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# Memos from the MANOR... from Roy Grant

**T**oday we hope to reap the benefit of last week's excellent win at Southend. It is important to start winning home matches to challenge in the top half of the table. The team is putting together a good unbeaten run and gaining confidence from that but now we need some wins to supplement the large amounts of draws.

The Portsmouth match was, I suppose, a point gained rather than two lost. Who would have thought that, with a minute to go, and two goals down we would have drawn - it's a shame we didn't have another minute. If only!

We have two tough away games after today but are then faced with a fixture poser. Keep your eye out for Peterborough's FA Cup result today. If they win then our scheduled game on December 5 will be off. If they lose the game will be on.

Of course, this is followed by our home televised debut when we entertain Leicester City on Sunday, December 13. Don't forget your "Hello Mum" banners that day - better still, bring her along.

Whilst mentioning games, our youth team have a rare match at the Manor on Monday (November 16) kick-off 7.30pm and Oxford United Ladies are here on Sunday, November 29. Why not give both teams a cheer?

Come on you Yellows.

## FAMILY ROOM OPENS TODAY

Andrew Smith MP today officially opens Oxford United's new Family Room. He will be joined by Football Trust Chief Executive, Peter Lee and local Jewson branch representative, Peter Whitehead.

The Family Room was jointly funded by the Trust and Jewson's Family Football Scheme, each organisation offering £15,000 to provide the facilities.

The room's primary function will be to provide the Junior Supporters' Club with their own premises. On matchdays, the Juniors can use the facilities, which include a small snack bar, TV and video, before and after the match to entertain visiting Junior

## HALF TIME TEN

- 1 Which two clubs play at the Victoria Ground?
  - 2 Which club did Leeds beat in a replay in this season's European Cup?
  - 3 Which former Oxford player is still paying at Huddersfield?
  - 4 Which League club has won the FA Trophy the most times?
  - 5 Which Oxford striker was top scorer in the 1983-84 season?
  - 6 Which club won last season's Zenith Data Systems Cup Final?
  - 7 Which forward did Oxford sign from Swindon in 1967?
  - 8 Who scored the Welsh goal in their recent World Cup qualifier in Cyprus?
  - 9 In which year was the first full international played under floodlights at Wembley?
  - 10 Who was Luton's manager the year they won the Littlewoods Cup?
- (Answers on page 7)

supporters and also as a venue for their monthly meetings.

The room will also be used as part of the Community Programme at the Club during school visits to the Manor. The room provides a classroom facility for the children to do academic exercises based on football topics. Oxford United are also hoping to be able to hire out the facilities for Junior supporters' birthday parties.

On matchdays, the club holds stewards briefings and training sessions in the 12m x 8m room, which incorporates part of the former police control room to maximise available space. It will also be open for the Press to use as a refreshment bar during half-time, when the Juniors are in their seats.

## SEASON TICKET INSTALMENTS

Season Ticket Holders paying for their ticket on our instalment plan are reminded that their final payment is now overdue. Please ensure that your payment is made within the next week to enable your card to remain valid.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The public address system fitted at the ground has a high pitched tone designed to attract the attention of supporters for the purpose of giving out an emergency message. Should you hear the tone at any time please listen carefully.

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hen the fixtures were published during the summer, today's match was the first that I looked at, for obvious reasons. Both David Moss and myself spent time at Luton - David was there for six seasons and I spent three seasons at Kenilworth Road. They were very happy days.

It was a super club with a good set of players and a manager, David Pleat, for whom we both have a great deal of regard and respect.

David and I both learnt an awful lot under him. We played in a very good side which always played good football and I still believe they try and play that way today. That is one of the reasons why I am looking forward to this afternoon's game.

I speak to David Pleat many times during the season and the topic is always football. As I

have said before, I think his ideals and his knowledge of the game are second to none.

Going back to last week's home game against Portsmouth - great entertainment value. Anybody who watched the whole 90 minutes - and I believe a few left before the end! - witnessed a fantastic game of football. It does not do the heart any good and neither Jim Smith nor myself could believe what happened. For 90 minutes you try to outwit each other, indeed you basically go into battle, and afterwards have a drink and a chat. And still we could not quite fathom out the events of that memorable evening!

A great deal of credit should go to the players, especially after being 2-5 down. That just shows the spirit and attitude in the dressing room - and the mood continued at Southend on Saturday.

We talked about making our side a little bit tighter and about positions a player should be in at vital times. And, on the whole, it worked a treat. We could not have asked anything more of any player - defenders and midfield players were tighter, the two wide players were going at opponents and the two front players never stopped running. These were things we had talked about but, maybe, did not produce them against Portsmouth. The result obviously suggested that and we could certainly have come away from Southend having won by a much bigger margin.

I am looking forward to us continuing in the same vein.

Congratulations to Bobby Ford who has been selected for the England Youth team, and also to Jim Magilton and Andrew Melville who have been chosen for Northern Ireland and Wales respectively. The three Welsh boys - Terry Morrissey, Adriano Girolami and Michael Conneely - have been away with the Welsh Youth team this week, which is also very good for them.

The Oxford Mail recently published a nice article by Jon Murray about the YT players. I too would like to pay tribute to one lady, Mrs Baker, who was mentioned. She does a great deal for the players and the staff and is one of many behind the scenes who help form the backbone of the club.

*Brian Hottel*

## WHO'S WHO at The Manor

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## HONOURS

1962	Elected to Football League
1964-65	Division Four promotion (fourth)
1967-68	Division Three Champions
1983-84	Division Three Champions
1984-85	Division Two Champions
1985-86	Milk Cup Winners

The views expressed by individual contributors in this programme are not necessarily the views of Oxford United but of the writer concerned.

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## Front Cover

John Durnin ... He's enjoying a central attacking role and his two goals at Southend last Saturday are pictured on pages 4 and 5



# ROOTS SHOOT-OUT AS UNITED BLOSSOM



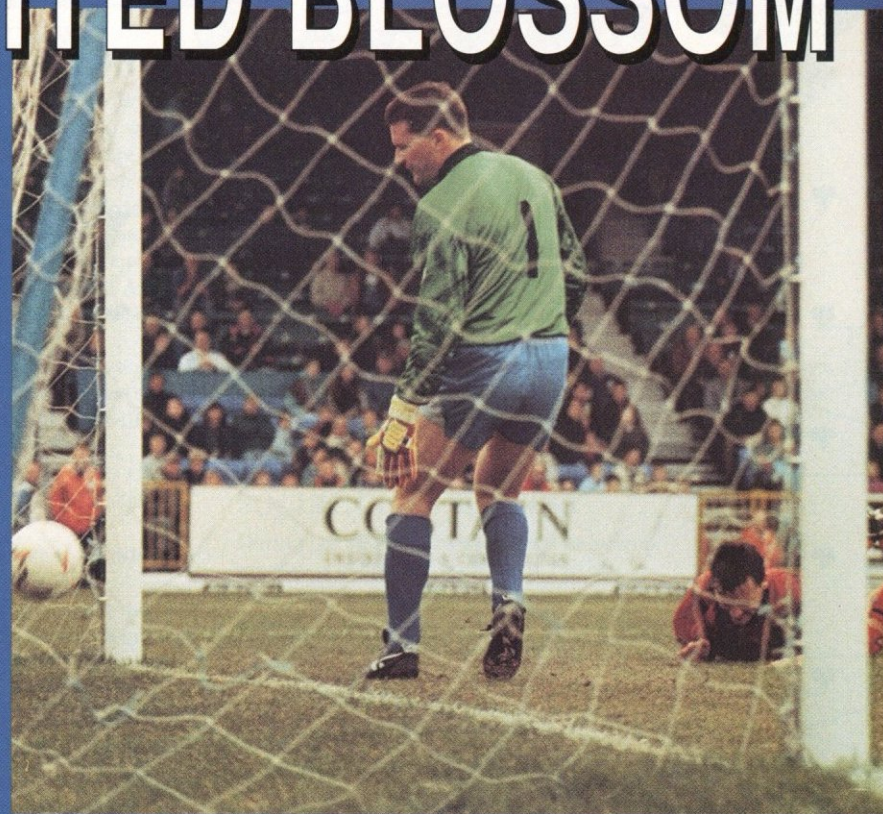
**(ABOVE) 1-0:** John Durnin finds a gap between the 'keeper and a defender to convert Ceri Evans' downward header from a free kick.

**(RIGHT) 2-0:** Durnin strikes again, this time heading home after Dave Penney had teed up a Chris Allen cross.

**(TOP RIGHT) 3-0:** Penney (grounded) was still hobbling after receiving treatment when, unmarked at the far post, he fired home Allen's free kick

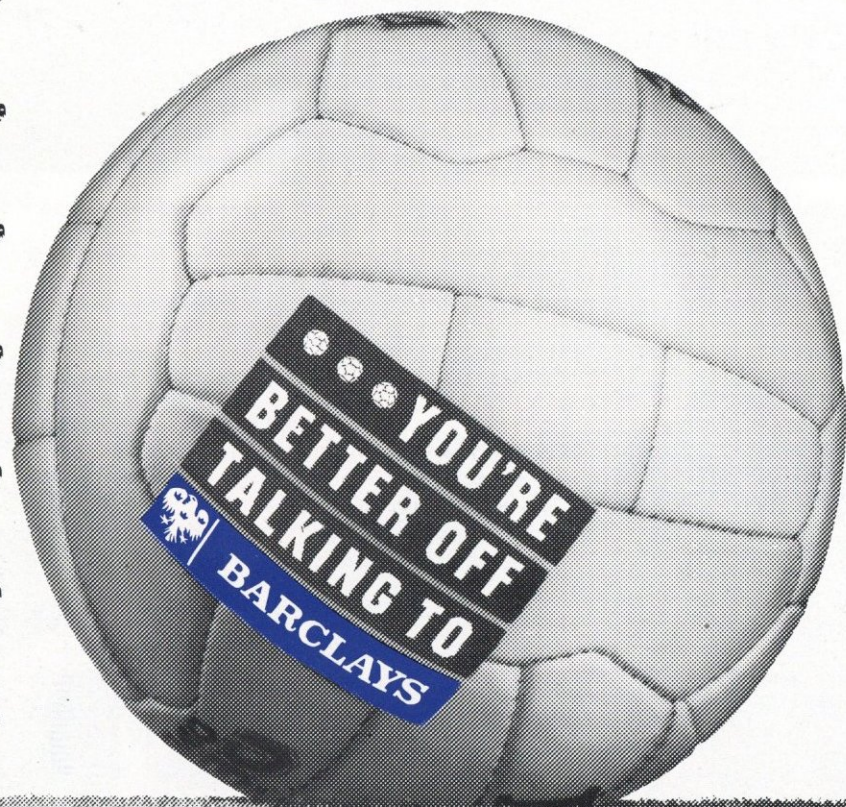
At Roots Hall on Saturday three first half goals gave United a convincing victory over Southend. These Oxford Mail pictures capture all three strikes.

