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## With David Crabtree...



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**W**ell, I am out of here, gone, vamoosed. Yes, after four years of work here at the football club, I have decided to call it a day. It has been an interesting four years with some good times and of course the well-publicised bad times. There have also been some fun times too, but a rolling stone gathers no moss and I felt it was time that I started rolling.

### Last programme

As this is my last programme, I would just like to spend a few minutes to thank those who have helped me over the years. I know it's a bore but I have to say goodbye not only to Oxford United but people who I may never see again, unless by some quirk of fate, I bump into them in Canada. Obviously Trevor and Ian were a tremendous help to me before their respective departures. All the contributors for the programme without whom I would not have been able to produce this magazine (tears beginning to well up), all the staff and of course the players and management. Most of all I would like to say a big thank you to Ambrose Landon who works in an honorary capacity. Ambrose has been a rock in his support for me. I would like to wish him well as he takes temporary charge of the programme until my replacement is appointed. Good luck Ambrose, I know you will do a great job.

### Why?

Various people have come up to me and asked why Canada? My response has been - why not? I'm 25 and felt I needed a new challenge and a fresh start. Obviously I will miss this place and all the friends I have made over the

years (good riddance I hear them cry). However I felt if I did not do this now, it is something I would never do and end up regretting for the rest of my life. It is something I have talked and thought about for a long time and when the opportunity arose I thought what the heck.

### New dream

Everyone knows that the Club is now on the way towards achieving the new stadium dream. Hopefully when I return, where weeds once stood will be a luscious green pitch and Oxford United will be embarking on a bright new era. I would like to wish the club the best of luck in the future and I will be watching with interest (albeit from afar) how the club progresses and develops.

### Goodbye

So it's with a tear in my eye that I say goodbye. This last column may have been a bit personal, but I am sure you will not begrudge me one last indulgence. Please give the lads a cheer from me whilst I am left frustrated by the lack of updates on the official site! If anyone would like to keep me informed about what is going on, then by all means email me at [deadly\\_dustball@yahoo.com](mailto:deadly_dustball@yahoo.com)

Keep up your support, the good times are not far away. Crack open the champagne, Crabtree has gone!

David Crabtree

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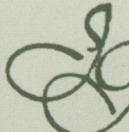
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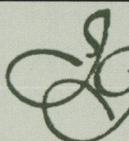
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**Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for this evening's Nationwide League Division Two match. Ricky Hill is in his first managerial job and I wish him all the best - except for tonight, of course. Like us, Luton has a lot of young talent and the future looks bright for them.**

### Good thing

**The good thing about football is that there is always another game. On this occasion, the game has come quickly and we trained on Sunday, which gave me a chance to pick the players up. They were certainly a lot brighter when they left than when they arrived at the ground.**



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### Problems

**At the moment our problems largely lie with individual mistakes and they have cost us dearly. The mistakes have mostly been due to wrong decision taking or lack of concentration. We are addressing these points as a priority.**

### Help and guidance

**In a young team, the lads need help and guidance. They need help from me, the coaching staff and the more experienced heads in the team and it is the latter we have been lacking. It is to help to resolve this problem that we have brought the experienced Andy Linighan to the Club. It is hard enough coming into a team when you are young, but it is even harder when the team is losing every week. In some respects, it has been a baptism of fire for the young players.**

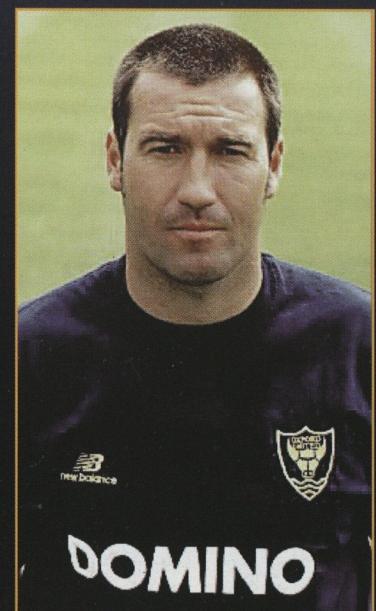
### Patient

**I would ask the supporters to be patient with the young players. They are all talented, as Youth Team**

**'In a young team, the lads need help and guidance.'**

**Coach (as well as Caretaker manager!) I know more than most about their potential. If we can stabilise the situation, the club has a very bright future with so much talent at our disposal.**

**Fordy**

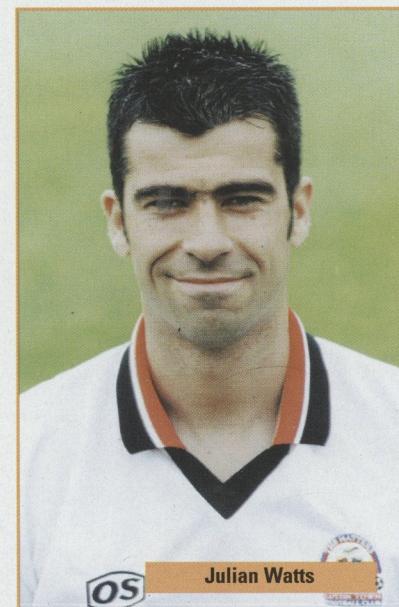


# From The Dugout

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It has been a turbulent two years for the Kenilworth Road side who, in 1999, were put into receivership after a series of boardroom disputes. The club's very existence was under severe threat and it was not until 15 hours before that season's first match that Luton knew they would still be in the Football League. New owners came in and stabilised the club and then another change of ownership during the close season saw Mike Watson-Challis return to the club whom he served as director during Luton's glory years in the mid to late 1980s. Life under new manager Ricky Hill has been far from easy for Luton Town. They have won just one game so far this season and currently lie 23rd in the division.

However, their away form is reasonable with three draws from the five games on their travels. Hill certainly has the backing of the supporters and the board of directors, and he has the pedigree to quickly turn things around at Kenilworth Road.



Julian Watts

#### *In between the sticks...*

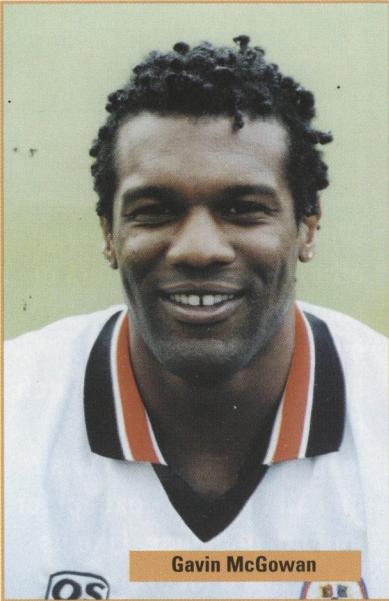
In goal this evening is likely to be Mark Ovendale. Mark arrived at Kenilworth Road from Bournemouth for a substantial fee and has quickly established himself as Ricky Hill's first choice goalkeeper. Providing more than adequate cover for Ovendale is young 'keeper Nathan Abbey. Abbey is a product of the club's youth development scheme. He was last season's number one, but the arrival of Ovendale has seen a change of number on the back of Abbey's shirt and the youngster having to sit on the bench for most of this season so far.

#### *At the back...*

For most of this season, Ricky Hill has operated a 4-4-2 formation. At the heart of the Luton defence is the dominant figure of Julian Watts. Watts joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City in a bid to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Ashton Gate. He was a major figure in last season's side and his fine form last season has continued into the current campaign.

Partnering Watts at centre-back for most of this season has been Staurt Fraser. Fraser is the former captain of the youth team at Kenilworth Road and after making his debut against Carlisle United in 1997/98, he quickly established himself as a regular member of the first team squad.

Ricky Hill has been able to call upon the reliable Emmerson Boyce and Oxford born Matthew Taylor in the full-back berths this season. Both are products of Luton's Centre of Excellence and have benefited from previous manager Lennie Lawrence's policy of playing youngsters. Boyce made his debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999 and has since been made a regular in the first team. Taylor was given his chance in 1999 and has made the full back slot his own since his debut as a 17 year old. Still only 18, he has now made over 50 first team appearances for the Hatters and is very highly rated by the management at Kenilworth Road.

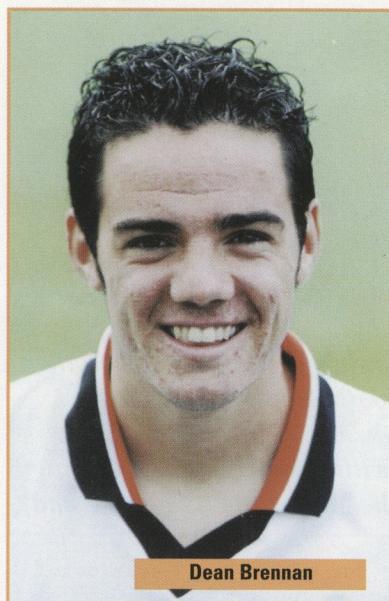


Gavin McGowan

Hill can also call upon if needed the experienced figure of Marvin Johnson, former Arsenal trainee Gavin McGowan and former trainee James Ayres who made his debut here at the Manor last season in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

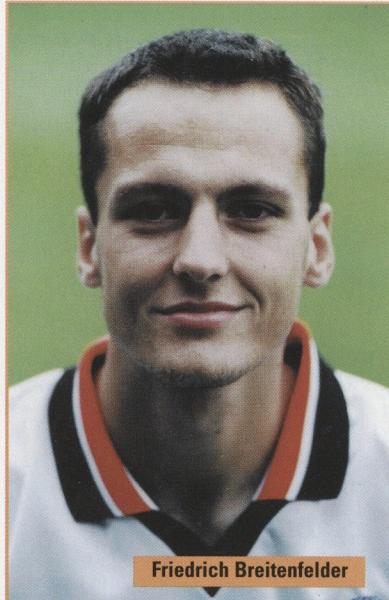
#### *In the engine room...*

Ricky Hill has been able to call upon a quartet consisting of four of Paul McLaren, Matthew Spring, Adam Locke, Liam George, André Scarlett and Dean Brennan. McLaren, Spring, George and Scarlett are all products of the Luton Town youth set-up. McLaren made his debut in 1994 and has since played over 150 appearances for the Hatters. Spring burst into the first team whilst still 17 in 1997. He has quickly established himself as a regular in the Luton side after starring in the youth team that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals. Liam George operates in a role just behind the front pairing and following his League debut in September 1997, his pace and nimble footwork has wreaked havoc among Second Division defences. He was Luton's leading goalscorer last season and has since made his Republic of Ireland under-21 debut. André Scarlett made an



Dean Brennan

explosive start to his Luton career back in October 1998 against Oldham Athletic. The then 18-year-old came on with 20 minutes to go with the scores at 0-0. He then proceeded to set up the game's opening goal before securing the result for Luton with a goal of his own. Adam Locke adds a bit of vital experience to this very young Luton side. He joined the Hatters on a free transfer from Bristol City in 1999 after spells with Crystal Palace, Southend United and Colchester United. Also battling for a place in the midfield are former Sheffield Wednesday men Dean Brennan and Peter Holmes. Both



Friedrich Breitenfelder

players were known to manager Ricky Hill from his days as youth team coach at Sheffield Wednesday and when he was alerted to their availability, he had no hesitation in bringing them down the M1 to Kenilworth Road.

