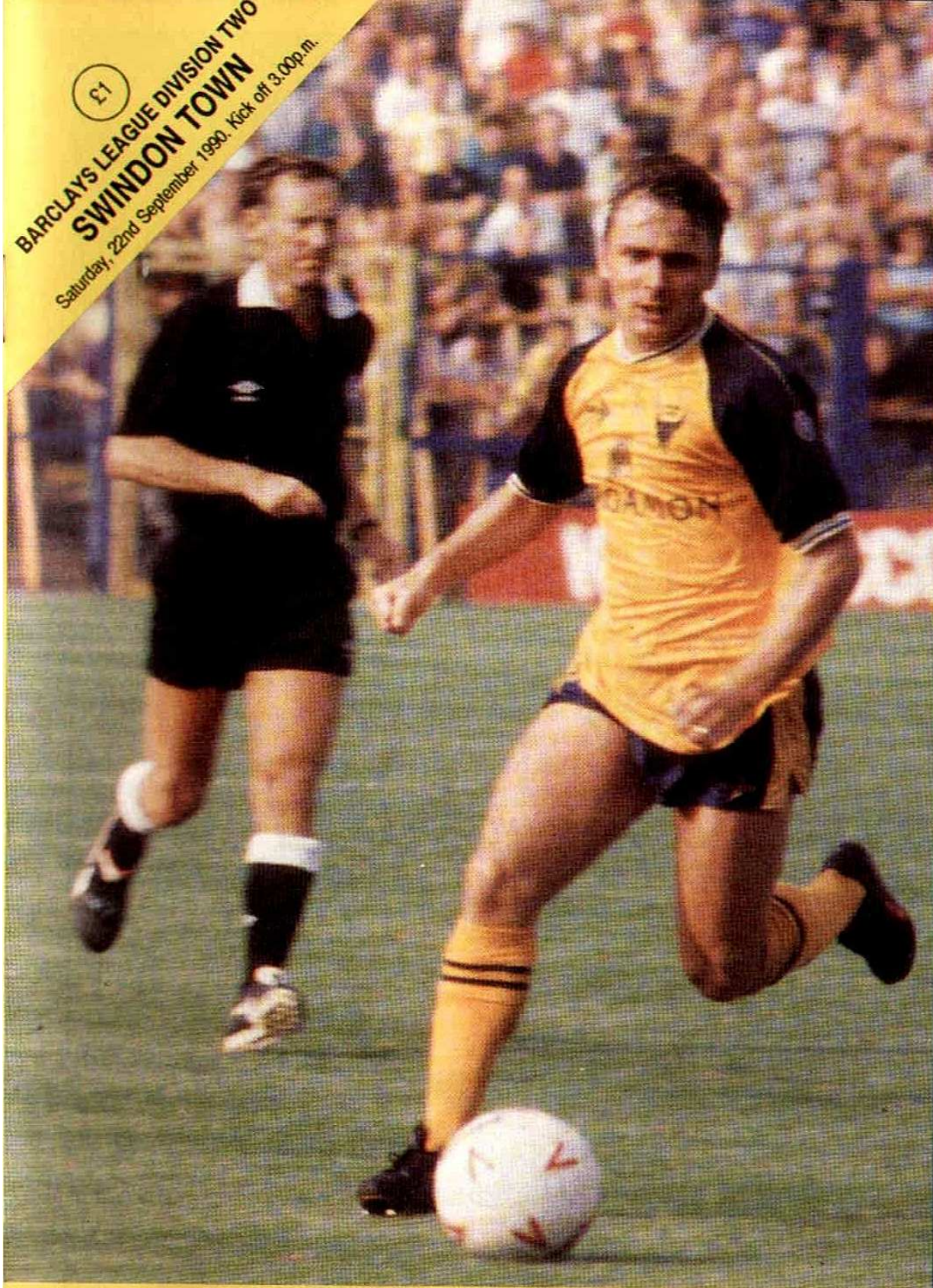


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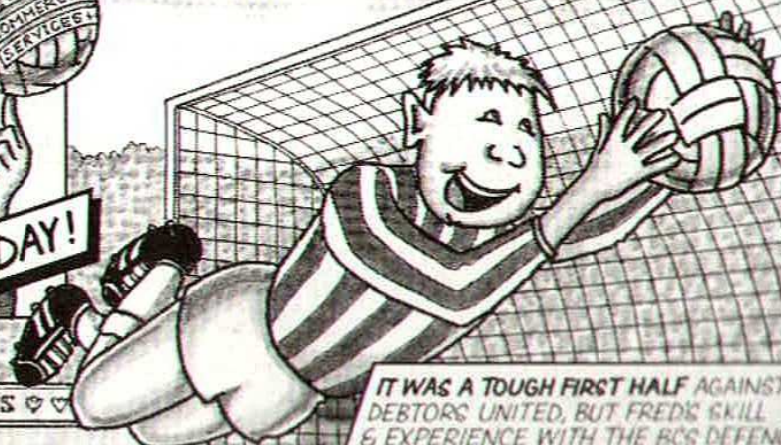


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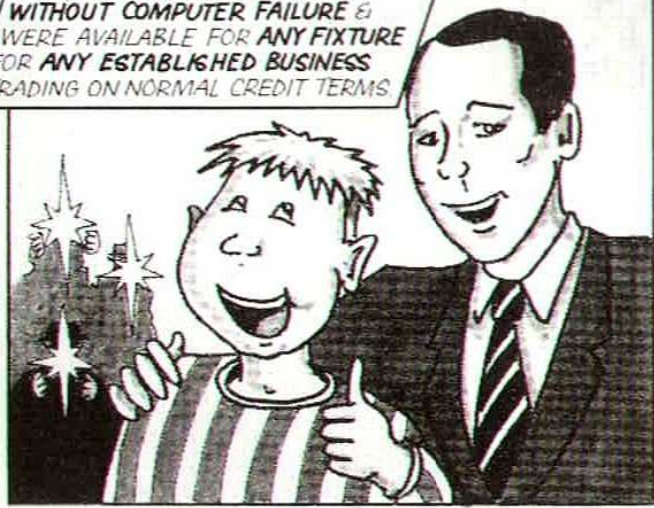
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Our last home game saw us defeated by West Bromwich Albion. It was not an easy game and when they had a man sent off it was made even more difficult for us. When a player is sent off the others all rally round and we became more and more frustrated. When we came back to 2-1 we were taking chances, pushing forward and were hit on the break. All credit though to West Bromwich for battling away - that seems to be their philosophy this season and it is paying off.

After that game I called us a soft touch because they outbattled us and when I mean battle I mean that in the right spirit. Life is a battle and only the strong survive. I want us to play football but I want to play with a competitive edge as that is required.

We have not been at our best in the last few games, but the spirit that the lads showed in parts at Oldham and Plymouth was a credit to them. I am not making excuses at Oldham but the astroturf is definitely an advantage to the home side. It is

a totally different game of football but I thought we did well, especially in the first half when we were unlucky not to go in at least one goal in front - possibly even two! We are caught with a sucker punch straight after the restart and when they get their tails up they are a very good side - the best we have played so far.

Our injury list seems to increase daily, only once have we been able to field the same side twice. You lose the continuity and understanding that a settled side brings. I would like to pay a compliment to David Penney who came in at Plymouth and did very well. I changed the system there playing a more straight forward pattern. I am not saying I will never use a sweeper system again because there is a saying in football 'never say never'.

Finally, a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and Chic Bates, his assistant and to everyone connected with Swindon Town. Lets hope everyone enjoys the game and that football is the winner.

Front Cover Photo: More action from our home game with Port Vale

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Swindon Town FC first team squad of players for season 1990/91

Back Row: Liam Dixon, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Steve White and Tony Galvin.

Middle Row: Andy Rowland (coach), Tony Clarke, Dave Hockaday, Tom Jones, Ross Maclaren, Jon Gittens, Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Bodin, Greg Costello and Chic Bates (assistant manager).

Front Row: Neil Tomlinson, Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, David Kerslake, Ossie Ardiles (manager), Colin Calderwood, Alan McLoughlin, Shaun Close, Paul Trollope and Nicky Summerbee.

"We'll just have to roll up our sleeves and do it all again!" That was the reaction of Swindon Manager Ossie Ardiles when he finally learned that Swindon had been denied promotion to the First Division after winning last season's play-offs at Wembley.

Swindon outplayed Sunderland at Wembley and were celebrating their promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history when the Football League delivered its hammer blow. The Club was originally relegated to Division Three after pleading guilty to contravention of rules.

It was on appeal to the F.A. that Swindon, though being denied promotion to the First Division, were restored to Second Division status.

The traumas of the summer months have now been put behind them as Swindon strive once more for their First Division goal. Mr Ardiles gave a total vote of confidence to his original

squad, though signing several players on trial during the close season, he did not add to his senior squad.

Mr Ardiles received a blow when Steve White, joint-top scorer with 27 goals last season, was injured in their opening match at Charlton. He missed the next few games and the Robins certainly suffered in his absence.

Duncan Shearer, who also scored 27 times last season, netted in their opening two games this term but then found the going tough.

Swindon opened strongly with victories at Charlton (2-1) and at home to Ipswich (1-0). They were then surprisingly beaten at home by newly-promoted Bristol City (0-1).

Clearly missing half of their lethal striking partnership, Swindon then dropped points in a 1-1 draw at Hull, who had previously been pointless.



SWINDON TOWN

FRASER DIGBY. *Goalkeeper.* Fraser played for the England Youth side during the apprenticeship days with Manchester United. He did not play in United's first-team but made his debut soon after moving to Swindon 1986. Fraser has been capped five times by the England under-21s.

Career League record: Manchester United nil aps.; Oldham (loan) nil aps.; Swindon 165 aps.

DAVID KERSLAKE. *Defender.* David was signed from Queens Park Rangers for £110,000 in November 1989. 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.



Career League record: Q.P.R 38(20) aps.; 6 gls.; Swindon 32 aps.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. *Midfielder/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.

Career League record: Mansfield 97(3) aps.; 1 gl.; Swindon 215(1) aps., 11 gls.

JON GITTENS. *Defender.* Jon was given his break in top-class football by Southampton. They spotted him playing for Paget Rangers and he made his First Division debut for the Saints in 1986. Swindon signed him for £40,000 in 1987.

