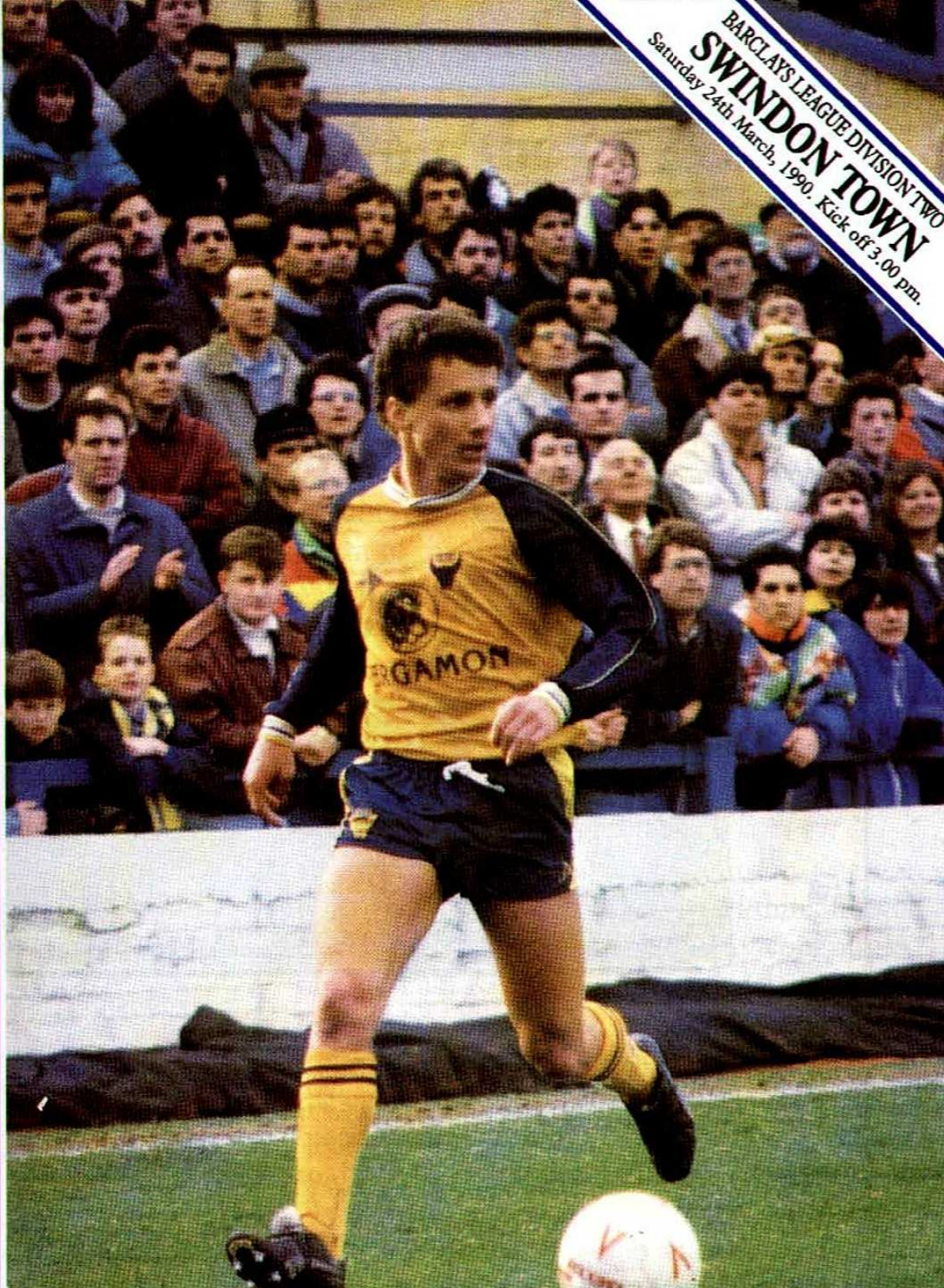


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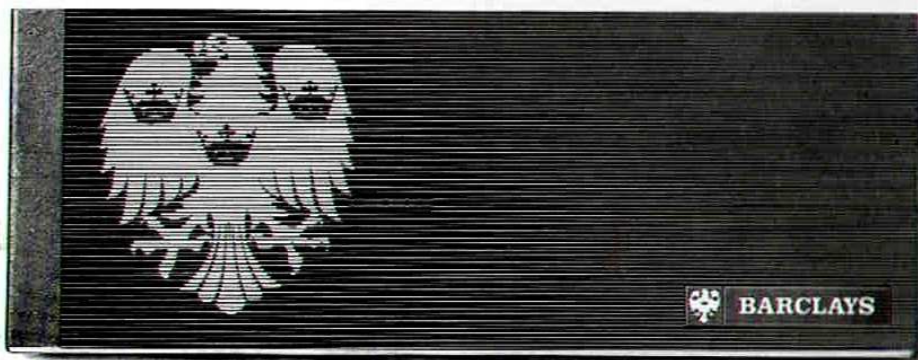
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From the Manager's Desk



Looking back quickly to Wednesday nights game, I would hope that everyone enjoyed the game. It was very exciting with both sides creating chances, they passed it around well and credit to them for making it a very open game. We took our goals well and shared them around although John Durnin's was the best of the bunch. We needed to get back to winning ways, but I know today's game is one that everyone has been looking forward to. We know what the result means to our fans and should need no motivating for the game.

It was a shame that Les Robinson was not quite ready to make his debut but I think he will be a very valuable acquisition. My congratulations to Paul Kee for his international call up, he has worked hard at his game taken his chance well. What I am demanding is a good flourish to the end of the season and if the chance comes to blood some of our youngsters I will not hesitate to do so. Last but not least a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and his assistant Chick Bates. They have done a great job and also welcome to everyone else from Swindon Town Football Club.

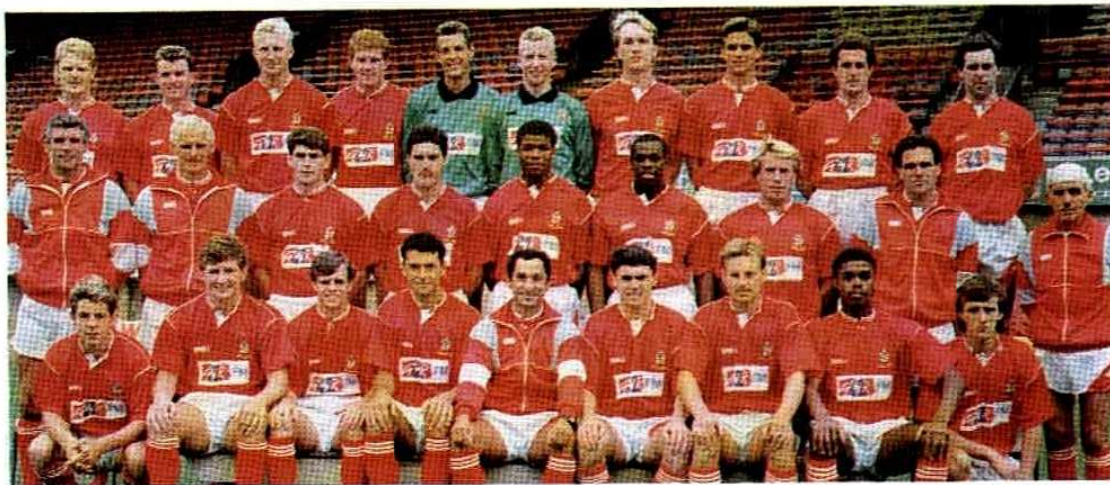
BRIAN HORTON



TOP MAN

Today's Visitors . . .

SWINDON TOWN



*Back Row, left to right: Phil King, Dave Hochaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Vroonk, Steve White, Tony Gahrin.
Middle Row, left to right: Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tim Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Bernard (now Cardiff City),
Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).
Front Row, left to right: Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.*

Swindon, who qualified for the promotion play-offs last season, have been making an exciting bid to make absolutely sure of First Division football this year. They are aiming for one of the two guaranteed promotion places.

A recent run of three successive victories took them into second place but Sheffield United, who had games in hand, later ousted them.

Swindon have a magnificent away record with wins at Hull (3-2), Brighton (2-1), Middlesbrough (2-0), West Bromwich Albion (2-1), Watford (2-0), Barnsley (1-0) and Plymouth (3-0) and draws at Oldham (2-2), West Ham (1-1), Bradford City (1-1), Sunderland (2-2) and Portsmouth (1-1).

They were beaten at Sheffield United (0-2), Leeds (0-4), Leicester (1-2), Port Vale (0-2) and Wolves (1-2).

Swindon also won at Shrewsbury (3-0) in the Littlewoods Cup, later winning the second leg 3-1 at the County Ground. They were then involved in a marathon four-match tie with Bolton in round three. They drew 3-3 at home then twice drew 1-1 at Burnden Park before finally coming out on top with a 2-1 win on their own ground.

First Division Southampton were their next opponents. After drawing 0-0 at home, Swindon went out 2-4 in the replay at Southampton.

They took a swift exit from the F.A. Cup, losing 1-2 at Bristol City in round three.

In the Zenith Data Systems Cup, Swindon scored home wins over First Division sides Millwall (2-1) and Norwich (4-1) before losing 0-1 at Crystal Palace in the Southern semi-final.

Ossie Ardiles was originally appointed player-manager last summer but, after playing as substitute in their opening two games, he felt he would have a better chance concentrating solely upon the managerial side of the job.

Mr Ardiles, the Argentinian international who spent ten outstanding seasons with Spurs, succeeded Lou Macari, who had lifted the Club from the Fourth Division to the

brink of Division One.