Hill has also been able to call upon Austrian midfielder Friedrich Breitenfelder. Breitenfelder came to Luton on trial during the summer and the former Rapide Vienna schoolboy was rewarded with a professional contract after impressing in trial games.

#### *Up front...*

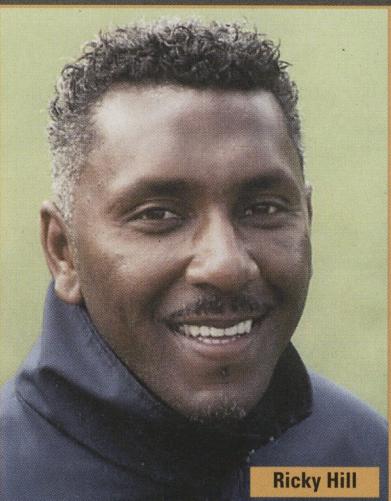
Leading Luton's forward line this season has been veteran Mark Stein. Stein returned to the club that launched his career in the mid-1980s after spells at QPR, here at the Manor, Stoke City, Chelsea and Bournemouth. He had been poised to join Swansea City under the Bosman ruling in the summer, but as soon as he got a call from his old team mate Ricky Hill, there was only one team who 'Steino' was going to sign. Partnering Stein has either been Tresor Kandol or Andrew Fotiadis. Kandol was born in Zaire, but was spotted by a Luton scout playing schoolboy football in London. He is a lanky striker who made his debut against Walsall in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. His opportunities in the first team were rare prior to this season, but new boss Hill has shown faith in the youngster by rewarding him with an extended run in the side. Fotiadis is yet another local discovery and has been capped by England at schoolboy level. He is a big, strong and powerful centre forward who uses his physical attributes to great effect and his old-fashioned approach to forward play certainly has defences throughout the division constantly on their guard. Also featuring up front in recent weeks is former Bury striker Peter Thomson. Thomson signed for a reported £100,000 in September from Dutch Premiership side NAC Breda. After being released by Bury, he slipped into non-League football with Chorley. He quickly grabbed the attention of NAC Breda with a six-month spell at Lancaster where he scored 24 goals. His career was interrupted by a broken leg, but he recovered and after regularly hitting the back of the net with the Dutch side, Ricky Hill moved quickly to bring him back to England and the Nationwide League.

# The Gaffer

*In a summer of immense change at Kenilworth Road, a long-time fans' favourite returned as the choice of a new board of directors to become a manager for the first time - Ricky Hill. Although lacking in managerial experience, the former Luton mid-field star has undergone his apprenticeship in management with coaching appointments in both England and the USA, where he was player-coach at Tampa Bay in the early 1990s.*

*Hill is remembered with great affection by Luton supporters as one of the most creative midfielders the club has ever produced. He joined as a schoolboy, and was a regular in Luton's League team by the time he was 17. He then proceeded to win three caps for England and was a driving force in the side that won the League Cup at Wembley in 1988. He proceeded to play 507 League and Cup games for Luton, scoring 65 goals, including one on his debut against Bristol Rovers in 1976.*

*After 14 successful years with Luton, Hill played in France for a year before signing for Leicester City, where the manager was David Pleat - the man who nurtured Hill's talent as youth team coach at Luton. After finishing his career in the United States, Hill returned to England to become a coach at Sheffield Wednesday in 1996. Again, he was re-united with Pleat who was manager at Hillsborough and after three years in Sheffield, he renewed his acquaintance with Pleat once more to become a coach at Tottenham Hotspur. However he always maintained his links with his first love in football - Luton Town and when the chance came to return to Kenilworth Road as successor to Lennie Lawrence in July, he needed little time to accept the offer.*



Ricky Hill

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# An 'A to Z' of United

**Voluntary contributor Andy Howland who (with his brother Roger) is our club Historian continues the series. The Howland brothers' next club history, 'Oxford United, the Headington Years' is due out within four months following the club's last ever match at the Manor (details at the end).**

## **BURY**

Bury have slightly shaded us in our twenty meetings. They have won one more match than our six, but have scored one fewer than our thirty goals. The Shakers have won only once in twelve Manor League and Cup meetings, Derek Lilley netting their goal in their victory of 1998-99. We have lost six times at Gigg Lane and have registered two victories, the second being that vital win of last March when Jamie Cook scored in the ninetieth minute after Nick Daws' eighty ninth minute equaliser had appeared to spoil United's evening in which we had led for ages after Lilley's ninth minute strike. The most memorable meeting of the clubs came in August 1967 in our opening home fixture. We won by the odd goal in nine, the only time we've had a 5-4 score line in a Football League match at the Manor. The victory proved vital as we pipped Bury by one point for the championship of the (old) Third Division. The following season, thanks to Shuker's goals and our late revival under Ron Saunders, we missed relegation by one place, while Bury went down.

## **BILL CALDER**

Calder joined United as a centre forward for a club record £8,000 fee in November 1963. The Glasgow born Calder was twenty nine and arrived from Bury during United's second season in the League. Bill netted nine times in his first sixteen matches. Five of these came in five FA Cup games which saw Fourth Division United reach the Quarter Finals for the only

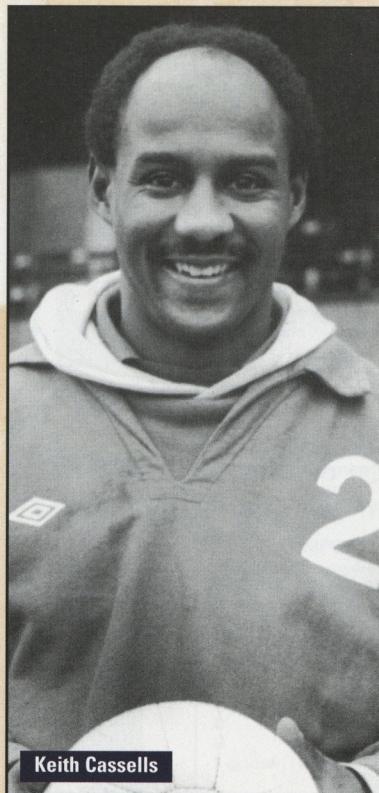
time in our history. Four of his goals were vital as they came in close matches with Kettering (2-1), Brentford (2-2 at home and 2-1 away before 26,000, where he got both of our goals). He also scored a very late goal in our 3-1 Fifth Round win over Blackburn, who were then second in the top flight. He scored sixteen goals in twenty seven matches in 1964-65 as we gained our first promotion in the League. He scored at the high rate of a goal in every two matches (78 starts) before moving at the age of 32 to Rochdale in November 1966.

## **CAMBRIDGE UNITED**

Cambridge met us in two Southern League fixtures in our last non-League season (1961-62). Despite our being much the stronger team, we took only one point from the matches. Their dominance in results between the clubs continued after Cambridge joined us in the League and they eliminated us from the League Cup in 1976 and did a League double over us in 1977-78. We did not meet again until 1991-92, since when we have had much the better of the nine meetings, our only loss coming on a water logged Abbey Stadium pitch last Spring. In contrast, we have won five of those matches, the most exciting being our only win at Cambridge (in 1994-95, when David Rush scored a winner in stoppage time).

## **CARDIFF CITY**

There can be few clubs against which there is as sharp a contrast in our home and away League records as



**Keith Cassells**

there is against Cardiff. In the first nine home League matches, we won six and lost one whereas in the return fixtures, we won just one and lost five. Results in the four subsequent League meetings have balanced matters a little, as each club has gained an away victory. This gives a current standing in League meetings of seven wins and two defeats for us in eleven Manor matches and five wins and two defeats for Cardiff in eleven games at Ninian Park. We also beat them home and away

season, a magnificent home victory over top flight Wolves (Dick Lucas netting the game's only goal) brought us again to Cumbria. This time, we lost by three goals to one.

## **KEITH CASSELLS**

Keith came to the Manor in November 1980 as a make weight in the deal which took Les Taylor to Watford. Sixteen months later, the striker left for Southampton (with Mark Wright) and was valued at £130,000 after scoring 25 goals for us, nearly half of which came in Cup matches. He scored just three goals in 18 (plus two) matches for us in 1980-81. In 1981-82, he netted 22 goals up until February 27th. Remarkably, twelve of those came in Cup matches. This seasonal club record included a goal a game in his eleven appearances in the two major Cup competitions. He scored four times in a League Cup run which ended with a one nil defeat at Everton. In the FA Cup, he netted seven goals in a purple patch of four matches which were played over a five and a half week period at the turn of the year. His last cup goal was United's final goal in the 3-0 humiliation of top flight Brighton at the Goldstone Ground.