Career League record: Southampton 18 aps.; Swindon 100(2) aps., 5 gls.

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. Paul is now a Welsh International, winning his second cap against Denmark last week.

Career League record: Chelsea nil aps.; Newport nil aps.; Cardiff 68(7) aps., 4 gls.; Bath (not known); Newport 6 aps., 1 gl.; Swindon 60(6) aps., 8 gls.

SHAUN CLOSE. *Midfield.* Shaun was signed from Bournemouth in September 1989. He opened his professional career with Tottenham but found first-team opportunities rare at White Hart Lane. Bournemouth signed him three seasons ago and it was at Dean Court that he established himself in League soccer.

Career League record: Tottenham 3(6) aps.; Bournemouth 28(11) aps., 8 gls.; Swindon 8(7) aps.

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.

Career League record: Glasgow Rangers nil aps.; Shrewsbury 158(3) aps., 18 gls.; Derby 113(9) aps., 4 gls.; Swindon 87 aps., 7 gls.

FITZROY SIMPSON. *Midfielder.* Fitzroy joined Swindon as a trainee and got a few outings in their League eleven two seasons ago. He is now holding a regular place.

Career League record: Swindon 25(16) aps., 2 gls

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. *Midfield.* Alan played for the Republic of Ireland in this summer's World Cup finals and won his fourth cap as a substitute in last week's clash with Morocco. 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 scored 16 goals last season.

Career League record: Manchester United nil aps.; Swindon 79(4) aps., 16 gls.; Torquay (loan) 21(3) aps., 4 gls.



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.

Career League record: Liverpool nil aps.; Fulham (loan) 3 aps.; Grimsby 31 aps., 2 gls.; Sheffield United 56(10) aps., 14 gls.; Swindon 99(3) aps., 16 gls.

TOM JONES. *Midfield.* Tom joined Swindon from Aberdeen two seasons ago. He was previously in non-League soccer with Weymouth, moving to Aberdeen in 1987.

Career League record: Aberdeen 14(14) aps., 3 gls.; Swindon 84(1) aps., 8 gls.

DUNCAN SHEARER. *Forward.* Duncan was Swindon's joint-top scorer with 27 goals last season and he has already opened his account this term. He signed from Huddersfield for £250,000 in 1988 and was leading scorer with 16 goals in his first season. 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.

Career League record: Chelsea 2 aps., 1 gl.; Huddersfield 80(3) aps., 38 gls.; Swindon 79(3) aps., 36 gls.

STEVE WHITE. *Forward.* Steve also scored 27 times last season. He 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 - after loan spells with Lincoln and Luton - he returned to Bristol Rovers in 1983. Since joining Swindon in 1986, Steve's annual goals tally has been 21, 14, 14 and 27.

Career League record: Bristol Rovers 46(4) aps., 20 gls.; Luton 63(9) aps., 25 gls.; Charlton 29 aps., 12 gls.; Lincoln (loan) 2(1) aps.; Luton (loan) 4 aps.; Bristol Rovers 89(12) aps., 24 gls.; Swindon 131 (17) aps., 57 gls.

(Statistics up to and including Saturday September 8)



SWINDON TOWN

SWINDON TOWN 10-YEAR REVIEW

Swindon Town spent much of the last decade in the Fourth Division. But when they left it, their rise was meteoric. Fourth Division champions in 1986, they then spent just a season in the Third, winning promotion via the play-offs. Following a year's acclimatisation, they qualified for the Second Division

play-offs in each of the next two seasons. In May, as everyone knows, they actually won promotion to the First Division, by beating Sunderland in the play-off final at Wembley. But that result was later negated by a Football League inquiry into off-the-field activities.

League Record											Cup Round Reached	
Season	Div	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Pts.	Posn.	FAC	LC	
1980/81	3	46	13	15	18	51	56	41	17th	2	3	
1981/82	3	46	13	13	20	55	71	52	22nd	3	1	
1982/83	4	46	19	11	16	61	54	68	8th	4	1	
1983/84	4	46	15	13	18	58	56	58	17th	4	1	
1984/85	4	46	21	9	16	62	58	72	8th	1	1	
1985/86	4	46	32	6	8	82	43	102	1st	1	4	
1986/87	3	46	25	12	9	77	47	87	3rd	4	2	
1987/88	2	44	16	11	17	73	60	59	12th	4	3	
1988/89	2	46	20	16	10	68	53	76	6th	4	2	
1989/90	2	46	20	14	12	79	59	74	4th	3	4	

This weeks flashback feature looks back, in particular at the Oxford versus Swindon game in April 1972, soon into Jim Smith's reign as manager.

In thirty two League games with our local rivals Swindon Town, Oxford United can look back at only three wins. We have also gained one cup win from two matches, knocking the then League Cup winners out in 1969 with a David Sloan goal. Indeed so poor was our early scoring against the Robins that in the first ten League meetings Oxford scored only one goal.

Oxford's first League successes came in season 1972/73 when we achieved a League double. Nigel Cassidy scored the winner at The Manor and at the County Ground goals from Dave Roberts, Nigel Cassidy and a late Hugh Curran goal gave us a 3-1 success. The featured game this week is our last win over Swindon and happened shortly after Jim Smith took over as manager in 1982. It was achieved with a 5-0 win which started with a harsh penalty award, George Lawrence was adjudged to have been fouled and David Fogg blasted home the penalty.

The second goal came five minutes later after twenty minutes. Malcolm Shotton saw his shot blocked but the rebound fell kindly for him and he scored with a blinding left foot volley.

Swindon recovered after this and put together some nice moves - Mike Carter going close. However, on the hour, shortly after coming on as substitute Andy Thomas added the third goal after the ball was headed to him by Ken Stroud.

The fourth goal followed a build up between Kevin Brock and Peter Foley, Shotton headed on and George Lawrence scored at the far post. The pace of winger Lawrence led to the fifth goal; he outplaced 17 year old Colin Baillie and centered for Foley to tap in. Foley had also had an earlier effort ruled out for offside.

The win helped put us near the top of the table, however, a 3-2 defeat at Swindon near the end of the season in the infamous smokebomb game, prevented Oxford gaining promotion. Swindon were relegated that season and apart from an Associate Members Cup tie the two sides did not meet again until the 1988/89 season when both sides were again in Division Two.

The teams that evening:-

Oxford United: Burton, Fogg, Smithers, Train, Briggs, Shotton, Lawrence, Foley, Hebbard, Brock, Jeffery (Thomas).

Swindon Town: Allan, Henry, Baille, Williams, Lewis, Stroud, Abley, R. Carter, Quinn, M. Carter, Graham.



Malcolm Shotton scores our second goal in the featured game

SWINDON TOWN

Date	C'p	V	Att'd	R	F-A	Scorers
21.08.65	FL3	A	20409	D	0-0	
29.01.66	FL3	H	16074	L	0-3	
10.12.66	FL3	H	10037	D	0-0	
06.05.67	FL3	A	13981	L	0-3	
12.04.68	FL3	H	17836	D	0-0	
16.04.68	FL3	A	16418	D	1-1	G. Atkinson
13.09.69	FL2	A	21903	D	0-0	
24.09.69	LC	H	18193	W	1-0	Sloan
13.12.69	FL2	H	11930	D	0-0	
21.11.70	FL2	H	15369	D	0-0	
20.12.71	FL2	A	17744	L	0-3	
06.11.71	FL2	H	12382	D	1-1	C. Clarke
26.02.72	FL2	A	14743	L	0-4	
16.12.72	FL2	H	9159	W	1-0	Cassidy
24.02.73	FL2	A	11712	W	3-1	Roberts, Cassidy, Curran
20.10.73	FL2	A	7537	L	0-1	
17.03.74	FL2	H	9554	D	1-1	Curran
27.12.76	FL3	A	13730	L	0-1	
08.04.77	FL3	H	9106	D	0-0	
26.12.77	FL3	H	9083	D	3-3	Foley 2, Stott
27.03.78	FL3	A	9754	L	2-3	Seacole, Foley
16.04.79	FL3	H	9408	L	0-1	
02.05.79	FL3	A	9213	L	0-2	
06.02.80	FL3	H	7865	D	2-2	Taylor, Brock
07.04.80	FL3	A	10572	D	1-1	Foley
16.09.80	FL3	A	7972	L	0-1	
01.10.80	FL3	H	6333	D	0-0	
07.04.82	FL3	H	7557	W	5-0	Fogg, Shotton, Lawrence, Foley, Thomas
04.05.82	FL3	A	8126	L	2-3	Fogg, Jeffery
22.02.84	AMC	H	4744	L	1-3	Baillie own goal
05.10.88	FL2	H	9387	D	1-1	Saunders
05.02.89	FL2	A	10227	L	0-3	
17.10.89	FL2	A	10741	L	0-3	
24.03.90	FL2	H	8382	D	2-2	Foster 2



