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elcome to the Manor for our eagerly anticipated "derby" with Swindon. Although I can not help thinking perhaps we should have been off to Sheffield today? This fixture has tended to go with home advantage in recent seasons and I am quite happy for this trend to continue this afternoon.

A lot has been said in the media about the home game with Chelsea. Nothing can change the fact that the record books will show that the game ended 1-1. Little things help to lessen the pain... In the Radio 5 Sportscall quiz last Saturday, Shelly Webb, asked the following question. 'Which 'C' is still in the FA Cup but shouldn't be?' Both of the contestants were straight in there with the correct

answer, bless 'em.

The spotlight has been on us for the last few games and we have been fairly overwhelmed by good luck messages from all over the country, for both the Chelsea games and our financial position. We hope that events are taking a turn for the better both on and off the field. We all hope that Mr Kassam gets the assurances he needs from the City Council to proceed with his investment in the Club. This season has shown that although cash has been difficult to find, there is no shortage of pride in Oxford United Football Club. We believe that this Club in a new stadium can be a success and let's hope that everyone can work together to make the dream a reality.

One thing that our current difficulties have done is to put into perspective the great works that the Club does in the wider community and the appreciation of this by even nonfans. Oxford United must be seen as an indispensable part of the local scene and treated accordingly. The Supporters, Players and Staff have shown their dedication and it is time to once again start moving forward. What better way to start than three points at home today!

Come on You Yellows!

Ian Davies

#### STORY



et behind the lads in today's crucial **Nationwide** League fixture.

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history and when Quinn "came home" last year, he was Frank Talia - Goalkeeper - This Australian goalkeeper has been the club's regular No. 1 this season following the departure of Fraser Digby to Crystal Palace in the summer. Frank first arrived in England from Down Under when he left Australian League side Sunshine GC to sign for Kenny Dalglish at Blackburn Rovers. However Talia was never given a chance at Ewood Park as the form of the experienced Bobby Mimms and then England international Tim Flowers

he is a good shot stopper with over 50 appearances for the Robins,

David Kerslake -Defender - David re-signed for Swindon Town, for the second time in his career last season, but has only recently begun to add to the ten appearances he made last term as he battled back from a number of niggling injuries. The right-back's career began at QPR and

he played 58 games at Loftus Road before signing for Swindon Town and beginning his first spell at the County Ground. Kerslake's form made him hugely popular with the Town supporters and following 135 appearances, he was signed by caretaker England Coach Howard Wilkinson at Leeds United where his career went slightly stale and he played just eight times. A spell at Tottenham Hotspur, and then a loan spell back at Swindon Town followed for David before he left White Hart Lane permanently to join Ipswich Town, and later, Wycombe Wanderers on loan. His return to the side before Christmas was a boost for Jimmy Quinn as Kerslake's experience makes

him a vital part of the manager's squad.

Gareth Hall - Defender - Capped nine times at International level for Wales, Gareth Hall arrived at the County Ground on a free transfer this summer from Sunderland, as former boss Steve McMahon looked to bolster his defence. Despite representing the Welsh, Gareth was born in Croydon and served his apprenticeship with Chelsea playing a total of 138 games for the Stamford Bridge club. Having fallen out of favour with Chelsea, Gareth made the first move of his career when he signed for Sunderland and when he was released from his contract in the summer, had managed 48 appearances at Roker Park and then the Sunderland Stadium of Light. Gareth is a solid and dependable player who can operate as a left-back, or on the left of a back three and has had a consistent, first campaign with Swindon, thus far.

Craig Taylor - Defender - Craig began his career with Exeter City but was playing non-league football with Dorchester Town when Swindon Town picked him up for a nominal fee. Craig's brother is the former Swindon Town skipper Shaun and as the younger of the two brothers, Craig has had to work extremely hard of late to win himself back a place in manager Jimmy Quinn's side. Indeed, Craig has been loaned out to Plymouth Argyle (ironically, his hometown club) earlier on in the season, and it seemed likely he may make a permanent move but since his return to the County Ground his form has been consistently good.

