

2002: Terry ponders a question at Leeds United's training ground



in my day players would retire about the age of thirty-two, today there's more and more players continuing at the top level until thirty-six. If you can get another five years earning two million pounds per season by keeping in good condition it's obviously a very worthwhile exercise."

You were the penalty taker at QPR and scored quite a few while you were at the club.

"[Laughs] Well you would do if you had Rodney in the team wouldn't you? When I arrived I think I took about ten penalties in a fairly short space of time and Rodney got them all. It was embarrassing [laughs], he had this knack of kicking himself and going up in the air. He used to shout 'penalty!' and I used to think 'oh no, not another one'.

It was quite ironic, because Gerry Francis and Rodney were always having a go at each other and there was certainly a lot of feeling between the two of them.

Anyway, we went up to play Manchester City after Rodney had moved up there and Gerry and I were talking about his knack of winning penalties on the way up to the game. During the match Rodney went to shoot and Gerry dived in to stop him, Marsh hit his leg and went up in the air... Penalty! Gerry Francis couldn't believe it, he couldn't believe he'd fallen for it."

Apart from penalties, what are your favourite goals from open play?

"I remember we used to do this free-kick routine where we used to lift the ball straight over the wall and Gerry used to volley it in the net, they were always good. But you could get away with a lot more then because you weren't on telly every game and there weren't any action replays showing every single incident.

I remember a game where we thrashed Birmingham City 5-2, Rodney scored a hat trick but I also got one. Birmingham had Mike Kelly, who had been with us at Rangers and he was always threatening Rodney. Kelly was chasing him all over the pitch trying to catch him like he used to do in training at QPR, that was very funny."

If you had the chance to buy Stan Bowles or Rodney Marsh in their prime for Leeds, who would you pick?

"They were very different I think - Rodney was always very flamboyant and really wanted to please the crowd. I don't see anything wrong with that, because he was effective as well as skillful and used to score a lot of goals while entertaining the supporters. Whereas Stan was hugely talented too, but very businesslike - he wanted to win.

People may not have realised it, but he had this uncanny ability to know what to do with the ball and when. The first day that Stan arrived in