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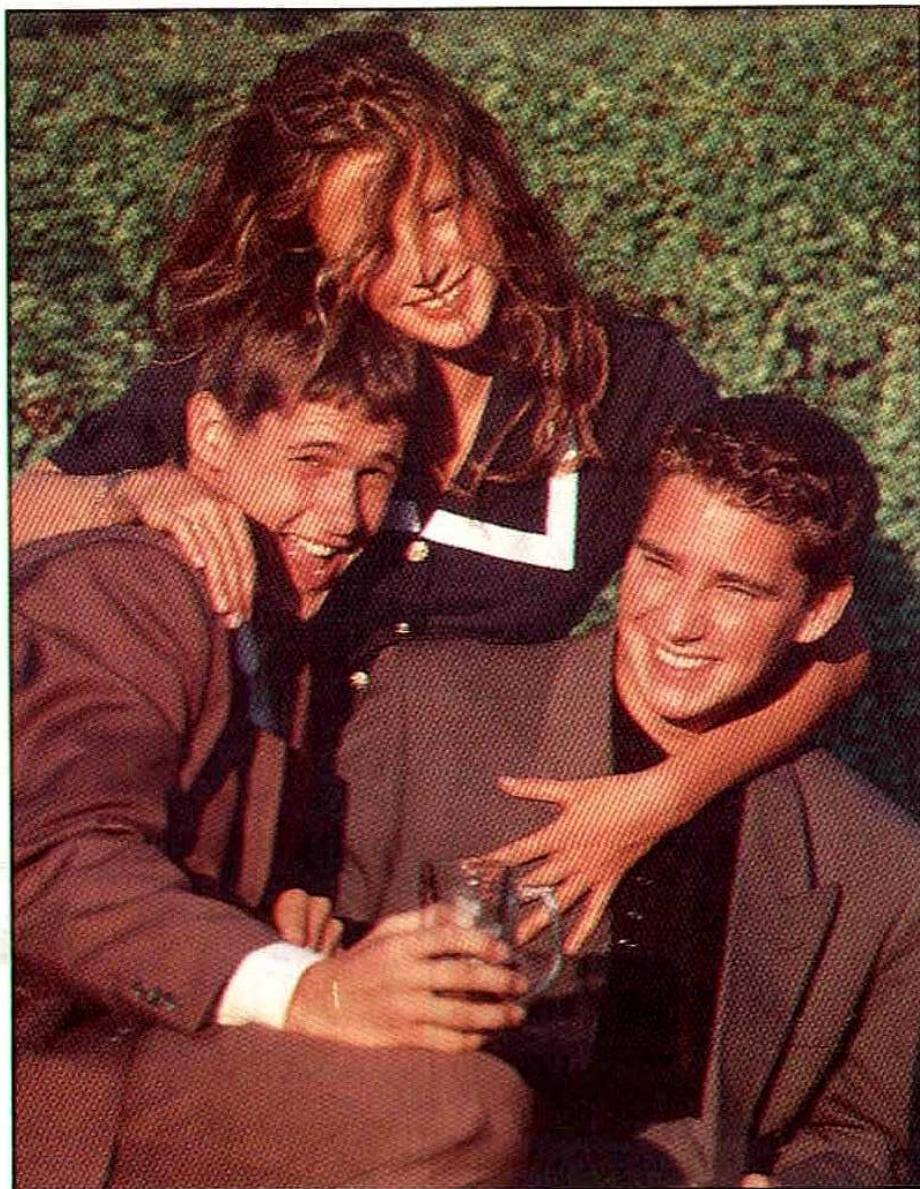
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Wolverhampton have started quietly with a win, two draws and a home defeat by Oldham but with England striker Steve Bull leading their attack they should be one of the challenging teams for a promotion spot. Manager, Graham Turner has made two big Summer signings - defender Rob Hindmarch (£350,000) from Derby County and goalkeeper Mike Stowell from Everton for (£275,000). The latest addition to his squad was made last week when Mr Turner signed full back Kevin Ashley from Birmingham for £500,000.

After dropping to Division Four from Division One in successive seasons, Wanderers began the climb back and all efforts are being made this time round to reclaim their top flight place - Wolves finished tenth last season.



England striker Steve Bull - here next Saturday.

TICKET INFORMATION

Our next match is this coming Monday at Port Vale in the Second Round of the Rumbelows League Cup; more details on that game below. Following that, next Saturday we have another attractive Barclays League Division Two match with Wolverhampton Wanderers being our guests. These are followed by two away league games at West Ham United and Barnsley. We then have the return leg of the Rumbelows League Cup tie with Port Vale; please see elsewhere in today's programme for details of this game.

Forthcoming Away Matches

Rumbelows League Cup (Second Round, First Leg)
Monday, 24th September 1990 Kick off 7.30 pm

PORT VALE

This game is not all ticket but Oxford United have only been allocated seats priced at £7.00. There is no terracing available. Matchday programmes cost £1.00. Seats are on sale from the Oxford Ticket Office this afternoon.

Wednesday, 3rd October 1990

WEST HAM UNITED

This game is not all ticket, terracing will be £6.00 on the night and seats £9.00. It is recommended that you buy your seat in advance from the Oxford Ticket Office as all seats have been sold at recent West Ham games. Programmes will cost £1.00.

Saturday, 6th October 1990

BARNSELY

This game is not all ticket. Terracing will be £4.50 on the day at turnstiles 41-47, seating will be £8.00. It is hoped that we will have tickets available for the seats prior to the day of the game.

Wednesday, 24th October 1990, kick off 7.30 pm

BRISTOL ROVERS

Please keep in touch with this fixture in the programme. Following a fire which has damaged the ground we await final details as to where and when this game is to take place.

INSTALMENTS

Season ticket holders purchasing their season ticket on our instalment plan are reminded that their second instalment is due by 1st October. Please ensure that these payments are paid promptly to ensure that your cards remain valid. Payment should be sent or made at the Ticket Office as soon as possible.

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What a difference two weeks make in football; prior to the West Bromwich game we had had a setback at Notts County but had defeated Reading to earn a place in the Rumbelows League Cup Second Round. The Second Round draw gave us a tie with Port Vale which gives a good opportunity to progress on to Round Three; it was not the 'big draw' that some supporters wished but they will come later!!

We then go down at The Manor to West Bromwich and at Oldham and what looked a good start to the season is not now quite so impressive. However, we will play worse than we did against Albion and win games, and at Oldham we were as good as the home side in the first half and were unlucky not to be in front at the interval. Hopefully the next two weeks will see a reversal with us gaining six points following today's match and next week's game with Wolverhampton. Today's visitors Swindon Town have not had the best of times recently, two home defeats and a draw at Hull City puts Town just a few places above us in the table. Early days yet though.

There is nothing like an Oxford-Swindon game to get local fans interested, the biggest gate of the season is expected today. Oxford fans need no reminding of how long ago our last victory over the Robins was so you need to get behind the team today and give them an extra lift. Few will forget Steve Foster's two goals or Paul Kee's display in the corresponding match at The Manor last season or the late penalty equaliser let us hope today's game is every bit as exciting. Enjoy the game; lets hope your side gets the right result.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Please watch this space for details of this game. Following a fire at the Twerton Park ground last weekend we are still awaiting details on as to whether this game will still be 'all ticket'.

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Mascot Nathan Clulow lines up with the team captains and officials before the Reading match

FIRST TEAM MATCHFACTS

5.9.90 v Reading (Home)

Rumbelows League Cup First Round Second Leg,

Won 2-1 (aggregate 3-1)

Team: Kee, Robinson, Ford, Phillips, Foster, Melville, Jackson Lewis, Foyle, Stein, Simpson

Sub not used: Penney, Smart

Scorer: Foster 2.

Reading Team: Francis, Jones, Richardson, McPherson, Hicks, Conroy, Gooding, Taylor, Senior, Maskell, Moran

Subs: Lovell, Leworthy

Scorer: Hicks Attendance: 4,241 Half time: 0-0

Referee: J Deakin

8.9.90 v West Bromwich Albion (Home)

Barclays League Division Two Lost 1-3

Team: Kee, Robinson, Ford, Phillips, Foster, Melville, Evans C, Lewis, Foyle, Stein, Simpson

Sub not used: Penney, Jackson Scorer: Foyle

West Bromwich Team: Naylor, Hodson, Harbey, Robson, Burgess (McNally), Strodder, Ford, West, Bannister, Bradley, Shakespeare

Sub not used: Hackett

Scorers: Bannister, West 2

Attendance: 5,294

Half time: 0-2

Referee: A W Ward



Before the start of the West Bromwich Albion match Mascot Richard Pallant is photographed with both team captains and the match officials

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15.9.90 v Oldham Athletic (Away)

Barclays League Division Two,

Lost 0-3

Team: Kee, Robinson, Ford, Phillips, Foster, Melville, Evans C, Lewis, Foyle, Stein, Simpson

Sub not used: Penney

Oldham Team: Hallworth, Warhurst, Barlow, Henry, Barrett, Jobson, Adams (Moulden), Currie (Palmer), Marshall, Redfearn, Holden

Scorers: Marshal, Barrett, Redfearn

Attendance: 12,497 Half time: 1-0

Referee: K S Hackett

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Dear Editor

I am writing to ask if you are able to put a message in the matchday programme for me. I recently moved to Cheltenham and I wonder if there are any other Cheltenham-based United supporters who would be interested in sharing lifts to home and away games. If so, could they contact me at the above address.

Thanks very much.

Yours faithfully

William Helsby

Blackpool

Dear Editor

My brother and I are both loyal supporters of Oxford United now living in Blackpool. The distance restricts the number of games we can attend during the season but with the help of Teletex, we are able to keep a close interest in Oxford's progress.

Our cousin Alan, who lives in Witney, is also a life long supporter and sends us press cuttings and matchday programmes of the games we cannot attend. The new look programme has an excellent presentation which contains comprehensive information and topical items ideal for supporters of the Club everywhere.

Hopefully, promotion beckons for the Manor men. Come on you U's and good luck for the new season.

Yours in support.

Thomas and Jason Cunningham aged 15 years

Any suggestions, queries and points supporters would like to make about the programme and any football related topic are welcomed by the Editor. Please write to the Editor, Oxford United Football Club, Manor Ground, Headington, Oxford OX3 7RS.

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP

ROUND TWO, SECOND LEG

Wednesday, 10th October 1990 Kick off 7.30 pm

OXFORD UNITED v PORTVALE

This game is not all ticket and normal League prices will apply for the game. Season ticket holders should note that their season ticket is only valid as a membership card for this game and is not included in their season ticket package. The game is "ALL PAY" and tickets and guest tickets are on sale now at the Club's Ticket Office.

CROWD CHANGE

After each home game our gate figures and receipts are checked before giving the official attendance to the Football League. This sometimes produces a slightly different crowd figure to that announced. That has been the case for the home games played so far - the amended figures, therefore, are:- Port Vale 4,837, Reading 4,421 and West Bromwich Albion 5,294.

ORIGINAL LEAGUE CUP COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT

In a welcome return to tradition, League Cup sponsors Rumbelows have confirmed that the winners of this year's competition will be presented with the original League Cup trophy, first awarded in the Cup's inaugural season in 1961.

The distinctive three handed silver trophy was presented to the League in 1960 by its then President, the late Sir Joe Richards, and first awarded to Aston Villa, winners over two legs against Rotherham United, in the first ever final. Sir Joe Richards had supported the League Secretary Alan Hardaker in his introduction of the new competition.

PLAYERS FLY THE LEAGUE FLAG

Eagle-eyed followers of the professional game will have noticed that this season, for the first time, all players now carry the Football League logo on the sleeves of their shirts. The new Regulation was introduced to develop greater awareness of the League logo and to help generate increased income through licensing deals.