Last season Swindon qualified for the promotion play-offs. Sadly, their bid for First Division glory ended in the semi-final of the play-offs when they were beaten 1-2 on aggregate by Crystal Palace.

Swindon are currently enjoying the most successful era of their history. Until 1986 they were a Fourth Division side but now they are within reach of Division One.

During their earlier years, Swindon enjoyed most of their success in Cup football. They appeared in two F.A. Cup semi-finals whilst they were still in the Southern League prior to the First World War.

In 1920 they were among the Southern League clubs taken over by the Football League to form the Third Division (South) and they remained permanently in that section for the entirety of its lifetime.

In 1958, when the old Southern and Northern sections were abandoned in favour of national Third and Fourth Divisions, Swindon became a founder member of Division Three.

They won promotion for the first time in 1963 but that spell of Second Division football lasted only two years.

It was while Swindon were back in Division Three that they created a sensation by defeating Arsenal at Wembley in the 1969 League Cup Final.

That fine Swindon team also won promotion that year and they remained a Second Division club until 1974. After that they seemed to stagnate in Third Division football until, in 1982, they dropped into Division Four for the first time.

Swindon's revival began under Mr Macari. He led the Club to the Championship of Division Four in 1986 with an all-time record of 102 points.

Twelve months later they qualified to the Third Division play-offs and won the series to secure a return to Division Two.

Last season they were in the Second Division play-offs.

Today's Visitors . . .

THE SWINDON SQUAD

FRASER DIGBY (Goalkeeper).

Fraser played for the England youth side during his apprenticeship days with Manchester United. He did not play in United's First Team but made his debut soon after moving to Swindon in 1986. Fraser won his fifth England Under-21 cap against Poland in October.

DAVID KERSLAKE (Defender).

David was signed from Queens Park Rangers for £110,000 in November. He joined Rangers as a schoolboy and developed through the junior teams to make his League debut in 1985. With only some half-a-dozen League matches behind him, David played for the England Under-21s against Turkey in October of that same year.



COLIN CALDERWOOD (Midfield/Defender).

Versatile Colin has played in several positions. He started as a defender in his Mansfield days but, since his transfer to Swindon in 1985, he has often filled a midfield role.

JON GITTENS (Defender).

Jon was given his break in top-class football by Southampton who spotted him playing for Paget Rangers. He made his First Division debut for The Saints in 1986. Swindon signed him for £40,000 in 1987.

PAUL BODIN (Midfielder/Defender).

Paul didn't initially make the League teams with his first two clubs, Chelsea and Newport, but got his chance in 1982 after linking with Cardiff. He spent three seasons at Ninian Park, then went non-League with Bath City. He returned to Newport in 1987 but, after a few weeks, he was transferred to Swindon.

DAVID HOCKADAY (Defender/Midfield).

David emerged as a League footballer with Blackpool in 1977. He played more than 150 senior games for The Tangerines before transferring to Swindon in 1983. He celebrated his 200th League game for Swindon last season.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (Midfield).

Alan was an apprentice with Manchester United but it was after he had moved on to Swindon in 1986 that he made his debut in League football. He also spent a loan period with Torquay before earning himself a regular place in the Swindon side. Alan has scored 16 goals this season.

ROSS MacLAREN (Midfield).

Ross was a reserve player with Glasgow Rangers but he established himself in League soccer after joining Shrewsbury in 1980. Derby signed him for £67,500 in 1985 and Swindon paid £150,000 for him three years later.



TOM JONES (Midfield).

Tom joined Swindon from Aberdeen last season. He was previously in non-League soccer with Weymouth, moving to Aberdeen in 1987.

FITZROY SIMPSON (Midfield).

Fitzroy joined Swindon as a trainee and he got his chance in their League team last season.

JOHN CORNWELL (Midfield).

John developed in the junior sides at Leyton Orient, graduating to First Team duty in 1982. He made well over 200 senior appearances for The O's before joining Newcastle for £50,000 in 1987. Swindon signed him last season.

STEVE FOLEY (Midfield).

Steve completed his apprenticeship with Liverpool but did not play in their First Team. He made his League debut whilst on loan to Fulham during 1983/84 and was transferred to Grimsby at the end of that campaign. Sheffield United signed him in 1985 and he moved on to Swindon in the summer of 1987.



DUNCAN SHEARER (Forward).

Duncan is Swindon's leading scorer with 23 goals. He was signed from Huddersfield for £250,000 in 1988 and last season he was Swindon's leading scorer with 16 goals. He began his career with Chelsea, where First Team

opportunities were rare, but after transferring to Huddersfield in 1986 he quickly established himself as a goalscorer, leading the club's list in his two seasons with 25 and 16.

STEVE WHITE (Forward).

Steve, who has scored 21 times this season, made his name as a goalscorer with Bristol Rovers and Luton paid £175,000 for him in 1979. He moved on to Charlton three years later but returned to Bristol Rovers in 1983. Since joining Swindon in 1986, Steve's annual goals tally has been 21, 14 and 14.

SHAUN CLOSE (Forward).

Shaun was signed from Bournemouth in September. He opened his professional career with Tottenham but found First Team opportunities rare at White Hart Lane. Bournemouth signed him two seasons ago and it was at Dean Court that he established himself in League soccer.

SWINDON TOWN



Meet the Manager: OSSIE ARDILES

Ossie Ardiles is currently experiencing his first taste of soccer management, following an apprenticeship period as coach at Queens Park Rangers last season. In the summer he succeeded Lou Macari as Manager of Swindon Town.

English fans will always remember him as the player who brought a new dimension to English football following

his transfer to Tottenham in 1978. Ossie had just helped Argentina to win the World Cup final and Spurs' manager Keith Burkinshaw pulled off a real coup when he persuaded him, and his colleague Ricky Villa, to sign for Spurs.

Ossie's ten-year spell with Spurs was broken only by a brief loan spell with Paris St Germain in 1982.

He was instrumental in helping Spurs to win the F.A. Cup in 1981 and the UEFA Cup three years later. His magical ball skills, and precision passing, became hallmarks of his game.

And who will ever forget those delightful radio interviews with Ossie bubbling away in his fractured English at such speed that ensured no one could ever understand a word he was saying!

Towards the end of his decade at White Hart Lane, Ossie spent a loan period with Blackburn Rovers.

In 1988 he was transferred to Q.P.R. where he played occasionally but where he was considered of greater value passing on his extensive knowledge to the young players. That experience prepared him for the time when he would become a Manager in his own right.

That happened in the summer when Swindon invited him to join them.

He was officially appointed Player-Manager but, has decided to concentrate purely upon the managerial side of his job. He quickly realised that he needed to change Swindon's style and he could best do this by taking a long look at this team from the sidelines.

In recent years, Swindon had been renowned for their long-ball game but Mr Ardiles, a purist in his playing days, has quietly changed their style of play.

20 FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SWINDON

- 1 Swindon's most-capped footballer was Rod Thomas who collected 30 of his 50 Wales' caps as a Swindon player.
- 2 The last Swindon player to score a hat-trick was Jimmy Quinn who hit three against both Bristol City and Portsmouth in the Littlewoods Cup two seasons ago.
- 3 The last Swindon man to get three in a League game was Steve White who scored all the goals in a 3-0 win over Mansfield in April 1987.
- 4 Harry Morris scored five goals in a League game on two occasions for Swindon, against Q.P.R. in 1927 and Norwich in 1930.
- 5 Keith East equalled that club record when he scored five times against Mansfield in 1965.
- 6 Harry Morris also holds the club record for most goals in a season. He netted 47 in the League and one in the F.A. Cup in 1926/27.
- 7 A third club scoring record belonging to Morris is the aggregate of 230 in League and Cup between 1926 and 1933.
- 8 John Trollope created a League record by appearing in 756 League games for Swindon. No other player has made as many appearances for one club.
- 9 Trollope was also the oldest player to appear in the Swindon First Team, being 37 years and 119 days old when he made his final appearance in 1980.
- 10 Paul Rideout was Swindon's youngest player. He was 16 years and 107 days of age when he made his debut 1980.
- 11 Swindon were one of only two Third Division clubs to win the League Cup (now the Littlewoods Cup). They defeated Arsenal 3-1 in the 1969 final.
- 12 Swindon's biggest League win was by 9-1 against Luton in the Third Division (South) in 1921.
- 13 Their Club record win was by 10-1 against Farnham United in the F.A. Cup in 1925.
- 14 Swindon have only on one occasion conceded 10 goals in a game, when losing 1-10 to Manchester City in the F.A. Cup in 1930.
- 15 That club record was equalled when they went down 0-9 to Torquay in a Third Division (South) game in 1952.
- 16 Swindon were elected to the League in 1920 when they became a founder member of the Third Division (South).
- 17 Their best achievement in League soccer was in finishing fifth in Division Two in 1970.
- 18 Swindon achieved an all-time League record when they collected 102 points in the Fourth Division in 1985/86.
- 19 The record attendance at The County Ground was 32,000 for an F.A. Cup tie against Arsenal in 1972.
- 20 Their best crowd last season was 18,677 for the visit of West Ham in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup.