Alan Reeves - Defender - Alan is a strong tackling central defender who arrived at the County Ground from Wimbledon last summer on a free transfer. He began his career with Norwich City but quit his first professional club without making a single appearance for them to sign for Chester City, sandwiched in between this move, Alan played 18 games whilst on loan with Gillingham. Reeves made 40 appearances for Chester but was on the move again when he transferred to Rochdale and his career flourished. Reeves

played 121 times for Rochdale where he caught the eye of Wimbledon boss Joe Kinnear who signed the player for a fee of £300,000. He settled quickly at Selhurst Park and the fee looked a bargain. Having fallen out of Joe Kinnear's plans last term, Alan left Wimbledon having appeared 54

times and signed for Swindon Town where he has been a regular feature at the heart of the Robins' defence.

Brian Borrows - Defender -Veteran defender Brian Borrows arrived at the County Ground on a free transfer last term from Coventry City, where he had spent a large part of his career. His first professional club was Everton, born in Liverpool, Brian went on to make some 27 appearances at Goodison Park and when he left the club, he stayed in the north and signed for Bolton Wanderers: Bolton would prove to be his last club before he joined Coventry, and at Highfield Road Borrows was a favourite with the club's supporters, and a hugely loyal clubman making 409 appearances for them. As his career at Highfield Road began to draw to an end. Borrows was determined to remain in football and he spent five games on loan with Bristol City before joining Swindon on a free transfer. He has played the majority

of his career as a right-back,

Iffy Onuora

but whilst at Swindon has been used in a variety of defensive roles, including sweeper where his great composure on the ball make him a fine influence on those around him.

Sol Davis - Defender/Wing-Back - Sol was born in Cheltenham and the youngster was first given his chance in the Swindon Town line-up by former manager Steve McMahon as he played six games in the back end of last season. This season, and under the guidance of Jimmy Quinn, the youngster has blossomed into a fine prospect and given a regular run in the first team has benefited from the faith shown in him by the manager, and from the experienced players around him. He is a versatile young player who can fill most defensive roles, but in recent weeks, Sol has been used as a wing-back, where his natural ball skills make him good in possession and he is also strong in defensive positions. Manager Quinn will be hoping Davis continues to learn his trade and he will only improve with the more matches that he plays in the first team.

that he plays in the first team. Mark Walters - Midfield - Mark's enigmatic skills and natural ability make him one of the most dangerous wingers in the Division and his experience of playing from some of Britain's top clubs, makes him a tremendous asset, as he can pass on this experience to the younger players, such as Davis and Hulbert. Mark's career began with Aston Villa, having served his apprenticeship with the club, Mark went on to make 181 appearances at Villa Park, scoring 39 times for them. Walters then moved north of the border to sign for Glasgow giants, Rangers where he played 106 times and again, was a regular goalscorer. When Rangers boss Graeme Souness moved back down south to become manager of Liverpool, Walters followed him, but he was often in and out of the Liverpool side and after Souness left the club Mark struggled to get into new manager Roy Evans' plans. He had loan spells with Stoke City and Wolverhampton Wanderers, followed by a short time at Southampton before his arrival at the County Ground. He has an impressive goalscoring record for the club especially dangerous from free kicks and penalties he has been in and out of the side in recent weeks, but I would not be surprised

the County Ground earlier this season.

Scott Leitch - Midfield - Powerful midfield player, Scott
Leitch joined Swindon Town from Hearts for a bargain fee of just
£15,000 two seasons ago, and the player has become a key part
of the Town engine room. Leitch began his career at
Dunfermline Athletic, playing 89 times and scoring 16 goals, he
was signed by his only other professional club Heart of
Midlothian, where he played 55 times. Standing at 5'10" Scott is
a strong tackling player, but he is also very composed when in

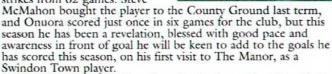
to see him to play this afternoon. He was man of the match at

possession and rarely wastes the ball. He is another player whose experience complements the youth that Quinn wants to inject in the Swindon Town side and he has captained Swindon on occasions this season.

