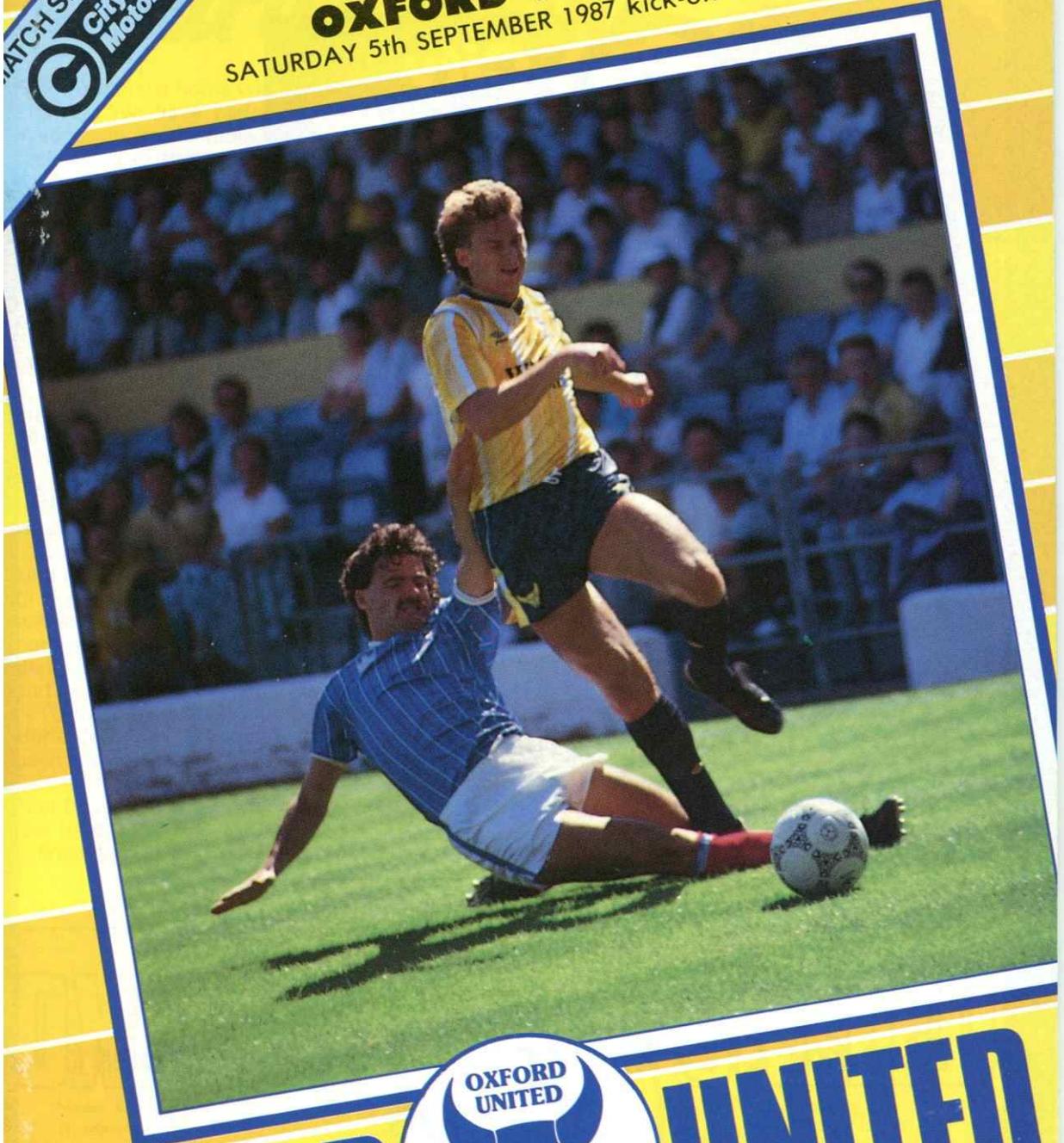


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Since our initial home win against Portsmouth it has seemed an eternity. We have had a couple of good draws at Sheffield Wednesday and Wimbledon and on Tuesday night we tasted our first defeat of the season at Tottenham.

Life is sometimes very cruel to us all and football often mirrors life. At Spurs for instance we played very well for the first 25 minutes and should have been winning at half-time, but it was Spurs who went in 2-0 up, grew in confidence and in the end were fairly comfortable winners.

At both Sheffield and Wimbledon we could have won both matches and Wimbledon snatched a goal in the very last minute. It's very hard to accept at times, but I still believe at the end of a long hard season you get what you deserve.

Two players have now left the club to see if the grass is really greener on the other side and both of them have done tremendously well for Oxford United.

Malcolm Shotton was plucked from non-league Nuneaton. Played all through the glory years and ended up captaining us to that famous win at Wembley. Malcolm was a good solid pro who always gave everything.

Kevin Brock decided to move after a long association with the club and I was sorry to lose him. Kevin could still become one of the country's top mid-field players and he felt that his opportunities would be better elsewhere. As a person he was quiet, but confident. We had our "ups and downs" but I would like to think he respected me. I certainly had great respect for his ability and I shall follow his career with great interest.

Today we welcome Luton and their new Manager, Ray Harford. Ray is no stranger to management having previously been very successful at Fulham. I wish you well Ray, be lucky!

Luton you will remember were the side we beat to stay in the First Division. That was a stirring performance, let's see another one today.

Enjoy the game and help to make our weekend a happy one.

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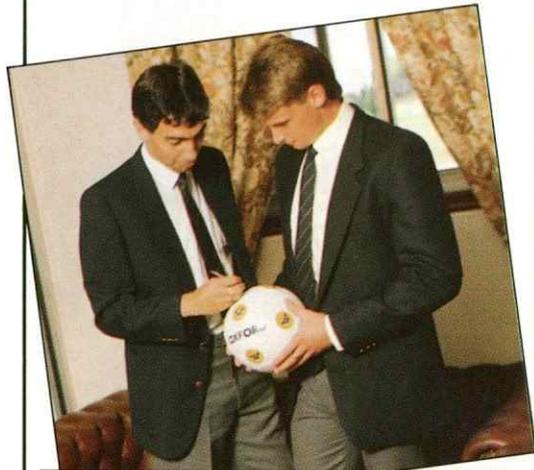
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AROUND THE MANOR

Substitution brings a cheer

United gave Football Combination debuts to the two Japanese trialists in the match against Bristol Rovers a week last Wednesday.

Takao Nonaka played for the first 61 minutes in the centre of defence before being replaced by his compatriot Toshimitsu Yoshikoshi.

The substitution was clearly announced — without any slips of the tongue — by reserve team announcer Bob Wyllie amidst cheers from the crowd. Well done Bob!

NEW SHIRTS A WINNER

The new colours have proved a winner with the fans. The first batch of 144 shirts arrived in United Top Gear the day before the Portsmouth match and sold out within a couple of days. Further supplies have now been received from Umbro and all sizes are now available. The shorts and socks are due in next week.

ATTENTION CARD HOLDERS

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UNITED v PORTSMOUTH

Saturday 15th August 1987

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Second Round — First Leg

OXFORD UNITED v MANSFIELD TOWN

Wednesday 23rd September, Kick-off 7.30 pm.

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| Osler Road Seating | £6.00 | £3.50 | £3.50 |

1987-88 SEASON WANG MASCOTS

Listed below are the lucky winners in the WANG Mascot competition, that was held in the Oxford Mail newspaper just prior to the start of the season

Portsmouth — Sarah Kimbrey Luton Town — Liam Walker
 Queens Park Rangers — Daniel Farmer
 Norwich City — David Pearce
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 Coventry City — Sara Buck Watford — Richard Twine
 Newcastle United — Brian Stimpson
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 Liverpool — Christopher Williams
 Wimbledon — Ben Summers
 Sheffield Wednesday — Sharon Holt
 Tottenham Hotspur — James Clark
 Derby County — Allan Wiggins
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 Southampton — Andrew Bedding
 Everton — Matthew Ford Man United — Richard Jackson

Season Ticket Instalment Plan

Supporters who purchased season tickets before the start of the season on the instalment plan are reminded that the next instalment is now due. In order to assist the Ticket Office staff please bring your season ticket with you.

First Division Scene

DANNY WILSON GETS HIS FIRST FOR LUTON

Danny Wilson, signed from Brighton for £150,000 during the close-season, scored his first goal for Luton on Monday when he guided the ball home from the penalty spot to earn a 1-1 draw with Arsenal.

The penalty had been hotly disputed by Arsenal but Wilson did not allow himself to be disturbed by the Gunners' arguments with the referee. Luton were trailing 0-1 to a Paul Davis goal when Wilson got his chance to put his name on the scoresheet. It also gave Luton their second point of the season. They had previously drawn at home to West Ham (2-2).

