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THE MANAGER

LING DYNASTY



WELCOME back to Brisbane Road for tonight's game against Swindon Town as we look to bounce back following Saturday's disappointing home defeat at the hands of Huddersfield Town.

It was a massive blow and although we're not going to say our chances have disappeared, we do have to change things around quickly.

It looks like a big hill to climb now, but we will not give up and we've got a chance to bounce back tonight but, as harsh as it may sound, perhaps it's time for a reality check.

Saturday's result means that we have taken just 16 points from our last 16 games and that sort of points return is nowhere near good enough to make the play-offs.

Indeed, a team that averages a point a game is likely to find themselves nearer the bottom of the table than the top and, any side looking to finish in the top two needs to average a couple of points a game, and we haven't managed to do that since the early stages of the season.

We have to face the unpalatable truth that we're not playing well at the moment.

TOGETHER

If we are to make the play-offs, then we have to start stringing together a succession of back-to-back victories. But, given the fact we have recorded just one win in our last nine games, we desperately need to dig out a couple of victories and I'd happily settle for that, just to get us out of this rut.

Looking back at Saturday's performance, it wasn't really good enough. We didn't create enough chances, despite trying a slightly different system, and there can be no arguments that the best side won on the day.

At the moment we are not doing the basics well enough and look like 11 individuals rather than a team.

There was no spark or invention about us on Saturday, and I'm saddened by that, because we give people the freedom to play and encourage them to pass the ball and express themselves in the top third of the pitch, but that's not happening right now.

But, I don't think you can look back at Saturday's game in isolation, you need to look at the bigger picture, and the simple truth of the matter is that we're not picking up enough points here at home.

LOST

Statistics don't lie, and we have now lost our last three home games, and have not managed to score during that sequence.

On that evidence alone our home form is simply

not good enough to make the top six and a glance at the league table indelibly underlines that fact.

We have played 18 games at home and have taken 26 points, and that sort of return makes it difficult to sustain a promotion push.

However, if you compare that with our away form, we have taken 24 points from 18 games and that stands the test and equates favourably with sides higher up the table.

COUNTED

With things not going so well, now is the time for every player and every single supporter to stand up and be counted.

When things are going wrong, the first reaction of some players is to hide away and the first reaction of the fans is to start getting on the players' backs. It's imperative that doesn't happen.

Because, it's vital that after all the hard work that has gone into the season so far, we don't let things drift during the final 10 games and end up in the bottom half.

Unfortunately, that's what it's looking like at the moment, and if there are players who think they can take their foot off the gas between now and the end of the season, then they are wrong. This is the time we really must all pull together.

INTERESTING

It was interesting to hear Huddersfield manager Andy Ritchie after last Saturday's game insisting his side can still make the play-offs, even though they are four points worse off than us.

Of course, any side that can suddenly go on a run over the last 10 games and string those wins together has a great chance of making it. It's all about momentum and the way momentum can swing one way or another.

If you analyse the season, I believe that our early form helped paper over the cracks and although we can still make the top six, we are currently like a leaf that was on top of the tree.

But, over the last few months, that leaf has blown away and, very gently, it has started floating downwards. Like that leaf, our momentum swing is going in the wrong direction.

While clubs like Oldham and Northampton both climbed above us at the weekend and their momentum swing is on an upward curve.

It's imperative that we stop our downward spiral, and we will only do that if we can find a win from somewhere, and quickly.

Enjoy the game

Martin Ling in conversation with Trevor Davies

“We do have to change things around quickly”

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WELCOME back to Brisbane Road for the second time this week as we look to bounce back from Saturday's disappointing defeat to Huddersfield Town.

Swindon Town are the visitors to E10 this evening and we will be hoping for a much improved performance to get us back on track. Saturday's defeat was the third consecutive game we've lost at home and that's a run that needs to be reversed immediately if we are to keep our play-off challenge alive.

We looked at Saturday and tonight as a golden opportunity to get six points to boost our credentials as top-six challengers, and although it didn't go to plan against Huddersfield, we've got a chance to rectify that now.

EXCELLENT

Swindon are in a similar position to ourselves and, like us, they will be looking to mount an assault on the play-off positions. Both teams are going to have to go on an excellent run if they are to achieve that goal, which means a draw wouldn't be much good to either of us tonight.

So, we should expect an open game with both teams going for maximum points and that should make for an exciting evening here at Brisbane Road.

Our next home game is on Saturday March 22 when Carlisle United make the long journey south to London.

I'm delighted to say that we're offering a fantastic deal for the visit of the Cumbrians, where season ticket holders can claim two free tickets to the game.

So why not take the opportunity to introduce a couple of friends to the delights of football at the Orient? Carlisle are flying high at the top of the table, while we are pushing for the play-offs, so it should be a cracking afternoon – with, hopefully, a large attendance.

We've had a couple of sell-out crowds recently for the games against Southend and Nottingham Forest, and with the likes of Leeds, Carlisle and Doncaster still to visit us this season, there are some massive games to look forward to.

OBSTACLE

First of all, though, we have the obstacle of Swindon to get past and they've already proven to us this season that they are a stubborn side.

We bossed the large majority of the game when we played at the County Ground in November, but they still came away with a point when they scored with the last kick of the game.

We need to make sure there's no repeat of that tonight and a win would set us up nicely for the rest of March – a month in which four of our five remaining fixtures are against teams below us in the table. So, as ever, please get behind the team tonight and help them towards three points.

Enjoy the game

Come on you O's!



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INTRODUCING SWINDON 'TOWN

SWINDON TOWN arrive here tonight knowing they need a win to keep their play-off hopes alive. But new boss Maurice Malpas will be hoping for a less eventful match than last Tuesday's encounter against Huddersfield Town.

That fixture threw together the two sides who were due to visit Brisbane Road in a three-day spell and it produced a real cracker. Swindon raced into a three-goal lead as Billy Paynter netted early on, and then former O's star Craig Easton popped up with a quick-fire double, all in the opening 31 minutes.

But then it almost went wrong for the home side, as Phil Jevons cut the deficit after Huddersfield were awarded a 39th-minute penalty.

After the break it almost turned into a disaster for Swindon, as they were reduced to 10 men when Lee Peacock was sent off for a foul. Then, with 15 minutes to go, Paynter also saw red for punching the ball off the line. Jevons converted again from the spot to set up a nail-biting finish, but the nine-man home side hung on.

SUSPENDED

Without a game last weekend as their scheduled opponents Bristol Rovers were playing in the cup, it means that both Paynter and Peacock are suspended for tonight's encounter.

It's a blow for the Robins, who are looking for a second successive promotion, after they finished third in League Two last term.

Paynter, who was sent off at Crewe earlier in the season, picked up a two-game ban and also misses the home game against Carlisle United.

He reflected on the Swindon website: "It's disappointing for me to be honest. The next two games are big ones for the team and I don't want to miss out on any games of football, but that's how it goes."

It also gives boss Malpas, who took over from Paul Sturrock earlier in the season, a bit of a headache for tonight's game, with two key players suspended.

He admitted on the club's website after the Huddersfield match: "We may have to take a look at the loan market now. The squad is stretched as Billy (Paynter) and Peacs (Lee Peacock) are big players for us."

ALIVE

But Malpas was pleased with the win, as it kept the hopes of a

late promotion push alive and he added: "I have probably lost a few more hairs after that. We were cruising in the first half, but we were struggling in the second half. Thankfully we came out with all three points."

"The defensive work went well in the first half and we created chances at the other end. Sometimes we have to win ugly, and we did that tonight."

The manager reserved special praise for former O's old boy Easton. The midfielder is Swindon's leading appearance-maker this season, having played 34 times for the Robins following his switch to the County Ground from Brisbane Road during the summer.

"Craig produced an excellent finish for his goal. He got right over the ball and showed excellent technique. He got two goals and we're very pleased with him," added the manager.

And Easton would, no doubt, love to hit the target again tonight on his return to the Matchroom.

However, it's Swindon's away form that has prevented them from playing more of an imposing role in this season's promotion chase.

The win against Huddersfield saw the Robins lift their points total to 47 for the season from 35 games, but the majority of those, 31 in fact, have come at home.

On the road the Robins have found it more of a struggle and have won just three and drawn seven of the 17 trips to date.

They do have a victory in the capital this season, as one of those three wins was achieved at Millwall, when they edged home by the odd goal in three.

While their other two successes came with identical 1-0 wins at Yeovil and Luton.

REVENGE

The O's will, no doubt, be looking for a spot of revenge tonight as, when the two sides clashed earlier in the season, Orient looked to be heading for a win when Adam Boyd put them 1-0 ahead in the 86th minute.

But, in the fourth minute of stoppage time, Hasney Aljofree scrambled home a leveller, despite the visitors having 57 per cent of the possession during the game.

That last-gasp goal also prevented the O's from returning to the top of the table.

Since then Orient have failed to find their early season form on a regular basis, and a win for Martin Ling's side tonight might see them achieve less loftier aspirations, as it could be enough to push them back closer to the top six.





DEFENCE

PHIL SMITH

Harrow-born goalkeeper Phil Smith joined Swindon in July 2006 from Crawley Town. The 6ft 1ins stopper started his career with Millwall as a youngster, but he was released in 2001 and dropped into non-league. Spells with Folkestone Invicta, Dover Athletic, Margate and Crawley followed before he returned to the Football League two summers ago.

MIGUEL COMMINGES

French right back Miguel Comminges arrived at Swindon in July 2007 from Reims, a second tier side in his homeland. Comminges first came to the attention of then Town boss Paul Sturrock on a scouting mission to France last year, and after tracking his progress, Sturrock moved to sign the 25-year-old on a one-year deal in the close season. Miguel has also played for Amiens.

JACK SMITH

Right-sided defender Jack Smith is in his third season as a Swindon player following a July 2005 move from Watford. The 24-year-old made 25 League appearances for the Hornets, scoring two goals, before moving on to the Robins. He enjoyed a solid season at right-back during Swindon's 2006/07 promotion campaign, and has now returned to fitness following the dislocated shoulder he suffered last October.

JEREL IFIL

Londoner Jerel is closing in on his double century of Swindon appearances, having become a firm fans' favourite following his summer 2004 transfer from Watford. The powerful defender had previously enjoyed three loan spells at the County Ground between 2003 and 2004 and he signed a new three-year deal last summer. Jerel also spent time on loan at Huddersfield during his Watford days.

HASNEY ALJOFREE

Swindon skipper Hasney Aljofree linked up with Paul Sturrock for a third time in his career when he moved to Swindon last summer. The 29-year-old previously played under the Scotsman at Dundee United and Plymouth Argyle and he wasted little time in slotting in at Swindon. An experienced player with over 250 career appearances to his name, Aljofree has formed a good partnership with Jerel Ifil.



MIDFIELD

CRAIG EASTON

Scottish midfielder Craig Easton turned down the offer of a new contract with the O's in favour of moving to Swindon last summer and he has quickly become an integral part of the Robins' side. The former Dundee United and Livingston man enjoyed two fruitful years in E10 between 2005 and 2007, helping Martin Ling's men gain promotion from League Two and then avoid relegation last term.

SOFIENE ZAABOUB

French left-sided midfielder Sofiene Zaaboub initially joined Swindon on a short-term contract in November 2006 and he impressed sufficiently to earn a deal until the end of this season. Zaaboub has enjoyed a nomadic career, taking in spells with Montereau and Saint-Étienne in his homeland before playing for Modena in Italy, Real Jaén in Spain and FC Brussels in Belgium.

CHRIS ALLEN

Devizes-born midfielder Chris Allen has worked his way through the youth ranks at Swindon to earn his first professional contract. The 19-year-old made his debut in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory over Brentford earlier this season and he has come back into the side in the last three weeks. Chris now has nine first team appearances under his belt and looks to have a bright future in the game.

JON-PAUL MCGOVERN

Jon-Paul McGovern, a lively winger who can also operate through the middle, joined Swindon just hours before the close of the summer 2007 transfer window. The 27-year old Glaswegian began his career at Celtic, but he failed to make the breakthrough at Parkhead and moved onto Livingston. He moved into English football with Sheffield Wednesday in 2004 and has also played for Milton Keynes Dons.

ANTHONY McNAMEE

24-year-old wingman Anthony McNamee signed for Swindon from Watford in January 2008 for an undisclosed fee. Gianluca Vialli gave him his Hornets debut as an 18-year-old in March 2002 and he went on to make nearly 100 League appearances for the Vicarage Road club. But finding first team opportunities more limited in the last two seasons, he opted for the move to Wiltshire.





ATTACK

JAMIE VINCENT

Swindon Town became the eighth club of Wimbledon-born defender Jamie Vincent's career when he signed for the Robins in August 2006. The 32-year-old started off with Crystal Palace, where he made 25 League appearances before moving on to Bournemouth in 1996. He has since played for the likes of Huddersfield, Portsmouth and Derby, costing over £1.3million in transfer fees.

SIMON COX

Former Reading man Simon Cox has made a big impact at the County Ground since arriving from the Madjeski Stadium club, initially on loan, at the start of the season. Cox, 20, made the move permanent in the January transfer window as Swindon fought off competition from Northampton Town for his signature. He has scored 10 goals in 27 appearances this season.

