doubt this season!

There are bound to be a few surprises this evening with local rivals Fulham ripe for a shock at the Pirelli Stadium against a Burton Albion side who have made a cracking start to their League Two campaign. The Brewers are 6/1 to win in 90 minutes and in a draw that has been largely kind to the big boys, I take Gary Rowett's side to be the giant-killers of the evening.

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Man City	7/1
Man United	7/1
Arsenal	8/1
Liverpool	9/1
Tottenham	9/1
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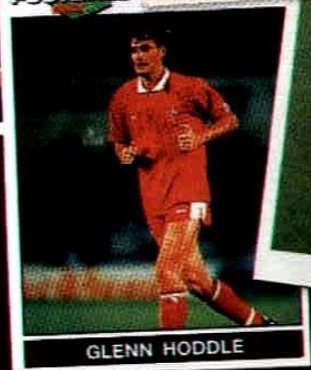
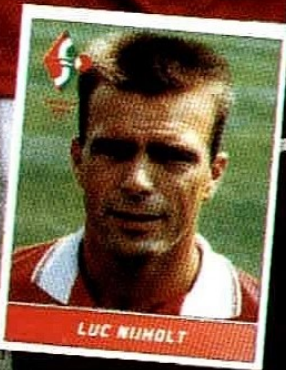
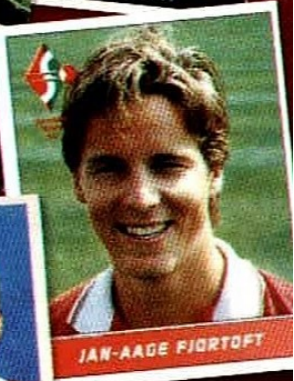
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# scouting report



**BBC Radio London correspondent Bradley Allen takes a closer look at this evening's opponents...**

**MARK Cooper has now been appointed boss on a permanent basis and that can only be a good thing for Swindon in terms of stability.**

Stability is important at any club and after the departure of Kevin MacDonald, Mark – who's previously worked at both league and non-league level – is the man now tasked with shaping a young group of players into a team.

Working at Spurs, I know a number of the players currently on loan at Swindon from White Hart Lane, or who have joined from Tottenham on a permanent basis.

The two full-backs, Nathan Byrne and Jack Barthram, are both very hungry, young players who are determined to get first-team football. They're both now at the County Ground on permanent deals.

Massimo Luongo is also back at Swindon for a second loan spell after going there at the end of last season. He's a cultured footballer who's a good passer of the ball. He's started the season well.

Then there's Alex Pritchard, another one that's on loan. I've coached Alex and he's a diminutive little midfielder who's very technical. He did very well for Spurs in the NextGen games last season.

Experienced captain Darren Ward is going to be key in helping guide

these young set of players. He will have to take on a big role and responsibility both on and off the field this season.

It's a great chance for the younger players. The aim for most of them will be to bridge the gap between academy and professional football, making that step up to first-team level by racking up a number of appearances and being consistent.

Before the weekend, Swindon already had two wins from four on the board and – despite a disappointing defeat at Shrewsbury – that will have instilled some confidence going into their League One home clash with Gillingham on Saturday.

Those victories – one in the league and another in the Capital One Cup against Torquay to take them through to tonight – will have given the players belief in what the manager is asking them to do, and they'll see this evening as a great opportunity to do well on a good stage.

I'm sure Harry Redknapp will field a relatively strong side but will also want to give certain players more minutes on the pitch.

This isn't necessarily a straightforward tie and Rangers will have to do a professional job.

I expect a really exciting game of football. The young Spurs players that I mentioned are all technically gifted, and it's really rewarding for me to see them progress and make it to first-team level. I know they're all desperate to be professional footballers and will be looking forward to tonight's challenge. QPR will have to play well.

Nevertheless, the home side will start as strong favourites with the strength of their squad.

It would be great to see Rangers have a cup run. It's long overdue in most supporters' eyes because it's been a long time coming.



## previous match

**17.08.2013  
SHREWSBURY 2  
SWINDON 0**

Goals in either half from Adam Reach and Tom Bradshaw saw Shrewsbury to a deserved first win of the season. Reach, making his debut, robbed Swindon defender Grant Hall on halfway and then powered forward, keeping his cool to fire past Wes Foderingham. Swindon made little impression going forward, with a shot from Ryan Harley their best opportunity. Substitute Bradshaw made sure of the points when he dispossessed Nathan Byrne and scored at the near post.







## form guide



17.08.2013  
**SHREWSBURY (A)**  
LOST 2-0



10.08.2013  
**STEVENAGE (H)**  
WON 1-0



06.08.2013  
**TORQUAY (H) LEAGUE CUP**  
WON 1-0



03.08.2013  
**PETERBOROUGH (A)**  
LOST 1-0



30.07.2013  
**CIRENCESTER (A) FRIENDLY**  
WON 3-1

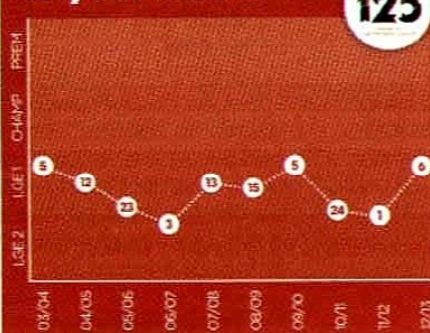


17.07.2013  
**BIRMINGHAM (H) FRIENDLY**  
LOST 3-0

## head-to-head record

	QPR	DRAW	SWIN
League	38	23	31
League Cup	2	0	1
FA Cup	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>

## 10-year record



## club honours

**Tier 2 play-off winners:** 1989/90, 1992/93. **Tier 3 champions:** 1995/96, runners-up: 1962/63, 1968/69, **play-off winners:** 1986/87. **Tier 4 champions:** 1985/86, 2011/12. **Southern League champions:** 1910/11, 1913/14. **League Cup winners:** 1969. **Anglo-Italian Cup winners:** 1970.

## 2013/14 transfers

**In:** Jack Barthram, Tottenham (free); Alex Smith, Fulham (free); Tijane Rnis, Chaves (free); Massimo Luongo, Tottenham (loan); Grant Hall, Tottenham (loan); Nathan Byrne, Tottenham (undisclosed); Alex Pritchard, Tottenham (loan); Harry Agombar, Floriana (free); Ryan Mason, Tottenham (loan); Ryan Harley, Brighton (free); Tyrell Belford, Liverpool (free); Yaser Kasim, Brighton (free); Raphael Rossi Branco, Whitehawk (free); Nile Ranger, Newcastle (free).

**Out:** Aden Flint, Bristol City (undisclosed); Gary Roberts, Chesterfield (free); Joe Devera, Portsmouth (free); Simon Ferry, Portsmouth (free); Raffaele De Vita, Bradford (free); Alan McCormack, Brentford (free); James Collins, Hibernian (£200k); Luke Rooney, Crawley (loan). **Released:** Tommy Miller, Chris Smith.

# in the news

**MARK Cooper is looking forward to being able to fully stamp his mark on Swindon Town now he has been appointed the club's manager on a permanent basis, report the *Swindon Advertiser*.**

Cooper - previously caretaker for five-and-a-half weeks after the resignation of former boss Kevin MacDonald - was handed a two-year deal last Tuesday.

"It's all systems go now," he said. "It is difficult to have that stamp and air of authority when you're caretaker, although you do try your best. Now the players know where they stand.

"I'd like to think we've moved it on a step. We've produced some good performances, I've had some fantastic support from the fans. It's an exciting place to be at the moment.

"I've been there before, done it in the Championship and I'm looking forward to doing it in League One with Swindon Town, and hopefully being part of the furniture for a while to come."



# meet the players

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**Swindon Town skipper Darren Ward gives Hoops readers the lowdown on tonight's visitors...**

## 01 **Wes Foderingham**

Goalkeeper

Age: 22 Country: England

Previous Club: Crystal Palace

Wes is a fantastic 'keeper. I think he's really set the standard at this club over the last couple of seasons. He's a great guy who works hard. He always has a bit to say! But he's very mature for his young age.

## 23 **Jack Barthram**

Defender

Age: 19 Country: England

Previous Club: Tottenham Hotspur

Jack has come in and been unfortunate not to start for most of the early season matches. But he is a very, very good defender. He gets involved with everything and works hard. He's waiting for his chance and that could come very soon.

## 03 **Nathan Byrne**

Defender

Age: 21 Country: England

Previous Club: Tottenham Hotspur

Nathan's a fantastic guy. He's a really, really good player who's recently come in. He's a real bubbly character and is always good to have around the place. He speaks his mind when he needs to. He's a fantastic young player and is definitely one for the future.

## 05 **Grant Hall**

Defender

Age: 21 Country: England

Previous Club: On loan from Spurs

You'd never guess that Grant is the age that he is! He acts a lot older than his age. It's been a privilege to play alongside him since he's come in and I've been really surprised by his knowledge of the game. The position he plays in holds a lot of responsibility, but he seems to take that in his stride. He's always looking to learn and, so far, has had a very good start to the season.

## 21 **Alex Smith**

Defender

Age: 21 Country: England

Previous Club: Fulham

Alex is another young lad who's got an amazing left foot on him. He scored an amazing goal from a free-kick in pre-season. He takes quite a lot of free-kicks in training and is very, very impressive from set-pieces. He's worked hard so far this season and is knocking on the door for first-team football.

## 02 **Nathan Thompson**

Defender

Age: 22 Country: England

Previous Club: Trainee

Nathan is another bright prospect and a guy that I like a lot. He's not shy in the tackle and when he does tackle you, he'll send you into row Z! A very tidy player and a very good defender too.

## 07 **Ryan Harley**

Midfielder

Age: 28 Country: England

Previous Club: Brighton

Ryan is a real good guy. He's excellent on the ball and tidy with his play. Although his banter's not the best at the minute! But he's a nice guy who's fitted in to the team well.

## 15 **Yaser Kasim**

Midfielder

Age: 22 Country: Iraq

Previous Club: Brighton

Yaser is a very, very humble guy. He's come in and got on with his job very well. He's blended in well with the players here and doesn't give the ball away very much. A very tidy player.

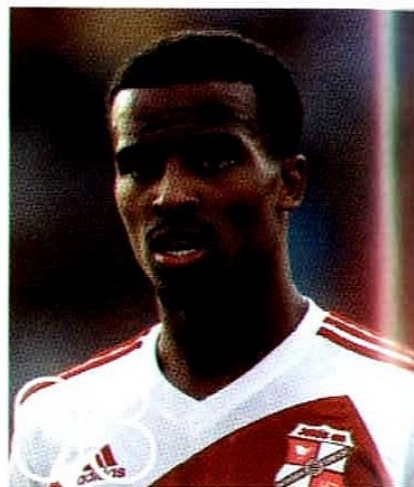
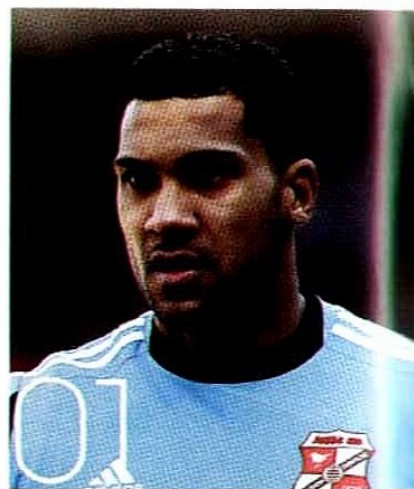
## 04 **Massimo Luongo**

Midfielder

Age: 20 Country: Australia

Previous Club: On loan from Spurs

'Mass' is another young player who's



"Nathan is another bright prospect and a guy that I like a lot. He's not shy in the tackle and when he does tackle you, he'll send you into row Z!"



got a very, very good strike on him. He's scored a few goals for us now, from last season as well, including a few from long range. He works really, really hard at his game and is always looking to learn. He's always smiling!