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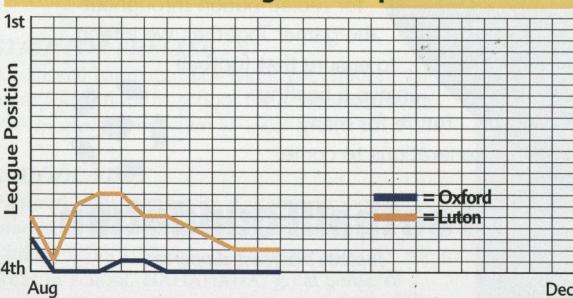
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#### Hatters' Results

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# Football in the Community

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### COLD 'N WET

Coaching outside (no choice) out on the other side of Woodstock with two separate groups of children needed to be lively and quick. It was so cold, but after the sessions everyone was pleased we did some form of exercise, I have visited Wootton Primary School on a fortnightly basis and every time they have responded to all I've done.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Two weeks ago, I had three people on work experience - Paul Hedger, Josias Carbon and Emma Gibbons all from Cheney. The lads were a late choice because they were let down elsewhere. Emma, who sits in the Beech Road, gave the week a big 10 out of 10.

### DON'T FORGET

Half term is approaching. If you want something to do, join us on our soccer courses. We have lots of venues around the county. Abingdon, Oxford, Witney, Didcot, Woodstock, Bicester and Wantage. If you require a form ring us on either 01865 761503 or 764853. We take boys and girls, all abilities from the age of 6 - 13 but you have to hurry as spaces are limited.

### OXFORD MOTORS AND OXFORD MAIL

My two sponsors this year have once again supported and backed me personally. Therefore I would like to thank them both for their generosity.

### STRIP FOR SHELTER

A national campaign last week got children to wear football kit to school for a minimal charge. The money raised went to local shelters.

### SCHOOL VISIT

Pictured right is me with a young supporter practising skills and generally having fun at Chilton School, Nashie brought the shirt for me to wear in school. HAHAHAHA, great sense of humour Dave, I am sure you had a choice of other numbers.

### A PROMISE FULFILLED

We are delighted to have received a cheque for

### MOTORWORLD HYUNDAI MASCOT

Leading out the side this evening is nine year old Daniel Munson from Steeple Aston. Daniel attends Dr. Radcliffe's C. of E. primary in his home village and plays football for nearby Deddington Colts FC. As well as football, his hobbies include fishing, music and dancing. He also enjoys looking after his six pet ducks. His favourite Oxford United player is Richard Knight. We hope you have an enjoyable time with us this evening Daniel.



the sum of £10,147 from the Nationwide Building Society in return for our commitment to their 'Season of Promise'. We have promised to further encourage children from all backgrounds but particularly from ethnic minorities to attend our matches. Specific details will be announced in the near future. Thanks to Nationwide Building Society for their generosity. Although this will entail more work for the Community and Education departments, we will be pleased to do this as we consider it to be a vital part of our links with the Community.



# Around The Manor..

All the latest news for the Oxford faithful including a programme request and news on FIFA World Fair Play Day...

## Programme wanted

We have received a request for a 1975-76 season Oxford United v Notts County programme from a Nottingham based programme collector. If anyone can help, the name address and telephone number can be supplied by the club.

## Annual Firework Display and Family Night Disco

This year our annual firework display and disco will be held on Saturday 11th November. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m.

with Green Apple Disco getting the evening off to a fine start. The firework display will ignite at 8.15 p.m. Throughout the evening there will be hot food/licensed bar/hot drinks/games for the children/mini pop quiz/bingo/raffle and the Disco. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TONIGHT FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB BAR, PRICED AT £4.00 ADULTS AND £3.00 CHILDREN/O.A.Ps

Come along for a good evening's entertainment.

## Having a party?

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## Ox Golden Key

The winner on Saturday was Bill Harwood from Oxford who won the £50 consolation prize for failing to open the box with Ticket No. 16078.

The prize fund today is £700 with 11 keys left so it's well worth investing £1, who knows you could be the lucky winner going on to the pitch to try to open the box! Visit one of our ticket sellers today. If the key (kindly sponsored by Executive Security) doesn't fit the box you still get the consolation prize of £50.

So buy a ticket now!



# In the 'net



## Luton Town



A word of advice to anyone attempting to write an article on the websites of football teams. Searching for the club by using the nickname produces some very intriguing results. Our visitors today, The Hatters, produced only an explanation of the term "mad as a Hatter" (I'll tell you why later: see you can figure it out before the end of the page.) Out of interest, I searched for Northampton (The Cobblers) and had best not reveal the results in the interests of decency.

The reason I was having to search for Luton Town sites by nickname was that the club doesn't seem too well off for internet choice. Several search engines only pointed me, again and again, to the official site and one unofficial one.

The official site ([www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk)) was worth the searching though, as it was one of the most professional sites I have seen while writing these pieces. It appears the club resisted having an official site until very recently, but this season they have launched a site which is easy on the eye, quick to download, and full of things to read and do.

For example, there is a question and answer page where fans can contact boss Ricky Hill, updates during each match keeping you up to date with the state of play, plus news, interviews and articles. You can also download Mark Stein wallpaper for your computer, which presumably only comes half way up the screen!

The site is professional and clearly well respected. 666 fans had responded to a poll on what colour the club's home kit should be (49% voted Orange, if you are interested).

There's more wallpaper at the unofficial site ([www.lutonfc.com/](http://www.lutonfc.com/)), but this informative and well maintained site has several varieties, including a rather splendid Eric Morecambe version. Perhaps we could have our own version with Timmy Mallett on?

Or, perhaps not.

Fewer people seemed to visit this site, with 103 people out of 184 suggesting that it was the defence that needed improving most, but there were screensavers, sliding puzzles and a flashy spinning intro which made me feel a bit ill until I worked out how to skip it. There is also a page devoted solely to jokes, with the majority ridiculing archrivals Watford. NOT all rib ticklers though:

"The seven dwarves are down in the mines when there is a cave-in. Snow White runs to the entrance and yells down to them. In the distance a voice shouts out 'Watford are good enough to win the European Cup.' Snow White says, 'Well at least Dopey's alive'."

Apart from those two sites, a brief mention for Worldwide Hatters on the Super Highway (or Whosh as they are known), a site which connects around 600 exiled Luton fans by e-mail; sponsoring players, arranging meetings, and "arranging dinners with local celebrities" (Nick Owen, perhaps?). The page also links to Luton connected sites, diverting you to Bedfordshireonline for news, for example. A good site for those wishing to stay in touch.

Overall then, although not over blessed with websites, Luton do possess two very accomplished sites, with the official and unofficial sites working well together.

Oh, by the way, the reason we say that people are as mad as hatters is that hatters used to use mercury in the making of hats, which affected their nervous system, often sending them as nutty as strawberries. Who said that reading football programmes taught you nothing?

Chris Williams is the Oxford journalist for [fromtheterrace.co.uk](http://fromtheterrace.co.uk)



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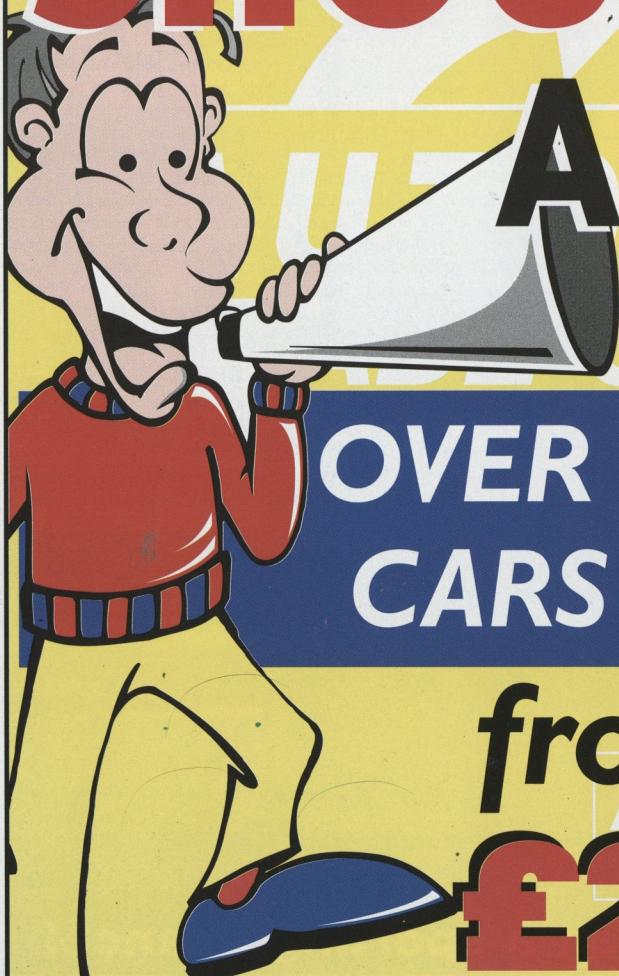
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We still have most sizes of the new kit in stock, so if you have yet to purchase your kit, why not call in to the shop after the game.

### October arrivals in the Club Shop

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 Birthday/Christmas Cards £2.25

### Player Kit Sponsorship

The following players are currently available for sponsorship, please contact me on 01865 744551 for more details: Jamie Brooks, Jonathon Mills, Jon Richardson, Ross Weatherstone and not forgetting Neal Reynolds, the club's physiotherapist.

### Match Sponsorship available

If you would like to find out about the hospitality and sponsorship packages we have available, please call me on 01865 744551.

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Swindon Town 2 (Reeves, Grazioli) Oxford United 1 (Whittingham) ■ Half time: 1-0 ■ Attendance: 9,273

Whatever respective positions in the League, whatever current form happens to be, whenever the match is played, this is the away day that is awaited with greater anticipation than any other day by the United fans. This despite our appalling record at the County Ground and the hostility and disdain with which we are 'greeted'. This was no different - the away fans overcharged (£15 to £10), inadequate turnstiles open forcing many to miss the start (again), and a man, presumably an employee, on the PA who set out to antagonise the visiting fans.

