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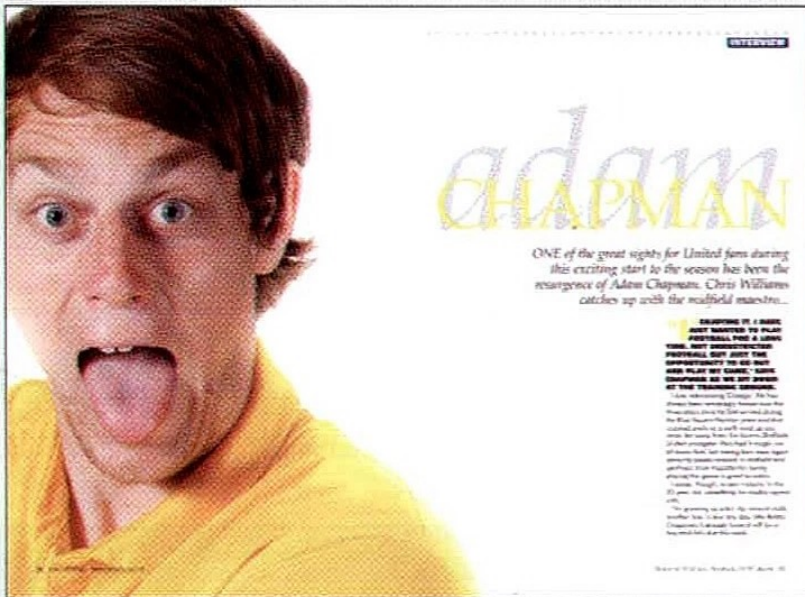
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adam CHAPMAN

ONE of the great sights for United fans during this exciting start to the season has been the resurgence of Adam Chapman. Chris Williams catches up with the midfield maestro...

IT'S SHAKING IT A GOOD NIGHT TO PLAY FOOTBALL, FROM A LONG TIME. BUT I'M NOT SURE I'VE EVER HAD A NIGHT LIKE THIS. I'VE GOT TO GO AND PLAY MY GAME. I'VE GOT TO GO AND PLAY MY GAME. I'VE GOT TO GO AND PLAY MY GAME.

By Chris Williams, Swindon Town, 17th June 11

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Good evening, and welcome to tonight's eagerly anticipated Johnstone's Paint Trophy game against Swindon Town.

Awelcome is also extended to the directors and supporters of our near neighbours who were worthy champions of League 2 last season.

I hope that all here this evening – from both Oxford and Swindon – can enjoy watching the match in the right spirit without resorting to excessive confrontation or abusive chanting.

As I have said recently, it benefits neither club to be incurring substantial policing and additional security bills when we play each other and we have the opportunity together to change things in the medium term if we want to.

On a different topic, last week saw the closing of the transfer window. Activity here at Oxford United was kept to a minimum with no players sold and the talented Daniel Boateng joining on a long-term loan from Arsenal to cover some of our prior injuries.

Whilst such inactivity can appear frustrating to some fans, especially when other clubs are parading a constant stream of new players, the reality is that such last-minute moves are neither necessary nor desirable if you are already properly prepared. The club was clear about what was needed to improve the squad and cover prior injuries back in June and Chris Wilder went about bringing in

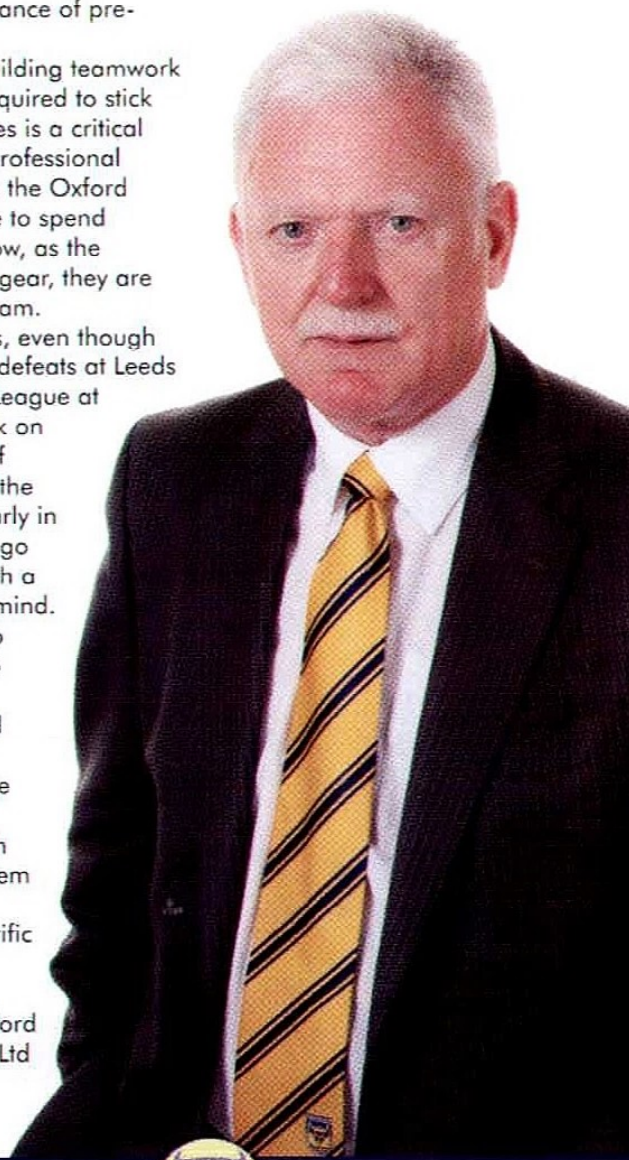
the right players in advance of pre-season training.

Chris believes that building teamwork and the mutual trust required to stick together in difficult times is a critical element of success in professional sport. The weeks which the Oxford players have been able to spend together means that now, as the season really gets into gear, they are already very much a team.

In recent match terms, even though last week saw our first defeats at Leeds in the Cup and in the League at York City, the teamwork on show and the quality of football played was of the highest order, particularly in each first half, and we go into tonight's game with a very positive frame of mind.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the supporters who walked from Eynsham to the Kassam Stadium before the Plymouth game to raise funds for the 12th Man Fund. Between them they raised around £1,000, which is a terrific effort.

Ian Lenagan
Chairman, Oxford
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After a very good start to the league season where we have picked up nine points from a possible 12, we turn our attention tonight to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy as we welcome our local rivals.

It should be another fantastic occasion and follows two dramatic games between the clubs last season.

Those were such memorable events played in front of packed houses and full of incident: local derbies as they are supposed to be. It doesn't matter if it is a league game, a cup match or pre-season friendly, if it's Oxford against Swindon it means the world to both sets of fans and I fully expect tonight's game to be another full-blooded encounter.

We have had two games since I last wrote any programme notes. In the first we acquitted ourselves pretty well against a strong Leeds United side in the newly named Capital One Cup. Elland Road is never an easy place to go but we more than matched them in the first quarter of the game and were extremely unlucky to be 2-0 down at half-time due to two clinically taken goals. We gave it a real go in the second half but in the end can have no complaints about the result.

We then returned to Yorkshire and to league action on Saturday and unfortunately found ourselves a goal down inside 20 seconds at York. That early goal led to a very open game with both sides going for it. We put in 17 crosses in the first half alone and had the lion's share of the game, but whenever we gave ourselves the chance to get back on level terms we didn't quite take it, and then another individual error cost us. Even at 3-1 down and ten minutes to go we still felt that if we got one goal we would be right back in it and would get something out of the game.

It was frustrating but you move on and keep moving forward. It has been a very promising start to the season and now we have to make sure we keep doing the right things and keep our foot down in every game, whatever the competition and whoever the opposition.

People were asking me this week how we would approach selection tonight, but it is simple. We will select a team to get the job done, and a squad of players who we think will win the match. Our long-term injured list has been well documented and we picked up one or two more knocks last week, as you will do throughout

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the season. I would like to welcome Daniel Boateng to the club, a young defender with an excellent pedigree at Arsenal, who gives us one or two extra options and I am sure will be a valuable asset for us.

I often use my programme notes to thank you for your support and backing, and I thought you were fantastic at Leeds and York. You sang your hearts out at both games and to see so many of you making two long journeys is unbelievable. One thing I think I can guarantee is that you will be as loud and proud as ever at tonight's game. Hearing our home fans in full voice lifts everyone so enjoy tonight, raise the roof again and let's try and get our name in the hat for the next round.

Chris

Welcome back, I know that tonight's game is one that both sets of fans will have been looking forward to ever since the draw was made.

I'll be honest with you, having been raised in Yorkshire, the Oxford against Swindon rivalry was something I kind of knew existed but I hadn't dreamt how strong it was until I joined Oxford. All last summer, whenever I met the fans, they kept saying how much they were looking forward to the first derbies in ten years.

The build up to the games was very intense and when we got to the grounds you could feel the tension and the excitement even as you walked up to the gates. Those two games last year were unbelievable and I have never played in such passionate and emotional games. I reckon everyone involved was knackered mentally as well as physically after the game here in particular. To get two wins from those two matches was fantastic and I don't think anyone in a yellow shirt will ever forget those games. And I include the players and fans in that.

However, those games have gone now and those results mean nothing in relation to tonight's game. Swindon won promotion and are among the favourites for promotion again, so we are very aware that we are playing a good side packed with good players. It is a cup game and we are the underdogs despite being at home, but we are a good side ourselves and with your support and our great team spirit hopefully we can cause an upset.

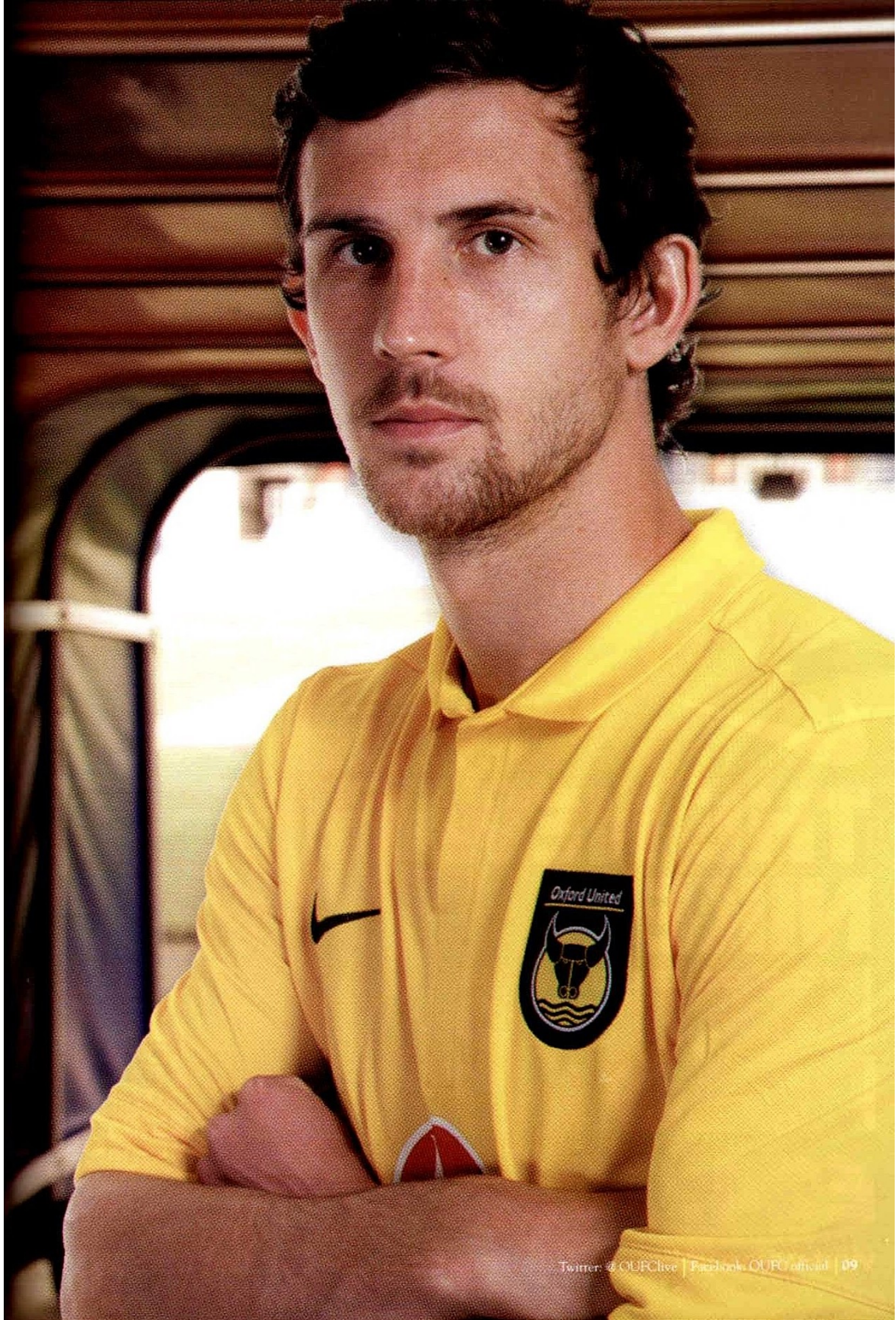
We played well against a Championship side last week, Leeds United, where the scoreline was probably a little flattering to them, and then were unlucky up at York on Saturday. You would take third place in the league after half a dozen games, and that gives us a solid foundation to build from.

Seeing so many Oxford fans at both games was great and you really got behind us once again, so we thank you for that.

Off the field we have been working hard on the training ground and it is good to see one or two of the injured lads starting to make real progress. The treatment room has been busy since the very start of pre-season but gradually things are getting better and we should start seeing some of those familiar faces back on the training pitches in the next few weeks.

In their absence it was good to see Ty Marsh make his debut up at Leeds, along with Sean McGinty and Daniel Boateng. All three are young players with bright futures. And speaking of youngsters, congratulations from us all to Adam Chapman on the safe arrival of his baby son in the early hours of Monday morning. He'll quickly get used to the dribbling and the babbling. The baby, obviously; the rest of us have had years to get used to Chappy.

Enjoy the game,
Jake





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The noise was, again, something special and there is little doubt that the home crowd carried United to victory after the team went down to 10 men.

Que sera sera...

Tonight's game against Swindon Town sees us have an early opportunity to rekindle opposition with our near neighbours, after their promotion last season appeared to have suspended hostilities for an indefinite period.



Martin Brodetsky

Being the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, there are some who might feel that this evening's fixture lacks the significance of our two League 2 encounters of last season and our meeting in the FA Cup almost 10 years ago.

They're possibly right, but it nevertheless remains an important game to the fans and the players. The competition is irrelevant when local bragging rights are at stake.

I can quite clearly remember my first visit to the County Ground. It was February 1971 and I was 11 years old. I went with my next-door neighbour-but-one and his older sister, who was there to take care of us, and we went on the train, which turned out to be a quite lively journey. The game itself was rather dire and United went down 3-0 but the atmosphere was something else and is a major factor in what made me become an Oxford supporter.

That atmosphere has been relived at just about every Oxford v Swindon derby that I've been to, although perhaps the two most recent home games top the lot. The FA Cup game in December 2002 was the first occasion that the Kassam Stadium

really rocked and served to show us that the heart of Oxford United wasn't so much about location as about what the supporters made it. The noise that greeted Jefferson Louis' winner is possibly the loudest sound that has ever been made on this patch of ground (except perhaps the Elton John concert – I wasn't there so couldn't possibly comment).

Last season's home contest was one that will live long in the memories of all who were here to witness it, especially those of the Yellow persuasion. The noise was, again, something special and there is little doubt that the home crowd carried United to victory after the team went down to 10 men. The support for that game was on a par with the play-off semi-final against Rushden when the whole ground was singing Que Sera Sera. To quote Roger Daltrey quoting Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, it sent quivers down my backbone.

The town of Swindon often gets a bad press in Oxford, not always justified. Okay, it lacks Oxford's

beautiful historic centre and cultural vibe, but it does have a fair bit going for it.

I used to visit the town regularly when I was a truck driver, and although my trips usually just took me to industrial estates on the edge of town, I also saw enough of the place to realise that it's probably not half as bad as it's often painted.

Let's face it, a town that has given us the likes of Mark Lamarr, Billie Piper, Melinda Messenger and XTC can't be that rubbish, can it? On the minus side, Swindon also gave us Diana Dors and Gilbert O'Sullivan, but as Osgood Fielding said, "Nobody's perfect".

However, compared to Oxford's various architectural wonders, there's no doubt that Swindon is lacking. For while we have given the world the Radcliffe Camera, the Sheldonian, the Ashmolean, all the various college buildings, and the South Stand, Swindon's contribution to World Heritage remains the Magic Roundabout.

Time for bed, said Zebedee.



Swindon - the town that gave us Melinda Messenger



What's been going on in League 2...

Tonight we welcome our big rivals Swindon Town for this Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie and after last season's encounters this evening promises to be as electrifying as ever. Tonight's round-up brings you all the news and reaction from the weekend.

The first four league games of the season have flown by and with most of the League Two clubs in Johnstone's Paint Trophy action tonight, this will offer teams a chance to continue their form or ignite their campaigns.

In the Southern section, Bristol Rovers host Yeovil Town, Exeter face Aldershot, Southend play AFC Wimbledon, while Gillingham take on Crawley and Dagenham & Redbridge and Northampton have home ties against Stevenage and MK Dons.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Rhys Griffiths, a former fireman, scored on his professional debut for the Pilgrims in a 3-2 win over Northampton.

The 32-year-old only played 27 minutes as a substitute before going off injured but Carl Fletcher was pleased with what he saw:

"I'm pleased with Griff, all he wants to do is play and show what he can do and you can see what he can do after 20 minutes."



In the Northern draw, newly promoted Fleetwood travel to Rochdale, Accrington face Morecambe, Port Vale welcome Tranmere while Rotherham, Chesterfield and Burton play York, Oldham and Coventry respectively.

The League Two clubs that have byes to round two are Bradford, Barnet, Cheltenham, Plymouth, Torquay and Wycombe.

In other news, AFC Wimbledon have implemented, with immediate effect, actions that were discussed and agreed upon after the club held talks with

Terry Brown. Having conceded 11 goals away from home already this season, Brown was asked to hold talks with the club and as a result the defensive coach, Stuart Cash, will be working with the team at every training session.

A statement made by the club read: "The discussions were frank and constructive and focused on the actions that are needed to ensure that results improve before the season gets too much older."

Elsewhere, Torquay have signed midfielder Karl Baker on a short-term deal after the 22-year-old impressed while on trial, Wycombe have signed Jo Kuffour after the striker was released by Gillingham at the end of last season and Danny East has joined Northampton on loan from Hull until the end of the month.

Chesterfield

John Sheridan became the second Football League manager to lose his job this season after he was relieved of his duties as Spireites boss last Tuesday.

Chesterfield have not won any of their four competitive matches so far this season but chief executive Chris Turner has insisted that the decision was not just based on recent results.

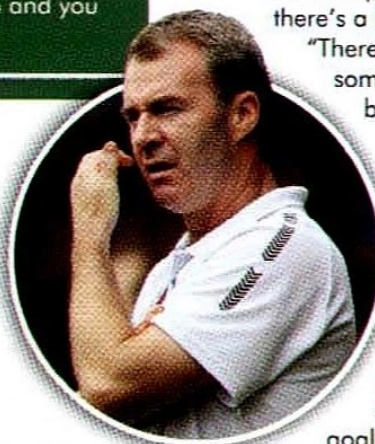
"This isn't just about the four games this season, there's a bigger picture here.

"There's no names being mentioned about someone else coming in. This decision has been made over the weekend.

"I can't speak highly enough of John because I think he has been fantastic for this club."

Sheridan won promotion from League Two with Chesterfield in 2010-11 and lifted silverware last season as they won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy despite being relegated from League One.

Assistant manager Tommy Wright and goalkeeping coach Mark Crossley were in temporary charge at the weekend as the Spireites drew 1-1 with league leaders Gillingham.



Bristol Rovers

Mark McGhee made his players stay behind after their match on Saturday to watch a re-run of their 3-0 home defeat to Morecambe.

