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Division Two
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The U's v Hatters

Hatters' Goals For & Against

Category	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded
CLOSE RANGE	3	1
INSIDE AREA	6	4
OUTSIDE AREA	3	1
HEADERS	3	5
VOLLEYS	2	4
FREE KICKS	0	0
PENALTIES	1	0
OWN GOALS	1	0

n.b. League Details Only

Hatters' Hard Men

Player	Goals
Fraser	3
McLaren	3
Johnson	2
Taylor	2
Douglas	1
Locke	1
McIndoe	1
Spring	1
Watts	1

The U's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

Hatters' Roll Call

Player	Goals
Nathan Abbey	13
Stuart Fraser	13
Matthew Taylor	13
Julian Watts	13
Marvin Johnson	13
Gary Doherty	11
Alan White	1
Efetobor Sodje	1
Emmerson Boyce	1
Matthew Spring	13
Paul McLaren	11
Adam Locke	4
Michael McIndoe	19
Liam George	11
Stuart Douglas	9
Neil Midgley	3
Subs	30

Luton Town's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record

Oxford's Goals For & Against

Category	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded
CLOSE RANGE	3	3
INSIDE AREA	2	7
OUTSIDE AREA	1	1
HEADERS	3	3
VOLLEYS	1	4
FREE KICKS	0	0
PENALTIES	1	0
OWN GOALS	0	0

Luton Town's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

MATCH

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Matchmen of the Month

Here is September's Team of the Month based on last month's Matchman statistics.

Player	Team	GP	SR	AVE
Tony Warner	Millwall	3	1	7.66
Paul McLaren	Burnley	4	3	8.00
Adam Locke	Bristol City	4	1	7.50
Marvin Johnson	Brentford	4	1	7.50
Andy Legg	Cardiff	4	3	8.00
Peter Fear	Oxford	3	2	7.66
Richard Wilkins	Colchester	3	1	7.66
Liam George	Bristol Rovers	4	3	7.75
Gregg Goodridge	Luton	4	2	7.75
Neil Midgley	Brentford	4	2	7.75
Subs	Preston	5	3	7.40
Mark Rankine	Gillingham	4	2	7.50
Junior Lewis	Brentford	4	2	7.50
Gavin Mahon	Wigan	3	0	7.66
Stuart Barlow	Stoke	4	1	7.50

Hatters' Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

Div.	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
F.A.	3	4	3	4	SF	4	3	3	1	2
W.C.	3	2	2	2	I	I	I	3	2	5
L.S.	Black	Estrup	Harford	Gray	Dixon	Marshall	Geddy/Vaill	Thorpe	Thorpe	Douglas
Goals	11	15	12	19	9	11	9	28	14	9
Ave Att	9,872	10,275	9,711	8,213	7,878	7,350	7,223	6,294	5,879	5,527

Statistics compiled by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES telephone: 0151- 632 5679

Luton Town's Form Guide

D	W	W	D	S	W	L	L	W	S
1	4	7	10	10	11	14	14	17	17
13	7	3	2	2	5	3	5	8	10
7	3	2	2	5	3	5	7	7	7

Form Guide shows results so far.
W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

Ground : Kenilworth Road
Capacity : 9,975
Pitch Measurement : 110 x 72
Record Attendance : 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th round replay, 4 Mar 1959

Record Receipts : £115,541.20 v West Ham, FA Cup 6th round, 23 Mar 1994
Year Formed : 1885
Record League Win : 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 Apr 1936
Record Cup Win : 9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup

1st round replay (after abandoned game), 30 Nov 1927
Record Defeat : 0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12 Nov 1898
Most Lge Goals : 103, Division 3 (S), 1936-37
Most Lge Points : 88, Division 2, 1981-82

Top League scorer in a season : Joe Payne, 55, Division 3 (S), 1936-37
Most Capped Player : Mal Donagh, 58 (91), Northern Ireland
Most Lge Appearances : Bob Morton, 494, 1948-64

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT OXFORD UNITED SOCIAL CLUB

October 30th
Halloween Dance
With local band
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8.00pm til late
Tickets £2.00

November 6th
Firework display
and **Disco**
8.00pm til late -
gates open at 7.00pm
Entry £3 per adult,
£2 per child.

November 11th
Hen Night
Artistes: **Martin Russell**
/Total Obsession
/Hot Poker
8.00pm til Late
Tickets £6.00

November 13th
Green Apple
Pop Quiz
8.30pm
Free Entry



Thank you for your impeccable silence prior to the Millwall match.