Since 1988, when the re-designed logo was first introduced, the League's Commercial and Marketing Department has undertaken an intensive licensing programme which currently generates income of around £350,000 a year, a figure that is expected to rise to £500,000 in the next 12 months.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Although English sides have only been reinstated in Europe this season referees from the Barclays League have been covering European ties throughout our suspension period.

In the first round of European matches played during the past midweek and the second legs on 3rd October. The following Barclays League Referees are in action

Howard King: Rangers -v- Valletta,

Joe Worrall: Barcelona -v- Trabzonspor,

Neil Midgley: Sampdoria -v- Kaiserslautern,

Keith Cooper: Bayer Leverkusen -v- FC Twente,

Roger Gifford: SK Budapest -v- Luzern,

Keith Hackett: Chemnitz -v- Borussia Dortmund,

Ray Lewis: Universitatea Craiova -v- Partizan Tirana,

Brian Hill: Valencia -v- Heraklis Saloniki,

George Courtenay: Inter Milan -v- Rapid Vienna,

Allan Gunn: Monaco -v- SV Roda.

One rule that supporters may not be aware of with regard to European competitions is the 'eligibility' of players. An explanation of the new ruling is shown below.

Of the sixteen (or fewer) players chosen to take part in any match, no more than four may be included who cannot play for the national team of the national association to which that club belongs. (In other words, for an English team, a maximum of four non-English players).

UEFA have, however, provided for a transitional period in which 'foreign' players registered before May 3, 1988 will not count as one of the four permitted under this regulation until the termination of their registration with that club or until the end of season 1990/91, whichever is the earlier. (This will mean that from next season an English club participating in European club competition would be able to play a maximum of four non-English players, irrespective of when they were signed.

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by Roy Grant (Junior Co-Ordinator)

Recently the Club held its first monthly Juniors meeting of the season in the car parking area at Beech Road and London Road, this after warming up around the pitch beforehand. New Club President, Paul Simpson attended his first session and was assisted by Darren Jackson, Jon Mutton, Graham Waters and Paul Byrne. Thanks must go to all of them for giving up their time. Over sixty children attended and I believe all enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see a few girls coming along - perhaps time to remind supporters that the Oxford Juniors is not just for boys!! Thanks also to Malcolm Elias for his continued help at these sessions.

Many Juniors asked about games against other junior sides; I am in the process of arranging games and we should have matches coming up with Brighton, Watford,

Leicester City and Bristol City. More information will follow shortly about these.

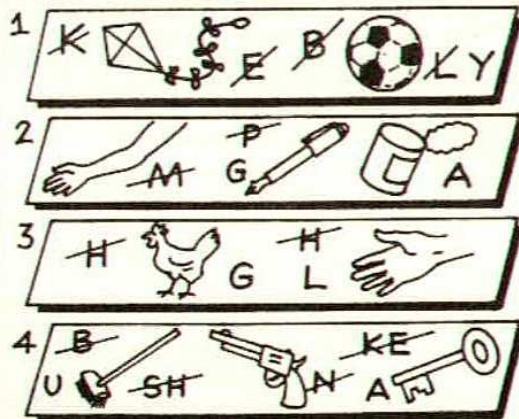
The next Juniors evening is on Tuesday, 9th October 1990 at Peers School, Littlemore from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Hopefully several players will be available to take the session.

Juniors with birthdays since the last match are Michael Stimpson (14), Darren Gregory (13), Aaron Tasker (11), Matthew Janes (10), and happy birthday to Grant Parker who is ten years old today.

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with Malcolm Elias - United's Club/School and
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The last home game versus West Bromwich Albion saw a very exciting pre-match Juniors 10-12 age group penalty competition on The Manor. All the FINALISTS took 3 penalties against YTS keeper ROBERT WILD with the following results:-

PAUL HARRIS	2 goals
CHRIS HANKS	2 goals
ALEX DEADMAN	2 goals
KEITH KENNY	2 goals
CHRISTOPHER FOGG	1 goal
OMAR BOUTAYEB	1 goal
BRIAN STIMPSON	1 goal

The previous home game against Reading saw the



The 10-12 year old penalty finalists line up for their photograph with COLIN WHITTAKER of ASDA STORES, WHEATLEY.

13 and over age group JUNIORS FINAL with GREIG BOX the winner with a 100% success rate. Well done also to MARK DEAN, MARTIN WOODHEAD, CLAIRE BROWN, MARK CHURCHILL and GUY LOWE on qualifying for the FINAL.

We then had a SUDDEN DEATH situation which



The 13 and over penalty finalists line up with their certificates at the Reading game, with KEVIN MORTON of ASDA STORES, WHEATLEY.

saw HANKS and HARRIS score whilst DEADMAN and KENNY missed. It then took 3 penalties each before HANKS scored and HARRIS missed to make CHRIS HANKS the 1990-91 OXFORD UNITED JUNIORS 10-12 age group PENALTY COMPETITION WINNER. Well done to all the finalists. My thanks to GRAHAM WATERS, one of our young professionals for refereeing; COLIN WHITTAKER, Manager of ASDA STORES, Wheatley for making the presentations and to the crowd for the encouragement given to the finalists. TODAY'S PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT takes the form of a relay around the ground. The contestants will be members of the OXFORD SCHOOLS F.A. and I would like to give a special welcome to the Association Secretary and Team Manager, MR HUW JENNINGS of Oxford School. Last season's RELAYS AROUND THE MANOR were thoroughly competitive and well supported by the crowd. Please give today's runners your encouragement.

COACHING AT SCHOOLS has begun and our FIRST YEAR YTS players ANDY WALLBRIDGE, ROBERT WILD, ROBERT MUTCHELL, MICHAEL CAINE, KEITH HOLMES, MARK DRUCE, TRISTAN DIDCOCK and PAUL WANLESS have had their first real experience of coaching. This was at BLETCHINGDON last week where the primary schoolchildren of ISLIP, BECKLEY, KIRTLINGTON and BLETCHINGDON schools made us most welcome. This week we visited THAME and were well received by the pupils of BARLEY HILL, ST. JOSEPH'S and JOHN HAMPDEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. In both visits 60 plus pupils took part with great enthusiasm.

VISITS TO THE MANOR have also started with groups from BLETCHINGDON, BECKLEY and JOHN HAMPDEN schools. During the visits the pupils have seen behind the scenes at the ground as well as the POLICE CONTROL ROOM.

OXFORDSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION held a VILLAGE SPORT LAUNCH DAY at WHEATLEY PARK SPORTS CENTRE with the idea of promoting sport in villages. DAVID MOSS took our YTS players to put on a 5-a-side demonstration which they thoroughly enjoyed.

ST. ANDREW'S FIRST SCHOOL, HEADINGTON has been the venue for two YTS boys, STEPHEN TAVINOR and LEIGHTON KELLY on Friday afternoons as part of their YTS WORK EXPERIENCE programme.

They have been coaching pupils from the school and are thoroughly enjoying the experience. My thanks to ST. ANDREW'S and MRS STEPHANIE MEESON for their help.

Finally, TODAY'S SCHOOLS GUESTS are pupils and staff from EYNHAM, STANTON HARCOURT, ISIS, KIRTLINGTON, BECKLEY, BLETCHINGDON and ISLIP schools.

I hope you enjoy the game.

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GRAHAM WATERS

**Andy Howland's review this week
takes in season 1963-64 our second
in the Football League.**

Keeper Owen Medlock (132 first team games) and Geoff Denial (203) both loyal servants left in the close season as Arthur Turner signed the experienced (238 league games) Welsh International keeper Vic Rouse from Northampton and teenagers, full back Jim Cassidy and inside forward Mick Hartland.

The season started with Harrington on the wing and Rouse in goal although there was much changing of the team in many positions. Quartermain missed seven of the first nine matches, Beavon moving to left back with Cassidy and Peter Higgins playing in early games at right back. Soon Turner signed Arthur Longbottom a very experienced thirty year old inside forward from Millwall.

Just seven points came from the first ten matches and United also went out of the League Cup. This spell included a thrilling 4-4 Manor draw with York but saw Oxford score just eight goals in the next nine league and cup games. Turner signed keeper Harry Fearnley from Second Division Huddersfield but Bud Houghton was struggling to find the net, his one goal in twelve games contrasted with his goal a game of 1961-62. The popular Bud was sold to Lincoln for our record £6,000 fee, three times as much as he had cost less than three years earlier having scored 75 league and cup goals in just 114 matches.

The reserves had scored 28 goals whilst conceding five in just seven matches and soon the trio of Longbottom, Cornwell and Willey featured in the first team. Ten points came from just six matches but Cornwell had scored, discounting penalties, only two goals from twelve games and Turner, needing a goalscoring centre forward, spent a club record £8,000 to bring twenty nine year old Bill Calder from Second Division Bury.

Calder's debut saw United beat eventual champions Gillingham 3-1, remarkably the only other team to score as many as this against the Gills (who let in just thirty in forty six games) were runners up Carlisle. Calder's first fourteen matches saw Oxford lose just one as they rose into the top half and, more importantly, reached the F.A. Cup fifth round. Twenty six year old inside right Keith Havenhand had been signed from Second Division Derby (Turner's fourth signing from a Second Division club in four months) which had corresponded with the team keeping six successive clean sheets. This ended with the 2-2 home fourth round F.A. Cup draw with Brentford, United having beaten Folkestone, Kettering and Chesterfield (all at home) in the earlier rounds. A trip to Brentford for the replay was expected to be difficult but 26,000 saw United play magnificently to win 2-1.

United next entertained high flying Carlisle and lost 2-1 to the strong Cumbrian side which ended runners up, following that up with the Third Division title the next season and coming third in Division Two in 1966-67. Nonetheless, later promoted Workington (just one

point behind the champions) were beaten 2-1 and the season was progressing in wonderful fashion. 21,700 attended The Manor to see second in Division One Blackburn, who fielded England men Clayton (35 caps and a former England captain) and Douglas (whose last and thirty sixth cap came just eight months earlier) as well as regular Internationals, Welshman Mike England and Eire's McGrath and McEvoy. The lethal McEvoy was Division One's top scorer in 1964-65 and only Greaves scored more in 1963-64. His partner was Pickering, soon to feature in a big transfer to champions Everton and the scorer of a debut hat trick for England just three months after the Oxford match. To put Blackburn's team in perspective it ended the season in its highest position from 1930 to 1990. Incredibly, United won 3-1 with Jones (two) and Calder scoring and the Club would need more temporary stands for the match the following week, the quarter final visit of Preston.