Gary McDonald, Nick Fenton and Kevin Ellison all scored for the away side in a dreadful ten-minute second-half spell for the Pirates.

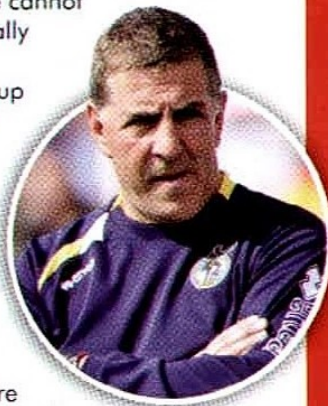
McGhee wanted the players to understand where things went wrong before they went home and said directly after the game: "The players are not going home, we are going to stay here and watch the second half; we are going to work out who is complicit and who has done what. They have got to come here again and play on Tuesday and Saturday.

"We are going to watch the DVD together, point the finger, take responsibility and stand up and be counted."

He continued: "This is not something I have ever done before, but I think it is required. We cannot go away from here now without really understanding what has gone on.

"I expect them to put their hands up and say it is their fault, but it is out there they need to take responsibility, not after the event."

Bristol Rovers will be hoping to put things right tonight as they welcome Yeovil Town to the Memorial Stadium.



Rotherham

Steve Evans believes Bradford were lucky to leave the New York Stadium with just a 4-0 defeat after the Millers ran riot to claim their second win of the season.

Michael O'Connor scored after just 55 seconds, Gareth Evans grabbed a brace and Ben Pringle netted for the third time this season to earn Rotherham a convincing win.

"They've gone away with four and I think they've gone away lightly," said Evans.

"The performance was good and the crowd was fantastic.

"Full credit to the players, it was a big game for us and we didn't hide that. They've got good players and they are well organised."

Jack Johnson

WE HAVE "A LOT OF WORK TO DO" SAYS CHELTENHAM BOSS MARK YATES

After losing for the first time this season, Mark Yates believes that his side have a lot of work to do ahead of their trip to Wycombe on Saturday.

Cheltenham suffered a 3-0 home defeat to Accrington at the weekend as Pádraig Amond, George Miller and Romuald Boco all scored for the visitors, who currently occupy a place in the play-offs.

"We were poor, credit to Accrington they were better than us, we've got a lot of work to do," said Yates.

"We had lots of chances, but if you don't do the basics right and don't work hard doing the right thing, which conceding three goals at home is not doing the right thing, you don't get that little bit of luck you deserve when you put it in.

"I'm not one for coming out and naming names, but we were hopeless.

"They were better than us, I think every punter in the crowd could see they wanted it more."

Cheltenham have taken seven points from the opening four games of the season with new signing Shaun Harrad scoring three goals but Yates has taken the blame for the defeat to Accrington.

"Maybe I got the team wrong. I'll take the blame. The players that were put in there didn't do it so as the manager. I'll take the flak. We need to put it right.

"There will be changes next week, without a doubt, because we can't accept a performance like that. They're my players and I know they'll be better next week.

"Credit to Accrington, but it's a wake-up call for us after three games."

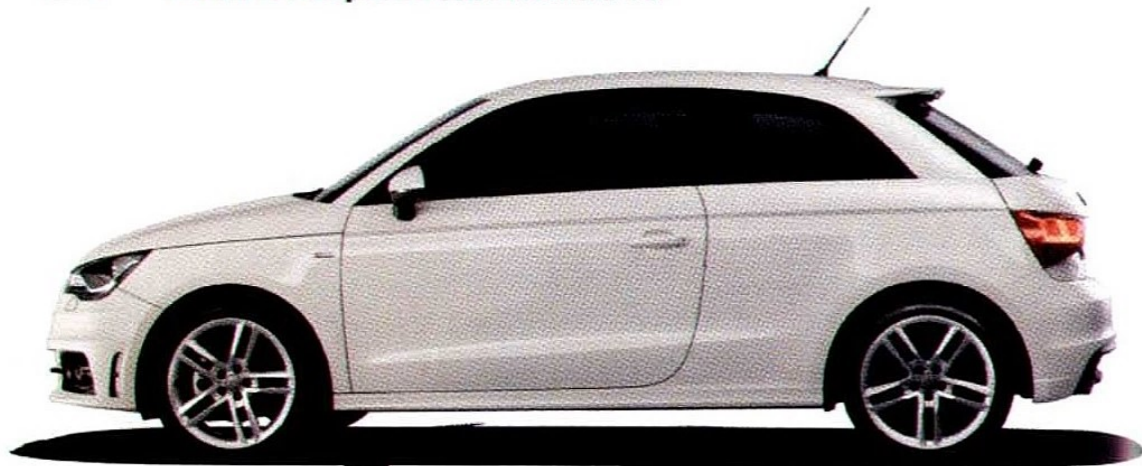




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Tommy Craddock. Here he is holding up his delicious cake. His family hopes he had a brilliant day.

New U

Lillie Joy Knights was born on 24th August. She is pictured here with her proud big brother Ollie Knights, a big United fan aged 5. He wanted to buy his sister the babygrow so she can follow Oxford United as well.



Birthday Cake

Happy birthday to Robert Denoon, who celebrated his birthday with a win over AFC Bournemouth here at the Kassam on 14th August, made even better after five perfect penalties including one from his favourite player,

Shirt sponsor of the day

Martin Hathaway was born on 19th September 1942 and has been an Oxford United supporter since then, although the club was known as Headington United until 1960.



He lived in Marston for many years where he would cycle up the hill to see the yellows play at the Manor Ground. He has many favourite players but his all-time favourite is John Evanson, who made 154 appearances and scored 10 goals between 1966 and 1974.

He was there when Oxford United won the Milk Cup in 1986 and has continued to be a loyal supporter through all the ups and downs. Martin is now living in West Sussex after living in Kidlington for over 30 years but he will never stop following the mighty U's.

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

If tonight's game ends all square after 90 minutes there will be no extra-time. The game will go straight to penalties.

Mascots...



Bradley Rowland

How old are you? 11

What school do you go to?

Cheney

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Football; Fishing

Who are your favourite player? Simon Heslop



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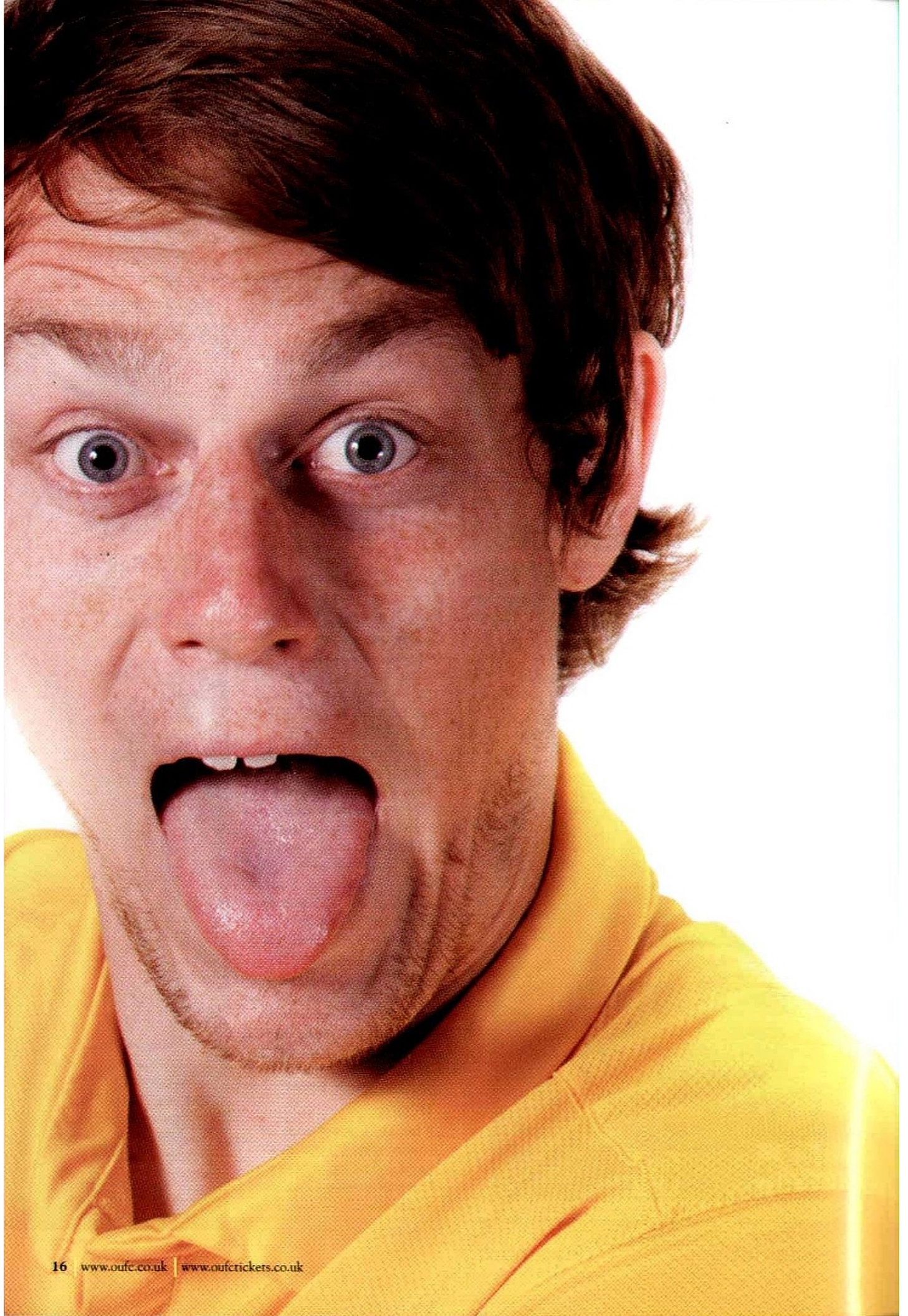
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adam CHAPMAN

ONE of the great sights for United fans during this exciting start to the season has been the resurgence of Adam Chapman. Chris Williams catches up with the midfield maestro...

I **'M enjoying it. I have just wanted to play football for a long time. Not unrestricted football but just the opportunity to go out and play my game," says Chapman as we sit down at the training ground.**

I love interviewing 'Chappy'. He has always been amazingly honest over the three years since he first arrived during the Blue Square Premier years and that crooked smile or a swift wind up are never far away from the former Sheffield United youngster. He's had it tough, we all know that, but seeing him once again spraying passes around in midfield and (perhaps most importantly) loving playing the game is great to watch.

I sense, though, a new maturity in the 22 year old, something he readily agrees with:

"I'm growing up a bit. My second child, another boy, is due any day. (Ed's note: he arrived on Monday, congratulations from all at Oxford United.) ▶

ADAM CHAPMAN

"I've always thought I kind of play football beyond my years with the way I play the game and think about it, and then off the pitch I am unfortunately minus my years! I've had a test, and it's not been easy over the last few years but I'm getting there."

There is no shying away from it, one fatal moment back in May 2009 changed Adam's life forever, and having come through some dark days he now feels his outlook on life is very altered.

"I look at things differently. One hundred per cent. I mean, God bless the guy who died in the crash, and I will never forget that but it could easily have been me as well. I had 14 or 15 months to think about it and deal with it, but in those first few weeks I couldn't leave my front room and then you go through all the 'what ifs...' and 'might have beens' in your head. It was very, very hard. Then you start thinking about your football and is that it, the end of your career?"

"But when I play football for 90 minutes my head just goes completely blank. I have had other things go on my life, not just the crash and jail, but for the four or five hours on matchday or when you get to training every day it is just a complete release and football becomes everything. I come in and see the boys, that's when I probably start acting minus my years a little bit, but I play football with no fears. It is just what you do."

"I love football and have always believed that it's an entertainment. If someone can see a player enjoying themselves or trying to do that, then

even if they mess up I like to think that the fans appreciate that the player is trying to entertain and make things happen."

He's been entertaining me all season with his shooting: I've seen

him clip the bar from halfway, and ruin Burton's promotion party with an unstoppable free-kick, so what exactly is happening in front of goal now?

"I know; I've scored some decent goals but I've never had as many shots go out for a throw in! It's embarrassing! Even in the changing room people have spotted it and I'm getting stick for it. Hopefully a goal will set me right soon though."

Equally at home in the holding role or further forward, where does the former Northern Ireland under-21 international see his future?

"I haven't made my mind up yet! When there's a bit more football



"I never thought I would enjoy playing further forward as much as I have done at the end of last season and the start of this one."

being played I like the holding role, but if it's not that sort of game I like to play further forward so I can break forward. But I don't know really. I never thought I would enjoy playing further forward as much as I have done at the end of last season and the start of this one. I guess as I get older I may end up playing the deeper role a bit more."

Adam missed the U's pre-season tour of America, but rather than rest up he was hard at work on the training ground while the rest of the squad were in New Hampshire:

"Mentally I was prepared for not being able to go but there was a little thing in the back of my head saying 'I might be able to make it'. It wasn't to be but young Dan Bond sorted me out a treat and we worked really, really hard for those two weeks or so. I had the heart monitor on and the results were really good. Working hard made it go quicker as well. But then we saw 'Dubes Diary' on Yellow Player and the new lads singing, so on the Friday we found a few brooms lying around, my iPod was on with Westlife, so we used the brooms as microphones and recorded a little song for the lads and sent it to them. So we weren't really left out."

Little things like that endear him to everyone, and I think the fans have taken him to their heart because that character shines through on the pitch:

"Shane Killock and me came in as young kids on the same day and the fans were brilliant from the very start. I try things, and want to try and get goals or help the team gets goals, or do something that gets the fans off their seats. I think they appreciate that. They can see that I am busting a gut and trying my hardest, and Oxford fans love that sort of player. I guess I wear my heart on my sleeve a bit but I'm not going to change the way I play or stop trying to enjoy playing the game. Some people may not take to me, but I still don't think those people would hate me. The Oxford fans have been brilliant and I'm glad we have started well for them."

"I'm feeling as strong and as fit as I have for a long, long time and things are going really well for me and for the team on the whole as well, so hopefully we can carry that on against Swindon and in the league as well."

IN PROFILE



DOB: 29.11.89
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HEIGHT: 1.78m
OTHER CLUBS: Sheffield
United, Newport
County
TOTAL APPS: 87
TOTAL GOALS: 6

MATCH ACTION

UNITED 2

(SMALLEY 20, 23)

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

(WILLIAMS 75)

Saturday 25th August 2012
npower League 2
The Kassam Stadium

OXFORD UNITED

Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright,
Capaldi, Potter, Chapman,
Forster-Caskey (Heslop 46),
Rigg, Smalley (Constable 46),
Craddock (Pittman 67)

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

J Cole, D Purse (N Chadwick,
71), O Bhasera, C Nelson (D
Berry, 46), M Blanchard, P
Wotton, A Gurrieri (R Williams,
46), C Hourihane, L Young, P
Cowan-Hall, W Feeney

Referee: S Bratt

Attendance: 6,906

11 MINS

Alfie Potter goes down while on a charge towards goal, but the referee gives nothing. Sean Rigg then picks the ball up on the edge of the area, turns and shoots inches over.

20 MINS

Colin Hourihane crosses the ball to Warren Feeney, who gets it in the net but he was well offside.

25 MINS

GOAL. Rigg dispossesses Colin Nelson on the byline and pulls the ball back for Tom Craddock in the area. He turns the ball goalwards for SMALLEY to smash past Jake Cole from close range.

35 MINS

GOAL. Great break from Alfie Potter who runs 40 yards before sliding the ball in to SMALLEY. He slides the ball under Cole from a narrow angle.

45 MINS

Potter breaks clear again and again feeds the ball to Smalley, whose cross is cut out just before Craddock reaches it.

55 MINS

Smalley almost gets in for his hat-trick but he is denied by Cole, who blocks from point-blank range.



44 MINS – Warren Feeney has a header at goal that's straight at Clarke. Plymouth's first attempt on target.

46 MINS – A fine pass from James Constable puts Craddock clear but with just Cole to beat he shoots the ball over the bar.

48 MINS – Sean Rigg cuts inside and gets in a shot from 25 yards that stings Cole's palms as he turns the ball aside.

54 MINS – United concede their first goal of the season as a free-kick from Robbie Williams 20 yards out goes straight in.

55 MINS – A great run and cross from Constable finds JP Pittman, whose first-time shot is brilliantly saved by Cole.

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MINS

United go close again as a cross from debutant Sean McGinty causes chaos in the Leeds area and goalie Jamie Ashdown has to get down smartly to stop an Alfie Potter shot

MINS

A booking for Adam Chapman who slid in on El-Hadji Diouf long after the ball had gone

MINS

A good spell of United pressure ends with a Chapman shot from 20 yards, straight at Ashdown, following some neat passing from the U's

MINS

Goal to Leeds. Rodolph Austin shoots powerfully from 20 yards to give Ryan Clarke no chance following a smart dummy from El-Hadji Diouf from Aidy White's pull back

MINS

Aidan White gets a yellow card for a late tackle on Damian Batt

MINS

Goal to Leeds. A great finish by Sam Byram who coolly chipped the ball over Clarke after tricking his way past Jake Wright and McGinty

MINS

Fantastic one-handed save by Clarke from Diouf after the striker got through on goal from a Byram pass



MATCH ACTION

LEEDS UNITED 3

(AUSTIN 26, BYRAM 34, LEES 74)

UNITED 0

Tuesday 28th August 2012
Capital One Cup 2nd round
Elland Road

LEEDS UNITED

J Ashdown, P Kisnorbo, A Drury, J Pearce, T Lees, S Byram (L Peltier 89), M Brown, A White, R Austin (Z Thompson 83), A Gray, E Diouf (D Poleon 76)

UNITED

R Clarke, S McGinty, J Wright, M Raynes, D Batt, T Capaldi, S Heslop, S Rigg (J Pittman, 81), A Chapman (D Boateng, 86), J Constable, A Potter (T Marsh, 81)

Referee: G Sutton
Attendance: 13,798



MINS – James Constable takes the ball wide of the last defender and lashes in a shot that Ashdown does well to parry. Chapman blasts wide from the clearance

MINS – Austin shows his class again with a dipping shot from 35 yards that clips the top of the bar with Clarke beaten

MINS – Goal to Leeds. Tom Lees scores with a header from a pin-point right-wing cross by Diouf.

MINS – Yellow card for Batt, who brings down Austin on a run

MINS – Capaldi drives in a free-kick from 30 yards that's deflected, almost going for a corner, but Ashdown gets to the ball in time and clears for a throw-in

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The Bigger Game

Being an Oxford fan is an interesting position to be in.



The constant highs and lows are enough to give even the fittest of people serious health scares, but just how does a season ticket holder cope when you are separated from your beloved Yellows by a fair few oceans and with patchy internet coverage?

From what I have managed to piece together from internet reports and first-hand accounts relayed via email, the Yellows have had a very promising start to the season. A 100% record and goals coming from throughout the team and a cracking cup tie with the old enemy to boot. Alfie, Tommy

Craddock and Deano have already excelled, with other members of the squad itching to make an impact.

Coping without seeing my beloved team has been tricky but I've taken a little bit of the club spirit with me. I took an Oxford bear with me and when I return to the UK I'll recount the tales of the bear across the world but for now a snapshot will have to suffice. What you can gather straight away is that Brookesy has managed to develop quite the tan compared to his cousin.

Trying to keep up with news here is hard enough, with 'soccer' being a summer game. Just as we stop football during the summer and take

up other interests, the Aussies reserve the cooler months for AFL; leaving those excessively hot weeks for professional footballers to try to avoid passing out in the glaring sun. According to my future mother-in-law Sandy, "AFL is the only game, the absolute only game". On that front I think we can always agree to disagree and if I permanently move out here one day it's going to be a major point of contention. Apart from being able to run up the back of a team mate to get that extra bit of height it's got nothing going for it.