MOSES ASHIKODI

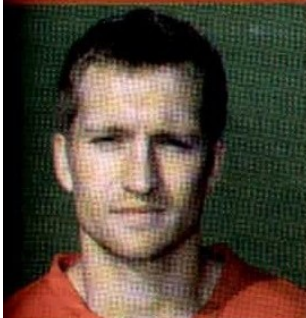
20-year-old striker Moses Ashikodi joined Swindon on loan from Championship side Watford in January and is awaiting his first Robins goal. The Lagos-born player began his career at Millwall, where he made his debut at just 15. He moved to West Ham United in 2004, but he left Upton Park without making a first team appearance and signed for Rangers. He then joined Watford and is gaining experience at Swindon.

BARRY CORR

Ex-Sheffield Wednesday youngster Barry Corr signed for Swindon last summer, teaming up with then-boss Paul Sturrock once again. The 6ft 3ins striker failed to find the net in 17 League games for the Owls, but he has enjoyed a more fruitful time at Swindon, netting five times in 18 appearances this term. He first played for Swindon on loan from Wednesday last term, and he has also been loaned to Bristol City.

BILLY PAYNTER

Liverpool-born striker Billy Paynter is suspended for this evening's match at Brisbane Road having been sent off in last week's 3-2 victory over Huddersfield. The former Southend man signed for the Robins from the Roots Hall club last August and he has gone on to score nine times for his new club. Billy started his career with Port Vale and he has also played for Hull City and Bradford City.



BEST OF THE REST

CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Welsh forward Christian Roberts, who is equally comfortable either on the right wing or up front, has made over a century of League appearances for Swindon since joining the Robins for a £20,000 fee from Bristol City in November 2004. He started off with hometown club Cardiff City, but it wasn't until a July 2000 move to Exeter City that his career took off. He has now scored 74 career goals.

Slovakian goalkeeper Peter Brezovan is currently warming the bench as Swindon's second choice goalkeeper. The 28-year-old stopper signed for the Robins in 2006 from Czech side 1. FC Brno.

Veteran defender Andy Williams is in his second season as a Swindon player after his transfer from Coventry. The 36-year-old spent 11 years at Reading over two spells and he has also played for Wolves and Millwall. Andrew Nicholas, a 24-year-old left-sided defender left Liverpool in 2003 to sign for Swindon and he has since gone on to make well over 100 appearances for the club. Maurice Malpas' defensive options also include Patrick Kanyuka, who signed for the club in January after being allowed to leave QPR, and Chris Blackburn, a summer arrival from newly-promoted League Two club Morecambe.

Energetic midfielder Michael Pook signed his first professional contract ahead of the 2005/06 season and he has gone on to make over 100 appearances for the club. Lee Peacock, the former Bristol City and Sheffield Wednesday striker who has been switched to a midfield role at Swindon, is banned for today after being sent off in the recent 3-2 victory over Huddersfield.

Up front, Blair Sturrock, the son of former manager Paul, signed for Swindon in 2006 from Rochdale and he has scored five goals this season. Youngster Kaid Mohamed is currently out on loan at Blue Square Premier side Torquay United, for whom he has scored twice in seven games.



MANAGER

MAURICE MALPAS

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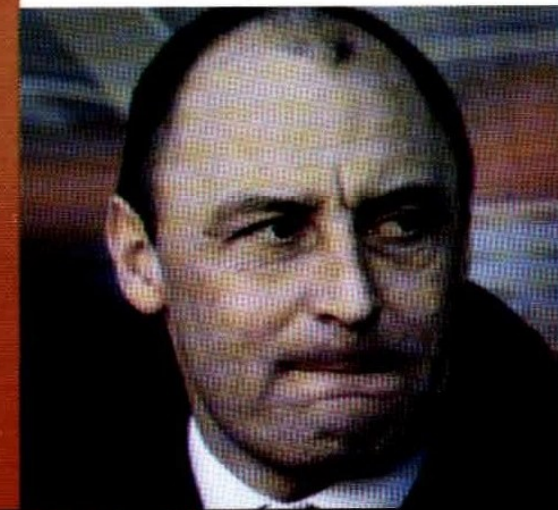
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Quote: On Swindon's finishing in their 3-2 victory over Huddersfield: "It's been missing on match day but we see it in training. I'm never surprised with the quality of finishing. Well, maybe I was with Craig Easton scoring!"



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THE ATTITUDE VIEW



Craig Easton

SWINDON TOWN midfielder Craig Easton is hoping to give the Robins' play-off hopes a boost tonight at the expense of his old employers.

The 29-year-old Scot spent two years at Brisbane Road, playing a key role from midfield as Orient won promotion to League One.

But now he is focused on helping Swindon to the Championship and he knows how important three points could prove to be this evening.

We caught up with him ahead of the game.

Tonight's game is your first at Brisbane Road since leaving for Swindon in the summer, are you looking forward to it?

Of course I am. I loved my time at Orient – I had two great years

there, probably two of my best in football. We got promoted and went on a great FA Cup run in the first season and then stayed up after a tough year, which was a decent achievement, so I've got plenty of good memories.

I think the highlight would have to be winning promotion at Oxford, and I'm grateful to Martin Ling and Dean Smith for taking a chance on me and giving me the opportunity there. It was nice that the fans took to me and I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone tonight.

And with Orient and Swindon fighting for the play-offs, it's a massive game too...

It's weird how it's worked out with both of us involved in the race for the play-offs. It's so tight that any team who goes on a run now will have a great chance of making the top six. It's one of those games where a draw isn't going to be much good for either team, so both teams will be going for it and hopefully we can come away with three points.

We do know it is going to be a tough game though. When they came to the County Ground I thought Orient were one of the best sides we've faced this season, but we beat Huddersfield in our last game and we'll be hoping to build on that.

That 3-2 win over Huddersfield last Tuesday must give you confidence for this game?

We played better in the first half of that game and won it in the first 30 minutes really. It was a bit different after half time and the sendings off didn't do us any favours, but we held on for the win and that was important for us.

It was nice for me to score two goals too. I got into decent areas twice and managed to finish the chances off after good play down the left hand side. I'd like to build on that because I do like getting into the penalty area and scoring goals.

You were due to play Bristol Rovers at the weekend, but their FA Cup involvement meant you had a weekend off. Was that frustrating?

In some ways, because it would have been good to have the opportunity to build on the win over Huddersfield straight away. However, we've been busy recently with games on Saturdays and Tuesdays, so it was probably good for us to have a little rest ahead of such a big game. It's been enjoyable in training and I'm sure the lads who have been carrying knocks would have been glad to have more time to recuperate for tonight's game – so it could work in our favour too.

And with Orient losing to Huddersfield at the weekend, are you expecting a reaction from them?

They need to get back to winning ways, so we will have to be wary of Orient. But our win over Huddersfield was what we needed after a defeat in the previous game.

We're confident that we can get a result and three points would be great because we're desperate to be involved in the play-offs.



MATCH STATS...

**LEYTON ORIENT 0
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1**

*Coca-Cola League One,
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- 12 Glenn Morris
- 2 Stephen Purches
- 4 Alton Thelwell
- 6 Brian Saah
- 8 Adam Chambers
- 9 Wayne Gray
- 10 Sean Thornton
- 16 Jabo Ibehre
- 17 Paul Terry
- 19 Aiden Palmer
- 20 Jason Demetriou

Subs:

- 1 Stuart Nelson (GK)
- 3 Charlie Daniels
- 7 JJ Melligan for Purches (68)
- 14 Andy Barcham for Thornton (80)
- 18 Adam Boyd for Gray (64)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

- 27 Matt Glennon
- 2 Andy Holdsworth
- 4 Michael Collins
- 6 Nathan Clarke
- 7 Chris Brandon
- 10 Robbie Williams
- 13 Frank Sinclair
- 14 Phil Jevons
- 15 Malvin Kamara
- 23 Andy Booth
- 29 Rob Page

Subs:

- 8 Jon Worthington for Collins (74)
- 18 Luke Beckett for Jevons (71)
- 19 Aaron Hardy
- 22 James Berrett for Kamara (87)
- 28 Alex Smithies (GK)

Goal: Beckett (75)

Booked: Holdsworth

Referee: Russell Booth
(Nottinghamshire)

Attendance: 4,660 (432 away)







MATCH STATS...

Martin Ling: "It was a disappointing display," he continued. "We lacked creativity all over the park and we've found scoring goals, especially here, difficult recently."

"We didn't really create any decent chances and the better side won the game. We've got to do the basics of the game right, and we didn't do that today."

"There was no spark or invention about us, and I'm saddened by that, because we give people the freedom to play and encourage them to pass the ball and express themselves in the top third of the pitch. That's not happening right now."

Timeline...

▶ 12 mins – Huddersfield's Phil Jevons is inches away from giving the visitors the lead when he connects with Malvin Kamara's terrific cross, but sends his glancing header just wide.

▶ 21 mins – Right winger Kamara proves to be a thorn in Orient's side early on and he works space for a cross-shot, which fizzles into the hands of Glenn Morris.

▶ 38 mins – Orient opt for a diamond in midfield in an effort to find some creativity, but Huddersfield continue to appear the more likely scorers and Chris Brandon skies an effort over the crossbar.

▶ 51 mins – Jabo Ibehre does well in the right hand channel to hold off a challenge before passing to Jason Demetriou, who forces a good save from Matt Glennon with his well-struck 20-yard effort.

▶ 60 mins – Demetriou tries his luck from outside the penalty area again and this time his shot takes a deflection off Frank Sinclair but drops the wrong side of the post.

▶ 70 mins – JJ Melligan comes off the bench and is involved almost immediately, finding space behind the Terriers' backline to cross low for Adam Boyd, who stabs wide under pressure.

▶ 75 mins – But it is a Huddersfield substitute – Luke Beckett – who provides the afternoon's defining moment, linking up well with Andy Booth to convert the former Sheffield Wednesday man's low cross from close range.

▶ 85 mins – Orient fashion one chance to level, but Ibehre can't take it, finding the gloves of Glennon with a fierce drive that flew through the penalty area.





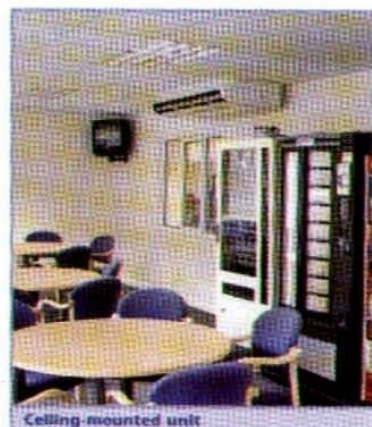
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BOB MILLS



A CONICAL VIEW

WHAT an incredible weekend in the Cup. With the big guns firing blanks, we are left with Pompey as the only top flight side left in the competition. That's if Fratton Park hasn't been blown away in Sunday night's gales.

Cardiff and Barnsley did themselves proud, and showed that the Football League, despite the billions spent on the Premiership, is still a match for most leagues in the world.

And all of us down in the lower reaches were hoping that Bristol Rovers could keep their dream alive, despite their outrageous luck against a far superior team in an earlier round!

HUMBLING

The weekend's great giant-killing feats had us O's fans thinking back fondly to our great wins at Fulham, and back to our humbling of Portsmouth themselves. The older ones were able to think back to Stamford Bridge, and the Arsenal semi-final.

But for Swindon fans, the achievement of Barnsley upsetting all odds against the mighty Blues must have taken them back to March 1969, when they created a bit of Wembley history that will live long for those of us who saw it.

The Arsenal team arrived for the old League Cup final almost embarrassed at the thought of having to slap the little Wiltshiremen from the Third Division aside, before carting the

trophy back to north London. Of course, football's not like that, and Rogers, Heath, Trollope et al pulled off one of the great Wembley shocks of all time.

One thing we are all agreed upon this season, is that we can look forward to one of the best Cup finals in a very long time, with none of the so-called 'Big Four' involved, and the full glory of the competition revived.

ATTENTION

I thought that Fergie and his assistant really let themselves down after United's defeat. Instead of being big, and praising the resilience and skill of a Pompey side that ran themselves into the ground, they focused all their attention on an early refereeing decision, as if that cost them the game... indeed Fergie even implied that the match official was giving confidence to the Portsmouth players by his decisions throughout the match. That's an appalling statement... especially coming from him... at Old Trafford!

Of course the ref could have given United a penalty for the shove on Ronaldo. However, he could easily have sent off Rooney for a studs-up challenge, so all in all, it's swings and roundabouts.

No matter how big you are, sometimes you get beat. The real measure of a team is how they react in defeat. Let's hope it's our visitors who have to demonstrate that rather than us, though, eh?

Bob Mills





CAPTAIN'S LOG

Vandanael

WE WILL KEEP OUR
DISCIPLINE AND
KEEP TRYING

STEPHEN PURCHES

WELCOME back to Brisbane Road for tonight's game with Swindon Town as we look to get back to winning ways here at Brisbane Road.

It's another hugely important game for us, as we need three points to try and keep in the play-off chase.

The one thing to remember is that none of the players want the season to end with a whimper, and we will be doing our best to make sure we start climbing the table again.

It's not every season that you have the chance to do well and make the play-offs and so we have to make sure we focus on what we want to achieve.

We have trained hard and worked hard and although things are not quite happening for us at the moment, we will keep our discipline and keep trying.

We're certainly not going to throw in the towel now that we're so close to the finishing line. We will keep battling to the end.

DISAPPOINTMENT

Saturday's defeat by Huddersfield Town was the third successive match we have lost here at Brisbane Road, which was a major disappointment.

I thought that at one stage we were turning things into a fortress here, but it's been doubly disappointing not to have picked up a single point, or even scored a goal in the last three games here.

Looking back, they have all be tight matches, but there's no doubt we should have beaten Crewe. It was one of those games when nothing would go in during the second half.