### 08 **Ryan Mason**

Midfielder

Age: 22 Country: England  
Previous Club: On loan from Spurs  
I was at Millwall with him previously and he's got amazing ability. I know he's rated very, very highly at Tottenham and he's a real nice guy.

### 11 **Alex Pritchard**

Midfielder

Age: 20 Country: England  
Previous Club: On loan from Spurs  
'Pritch', although not a very tall guy, has got a good presence about him on the pitch. He's a very, very tricky customer who's rated really highly. Hopefully he can fulfil his potential for us this season.

### 06 **Tijane Reis**

Midfielder

Age: 22 Country: England  
Previous Club: Chaves (Portugal)  
Tijane is a good up-and-coming young player - a very tricky player who has a lot of pace and a very, very good shot on him. He's left-footed, which always gives you that edge over others. Another real nice guy.

### 19 **Louis Thompson**

Midfielder

Age: 18 Country: England  
Previous Club: Trainee  
Like his brother, Nathan, Louis loves a tackle. He's come up through the ranks and is a real pleasure to train and play with, because he gives everything. He's someone you'd want with you in the trenches.

### 09 **Nile Ranger**

Striker

Age: 22 Country: England  
Previous Club: Newcastle United  
Nile's only been at the club for a short period of time but from what I hear, the ability he has is right up there with some of the best. Hopefully he can come here, show everyone what he's made of and fulfil his potential.

### 20 **Miles Storey**

Striker

Age: 19 Country: England  
Previous Club: Trainee  
Miles is another young guy - another bright prospect. I'm starting to feel old! He's someone who's come up through the ranks and he's got a lot of pace about him. He's a very direct player and has featured quite a few times already this season, in addition to pre-season.

### 10 **Andy Williams**

Striker

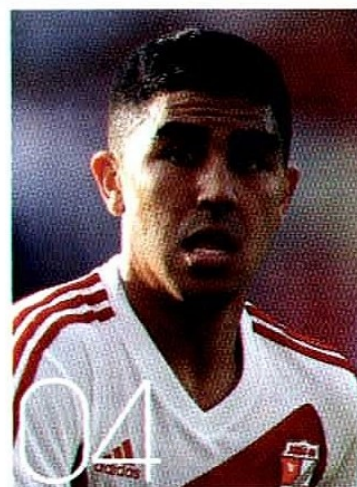
Age: 27 Country: England  
Previous Club: Yeovil Town  
'Willo' is the fine collector at the minute! On the pitch he's one that does a lot of the running. He's a very quick player and he's a great guy to have around the changing room.

### And on himself...

### 22 **Darren Ward**

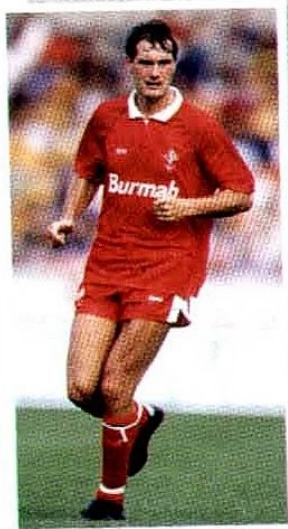
Defender

Age: 34 Country: England  
Previous Club: Millwall  
I'm the grandad of the team! I'm the one with the experience and, being the captain, have the responsibility of helping and leading the players on and off the pitch. I feel as good and as fit as ever and can still give the younger lads a run for their money! Long may that continue.



# swindon oddbox

An alternative look at today's visitors from Wiltshire...



## hoddle

Swindon progressed well during the 1991/92 campaign. Glenn Hoddle's first full season as player/manager, and just missed out on the Second Division play-offs. A season later, they beat Leicester City 4-3 in the Division One play-off final to achieve promotion to the Premier League - bringing top-division football to the club for the first time. But Hoddle left that summer and Swindon were relegated at the end of 1993/94 after recording only five wins and conceding 100 goals. The latter record has yet to be broken.

## the boss

Appointed on a permanent basis last week, Mark Cooper was first tasked with the job of taking charge of Swindon Town ahead of the 2013/14 season. The 44-year-old former assistant took over as caretaker boss following the departure of Kevin MacDonald in July. And with no permanent replacement then decided on, Cooper led Town into their opening-day trip to former club Peterborough United. Cooper, once a midfielder with Exeter City, started his managerial career at Tamworth before joining Kettering and then Posh in November 2009. But his time at London Road was short lived. Cooper's contract was terminated after only 13 games, eight of which were defeats, with the club bottom of the Championship. Cooper has since worked at Darlington, had a second stint with Kettering and a short spell at AFC Telford, which lasted 30 days before he took on an assistant role with Swindon in March.



## split loyalties

The following players have left the Robins in favour of a move to Loftus Road - and vice versa...

### Swindon to QPR

Name	Year
Robert Jefferson	1917
Alan Fowler	1941
Edward Painter	1941
Peter Eastoe	1976
Eric Sabin	2003



### QPR to Swindon

Name	Year
Robert Colvin	1903
William Cockburn	1930
Bernard Harris	1933
Charles Hill	1950
Mick McGovern	1973
Alan Spratley	1973
Don Rogers	1976
Brian Williams	1978
David Kerslake	1989
Ossie Ardiles	1989
Alan McDonald	1997
Tony Thorpe	2005
Jamie Cureton	2005
Aaron Brown	2006
Pat Kanyuka	2008



## cupset

In 1969, Swindon beat Arsenal 3-1 to win the League Cup for the first and only time in the club's history. Roger Smart opened the scoring before two goals from club legend Don Rogers sealed victory.



## home sweet home

The County Ground is located near Swindon town centre and has been home to Swindon Town since 1896. The current capacity of 14,700, all-seated, has been at that level since the mid-1990s. A record attendance of 32,000 was set on January 15th 1972 against Arsenal in the third round of the FA Cup. North of the football stadium is Swindon Cricket Club, whose pitch is also named the County Ground.

DID YOU KNOW?

When Swindon were relegated to League Two in 2006 it meant that they became the first-ever former Premier League outfit to be demoted to the lowest Football League division.

## way back when

Swindon Town Football Club was founded by Reverend William Pitt of Liddington in 1879. The team turned professional in 1894 and joined the Southern League, which was founded the same year. Swindon entered The Football League in 1920 as a founding member of Division Three and defeated Luton Town 9-1 in their first game of the season. This result stands as a record for the club in league matches.

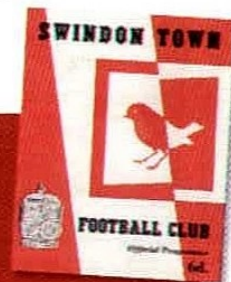


## cult hero

Don Rogers was once named Swindon's all-time cult hero by BBC Football Focus viewers. Rogers - born in Paulton, Somerset - signed a youth contract with Town in January 1961 at the age of 15. Having turned professional in October 1962, he made his first-team debut in the November in a Third Division match against Southend United. Rogers scored the two extra-time goals which won the 1969 League Cup final for Swindon, 3-1 against Arsenal. He signed for Crystal Palace in 1972, then joined QPR in September 1974 in an exchange deal involving Terry Venables and Ian Evans. Rogers returned to Swindon in March 1976, in another swap, for Peter Eastoe. In November 1976, Rogers moved on loan to the Southern League team Yeovil Town, where he joined old Swindon teammate Stan Harland. He returned two months later and, after suffering a hip injury, retired at the end of the 1976/77 season. Rogers - who now runs a sports shop in Swindon bearing his name - had Town's South Stand named after him ahead of the 2008/09 campaign.

## the robins

Originally playing in black and white with the addition of a blue sash for away games, Swindon changed to black and red quarters on entry to the Southern League in 1894. The club swapped kits again in 1897, wearing green shirts with white sleeves. Town changed their shirts to a more familiar red in 1901. Initially a dark maroon, a lighter shade was chosen for the start of the 1902/03 season and also resulted in the club's nickname, the Robins, appearing in print for the first time.



# FISH & CHIP PAPER

**The Hoops editorial team have delved into the archives to take a close look at a selection of past QPR v Swindon Town programmes...**

## 1946/47 ➔

**Match Details:** Queens Park Rangers 7, Swindon Town 0 on Saturday 21st December 1946 in Football League Division Three South at Loftus Road. This was the first post-war meeting between the two sides.

**QPR Scorers:** Pattison (2), McEwan (2), Hatton, Mills, Powell.

**Attendance:** 10,000.

**The Programme:** Four pages, price 2d.

**Editorial Snippet:** 'A Warning. Over 1,250 cups have been stolen from the Catering department during the last few months and the Club had no alternative but to prosecute a person caught leaving the ground on Wednesday with two in his possession. Only by this means can a despicable practice be stopped. In future, persons will be employed to watch out for the petty pilferers and every proven case will be prosecuted.'



**Q. P. R. SCRAPBOOK**



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SPECIAL NUMBER 3d. No. 9. CHRISTMAS 1946.

**A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY EGLETON.**

I have been asked to write a Foreword to this issue of 'Q.P.R. Scrapbook,' the proceeds of which I understand are to go to one of our oldest servants, affectionately called "Jimmy" by Players, Directors, and all who come in contact with him. I do so with the greatest possible pleasure. Over his twenty-one seasons, he has been a Player, Trainer and general factotum and has given great satisfaction in all these jobs. His story is given overleaf, so I



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Q.P.R. v. SWINDON TOWN

Saturday, 21st Dec., 1946



JOHNNIE PATTISON

### Deservedly We Pass On

The right to entertain Middlesbrough on the 17th January next was well earned on Wednesday afternoon and the margin of two clear goals is a fair indication of the team's superiority. Almost arctic conditions prevailed and the pitch was so hard that even the heaviest roller failed to iron out the lumpy surface with a consequence that ball control required the art of a magician. Joe, who usually rests in the mud, and Bob, instead of the conditions much more effectively than their opposition numbers, thus the whole front line was ever the more dangerous whilst the defence remained as ever solid, with Jeff at the top of his form.

Many grand efforts were frustrated and not until 15 minutes from time was the score merited when Don Mills turned a Joe-Mallett corner to good account. Cyril Hatton made the game safe a few minutes later following grand work by Bill McEwan. The whole team are to be congratulated for a grand performance under very adverse conditions.

### Middlesbrough Cup-Tie Bookings

Supporters are notified that all sections of the Stand will be bookable in advance for the F.A. Cup Third Round tie on 11th January next at the following prices:-  
" Stand C (numbered and reserved) - 6/-  
" " B & D (unreserved seats) - 5/-  
" " A & E (unreserved seats) - 3/6  
Development Association seats (unreserved) - 5/-

Tickets will be on sale on Boxing Day, December 26th, and upwards from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Postal applications must be accompanied by a remittance and stamped addressed envelope. The Development Association members should mark the outside of the envelope "D.A. Member."

Season Ticket holders' seats will be held until Monday, 17th January, after which date they will be disposed of.

### Our Casualty List

Fred Durvant is making very good progress after his cartilage operation and expects to commence light training early in the New Year. Jack Ross is waiting for his turn to undergo a similar operation. AM. Ridyard is suffering from the after-effects of a several-days broken nose, causing a swelling of the facial glands but should be fit again in a week or so.

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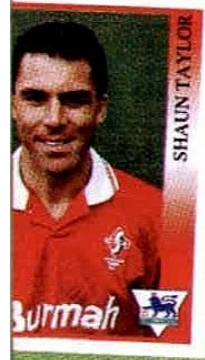


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# 1992/93

**Match Details:** QPR 3, Swindon 0 in the FA Cup third round on Monday 4th January 1993. This was the first live TV game between the two sides with action being screened on Sky.  
**QPR Scorers:** Ferdinand (2), Penrice.  
**Attendance:** 12,106.  
**The Programme:** 40 pages, price £1.30. There was a photo of Ray Wilkins on the cover.

**Editorial Snippet:** 'A leading national newspaper suggested recently that [QPR centre-back] Darren Peacock should have his hair cut. Manager Gerry Francis reacted by saying: 'It's good to have different characters and personalities in football. Darren's hairstyle is fine by me, as long as it doesn't affect the way he plays.'