Hapless Portsmouth, hammered by six goals at Arsenal last Saturday, registered their first victory in Division One for 28 years when they defeated West Ham 2-1 at Fratton Park on Monday. Again,

it was a penalty that ultimately gave Pompey the edge.

After their humiliation at Highbury, Portsmouth started badly against the Hammers who took the lead with a Gary Strodger header, following a corner, in the 11th minute. When Portsmouth were awarded a penalty four minutes later, Kevin Dillon made no mistake from the spot. It was Dillon who scored the winner after the interval.

Liverpool already have the look of potential Champions, even though they have played only two games. With repairs to the Kop still not complete, last Monday's home game with Watford had to be postponed. The Reds were in action last Saturday, though, hammering F.A. Cup holders Coventry 4-1 on their own ground.

Former Oxford striker John Aldridge scored his second in two games when he converted a penalty whilst Steve Nicol, now fully recovered from injury

and back in his old position in midfield, scored twice against Coventry to take his tally to three. That made Nicol joint top First Division scorer — even though he had played only two games while most of his rivals had four or five games behind them.

Peter Beardsley, who missed one sitter, eventually found the target to register his first League goal for Liverpool since his record £1.9-million transfer from Newcastle.

Southampton manager Chris Nicholl took full responsibility for their home defeat by Q.P.R. on Saturday, suggesting that he may not in future be quite so hard on his players. "I think I may have over-trained them," he admitted. "In previous games we have looked sharp and in training this week everyone looked so good. And yet this afternoon we did not have the legs. We were sluggish. I must look into this and find the remedy. Maybe I have been pushing them a little too hard in training."

Another ex-Oxford player, Kevin Brock, got Q.P.R.'s winner with a perfectly flighted free-kick awarded just outside the penalty area when goalkeeper Tim Flowers carried the ball out of his box. Brock's right-foot chip floated over the Saints' wall and clipped the inside of the left-hand post on its way into the net.

Brock's effort kept Q.P.R. on top of the First Division until Monday when Manchester United overtook them. But United looked anything like Championship potential when goalkeeper Gary Walsh made a terrible blunder with Clive Wilson's speculative shot in the 21st minute. He dropped it over his own line to give Chelsea a surprise lead.

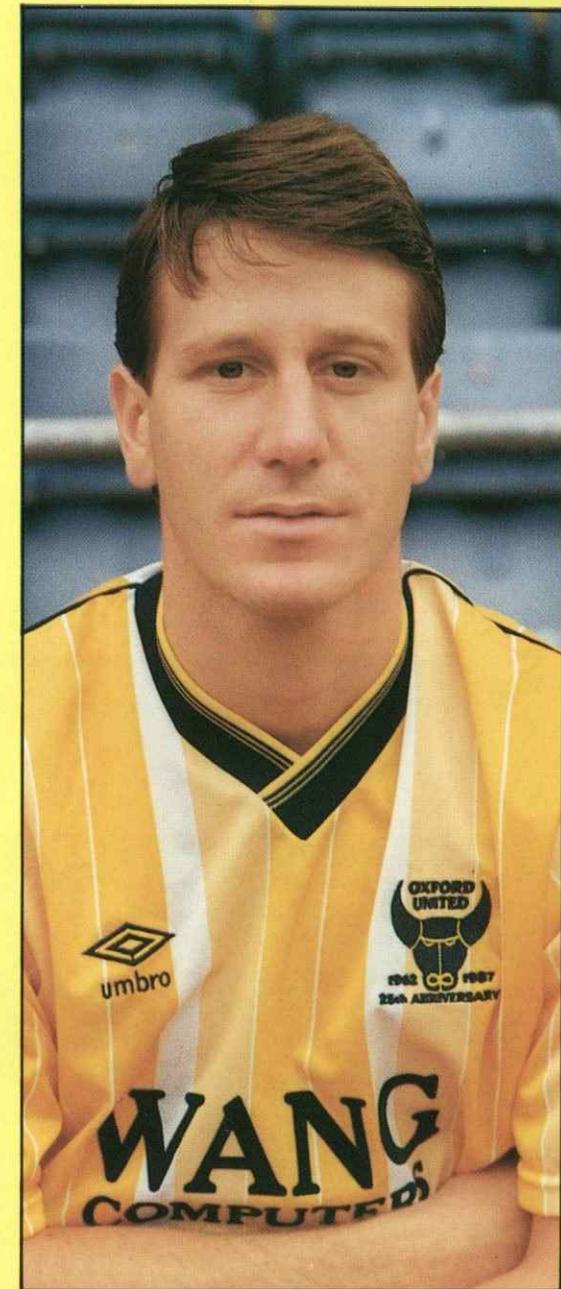
Brian McClair, United's £850,000 close-season buy from Celtic, equalised with his third goal in as many games. Norman Whiteside and Gordon Strachan added others to give United a 3-1 win and take them into top place.

Sheffield Wednesday have been devastated by injuries and manager Howard Wilkinson is a pretty desperate man at the moment. Centre-back Ian Knight is still recovering from the broken leg sustained last season, striker Mark Chamberlain was injured in their opening game then it was Brian Marwood, another forward, who joined the crocks after their second game.

As Wednesday crashed 0-3 at home to Coventry on Monday they lost new full-back Steve McCall with a fractured leg. McCall, signed from Ipswich for £250,000 during the close-season, is expected to be out for about 12 weeks.

Wednesday goalkeeper Martin Hodge also ended up in hospital on Monday, suffering from damaged ligaments.

Mr Wilkinson has been desperate to sign a new central defender since the end of last season. He had agreed terms with both Chris Fairclough (Nottingham Forest) and, later, Mark Wright (Southampton) but both rejected the Owls in favour of Tottenham and Derby respectively. Howard is now hoping to sign Graeme Hogg from Manchester United.



Kevin Brock whose goal at The Dell kept Q.P.R. on top of the 1st Division

It has been a frustrating time all round in the transfer market for the Wednesday manager. He actually signed Southampton's midfielder David Armstrong but received a phone call the next day from the player saying he preferred to remain in the South. Howard agreed to tear up the papers.

But he was more successful last weekend when he completed the £140,000 transfer from Tottenham of Republic of Ireland international outside-left Tony Galvin.

OXFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Luton, who created a club record by finishing seventh in the First Division last season, have made a disappointing start to the current campaign. Beaten by a solitary goal in their first two games — at Derby and at home to Coventry — the Hatters collected their first point in a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago.

One heartening fact for new manager Ray Harford — the former Fulham manager who took over at Kenilworth Road in June — has been the form of his namesake, but no relation, Mick Harford. Top scorer with 25 goals two seasons ago, Mick was savaged by injuries last season but was back to his old form in the West Ham game, scoring both Hatters' goals.

Mick was once a top scorer with

Lincoln City and commanded a then record fee of £200,000 for a Fourth Division player when he signed for Newcastle in 1981. A few months later he moved on to Bristol City but, when they could not afford to maintain payments on his transfer, he was sold to Birmingham. Luton signed him for £250,000 three seasons ago.

Brian Stein partnered Harford in attack at the start of the season but

Mike Newell has also played in attack. Once a reserve player with Liverpool, Mike opened his League career with Crewe in 1983 but was soon on the move to Wigan, where he established himself as a goalscorer. Luton signed him in 1986 and he scored 13 goals for them last season.

Gary Cobb, however, could well get a place in attack today. A product of the youth team, Gary got a couple of outings in the First Division side last season and has already been in action this term.

Ricky Hill, Robert Wilson, Danny Wilson and David Preece are the chief contenders for midfield positions.

Hill, who joined the club from school, made his debut in 1976 and has now played well over 400 games. He has also been capped by England on three occasions.

Robert Wilson played for the Republic of Ireland under-21s in his Fulham days. After topping the Cottagers' scoring list with 11 goals in 1984/85, he left for Millwall. Luton signed him a year later.

Danny Wilson almost came to the Manor during the summer but chose instead to join Luton joining them from Brighton for £150,000. He began his League career with Bury, moving on to Chesterfield in 1980. Nottingham Forest paid £100,000 for him in 1983 but he didn't settle at the City Ground so he joined Brighton a few weeks later. Last season he won three N. Ireland caps.

Preece made his name with Walsall and joined Luton in 1984.

Ashley Grimes is another midfielder player but he seems to have settled again at left-back, a position he has filled in the past. He came into English football when Manchester United signed him from Bohemians and he completed some 100 games for the Old Trafford club before signing for Coventry a year later. He moved on to Luton a year later. Ashley has 13 Republic of Ireland caps.

Grimes has competition for the number three shirt from Rob Johnson who established himself there last season. A Luton

SPOTLIGHT ON . . . BRIAN STEIN

Just about every manager in the country would like to have Brian Stein on his staff. For he virtually *guarantees* to score at least 15 goals per season. When his various striking partners over the years have also been in form, Luton have faced remarkably well.

Over the nine seasons when he has been regular member of the Hatters' side, Brian has scored 136 goals — an average of just over 15 per season.