Again Oxford had achieved more in the F.A. Cup than any other of their status. In 1954 they had been the only non-league club to reach the fourth round and then in 1964 the first Fourth Division club to reach the sixth round. No Fourth Division club has ever bettered this and just three others in the thirty two years of Division Four have equalled it; Colchester (1971), Bradford (1976) and Cambridge (1990).

Oxford lost 2-1 to a side which lost the final 3-2 to a late West Ham goal and United have never since reached the last eight. United's league form fell badly apart, just nine points coming from the last sixteen games. A major blow had been the loss of Fearnley with a broken leg with thirteen matches remaining. United had forty points from forty one matches but with just one point from their last five games, slipped to eighteenth place the same position and points as in the previous season. Again they finished just two points above the highest club seeking re-election.

On a national scale, Liverpool won the championship for the first time in seventeen years and Leicester won the League Cup. Ipswich (league champions two years before) were relegated and Coventry won Division Three.

The top two sides in Division Four had goal differences of twenty nine and fifty five respectively and ended equal on points. Gillingham had much the worse goal difference but won the title from Carlisle as the league was then decided on goal average. The Gills fifty nine divided by thirty gave them 1.97 to free scoring Carlisle's 1.95, from scored 113, conceded 58. If Gillingham had conceded one more, Carlisle would have been champions. Long live goal difference.

Amazingly as no English club reached one of the European finals, it was the only season between 1962-63 (Tottenham) and 1981-82 (Villa) that no English club was in a final.

Andy Howland is co-author with his brother Roger of the Club history "Oxford United - A Complete Record" which may be obtained from the United Top Gear Shop.

LOOKING BACK



Match action v Reading and West Bromwich Albion.
Steve Foster heads in our first goal against Reading.
(top left and bottom left)

Foster, part hidden heads in his and our second goal against Reading. *(top centre)*

Foster again, goes close to completing a rare hat-trick when his shot went just wide. *(bottom centre)*

Martin Foyle is sent tumbling against West Bromwich by Graham Harbey who was dismissed. *(top right)*

Mark Stein eludes a West Bromwich defender. *(bottom right)*

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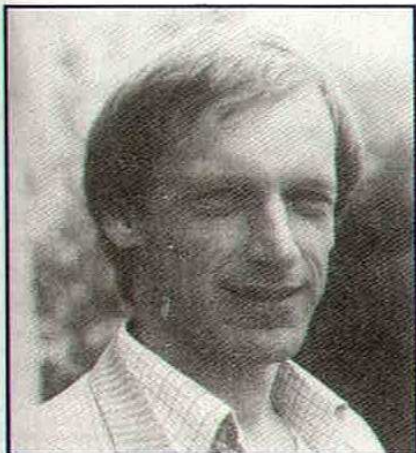
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OVER THE AIRWAVES

by Peter Baker

Two matches so far this season against Reading, now today a meeting with old enemy Swindon.... certainly a good start for lovers of local derbies. For Swindon, I'm not sure whether a visit to the Manor is a relief or a let-down...for part of the SUMMER they dreamed of playing at Anfield, for another part they had nightmares of trips to Grimsby, but now they find themselves back where they started from. And defeat last Saturday at home to Middlesbrough (3-1, with a certain Robbie Mustoe getting one of the goals) means they've dropped out of the top ten in the League Table at this early and meaningless stage. Still, they're a few places above United...a situation to be remedied shortly.

I see in the papers that Tottenham Hotspur (yes, they've hogged the headlines recently, haven't they) are joining forces with the local Haringey Council to try to put the club fanzine "The Spur" out of action. It sells about five thousand copies

apparently, and, in the manner of all fanzines, has a moan or two about the club it writes about. But now the council are insisting that each of the small band of sellers-outside-the-ground must pay £350 for a trading license. It seems it all comes under the Safety of Sports Ground Act, and the club also want to clamp down on street traders selling unofficial Tottenham Hotspur merchandise. I wonder what knock-on effect this will have on our very own Raging Bull. I hope our local council are more broad-minded than their fellows in London.

It was a nice surprise last Saturday evening to get a call from Richard Hill on our programme. We were having a general phone-in on matters regarding United, and Richard came on air for his say. We've always known that players, or at least the injured ones, and their wives especially, tune in to follow how things are going locally...but this was the first time that one had phoned in to put their point of view. Come to think of it though, I did get one letter from a wife who shall be nameless, to ask why her husband always seemed to get the blame when United conceded a goal!!! I think I just about managed to pacify her. And one wife did phone in to correct me on a point of fact about her midfield husband. Please keep listening...and please keep moaning...perhaps we could have a Radio Oxford fanzine!! Articles such as "The ten footballers' names that Nick Harris has never managed to pronounce" to me as soon as possible please.

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Bob Burlton, Chief Executive of the Oxford and Swindon Co-operative, is an avid football supporter and is a driving force in my own village boys teams in the Wychwoods.



Andrew Melville receiving the Man of the Match Award from Denis O'Sullivan, a Pergamon author from Australia.



Gavin Tarrant (centre) Winner of the Barclays Spot the Ball Competition with Richard Hill (right) who made the presentation and David Churchouse of Barclays who organised the competition.

Dear Mr. McGeough

Saturday's game - 8th September 1990

Oxford United v West Bromwich Albion

Thank you so much for your time and effort given at Gavin's presentation. It was a lovely memorable day.

Please thank Richard Hill also for his time, and I thank you for allowing me on the pitch to take such a lovely photo to remember it by.

Thanks again.

Kay Tarrant.

This letter is from the mother of Gavin Tarrant, one of our juniors, the winner of the Spot the Ball Competition which Barclays Bank Plc ran on our Open Day.

This, I think is definitely an excellent example of how Barclays are making sponsorship work for them. Mike Wilmore the Corporate International PR Manager for Barclays says "it has made people differentiate them from other rivals" and that "it is a massive moral booster for staff" and "has even raised their profile overseas". Sponsorship and using football to help promote businesses can work at all levels from Barclays nationally to businesses locally.

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ALLSPORTS MAN OF THE MATCH TROPHY

LEAGUE AT 8TH SEPTEMBER 1990

	Pts		Pts
Mark Stein	12	Paul Simpson	2
Les Phillips	6	Mike Ford	1
Steve Foster	3	Alan Judge	1
Andrew Melville	3	Les Robinson	1
Ceri Evans	2		

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HOW SWINDON ARE MISSING STEVE WHITE

Swindon, who suffered their second successive home defeat last Saturday, are clearly missing striker Steve White who was injured on the opening day of the season and who has not played since. White, joint top scorer with 27 goals last season, has scored 76 times since joining the club from Bristol Rovers in 1986.

Though Duncan Shearer is maintaining his own fabulous scoring rate, the loss of his partner has clearly been blunting the Swindon attack. Shearer gave Swindon the lead against Middlesbrough at the County Ground with his third goal of the season but second-half efforts from Bernie Slaven (2) and former Oxford player Robbie Mustoe earned Middlesbrough a 3-1 win - their first away from home this season.



Robbie Mustoe on the mark at Swindon last week

Manager Ossie Ardiles introduced right-back John Buttigieg to the side for the Middlesbrough match. A Maltese, John formerly played for Sliema Wanderers but has spent the past two seasons with Brentford. He has joined Swindon on loan.

Oldham continued their crusade with a 3-0 win over Oxford at Boundary Park. Ian Marshall, the former central defender who has switched so sensationally to a striking role, opened the scoring for the Latics with his sixth goal in five games this season. That makes him the most successful striker in the Second Division at the moment.

After last weekend's games, Oldham were one of only two clubs with maximum points from five League games, Liverpool being the other.

Liverpool firmly re-established themselves as Championship favourites with an astonishing 4-0 win over Manchester United in last Sunday's televised game. Peter Beardsley made two personal points with his hat-trick. It was a potent reminder to new England manager Graham Taylor that - following the limited success of England's attack against Hungary a couple of weeks ago - he is still very much in contention for the place alongside Gary Lineker in the England attack. Beardsley also used the occasion to remind United what they had missed. Peter went to Old Trafford in 1982 but, during his year with United, he was limited to just one first-team outing in the League Cup. They then allowed him to move on to Newcastle.

This was Beardsley's first hat-trick since he scored three times for Newcastle against Sunderland on New Year's Day in 1985.

Apart from Oldham and Liverpool, there were four other 100 per cent clubs last weekend but Sheffield

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Wednesday (Division Two), Southend and Birmingham (both Division Three) and Doncaster (Division Four) had completed only four games. Former Oxford skipper Ron Atkinson, who was so clearly shocked by Wednesday's relegation on the final day of last season, is a much happier man these days. Goals from defenders Nigel Pearson and Nigel Worthington gave his team a comfortable 2-0 home win over Watford.

Six different players have scored for Wednesday already this season and that's a far cry from last term when only one Wednesday man - Dalian Atkinson (now with Real Sociedad) - scored in their opening 12 League games.

Southend's goal power has taken them to the top of the Third Division. During the summer manager Dave Webb signed Stockport's leading scorer Brett Angell to play alongside Ian Benjamin in the Shrimpers' attack and the move is already paying handsome dividends.

Angell, who netted 28 times for Stockport last term, has claimed five goals for his new club though he did not score in last weekend's 3-2 win over Preston. Benjamin did find the target, though, and has scored in each of his last three League games.

Southend have scored 12 times in their four League outings.

Birmingham's success is based very much upon their defensive qualities. The Blues have scored only half as many goals as Southend but the only side to score against them so far is Leyton Orient who went down 1-3 at St. Andrews.

Manager Dave Mackay, who once led Derby to the League Championship, has made enormous progress over the past year or so. He took over as Birmingham went down into the Third Division in 1989 for the first time in their history. Last season was a disappointment but the Blues look to be firmly on target for a return to the Second Division in May.

They did not miss right-back Kevin Ashley as they defeated Bury 1-0 last Saturday. Mr Mackay sold him to Wolves for £500,000 a few days earlier, voicing the opinion that Ashley will one day play for England.

