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Off The Bar...

Welcome to the Manor for tonight's Worthington Cup clash against Luton Town. Last week's tie at Kenilworth road provided lots of excitement and I'm sure that there will be plenty of the same tonight. Last time we met Luton they went on to win this competition so I am sure they will take this as an omen.

On the subject of omen's - we are still at the making predictions stage of the season. My Psychic advisor, Louise, has foreseen not one but two Cup runs this season! Hopefully we are not including our triumph over Panionios in the Oxfordshire Benevolent Cup in that...that is all very well but as yet I have yet to receive information on a certain game on September 9th in Wiltshire! I will keep you posted.

I would also like to welcome Ben Stone to the happy collective responsible for bringing "The Ox" to you. We signed Ben from Supermarine of the Hellenic Complete Music League in a major deal. He will have the unenviable task of producing the visitors' pen pics, having already provided us with the Wolves details.

As you will have noticed many of the columns have now been sponsored. But everyman has his price and ours are very reasonable. The suggestions as to who would like to sponsor this column were rather unprintable! Dazza and Jon in the Ticket Office are also very much up for grabs and feeling a bit left out.

We also have a mini bus in need of sponsorship, it is a great shop window for you business. The Bus goes all around the county with our young players and on our award winning community activities. Please contact either Trevor Baxter or myself for details.

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Ian Davies

COVER STORY



The Mighty Murphy! Matty lets fly with his piledriver at Ashton Gate in our sunny 2-2 draw with Bristol City. Matt also notched a brace in the First leg of tonight's clash at Kenilworth Road to help us to a 3-2 advantage.

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FROM THE DUGOUT...

I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town to the Manor Ground for tonight's first round second leg Worthington Cup tie.

Luton showed us last week that they will make it difficult for us in tonight's game. We do not expect it to be easy but are well prepared.

We got a decent result in the first game but we are still at half time in the tie. We have to be on our guard, this tie is far from over. However as I said at the start of the season it is important that the lads look to win everything that they take part in from training six a sides right through to every match. The lads are making it very difficult for me to leave them out but I cannot play all 24 of them!

It is important that all the squad want to get hold of a yellow shirt and fight to keep it. That is the spirit we have in the dressing room, which will see us through the tough times.

At Kenilworth Road we showed plenty of spirit and came away with an excellent result. I was particularly pleased for Matt Murphy who has worked particularly hard and is really making a strong impression. It was also great to see Simon Weatherstone coming on to grab the winning goal.

We were very disappointed to lose on Saturday. We started quite well but did not get the breaks when we needed them. We did not create enough up in their penalty area and this is something to put right tonight. We must learn the lessons from the Wolves game and improve in both penalty areas. Tonight gives us a great opportunity to get back on track, although I am sure that Luton will also be fired up for this game. Your support will be very important tonight - so please give us plenty of positive encouragement.



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CALLING THE SHOTTS

Lennie Lawrence - Manager

Lennie is an experienced manager who took over from ex-boss Terry Westley in December of 1995. It was Lennie's know how of the Nationwide League and his ability to manage on a shoestring budget that attracted Luton to him. As a player, Lennie served non-league clubs Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United and his first experiences in management were assistant positions at Lincoln and Plymouth. Lennie took over as Charlton boss in 1982 and held the post for 9 years before joining Middlesbrough in 1991. Having led them to the Premiership a year later, 'Boro were quickly relegated and Lennie was replaced as boss by Bryan Robson. Eighteen Months as Bradford's boss followed, but Lennie was then on his way back down south to join Luton Town. He has been at Kenilworth Road for two and a half seasons.



Lennie Lawrence

Kenilworth Road regular. Having been awarded a testimonial Julian suffered the massive disappointment of breaking his leg in April 1998 against Bristol Rovers.

Mitchell Thomas - Defender A left back and senior pro at Luton, Mitchell was appointed as player-coach at the start of this season. Mitchell is in his second spell with the club where he started as a schoolboy. He made 107 appearances for the club in his first spell, before following manager David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur. Pleat's stay at White Hart Lane was short, Thomas's was anything but as he made 157 appearances for them.

Mitchell is keen to continue his playing career despite his new coaching job, highly respected by players and fans alike he is another super clubman.

Alan White - Defender In the midst of an injury crisis at Kenilworth Road last term Lennie Lawrence returned to his former club Middlesbrough to sign this defender in September 1997. Indeed it was the second time Lawrence had signed the player, as a 17 year old, White had signed a contract at Boro's old home Ayresome Park. He cost the club just £40,000 and since then his form has made that fee look a bargain and another smart piece of business from Lawrence.

Marvin Johnson - Defender Since serving his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road, Marvin has remained loyal to his only club with over 250 appearances to his name. Johnson prefers to play in the centre of defence, but such is his versatility he can play as a full-back and in midfield. He is a former Luton Town 'player of the year' and a firm favourite with his side's supporters.



Mitchell Thomas

Gavin McGowan - Defender Gavin is a full-back who joined the club from current Premiership champions Arsenal, where he found Winterburn and Dixon hard players to displace. However, despite just six appearances at Highbury, Gavin learnt enough in the company of established defenders like Adams, Bould and Keown to sign for Luton Town in June of this year. He joined on a free transfer having had two, injury ravaged loan spells at Kenilworth Road.

Graham Alexander - Midfielder Former Luton Town boss Terry Westley signed Alexander in the close season of 1995 from Scunthorpe United for a fee of £100,000. He is a versatile footballer, capable of playing in defence or in midfield and showed his coolness from

Kelvin Davis - Goalkeeper Kelvin is a product of Luton Town's superb Youth Scheme. An England goalkeeper at youth and U21 level Kelvin has always been hard pushed for the regular goalkeeping job. Kelvin's first chance of league football came in a loan spell at Torquay where he made two appearances. He returned to Kenilworth Road and fought hard to win the number one jersey from Juergen Sommer, which he did successfully. However the club signed another American 'keeper, in the form of Ian Feuer and again Davis was on the sidelines, regaining his place when the American was injured. Widely regarded as one of the best keepers in Division 2, Kelvin has been too good to drop again and is established as the side's number one 'keeper.