After developing in the club's junior teams, Brian made his League debut against Mansfield in November 1977. Within weeks he was a regular member of the squad and the goals began to flow.

He first led the Hatters' goals list in 1980/81 with 19 goals and the following season, when they won the Second Division Championship, he was top with 21.

After a year in the First Division, Brian came in for international recognition. He scored twice on his England under-21 debut against Denmark in September 1983 and later played against Hungary and Italy.

In February 1984 he played for the full England team against France.

It's strange that, in spite of Brian's continued consistent scoring record at club level, he has since been ignored by England manager Bobby Robson.

In 1985/86 Brian reached two



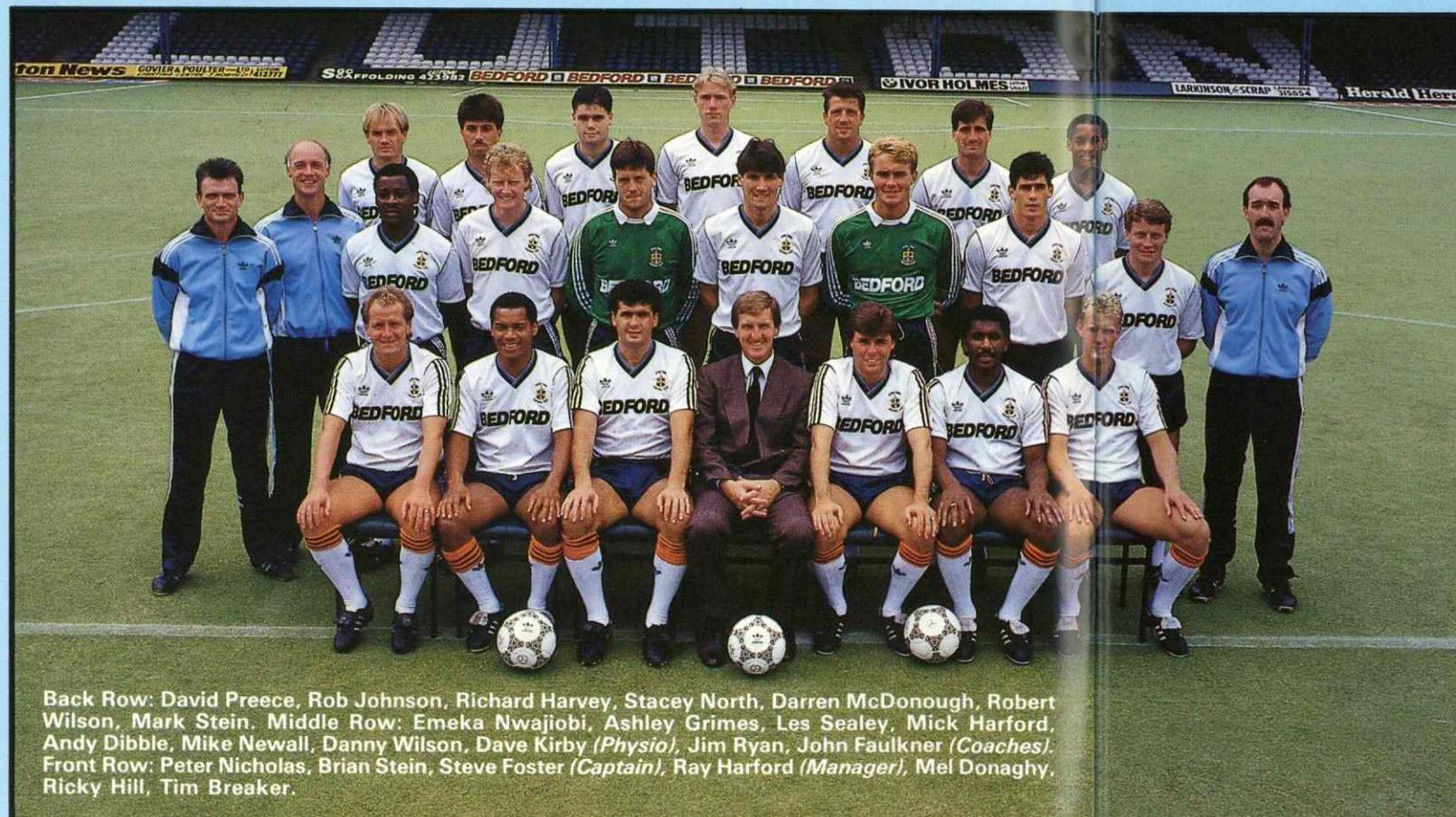
milestones in his career — his 300th League appearance and his 100th League goal.

Last season he was joint-top scorer. Brian and Mike Newell each scored 13 times.

He was a little slow off the mark this season but, once he gets going, we can be sure he will rapidly be adding to his tally of 136 goals. And, maybe, adding to his collection of four hat-tricks?

Today at the Manor

LUTON TOWN



Back Row: David Preece, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Stacey North, Darren McDonough, Robert Wilson, Mark Stein. Middle Row: Emeka Nwajiobi, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, Danny Wilson, Dave Kirby (Physio), Jim Ryan, John Faulkner (Coaches). Front Row: Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Steve Foster (Captain), Ray Harford (Manager), Mel Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breaker.

discovery Rob was first introduced to League soccer in 1983/84 when he also played for Lincoln on loan.

Right-back Tim Breaker is also a Luton discovery. He got his senior chance in 1984 and has been a regular for the past three seasons.

Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy usually fill the central defensive positions but, when the latter was injured, Darren McDonough came in.

Foster started as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence and joined Brighton in 1979. Whilst with the Seagulls, he won three England caps and also played in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay. Aston Villa signed him in 1984 and he moved on to Luton about a year later.

Donaghy was signed from Larne Town in 1978 and has built a wonderful record of consistency. Until his recent injury, he had missed just six League games in nine

seasons. During that time he has established himself in the N. Ireland team, winning his 50th cap last season.

McDonough, signed from Oldham for £85,000 last season, is a versatile player who can also play in midfield. Introduced to Oldham's League eleven in 1980/81, he made more than 200 first-team appearances for the Latics.

Goalkeeper Les Sealey developed with Coventry City and held his first-team place for five years before joining Luton in 1983. In a brief period when he was out of the side in 1984/85 he was loaned to Plymouth.

Ray Harford, who took over as manager this summer, had been with the club for a year as coach. He had previously managed Fulham for two years. He spent his playing days with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester.

SECRETARY'S NEWS AND VIEWS

BY JIM HUNT



● GREAVESY IS BACK

Ian Greaves will be back at the Manor, not particularly as a guest for we all know how he left us to go to Wolves at a minute's notice, but as Manager of Mansfield Town our Littlewoods Challenge Cup opponents.

It will be Ian's first visit back here, as far as I can remember, since that February day in 1982 which eventually led to JIM SMITH'S appointment.

One wonders of course how much different, if at all, things would have been had he stayed but one thing we will always give him credit for was our survival in the Third Division the season he became our Manager at Christmas 1980 when we were in grave danger of relegation.

The first leg of this 2nd Round Cup tie will be at the Manor on Wednesday 23rd September, kick-off 7.30 p.m. and prices will be decreased exactly as they were for the corresponding match last year, when we played Gillingham, to £3.50 Adult Ground, £2 Juvenile and OAP Ground, £6 Adult Seats, £3.50 Juvenile and OAP Seats, £5 Family Seating (Adults) and £2.50 Family Seating (Juvenile).

Keith Cassells, now with Mansfield Town, is expected to be playing against us and Keith will be remembered mainly for the major part he played in the famous cup win of ours of 3-0 over Brighton, on their ground when they were 1st and we were 3rd Division. He was also the senior partner in the transfer deal that took him and Mark Wright to Southampton and brought TREVOR HEBBERD to the Manor soon after Ian Greaves had left the club.

● THE KEVIN BROCK CASE

I make no apologies for saying that as the person who put pen to paper with Kevin Brock's signature when he joined us from school in 1979 I have always been a believer in his talent and I still treasure the memory of that free kick he scored at Old Trafford which brought Manchester United back to the Manor for a second replay which we eventually won in extra time back in 1983.

Where I feel no guilt is the fact that Kevin decided to leave of his own accord after we had made him an exceedingly good offer of a further contract. Neither do I feel guilty that after

negotiations between Chairman and Chairman to prevent the case going to tribunal we eventually pushed QPR to a fee of £260,000 after they had valued Kevin at the ridiculously low amount of £135,000.

Had we not got that sort of money then it would have been a complete injustice for after offering us £200,000, which our Chairman turned down, and then having the audacity to value him at approximately one third less than QPR never deserved an ounce of sympathy.

Their obvious ploy was in the hope that the tribunal would eventually say a figure between



Kevin Brock signing on in 1979

their low valuation and ours of £325,000 which would not have been much more than what they had originally offered. It is this type of dealing which I believe ridicules the tribunal system and I can't for the life of me believe the experienced members of the tribunal would have fallen for such tactics.