Darren Bullock

Midfield -Darren was playing non-league football with Nuneaton Borough before his professional career began and he was picked up by his first, and only other football league club, Huddersfield Town. This 5'9" central midfield player is never scared to go into the tackle and always gives 100% to the cause and he is very adept at filling the anchor man role, just in front of the Swindon defence. He arrived at Swindon, from Huddersfield Town, on the back of some 128 appearances for the club and at the beginning of this season he had played 44 times for Swindon Town, scoring once. Since Jimmy Quinn took charge, Bullock has played his part in the Swindon revival, however he has not been a regular in the side in recent weeks, sometimes having to play the part of substitute. If he starts this afternoon, expect a very interesting tussle to emerge in that midfield, between Darren and our own Martin Grav

Iffy Onuora - Striker - Iffy's form since joining Swindon last season from Gillingham for a fee of just over £100,000 has been nothing short of prolific, as he has established himself as one of the leading marksmen in the division. Iffy, in fact hails from Glasgow and he began his career with Huddersfield Town, scoring 30 goals in 165 appearances before signing for Mansfield Town. Iffy only managed 25 games for his second club before moving again, this time to sign for Gillingham where his goalscoring from was good - 23 strikes from 62 games. Steve

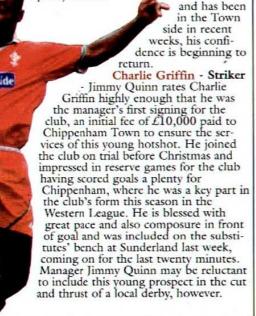


George Ndah - Striker - Born in Camberwell and standing at 6'1" George Ndah began his career with Crystal Palace where, having served his traineeship, he progressed through to first team ranks, and made 78 appearances for the club scoring just eight times. Steve McMahon signed him from Palace last term and he has also had loan spells with AFC Bournemouth and Gillingham. Last season proved slightly frustrating, following his move to The County Ground, George suffered a number of niggly injuries which limited him to 14 appearances and two goals and he has worked hard to regain his fitness. This time around he has proved a useful foil to Iffy Onuora, as well as getting goals himself he has played in wide positions where his pace and height makes him a real handful for opposition defences.

Chris Hay - Striker - Chris signed for Swindon Town from Celtic at the beginning of last season and before Christmas of 1997 his form was highly impressive as he raced to 13 goals for his new club in no time at all. Hay had played 25 times for Celtic and scored four goals also, but with the quality of strikers at Parkhead he felt a move to Swindon wise in order to further his career. The second half of last term was highly difficult for Hay, he never really recovered from injury and suspensions also robbed

proved that he is a

quality finisher



him of his match sharpness, however he has



Mark Walters

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Andy Howland (our Club historian with his brother, Roger) gives the answers to his prize quiz.

#### Prize Quiz with answers

- Who was United's Manager when we won the Milk Cup?
  - Maurice Evans
- To which club did United sell John Aldridge?
  - Liverpool
- Which club did Oxford beat 9-1 in the FA Cup?
  - Dorchester
- Which club gained promotion from Division One last season but lost at home to us in 1997/98?
  - Nottingham Forest
- Which ex-Oxford player is playing for Leicester?
  - Matt Elliott
- Which ex-Oxford player is Tranmere's Manager?
  - John Aldridge
- Which was the last non-league club to defeat us in the FA Cup? Marlow
- Who was our top scorer last season (19 League and Cup goals)? Joey Beauchamp
- Which club did we beat in a Coca Cola Cup penalty shoot-out in 1997/98?
  - Tranmere Rovers
- Which Premiership club did we beat 3-2 in 1994 in an FA Cup replay? Leeds United
- 11 With which club is Mark Stein? AFC Bournemouth
- For which club did Mark Angel last play before joining United? Sunderland
- From which club did we sign Darren 13 Purse?
  - Leyton Orient