The Forest game was tight and it always looked as if one goal would settle it and I think Saturday's game against Huddersfield Town followed a similar pattern.

But the fact that we have not scored in those three games is a worry. It seems as if we're hoping something will happen, rather than making something happen.

It's something we're working on to try and put right, because when we score the first goal in a game we look a completely different side.

We look in control and there is a confidence about us once we get our noses in front and, hopefully, that's something we will be able to do tonight.

MAXIMUM

At this stage of the season every game is a tough one and Swindon, who are just three points

behind us, will also be looking for maximum points, as they will still be hoping to make it into the play-offs if they can put together a good run between now and the end of the season.

But, it's a game we have to win as well, and we know what we want to achieve and where we want to be in a few weeks time.

Since Saturday we have been working hard to make sure we retain those good bits of our performance and try and put right the few bits and bobs that we're not doing well.

Hopefully, we will be able to create more opportunities tonight than we have done in recent games.

STOPPAGE

It would certainly be good to put one over Swindon as when we played them earlier in the season we looked all set for a victory until they scored with a leveller four minutes into stoppage time.

That made the journey home feel a little bit longer and it was really disappointing, as I thought we played well down at the County Ground.

They were two important points lost and it was equally frustrating to concede an equaliser in stoppage time at Brighton recently.

That's four points that have been snatched away from us and, at the end of the season, they could prove to be so important.

DRAINED

Finally, on a personal note, I hope to be available for tonight's game after going down with chicken pox last week. I'm putting these notes together on Sunday and I feel really drained at the moment following Saturday's game.

I was able to start the match and was pleased to reach half time and play on for as long as I did.

But it was difficult to really get going again in the second half, so it was a tough day all round and the result certainly didn't help.

It's a mystery as to how I got it and, fortunately for the rest of the team, I had passed the contagious stage before Saturday's game!

I don't think I'd have been too popular if I'd have passed it on and the lads had started coming out in spots.

Enjoy the game.

Stephen Purches in conversation with Trevor Davies

TALKING WOUNDED...

Physio Lewis Manning gives us the latest on the injury situation...

● **Name:** Stephen Purches

Problem: Virus.

Progress: Tired and drained but managed to play two-thirds of Saturday's game.

Return: Could be available tonight.

● **Name:** Sam Oji

Problem: Hamstring problem.

Cause: Tightened up during the match at Brighton.

Progress: Is back jogging.

Return: Maybe a week away from a return.

● **Name:** Tamika Mkandawire

Problem: Groin problem

Cause: Had been struggling with a long-term groin injury and it became too much of a problem during the recent match with Crewe.

Progress: Back jogging after a hernia operation.

Return: Should be back in a couple of weeks.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Please note that for all remaining matches this season, the Club will be operating a random number policy for season ticket vouchers.

Previously vouchers 1-23 in season ticket books have corresponded to the same number home match, but this will now no longer be the case.

Supporters are reminded that it is essential they bring their complete season ticket book to each game in order to produce the correct numbered voucher at the turnstiles.

Any season ticket holder with a query on this matter should contact the Club as soon as possible.

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Martin Ling

Played 209 Won 75 Drawn 66 Lost 68
For 272 Against 288
Av Pts/game 1.39
Biggest Win(s) Millwall 2 L Orient 5
(20/02/2007). Biggest Loss(es)
Doncaster 5 L Orient 0 (10/01/2004).

Maurice Malpas

Played 11 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 4 For
12 Against 12
Av Pts/game 1.36
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 3 Huddersfield
2 (04/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es)
Swindon 0 Walsall 3 (23/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Martin Ling	0	Maurice Malpas	0
Draws ..0		Goals 0		Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Adam
Boyd 69

shots on target

Adam
Boyd 36

shots off target

Adam
Boyd 33

assists

Jason
Demetriou 4

crosses

Jason
Demetriou 51

fouls

Adam
Chambers 63

free-kicks-won

Adam
Chambers 68



Player with the most...

shots

Billy
Paynter 48

shots on target

Billy
Paynter 25

shots off target

Lee
Peacock 24

assists

Sofiene
Zaaboub 7

crosses

Jon-Paul
McGovern 40

fouls

Jerel
Ifil 56

free-kicks-won

Billy
Paynter 47

GAMES SINCE

2	a win	0
3	a home win	0
1	an away win	3
1	a defeat	1
0	a home defeat	1
4	an away defeat	1
0	a score draw	2
6	a no score draw	9
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
5	conceding > 1	0
5	scoring > 1	0
2	keeping a clean sheet	5
1	failing to score	1
32	back to back wins	16
27	back to back defeats	3
0	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
10	win by > one	5
7	loss by > one	3

SHARP SHOOTERS

L Orient	CCFL Cup	Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot
Adam Boyd	10	3	13	Simon Cox	9
Jabo Ibehre	6	0	6	Billy Paynter	7
Wayne Gray	4	2	6	Christian Roberts	5

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played21	L Orient wins	5	Swindon wins	9
Draws7	Goals 15 (0.7 per game)		Goals 34 (1.6 per game)	
0-0's3	Times failed to score 9		Times failed to score 7	

Biggest League win at L Orient for each team:

28/03/1964 L Orient 2-1 Swindon
19/12/1964 L Orient 0-3 Swindon



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



9	Position	12
35	Played	35
13	Won	12
11	Drawn	11
11	Lost	12
40	Goals For	45
45	Goals Against	43
50	Points	47



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	7	5	11	2	4	9	22

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	4	6	12	10	7	3	3

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
10	5	0	12	11	6	1	9

Record When Conceding First

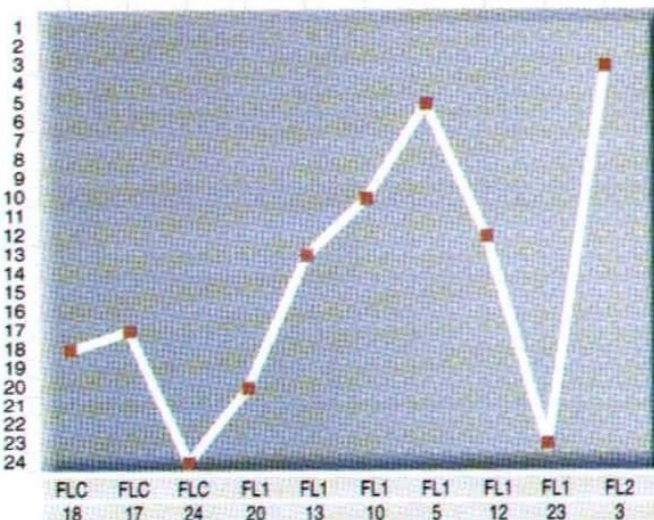
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	3	11	3	1	4	11	20

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[6], 2-0[2], 2-1[2], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], 3-2[1]. Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[1], 0-4[1], 0-5[1], 1-3[2], 2-4[2]. Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[5], 2-2[3]. Wins: 1-0[4], 2-1[4], 3-0[1], 3-2[1], 4-1[1], 5-0[1]. Losses: 0-1[4], 0-3[3], 1-2[5]. Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[7], 2-2[3].

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

97/98 98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07



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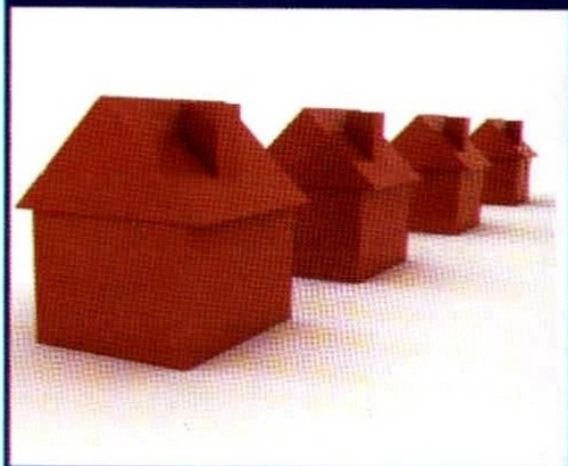




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THEO'S GANG

Hi Gang,

Here we are back again at Brisbane Road just three days after our last game – let's hope for a better performance this time around!

The lads were really disappointed that we failed to beat Huddersfield on Saturday, especially as we had two home games in such a short space of time here.

But they are keen to make up for it with a good performance this evening and they know how important it is to take three points off Swindon.

Paul Terry says on page 33 of this evening's programme that we need to be more creative and get the ball down in midfield, so that should make for an exciting game and it would be nice to see some goals today!

It will also be nice to welcome back Craig Easton to Brisbane Road.

I know Craig was a fans' favourite during his time here and he played a big part in our promotion season, even scoring a goal on that famous day at Oxford.

I'm sure he will get a good reception from the O's fans, but let's hope we can make the rest of his evening a miserable one by sending his Swindon team away without any points!

Saturday's defeat was a blow to our promotion dreams, but the table is still really tight and a win today could get us going again.

So get behind the boys and cheer us on to three points!

Theo

FOCUS ON A GANG MEMBER...

Name: Tommy-Lee Tableporter

Age: 7

Favourite current O's player: Adam Chambers

Favourite all-time O's player: Matt Lockwood

Favourite non-O's player: Cristiano Ronaldo

Favourite O's kit: The blue away one

Favourite match of last season: Nottingham Forest away

Who will be the O's leading goalscorer this season: Adam Boyd

Who do you come to Orient with: My dad and uncle

Where do you sit at Orient: North Stand

School: Broadford Primary School

Favourite subjects: Art and Science

Hobbies and Interests: Football

What are the three best things about Orient? We have a good team, there's a good family atmosphere and we have excellent training days.





HISTORICAL O'S

Sid Bishop





THE X FILES

Continuing the two-part conversation with club stalwart Sid Bishop, in this article, the legendary centre-half gives a further insight into his life with the O's before it sadly ended with an acrimonious parting of the ways

Confidence is the key word used by Sid Bishop to summarise his personal approach to the game. The outstanding and dependable defender joined the O's ground staff in 1953 and went on to give 12 seasons of loyal service that embraced 323 League and Cup appearances.

Sid played against the best forwards of his time and when questioned as to the most difficult opponent he ever faced, Bishop replied with typical candour. "There were certain players who were good but they never gave me a difficult time," he responded. "I always had an inner-built belief in my own ability. I felt that I was always in control and that came with an increase in confidence and experience as I played more and more games.

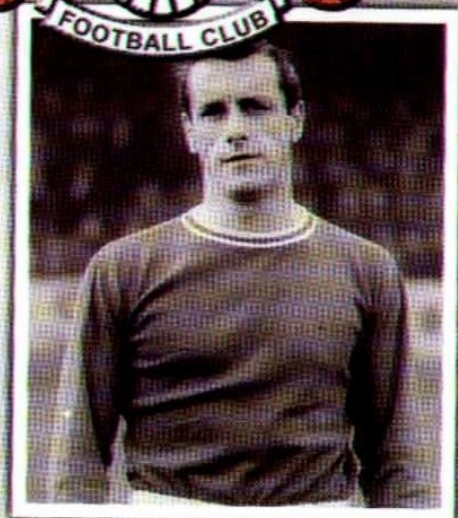
"Sometimes after we came off the field, I felt that I could have gone back on straight away and played another match. It was not because I didn't do anything mind you! I suppose because of my background as a PT Instructor, I was really fit."

It was during the brief reign of manager Dave Sexton when Sid finally left Orient and sadly, it was not on the best of terms as he explains. "I'd already told the club that I intended to retire at the end of the 1963/64 season and when Dave - who I knew quite well - arrived, he asked me what had been going on and I told him that I wanted to retire.

"I'd had a bit of a row with the club because I wanted to buy the club house I was living in at Woodford Green but they wouldn't sell it to me. There was dispute and the club held onto my registration so that I couldn't go and play for anyone else and that brought an end to my professional career as a player.

"I was very disappointed with Chairman Harry Zussman's attitude over the whole business after I'd given the club such loyal service over 12 years but I'd made my decision to retire and decided to carry it out. So I went to Hastings as player-manager but I wasn't happy there and quickly moved onto Guildford City where I stayed for 18 months but although we won the Southern League Cup, I didn't feel I was achieving anything in life. So I became a licensee of a pub near Portsmouth but then my wife became ill and, with two kids to look after, I quit the business."

Sid returned to London and worked in a variety of jobs to earn



money until he retired. Sadly, his wife died a few years ago but the O's legend is still a regular visitor to Orient and the Supporters' Club travelling from his home in Harlow.

There were rumours on a number of occasions during his playing career that Sid was a transfer target for clubs with a higher profile than the O's although he cannot personally corroborate that speculation. "I was never told anything apart from one occasion when we coming away from Manchester United when Carey said to me, 'Would you fancy living up here, Sid?'" Matt Busby's son-in-law Don Gibson played for us for a while and he said to me on a several occasions, "Matt's

having you scouted again this week." I told him that was nice but it never came to anything and I never let it affect my game. But I was happy in London playing for Orient anyway.

Bishop accepts that the game in his day could be a physical battle although he is quick to state, "It wasn't as dangerous as it is now. It's ridiculous, players come in boot high with tackles and it's a wonder that someone hasn't lost an eye. There are elbows flying around and gamesmanship and cynicism in other ways.

"When I played, if I thought that a player was feigning, I would say to him, 'If you go down again mate, then you won't get up.' When I see all the shirt-grabbing that goes on in the penalty box these days, I get really annoyed. If that had happened in my day, a few people would have got a good wallop.