CLUBCALL-AN APOLOGY

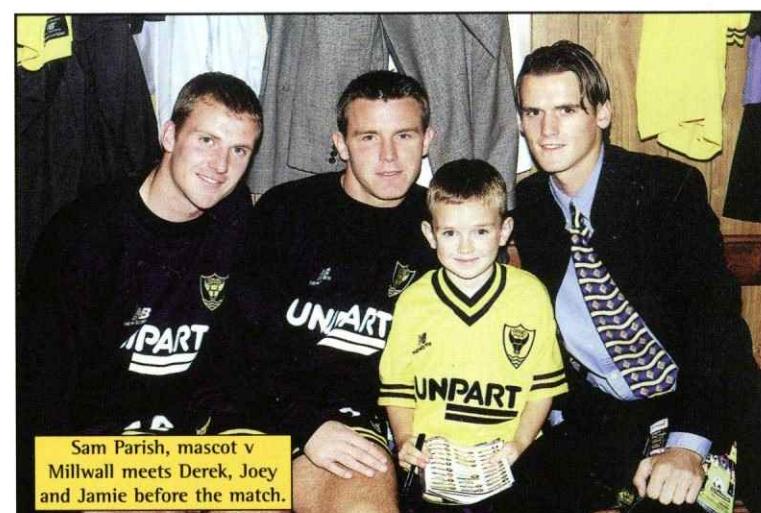
Clubcall and Oxford United would like to apologise for the complete failure of the system from early last Saturday afternoon until last Sunday, which was beyond the Club's control.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Dorothy Calcutt has written a book, which portrays the true story of the life of a poor Oxfordshire family in the year 1900. This book was written originally as a history book for schools but has proved to be a hit with the older population. The book, entitled 'The Salt of the Earth' is priced at £7.50. Dorothy will be selling the book in the Supporters' Club at the Morecambe and Colchester games and will be pleased to sign copies.

PRICE REDUCTION

Supporters will be pleased to note that all admission prices will be reduced by £2 for the AXA sponsored F A Cup game against Morecambe on Saturday 30th October 1999. Further details can be found on tickets and travel (page 24)

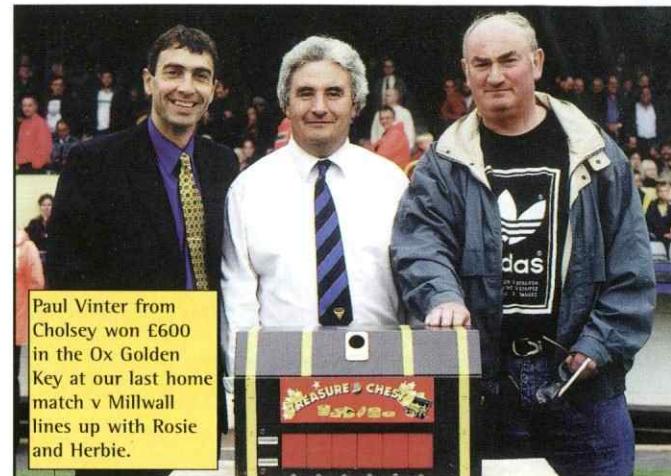


PEN PAL WANTED

The Club has received a letter from a Bulgarian Oxford United supporter who is seeking a pen pal. George Stoyanov Apostolov says he would love to see a live game at The Manor but is unable to fulfil his dream. If you would like to correspond with George, he can be contacted at: - Drouzhba-2 Bl. 422 entr.B Floor.6 ap. 48 Sofia-1582-Bulgaria

DO YOU WANT A GAME?

We have received a letter from Preston North End Supporters FC which was formed during the summer. They are keen to play other teams representing Nationwide Second Division clubs. These teams can be Official Supporters' Club Teams, fanzine teams, or even a group of supporters from a local pub. Ability is not a requirement either. They've played one game so far and conceded double figures! They would like a game before the match at The Manor on 11th December 1999 and at Deepdale on 8th January 2000. If anyone is interested, then contact Mark Cassidy on 01524 64789 or by Email preston_ne@yahoo.co.uk



Paul Vinter from Cholsey won £600 in the Ox Golden Key at our last home match v Millwall lines up with Rosie and Herbie.