SHAUN TAYLOR



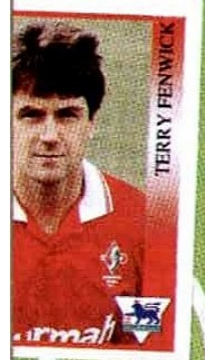
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<b>Nicky Summerbee</b>	1970	Scotland	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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<b>Craig Maskell</b>	1970	Scotland	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025



1993/94 ➔

**Match Details:** Swindon 1, QPR 0 in the Premier League on Wednesday 24th November 1993. This was the first top-flight meeting between the two sides. It also brought rock-bottom Swindon's first win of the season at the 16th attempt and sparked a massive celebratory pitch invasion on the final whistle.

**Attendance:** 14,147.

**The Programme:** 32 pages, price £1.50.

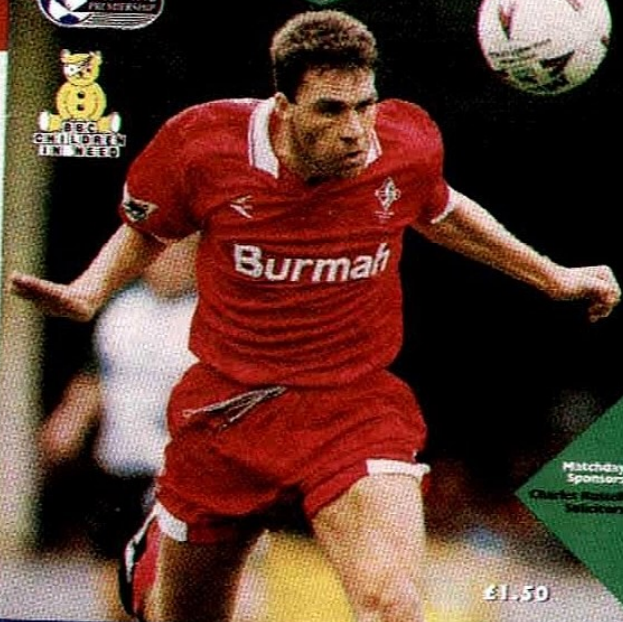
**Editorial Snippet:** Swindon boss John Gorman wrote: 'Queens Park Rangers have earned a fine reputation over the past couple of decades for the quality of their football and their current side, under the direction of Gerry Francis, is rated one of the best. There is certainly plenty of quality on show. Les Ferdinand, who in the past two seasons has blasted his way into the bracket of England strikers, and Ray Wilkins who seems to have been around for ever.'

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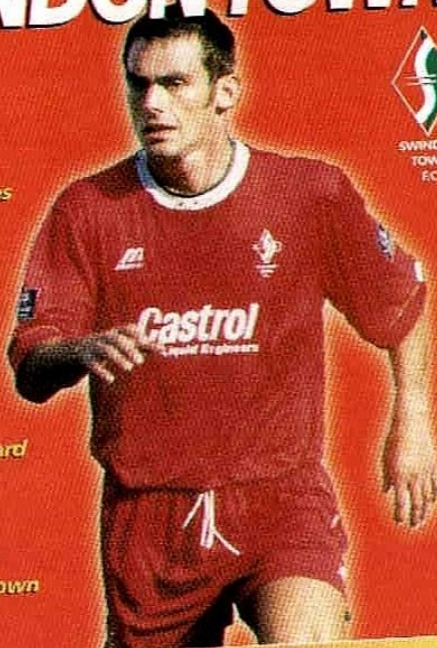
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⬅ 1996/97

**Match Details:** Swindon 1, QPR 2 in the League Cup second round, first leg on Wednesday 18th September 1996. This was the first League Cup meeting between the two teams.

**QPR Scorers:** Dichio, Impey

**Attendance:** 7,843.

**The Programme:** 48 pages, price £1.50.

**Editorial Snippet:** 'Houston in the hot seat... Stewart Houston took over as manager of QPR on Monday and tonight is his first game in charge. The former Arsenal number two decided to accept the job of getting Rangers back into the top flight to end weeks of speculation as to who was going to be Ray Wilkins' successor.'

**Footnote:** Swindon won the second leg 3-1 after extra-time at Loftus Road for a 4-3 aggregate victory.



# MORE THAN A DEPUTY

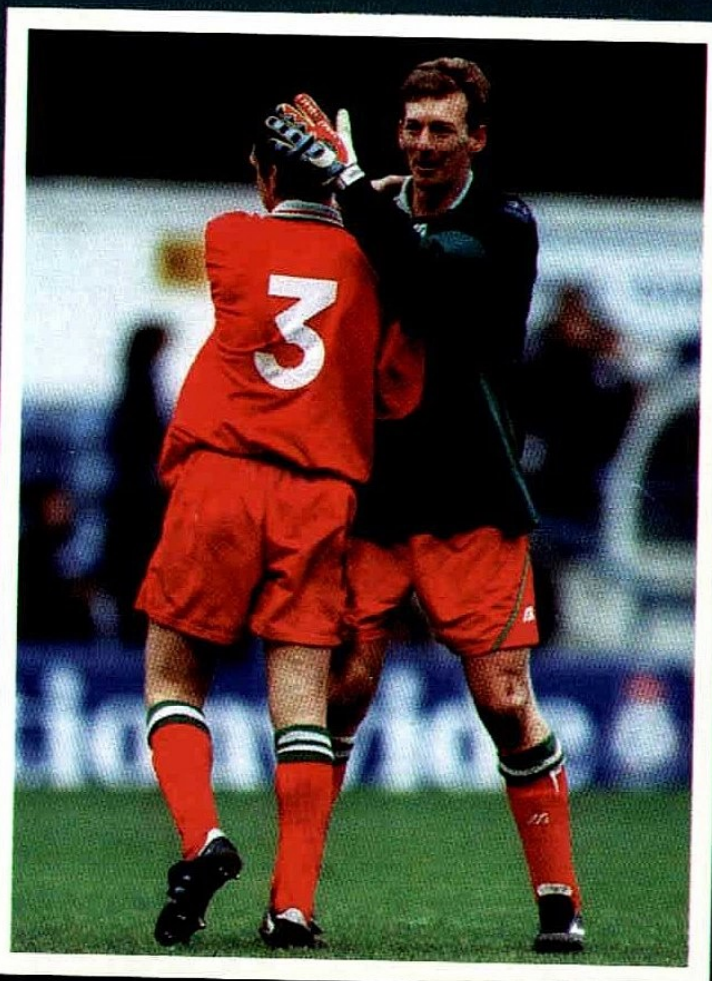
**IN MARCH 1998, the late, great Alan McDonald returned to Loftus Road for the first and only time as an opposition player. And what an incredible fixture it proved to be – even if it did end in defeat for Queens Park Rangers.**

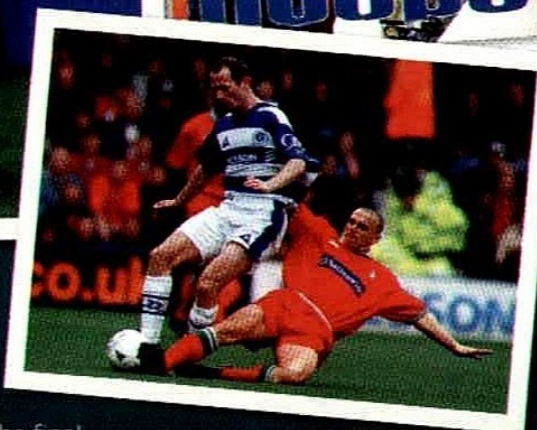
Macca, of course, previously enjoyed 17 years at QPR after rising through the club's youth system. He would amass nearly 500 senior appearances for the Super Hoops.

Back in W12 as a Swindon Town player on that March afternoon, the former defender was thrown in at the deep end when Robins' keeper **Fraser Digby** was sent off after just 22 minutes.

With no substitute goalkeeper, Macca took the gloves. Not only that – he also kept a clean sheet for some 70-odd minutes, as 10-man Swindon recorded a 2-1 victory over Rangers.

In tonight's *Hoops*, we speak to Digby – former shot-stopper for both of this evening's teams and now goalkeeping coach at the County Ground – about Macca, his time at QPR and that particular fixture...





**Fraser, we would like to get your memories of that eventful fixture played here at Loftus Road. Firstly, what do you recall about your red card?**

The ball was knocked in behind our defence and I think Kevin Gallen chased it for Rangers, with Darren Bullock covering for us. I gave the shout for Darren to, 'Leave it' and I was almost coming out of my box to deal with the situation. Then I jumped back into the penalty area as I caught the ball. But the linesman flagged and said I had handled outside the box. I said, 'No, I jumped back in.' However, the referee just said, 'You've handled it. You're sent off.'

**So what happened next?**

Our centre-back Alan McDonald volunteered to go in goal straight away. I think he had played some games as a 'keeper when he was a schoolboy. Anyway, he did ever-so well for us that day at Loftus Road. Macca didn't do things by the book as far as goalkeeping technique is concerned, but he was very effective. He was always Mr. 100 Percent in everything he did as a footballer, even when he went in goal.

**Macca went on to keep a clean sheet and Iffy Onuora headed home to seal 10-man Swindon's improbable**

**2-1 victory. It was an extraordinary match all round, wasn't it?**

It was indeed. I can remember Macca coming over to me at the final whistle and saying, 'That's me in goal for the next game, Frase!' I said, 'Help yourself, pal!' But seriously, things could easily have gone badly wrong for us with 10 men and no proper 'keeper. It was a tough game anyway against QPR and we would have done very well to come away from Loftus Road with a point. The fact that we won the match is testament to the way our players adapted to those extremely difficult circumstances.

**The ironic thing was that your red card was eventually overturned on appeal, wasn't it?**

Yes, so I wasn't banned for future matches and that was the icing on the cake for me. But I knew when the incident happened that I'd actually jumped back into the box before grabbing the ball. Basically, the referee studied the video evidence afterwards and admitted that he had made a mistake.

**What type of a character was the late Alan McDonald?**

Larger than life, really. Obviously he

"Macca volunteered to go in goal straight away... He didn't do things by the book as far as goalkeeping technique is concerned, but he was very effective!"



spent most of his career at Queens Park Rangers and he was well respected for what he did for the club there. But even when he signed for Swindon Town towards the latter end of his playing days at the age of 34, he was a great bloke to have in our team. Macca was always willing to give his advice and pass on knowledge to the younger players coming through. He loved life and he was a fantastic professional footballer. He used to train hard and work hard every day.

**You eventually went on to play for QPR yourself from November 2001 to January 2003. What do you remember of that spell?**

I really enjoyed it. That was my last pro club. Ian Holloway was the manager with Kenny Jackett as his assistant. My first appearance for Rangers was against Notts County away and it was probably one of the best games I ever played in my entire career.

It is still a vivid memory for me. They were all over us and so I was very busy in goal, but we managed to come away with a 2-0 win. I had one of those games where - every now and again - things just go for you. It doesn't happen

very often, but when it does you enjoy it and you certainly remember it. Overall, I loved my spell at QPR. I had a great time and very much enjoyed every minute of it.

**What was Ian Holloway like?**

Well I don't think he changes, does he? He is a great character who has had a lot of adversity in his personal life. But you could kick Ollie down a million times and every single time he would get back up again. He has such an infectious personality and he is so passionate about the game. If you couldn't get motivated to play football for someone like that, then there was obviously something wrong with you! Ollie inspired a lot of people. He was that sort of fella and it was very enjoyable to play in his team.

**Because of the severe financial problems at QPR back then, there was a great coming together of the players, fans and everyone involved - all were working in unison, weren't they?**

In life you get a lot of problems and you really find out what people are all about. At QPR, the whole club was united from top to bottom in that period. It was lovely to be involved with it and there were some real good lads in the dressing room. The camaraderie was magnificent.