Anyway the tribunal was not needed and so thanks for the memories Kevin, your footballing mentor, the late Fred Ford, would have been proud of your exploits since joining the club had he still been alive.

● GOOD LUCK TO MALCOLM SHOTTON

It was a day in May 1980 when I first met Malcolm Shotton in the car park of Nuneaton Borough F.C. when I went to sign him for Bill Asprey who was then our Manager.

Two lads signed that day, Malcolm and TIMMY SMITHERS. The latter returned to Nuneaton some three and a half years later and has since met with a serious injury which could well finish his career but Malcolm went on to give his all for Oxford United.

He will be missed following his transfer to Portsmouth a week ago last Thursday and considering Malcolm cost us £20,000 and we eventually sold him for £70,000 then the judgement of Bill Asprey and his coach at the time who recommended him, ROY BARRY, must be praised.

More than the money, however, was the seven years service Malcolm gave us and the joys he shared with others at the club. All the best Malcolm.

● NEW APPOINTMENT

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of a new Ticket Office Manager to replace Mick Brown who has been promoted to Assistant Secretary.

ROY GRANT, previously employed by our bank, NatWest, is the person we have appointed and we wish him well and how nice it would be for him if he was suddenly involved in a big all ticket cup match.

Roy has already had considerable experience in boys football, which has included reporting, and this will stand him in good stead and considering his banking ability we believe he has all the qualities we have been looking for.

● FOOTBALL LEAGUE CENTENARY FUN RUN

Oxford United's contribution to the Football League Centenary Fun Run will be held at Blenheim Park on Sunday 20th September commencing at 12 noon.

The target for the Football League is £500,000 for charity with all 92 clubs contributing to the pool.

Whereas most clubs have organised their fun

on roads at a recommended distance of two and a half miles we have arranged ours at the picturesque Blenheim Park with a 4 mile course by kind permission of His Grace The Duke of Marlborough, the Club President.

There is a £2 entrance fee for all adult participants and £1 for juveniles and application forms can be obtained from the club shop in the London Road section of the ground before and after the game and at our Top Gear Shop all next week. Those wishing to run should not waste any time getting their application in as we are limited to 600 runners and it will be on a simple first come first served basis as far as acceptance is concerned.

There will also be a charge on the day for admittance to the park of £2 per car including occupants, 50p per adult pedestrian and 20p per juvenile or OAP on foot.

Sponsorship forms will be issued with the application forms and runners are requested to obtain as much sponsorship as possible.

● TODAY'S TELEVISION CAMERAS

The recording of today's match will not be for the UK but will be shown in 41 other countries from Australia to Canada.

It so happens that the same fixture was used for a similar audience last season so we can only hope that we will see a high scoring match like last time. It would certainly make life good if we went on such a scoring spree again today.

● ANOTHER COUPLE WILL BE MISSED

Players are not the only people missed in a Football Club for although we all know the club is remembered by the feats of the players, equally, good match day stewards are also missed.

In this instance I refer to LES and SHEILA HUDSON who have just retired to CORNWALL.

LES joined the club as a Steward in 1963 and during his 24 years service he only missed a handful of matches.

During my time as Secretary Les has mainly been on the Cuckoo Lane turnstiles and he was a most reliable person.

His cheery manner helped him on many occasions and I'm sure he could tell a few tales about his experiences on the visitors turnstiles.

Nothing was too much trouble for Les and the same applied to Sheila, his wife, when she joined Ted Haines, our Chief Steward, in the match-day office in 1977.

A third member of the family, their daughter LESLIE, also helped out for a short period whilst their son and daughter-in-law made the Hudson contingent to five over the years. The latter are, I am pleased to say, still working in the Match-day Office.

People like LES and SHEILA are important to this club and both will be sorely missed. We wish them luck in their new abode and retirement.



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LOOKING BACK

5 YEARS AGO: Bournemouth put up stiff opposition in the Third Division game at The Manor and it wasn't until 20 minutes from time that Mick Vinter managed to break down their defence and put Oxford into the lead. Another goal from Andy Thomas made the game safe at 2-0.

Paul Walsh hit a hat-trick for Luton in their home First Division game with Notts County. Ricky Hill and David Moss also scored as the Hatters won 5-3.



Mick Vinter put United into the lead against Bournemouth (4.9.82).

10 YEARS AGO: Hugh Curran scored the only goal of our Third Division fixture at home to Preston.

Jimmy Husband banged home four goals for Luton – one from the spot – as they crushed Charlton 7-1 in a Second Division game at Kenilworth Road. Steve Buckley, Ricky Hill and Gary Heale made up the score.

15 YEARS AGO: We received an early setback when Nigel Rees put Cardiff into a three-minute lead in a Second Division game at The Manor. But Nigel Cassidy soon had us on terms and Steve Aylott hit our winner in the 68th minute.

Luton got off to a good start at home to Huddersfield, Vic Halom scoring twice before half-time. Though Alan Gowling reduced Huddersfield's arrears after the break, Jim Ryan and John Aston (penalty) scored to give Luton a comfortable 4-1 win.

20 YEARS AGO: We went a goal down in our Third Division game at Bournemouth when John Hold got the ball into our net. Though Graham Atkinson equalised, Ken Pound hit a winner for Bournemouth.

Luton, in the Fourth Division at the time, travelled to Swansea where goals from Bruce Rioch and Mick Brown earned them a 2-2 draw.

25 YEARS AGO: We were still searching for our first away point in League football after going down 1-2 at Darlington. John Love scored our goal.

Luton were beaten 0-2 at Charlton in Division Two.

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MILEAGE Approximately 172 miles.

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Date: Saturday 12th September 1987
Kick-off: 3.00pm
Terrace Admission: £3.00
Seat Tickets: £5.00 (available in advance from the Oxford ticket office)
Programme: 60p

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Saturday 26th September

Coaches Depart

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11.15am

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Tuesday 6th October

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RESERVE & YOUTH

REPORT

Oxford United's first three Combination matches this season certainly have not been lacking in entertainment, or goals.

If it's goals you are after it may be worth paying the reserves a visit. Those first three fixtures have produced 19, nine for United and ten for the opposition.

The season began with a 4-2 defeat at the Manor by Tottenham, who included ex-United keeper Tony Parker, Ossie Ardiles and Tony Galvin.

Dean Saunders was able to use the match to regain his goal touch after sitting out the opening two first team fixtures because of a suspension.

Saunders scored from a penalty after Malcolm Shotton was fouled and then from a header, but Spurs dominated the second period. Their goals came from Vince Samways (2), Neil Ruddock and John Moncur.

After Dean Saunders' two goals against Tottenham, it was the turn of midfielder Sean Reck to score a brace to underline his determination to mount a challenge for a first team spot.

Reck scored the first and fifth goals as United swamped Bristol Rovers Reserves 5-2, and Saunders was again on the mark. Oxford's other two came from Lee Nogan and full back Robbie Williams, while Lee Howells and David Mehew netted for Rovers.

United's first away game in the combination was last Tuesday on Queen's Park Rangers' plastic pitch. United were unfortunate not to have come away with a draw and a last minute goal by ex-Oxford man, Clive Walker — who looked to be well offside — gave QPR a flattering 4-2 scoreline.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday 9th September

OXFORD UNITED
versus
LUTON TOWN
Kick-off 7.30 pm

Rangers seemed to be well on top when David Kerslake and Les Ferdinand put them 2-0 up after half an hour.

But Robbie Mustoe pulled one back after good work by David Langan and Dave Leworthy and Leworthy almost made it 2-2 after rounding the goalkeeper, only to shoot wide from a difficult angle.