In Aussie Rules there are only a couple of teams that have what might be called typical football support that we would be familiar with in the UK. Most sides are located in Melbourne, with a few spread out around this vast continent, so you never get a real 'local derby' atmosphere. There's certainly nothing to compare with a game between United and Swindon. What we have in the UK is the passion that clashes between

our two clubs epitomise. Last season we did the double, both ties full of drama. This cup tie will be no different. Tackles will fly in, tempers will flare, fans will crow and one team will emerge victorious.

Missing the start of the season is one thing. I was mortified to miss the first three home games. Missing another Wiltshire derby is something else, something not easily described to those outsiders. After their promotion it's something only the cup can bring and after going for so long before without a match-up it was almost inevitable that the cup would bind our fate together once more. Only one thing spans the continents more than the history between these two teams, and that is the long arm of the editor and his strict deadlines.

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Emrys Hughes

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DRUMCONDRA FC (DRUMS)

DRUMCONDRA FC is a Dublin-based club who were founded in 1924.

Prior to becoming a fully fledged league club Drums, as they are commonly referred to by the locals, became the first non-league club to win the FAI (League of Ireland) Cup in the 1926-27 season. They completed the double that year by also lifting the Intermediate Cup.

Shortly after their cup success, the club were elected into the league but it would be another 20 years before the team from Tolka Park would furnish their trophy room with more silverware. This time they claimed the biggest prize, becoming champions of Ireland for the first time in 1948. They retained their crown the following season and secured a hat-trick of titles in 1958.

The club's rivalry with Dublin's other major football club, Shamrock Rovers, became the stuff of Dublin folklore as huge crowds gathered to see the Northside/Southside derby fixtures between the two clubs in the early 1950s. The sixties was a golden era for Drums as they celebrated two more championship victories and made history during the 1962-63 season, becoming the first League of Ireland side to register an aggregate win in European competition when they knocked Danish side Odense out of the old Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. In the next round of the competition, the Dubliners were brought down to earth with a 6-0 thumping away to European superpower Bayern Munich but back at Tolka Park they restored some pride, beating the German side 1-0.

At the end of the 1971-72 season the team amalgamated with Home Farm, another Dublin-based club, and just two years later it

was announced that Brendan Menton Sr, the Home Farm honorary secretary at the time, had taken over the entire share capital of Drumcondra FC. For a while the club were formally known as Home Farm-Drumcondra but by the end of 1974 the side were known simply as Home Farm.

Fast forward to the modern era and the name of Drumcondra FC still lives on today, with the club fielding six schoolboy/girl teams in the North Dublin Schools League (NDSL) at the following age levels: Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 13s and Under 14s. Drums also field two junior teams in the Leinster Senior League.

Over the last couple of decades there have been a number of amalgamations of local teams in the area to bring the club to its present position where it is now the only association football club based in the Drumcondra district of the city. The club still plays in its traditional yellow and blue strip with the club's motto being "One Club, One Community".

A few years ago I was in the Cat & Cage pub in Dublin and the club were having an end of season party there. After a lengthy chat about the beautiful game over several pints of the local black stuff, I was presented with a pennant by the club secretary and it now takes pride of place in my football collection. Drumcondra FC is a truly wonderful football club situated right at the heart of the local community.





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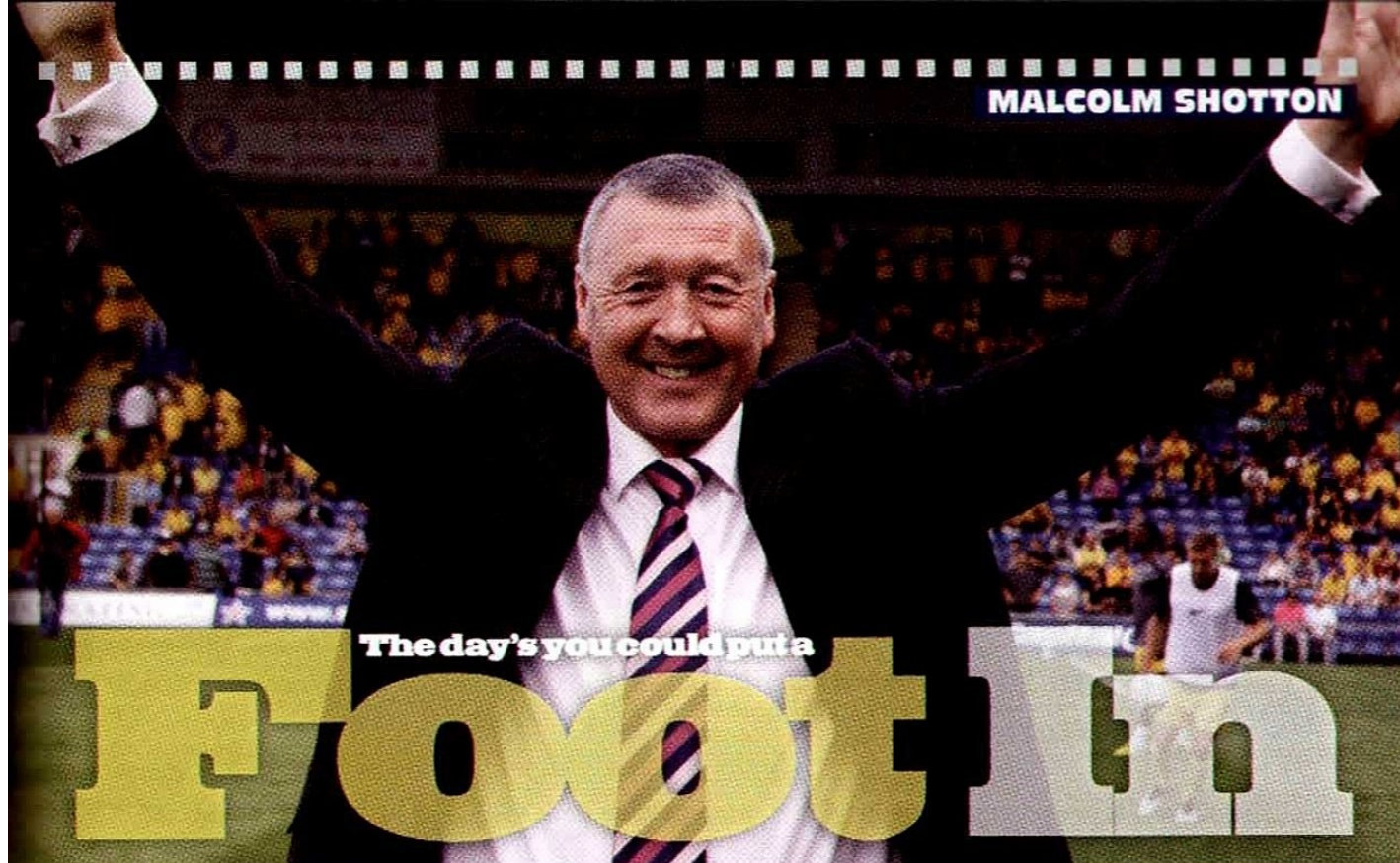
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We were delighted to welcome a very familiar face back to Oxford United at our last home game as Malcolm Shotton came home for a visit.

Malcolm, of course, lifted the Milk Cup at Wembley in 1986 and is a real hero to United fans, and he asked us to pass on his thanks for the superb welcome he received:

"It was fantastic" Malcolm told us as he left the pitch after being introduced to the fans ahead of the Plymouth game. "I love coming back to Oxford, it is a club that will always be very special to me, and the fans have been brilliant all day. It's so nice to see familiar faces again around the place and the supporters kept stopping me to say hello, which really made my day."

Can it really be 26 years since that day at Wembley?

"It's incredible. I can still remember it like yesterday. We played so well

on that day and fully deserved the win. I just remember trying to savour every second of the walk up the steps at Wembley. Those were proper steps by the way, not like the new ground, and all you could see was a wall of yellow and blue at one end of the ground. It was unbelievable and lifting the cup was such a great moment for us all."

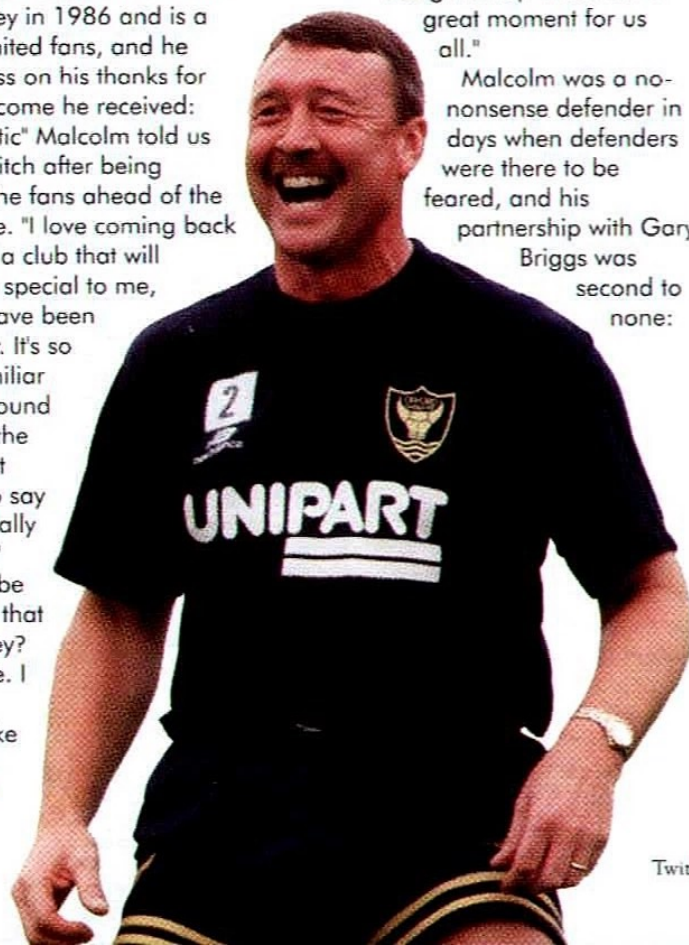
Malcolm was a no-nonsense defender in days when defenders were there to be feared, and his partnership with Gary Briggs was second to none:

"We were both pretty hard. Uncompromising I guess. I remember Gary sorting out Kevin Keegan in one match and getting sent off, but there were plenty of other times he didn't get spotted!"

"You had to look after yourself a bit back then but I think the fans liked to see it. I remember making my debut after I'd signed from Nuneaton and I was still pretty raw. I put a forward into the stand with a strong tackle and the crowd loved it. So there were a few more like that over the years!"

The famous team spirit and togetherness is still in evidence even today:

"We're all still in touch: I have bumped into Rosie and Les Phillips today and we still have that bond. I played football until I was almost 40 but that Oxford team and the fans at the Manor gave me so many memories and I am pleased to see the club doing well. They have a good team here and hopefully there are plenty more good days for the players and the supporters to share ahead."



OFF

THE BALL

Hells Bells' draws always get us into trouble.

You see, Ms Helen Chamberlain and her sidekick Max Thingummy, give every webmaster and Communications Team in the land a dilemma. Every season they make the draws for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy live on their Soccer AM programme, and so up and down the land Communication Manager types have to say to their better halves "Can't go out, got to watch Soccer AM for work". Which frankly sounds a bit rubbish doesn't it?

It's the same with our own blessed Jim Rosenthal and his FA Cup draw. I have to sacrifice my Sunday afternoons to wait for him to oversee someone from Dulwich Hamlet and Ray Parlour pull their balls out of a velvet bag and send us to somewhere obscure rather than Old Trafford.

So three weeks ago I was getting The Stare from Mrs Williams as she toiled past me with piles of washing, the Hoover, the mower, and anything else she could think of to drop hints that she was the one doing all the work. Again.

I sat firm and ignored her, with the situation made far worse by me having my little bag packed ready to go

...for me it is all about watching and reporting on Oxford United in the biggest and most exciting games possible, and tonight's game couldn't have been better.

to Bristol Rovers as soon as the draw was completed. That's the real dilemma by the way: you can't set off for a game until you have reported the draw, and if you have a long away game that day you find yourself half hanging out the door with a photographer and the club historian beeping the horn outside waiting to set off.

Then they have a long and unfunny sequence with Stuart 'Trigger' Trigwell to introduce the draw. I know 'the Face of the Football League' and like him, but leave comedy to those who know it. Or even, in an emergency, Max Thingummy.

Then they set the cards up and you think 'Oh OK, at least they are doing the South first.' And then 'Oh it's our section first too. Might make Bristol by half-time'.

And then Helen draws out the very first card. "Oxford United" she trills in that soft Devon voice of hers. And Max picks a card and turns it around and it says "Swindon Town" and I have to do a little double take. And then a huge smile spreads all across my big fat face. And I do a little dance. Just as Mrs Williams comes back with the ironing board. She shakes her head and moves sadly on, while I head for Bristol unable to shift a soppy grin all day.

Yes the police and stewards will have been wishing for any other draw possible. Even Aldershot again. But for me it is all about watching and reporting on Oxford United in the biggest and most exciting games possible, and tonight's game couldn't have been better.

If you watch footage of the game at the County Ground last season you can clearly see me standing on a crush barrier on the Stratton Bank enjoying the win as a fan. Because that's what I am: a fan. Always have been, always will be, and so I totally get the rivalry and the passion that will be on display tonight.

Thank you Helen. Thank you Max. Top draw.

Chris Williams



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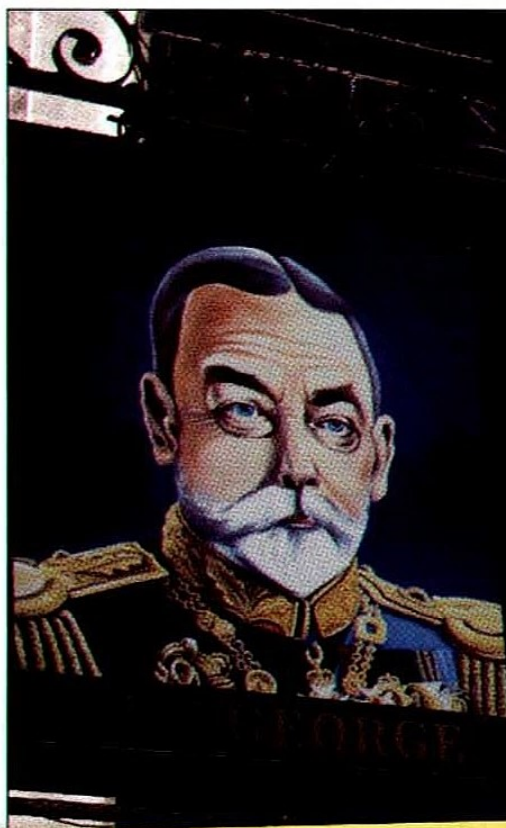


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Odd one out

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Quiz...

Q1, for 1 point- Who are Oxford playing today?
a) Swindon Supermarine b) Swindon Town c) Swindon Supermarket

Q2, for 2 points- Who is Oxford United's captain:

a) Jake Wright b) David Cameron c) Captain Pugwash

Q3, for 3 points- What road is the Kassam Stadium on?

a) London Road b) High Street c) Grenoble Road

Q4, for 4 points- Which rugby team is playing at the Kassam Stadium this season?

a) London Irish b) London Welsh c) London Scottish

Q5, for 5 points- Who was United's captain when they won the Milk Cup in 1986?

a) Ray Houghton b) Trevor Hebbard c) Malcolm Shotton

Add up your points tally throughout the season - see how many you can get.



Quiz answers: 1. B - 2. A - 3. C - 4. B - 5. C
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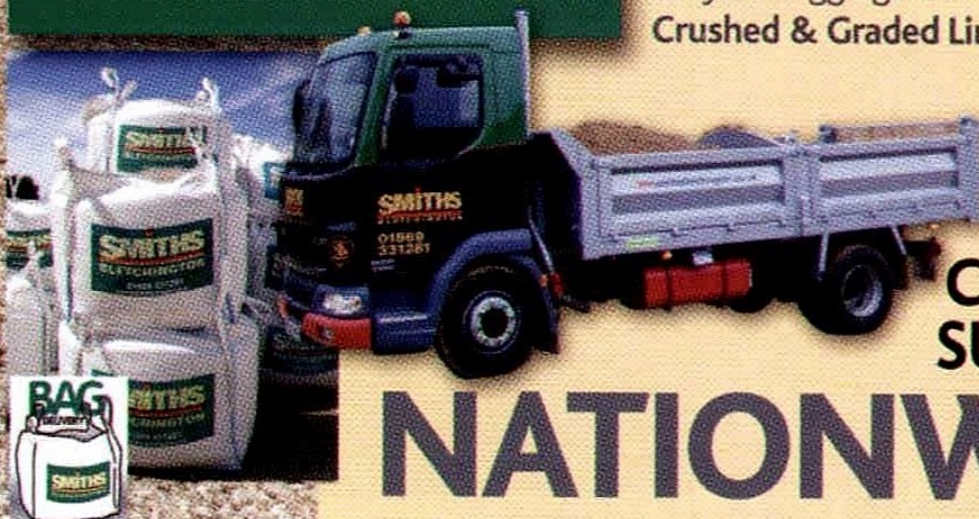
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Oxford are blessed with one of the most talented keepers in the league in Ryan Clarke, and undoubtedly a portion of his success between the sticks is due to the top-quality goalkeeping coaches at the club.

Alan Hodgkinson, the former Scotland goalkeeping coach, who is credited with bringing Peter Schmeichel to Manchester United, played over 600 games for Sheffield United and was awarded an MBE in 2007.

Alan, 75, was absent from this season's preparations due to ill health and recently announced his retirement from his duties, but reserve keeper and goalkeeping coach Wayne Brown has taken the reins.

Judging by the fact that during the first four

competitive games of the season Oxford conceded only one goal, the 35-year-old keeper, who made his name at Chester City, appears to have been doing a sterling job.

Wayne has a wide range of experience, including time spent at South African club Tottenham Africa, where he expanded into a more continental style of coaching.

"My methods are a little bit different, my coach in Africa was Spanish and I learnt a lot from him."

While the usual stereotype for continental goalkeeping is punching the ball rather than catching it, Wayne's ideas relate more to agility and speed.

Oxford's third keeper is 20-year-old New Zealander, Max Crocombe. Wayne has high hopes for the young Kiwi but admits he has some way to go before stepping into Ryan Clarke's shoes.

"He's got a lot of work to do. He's got to start applying himself but he's just finding his feet as a first year pro."

"Clarkey (Ryan Clarke) is one of the best keepers outside the Championship; it's just topping him up. At the moment we have been doing quite a bit of power work with bungee ropes and diving with weights, as well as handling and catching."

A delicate matter for any goalkeeper

is getting the balance right between specialist keeper training and gelling with the rest of the squad.

Wayne tells us the schedule for a typical day for the goalkeepers at Oxford: "They train quite a bit with the first team, and they do a good hour on their own with other keepers each morning."

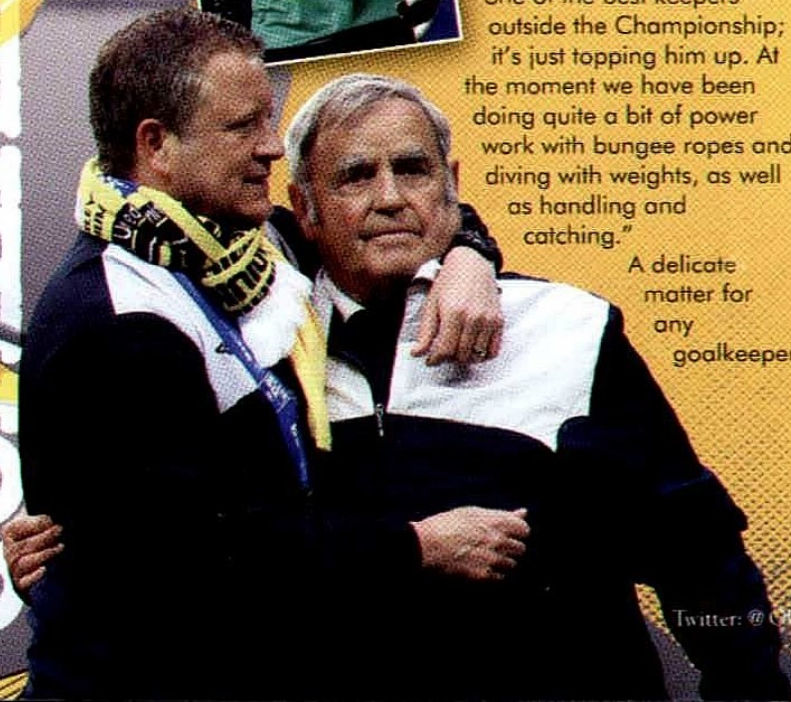
He is also a firm believer that the days of hulking goalkeepers are behind us. "You don't need to be big these days, you just have to be lean. It's more a case of being athletic rather than the old-fashioned big and bulky keeper."