**What are you up to nowadays, Fraser?**

My plan was never to go into football coaching, even though I've got my own goalkeeping schools. Then towards the end of last season, Paolo Di Canio left Swindon as manager and took most of his backroom staff with him. I got a call from Swindon asking if I could help out as goalkeeper coach. I said, 'Yes, of course I can' as I only live just outside the town. I have been asked by the club to stay on the coaching side since then. If I can assist the young 'keepers who are at Swindon and give them what I learnt over my 20-year career, then that will give me great satisfaction. I combine this coaching with my own businesses. I am the main distributor in the Wiltshire area of Errea Italian sportswear. Then I have got another company which I am trying to get off the ground at the moment which hopefully, one day, will help football groundsmen - although I won't say any more than that! But it is a really interesting project to work on.

**Are you looking forward to tonight's Capital One Cup tie?**

Yes, very much so. I am relishing going back to Loftus Road with Swindon as I have very happy memories of playing for QPR. I know there will be a great atmosphere and we will hopefully bring a large travelling contingent of fans. It will be a very good experience for our younger lads to pit themselves against the more experienced players of QPR, who were in the Premier League this time last year.



# OLD McDONALD HAS A CHARM

## But hothead Quashie must keep his temper

**MALCOLM NUGENT at LOFTUS ROAD  
QPR 1 Swindon 2**

RANGERS star Nigel Quashie has been branded a hothead and told to calm down.

The blast came from former team-mate Alan McDonald, who marked his return to Loftus Road with a Roy of the Rovers-style display.

The pair clashed after 20 minutes when Swindon keeper Fraser Digby was unbelievably sent off for handling the ball marginally outside his area.

Quashie, just 19 and tipped as a future England midfielder, rowed with several Swindon players as they protested to referee Alan Butler. He was eventually pushed away by McDonald.

The centre-back, who spent 17 years with Rangers, said: "The sending-off was disgraceful. I was telling Nigel to get away but he wouldn't listen.

"I've seen him since and told him he was wrong and he has apologised.

"He's talented but he's a very hotheaded young guy. He will have to learn from experiences not to get caught up in situations like that.

"I don't know what he was up to, but he should just step away."

The incident sparked Swindon - with McDonald taking over in goal - to only their third win in 19 games.

The Northern Ireland international added: "It was great. I'm still pinching myself to make sure it's true. I was a bag of nerves but, thankfully, it

went well and I didn't make any mistakes that cost us a goal.

"It was a very emotional day for me anyway. Having spent most of my career here, I've still got lots of good friends around.

"There was a little bit of sorrow in beating Rangers but it was great to get a result for Swindon."

Rangers' fans overcame their disappointment with the result to give the popular McDonald a standing ovation and he admitted: "It's rare that a player is given such a good reception from both sets of fans."

McDonald, 35, made several good stops. But it was the way the remaining outfield players worked for under-fire boss Steve McMahon that most impressed.

### Spirit

McDonald added: "Players were falling about in the changing room - they had no energy left.

"There's a good spirit in the squad and the manager is doing the right things. The players are right behind him. He's a fabulous guy."

The match started brightly for Rangers with Quashie firing them ahead in the eighth minute, but by the end home fans were chanting "What a load of rubbish".

Quashie went off the boil after his fracas and received some tough treatment, with both Lee Collins and Scott

Leitch booked for tackles on him. Swindon equalised with a 15th-minute Mark Walters penalty after George Ndah was upended by Karl Ready.

Their winner came when debut boy Ify Onuora headed home in first-half stoppage time.

Walters said: "Alan's always wanted to go in goal but I've never seen him do it.

"If I'm honest, I have to say I didn't have much confidence in him. But he was superb.

"The sending-off fired us up, but maybe Rangers lost concentration.

Rangers boss Ray Harford admitted: "We just can't find any consistency."

**SUN STAR MAN**  
ALAN McDONALD (Swindon). Fraser Digby had better watch out.



IN FOR KEEPS... Alan McDonald puts on the keeper's jersey



ARD... Digby is sent off by ref Alan Butler



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## MARK LAZARUS

This season, the Hoops editorial team will catch up with a past player with relevance to the upcoming fixture.

This week, it's the turn of Mark Lazarus – the former winger part of our League Cup success in 1967...

**You first signed for QPR in 1960. How did that come about?**

When I turned professional in 1957 as a teenager at Leyton Orient, Alec Stock was manager there. Then I did two years in the Army for my national service and once that finished, Orient made me another proposition. But by this time, Alec was in charge at Queens Park Rangers in the Third Division and I decided to sign for him in September 1960. It was a career move and it settled me. I didn't even know who QPR were before that. I thought it was a team in Scotland! That shows how much interest I had in football at the time. I was on top wages, which were only £20 a week in those days.

**You scored on your R's debut, didn't you?**

Yes, and we won 1-0 away at Colchester United. It was a scrappy one. I think the ball was bobbling around in the six-yard box and I stuck out a foot to score the goal.

**How would you describe your style as a player?**

A typical winger. I had two good feet and could play on either the left or right wing. Exciting, tough, I got in where it hurt, plenty of heart. I got a buzz out of playing and I think supporters got a buzz from me too. Every time the ball came to me, the crowd roared! They expected something and - thank God, touch wood - I think most times I gave them it. I liked to cut inside and I scored plenty of goals. I wasn't much

for tracking back - I wouldn't run up and down the touchline defending. I used to stay out on the wing and up the field a bit further, which was a Godsend for the rest of our team as I was less of a hindrance!

**What was the set-up like at Loftus Road back then?**

We were a struggling club in the Third Division with home gates as low as 4,000. The stadium was a tip! There was a wooden main stand on the Ellerslie Road side with the dressing rooms behind it. The rest of the ground was just terracing.

**What sort of a manger was Alec Stock?**

He was very much the boss - the guvnor. Alec ran everything like we were a First Division club and he wouldn't have it any other way. Everything was spick and span for the players. The dressing rooms were good, the kit was good. Alec just wanted you to go out on the pitch and do what he had brought you in for. If you were a winger and had a bit of speed, he wanted you to fly up and down the wings. He

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didn't give lectures or anything like that. He didn't sit me down and say, 'I want you to do this, I want you to do that'. He would just say, 'Go out there and play your normal game.' The idea of playing football, he left that up to you.

**The R's players were well looked after then?**

Yes, although the medical side of things wasn't great. If you got injured in those days, you had a hot poultice. That was the recognised treatment. A hot poultice went on everything you had, whether it was a cut or pulled muscle, or whatever.

**You moved away from Rangers a couple of times to join Wolves and later Brentford. But you kept returning for what became three separate spells. Did you always want to come back to Loftus Road?**

Football is a matter of opinion. Fortunately when I joined QPR the

first time, I hit some great form and I couldn't do much wrong. Other clubs started looking at me and Alec Stock went for the highest offer which came in from Wolves. I could have gone to Man City, Tottenham Hotspur or West Ham United, but all that Alec wanted was to deal with the highest bidder for the money. He was manager of a small club in the Third Division back then, so it was only the sales of players that kept QPR going. Clive Clark was sold to West Brom for £17,000 in January 1961 and I went to Wolves for £27,500 just eight months later. We definitely kept Rangers afloat with the transfers in those days. After that, I had my ups and downs at Wolves as I was a player who spoke up for myself and I didn't get on well with their manager, Stan Cullis. I wasn't happy and I wanted a move so Alec Stock - again - bought me back to Loftus Road in February 1962. Alec knew who I was and what





**“We were miles clear at the top of Division Three and we felt unbeatable. We didn’t care who we played – especially at home. We thought we had the side and the type of football that could defeat anyone.”**

I had to offer. Then after a couple of years, Brentford came in for me in 1964. I never once asked for a transfer at Rangers but Alec said there was an offer and he knew I was a commodity he could sell. I went to Brentford for two seasons until I had a problem with my contract there. Alec was aware of that and he came in and brought me back to QPR once more in November 1965.

**Rangers really started to take off from there, didn’t they?**

Yes. There were big expectations after QPR recruited Les Allen from Spurs. Then I returned to the club, Rodney Marsh was signed and a number of good players started coming through from the youth team, such as Ronnie Hunt, the Morgan twins and Frank Sibley.

Our blend of youth and experience suddenly gelled. The 1966/67 season saw QPR win the Third Division title and the League Cup final at Wembley. We just clicked and we felt we couldn’t be beaten.

**Wasn’t there a game where you ripped your shorts but carried on playing?**

That was against Carlisle United in the League Cup at Loftus Road in December 1966. I tore my shorts on the pitch during the match. I called over to our trainer, Alec Farmer, to get a replacement pair from the dugout. He threw them over to me and I took the old shorts off – but all of a sudden, the ball came to me out on the wing. I started dribbling down the flank with the new shorts in my hand and none on! That seemed to





**Albion at half-time. What was said in the Rangers dressing room at that stage?**

Alec Stock was not a lecturer. All he did was come in and say, 'Right, we're in the final so go out and show people what you can do. This is our day. Let's enjoy it.'

**We fought back to 2-2 in dramatic fashion, didn't we?**

We had nothing to lose. It was a beautiful day and we were having a great time at Wembley. All our families and friends were there. We just went out for the second half and had a game of football. Our goalkeeper, Peter Springett, has to take a lot of the credit as he made a fantastic save from Jeff Astle early in the second period that would have put West Brom 3-0 up. Then Roger Morgan and Rodney Marsh scored for us to level the match.

**You got the winning goal at Wembley. What happened?**

It was a bit fortunate. Ronnie Hunt played a pass to me and he carried on running into the box. I flicked the ball up in the air with a lot of spin on it and it went through to their goalkeeper, who dived down to smother it. But he collided with Ronnie and the ball came out. I just clipped it into the net past a couple of defenders and that was that. 3-2 to QPR. History was made!

**You are 74 now. What have you been doing since your time at QPR?**

I transferred from Rangers to Crystal Palace in November 1967 before eventually returning to Leyton Orient again. I finished playing professionally in 1972 and had already set up a transport business a couple of years before. I went on to put all my efforts into the business and then started a removal company. I've been retired from that for around 15 years now and my son runs it all. I just sit indoors these days or go and have a game of golf. **hoops**



please everyone in the crowd! In fact, I get asked more about that incident more than I do about the winning goal for QPR at Wembley.

**Well, let's talk about that 1967 League Cup run. We had some great results along the way, didn't we?**

We were miles clear at the top of Division Three and we felt unbeatable. We didn't care who we played - especially at home. We thought we had the side and the type of football that could defeat anyone. We were always pumped up. It was a fabulous League Cup run - especially when we won 4-1 at Birmingham City in the semi-final. That was our best performance of the season. We absolutely slaughtered them with every single member of our team playing to the best of their ability.

**On to the League Cup final at Wembley and we were 2-0 down to First Division side West Bromwich**



## ACTION REPLAY

**DEBUTANT** Tom Hitchcock scored in the last minute to give QPR victory over Ipswich Town at Loftus Road.

The 20-year-old substitute, son of QPR goalkeeping coach Kevin, tapped the ball into an empty net after Scott Loach parried Charlie Austin's effort.

By that stage, QPR had hit the crossbar twice through Clint Hill and Austin.

Ipswich did not create many clear chances, with Daryl Murphy's weak shot from close range kept out by QPR 'keeper Rob Green.





