

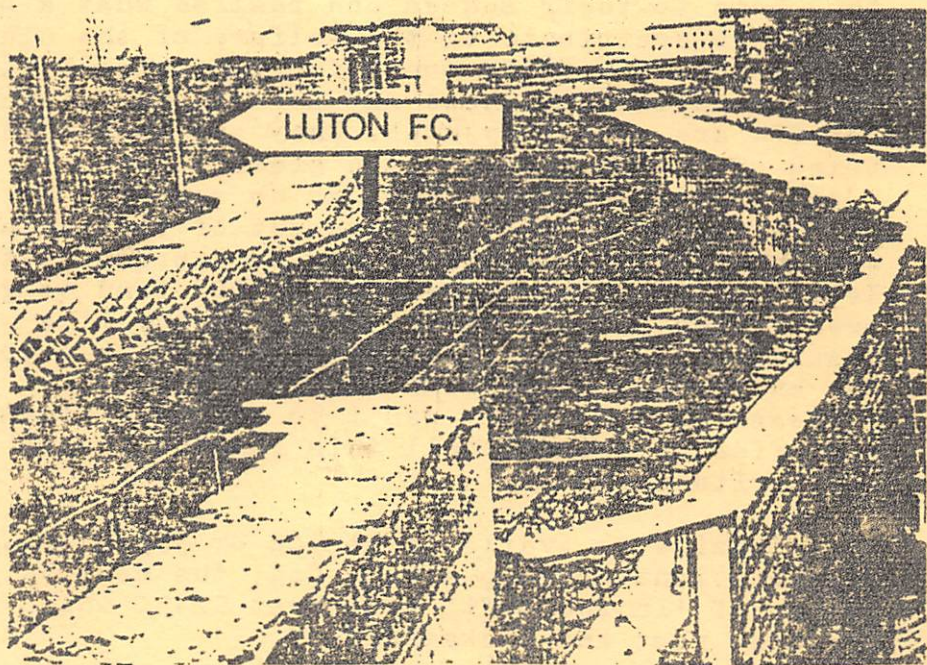
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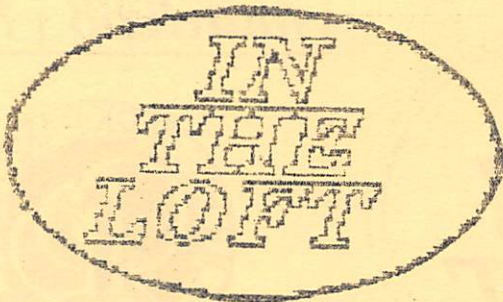
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Welcome to the first issue of 'In The Loft' Our aim is to bring you a different look at Queens Park Rangers. Hopefully 'In The Loft' will be produced every 6-10 weeks with the intention of going monthly if it will become a success. But really, this first issue is on a trial run. 300 have been printed and any profits made will be put towards making this fanzine bigger and better. No money whatsoever will given to the club unless they come to their senses and realise what a big part fans contribute to the welfare of the club. Making fans pay extra money for the Luton F.A. Cup tie was appalling. These may seem strong views but QPR are a wealthy club. They are not on the brink of closure, just plain greedy.

Anyway, our cup exit came as no surprise to me. The only good thing that came out of the match was the injury to Kevin Brock. No disrespect to Kevin but it's in midfield where QPR tend to get overrun when playing badly. If we do buy Mike Hazard then I am sure he will prove to be a good buy and help QPR overcome this problem.

Pleas write if you want to air your views or can offer to help us sell this fanzine in any way. Write to us now!

This fanzine is available at 50p or 35p + SAE. Subscriptions are 50p a copy (eg; the next 5 issues of 'In The Loft' will cost £2.50 which includes post and packaging)

# REPORTS

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 2:0 CHARLTON

ATT= 11,512

After the excitement of last weeks cup tie, QPR failed to reproduce the form that dispersed of West Ham so convincingly. Had it been the likes of Liverpool or Everton playing QPR today then they would have gone home with three easy points but luckily QPR were playing lowly Charlton who lived up to their position, bottom of the first division.