Wayne plans to renew his UEFA B licence and eventually progress onto the A licence. However, our goalkeeping coach has another string to his bow, having recently diversified into goalkeeping schools.

'Just 4 Keepers' spans three premises in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire. The academy in Oxford houses 28 keepers, while schools in Southampton and Reading hold 20 and 10 pupils respectively, an additional all-girls academy in Oxford is also on the cards.

The Oxford United Academy has taken an interest in several of Wayne's young goalkeepers, which is a great advert for the business and also great for the club in its aim to continue to produce and attract top-quality goalkeepers.

Chris D Allen



MARK EDWARDS

BIG Expectations

WHILE everybody has day-to-day pressures with their job, few have the weight of expectation on their shoulders more than a football manager.

He has to try and keep everybody connected with the club happy with different demands from different people on a daily basis.

Even when things are going well, there are always those keen to shed negativity on what should be a positive situation.

Let me try to explain:

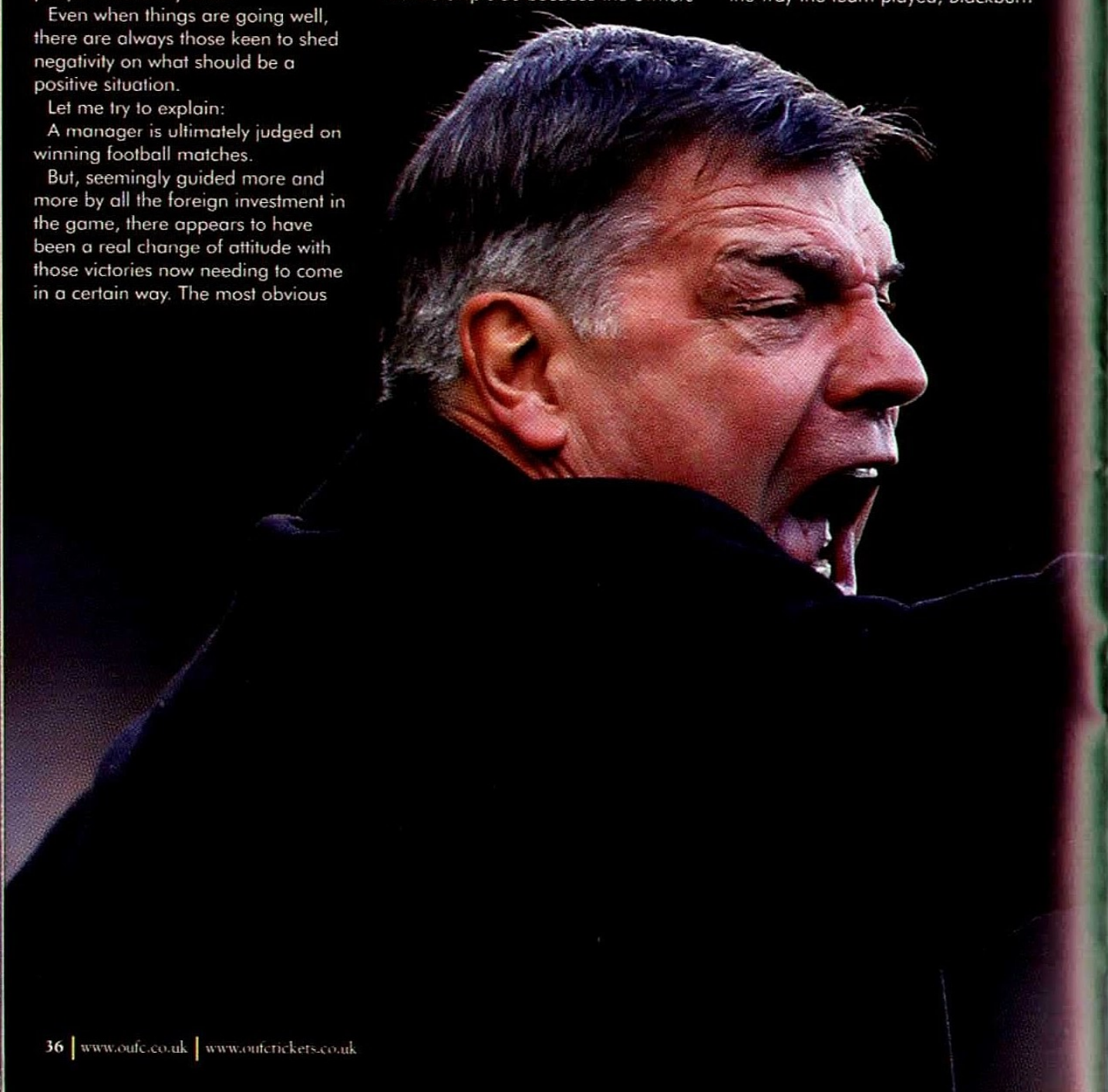
A manager is ultimately judged on winning football matches.

But, seemingly guided more and more by all the foreign investment in the game, there appears to have been a real change of attitude with those victories now needing to come in a certain way. The most obvious

example is Sam Allardyce.

Big Sam was sacked by Blackburn when they were a mid-table Premiership side because the owners

did not like his style of football. Steve Keen was appointed as his replacement, and while he changed the way the team played, Blackburn





were relegated.

I wonder what the owners think now. Was giving up a successful but less-pleasing-on-the-eye style of football worth dropping out the Premier League for? Clearly not.

And it's interesting when you look at Oxford United.

Any U's fans know that until the last three years, there had been little to smile about for quite some time. After falling down the leagues at a terrific rate around the turn of the century, arguably the first manager to threaten success was Ian Atkins. But while his more direct style saw the club in with a great chance of promotion, it never really won over the supporters or the chairman. It

was this that was one of the reasons given for Atkins' departure.

Chris Wilder has bucked the trend, and has managed to bring success to the club playing football the right way.

But even then, when United have had to scrap for a victory showing what managers describe as 'the other side of their game', you always get the odd supporter who is not happy because the normal flowing football was not on show.

However, in some matches, not even the moaners care. It didn't matter how we played against York at Wembley. We just had to win. And we did. And in the derby games against tonight's opponents last

season, would anyone have been happy if we played scintillating football but not won? Of course not.

Chris Wilder will be the first to say that in the two wins over Swindon last season – yes, that was two wins, at the County Ground and at the Kassam Stadium in case you needed reminding – his side were not at their best. But in both matches they did what they had to do, and achieved results that United supporters will remember for years to come.

So while it's lovely to 'win proper', it's equally as important to not lose sight of reality: a win is a win.

And some are more sweet than others...

Mark Edwards



"Big Sam was sacked by Blackburn when they were a mid-table Premiership side because the owners did not like his style of football."

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OH, IT IS DAYS (NIGHTS) LIKE THIS WHEN THE PULL IS STRONG, THE HOME SICKNESS SOMERSAULTS IN THE STOMACH AND THE SNIFF OF A LOCAL'S ROLL-UP HAS ONE PINING FOR THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF THE KASSAM STADIUM.

This is the life of the exiled United supporter. Often one might sit by the pool on a Saturday afternoon, with a cold beer in the right hand and glass of vin rouge in the left, quite unaware of crickets buzzing contentedly in the scorched fields, the distant haze of the juicy vineyards or the missus stretching Olympic-like in her cozy.

Why? Because one is cocking one's ear, east, north south and west, for the faintest of soft noises. Yes, can one make it out? Is that the whisper on the air of the brethren? The rejoicing masses celebrating another one spritzed into the onion bag? Perhaps. Best get up off the lounge and check on the Beeb.

Of course stepping out of the sunlight into the damp, dark air of the gite, it is troublesome to get one's focus, no matter the soaking that has taken place. The dial-up whirrs into life and those few seconds awaiting the scoreline to appear on the screen provide the gamut of emotions that 90 minutes plus stoppages can bring.

Buoyed by the booze, the mind trips to visions of a 3-0 lead after 17 minutes. Yes, that's it, one says to oneself. The train of thought is convincing. Craddock's probably smashed a hat-trick. No, actually, two for Craddock and one from a set piece for a defender. We're due one from a set-piece.

At this point, things can take a negative turn. One remembers some of the negative results, like Macclesfield or Hereford at home. Enough to make you leave the country (Arf!) ... Wait! ... Here it comes ... Is it a goal bonanza... It's... 0-0. Back to the pool it is them, where one falls asleep only to be awoken by

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a text from a family member revealing the result. From that point one either displays Gallish flair, sulkily, puts on some sackcloth trousers held up by string, a beret and sets fire to a boulevard.

Indeed. It's a hard life being away down in the south of France. Not least because there are an awful lot of French about and one tends to encounter them when a match is not on. The French, you see, just don't get

English football. They reckon that the game is still played on pitches representing a ploughed field by 'ballers in small shorts with haircuts you could clean a toilet with.

I understand un peu of the chat at the local Tabac, and they are bemoaning a beautiful game turned ugly by lumps adhering to the mantra: kick it as far and hard as possible, and run after it as fast and hard as possible. What's wrong with that, I say? That's proper football, that is, and when we pass it to one of our players upon occasion, it is quite the treat.

So it is a work in progress to turn Jean-Pierre and Claude into fanatical Yellows. Despite my exhortations of the wondrous skills of Alfie Potier and bulldozing striking qualities of James Gendarme, they are unmoved. Too interested in petanque, they claim. "Balls of steel," says J-P. Ah, so you've heard of Andy Whing, then?

Ed Hawkins



Ed Hawkins used to stand on the London Road terrace on a box. He then graduated to the Beech Road terrace where, if he was particularly disgusted by what he saw, he turned to face the wall in a one-man protest. He put his back out celebrating Alfie Potter's decisive third at Wembley in the play-off final, despite being only 31. He attempts to coax editors into paying him to write about sport, a subject he's mused on for about 14 years for various rags, including The Times. An award-winning sports writer, his book, Sporting Chancer: one man's journey to take on the world, was nominated for Best New Writer at the British Sports Book Awards. Best of all, it included a tenuous Trevor Hebbard reference.

A MILESTONE

Closing in on being the U's all-time goalscorer, we speak to James Constable...

James Constable is currently fifth in the chart of all-time Oxford United top scorers. Now in his fifth season with the club, Constable has scored 80 goals and is just 27 behind all-time leading scorer Graham Atkinson.

However, James is still waiting for his first goal of the new campaign, and we asked him if this is preying on his mind:

"I would have liked to have got off the mark by now, of course. We've had a few difficult games and I'm delighted for Tom, Deano and Alfie that they've got in among the goals. I'm not panicking though. It's just nice that we're winning games, whoever's scoring."

James is still upbeat though and as he points out he is still getting into good positions:

"I got in a decent strike against Leeds but the goalie did well to get a hand to it and push it away. I'm confident the goals will come, so I'm just going to stay relaxed and not beat myself up about it."

This mood is indicative of the way the whole squad is feeling, as James elaborates:

"Everyone is confident and positive, especially because of the way we've started the season. We're all looking forward to the games and continuing our good run."

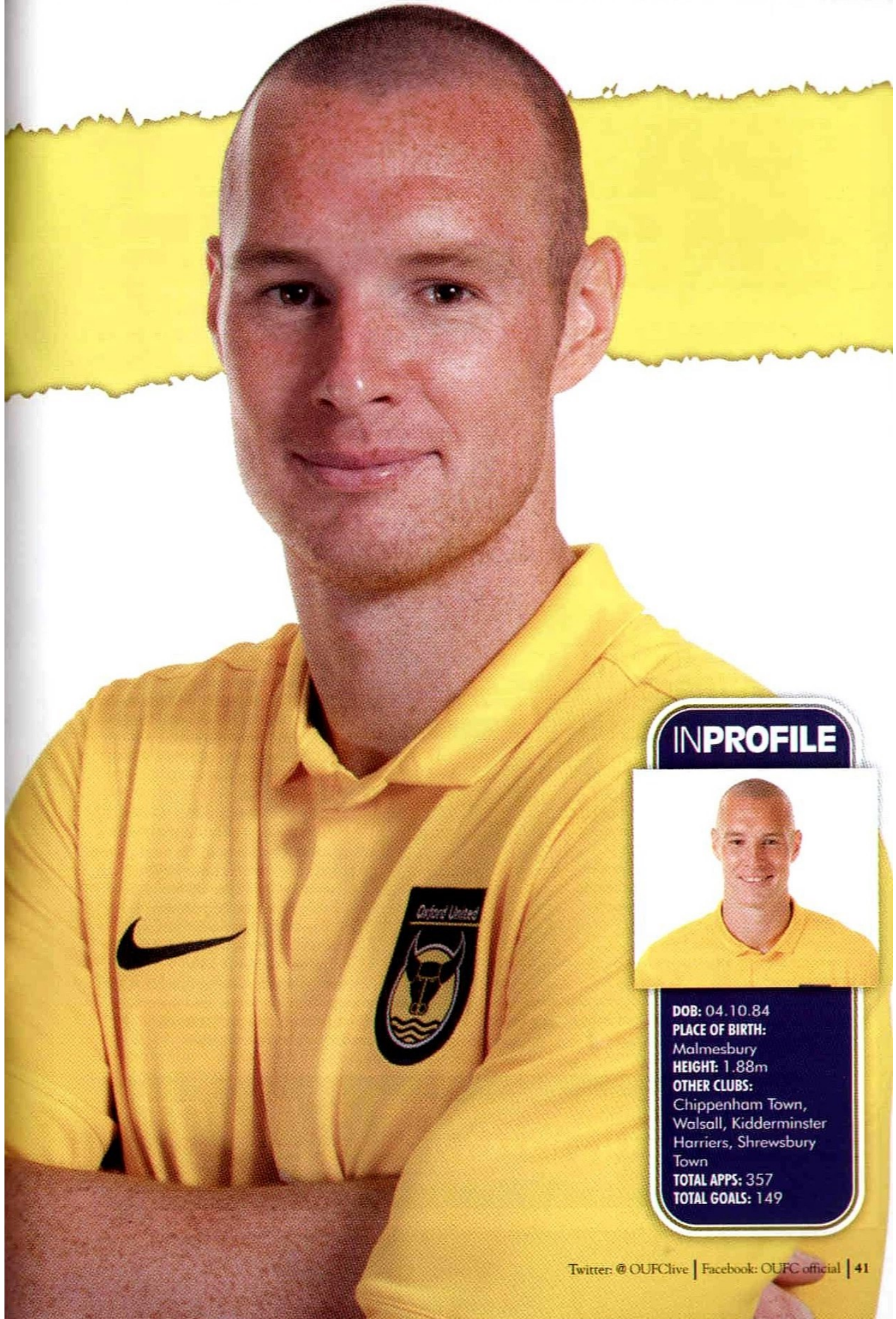
And turning to today's game, the buoyant feeling among the squad shows no signs of abating:

"Of course we're all looking forward to the Swindon game. In terms of the games we played against them last season and how we went about it, we played really well. Obviously there's the big rivalry, but really it's just another game. The players are all down to earth about it but we all want to win every game and that's

"I'm not panicking though. It's just nice that we're winning games, whoever's scoring."

no different when it's against Swindon."

"Swindon are obviously going to be a tough proposition. I've seen the highlights of their win over Stoke in the Capital One Cup and they did well. They've brought in a few new players from last season and



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Designed to test the shooting accuracy of the most competent footballer, the challenge involves squad players trying to kick a ball from the half-way line into a huge inflatable paint pot placed within the 18-yard box.

To add a twist of colour to the initiative, Johnstone's will be holding competitions on Twitter (@JohnstonesPaint) and Facebook (facebook.com/JohnstonesPaintTrophy) for two supporters to participate in the challenge with their affiliated club.

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Every last drop of paint pot action will be caught on camera and uploaded to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy website and social media channels, in addition to official club and Football League news sources.

Paul Farrell, sponsorship manager for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, believes this year will be like no other for fan engagement.

He said: "There's nothing quite like going on tour and we believe that our Paint Pot Challenge is the new ace up our sleeve for interacting with fans."

"As we visit training grounds across the UK, we can't wait to see the reaction of players and supporters to the Johnstone's Paint Pot Challenge and get them excited about being part of the competition."

"We're always trying to come up with new initiatives to bring the Johnstone's brand, the trophy, clubs and supporters closer together, so what better way to do that than a battle of footballing prowess."

For all the latest information regarding the Johnstone's Paint Pot Challenge, please visit www.johnstonespainttrophy.com, or

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so we know it's not going to be easy."

James told the matchday magazine that you the supporters can have a big influence in games such as this:

"The atmosphere for these derby games certainly makes a huge difference, especially when you're the home team and you've got almost the whole crowd behind you. I noticed that last season after I was sent off and had to sit and watch the game, how the noise of the crowd drove the lads on and eventually made the difference and earned us the win."

Last season, of course, Oxford completed the double over eventual champions Swindon, winning the home game 2-0 after being reduced to 10 men when Constable was sent off after just 10 minutes. We asked James how it felt to be shown the red card:

"The sending off was obviously disappointing but incidents like that don't change my frame of mind. I'll continue to go onto the pitch and get stuck in and do the best I can and do whatever it takes to do the job. It's all about the team and all the players have to win their own individual battles all over the pitch."

Last season James was the subject of a transfer bid by Paolo Di Canio, and he also excited the interest of

"I've got a couple of neighbours who are Swindon fans and I have good banter with them, and I've got a lot of friends who support Swindon, so I've received my fair share of stick from them..."

Bristol Rovers last month, in addition to an earlier bid from AFC Bournemouth. Does this speculation have an effect on his game?

"Things like that are just part and parcel of the game. I think that's especially true if you're a forward and scoring goals. Whether or not you let it affect you I guess depends on the individual. It certainly doesn't affect me - I just go out there and do the best I can whatever else is going on."

"I've got just under two years left on my contract and as far as I'm concerned nothing's changed for me. I love being here at Oxford and I've loved every minute I've been here."

James still lives close to Swindon and naturally he comes across a good many Swindon supporters. We

asked him how he gets along with them.

"I've got a couple of neighbours who are Swindon fans and I have good banter with them, and I've got a lot of friends who support Swindon, so I've received my fair share of stick from them, especially since they went up."

Finally, we asked James how he feels the season is going to pan out:

"This season even more than in previous seasons there's a special bond among the squad. We've got a good group of players from last season and the new lads have come in and fitted in well. We've already shown what we're capable of. I hope now we can continue our good run and pick up a few more wins to keep us at the top of table."

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Over the last few weeks we have been working on a number of new features, and have paid particular attention to the Group Packages that make matchdays such a bubbling vibrant scene near the tunnel.

We spoke to the club's resident American James Peterson about Saturday Specials, Guard of Honours and how the club attracted over 4,000 young supporters to games as a result. It's the first of many great features exclusive to Player.

Already this week we have also had the thoughts of Chris Wilder, a fascinating chat with Chairman Ian Lenagan and we will bring you the reaction from all the key men after tonight's big game.

Look out for a new face in Yellow Player in the next few weeks as we unleash a man with an MA in Film on an unsuspecting public...

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There's another new face in the media team on the Oxford United official Facebook page. We welcome Anna McGovern to the Comms Crew as she reports and interacts on the Facebook page. Take a look at Oxford United official to keep up to date with all things United.

Twitter

And finally on the media team good old Clive continues to Tweet his heart out on the Official Twitter feed. @OUFClive grows daily and is the fast, easy and friendly way to stay in touch with the club. Log on during tonight's match to follow the game on Twitter and see exclusive photos from the match.