- 14 Which loance scored a League penalty for Oxford last season? O'Neill Donaldson
- 15 Which club did we beat away last sea son with goals from Beauchamp (2) and Weatherstone?
  - Nottingham Forest
- Name either of our live televised home matches last season? Queens Park Rangers / Wolverhampton Wanderers
- Which club did we beat both home and away in League games last season?
  - West Bromwich Albion
- Which Oxford player made his League debut with Hull?
  - Dean Windass
- Which club did we beat 4-0 to clinch our last promotion ('96)? Peterborough United
- To which club did we sell Dean Saunders?
  - Derby County
- From which London club did we sign Peter Rhoades-Brown? Chelsea
- Against which club did Les Taylor captain Watford in an FA Cup Final? Everton
- With which South Coast club did United draw 5-5 in a mid-90s League match?
  - Portsmouth
- Which ex-Oxford player joined Liverpool via Southampton and Derby?
  - Mark Wright
- Which Premiership club beat Oxford in last season's FA Cup? Leeds United
  - From which club was Jim Magilton
- signed by Sheffield Wednesday? Southampton

- Which club beat Oxford 4-1 on the last day of last season?
  - Middlesbrough
- From which club did United sign Kevin Francis?
  - Birmingham City
- Which ex-Oxford player is with Sunderland?
  - Andy Melville
- Which top flight club beat us by a then record 6-0 score in 1985/96?
  - Liverpool
- From which club did Middlesbrough sign Phil Whelan?
  - Ipswich Town
- 32 Which ex-Oxford player is Middlesbrough 'regular'?
  - Robbie Mustoe
- Which player scored a record 90 League goals for Oxford (This question was wrongly worded previously. Nobody has scored 90 goals for us, so this question will be excluded) It should have read 77 (Graham Atkinson)
- How many times have we reached the FA Cup quarter final?
  - Once (1964)
- Which current Oxford player has appeared for Wales 'B'?
  - Tony Wright
- Who made League appearances for us this season and went to the same Marlow school which Steve Redgrave attended?
  - Simon Marsh
- Other than Spurs, which is the only cur rent Premiership club which we have never beaten in either League or Cup? Liverpool
- Our last away match in Division Two saw us gain a vital victory. Which team did we beat?
  - Crewe Alexandra
- Who played a record 478 League games for Oxford between 1962 and 1977? John Shuker
- Which nephew of a famous manager made League appearances for Oxford and played against Beckenbauer in a European final? Roger Hynd (nephew of Bill Shankley)

Method of making the draw will be announced in the Sunderland programme.

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#### Sunderland (H) - All Ticket

Nationwide Football League Division One Saturday 27th February 1999 - Kick off 6.00 pm

#### DUE TO THE LATER KICK OFF, THE TICKET OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 12 NOON.

Tickets for our next home match with Sunderland are on open sale. Priority Pass holders are reminded that you must exchange a Pass for a match ticket for this fixture before 5.00 pm on Friday 26th February. The Ticket Office will open at noon on the Saturday, although there will not be any tickets available for the game.

Ipswich Town (a)

Nationwide Football League Division One Saturday 20th February 1999 - Kick off 3.00 pm Pay cash on the day at Portman Road. We will be seated in the upper tier of the Cobbold Stand, with seats priced £16 adults, £11 over 65s, £6 under 16s. Wheelchair supporters must book in advance. Matchday programes cost £2.

How to get to Portman Road:

The A12 leads to a major roundabout (by Tesco's and Toys R Us) on Ipswich outskirts. Take second exit (s/p Ipswich Al214, Hadleigh Al071, Football Ground) into London Road, passing Burger King on 11.7 miles, the M42 ends at junction 4a of the M5. the LHS. Follow 'Ipswich A1214' signs for 2.4 miles, over roundabout and lights, to a major junction/lights at the bottom of hill. Go straight on (s/p Town Centre, Football Ground) and then, after a few yards at next lights, turn right (s/p Cliff Quay, Football Ground) into West End Road. The Princes Street car park is on the RHS after 0.5 miles. From here it is a five minute walk to the ground.