Steve Davis - Defender The Hexham born centre-back was signed by former manager Terry Westley from Burnley for a fee of £750,000 and quickly became team captain at Kenilworth Road. He is a player who commands respect from his team mates and is dominant at both ends of the field. Steve's career began at Southampton, where he was a trainee, and he went on to make seven appearances at The Dell. A hugely popular player with the fans he is an excellent last line of defence.

Julian James - Defender Julian is a hugely loyal clubman who joined Luton Town as a trainee and has since gone on to make over 330 appearances for the club. Born in Tring he made his debut as an 18 year old against Leeds United and after a short loan spell at Preston, where he gained some vital league experience he soon established himself as a

the spot, converting two penalties against us in the first leg of the Worthington Cup last Tuesday. Graham is more at home when employed as an attacking midfielder and scored eight goals last season.

Paul McLaren - Midfielder Born in High Wycombe, Paul was still a schoolboy when he was playing youth team football for the club. His astonishingly quick progress was continued when he signed a pro-contract whilst just 17.

He is a very attack minded midfielder seen as a replacement for Ceri Hughes, and the former trainee missed just three matches last season.



Steve Davis

Matthew Spring - Midfielder

Like his team mate Paul McLaren, Spring was very highly rated as a youngster and was a member of the Luton youth team who reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. Matthew was awarded a league debut for the first team against Bristol City, coming on as a substitute and then starting against Plymouth Argyle. He made great strides last season, making 13 appearances, a hard-working, competitive midfielder player who looks to have great potential.

Paul Showler - Midfielder As with Alan White, Paul too is linking up with Hatters' manager Lennie Lawrence for the second time, having made 88 appearances for Bradford City. Showler's football league career was given its first chance by Barry Fry at Barnet, the Doncaster born midfielder played 71 matches there. He can play in midfield, or up front and is in his third season with the club. After making 33 appearances for Luton in the 96/97 campaign, the unfortunate Paul saw last term frustrated by a succession of injuries which limited his involvement to just one substitute's appearance.

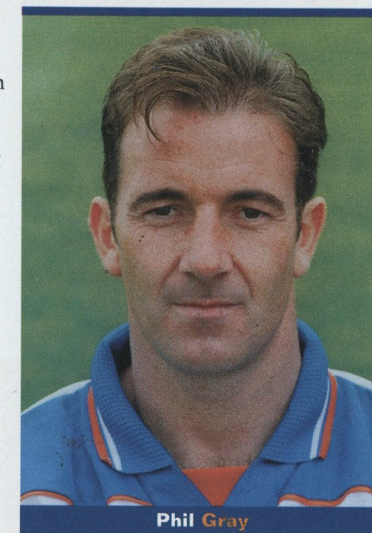
Simon Davies - Midfielder Simon is a winger who likes to attack and learnt his trade at Old Trafford where he was often forced to play second fiddle to Ryan Giggs and Andrei Kanchelskis. With a mass of big-name players keeping him out of the side, Simon felt he would have to leave United to get regular first team football and Luton were willing to pay £200,000 for his services.

He signed in the summer of 1997, and the Welsh international made 27 appearances for The Hatters last season. He is a dangerous player who will be hoping he can establish himself as a regular in the months ahead.

Ray McKinnon - Midfielder This 28 year old Scot opted to make Luton Town his second English club at the start of this season after joining from Dundee United. He began his career with Dundee United, before travelling down south to join Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest in 1992, for a fee of £750,000. Taking advantage of the Bosman ruling this summer, Ray returned to England and the former Scotland U21 player will be hoping that he will enjoy more success at Kenilworth Road than he did at The City Ground.

Herve Bacque - Striker Herve enjoyed an exciting debut for the club and caused us problems, he looks to be another shrewd signing by Lennie Lawrence. Herve was born in the wine capital of France - Bordeaux. His career began with the Brittany side

Lorient and at the age of 21 he joined Monaco. The South Of France saw few outings for Herve in a side containing many international stars like Collins and Trezeguet and he was handed a free transfer. Bacque signed for Luton after talks with a few other English clubs and already the crowds have taken to him at Kenilworth Road.



Phil Gray

Liam George - Striker The pacy and skilful young striker is very highly rated at Kenilworth Road having made the step up from youth to reserve level last season. In Luton Town's Avon Insurance League Side the striker scored 12 goals in 18 games, impressing Lennie Lawrence. He made four appearances last season. He is a regular member of The Republic of Ireland youth team and another young Hatter with a big future in the game.

Phil Gray - Striker The former Tottenham Hotspur, Northern Ireland international is in his second spell with the club and is a huge favourite with Luton Town supporters. David Pleat first plucked him out of Spurs reserves, paying £275,000 and in 59 games for the club Gray scored 22 times. An £800,000 move to Sunderland beckoned and following that a move to the continent where he played for French side Nancy and the Dutch team Fortuna Sittard. Luton re-signed him for £400,000 and he will be hoping that he can put behind him the troublesome injuries which have plagued him in recent years.

Dwight Marshall - Striker The Jamaican born striker was spotted by Plymouth Argyle whilst playing for non-league side Grays Athletic. This dangerous striker loves scoring goals and is always a handful for defenders. He has been with Luton Town since 1994, when, after 34 goals in 114 games for Argyle, they paid £150,000 for him. He prefers to play as a striker but can also be used as a winger and his goal ratio for the Hatters is one in three games.

Stuart Douglas - Striker Stuart scored goals galore whilst in the youth and reserve teams at Kenilworth Road and as a 17 year old marked his Luton debut with a goal against Grimsby Town. He has a lot of pace and had it not been for some troublesome injuries he would have established himself as a first team regular at Kenilworth Road.