● Read Jon Murray in the Oxford Mail for all you need to know about Oxford United





# Whatever your goal...



## JEWSON AWARD - WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN

Today sees the official opening of the Oxford Juniors' Clubroom which was partly funded by Jewson. We now have another chance to win a further Jewson Award - and the club needs your vote to make our club a Family Football Winner.

Jewson and The People newspaper are again sponsoring the Family Football Awards with prizes totalling £75,000 for clubs doing the most for the family football fan.

To be considered for these awards we need your help because only the clubs with the most votes (per average attendance) will be considered by the judges.

Your vote could also help win YOU £7,000 worth of prizes on offer to fans who nominate their club.

Please help us win an award by filling in nomination forms in The People newspaper or pick up forms from the club's reception, the new Family Room, or your local Jewson branch.

## FIXTURE CHANGE FOR TELEVISED MATCH

We make our home televised 'live' debut next month when we entertain Leicester City. The game will, therefore, be moved back one day from Saturday, December 12 to Sunday, December 13 with a 2.55pm kick-off. Hopefully, we will be able to keep our unbeaten televised run going following our draw at Swindon and win at Derby this season.

## Matchday Programme

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*Oxford Mascot Luke Brandon (11) from Woodfarm joins the pre-match line up before our recent game against Watford.*

## SOCIAL CLUB SUCCESS

During last season we were pleased to inform supporters of how the Social Club football team were doing in their season. Rather belatedly I am pleased to report that the team was unbeaten in its 24 league matches, winning Division Three of the Morrells Sunday League, and also won the Jack Sadler Cup, with a 5-0 victory against the previously unbeaten Berinsfield.

Jason Carbon finished the season top scorer with 39 goals, followed by Danny Williams with 35. Goalkeeper Mick Coffey was the Player of the Year.

This season the team has started where it left off, with a 100 per cent league record and progress in the cup competitions.

The team plays its home games at Horspath Road (k.o. 10.30am) and all supporters are welcome.

## FESTIVE TIME

The kick-off time for our Boxing Day game at Bristol City has been switched from 3.00pm to 11.30am.

This has been done on the advice of the Avon Police. So, no lie-in that morning but at least you can get home earlier to the cold turkey!

## TICKET OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Saturdays: 9.30am - 12 noon

*Additional hours on matchdays*

Saturdays: noon - 3.00pm  
Midweek: 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
(plus 15 minutes after match)



...More Moments

HALE TIME TEN  
Answers 1 Stoke City and Hartlepool; 2 VFB Stuttgart; 3 Gary Barnet; 4 Scarborough (three times); 5 Steve Higgins; 6 Nottingham Forest; 7 Ken Skeen; 8 Mark Hughes; 9 1963; 10 Ray Harford.





# Luton Town

Oxford's League Record against Luton Town

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	8	3	3	2	14	15
Away	8	5	-	3	15	18
	16	8	3	5	29	33



Back row (left to right): Darren Salton, Jamie Campbell, Des Linton, Alex Chamberlain, Marvin Johnson, Juergen Sommer, David Greene, John Dreyer, Chris Kamara. Middle row: John Moore (coach), Julian James, Paul Telfer, Tim Allpress, Kurt Nogan (no longer with club), Richard Harvey, Trevor Peake, Brian Owen (physiotherapist). Front row: Steve Claridge, David Preece, Phil Gray, David Pleat (manager), Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, Scott Oakes.

**T**own, relegated from the top division last May, have made a bitterly disappointing start to this season's First Division programme.

Like many other clubs, the Hatters have been forced to sell players in order to survive. So, though many supporters were disappointed at the departure of two internationals, Mark Pembroke (Wales) went to Derby and Mick Hartford (England) to Chelsea, the directors have to live in the real world. The £1.5m banked from those sales was needed to balance the budget.

A small amount of the income was re-invested in the signing of striker Steve Claridge from Cambridge. The tribunal set a fee of £160,000 which could turn out to be a bargain if Claridge continues to score at the rate of about a dozen goals per season as he did for Cambridge.



Claridge is partnered in attack by Phil Gray who

scored his seventh goal of the season in Saturday's 4-1 defeat against Grimsby. Phil, who was signed from Tottenham for £275,000 in 1991, made only nine League appearances for Spurs though he did play League soccer whilst on loan to Barnsley and Fulham.

David Preece and Chris Kamara have been holding their places in midfield but the choice for the other two positions here has been made from Scott Oakes, Jason Rees, Paul Telfer and Jamie Campbell.

Preece was signed from Walsall for £150,000 in 1984 and played in two Wembley League Cup finals for the Hatters, collecting a winners' tankard in 1988. He has also been capped three times by England "B".

Kamara began his League career with Portsmouth in 1975 but moved on to Swindon two years later. He returned to Portsmouth in 1981 but, after a short while, linked up with Brentford. In 1985 he was re-signed by Swindon and he later played for Stoke and Leeds before joining Luton

Steve Claridge, who over the past three years has averaged 14 goals per season with Aldershot and Cambridge, looks likely to dwarf that figure well before the end of the current campaign.

Steve started as a Portsmouth apprentice but did not come into contention for a first-team place at Fratton Park. He moved to Bournemouth and played just over half-a-dozen League matches before being freed.

Steve then went non-League with Weymouth and had a spell as a Crystal Palace reserve before getting his big break with Aldershot in 1988.

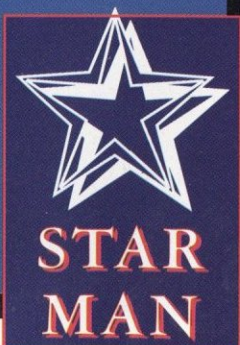
He immediately won a regular place, scoring ten goals in his first campaign and 12 the next.

Cambridge signed him for £75,000 in February 1990 and, after scoring four times during the closing weeks of that campaign, he hit 13 in 1990/91 and 14 last term.

With five goals in his last four League games last season, Steve did much to ensure that Cambridge would qualify for the promotion play-offs. They were beaten in the semi-final and Steve was one of several players to leave the club after that disappointment.

Luton signed him for £160,000 this summer and, prior to last weekend, was joint-top scorer with six goals.

welcome to



# Luton Town

last season for £150,000.

Oakes made his League debut for Leicester in 1989, joining Luton in an exchange deal last season.

Rees graduated from the Hatters' youth team and, soon after making his League debut three seasons ago, won the first of his three Wales Under-21 caps. He also played for Wales at "B" level and, last April, won his first full cap when playing as substitute against Austria.

Telfer and Campbell are both former Luton trainees. Telfer got his League chance two seasons ago whilst Campbell was brought in last season.

Darren Salton, Marvin Johnson, John Dreyer, Trevor Peake and Damien Matthew have all been competing for the central defensive positions.

Edinburgh-born Salton joined the club from school, making his League debut last season. Though he played only three League matches for the Hatters, he was capped four times by the Scotland under-21s. He won his fifth cap at that level against Switzerland in September.

Johnson developed in the junior teams, getting his first taste of League football during 1987/88.

Former Oxford player Dreyer came to the Manor from Wallingford Town and, before getting his chance in our senior side, played on loan with Torquay and Fulham. John enjoyed two seasons as a fixture in the Oxford side before moving on to Luton for £140,000 in 1988.

Peake played for England's semi-professional team during his early days with Nuneaton before joining Lincoln. He played for four seasons in the Red Imps' first-team and then joined Coventry in a £100,000 deal in 1983. Luton signed him for £100,000 last season.

Matthew, who was signed on loan from Chelsea in September, emerged as a League player with Chelsea in 1990 and was later capped on nine occasions by the England under-21s.

Des Linton and Julian James have been occupying the full-back positions.

Linton was limited to only ten League outings with Leicester before joining Luton in an exchange deal last season.

James is another Luton discovery. He was capped twice by the England under-21s and last season spent a loan period with Preston.

Goalkeeper Andy Petterson had been limited to reserve team football at Kenilworth Road until making his League debut on the opening day of this season. He has since been holding his place.

Luton's lowly position is largely attributable to poor home performances. The Hatters have failed to win any of nine League or Cup games at Kenilworth Road.

But they are unbeaten in their last two away games, at Peterborough (3-2) and Cambridge (3-3), and they have drawn at Charlton (0-0) and Notts County (0-0). Luton were beaten at Leicester (1-2), Newcastle (0-2) and Barnsley (0-3).

The Hatters took early exits from two Cup competitions. After being held at home by Second Division Plymouth (2-2) in the Coca-Cola League Cup, they lost the return game 2-3. In the Anglo-Italian Cup they drew at Watford (0-0) but, after being held at home by Bristol City (1-1), they failed to qualify from their group.

## Roll-Call

Player	Previous Clubs	Int. Caps.	Lge & Cups	
			Aps.	Gls.
<b>GOALKEEPER</b>				
Andy Petterson	Swindon*, Ipswich*	-	18	-
Alex Chamberlain	-	-	1	-
<b>DEFENDERS</b>				
John Dreyer	Wallingford, Oxford, Torquay*, Fulham*	-	9(1)	1
David Greene	-	-	1	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	-	-
Julian James	Preston*	England U-21(2)	19	2
Marvin Johnson	-	-	11(1)	1
Des Linton	Leicester	-	19	-
Damien Matthew	Chelsea	England U-21(9)	4(2)	-
Trevor Peake	Nuneaton Borough, Lincoln, Coventry	-	13	-
Darren Salton	-	Scotland U-21(5)	17	-
<b>MIDFIELD</b>				
Jamie Campbell	-	-	2(10)	1
Ceri Hughes	-	Wales(1) Wales "B"(1)	3	-
Chris Kamara	Portsmouth, Swindon, Portsmouth, Brentford, Swindon, Stoke, Leeds	-	15	-
Scott Oakes	Leicester	-	7(10)	2
David Preece	Walsall	England "B"(3) Wales(1)	18	1
Jason Rees	-	Wales "B"(1) Wales U-21(3)	12(1)	-
Paul Telfer	-	-	3(1)	1
<b>FORWARDS</b>				
Steve Claridge	Bournemouth, Weymouth, Crystal Palace, Aldershot, Cambridge	-	18(1)	6
Philip Gray	Tottenham, Barnsley*, Fulham*	-	19	7

\*Denotes played on loan      Statistics include Saturday, November 7

Form Guide

Won 2  
Drawn 6  
Lost 7  
For 18  
Against 33  
Points 12  
Position 22nd



## ACK... FLASHBACK... FLASHBACK... FLASHBACK... FLAS

Oxford have not played Luton in the League since the high-scoring double success by Luton in the 1987-88 season. The Hatters also defeated us in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final that season and Oxford have to go back to the penultimate game of the 1986-87 season for their last success - a 3-2 win at Kenilworth Road.

Indeed, Oxford had a League double success that season but the only other successes for Oxford at the Manor were back in the early 1970's.

Unusually for United we have had more successes at Luton (five wins) than defeats (three) although our 4-7 defeat in 1988 remains the only time we have conceded seven goals in a Football League game. The four goals we scored that day is the best tally we have achieved there, despite our five wins.