WE'VE MET BEFORE SWINDON TOWN

Date	Comp	Venue	Attend.	Res	F-A	Scorers
21.8.65	Div 3	A	20409	D	0-0	-
29.1.66	Div 3	H	16074	L	0-3	-
10.12.66	Div 3	H	10037	D	0-0	-
6.5.67	Div 3	A	13981	L	0-3	-
12.4.68	Div 3	H	17836	D	0-0	-
16.4.68	Div 3	A	16418	D	1-1	G. Atkinson
13.9.69	Div 2	A	21903	D	0-0	-
24.9.69	LC	H	18193	W	1-0	Sloan
13.12.69	Div 2	H	11930	D	0-0	-
21.11.70	Div 2	H	15369	D	0-0	-
20.2.71	Div 2	A	17744	L	0-3	-
6.11.71	Div 2	H	12382	D	1-1	C. Clarke
26.2.72	Div 2	A	14743	L	0-4	-
16.12.72	Div 2	H	9159	W	1-0	Cassidy
24.2.73	Div 2	A	11712	W	3-1	Roberts, Cassidy, Curran
20.10.73	Div 2	A	7537	L	0-1	-
17.3.74	Div 2	H	9554	D	1-1	Curran
27.12.76	Div 3	A	13730	L	0-1	-
8.4.77	Div 3	H	9106	D	0-0	-
26.12.77	Div 3	H	9083	D	3-3	Foley 2, Stott
27.3.78	Div 3	A	9754	L	2-3	Seacole, Foley
16.4.79	Div 3	H	9408	L	0-1	-
2.5.79	Div 3	A	9213	L	0-2	-
6.2.80	Div 3	H	7865	D	2-2	Taylor, Brock
7.4.80	Div 3	A	10572	D	1-1	Foley
16.9.80	Div 3	A	7972	A	0-1	-
1.10.80	Div 3	H	6333	D	0-0	-
7.4.82	Div 3	H	7557	W	5-0	Fogg, Shotton, Lawrence, Foley, Thomas
4.5.82	Div 3	A	8126	L	2-3	Fogg, Jeffrey
22.2.84	AMC	H	4744	L	1-3	Baile, O.G.
5.10.88	Div 2	H	9387	D	1-1	Saunders
5.2.89	Div 2	A	10227	L	0-3	-
17.10.89	Div 2	A	10741	L	0-3	-

AROUND TH

Welcome to this afternoon's long awaited game with local rivals Swindon Town, Oxford supporters will no doubt wish Swindon well for the rest of the season but hopefully today will be our day after our disappointing performance at The County Ground back in October. Indeed, we can look back at only four League wins in 31 games and a good result for us is long overdue. Our derby match may lack the appeal of a Merseyside, Manchester or North London derby but it is very important for both sets of supporters especially with Swindon chasing hard for a place in the First Division.

After a great deal of deliberation it has been decided *not* to make the next home game with West Ham United all-ticket for Oxford supporters. However, for the visitors it is all-ticket. Coming after two all-ticket games which have not been too well supported it was felt that Oxford supporters would not readily accept another all-ticket affair so soon. What we would ask, however, is that Oxford supporters should get here early on that day to avoid any possible disappointment.

We have advised West Ham to instruct their supporters not to travel without tickets, hopefully this will be the case. By making the game all-ticket too many tickets would have found their way in to the hands of touts which happened at the Leeds game no matter how hard we tried to prevent this happening.

I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming new signing Les Robinson to The Manor. He has played all his previous football in the lower Divisions with Mansfield, Stockport and Doncaster, but we are sure he will do well in this higher grade. Congratulations must also go to Paul Kee who has been called up for the Northern Ireland squad for their friendly against Norway next week and their Under-21 match with Israel in April. Since coming into the side at the end of November, Paul has learnt a lot and has deserved his chance for international recognition.

At the same time of welcoming Les, we say farewell to Jimmy Phillips, an ever present prior to his transfer. I am sure he will do well at Middlesbrough and wish him good luck except when he plays against Oxford.

It is also sad to report that Peter Rhoades-Brown has been forced to quit the first class game following the knee injury which kept him out for over a year. Despite making a comeback Rosie never regained full fitness and I am sure that everyone will wish him well in the future.

Enjoy the game this afternoon, I hope that your side gets the right result!

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

What do our supporters think of the current matchday programme? It is time now to start looking at ideas for next season's programme and any suggestions, ideas, criticism and complaints would be welcomed by the programme editor. Please write to Matchday Programme, Oxford United Football Club, Manor Ground, Headington, Oxford OX3 7RS.

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PAUL KEE collects the Radio Oxford player of the month for February from Radio Oxford's Nick Harris.



Some of our matchday stewards at a recent Stewards Evening prior to the Leeds United fixture. Over three-quarters of United's 100-strong band of stewards turned up on this particular evening and as well as viewing two training videos were addressed by people from the Football Club and Thames Valley Police force regarding their duties. Although we are virtually at full strength at the moment vacancies do occur from time to time. If you would like your name added to our waiting list please write in with your full name, date of birth and details of your full time employment.

ENGLAND TRAVEL CLUB

The Football Association are launching an England Travel Club. Members of this club will be entitled to apply for tickets for matches involving England in the World Cup Final Tournament.

The Association will endeavour to meet the requirements of genuine English Football Fans but will not know for some time of the allocation of tickets that can be obtained through FIFA.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from 'The England Travel Club, 16 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LW'.

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LETTERS PAGE

Supporters are invited to write to the club on any topic concerning the club. Letters received may be included in the Matchday Programme. Please write to the Programme Editor, Oxford United Football Club, Manor Ground, Headington, Oxford OX3 7RS.

Letters received this week are shown below:

The Churchill Hospital
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Dear Mr Brown,

On behalf of all those of us who are involved in fundraising for our Minibus Appeal I write to thank you for permitting us to collect at The Manor Ground before the Leeds United match.

A total of £308.18 was collected – please convey our thanks to all who made this excellent total possible.

We now have a grand total of £17,000 – collected since December 1988 so we are well on the way to our target of £20,000 and hopefully a new bus for our patients to enjoy outings this summer.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Gunn
Deputy Head Occupational Therapist

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Barley Hill County Primary School
Thame

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for the excellent scheme which has involved the children from this school.

Mr. Elias and the players gave the children an excellent afternoon. The children were particularly pleased to see a First Team player with the group. I am delighted that everyone has taken the time and trouble to involve young children. This kind of liaison can only enhance the reputation of football and your club within the area.

Please thank all concerned on our behalf.

Yours sincerely
Adrian Gicquel
Headteacher

This week's Oxford United quiz by supporter
Michael Stimpson is on the topic of:

CROWDS

1. A record crowd for a League match at The Manor, of 17,939, turned up in March 1969 to see United well beaten by the team that went on to win the Second Division Championship that season. Which club was this?
2. Only 4,205 people watched one of United's away games in March 1987, which was the lowest crowd for a First Division match since the Second World War. At which ground was this game played?
3. In which year did the referee threaten to abandon a Third Division match at The Manor against Reading, because of the bad language used by part of the crowd? Was it (a) 1967, (b) 1972, (c) 1978, (d) 1985?
4. Why was the kick off of the Third Division match at The Manor against Wigan in April 1983, unexpectedly delayed?
5. A crowd of 20,409 watched United's first ever game in the Third Division, in August 1965. This attendance was boosted by many United fans who did not have to travel too far to this game. On which ground was this match played?
6. When Oxford and Q.P.R. reached the Milk Cup final in 1986, some cynics suggested that Wembley would only be half full. Can you remember what the official attendance was? Was it (a) 80,250, (b) 90,396, (c) 95,212, (d) 100,000?
7. What happened behind Mike Walker's goal after a scramble for the ball in the penalty area, in an F.A. Cup tie in 1971?
8. The largest ever crowd to watch an F.A. Cup tie involving Oxford is 47,754. At which ground was this match played?
9. Why did the referee threaten to abandon the Third Division game at The Manor against Bournemouth in 1967? Was it because (a) the crowd were throwing snowballs, (b) a linesman was hit by a coin, (c) whistles were being blown in the crowd, (d) smoke kept drifting over the ground from nearby bonfires?

1. Derby County. 2. Selhurst Park v Charlton. 3. (a) 1967. 4. Some of the crowd invaded the pitch to protest against the proposed merger with Reading. 5. The County Ground, Swindon. 6. (b) 90,396. 7. Part of the wall collapsed at the London Road End. 8. Old Trafford (1989). 9. (c) Whistles were being blown.

COMMENT

by **Tony Pullein** Editor Football Monthly



FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



Football is more than a game of 90 minutes. Every day clubs throughout Britain are extending their activities far beyond the pitch and into the lives of their local communities.

Social clubs and transport for the elderly, the provision of creches, projects to counter racism and sexism, artificial pitches for local use, the coaching of junior sides and the encouragement of women's football are only a few of the community based initiatives undertaken by clubs.

Much of this work has received help from The Football Trust. Each year the organisation receives over £9.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers and spends it on projects that benefit all levels of the game throughout the United Kingdom.

BROTHERS COMPETE FOR INTERNATIONAL PLACE!

It's probably a sign of the levelling up process that has been going on in the English game, that international squads are no longer selected almost exclusively from the First Division.

Many international squads these days are packed with Second Division players. Indeed, several of the players on international duty next week have been selected from Third and Fourth Division clubs.

Swindon's Alan McLoughlin, whom we hope to see in action at The Manor this afternoon, has been picked for the Republic of Ireland "B" team to meet England in Cork next Tuesday.

Oldham's great Cup exploits have made them very much the flavour of the month and two of their players, Denis Irwin and Mick Milligan, are in the same Irish "B" squad.

Bournemouth's Gerry Peyton is in the full Irish squad to play Wales a day later. Gerry, who has kept goal for his country on 26 occasions, seems certain to be included in the Republic squad for the World Cup Finals in Italy this summer.