"I don't particularly like to let good players go," he said. "Neither do I wish to stand in the way of any outstanding youngster making progress. In my opinion I have sold a future England right-back today."

Doncaster Rovers, under the guidance of former Leeds and Scotland midfielder Billy Bremner, have been a revelation in the Fourth Division. Last season they were close to being relegated to the G.M. Vauxhall Conference but now they top the Fourth Division following four straight wins.

Two goals from Johnny Muir, taking his total to five, put Doncaster on the road to a 3-0 win at

Rochdale.

Only two clubs were pointless. Charlton, surprisingly, were one of them. Relegated from the First Division at the end of last season, Charlton have been beaten in all four Second Division games so far.

Gordon Watson gave Charlton the lead at Brighton but they later found themselves trailing 1-3 before Garth Crooks got a second for them.

Manager Lennie Lawrence made possibly the understatement of the year when he stormed afterwards: "I am not a happy man!"

"We committed football suicide. Some of our defending was diabolical. We have problems that must be eradicated quickly".

York City find themselves at the bottom of Division Four though only two of their League games have been completed so far. Their home match with Lincoln was abandoned at half-time following the tragic death of David Longhurst. Their next game, against Hartlepool, was postponed to allow a memorial service to be held at Bootham Crescent.

Gillingham went down 1-2 at Scarborough but Steve Lovell was yet again on target. He has scored in all four Fourth Division games for the Gills this season - and he has also netted in the Rumbelows Cup. Steve finished last season with goals in his final three games so he is enjoying a sequence that has seen him score in seven consecutive League games.

Some players just cannot help but score goals it seems! Tommy Tynan is one such. For each of the past nine seasons, Tommy had been top scorer for one of Newport County, Plymouth, Rotherham and Plymouth again.

By the end of last season he had scored 284 goals in top class football but, when Argyle surprisingly gave him a free-transfer, we thought we had heard the last of him. Tommy appeared to have been put out to grass when he joined Torquay as player-coach. But he has scored four times in his six games for them and now it looks highly likely that he will hit that magic 300 goal mark this season.



Tommy Tynan still knocking them in

TODAY'S OTHER SECOND DIVISION GAMES:

BARNLEY	v	PORT VALE
BRISTOL CITY	v	BRIGHTON
CHARLTON	v	MILLWALL
HULL CITY	v	W.B.A.
IPSWICH	v	BRISTOL ROVERS
LEICESTER	v	SHEFFIELD WED
MIDDLESBROUGH	v	OLDHAM
NEWCASTLE	v	WEST HAM
PORTSMOUTH	v	BLACKBURN
WATFORD	v	NOTTS COUNTY
WOLVES	v	PLYMOUTH

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5 YEARS AGO

Peter Beardsley and Paul Gascoigne both scored for Newcastle in our First Division encounter at St James' Park. Neil McDonald, now of Everton, scored another, so we lost 0-3. It was our sixth game without a win, though the week before we had held Liverpool to a 2-2 draw here at The Manor.

Swindon, then in the Fourth Division, lost 0-2 at Crewe. David Platt scored one of the Crewe goals.

10 YEARS AGO

Just as he did five years later, Peter Beardsley scored against us. In those days he played for Carlisle, who beat us 2-1 in a Third Division game at The Manor. Phil Lythgoe had opened the scoring for us in the 13th minute, but shortly after the half-hour Carlisle equalised through Gordon Staniforth. Beardsley struck his winner nine minutes from time. Though we had won two of our four away games, we had only a draw to show from four home games. We were second from bottom of the table. Swindon were bottom. The week before they had beaten



Phil Lythgoe - scorer for United ten years ago

us 1-0 but this week they lost 0-2 at Barnsley.

15 YEARS AGO

Two minutes from the end, John Robertson scored the only goal of the game to give Nottingham Forest a victory at The Manor. It is the sort of thing which can happen to a team which is struggling at the bottom of a table, as we were then in the Second Division.

Swindon, in the Third Division, lost 0-3 at Port Vale.

20 YEARS AGO

Unbeaten at home, we were sat on our heels when Watford scored after eight minutes of our Second Division match. But our record was preserved in the second-half when Ken Skeen equalised after 52 minutes and Roy Clayton hit a winner in the 74th. With seven games gone, we were third in the table, just one point behind the leaders Cardiff, who had played a game more.

Swindon, also in the Second Division, drew 0-0 at home to Luton.

25 YEARS AGO

Alan Willey, Colin Harrington and Graham Atkinson all opened their accounts for the season on the same day, at home to York in the Third Division. Harrington scored twice and York got one themselves, so the final score was 4-1.

Swindon, playing at the same level, lost 2-4 at Southend. Ken Skeen, who scored for us on the same day five years later, and Don Rogers, were Swindon's scorers.

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PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB: Vale Park, Burslem Tel: 0782 814134

Leave Oxford on the A34 to Chipping Norton, pick up the A44 via Evesham and Pershore. Stay on the A44 to join the M5 at junction 7. Travel North, exit off onto the M6 and travel North to junction 15. Pick up the A5006/A500, go straight over four roundabouts, go under the first flyover, turn off at second flyover, take third exit off onto A527. Turn right onto the B5051 into Newcastle Street, go over the crossroads into Morelands Road, take the second left into Helme Road and stadium is on the left. Mileage: 110 miles. Parking: At ground.

WEST HAM UNITED: Boleyn Ground, Upton Park, London Tel: 081 472 2740

Leave Oxford on the A40 and M40 to junction 1a. Turn North on the M25 to junction 27. Take the M11 South to its end, turn onto the A12 towards Wanstead joining the South circular A116, pass Earl of Essex public house, then A117 to East Ham. Turn right onto the A124, then right into Green Street. Stadium is on the right. Mileage: 85 miles. Railway: To Paddington, then Underground on District Line (Upton Park nearest tube station). Parking: Police signposted off Tollgate Road.

TRAVELLER OF THE WEEK

This week's "Traveller of the Week" is **TONY ASHLEY** from Wallingford. Tony is a self employed plumbing and heating engineer and although a matchday steward, is a regular traveller to away matches. His first match was against Notts County in 1964 making him a supporter of some 26 years.

Favourite current player: Paul Simpson

Favourite all time player: John Aldridge

Best goal seen: Trevor Hebbard's free kick at Newport County

Most memorable match: Our 3-0 win at Brighton in the F.A. Cup

Favourite away ground: Old Trafford, Manchester

Highlights as a United supporter: Wembley 1986

Predict Division Two's 1-2-3: Sheffield Wednesday, Blackburn, Oldham

All time Oxford team: Barron, Langan, McDonald, Roberts, Shotton, Brock, Houghton, Aldridge, Hamilton, Hebbard, Simpson subs: Lawrence, Briggs

I am sure United supporters would agree with Tony's other comment - more support and encouragement for the team from the fans.

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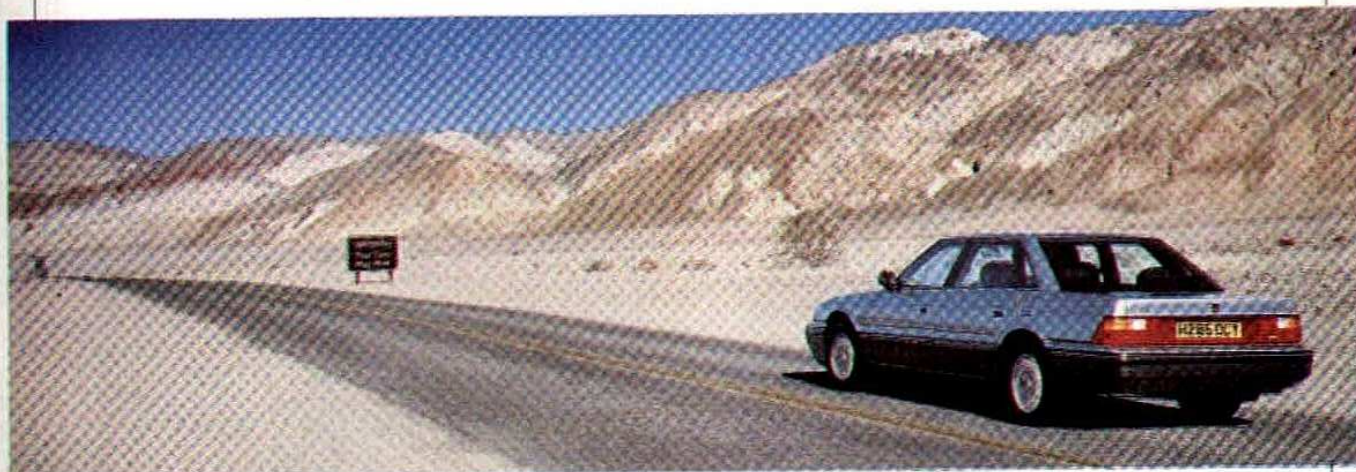
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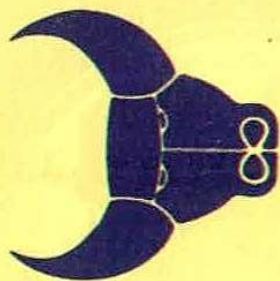
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Football Combination

Date	Opponents	Res	Att'd
1990			
Aug 26 (Tu)	Tottenham Hotspur	(A) 1-2	
31 (F)	Norwich City	(A) 1-5	911
Sept 12 (W)	Fulham	(A) 3-3	
19 (W)	WIMBLEDON	(H)	
22 (S)	Reading	(A)	
26 (W)	SWINDON TOWN	(H)	
Oct 3 (W)	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	(H)	
13 (S)	Southampton	(A)	
16 (Tu)	Watford	(A)	
23 (W)	ARSENAL	(H)	
25 (Th)	IPSWICH TOWN	(H)	
30 (Tu)	Queens Park Rangers	(A)	
Nov 6 (Tu)	Wimbledon	(A)	
14 (W)	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	(H)	
28 (W)	WEST HAM UNITED	(H)	
Dec 1 (S)	Luton Town	(A)	
12 (W)	BRIGHTON & H A	(H)	
17 (M)	Crystal Palace	(A)	
1991			
Jan 3 (Th)	West Ham United	(A)	
9 (W)	CRYSTAL PALACE	(H)	
16 (W)	FULHAM	(H)	
21 (M)	WATFORD	(H)	
23 (W)	Brighton & H A	(A)	
30 (W)	Swindon Town	(A)	
Feb 6 (W)	LUTON TOWN	(H)	
9 (S)	Ipswich Town	(A)	
20 (W)	NORWICH CITY	(H)	
25 (M)	Millwall	(A)	
Mar 2 (S)	Portsmouth	(A)	
6 (W)	READING	(H)	
18 (M)	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)	
27 (W)	CHELSEA	(H)	
Apr 3 (W)	PORTSMOUTH	(H)	
9 (Tu)	Charlton Athletic	(A)	
17 (W)	MILLWALL	(H)	
30 (Tu)	Chelsea	(A)	
May 4 (S)	Arsenal	(A)	
8 (W)	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H)		

YOUTH TEAM IN ACTION

After going out of the Midland Youth Cup at the first hurdle our Youth side have recovered by progressing into the next round of both the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and the South East Counties League Cup. Also, during this period we have won and lost our last two league matches against Tottenham and Wimbledon.