In a highly boring game in which neither team seemed fully awake, Rangers managed to take the lead. Maguire's 39th minute cross found Falco, dived bravely to head home.

After the break Charlton seemed a bit more lively and managed a couple of shots on target, both of which were well saved by Johns. Byrne brought a touch of much needed class when he came on as sub and deserved to score Rangers second goal when he knocked in Bannister's unselfish pass in the 74th minute.

So three points and for a change QPR took the chances that came their way, unlike most matches.

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EVERTON 2:0 QUEENS PARK RANGERS

ATT= 24,724

Another bad performance from QPR but this time they were dully punished for their lack lustre performance. With groin strain victim Mark Falco ruled out Les Ferdinand was given a rare chance in the first team alongside leading scorer Gary Bannister.

Early on Bannister went close but Rangers failed to make any headway against a tired Everton Team. Everton took the lead shortly before half time when Paul Parker sliced Paul Powers corner into the goal attempting to volley it away. Despite the setback Rangers showed no urgency to get back in the game during the second half. The best chance fell to Allen who got clear and was unlucky to see his shot superbly saved by Southall.

Everton wrapped up their easiest three points of the season when Pointon drove home after Johns had punched out Watson's firm header.

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QUEENS PARK RANGERS 1:1 LUTON (FAC 4) ATT= 15,856

In the week leading up to today's match, Tottenham had a £750,000 offer for goalkeeper David Seaman turned down. David, now back from injury said he was happy with QPR.

The match kicked off amid a great atmosphere. Could this be the year we reach Wembley?

In a rather mediocre first half in which Rangers had the majority of the ball but could not do anything with it. Luton could count themselves unlucky when Stein's shot was cleared off the. Grimes thought it was in and from where I was sitting I would agree with him.

Nevertheless, after the break QPR started playing some great football and a goal looked certain when Martin Allen's shot was blocked on the line and rebounded to safety. Indeed, I was on my feet with my arms in the air anticipating a goal. My disappointment though did not last long. Feredays's menacing cross deceived all that went up for it and found Neill who's first time shot beat Sealey and ended up in the goal. An excellent goal that no striker could have done better.

Questions were raised five minutes later over the inability that QPR can hold on to a one goal lead as Mick Hartford brought the scores level when he headed home Allinson's free kick. The 3500 Luton fans went wild with jubilation as a replay lurked.

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LUTON 1:0 QUEENS PARK RANGERS (FA5R) ATT= 10,854

QPR's hopes of reaching the F.A.Cup final came to a halt on the plastic at Luton. It was another typical

performance with QPR having more of the possession but failing to do anything with it. OK, Luton weren't much better but they created more chances and that's what football is all about, NOT attempting to break the world record for the largest amount of passes in your own half.

Anyway, a silly own goal from Wally (oops..) Warren Neill gave Luton the victory in a totally forgettable game.

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QUEENS PARK RANGERS 1:0 WIMBLEDON            ATT= 9,080

Injury hit QPR were forced to give a debut to 19 year old Danny Maddix in place of Alan McDonald. Mark Fleming, a new 18 year old professional was named as sub.

As expected, a low turn out was present with around 2200 Womble's fans forming part of the crowd. The first half was a crappy affair with Mark Falco's shot from the edge of the area which brought the best out of Beasant being the best chance of the half. A spectacular overhead kick from Martin Allen ended up in the seats of the away end!

During the second half only the skill of John Byrne kept the game alive. First he shrugged aside one challenge to fire in a 30 yard volley that flashed past the post, then he hit a post, then he scored. After a goalmouth scramble, the ball bobbed to Byrne who hooked the ball into the net from 4 yards.