ROOM 101

We have written 101 questions to ask United's players. Each issue, one player will choose 10 questions at random and we reproduce their answers here...

4. Favourite film? American Psycho

11. Which TV programme is a Must Not Miss? Jersey Shore or Georgie Shore

27. Which team mate would be your 'phone a friend'? Dubes is very intelligent so I'd phone him.

33. Penguins or Polar bears? Penguins

41. How many tattoos do you have? Great question to get. I am training to be a tattoo artist so I have quite a few, and am really enjoying doing them. I did a couple on myself which worked out pretty well

42. Last book you read? Not such a good question to get. GQ Magazine maybe

63. Messi or Ronaldo? They are two of my favourite players but Messi is slightly ahead.

65. Do you have any superstitions? Not really, although I have seen players with some strange ones before games.

80. If you could swap jobs with someone, who would it be and why? Justin Bieber - a legend!

71. Do you believe in ghosts? No, not at all.



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Pld	W	D	L	For	Agst	GD	Pts	1
Plymouth Argyle	3	2	0	1	6	2	+4	6
2 Bristol Rovers	3	2	0	1	3	3	0	6
3 Exeter City	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
4 Hereford United	3	1	1	1	3	7	-4	4
5 Cheltenham Town	2	1	0	1	6	2	+4	3
6 Swindon Town	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
7 Torquay United	3	1	0	2	8	9	-1	3
8 Oxford United	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
9 Yeovil Town	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	3

SOUTH WEST FIXTURES & RESULTS

Cheltenham Town 0 - 2 Plymouth Argyle
 Exeter City 3 - 1 Bristol Rovers
 Torquay United 1 - 4 Oxford United
 Yeovil Town 1 - 3 Hereford United

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Sat Aug 11	Bristol Rovers	L0-1
Sat Aug 18	Plymouth Argyle	L0-3
Sat Sep 1	Torquay United	W4-1
Sat Sep 8	Hereford United	A
Sat Sep 22	Cheltenham Town	H
Sat Sep 29	Yeovil Town	H
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth (CUP)	H
Sat Oct 20	Hereford United (CUP)	H
Sat Oct 27	Cheltenham Town (CUP)	A
Sat Nov 3	Swindon Town (CUP)	A
Sat Dec 1	Exeter City	H
Sat Dec 8	Swindon Town	A
Sat Jan 12	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Jan 26	Hereford United	H
Sat Feb 9	Yeovil Town	A
Sat Feb 23	Swindon Town	H
Sat Mar 9	Exeter City	A
Sat Mar 23	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Apr 6	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sat Apr 13	Torquay United	H

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Torquay United 1 Oxford United 4

Saturday September 1st 2012

Oxford United under-18s got their season back on track with a fine win at Torquay United on Saturday, despite a 7.00am departure from the Kassam Stadium to make the journey to the South Devon coast.

It seemed at first that the trip would be yet another disappointing one as the home side took an early lead, going a goal up with less than ten minutes on the clock. However, United scored two wonder goals before the break to turn the game around.

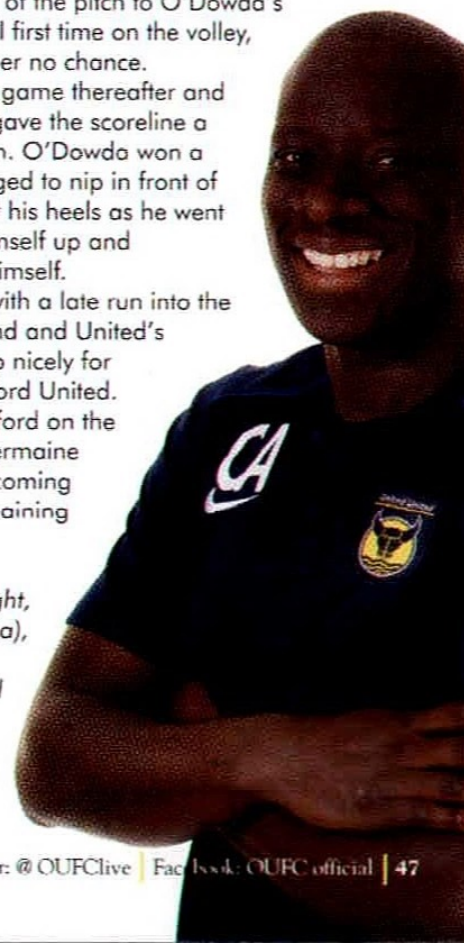
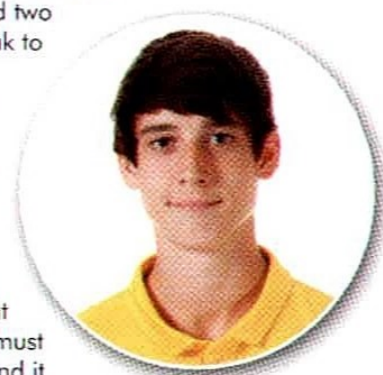
The scorer of United's first goal, **Callum O'Dowda**, talked us through his strike: "I had a defender in front of me and I just chipped the ball over him. I got past him and as the ball came down I thought it was a perfect height so I just hit it on the volley. It must have been 25-30 yards out and it went straight in."

United's second was scored by Duran Martin and was another top-quality finish. A defender headed the ball clear and it fell for Martin in a similar area of the pitch to O'Dowda's strike. Martin hit the ball first time on the volley, giving the Torquay keeper no chance.

Oxford controlled the game thereafter and two second-half goals gave the scoreline a more accurate reflection. O'Dowda won a penalty when he managed to nip in front of a defender, who caught his heels as he went past. Callum picked himself up and converted the penalty himself.

Martin was on hand with a late run into the box to convert his second and United's fourth to set the boys up nicely for Saturday's trip to Hereford United. Another positive for Oxford on the day was the return of Jermaine Udumaga from injury, coming on with 20 minutes remaining of the second half.

United: Cavanagh, Wright, Long, Ekpiteta (Niasanga), Woodley, Humphreys, Martin, Ashby, Lalor-Bell (Udumaga), O'Dowda, Roberts (May)



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SOUTH WEST COMBINATION 2012-13

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1. Forest Green Ladies	3	2	1	0	7	7
2. Keynsham Town	2	2	0	0	8	6
3. Plymouth Argyle LFC	3	2	0	1	5	6
4. Oxford United LFC	3	2	0	1	1	6
5. Southampton S LFC	3	1	1	1	-1	4
6. Exeter City LFC	2	1	0	1	1	3
7. Uni of Portsmouth LFC	1	1	0	0	1	3
8. Swindon Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
9. Newquay	3	0	1	2	-2	1
10. Havant & Waterlooville	1	0	0	1	-1	0
11. Gloucester City LFC	1	0	0	1	-3	0
12. Keynsham Dev LFC	3	0	0	3	-16	0

SOUTH WEST FIXTURES 2012-13

DATE	OPPONENT	RES
02/09/12	Plymouth Argyle LFC	3-1
26/08/12	Southampton Saints LFC	2-0
19/08/12	Keynsham Town LFC	1-4
16/09/12	Forest Green Rovers Ladies	

SOUTH WEST RESULTS 2011-12

DATE	OPPONENT	RES
20/05/12	Shanklin LCUP	2-2*
15/05/12	Andover New Street	11-0
13/05/12	Maidenhead United	H-W
09/05/12	Bracknell Town	5-1
06/05/12	Woodley United	A-W
24/04/12	Launton	9-0
22/04/12	Launton OFAC	5-0
15/04/12	Southampton Women's	4-0
08/04/12	Shanklin	1-0
01/04/12	Bracknell Town	4-0
25/03/12	Shanklin	2-0
18/03/12	Banbury United OFAC	3-0
11/03/12	Southampton Women's LCUP	3-0
26/02/12	Launton	2-0
19/02/12	Aldershot Town	9-1
12/02/12	Manchester City FAC	1-4
29/01/12	Boscombe Albion LCUP	3-0
22/01/12	Carterton Ladies & Girls OFAC	7-0
08/01/12	Lewes FAC	2-0
18/12/11	Wycombe Wanderers	7-0
11/12/11	Cambridge Womens FAC	5-2
04/12/11	Wycombe Wanderers	3-1
20/11/11	Oxford City	2-0
13/11/11	London Corinthians FAC	5-0
06/11/11	Maidenhead United	A-W
30/10/11	Andover New Street LCUP	7-0
23/10/11	Newbury FAC	12-0
16/10/11	Andover New Street	13-0
09/10/11	Southampton Women's	7-0
02/10/11	Maidenhead United FAC	5-2
25/09/11	Aldershot Town	3-0
22/09/11	Bracknell Town LCUP	5-0
11/09/11	Oxford City	6-0
04/09/11	Woodley United	5-1



Oxford United Ladies began their first season in the South West Combination with their first league defeat for over a year, going down 4-1 at Keynsham Town.

However, they followed that up with a fine 2-0 win over Southampton Ladies at their Roman Way ground, thanks to two first-half goals from Natasha Caswell and a penalty from Lauren Allison after she had been brought down in the area.

"In the second half we took our foot off the pedal a bit, but we still played some decent football and were good value for the win."

We spoke to the team's captain, Sahara Osborne-Ricketts, after the game to get her thoughts.

"It was a good game," she told the matchday magazine. "We started brightly and scored two good goals in the first period and played some good football. In the second half we took our foot off the pedal a bit, but we still played some decent football and were good value for the win."

This was the side's first win at the higher level after winning promotion the previous season with a 100 per cent record. We asked Sahara if the step up to a higher division was evident.

"It was good to get the win because you could tell that it was better quality opposition and you could feel the difference in level. We know that this season is going to be much harder, and to be fair Southampton probably aren't going to be our most difficult opponents. However, we feel that we can definitely compete at this level."

And how did Sahara feel that she had played?

"I was pleased with my performance. It was only the second game of the season, but I think we've had a decent start and can push on from here."

Last Sunday the Ladies welcomed Plymouth Argyle to Roman Way and beat the former Premiership side 3-1. There will be a match report in next Saturday's matchday magazine.



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Young striker on his United debut

Tyrone Marsh was all smiles when the matchday magazine caught up with him shortly after he had made his Oxford United debut at Elland Road.

The 18-year-old striker was a star player for last season's under-18s side and earned his first professional contract in the summer.

He played in a couple of pre-season friendlies and has been on the bench for most of United's fixtures since the season started. But to take to the field for the U's was a dream come true for the enthusiastic young player.

We asked him what his reaction was when he was told to get ready to play.

"I knew there was a chance of me coming on, so I had to get prepared. I had to make sure I did the right thing and warm up properly."

"It was quite a bit different to what I was used to; the game was played at a much faster pace and was much more tactical."

Was he nervous before the big moment?

"There was a bit of a delay while me and JP were waiting to get on and that was quite nerve-wracking. But as soon as I was on the pitch the nerves went and I just



played my game. I just concentrated on the game and didn't even notice that there was a crowd. I think I did alright, and I created a chance even though I was only on for 10 minutes. It was quite a bit different to what I was used to; the game was played at a much faster pace and was much more tactical.

"After the game I was really buzzing. It was a great experience and I had lots of feedback on Twitter and texts from people all

saying how well I did and offering congratulations. It's odd to think that just a few years ago I was kicking a ball around in my local park."

And what does the future have in store for Tyrone?

"I have to try to push on from this. Hopefully I'll be in the squad on Saturday and maybe make another appearance and help the team to get the three points."

Tyrone's thoughts then turned to today's game when we asked him what he knew about the rivalry.

"I found out about the rivalry between Oxford and Swindon when I first came here three years ago. They're great games that really fire you up as a player and the occasion is always a good one. But if I get on I'll still play the same way as I would normally."

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COMMERCIAL speaking

There I was a few Saturdays ago enjoying the start to a weekend off with my wife and our six month old little boy, when my mobile rang and the very excited voice on the other end of the phone said "can I have my box for the game!"

Then it hit me... it was the Johnstone's Paint Trophy draw that morning. Had we really landed the big derby game? "Did we get Swindon?" "Are you kidding? Did you not watch the draw? YES Swindon at home!"

For the next four hours my phone rang with back-to-back calls from box holders, sponsors and friends wanting more details, and me furiously making notes after each call ready for what was a very busy week ahead. Throughout all of this my wife slowly turned a brighter shade of

maroon each time the phone rang.

My phone was confiscated on the Sunday and the words Football, Oxford and Swindon were banned and I was informed these were to be replaced with Romance, Love and Shopping!

This week I got the opportunity to get out of the office for half an hour and take the short trip to the Oxford Spires Academy, where we had lined up our beloved Rosie to do some coaching for some kids from Oxfordshire County Council Fostering and Adoption, with a guest appearance from our new goalkeeping coach Wayne Brown. Rosie really is fantastic with everyone

he coaches and he soon had all of the children, ranging from 8-18 years old, laughing, joking and most importantly having fun.

I have to say, it continues to be a real pleasure for me to work with all the guys from Oxfordshire County Council Fostering and Adoption. Our partnership is all about creating exciting and one-off experiences for the kids and having seen the afternoon first hand I think we have laid the foundations of a great long-term partnership.

Enjoy the match.
Come on you Yellows!
Owen Clark



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Walk To Wycombe

Welcome to tonight's game against our A420 rivals, which without doubt will be another cracking atmosphere and a night to remember.

Last week OxVox announced our plans to walk to the Wycombe game to raise funds for the Oxford United Youth & Community Trust and Helen & Douglas House hospices. We are still looking for fans who would like to join us on the 24-mile walk or people who are willing to have a collection pot in their workplace. If you are interested in helping us with either please email chair@oxvox.org.uk

I'd like to thank builders merchants and U's fans Grant & Stone who have kindly sponsored the walk by providing free commemorative T-shirts and high-viz jackets for everyone taking part in the walk. So not only do we all get to lose some weight and raise money for two great charities but we now get some high-quality gear for our wardrobes!

If you haven't done so already please sponsor those taking part in the walk. You can do so online at

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On Saturday OxVox will be sponsoring the match ball for the U's home game against Exeter. We will be including a flyer with info on the Trust, which also acts as a membership form. If you're not a member or your membership is due to expire please fill in this form and send it back to us. We have challenged our members to introduce one new member each, so this is a great opportunity to do just that.

I hope everyone enjoys the game tonight as derby matches always have a special feel. Come on You Yellows!

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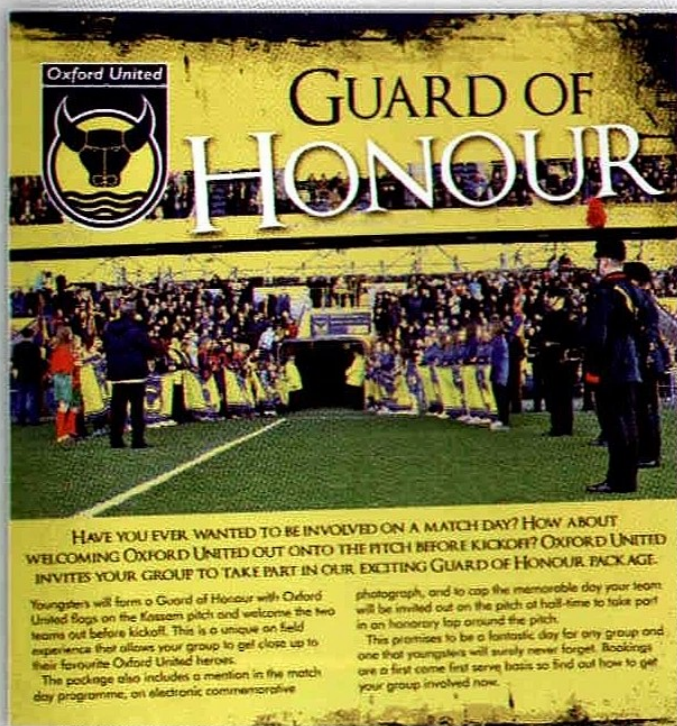


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Tonight is the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and undoubtedly the most anticipated fixture in the competition for some time.

Our neighbours from down the A420 are here tonight and if it is anything similar to when we played them in March I am sure it will be a cracking atmosphere.

I would very much like to welcome our partners Abingdon Youth this evening; they will be performing the Guard of Honour. You may recognize the players waving the flags as they have visited us on several occasions in the past. I know this will be a great memory for them and hopefully it will be a winning one. I would like to thank Chris Day who manages the under-13s and whom I have worked with over the seasons to promote Oxford United in the grassroots community. You can find out more about the team in the text alongside, so be sure to give it a read.

With the fixtures piling onto one another, there are many opportunities to take advantage of our Group Experiences. Whether you would like to take part in the Guard of Honour, Saturday Special or Penalty Shootout, there is no shortage of events to mark the day as a special occasion. To find out more about what is available or to book your group in please contact me at jpeterson@oufc.co.uk or 01865 337 514. Enjoy the match!

James Peterson

GUARD OF HONOUR - ABINGDON YOUTH

Oxford United welcome from our partner club Abingdon Youth FC the under-12s, under-13s and under-14s for the Guard of Honour this evening.

Abingdon Youth FC celebrate their 50th anniversary this coming season and is one of the biggest and oldest youth football clubs in Oxfordshire, with over 200 children of all abilities playing at various levels. They aim to provide football to all children in a structured, safe and happy environment.

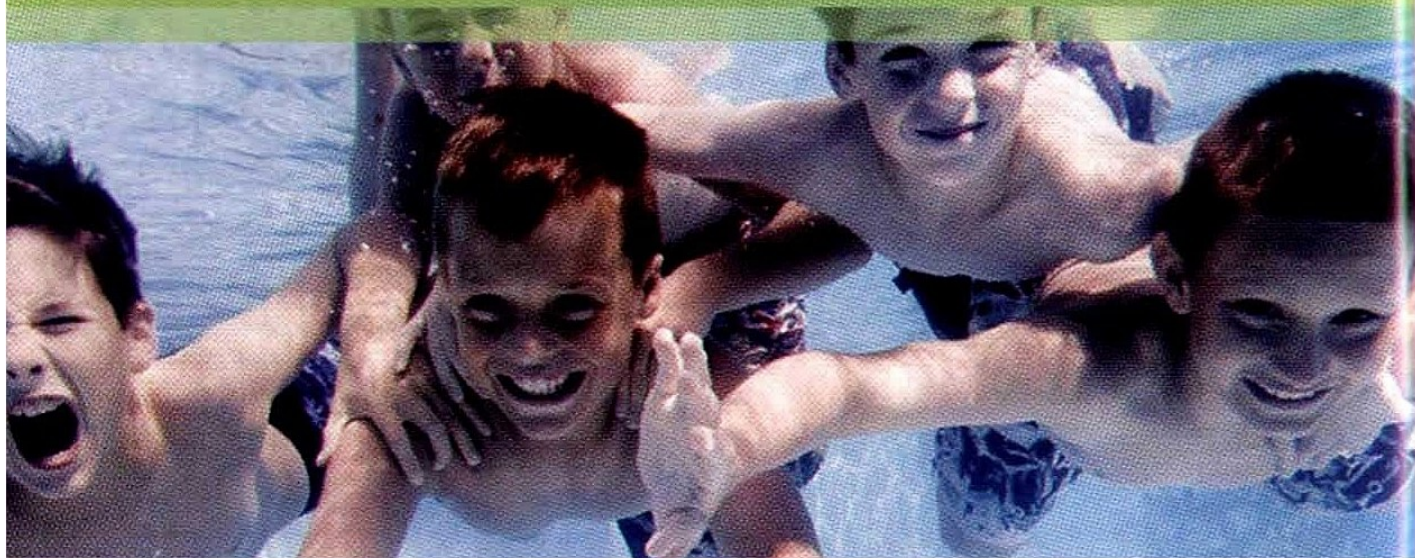
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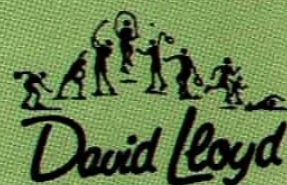
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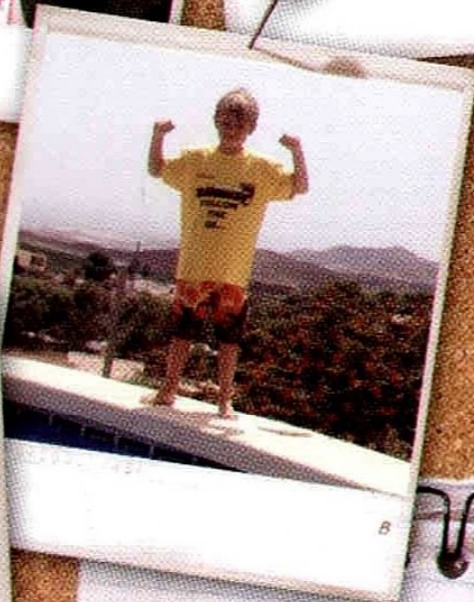
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Today we have Chloe Luck and Lucy Heritage at the open day and Max Wheatley in Spain by the pool and with his lovely girlfriends (I'm jealous by the way). Send yours to rosie@oufc.co.uk.