Oxford, in their first game under caretaker manager Mike Ford, made several changes. Sam Ricketts was given his debut, replacing John Robertson, as was on loan Guy Whittingham, replacing Leon Mike up front. Neil McGowan came back in at full-back instead of the caretaker manager and Matt Murphy was restored to midfield replacing Omoyinmi. The formation was also a little different with a 'diamond' in the midfield four, Whitehead anchoring and Beauchamp in the hole behind the front two.

Oxford started very positively and in the first minute Lilley hit a dipping 25-yard volley which Bart Griemink just tipped over. In the tenth minute, the visitors could have taken the lead when Jarman headed a Beauchamp free-kick across the six-yard box but Murphy's downward header was somehow kept out by Griemink. From the corner, Jon Richardson hit the post. Swindon crept into the game with Martin Williams lively up front and they started to cause some problems down the flanks. From a left-wing cross, Swindon took the lead in the 21st minute. Williams headed the ball back across goal and Alan Reeves was on hand to convert from close range. To all Oxford supporters in the 'Arkells Stand' (and so fairly level), the goal had a strong suspicion of offside about it, but the linesman's flag stayed down.

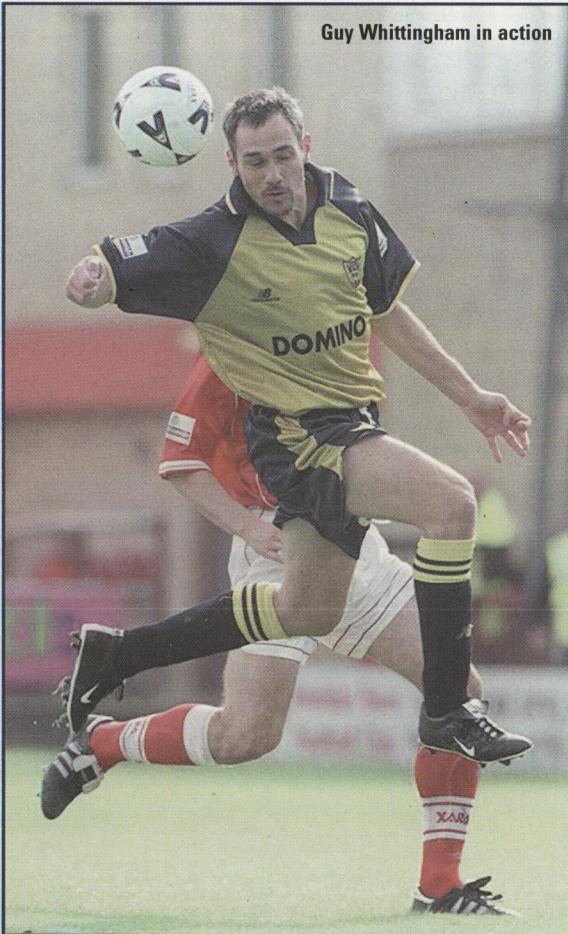
Almost immediately Oxford came close to grabbing an equaliser when Lilley's snap shot from 20-yards beat the 'keeper but also sadly, the post. Swindon had a goal disallowed for offside before a previously subdued Beauchamp burst through the inside left channel only to be cynically fouled by Reeves just outside the box. There may have been a covering defender, but the feeling was that Beauchamp had a good goalscoring opportunity denied. Some referees may have shown a red card, Mr. Wolstenholme opted for yellow. To compound the problem, Whitehead was fouled, kicked and almost molested, as he lay prone on the ground. David Duke then punched him, before Dean retaliated. Amazingly Whitehead was booked and a free-kick was awarded to Swindon whilst the perpetrators got off 'scot free'. Lee Jarman was also booked as he hacked down Williams in the aftermath.

Oxford again picked up the reins at the start of the second half and when Lilley sprinted free down the left, his low first-time cross beat the 'keeper but Whittingham, at full stretch and under pressure, scooped over from six yards. He made amends after an hour when a long, low cross by Ricketts eluded everyone and Whittingham slid in to convert as Griemink advanced - a true poacher's goal. From there, Oxford looked the more likely winners as they controlled the midfield and Whittingham and Lilley continued to look a lively combination up front with Swindon looking decidedly shaky. Colin Todd made a crucial double substitution on 79 minutes. Within a minute, one sub, Andy Williams, sent Sol Davis clear down the left as the admirable Ricketts was left two against one and his waist high cross was converted by a stooping Grazioli. Knight hadn't had a serious save to make and he was picking the ball out of the net for a second time.

Jamie Brooks (for a tiring Tait) made his debut just past his 17th birthday and Mike and Robertson replaced Beauchamp and McGowan, all to no avail despite some late pressure. The nearest United came to an equaliser was when Matt Murphy's looping header landed on the roof of the net. Once again the vocal and loyal United fans went home from the County Ground empty-handed, but they had seen a spirited and much improved Oxford performance. United started brightly and the second half performance was possibly the best the side had played all season. There was an unusually unanimous feeling among the travelling fans that Lilley had been man of the match with Whitehead not far behind, whilst Ricketts can be delighted with his debut in such a high-pressure encounter.

Team: Knight, Ricketts, McGowan (Robertson), Whitehead, Richardson, Jarman, Murphy, Tait (Brooks), Whittingham, Lilley, Beauchamp (Mike). Subs not used: Glass, Anthrobus.

Dave Nash

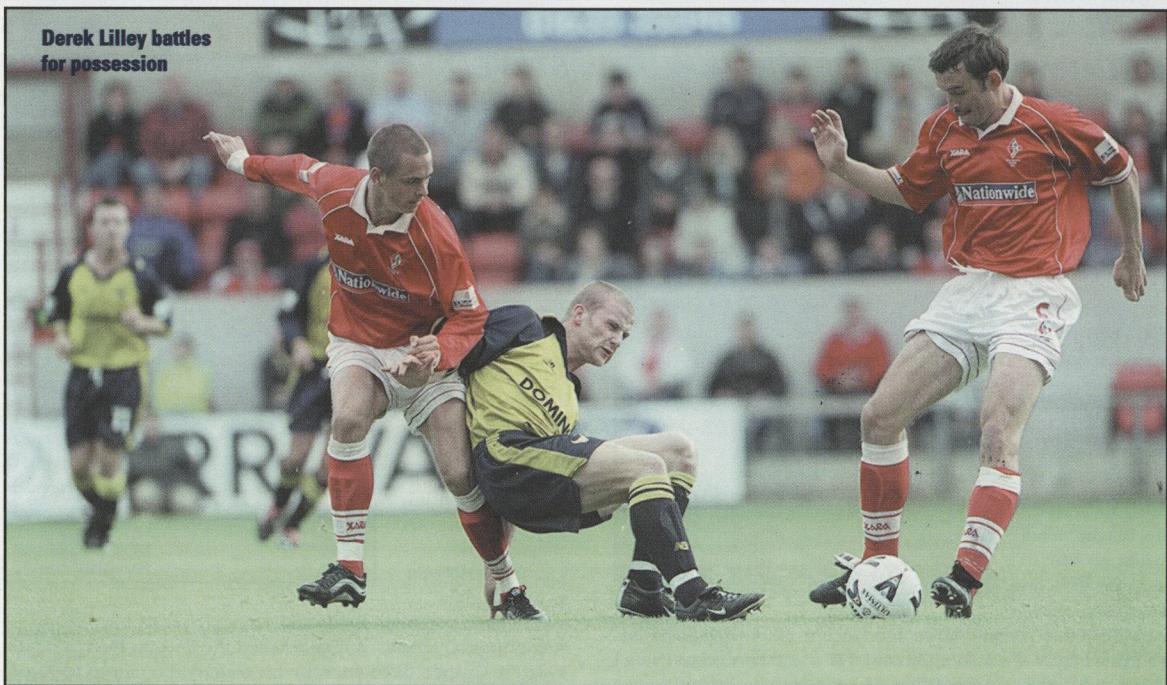


Guy Whittingham in action

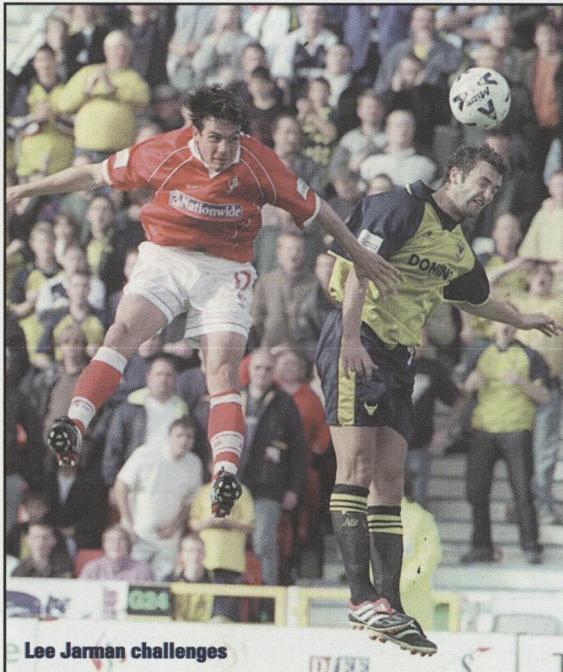


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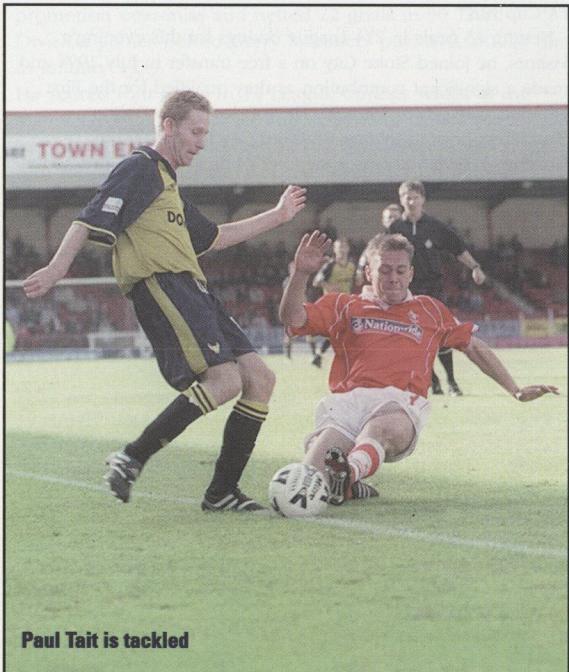
Derek Lilley battles for possession



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Lee Jarman challenges



Paul Tait is tackled

# The OxFiles

## JOHN DREYER

Central defender John Dreyer featured prominently as Oxford United reached the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals in 1987/88.