South East Counties League Division Two

Saturday, 1st September 1990

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Home, Won 2-0

Scorers: McLean, Allen (pen)

Team: Perkins, Maciak, Harwood, Didcock, Wallbridge, Tavinor, McLean, Keeble (Druce), Aris, Mutchell (Kelly), Allen.

We won our second successive league game with a hard fought 2-0 win over Tottenham. After a goal-less first half in which we had keeper Lee Perkins to thank, we stepped up our game running out comfortable winners. The goals came from a Richard McLean header from a Tristan Didcock free kick and a Chris Allen penalty after good work in the build up by Mark Druce.

South East Counties League Division Two

Saturday, 8th September 1990

WIMBLEDON

Away, Lost 0-2

Team: Perkins, Maciak, Harwood, Tavinor, Wallbridge (Aris), Fisher, McLean, Keeble, Holmes (Caine), Didcock, Allen.

In our worst performance of the season we were well beaten by a good looking Wimbledon side. We never got into our stride and in the end were fortunate only to lose by two goals.

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, First Round

Tuesday, 11th September 1990

READING

Away, Won 3-0

Scorers: Keeble 2, Druce

Team: Wild, Maciak, Harwood, Wanless, Tavinor, Fisher, McLean, Keeble, (Aris), Druce, (Kelly), Didcock, Allen

The perfect answer to the Wimbledon game when we came back with our best performance to date with a 3-0 win at Elm Park. We opened the scoring through Matthew Keeble after unselfish work by Mark Druce and scored two excellent second half goals - from Keeble after a good move between Chris Allen and Druce and a solo goal from Druce when rounding the keeper to complete a fine personal performance. We have a home tie at The Manor in Round Two over opponents yet to be decided.

South East Counties League Cup First Round

Saturday, 15th September 1990

LUTON TOWN

Away, Won 3-1

Scorers: Allen 2, Druce

Team: Wild, Maciak, Harwood, Wanless, Tavinor, Fisher, McLean (Mutchell), Keeble, Druce (Aris), Didcock, Allen.

We took a while to settle on Luton's plastic pitch and found ourselves a goal down early on to a tremendous 30 yard drive. All credit to the lads as we got ourselves back into the game by putting the Luton defence under heavy pressure resulting in simple goals for Mark Druce and two for Chris Allen. The home side pressed hard in the second half but we easily held on to win earning a second round tie at home to Arsenal.

YOUTH

South East Counties League

Division Two

Date	Opponents	Res
1990		
Aug 22 (W)	PORT VALE (MYC Prelim)	(H) 0-3
25 (S)	Brentford	(A) 2-0
Sep 1 (S)	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	(H) 2-0
8 (S)	Wimbledon	(A) 0-2
11 (Tu)	Reading (Stn J F Cup 1)	(A) 3-0
15 (S)	Luton Town (L C 1)	(A) 3-1
29 (S)	Brighton & H A	(A)
Oct 6 (S)	LUTON TOWN	(H)
13 (S)	BOURNEMOUTH	(H)
20 (S)	ARSENAL	(LC2) (H)
27 (S)	BRISTOL ROVERS	(H)
Nov 3 (S)	Swindon Town	(A)
10 (S)	Bristol City	(A)
17 (S)	SOUTHAMPTON	(H)
24 (S)	Aldershot	(A)
Dec 1 (S)	Reading	(A)
8 (S)	Maidstone United	(A)
22 (S)	CRYSTAL PALACE	(H)
1991		
Jan 5 (S)	BRENTFORD	(H)
12 (S)	Tottenham Hotspur	(A)
19 (S)	WIMBLEDON	(H)
26 (S)	Colchester United	(A)
Feb 2 (S)	BRIGHTON & H A	(H)
9 (S)	Luton Town	(A)
16 (S)	Bournemouth	(A)
23 (S)	Bristol Rovers	(A)
Mar 2 (S)	SWINDON TOWN	(H)
9 (S)	BRISTOL CITY	(H)
16 (S)	Southampton	(A)
23 (S)	ALDERSHOT	(H)
30 (S)	READING	(H)
Apr 6 (S)	MAIDSTONE UNITED	(H)
13 (S)	Crystal Palace	(A)

to be arranged: Colchester United (H)

MYC = Midland Youth Cup

SJFC = Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

LC = South East Counties League Cup

FAYC = FA Youth Cup

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MIKE FORD

Mike was born in Bristol in 1966 and joined Oxford United in the Summer of 1988 for a fee of £150,000 from Cardiff City. Having earlier been released by Leicester City without playing a first team game Mike went into non-League football with Devizes Town before being spotted by Cardiff City. He is currently occupying the left back spot but has also had spells in midfield and at centre half. Mike was a member of the Cardiff side that gained promotion to Division Three, but before he could make his debut for Oxford he picked up a back injury which delayed his first appearance until January 1989.

Appearances

Mike made his league debut for Cardiff at Leeds on the 29th December 1984 and helped them to a 1-1 draw.

	League (Goals)	Cup Goals	Total (Goals)
1984-85 Cardiff City	20 (1)	-	20 (1)
1985-86 Cardiff City	44 (4)	3	47 (4)
1986-87 Cardiff City	35+1 (1)	8	43+1 (1)
1987-88 Cardiff City	45 (7)	3	48 (7)
1988-89 Oxford United	6+4 (1)	0+1	6+5 (1)
1989-90 Oxford United	25+6 (2)	0+1	25+7 (2)
1990-91 Oxford United	3	2	5
TOTAL (up to 17/9/90)	178+11 (16)	16+2	194+13 (16)
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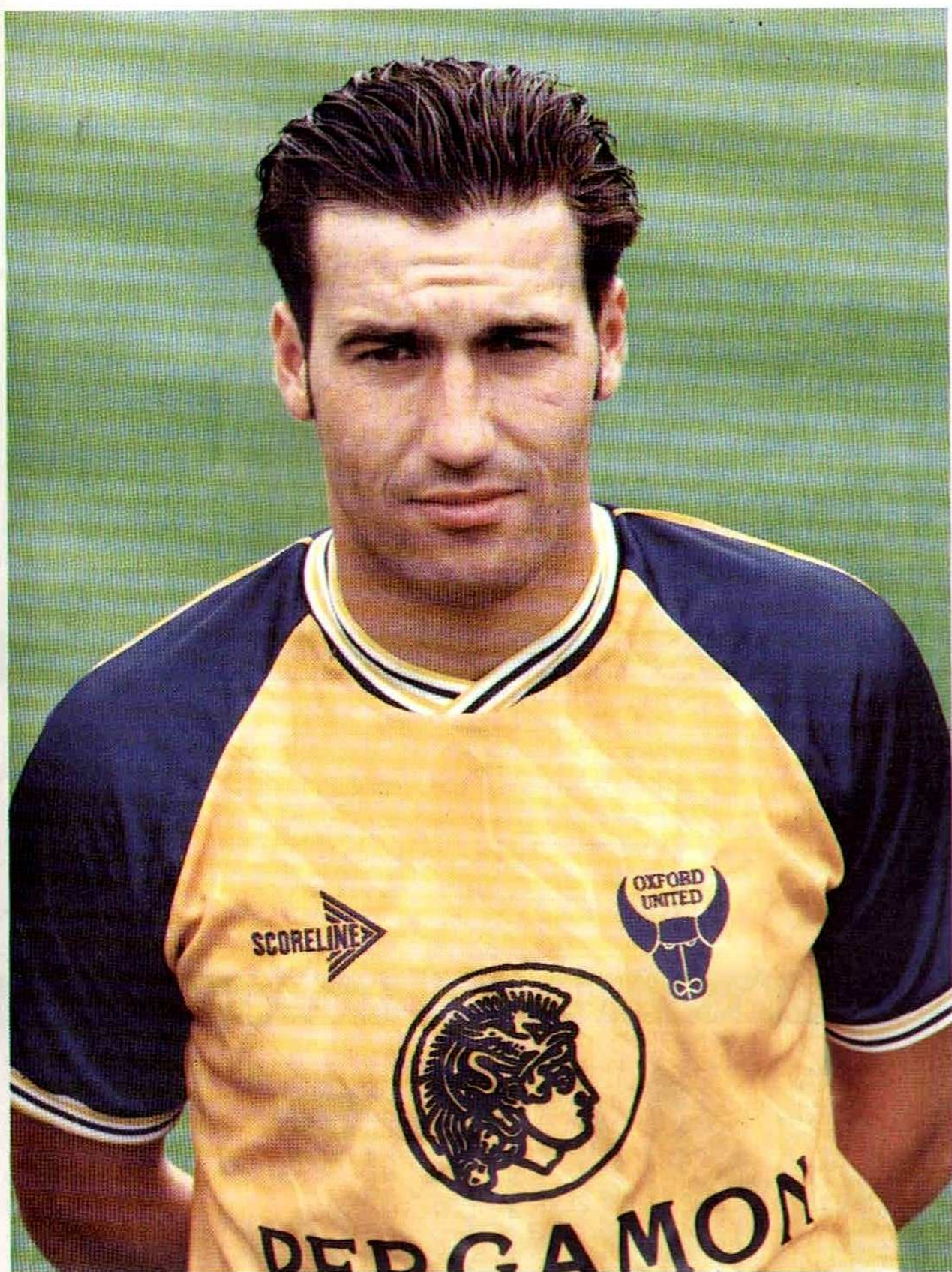