SUMMER SUCCESS

As you can see we have had a great summer on our courses. Every week we had at least one player visiting every course. In the photo Adam Chapman and Tyrone Marsh came to The Oxford Spires to answer questions and sign autographs for all the children.

We follow the U's every step of the way this season, Marching on Together to Leeds, Leeds, Leeds...

Travel... Harvey, Reaney, Madeley/Charlton, Hunter, Cooper/Cherry, Lorimer, Giles, Bremner, Gray (E) Jones, Clarke. Now THAT's a team. Indeed, that was MY team: my boyhood heroes when Leeds United ruled the world.

As a child of that time Leeds were an all-conquering side to my eyes, packed with talent and wearing a smiley badge instead of a club crest. They had numbers on their socks. They won things, or more usually came runners up. And if you supported them it made Monday mornings easier at school.

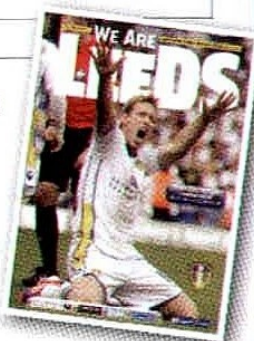
It took me years to grow out of this Leeds supporting habit, but the more I went to the Manor the more I felt at home there and my devotions started to wander. It's hard to be accused of being a glory hunter when you are an Oxford fan, but those Wonder Years of the '80s converted me and I have never had any doubt about my allegiance since then.

But still, when the draw comes out for the Capital One Cup and we are going to Elland Road I do a little dance and my head spins back to those Revie-inspired days of my boyish innocence.

We set off specially early because I am over-excited, and even a 45-minute diversion through Wakefield to avoid a traffic jam, and then parking our car on what appears to be a wasteland, doesn't really calm me down.

The Programme...

Leeds issue a cut-down version for tonight's game, featuring a very nice interview with Mr Michael Duberry, once a star for them in the Champions League semi-final. We manage to pick up a copy of their full-sized league programme which weighs in at a hefty 100 pages and an even heftier £4 but is very well designed and put together and a contender for Programme of the Year we suspect.



The Ground... We walk in to the West Stand via the Lucas Radebe Suite and as I enter the stand there is a very distinguished gentleman gazing wistfully across the immaculate Elland Road pitch. OMG. It's Gray (E). One of my heroes. "Eddie...you are one of my heroes," I stammer at the former Scotland winger. He drops his shoulder and I slide into the row of chairs to his right. He's still got it.

We look out from the oldest stand at the ground and all you can see is a sea of blue and yellow seats. To our left is the Kop while opposite is the tremendously tall West Stand, hulking above proceedings and testament to a by-gone era for the Peacocks. Who don't seem to be the Peacocks anymore. The Whites is a bit more leaden to my eyes. The West Stand alone holds 17,000 people but it is such an imposing ground that even with 13,000 fans in total attendance the sound is fantastic.

Leeds have so many unique songs and everyone seems to join in, but every time they start singing "We hate Chelsea" and "We hate Man United" I can't help but think they need to adjust their sights a little in terms of rivalry. Leeds have slipped down into League 1 in very recent memory and while they are definitely a team on the up, I suspect they will not storm the Championship this season and there is still a little bit of work to do before they can resume hostilities with their historic rivals.

The Food... We are rushing to get in because of Daniel Boateng's signing, so we miss out on the food offered to the fans, but thankfully the press room has food for us. It's a slightly odd meal of pasta, hash browns and garlic bread, but it's free so we wolf it down. The vegetarian amongst us is fed stuffed aubergine casserole and declares it "The best meal I have ever had. Anywhere." But then he hasn't had the Kidderminster Cottage Pie, has he?



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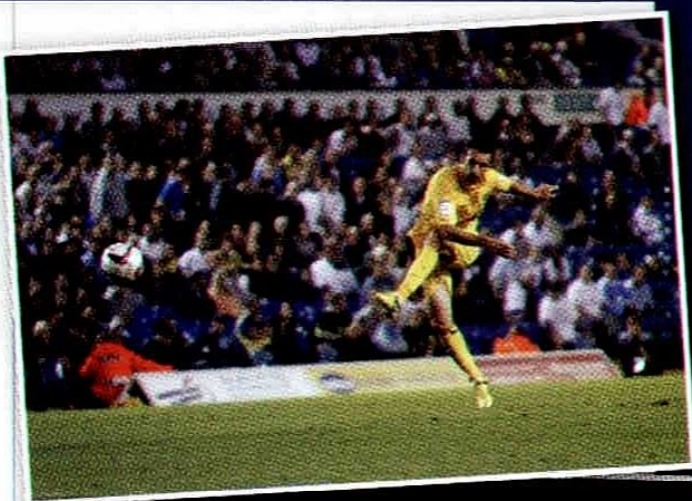


The Game... For 25 minutes or so the game is end to end and Oxford create the best chances. There are long-range efforts which don't quite zip through, Tony Capaldi gets blocked as he gets into the box, and the home crowd are just a little restless as we reach the quarter stage of the game.

But then Rodolph Austin slams a shot past Ryan Clarke and into the corner of the net and it is 1-0. Rodolph runs and is faultless on the night and looks a great prospect, as does youngster Sam Byram who floats clear and chips the ball smartly over Clarke to make it 2-0 soon after.

With El Hadji Diouf drifting cleverly into space and no defenders within spitting distance, Leeds are value for their lead, with Tom Lees heading Diouf's cross home to make it 3-0 in the second half and game over. But if James Constable's shot early in that second half had gone in, who knows what might have been?

United are certainly not disgraced and deservedly take a standing ovation from their fans as they leave the pitch.



The away fans... Are brilliant. 910 fans, magnificently vocal from start to finish. Tucked away high up in the West Stand, the Oxford fans have a great view of the game and are right behind their side, even if they are not right behind their side. Well played to you.

Away team Man of the Match...

Plenty of candidates once again but Michael Raynes gets the majority of votes in the car on the way home.



Post Match... I get to wander the famous old corridors of the stadium. There are nods to modernisation: TV studios tucked away in former broom cupboards, smartly decorated dressing rooms and corridors, but the ghost of Revie still seems to haunt the place and it's the history of the club that you sense at this very proud club.

Homeward Bound... We leave the stand and climb the steps onto the former training ground, as seen in the Damned United. You know you are on to something when even the car park is recognisable.

We enter Leicester Forest Services at 12.20am and almost come a cropper on the sharp bend in. The BBC Oxford crew arrived there five minutes before and almost suffered the same fate. While Jerome Sale pays for petrol the rest of his passengers cram into ours as a safety precaution. Oh how we laugh.

Home again at 1.30am, it has been a good night despite the scoreline and we are a tired but happy web team as we split up and head for home.

Next Up... We can't get enough of Yorkshire. Let's do it all over again and head for York four days later...

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[SWINDON TOWN

There is not a lot I can say about this fixture that every fan gathered here tonight doesn't already know.

Like any derby game, the rivalry between Oxford and Swindon has its own unique qualities and the relative rarity of the fixture adds a little extra spice to proceedings.

Last season the clubs found themselves in the same division for the first time in a long while. The games were undoubtedly the stand-out fixtures of the campaign and the atmosphere that they produced was amazing. Expect passion, expect emotion, and expect tension because tonight is the night for heroes to be made.

A few heroes were made here at the Kassam in March. For 80 minutes, 10 men in yellow shirts bravely fought to produce a 2-0 victory against the odds. The U's may have earned the bragging rights with two wins last term, but Swindon topped the table and secured promotion.

If you asked either set of supporters to choose which scenario they would have preferred at the start of the campaign, it would have been a very difficult choice.

It is a fantastic coincidence that the

Johnstone's Paint Trophy has thrown up such a mouth-watering fixture, that people at either end of the A420 could look forward to. The luck of the draw has ensured that these two old foes' paths cross once again and tonight it's finally here.

This competition provides a fantastic opportunity for League 1 and 2 sides to get to Wembley and Swindon were defeated finalists last year. Swindon manager Paolo Di Canio targeted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy as the Robins' best chance of silverware in 2012-13. He said "We know that we want to go to Wembley in the JPT. We won't want to give up, we want to go forward as much as we can even in the League Cup or FA Cup."

The fiery Italian got his wish for his side to progress in the League Cup, with the fantastic giant killing of Stoke, 4-3 after extra time. The U's will have to be at their best tonight to try to contain James Collins. The former Shrewsbury striker is in form, netting a hat-trick at the Britannia Stadium in that Capital One Cup success.

It's finally balanced what will happen tonight. Can Oxford make it four derby wins in a row or will Swindon spoil the party? It's going to be a night of high drama at the Kassam, so find your best singing voice and support your team because this match will have you on the edge of your seat.

Thomas Lane



THE MANAGER

Paolo Di Canio

Born in Rome, Paolo signed for Lazio in 1985 and was there for five years before being signed by Juventus.

The striker spent the 1993-94 season with Napoli and then two seasons with Milan.

Di Canio came to Britain in 1996 when he joined Celtic. A successful year prompted Sheffield Wednesday, then in the Premiership, to pay £4.2 million for his signature. He was the Owls' leading goalscorer in 1997-98 with 14 goals, although at the start of the following season he was banned for 11 matches after pushing over a referee.

In January 1999 Di Canio signed for West Ham for £1.7 million. He was the OPTA Player of the Season for 1998-99 and a volleyed goal against Wimbledon in March 2000 earned him the BBC's Goal of the Season award. The following year he won the FIFA Fair Play award for spurning a goal-scoring opportunity against Everton when former Oxford keeper Paul Gerrard was injured.

After the Hammers were relegated in 2003 Di Canio joined Charlton, remaining there for a year before returning to Italy and rejoining Lazio. His contract was not renewed in 2006 and he signed for Serie C2 side Cisco Roma, playing for two seasons before retiring from playing.

In May last year Di Canio was appointed manager of newly relegated Swindon Town, taking them up as League 2 champions at the first time of asking.

Did you Know...

● 21 year old defender **Chris Smith** earned a professional deal with Swindon Town thanks to winning Samsung's 'Win A Pro Contract' competition.



● Club captain **Paul Caddis** started his career at Glasgow Celtic where he made his senior home debut against Barcelona in The Champions League.



● On Easter Monday 1993 Swindon Town trailed Birmingham City 4-1 after 60 minutes in a First Division fixture at St Andrews. However, in an extraordinary finale, the Robins rallied and eventually won the game 4-6.





GOALKEEPER

Wes Foderingham

Swindon Town signed Crystal Palace goalkeeper Wes Foderingham on a three-month loan deal from Crystal Palace in October 2011. The former England at Under 19 'keeper later penned a deal which will see him remain at The County Ground until July 2014.

Foderingham first came to the attention of Crystal Palace in a pre-season friendly against Bromley where he put in an outstanding performance against the Eagles. He signed in August 2010 before returning to Bromley on loan to continue his development and he also had a loan spell at Histon.

Foderingham came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy but never made a senior appearance during his time at Craven Cottage.

Squad number: 1

Born: 14.01.91, Shepherd's Bush

Other Clubs: Fulham, Bromley, Crystal Palace, Boreham Wood, Histon



DEFENDER

Jay McEveley

Swindon Town signed Barnsley defender Jay McEveley on loan until the end of last season in March 2012.

A former trainee with Blackburn Rovers, McEveley joined Derby County in 2007 after loan spells with Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich, helping the Rams to the Premier League in 2007. The Liverpoolian joined the Tykes on a free transfer from Derby in the summer of 2010 and signed for Swindon permanently this summer.

Squad number: 3

Born: 11.02.85, Liverpool

Other Clubs: Blackburn Rovers, Burnley, Gillingham, Ipswich Town, Derby County, Preston North End, Charlton Athletic, Barnsley

The Robins Playing staff...

4 Aden Flint

Position: Defender

Born: 11.07.89, Pinxton, Derbyshire

Other clubs: Alfreton Town, Matlock Town

5 Joe Devera

Position: Defender

Born: 06.02.87, Southgate

Other clubs: Barnet, Northwood



6 Alan Navarro

Position: Midfielder

Born: 31.05.81, Liverpool

Other clubs: Liverpool, Crewe Alexandra, Tranmere Rovers, Chester City, Macclesfield Town, Accrington Stanley, Macclesfield Town, MK Dons, Brighton & HA

7 Luke Rooney

Position: Left-winger

Born: 28.12.90, Bermondsey

Other clubs: Gillingham, Lewes, Eastbourne Borough

8 Simon Ferry

Position: Midfielder

Born: 11.01.88

Other clubs: Celtic

9 James Collins

Position: Forward

Born: 01.12.90, Coventry

Other clubs: Aston Villa, Darlington, Burton Albion, Shrewsbury Town

10 Matt Ritchie

Position: Right-winger

Born: 10.09.89, Gosport

Other clubs: Portsmouth, Dagenham & Redbridge, Notts County

11 Gary Roberts

Position: Winger

Born: 18.03.84, Liverpool

Other clubs: Rhyl, Bangor City, Welshpool Town, Accrington



MIDFIELDER

Tommy Miller

Miller signed for Swindon on a one-year deal in August 2010 following his release from Huddersfield Town. Miller has had spells at Ipswich Town, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday.

Ipswich signed Miller for a reported £750,000. At the end of the 2004-05 season he left Ipswich signing for Premiership Sunderland. He returned to Portman Road but was released at the end of the 2008-09 season, signing for Sheffield Wednesday. Miller left Wednesday in May 2011, signing a one-year deal with Huddersfield Town. He managed 33 appearances, scoring two goals, as Huddersfield clinched promotion.

Squad number: 18

Born: 08.01.79, County Durham

Other Clubs: Hartlepool United, Ipswich Town, Sunderland, Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield Town



STRIKER

Paul Benson

Swindon Town completed the signing of Charlton Athletic striker Paul Benson on a two-and-a-half year deal in January 2012.

After scoring 96 goals in two seasons with White Ensign Benson joined Dagenham & Redbridge in July 2005. He finished as the Conference's top scorer in 2006-07 with 28 goals as Still's side sealed promotion to League Two. Benson joined Charlton Athletic in August 2010 and joined Swindon at the second attempt after an emergency loan move failed to beat the deadline in late 2011.

Squad number: 14

Born: 12.10.79, Southend-on-Sea

Other Clubs: White Ensign, Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton Athletic

Stanley, Ipswich Town, Crewe Alexandra, Huddersfield Town

12 Alan McCormack

Position: Defender

Born: 10.01.84, Dublin, Ireland

Other clubs: Preston North End, Leyton Orient, Southend United, Motherwell, Charlton Athletic

13 Oliver Risser

Position: Midfielder

Born: 17.09.80, Windhoek, Namibia

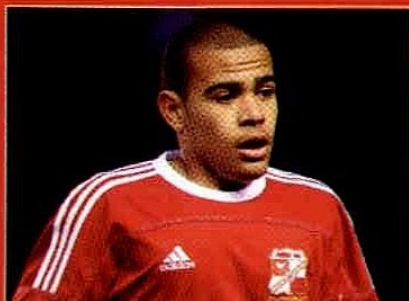
Other clubs: SpVgg EGC Wirges, Borussia Dortmund II, SV Sandhausen, Bredablik, Bonner SC, Hannover 96 II, Manglerud Star, Lyn, KuPS

15 Nathan Thompson

Position: Defender

Born: 22.04.91, Chester

Other clubs: None



19 Louis Thompson

Position: Midfielder

Born: 19.12.94, Bristol

Other clubs: None

20 Miles Storey

Position: Forward

Born: 04.01.94, West Bromwich

Other clubs: None

23 Raffaele De Vita

Position: Midfielder

Born: 23.09.87, Rome, Italy

Other clubs: Blackburn Rovers, Livingston

30 Leigh Bedwell

Position: Goalkeeper

Born: 08.01.94, Wantage

Other clubs: None

32 Chris Smith

Position: Defender

Born: 12.10.90, Stoke-on-Trent

Other clubs: Stone Dominoes

Played for both...

United have two players in their current squad who have also pulled on the red jersey of today's opponents: **Lee Cox**, who is on loan from our A420 neighbours until January, and new signing **Daniel Boateng**, who made two appearances for the Robins on loan from Arsenal last season.

Recent players who have turned out for both sides are last season's signings: **Cristian Montañó**, who played four games for Swindon last season on loan from West Ham before joining the U's in a similar deal from the Hammers; **Lee Holmes**, who also played for both clubs last season, on loan from Southampton; and **Mehdi Kerrouche**, who played four games for Oxford last season after joining on loan from Swindon.

The first player to wear both shirts was **John Thomas**, who joined Swindon from Everton, and thence to Headington for whom he played five games at the start of the 1952-53 season, before moving to Chester. Thomas was followed by **Bob Peart** (circled), who left Swindon for Yeovil before arriving at Headington in March 1953. He scored 15 goals in 38 games for the U's but was released in May 1954, later signing for Cheltenham. Scottish winger **Jimmy Bain** joined Headington in July 1954 after seven seasons at the County Ground. He scored seven goals in 80 games over two seasons for United before retiring.



Corporal **John Skull** arrived on loan to Headington from Wolves in February 1955. He started his career as an amateur with Wellington Town before signing for his hometown club, Swindon. A qualified physiotherapist, Skull was a corporal with the Royal Army Medical Corps, stationed at Wheatley Military Hospital and playing for the U's by arrangement with Wanderers. He played 33 games over the next year, scoring 14 goals.

Other players who played for both Swindon and Headington were: **Dave Gibson** (left), who joined the Robins from Everton in November 1954 and who moved to the Manor in the summer of 1957, playing 97 games and scoring 31 goals over three seasons for United; **Alan Gibbs**, who came from Swindon after leaving Cardiff, arrived at the same time as Gibson but lasted just three months, playing eight games, before moving to Cheltenham; **Gordon Pembery** also joined United from Swindon in the summer of 1957, playing 18 games over the course of the season before returning to his native Wales to play for Merthyr Tydfil; **Gordon McDonald** also moved up the A420, but in

1958, and he played 30 games for Headington over the next two seasons; **Jimmy Cross**, another former Everton player, arrived from Swindon at the same time as McDonald, and played 32 games in his one season at the Manor.

Goalkeeper **Owen Medlock** (circled) joined United from Swindon in December 1959, and was with the U's as they gained election to the Football League. His 133 games included United's first Football League game, at Barrow, in August 1962. Another goalkeeping connection is **Jim Barron**, whom Oxford

signed from Chelsea in 1966 before selling him on to Nottingham Forest for £30,000 four years, and 165 appearances, later. Barron joined Swindon from Forest in August 1974.

John Lloyd moved to Oxford from Swindon, for whom he never played, in April 1966. He played 74 games over the course of four seasons before moving to Aldershot.

Alan Fursdon arrived at the Manor from Swindon in May 1967, having failed to play for the Wiltshire side. He was with Oxford for over a year, but played only twice, one of those as a substitute, and then joined Dover. Centre-forward **Ken Skeen** joined United from Swindon in July 1967, going on to play 270 games for Oxford in the next seven years, scoring 40 goals.