Queens Park Rangers (a)

Nationwide Football League Division One Wednesday 3rd March - Kick off 7.45 pm We are currently selling tickets for the lower tier, behind the goal, at Loftus Road. Priced £16 adults, £8 under 16s/over 65s. Tickets will remain on sale · until 5pm on Tuesday 2nd March; wheelchair supporters can obtain tickets from the Manor.

The lower tier holds 1,100. If we sell out, the upper tier will be opened on the night with tickets costing £14-and £7. A number of seats in the uper tier have restricted views and we are, therefore strongly advising supporters to purchase tickets in

advance from ourselves.

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How to get to Loftus Road:

Keep on M40 over the M25. Exit A40 after 14.1 miles (s/p White City A40, Harlesden A404). At Tjunction/lights turn right (s/p White City, Shepherds Bush) onto Wood Lane and under the A40. At next lights, just past the BBC's White City complex on the RHS, turn right (n/s) into South Africa Road. Ground is on LHS after 0.3 miles.

#### West Bromwich Albion (a)

Nationwide Football League Division One Saturday 6th March - Kick off 3.00 pm Pay cash on the day at the turnstiles at the Smethwick End, priced £14 adults, £7.50 under 16s/over 65s. Wheelchair supporters also pay on the day. Matchday programme costs £2.50.

How to get to The Hawthorns:

(M40) At junction 3a, the M40 ends and becomes the M42. Follow signs to 'M5 The South West, Birmingham S & W', remaining on the M42. After Follow signs to 'M5, The North West, Birmingham W, N and Cent' onto the M5 Northbound. After 13.9 miles, exit M5 at junction 1 (s/p A41 West Bromwich, Birmingham N and W). At the roundabout, take the fourth exit (s/p Birmingham A41) into Birmingham Road to the ground.

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ood afternoon and welcome to what should be an exciting local derby. I would like to give a warm Manor wel-come to all of today's sponsors.

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MATCHBALL - Welcome back to NatWest Bank for what will be their second visit of the season. NatWest are delighted to be supporting this afternoon's match. They believe that they cannot stand apart from the community around them and, therefore, have a long term programme of community support.

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#### Social Club - Forthcoming Attractions

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Saturday 20th

Tuesday 23rd

Longspur Country & Western Night with Howard Hawks & Clearwater 8.00 pm, Tickets £4 The late Valentine Dance with popular

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#### For future reference:

Ladies Hen Night - Thursday 19th March Sportsmans Dinner with John Parrot - Thursday 1st April Details from the Club

#### Ox's Golden Key Draw

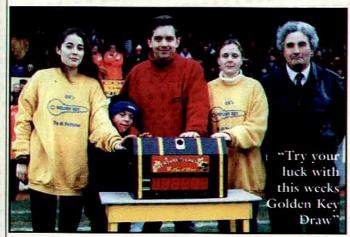
Today's prize will be in excess of £500 and with the interest shown in the competition's launch at the Barnsley match - you could find yourself stepping onto the famous Manor turf to try and win a substantial cash prize by opening the box!

Ox's prize board will be on view on the Osler Road/London Road floodlight pylon as from today. So everyone will know what the minimum prize is.

Ox requires additional volunteers to help sell tickets on matchdays. If interested, please contact Gary Whiting at the Social Club after today's game or give him a ring on

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Remember, 'you've got to be in it to win it'.



Sunderland - 27th February

Supporters are reminded again that this pay-per-view match kicks off at 6.00 pm. As a result, opening hours have been changed as follows:

Main Office: 12 noon

Ticket Office: 12 noon - 6.00 pm and for 15 minutes after

the match

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the match

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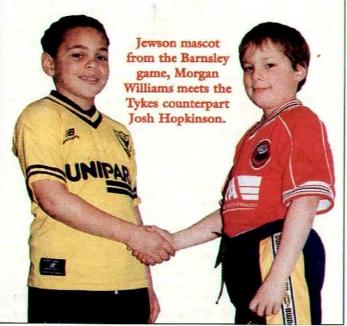
At the moment I am looking for a keen football supporter to share his/her interest in the game with a member in Botley.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact: Sumi Patel on 01235 532669 Co-ordinator for the Vale of the White Horse

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Following comments from supporters and a bit of number crunching, we have decided to increase the number of matchday magazine pages back to 32, with effect from the Sunderland match. We will have to increase the price to £2 to cover the higher production costs. It is likely that we will revert to 24 pages for midweck fixtures at a cover price of £1.70.