Our top scorers against Luton are John Aldridge and Dean Saunders with four goals each - Aldridge's hat-trick in 1986 is our only threesome against the Hatters.

Both best gates - home and away - were in the Easter period of the 1974 season - a campaign which saw the Hatters promoted to Division One.

One final piece of trivia - United have scored in the last 15 League games against Luton - missing out in only our first ever meeting, when two goals each for Malcolm McDonald and Matt Tees helped the Hatters to a 4-0 success.

## - CONNECTIONS -

Oxford United's management pair of Brian Horton and David Moss both have connections with Luton and both played there in the early 1980's.

There have also been eight other players to have worn the shirts of both sides. Two of them hardly had time to pull their socks up!

One was Colin Todd, who has already appeared on this page against Birmingham and Sunderland. He ended his long career at Luton and played just twice for the Hatters. He became Oxford's oldest ever player when he played a dozen matches for United earlier in 1984. Colin went to Vancouver for the summer and signed for Luton on his return.

John Sims was the other, with just a few games for both clubs as he had loan spells at the Manor and Kenilworth Road whilst at Derby. He came to Oxford in 1974 - a year after he had a similar one month spell at Luton. He went on to play for nine clubs in all.

Going back 20 years striker Brian Lewis became the first connection when he joined Oxford from Luton in 1968. He started as a youngster at Crystal Palace and had two spells at Portsmouth, one at Coventry and also Colchester whom he joined from Oxford. His claim to fame was being in the Colchester team which knocked the mighty Leeds out of the FA Cup.

The other players are all fairly recent and will be remembered by most supporters. Goalkeeper Alan Judge started his career at Luton before

joining Reading. Alan was signed, initially as cover for Steve Hardwick, by Maurice Evans and played in our Milk Cup winning side before leaving for Hereford in the summer of 1991.

Current Hatters player John Dreyer was a team mate of Judge's here at Oxford. John, a defender, came to the Manor from local football and signed for Luton for a sizeable sum in the summer of 1988.

The next connection Steve Foster skipped both sides. He led Luton to their Rumbelows Cup success in 1988 and also in their run to the final the following season. A full England international, Steve started his career at Portsmouth and then made the short trip along the South Coast to Brighton. After a successful time at the Goldstone Ground, Steve had a brief spell at Aston Villa before joining Luton. He joined Oxford in 1989 and had three years here before being released - he is now back playing for Brighton.

(Apologies to Steve who should have been mentioned in this column in the recent Portsmouth programme).

Mark Stein joined Oxford from QPR in the deal which took Dave Bardsley to Loftus Road after joining them from Luton. Mark, a striker, scored a hat-trick in Luton's 7-4 victory over us. He was transferred to Stoke last season and is currently the Second Division's leading scorer.

The final connection is Trevor Aylott.

Trevor's career has been covered in great depth on this page twice this season already. He is one of football's nomadic players who had a spell at both clubs, with Luton in the early 1980's, and Oxford last season. Trevor is now playing for Third Division Gillingham.

## ODDS AND ENDS

	Average	Best	Lowest
Home crowds v Luton Town	9, 209	13, 464	6, 318
Away crowds-v Luton Town	11, 742	16, 353	8, 063

BEST HOME win: 4-2 (6. 12. 86) AWAY win: five, 1-goal wins  
WORST HOME defeat: 2-5 (5. 9. 87) AWAY defeat: 0-4 (1. 9. 70)

## GEOFF DENIAL

Statistics of Geoff's League career do not reflect his contribution to the club. He was a key figure in the years prior to Headington United joining the Football League.

## PLAYING RECORD

	LEAGUE		FA CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs	Apps	Gs
1962-63	6	0	1	0	7	0
TOTAL	6	0	1	0	7	0

He made nearly 300 appearances during a period when those at the Manor were on the crest of a wave, the players were sweeping all before them and the club was destined to make history in the 1962-63 season by taking the massive step from the Southern League to the Football League.

It was during this time, after Arthur Turner had taken over as manager, that Geoff was faced with an important decision - either to remain a part-time professional or turn full-time.

Geoff opted for the former. It may not have helped to extend his Football League career but he has no regrets.

He arrived from Sheffield United in 1956. Born in Sheffield, he signed professional at Bramall Lane on his 20th birthday and in three seasons made ten League appearances. The opportunity arrived to join Headington United and the money he collected as a part-timer with the football club was doubled by the time he picked up his salary as an installation engineer for a local heating company in Oxford.

So, when Mr Turner was encouraging his players to go full-time, Geoff was eager to retain his skill outside the game.

"It was a tremendous time to be involved with the club," said Geoff, who was captain for most of the 1959-60 season. Geoff was a utility player who, in his professional career, turned out in every position except goalkeeper - ironic because that was the position in which he played as a youngster!

"The players were great pals away from football. We socialised together in the week and in the summer played a lot of tennis and golf. For some, the chance to turn full pro was just what they wanted. But I had been a full professional at Sheffield and realised just how much spare time players had. I felt that I wanted to keep another job and the way things have turned out I feel that was the correct decision at the time.

Geoff is now Senior Project Engineer with Fred G. Alden, an Oxford-based heating and ventilating company for whom he has worked for more than 20 years. He is still active and keeps fit by swimming, playing a regular game of golf at Southfield - he has played off single figures for 12 years - and he and his wife are expecting a baby next week!

Mike Cuerden



Geoff preferred to play left half but often turned out at centre forward and in one season was top scorer. He is pictured (left) in a game against Cheltenham in 1959.



Two previous Oxford-Luton encounters took place in the Littlewoods Cup campaign of 1987-78. The two-legged semi-final followed two League meetings in which Luton had recorded emphatic 5-2 and 7-4 victories.

During the first leg at the Manor Brian Stein gave Luton the lead with a superb left-foot shot after excellent support play by the industrious Mick Harford. But the goal was cancelled out early in the second half when Mal Donaghy was penalised for a foul on Dean Saunders, who picked himself up to beat Les Sealey from the penalty spot.

Seventeen minutes from time another spot-kick was awarded when the unfortunate Donaghy was once again adjudged to have upended Saunders. But the outcome was different this time, with Saunders' attempt saved superbly by Sealey diving to his left.

The second leg was as tense as the first but, with Oxford employing Trevor Heberd as a sweeper, Sealey was rarely troubled, and it came as no surprise when Luton broke the deadlock in the 34th minute, when Rob Johnson's centre was headed home by Brian Stein.

Nine minutes later Luton's Wembley passage was assured when Ashley Grimes drove a 25-yard freekick over the wall and beyond the reach of Alan Judge.

Oxford were always chasing the game in the second period and it was not until the 68th minute that Sealey had a real shot to save. The Hatters were comfortably through.

Ray Harford's side went on to lift the trophy when they scored a last-gasp winner to defeat Arsenal 3-2, after reserve 'keeper Andy Dibble had earlier saved a Nigel Winterburn penalty, and Luton's captain Steve Foster went up to receive the 1988 Littlewoods Cup.

The teams lined up for the first leg as follows -

**Oxford United:** Judge, Bardsley, Dreyer, Shelton, Briggs, Caton, Heberd, Foyle, Saunders, Phillips, Rhoades-Brown. Subs: Hill, Mustoe.

## OXFORD UNITED

versus

## NEWCASTLE UNITED BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, Kick-off 3.00pm

This match will be **ALL-TICKET** and tickets will be available as follows:

**Season Ticket Holders** do not require a match ticket and should enter with their season ticket in the normal manner. Season ticket holders will, however, be permitted to purchase a maximum of two guest tickets (subject to availability).

**Members** will be permitted to purchase one ticket for themselves together with one guest ticket (subject to availability). A voucher was given out to **non-members** paying at the turnstiles at the Portsmouth match and another voucher will be given out today. This will allow the holder to purchase a ticket (subject to availability).

**Tickets are on sale now until 4.00 pm on Christmas Eve or when sold out, whichever is sooner.**

The club appreciate that we are putting tickets on sale an unprecedented time before the match, but have done this to assist supporters to purchase tickets at their leisure.

We must stress, however, that while we do not anticipate selling out of tickets in the early weeks it is a big match and we cannot guarantee a ticket for members, guests or voucher holders. It is, therefore, very important for supporters not to leave it until the last minute.

To try and prevent large numbers of tickets getting into the wrong hands we do not anticipate tickets going on sale to non-members without a voucher.

Season ticket holders and members are reminded that when they purchase guest tickets they are responsible for the behaviour of the people using these tickets. The club will take action against any season ticket holder/member who has obtained guest tickets that are subsequently found to have been sold at a profit.

Prices are as for normal League matches.

**Luton Town:** Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, M. Stein, Grimes. Subs: Black, Hill.

Oxford made one change to the starting line-up for the second leg, with Richard Hill at number 4 in place of Gary Shelton, who was on the substitutes' bench with Dave Leworthy. Luton's starting line-up was unchanged except for Grimes wearing the number 3 shirt, and Johnson at number 11, with Kingsley Black and David Oldfield the substitutes.

● Because of the uncertainty surrounding the next game our usual match preview has been put on hold for this week. Normal service will be resumed in the next programme.



After a foul by Mal Donaghy Dean Saunders picks himself up and beats Les Sealey from the penalty spot to equalise at the Manor

## WEST HAM UNITED

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, November 21,

Kick-off 3.00 pm

This match is not all ticket and payment for seats and terracing can be obtained on the turnstiles. There are just over 200 seats available at £13 each and over 4,000 terrace places at £8 (£5 juniors).

The terracing turnstiles are at the Castle Street entrance whilst the seats can be obtained at turnstiles 21 and 22 in Green Street. Disabled supporters should apply to Cassandra Fox at West Ham, no charge for the wheelchair supporter although it is £6 for the helper. The programme price is £1.50.

## BRENTFORD

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, November 28

Kick-off 3.00pm

This match is not all-ticket. Terracing on the day is £7 and seats £12. However, if tickets are purchased in advance then a Junior/Senior Citizen rate is available. This is £5 terracing and £10 seats - **this is not available on the day.**

Tickets are available NOW. Matchday programmes are £1.50.

## FORTHCOMING HOME MATCH

Seat and guest tickets will shortly be on sale for our home League match against Leicester City. The game is not all ticket and our normal League prices apply.

These are: Seats £10 adults (£6. 50 concession); family seats £9 or £8 (£5 or £4. 50 concession);

terracing £7 adult non member, £6 adult member, £4. 50 concessionary non member, £3 concessionary member. Student prices (if holding Oxford United Student Card) are £1 less than the members' price, ie £5 terrace.

## POSSIBLE DATE CHANGES FOR OUR NEXT GAME

Our next scheduled Barclays League match in December against PETERBOROUGH UNITED may be switched to a different date.

Peterborough are involved in the First Round of the FA Cup today and the scheduled date - December 5 is second round day. Please look out in the press or listen out on radio and television with regard to this match.