Ben Stone.

League Cup Stat Attack

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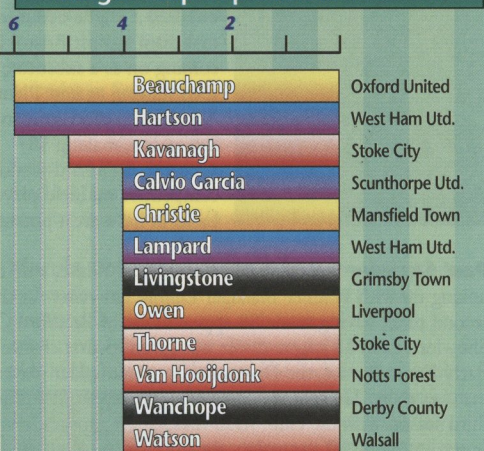
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|------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1961 | Aston Villa | Rotherham Utd | 0-2, 3-0 (aet) | The Football League Cup |
| 1962 | Norwich City | Rochdale | 3-0, 1-0 | |
| 1963 | Birmingham City | Aston Villa | 3-1, 0-0 | |
| 1964 | Leicester City | Stoke City | 1-1, 3-2 | |
| 1965 | Chelsea | Leicester City | 3-2, 0-0 | |
| 1966 | West Bromwich A. | West Ham United | 1-2, 4-1 | |
| 1967 | Q.P.R. | West Bromwich A. | 3-2 | |
| 1968 | Leeds United | Arsenal | 1-0 | |
| 1969 | Swindon Town | Arsenal | 3-1 (aet) | |
| 1970 | Manchester City | West Bromwich A. | 2-1 (aet) | |
| 1971 | Tottenham H. | Aston Villa | 2-0 | |
| 1972 | Stoke City | Chelsea | 2-1 | |
| 1973 | Tottenham H. | Norwich City | 1-0 | |
| 1974 | Wolverhampton W. | Manchester C. | 2-1 | |
| 1975 | Aston Villa | Norwich City | 1-0 | |
| 1976 | Manchester C. | Newcastle United | 2-1 | |
| 1977 | Aston Villa | Everton | 0-0, 1-1 (aet), 3-2 (aet) | |
| 1978 | Nottingham Forest | Liverpool | 0-0 (aet), 1-0 | |
| 1979 | Nottingham Forest | Southampton | 3-2 | |
| 1980 | Wolverhampton W. | Nottingham Forest | 1-0 | |
| 1981 | Liverpool | West Ham United | 1-1 (aet), 2-1 | |
| 1982 | Liverpool | Tottenham H. | 3-1 (aet) | The Milk Cup |
| 1983 | Liverpool | Manchester United | 2-1 (aet) | |
| 1984 | Liverpool | Everton | 0-0 (aet), 1-0 | |
| 1985 | Norwich City | Sunderland | 1-0 | |
| 1986 | Oxford United | Q.P.R. | 3-0 | |
| 1987 | Arsenal | Liverpool | 2-1 | The Littlewoods Cup |
| 1988 | Luton Town | Arsenal | 3-2 | |
| 1989 | Nottingham Forest | Luton Town | 3-1 | |
| 1990 | Nottingham Forest | Oldham Athletic | 1-0 | |
| 1991 | Sheffield Weds. | Manchester United | 1-0 | The Rumbelows League Cup |
| 1992 | Manchester United | Nottingham Forest | 1-0 | |
| 1993 | Arsenal | Sheffield Weds. | 2-1 | The Coca-Cola Cup |
| 1994 | Aston Villa | Manchester United | 3-1 | |
| 1995 | Liverpool | Bolton Wanderers | 2-1 | |
| 1996 | Aston Villa | Leeds United | 3-0 | |
| 1997 | Leicester City | Middlesbrough | 1-1 (aet), 1-0 (aet) | |
| 1998 | Chelsea | Middlesbrough | 2-0 | |

League Cup Semi-Final Appearances



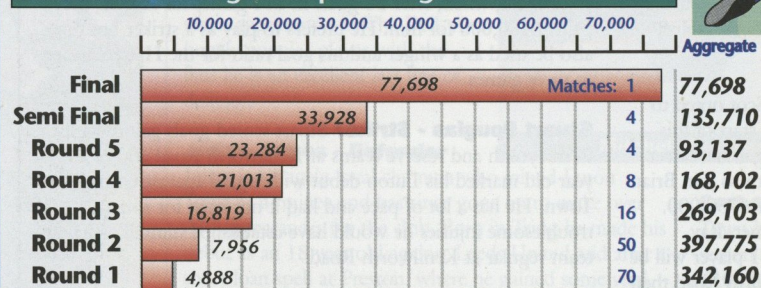
League Cup Top Scorers 1997-98



Leading Aggregate scores last season

- Stockport 6 Mansfield 3
- Doncaster 0 Forest 8
- Fulham 4 Wycombe 4
- Plymouth 3 Oxford 5
- Shrewsbury 3 Brentford 5
- Bolton 4 Orient 4
- Best Home win
Blackburn 6 Preston 0
- Best Away win
Doncaster 0 Forest 8

1997-98 League Cup Average Attendances



Total Att
1,483,685
Games
153
Average Att. per match
9,697



Good evening and welcome to this evening's match against Luton Town in the Worthington Cup.

I would like to welcome all of our guests to tonight's game and hope they have an enjoyable time here at The Manor.

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or

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Dessert:

Treacle tart with custard or cream

or

Raspberry Tropicana with cream. Coffee and mints are served afterwards.

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The Howland REPORT



Our Club historian, Andy Howland, discusses some of the players who were included in the recently published list of one hundred League legends.