He impressed with Wallingford Town in the Hellenic League prior to joining Oxford in January 1985 and made his League debut whilst on loan to Torquay United in December 1985.

Also loaned to Fulham, he scored twice in 60 First Division games whilst at the Manor Ground. He was then sold to Luton Town for £140,000 in June 1988. He was ever-present in three consecutive seasons for the Hatters and starred in their 1993/94 FA Cup run.

Netting 13 goals in 214 League outings for this evening's visitors, he joined Stoke City on a free transfer in July 1994 and made a significant contribution as they qualified for the First Division play-offs in 1995/96. He was loaned to Bolton Wanderers prior to joining Bradford City for £25,000 in November 1996 and was a member of their 1998/99 promotion squad. He moved to Cambridge United on a free transfer in July of this year.



John Dreyer

## STEVE FOSTER

Former England central defender Steve Foster starred in Oxford United's 1990/91 FA Cup third round win at Chelsea.

Signing professional for hometown Portsmouth in September 1975, he impressed in a struggling side and moved to newly-promoted Brighton for £150,000 in July 1979. He was voted 'player of the season' in 1979/80 as the Seagulls

consolidated top-flight status and was ever-present in 1980/81, featuring prominently as they reached the FA Cup final in 1982/83. Capped three times by his country, he moved to Aston Villa in a £200,000 deal in March 1984 and joined Luton Town for £150,000 eight months later.

He skippered their 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph and was a Wembley finalist again the following year, also featuring in two FA Cup semi-finals for this evening's visitors. Scoring 11 goals in 163 First Division games whilst at Kenilworth Road, he was reunited with Brian Horton at Oxford for £175,000 in July 1989 and netted nine times in 95 League outings before returning to Brighton in August 1992. He retired after his testimonial at the end of the 1995/96 campaign and has since concentrated on his insurance business.



Steve Foster

## OXFORD UNITED

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1986/87	25(2)	1	3	29(2)
1987/88	35	1	8	44
Total	60(2)	2	11	73(2)

## LUTON TOWN

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1988/89	18(1)	-	5	23(1)
1989/90	38(2)	1	3(1)	42(3)
1990/91	38(3)	3	2	43(3)
1991/92	42(2)	1	1	44(2)
1992/93	38(2)	2	1	41(2)
1993/94	40(3)	7	2	49(3)
Total	214(13)	14	14(1)	242(14)

## LUTON TOWN

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1984/85	25(1)	8	-	33(1)
1985/86	35(3)	7	3	45(3)
1986/87	28(2)	5	-	33(2)
1987/88	39(2)	6	8(1)	53(3)
1988/89	36(3)	1	9	46(3)
Total	163(11)	27	20(1)	210(12)

## OXFORD UNITED

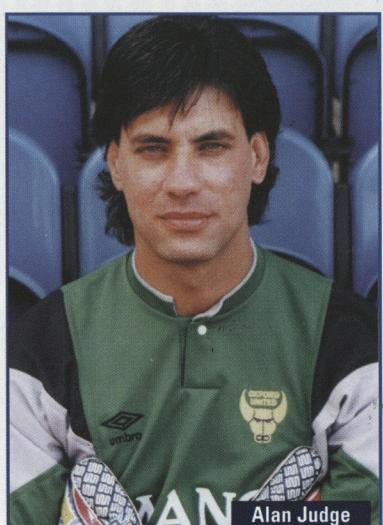
Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1989/90	35(4)	2	2	39(4)
1990/91	38(3)	2	5(2)	45(5)
1991/92	22(2)	1	2	25(2)
Total	95(9)	5	9(2)	109(11)

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** traces former favourites

## ALAN JUDGE

Goalkeeper Alan Judge was a key figure in Oxford United's 1986 Milk Cup final triumph at Wembley.

A former Luton Town junior, he signed professional in January 1978 and made his League debut in place of Jake Findlay at Newcastle United in May 1980. He provided reliable cover during their 1981/82 Second Division title campaign and gained top-flight experience, making 11 League appearances for the Hatters before moving to Reading initially on loan in September 1982. Starring in their 1983/84 promotion success, he followed Maurice Evans to Oxford for £10,000 in December 1984. He contested United's goalkeeping slot with Steve Hardwick and Peter Hucker, playing 80 League games whilst at the Manor Ground. Loaned to Lincoln City and Cardiff City prior to joining Hereford United in July 1991, he featured in their 1991/92 FA Cup run and was ever-present 'player of the season' in 1992/93. He moved to Bromsgrove Rovers in June 1994 and subsequently played for Kettering Town. He is currently goalkeeping coach here at Oxford United.



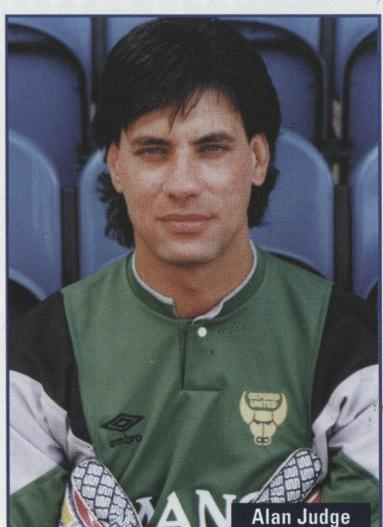
Alan Judge

## LUTON TOWN

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1979/80	1	-	-	1
1980/81	2	-	-	2
1981/82	4	-	-	4
1982/83	4	-	1	5
Total	11	-	1	12

## OXFORD UNITED

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1985/86	19	2	4	25
1986/87	9	-	2	11
1987/88	9	-	3	12
1988/89	26	1	-	27
1989/90	17	-	-	17
1990/91	6	-	-	6
Total	80	3	9	91



Brian Lewis

## BRIAN LEWIS

Hard-working mid-fielder Brian Lewis was an early Gerry Summers signing for Oxford United.

A former Crystal Palace junior, he turned professional in April 1960 and was a member of their 1960/61 promotion squad. He moved to Portsmouth in July 1963 and joined Jimmy

Hill's Coventry City in a £25,000 exchange deal involving Ray Pointer in January 1967, helping them to clinch the Second Division title that season. Moving to Luton Town in July 1968, he was leading marksman in their 1968/69 promotion near-miss and netted 22 goals in 50 Third Division games before Gerry Summers paid £10,000 for him in January 1970.

He scored four times in 14 League outings whilst at the Manor Ground prior to joining Colchester United for £5,000 in December 1970 and featured in that season's epic FA Cup fifth round win at home to Leeds United. Also helping Colchester to win the Watney Cup in 1971, he rejoined Portsmouth for £8,500 in April 1972 and subsequently played for Hastings United. He then worked in the furniture trade at Courts in Portsmouth and Fareham and Smiths Showrooms in Christchurch until his tragic death from cancer in December 1998.

## LUTON TOWN

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1968/69	45(22)	3	4(1)	52(23)
1969/70	5	-	2(2)	7(2)

## OXFORD UNITED

Season	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
1969/70	12(4)	-	-	12(4)
1970/71	2	-	-	2



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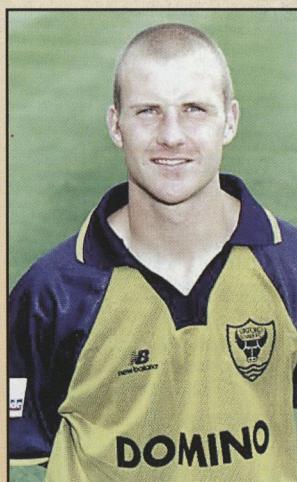
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# Player profile

**Derek Lilley joined Oxford United on the eve of the 1999-2000 season from Leeds United. He made a name for himself as a young professional scoring goals for Scottish side Morton before George Graham signed the striker for £500,000. The move to Elland Road never really worked out for Lilley and when Oxford United offered him the opportunity of first team football, he took little time in deciding to move down to the Manor.**



## Football Career

**Favourite ground played on:** I have played on a lot of nice grounds. Stamford Bridge was very nice though, whilst playing for Leeds we were down to nine men and I came on at half time and we got a draw. Oakwell also has a lot of happy memories for me as I scored my only Premier League goal there.

**Least favourite ground played on:** Millwall's New Den. I don't like that place. The surface is very sticky and the whole place just doesn't appeal to me.

**Hardest opponent faced:** Every defender in the Premier League is a quality player, but Festa at Middlesbrough was a particularly tough opponent.

**Best goal scored:** I have scored a lot of good goals and when I scored a hat-trick at Morton, the second goal was particularly good, but the most special goal was the one at Barnsley.

**Worst Miss/Howler:** I have too many of them. There have been a few times in Scotland where I have been a couple of yards out and the ball has bobbled and I've missed it.

**Best game ever played in:** From a personal point of view, I enjoyed last week against Swindon and since my time at Oxford that and the game against Bournemouth last season were particularly good for me. I never really started at Leeds, but I played against Middlesbrough and that was a good game.

**Worst game ever played in:** Gillingham at home last season. I had been sick the Thursday and Friday before that, I felt terrible but thought I would be alright. However as the game progressed I just got worse and worse and I couldn't get into the game. I probably should not have played and that is definitely my worst game.