Irish international goalkeeper **Mick Kearns** (right) came up through the Oxford youth ranks, making his debut on 27 March 1970 against Leicester. In May 1970 he joined Swindon on loan to act as an understudy to Peter Downsborough in the Anglo-Italian Cup competition, but didn't get to play for them. On 11 September 1986 Oxford loaned **Mark Jones** to Swindon, who five weeks later paid United £30,000 for his permanent services. Berinsfield-born Jones had played 158 games for the Us, scoring seven goals, making his debut as a substitute against Exeter on 29 March 1980. Goalkeeper **Kevin Deardon** played for Swindon in March 1990 on loan from Spurs. He was at Oxford earlier in the season, but didn't play.

Possibly the most well-known connection between Oxford and Swindon is **Joey Beauchamp**. Coming up through the youth ranks Beauchamp made his Oxford debut on 13 May 1989 as a substitute against Watford. He made 129 appearances, scoring 22 goals, before a £1 million move to West Ham. He was there for just 58 days, and didn't play a competitive game for them, before Swindon bought him for a club record £800,000, including defender Adrian Whitbread. He played 56 games in his first season at the County Ground, scoring three goals but, after Steve McMahon replaced John Gorman as manager, Beauchamp fell out of favour and the following season he played just



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four games, scoring once. In November 1995 Oxford bought Beauchamp for just £75,000, 16 months after selling him.

Swindon's **Peter Holcroft** had a two-week trial at Oxford in February 1998, but United didn't sign him.

Marcus Phillips made one substitute appearance for his first club, Swindon Town, from where he joined Cheltenham. He joined Oxford from Witney Town in 1997, making just one substitute appearance, a 1-0 defeat at Huddersfield, before emigrating to Australia.

Peripatetic goalkeeper **Jimmy Glass** (circled) joined Swindon from Bournemouth in June 1998, and it was while on loan to Carlisle from the Robins that he scored his famous goal to keep the Cumbrians in the Football League. After spells at Cambridge United and Brentford, Glass came to Oxford as reserve to Richard Knight, the keeper he'd replaced at Carlisle.



Glass's debut for Oxford was the final League game of his career, a 4-0 defeat at Stoke, and he also played in a 4-1 LDV Vans Trophy defeat at Brentford before moving to Crawley and then Kingstonian.

Another goalkeeper, **Alan Judge**, joined Oxford from Reading in 1984-85 as Steve Hardwick's deputy, displacing him the following season. Judge left Oxford for Hereford in 1991 after playing 100 games for the club, including the Milk Cup final. He joined Swindon in December 2002, but didn't play for them. He returned to Oxford as goalkeeping coach and made two further appearances for the club, in each becoming Oxford's oldest-ever player.

Dominic Foley was a Watford player when he appeared on loan for both Swindon, in January 2002, and Oxford (for whom he played six games), in March 2003. **Adrian Viveash** started his career at Swindon, debuting in 1990, but it was from Reading where he joined Oxford on loan in September 2002, playing 15 games for United, after which he returned to Swindon. **Tommy Mooney** (left) joined Swindon from Birmingham in July 2003, finishing second-top scorer with 20 goals in his only season at the club. Mooney joined Oxford in July 2004 and played 45 games that season, finishing top scorer with 15 goals before moving on to Wycombe. **Eric Sabin** joined Swindon in June 2001 from French side Wasquehal.

After two years he moved to QPR, joining Oxford from Northampton in August 2005. He played 35 games, scoring nine goals, before returning to France.

Patrick Collins played two games for Oxford in November 2007 on loan from Darlington, having played 13 games for Swindon in 2005, on loan from Sheffield Wednesday. Paul Evans played 13 games for Swindon in 2006. He joined Oxford in September 2008, making just four appearances before being released. **Alex Rhodes** made four substitute appearances for Swindon while on loan from Brentford in October 2006. He joined Oxford from Rotherham in May 2009, but was released in November after making just three substitute appearances.

Met Before...

Oxford and Swindon are no strangers to each other, this being the 56th time the sides have met in competitive games.

The first meeting was a goalless draw at the County Ground on 21st August 1965, and that remains the only occasion that a crowd of more than 20,000 has been present for a meeting between the sides. 20,405 were there to witness United's first game as a Third Division club.

This is the sixth time that the sides have met in cup competitions, with the U's being triumphant in the first and last of the previous five. The sides first met in a knock-out game in September 1969 in the League Cup when Swindon visited the Manor as cup holders. A crowd of 18,193 – the second highest for an A420 derby – saw a David Sloan goal earn the U's an away draw to Nottingham Forest.

It wasn't until February 1984 that the sides were drawn to play each other again, this time in the first round of this very competition, which was known by its original name of the Associate Members Cup in those days. This was the first season that this tournament was played, but it was not a happy debut for United, who were beaten 3-1 at the Manor by Swindon, with Colin Bailie scoring an own goal on Oxford's behalf.

The teams met again in November 1990 in the first round of the Zenith Data Systems Trophy, the sponsorship name of the Full

Members Cup, which was the big brother of this competition. This game, at the County Ground, ended in a 2-2 draw with Paul Simpson scoring twice and United's current first team coach Andy Melville grabbing the other.

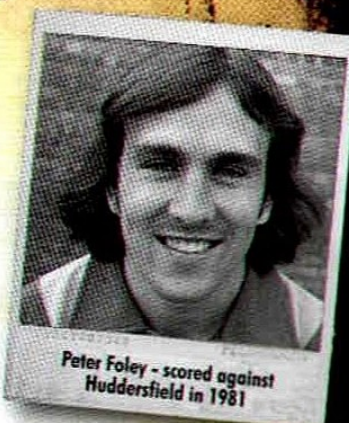
The resulting penalty shoot-out was won by Swindon following misses by David Penney and Trevor Aylott.

The following season saw another cup match-up between the teams, this time in the Anglo-Italian Cup preliminary round. This was introduced as a replacement for the Full Members Cup and was solely for teams playing in the second tier of both the English and Italian leagues. There was no need for United to dust down their passports though, as they were beaten 3-1 at the Manor, with Magilton on the mark for United.

The last occasion the sides met in the cup was an altogether more memorable one, marking the first meeting of the sides at the Kassam Stadium. This was in December 2002 in the second round of the FA Cup, when the BBC cameras were there to capture Jefferson Louis head the only goal of the game and set up a third round tie for United against Arsenal at Highbury.

A few moments from the 5th September...

- 1936 - Pressed Steel - (FA Cup extra-preliminary round) H - D 3-3 (Margetts pen, Carr 2)
- 1955 - Worcester City (Southern League Cup qualifying round 2nd leg) A - L 0-2
- 1962 - Torquay United (Division Four) H - D 1-1 - (Willey) - 9,592
- 1970 - Leicester City - (Division Two) H - W 1-0 - (Smithson pen) - 12,895
- 1977 - Bury - (League Cup 2nd round replay) A - L 0-1 - 5,045
- 1978 - Plymouth Argyle - (League Cup 2nd round replay)
A - W 2-1 - (Sweetzer, Seacole) - 8,524
- 1981 - Huddersfield Town - (Division Three) H - W 1-0 - (Foley) - 3,976
- 1984 - Hereford United - (League Cup 1st round 2nd leg)
W 5-3 - (Hamilton 3, Aldridge 2) - 4,744
- 1990 - Reading - (League Cup 1st round 2nd leg)
H - W 2-1 - (Foster 2) - 4,241
- 2000 - Wolverhampton Wanderers - (League Cup 1st round 2nd leg)
L 1-3 - (Shepherd) - 4,679
- 2009 - Ebsfleet United - (Conference Premier) - W 2-0 - (Green, Clist) - 1,468





HOME GROWN

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Mark Wright

Appearances: 10 + 2 - *Goals:* 0

Debut: 13/12/80 v Plymouth Argyle

Last game: 20/03/82 v Exeter City

Where he went: Southampton, Derby County, Liverpool

Strengths: Strong in the air. Good tackler. Great vision

Weaknesses: Not the fastest. Injury prone

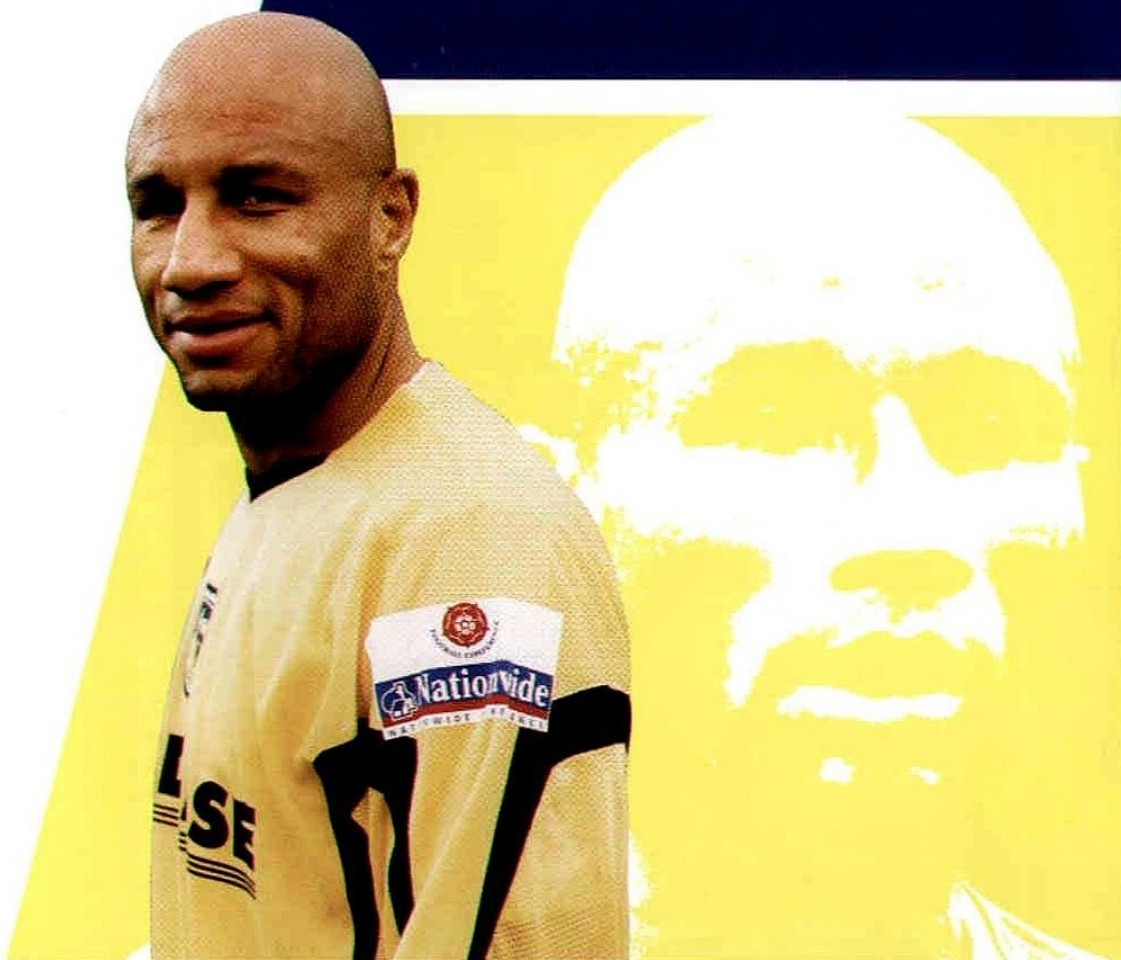
Summary: Berinsfield boy Mark Wright made his debut for under-pressure manager Bill Asprey as a 17-year-old in the 3-0 FA Cup defeat at Plymouth Argyle. The future England captain only featured in another 11 games for United before First Division Southampton bought him in a swap-deal with George Lawrance.

Wright went on to play the rest of his playing career in English football's top flight for Derby County and Liverpool. Unfortunately Wright will also be remembered for an unsuccessful spell as United boss in 2001.

The Verdict...

Mark Wright was a good prospect for the U's, but he went on to do much better elsewhere.

He remains the only product of the United youth system to be capped for England, but his spell as manager of Oxford was far less successful.



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REST OF WORLD

Georges Santos

Appearances: 5

Goals: 0

Debut: 06/01/07 v Morecambe

Last game: 23/01/07 v Woking

Where he went: Chesterfield, Alfreton Town, Farsley Celtic, Fleetwood Town

Strengths: Could play anywhere in defence or midfield. Shiny bald head

Weaknesses: Got caught out of position. Slow.

Summary: Marseilles-born Cape Verde international. Came from Brighton as a loan signing during the January 2007 transfer window. The 36 year old Frenchman had extensive league experience with Tranmere, West Brom, Sheffield United, Grimsby and QPR, among others. He now works as a football scout.

Santos started at a higher level and his time with United came at the end of a decent playing career. He had a good record as a defender, but never reached the heights that Wright

achieved. You can't really compare playing for Cape Verde with captaining England in a World Cup finals, and after he finished playing Santos went into scouting rather than

management.

Therefore, we have no hesitation in awarding this contest to Mark Wright.

Mark Wright wins



ALAN WILLEY

Position: Inside-forward

Born: 16 September 1941, Exeter

United debut: 11 March 1961 v Yeovil Town

Final United game: 05 February 1966 v Shrewsbury Town

Appearances: 127+1 - **Goals:** 48

Clubs: Bridgwater Town, Oxford United, Millwall, Durban City (S.Africa), Banbury United

The Oxford United striker scored United's first home goal in the Football League, against Lincoln City on 22nd August 50 years ago:

"I remember it vividly. I was just inside the 18-yard box and the ball was kind of behind me as it came in. I had to swivel and just try and hit it goalwards because I couldn't see the goal. I remember turning to watch and the ball going into

the top corner. It was a great moment and to score Oxford's first home goal in the league is something I will never forget.

"I think I hold four records at the club. I was the first sub to play for the club (on 18th September 1965 at Bristol Rovers), and I was in the team that set the club record score when we beat Barrow 7-0.

"The other record I have is for the fastest hat-trick, and that is one of my greatest memories. Mansfield Town were top of the table when

they came to us but we outplayed them that day and I got three goals in 13 minutes.

"It was what they call a perfect hat-trick too: I slotted the first like Denis Law used to, then scored with my head and my other foot for the other two goals. That's something I tell my grandchildren about.

"I am an Exeter boy and I was on the ground staff down there as a 15 year old but moved on to little Bridgwater Town. I enjoyed my time there and we had a decent side, and we managed to get through the four qualifying rounds in the FA Cup and beat Hereford.

"We were then drawn to play Oxford at the Manor in the next round. They were a big club with a big reputation and we were very much the underdogs but we went 1-0 up and were looking good.

"But Oxford had a strong side and the crowd got behind them and they ended up beating us 2-1. Maurice Kyle, who ended up being my best man a few years later, got the winner.

"I must have had a good game because Arthur Turner came and asked me to join Oxford and I enjoyed five good years at the club before I left for Millwall. I really loved my time there and it's still the result I look out for. We're not in touch too much now although I saw Peter Higgins a while back and we were reunited when the club moved from the Manor.

"My abiding memory, other than that hat-trick, is the two goals I scored playing against York at the Manor. We were 4-2 down at half time but we staged a great fight back and I scored two of the best goals of my career in that second half to make it 4-4 at the end. Their keeper wasn't the tallest and I scored two near identical goals with shots from 30 yards out that I lobbed over him. I guess over the years they have gone further back but they were at least 25 yards!

"I loved it. I can still picture the fans on the wall at the old Manor, and the spirit and friendships that we had were second to none. There was no trouble in football at that time and playing in front of 6,000 to 10,000 people every week was an absolute pleasure."

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

This week 50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday 29th August:

Photographs taken by an American U-2 spyplane revealed the presence on Cuba of Soviet SA-2 anti-aircraft missiles.

Thursday 30th August: The tallest man in the world, 8'4" Al Tomeini, died aged 50.

Friday 31st August: After 165 years as a British colony, the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago became independent, with Eric Williams becoming the new nation's first Prime Minister.

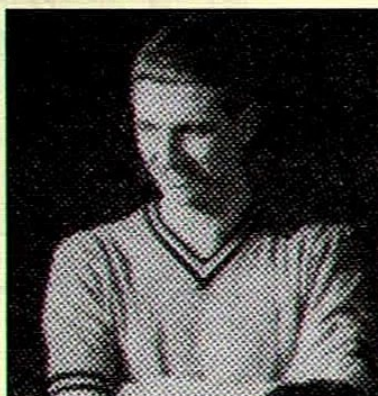
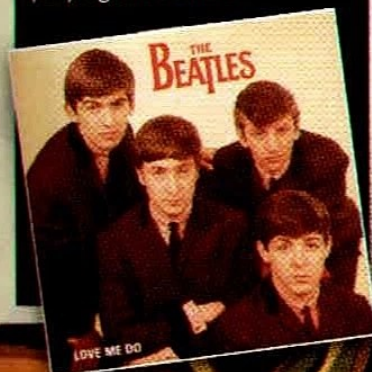
Saturday 1st September:

12,225 people were killed in Bou'in Zahra in Iran as the result of an earthquake that measured 7.1 on the Richter Scale.

Monday 3rd September:

American poet EE Cummings (better known as e.e. cummings) died aged 67. His initials stood for Edward Elstin.

Tuesday 4th September: The Beatles recorded "Love Me Do" - Ringo Starr's first session with the group, although his drumming was off and so Andy White eventually played drums on the final recording, with Starr playing tambourine.



United's good start to their first League season stuttered a bit with three successive away games which all ended in defeat.

These included the return game against Lincoln City where the Red Imps gained their revenge for United's earlier home win, by defeating the U's 1-0, followed by Oxford's first visit to Feethams to take on Darlington. The Quakers won 2-1 with Johnny Love scoring for Oxford.

The final game in this sequence was Oxford's first appearance in the fledgling League Cup competition, when they went down to Plainmoor to visit Torquay and ended up on the wrong end of a 2-0 scoreline. The rot was halted two days later when the Gulls visited the Manor for a League meeting and shared the points in a 1-1 draw. Our featured player, **Alan Willey**, was Oxford's goalscorer. The attendance was 9,592.