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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Oldham Athletic	6	3	1	0	9	2	2	0	0	4	2 16	Marshall 6
Sheffield Wednesday	5	2	1	0	9	3	2	0	0	3	0 13	Hirst 5
Millwall	4	1	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	2 10	Allen 4
Newcastle United	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	1	0	4	2 10	Morgan 3
Swindon Town	6	2	0	2	3	4	1	1	0	3	2 10	Shearer 3
Notts County	5	2	0	1	7	5	1	0	1	2	2 9	Lund 3
West Ham United	5	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	0	2	1 9	Five with one goal
Port Vale	6	2	0	2	6	4	1	0	1	6	7 9	Beckford 6
Barnsley	5	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	6	7 9	Cooper & Saville 2
Middlesbrough	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	5 8	Slaven 4
Bristol City	4	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	1	2	2 7	Morgan 4
West Bromwich Albion	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	4	2 7	Bannister 4
Brighton & Hove Albion	4	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	1	2	2 7	Small 3
Plymouth Argyle	6	1	3	0	6	4	0	1	1	1	3 7	Thomas 4
Ipswich Town	5	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	3 7	Five with one goal
Blackburn Rovers	6	2	0	2	7	5	0	0	2	3	6 6	Gayle 3
Wolverhampton	6	0	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	4 6	Bull 4
Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	3	4 5	White & Mehew 2
OXFORD UNITED	5	1	0	1	6	5	0	1	2	3	8 4	Foster 4
Leicester City	6	1	0	1	4	4	0	0	4	1	10 3	Five with one goal
Portsmouth	5	0	1	1	3	5	0	1	2	3	6 2	Whittingham 3
Hull City	5	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	8 2	Peyton 2
Charlton Athletic	5	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	4	6 1	Watson 2
Watford	5	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	1	4 1	Kennedy & McLoughlin 1

APPEARANCES 1990/91

	APPEARANCES			GOALS				APPEARANCES			GOALS		
	Lge	Cup	Total	Lge	Cup	Total		Lge	Cup	Total	Lge	Cup	Total
Mike FORD	5	2	7					Paul KEE	4	2	6		
Steve FOSTER	5	2	7	2	2	4		Ceri EVANS	2	1	3		
Martin FOYLE	5	2	7	2		2		Darren JACKSON	2	1	3		
Mickey LEWIS	5	2	7					David PENNEY	1+1		1+1		
Andrew MELVILLE	5	2	7					Alan JUDGE	1		1		
Les PHILLIPS	5	2	7	1		1		Lee NOGAN	+1		+1		
Les ROBINSON	5	2	7					Garry SMART	+1		+1		
Paul SIMPSON	5	2	7	1	1	2							
Mark STEIN	5	2	7	3		3							

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table to 17-9-90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	5	5	0	0	17	3	15
Portsmouth	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
Luton Town	4	3	0	1	13	9	9
Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	10	4	7
Norwich City	3	2	1	0	10	4	7
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Southampton	5	2	0	3	11	11	6
Brighton & Hove Albion	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Swindon Town	2	1	1	0	4	3	5
Wimbledon	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Millwall	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Arsenal	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Watford	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
West Ham United	3	1	0	2	3	9	3
Ipswich Town	4	0	2	2	1	4	2
Charlton Athletic	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Fulham	4	0	2	2	3	11	2
OXFORD UNITED	3	0	1	2	5	10	1
Queens Park Rangers	3	0	1	2	5	12	1
Reading	4	0	1	3	0	9	1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIV 2

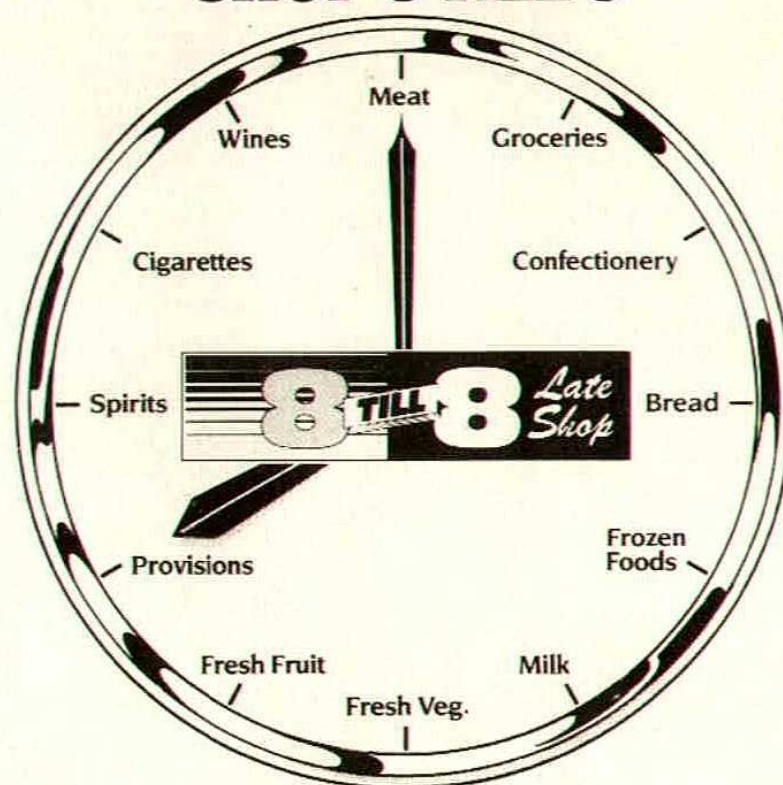
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Bristol Rovers	4	3	1	0	16	5	7
Wimbledon	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Southampton	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
OXFORD UNITED	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Aldershot	3	2	0	1	7	7	4
Swindon Town	3	2	0	1	7	11	4
Brighton & Hove Albion	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Bournemouth	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Reading	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Luton Town	3	1	0	2	8	5	2
Crystal Palace	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Tottenham Hotspur	4	0	2	2	3	8	2
Brentford	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Colchester United	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Maidstone United	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res	Att'd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 25	PORT VALE	H	5-2	4837	Judge	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster 2	Meville	Evans C.	Lewis	Foyle	Stein 2	Simpson 1	McClaren	Byrne
28	Reading (Rd 1st Leg Rumbelows LC)	A	1-0	5254	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster	Meville	Evans C.	Lewis	Foyle	Stein	Simpson 1	McClaren	Penney
Sept 1	Notts County	A	1-3	6393	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster	Meville	Jackson	Lewis	Foyle	Stein	Simpson	Penney	Smart
5	READING (Rd 1 2nd Leg Rumbelows LC)	H	2-1	4241	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster 2	Meville	Jackson	Lewis	Foyle	Stein	Simpson	Penney	Smart
8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	1-3	5294	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster	Meville	Evans C.	Lewis	Foyle 1	Stein	Simpson	Penney	Jackon
15	Oldham Athletic	A	0-3	12497	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster	Meville	Jackson	Lewis	Foyle	Stein	Simpson	Penney	Nogan (7)
18	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-2	5859	Kee	Robinson	Ford	Phillips	Foster	Meville	Penney	Lewis	Foyle 1	Stein 1	Simpson	Penney	Smart (5)
22	SWINDON TOWN	H															
24	Port Vale (Rd 2 1st Leg Rumbelows LC)	A															
29	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H															
Oct 3	West Ham United	A															
6	Barnsley	A															
10	PORT VALE (Rd 2 2nd Leg Rumbelows LC)	H															
13	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H															
20	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H															
24	Bristol Rovers	A															
27	Watford	A															
Nov 3	LEICESTER CITY	H															
7	Millwall	A															
10	BRISTOL CITY	H															
17	Charlton Athletic	A															
24	MIDDLESBROUGH	H															
Dec 1	Portsmouth	A															
8	MILLWALL	H															
15	Port Vale	A															
22	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H															
26	Hull City	A															
29	Blackburn Rovers	A															
Jan 91																	
1	IPSWICH TOWN (kick off 7.30 p.m.)	H															
12	NOTTS COUNTY	H															
19	West Bromwich Albion	H															
Feb 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A															
9	Swindon Town	A															
13	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H															
16	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H															
23	Bristol City	A															
Mar 2	PORTSMOUTH	H															
9	Middlesbrough	A															
13	WEST HAM UNITED	H															
16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A															
20	Newcastle United	A															
23	BARNSELEY	H															
30	HULL CITY	H															
Apr 1	Sheffield Wednesday	A															
6	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H															
13	Ipswich Town	A															
20	Brighton & Hove Albion	A															
27	BRISTOL ROVERS	H															
May 4	WATFORD	H															
11	Leicester City	A															

+ = OWN GOAL. Number alongside substitute indicates player replaced.
 Scorers in bold type

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OXFORD UNITED

Colours: Yellow Shirts, Navy Shorts, Yellow Socks

- 1 PAUL KEE
- 2 LES ROBINSON
- 3 MIKE FORD
- 4 LES PHILLIPS
- 5 STEVE FOSTER
- 6 ANDREW MELVILLE
- 7 DARREN JACKSON
- 8 MICKEY LEWIS
- 9 MARTIN FOYLE
- 10 MARK STEIN
- 11 PAUL SIMPSON
- 12
- 14

SWINDON TOWN

Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, Red Socks

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
- 2 JOHN BUTTIGIEG
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 ALAN McLOUGHLIN
- 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- 6 JON GITTENS
- 7 TOM JONES
- 8 DUNCAN SHEARER
- 9 FITZROY SIMPSON
- 10 ROSS MACLAREN
- 11 STEVE FOLEY
- 12 PAUL HUNT
- 14 NICK SUMMERBEE

MEN IN BLACK

Today's referee is

RON GROVES of Weston-Super-Mare.

Ron is married with two children and is a Sportswear Manufacturer. He started refereeing in 1972 whilst with the RAF in Cyprus progressing onto the Football Combination. He came onto the League list in the 1984/85 season. Ron has taken charge of the 1990 F.A. Vase Final, the F.A. Youth Cup Final in 1987 and was on the line for the Holland v Soviet Union game in 1989. He likes all sports, fishing and gardening.

Linesmen:

B. D. PRIEST - Red Trim Flag

A. SCHNEIDER - Yellow Trim Flag

Reserve Official: G. L. Meredith

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