**If you could play alongside any player in the world, who would it be:** Christien Vieri - a top quality striker and playing alongside someone like that would make life a lot easier.

**If you could play for any team in the world, which one and why:** Rangers - it's my home team. I hope they do well Europe this season as it would mean so much to everyone involved.

**Which team could you never play for:** Celtic - if you are a Scotsman it is either one or the other.

**First result you always look out for:** Rangers, Morton and the results of friends I have at Blackpool and Kilmarnock

**Football Idol as a lad:** Probably Kenny Dalglish, although when Ally McCoist was at Rangers I used to watch him quite closely. I never really had an idol, but Kenny was a massive star.

**Game most looking forward to:** I look forward to every game to be honest. I know we are bottom of the League, but I am enjoying my football. I never played the first few games, but hopefully the fans have seen in the last few games that I am working hard, playing well and hopefully I will get a few goals.

## Lifestyle

**Favourite TV show:** Only Fools and Horses

**TV show you always switch off:** Emmerdale - my wife likes it, but I hate it.

**Favourite film:** Good Will Hunting

**What has been your biggest extravagance:** My house, when I moved down from Scotland and then after that, my wife.

**What do you do after training and on your days off:** Relax basically. My little boy is at school and my little girl is at home so I am a family man really. I spend a lot of time with my family, relax and take my kids out on their bikes, things like that.

**What tape is currently in your car stereo:** Texas - Blonde on White

**Favourite song:** I don't really have one particular song, but I like anything by Paul Weller and Texas.

**Favourite band:** Texas

**Least favourite style of music:** I can't say classical because I don't listen to it, but I really cannot get into heavy metal.

**Drink you always buy in the pub:** I am not really a great drinker and my strongest tipple is probably a lager shandy. I admit that I cannot hold my drink.

**Have you ever used your status as a professional footballer to your advantage? If so how?** I have

sometimes, I don't say my name, but when people ask it does benefit you when buying things like cars. Even going to the dentist it helps me. The dentist I go to is really busy, but when I say my name, he just fits me in.

**Saying you use too much:** I probably swear too much to be honest.

**Best friend in football:** Allan Mahood who plays for Kilmarnock.

**Best friend outside of football:** My wife.

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# FanFare



**Full Name:** Jason Konrad Crowder

**Age:** Two (and a bit)

**Birth place:** Oxford

**Town of residence:** Oxford

**Occupation:** Toddler

**Level of support:** Fanatical (when Mummy and Daddy let me)

**Why Oxford?** Town where I was born and I'm following the family tradition. (in other words, I had no choice)

**Where and when did you see your first Oxford match?** Bristol City (away) August 1998. (2-2, Dean Windass's first goal for United)

**Most memorable United match?** The

last one I went to (whichever that was.)

**Worst memory following United?**

Having to have my nappy changed during the second half at Shrewsbury. (It was a pretty bad memory for Daddy, too)

**Who is your favourite current United player? - briefly explain why.** Rob Folland - because 'Rage On' sponsors him.

**Who is your favourite ever United player? - briefly explain why.** Phil Whelan, for showing that ability is not that important if you want to be a professional footballer!

**Best all time U's XI?** I can only count up to eight

**Best U's goal witnessed?** The most recent one is the only one I can remember.

**Best away ground visited?** Stoke, cos my daddy got in for free with my pushchair.

**Most amusing U's related moment?**

Getting whacked on the head by the matchball during the Peterborough game this season (well it was only amusing in retrospect.)

**What are your ambitions for Oxford United?** For them to be first in the queue to sign me on in about 14 years time.

**Most prized United possession?** Leather mini-ball that daddy bought me for Christmas that's now fallen apart with so much use. (see photo)

**If you could have one wish granted what would it be?** To score the goal (for Oxford) that relegates Chelsea.

# Ticket Office



## Purchasing Tickets

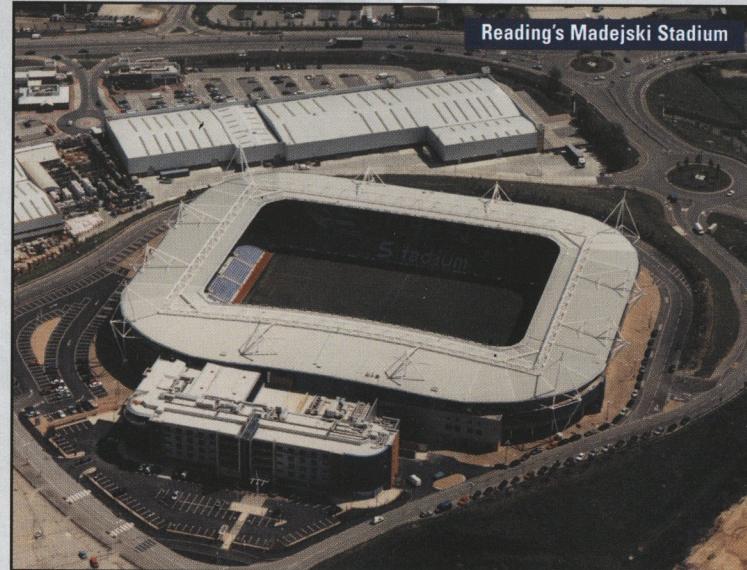
- The ticket office is open 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. On Tuesday first team home matchdays, the office re-opens at 5.30 p.m. for personal callers only and remains open until kick-off.
- The office IS NOT OPEN on Saturdays when the first team is playing away from home.
- On Saturday home matchdays the office opens at 9.30 a.m. and accepts telephone bookings until 12 noon while remaining open to personal callers until kick-off.
- The office re-opens after the final whistle at first team home matches for approximately 15 minutes.
- Telephone bookings can be made by calling (01865) 761503, ext. 207. We are able to accept Mastercard, Visa and Switch. This facility is subject to a flat rate booking fee of £1.00 per order.
- Bookings made up to three working days before a match will be sent out by first class post. Bookings made after this time will be held for collection. The debit/credit card used must be shown and the booking reference number quoted when collecting tickets.

## Ticket Availability

Seat and terrace tickets are currently on sale to season ticket/priority pass holders and members for the following home matches:

Wigan Athletic Tuesday 24th October  
 Bristol Rovers Saturday 4th November (see right)  
 Notts County Saturday 25th November  
 Northampton Town Saturday 16th December

Seats become available to non-members 14 days in advance of the match.



Reading's Madejski Stadium

### HOME MATCH

**Bristol Rovers**  
 Nationwide Football League  
 Division Two  
 Saturday 4th November  
 Kick Off 3.00 p.m.  
**'ALL TICKET'**

Rovers' visit to The Manor last season resulted in a lock out at the Cuckoo Lane End. We have been told that the visiting

support this season is likely to be of a similar number.

Having been issued with this information, we have no alternative but to make the match

'ALL TICKET'.

Tickets are currently on sale to members, and will go on open sale from 9.30 a.m. on Monday 23rd October 2000.

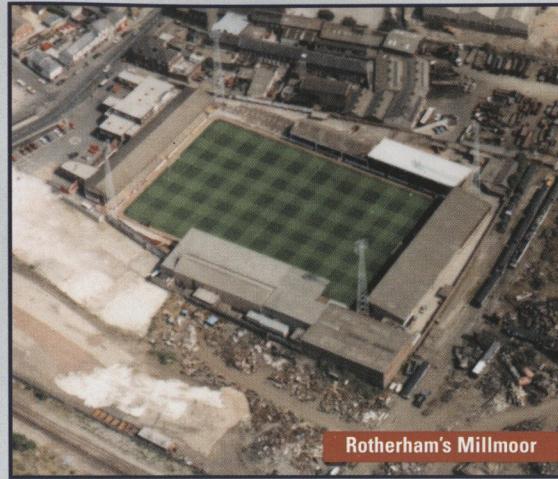
Tickets will remain on sale until 5.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd November.

### AWAY MATCHES

**Rotherham United**  
 Nationwide Football League  
 Division Two  
 Saturday 28th October 2000  
 Kick Off 3.00 p.m.  
**'ALL TICKET'**

Supporters travelling to Yorkshire need to pay cash at the turnstiles for covered seating behind the goal in the Railway End. Adults pay £12 and under 16's/over 65's pay £8. Wheelchair supporters need to pre-book through Rotherham by phoning 01709-512434. Matchday programmes cost £2.

How to get to Millmoor: Exit the M1 at junction 33, turn right following Rotherham signs. Left at roundabout and right at the next. Follow dual carriageway to next roundabout and go straight on. Turn left at next roundabout-ground is 1/4 mile on left.



Rotherham's Millmoor

**Reading**  
 Nationwide Football League  
 Division Two  
 Saturday 28th October 2000  
 Kick Off 3.00 p.m.  
**'ALL TICKET'**

Reading have made our Thames Valley derby at the Madejski Stadium 'ALL TICKET'. We will be seated behind the goal in the South Stand,

with tickets priced at £12 adults and £7 under 16's/over 65's. Although the tickets are numbered, Reading have informed us that the away end seats will be unreserved for this match. Wheelchair supporters also need to pre-purchase tickets in advance from The Manor.

Tickets went on sale to members, one per valid card from 9.30 a.m. this morning. Tickets will go on open sale after the final whistle of the Luton Town match, on Tuesday.

TICKETS WILL REMAIN ON SALE UNTIL 5.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY TICKETS SOLD AFTER THIS TIME.

Supporters should note that the

Stadium Bowl is a 'NO SMOKING' area. Smoking is however allowed in the concourse.

The Madejski Stadium is most easily accessed by exiting the M4 at junction 11. Supporters are advised to try and arrive early to avoid continued roadworks in and around the stadium. This should also assist in gaining car parking at the stadium (£4 per car) or at the speedway stadium (£3 per car).

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# centre forward

all the latest from the Oxford United Centre of Excellence...

Good evening and welcome to the players and parents of Oxford United Centre of Excellence.