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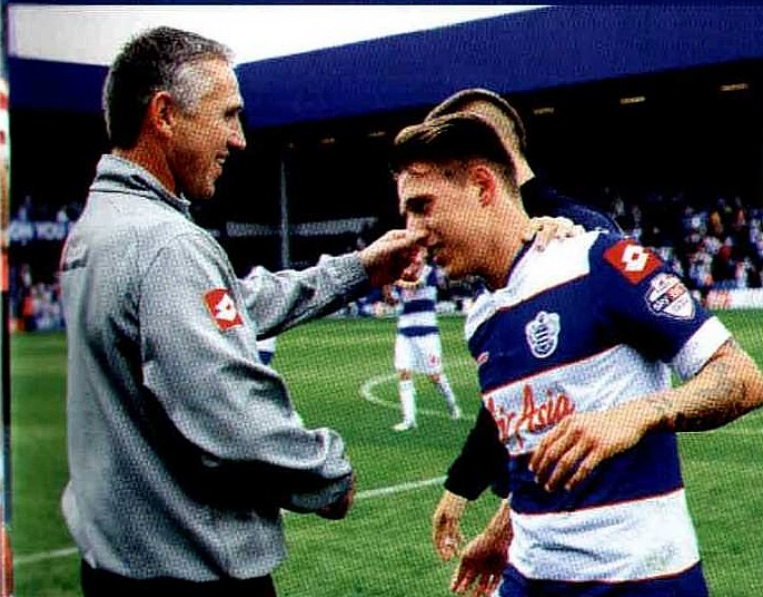
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@ishmael\_11 - #QPRMOTM @Joey7Barton absolute class

@Lukaku121 - #QPRMOTM He didn't play long, but oh was he important! Tom Hitchcock, the matchwinner!

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@stugetty - Has to be @Joey7Barton. He was outstanding. Didn't stop running. #QPRMOTM



## Verdict: Tom Hitchcock

"I can't really remember a lot, it is all a bit of a blur but it was a great feeling. It's the best moment of my life so far... I saw dad on the pitch celebrating, he looked really happy... It's very surreal right now, it is a great feeling and I am buzzing that we got the three points."

# RAY JONES

Sunday (August 25th) marked the sixth anniversary of the untimely passing of QPR starlet Ray Jones. Jones died in a motor accident six years ago after his car was involved in a collision in East Ham. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Everyone at Queens Park Rangers extends their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ray at this sad time.

*Ray Jones (1988-2007) -  
A moment in our lives, a lifetime in our hearts*





GUEST COLUMN

# LOFTFORWORDS

## Fanzine editor Clive Whittingham brings us his own view from the Loftus Road terraces...

**SWINDON come to W12 tonight hunting an upset, and they've certainly got form for that against Queens Park Rangers.**

My earliest memory of a game between these two (I'm younger than I look) was an FA Cup third-round clash at Loftus Road in the 1992/93 season. The Super Hoops were flying high in the inaugural Premier League campaign while First Division Swindon had recovered from the illegal payments scandal which had robbed them of a top-flight place in 1990, and were looking good for a legal promotion.

The match was billed as a head-to-head battle between two former England team-mates - Ray Wilkins, who pulled the strings at the heart of the R's midfield, and Swindon's player/manager, Glenn Hoddle.

Sky shifted the game to a Monday night and covered it live, and they could well have had the shock they'd come looking for had the visitors not missed a catalogue of early chances. I remember Town's Craig Maskell waltzing round 'keeper Tony Roberts before sliding the ball wide of an open goal.

Gerry Francis' team subsequently took control with Les Ferdinand scoring two typically-emphatic goals and Gary Penrice getting another that 'keeper Nicky Hammond probably should have saved to secure a 3-0 win.

Hoddle left for Chelsea after achieving promotion, leaving his assistant John Gorman in charge for the 1993/94 top-flight campaign. The Robins lost five of their first six games, including a 5-0 home defeat by Liverpool and a 5-1 setback at Southampton, and were without a win in their first 15 league matches by the time QPR visited in November.

Rangers, on the other hand, would have gone second (imagine that) if they'd won that night. They didn't, of course. Swindon finally got that first win of the campaign at the 16th attempt, despite playing for 75



minutes of the game with 10 men.

And if you thought that was 'typical Rangers', how about allowing Swindon to then win 3-1 at Loftus Road in the return game? Town won just five games all season and conceded more than 100 goals, but they beat a team boasting Ferdinand, Wilkins, Trevor Sinclair and others twice.

As if that wasn't humbling enough, fast forward to March 1998 at Loftus Road. Nigel Quashie opened the scoring, Mark Walters equalised for Swindon as he often did against QPR, then visiting 'keeper Fraser Digby was sent off and, as Swindon didn't have another on the bench, they were forced to call on an outfield player.

Step forward Alan McDonald, released by QPR on a free transfer before the start of the season after 17 years of service, and now suddenly pulling on Swindon's green goalkeeper jersey down at the Loft End.

He was, typically, fantastic and Town, despite the numerical disadvantage and lack of a goalkeeper, won 2-1.

You could say Rangers owe them one.

"Nigel Quashie opened the scoring, Mark Walters equalised for Swindon as he often did against QPR, then visiting 'keeper Fraser Digby was sent off... Step forward Alan McDonald."



# qpracademy

## Bircham's high hopes for up-and-coming R's

**MARC Bircham knows what it takes to pull on the famous QPR jersey - and the club's Under-21s coach is excited about the next crop of youngsters aiming to make the step up to first-team level ahead of the new 2013/14 campaign.**

In pre-season alone, no fewer than six elite development squad members have represented their respective countries at under-21 level.

And Bircham - who made 167 appearances for Rangers during his professional career - believes the young R's are being rewarded for their hard work, both in and away from W12 during loan spells in The Football League.

"I've been working with a lot of these lads since they were 14 or 15," Bircham told *Hoops*, "and it's a real bonus to see so many of them making the step up to international football.

"Playing for the under-21s is a big thing, make no mistake about it. Credit to the lads - they've worked hard both here and away from the club on loan and they've got their rewards."

Bircham guided the R's to a fifth-place finish in the Professional Development League 2 South last term.

While the EDS boss was pleased with his side's final league position, ahead of the new season he maintains performances - and not results - remain the most important thing.

"Last season wasn't about the EDS team winning the league, that was never a priority for me," he said. "I didn't look at the league table once!

"Someone told me at Christmas that we were top of the league and it was at that stage that we sent a few of the lads out on loan.

"To get eight players out on loan at league teams is very good at any club, so we're delighted.

"That's always been our plan, to try to get players out on loan. If we can get the same number out as last season, that would be great."

The new campaign also sees Bircham inherit several of last season's title-winning Under-18s, including attacking trio Dylan Carreiro, Michael Petrasso (both Canada) and Peter Skapetis (Australia), who have all shone on international duty over the summer break.

"They all played games for me last season, so they're no strangers," he said.

"The best thing is they've all got a great work ethic which [Under-18s manager] Steve Gallen drilled into them last year, so they won't have any problem slotting straight back in."

"To get eight players out on loan at league teams is very good at any club, so we're delighted... If we can get the same number out as last season, that would be great."



Dylan Carreiro in action for Canada Under-20s



Brandon Comley competes against Brentford

## Under-18s kick-off new season with a win

**STEVE Gallen's Under-18s picked up where they left off recently with a 2-1 win against Brentford in their Professional Development League 2 opener.**

Fresh from winning the division last season, Rangers got their title defence underway in the best possible fashion.

Despite trailing at the break to a strike from Brentford's Kojo Awotwi, QPR hit back early on in the second half thanks to an own goal before Nathan Corkery fired the winner six minutes later to hand the R's all three points.

Speaking to *Hoops*, Gallen was pleased with the way his side responded after falling behind.

"There's no hiding from the fact that we are the champions and teams will want to beat us this season," he said. "But credit to the players for the way they stood up after going a goal behind.

"We started well but we lost our way a bit and Brentford dominated the first half, albeit without really hurting us.

"Coming in at 1-0 down was a bit harsh on the lads as their goal came just seconds before half-time. However, we reorganised after the break and

started the second half on fire."

Rangers' equaliser came in the 46th minute when Ryan Young's cross into the Brentford box was dropped by the Bees' keeper into his own net when under pressure from Tyrell Mitford, before Corkery grabbed the decisive third goal 12 minutes later.

The R's almost made it three but Young saw a penalty saved after regular spot-kick taker Aaron Mitchell was forced off while he received treatment having been felled inside the box.

Gallen expressed his frustration after his side failed to make victory more comfortable, but was ultimately relieved to begin the new campaign with maximum points.

"That's the third penalty we have missed in the last two games, so we will have to work on that," he admitted.

"In the last 10 minutes of the match I was a bit disappointed as we panicked a bit and tried to hold on to the lead. I want us to play for the full 90 minutes but it was good to start with a win as both teams also hit the bar."

**QPR:** Smith, Furlong, Butler, Comley, Wise, Kpekawa, Young, Mitchell, Mitford, Corkery (Williams 67), Shodipo.

## fixtures & results

### UNDER-21s SEPTEMBER

2	Brighton	H	1pm
16	Ipswich	H	1pm
23	Charlton	H	1pm

### OCTOBER

7	Cardiff	H	1pm
14	Bristol City	A	2pm
22	Brentford	H	1pm

### NOVEMBER

5	Millwall	A	2pm
18	C. Palace	H	10m

### DECEMBER

16	Swansea	A	7pm
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### JANUARY

13	Brighton	A	7pm
20	Ipswich	A	7pm

### FEBRUARY

3	Cardiff	A	7pm
10	Charlton	A	1pm
17	C. Palace	A	7pm
25	Swansea	H	1pm

### MARCH

18	Bristol City	H	1pm
31	Brentford	A	1pm

### APRIL

15	Millwall	H	1pm
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### UNDER-18s AUGUST

17	Brentford	A	2-1
23	Cardiff	H	12am

### SEPTEMBER

14	Swansea	A	11am
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### OCTOBER

5	Millwall	H	11am
12	Charlton	H	11am
19	Ipswich	A	11am

### NOVEMBER

2	C. Palace	H	11am
23	Brighton	A	11am
30	Bristol City	H	11am

### DECEMBER

14	Millwall	A	11am
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### JANUARY

11	Swansea	H	11am
18	Charlton	A	11am

### FEBRUARY

1	Brighton	H	11am
8	Bristol City	A	11am
22	Brentford	H	11am

### MARCH

8	Cardiff	A	11am
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getting to know...

# cole kpekawa

### Profile...

**Date of birth:** 20/05/1996

**Birthplace:** Blackpool

**Position:** Centre-back

**Nickname(s):** Coley

**Left/right footed:**  
Left

### Personal...

**Choice of boots:**  
Nike CTRs

**Strengths:** Heading  
and long passing

**Weaknesses:** Right foot

**If you could liken yourself to one player, it would be:** Rio Ferdinand

**If you could play alongside one player, it would be:** Nemanja Vidic

**Biggest influence on your career, and why:**

David Beckham - I love the way he played and his style

**If you weren't playing football as a career, you'd be:**  
I don't know!

**Hobbies outside football:** PS3 and Xbox

**Something we might not know about you:** I grew up in Blackpool

### Pre-match...

**Superstition(s):** None

**Music:** RnB, rap, classical

### Favourites...

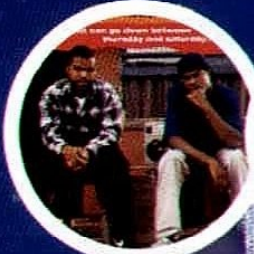
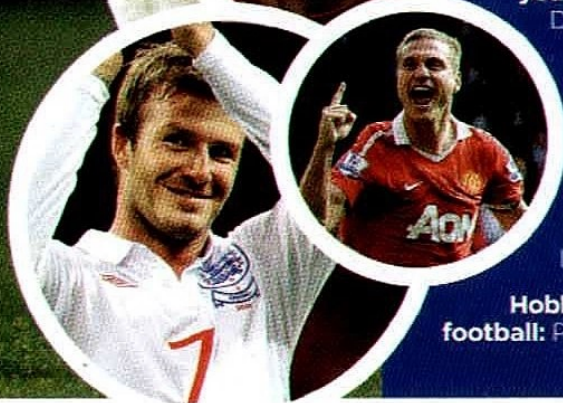
**Film:** Friday