The 100 League Legends Includes Alan Mullery

Many might disagree, but I was staggered to see that Alan Mullery was included in the list of 100 League legends which was recently compiled by a panel of football writers to mark the League's century of seasons. In discussion with others of my advanced years, I feel that there are, perhaps predictably, some controversial inclusions and omissions.

The word 'legend' means different things to different people. For example, Tommy Smith and Norman Hunter who were both included are almost certainly very well remembered for their hard tackling but may not have been widely viewed as being among the most accomplished players of the past 110 years (many seasons lost to the wars).

Of course, many of us pass judgement on players we have never seen, but it would be amazing to many if the likes of Dixie Dean (349 First Division goals including 60 League goals in a season) or Billy Wright (an England regular for thirteen seasons, captaining England eighty times and the first to gain 100 or more caps) were left out.

Any teenager (still) reading this could not easily argue against the inclusion of Duncan Edwards or Bobby Moore.

I have decided here to comment only on the fifty of them for whom the seasons 1960-98 (those in which I have watched League football) include some of their best spells. This means that I do not comment on the

likes of Dickinson, Trautmann or even Matthews whose greatest days precede the 1960s.

Six Who Are Likely To Be Certainties

Let me first list six names who will probably provoke no discussion. They are not necessarily my own top six.

Alphabetically they are:

Best, Bobby Charlton, Dalglish, Greaves, Law and Moore

Some Great Goalkeepers

I have no argument with the inclusion of goalkeepers Banks, Clemence, Jennings, Schmeichel, Shilton and Southall. It could be argued that Seaman should join them

The Greatest Fullback?

If I were to include just one fullback in the fifty it would be Armfield (their only choice). I would place Pearce as the best left-back but I wonder how many would include Ray Wilson or more than one fullback.

How Good Were Hansen and Lawrenson?

From this period six centrebacks apart from Moore are included.

I feel that Hansen and McGrath are musts but some might argue that the excellent Arsenal players Adams and McLintock (both included) might not quite make it over Butcher, Lawrenson, Todd, Jack Charlton and the older Dave Watson if, it were not for their captaincy records.

Smith and Hunter got the nod over the last four named.

Prize Quiz

Three more questions on United for a prize quiz (answers and entry details later):

- 1 Which promoted club lost at home to Oxford in 1997/98?
- 2 Which ex-Oxford player is playing for Leicester City?
- 3 Which ex-Oxford player is Manager of Tranmere?

Midfielders of the 1960s

Turning our attention to midfielders whose peak came before the '70s, I concur with the view that those great Spurs' wing halves Blanchflower and Mackay are musts as are Johnny Haynes and the less famous Jimmy McIlroy (the star of one of England's best two clubs between 1959 and 1963 (Burnley) and a Northern Irish great. I cannot see how Mullery or that great character Stiles are placed ahead of Crerand. I will conclude this in the Portsmouth programme and realise that my views will not be to everyone's liking.

The Ten Which I Would Choose

If I were to push myself to restrict the above categories to say ten players, I would go for no fewer than five goalkeepers. At their peaks, Jennings, Southall and Schmeichel have been among the best in the world, as were the Leicester pair of Banks and Shilton. Moore, Hansen and Blanchflower would have been as successful in Italy, Germany or Spain as they were in England. I have often heard Mackay described as the star of Spurs' great double-winning side whilst Armfield's pace and skilful attacking fullback style places him well ahead of any other subsequent English rightback. These are my ten (I expect some flak).

THE ANSWER!

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Yeovil - Won 3-0 Exeter - Drew 0-0
Tiverton - Drew 2-2 Mansfield - Won 2-1

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Journey: We stayed down in Yeovil for the pre-season tour of the South-West with "The Godfather". There were no major problems, but there was a little bit of traffic congestion going to the Exeter match.

Pre-match drinks: Yeovil: Our host took us to what he called "the only decent pub in Yeovil". This pub was about a mile from the ground, but was indeed a decent pub serving good ale. At Tiverton we were allowed to drink in their club house and very friendly they were too. For the match against Exeter we stayed in the Brook Tavern which was just over the road from the ground as was the Early Doors at Mansfield.

Features on the grounds: Yeovil have a modern ground with plenty of room for expansion. Two sides are all seater with terracing behind both goals. Tiverton was your typical lower non-league ground - a small stand and concrete terracing everywhere else - similar to Oxford City's ground. Exeter is quite a run down ground. Three sides are terracing with a grandstand. Like Exeter, Mansfield was run-of-the-mill lower league ground - the kind of ground that will sadly disappear with all the new stadiums being erected.

Facts on: Yeovil: Home of Westland helicopters with a large MOD presence in the area and of course home of the now infamous "Yeovil". **Tiverton:** home of one of the most successful non-league clubs who, sadly due to financial constraints, cannot progress up the non-league pyramid. Tiverton won the FA Vase last season. **Exeter:** Exeter is a great city. It has something virtually for everyone and the locals are some of the friendliest in the country. Little wonder then that Darren Bowler - ticket office supervisor, fell in love with the place when he lived there for 18 months. Quoting Mr. Bowler "it is in close proximity to some of Britain's nicest beaches and Dartmoor".

Mansfield: Home of the Mansfield brewery. For years Mansfield never had a railway station to call its own, but that all changed in 1996 with the opening of a new purpose built station.

Home Crowds: All home crowds were quiet and intent on simply observing the game. The most vocal were arguably Tiverton but they were also the most friendly. This was not at all surprising, it was pre-season, and people were still recovering from a World Cup hangover.

Car Parking: There was no problem at any of the grounds as there was adequate car parking at them all. We had to use the multi-storey at

Exeter, but this was less than five minutes away from the ground - the only problem the driver had was finding the exit!

Away Crowd: There were 59 United supporters for the game at Yeovil. This dwindled to between 30 and 40 for the Tiverton game, with a couple of notable absentees. Lisa, Trevor, Alan et al - "Oxford United on Tour", got themselves a bit confused and ended up going to Exeter for this game.