SATURDAY

1ST SEPTEMBER 1962

Division 1

Leyton Orient 2 - 0 West Ham
Leicester 4 - 1 Bolton

Division 2

Rotherham 2 - 0 Southampton

Division 3

QPR 2 - 2 Swindon

Wrexham 5 - 2 Bristol R

Coventry 3 - 4 Southend

Division 4

Hartlepool 2 - 2 Bradford

Mansfield 2 - 0 York

Oldham 1 - 1 Torquay

Southport 2 - 1 Newport C

Gillingham 1 - 0 Aldershot

Stockport 1 - 1 Crewe

Barrow 1 - 1 Tranmere

Workington 3 - 1 Brentford

Exeter 0 - 2 Rochdale

Doncaster 1 - 2 Chester

Darlington 2 - 1 Oxford

Chesterfield 2 - 2 Lincoln

MONDAY

3RD SEPTEMBER 1962

English League Cup

Tranmere 2 - 3 Carlisle

Torquay 2 - 0 Oxford

Division 4

Newport C 2 - 1 Lincoln

Southport 3 - 3 Barrow

Chesterfield 1 - 2 Stockport

Hartlepool 0 - 2 Darlington

WEDNESDAY

5TH SEPTEMBER 1962

European Cup

Dundee 8 - 1 Cologne

Division 1

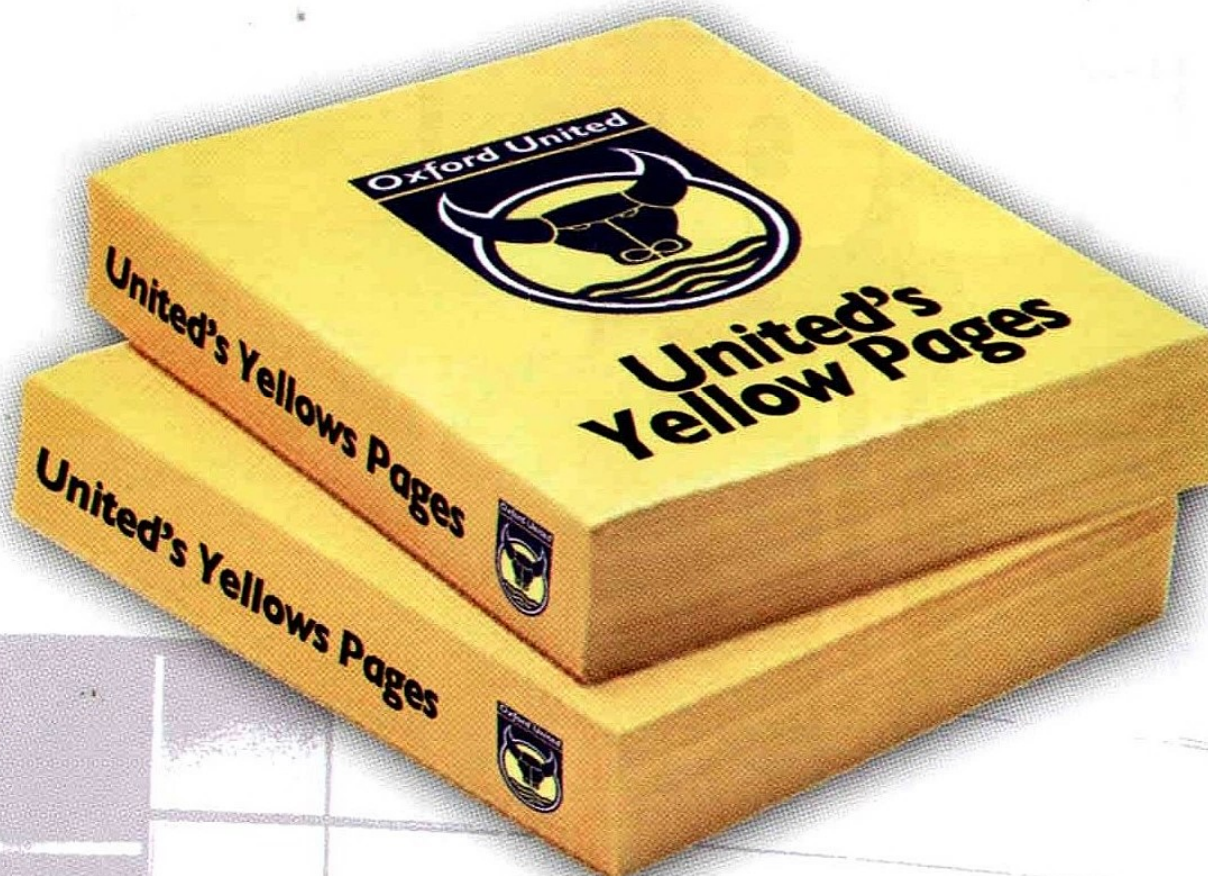
Bolton 3 - 0 Man Utd

Division 2

Leeds 1 - 2 Bury

Division 4

Oxford 1 - 1 Torquay



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kick-off 7.45pm, The Abbey Business Stadium,
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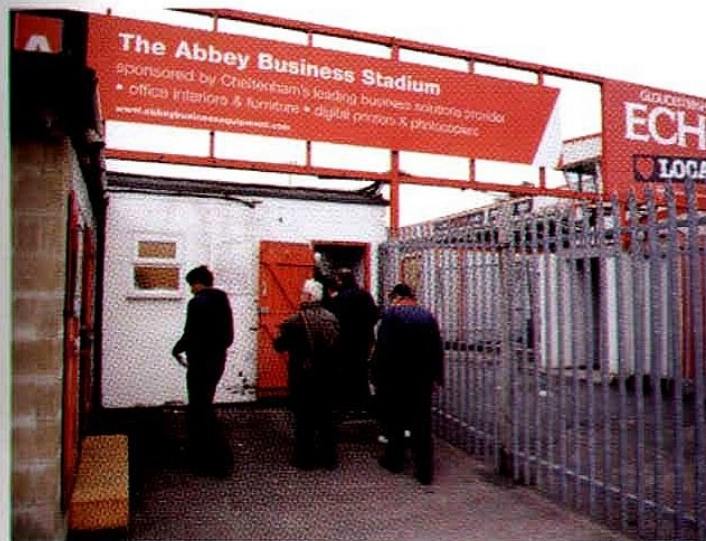
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EXETER CITY

*npower League 2,
Saturday 8th September 2012,
kick-off 3.00pm*



BRADFORD CITY

*npower League 2
Saturday 22nd September
Kick-off 3.00pm*

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Tickets for the home games against AFC Wimbledon and Gillingham will be available from early next week.

STATS V SWINDON TOWN

Head to head matches since 1970

Season	Date	Comp	Att	Venue	Res	Scr
2011/12	03-03-2012	Npower Lge 2	11,825	Home	Won	2-0
2011/12	21-08-2011	Npower Lge 2	12,113	Away	Won	2-1
2002/03	08-12-2002	FA Cup 2	11,655	Home	Won	1-0
2000/01	10-03-2001	League div 2	7,480	Home	Lost	0-2
2000/01	08-10-2000	League div 2	7,975	Away	Lost	1-2
1998/99	13-02-1999	League div 1	8,179	Home	Won	2-0
1998/99	09-09-1998	League div 1	8,324	Away	Lost	1-4
1997/98	11-04-1998	League div 1	8,066	Home	Won	2-1
1997/98	06-12-1997	League div 1	10,902	Away	Lost	1-4
1996/97	19-04-1997	League div 1	8,166	Home	Won	2-0
1996/97	12-10-1996	League div 1	10,811	Away	Lost	0-1
1995/96	19-03-1996	League div 2	8,585	Home	Won	3-0
1995/96	30-08-1995	League div 2	13,041	Away	Drew	1-1
1992/93	09-01-1993	League div 1	9,178	Home	Lost	0-1
1992/93	20-09-1992	League div 1	7,717	Away	Drew	2-2
1992/93	01-09-1992	Anglo I C Prelim	4,069	Home	Lost	1-3
1991/92	07-03-1992	League div 2	7,995	Home	Won	5-3
1991/92	28-01-1992	League div 2	9,707	Away	Lost	1-2
1991/92	01-10-1991	ZDS Trophy R1	6,026	Away	Lost	3-3
1990/91	05-03-1991	League div 2	9,570	Away	Drew	0-0
1990/91	22-09-1990	League div 2	7,971	Home	Lost	2-4
1989/90	24-03-1990	League div 2	8,382	Home	Drew	2-2
1989/90	17-10-1989	League div 2	10,741	Away	Lost	0-3
1988/89	05-02-1989	League div 2	10,227	Away	Lost	0-3
1988/89	05-10-1988	League div 2	9,387	Home	Drew	1-1
1983/84	22-02-1984	A Members C R1	4,744	Home	Lost	1-3
1981/82	04-05-1982	League div 3	7,880	Away	Lost	2-3
1981/82	07-04-1982	League div 3	7,354	Home	Won	5-0
1980/81	01-10-1980	League div 3	6,071	Home	Drew	0-0
1980/81	16-09-1980	League div 3	7,709	Away	Lost	0-1
1979/80	07-04-1980	League div 3	10,324	Away	Drew	1-1
1979/80	06-02-1980	League div 3	7,558	Home	Drew	2-2
1978/79	02-05-1979	League div 3	8849	Away	Lost	0-2
1978/79	16-04-1979	League div 3	9176	Home	Lost	0-1
1977/78	27-03-1978	League div 3	9517	Away	Lost	2-3
1977/78	26-12-1977	League div 3	8746	Home	Drew	3-3
1976/77	08-04-1977	League div 3	8821	Home	Drew	0-0
1976/77	27-12-1976	League div 3	12,125	Away	Lost	0-1
1973/74	17-03-1974	League div 2	9554	Home	Drew	1-1
1973/74	20-10-1973	League div 2	7537	Away	Lost	0-1
1972/73	24-02-1973	League div 2	11,712	Away	Won	3-1
1972/73	16-12-1972	League div 2	9159	Home	Won	1-0
1971/72	26-02-1972	League div 2	14,743	Away	Lost	0-4
1971/72	06-11-1971	League div 2	12,382	Home	Drew	1-1
1970/71	20-02-1971	League div 2	17,744	Away	Lost	0-3
1970/71	21-11-1970	League div 2	15,369	Home	Drew	0-0

OVERALL STATISTICS

Won: 12 - **Goals for:** 59 - **Drawn:** 19 - **Goals against:** 81 - **Lost:** 24

Avg attendance: 10,580 - **Avg home:** 9,791 - **Avg away:** 11,461

SWINDON'S RECORD THIS SEASON

Pos: 8 - **League:** P4 W2 D1 L1 F5 A4 GD +1 **Pts:** 7

Last meeting

Oxford United **2** Swindon Town **0**

47% **Possession** 53% 1 **Corners** 7
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TEAM	AVERAGE	TEAM	AVERAGE	TEAM	AVERAGE	TEAM	AVERAGE
Chesfield	19,492	Oldham Athletic	14,494	Southend United	3,017	Frennere Rovers	2,546
Huddersfield Town	10,489	Morecambe	4,385	Brentford	3,015	Oxford United	2,415
Swindon Town	7,367	Milton Keynes Dons	4,175	Barnet	2,942	Dagenham & Redbridge	2,395
Rotherham United	6,737	Bradford City	3,519	AFC Bournemouth	2,877	Notts County	2,293
Preston North End	5,835	Charlton Athletic	3,486	Burton Albion	2,725	Crewe Alexandra	2,271
Sheffield United	5,692	Exeter City	3,283	Walsall	2,605	Rochdale	2,242

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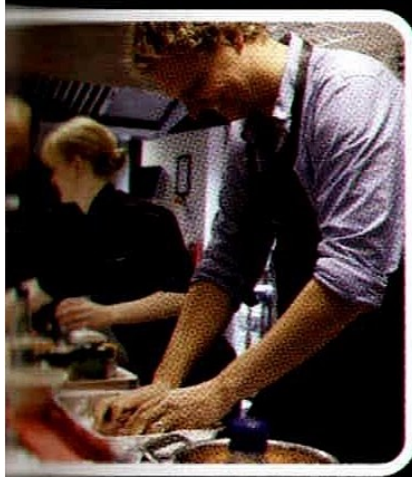
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Tue Aug 14	AFC Bournemouth CAP1	D0-0*	19.45	3,788	691	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman,
Sat Aug 18	Bristol Rovers	W2-0	15.00	7,451	1,019	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman *
Tue Aug 21	Southend United	W2-0	19.45	6,001	290	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman,
Sat Aug 25	Plymouth Argyle	W2-1	15.00	6,906	770	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman,
Tue Aug 29	Leeds United CAP2	L0-3	19.45	13,798	910	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman ●●,
Sat Sep 1	York City	L1-3	15.00	4,014	514	Clarke, Batt, Raynes, Wright, Capaldi, Chapman,
w/c Mon Sep 3	Swindon Town JPT1	H	TBC			
Sat Sep 8	Exeter City	H	15.00			
Sat Sep 15	Burton Albion	A	15.00			
Tue Sep 18	Cheltenham Town ALL TICKET	A	19.45			
Sat Sep 22	Bradford City	H	15.00			
w/c Mon Sep 24	Capital One Cup 3					
Sat Sep 29	Rotherham United	A	15.00			
Tue Oct 2	AFC Wimbledon	H	19.45			
Sat Oct 6	Gillingham	H	15.00			
w/c Mon Oct 8	Johnstone's Paint Trophy 2					
Mon Oct 15	Port Vale	A	19.45			
Sat Oct 20	Accrington Stanley	H	15.00			
Tue Oct 23	Rochdale	A	19.45			
Sat Oct 27	Wycombe Wanderers	A	15.00			
w/c Mon Oct 29	Capital One Cup 4					
Sat Nov 3	FA Cup 1					
Tue Nov 6	Dagenham & Redbridge	H	19.45			
Sat Nov 10	Torquay United	H	15.00			
Sat Nov 17	Chesterfield	A	15.00			
Tue Nov 20	Barnet	A	19.45			
Sat Nov 24	Northampton Town	H	15.00			
Sat Dec 1	FA Cup 2					
w/c Mon Dec 3	Johnstone's Paint Trophy QF					
Sat Dec 8	Aldershot Town	H	15.00			
w/c Mon Dec 10	Capital One Cup 5					
Sat Dec 15	Morecambe	A	13.00			
Sat Dec 22	Fleetwood Town	H	15.00			
Wed Dec 26	Exeter City	A	15.00			
Sat Dec 29	AFC Wimbledon	A	15.00			
Tue Jan 1	Cheltenham Town	H	15.00			
Sat Jan 5	Burton Albion /FAC3	H	15.00			
w/c Mon Jan 7	CAP SF1/JPT SF					
Sat Jan 12	Bradford City	A	15.00			
Sat Jan 19	Rotherham United	H	15.00			
w/c Mon Jan 21	Capital One Cup SF2					
Sat Jan 26	Fleetwood Town/FAC4	A	15.00			
Sat Feb 2	Southend United	A	15.00			
w/c Mon Feb 4	Johnstone's Paint Trophy AF1					
Sat Feb 9	Bristol Rovers	H	15.00			
Sat Feb 16	Plymouth Argyle/FAC5	A	15.00			
w/c Mon Feb 18	Johnstone's Paint Trophy AF2					
Sat Feb 23	York City	H	15.00			
Sun Feb 24	Capital One Cup Final					
Tue Feb 26	Gillingham	A	19.45			
Sat Mar 2	Port Vale	H	15.00			
Sat Mar 9	Torquay United/FAC6	A	15.00			
Tue Mar 12	Barnet	H	19.45			
Sat Mar 16	Chesterfield	H	15.00			
Sat Mar 23	Northampton Town	A	15.00			
Fri Mar 29	Morecambe	H	15.00			
Mon Apr 1	Aldershot Town	A	15.00			
Sat Apr 6	Wycombe Wanderers	H	15.00			
Sun Apr 7	Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final					
Sat Apr 13	Dagenham & R/FACSF	A	15.00			
Sat Apr 20	Rochdale	H	15.00			
Sat Apr 27	Accrington Stanley	A	15.00			
Sat May 11	FA Cup Final					

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 McGinty, Heslop, Constable, Potter ✕, Rigg ▲
 Heslop ▲, Forster-Caskey, Potter, Smalley ●, Rigg ✕

SUBSTITUTES

Brown, McGinty, Heslop (94) ▲, Smalley (67) ✕, Marsh, Craddock (93) ●, Long
 Brown, Evans, Craddock (77) ▲, Heslop (64) ✕, Pittman, Smalley (70) ●, McGinty
 McGinty, Heslop, Constable, Pittman, Brown, **Craddock2** (46) ✕, Evans (88) ▲
 McGinty, Heslop (46) ▲, Constable (46) ✕, Pittman (66) ●, Brown, Evans, Marsh
 Brown, Pittman (80) ▲, Evans, Boateng (87) ●, Marsh (80) ✕, Craddock, Lynn
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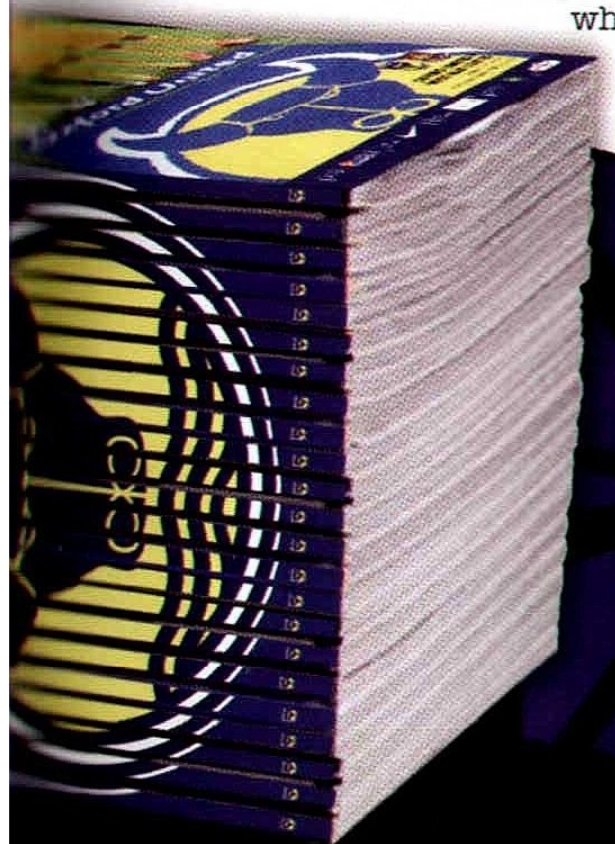
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city EXETER

The Grecians follow hot on the heels of South Devon neighbours Plymouth Argyle as they visit the Kassam Stadium on Saturday for their first trip to Oxford in almost exactly five years.

Exeter had a slow start to the season, losing their first two matches: home defeats by Crystal Palace in the Capital One Cup and Morecambe in League 2. However, they followed up with two successive wins on the road, at Aldershot and Accrington Stanley, and then beat Burton Albion 3-0 on Saturday to show that they will be difficult opponents on Saturday afternoon.

Exeter were relegated from League 1 last season, finishing in 23rd place with just two away wins, so they've already equalled that record. Our last meeting was in 2007-08 in the Conference as Exeter won promotion through a play-off final win over Cambridge United after finishing in fourth place. In their first season back

in the Football League they finished in second place behind Brentford to win promotion at their first attempt.

Probably the most memorable meeting between United and Exeter was at the Kassam Stadium in May 2007, when the visitors overturned a 2-0 aggregate deficit to eventually win the play-off semi-final on penalties and earn a trip to the new Wembley Stadium. On that occasion they were beaten by Morecambe.

Exeter are managed by Paul Tisdale, who has been in the hot seat since June 2006, making him the sixth longest-serving manager in the Football League (Chris Wilder is 11th on the list). The club is rare in that it is owned by its supporters, through the auspices of the Exeter City Supporters Trust.



BLUFFERS GUIDE...

● Exeter's nickname is The Grecians, but no one knows the provenance of the name. There are many theories, most of them bizarre enough to be true. The least likely, and therefore our favourite, is that it is a corruption of the Welsh name for Exeter: Caerwysg. This means that people from Exeter could have been known as Caer Iscuns, therefore Grecians.

● Exeter is a historic city; it was the most south-westerly fortified town in Roman Britain, its Latin name being Isca Dumnoniorum, which hints at Celtic origins, although the Roman town was founded in AD 50.

● Famous Exetonians, as they are almost certainly not known, include Sir Thomas Bodley, who founded our own Bodleian Library; Charles Babbage, who invented the predecessor of the modern computer; English historian WG Hoskins; and Coldplay's singer **Chris Martin**, famous for his Oxford anthem "Yellow".



● Rougemont Castle in Exeter briefly housed Alice Molland, who has the dubious distinction of being the last person in England to be executed for witchcraft. Her untimely end occurred in 1685. The castle was most recently in use as a County Court.

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5. Michael DUBERRY		
6. Jake WRIGHT		
7. Adam CHAPMAN		
8. Simon HESLOP		
9. James CONSTABLE		
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21. Wayne BROWN		
22. Harry WORLEY		
24. Daniel BOATENG		
26. Liam DAVIS		
28. Tyrone MARSH		
29. Tom CRADDOCK		
31. Max CROCOMBE		



Swindon Town

Manager: Paolo Di Canio
Colours: Red and White

	P	G
1 Wes FODERINGHAM		
2 Troy ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE		
3 Jay McEVELEY		
4 Aden FLINT		
5 Joe DEVERA		
6 Alan NAVARRO		
7 Luke ROONEY		
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32 Chris SMITH		
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Officials...

Referee: Scott Mathieson
Asst Refs: Darren Blunden, David Margetts
4th Official: Graham Horwood

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Oxford United v Exeter City

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Oxford United v Swindon Town
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Southend v AFC Wimbledon
Crawley Town v Gillingham
Dag & Red v Stevenage
Northampton Town v MK Dons

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Carlisle United v Preston NE
Accrington Stanley v Morcambe
Port Vale v Tranmere Rovers

NORTH EAST:

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Chesterfield v Oldham Athletic
Coventry City v Burton Albion
Scunthorpe v Notts County