Ferdinand scored a third for QPR but United were back in the match thanks to an own goal by Brian Law, before Walker sealed matters with virtually the last kick.

| FOOTBALL COMBINATION | | | |
|----------------------|----|-------------------|-------|
| Aug. | 19 | Tottenham Hotspur | H 2-4 |
| | 26 | Bristol Rovers | H 5-2 |
| Sept. | 1 | Q.P.R. | A 2-4 |
| | 9 | Luton Town | H A |
| | 15 | Portsmouth | A A |
| | 23 | Crystal Palace | H A |
| Oct. | 3 | Arsenal | A A |
| | 7 | West Ham United | H A |
| | 14 | Ipswich Town | A A |
| | 24 | Watford | A A |
| | 28 | Charlton Athletic | H A |
| Nov. | 7 | Southampton | A A |
| | 11 | Reading | H A |
| | 18 | Fulham | H A |
| | 21 | Chelsea | A A |
| | 25 | Brighton & H.A. | H A |
| Dec. | 1 | Swindon Town | A A |
| | 9 | Millwall | H A |
| | 18 | Norwich City | A A |
| Jan. | 9 | Tottenham Hotspur | A A |
| | 12 | Bristol Rovers | A A |
| | 20 | Q.P.R. | H A |
| | 30 | Luton Town | A A |
| Feb. | 3 | Portsmouth | H A |
| | 9 | Fulham | A A |
| | 17 | Crystal Palace | A A |
| | 24 | Arsenal | H A |
| Mar. | 2 | Ipswich Town | A A |
| | 12 | West Ham United | A A |
| | 16 | Watford | H A |
| | 22 | Charlton Athletic | A A |
| | 26 | Reading | A A |
| | 30 | Southampton | H A |
| Apr. | 6 | Chelsea | H A |
| | 13 | Brighton & H.A. | A A |
| | 19 | Millwall | A A |
| May | 4 | Norwich City | H A |

| THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
| Portsmouth | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 5 |
| Arsenal | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Southampton | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
| Luton Town | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Watford | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Charlton Athletic | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ipswich Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Oxford United | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 10 |
| West Ham United | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| Millwall | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Crystal Palace | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Fulham | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Norwich City | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Reading | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Bristol Rovers | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Swindon Town | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 13 |

There has been a promising start for United's youth team who won their first three South East counties league fixtures without conceding a goal before losing 3-0 to Southampton's very strong youth team.

David Coates' reports: "The start has been especially pleasing because we have done very well defensively. Last year we gave a lot of goals away and although we played some fine football it wasn't good enough.

We didn't play particularly well against Southampton, though we battled hard, but Southampton are very powerful. They won the SECL Junior Section in the first two years and their results this season have been 8-0, 5-0, 3-0 against us and 6-0 against Tottenham.

"If we had played last year's team they would have taken us to the cleaners" said Coates.

The youth team has included a number of schoolboys, including Cornish youngster Graham Waters, and Paul Evans, the son of the Manager, who has played at right back and in midfield.

Derek Tully scored the three goals against the two Bristol clubs, while Ian Hewitson (twice) and Mick Denton were on the mark in the 3-0 win over Swindon Town Youths.

| SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO | | | |
|---|----|-------------------|-------|
| Aug. | 15 | Bristol Rovers | A 1-0 |
| | 18 | Bristol City | H 2-0 |
| | 22 | Swindon Town | H 3-0 |
| | 25 | Southampton | H 0-3 |
| Sept. | 5 | Crystal Palace | A A |
| | 7 | Reading | H A |
| | 12 | Brentford | A A |
| | 19 | Bournemouth | H A |
| | 26 | Luton Town | H A |
| Oct. | | Tottenham Hotspur | A A |
| | 10 | Wimbledon | H A |
| | 17 | Northampton Town | A A |
| | 24 | Brighton & H.A. | A A |
| | 31 | League Cup 2 | A A |
| Nov. | 7 | Colchester United | A A |
| | 14 | Bournemouth | H A |
| | 21 | Bristol Rovers | H A |
| Dec. | 5 | Swindon Town | A A |
| | 12 | Southampton | A A |
| | 19 | League Cup 3 | A A |
| Jan. | 9 | Reading | A A |
| | 16 | Crystal Palace | H A |
| | 23 | Brentford | H A |
| | 30 | Luton Town | A A |
| Feb. | 6 | Tottenham Hotspur | H A |
| | 13 | Wimbledon | A A |
| | 20 | Northampton Town | H A |
| | 27 | Brighton & H.A. | H A |
| Mar. | 5 | Colchester United | H A |
| | 12 | Bournemouth | A A |
| | 19 | Bristol City | A A |

Previous Encounters with LUTON TOWN

THE most memorable game between Luton Town and Oxford United — at least from a United viewpoint — was the dramatic First Division match at Kenilworth Road last May 5.

Oxford, needing a win to guarantee another season in the top flight, won 3-2 after first leading 2-0 and then being pegged back to 2-2 in the final eight minutes before Dean Saunders scored a winner in the final minute.

That game has been well chronicled in the past few months, so it's another confrontation that Previous Encounters centres on this week.

The game at Kenilworth Road on March 15, 1986 was also significant for Oxford United, who were playing in the First Division for the first time that season.

Successive home defeats had spread gloom throughout the

Manor as it seemed United would struggle to stay in Division 1.

Things were to change with away wins at Chelsea and, three days before the visit to Luton, at Aston Villa.

Hero of the victory at Villa Park was Jeremy Charles and he bagged his second winner in succession at Kenilworth Road.

Indeed, Luton Town — defeated just once before in the League on their own plastic pitch — would have been embarrassed as well as beaten but for three goal-line

Jeremy Charles scores United's second goal at Luton (15.3.86).



clearances and a post which prevented John Aldridge from scoring in the first half.

United had the better of the first period but Luton took a 15th minute lead through David Preece. To most visiting fans it appeared a bad decision by referee Colin Downey.

Gary Briggs, trying to clear a centre, seemed wrongly penalised for a tackle on Mick Harford.

Preece drove in the spot kick. Malcolm Shotton saw Mitchell Thomas clear his header off the line after good attacking work from Briggs and Charles.

Luton keeper Les Sealey had to stretch to hold a Charles header and then Aldridge hit an acute angled effort against the right post.

United drew level when Aldridge was hauled down by Peter Nicholas in the area. Aldridge celebrated his 24th goal of the season by sending Sealey the wrong way.

On the hour Charles put Oxford ahead with a brilliantly taken goal after good work from Peter Rhoades-Brown.

In the closing stages of the game Mitchell Thomas and Steve Foster cleared off the line from Ray Houghton and Aldridge respectively.

Luton Town: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Newell, Preece, Sub used: North. **Oxford United:** Judge, Trewick, Slatter, Phillips, Briggs, Shotton, Houghton, Aldridge, Charles, Hebbard, Rhoades-Brown. Sub used: Thomas. Att: 10,663!

| Date | Comp | Venue | Attend | Res | FA | Scorers |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1.9.70 | Div 2 | A | 16,173 | L | 0-4 | D. Clarke, |
| 28.4.71 | Div 2 | H | 9,531 | W | 2-1 | D. Cassidy |
| 1.9.71 | Div 2 | H | 10,490 | D | 1-1 | D. Clarke, |
| 5.2.72 | Div 2 | A | 9,792 | W | 2-1 | Skeen, |
| | | | | | | G. Atkinson |
| 30.8.72 | Div 2 | A | 10,891 | W | 1-0 | Cassidy |
| 28.4.73 | Div 2 | H | 6,318 | W | 2-1 | Roberts, |
| | | | | | | Cassidy |
| 12.4.74 | Div 2 | H | 13,464 | D | 1-1 | Curran |
| 16.4.74 | Div 2 | A | 16,353 | W | 1-0 | Skeen |
| 26.12.75 | Div 2 | A | 13,101 | L | 2-3 | Shuker, Jeffrey |
| 17.4.76 | Div 2 | H | 7881 | L | 1-3 | Clark D |
| 12.10.85 | Div 1 | H | 10,609 | D | 1-1 | Hebbard |
| 15.3.86 | Div 1 | A | 10,663 | W | 2-1 | Aldridge, |
| | | | | | | Charles |
| 6.12.86 | Div 1 | H | 8,800 | W | 4-2 | Aldridge 3, |
| | | | | | | Brock |
| 5.4.87 | Div 1 | A | 8,917 | W | 3-2 | Saunders 2, |
| | | | | | | Hebbard |



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| Date | Opponents | Venue | Res | Att'd | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Subs |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------|-----|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| 1987 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 15 | Portsmouth | H | 4-2 | 9,174 | Hucker | Langan 1 | Slatter | Shelton | Briggs | Caton 1 | Houghton | Foyle | Whitehurst2 | Hebberd | R-Brown | Dreyer (2) Trewick |
| 18 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | 1-1 | 17,868 | Hucker | Slatter | Dreyer | Shelton | Briggs | Caton | Houghton | Foyle 1 | Whitehurst | Hebberd | Trewick | Shotton; Rhoades-Brown |
| 22 | Wimbledon | A | 1-1 | 4,229 | Hucker | Slatter | Dreyer | Shelton | Briggs | Caton | Houghton | Foyle 1 | Whitehurst | Hebberd | Trewick | Shotton (10) Saunders |
| Sept 1 | Tottenham Hotspur | A | 0-3 | 21,811 | Hucker | Slatter | Dreyer | Shelton | Briggs | Caton | Houghton | Foyle | Whitehurst | Hebberd | Trewick | Saunders (11) Reck |
| 5 | Luton Town | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Liverpool | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Queens Park Rangers | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Mansfield Town (LC2 1L) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Derby County | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 3 | Norwich City | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Mansfield Town (LC2 2L) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Arsenal | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | West Ham United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Charlton Athletic | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | L.C. Cup 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Chelsea | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 7 | Coventry City | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Southampton | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | L.C. Cup 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Watford | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Everton | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec 5 | Newcastle United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Manchester United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Nottingham Forest | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Liverpool | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Queens Park Rangers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1988 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2 | Wimbledon | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | F.A. Cup 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Portsmouth | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Sheffield Wednesday | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | F.A. Cup 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 6 | Luton Town | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Derby County (FAC 5) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Norwich City | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar 5 | West Ham | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Arsenal (FAC 6) | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Chelsea | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Charlton Athletic | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr 2 | Coventry City | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Southampton | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Watford (FAC 5F) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Everton | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Newcastle United | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 2 | Manchester United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Nottingham Forest | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | F.A. Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| QPR | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| Man. Utd. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Nottm. For. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Tottenham | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Chelsea | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Coventry | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| Everton | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Wimbledon | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Liverpool | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Southampton | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Arsenal | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Oxford United | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Derby | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| West Ham | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Norwich | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Newcastle | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Watford | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Portsmouth | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| Luton | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Sheffield Wed. | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Charlton | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