## LONDON ROAD CLUB

### WEST HAM UNITED

Saturday, November 21 1992

**Coaches Depart:**

Oxford - Castle Street: 11. 45 am

Headington - Manor Ground: 12 noon

**Fare:** adult £5. 50, junior £4. 50

**RAC Route to West Ham United:** Boleyn Ground, Green Street, Upton Road, London Tel: (081) 4722740.

Leave Oxford on the A40 and M40. Exit off at Junction 1a. Turn north onto the M25. Stay on the M25 to Junction 27. Exit off onto the Mill south. Stay on the Mill to its end. Turn onto the A12 towards Wanstead joining the South Circular (A116) past Earl of Essex pub then A117 to East Ham. Turn right onto the A124, then right into Green Street. Stadium on the right.

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### BRENTFORD

Saturday, November 28, 1992

**Coaches Depart:**

Oxford - Castle Street: 12. 30 am

Headington - Manor Ground: 12. 45 am

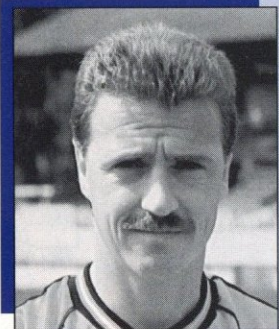
**Fare:** adult £5. 00, junior £4. 00

**RAC Route to Brentford FC:** Braemar Road, Brentford, Middx. Tel: 081 847 2511

Leave Oxford on the A40/M40. Exit off at Junction 1a on to the M25, follow the signs for Heathrow. Exit off M25 at Junction 15 onto the M4. Go past Heathrow. Exit off M4 at Junction 2. You will see some large office blocks and the ground is on the right. Go down slip road. Cross over three lanes of traffic to a set of traffic lights. Go down to the roundabout. Go round the roundabout to come back on yourself and take the exit off with a petrol station on your left and the M4 above on the right. Stay in the outside lane. At the third set of traffic lights turn left to the stadium.



## 10 YEARS AGO



David Moss, now Oxford's coach and a scorer for Luton ten years ago.

David Fogg's 78th minute penalty gave us renewed hope at Plymouth where we had fallen two behind in a Third Division game. But an equaliser proved elusive. It was now seven games since we had last won.

The Oxford team was: Butcher, Linney, Grant, Fogg, Hebberd, Shotton, Brock, Jones, Vinter, Whatmore, Thomas (Foley).

David Moss gave Luton the lead at Sunderland in the First Division. The match ended 1-1.

## 20 YEARS AGO

Geoff Bray, playing his first full game for the U's, scored a 75th minute winner at Sheffield Wednesday in the Second Division.

The Oxford team lined up: Burton, Lucas,

Shuker, Roberts, Clarke, Evanson, Skeen, Fleming, Curran, Bray, Aylott.

Luton, playing at the same level, fought back from two down to draw at Portsmouth. Rod Fern scored the equaliser. The Hatters' initial reply was an own goal.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Chesterfield became only the second team to prevent us from scoring at the Manor that season. The game finished 0-0, leaving us fourteenth in the Fourth Division.

The Oxford team was: Medlock, Beavon, Quartermain, Ron Atkinson, Kyle, Jones, Knight, Graham Atkinson, Houghton, Cornwell, Colfar.

Luton moved off the bottom of the Second Division with a 4-3 home victory over Walsall. Ron Davies scored twice and Harry Walden and Fred Jardine each netted once.

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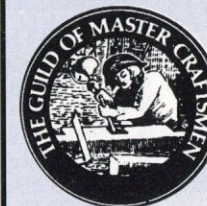


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### THE COMPLETE BUILDING SERVICE

We are pleased to have been involved in the Clubroom project and wish Oxford United every success in the future

November 24 at Peers School from 6pm - 7pm. Please bring your indoor training gear and you will be 'put through your paces' by our first team players.

I should like to welcome Bev Tyler and his Luton Juniors to the Manor this afternoon. Before watching this afternoon's game we have had two football matches this morning, followed by lunch in our new clubroom.

Portsmouth's youngsters witnessed the never-to-be-forgotten 5-5 draw and a few days before that we entertained Watford's Junior Hornets. Watford won both morning matches - the under 15's by 6-1 and the under 12's by 7-4. We were a little unlucky in both. We led by a Gavin Tarrant goal in the older section and the score was level at half-time before the extra height of the visitors paid off.

Watford went storming off in the younger game and led 5-1 at half-time but we came back to 5-4 before conceding two late goals. Adam Hamp, with a hat-trick, and David Martin scored the goals.

I should like to thank Steve Greenough and Nigel Lammin for their continued help with these matches. Whilst giving thanks I should also like to do the same for all the parents who helped in the clubroom on its opening day, and also at the Portsmouth game.

### UPTON PARK DEBUT

Next Saturday we have our first Juniors trip to West Ham United. At the time of writing the trip looks certain to be a sellout. The following week we are again on our travels, this time to Brentford. There are still a few places available on this trip.

Unfortunately, after the Brentford game we have to wait some time for our next Juniors match but we will try to supplement the gap with another event.

The next Juniors evening will be on Tuesday,

### WELCOME

Finally, one more thing ... you may have read elsewhere that the clubroom officially opens this afternoon.

Not only would I like to welcome Andrew Smith, our local MP and representatives from Jewson and the Football Trust, but I should like to say a big thank you on behalf of myself and all the youngsters using the room to John Bailey and Mark Juke from Bailey and Monaghan for all their work in building the room.





Date	Opponents	Ven/Res	Crowd	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 15	Sat BRISTOL ROVERS	(H) 2-1	7,329	3	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
18	Tue SWANSEA Coca-Cola, Lge Cup (1)	(H) 3-0	3,362	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
22	Sat Millwall	(A) 1-3	6,746	3	17	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
25	Tue Swansea Coca-Cola, Lge Cup (2)	(A) 0-1	2,256	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
29	Sat SWINDON TOWN Anglo Italian Cup	(H) 0-0	7,596	4	15	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Sep 1	Tue WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	(H) 1-3	4,069	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
5	Sat Grimsby Town	(H) 1-1	4,546	5	21	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
12	Sat SUNDERLAND	(H) 0-1	6,002	5	15	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
15	Tue CAMBRIDGE UNITED	(H) 3-0	3,795	8	11	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
20	Sat Swindon Town	(H) 1-2	7,717	9	10	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
23	Wed ASTON VILLA Coca-Cola, Lge Cup (1)	(H) 1-2	8,828	9	13	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
26	Sat TRANMERE ROVERS	(H) 0-2	2,607	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
29	Tue BIRMINGHAM CITY	(A) 0-2	7,094	10	15	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Oct 3	Tue BIRMINGHAM CITY	(A) 0-2	19,898	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
11	Sat Derby County	(H) 0-0	14,249	13	14	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
17	Sat Notts County	(H) 1-1	4,422	14	14	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
24	Sat WATFORD	(H) 1-1	5,226	15	16	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
31	Tue PORTSMOUTH	(H) 1-1	6,234	16	16	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Nov 7	Tue SOUTHAMPTON	(H) 0-5	5,490	17	16	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
14	Sat Luton Town	(H) 0-0	3,356	20	15	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
21	Sat Luton Town	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
28	Sat Brentford	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Dec 5	Sat PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
13	Sun LEICESTER CITY	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
19	Sat Charlton Athletic	(A) 0-1	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
26	Sat Bristol City	(A) 0-1	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
28	Mo NEWCASTLE UNITED (ALL-TICKET)	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Jan 2	Sat F.A. Cup 3	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
9	Sat SWINDON TOWN	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
15	Fri Tranmere Rovers	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
23	Sat F.A. Cup 4	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
26	Tue Cambridge United	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
30	Sat MILLWALL	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Feb 6	Sat Bristol Rovers	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
9	Tue Sunderland	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
13	Sat GRIMSBY TOWN (F.A. Cup 5)	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
20	Sat Wolverhampton Wanderers	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
27	Sat DERBY COUNTY	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Mar 6	Sat Birmingham City (F.A. Cup 6)	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
10	Wed Luton Town	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
13	Sat SOUTHEND UNITED	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
23	Tue WEST HAM UNITED	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
27	Sat Portsmouth	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
Apr 3	Sat BRENTFORD	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
4	Sat F.A. Cup QF	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
7	W Leicester City	(A) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
10	Sat BRISTOL CITY	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
12	Mo Newcastle United	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
17	Sat CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
19	Sun F.A. Cup SF	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
24	Sat Barnsley	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
May 1	Sat NOTTS COUNTY	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
8	Sat Watford	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis
15	Sat F.A. Cup Final	(H) 0-0	-	-	-	Kee	Smart	Ford	Collins	Evans	Merville	Phillips	Beauchamp	Cusack	Penney	Dunn	Allen	Lewis

## YOUTH AND RESERVE TEAM APPEARANCES THIS SEASON

YOUTH	League	Cups	Total	Goals
BAYLISS, Gary	10	6	16	-
BORDER, Ben	9	5	14	7
BYLES, Paul	+2	+1	+3	-
CONNELLY, Michael	11	6	17	5
FORD, Robert	9+1	5	14+1	5
GIROLAMI, Adriano	9	3	12	-
GOODALL, Grant	6	6	12	-
GREIG, Neil	-	+3	+3	-
HILLMAN, Stephen	7+2	3	10+2	-
MAISEY, Darren	11	6	17	-
MACIAK, Jason	11	6	17	5
MORRISSEY, Terry	11	6	17	1
OATLEY, Scott	1	-	1	-
STEVENSON, Greg	11	6	17	2
TURNER, Simon	7+2	3+1	10+3	-
WATTS, Darren	8+1	5	13+1	3

RESERVES	League	Total	Goals
ALLEN, Chris	4	4	2
BAYLISS, Gary	1	1	-
BEAUCHAMP, Joey	1	1	-
COLLINS, David	10	10	1
DIDCOCK, Tristan	11+1	11+1	1
DRUCE, Mark	8	8	-
FORD, Robert	4+2	4+2	-
HOLMES, Keith	6+4	6+4	3
JACKSON, Darren	11+1	11+1	-
KEE, Paul	3	3	4
KEEBLE, Matthew	13	13	-
LEWIS, Mickey	1	1	-
MCCLAREN, Steve	3	3	1
MUTCHELL, Robert	13	13	-
NARBETT, Jon	9	9	1
PHILLIPS, Les	5	5	-
REECE, Paul	1	1	-
ROBINSON, Les	8	8	2
TAVINOR, Steve	3+1	3+1	-
VEYSEY, Ken	8	8	-
WALLBRIDGE, Andrew	12	12	-
WANLESS, Paul	8	8	-