**TV programme:** The Only Way Is Essex

### Goals...

**For the season:** Play regularly and for the Under-21s

**For the future:** Play for the QPR first team



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# JUNIOR HOOPS

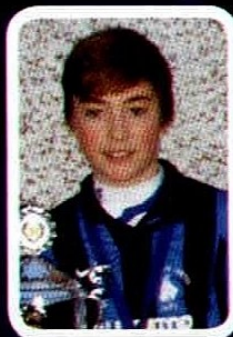


## TONIGHT'S MASCOTS



**AIDAN COLE**

Age: 9  
Hobbies: Football, rugby, cricket and reading  
Favourite player: Joey Barton



**MAX EVERARD**

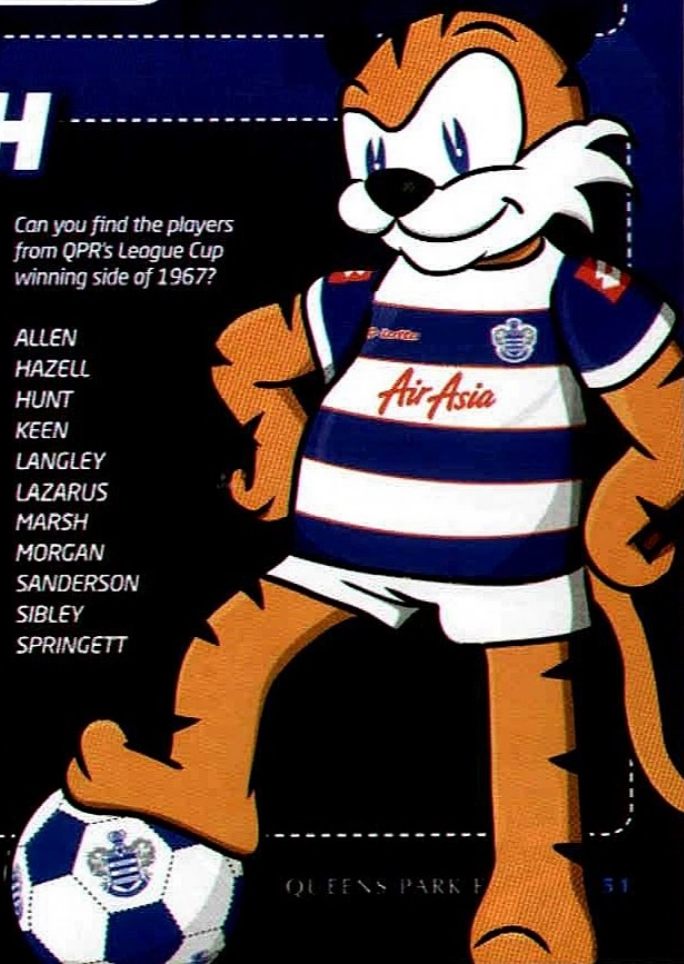
Age: 13  
Hobbies: Football  
Favourite player: Miles Storey

## WORDSEARCH

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Y H O F A M A S P M R V  
I L A N G L E Y O W A Z  
L L E Z A H Y Y X N M U

Can you find the players from QPR's League Cup winning side of 1967?

- ALLEN
- HAZELL
- HUNT
- KEEN
- LANGLEY
- LAZARUS
- MARSH
- MORGAN
- SANDERSON
- SIBLEY
- SPRINGETT



# SPOT THE BALL



Can you guess where the football is in this picture from our recent win against Ipswich Town?

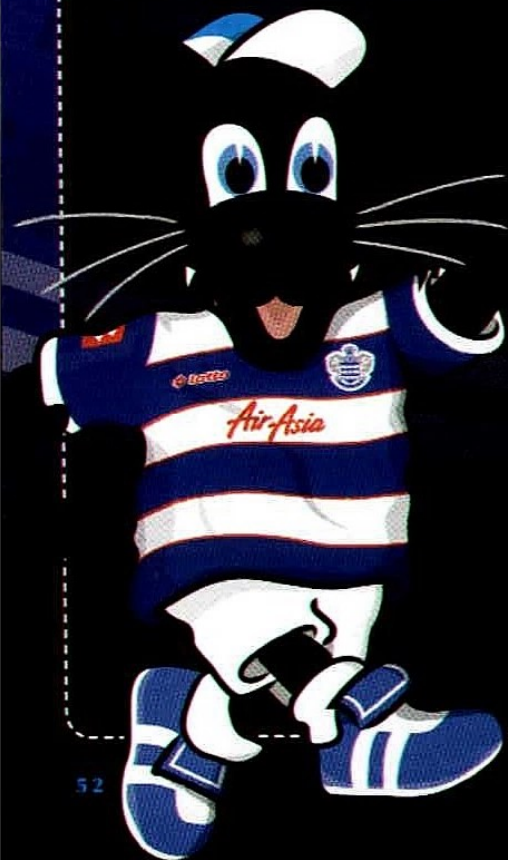
# WARP FACTOR



Can you identify the QPR player pictured above?

All answers on page 61

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## Birthday greetings to...

Farren Davis  
Austin Harris  
Albert McLean  
Mala Wood  
Adam Horsman  
Jake Moore  
Luke Daldry  
Suraj Saini  
Callum Blacknell  
Toby Mortimer  
Lill Davidson  
Mia Exall  
Conor Hughes  
Alex Walton  
Jack Davidson  
Alex Thorpe

...who have celebrated over the long weekend

## To...

Ollie Brown  
Harry Carter  
Ronnie Gavin  
Blake Barry  
Henry Bruton  
Olivia Winn  
Josh Manhood

...who are celebrating today

## To...

Bek Yerby  
Patrick Slevin  
Adam Evers  
Jack Corden  
Stephen Lee  
Emmi Stevenson  
Ronnie Edginton  
Christopher Murchan  
Oscar Orman

...who will be celebrating tomorrow

## And to...

Joseph O'Donoghue  
Sam Riddick  
Bill Demuth  
Ned Howard-Vyse  
Alfie Harriott  
Alex Reed  
Joseph Ronan  
Mason Moriarty-Shim  
Conor Sheehan  
Harri Barraclough  
Ella Dore-Wright  
Robyn O'Toole  
Ewan McWhirter  
Emmie Sheehan-Cozens  
Percy Godfrey  
Ruud Van Rooijen  
Ban Barbour  
Grace Munro  
Dane Powell  
Samuel Welton  
Mauri Noe  
Ryan Higgs

...who will be celebrating before the month is out



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the five differences in the pictures?



# JUNIOR HOOPS DJ

Congratulations to Junior Hoops **Jonny Byre** and **Sam O'Leary**. Jonny will be reading out the QPR team for this evening's match, while the players will warm up to Sam's three tracks:

- 1) *Black Eyed Peas* - I Gotta Feeling
- 2) *John Newman* - Love Me Again
- 3) *Charlie Brown* - On My Way

If you're a Junior Hoop between the ages of 12-16 and would like the

chance to read out the team or pick the warm-up music for one of our upcoming home matches, please keep an eye on the official website, [www.qpr.co.uk](http://www.qpr.co.uk). Details of how to enter will be announced soon.

# FACEOFF



Which three players have been put together here?

## CUT-OUT AND KEEP QPR PLAYER CARDS

ONE TO COLLECT IN EACH ISSUE


#2 SHAUN WRIGHT-PHILLIPS



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## #QPRvIPS – Our Twitter account went into overdrive following Tom Hitchcock's last-gasp winner against Ipswich Town last time out at Loftus Road...



**@cobbyqpr**

Celebrating that goal with my 7 boys was quality #QPRvIPS ... U R sssss!



**@MartinZealey**

Off to join the R block faithful today. #QPRvIPS #COYRs



**@Rofrano**

One of the most beautiful views in the UK #QPR #QPRvIPS #LoftusRoadStadium



**@RafaFernandez82**

Tom Hitchcock coming on...great moment for the young lad. #QPR #QPRvIPS if he scores twitter will explode! lol



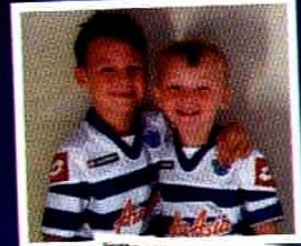
**@MatthewBreuer**

C'MON YOU BEAUTIFUL R'S!!!! @OfficialQPR GOAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! @hitchuuu scores!!!! 1-0 #QPRvIPS"



**@JoshBanksy1**

That second half performance was as good as we have been in 3 years. Well done Harry #QPRvIPS



## Get involved today using #QPRvSWI

### Here's what Hitchcock – and his team-mates – had to say about the youngster's dream debut...



**@hitchuuu**

Probably the best feeling I've ever had. Thanks for all the messages; means alot. #QPR x



**@MaxEhmer**

Great result and @hitchuuu scored. I was so buzzing I tried running out of the dugout to celebrate with him!



**@swp29**

Good result 2day! Congrats 2 @hitchuuu on his debut goal. Well done lad!



**@FrankieJay\_**

Can't tell ya how buzzing I am for @hitchuuu and his old man.. The amount of conversations we've had about doing that.. So happy! #QPR



**@dannysimpson**

What a feeling that is.. We all like to win 3-0 but there's nothing like winning in the last minute. Congrats to @hitchuuu



**@marcbircham**

Well done @hitchuuu you did the club and your dad proud today. Enjoy as its the best feeling in the world



Send us your snaps!

Tag #OnRTravels in your Instagram and Twitter pictures and we'll pick out the best!

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# NATURAL LIFT?

contains  
fruit  
juice

Natural  
Energy  
Drink



delicious  
orange & passion fruit



refreshing  
cranberry & apple



1 OF 5  
YOUR  
A DAY

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**recently on qpr player**

"We had to be patient but stuck at it and got a goal in the last minute. It was a well-deserved win. Every game is going to be a battle for us this season, but as long as we're up for that, we feel we have enough quality in the squad to outplay teams"

**Richard Dunne**  
(post-Ipswich)

"The lads worked really hard. It looked like we weren't going to do it, but thankfully in the end we did. It was getting late in the game and we thought we'd just try him [Tom Hinchcock] – and there he was, he popped up at the far post. His will be a happy household tonight"

**Kevin Bond**  
(also post-Ipswich)

**YouTube New Season, New Channel**

**QPR's official YouTube channel has recently surpassed the one million views barrier!**

The number of views has doubled since the R's reported back for pre-season training in July.

Produced by the club's in-house QPR Player team, the free channel continues to provide fans with an


exclusive insight into life at Loftus Road and Harlington.

Championship goals, behind-the-scenes footage and regular training ground access are uploaded to the service.


Subscribe to the channel for free today by visiting [www.youtube.com/officialqpr](http://www.youtube.com/officialqpr).