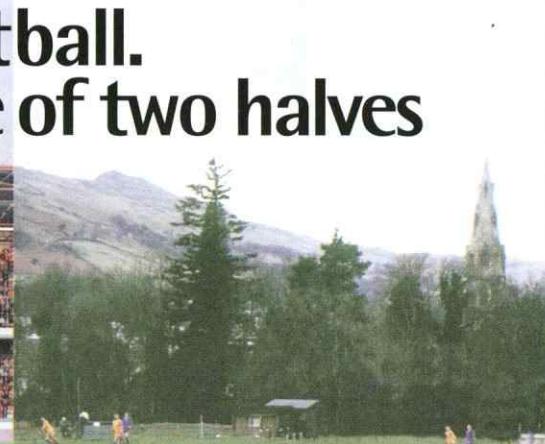
OX'S GOLDEN KEY

Congratulations to Paul Vinter from Cholsey who won £600 on the Ox Golden Key at our last home game against Millwall. The jackpot now stands at £500. If you would like the opportunity to open the treasure chest on the pitch at half-time, you have to buy a ticket. Sellers can be found at various locations around the ground.

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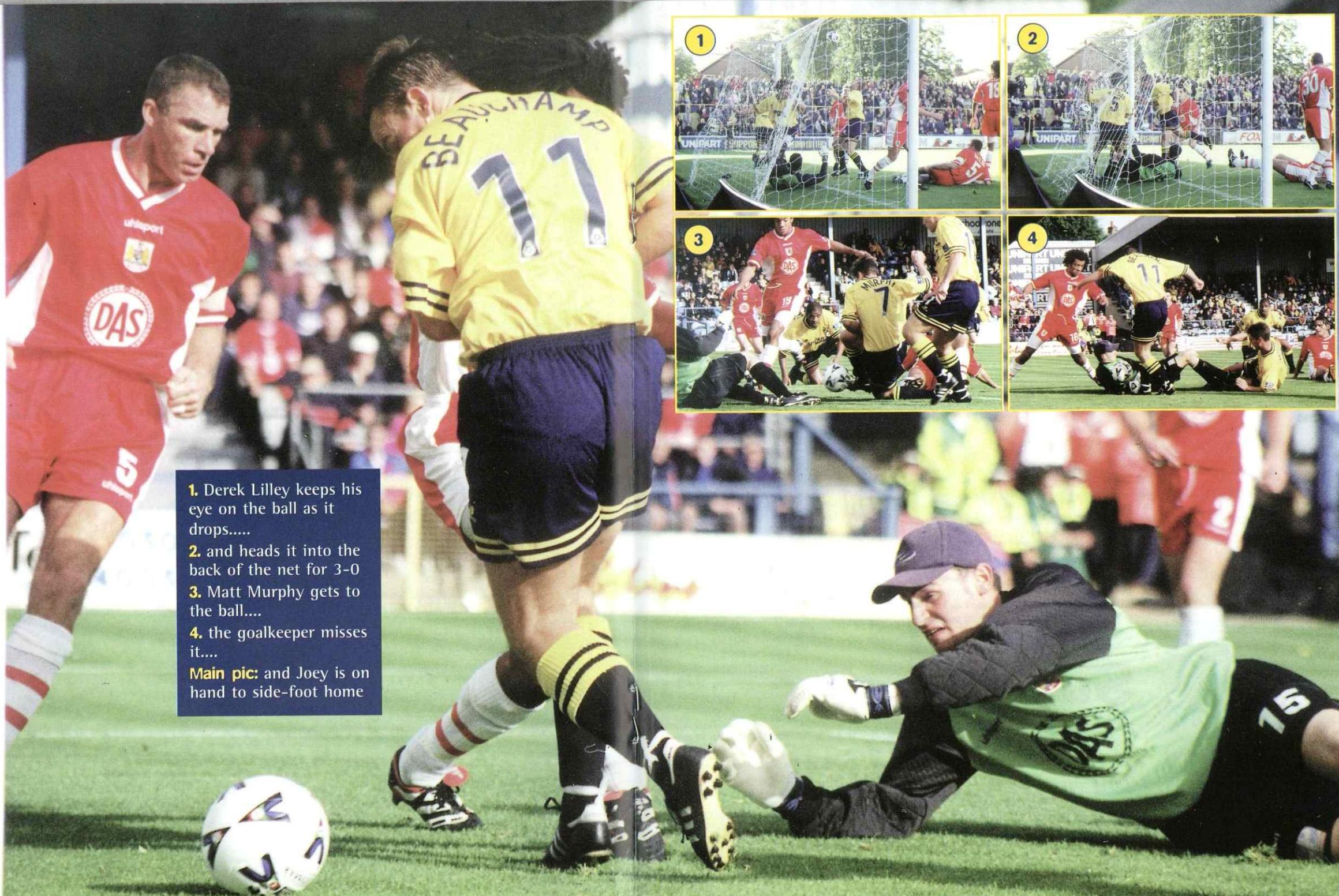
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AROUND THE MANOR



1. Derek Lilley keeps his eye on the ball as it drops.....
2. and heads it into the back of the net for 3-0
3. Matt Murphy gets to the ball.....
4. the goalkeeper misses it

Main pic: and Joey is on hand to side-foot home

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UPDATE



LONGMAN

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

As is often the case, there has been a tremendous variety in the school visits during the last three weeks. Ages ranging from 8 to 18 year old and topics as varied as health and fitness to marketing and safety issues have all been covered.