In what is probably a unique international selection, Ireland Manager Jack Charlton has chosen two brothers to compete for the goalkeeping position in the Irish "B" team!

Gary and Alan Kelly are the sons of that great Irish goalkeeper Allan Kelly who played for Ireland on 47 occasions. Both sons followed in his footsteps, Gary commencing his League career with Newcastle in 1987. He was transferred to Bury for £60,000 last season.

Alan was blooded in Preston's senior side in 1986. Earlier this season the brothers played against each other in League football for the first time. Now they find themselves competing for an international place.

Steve Bull, from Second Division Wolves, is in the England squad preparing for next week's friendly against Brazil at Wembley whilst Leeds's David Batty is in the England "B" party.

Fourth Division Scarborough are providing Martin Russell to the Republic of Ireland "B" squad. A one-time Manchester United junior, Russell commanded a Scarborough record fee of £105,000 when he joined them from Leicester last season.

Cambridge's Liam Daish is another Fourth Division player in the same squad.

Second Division Blackburn provide two players for the full Ireland side though both Kevin Moran and Frank Stapleton have, of course, had many years of First Division experience behind them.

Bernie Slaven's greatest ambition was to play for his native Scotland. But, having been Middlesbrough's leading scorer for the past three seasons – without even a hint of interest from Andy Roxburgh – he has abandoned that dream. He has now opted to play for Ireland. He is in the Republic's senior side for the Wales game and he is expected to win his first cap at the expense of John Aldridge.

Other Second Division players involved in international action next week are Ken de Mange (Hull City) and David Kelly (West Ham) who are both in the Irish "B" party.

Mr. Charlton has also selected two First Division reserve players for that side. Though Pat Scully has yet to play in Arsenal's First Division side, he has already achieved one full international cap and he has played twice for the Under 21s. Now he is destined to add "B" international honours to his qualifications.

Though it is quite rare for a Second Division player to be considered for the full England team, players from this Division regularly appear in the two Irish teams and for Wales.

It is a tribute to the standard of play achieved in this section that so many players are considered worthy of the game's highest honours.

SECOND LOOK

A look around at what's happening in the Second Division

DOUBLE BLOW TO SWINDON HOPES

Swindon's promotion hopes have received a double blow during the past week with defeats by Hull City and Ipswich. The Robins had risen to second place in the table with an exciting run of seven games without defeat, of which the last three had been won.

Last Saturday Swindon were at the receiving end of one of the shock results of the day as they lost 1-3 at home to lowly Hull City. On Tuesday they went down 0-1 at Ipswich, Jason Dozzell scoring the vital goal 20 minutes from time.

With Leeds and Sheffield United both returning to winning form, Swindon's chances of landing one of the two guaranteed promotion places have dimmed considerably though, of course, they look reasonably assured of a place in the play-offs.

Leeds had been showing signs of jitters but the turning point for them came here at The Manor Ground earlier this month. The Peacocks came here without a win in four League games and that sequence looked likely to be extended when they trailed 0-2 at the interval. But two second-half goals from Lee Chapman, added to singles from Imre Varadi and Chris Fairclough, gave them a 4-2 win.

Chapman, signed from Nottingham Forest in December, grabbed two more goals in last Saturday's 3-2 home win over West Ham but it was defender Mel Sterland who scored the vital goal in Leeds' 1-0 victory at Sunderland on Tuesday.

With three wins in a row, Leeds re-established themselves at the top of the table with a seven point lead over Sheffield United.

But Sheffield United, who were due to play at West Ham on Wednesday, had three games in hand. The Blades have been looking very confident of late and went into that game at Upton Park with an unbeaten run of eight League games behind them.

Watford's decision to sack Manager Steve Harrison came as a complete surprise. Mr Harrison and coach Tom Walley left just a few hours before The Hornets ran up a 4-2 win over Brighton on Tuesday. Coach Colin Lee, the former Tottenham and Chelsea player, has been appointed Caretaker-Manager until the end of the season.

Gary Penrice, who had not scored this year, netted two early goals to put The Hornets on the road to

victory. Glyn Hodges and Rod Thomas got the other Watford goals.

Paul Moulden made the journey up to Oldham as a member of the Bournemouth squad on Tuesday but, before the day was out, he found himself an Oldham player! The move enables him to return to his Lancashire home area.

Last season Moulden was Manchester City's top scorer with 17 goals as they won promotion from the Second Division. He moved to Bournemouth last summer for £300,000 and had scored 13 times for The Cherries.

Bournemouth were no match for Oldham on their plastic pitch. Roger Palmer scored twice with Mick Milligan and Neil Redfearn getting their other goals.

Oldham Manager Joe Royle and his chairman have chartered a special aeroplane to fly them to Cork for next Tuesday's "B" international between the Republic of Ireland and England.

Full-back Denis Irwin and midfielder Mick Milligan have both been picked for the Irish team and Mr Royle has arranged to fly them home immediately after the game as Oldham have a top-of-the-table clash with Sheffield United the following day.

"We never even considered withdrawing the players from the game," said Mr Royle, "It would be quite wrong to deny players the chance to enhance their careers by playing in an international match."

Middlesbrough's new Manager Colin Todd, a former Oxford player, enjoyed his first win on Tuesday as the Borough ran up a 2-1 success at Plymouth. Ian Baird set up the victory with his first goal since joining the club from Leeds for £500,000 in January. Mark Brennan got another before David Byrne replied for Argyle.

Victory ended a run of seven games without a win for Middlesbrough.

Stoke City's chances of Second Division survival seem to be fading away. Four of their last five games have ended in goalless draws - including their Tuesday match at Hull - but they really need to win a few games if they are to lift themselves out of bottom place. The Potters have won only once in their last 12 League attempts.

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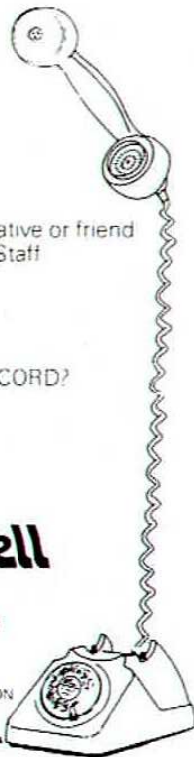
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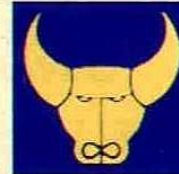
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CLUB HISTORY



Continuing his look at Oxford United's records, co-author of Oxford United – A Complete Record, Andy Howland, takes a look at the career of our popular former Manager Jim Smith.

JIM SMITH

Jim's achievements at The Manor broke national records which were achieved as a result of Oxford playing football which was of a remarkably attacking style.

Born in Sheffield, Jim played for Aldershot, Halifax Town and Lincoln City before becoming Boston's Player/Manager in November, 1969. After three successful seasons in one of the top two non-League competitions, Smith joined Colchester (October 1972) leading them to promotion in his first full season. The following season Colchester looked for a long time to be reaching Division Two for the first time in their history but fell away. Their Cup form was outstanding as they reached the League Cup Quarter Finals without conceding a goal before losing 2-1 to eventual winners Aston Villa.

In June 1975, Smith took over Blackburn Rovers, remaining at Ewood Park until March 1978, when Rovers stood fifth in Division Two. His success got him a First Division job, taking over from Sir Alf Ramsey at Birmingham City. The Blues were eighteenth but Jim transformed them and they lost just one of their remaining twelve matches to end in the top half. The following season, with Trevor Francis only playing nine games, Birmingham were relegated, only to return immediately in 1980. Playing attractive football and fielding Frank Worthington, Colin Todd, Archie Gemmill and former United favourite Dave Langan, The Blues

reached the League Cup Quarter Finals and despite taking just one point from their last five matches, ended thirteenth.

The following February with City in nineteenth place, Smith was sacked to be replaced by Ron Saunders who had just shocked the football world by resigning from League Champions Aston Villa.

On March 1st, 1982, Smith took over at The Manor (fifth in Division Three) and in his first three weeks, with Keith Cassells and Mark Wright leaving and Peter Foley injured, United dropped ten points. However, the inspired signing of Trevor Hebbard as well as those of Ray Train and George Lawrence saw United gain 22 points from ten matches and on the edge of Division Two.

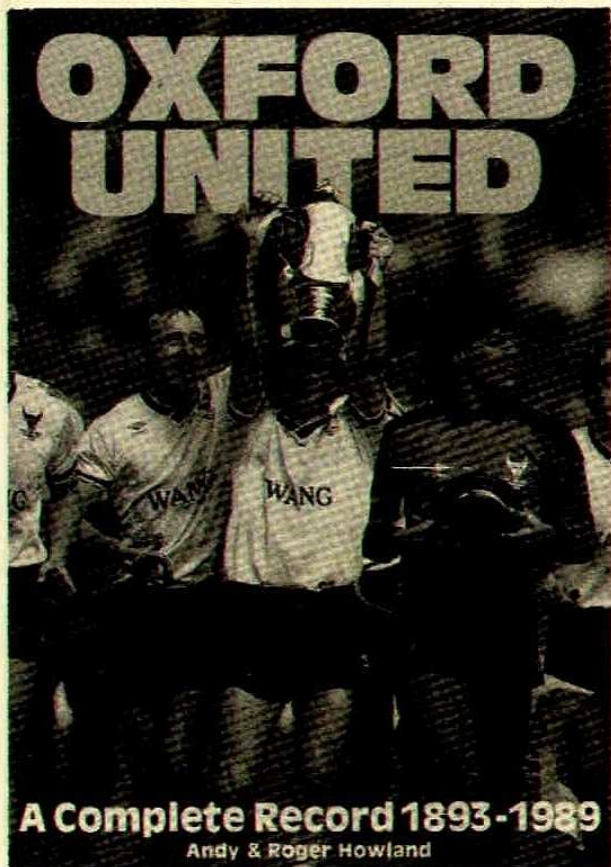
In the event, Oxford's last five matches yielded just one point and they missed promotion by seven points. The following season Oxford were again fifth but Smith's later signings of McDonald and Hinshelwood led to the fabulous championship and Cup runs of 1983-4. Jim became the first Third Division Manager for five years to be named Bell's Manager of the Month and Oxford became only the second Third Division club ever to reach the Fifth Rounds of both FA and League Cups. Oxford's 91 goals were the second highest in Division Three since 1967.