Home Match Kick-off: Saturday and Bank Holidays 3.00pm Tuesday: 7.45pm

## ROLL U'S CALL

Name	Age	Date of birth	Previous Clubs	1992-93 Apps	Goals	Full Career Apps	Goals
ALLEN, Chris	19	18.11.72	6-6	2	19+7	3	10
BEAUCHAMP, Joey	21	13.3.71	13	1	43+5	8	27+5
COLLINS, David	21	30.10.71	4+1	4	4+1	13+1	4
CUSACK, Nick	23	24.12.65	10+2	1	10+2	1	148+22
DRUCE, Mark	19	13.3.74	4+1	2	4+1	2	24+5
EVANS, Carl	15	29.12.63	15	5	121+18	37	126+18
FORD, Robert	26	12.2.66	14	4	91+11	5	225+12
JACKSON, Darren	21	24.9.71	15	5	121+18	37	126+18
KEE, Paul	22	11.1.69	15	5	121+18	37	126+18
LEWIS, Mickey	27	25.2.65	13+1	6	168+1	6	227+9
MCCLAREN, Steve	31	3.5.51	27+6	1	27+6	1	29+14
MAGILLON, Jim	23	6.5.69	12	5	93	23	66+4
MELVILLE, Andrew	23	23.11.68	15	1	106	8	261+10
NARBETT, Jon	23	21.11.68	4+2	2	4+2	2	168+9
PENNEY, David	28	17.8.64	14+1	6	54+22	13	72+35
PHILLIPS, Les	29	7.1.63	4+2	3	167+14	11	200+20
REECE, Paul	24	16.7.68	7	1	7	1	63
ROBINSON, Les	25	13.63	11+1	1	71+1	1	231+5
SMART, Garry	28	23.4.64	15	6	123+4	20+3	1
VEYSEY, Ken	25	6.6.67	57	10	57	10	128
WANLESS, Paul	18	14.12.73	3+3	1	3+3	1	30

Other professionals yet to make first team appearances: Tristan Didcock, Robert Ford, Keith Holmes, Matthew Keeble, Robert Mutchell, Steve Tainor, Andrew Wallbridge

\* First line = League Second line = Cup

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Home											Away				Att				Best
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av.	Att						
1 Newcastle	15	6	1	1	16	4	6	0	1	13	8	36	29,140	30,137						
2 Swindon	16	6	2	1	19	9	2	3	9	12	27	8,182	11,094							
3 Tranmere	15	6	3	0	19	4	2	1	3	8	9	27	6,134	8,068						
4 West Ham Utd	15	3	1	2	11	4	5	2	16	7	27	13,496	17,842							
5 Millwall	15	5	2	0	19	5	2	3	3	6	8	26	7,131	8,581						
6 Charlton	16	4	4	1	12	5	3	1	3	8	8	26	5,666	7,527						
7 Wolverhampton	16	3	4	1	17	11	3	3	2	8	5	25	14,739	17,270						
8 Peterborough	15	2	4	10	12	5	1	1	14	8	24	8,565	14,487							
9 Leicester	16	5	2	2	10	8	2	1	4	8	11	24	14,705	19,687						
10 Portsmouth	15	5	0	1	13	2	4	4	15	21	22	12,442	11,312	12,442						
11 Watford	16	4	1	3	14	14	2	3	3	11	13	22	7,898	9,809						
12 Grimsby	15	3	3	1	11	8	3	1	4	11	9	22	5,474	9,119						
13 Derby County	15	2	4	0	11	12	4	3	2	14	8	21	15,375	17,522						
14 Bristol City	15	4	2	2	13	12	2	0	5	10	22	20	11,346	15,301						
16 OXFORD UTD	15	2	5	2	12	10	2	3	1	9	7	20	5,849	7,596						
16 Brentford	15	4	2	3	17	11	1	2	3	5	6	19	8,570	10,131						
17 Birmingham	15	4	0	3	9	11	1	4	3	4	12	19	10,106	14,391						
18 Cambridge	16	4	1	3	11	13	0	4	4	5	16	17	5,432	7,214						
19 Barnsley	15	2	2	4	8	8	2	1	4	10	8	15	6,069	8,412						
20 Sunderland	15	3	2	2	9	7	1	1	6	5	18	15	17,685	28,098						
21 Notts County	16	1	3	3	5	9	2	2	5	13	24	14	8,129	15,267						
22 Luton Town	15	0	3	4	9	20	2	3	3	9	13	12	7,742	8,848						
23 Southend	15	1	3	2	5	7	1	2	6	7	16	11	4,677	5,627						
24 Bristol Rovers	16	2	1	5	11	22	0	2	6	10	22	9	5,794	7,487						
Up to and including Sunday, 2 November 8)																				



## Youth . . .

## S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug	15	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3-4
	22	AFC Bournemouth	1-2
	29	BRENTFORD	2-3
Sept	5	Wimbledon	1-4
	12	Southampton	1-1
	19	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (LC,1)	3-4
	21	Gillingham (SJFC,1)	2-1
Oct	3	Luton Town	2-1
	5	SWINDON TOWN (MYC,1)	2-2
	10	SWINDON TOWN	4-1
	17	Bristol City	1-2
	19	Swindon Town (MYC replay)	0-3
	24	Swindon Town	0-0
	26	Bournemouth (SJFC, 2)	1-1
	31	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	1-5
Nov	4	Swindon Town (FAYC, 1)	2-3
	7	Bristol Rovers	2-2
	14	READING	H
	16	BOURNEMOUTH (SJFC2R)	H
	21	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
	28	LC3	H
Dec	5	Colchester United	A
	12	Tottenham Hotspur	A
	19	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
1993			
Jan	2	Brentford	A
	9	WIMBLEDON	H
	16	SOUTHAMPTON	H
	23	Crystal Palace	A
	30	LUTON TOWN	H
Feb	13	BRISTOL CITY	H
	20	Brighton and Hove Albion	A
	27	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Mar	6	Reading	A
TBA		CRYSTAL PALACE	H

Steve McClaren reports on our recent Youth and Reserve matches



## Oxford United 1, Brighton 5

We started brightly but found ourselves one down after bad defending at a corner. We equalised soon afterwards with a Bobby Ford shot from 25 yards that slipped through the keeper's hands. However, we were 3-1 down by half-time after giving away two goals from free headers. After the interval we created several chances but twice in five minutes were caught on the break and left in a position with the game way beyond our reach.

Oxford United: Bayliss, Maisey, Watts, Girolami, Goodall, Morrissey, Stevens, Border (Williams), Maciak (Turner), Ford, Conneely.

## Bristol Rovers 2, Oxford United 2

Playing with a strong wind in the first half we completely dominated the game and created several chances. Bobby Ford and Terry Morrissey hit the post and Jason Maciak had a header cleared off the line.

Maciak opened the scoring after 25 minutes, heading in Stephen Hillman's cross. Five minutes later a Ford free kick beat everyone and rolled into the corner of the net.

Bristol pulled back a goal just before half-time but in the second half we continued to create chances. Simon Turner hit a post and Maciak saw the 'keeper make a brilliant save. We looked set for victory but in the last minute we conceded an equaliser from a dubious free kick.

Oxford United: Bayliss, Turner, Hillman, Girolami, Maisey, Goodall, Stevens, Morrissey, Maciak, Ford, Conneely. Subs (not used) Greig, Byles.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	10	8	1	1	27	9	17
Wimbledon	11	8	1	2	27	10	17
Brentford	10	6	3	1	21	11	15
Brighton	10	5	2	3	26	21	12
Bournemouth	10	4	4	2	14	13	12
Southampton	11	3	4	4	11	15	10
Bristol Rovers	10	3	3	4	18	27	9
Luton Town	11	4	0	7	20	17	8
Colchester	9	4	0	5	11	16	8
Tottenham	10	4	0	6	19	24	8
Swindon Town	11	3	2	6	13	23	8
Crystal Palace	10	3	1	6	15	17	7
OXFORD UTD	11	2	3	6	18	25	7
Reading	10	2	2	6	15	27	6

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## . . . Reserves

## Oxford United 1, Crystal Palace 1

Looking to get back to winning ways we started well and played some good football, creating several openings.

Most of the chances fell to Keith Holmes, who was a constant threat with his pace and positive running, but on three occasions he committed the cardinal sin for strikers - he missed the target.

The game became scrappy after the break and Palace took the lead.

But the goal spurred us on and, from a corner, a Paul Wanless shot was blocked and Holmes pounced to drive in the rebound. Paul Kee made two excellent saves near the end.

Oxford United: Kee, Robinson, Mutchell, (Tavinor), Collins, Wallbridge, Jackson, Narbett, Holmes, Wanless, Didcock (R Ford), Keeble.

## Brighton 4, Oxford United 2

We were two goals down after Brighton's first two attacks! We came back strongly and Matthew Keeble and Tristan Didcock had shots well saved.

But after 65 minutes we were three down.

Steve McClaren's header from Steve Tavinor's excellent shot looked to have started a revival but another goal on the break killed us off. In the dying minutes Keith Holmes' penalty made the scoreline more respectable.

Oxford United: Veysey, Tavinor, Mutchell, Phillips, Wallbridge (Jackson), Collins, Didcock, Holmes, Wanless, McClaren, Keeble. Sub (not used) Kee.

## NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	11	8	2	1	21	11	26
Chelsea	11	7	3	1	29	15	24
QPR	11	6	3	2	22	11	21
Wimbledon	11	5	4	2	19	13	19
Arsenal	12	5	3	4	23	12	18
Crystal Palace	12	4	6	2	27	19	18
Southampton	11	5	3	3	17	13	18
Tottenham	11	5	2	4	23	11	17
Watford	11	4	5	2	18	21	17
OXFORD UTD	12	4	5	3	15	22	17
Brighton	12	5	2	5	16	24	17
Ipswich	12	5	1	6	17	20	16
Norwich	11	3	4	4	20	21	13
West Ham	11	3	2	6	17	17	11
Charlton	11	3	2	6	11	18	11
Portsmouth	10	2	3	5	14	23	9
Fulham	12	2	3	7	8	22	9
Swindon	10	2	2	6	13	21	8
Bristol City	11	1	4	6	12	20	7
Luton	9	1	3	5	11	19	6

(Up to November 8)

## NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug	19	Wed	PORTSMOUTH	2-1
	24	Mon	Millwall	0-6
Sept	2	Wed	NORWICH CITY	1-1
	9	Wed	Wimbledon	1-1
	16	Wed	WEST HAM UNITED	2-0
	21	Mon	Crystal Palace	2-1
	30	Wed	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	0-0
Oct	12	Mon	Luton Town	3-2
	14	Wed	WIMBLEDON	0-4
	21	Wed	Fulham	1-1
	28	Wed	CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1
Nov	4	Wed	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-4
	11	Wed	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-1
	18	Wed	Portsmouth	(A)
	23	Mon	Norwich City	(A)
	25	Wed	BRISTOL CITY	(H)
Dec	2	Wed	Ipswich Town	(A)
	9	Wed	ARSENAL	(H)
	15	Tue	West Ham United	(A)
	23	Wed	CHELSEA	(H)
	30	Wed	Bristol City	(A)
Jan	6	Wed	BRIGHTON & H.A.	(H)
	12	Tue	Arsenal	(H)
	20	Wed	SWINDON TOWN	(H)
	25	Mon	Charlton Athletic	(A)
Feb	3	Wed	FULHAM	(H)
	8	Mon	Chelsea	(A)
	17	Wed	WATFORD	(H)
	22	Mon	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)
	24	Wed	Tottenham Hotspur	(A)
Mar	9	Tue	LUTON TOWN	(H)
	16	Tue	Queens Park Rangers	(A)
	24	Wed	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)
	30	Tue	Watford	(A)
Apr	7	Wed	Swindon Town	(A)
	14	Wed	MILLWALL	(H)
	24	Sat	Southampton	(A)
May	5	Wed	IPSWICH TOWN	(H)

Unless stated home matches kick off 7.30pm

## NEXT GAME AT THE MANOR

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup  
Second Round Replay

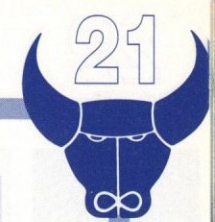
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Monday, November 16

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**G**ood afternoon and welcome to the Manor for today's match against Luton Town - and a special welcome to those providing our pre-match entertainment.