By the time of writing these notes, all of our teams from under-12s to under-17 have been kitted out in their new Oxford United strips kindly sponsored by Spire Telecommunications STL (see photo below.) Paul Cross kindly invited Dave Nash (Education Officer) and me to visit Spire's headquarters in Witney to generally find out a little more about what Spire Telecommunications provide and to meet the people behind the scenes. It proved to be a very enjoyable day with lunch provided and many thanks to Paul for his hospitality.

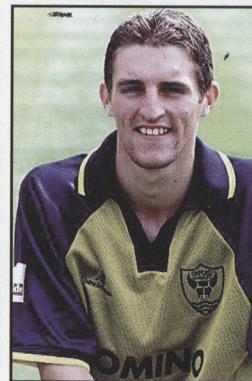
## PROGRESS

At senior level we have again seen ex Centre of Excellence players progress into the first team. The latest being Sam Ricketts and Jamie Brooks. Sam, who was 19 last week, and had an excellent performance on his debut at right-back against Swindon Town. Jamie has only just turned 17 and is still a scholar. However because of his excellent displays in the youth and reserve teams, he made his debut as a second half substitute in the same game. Both players have a great future of ahead of them and I am sure we will be seeing a lot more of them in the near-future.



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*"I always feel a great deal of pride for my department when we produce players for the first team."*



Sam Ricketts and Jamie Brooks - recent first team debuts

As youth development officer, I always feel a great deal of pride for my department when we produce players for the first team. It says a lot for the standard of coaching provided and for the opportunities Oxford United give to their younger players.

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# Education Update

with Dave Nash

## Health, Fitness and Football courses prove a big hit...

Since introducing these day courses for First, Primary and Middle school children setting ourselves modest but attainable targets, we have reached unexpected heights. In the first year just completed, Rosie and I have provided this course for nearly 50 schools and nearly 2000 children. As reported earlier we've been helped by a £4200 grant from the Football Foundation which enables charges to schools to be kept to an affordable level. Course evaluations by schools and the children have been really pleasing - it's always gratifying to get confirmation from teachers and the children that you are on the right tracks. A good working relationship has also been established with the dietetic and nutrition staff at the local

Health Authority, culminating in the promotion of Food Awareness Week at the Wrexham match last Saturday

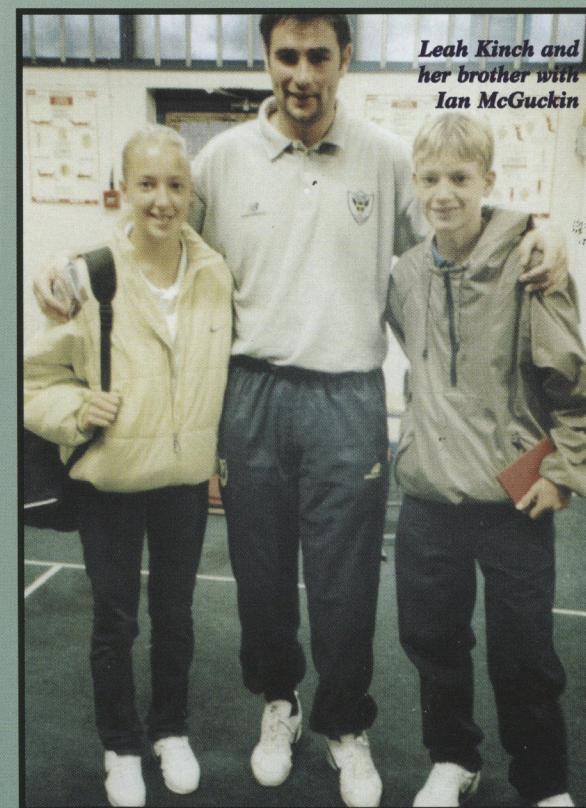
The latest participants in these courses have been Crowmarsh Gifford, Berinsfield, Drayton and Ladygrove Park Primary Schools, whilst Blewbury visit us this week. Any other schools interested do contact me at the club.

## Leah beats the boys

Leah Kinch, of Banbury school, scooped her school's 'Oxford United award' for the most committed and improved footballer at her school's prize giving evening. As part of this she received two tickets for the Bristol City game, funded by the Education Programme. She enjoyed a pre-match ground tour, during which she and her brother were delighted to get

several autographs and meet Ian McGuckin (see photo). We've also put Leah in touch with our own Paul Berry who is involved with women's football in the County. Leah is an Oxford fan, making the day more special for her, result apart.

**Leah Kinch and her brother with Ian McGuckin**



## Out and about

It's also nice to visit local schools occasionally, and in the last week or so I have been to Ladygrove Park, Matthew Arnold, Wood Farm and King Alfred's, Wantage. During the latter visit I spoke to a group

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of Intermediate GNVQ students about relocation and funding issues relating to football stadia and for all our problems we at United must be experts in that particular (mine) field! The visit to Matthew Arnold necessitated a talk to 150 Year 10 pupils about football related careers - quite daunting considering I spent my lengthy teaching career avoiding taking assemblies!

## Charlotte in control

This week I am being organised by a woman (with two daughters and my wife this is not a new experience). Charlotte Loveland is on work experience from Bicester Community College. I hope she enjoys her stay with us. It will certainly be a big help to me as my keyboarding skills aren't the best. We are inundated with requests for work experience placements. We cannot accommodate everyone, and those that are considered have to submit a cv and attend an interview.

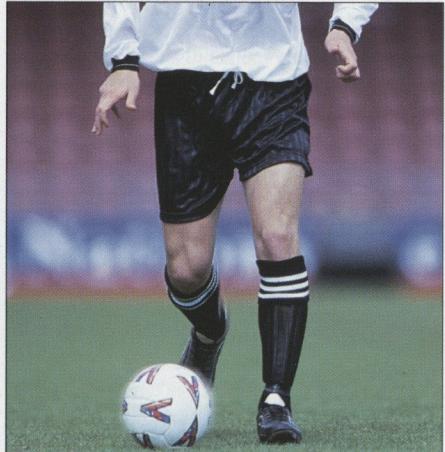
## Sponsorship

The Education Programme continues to thrive with over 2500 children involved annually. I am now looking for additional sponsorship for 2001 to enable further improvements to be made to the courses I run, particularly once we are in the new stadium. Anyone interested, please contact me at the club. Amounts need not be large and individual sponsorship agreements can be tailored to your needs and budget.

Enjoy the game and help the lads turn things around

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Danny Wilson - battling draw for City

● Walsall increased their lead at the top of the table to four points despite only drawing 0-0 with Bristol City. Walsall are averaging two goals a game this season and their supporters have become accustomed to seeing their free-scoring side win, but Danny Wilson's side battled hard to secure a well earned point.

● Bury, who started the weekend in second place, slipped down to third as new Millwall manager Mark McGhee celebrated his first home match in charge with a convincing 4-0 victory. Neil Harris scored twice and Lucas Neill and David Livermore added the other two goals as the Lions roared their way to victory at the New Den with another impressive display.

● Capitalising on Bury's slip were Reading. Wycombe Wanderers made the short trip down the A404(M) to the Madejski Stadium, but came home on the wrong end of a 2-0 scoreline. Martin Butler grabbed his ninth goal of the season and after Steve Brown was sent off for Wycombe, Adrian Viveash stabbed home the game's second goal. Wycombe assistant manager Terry Gibson was far from happy with the performance of referee Paul Walton as he fumed "the referee spoilt the game. If he had come down harder in the first half, our player might not have gone in the second".

● Despite taking a 2-1 lead in the 88th minute, Wigan Athletic had to share the

# Nationwide Review

points with Notts County at Meadow Lane. Sean Farrell gave County the lead on the stroke of half-time, only for Neil Roberts to equalise with 15 minutes to go. Wigan then took the lead through a Neil Redfearn penalty. County grabbed an equaliser on 90 minutes through Andy Hughes who was then sent off as County finished the game with nine men after having Mark Stallard also sent off.

● Rotherham United secured their fourth away win of the season with a 1-0 victory at Bournemouth. Kevin Watson's 25-yard free-kick eluded all the players including Bournemouth keeper Gareth Stewart to hand the three points to the Millers.

● Fellow promoted side Northampton Town are grateful that manager Kevin Wilson invested £150,000 to replace Carlo Corazzin with Jamie Forrester. Forrester headed his sixth goal of the season to condemn Bristol Rovers to their first home defeat of the season. Wilson was full of praise for his summer signing: "he is bright, lively and scores plenty of goals" he said after the game.

● Two goals from Venezuelan striker Giovani Savarese secured three points for Swansea City as they defeated Stoke City 2-1 at the Vetch. Kyle Lightbourne gave Stoke late hope to salvage a point, but Stoke could not prevent the Welsh side from earning a deserved victory.

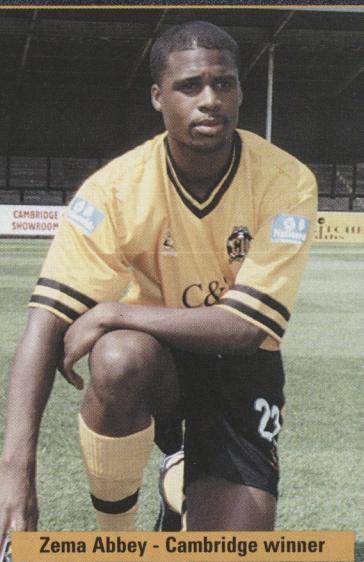
● Peterborough United slipped to 14th place as Brentford gained their second home win of the season. The game has been seemingly heading for a 0-0 draw until Andy Scott latched onto a Scott Partridge shot that 'Boro keeper Mark Tyler could only block to hand the Bees all three points.

● Under-fire boss Brian Horton had

some of the pressure lifted (for the time being at least) as Port Vale overcame fellow strugglers Colchester United at Vale Park. Allen Tankard opened the scoring for Vale before Keith Scott levelled with 30 minutes to go. However master marksman Tony Naylor once again proved to be Vale's hero with two goals to secure a 3-1 victory for Vale.