Jim further strengthened the side for the following season by signing John Trewick and two of United's greatest, Billy Hamilton and David Langan (as were John Aldridge and Les Phillips who joined at the end of 1983-4). The spell from August 1984 until Hamilton's injury in January 1985, was unbelievable. United's away form was very good but at home they won 13 successive matches scoring a staggering 49 goals and conceding just 14. The championship was won in attacking style, United's goal difference of 48 being the best of the Leagues' 92 clubs. Remarkably the 62 home League goals is the highest by any Division One or Two club since the mid 1960's. Only two Division Two Champions scored more goals in the 1962-1988 period. Only two other clubs had even achieved promotion (not the Championship) from Division Three to One in successive seasons since a Third Division was formed in 1920. Jim and the players had worked near miracles.

The very popular Smith left The Manor in June 1985, and led his new club, QPR, to the 1986 Milk Cup Final. This, of course, was one of Oxford United's famous days with us winning 3-0. Naturally he must have been disappointed to lose but at least he knew that he had managed all but one of Oxford's twelve players the season before. Following two seasons in the lower half of Division One, Rangers (fifth in 1987-8) were London's top club after they had been in the top three right into mid December.

During the following season, Smith took over at one of England's biggest clubs, Newcastle United, but could not save The Magpies from relegation. However, the lively Smith's team is now challenging strongly for an immediate return to Division One.

Jim obviously goes down as a legend at The Manor.



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PROGRAMME PROFILE

For today's game against Swindon Town I thought I would give both sets of supporters the opportunity to indulge in a little nostalgia by looking back at the programmes issued for the Football League Cup Finals of 1969 and 1986 when Swindon and Oxford each caused something of a sensation by winning a major trophy at Wembley.

Arsenal v Swindon Town - Saturday, 15th March, 1969

Having previously been staged on a two-legged home and away basis, 1968/69 was only the third season in which the League Cup Final was played at Wembley Stadium. As with the two previous finals the programme was issued by the Football League and incorporated a special edition of their official weekly journal, the "Football League Review", which was regularly inserted into club programmes in those days. Whilst this sometimes provided good reading it also inspired an air of complacency amongst programme editors who often relied upon the League Review rather than their own efforts for the bulk of their material. Indeed, the 1969 League Cup Final programme falls into this trap, containing only sixteen pages itself and relying heavily on the twenty-four page Review inserted in the centre.

Costing two shillings (10p), twice that charged for the previous year's final, at a time when most League issues were about one shilling, it was printed on a small 5¼" x 8¼" page size and sports a simple but attractive red and green cover, incorporating an aerial view of Wembley Stadium, a photo of the League Cup trophy, and the match details.

The programme itself is fairly unexceptional with adverts taking up four of the sixteen pages and the remainder comprising basic features such as an introduction to the competing clubs; colour team photos of Arsenal and Swindon; pen pictures of the players and referee. There is also a page of League Cup facts and figures, including a list of previous finals; "how the finalists reached Wembley; the usual Wembley "Timetable of Events"; and a welcome to the royal guest for the match HRH Princess Margaret. The team line-ups appear on page nine.

As might be expected the Football League Review is largely devoted to previewing the Final and, therefore, becomes a natural extension to the official programme. In a variety of articles it looks behind the scenes at both Arsenal and Swindon, and also discusses the increasing popularity of the League Cup competition itself which, during its early years had been frequently ignored by some of the bigger clubs. With the Final now being played at Wembley, and the prize of European Football in the following season's Inter Cities Fairs Cup awaiting the winners (providing they were members of the First Division), the League Cup was developing into a thriving tournament with every club except Manchester United entering in 1968/69.

Turning to wider footballing issues the League Review examines the perennial problems of postponed matches and the misbehaviour of both players and supporters. Leading on from the former there are no fewer than three articles about football pitches. In the first there is an excellent inquiry into both artificial pitches (a full twelve years before the first one was installed at a League ground) and undersoil heating. The second examines the increasing cost of hiring park pitches and the effect this is having on the game at its lowest levels; whilst the famous Wembley turf was at that time in its worst ever condition. Interestingly, although many people blamed this on the fact that the Stadium had recently staged the "Horse of the Year Show" the groundsman was convinced that the drainage system was at fault and needed replacing. Eventually, this was indeed done and nowadays, of course, the grass is again back to its best. Swindon played the game of their lives that day as goals by Roger Smart and Don Rogers (2), against one by Bobby Gould gave them a fully deserved 3-1 extra time victory over an Arsenal team containing names like Wilson, Storey, McNab, McLintock, Radford, Armstrong and Graham, who two years later were to form the nucleus of the side which won the League Championship and FA Cup double. 1969, however, was the year

of Swindon's own 'double' since, besides their Wembley triumph they also won promotion from Division Three. Town fans will recall with pride the heroic efforts that day of their team which read:- *Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble*, man of the match *Rogers* and substitute *Penman*, as they produced one of the greatest upsets Wembley has ever seen.

The programme from the remarkable match is not that difficult to obtain today and can normally be found on dealers' lists for only about £1.50.

Oxford United v Queens Park Rangers - Sunday, 20th April, 1986

During the 1970s and early 1980s the size of League Cup Final programmes gradually increased, the Football League was discontinued, and in 1986 when Oxford United made their Wembley debut, the first brochure style programme (measuring an unwieldy 8½" x 11¼") was produced by the Stadium authorities.

Priced at £1 it represented a rise of 20p on the 1985 Final at a time when most League issues cost about 50p or 60p - a similar ratio to 1969 prices.

The cover, however, is fairly uninspiring being predominantly white with some hazy artist's drawings of unrelated football action and the match details displayed in large blue and black letters.

Once inside, although the presentation is very attractive with full glossy colour throughout, it is disappointing to note that adverts account for about half of its twenty four pages.

The reading material, whilst well constructed, comprises the usual range and layout of articles found in most 1980's Wembley programmes, mainly by professional writers such as Colin Benson, Albert Sewell and Jack Rollin. The usual "Timetable of Events" is on page three and is followed by a piece about the Lord's Taverners who played a six-a-side charity game before the main match. Colin Benson then previews the Final itself before the emphasis switches to the two competing clubs with the histories of both Oxford and QPR; an article on the two Managers - United's Maurice Evans and former boss Jim Smith, then in charge of Rangers; pen pictures of the players plus additional one page spotlights on Oxford's John Aldridge and QPR's Michael Robinson; team photographs; lists of various club records and statistics taken from the Rothman's Yearbook; a further page of facts and figures for each club; and details of how United and Rangers reached the Final.

Further statistics are provided by a list of the previous League Cup Final results and a chart showing all the 1985/86 matches in the competition from the Second Round onwards.

As 1986 was the last year in which the competition would be sponsored by the National Dairy Council there is an article featuring some of the tournament highlights since 1982 when it first became known as the "Milk Cup". This is followed by a piece on the Dairy Council's support for other sports.

Finally, the team line-ups appear in the centre pages and, of course, the QPR side, containing players such as Alan McDonald, Wayne Fereday, Terry Fenwick, Robbie James, Gary Bannister and John Byrne, started as clear favourites. However, goals by Hebbard, Houghton and Charles without reply gave those United supporters who over the years had seen their Cup hopes end prematurely against the likes of Bedford Town, Chelmsford City, Kettering Town, Nuneaton Borough and Barking, the kind of afternoon they would never have expected in their wildest dreams. 3-0 is still the largest winning margin in a League Cup Final and Oxford fans will need no reminding that the players who that day put the club's name in the record books was:- *Judge, Langan, Trewick, Phillips, Briggs, Shotton, Houghton, Aldridge, Charles, Hebbard and Brock with Thomas as substitute.*

The programme, whilst an important souvenir of an unforgettable occasion for Oxford supporters, is still a fairly common item obtainable from most dealers for little more than the original £1 cover price.

Was it really that long ago . . . ?

5 YEARS AGO:

Two minutes from time Peter Rhoades-Brown scored a valuable winning goal in our Second Division fixture at home to Grimsby. We won 1-0 and extended our unbeaten run to five games. On the same day, Manchester City, the Second Division leaders, drew 2-2 at home to bottom club Cardiff, so we were now just two points behind them with three games in hand.

Swindon, then in the Fourth Division, lost 2-6 at Scunthorpe. Leigh Barnard and Peter Coyne (pen) scored their goals.



PETER RHOADES-BROWN gets in a shot against Grimsby five years ago.

10 YEARS AGO:

Two second half goals condemned us to a 0-2 defeat in our Third Division game at Reading. Richie Bowman (pen) and Jerry Williams were the scorers. It was our second defeat on the trot.

Swindon, also in the Second Division, lost 1-2 at Chesterfield.

15 YEARS AGO:

John Shuker, our penalty taker, converted one that gave us a 2-1 victory over Bolton at The Manor Ground. More importantly, it ended a sequence of six Second Division games without a win. Derek Clarke had opened the scoring.