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# Who's He? Spotlight

NAME: Graham..um..er..Rix  
DATE OF BIRTH: Sometime in the 50's  
BIRTHPLACE: The Northbank  
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: Yes/Yes  
MARRIED: I think so  
HOBBIES: Football  
FAVE ITEM OF CLOTHES: My boots, they never get used  
WHO'S YOUR MOST FAVOURITE FRIEND OUTSIDE FOOTBALL: Don Howe  
WHICH SUBJECT DID YOU HATE MOST AT SCHOOL: Games  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF WE GAVE YOU £50,000 (some chance): Bribe George Graham  
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET AND WHY: John Barnes, he's my biggest fan  
WHAT IF ANYTHING FRIGHTENS YOU: Getting my hair cut and taking penalties.  
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY: Arsenal shirt (No 11)  
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF: My right foot  
WHAT'S THE BIGGEST RISK YOU'VE TAKEN OUTSIDE FOOTBALL: Not using my mates  
WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK DO YOU MOST DISLIKE: Saturdays, I'm always indoors  
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MISTAKEN FOR ANYBODY ELSE: Yes, Kylie Minogue  
IF YOU WAS ON MASTERMIND, WHAT SUBJECT WOULD YOU CHOOSE: Arsenal reserve games  
WHICH ACTOR WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Viv Anderson  
FAVE AWAY GROUND: Highbury  
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Brian Smith (Bromley res)  
AMBITIONS FOR 87/88: To become a major force in the reserves  
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Stick to cricket

STEVEN DIXON

## PICK OF THE BUNCH



'In The Loft' takes a look at the other alternative soccer fanzines available from the addresses on the back cover.

We start off with 'A KICK UP THE R's' it is superbly done with plenty of well written and funny articles. IN NO WAY DO WE INTEND TO PUNCH THE SALES OF THIS, THE OTHER QPR FANZINE. We wish them all the best for the future and with one of the best fanzines arou-

nd it looks like a good one. Anyway, continuing with our investigation, 'WHEN SATURDAY COMES' and 'OFF THE BALL' are just about the best two fanzines around. Both are well produced and look at the game in general with lots of humour to keep you amused. Arsenal have not one but four! (talk about extra!) The newest of the bunch 'ONE NIL DOWN, TWO ONE ONE UP' is glossy all the through and leaves all the rest standing for quality. The other three are all very funny, 'THE GOONER' had me in stitches! 'VOICE OF THE VALLEY' and 'VALIANTS VIEWPOINT' (both Charlton) make excellent reading for the few fans they have, I think a return to The Valley is badly in need. 'FLOODLIGHT' (Colchester) and 'OUT OF COURT' (Bournemouth) are both rather thin on material but are only 20p and what can 20p buy these days? One decent thing you could do with it is buy 'HIBBES' (Hibs) - hilarious digs at Rangers including the song; its black... its blue... its broken in two... Terry's leg... Terry's leg! 'THE ABSOLUTE GAME' covers the Scottish game in general. The good thing about this one is that its not all about Rangers or Celtic.