They were also absent for the game at Exeter on the Saturday where 96 U's supporters turned out. There were 35 supporters standing on the terrace at Mansfield, with a few more in the seats although we could not see how many there actually were - probably five at the most. Yeovil would have attended the Mansfield match but he had visitors arriving that evening.

Police/Officials: No problems at any place really, however the stewards at Yeovil did not seem to know what was going on. We arrived with plenty of time for the kick off, but when asked which turnstile we had to go in (it was not clearly marked), we were told one thing, we went to that turnstile to find it was shut and we were told it was the place we had just come from. When we finally found the correct turnstile, it was shut and had to bang on it to be let in so ultimately we missed the kick off.

Admission: £6 at Yeovil, £3 at Tiverton, £6 at Exeter and £6 at Mansfield.

Programmes: Yeovil produced a small programme and asked for a voluntary contribution - most people gave the sellers a pound or two. Tiverton went to a lot of effort with their programme with a profile on Dean Windass included with the player pen pics. Exeter and Mansfield merely produced a team sheet.

Food: The Chicken and Mushroom pie at Yeovil was simply the best pie I have ever tasted. It was fresh, succulent and had the chunkiest pieces of chicken and mushroom I have ever seen. It was as if they had got a whole chicken, boned it and stuck it in this one pie. It was also tremendous value for money. I would have willingly paid £2 for such fine cuisine, but they were asking £1.20 for it. Similarly, the cheese burger at Tiverton was one of the best ever. It was cooked properly, not burnt to a crisp like they normally are and served in a fresh bun. Exeter's pasty was good and Mansfield's Steak pie was hot, but had small chunks of what was probably horsemeat inside.

U's Performances: On the whole, it was a good work out for the lads. You can never read too much into games like these as Malcolm was quite clearly experimenting with his side. The Yeovil game was a solid performance and the result was about fair. Tiverton were very good up until 20 minutes to go and then we proceeded to press the self destruct button. The second half at Exeter was a lot better than the first, but the game needed a spark which never came whilst Mansfield proved to be the toughest opposition with United snatching the win in the last minute.

Oxford's Men of The Tour: Matt Murphy had an excellent pre-season and showed that he was really fighting to be in the starting eleven come the start of the season, Martin Gray was as committed as ever and Les Robinson was Mr. Consistency again.

Home Team Performances: Yeovil: Yeovil were a poor side. They seemed intent on just banging the ball long and hoping that something will come of it. **Tiverton:** Tiverton were a good footballing side and showed that they would never give up even at 3-1 down. **Exeter:** Desperately need a striker, if they do not find someone who can bang in a few goals, they could struggle to make any impression on the Fourth Division (sorry Darren). **Mansfield:** They were quite clearly up for this game and were the better side for the first half hour or so.

Most outstanding individual performance: Stuart Smith of Tiverton. A towering centre-back who Tiverton picked up in the summer. He won everything in the air and looked extremely solid.

Referees: Referees do what referees do. We may not like some of the decisions and let's face it we have had some awful decisions against us over the last two seasons, but it is a difficult job and a high pressure one at that. Let's give the poor little man in the middle a break for one week at least.

Bearability Factor: 8/10: This pre-season was a really enjoyable one.

Lasting Memories of the Week: So many to choose from and they almost all involve Yeovil. Going to Yeovil with Yeovil and missing kick off - maybe we should not have spent so much time in the pub. Yeovil winning a prize in the raffle at Tiverton - he could have had a bottle of gin or a box of chocolates, but he ended up with a little cuddly teddy bear. Yeovil insisted that said teddy bear should have a yellow ribbon and getting all the bar ladies and raffle ticket sellers to look round for one - he eventually got one.

Joey Beauchamp on the ball



Andy Thomson goes close to restoring the lead



Deano blasts his first for The U's



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Oxford City v Oxford United

Above: Elliot Jackson collects the ball safely and starts a United attack

Top Right: Simon Weatherstone lets fly

Right: Danny Hill looks for options

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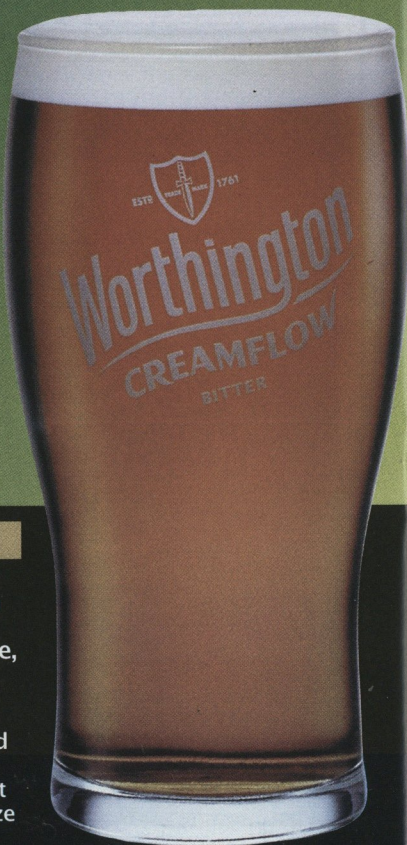
Q Which manager said before the 1990 League Cup Final: "The only person certain of boarding the coach for the Final is Albert Kershaw, and he'll be driving it!"

A. Harry Redknapp B. Brian Clough C. Danny Wilson

THE PRIZES

One pair of tickets are available for BOTH legs of ALL 24 Second Round Worthington Cup fixtures - that's 48 fans winning a total of 96 tickets.

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IT'S A FAN THING

COMING UP ROSIE'S



Community & Junior News

With Peter Rhoades-Brown

Good evening to you all. Let's hope we can progress on to the next round with a dazzling display.