Swindon drew 0-0 in a Third Division game at Peterborough.

20 YEARS AGO:

Leicester inflicted only our third home defeat of the season. We lost 0-1. The other losses were both in August – 17 games ago.

Swindon improved their chances of winning promotion to the First Division with a 1-0 home win over Watford. John Trollope scored.

25 YEARS AGO:

John Fahy scored a hat-trick as we beat Fourth Division promotion rivals Bradford Park Avenue 3-0 at The Manor Ground. The victory lifted us to fifth in the table, only one place and two points behind Blackpool. Four would go up.

Swindon drew 1-1 in a Second Division match at Bolton. Dennis Brown scored for Swindon, a young Francis Lee – from the penalty spot – for Bolton.

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UNITED'S CLUB/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

With Malcolm Elias – United's Youth, School & Community Officer

I hope that if you were at the Leicester City game on Wednesday that you enjoyed the PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT provided by the MID-OXON UNDER II SQUAD. They certainly enjoyed their evening with us at The Manor.

Next Monday at BLACKBIRD LEYS LEISURE CENTRE sees the QUARTER FINAL stages of the UNIPART/UNITED UNDER II 6-a-side COMPETITION with ST SWITHUNS (KENNINGTON), WINDMILL (HEADINGTON), CROWMARSH (WALLINGFORD), ST JOSEPH'S (THAME), WEST KIDLINGTON, EDITH MOORHOUSE (CARTERTON), MILLBROOK (WANTAGE) and BISHOP LOVEDAY (BANBURY) competing for the four semi-final places. To date in the FOUR PRELIMINARY ROUNDS over 600 Oxfordshire pupils have taken part for 65 schools playing over 200 games of indoor football. All the games have been refereed by players from the Club. The quarter-finals will be on a League basis with all eight schools playing each other, hence 7 games per school. The top four will perform on The Manor before the Brighton League game on WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

LETTERS continue to arrive daily as a result of our work with schools. Two recent examples are:

Headmaster:
P. LE JEUNE

Greenmere County Primary School
Mereland Road
Didcot

16th March 1990

Dear Mr Elias,

On behalf of the team from Greenmere who attended the 'sixes' competition, I am writing to say thank you for all your effort in creating an enjoyable afternoon. It was without doubt the most enjoyable group of matches the team has had, we look forward to next year.

Yours sincerely,
G. Hind.

Headteacher:
MRS S. GATEHOUSE

King's Meadow C.P. School
Bicester

Dear Malcolm,

Just a brief word to thank you and your colleagues for the splendid afternoon's 6-a-side tournament you organised for us yesterday. The children really enjoyed themselves and thought the sports centre was fabulous. Many thanks for all your help in the last few weeks. We really are very grateful.

With best wishes,

Eugene Symonds,
(Deputy Head).

GARRY SMART was a busy man last Sunday when he was goalkeeper at the SPONSORED PENALTY COMPETITION for the SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS at SONNING COMMON. The youngsters were sponsored per goal and I am assured by master in charge STEVE EDWARDS that Garry's performance boosted their funds. Enough said! Thanks Garry from all connected with South Oxon's squad.



DAVID PENNEY and **STEVE McCLAREN** demonstrate heading to pupils from ST MARY'S SCHOOL, BICESTER, on a recent visit to watch the First Team train at the Brasenose training ground.



TODAY'S SCHOOL guests are from: WANTAGE UPPER, WANTAGE C of E JUNIOR, DRAYTON, BAYSWATER, CALDECOTT, RUSH COMMON, ST ANDREW'S CHINNOR and MILL LANE.

I hope you enjoy today's game.

OXFORD JUNIORS

By Roy Grant, Juniors Co-Ordinator

Last weekend saw the last of the Juniors' matches for this season when we travelled to Portsmouth to take on their Junior Blues. We had three matches - Under 14, Under 12 and an Under 10 game on the Fratton Park pitch prior to the First Team game. All the matches were won 10-1 (Under 14s), 4-1 (Under 12s) and 1-0 (Under 10s).

The previous week had seen us play two matches against Leeds, both of which were won.

At Portsmouth the goals in our win were scored as follows: Under 14s: Kevin Warman 2, Andrew Maze 2, Robert Lucibello, Paul Morgan, Jamie Molloy, David Heritage, Martin Woodhead and Andrew McKinney. Under 12s: Stuart Molloy 2, Chris Hope and Stephen Cook. The Under 10s winner was scored by Ian Moore, some pictures from this game will be featured in the West Ham programme.

My thanks must go to Bob Wylie, Steve Greenough, Martin Waine, Dave Greenough and Alan Deadman for their help in these last two sets of matches. Congratulations too, to Martin Waine on the birth of his son Dale, he has been registered as our youngest Oxford United Junior. Benjamin Wright was also registered within a day or so of being born.

As well as giving thanks to the helpers I would like to thank all the boys who have participated in Juniors matches this season, particularly away from home. You have been great and have been great ambassadors for the Club and I look forward to travelling with you all again next season.

The last Juniors evening at Peers School was again well supported and thanks must go to Malcolm Elias, Peter Rhoades-Brown and YTS players Richard McLewan and Chris Allen, who gave up their time to help. Obviously with the First Team playing at Ipswich that night we could not have any other First Teamers.

I am sure that all Oxford Juniors were saddened to hear of Juniors' President, Peter Rhoades-Brown's retirement from professional football due to injury. I am sure that Rosie will still be around for quite a while yet though.

The next Juniors event is next week when we are taking a coach to Wembley for the England v Brazil game - more on that next programme.


Juniors with birthdays since the Leeds programme are Daniel Farmer (age 8), Joseph Nicholls (10), Richard Pallant (11), Steven Sinclair (9), Christopher Wall (9), Spencer Warr (11) and Benjamin Whitrod (9).

Swindon Town's Mascot this afternoon is seven year old Anthony Reeves of Haddenham, Bucks. His favourite player is Duncan Shearer.

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This afternoon's mascot, selected from the Oxford United Juniors is Spencer Warr from Bicester. His favourite player is Paul Simpson. Spencer plays for Launton Boys and hopes one day to play for England Schoolboys. Spencer was 11 years old last Saturday.



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PLAYER FOCUS

PAUL KEE

Name: Paul Victor Kee.

Age: 20 (date of birth 8.11.69).

Height: 6ft. 4ins.

Weight: 12st. 12lbs.

Previous Clubs: Ards (Northern Ireland).

Joined Oxford: June 1988.

Born in Belfast in 1969, Paul Kee is a goalkeeper signed for £15,000 from Ards in Northern Ireland. After signing in the Summer of 1988 Paul bided his time in our reserve side and made a First Team breakthrough following an injury to Alan Judge – making his debut at Middlesbrough in November 1989. He has been a regular ever since keeping five clean sheets (including four in a row). Paul's transfer fee has risen by a further £10,000 after making a number of First Team appearances. His form has not gone unnoticed by Northern Ireland Manager Billy Bingham, who has already called Paul up for Under 23 duties and perhaps a full international cap is not far off!

Appearances	League		League Cup		FA Cup		TOTAL	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Oxford United	17	-	-	-	2	-	19	-
TOTAL (up to 21.3.90)	17	-	-	-	2	-	19	-

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TURN ON TO RADIO OXFORD

By Nick Harris, Sports Producer

Two weeks can seem like a couple of months for fans of Oxford United. A fortnight ago those play-off positions still looked a real possibility. Sadly I even caught myself having a sly glance at the other end of the table over Sunday breakfast after a disastrous couple of weeks that has seen United lose three out of four games and sell Jimmy Phillips to Middlesbrough, in a move that caught us all by surprise.

The only way for United to dispell memories of the recent defeats is by achieving a result over old rivals Swindon – they don't do very often. Recent humiliations at the hands of the old enemy are still firmly etched in the minds of all United fans and nothing short of victory this afternoon will suffice if they are to be erased. I've only seen Swindon live once this season and that was in their very impressive defeat of United at The County Ground. However, their goals and excellent approach play have frequently been shown on Central South. They remind me very much of the United side that dominated the Second Division in the 84/85 season. Everybody wants the ball and goals come from all directions. They are a very formidable outfit and congratulations to Ossie Ardiles for bringing such quality football to this part of the world, especially surrounded by the problems off the field at the County Ground.

Enough of the commercial because we all know what United are capable of doing. They will have to show the same determination and skill that saw off Middlesbrough and Sheffield United and destroyed Leeds in the first half if

they are going to at last send Swindon packing. It's an important game for both sides and is sure to have a competitive edge. The result is vital for Swindon if they are to continue their promotion push and erase the memory of that shock home defeat by Hull last Saturday. For United, it's a real chance to show the fans they really mean business.

It promises to be a cracking game which yours truly will miss. I could not believe it when the list of World Championship grand prix motorcycle events was published in the Autumn to find that the Swindon game clashed with the opening grand prix of the year in Japan.

While you are sampling the delights of The Manor catering I will be chewing on some raw fish in Suzuka worrying how United are getting on with a nine hour time difference I will find out the result at two o'clock on Sunday morning. Don't worry I'll still be up.

Finally a couple of thank you's for two popular left footed players. We were all saddened by the news of Peter Rhoades-Brown's enforced retirement. Rosie was a perfect player for a radio reporter because he was always available for interviews and his wit and enthusiasm will be a great loss to everybody. Good luck also to Jimmy Phillips, who in a quieter way was very much the same. Always willing to talk after win or defeat.

Those phone lines between Oxford and Japan will be buzzing tonight. A win for United will ensure another glass of Saki.