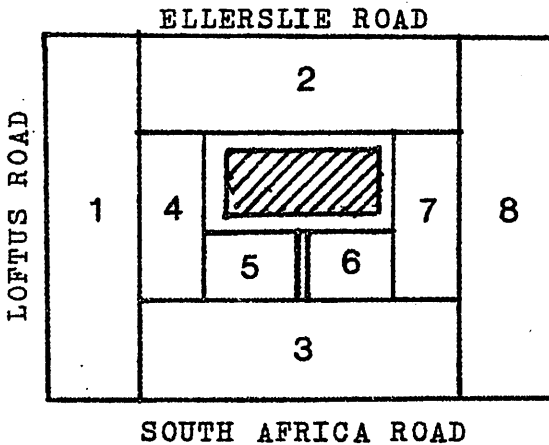
'BLUE PRINT' (Man City) is a new zine just out and if issue 7 is anything to go by it will soon rank along with the best. 16 A4 pages makes it good value for money at the 40p asking price. 'LEYTON ORIENTEER' (ghess who) has been around quite a while now and is definitely recommended. Another general zine is 'Balls' (you wot?) is very funny and is very cheap as well. 'THE CHELSEA INDEPENDENT' is very good considering the subject matter and is only 20p so why not? Chesterfield's 'THE CROOKED SPIREITE' is a must for any fan and is one of the funniest around, for example, spot the pitch at Oxford! Bradford City's 'THE CITY GENT' is always nicely presented but lacks humour so non Bradford fans may find it boring. Without a doubt though Notts County's 'THE PIE' gives the best value for money out of all the fanzines. The present edition has 52 pages all for 30p. If it's laughs you want I suggest you take a look at 'EAGLE EYE' (Crystal Palace) Don't let the crappy cover mislead you. Perhaps on a more serious note, WBA's 'FINGERPOST' is very boring but is professionally produced and is the nearest thing resembling a proper magazine. Another new mag out is Millwall's 'THE LION ROARS', an excellent magazine that at long last gives Millwall fans their chance to air their views. Birmingham's appropriately named 'TIRED AND WEARY' and Sunderland's 'WISE MEN SAY' are both rather thin but are well presented. And finally we come to the new releases. 'THE NORTHERN LIGHT' (Aberdeen). 'MURPHY'S MOB' (Cheltenham Town), 'THE COPPICE' (Spurs) and Falkirk's 'THE FALKIRK UNOFFICIAL MAGAZINE'. All of these will be reviewed in future editions of 'IN THE LOFT'. Please note; any fanzines not mentioned in this brief review, I have not seen yet so if the editors of the unmentioned fanzines would send them along to us we will review them.



# FANZINE CHART

FANZINE	SIZE	PRESENTATION	QUALITY	HUMOUR	VALUE	TOTAL MARKS
LEYTON ORIENTEER	A5	6	8	6	7	27
AN IMPERFECT MATCH	A4	7	6	8	8	29
CHELSEA INDEPENDENT	A5	7	6	7	9	29
BLUE PRINT	A4	7	7	7	7	28
KICK UP THE R's	A5	9	8	8	8	33
OFF THE BALL	A4	9	9	7	9	34
1-0 DOWN, 2-1 UP	A5	10	10	7	8	32
THE LION ROAR'S	A5	8	7	8	6	29
VALIANTS VIEWPOINT	A5	6	6	6	7	25
BALLS	A4	4	7	9	8	28
VOICE OF THE VALLEY	A5	6	7	6	6	25
CROOKED SPIREITE	A5	7	7	9	7	30
HIBBEES	A5	4	7	9	8	28
ARSENAL ECHO ECHO	A5	5	6	9	7	27
AWOL	A5	7	7	8	8	30
WHEN SATURDAY COMES	A4	9	7	8	8	32
WISE MEN SAY	A5	6	7	8	7	28
THE GOONER	A5	7	7	8	7	30
FLOODLIGHT	A4	3	6	10	7	23
OUT OF COURT	A4	4	7	6	6	23
THE CITY GENT	A5	8	6	6	9	29
FINGERPOST	A4	8	10	5	8	31
THE PIE	A5	6	7	8	9	30
EAGLE EYE	A4	6	7	8	7	28
TIRED AND WEARY	A5	7	7	7	6	27

# Membership Menace



It has now come apparent the membership scheme has been a total waste of time in that it has failed. As you can see the allocated area is 7,652 but has only 6,000 members. Thus the capacity of the ground can not be acheived unless the scheme is scr-

1. LOFTUS ROAD STAND SEATS, CAPACITY===== 3,152
  2. ELLERSLIE ROAD STAND SEATS, CAPACITY===== 5,000
  3. SOUTH AFRICA ROAD STAND SEATS, CAPACITY= 5,000
  4. LOFTUS ROAD TERRACE, CAPACITY===== 4,500
  5. EAST PADDOCK, CAPACITY===== 2,000
  6. WEST PADDOCK, CAPACITY===== 2,000
  7. BLOEMFONTEIN ROAD TERRACE, CAPACITY===== 3,500
  8. WEST END STAND SEATS, CAPACITY===== 2,500
- 27,652

apped. We want your views on this subject and whether or not a new membership scheme should be introduced. We hope the above information will help you come up with some interesting ideas.