We started with the 24 page issues back in the dark days of last November when the Club simply could not find the wages, let alone



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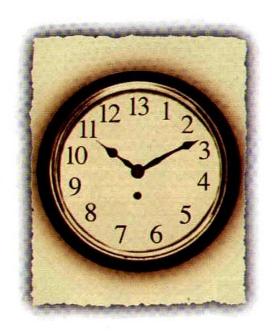
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#### **COMING UP ROSIE & JONAH'S**

# Football in the With Peter St. T. Community News

With Peter Rhoades-Brown & Mark Jones





elcome to one and all. I hope today's game lives up to all the expectations of a good, competitive local derby.

**One Memorable Night** 

Wednesday week, at the Bridge, was - I can assure you - a time I will never forget. To get introducted to a crowd of 33,000 at half-time, and to get an ovation (apart from some U's fans who sang 'who are you'- cheers boys) as I did, made my legs go quite weak. A great night and a very emotional one too.

Mother's Day Card Competition

As last year's was such a national success, Wagon Wheels have decided to carry on again this year. Children have to say why they think their mother deserves a bouquet in no more than twenty words.

#### **Table Football**

Remember last year's national competition produced an Oxford United lad, Elliott Dempsey, who came third in the country? This competition is up and running again - look out for results and, hopefully, another finalist wearing a Unipart shirt. This year's national winner gets a family day out at the FA Cup Final in May. So get those wrists loosened up.

Cold and Wet

Last week I went over to Waddesdon Manor School, between Bicester and Aylesbury. Two sessions outside, catering for 50 pupils, even though the weather closed in on us and the wind whistled around our ears. Everything went very well, finished off with a lovely hot cup of coffee in the staff room, just before the fire alarm went off (time to leave, Rosie). Thanks to Vince Murray and all the boys - a worthwhile journey.

Pre-Match

Not too stre today as I have got a lot to follow after my penalty re-enactment (see photo). A bit of fun. I am still waiting for my appointment at Lancaster Gate - it looked like you all enjoyed it, I know the children did.

I hope all the fans, especially the young ones, enjoy today. Keep supporting us with your families. Remember, you are our future.

Come on you yellows.

Masco

This afternoon's mascot is 9 year old William Stockwell from Combe, Oxfordshire. William attends Combe Primary School and plays for Combe Juniors Under 9s. His hobbies include snooker and swimming, and his favourite player is Paul Powell.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Juniors: David Neal who was 15 on the 3rd, Lewis Bower (6) 4th and Mark Miller who is 15 today.

February Half-Term

Places are going fast, but if you are interested in attending



any course during half-term just turn up and join in the fun. The venues are:

John Mason School, Abingdon - Temple Cowley Middle School, Oxford - Banbury School - Henry Box Secondary School, Witney St Birinus School, Didcot - Bicester Community College

All abilities are welcome, boys and girls, aged between 6-13.

**Evening Courses** 

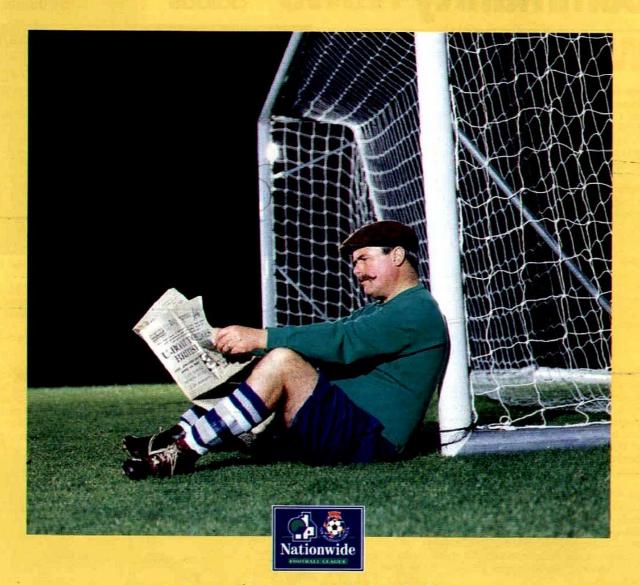
I will shortly be handing out application forms for the very popular evening courses which will start after Easter. The venues are in Abingdon, Didcot, Banbury, Chipping Norton, Wheatley, Littlemore, Witney, Woodstock, Thame, Bicester and Carterton. There is no better course in my opinion (but I am biased) to learn the basic skills for all you budding professional footballers. If you are aged between 4-11 years of age and want to be coached by the pros, don't hesitate to call me on 01865 761503.