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Reserves

1989	Res.	Att.
Aug. 22 (Tu)	Charlton Athletic	A 3-3
Sept. 5 (Tu)	Swindon Town	A 4-0 165
9 (S)	Watford	A 2-3 459
11 (M)	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H 2-0 298
20 (W)	READING	H 4-1 327
26 (Tu)	Millwall	A 0-2 55
Oct. 4 (W)	FULHAM	H 4-0 442
7 (S)	Wimbledon	A 3-5 200
10 (Tu)	Portsmouth	A 0-0 369
18 (W)	SOUTHAMPTON	H 1-0 308
25 (W)	NORWICH CITY	H 0-1 492
Nov. 8 (W)	Crystal Palace	A 3-1
15 (W)	WIMBLEDON	H 3-2 371
22 (W)	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 0-2 829
24 (F)	Norwich City	A 1-3 787
29 (W)	Fulham	A 0-1
Dec. 11 (M)	WEST HAM UNITED	H 3-0 387
13 (W)	Ipswich Town	A 3-5 213
27 (W)	PORTSMOUTH	H 2-1 319
1990		
Jan. 3 (W)	ARSENAL	H 1-1 859
10 (W)	LUTON TOWN	H 3-0 420
17 (W)	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-1 206
31 (W)	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H 3-1 270
Feb. 10 (S)	Southampton	A 0-0 309
14 (W)	SWINDON TOWN	H 3-0 454
17 (S)	Luton Town	A 0-3
21 (W)	CHELSEA	H 2-2 627
24 (S)	Arsenal	A 0-3
28 (W)	Reading	A 2-2
Mar. 14 (W)	WATFORD	H 6-1 397
26 (M)	Banbury United (OSC)	A
28 (W)	MILLWALL	A
Apr. 2 (M)	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
7 (S)	Tottenham Hotspur	A
11 (W)	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
21 (S)	West Ham United	A
24 (Tu)	Chelsea	A
May 2 (W)	IPSWICH TOWN	H
TBA	Queens Park Rangers	A

Youth

1989		
Aug. 12 (S)	Colchester United	A 1-1
19 (S)	Bristol Rovers	A 3-2
21 (M)	Wimbledon	A 2-1
26 (S)	SWINDON TOWN	H 3-0
Sept. 5 (Tu)	Bicester Town (FAYC Prelim)*	A 5-0
9 (S)	Aldershot (LC1R)	A 2-2
12 (Tu)	Southampton (SJFC)	A 3-0
16 (S)	ALDERSHOT (LC1 Replay)	H 5-0
23 (S)	SOUTHAMPTON	H 3-0
27 (W)	WITNEY TOWN (FAYC)	H 4-1
30 (S)	READING	H 2-1
Oct. 7 (S)	WIMBLEDON	H 0-4
11 (W)	THATCHAM (FAYC)	H 7-2
14 (S)	ALDERSHOT	H 6-0
21 (S)	Arsenal (LC2)	A 1-1
23 (M)	GILLINGHAM (SJFC2)	H 2-1
28 (S)	ARSENAL (LC2R)	H 3-4
Nov. 4 (S)	CARDIFF CITY (FAYC1)	H 4-0
11 (S)	Northampton Town	A 2-1
18 (S)	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 4-2
25 (S)	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H 3-3
Dec. 2 (S)	Tottenham Hotspur	A 2-0
4 (M)	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (FAYC2)	H 4-0
22 (F)	WATFORD (SJFC3)	H 2-3
1990		
Jan. 6 (S)	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3-0
8 (M)	ARSENAL (FAYC3)	H 1-5
13 (S)	Swindon Town	A 5-0
20 (S)	BRISTOL CITY	H 5-1
27 (S)	Southampton	A 0-1
Feb. 10 (S)	Reading	A 1-2
17 (S)	BRENTFORD	H 3-0
20 (T)	BOURNEMOUTH	H 4-2
Mar. 10 (S)	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 3-2
24 (S)	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H
31 (S)	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Apr. 7 (S)	Luton Town	A
14 (S)	Bournemouth	A
18 (W)	Aldershot	A
21 (S)	Bristol City	A
28 (S)	Crystal Palace	A
May 5 (S)	LUTON TOWN	H
12 (S)	Brentford	A
26 (S)	CRYSTAL PALACE	H

* played at Oxford United

It occasionally happens, (not too often I hope!!) that between two match programmes we have no Reserve or Youth Team games to report on. This week, however, is one of those occasions, as this week's Reserve game at Queens Park Rangers has been postponed due to Rangers having a rearranged First Team match that night.

We are pleased to report that four of our second year YTS trainees have been offered one year professional contracts they are **DARREN JACKSON**, **GRAHAM WATERS**, **PAUL EVANS** and **JONATHAN MUTTOCK**.



Darren, from Bristol, is a defender who has been playing centre back in the youth side and at left back in the Reserves.



Graham is from St Austell in Cornwall. He is a midfielder player who also plays at left back and on the left wing.



Paul is from Reading and is a right back. He is the son of General Manager, Maurice Evans.



Jon is a local lad from Eynsham, who has been playing at centre half.

All of these youngsters have been playing at regular intervals in the Reserve Side and we wish them all the luck in the future.

Next week is a busy week for the Reserve Team; on Monday they are at Banbury United for the Oxfordshire Senior Cup Fourth Round Tie with Banbury and on Wednesday we entertain Millwall who for a long time led the Combination Table.

Oxfordshire Senior Cup Fourth Round
Monday 26th March Kick off 7.30 pm
BANBURY UNITED v OXFORD UNITED

Ovenden Papers Combination
Wednesday 28th March Kick off 7.30 pm
MILLWALL v OXFORD UNITED

Youth Appearances

Name	Apps	(Sub)	Goals
Chris Allen	32	(1)	13
Richard Eldridge	31		
Jonathan Muttock	30		1
Paul Harwood	30		
Matthew Keeble	28	(2)	16
Graham Waters	27		7
Stuart Fisher	26	(1)	1
Paul Evans	26		
Paul Byrne	25		11
Paul Wanless	22	(2)	8
Darren Jackson	22		4
Dean Goodliff	18	(2)	15
Michael Maciak	12	(13)	5
Shane Aris	12	(8)	9
Richard McLean	10	(11)	1
Andrew Wallbridge	4		
Tristan Didcock	3	(5)	1
Mark Druce	2	(8)	1
Robert Wild	2		
Leighton Kelly	1		
Own Goals			5

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

SEASON 1989-90
Table to 19.3.90

	Goals					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	
Tottenham Hotspur	31	22	3	6	77 35	69
Arsenal	30	21	4	5	70 45	67
Millwall	34	19	9	6	54 32	66
Norwich City	29	17	4	8	55 30	55
Chelsea	29	16	5	8	62 39	53
Wimbledon	31	14	8	9	53 39	50
OXFORD UNITED	30	13	7	10	59 44	46
Swindon Town	32	14	3	15	53 58	45
Brighton & H.A.	31	13	5	13	45 56	44
West Ham United	29	12	6	11	62 50	42
Luton Town	29	10	8	11	53 47	38
Portsmouth	27	8	11	8	29 37	35
Ipswich Town	30	10	4	16	49 57	34
Queens Park Rangers	26	9	4	13	42 59	31
Crystal Palace	27	8	6	13	38 39	30
Charlton Athletic	27	7	5	15	39 52	26
Watford	28	6	8	14	48 67	26
Reading	29	6	7	16	45 77	25
Southampton	30	4	10	16	29 52	22
Fulham	29	4	5	20	20 67	17

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

SEASON 1989-90
Table to 23.3.90

	Goals					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	
Crystal Palace	23	18	4	1	54 17	40
OXFORD UNITED	20	15	2	3	55 23	32
Southampton	25	12	7	6	37 29	31
Colchester United	27	14	2	11	46 39	30
Wimbledon	24	11	5	8	48 24	27
Northampton Town	24	11	5	8	41 31	27
Reading	25	11	4	10	39 29	26
Brighton & H.A.	23	11	3	9	39 32	25
Bristol City	25	10	3	12	34 34	23
Bournemouth	26	8	6	12	42 42	22
Luton Town	22	6	9	7	28 39	21
Bristol Rovers	25	9	3	13	40 52	21
Brentford	25	7	6	12	37 42	20
Tottenham Hotspur	28	9	2	17	37 56	20
Swindon Town	25	8	3	14	31 50	19
Aldershot	25	3	2	20	23 92	8



STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	Att'd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug. 19	Plymouth Argyle	A	0-2	8,509	Hucker	Bardsley	Phillips J.	Phillips L.	Foster	Greenall	Penney	Mustoe	Foye	Durnin	Simpson	Ford (8)	Smart (7)
23	Fulham (L.C.C. 1st Round, 1st Leg)	A	1-0	3,376	Hucker	Bardsley	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Penney	Ford	Foye 1	Durnin	Simpson	Evans	Mustoe
26	Watford	H	1-1	5,670	Hucker	Bardsley	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Penney	McClaren	Foye	Durnin 1	Simpson	Heath	Ford
30	Fulham (L.C.C. 1st Round, 2nd Leg)	H	3-5	3,896	Hucker	Bardsley	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Penney	McClaren	Foye	Durnin 1	Simpson 2	Heath	Ford(5)
Sept. 2	Blackburn Rovers	A	2-2	7,578*	Hucker	Bardsley	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney	Phillips L.	Foye 1	Durnin	Simpson	Evans	Mustoe
9	Bradford City	H	2-1	4,027	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney	McClaren	Foye	Durnin	Simpson 1	Heath	Mustoe (8)
13	Newcastle United	H	2-1	7,304*	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney	Mustoe 1	Foye	Durnin	Simpson	Heath	Ford
16	West Bromwich Albion	A	2-3	9,628	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney	Mustoe	Foye 1	Durnin 1	Simpson	Stein (11)	Ford (7)
23	Ipswich Town	H	2-2	5,255	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney 1	Mustoe	Foye	Durnin 1	Simpson	Stein (10)	Ford (8)
27	Leeds United	A	1-2	24,097	Judge	McClaren	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Penney	Mustoe	Foye	Durnin	Simpson	Stein (7)	Ford
30	AFC Bournemouth	H	1-2	5,325	Hucker	McClaren	Phillips J.	Lewis	Greenall	Slatter	Stein 1	Mustoe	Foye	Durnin	Simpson	Penney (10)	Ford (2)
Oct. 7	Portsmouth	H	2-1	5,197	Hucker	Smart	Phillips J. 1	Lewis	Evans	Slatter	Penney	Mustoe	Foye	Stein	Simpson	Durnin (9)	Ford
14	Leicester City	A	0-0	8,199	Hucker	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Evans	Slatter	Penney	Mustoe	Greenall	Stein	Simpson	Durnin	Ford
17	Swindon Town	A	0-3	10,741	Hucker	Slatter	Phillips J.	Lewis	Evans	Greenall	Penney	Mustoe	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Heath (7)	Ford
21	Barnsley	H	2-3	3,865	Hucker	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Evans	McClaren	Heath	Mustoe	Durnin 1	Stein 1	Ford	Simpson	Byrne (6)
28	West Ham United	A	2-3	19,177	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Mustoe 1	Ford	Durnin	Stein 1	Heath	Simpson (11)	McClaren
Nov. 1	Stoke City	H	3-0	4,378	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster 1	Greenall	Mustoe 1	Ford	Durnin 1	Stein	Heath	Simpson (9)	McClaren (3)
4	Port Vale	A	2-1	6,994	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Mustoe	Ford 1	Durnin 1	Stein	Heath	Simpson	McClaren
8	Leiston Town (Zenith Cup 1)	H	2-3	1,754(art)	Judge	Smart	Phillips J. 1	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Mustoe	Ford	Durnin 1	Stein	Heath	Simpson	McClaren (8)
11	Oldham Athletic	H	0-1	4,491	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Greenall	Mustoe	Ford	Durnin	Stein	Heath	Simpson (11)	Penney (8)
18	Hull City	H	0-0	4,030	Judge	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Mustoe	McClaren	Nogan	Stein	Beauchamp	Ford (1)	Penney (4)
25	Middlesbrough	A	0-1	15,756	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Mustoe	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Nogan	Penney	Beauchamp (11)
Dec. 2	Plymouth Argyle	H	3-2	4,404	Kee	Smart	Phillips J. 1	Lewis	Foster	Evans 1	Mustoe	McClaren	Penney	Stein	Beauchamp	Durnin (7)	Simpson (11) 1
9	Newcastle United	A	3-2	16,685	Kee	Smart	Phillips J. 1	Lewis	Foster	Evans 1	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Simpson 1	Mustoe	Byrne
16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2-2	7,825	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Heath	Mustoe 1	Durnin	Stein 1	Simpson	Nogan	Beauchamp
26	Sunderland	A	0-1	24,075	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	Mustoe	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	McClaren (8)	Ford (9)
30	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-0	7,728	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein 1	Simpson	Penney	Byrne
Jan. 1	Sheffield United	H	3-0	7,883	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein 1	Simpson 2	Penney	Ford
6	Plymouth Argyle (FAC3)	A	1-0	7,384	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Simpson 1	Penney	Ford
13	Watford	A	1-0	10,040	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis 1	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Penney	Ford
20	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1	5,992	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Penney (9)	Ford
27	Southampton (FAC4)	A	0-1	19,802	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	McClaren	Penney	Stein	Simpson	Nogan (7)	Ford
Feb. 10	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-1	6,750	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Heath	McClaren	Penney	Stein	Simpson	Nogan (9)	Mustoe (8)
17	Bradford City	A	2-1	7,389	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe 1	McClaren	Durnin	Stein 1	Simpson	Heath	Penney
24	Middlesbrough	H	3-1	7,889	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe	McClaren	Durnin 2	Stein	Simpson 1	Heath	Penney
Mar. 3	Hull City	A	0-1	4,503	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe	McClaren	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Heath (8)	Penney (11)
6	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-0	6,319	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe	Penney	Durnin 1	Stein	Simpson	Heath	Nogan
10	Leeds United	H	2-4	8,397	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe	Penney	Durnin 1	Stein	Simpson 1	Heath (8)	Nogan
13	Ipswich Town	A	0-1	10,380	Kee	Smart	Phillips J.	Lewis	Foster	Ford	Mustoe	Penney	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Heath	Evans
17	Portsmouth	A	1-2	6,749	Kee	Smart	Evans	Lewis	Foster 1	Ford	Mustoe	Penney	Durnin	Stein	Simpson	Heath (8)	Nogan
21	Leicester City	H	4-2	5,744*	Kee	Smart	Ford	Lewis	Foster	Evans	Heath	Mustoe 1	Durnin 1	Stein 1	Simpson	Penney (8)	Byrne
24	Swindon Town	H															
31	Barnsley	A															
Apr. 7	West Ham United	A															
10	Stoke City	A															
14	Sheffield United	A															
16	Sunderland	H															
21	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A															
25	Brighton & Hove Albion	H															
May 2	Oldham Athletic	A															
5	Port Vale	H															
12	F.A. Cup Final																

* = own goal, number alongside substitute indicates player replaced, scorer in bold type

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

APPEARANCES				GOALS			
Barclays League	L.C. Cup	F.A. Cup	Zenith Cup	Barclays League	L.C. Cup	F.A. Cup	Zenith Cup
3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31+2	2	1	1	12	1	-	1
15	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
15+6	1+1	-	1	1	-	-	-
25	2	2	1	2	-	-	-
10	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
15	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
14+4	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
18	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
35	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
17+2	1	2	+1	-	-	-	-
27+2	-	-	1	7	-	-	-
2+1	-	+1	-	-	-	-	-
17+6	2	1	-	2	-	-	-
34	2	2	1	3	-	-	1
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28+4	2	2	-	7	2	1	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30+1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
28+3	-	2	1	8	-	-	-
				Own Goals	3		

RESERVE TEAM STATISTICS

APPS (SUB) GOALS				APPS (SUB) GOALS			
Matthew McDonnell	28	2	14	Graham Waters	13	7	1
Joey Beauchamp	26	17	17	Peter Rhoades-Brown	12		
Paul Byrne	24	1	2	Alan Judge	12		
Mark Hewitson	24	4	4	Jon Muttock	11	5	1
Paul Evans	19	5	4	David Penney	11		1
Lee Nogan	18		6	Paul Kee	9		
Neil Slatter	17		2	Ceri Evans	6		
Darren Jackson	16	1	2	Robbie Mustoe	6		1
Mike Ford	15		2	Richard Eldridge	5		
Phillip Heath	15		5	Les Phillips	5		
Colin Greenall	14			Own goals			2

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	Up to and including 21.3.90														Top Scorers
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Leeds United	36	13	5	0	36	14	7	5	6	28	27	70	Strachan 15, Davison 10		
Sheffield United	34	10	5	2	29	17	7	7	3	25	22	63	Deane 16, Bryson & Agana 8		
Swindon Town	36	10	4	4	42	24	7	5	6	24	24	60	Shearer 24, White 21		
Newcastle United	35	12	3	2	39	23	3	9	6	24	21	57	Quinn 30, McGhee 19		
Blackburn Rovers	35	7	4	36	28	7	7	3	27	21	56	Garner 17, Sellars & Kennedy 13			
Wolverhampton	36	9	5	4	29	18	6	6	6	27	29	56	Bull 23, Much 10		
Oldham Athletic	33	11	6	0	36	16	3	6	7	15	21	54	Ritchie 26, Palmer 14		
Ipswich Town	35	10	7	1	31	17	4	4	9	18	32	53	Milton 8, three with 7		
West Ham United	35	10	4	4	35	18	4	6	7	20	24	52	Dicks 12, Slater 11		
Sunderland	35	8	7	3	31	22	5	6	6	21	29	52	Gabbadini 21, Armstrong & Gates 9		
Port Vale	36	9	8	1	29	14	3	5	10	17	28	49	Beckford & Cross 13		
OXFORD UNITED	36	8	5	5	33	25	6	2	10	18	25	49	Durnin 14, Simpson 10		
Watford	36	9	3	6	29	20	3	7	8	15					

TEAM CHECK

OXFORD UNITED <i>Colours: Yellow Shirts, Navy Shorts, Yellow Socks</i>		SWINDON TOWN <i>Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts</i>	
PAUL KEE	1	FRASER DIGBY	
GARY SMART	2	DAVID KERSLAKE	
MIKE FORD	3	PAUL BODIN	
MICKY LEWIS	4	ALAN McLOUGHLIN	
STEVE FOSTER	5	COLIN CALDERWOOD	
CERI EVANS	6	JON GITTENS	
PHIL HEATH	7	TOM JONES	
ROBBIE MUSTOE	8	DUNCAN SHEARER	
JOHN DURNIN	9	STEVE WHITE	
MARK STEIN	10	ROSS MACLAREN	
PAUL SIMPSON	11	FITZROY SIMPSON	
	12	DAVID HOCKADAY	
	14	SHAUN CLOSE	

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