# 2013/14 Squad profiles





**HARRY REDKNAPP**  
02.03.1947

**MANAGER** 


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**ADAM GREEN**  
19.01.1990

↑ 1.91  92 **G** 

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**GARY SIMPSON**  
04.01.1967

↑ 1.73  73 **D** 


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**STEPHEN TRAORE**  
08.10.1989

↑ 1.85  79 **D** 

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**DAVID DERRY**  
03.12.1977

↑ 1.80  80 **M** 


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**STEPHEN DUNNE**  
21.09.1979

↑ 1.88  80 **D** 

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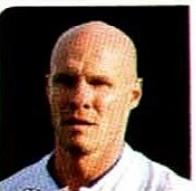


**CLINT HILL**  
19.10.1979



↑ 1.83  72 **D** 

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**ANDY JOHNSON**  
13.02.1981

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**CHARLIE AUSTIN**  
05.07.1988



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**SHAUN WRIGHT-PHILLIPS**  
25.10.1981



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**LEE SUK-YOUNG**  
13.02.1990



↑ 1.83  70 **D** 

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**NEIL M. ONUOHA**  
12.11.1989

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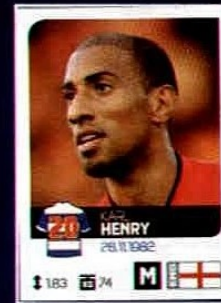
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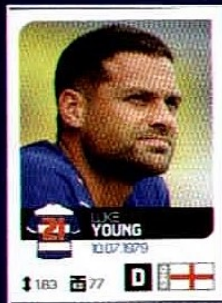
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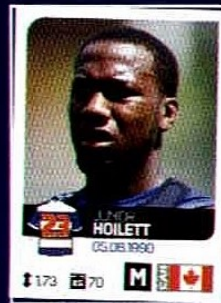
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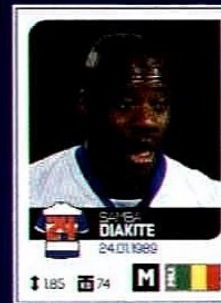
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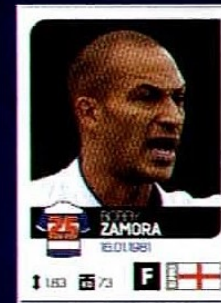
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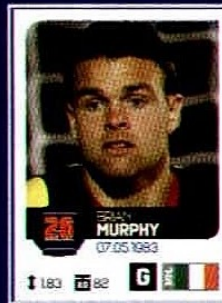
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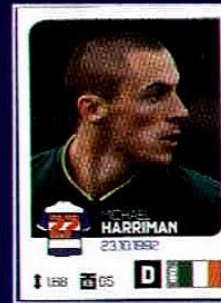
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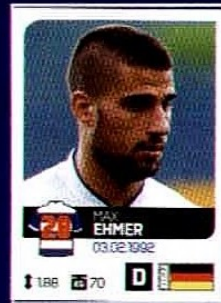
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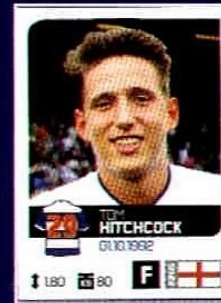
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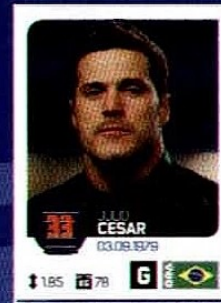
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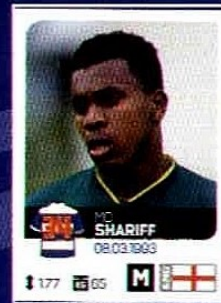
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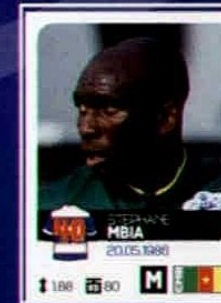
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# championship league table

TEAM	P	HOME	AWAY	GD	PT								
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
NOTTM FOREST	3	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	+5	9
WATFORD	3	1	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	4	3	+6	7
BLACKPOOL	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	2	+3	7
BURNLEY	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	+3	7
<b>QPR</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>7</b>
LEICESTER	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	+2	7
BOURNEMOUTH	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	6	-3	6
READING	3	1	1	0	5	4	0	1	0	1	1	+1	5
LEEDS	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	+1	5
WIGAN	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	+3	4
DONCASTER	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	4
DERBY	3	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	4
MIDDLESBROUGH	3	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
HUDDERSFIELD	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
IPSWICH	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	+1	3
BRIGHTON	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	-1	3
BIRMINGHAM	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	-1	3
YEovil	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	-2	3
BOLTON	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	4	-3	2
CHARLTON	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	-2	1
SHIFF WED	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	-2	1
BLACKBURN	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	-3	1
BARNsLEY	3	0	1	1	2	6	0	0	1	0	1	-5	1
MILLWALL	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	-5	0

## player appearances

	2013/14 SEASON			QPR TOTAL			CAREER		
	APPS	GLS	Y/C	APPS	GLS	Y/C	APPS	GLS	Y/C
AUSTIN	3(+1)	1	0/0	3(+1)	1	136(+23)	83		
BARTON	4	0	1/0	36	3	272(+31)	29		
DERRY	(+1)	0	0/0	88(+11)	1	587(+56)	14		
DIKATE	0	0	0/0	20(+4)	1	51(+14)	1		
DUNNE	2	0	0/0	2	0	526(+14)	12		
EHMER	0	0	0/0	0	0	66(+4)	2		
EPHRAIM	0	0	0/0	76(+4)	8	90(+63)	12		
FAURLIN	2	0	0/0	17(+6)	5	156(+9)	11		
GRANERO	1	0	1/0	23(+5)	1	158(+56)	18		
GREEN	3	0	0/0	20(+2)	0	501(+3)	0		
HARRIMAN	0	0	0/0	1(+2)	0	20(+3)	0		
HENRY	3	0	0/0	3	0	348(+72)	9		
HILL	4	0	0/0	105(+3)	2	502(+16)	32		
HITCHCOCK	(+1)	1	0/0	(+1)	1	12(+8)	4		
HOLETT	4	1	0/0	21(+1)	3	88(+36)	17		
JENAS	1(+3)	0	0/0	9(+7)	2	343(+70)	45		
JOHNSON	2(+1)	1	0/0	5(+2)	1	366(+92)	148		
MBIA	0	0	0/0	31(+1)	0	224(+16)	12		
MURPHY	1	0	0/0	2	0	46	0		
ONEIL	(+1)	0	0/0	(+1)	0	325(+60)	30		
ONUOHA	3	1	0/0	36(+9)	1	159(+34)	7		
SHARIF	0	0	0/0	0	0	1(+3)	0		
SIMPSON	4	1	0/0	4	1	175(+49)	3		
SUK-YOUNG	2	0	0/0	2	0	82	4		
SUTHERLAND	0	0	0/0	0	0	0(+1)	0		
TRADORE	1	0	0/0	44(+6)	0	134(+25)	1		
W-PHILLIPS	1(+3)	0	0/0	42(+8)	2	331(+129)	59		
YOUNG	0	0	0/0	26	2	414(+29)	9		
ZAMORA	3	0	0/0	34(+7)	7	394(+94)	168		

# fixtures & results



DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	K.O	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REF
<b>AUGUST</b>								
SAT 3	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	15:00	2-1	17,626	3,008	6	MATHIESON
TUE 6	EXETER CITY (LC1)	A	19:45	2-0	5,253	798	>	SIMPSON
SAT 10	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	15:00	1-1	13,896	1,190	6	HAINES
SAT 17	IPSWICH TOWN	H	15:00	1-0	17,075	1,789	5	NAYLOR
SAT 24	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	12:15	-				
TUE 27	SWINDON TOWN (LC2)	H	19:45	-				
SAT 31	LEEDS UNITED	A	12:15	-				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
SAT 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	15:00	-				
WED 18	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	19:45	-				
SAT 21	YEovil TOWN	A	15:00	-				
TUE 24	LEAGUE CUP 3	-	-	-				
SAT 28	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	15:00	-				
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
TUE 1	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	19:45	P-P				
SAT 5	BARNsLEY	H	15:00	-				
SAT 19	MILLWALL	A	15:00	-				
SAT 26	BURNLEY	A	15:00	-				
TUE 29	LEAGUE CUP 4	-	-	-				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
SAT 2	DERBY COUNTY	H	15:00	-				
SAT 9	READING	A	15:00	-				
SAT 23	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	15:00	-				
SAT 30	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	15:00	-				
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
TUE 3	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	19:45	-				
SAT 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	15:00	-				
SAT 14	BLACKPOOL	A	15:00	-				
TUE 17	LEAGUE CUP 5	-	-	-				
SAT 21	LEICESTER CITY	H	15:00	-				
THU 26	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A	15:00	-				
SUN 29	WATFORD	A	15:00	-				
<b>JANUARY</b>								
WED 1	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	15:00	-				
SAT 4	FA CUP 3	-	-	-				
SAT 11	IPSWICH TOWN	A	15:00	-				
SAT 18	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	15:00	-				
SAT 25	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A	15:00	-				
TUE 28	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	19:45	-				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
SAT 1	BURNLEY	H	15:00	-				
SAT 8	DERBY COUNTY	A	15:00	-				
SAT 15	READING	H	15:00	-				
SAT 22	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A	15:00	-				
<b>MARCH</b>								
SAT 1	LEEDS UNITED	H	15:00	-				
SAT 8	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	15:00	-				
TUE 11	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	A	19:45	-				
SAT 15	YEovil TOWN	H	15:00	-				
SAT 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	A	15:00	-				
TUE 25	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	19:45	-				
SAT 29	BLACKPOOL	H	15:00	-				
<b>APRIL</b>								
SAT 5	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	A	15:00	-				
TUE 8	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	19:45	-				
SAT 12	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	15:00	-				
SAT 19	LEICESTER CITY	A	15:00	-				
MON 21	WATFORD	H	15:00	-				
SAT 26	MILLWALL	H	15:00	-				
<b>MAY</b>								
SAT 3	BARNsLEY	A	15:00	-				

STARTING XI

SUBS USED

GREEN	SIMPSON	ONUOHA 1	HILL	TRAORE	BARTON	HENRY	FAURLIN	HOILETT	JOHNSON 1	ZAMORA	AUSTIN	W-PHILLIPS	JENAS
MURPHY	SIMPSON 1	DUNNE	HILL	S-YOUNG	BARTON	JENAS	FAURLIN	HOILETT	AUSTIN 1	ZAMORA	JOHNSON	DERRY	W-PHILLIPS
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Junior Hoops Answers

Spot The Ball: 1. Warp Factor 2. Flat Hat  
 Spot The Difference: 1. A black and white photo instead of a color photo 2. A white ball instead of a black ball 3. A white shirt instead of a black shirt 4. A white sock instead of a black sock 5. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 6. A white sock instead of a black sock 7. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 8. A white sock instead of a black sock 9. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 10. A white sock instead of a black sock 11. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 12. A white sock instead of a black sock 13. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 14. A white sock instead of a black sock 15. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 16. A white sock instead of a black sock 17. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 18. A white sock instead of a black sock 19. A white shoe instead of a black shoe 20. A white sock instead of a black sock

## Loftus Road Stadium Safety Message

### Important Information

Queens Park Rangers FC would like to remind supporters that the Club faces heavy sanctions from the Football Association should there be any repeat of the mindless actions of a small minority of spectators.

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

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

### Evacuation message

In the event of an emergency, the following message will be played over the stadium public address system. Please listen carefully and follow all instructions given to you by stewards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to continue this

event. Please leave the stadium as quickly and quietly as possible using exits indicated to you by stewards.

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

### 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 Elks Road Stand.

### Behavioural Policy

In the interest of public safety we would ask all supporters to co-operate with the following policy:

1. Under no circumstances are people allowed on to the pitch. This is an offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991.

2. Supporters must not use racial chants or indecent or abusive language whilst in the stadium. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.

3. The throwing of any item on to or towards the pitch or in to an area for spectators is strictly forbidden. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.

4. Consumption of alcohol in view of the pitch is contrary to licensing regulations and will lead to ejection. This is an offence under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985.

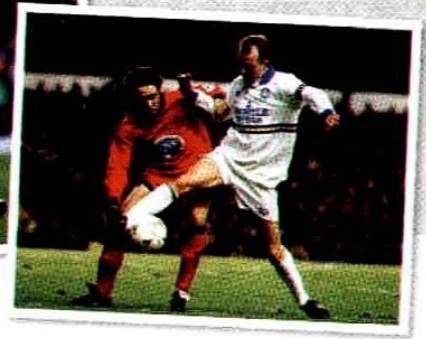
5. You are asked to observe ground regulations by not bringing in to the stadium any objects that might cause injury to others.

6. This is an all-seater stadium and persistent standing in the seated area will lead to you being asked to leave or ejected.

7. In the interest of public safety you are required to refrain from standing, blocking or sitting in any gangways, exits or stairwells.

8. A reminder that no camera or recording devices of any type may be brought in to the stadium without express licence.

# tickets & travel



31.08.2013

**Capacity:** 39,460

**Sat Nav:** LST11 OES

**Website:**  
www.leedsunited.com

**Getting there by train:**

Leeds train station is around a 35-minute walk from the stadium.

It is probably best to either take a taxi or one of the shuttle buses that run from near the station to the ground.