"There was the odd time when an opponent would clobber me off the ball out of sight of the referee. On one particular occasion I said to the ref: 'Can I hit him for what he's done? He just replied: 'Don't let me see you do it Sid! You wouldn't tell the referee how to do their job but you could talk to them in those days.'"

Despite his macho-approach, Sid Bishop was a player who would always try to win the ball fairly relying on his superb timing both on the ground and in the air. Despite his tough no-nonsense approach to the game, he was never booked as a player with Orient.

Sid questions whether the modern-day player achieves the same amount of satisfaction from playing the game as colleagues from his generation. "I enjoyed every game I played, but I don't see enough of today's players laughing and enjoying the game like we used to," he states.

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END OF SEASON DINNER

We have been taking bookings for the forthcoming end of season awards dinner so if you haven't already thought about coming along please enquire as places are almost sold out!

Taking place on Monday May 12 at the famous Dorchester Hotel on Park Lane the event will see our annual awards presentations followed by an evening of comedy. Matt Lockwood picked up the Player of the Year award for 2006/07 and you can be there to find out who will take his title. For further information on making a booking for this event please call or e-mail me and we can discuss your requirements.

KIT SPONSORS EVENT

I am happy to inform all of our Kit Sponsors that the date for the Kit Sponsors presentation evening has been confirmed as taking place on Tuesday April 29. The event will begin at 6pm with a light buffet and drinks facility available with the presentations beginning at 7pm. All kit sponsors are invited and can bring one guest along.

I will be writing to all our kit sponsors very soon with the invitations and a booking sheet for optional extras such as framed shirts and additional guests etc. but for the moment please pop the date in your diary and I look forward to seeing you all on the night.

EASTER

With Easter approaching why not pop into the club superstore and pick up a chocolate treat, for only £6 we have Orient crest mugs and Easter eggs up for grabs so ditch the trip to Tesco or Asda and get to the O's instead!

Here's to three points!!
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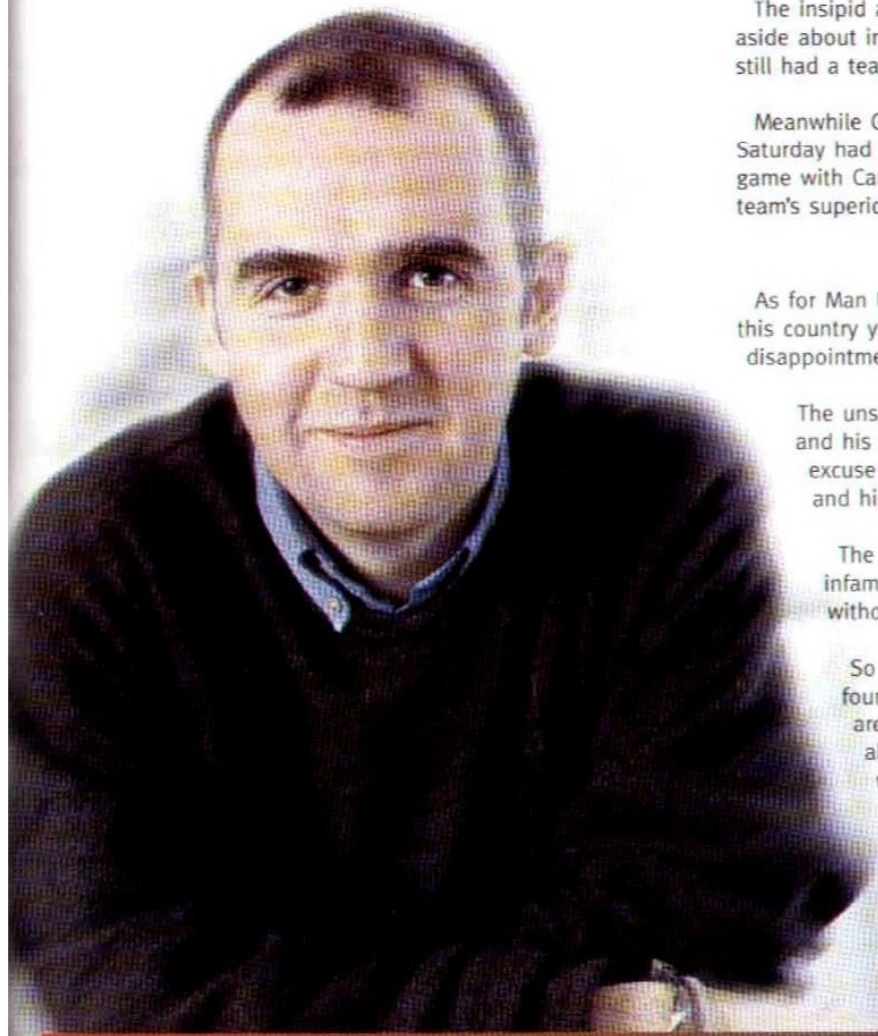
with Phil Parry



I LOVE my stats so let me throw a couple at you. For the first time this millennium London will not be represented at the FA Cup final in May, in fact just twice in the last 12 years has a team from the capital not been at the end of season showpiece.

There is even an serious chance that there will be no Premier League outfit at Wembley in a couple of months because you would not say that Portsmouth are a dead cert to beat the often impressive West Brom.

Now I am an old football romantic and feel that this year's competition has been a breath of fresh air blasting through the sport, giving a much needed ruffle to some pampered and preened feathers. But there are the scoffers who can't find it within themselves to accept that teams from the Football League have pulled off a string of memorable results.



VALUE

"It's because the big teams don't value the competition so much," they say, sounding as graceless as the Manchester United coaching staff did in defeat at the weekend.

Grow up is my retort, not one of the 19 top flight managers who have so far been eradicated from the tournament would turn down the opportunity to take the place of Barnsley or Cardiff.

Clubs in the highest echelon of the game in this country have not treated the FA Cup lightly but they may have discounted the quality, spirit and passion in the divisions below.

The excuses which succeeded defeats at the weekend were so laughable that I have no doubt that someone much cleverer than I could incorporate them into a comedy routine.

The insipid and seemingly uninspiring Avram Grant left a little aside about injuries in one of his answers before conceding he still had a team good enough to win.

Meanwhile Gareth Southgate suggested that events on Saturday had piled pressure on his Boro boys ahead of the game with Cardiff. At least Gareth then accepted the Welsh team's superiority and the fact they deserved to win.

UNSEEMLY

As for Man United, as one of the so called leading lights in this country you would expect better from them despite the disappointment of defeat.

The unseemly and bitter reaction from both the manager and his number two was unnecessary and there is no excuse for further demonising Birmingham's Martin Taylor and his leg breaking challenge on Eduardo.

The defender is no doubt still reliving that now infamous clumsy tackle and is torturing himself enough without the interjections of others from elsewhere.

So perhaps it is appropriate that this season's last four in the oldest knock out competition in the world are Portsmouth, who play "Harry's Way" with usual abandon, and three teams who represent the real world of football, that beyond the preening Premier League.

And how good would it be if one of the gang of three won in May, it's just a shame that none of them are from London.

Phil Parry - BBC London 94.9FM



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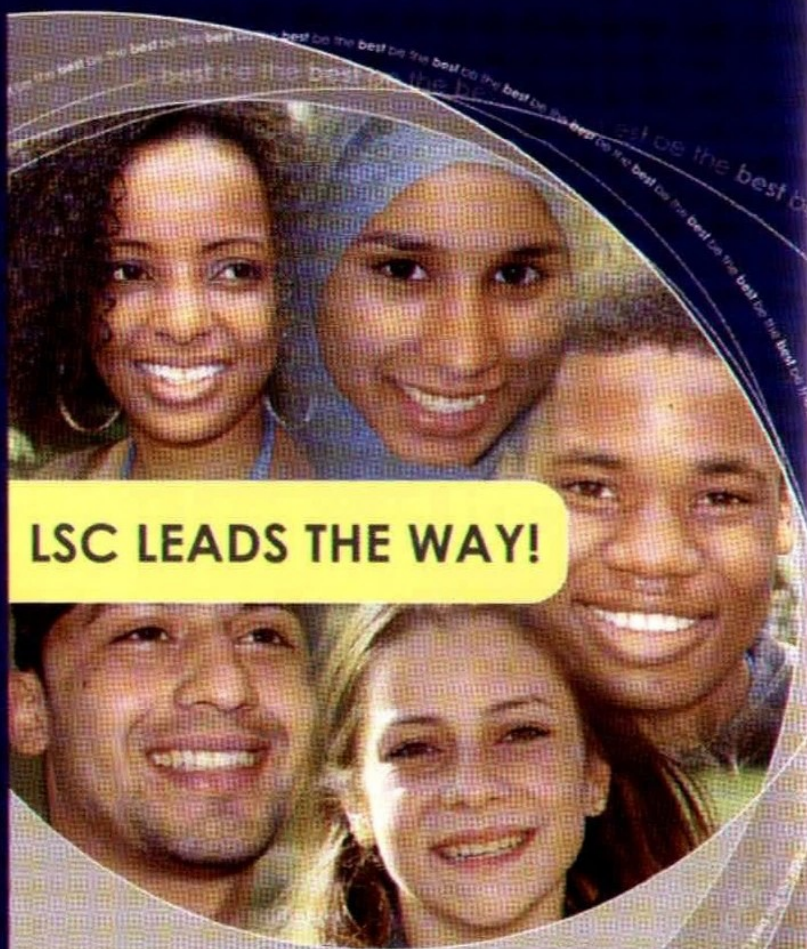
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Paul Terry

ORIENT midfielder Paul Terry knows Orient need to bounce back quickly from Saturday's defeat to Huddersfield if they are to re-ignite their play-off challenge.

The O's lacked a creative element to their game against the Terriers and Terry has called on his side to utilise their possession of the ball more effectively when they take on Swindon tonight. And while he concedes that Saturday's result was a blow to the O's promotion hopes, he insists that Orient can force their way back into the mix.

"Saturday's result was a massive blow," he said. "We looked to that game and tonight's as an opportunity to get six points – and that's what we needed to do.

"We're three points down on that target so tonight's game becomes even bigger and it's so vital that we get back to winning ways. The fact that we didn't take anything from Saturday means that we're making things difficult for ourselves in terms of our target of making the top six, but we've still got a chance and we're certainly not going to give up.

"We've got people who want to win in our dressing room and we'll keep on fighting."

Saturday's defeat was Orient's third consecutive home reverse and Terry is keen to put an end to that run this evening.

He continued: "Fair play to Huddersfield, they were the better side on the day and sometimes you've got to hold your hands up and say that.

"We didn't do enough to win the game and that disappointed us. We didn't deserve anything on Saturday and we need to perform better against Swindon.

"You've got to win your home games so of course our form here at the moment is costing us. We only created a couple of chances against Huddersfield, and it was a similar story against Forest in the previous home game.

"When you're not making opportunities you've got a problem, but tonight we've got to be more confident on the ball and pass it around a little better.

"That would get things going for us and then we'd have to take the chances when they come around."

Orient tried a different approach for the last hour of Saturday's game – re-jigging their midfield into a diamond formation, but Terry says his side didn't make any headway because their passing let them down.

He added: "We tried the diamond on Saturday and I think that's something that could work. It didn't work on that occasion because when you play that system, you've got to pass the ball. We didn't manage that and it's something we've got to use to our advantage because we do have players – the likes of Sean, Jase, Chambo – who can open teams up.

"It's frustrating because we can pass the ball – we know that – but we didn't do it. We've got Swindon now and sometimes it's better to have a game straight away as it's a chance to get the result out of our system.

"They didn't have a game at the weekend, so it's important that we go into the match fresh, fired up and ready to go. The manager and Smudge will get us ready for the game and it's imperative that we get three points."



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Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	15	5	20
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	17	0	17
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	9	6	15
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14
Nicky Forster	Brighton	10	4	14
Danny Graham	Carlisle	11	2	13
Adam Boyd	L Orient	10	3	13

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	18	55	3.06
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	17	51	3.00
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	18	49	2.72
The Den	Millwall	18	48	2.67
County Ground	Swindon	18	48	2.67
Roots Hall	Southend	16	42	2.62
Elland Road	Leeds	17	44	2.59
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	16	41	2.56
Brunton Park	Carlisle	15	38	2.53
Vale Park	Port Vale	18	45	2.50
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	17	41	2.41
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	17	41	2.41
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	16	38	2.38
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	18	42	2.33
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	18	42	2.33
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	17	39	2.29
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	17	37	2.18
City Ground	Nottm Forest	17	36	2.12
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	16	34	2.12
Prenton Park	Tranmere	18	38	2.11
Huish Park	Yeovil	17	35	2.06
Boundary Park	Oldham	17	35	2.06
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	17	34	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	18	34	1.89

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 239 Bournemouth. shots off target 222 Oldham. corners 237 Swansea. hit woodwork 11 Bournemouth. offsides 126 Huddersfield. fouls 479 Yeovil. yellow cards 62 Northampton. red cards 7 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 107 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots on target 50 Craig Davies (Oldham). Shots off target 58 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Assists 9 Poul Hubertz (Northampton). Crosses 146 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). Offsides 57 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). Fouls 83 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Free-kicks won 107 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 987

RIGHT FOOT 552 goals



LEFT FOOT 211 goals



HEADERS 206 goals



Own goals 16 (1.6%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Jason Price (Bournemouth vs Doncaster) 0:42

By a substitute after coming on

Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.5 cards per match

0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

S Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on

Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1964

Offsides2489

Corners4584

Shots Off Target4474

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	29
0-1	44
0-2	19
0-3	10
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	46
1-1	59
1-2	21
1-3	8
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	34
2-1	43
2-2	19
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	21
3-1	12
3-2	10
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	7
4-1	8
4-2	4
4-3	3
4-4	-
4-5	-
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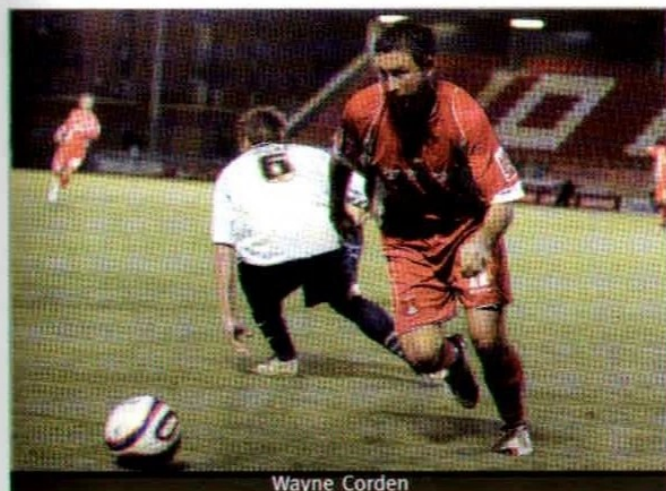
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ORIENT RESERVES



IN THE O'S RANKS



Wayne Corden

ORIENT'S Pontin's Holidays Combination Central Division campaign continues next Tuesday with a trip to Wycombe Wanderers.