I'm sure you will give a big cheer to those taking part in the Oxford City Council girls' five-a-side finals.

The games were cancelled back in September after being scheduled to take place before our home game against Tranmere Rovers.

There are matches at under 11 and under 17 levels. Quarry feature in both, meeting Coven Witches in the under 11 final and Kidlington B in the under 17 contest.

The under 11 team line-ups are as follows -

**Quarry:** Kathleen English, Becky Kibble, Louise Holman, Megan Davis, Natalie Creed, Danielle Ponty, Lindsey Fairns. Manager, Mick Riaz.

**Coven Witches:** Polly Coleman, Laura Comley, Tansy Nuttall, Katie Allen, Jasmine Turner, Pamela Rae, Sally Price. Manager, Steve Maier.

And in the under 17 game -

**Quarry:** Nadine Riley, Chloe Simlett, Cara Foulkes, Tracy Simpson, Sonia Ponty, Helen Masters. Manager, Geraldine Riley.

**Kidlington B:** Anna Crane, Caroline Lambert, Vicky Evans, Gemma Faulkner, Eve Henshaw, Debbie Spiers, Poppy Lawrence. Manager, Terry Crane.

## LET'S HEAR YOU!

I know it is difficult to get excited before the game but, for the sake of the youngsters taking part in the pre-match activities I, and they, would appreciate some enthusiasm from the crowd. I know for a fact that they would enjoy it more - and it would make my job easier! Thank you.

## SCHOOLS HERE TODAY

A warm welcome to Bartholomew School, Eynsham, Tower Hill School, St Mary's Infants School, Wychwood Primary School, Clanfield School, St Birinus, Dorchester, Milton Primary School and the large group from Bampton Primary School. **Please make as much noise as you like!**

I would also like to welcome Adrian Davidge and his party all the way from Taunton and the Yarnton Boys team, the Selex Copiers League team of the month for October.

A warm welcome too to the youngsters who were on the FA Coca-Cola half-term Fun Week at Cutteslowe Park. I was very impressed with their enthusiasm.

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## Today Andy Howland traces the history of our Barclays League opponents, Luton Town

Luton were formed in 1885, turned professional in 1890 and were a founder member of the Southern League's Division One in 1894.

As Woolwich Arsenal were the only member of the Football League to be sited south of Birmingham, this league (the only professional league apart from the Football League) comprised most of the top clubs in the lower half of England.

The founder clubs were Millwall, Reading, Swindon, Clapton Orient, Ilford, Chatham, Royal Ordnance Factories, 2nd Scots Guards and Luton.

In 1897, Luton became the second Football League club south of Birmingham and ended eighth, three places below Arsenal. Fifteenth in 1898-99, Luton ended one place above bottom club Loughborough in 1900, both clubs failing to be re-elected.

The Hatters moved to Kenilworth Road in 1905 and rejoined the Football League in 1920. The previous year, the 44-club League had included Arsenal (Division 1), Fulham, West Ham, Bristol City and Orient of the clubs south of Coventry, and the 22 founder members of Division 3 all came from the southern half of the country.

Luton ended in the top half in all but three of the ten seasons -1920-30, fourth place (1922) being their highest placing. Seventh (1930-1) and sixth (1931-32), Town slipped to end fourteenth in 1933 but reached the FA Cup Quarter Final only to lose 6-0 away to the eventual winners, Dixie Dean's Everton.

Sixth (1933-34) and fourth (1934-35), Luton ended just one point adrift of champions Coventry in 1936, only one club being promoted in each season from Division 3 (South).

It was on April 13, 1936 that Joe Payne scored ten goals in Luton's 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers. This individual haul remains the highest in a major English game (beating Bell's nine for Tranmere set four months earlier and MacDougall's nine FA Cup goals against Margate in 1971). The 12-0 scoreline is the highest in the history of Division 3 (South).

The following season Luton won the League and scored a club record 103 goals in the process - Payne's 55 that season is a club record and the highest in a season for any player in Division 3 (South). He was rewarded with his only cap at the end of the season, netting twice in England's 8-0 win in Helsinki.

Luton ended twelfth in 1938 but were the Second Division's highest scorers (89) and conceded the most (86). They had scored 365 goals in the four seasons 1934-38 and followed this with 82 in the last pre-war season when they ended seventh, just five points adrift of promoted Sheffield United.

Mid-table placings (1946-49) were followed by a seventeenth position (just 41 scored) in 1950 and nineteenth (1951), two points more than relegated Chesterfield. The following season Luton ended eighth and lost 3-2 at home to eventual finalists Arsenal in the FA Cup Quarter Finals.

Third behind promoted Sheffield United and Huddersfield in 1953, Luton went one better in 1955 when they ended second, level on points with

Arthur Turner's Birmingham and third-placed Rotherham. Tenth in their debut season in Division 1, Luton ended eighth in 1958. In 1958-59, Luton beat Blackpool before a record 30,069 home crowd in a FA Cup Quarter Final replay before eliminating Third Division Norwich in the Semi-Final. Their FA Cup Final team included Billy Bingham and England internationals Syd Owen (Footballer of the Year) and Ron Baynham but they lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest.

The following season Luton were relegated with Leeds and, after two mid-table seasons, went down again in 1963. Luton completed their rapid descent from Division One to Four in 1965 and missed promotion only on goal average in their first season in the basement.

Seventeenth, with only four points more than re-election seeking Rochdale in 1967, the Hatters won the title in 1968 and came third behind Watford and Swindon 12 months later. With Rioch and Malcolm MacDonald in their ranks, Luton were promoted behind Orient in 1970 and ended sixth in Division Two in 1971.

Following two mid-table seasons Luton, despite getting only 50 points (the lowest ever for Second Division Runners-up in a Division of 22) and ending 15 points behind Middlesbrough, gained promotion to the top flight. Luton spent just one season in Division 1 as they ended between Spurs and Chelsea. Close to promotion in both 1976 and 1977, Town ended thirteenth in 1978 and gained only two points more than relegated Sheffield United in 1979.

Four points behind promoted Birmingham (1980) and two adrift of Swansea (1981) the Hatters won Division Two in 1981-82. Brian Horton skippered the side for whom Dave Moss scored 15 League goals (11 penalties). The following season, a famous late Antic goal at Maine Road sent Manchester City down and saved Luton.

In 1983-84, Luton stood seventh with 12 matches left but ended sixteenth after getting just seven points out of the last 36. In 1984-5 Town stood five minutes away from a FA Cup Final place when Everton equalised before winning 2-1 in extra time. Foster had joined Luton in 1984 and Luton ended ninth in 1986 and stood third with seven matches of 1986-87 remaining. This team, which included star men Hill and Brian Stein, dropped 13 of the last 21 points (including three at home to Oxford) but ended seventh (their best ever), five points adrift of third-placed Spurs.

In 1987-88 Luton won their first major trophy beating Arsenal 3-2 in the League Cup Final after a semi-final win over an inept Oxford team. Luton lost to Wimbledon 2-1 in the FA Cup semi-final and went down 4-1 to Reading in the Simod Final.

Holders Luton lost 3-1 to Forest in the 1989 League Cup Final. The following season, Luton needed wins in their last three matches to send Wednesday down on goal difference. In 1991, Luton finished one place above relegated Sunderland but were demoted last season.

- Andy Howland and his brother Roger are the club historians -

## FIRST TEAM AT PEERS SCHOOL

On Tuesday of this week we went to Peers School and enjoyed a training session which was watched by pupils. Afterwards, two professionals, together with two of our Oxford United Ladies team - Carol Harwood and Paula Callinan - coached 35 girls for about an hour. A good time was had by all.

## YT COACHING

On Wednesday, November 4 I took a trip over to Tower Hill School, Witney with Howard Forinton, Russell Godfrey and Mark Druce to coach children from Tower Hill, Ducklington, Wychwood and St Mary's Schools.

My thanks go to Peter Killick for organising the day and refreshments afterwards.

A report on a similar day, spent at Clanfield on Wednesday this week, will appear in a future programme.

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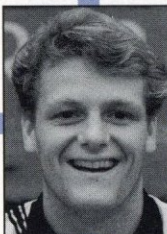
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**MARK DRUCE**



Having supported Oxford United for about 30 years I have witnessed most of their greatest triumphs and disasters. However, I cannot recall feeling more tense about any match than I did over this one.

Living near Luton, with a wife who comes from a family of Hatters' supporters,

might account for this!

This game, though, was absolutely vital as it was Oxford's penultimate League match and a win would ensure safety from relegation. Unfortunately, with only two away wins in the League all season, and the fact that Luton had lost only once at home, the chances of this happening appeared slim. The absence from the team of Ray Houghton would not help but hopes were raised by the news that the Hatters would be missing Tim Breacker, Steve Foster, Brian Stein and Mick Harford.

Season 1986/87 was Luton's second on the controversial, artificial pitch at Kenilworth Road and, of course, was also the first year of the unpopular membership scheme whereby only Luton Town members and guests could attend the club's home games.

Consequently for this match of such vital importance to Oxford, only a handful of United fans were able to support their team as opposed to the 2,000 who travelled to Tranmere last May for a game of similar magnitude.

A lesser irritation was that in 1985/86 Luton had become the first club to charge £1 for its normal League programme and in 1987 this was still the price, even though most other First Division clubs were charging only 60p-70p.

For this, Town supporters received a good variety of reading material in a fairly substantial issue containing 40 small-sized pages. Although the front cover appeared in a fairly plain design of green, blue and white, the prominently displayed name of the home club and the match details make it readily identifiable.

The contents are well laid out with plenty of colour and include contributions from a large number of club players, officials and supporters.

These include "Moore on Football" by manager John Moore, and "Views from the Bench" by chief coach Ray Harford. Team captain Mick Harford writes "Captain's Diary"; whilst midfielder Peter Nicholas addresses the "Junior Hatters" and Brian Stein is the player selected to provide that week's "Dressing Room Talk". There is also an unusual article entitled "Girl Talk" in which supporter Gale Waller looks at football from a female point of view.

As this was Luton's last home match of the season many of these writers look back over the year - a generally satisfactory one for the Hatters who would eventually finish seventh in the First Division table.