**Holiday Courses** 

I have been busy organising all holiday courses for the rest of the year, with Easter being next. There will be a course near you so, again please call if you are interested in joining in.



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### FOOTBALL: It's played on grass

#### Justin Temple knows it all.

t's certainly been a crazy couple of weeks. Firstly, the bombshell from the Mail on Sunday that led to the resignation of MD Keith Cox - which threatened to dampen the celebratory

mood following the shock of our first league win since November. The Barnsley game was littered with surely some of the worst misses on record but allowed us to haul ourselves out of the dreaded drop zone. Then it was down to London for some other game before a trip to Wolves and a well-deserved draw.

And I haven't even mentioned Mr Kassam yet. A genuine white knight stepping in to save the club at the 11th hour? It almost sounds too good to be true after the string of other "saviours" we've endured in the past. But - and I hope I'm not just allowing myself to get caught up in it out of desperation - the signs seem to be there and could we do with a bit of luck?! There's no doubt Oxford United is still in the last chance saloon but the fact that Mr Kassam has imposed a deadline of the end of March to get things moving is a sign that he means business. His attendance at Tuesday's Town Hall meeting shows he is interested in what the fans say and he seemed to be genuinely touched by the welcome he received and the strength of feeling on display. He told me he had not been prepared for that kind of recep tion. That night, in a celebratory mood, I went home by taxi.

What came out of that meeting loud and clear - apart from the overwhelming loyalty of the fans - was that the ball is now very much in the City Council's court. Let's hope they got the message and we see some positive action soon.

And now the long-awaited local derby with our close friends from down the road, Swindon Town. Let's hope the Robins can attract a good following to this fixture so we get that cracking derby atmosphere rolling round the Manor. Oxford and Swindon are similarly-sized towns with similar backgrounds so the battle for local supremacy is fierce in many areas. Both are seats of learning: Oxford has Oxford University while Swindon boasts Swindon Community College and both have produced renowned musical talent Radiohead and Supergrass hail from Oxford while the legendary Billie Piper is a Swindon girl. Both teams are desperate for the points today with neither yet out of the woods at the wrong end of the table. The Robins will be looking for a rare Manor Ground win today while the Yellows will be looking to avenge yet another humiliating away defeat at the County Ground.

Last week Swindon did not disgrace themselves

with a 2-0 defeat at the Stadium of Light as Sunderland put a three match losing streak behind them to maintain their seven point lead at the top of the table. All the top four teams won - surprise pacesetters Bradford overcame promotion rivals, Watford, 2-0 at Valley Parade and Bolton kept up the pressure by snatching a 1-0 victory at fellow high-flyers Grimsby while Ipswich did us a favour by crushing fifth from bottom Bury 3-0 at Gigg Lane. Birmingham, in fifth, almost won too.

Trevor Francis' side looked to have beaten Crystal Palace with a controversial 50th minute Paul Furlong penalty. But Blues defender, Gary Rowett, came to Palace's rescue in the last minute when he managed to beat his own goalkeeper from 20 yards with a miscued clearance. It turned out to be the last kick of the game. The black country clubs, West Brom and Wolves, both lost ground but remain tucked in at the head of the mid-table pack, going nowhere. Sheffield United were responsible for the 3-0 drubbing handed out to Albion.