The O's are currently fourth in the table following last week's 1-1 draw with Aldershot Town and victory at the Causeway Stadium could take them above third placed Crystal Palace.

Orient missed an opportunity to overtake the south London club with that draw against Aldershot last week, but after a poor first half performance, they were glad to take a share of the spoils.

Wayne Corden's (pictured) 86th minute goal – his third in five reserve team appearances this season – rescued a point for the O's and gave them reward for a much-improved display after the break.

First year scholar Harry Baker impressed when he came off the bench, supplying a number of good crosses into the box, while JJ Melligan also caused the visitors problems when he moved to a more central position.

Orient's trip to Wycombe starts a run of five consecutive away games for the second string, which also includes matches at Brighton, Southampton, Watford and Crystal Palace.

Dean Smith's side sit handily placed for a high finish in the table in what is their first season in the Central Division following a summer switch from the Combination's Eastern Division.

That game at Wycombe, which takes place on March 18, kicks off at 2pm. A full match report will appear in our next matchday programme.

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS COMBINATION

CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1. Charlton Ath.....	14	9	3	2	18	30
2. Southampton.....	13	9	1	3	15	28
3. Crystal Palace	15	4	8	3	0	20
4. Leyton Orient	12	6	1	5	2	19
5. Brighton & HA.....	13	5	3	5	6	18
6. Watford	11	5	3	3	3	18
7. Aldershot Tn	12	4	2	6	-11	14
8. Wycombe W	13	4	0	9	-10	12
9. QPR	11	3	2	6	-4	11
10. Millwall.....	14	1	5	8	-19	8

APPEARANCES + SUB (GOALS):

Harry Baker 1 + 3, Andy Barcham 3 (1), Adam Bolle 0 + 1, Wayne Corden 5 (3), Charlie Daniels 5 (1), Ahmed Deen 1, Jason Demetriou 3, Michael Doyle 3, Efe Echanomi 9 + 2 (3), Clayton Fortune 4, Jeff Goulding 1 (1), Bradley Gray 1 + 5, Wayne Gray 1, Scott Grange 4 + 4, Matthew Hall 0 + 1, Callum Hart 1, Jabo Ibehre 3 (2), Chris James 1, Tom Kemp 2 + 1, Brandon Martin 11, Adam Marsh 0 + 2, JJ Melligan 2, Simon Megson 1, Glenn Morris 8, Stuart Nelson 2, Patrick O'Donnell 1 + 1, Sam Oji 6, Jack Page 10 + 2 (2), Aiden Palmer 5 (1), Loick Pires 5 + 3 (1), Chris Robson 1 + 1, Brian Saah 4, Joe Schirripa 1, Solomon Shields 9, Michael Simpson 1, Raphael Sylvester 8 + 1 (3), Alton Thelwell 1, Sean Thornton 2 (2), Frankie Webb 7 + 2.

Date	Opponent	Kick-off
Aug 21.....	Charlton Athletic (h)	Lo-1
Sep 12.....	Crystal Palace (a)	L2-3
Sep 18.....	Wycombe Wanderers (h).....	W3-0
Oct 16	Millwall (h)	L1-2
Nov 13.....	QPR (h)	W1-0
Dec 11	Aldershot Town (a).....	L2-4
Dec 18.....	Millwall (a).....	W1-0
Jan 9	Watford (h)	W2-1
Jan 22	QPR (a)	W4-3
Feb 5.....	Southampton (h)	Lo-2
Feb 26.....	Crystal Palace (h)	W3-0
Mar 5	Aldershot Town (h).....	D1-1
Mar 18.....	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	2pm
Apr 2.....	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	7pm
Apr 8.....	Southampton (a)	7pm
Apr 14	Watford (a).....	7pm
Apr 21	Charlton Athletic (a).....	7pm
Apr 29.....	Brighton & Hove Albion (h)	2pm

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ORIENT YOUTH TEAM



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Puma Youth Alliance South East Conference, Saturday March 8

ORIENT'S youth team made it five wins from six games when they came from behind to defeat Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday.

A deflected goal from Brighton's Danny Royce gave the visitors an advantage that they clung to deep into the second half.

But Orient's introduction of striker Adam Bolle helped turn pressure into chances, and after the first year scholar had netted the equaliser, he laid on the winning goal for fellow hitman Bradley Gray.

Delighted youth team manager Kevin Nugent said: "It was a thoroughly deserved victory. We spent most of the game camped in their half, but we found it difficult to create chances.

"Adam Bolle came off the bench and made a nuisance of himself, which helped turn the game in our favour late on.

"The lads are playing with great confidence and I think that showed in the way we came from behind.

"They have a lot of belief right now and it was another excellent result."

On a blustery day at Ipe Farm, Orient gave a strong performance and were the better side throughout.

However, they fell behind five minutes before the interval when Royce's effort found the back of the net following a set piece.

Orient continued to probe after the break, but their efforts were being frustrated until Bolle's late impact.

He produced a great finish to make it 1-1, before creating Gray's winner - the striker's seventh goal of the season.

Orient: Jack Giddins; Daryl Sydes, Chris Robson, Frankie Webb, Tom Kemp; Harry Baker, Jack Page, Solomon Shields, Scott Grange; Bradley Gray, Adam Marsh (Adam Bolle 70)

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1. QPR	12	10	2	0	28	32
2. Gillingham	13	8	1	4	6	25
3. Leyton Orient	13	7	3	3	5	24
4. Luton Town	13	7	2	4	7	23
5. Wycombe W	11	5	4	2	9	19
6. Rushden & D	13	5	3	5	0	18
7. Northampton T	12	5	2	5	0	17
8. Colchester Utd	14	4	2	8	-10	14
9. Brighton & HA	11	3	3	5	-1	12
10. Peterborough U	12	3	3	6	-6	12
11. Barnet	12	3	2	7	-9	11
12. Brentford	12	2	4	6	-10	10
13. Southend Utd	12	1	3	8	-19	6

APPEARANCES + SUB (GOALS)

Henry Atu 7 + 5 (1), Harry Baker 14 + 5 (1), Elliott Babbs 7 + 3 (1), Harry Beautyman 0 + 2, Adam Bolle 9 + 9 (5), Daniel Bygrave 6, Michael Doyle 11 + 1, Jack Giddins 2, Scott Grange 19 (3), Bradley Gray 15 + 2 (7), Matthew Hall 10 + 1, Lemar Joseph-Johnson 2, Tom Kemp 17 (2), Musa Manneh 0 + 1, Brandon Martin 14 + 2, Adam Marsh 14 + 6 (5), Ryan Nelson 2, Patrick O'Donnell 4 + 1, Jack Page 17 + 1 (3), Loick Pires 15 + 2 (3), Solomon Shields 18 (1), Daryl Sydes 6, Chris Robson 3, Frankie Webb 20 (2)

FIXTURES...

Date	Opposition	Score
Aug 18	Gillingham (a)	W2-0
Sep 1	Rushden & Diamonds (h)	L1-2
Sep 8	Brighton & HA (a)	D2-2
Sep 15	Southend Utd (h) (YAC)	W2-1
Sep 22	Yeovil Town (a) (YAC)	W3-2
Sep 29	Gillingham (h) (YAC)	L0-2
Oct 6	Bristol Rovers (a) (YAC)	L1-3
Oct 13	Colchester Utd (h) (YAC)	D1-1
Oct 20	Oxford United (a) (YAC)	L1-2
Oct 27	Swindon Town (a) (YAC)	L3-4
Nov 2	Luton Town (a) (FAYC)	L1-2
Nov 17	Peterborough United (a)	D0-0
Dec 8	QPR (h)	L0-4
Dec 15	Luton Town (a)	W4-2
Jan 5	Southend United (h)	L0-1
Jan 12	Colchester United (a)	W2-1
Feb 2	Barnet (h)	W3-1
Feb 9	Brentford (a)	W2-1
Feb 16	Gillingham (h)	W3-1
Mar 1	Rushden & Diamonds (a)	D1-1
Mar 8	Brighton & HA (h)	W2-1
Mar 15	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	
Mar 22	Northampton Town (h)	
Mar 29	Peterborough United (h)	
Apr 5	QPR (a)	
Apr 26	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	

YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Gillingham	7	6	1	0	12	19
2. Swindon Town	7	5	0	2	3	15
3. Colchester United	7	3	2	2	3	11
4. Southend United	7	3	2	2	2	11
5. Bristol Rovers	7	3	0	4	-1	9
6. Oxford United	7	2	1	4	-3	7
7. Leyton Orient	7	2	1	4	-4	7
8. Yeovil Town	7	0	1	6	-12	1

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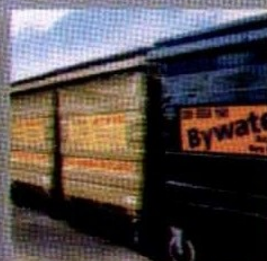
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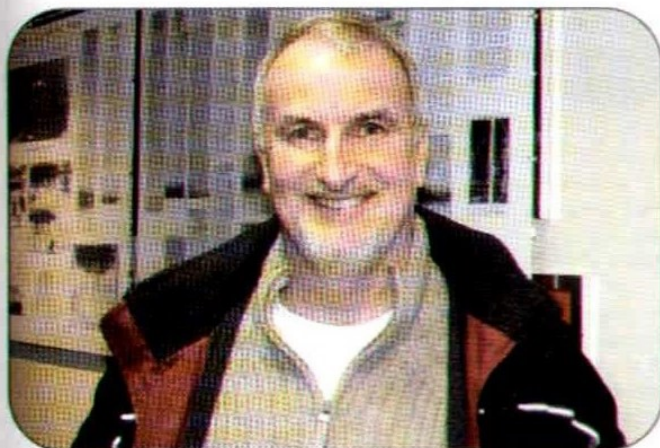
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Supporters Club

OLD PALS REUNITED

From Keren Harrison our Membership Secretary



Who needs social websites when you have the O's supporters Club?

As many of you know the membership of our club is very varied by the area you live in and even more so by age. I was pleased recently to take a new membership from a man who said that he used to live in Leyton but had now moved out to Harlow and was coming back to follow the O's after being away for a while.

Just by chance he happened to ask me if I was able to tell him if one of his brother's old school friends was a member of the Supporters Club. Apparently they used to go to the O's together in the 1960s, but as with many school friendships over time, they had gone their separate ways.

His brother's friend who he was asking about was club member Roy Clifford (pictured) but as we don't give out members contact details I offered to get in touch with Roy on his behalf. Then, by a strange quirk of fate I noticed that Roy happened to be standing close by in the club enjoying one of his many pints of matchday ale so I was able to point him out to Mr Hamilton, our new member, and left it to him to approach Roy.

Some weeks later Roy came up to me in the club and explained that after the conversation in the club his long lost school friend Michael Hamilton, now living in Grays, Essex, had been put in touch with him and that they had spent ages on the phone catching up with old times and reminiscing about their following of Leyton Orient back in their schooldays.

After so many years two old friends had been reunited and it was good to know that the Supporters Club played a small part in the reunion. Although Michael no longer lives in the area it goes to show that you can take the Leyton out of the man but you can never take his Orient away! Thanks everyone for all your memberships this season. You've certainly kept me busy!

Keren Harrison

LOSC AGM

A reminder to members that the Annual General Meeting of the Supporters Club for the year ended June 30 2007 will take place at the club next Tuesday March 18 commencing at 8pm. Hopefully members will try to get along.

Copies of the audited accounts will be available at the meeting and will be sent on request to members who are unable to attend.

FRANCE v ENGLAND

The Supporters Club will be open for the TV screening of Fabio Capello's second game in charge of the England team when they take on France on Wednesday March 26.

Doors open at 5pm - Everyone welcome!

SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night at the Supporters Club will be on Sunday March 30 and as there are now only a few vacancies left.

Any teams (of eight players) wishing to take part should see Simon at the club entrance as quickly as possible. The fee per team is £55 including some half time nosh.

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THE NUMBERS GAME

6 The number of victories recorded at Orient by tonight's visitors with the most recent on December 11 1971 when the Robins gained a 1-0 success. Their best away wins against the O's are by 3-0 scorelines, recorded on December 6 1947 and repeated on December 19 1964.