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## PREDICT THE GATE COMPETITION WIN A FIVER!

All you have to do to win yourself a £5 note is simply guess the gate of the QPR v SHEFFIELD WEDS match on April 23rd 1988. All entries must be in by Wednesday 20th April 1988. The winner will be the nearest prediction to the actual gate. Send your entries to the address shown on page 2.

## FAREWELL FENWICK

As I watched the final tense minutes of the Q.P.R v Oxford match, an era was coming to an end. Terry Venables, the man who got Rangers to an F.A.Cup final, the man who got Rangers back into the first division and the man who took us into Europe was now taking our Terry from us. Terry Fenwick, one of the best players to embrace the famous blue and white hoops of Queens Park Rangers in recent years is leaving.

The day before, Tottenham Hotspur had offered a reported £500,000 for the services of Fenwick. The question was, would Fenwick go? No doubt, with the booing of Fenwick each time he touched the ball during his last match, he was all set to sign for Venables, the man Fenwick greatly admired.

I thought the booing was more in anger than anything else. The way in which Fenwick kept us all waiting for a decision over whether or not to except a new contract worth to be £2000 a week. No player Maradona or alive Walker is worth that sort of money, so why Fenwick?

David Bulsrode stated that it was the best contract ever to be offered to a QPR player which made it seem likely from the day Terry failed to give a positive answer to this offer that he was destined to leave QPR. So why did Fenwick want to leave? After he led QPR in the rather forgettable Milk cup final of 86, Fenwick achieved the high point of his career, playing for England in the world cup finals. Unfortunately, Terry missed the opening part of last season through injury but he returned, refusing to play in midfield and was instantly dropped. OK, so it never took him long to regain his place at centre back but this must have been the turning point for him wanting to leave QPR. Well, who would'nt be upset at failing to regain your rightfull position in place of Gary Chivers! Nowadays, Terry is only too pleased to be playing in midfield for Spurs and he's been recalled



"Oh I wish Venables would make an offer for me"

to the England team so perhaps its true what they say that 'a bigger club enhances your international chances!

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FIVE FASCINATING FACTS  
FEATURING FENWICK.....

- 1) Terry Fenwick is a Geordie.
- 2) Terry Fenwick is the only QPR player ever to score in a QPR match that was live on telly.
- 3) Terry Fenwick has a dog (no its not called El Tel)
- 4) Terry Fenwick hates artificial pitches.
- 5) Terry Fenwick has played for Terry Venables under 4 different teams. In case your thick they're Crystal Palace, QPR, England U 21's and of course Tottenham Hotspur (who?)



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QUICK QUIZ

1. How many hatricks has Gary Bannister scored for QPR?
2. Who scored the winning goal for QPR in the 4:3 defeat against Leicester in the 84/85 season?
3. How many times have Luton beaten us on an artificial pitch?
4. Who knocked QPR out of the Milk cup in 1983/84?
5. How many times has Gary Chivers been capped by England?
6. Who hold's the record amount of Simod cup goals score for QPR?

Answers later on.

DEAR  
EMLYN



AGONY UNCLE EMLYN HUGE ANSWERS  
YOUR QUESTIONS.

HELP!

Dear Emlyn  
I have been getting a lot of stick lately for not winning any balls in midfield for the team I play for. I do try but always seem to miss due to my lack of height, please help, yours

Kelvin Bock

Uncle Emlyn says-try to study your game on Houghton or Whelan of Liverpool. I am sure it will improve your game 100% if not more.

Dear Emlyn

I am a coach with my local football team but I tend to squeak like a mouse when shouting instructions to all of my players. What can I do about this?

P.Shreafs, London

Uncle Emlyn says-thankfully I dont have this problem so I cant really help you.