CATCHING 'EM YOUNG

It is very encouraging that there remains a great desire for youngsters to come to the Manor on educational visits and this vast potential support has to be nurtured. This is highlighted by a letter from a parent whose son Luke was given a personally signed photo by Mark Watson during a recent Manor visit.

"Mark Watson's photo now takes pride of place on Luke's bedroom wall. He has now been fully converted into an Oxford supporter and is pressing me to take him to matches at the Manor".

If the Club, the players and Rosie, Jonah and myself can continue to persuade large numbers of such youngsters that their local club is worth supporting, Oxford United will obviously reap the benefits in the future.

ORCHARD MEADOW FIRST

Rosie and I spent a thoroughly enjoyable morning with this Blackbird Leys School. We hope the children enjoyed it as

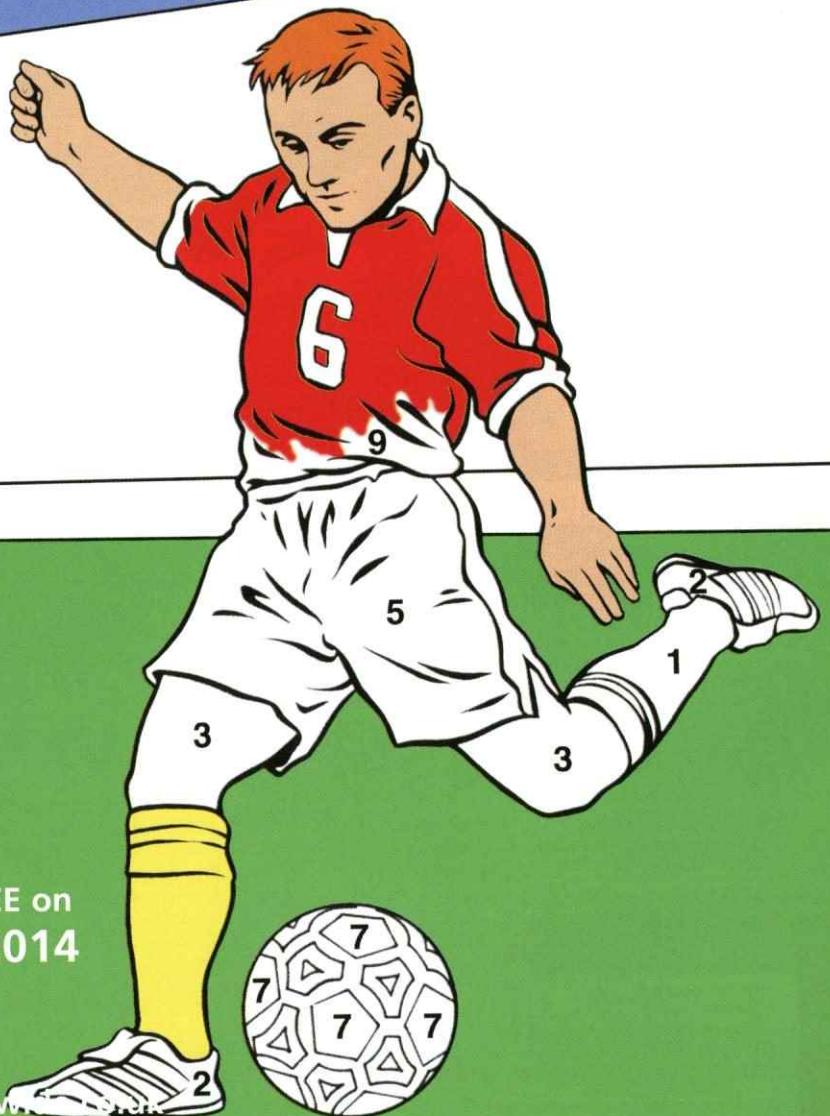


Ewelme School on a visit in the 'Education' Room with the Milk Cup

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Dave Nash

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TALES FROM THE TEMPLE

Justin Temple gives his latest sermon on life in Division Two

Things aren't going too well just now.