1987-88 FINAL ATTENDANCE FIGURES

| | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---|---------------------|
| Arsenal | 42,784 | 54,703 | v | Liverpool |
| Manchester United | 42,650 | 46,478 | v | Chelsea |
| Everton | 30,688 | 31,728 | v | Norwich City |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 28,384 | 37,079 | v | Chelsea |
| Coventry City | 26,126 | 27,637 | v | Liverpool |
| Newcastle United | 20,111 | 20,111 | v | Nottingham Forest |
| West Ham United | 19,638 | 22,881 | v | Queens Park Rangers |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 19,023 | 22,031 | v | Newcastle United |
| Chelsea | 19,002 | 21,929 | v | Sheffield Wednesday |
| Southampton | 18,373 | 21,214 | v | Manchester United |
| Portsmouth | 17,727 | 20,161 | v | Southampton |
| Watford | 17,208 | 19,073 | v | Tottenham Hotspur |
| Nottingham Forest | 16,382 | 20,445 | v | Everton |
| Derby County | 16,184 | 17,204 | v | Luton Town |
| Queens Park Rangers | 15,337 | 18,981 | v | Arsenal |
| Norwich City | 14,930 | 16,636 | v | Newcastle United |
| Charlton Athletic | 10,034 | 14,046 | v | Manchester United |
| Oxford United | 9,174 | 9,174 | v | Portsmouth |
| Luton Town | 8,108 | 8,745 | v | Arsenal |
| Wimbledon | 5,725 | 7,763 | v | Everton |

Liverpool have yet to play a home match

1987-88 FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

| APPEARANCES | | | | GOALS | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Barclays | L.C. | F.A. | F.M. | Barclays | L.C. | F.A. | F.M. |
| League | Cup | Cup | Cup | League | Cup | Cup | Cup |
| 4 | - | - | - | Gary Briggs | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Tommy Caton | 1 | - | - |
| 3(1) | - | - | - | John Dreyer | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Martin Foyle | 2 | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Trevor Hebberd | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Ray Houghton | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Peter Hucker | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | - | David Langan | 1 | - | - |
| 1 | - | - | - | Peter Rhoades-Brown | - | - | - |
| 0(1) | - | - | - | Dean Saunders | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Gary Shelton | - | - | - |
| 0(1) | - | - | - | Malcolm Shotton | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Neil Slatter | - | - | - |
| 3 | - | - | - | John Trewick | - | - | - |
| 4 | - | - | - | Billy Whitehurst | 2 | - | - |

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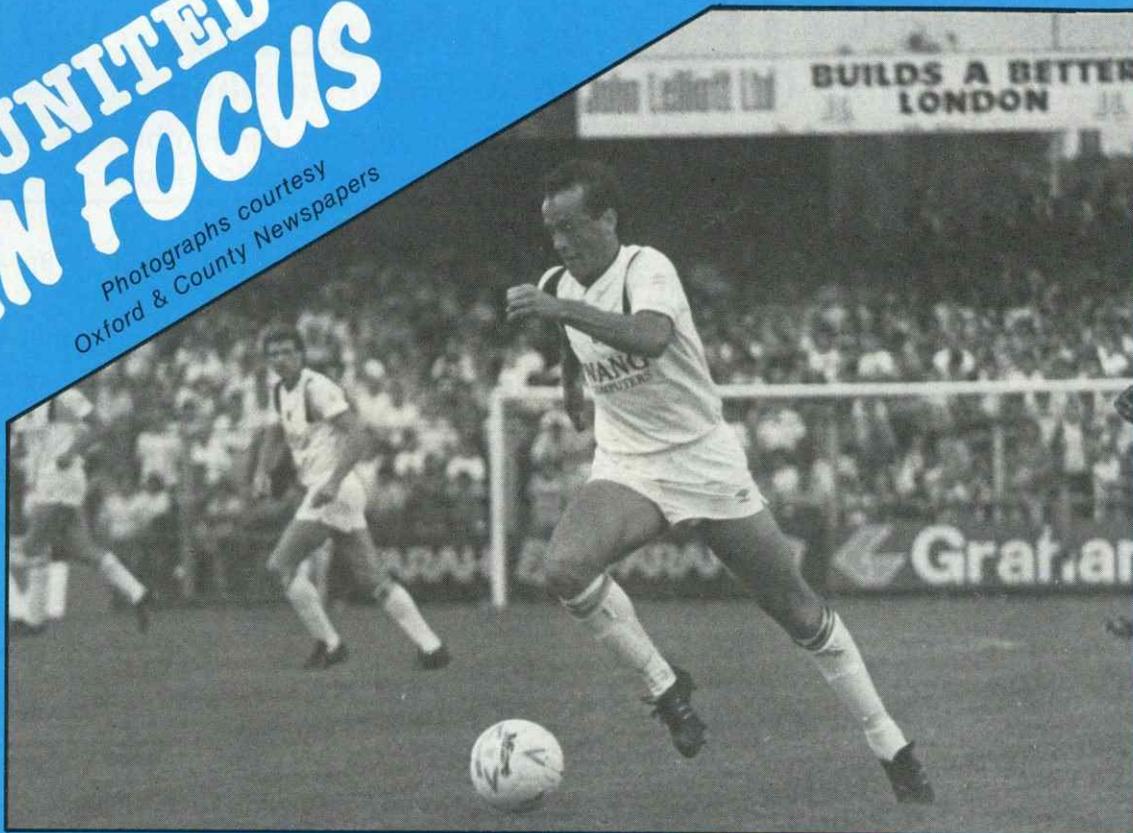
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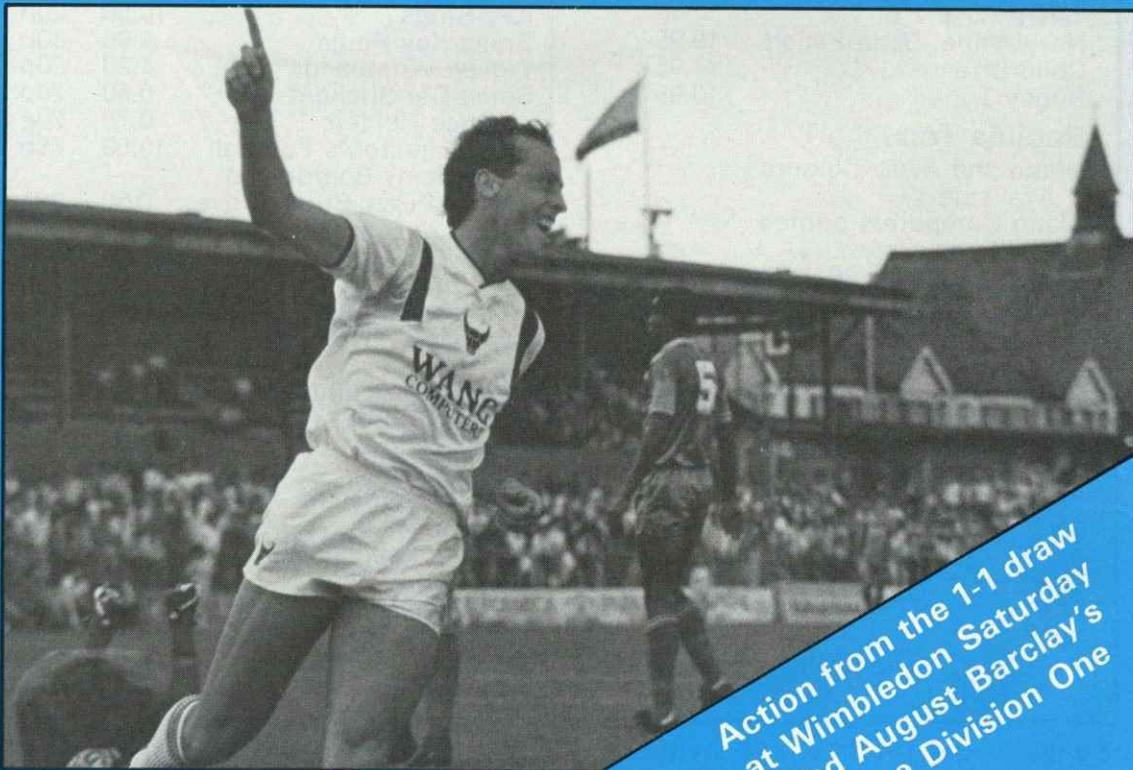
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Above: Peter Hucker dives to his left to save Alan Cork's penalty kick



Action from the 1-1 draw
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Martin Foyle races into the penalty area, and after rounding Wimbledon's keeper scores Oxford goal, in the 1-1 draw at Plough Lane

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OXFORD UNITED JUNIORS

Those lucky Juniors who made it to the Junior Club night are reminded that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October 1987. The Juniors Club night will be on the first Tuesday of the month unless we have a match on that evening as happened this month. Tommy Caton your new President was there at the first night and showed how great the new shirt looked. He answered lots of questions about himself and we feel we've had a great start to those evenings.