21 The number of wins recorded by the O's against Swindon, 16 of those occurring at home. Our heaviest success came on January 21 1933 when we set a new club record recording a 7-1 success with goals from Bill Keen, Tommy Mills and Charlie Fletcher who all scored twice with Andy Thompson completing the rout, although the goals then dried up as we failed to find the net in three of our next four matches. The teams had also figured in a high-scoring game at the County Ground earlier in the season when they shared six goals. The record score only lasted a season before we recorded a new high beating Aldershot 9-2.

47 The number of goals scored by the O's against Town at home. In addition to the 7-1 success, we have also enjoyed a couple of other emphatic victories over these opponents, winning 5-0 in April 1939 and 4-0 in October 1955. On that occasion, Ron Heckman started the flow of goals before Ken Facey scored a hat-trick in what was to prove a promotion winning campaign for Orient. Later in the season, we completed the double over the Wiltshire side at a snowy County Ground when goals from Tommy Johnston and Phil Woosnam ensured us a fifth successive victory in a sparkling run of form that eventually stretched to ten consecutive winning games before the sequence was ended. Tonight's visitors tally of goals to date in East London totals 28.

61 The number of meetings between the two clubs in League football. The first of these clashes was on Christmas Day 1929 and it proved a celebratory occasion for the O's who won 2-1 before the two clubs fought out a 0-0 draw in the return in Wiltshire on Boxing Day. However, in January 1928, we had been paired with Swindon in the FA Cup but lost the third round tie 2-1 at the County Ground.

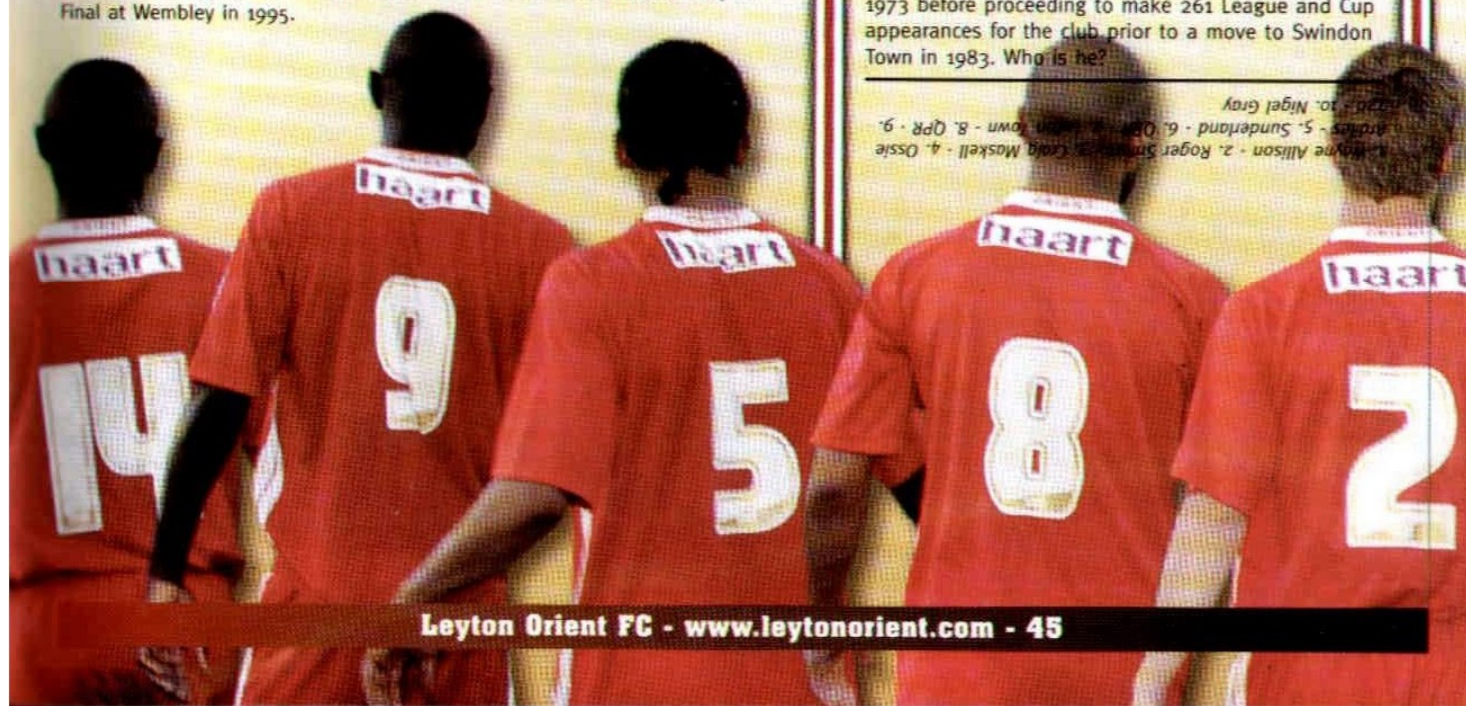
135 The number of League appearances recorded by Martin Ling in Swindon's colours. The current O's boss first joined the Robins in July 1986 from Exeter City for £25,000 but only made three starts before moving to Southend United for £15,000 three months later. He returned to the County Ground, via a loan spell at Mansfield Town, in March 1991 repeating the £15,000 fee and spent six outstanding years playing for the club that included winning the Man of the Match award in their First Division Play-off Final at Wembley in 1995.

10 TOTACKLE

On this quiz, we pose ten questions to test your knowledge about this afternoon's visitors.

1. Who was top scorer for Swindon when they won the Second Division title in 1995/96?
2. Who scored Swindon's first goal in the 1969 League Cup final against Arsenal which Town won 3-1?
3. This player, who joined Orient same years later, scored for Swindon in the 1992/93 Division 1 play-off final 4-3 victory against Leicester City. Who is he?
4. Who took over as manager after Lou Macari in 1989?
5. Which team did Swindon beat to gain promotion to the old First Division in 1990, only to be relegated 10 days later due to illegal payments to players?
6. Swindon signed Jamie Cureton from which club in 2005?
7. Swindon set the record for their biggest League victory in the 1920-21 season, by winning 9-1. Who did they beat?
8. In the 1993-94 season, Swindon Town played in the Premier League. After 14 games, they were yet to win. Who did they beat in their 15th game, to record their first victory of the season?
9. John Trollope set a record for the number of League appearances made for one club. How many appearances did he make for Swindon to set his record?
10. This defender joined the O's as a youth player in 1973 before proceeding to make 261 League and Cup appearances for the club prior to a move to Swindon Town in 1983. Who is he?

Answers: 1. Nigel Gray 2. Roger Smith 3. Craig Maskell 4. Ossie Ardiles 5. Sunderland 6. QPR 7. Aldershot 8. QPR 9. 9. 10. Wayne Allison



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LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

LAST Friday, a group of Year 5 pupils from Willow Brook Primary school visited Brisbane Road for a ground tour to round off their successful six-week 'Learning Through Football' educational programme. The programme consists of one-hour cross-curricular lessons delivered during curriculum time by a qualified teacher in the school.

Pupils are given work packs to complete which include a range of activities such as learning about the history of Leyton Orient, the origins of football, writing match reports for literacy, looking at league tables for numeracy, mapping football teams in Europe for geography/citizenship and designing kits, badges and stadiums.

The pupils visit the Leyton Orient Education Centre for their final session to study a professional football club and tour the ground, taking part in different numeracy/literacy tasks as they tour as well as making their own Premiership Football team with a budget of £40 million!

Funded by Team Leyton this is the first part of LOEC's partnership with Willow Brook aimed at motivating reluctant learners through the medium of football and sport. This half term a Healthy Lifestyles five-week programme is being delivered in the school also looking at educating pupils on how to lead a healthy life as well as pupils participating in 45 minutes of physical activity each week.



The ground tour started by looking at the trophy cabinet in the Boardroom then visiting The Gallery before moving down to the dugouts. The pupils then moved on to the South Stand, visiting the



memorial wall and East Stand snack bar on the way before returning back to the Education Centre via the North Stand.

Senior Education Development Officer for LOEC, Andree Selner, was greatly encouraged by the attitude of those on the Learning Through Football course:

"When we began the programme some of the pupils were not very motivated especially when they discovered they were not playing football. However, by the end of the six weeks the pupils showed a marked improvement in their enthusiasm and motivation and produced some excellent quality work."

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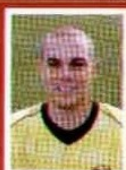
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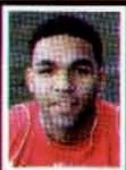
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BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE END OF SEASON AWARDS DINNER!

ORIENT will be hosting their annual Player of the Year awards dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane on Monday May 12 - and you could be there to see who takes the honours.

The club are now taking bookings for tables or individual tickets, and with top comedians providing the entertainment, this really is an evening not to be missed!

Matt Lockwood took the honours last year and there will be a whole host of contenders ready to take over his crown.

Please contact Chris Pope on 0871 310 1886 or via email on c.pope@leytonorient.net for more information.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

ORIENT season ticket holders can bring two friends to the home game against Carlisle United on Saturday March 22 free of charge!

All season ticket holders can take advantage of this offer, which entitles them to two free tickets at the same or lower price category as their season tickets.

For instance, an adult season ticket holder could bring two other adults along with them, but a children's ticket holder would only be entitled to tickets of the same concessionary value.

To claim your tickets, simply return voucher K from your season ticket books, along with the form available at www.leytonorient.com or from the ticket office, to the club's ticket office before the matchday.

Please call 0871 310 1883 or visit the ticket office for more information.

CAN THE O'S CLAIM ONLINE BRAGGING RIGHTS?

AHEAD of our crunch game against Millwall on Saturday, we have organised a poker night against them for you to prove we've got the beating of them on and off the pitch.

The first ever poker tournament between the two clubs will take place on Thursday March 13 at 9pm as the O's and the Lions battle it out online for bragging rights and signed goodies.

The event will be held on the Party Gaming platform from 9pm and is the first of its kind. O's supporters will go head-to-head with their Millwall counterparts with the outright winner picking up a signed shirt and a Party Gaming chip set.





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Hundreds of O's supporters have already been competing regularly in the Party Gaming monthly Football Freeroll Tournament, held on Thursday evenings.

Both registration and entry for the poker tournament are absolutely free, although you must be over 18. There's no catch, you don't need to enter any credit card information.

Just follow our simple instructions below to register for the competition, which starts promptly at 9pm (UK Time) on Thursday March 13. (It will appear in EST in the lobby so will appear as 4pm EST)

1) Download the console by visiting leytonorient.com and clicking through to the story 'Can The O's Claim Online Bragging Rights?'

2) Open an account (if you haven't already done so). Simply follow the instructions on the website - You do not have to deposit any money.

3) Location: PartyPoker.com lobby > Play Money Games > Tournaments - will appear as Millwall vs Leyton Orient

4) Registration closes: 8.45pm GMT (3.45pm EST in the lobby).

5) Password for all players to use when prompted is football18.

6) Start playing from 9pm.

• **Prizes:** The overall winner gets a PartyPoker Chipset plus a signed shirt.

• **Eligible players:** any player with a PartyAccount. Players do not need to deposit or cashier register, all they need is a PartyAccount so it is completely free to enter.

Remember every supporter who signs up to Party Gaming directly earns the club money.

Note: Prizes will only be handed to entrants who are over the age of 18 and have registered for Party Gaming through www.leytonorient.com referrals.

SPURS RESERVES IN TOWN LATER THIS MONTH

TOTTENHAM'S reserve side return to Brisbane Road action on Wednesday March 26 when

they play host to Derby County in a Premier Reserve League South fixture.

Clive Allen's team will be looking to get build on the 3-0 victory over Aston Villa in their last Brisbane Road outing as they try to rebuild their season following a run of five consecutive defeats.

Kick-off is at 7pm, with admission to the West Stand costing £5 adults and £3 concessions. Orient season ticket holders are admitted at the concessionary rate.

REPLICA SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE AT BARGAIN PRICES

SHOPPERS at the O's Superstore can now pick up the replica 2007/08 shirts at bargain prices!

The red home and blue away shirts shirt, which normally retail at £40 in adult sizes and £30 for kids, are now available for just £20 and £15 respectively.

Pop in to the Superstore now to check out this spectacular offer, while orders can also be placed at our online shop by visiting <http://shop.leytonorient.com>. With Easter fast approaching, we have also taken delivery of a special Orient Easter gift. Our mug and Easter egg combo retails at £6, so get yours today before stocks run out!





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LEAGUE ROUND UP

JONNY DAVIES takes a look at what's been happening in League One...

BRETT'S THE BOY

IN a bid to boost their promotion chances, Nottingham Forest have sealed the loan capture of Preston's Brett Ormerod.