Four straight defeats have turned my early season dreams about the lottery of the play-offs into nightmares about the dreaded drop zone and what lies below.

As a measure of just how bad the situation is, the national press has already stopped referring to us simply as "Oxford United" - the 'S' word now ominously precedes almost every mention of the club's name for the second successive season.

A random example from last week's Sunday People: "Brentford's unbeaten league run continued as they piled on the problems for struggling Oxford."

Our latest defeat, at Scunthorpe, has plunged us into 19th spot in the Second Division. That's just six off the bottom of a league from which four teams are relegated at the end of the season.

OK, we may even have been a little unfortunate at Glanford Park, going down as we did to an 88th minute goal after Mark Watson had smashed a first half header against the crossbar. And this was certainly the manager's verdict after the match.

A crestfallen Malcolm Shotton said: "I thought we were the better side in the first half. We weathered the early pressure, which we expected, and hit the bar.

"This seems to be the way our luck is going at the moment."

Money's tight, we all know that, but there are other teams who aren't letting their off-field problems interfere. Today's opponents, Luton Town, are a case in point. Their financial troubles in the last year or so have been at least as bad as our own, and yet their season's got off to a flying start.

Shotts has managed to bring in young striker, Ben Abbey, from Crawley Town as another option up front. But my worry is that we're pinning too many hopes on his young shoulders. He's only 22 and the step from non-league to Division Two is a fairly massive one. Matt Murphy was a goal machine at Corby Town when Brian Horton brought him to The Manor some years back. But it took him a good long while before he got used to league football and became the 'Super Murph' we know today.

When you look at our squad, we have a good collection of individual players. So what's going wrong?

Shotts hit the nail on the head when he said this week: "We need to get our confidence in front of goal back, we need to score a couple of goals and get a win under our belt."

That may sound obvious, but it always amazes me what a valuable, yet fragile, thing confidence seems to be in footballers' heads.

Seasons do change – remember our last promotion year? We were languishing in 14th place at the turn of the year but stormed on to finish the season as runners up to some team or other. The season before that, we were rarely out of the top two before Christmas yet suffered a real New Year slump to end up seventh and not even make the play-offs.

And then there was Malcolm's first season here as manager. We were dead certs to go down when he arrived, but recovered to finish in the top half of the table.

It was the same team and the same players each time. The only explanation for the sudden turn-around is confidence.

And that's where we come in. As supporters, we can play a massive part in games at The Manor. We may not have had much to cheer about of late but the atmosphere in the ground has been a bit quiet recently. The Manor doesn't seem to be quite the intimidating place we know it can be just now and I believe that's reflected in our three home league defeats out of six so far this season.

Our players may not be performing to their full potential but neither are we as fans. There may just be a correlation.

So let's really get up for it and turn The Manor back into a fortress that few visiting teams take anything away from. If we can instill that confidence into the players then maybe, just maybe, we can persuade them to turn the corner. That's my magic formula, anyway. There's still hope for this season. Or am I clutching at straws?

TEAMCheck

Team Line-up is sponsored by

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Yellow Shirts, Navy Shorts



- 1 Andre ARENDSE
- 2 Les ROBINSON
- 3 Paul POWELL
- 4 Peter FEAR
- 5 Mark WATSON
- 14 Steve DAVIS
- 7 Matt MURPHY
- 8 Paul TAIT
- 9 Steve ANTHROBUS
- 10 Derek LILLEY
- 11 Joey BEAUCHAMP

- 13 Paul LUNDIN
- 16 Rob FOLLUND
- 19 Phil WHELAN
- 24 Jamie LAMBERT
- 25 Ben ABBEY

Luton Town

White Shirts, Black Shorts

- 1 Nathan ABBEY
- 12 Gary DOHERTY
- 40 Julian WATTS
- 6 Marvin JOHNSON
- 13 Stuart FRASER
- 4 Matthew SPRING
- 8 Paul McLAREN
- 15 Matthew TAYLOR
- 11 Liam GEORGE
- 9 Stuart DOUGLAS
- 30 Neil MIDGELY

Today's Match Officials

This afternoon's referee is 43 year old **GEORGE CAIN**, a butcher from Seaford, Merseyside. George, married with two children, began refereeing in Liverpool when a semi-pro career in New Zealand fell through. George was appointed to the National List of Referees in 1993-94. Mr Cain refereed the Vauxhall Conference Bob Lord Trophy Final in 1991 and was the Reserve Official for the Coca Cola Cup semi final 2nd leg Aston Villa v Arsenal game in 1996.

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