All Juniors are welcome as are guests including parents — Members free, guests and parents pay a guest fee of 50p.

We will be going to more away matches this season but Juniors who come and watch us at home will get preference. By the way have you all got your Manor Club membership cards. These will be necessary to get into Osler Road and Beech Road and also to get the Juniors concessionary prices in the London Road. So you must have one. All you have to do is fill in an application form (available from the Ticket Office and the Shop), get four passport size photographs (there is a machine at the ground) and send or bring the completed form to the Ticket Office with your birth certificate and £3.

Speaking of the Osler Road terrace have you noticed — No Fences. Hopefully, we are satisfied this experiment works, we will be able to do the same on the Beech Road side — so it is very important the experiment is a success with no-one going on the pitch.



Tommy Caton,
President of the United Juniors.

JUNIOR AWAY TRAVEL

The next away trips for the Oxford United Juniors are Liverpool on Saturday 12th September and Derby County on Saturday 26th September. We can accommodate a limited amount of parents. The details of these trips are:-

Liverpool — Saturday 12th September

Junior — £8.00 Adult — £11.00

The coach will leave the Manor Ground at 10.00 a.m. and arrive back at approximately 9.30 p.m. Unaccompanied children must be picked up at the Manor Ground by a parent or a responsible adult at this time.

Derby County — Saturday 26th September

Junior — £7.00 Adult — £10.00

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The price of these trips includes a seat on the coach and a seat in the stand. If you wish to come along to either of these games please complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Mary Page, Oxford Juniors Co-ordinator, Oxford United Football Club, Manor Ground, Headington, Oxford. Bookings for the Liverpool game must be received by Tuesday 8th September 1987 and for the Derby game by Monday 21st September 1987 together with the appropriate monies.

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PROGRAMME REVIEW

The first of an occasional series of articles in which United supporter Phil Malcolm takes a look at football programmes.

25 YEARS AGO — LEAGUE FOOTBALL ARRIVES AT THE MANOR

On Wednesday 22 August 1962 Oxford United played their first home match as a Football League Club. Since then the Club has made tremendous progress on and off the field and indeed football itself has changed enormously. However, what about the matchday programme? What was that like in 1962?

Compared with today's glossy, lavishly illustrated efforts, League programmes then were generally rather modest, even drab affairs. However, in contrast with the modern era when most club programmes tend to have a rather similar look about them, 1960's issues come in an assortment of shapes and sizes, which, despite the lack of action photographs, projected an altogether more individual club identity.

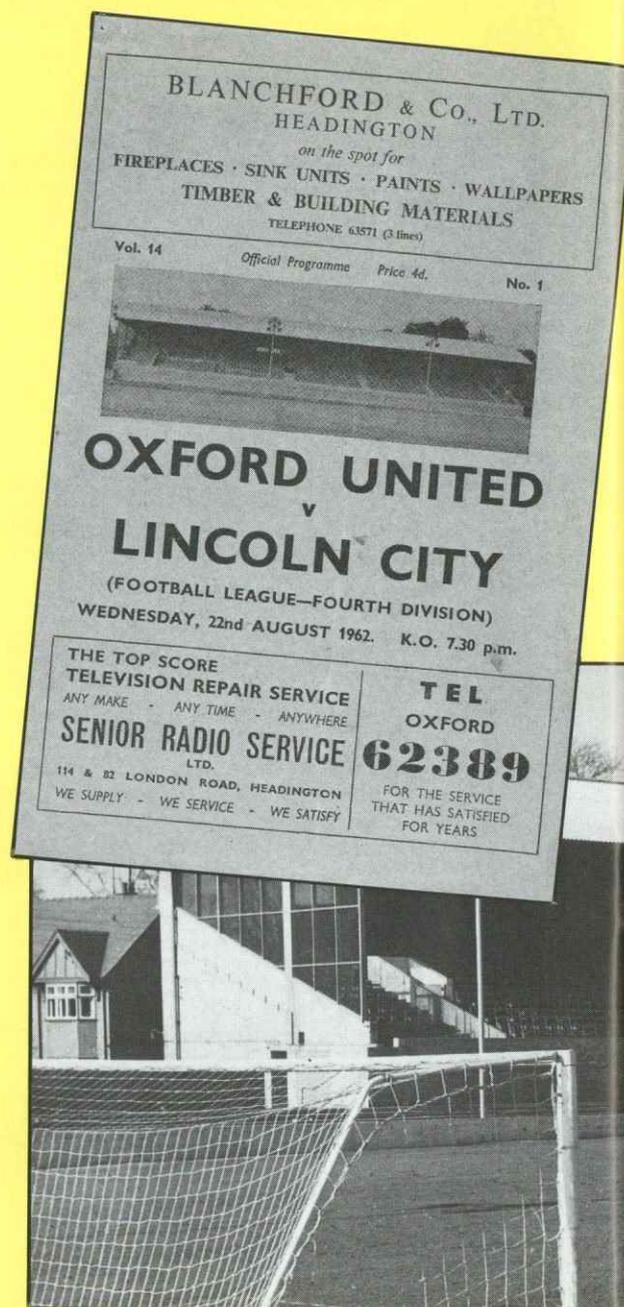
Oxford's programme in Season 1962/63 was fairly typical of that era and generally on a par with their Fourth Division rivals. However, it was disappointing to note that the step up to the Football League was not reflected in the programme which retained the same format that had been used during the previous 3 seasons as a Southern League Club.

The first visitors to the Manor for a Football League match were, of course, Lincoln City (who ironically played their first match in the GM Vauxhall Conference League this season). The programme, which cost 4d (about 2p), consisted of 16 pages (8½" x 5½") with black print on somewhat poor quality fawn coloured paper throughout. In those days United programmes could appear in almost any colour imaginable. For example, the issues for the games against Hartlepool and Exeter City were printed on green paper; red was used for the Workington and Torquay United games and others were turned out on blue, pink or even purple paper.

The only photograph in any of the season's issues was a small black and white picture of the Beech Road Stand which featured on a rather attractive front cover above a bold title "Oxford United v Lincoln City (Football League — Fourth Division) Wednesday 22 August 1962". Thus, unlike some other club's issues during this period, for example those of Reading or Swindon Town, who tended to hide this vital information inside the programme, collectors of United programmes could always see at a glance which game each particular programme related to. Another feature on the cover of the Oxford programme which collectors would have found useful was the idea of giving each issue a reference number; the programmes from Season 1962/63 comprising Volume 14 with the Lincoln City programme being number 1, the Hartlepool's programme of 25 August 1962 being Volume 14 No. 2 and so on.

Judged by modern standards, the content of the 1962 programme was rather poor. For a start, it was heavily laden with adverts — only 4 of the pages being completely advert free and even one of these was a full page police notice telling supporters which local side streets were available for car parking.

The main article in the programme was entitled "Club Notes", commencing on page 3 and finishing on page 5, page 4 being full of adverts. "Club Notes" was normally compiled by the editor Vic Couling although in later issues that season, Manager Arthur Turner would sometimes air his views and the piece was then headed "Manager's Notes".



In the Lincoln programme, Vic Couling naturally began by commenting on the historic nature of the occasion and welcomed various visiting dignitaries to the first League match at the Manor. However, he then went on to talk about the improvements being made to the Ground and interestingly refers to the fact that "The covered accommodation at the London Road end is well under way" and "High on the list of priorities now is the floodlighting, which will be on the 4 pylon system". Indeed, in the photograph on the front cover it seems strange now to see poles supporting the old floodlighting system in front of the Beech Road Stand.

Page 7 showed the fixtures for the season, both for the first team and the reserves who were then playing in the Metropolitan League against the 'A' teams of big clubs like Arsenal or Spurs as well as less auspicious clubs such as St Neots Town and Didcot Town.