NO pre-match tonight because I am down at the training ground with Jonah coaching our Under 9s, 10s & 11s until 8.00 pm!

Condolences

We are sorry to announce the sad loss of one of our greatest young supporters - Glen McCulloch - aged 16 years, who died tragically on Tuesday 11th August.

He was buried in his full Oxford United strip yesterday at Iffley Church.

Kids' Questions!!

One youngster recently made me laugh. During a soccer course he piped up in front of everyone and said very loudly: "Rosie, is Zinedine Zidane your brother?" I nearly died! I thought it might have been similar ability, but the kid's were quick to remark 'short hair, dark skin, dressed in Adidas gear and a bald patch!! I quickly donned a cap for the rest of the week.

Work Experience

Tom Jordan from Larkmead School, Abingdon, joined us a couple of weeks ago on work placement. He helped out on soccer courses, joined in with the YT's and generally got to know how we work on the soccer side of the Club.

He was a pleasure to have with us and I am sure he learnt a few tips for his future - he wants to work in sport in some capacity.

Unfortunately

All our placements have been allocated for the rest of the season already. So, if you were thinking about applying to us - save the stamp. Maybe next season at the new stadium we can take you on.

Wet in the Community

For the past three Summers I have



Open day - small, medium and large!

attended the Peers Leisure Centre Playscheme, not only to present certificates at the end of the week but the final afternoon has traditionally turned into a big water fight.

This year I was prepared with two very large supersoakers (which, by the way, quickly run out). I got drenched by 25 would-be firefighters. My final words to them all were 'I'll be back!'

How Many Penalties?

During the break I helped raise money for schools around the County by going in goal to have penalties taken against me.

All in all, I worked out over 1,000 shots were aimed in my direction (I actually managed to save a few too!).

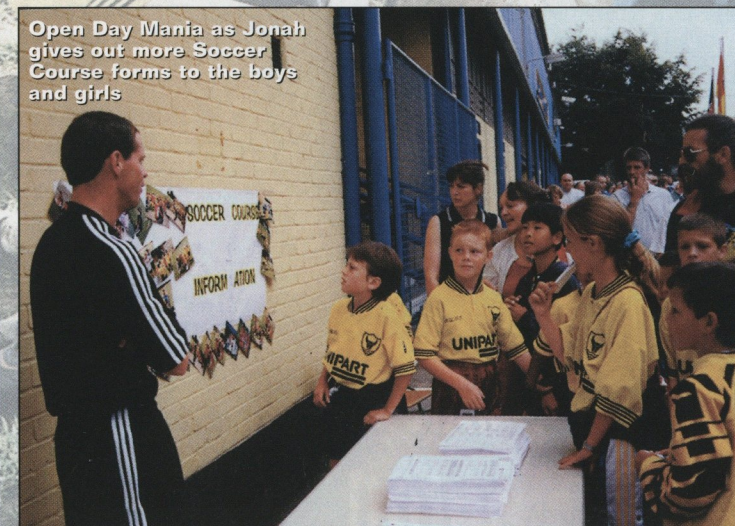
Mascot

This evening's mascot is 8 year old Jimmy Radford from Oxford. Jimmy attends Isis Middle School and plays football for Donnington Boys FC. His hobbies include football, cricket and playing the guitar.

Jimmy's favourite players are Joey Beauchamp, Paul Powell and Jamie Cook.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Taurean King who was 13 on the 16th.



Open Day Mania as Jonah gives out more Soccer Course forms to the boys and girls

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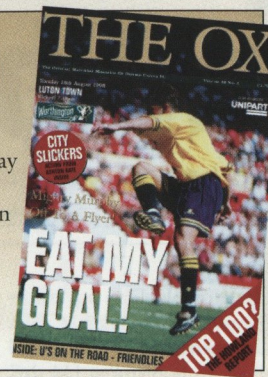
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Sports Forum

An entertaining evening is in store at the Supporters Club this Thursday 20th August at 8.00 pm. Come and meet United's new signings Dean Windass, Andy Thomson and Danny Hill, together with Manager, Malcolm Shotton and Captain, Les Robinson. Entry £2. Tickets for the cancelled 'Jim Smith Evening' will also be valid. Don't miss it!

Club Handbook

If you want to receive this year's club handbook which provides information about the latest commercial and community activities around the Club, ring Trevor Baxter or Dave Crabtree on 01865 761503 and ask for your free copy.

Around The Manor...

All the latest goings on from the Club...



Below: Kim gets 'Tanked Up'

Clubcall

I am sure you have noted the change in our telephone information service provider. Goodbye to Clubline, hello to Clubcall.

The change results from a series of company takeovers with the result that Clubcall is now our official information service.

You will hear the news first on Clubcall on 0891 440055. Watch for the headlines on the Clubcall, page 142, on Teletext. Calls cost 50p per minute at all times.

- Reduced admission prices to the family area seats at League matches when accompanied by an adult
 - All this for just £5 for a single member / £8 for two / £10 for three in a family
- Join NOW.** Application forms obtainable from the Club Offices.

Oxford United Juniors Club

If you are aged 6-15 years, boy or girl, why not join Oxford United Juniors Club and gain the many benefits on offer, including:

- The chance for 6-11 year olds to be our matchday mascot at home, and most away fixtures. You will have the chance to enter the ballot for the match (matches) of your choice, with the winning selection for home mascots being drawn on the pitch before a game
- The opportunity for 12-15 year olds to join our ballboy/girl team
- Competitively priced trips to most away matches
- Monthly coaching sessions with Oxford United players at Peers School



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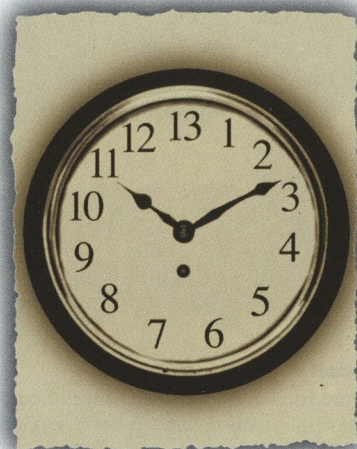




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TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets and Travel...