**Distance from Loftus Road:**  
195 miles  
(3 hours 32 mins)

On the road:

## Leeds United

**Preview:** Leeds United boss Brian McDermott will be under pressure to deliver promotion this season. The end of this campaign will mark 10 years since the club were relegated from the top flight. GFH Capital's takeover last term saw them install McDermott as boss in April after ex-QPR manager Neil Warnock failed to guide Leeds to a top-six finish. But the Whites have enjoyed a positive start this time around and McDermott's credentials in the second tier of English football are well known. A losing play-off finalist with Reading in his first season in charge at the Madejski Stadium, 12 months later he guided the Berkshire outfit into the Premier League as champions. Doing the same with Leeds will prove more difficult, however the Elland Road faithful will be expectant and some shrewd signings so far have bolstered a squad that already boasts talent like Sam Byram, Ross McCormack and Aidan White.

**Last time at Elland Road:**  
Saturday 18th December 2010 -

Championship - Leeds Utd 2, QPR 0  
Max Gradel's deadly double put QPR to the sword against fellow promotion-chasers Leeds. The influential midfielder was at his very best, notching goals either side of half-time to hand the in-form hosts another impressive victory. Leeds opened the scoring in the 25th minute, after Gradel got on the end of Jonny Howson's knock-down to fire home from close range. The R's enjoyed a fair amount of possession in the opening minutes of the second half but were again undone by the lively Gradel, who grabbed his and Leeds' second goal in the 71st minute. The attacker broke at pace and, when he slid past Fitz Hall, made no mistake to blast a low effort past Paddy Kenny from 12 yards to ensure the win.

**Did you know?** Leeds once failed to win an away game for over eight years (March 18th 1939 to August 30th 1947)! This was much to do with the Second World War, although they were winless on the road for the entirety of the 1946/47 campaign.





## matchday prices

	Plat.	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Adult	£35	£30	£25	£20
Junior	£20	£15	£12	£10
Kids*	n/a	n/a	Free	Free
Senior	£25	£20	£15	£12
Young Adult	£25	£20	£15	£12
Disabled**	n/a	£20	£15	£12

## members prices

	Plat.	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Adult	£33	£28	£23	£18
Junior	£18	£14	£11	£9
Kids*	n/a	n/a	Free	Free
Senior	£24	£19	£14	£11
Young Adult	£24	£19	£14	£11
Disabled**	n/a	£19	£14	£11

**CONCESSIONS:** Junior (Under 16), Kids (Under 8), Senior (Over 60), Young Adult (16-21). Proof of age required.

\* Tickets must be purchased in advance and Under 8s must be accompanied by a full-paying adult.

\*\* Disabled prices include a free assistant ticket.

## ALL TICKETS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

### MEMBERS PRICES

Tickets must be purchased within the two week priority period.

### LOYALTY POINTS

For away and cup fixtures only. Tickets must be purchased prior to matchday in order to obtain Loyalty Points.

### COACH TRAVEL

Season ticket holders get a £2 discount off their adult coach ticket or a £1 discount off their concession coach ticket.

### OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday - 10am to 5pm  
Saturday non-matchdays - 9am to 12noon  
Saturday matchdays - 9am to kick-off



### LOFTUS ROAD IS A NO-SMOKING VENUE

Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the stadium. Queens Park Rangers requests all supporters to observe the no-smoking regulations at Loftus Road.

Scan this code with your smartphone for the latest ticket news



# latest information

Visit [www.etickefing.co.uk/qpr](http://www.etickefing.co.uk/qpr) to purchase or for more information. Alternatively, call the Ticket Office on 08444 777 007.

## LEEDS UNITED v QPR Sky Bet Championship Saturday 31st August 2013 Kick-Off 12.15pm



### Loyalty Points: 7

**Currently on sale to:** General sale. Any unsold tickets will be returned at 12noon on Thursday 29th August for sale on the day.

### Prices:

£34 Adults

£23 Seniors Over 60/Full-Time

Students 22+/16-21s

£16 Under 16s

Wheelchair/ambulant prices as above.

Disabled fans should use Car Park B as it is close to the main entrance.

FREE for Blue Badge holders. Spaces are extremely limited and issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Headsets for match commentary are available for visually impaired supporters. A £20 deposit required. Please contact Tracey Lazenby on 0113 367 6178 in advance.

**Coach travel:** The coach will depart Loftus Road at 6.30am and 7am from the Target Roundabout. Prices - £32 Adults, £21 Seniors O60/Young Adults U21, £19 Under 16s.

and member pre-sale for this fixture runs until 5pm on Wednesday 28th August. Prices in other areas of the stadium are not affected by this offer.

## QPR v BRIGHTON Sky Bet Championship Wednesday 18th September Kick-Off 7.45pm



Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders and members. Fans can purchase up to six tickets during this pre-sale and members can get one of the tickets within their order at the discounted member price. As a special 'back-to-school' offer for this fixture, the club are offering season ticket holders and members the opportunity to purchase junior tickets in the School End Lower Tier (blocks Z1-Z6) for just £10 during the pre-sale. Please note, there must be at least one accompanying adult in each booking for this offer. The season ticket holder and member pre-sale for this fixture runs until 5pm on Wednesday 28th August. Prices in other areas of the stadium are not affected by this offer.

## QPR v BIRMINGHAM CITY Sky Bet Championship Saturday 14th September Kick-Off 3pm



Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders and members. Fans can purchase up to six tickets during this pre-sale and members can get one of the tickets within their order at the discounted member price. As a special 'back-to-school' offer for this fixture, the club are offering season ticket holders and members the opportunity to purchase junior tickets in the School End Lower Tier (blocks Z1-Z6) for just £5 during the pre-sale. Please note, there must be at least one accompanying adult in each booking for this offer. The season ticket holder



QPR last faced Brighton in March 2006, battling out a 1-1 draw at Loftus Road



GUEST COLUMN



# RODNEY MARSH

The R's legend and former number 10 brings us the latest instalment of his new matchday column...

## IT'S EARLY DAYS, BUT GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING...

**“** I ALWAYS get excited when QPR play in the League Cup – simply for the fact that when we won it in 1967, it was, in my opinion, during the greatest period yet for Queens Park Rangers Football Club.

Don't forget that QPR did a league and cup double that season! A feat that will be very hard to replicate ever again. It's something that we can still be very proud of.

It's almost like I expect QPR to do well in the League Cup – I don't know why that is, it's probably just based on those memories, I guess.



Our cup win came over 46 years ago now and it certainly doesn't feel like that long.

Queens Park Rangers are a cult football club. I was in Hong Kong a few years ago, and somebody came up to me in a bar and said, 'Oh, Rodney, how's it all going?' I said, 'Fine, how are you?' And he said, 'I'm a QPR fan!'

You find QPR fans everywhere you go. It's amazing. You could understand it if they were Manchester United supporters, but Rangers really are a cult football club – and that always gives me a little bit of a tingle.

### Good start

Before Saturday's trip to Bolton, it had been an excellent start to the season for Rangers.

I said at the start of the campaign that the first six games were critical, and we've started really, really well in my opinion.

The biggest thing for me in our win over Ipswich was the clean sheet.

I do love clean sheets early on in the season, as I've already said many times in this column. If you get two or three clean sheets early on, you begin to believe in yourselves. Defensively, you feel stronger. I'm sure Harry tells the players that, as well.

I like those 1-0 and 2-0 wins. It doesn't have to be 4-3 every game.





### Happy for Hitch

Tom Hitchcock scoring on his debut was wonderful. It's early days, and we mustn't get carried away, but there's a lot of good things happening at Queens Park Rangers.

Youngsters coming through the ranks is what it's all about - that's what the fans like to see.

Fundamentally, I think that's what makes a great football club - even though you sometimes have to go out and buy players.

I love it when youngsters come through. As an 18-year-old kid, I scored the winning goal on my debut for Fulham against Aston Villa, and I know how Tom would have felt. It was fantastic.

### Any other business

As the summer transfer window deadline looms large, I do think there's a little bit more business to be done by QPR in the market.

I would still like to see one more forward player, as well as a midfielder that can carry the ball forward, as I've already mentioned previously.

I think Swindon will come to Loftus Road with a little bit of anxiety tonight, certainly if QPR have maintained their unbeaten start to the season at Bolton on Saturday.

When you play against an unbeaten team early in the season, you think, 'We've got to be on our toes here'.

I'm confident QPR will reach the third round come the end of tonight.

Come on you R's!

Rodney

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# WE ARE QPR

Send your messages and photos to [matw@qpr.co.uk](mailto:matw@qpr.co.uk) for inclusion in the official matchday programme



Anthony Fogden would like to thank all R's fans for their donations after he recently completed the London to Brighton bike ride. After riding 302 miles in four days, Anthony managed to raise £4,600 for The Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. Congratulations on your achievement.

Here is a photo of a painting by Junior Hoop Barney Power, aged eight, entitled 'Stepping into my Future'. It won a prize at his school's annual art show exhibition. Well done, Barney!

Richie Harper, born on

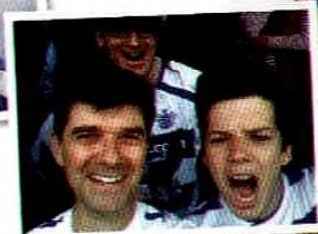


August 7th to proud parents Richard Harper and Samantha Weller, brothers Reice and Alfie and sisters Ellie and Kayleigh.

Happy 80th birthday 'Big Ron' Baldwin! Ron from Basingstoke is a lifelong QPR fan, as was his father. He has handed on the honour to his three children, Rich, Steve and Frances and, in turn, his grandchildren.

Meet one of QPR's newest supporters - 11-month-old Alexander Jordan Corpuz.

Happy 57th birthday Richard and a



long and restful early retirement! Love from Moira, Jack and Stewart.

Happy birthday Laura Field, from Mum, Dad, Simon and Wispa. Here are some cakes mum Geraldine made especially!



## FANS' OPEN DAY

**LOFTUS Road will play host to a fans' open day in early September, as the club opens its doors to its loyal supporters for what promises to be a day to remember in W12.**

Tuesday 3rd September is the date for your diary, on a day when R's fans will be able to get closer to the action by watching the first-team squad train on the Loftus Road playing surface.

Following on from the success of previous years, doors to the West Paddock will open at 10.30am, with the event scheduled to finish at 12.30pm.

Entry for under 16s is free (when accompanied by a parent or guardian), while adults will be asked to pay a £2 donation, with all proceeds going to our charitable arm, QPR in the Community Trust.

Aside from the on-pitch activities, which will culminate in a penalty shoot-out for R's fans to cast their eye over, club mascots Jude and Spark will be in attendance, and the QPR Superstore - which will be open from 9am to 5pm - will be running a special promotion, with free printing available on children's shirts purchased on the day!

The West Paddock kiosks will be open throughout the morning for refreshments and the players will be on hand to sign autographs and pose for photos, so don't forget to bring your camera along to savour every minute of the day. The club looks forward to sharing this special occasion with our supporters in what promises to be a day to



remember for R's fans of all ages. PLEASE NOTE - we are aware the date of the open day coincides with some children returning to school, but owing to the schedule this was the only day we could host the event.

A lot of schools in the local area don't return to school until September 5th - and we were keen to continue the tradition of the event this summer.

Our Under-18 fixture at Loftus Road 24 hours earlier, coupled with the late transfer window deadline this summer, meant this was the only date available.

We apologise to those supporters who are unable to attend and plans are already in place for another open day at Loftus Road later this season.

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#QPRM

Log on to Twitter after today's game and vote for your QPR man of the match using the hashtag #QPRMOTM



## Queens Park Rangers

Manager: Harry Redknapp

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## Swindon Town

Manager: Mark Cooper

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30		Leigh Bedwell	<input type="checkbox"/>
35		Kayden Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/>
41		Troy Archibald-Henville	<input type="checkbox"/>

### match officials

Referee: David Phillips | Assistant: Neil Hair | Assistant: Paul Harris | Fourth Official: Ian Crouch