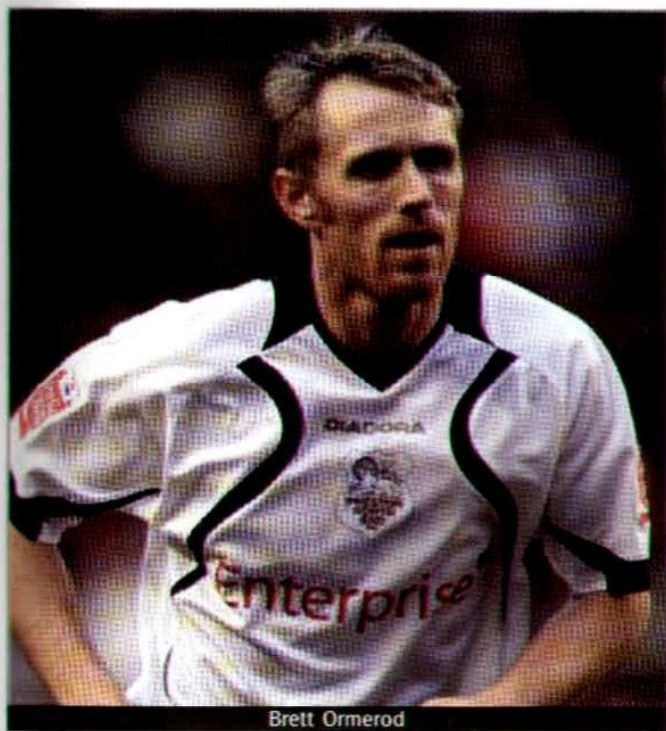
The much travelled 31-year-old striker has signed until the end of the season, after turning down a move to League Two Morecambe a few days earlier.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for me," he told Forest World.

"I had a good season with Preston last season but this time around it has been a bit stop-start.

"I haven't played too many games and the opportunity to join a club of Forest's stature and hopefully get a few games was too good to turn down.

"I'm contracted to Preston for another season after this one but, at the moment, I'm concentrating on getting my head down and working hard for the remainder of the season and not thinking about what the future might hold."



Brett Ormerod

GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM

PLAY-OFF hopefuls Southend United have confirmed that they have been given the go-ahead to build a new stadium at Fossetts Farm.

The result of a planning inquiry was confirmed by the secretary of state to chairman Ron Martin last Thursday morning, and it was positive news for The Shrimpers.

Southend will now start work in the near future on the new 22,000 all-seater structure, that will replace their current base at Roots Hall.

"The news came from the secretary of state at gam this morning and it is all very positive news and we are all in state of excitement," said Martin.

"It is fundamental, something that has been long awaited, and it

will take us from the lower echelons to hopefully completing at the top of the Championship."

Martin said Southend hope to start building work later this year. "I would hope to be on the building site by the last part of the summer," he said.

"Then, hopefully, two-years to build, so by the start of the 2010 season we should be in our new home.

"I think the potential in the Southend area is enormous in terms of catchment area, and this stadium will give is the chance to fulfil that potential and who knows where that my lead us."

KEVIN'S ABOUT TURN

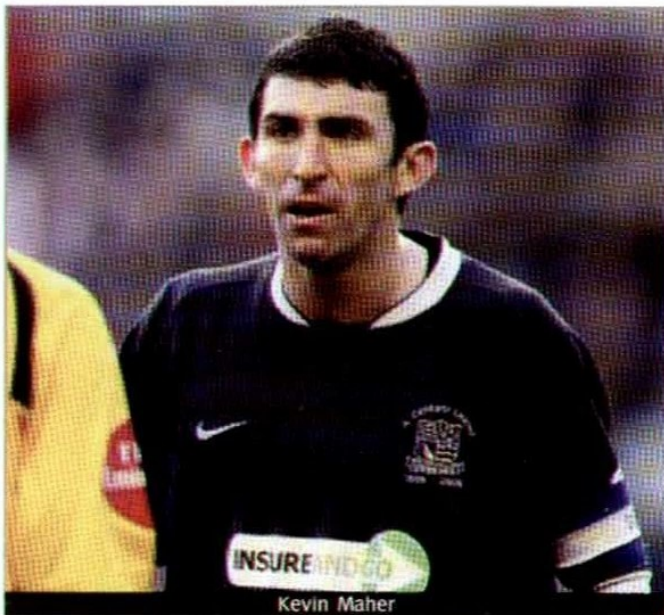
DESPITE initial reports that a deal would not happen, Gillingham have secured the loan signing of Southend midfielder Kevin Maher until the end of the season.

A former Southend club captain, 31-year-old Maher has not played for the Shrimpers since New Year's Day, but Gillingham boss Mark Stimson is more than pleased with his capture.

"It is fantastic news that Kevin has finally signed for us," he said.

"We have brought him in to add that extra bit of experience, which will be vital with the predicament we are in.

"He is an excellent passer, is very vocal, and can read the game very well."



Kevin Maher

THE LEAGUE ONE TITLE FAVOURITES...

Swansea City	1/10
Carlisle United	10/1
Doncaster Rovers	11/1
Nottingham Forest	16/1
Leeds United	40/1
Walsall	50/1



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**LEYTON ORIENT 0
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1**

*Coca-Cola League One,
Brisbane Road,
Saturday March 8 2008*

LEYTON ORIENT

12 Glenn Morris
2 Stephen Purches
4 Alton Thelwell
6 Brian Saah
8 Adam Chambers
9 Wayne Gray
10 Sean Thornton
16 Jabo Ibehre
17 Paul Terry
19 Aiden Palmer
20 Jason Demetriou

Subs:

1 Stuart Nelson (GK)
3 Charlie Daniels
7 JJ Melligan for Purches (68)
14 Andy Barcham for Thornton (80)
18 Adam Boyd for Gray (64)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

27 Matt Glennon
2 Andy Holdsworth
4 Michael Collins
6 Nathan Clarke
7 Chris Brandon
10 Robbie Williams
13 Frank Sinclair
14 Phil Jevons
15 Malvin Kamara
23 Andy Booth
29 Rob Page

Subs:

8 Jon Worthington for Collins (74)
18 Luke Beckett for Jevons (71)
19 Aaron Hardy
22 James Berrett for Kamara (87)
28 Alex Smithies (GK)

Goal: Beckett (75)

Booked: Holdsworth

Referee: Russell Booth
(Nottinghamshire)

Attendance: 4,660 (432 away)











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This picture features O's goalkeeper Dave Groombridge and wing-half Joe Mallett in action during our FA Cup sixth round home tie with Port Vale in 1954.

Dave Groombridge

A product of the outstanding youth club, Dave joined us from Chase of Chertsey who acted as a nursery club to both Arsenal and Orient. He was identified as a potential goalkeeper for the England Amateur side although he was never given the opportunity at that level.

Born in Norbury in April 1930, he played for amateur side Hayes before joining the O's in 1951 when manager Alec Stock offered him professional terms. The consistent form of custodian Pat Welton though left Groombridge to spend much of his time in an understudy role.

Dave made his debut for the club at Bournemouth & Boscombe on Christmas Day 1951 but finished on the wrong end of a 3-2 scoreline although he kept a clean sheet the following day for the return fixture that saw a goal from Dennis Pacey earn Orient a revenge victory. However, a 6-1 defeat at Exeter three days later saw Groombridge replaced by Welton, although he did earn a regular place in the side during the 1953/54 season and appeared in our FA Cup run that saw Orient reach the sixth round before losing to fellow Third Division side Port Vale.

However, Welton's consistently reliable form restricted Groombridge to just three appearances over the next two seasons although he shared duties with Welton for the 1956/57 campaign – our first back in the Second Division.

Injuries and the arrival of Frank George again forced Groombridge to the role of second choice although he did win his place back playing 37 matches in the 1959/60 campaign before being forced to retire from playing at the age of 30 due to injury.

He later managed Edgware Town and coached Leyton FC.

Joe Mallett

Joe Mallett spent most of his footballing life at Southampton playing as a wing-half before becoming he became a coach, manager and then scout for the club. Born in Gateshead, Northumberland in 1916, Joe was spotted playing for the Dunston Colliery works team and was signed at the age of 17 by Charlton Athletic to serve his apprenticeship under manager Jimmy Seed.

He had not made any first team appearances before he was loaned to Queens Park Rangers to gain experience in April 1937 and although he returned to Charlton and made two league appearances for them, he moved permanently to QPR in February 1939 for a fee of £800 before his career was interrupted by conscription into the RAF during World War II.

In February 1947, he signed for Southampton for a club record £5,000 and, although now aged 31, Mallett proved to be a bargain purchase providing a strong link between the defence and attack. He soon became the Saints captain and remained loyal to Southampton until April 1953 when, having clocked up 223 appearances and scored three goals, he joined Leyton Orient as player-coach in July 1953.

He was now aged 37 and made 27 appearances under former QPR team-mate Alec Stock before joining Nottingham Forest as coach in September 1954. However, he returned to Orient as coach three years later only to move back to Forest in 1959. In June 1964 he joined Birmingham City as coach, and a month later accepted the vacant managerial position.

Though he was a proven technical coach with sound judgment of a player, under his management Birmingham won only 13 out of 64 matches and were relegated from the First Division. The Blues appointed Stan Cullis as manager although Mallett remained at the club as his assistant from December 1965 to 1970. Joe went on to manage Panionios and coach at Apollon in the Greek Super League before coaching in the USA at New York Cosmos, then Washington Diplomats and latterly at San Jose Earthquakes. He also scouted for former club Southampton.





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Coca-Cola League One

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Season ticket holders can claim two free tickets for this match. See page 50 for more details.

Tickets for this match are now on sale from the Orient ticket office in Oliver Road, over the telephone on 0871 310 1883 or online at www.leytonorient.com

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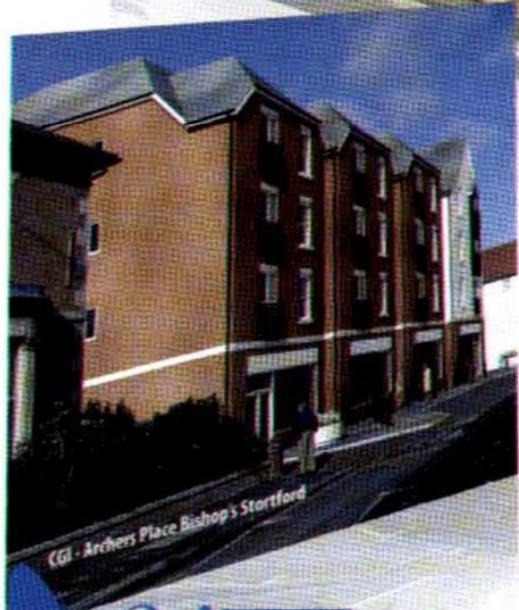
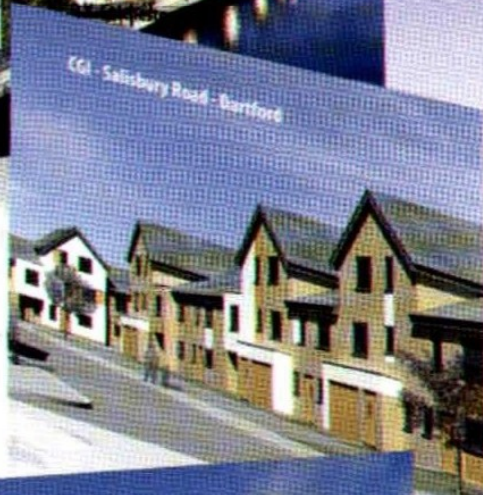
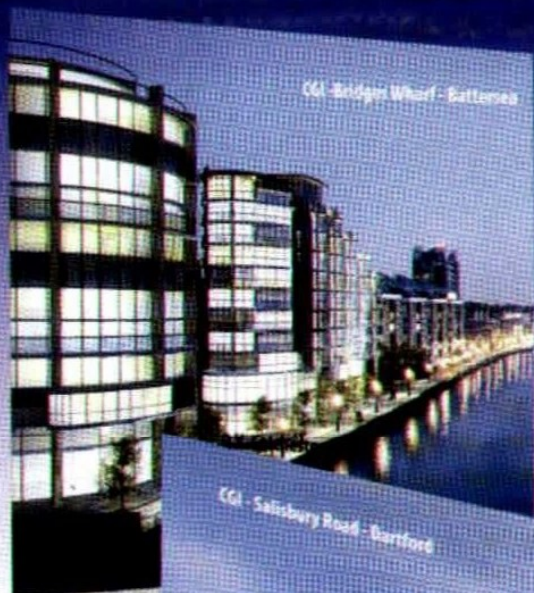
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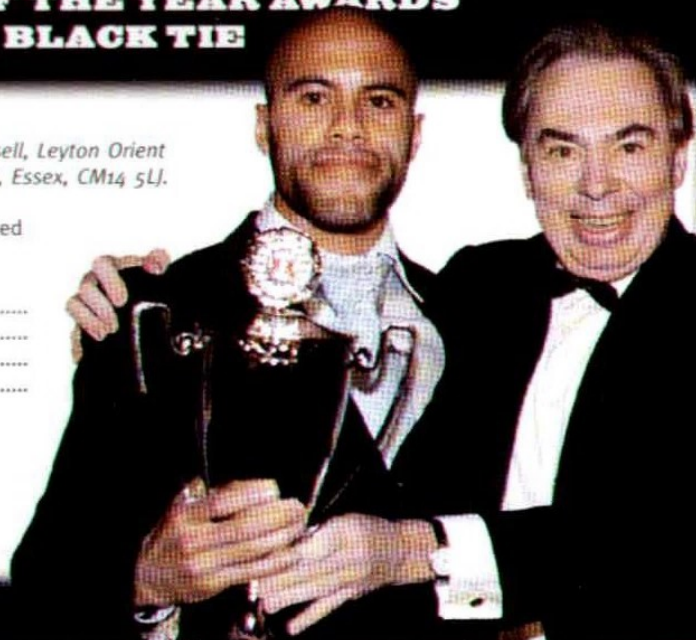
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ROLL CALL 07/08...