Other features in the programme include "Box Office Information", which gives ticket and travel arrangements for the last game of the season at Everton together with details of 1987/88 season tickets and "Club News" which deals with membership renewals for the following year and also gives a profile of match referee Neil Midgley. There are two pages of first team statistics and reviews of the reserve and youth sides including photos from the latter's excellent victory in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Final against Chelsea. Other photos include a 1986/87 Luton Town team group in the centre pages; pictorial highlights of the season at Kenilworth Road and action shots from the recent home match against Sheffield Wednesday.

One disappointing feature of the Luton programme is the poor coverage of the visiting club.

The two pages devoted to introducing United include only a team photo and pen pictures of the players and manager, Maurice Evans. There is no club history or list of previous results of matches between the sides. However, club historian Roger Wash makes amends for this in his most informative "Goulden Oldies" article by looking back at two friendly matches played in 1968.

The first, played at the Manor in May, saw Third Division champions Oxford beaten 3-2 by a Luton side which had just won the Fourth Division title. Some two months later Town completed a double by winning the return game at Kenilworth Road 3-0 thanks to an impressive performance by striker Brian Lewis who, two years later, would be playing for United.

Returning to the 1987 match the following team line-ups appear on the back page of the programme which, although providing a good coverage for Luton fans of events within their club, tends to be a little narrow in its outlook and lacked items of wider footballing interest.

Luton Town: Sealey, Johnson, Harvey, Nicholas, S North (McDonough), Donaghy, Hill, Cobb, Newell, M Stein, Preece.

Oxford United: Hucker, Langan, Slatter, Phillips (Dreyer), Briggs, Caton, Rhoades-Brown, Saunders, Treweek, Hebbard, Brock

The match itself started superbly for Oxford who scored twice in the first 22 minutes through headers by Saunders and Hebbard. As the game progressed with United firmly in control First Division survival seemed assured. However, during the last five minutes all their good work was undone as goals by Newell and Mark Stein brought Luton level, leaving Oxford again on the brink of relegation.

Joy had turned to despair for the small band of United supporters who had managed to overcome Luton's ban on away fans. Moments later, though, we were ecstatic as substitute John Dreyer crossed from the left for Dean Saunders to head the winning goal in injury time. The game ended 3-2 to Oxford and, despite being nervous wrecks, we could all look forward to a third season in Division One!

*Phil Malcolm*





# A Focus On . . .

**F**or the player fast becoming the hero of the Oxford fans life could have been so different.

After winning the Young Player and Most Improved Player of the Year awards at Grimsby last season, Paul had a contractual disagreement which resulted in him being given a free transfer.

Left without a club at the start of the season Paul set about finding a new employer and, after short spells at Kettering - one of his former clubs - Scunthorpe and Doncaster, he signed for Oxford on a month's contract. Both Ken Veysey and Paul Kee were injured and Paul went straight into the first team - and the rest is recent history.

Already Paul has kept four clean sheets in eight games and gained a two-year contract at the Manor.

Nottingham-born Paul started his career at Stoke as an apprentice and made his League debut there. However, he was released and joined Kettering. At the age of 21 the goalkeeper signed for Grimsby for a fee of £10,000 and spent three seasons at Blundell Park, mainly as understudy to Steve Sherwood.

Although he has been at the Manor only a short time Paul has developed a good relationship with the Oxford fans and likes the area. He hopes to be around for some time yet as he tries to rebuild his career.

But he knows that a drop in his high standards could lead to him losing his place, so he will be doing his best to hold on to the No. 1 jersey.

## PAUL REECE'S FOOTBALL FIRSTS

Name: Paul Reece  
Age: 24 (date of birth 16.7.78)  
Married: No  
Nickname: Reecey  
Signed for Oxford: 30.9.92  
First Club: Stoke City  
First Team Debut: For Stoke against Shrewsbury  
First Goal: Not yet!  
First Injury: Broken collarbone  
First House/Flat: In lodgings  
First Car: Marina 1.8  
Current Car: Volvo  
First Team Supported: Nottingham Forest  
First Choice Pre-Match: Cheese and ham omelette  
Favourite Food: Chinese

## CAREER RECORD

	LEAGUE		LEAGUE CUP		FA CUP		OTHER		TOTAL	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Stoke City	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Grimsby Town	54	-	3	-	5	-	4	-	66	-
Doncaster Rov.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
OXFORD UNITED	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-</b>



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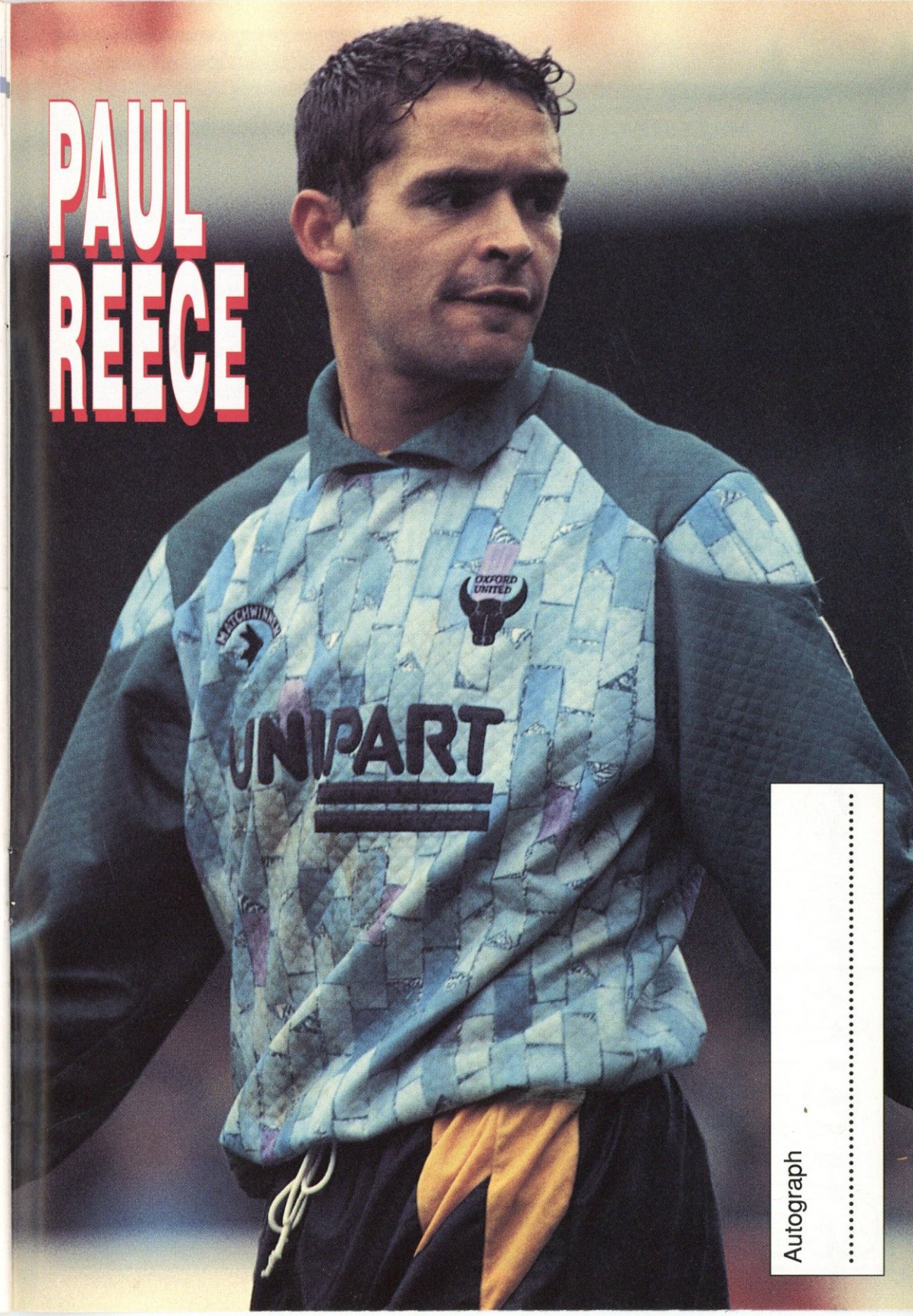
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*Felicity Thomas was the mascot when Oxford United Ladies played their first game at the Manor on November 25, against WFA National League Division One South opponents Horsbam Ladies. Felicity, pictured with the captains and match officials, proved a lucky mascot, too - Oxford Ladies won 1-0.*

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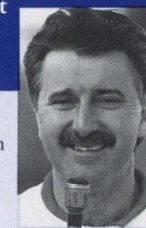
Our exciting finale to the Portsmouth match helped Chris Allen to win the sponsor's Man of the Match award and close behind him were John Durnin and Joey Beauchamp. Their performances mean that the current table reads:

John Durnin	33
Joey Beauchamp	20
Mike Ford 18	
Chris Allen	15
Jimmy Magilton	14
Ceri Evans 9	
Mickey Lewis	9
Andrew Melville	9
Paul Reece 8	
David Penney	3
Les Phillips	3
David Collins	1
Paul Kee 1	
Garry Smart	1

### OXFORD UNITED LADIES FIXTURES and RESULTS 1992

Sep 13	HASSOCKS	H	1-4
20	Saltdean	A	2-1
Oct 4	Kidderminster (FA Cup, 2)	A	5-2
11	Brighton	A	1-2
25	HORSHAM	H	1-0
Nov 1	Wrexham (FA Cup, 3)	A	4-2
8	District Line	A	4-2
15	Hemel Hempstead	A	0-3
22	League Cup, 2		
29	TOWN AND COUNTRY	H	
Dec 6	FA Cup, 4		
13	Bristol Blackwell	A	

Just typical of my luck that I was away in Rome on business the night United and Portsmouth produced that unbelievable result at the Manor but, at least, I'd returned in time to see the excellent performance down at Southend on Saturday.



I just did not believe the Portsmouth result when I rang up on Tuesday evening and it was only when I got home and read the report in the paper that I was fully convinced. However the trip to Italy did have its compensations and brought back memories of my early days reporting United.

Nineteen years ago I went with United when they played Roma in the Anglo Italian Cup in the same stadium that hosted the 1990 World Cup final. It was only the second football match on which I'd ever reported and I think I was more nervous than the players sitting in the massive stadium before the game.

I went back to the magnificent stadium, which is shared by Lazio and Roma, on Wednesday and the memories flooded back especially when I saw the massive scoreboard at the end of the ground. It read that afternoon, April 4 1973, Roma 0 Oxford United 2, (Curran 2) after a famous victory by United against one of Italy's top clubs. As you can imagine I came home thinking that reporting football matches was always going to be like that. My first trip to places like Wolves soon put me right although Italy certainly taught me some basic lessons. Never play cards with footballers, lie on the floor of the coach when furious Italian fans are waiting to stone the car of the Roma manager and to keep my hair shorter and not look like Nigel Cassidy. He'd missed the trip after he'd been promised an interesting reception in Italy following a torrid

encounter with the Torino defence, and the goalkeeper in particular, in the previous round. To the delight of the team my long hair and beard persuaded Italian journalists that I was in fact the 'infamous Cassidy'.

