



1991: McDonald marshals his defence during the 2-2 draw at Crystal Palace

man can see that was where it started to go wrong. Anyway, that's past history. Hopefully the club can turn themselves round and get back to where they belong."

During your career who would you say was the best defensive partner you had at QPR?

"Terry Fenwick was a good player, but the best player I played with generally was Clive Wilson. I think Clive was an unbelievable full back.

People thought the loss of Les Ferdinand hurt the team, but I personally think that about when Clive went. You know there was no talk of Clive going, as far as we were concerned it was a real bolt out of the blue when he went to Tottenham.

Clive was such a gifted player, so skillful and a fabulous guy as well. I played with some cracking players though, like Mark Dennis. He was a brilliant defender even though he was a bit of a nutcase.

We had some great defenders over the years, Dave Seaman was a fabulous goalkeeper, Paul Parker, Danny Maddix was a good man-to-man marker, Dave Bardsley, Darren Peacock did well and went onto Newcastle and Steve Wicks - he was a good player too.

Glen Roeder was my hero when I first got into the team, but I'm spoilt for choice when I think about it."

You've had some great battles over the years, who would you say you enjoyed marking the most?

"Probably some of the biggest battles I ever had were with Mark Hughes, that was infamous. Mark was a tremendous professional, away from football he's a quiet guy a bit like myself, but it's different when you're on the pitch. Mark was always a battling player, very gifted, very strong and a fantastic goalscorer.

Obviously at times it went beyond the legal bounds from both of us but that's the way the games were played and you did whatever you could to try to win the game. It was always enjoyable because we always had a bit of a ding-dong!

When we used to play derbys with Chelsea I used to have a good battle with Kerry Dixon too, I always looked forward to them and I played against Kerry for Northern Ireland when he was in the England team."

You versus Mark Hughes was always brilliant to watch!

"When you get two players who are so committed to winning it gets a bit dirty and you have to give it out. The good thing with Mark was he'd give it out and he'd take it and get on with the game. I tend to think there was a lot of mutual respect for each other."