It's all action at the foot of the table as bottom club Crewe squandered a 2-0 lead at Barnsley and went home with just a point and Bristol City could manage only a 0-0 draw at home to QPR, keeping them second from bottom while Gerry Francis' Rangers stay just out of trouble. Brian Horton teamed up with Martin Foyle as the former Oxford striker scored twice to give the former Oxford manager a 2-0 victory over Huddersfield in his first game in charge of Port Vale. Before the game, Vale fans released 843 black balloons into the air to mark the number of games John Rudge was in charge for in his 15 years as Vale manager. Vale fans were outraged by the sacking of a man who had steered the club from the old fourth division to where they are now - a league above hated rivals Stoke City. Our fellow financial strugglers, Portsmouth, who are in administration, could only manage a 1-1 home draw against Tranmere but the good news off the pitch is that the insolvency experts think they can sell the club as a going concern and report interest from twenty potential buyers.

I haven't mentioned the game at Chelsea because, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to see all of it but I have read with amusement in the paper that one of the Stamford Bridge foreign legion, Frank Leboeuf, is threatening to leave unless his salary is doubled this summer. Wouldn't it be great if we could all just suddenly demand twice as much pay - inflation would go through the roof!

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Brian Wilsterman	11(7)	1	2(1)	
Dean Windass	29	13	5	3
Antony Wright	3(4)	-	1	

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	Luton Town (Worth.Cup 1 (1)) (A)	3-2	3,165		
	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND. (H)	0-2	7,521	1	20th
	LUTON T (Worth. Cup 1 (2)) (H) Crystal Palace (a)	0-2	5,099	1	20th
	GRIMSBY TOWN (H)	0-0	5,587	2	21st
31	Barnsley (a)	0-1	15,328	2	22nd
-	PORTSMOUTH (H)	3-0	6,626	5	19th
12	Swindon Town (a)	1-4	8,305	5	19th
	IPSWICH TOWN (H) Sunderland (a)	3-3 0-7	6,632 34,567	6	20th 20th
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	WEST BROMWICH ALBION (H)	3-0	7,437	12	16th
Oct 3	Huddersfield Town (a)	0-2	10,968	12	18th
-	TRANMERE ROVERS (H)	1-2	5,862	12	20th
	Bolton Wanderers (a)	1-1	17,064 3,436	13	19th 21st
	Bury (a) SHEFFIELD UNITED (H)	0-1	6,586	13	21st 22nd
	CREWE ALEXANDRA (H)	1-1	5,607	14	22nd
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14	Birmingham City (a)	1-0	18,216	17	22nd
	PORT VALE (H)	2-1	5,964	20	21st
	Norwich City (a)	3-1 0-1	17,851	23	18th 20th
	BRADFORD CITY (H) BIRMINGHAM CITY (H)	1-7	5,969 7,189	23	20th
	Stockport County (a)	0.2	6,500	23	22nd
	CRYSTAL PALACE (H)	1-3	8,375	23	22nd
28	Portsmouth (a)	2-2	12,604	24	22nd
	Crewe Alex. (a) FA CUP 3	3-1	4,207		-
	BRISTOL CITY (H)	0-0	9,434	25	21
	Grimsby Town (a)  CHELSEA (H) (FAC4)	1-1	6,626 9,059	25	22
	BARNSLEY (H)	1-0	6,174	28	21
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	West Bromwich Albion (a)				
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	Sheffield United (a)				
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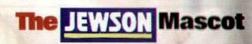
This afternoon's referee is 44 year old Phil Richards from Preston. Phil is Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services for Blackburn/Darwen Council. He began refereeing in 1973, joining the Football League Referees' list in 1994. Phil refereed our away match against Middlesbrough - the last match of last season. His hobbies include keeping physically fit and in good training to cope with the modern game, his family, work, gardening and holidays abroad. Phil ran in last year's Great North Run Half Marathon and New York Marathon, to gain sponsorship to aid Breast Cancer.

Assistant Referees: M E BISHOP (Red Yellow Trim Flag) S CHITTENDEN (Yellow Flag)

Reservo Official: M I ASPLEN

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