	League			FA Cup			Lge Cup			JPT			O's Career			All-Time		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Stuart Nelson	30	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	171	1	0
Stephen Purches	28	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	2	1	278	26	13
Charlie Daniels	19	6	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	23	8	2	25	8	2
Alton Thelwell	21	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	49	3	1	97	18	2
Tamika Mkandawire	32	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	37	0	3	100	0	8
Brian Saah	16	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	14	2	69	14	2
JJ Melligan	20	6	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	7	3	213	24	36
Adam Chambers	35	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	79	3	7	139	27	8
Wayne Gray	22	6	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	42	8	12	179	119	56
Sean Thornton	18	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20	5	3	118	65	17
Wayne Corden	17	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	68	16	7	318	83	47
Glenn Morris	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	92	3	0	92	3	0
Michael Simpson*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	4	481	40	28
Andrew Barcham	10	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	1	11	6	1
Samuel Oji	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	3	0	13	8	0
Jabo Ibehre	14	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	133	100	40	133	100	40
Paul Terry	32	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	37	2	0	180	29	13
Adam Boyd	32	2	10	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	36	3	13	167	78	79
Aiden Palmer	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	36	2	0	36	2	0
Jason Demetriou	21	12	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	32	31	6	32	31	6
Efe Echanomi	0	14	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	8	51	9	8	51	9
Raphael Sylvester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton Fortune	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	84	35	2
Solomon Shields	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tom Kemp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Page	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Chris Robson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Player no longer with the club

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE...

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Swansea	34	12	3	3	29	13	10	4	2	33	14	35	73
2 Doncaster	35	10	3	4	26	15	9	5	4	26	15	22	65
3 Carlisle	34	14	1	1	31	9	5	6	7	18	22	18	64
4 Nottm Forest	34	10	5	2	28	8	5	7	5	19	16	23	57
5 Walsall	35	6	7	4	20	16	8	6	4	22	13	13	55
6 Southend	35	10	2	5	28	16	6	4	8	27	31	8	54
7 Leeds	35	12	3	3	33	13	8	5	4	22	16	26	53
8 Tranmere	36	9	4	5	24	14	5	6	7	16	21	5	52
9 Oldham	36	6	6	6	21	18	7	5	6	21	15	9	50
10 Northampton	36	8	6	4	27	15	5	5	8	17	27	2	50
11 Leyton Orient	36	7	5	6	21	21	6	6	6	19	25	-6	50
12 Brighton	34	9	6	3	30	19	4	4	8	14	19	6	49
13 Swindon	35	9	4	5	28	20	3	7	7	17	23	2	47
14 Hartlepool	36	9	5	4	35	20	4	2	12	18	30	3	46
15 Huddersfield	35	8	3	6	20	17	6	1	11	15	32	-14	46
16 Yeovil	36	8	3	7	17	21	4	6	8	14	22	-12	45
17 Bristol Rovers	32	5	7	4	21	20	6	4	6	14	14	1	44
18 Millwall	36	8	2	8	26	22	3	5	10	11	29	-14	40
19 Crewe	36	6	6	6	19	22	2	7	9	12	28	-19	37
20 Cheltenham	36	7	7	4	17	17	2	3	13	13	33	-20	37
21 Gillingham	35	7	7	3	20	14	2	2	14	13	43	-24	36
22 Bournemouth	36	5	4	9	22	33	5	2	11	24	30	-17	26
23 Luton	35	8	4	6	22	20	1	4	12	11	29	-16	25
24 Port Vale	36	3	5	10	17	28	2	2	14	15	35	-31	22

COMING SOON...

FOLLOWING tonight's game with Swindon Town, we make the trip to Millwall on Saturday (March 15), before returning here on Saturday March 22, when Carlisle United are the visitors.

Earlier in the season we lost 1-0 at Brunton Park. The Cumbrians, who are well-placed in the promotion race, recorded a 2-0 win against Brighton last Saturday, and they are currently third with 64 points from 34 games.

OPPOSITION

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Sat Aug 11	Southend United A	W2-1	2nd	9,821 (2,095)
Tue Aug 14	QPR (CC 1) A	W2-1	-	5,260 (971)
Sat Aug 18	Walsall H	W1-0	1st	4,524 (456)
Sat Aug 25	Crewe Alexandra A	W2-0	1st	4,683 (412)
Tue Aug 28	Cardiff City (CC2) A	Lo-1	-	6,150 (110)
Sat Sep 1	Northampton Town H	D2-2	1st	5,170 (634)
Mon Sep 3	Notts County (JPT1) A	W1-0	-	900 (89)
Sat Sep 8	A.F.C. Bournemouth H	W1-0	1st	4,995 (529)
Sat Sep 15	Yeovil Town A	W1-0	1st	5,217 (368)
Sat Sep 22	Hartlepool United H	L2-4	1st	5,325 (423)
Sat Sep 29	Bristol Rovers A	W3-2	1st	7,181 (404)
Tue Oct 2	Gillingham A	L1-3	1st	5,632 (992)
Sat Oct 6	Swansea City H	Lo-5	2nd	5,586 (687)
Tue Oct 9	Dag & Red (JPT2) H	Lo-1	-	2,397 (763)
Sat Oct 13	Leeds United A	D1-1	3rd	29,177 (1,509)
Sat Oct 20	Port Vale H	W3-1	1st	4,555 (196)
Sun Oct 28	Doncaster Rovers A	L2-4	4th	7,184 (563)
Sat Nov 3	Oldham Athletic H	W1-0	2nd	4,690 (334)
Tue Nov 6	Swindon Town A	D1-1	3rd	5,874 (475)
Sat Nov 10	Bristol Rovers (FAC1) H	D1-1	-	3,157 (453)
Sat Nov 17	Brighton & Hove A H	D2-2	2nd	6,496 (1,297)
Sat Nov 24	Huddersfield Town A	W1-0	1st	9,697 (328)
Tue Nov 27	Bristol Rovers (FAC1R) A	D3-3*	-	3,742 (135)
Tue Dec 4	Millwall H	Lo-1	3rd	6,220 (1,568)
Sat Dec 8	Cheltenham Town H	W2-0	2nd	4,156 (199)
Sat Dec 15	Carlisle United A	Lo-1	4th	6,843 (189)
Sat Dec 22	Yeovil Town H	Do-0	5th	4,687 (426)
Wed Dec 26	A.F.C. Bournemouth A	L1-3	5th	5,356 (497)
Sat Dec 29	Hartlepool United A	D1-1	7th	4,379 (158)
Tue Jan 1	Gillingham H	Do-0	7th	5,369 (932)
Tue Jan 8	Tranmere Rovers H	W3-0	6th	3,447 (252)
Sat Jan 12	Nottingham Forest A	Lo-4	7th	17,805 (1,334)
Sat Jan 19	Luton Town H	W2-1	6th	5,516 (1,021)
Fri Jan 25	Northampton Town A	Lo-2	7th	5,405 (903)
Tue Jan 29	Walsall A	Do-0	7th	4,613 (271)
Sat Feb 2	Southend United H	D2-2	7th	6,886 (2,001)
Sat Feb 9	Tranmere Rovers A	D1-1	7th	6,530 (275)
Tue Feb 12	Crewe Alexandra H	Lo-1	8th	3,881 (188)
Sat Feb 16	Luton Town A	W1-0	7th	6,412 (1,086)
Sat Feb 23	Nottingham Forest H	Lo-1	8th	7,136 (2,131)
Sat Mar 1	Brighton & Hove A A	D1-1	9th	6,242 (542)
Sat Mar 8	Huddersfield Town H	Lo-1	11th	4,660 (432)
Tue Mar 11	Swindon Town H			
Sat Mar 15	Millwall A			
Sat Mar 22	Carlisle United H			
Mon Mar 24	Cheltenham Town A			
Sat Mar 29	Port Vale A			
Sat Apr 5	Leeds United H			
Sat Apr 12	Oldham Athletic A			
Sat Apr 19	Doncaster Rovers H			
Sat Apr 26	Swansea City A			
Sat May 3	Bristol Rovers H			

*AET - Lost 6-5 on penalties



1...Stuart NELSON	2...Stephen PURCHES	3...Charlie DANIELS	4...Alton THELWELL	5...Tamika MKANDAWIRE	6...Brian SAAH	7...JJ MELLIGAN	8...Adam CHAMBERS	9...Wayne GRAY	10..Sean THORNTON	11..Wayne CORDEN	12..Glenn MORRIS	14..Michael SIMPSON	15..Sam OJI	16..Jabo IBEHRE	17..Paul TERRY	18..Adam BOYD	19..Aiden PALMER	20..Jason DEMETRIOU	21..Efe ECHANOMI	22..Raphael SYLVESTER	23..Clayton FORTUNE	24..Solomon SHIELDS	25..Tom KEMP	26..Jack PAGE	27..Chris ROBSON
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THE TEAMS

LEYTON ORIENT

Manager: Martin Ling
Kit: Red & White



	Played	Goal
1 Stuart NELSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Stephen PURCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Charlie DANIELS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Alton THELWELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Tamika MKANDAWIRE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Brian SAAH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8 Adam CHAMBERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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21 Efe ECHANOMI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 Raphael SYLVESTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Clayton FORTUNE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Maurice Malpas
Kit: Black



	Played	Goal
1 Phil SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Jack SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Jamie VINCENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Lee PEACOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Jerel IFIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Ady WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Christian ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Craig EASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Barry CORR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Jon-Paul MCGOVERN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Sofiene ZAABOUB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Peter BREZOVAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Miguel COMMINGES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Andrew NICHOLAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Hasney ALJOFREE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Michael POOK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Billy PAYNTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Blair STURROCK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Chris ALLEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Patrick KANYUKA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27 Anthony McNAMEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Andy CATON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 Moses ASHIKODI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31 Simon COX	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32 Kurt HAMMOND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33 Lloyd MACKLIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 Callum KENNEDY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35 Ben JOYCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36 Mark SCOTT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Dean Whitestone
(Northamptonshire)

Assistant referee: Steve Creighton
Assistant referee: Matt Stewart
Fourth Official: Richard Beevor



FIXTURES 11/3/08

Carlisle United v
Luton Town
Crewe Alexandra v
Port Vale
Doncaster Rovers v
Gillingham
Hartlepool United v
Huddersfield Town
Leeds United v
Cheltenham Town
Leyton Orient v
Swindon Town
Oldham Athletic v
Bournemouth
Southend United v
Nottingham Forest
Swansea City v
Tranmere Rovers
Walsall v
Brighton & Hove Albion
Yeovil Town v
Millwall

* Bristol Rovers v Northampton is due to be played tomorrow (Wednesday).

NEXT UP...

Millwall v Leyton Orient

Saturday March 15 2008
At the New Den
Coca Cola League One, KO 3pm



SAFETY INFORMATION

THE expertise and experience of safety stewards, police, doctors and members of the St John Ambulance are vital ingredients in the safety management of the Matchroom Stadium. However, the successful implementation of this plan depends to a very large extent on the cooperation of you the spectator.

Please contact a steward if you have any worries over a matter of safety, concerns about the behaviour of other supporters or if you need help with ticketing or finding your way around the stadium.

As Stadium Manager I would like to draw your attention to a number of key issues.

FIRST AID

There are two first aid rooms located in the East Stand. These are manned by members of the St John Ambulance and cater for most types of injury or illness. Should you require medical attention ask either the nearest steward or a member of St John who are located throughout the ground.

There is also a club doctor in the stadium for all fixtures and, for fixtures with crowds of over 5,000, the London Ambulance Service are also in attendance.

PERSISTENT STANDING

The Matchroom Stadium is an all-seater stadium and standing during matches or other events is not permitted. Spectators should remain seated at all times and not obstruct the view of others.

LOST PROPERTY

Stewards will ensure that any lost property is taken to a secure storage location. If you wish to claim property you believe to be lost in the stadium please ask the nearest steward or telephone the club on 0871 310 1881.

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED SUPPORTERS

Viewing areas for wheelchair users and dedicated toilet facilities are available throughout the ground.

Disabled toilets are located on each concourse and all have emergency alarms.

The club provides a dedicated steward whose sole responsibility is the welfare of our disabled supporters and he visits all disabled areas regularly throughout the course of an event.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Leyton Orient has a legal obligation to deny entry to the stadium to anyone carrying cans, bottles, glasses or containers of any description. Other prohibited items are clearly displayed at each turnstile block. Spectators bringing such items will have them confiscated and these cannot be returned – they are given up as a condition of entry.

PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE

The Matchroom Stadium is a non-smoking venue. Spectators are requested not to smoke at any time in public areas and safety stewards are authorised to ask any person found smoking to leave the stadium.

LICENSED BARS/FOOD OUTLETS

There are many bars and food outlets open to the public here at the Matchroom Stadium.

For these outlets to operate safely and effectively it is critical that all persons making use of them move away from the bar and counter area immediately after purchases have been made.

Supporters are reminded that it is a criminal offence to consume alcohol within sight of the pitch and any supporter attempting to carry alcohol into the stands faces possible ejection and arrest.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency within the stadium which requires there to be any form of evacuation, a tannoy announcement preceded by an audible tone will be made.

Supporters should then follow the instructions given to them by the safety stewards and, in the event of an evacuation, should make their way to the nearest exit gate.

PLAYING SURFACE

Supporters are reminded that at no time are they permitted to enter the field of play. Any supporter who encroaches onto the pitch will be ejected from the ground and arrested.

I hope you enjoy your visit to the Matchroom Stadium.

Chris Baker, Stadium Manager

PLEASE NOTE

If you witness any anti-social behaviour in the stadium, such as swearing or racism, please text 07776 228 298 to inform the Chief Safety Officer anonymously.



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