What a joy it was to watch so many youngsters showing off their skills before the Watford game a couple of weeks ago. Then two of United's own youngsters Joey Beachamp and Chrissie Allen starred in that game and the next two against Portsmouth and Southend to show young players there is a chance to break into First Division football, especially at a club like United who will be relying more and more on local talent.

You know I don't like mentioning Swindon Town in my notes but I must say how much I enjoyed their televised game against Newcastle on Sunday. What a great advert for Division One football and what a mouth watering prospect for United fans with both Newcastle and Swindon visiting the Manor just after Christmas. Let's hope their respective goal tally's from Sunday's game remain the same.

Finally, before the game today I will be awarding the Radio Oxford October Player of the month to a certain player who's made a tremendous impact since his recent arrival. Doesn't take too much working out.

Nick Harris



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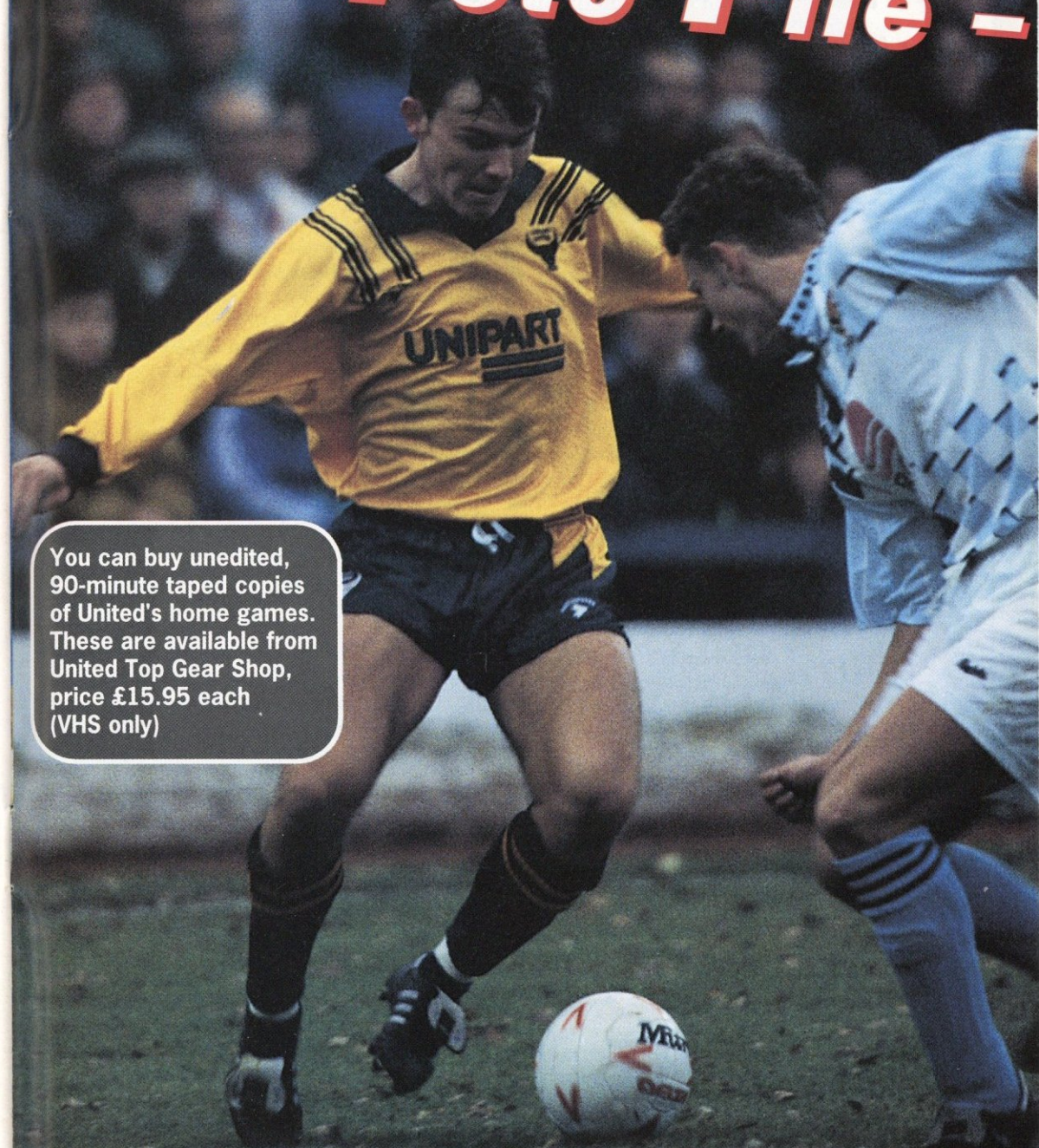
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**JOEY BEAUCHAMP**, pictured in action during the recent game against Watford attempting to go past his full back. Today, the 21 year old is due to make his 53rd full appearance for United.



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# The Final Whistle

**S**ometimes being faced with a blank screen with only *The Final Whistle* written can be quite scary - particularly when the research I've put in for the feature hasn't given me the information I need.

This week I'd intended to write about magazine coverage of the Football League. I'm part of the product - writing this column and for *Matchday* - the magazine that's specifically for the First Division - but I wanted to find out how the rest of the magazine industry viewed what one writer uncharitably described as 'football's unattractive rump'.

In my brief research, I've found that although there's a glut of football magazines on the market, the Premier League is dominating their pages out of all proportion. So that subject will have to be put on hold for a week or two until I've waded through another rainforest devoted to the goalscoring skills of Alan Shearer to see why the vast majority of football in this country is being ignored by the periodical press.

As for *Matchday*, take a look if you get a chance (you can always sneak a read in United's shop 'Top Gear'). The next issue goes on sale in two weeks, and includes a four-page club focus on Oxford - much like the one on Luton Town in issue one. As a consumer, only you can decide if there is a place for a glossy monthly devoted only to one division - and not the Premier at that!

Anyway, enough blatant self-promotion. Sitting here on the Sunday night following Swindon's 0-0 draw at Newcastle, it struck me that this revolutionary season is now one third of the way through its course, so it's as good a time as any to press pause and reflect on what has happened so far. Is it living up to expectations? Well, yes, but in an unexpected way.

Frankly, the Premier League - or at least its management and media hype - is boring me to tears. While I'm quite happy to see *Match of the Day* back on our screens, the standing of Sky Sports has not increased in the Shanahan household. It's fine putting on five hours of scintillating top class entertainment on a Sunday afternoon, but Sky isn't doing that. Premier League football isn't *that* great a product anyway, and certainly doesn't warrant three

and a half hours of padding around a 200 mile an hour fitness test.

As for the alternatives, the Italian League is obviously drawing good viewing figures. But I wonder if they'll remain as high once the novelty value has worn off. Actually, I don't know about you, but I find myself drawn more into ITV's Division One coverage. Ok, so some of the games have been pretty dreadful, but the majority have shown this league up well against the Premier opposition. There are more teams prepared to play good football rather than hoof the ball forward and hope for the best. And I'd even far rather watch Swindon than be subjected



to a diet of Crystal Palace, Wimbledon or, heaven forbid, Arsenal all season.

In fact, the only Premier side to really excite me so far has been Aston Villa. Though Oxford gave them two hard matches in the Coca Cola Cup, Villa were the better team over the two legs and my money's on them picking up at least one trophy this season.

And what of Division One. Several things make me feel good so far. First, I'm pleased that Derby aren't having it all their own way. While money might buy them promotion, there's more to winning matches than opening the cheque book. It's probably no bad thing that United, Millwall and several of the less wealthy clubs have already put one over on them. Logic

A new magazine has been launched and **Mark Shanahan** takes a look at this, other football publications, and the soccer scene in general

suggests that the wealthiest clubs will build the best teams and win the spoils. Perhaps it's sentiment then - plus a lot of pride - that makes me particularly cheered when results like United's at the Baseball ground turn that logic on its head.

The recent form of Brentford - with Lee Luscombe to the fore - and Grimsby - singing as they fish - are worthy of note too, showing that less fashionable clubs can succeed.

There have been down-sides too. I never want to witness the kind of performance Cambridge gave here in September again. John Beck may have brought the club a lot of success, but he paid the price for instilling an attitude in his team that simply wasn't conducive to the well-being of the game. I hope his former players are allowed to rediscover the pleasures of football played well.

I'm also sorry that Luton Town are struggling - though their struggle is indicative of the rift that recession and a few wealthy Chairmen have wrought in the game. Selling talent such as Harford and Pembridge has eased the club's finances - a situation we know only too well at the Manor - but has made David Pleat's job all the harder. I enjoy nothing better than watching a side prepared to get out of trouble through positive and exciting football, and I'm sure that Luton's current position is a false one.

Finally, what about the rest of the Division One season? If it continues its present promise, it should be a cracker. Newcastle will be up there, and that's what their massive loyal support deserves. Apart from Derby though, almost every other contender will be hoping to steer clear of injuries. Squads are thinner than ever before and injuries will cost a few clubs dear.

Oxford appears to have turned the corner in terms of goal-scoring, and apart from the Portsmouth aberration, the defence has been miserly. In such an open division, there's nothing to stop the U's getting in the frame and putting in a real promotion challenge. After all, the form has improved significantly after Christmas in each of the last two seasons - and the team's not doing that badly now!

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<b>Mike Ford</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Julian James</b>
<b>Mickey Lewis</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Darren Salton</b>
<b>Ceri Evans</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Marvin Johnson</b>
<b>Andrew Melville</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Trevor Peake</b>
<b>Jim Magilton</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Steve Claridge</b>
<b>Joey Beauchamp</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Chris Kamara</b>
<b>David Penney</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Jason Rees</b>
<b>John Durnin</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Philip Gray</b>
<b>Chris Allen</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Scott Oakes</b>
<b>Nick Cusack</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Jamie Campbell</b>
<b>Jon Narbett</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Paul Telfer</b>

Today's REFEREE is 40 year old Philip Don from Hanworth Park, Middlesex. Philip is a deputy headmaster and is married with two teenage children. He began refereeing in 1968 in East Yorkshire and finally joined the Football League Referees' List in 1986. He has officiated at a number of important matches, including the 1983 European Youth Championships, the 1991 Football League play-offs, the 1992 FA Cup Final and an Olympic tournament in Spain last year.

His interests include gardening, most sports, walking, cooking and the theatre and he is also involved in the training, assessing and coaching of referees. Philip has been a member of the Referees' Association since 1968, a committee member and secretary of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen since 1987 and was conference coordinator in 1991.

**LINESMEN:** Mr B.L. Baker (Red Trim Flag)  
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The Copiers 92 MASCOT today is seven year old Paul Skinner from Kidlington. Paul attends Edward Field School in Kidlington and plays football for Kidlington Under 8's. His favourite player is United striker John Durnin.



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