Dear Emlyn

Is it true that Liverpool named their 'Kemlyn Road' stand after you and if so how do I go about getting my name used for a stand? I am very rich and own a top West London club. D.W.Bullstroud

Uncle Emlyn says-well yes of course Liverpool named their Kemlyn Road stand after me but some fool, probably an Evertonian getting jealous added a 'K' Anyway, to achieve your aim try to get yourself on plenty of TV programmes (like me) and you will be nearer your task.

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Send your letters to;

Emlyn Huge, Block C-row T-Seat 51, Kemlyn Road Stand, Anfield, Liverpool.

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# MATCHES THAT GOT NO MENTION

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## PRE-SEASON-FRIENDLY

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 2:2 F.C. SEATTLE STORM

31/7/87

Gate approx= 700

With the start of the season just two weeks away, I went along to this friendly hoping to see QPR's new look side in action but was disappointed to see half the reserves in the side. This was probably because QPR were off to Holland after the match for a pre-season-tour.

Admission was two pound, only in the South Africa Road seats. The admission included an A4 single sheet programme. Gavin Maguire was made captain.

The match got under way with Seattle showing plenty of skill but could not string together a decent move so QPR enjoyed most of the possession and went ahead mid-way through the first half when Danny Maddix, a free transfer from Tottenham avoided two tackles to strike home the ball. Nevertheless, Seattle equalised soon after when Brent Goulet lashed home a tremendous 30 yard volley.

Clive Walker was consistently booed each time he touched the ball and occasionally he responded with with the odd 'V' sign. Obviously he was upset at being left out of the team photo, who knows he may have taken the photo himself! Meanwhile, QPR restored their lead through substitute Bradley Wright, knocking home the ball home after a goal-mouth scramble. In the directors box, John Byrne was looking worried. Was his place under threat from super sub Wright?

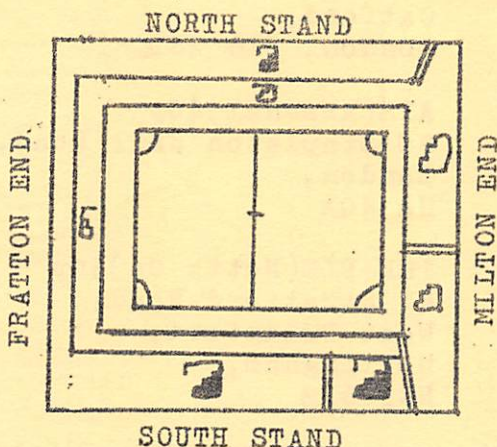
With a couple of players looking decisively unfit, notably messrs Ferdinand and Kerslake, Seattle equalised again through Craig Beeson (I think?)

So overall a highly enjoyable game despite the sad event of Clive Walker playing his last game for Rangers! I nearly cried!

AWAY...AWAY...AWAY, AWAY...RANGERS...RANGERS

PORTSMOUTH

26/3/88



AWAY END= corner of Milton end terrace/block 'D' of south stand for seats.

STANDING= £3.50

SEATS= £6.50

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NON MEMBERSHIP AREAS; South stand block 'D', corner of Milton end terrace, Fratton end, North stand terrace.

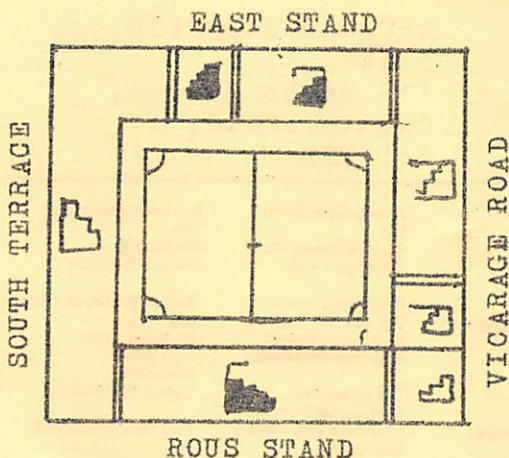
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Ground approx 67 miles from Sheperds Bush.

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WATFORD

1/4/88



AWAY END= corner of Vicarage Road terrace (part covered)/part of East stand for seats.

