



**Parkes makes a save against Arsenal at Highbury**

stuck in the reserves for three years, but if that had happened I doubt whether I would have become the same 'keeper.

I seemed to earn the respect of most of the players quite quickly, we had a fairly young side and I became big buddies with a lot of the lads."

**Your first Rangers manager, Les Allen, got the chop soon after you arrived and was replaced by Gordon Jago. How was that?**

"I love Gordon, he was a great diplomat, but he was frightened about upsetting people and as a manager he was too nice really. His assistant, Bobby Campbell, was the nasty piece of work, he wound everyone up and was the bad cop. Then Gordon would come along and smooth everything over. Gordon was a good manager."

**You played with some great, plus a few not so great, defenders at QPR, who did you feel most comfortable playing behind?**

"You're right, there were a few, the first was Vic Mobley, then Ronnie Hunt and Frank Sibley, but I've got to say the best was Frank McLintock, he was amazing. His enthusiasm for the game, especially at his age, was brilliant.

I think he was such an inspiration to everyone at the club - he had such an appetite for the game. Frank was the oldest player in the side, but he would run around as if he was the youngest. David Webb was great too. I remember if I was going in high to catch a ball, Webby would always jump into the centre-forward, block him, then fall on the floor in a heap. The referee would look confused then just wave play on - he did it all the time. Webb was a great player to have in the side and a funny man."

**You played over 400 games for Rangers, which one do you remember most vividly?**

"I'll always remember the UEFA Cup match away in Cologne when we were 3-0 up from the first leg. In the return Don Masson scored again after about eight minutes, then things went a bit pear shaped.

They had this really tricky winger and Dave Clement, who was marking him, didn't really like taking prisoners. He was a hard, hard man so he clobbered him a few times, but in the end he got sent off. From being 4-0 up on aggregate it became like the Alamo and after half an hour they'd pulled it back to 4-4.

Somehow we managed to hang on and didn't let another one in though and when the referee blew the final whistle we knew we were through on the away goals rule. But all their players thought there was going to be extra time - they didn't know the rules. There was absolute uproar, they were all up in arms and complaining to the referee. The Radio commenta-