All the latest information on Oxford United's up and coming matches, both home and away, including travel details.

Crystal Palace (A)
Nationwide Football League Division One
Saturday 22nd August 1998 -
Kick off 3.00 pm

A trip to an ex-Premiership club means a costly day out. Pay cash on the day at the Away Box Office at Selhurst Park - £20 adults, £12 under 16s/over 65s. Wheelchair supporters need to contact Beryl Whitfield at Palace on 0181 771 8841. Matchday programmes cost £2.

How to get to Selhurst Park:

Exit M25 at junction 7 (s/p M23 Gatwick, Croydon), then follow M23 Croydon signs.

Straight on for 6.6 miles through Hooley and Coulsdon, to the Purley Cross Interchange. Filter left (s/p Central London A23, Woodcote, Epsom and Water Palace) into a one-way system.

Follow the Central London A23 signs into Purley Way dual carriageway, which then becomes single carriageway. Past Water Palace on RHS after 1.2 miles. At junction after 0.6 miles, by Hungry Horse pub, go straight on (s/p Central London A23, Thornton Heath).

Follow Central London A23 signs for 2.3 miles, through several sets of lights and keeping right over a flyover. The road comes to an unsignposted junction by the Horseshoe pub, and all traffic turns left onto a one-way system. Keep right following signs to Croydon A235 and Selhurst, then Selhurst A223, turning left just after Barclays Bank into Brigstock Road.

At junction after 0.9 miles, by clock tower, keep right (s/p Croydon Town Centre, Selhurst, Crystal Palace A212) into Thornton Heath High Street. At roundabout after 0.3 miles turn left (s/p Norwood B266, Crystal Palace A212) into Whitehorse Lane. Ground is on RHS after 0.3 miles.

Grimsby Town (H)
Nationwide Football League Division One
Saturday 22nd August 1998 - Kick off 3.00 pm

Tickets now on sale to non-members.

Barnsley (A)
Nationwide Football League Division One
Monday 31st August 1998 - Kick off 3.00 pm

We will be seated in the uncovered Spion Kop Stand (please dress accordingly). Matchday admission will be £15, NO concessions.

Under 16s/over 65s can obtain tickets for £9 if purchased in advance from the Manor. Wheelchair

tickets are available from the Manor Ticket Office priced £10. Matchday programmes cost £2.

How to get to Oakwell:

Exit M1 at junction 37. Follow black/white 'Barnsley FC' and brown/white 'Football Ground' signs. These signs lead directly to the visitors' car park. Parking costs £2 per car.

Portsmouth (H)
Nationwide Football League Division One
Sunday 6th September 1998 - Kick off 1.00 pm

Tickets for this Sunday fixture are currently on sale to season ticket/Manor Priority Pass holders and members. Tickets go on sale to non-members from 9.30 am on Monday 24th August.

Swindon Town (A) - 'All Ticket'
Nationwide Football League Division One
Wednesday 9th September 1998 - Kick off 7.45 pm

We have been allocated 2,200 uncovered, reserved seats on the Stratton Bank. Tickets are currently on sale to season ticket/Manor Priority Pass holders and members, one per valid card/pass.

Tickets will go on open sale - subject to availability - from 9.30 am on Monday 24th August. Tickets are priced £14 adults, £8 for over 65s/students and unaccompanied juniors.

Under 16s accompanied by an adult can obtain a ticket free of charge. Wheelchair supporters need to contact Swindon's Ticket Office on 01793 529000.

LONDON ROAD CLUB

Crystal Palace
Saturday 22nd August
Fare: £8 adults, £7 juniors
Departs: Castle Street 11.30 am, Manor Ground 11.45 am

Barnsley
Monday 31st August
Fare: £9 adults, £8 juniors
Departs: Castle Street 10.15 am, Manor Ground 10.30 am

Swindon Town
Wednesday 9th September
Fare: £5 adults, £4 juniors
Departs: Manor Ground 5.45 pm, Castle Street 6.00 pm

LEAGUE TABLE

Nationwide League Division One Table @ 17/8/98 Season 1998/99

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| Joey Beauchamp | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Steve Davis | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Phil Gilchrist | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Martin Gray | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Danny Hill | (1) | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Matt Murphy | 2 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | |
| Simon Marsh | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Paul Powell | (2) | - | - | - | (1) | - | - | |
| Les Robinson | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Andrew Rose | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| David Smith | 1(1) | - | - | - | (1) | - | - | |
| Andy Thomson | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Simon Weatherstone | (2) | - | - | - | (1) | 1 | - | |
| Phil Whitehead | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
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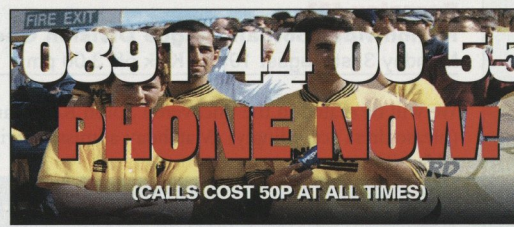