STANDING= £4.00

SEATS= £5.50

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NON MEMBERSHIP AREAS; East stand (part), Rous stand lower tier, Vicaridge Road terrace.

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Ground approx 8 miles from Sheperds Bush.

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QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) four. 2) Mike Fillery. 3) 6. 4) Ipswich Town.
- 5) 94 sorry..er..none. 6) Martin Allen=1!

# ADDRESSES

FLOODLIGHT(Colchester)20p  
10 Sweet Briar Road,  
Stanway,  
Colchester,  
CO3 5HJ.

VOICE OF THE VALLEY,30p  
16 Olyffe Avenue,  
Welling,  
Kent, DA16 3HZ

HIBBES(Hibernian)20p  
27 Guthrie Street,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 1JG.

1-0 DOWN,2-1 UP,50p  
11b Aubert Park,  
Highbury,  
London, N5 1TL

BLUE PRINT(Man City)40p  
9 Lathom Street,  
Chesham,  
Bury,  
Lancs, BL9 6LX

THE LION ROAR's,50p  
24 Woodham Road,  
Catford,  
London, SE6 2SD

AIM(Arsenal)40p  
80 Stapleton Hall Road,  
London,  
N4 4QA

THE PIE(Notts Co)30p  
61 Stratford Road,  
West Bridgford,  
Nottingham,  
NG2 6AZ

JUNK MAIL(Southampton)40p  
17 Cavendish Grove,  
Southampton,  
SO1 2LE

CROOKED SPIREITE,30p  
Flat 3,  
119 Newbold Road,  
Chesterfield,  
S41 7PS

Hardaker Rides Again  
25p plus A4 SAE  
151 Corporation St  
Plaistow  
London E15 4HE.

The Absolute Game  
35p plus A4 SAE  
Box 99  
24 Glen Street  
Edinburgh EH3

When Saturday Comes  
35p plus A4 SAE  
3rd floor  
12 Sultan Row  
London W1v 5FH.

Off the Ball  
40p plus A4 SAE  
PO Box 85  
Selly Oak Birmingham B29 6PD

Ballie  
40p plus SAE  
8 Grays Inn Buildings  
Rosebery Avenue  
London EC1R 4PH

Arsenal Echo Echo  
30p plus A5 SAE  
30 Dene Road  
Guildford  
Surrey

Tired & Weary (Birmingham)  
45p plus A5 SAE  
133 Longmore Road  
Shirley  
West Midlands

The City Gent (Bradford)  
50p plus A4 SAE  
46 Ainsley Road  
Wetherby LS22 4QS

Out Of Court (Bournemouth)  
20p plus A4 SAE  
61 Oxford Street  
Southampton SO1 1DL

Valerie's Viewpoint (Chariton)  
30p plus A5 SAE  
93 Waylands  
Swarley  
Kent BR8 8ZN

Terrace Talk (York)  
50p  
7 Copper Beech Close  
Dunnington York

Heartbeat (Hearts)  
40p plus SAE  
8 Lancaster Avenue  
Whitefield Manchester

The Hibernian  
35p plus SAE  
10 McNeill Way Tranent  
East Lothian

Fingerpost (WBA)  
35p plus SAE  
19 Ashville drive  
Halesowen  
West Midlands B63 3SD

Leyton Orientier  
50p  
1 York Road  
Leyton  
London E10 5QG

Not the View(Celtic)  
70p  
PO Box 306  
Glasgow G21 2EA

Eagle Eye (Crystal Palace)  
60p  
30 Manor Court  
York Way  
Whetstone  
London N20 0DR

Kick up the Re (QPR)  
50p  
51a Alexandra Drive  
Upper Norwood  
London SE19 1AW.

Dona Outlook (Wimbledon)  
50p plus SAE  
34 Alexandra Road  
Wimbledon  
London SW19 7JZ

Claret's Independent  
20p plus SAE  
35a Blisdon Road  
London E15 2RD

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE A SAE WITH ALL ORDERS.