On the central pages were the teams in the conventional 2-3-5 formation plan with an advert surround. In those days only the players' surnames were given although in the case of United's Atkinson brothers this was extended to "Atkinson R." and "Atkinson G.". The initials, surnames and towns of origin of the referee and linesmen appeared between the teams on either side of logo in the centre of the page depicting an old fashioned lace-up leather football. Even this football housed an advert, however, imploring supporters to "Buy the Sports Mail" the local Saturday evening football paper. Many of us did, and probably would do so today but for the fact that the Oxford Mail no longer finds it a profitable exercise. Still, there's always Radio Oxford at 6 o'clock!!!

In the second half of the programme the only real items of interest are the half page on the visitors, Lincoln City, and the Supporters Club Notes, although in later issues that season there appeared a "Half Time Scoreboard", a full page record of "Player's Appearances and Goal Scorers" and an article by Ken McClusky called "Notes from the Secretary's Desk".

The Beech Road stand as it was in 1962, with the floodlighting poles in front of the stand.

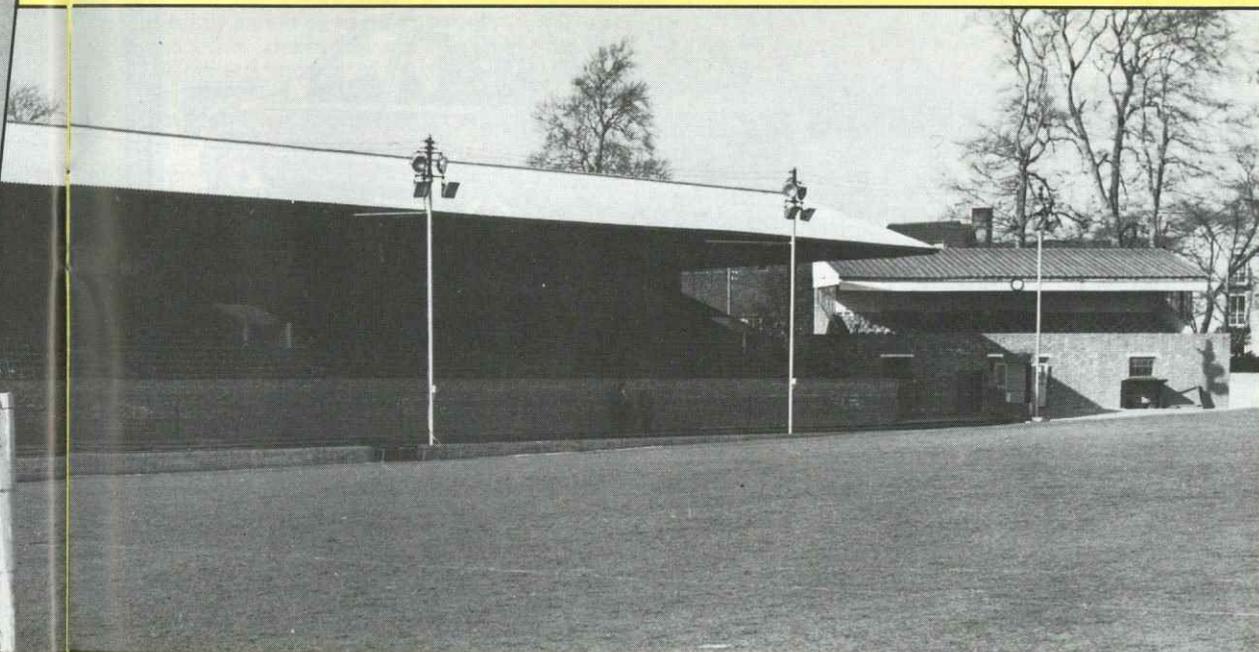
League tables of Division 4 and the Metropolitan League also appeared as did details of the "Next Match on the Manor".

Unlike today's programmes, which invariably feature a detailed history of the visiting team, together with pen pictures of each player, a team photograph and article about the Manager, United's features on 1962 visitors left much to be desired. Whereas even other Fourth Division clubs of the period usually featured pen pictures of individual players and sometimes even provided the occasional photograph, all Oxford seemed to do in those days was a concise outline of the visiting club's history with no mention of individual players.

The Supporters' Club Notes always appeared on Page 15 and in the Lincoln programme one item in particular illustrated the close relationship between the Football Club and its supporters. Before the game the Supporters' Club would be presenting a cheque for £9,000 — a considerable sum of money in those days — to the Football Club to complete the purchase of the Manor Ground. With hindsight, looking at the ever increasing property prices of 1987 and the fact that the value of the Manor Ground must now be at least a million pounds, the importance of the Supporters' Club's efforts in 1962 seems enormous.

Although this was only their first match in the Football League the driving ambition of the Club and the prudent financial organisation of the men who ran it can be seen in glancing through the Lincoln City programme of 1962. They had achieved great things by getting into the Football League but they regarded it as the beginning of even greater times. The fact that 25 years later United are playing in Division 1, is as much a tribute to their ideals as to those of the Robert Maxwell era.

As for the Lincoln City programme itself, many copies still exist today but they have definitely become "collectors' items" and consequently do not often appear in dealers' catalogues. As a result, one could easily have to pay as much as £10 to obtain one.



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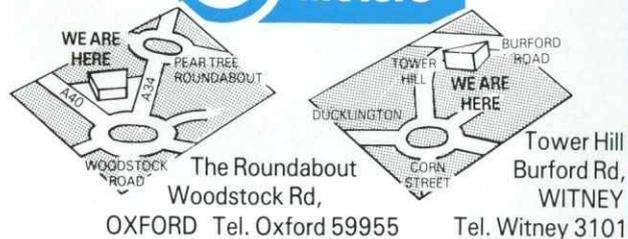
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with **NICK JOHNSON**

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City Motors have sponsored the United management car pool for the past 3 years or so and I'm delighted that they have once again chosen us to help promote their excellent range of cars. As you can see on the photograph, United team manager *Maurice Evans* receives his new 'E' key from City Motors' Director and General Manager *Louis Preston*. I hope that the sponsorship party, headed by *Louis* and his Sales Manager *Malcom Slade*, and their guests have a super stay with us and I know they are all 'rooting' for the quality match, (and result), as we had last season!



'E' its Grand!

United team manager *Maurice Evans* is handed his key by City Motors Director and General Manager *Louis Preston*.

Welcome to a New Member of Staff

I'm delighted to welcome our first addition to the Marketing Division *Ms. Debra Smith* who recently joined us as marketing Executive. Debra will assist in the general 'growth' of the division. So, if you are interested in any form of sponsorship or advertising, whether it's match, matchball or ground advertising, either of us will be more than happy to furnish you with more details.



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I'm delighted to announce that *Charles Barker Ltd* of Leeds, a leading company in men's wear and fashion have once again decided to 'kit' the united team out this season by supplying all the first team squad and management with a new two piece suit. As seen on their advertising page in this programme, our new grey suit follows last seasons jacket and trousers and the 'Wembley' two piece suit. We shall certainly be the smartest team this season!

Today's **WANG** Mascot **Liam Walker**

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The departure of Malcolm Shotton last week to Portsmouth wasn't too unexpected, yet it was still a sad occasion. Malcolm's rise to the first division from his previous job as a knitter in a hosiery factory is one of the best-chronicled in the history of the game, and is surely one of the best rags-to-riches tales there is. He'd made a superb recovery from what had seemed to be a very serious back injury, but he was realistic enough to realise that his chances of displacing either Tommy Caton or Gary Briggs in the centre of United's defence were pretty slim . . . and a new 3-year contract at another first division club really was too good an opportunity to ignore. What a shame that his debut for them turned into such a massacre at Highbury. For us here at Radio Oxford, Malcolm was always one of our favourites . . . and I think the same went for the fans as well. I've heard more than one of United's lady supporters describe him as a perfect gent. I'll miss his wife Treda as well . . . she was always ready to tell us off if we said anything against her Malc!! This picture is one of my favourites . . . apart of course from Malcolm holding up the Milk Cup . . . it was taken just before a live cup draw when I made the mistake of putting the microphone down on the floor of United's gym, and Dave Fogg decided that he fancied himself as a David Coleman. And the other gentleman in the picture needs no introduction . . . George Lawrence, presently playing rather well for Millwall.



David Fogg takes over the Radio Oxford microphone to interview Malcolm Shotton and George Lawrence just prior to a live cup draw.

Our anagram quiz on a Saturday afternoon is turning out to be very popular, but what is equally enjoyable is setting them in the first place. The 5 ex-Oxford players hidden in 'Beers in Church Sunday,

mighty Evans men slaughter Portsmouth rigid' proved the best so far (answer: Bud Houghton, Steve Perryman, Hugh Curran, Nigel Cassidy and Tim Smithers), and here's a challenge: get your thinking caps on, and send me your anagram. Good ones will be used on air . . . they'll save me the bother of working one out myself . . . and of course there'll be a suitable prize of at least 1 Radio Oxford pen!!

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| 7 | RAY HOUGHTON |
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