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| 15 WOLVERHAMPTON WAND. (H) 0-2 7,521 1 20th |
| 18 Luton Town (Worthington Cup 1 (2)) (H) |
| 22 Crystal Palace (a) |
| 29 GRIMSBY TOWN (H) |
| 31 Barnsley (a) |
| Sep 6 PORTSMOUTH (H) |
| 9 Swindon Town (a) |
| 12 IPSWICH TOWN (H) |
| Worthington Cup 2 (1) |
| 19 Sunderland (a) |
| Worthington Cup 2 (2) |
| 26 QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H) |
| 29 WEST BROMWICH ALBION (H) |
| Oct 3 Huddersfield Town (a) |
| 10 TRANMERE ROVERS (H) |
| 17 Bolton Wanderers (a) |
| 20 Bury (a) |
| 24 SHEFFIELD UNITED (H) |
| Worthington Cup 3 |
| 31 CREWE ALEXANDRA (H) |
| Nov 7 Watford (a) |
| Worthington Cup 4 |
| 14 Birmingham City (a) (FAC1) |
| 21 PORT VALE (H) |
| 29 Norwich City (a) |
| Dec Worthington Cup 5 |
| 5 BRADFORD CITY (H) (FAC2) |
| 12 BIRMINGHAM CITY (H) |
| 19 Stockport County (a) |
| 26 CRYSTAL PALACE (H) |
| 28 Portsmouth (a) |
| Jan 2 FA CUP 3 |
| 9 BRISTOL CITY (H) |
| 16 Grimsby Town (a) |
| 23 FA CUP 4 |
| 30 BARNSELY (H) |
| Feb 6 Wolverhampton Wanderers (a) |
| 13 SWINDON TOWN (H) (or FAC5) |
| 20 Ipswich Town (a) |
| 27 SUNDERLAND (H) |
| Mar 3 Queens Park Rangers (a) |
| 6 West Bromwich Albion (a) (or FAC6) |
| 9 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (H) |
| 13 WATFORD (H) |
| 20 Crewe Alexandra (a) |
| 27 Sheffield United (a) |
| Apr 3 BOLTON WANDERERS (H) |
| 5 Tranmere Rovers (a) |
| 10 BURY (H) |
| 17 Port Vale (a) |
| 24 NORWICH CITY (H) |
| May 1 Bradford City (a) |
| 9 STOCKPORT COUNTY (H) |
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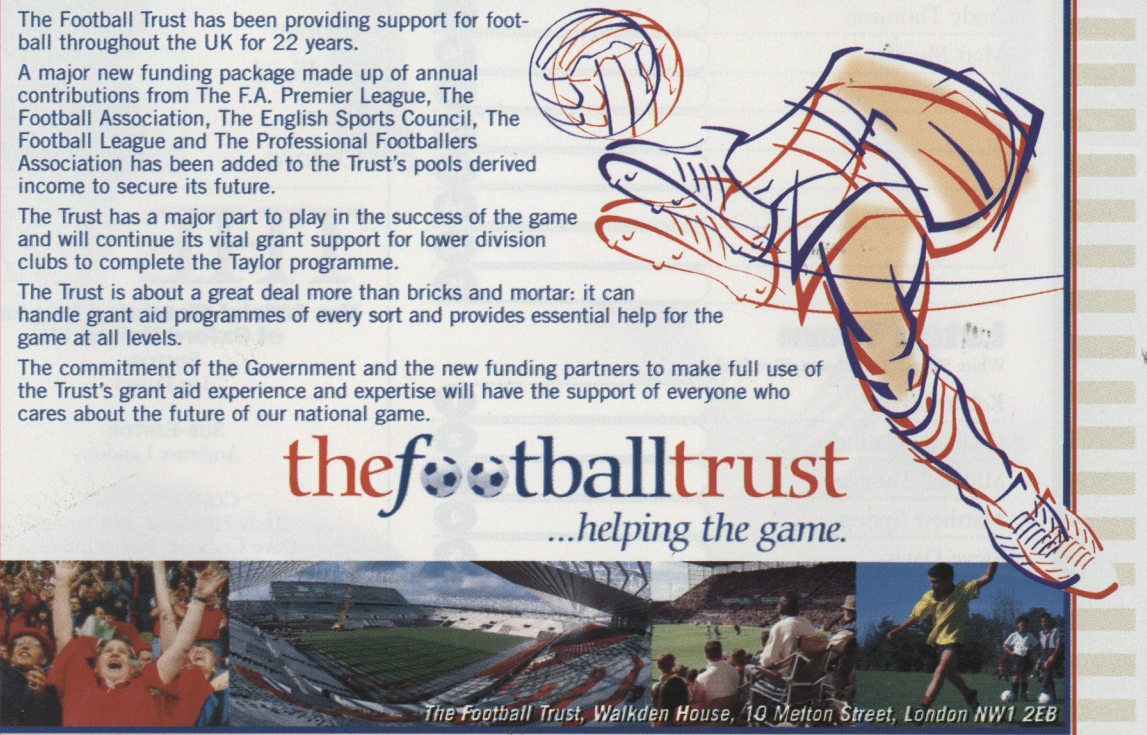


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| Whitehead | Robinson | Marsh | Gray | Davis | Gilchrist | Banger | Windass | Thomson | Murphy | Beauchamp | Smith (7) | Powell (5) | Weatherstone (9) | |
| Whitehead | Robinson | Marsh | Gray | Wilsterman | Gilchrist | Banger | Windass | Rose | Murphy | Beauchamp | Five subs named. See box below | | | |
| Whitehead | Robinson | Marsh | Gray | Davis | Gilchrist | Banger | Windass | Smith | Murphy | Beauchamp | Hill (9) | Powell (10) | Weatherstone (4) | |

Substitutes versus Luton Town (Worth.Cup 1 (1)) (A) 11 Aug
12: Smith (8), **13:** Jackson, **14:** Weatherstone (7), **15:** Powell (9), **16:** Whelan



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Today's Match Officials

Tonight's referee is 43 year old Clive Wilkes from Corse, Gloucester. Clive, married, is a car trader. He began refereeing in 1974, joining the Football League Referees' List eight years ago. Last year Clive refereed the play-offs and was reserve referee for the Division Three Final at Wembley. His interests include martial arts, all sports and conservation. Assistant Referees: P J Prosser (Red/Yellow Flag), I Whitehouse (Yellow Flag) Reserve Official: R C Davies

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