● Swindon Town may have been lucky the previous week against us, but their luck ran out at Boundary Park. Craig Dudley blasted the winner for Oldham Athletic to secure their first victory in eleven games. Dudley's joy though was soured by the first ever red card of his career for two yellow cards.

● Tonight's visitors Luton Town are yet to record their first victory away from home this season and find themselves just one place and three points above us following their Friday night defeat at Cambridge United. Despite former United man Mark Stein giving Luton a first half lead, goals from Tom Youngs and Zema Abbey ensured that Luton returned to Bedfordshire pointless.



Zema Abbey - Cambridge winner

# United Stats 2000/2001

Date	Opposition	H/A	Res	Aff	Pts
Sat 12 Aug	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(H)	0-1		5.870
Sat 19 Aug	Wolverhampton Wanderers W.C.1.1	(a)	0-3	3.814	-
Tue 22 Aug	BRENTFORD	(H)	1-0	9.395	-
Tue 29 Aug	Walsall	(a)	2-3	4.756	24
Tue 2 Sep	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	(H)	1-1	5.678	24
Tue 5 Sep	WOLVERHAMPTON WINDS.W.C.12	(H)	1-3	4.479	23
Fri 8 Sept	Wycombe Wanderers	(a)	1-3	4.679	24
Wed 13 Sept	Stoke City	(H)	1-0	3.960	24
Sat 16 Sept	BURY	(H)	0-1	3.676	24
Sat 23 Sept	Millwall	(a)	0-5	3.565	24
Sat 30 Sept	BRISTOL CITY	(H)	0-1	5.368	24
Sun 8 Oct	Swindon Town	(a)	1-2	9.273	24
Sat 14 Oct	WREXHAM	(H)	3-0*	3.884	24
Tue 17 Oct	LUTON TOWN	(H)			
Sat 21 Oct	Nottingham United	(a)			
Sat 24 Oct	WIGAN ATHLETIC	(H)			
Sat 28 Oct	Reading	(a)			
Sat 4 Nov	BRISTOL ROVERS	(H)			
Sat 11 Nov	Swansea City	(a)			
Sat 18 Nov	FA Cup 1	(H)			
Sat 25 Nov	NOTTS COUNTY	(a)			
Sat 2 Dec	Odham Athletic	(H)			
Sat 9 Dec	FA Cup 2	(H)			
Sat 16 Dec	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(a)			
Fri 22 Dec	Cochester United	(H)			
Sat 27 Jan	BOURNEMOUTH	(H)			
Sun 3 Feb	Brentford	(a)			
Sat 10 Feb	WYCOMBE WANDERS	(H)			
Sat 17 Feb	Bury	(H)			
Tue 20 Feb	STOKE CITY	(H)			
Sat 24 Feb	MILLWALL	(H)			
Sat 3 Mar	Bristol City	(a)			
Tue 6 Mar	WREXHAM	(H)			
Sat 10 Mar	Luton Town	(a)			
Sat 17 Mar	ROtherham United	(H)			
Sat 24 Mar	Northampton Town - ALL TICKET	(a)			
Sat 7 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(H)			
Sat 14 Apr	Wigan Athletic	(a)			
Mon 16 Apr	READING	(H)			
Sat 21 Apr	Bristol Rovers	(a)			
Sat 28 Apr	SWANSEA CITY	(H)			
May	Notts County	(a)			
Sat 5 May	W.C. - Worthington Cup	(a)			

Key: W.C. - Worthington Cup \*/\*/\*/\* - Sub/Submitted

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## Call a halt to racism

The Racism Actionline was launched last Thursday as part of an initiative of Agencies and Communities Tackling Racial Harassment in Oxford which is a multi-agency partnership including among many others, Oxford United Football Club.

If you are being harassed, either verbally or physically, or if your property is being damaged because of your race, nationality or ethnic origin, then help is available. You can ring the Racism Actionline on Oxford 815121 for confidential advice and support to help you deal with the problem. The Racism Actionline is staffed normally during usual office hours but you may leave a message 24 hours a day on the confidential answerphone service.

## United RollCall 2000/2001

Player	Ige Apps	Ige Gls	Cup Apps	Cup Gls	00/01 Apps	00/01 Gls	U's Apps	U's Gls	Nationwide Football League Division Two Latest Table													
									P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd Pts							
Ben ABBEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	4	2	0	14	6	4	1	10	5	13	27		
Steve ANTHROBUS	8(3)	-	2	-	10(3)	-	3	34(15)	72	Walsall	12	5	1	21	4	2	1	3	5	7		
Joey BEAUCHAMP	9(2)	3	1(1)	-	10(3)	3	34(42)	-	Reading	12	4	1	1	7	4	3	1	2	6	7		
Hubert BUSBY	(-1)	-	-	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	Millwall	10	4	0	2	13	3	1	0	10	5	15	22	
Jamie COOK	1(5)	1	-	-	1(5)	1	37(47)	7	Wycombe Wdrs	12	4	1	10	4	2	2	3	4	5	21		
Peter FEAR	2(3)	-	-	-	2(3)	-	21(10)	1	Cambridge Utd	10	4	0	2	13	6	2	2	0	6	3	10	20
Rob FOLLAND	(-2)	-	(-2)	-	(-4)	-	26(13)	2	Wigan Athletic	11	4	1	0	9	4	1	4	1	7	5	20	
Mike FORD	1	-	-	-	1	-	320(18)	22	Rotherham Utd	12	2	1	3	9	4	1	1	8	8	0	20	
Jimmy GLASS	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	Northampton Town	10	2	2	0	6	3	0	3	5	4	4	17	
Chris HACKETT	-	-	-	-	(-1)	-	(-3)	-	Stoke City	10	2	2	1	8	2	2	1	8	7	7	16	
Lee JARMIN	8(3)	1	2	-	10(3)	1	10(3)	1	Bristol Rovers	10	0	3	1	4	5	3	2	1	13	6	14	
Richard KNIGHT	11	-	2	-	13	-	25(1)	-	Wrexham	10	1	0	4	5	10	3	2	0	13	8	0	14
Mickey LEWIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	319(32)	7	Swansea City	11	2	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	4	6	-1	14
Derek LILLEY	7(4)	-	(-2)	-	7(6)	-	53(15)	7	Brentford	10	0	3	2	3	7	6	0	3	5	9	-12	
Neil McGOWAN	8	-	1	-	9	-	25(8)	-	Notts County	12	0	3	3	8	11	3	0	3	5	9	-7	
Ian McGUCKIN	6	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	Colchester United	12	1	2	3	5	7	1	3	2	5	7	-4	11
Matt MURPHY	9(1)	-	1(1)	1	10(2)	1	165(90)	48	Port Vale	11	3	1	2	10	4	0	4	11	9	11		
Manny OMONYINMI	9(1)	-	2	-	11(1)	-	11(1)	-	Swindon Town	10	1	2	1	5	7	2	0	4	4	11		
Paul POWELL	4	-	1	-	5	-	111(21)	16	Brentford	10	0	2	3	5	8	2	1	3	1	10		
John RICHARDSON	12	-	2	-	14	-	14	-	Bournemouth	12	1	3	2	7	6	0	3	8	12	3	9	
Sam RICKETTS	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	Oldham Athletic	12	2	1	3	7	9	0	2	4	5	16	-13	9
Jon ROBERTSON	10(2)	-	2	-	12(2)	-	12(2)	-	Luton Town	12	1	4	1	5	7	0	3	7	15	-10	7	
Jon SHEPHEARD	3	-	2	-	1	5	1	6(3)	Oxford United	12	1	1	4	5	8	0	0	6	4	20	-19	4
Paul TAIT	12	2	2	2	14	2	14	2	74													
Ross WEATHERSTONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-														
Simon WEATHERSTONE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1														
Dean WHITEHEAD	7	-	2	-	9	-	9	-														
Guy WHITTINGHAM	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1														

Nationwide League Division Two Midweek Fixtures																
Bournemouth	Brentford	Colchester United	Bristol Rovers	Rotherham United	Cambridge United	Millwall	Stoke City	Walsall	Oldham Athletic	Luton Town	Reading	Swindon Town	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Oldham Athletic	Port Vale
Burnley	Brentford	Colchester United	Bristol Rovers	Rotherham United	Cambridge United	Millwall	Stoke City	Walsall	Oldham Athletic	Luton Town	Reading	Swindon Town	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Oldham Athletic	Port Vale
Derby County	Brentford	Colchester United	Bristol Rovers	Rotherham United	Cambridge United	Millwall	Stoke City	Walsall	Oldham Athletic	Luton Town	Reading	Swindon Town	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Oldham Athletic	Port Vale
Everton	Brentford	Colchester United	Bristol Rovers	Rotherham United	Cambridge United	Millwall	Stoke City	Walsall	Oldham Athletic	Luton Town	Reading	Swindon Town	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Oldham Athletic	Port Vale
Leeds United	Brentford	Colchester United	Bristol Rovers	Rotherham United	Cambridge United	Millwall	Stoke City	Walsall	Oldham Athletic	Luton Town	Reading	Swindon Town	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Oldham Athletic	Port Vale

# Squad Check

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## MATCH OFFICIALS

### REFEREE

**Rob Styles**

### ASSISTANT REFEREES

**Mike Cairns**

**RED/YELLOW FLAG**

**Ron James**

**YELLOW FLAG**

### FOURTH OFFICIAL

**Mike Tingey**

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**Caretaker Manager: Mike Ford** ■ **Colours: Yellow shirts, Navy shorts**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2.</b>	<b>John ROBERTSON</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20.</b>	<b>Phil WILSON</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3.</b>	<b>Paul POWELL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>21.</b>	<b>Neil McGOWAN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4.</b>	<b>Peter FEAR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>22.</b>	<b>Mickey LEWIS</b>
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## Luton Town

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**Manager: Ricky Hill** ■ **Colours: White shirts, White shorts**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1.</b>	<b>Mark OVENDALE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>20.</b>	<b>Peter HOLMES</b>
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