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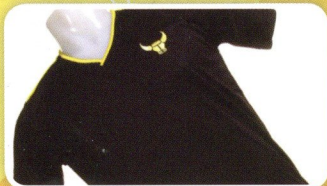
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**William Wyatt**

**Age:** Six years old  
**Favourite Player:** Kemar Roofe  
**Hobbies:** Cricket and football  
**Match Prediction:** 3-0 to Oxford



#Ox4Life mascot  
**Sam Hanton**

**Age:** Eight years old  
**Favourite Player:** Kemar Roofe  
**Hobbies:** Football and computer games  
**Match Prediction:** 2-0 to Oxford



**Samuel Soanes**

**Age:** 10 years old  
**Favourite Player:** Callum O'Dowda  
**Hobbies:** Watching the Mighty Yellows; playing cricket and playing on the Xbox  
**Match Prediction:** 4-1 to OUFC



**Adam Soanes**

**Age:** Nine today!  
**Favourite Player:** Callum O'Dowda  
**Hobbies:** Playing football for Chesterton under 9s and playing cricket  
**Match Prediction:** 2-1 to OUFC

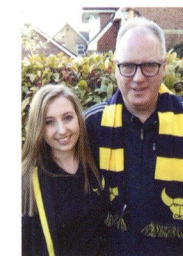


**Freddie Winters**

**Age:** 12 on Thursday (happy birthday Freddie)  
**Favourite Player:** Danny Hylton  
**Hobbies:** Football, playing and watching Oxford as season ticket holder, basketball and playing PlayStation  
**Match Prediction:** 2-0 to Oxford

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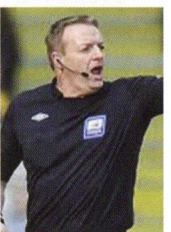
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Simon has been an Oxford United supporter since the age of 14.



At the age of 20 he got to see Oxford play at Wembley and win the Milk Cup and 30 years on, now celebrating his 50th birthday, he returned to Wembley with his family to support Oxford United. Happy 50th birthday, Simon!

## TODAY'S REFEREE

**TREVOR KETTLE**  
Trevor Kettle returns to the Kassam Stadium for the first time since he officiated United's



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T H E C H A I R M A N

# DARRYL EALES

**Good afternoon and welcome to today's game, especially to supporters, players and officials from Luton Town.**

It is over three weeks since our last home game and so much has happened!

Wembley takes pride of place. It was a wonderful day and my abiding memory is the 34,000 Oxford fans creating a sea of yellow and, once again, demonstrating your magnificent support.

The game was superb and our performance matched the occasion. Although we narrowly lost to a very good Barnsley side, we showed what an outstanding footballing side we are and I felt immensely proud to be associated with this

fantastic club.

On a day of memories, it was also wonderful to see Lucas and Jacob, our two mascots, on the Wembley pitch - football does get some things right!

### **Fantastic**

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all club staff who worked tirelessly in the run-up to Wembley and to our fantastic sponsors who help the club so much.

Turning to the bigger picture, we remain committed to building for the future and creating a viable platform for sustainable success.

I am delighted that Michael Appleton has committed himself to the club and signed a well-deserved new contract. Michael is an outstanding manager and leader as well as being a top individual. He is a pleasure to work with and cares deeply about the club. I look forward to the club continuing its positive progress under his stewardship.

Alongside this, we have

strengthened the board with the appointments of Simon Kelner and Steve Dolton as non-executive directors, as well as Greig Box Turnbull joining as managing director. Every organisation develops through the quality of its people and I believe we are building a strong senior management team that will serve the club well.

### **Passionate**

Again, looking at the bigger picture, we are committed to building a passionate and friendly club which welcomes everyone.

It is therefore disappointing to have to discuss in my notes the topic of acceptable behaviour.

I have received too many emails from fans, new and old, referencing the use of aggressive language and abusive behaviour by a small minority of fans. For me, this type of behaviour has no place in football. The game is to be enjoyed based on passionate support and balanced partisanship. Emotion is an essential part of this cocktail but I would urge every supporter to take responsibility for their own behaviour and support the club in the right way, based on respect for all.

This weekend we are in the shortlist for family club of the year at the Football League awards. This is our direction of travel and I would ask all fans to support this approach.

With this in mind, starting today, we have the 'let your thumb point the finger' system. If you see unacceptable behaviour, then please text 07342 274742 and help us stamp this out.

Finally on this theme, it was hugely disappointing and frustrating to witness the smoke bombs at Crawley. This mindlessness brings the club into disrepute, with the possibility of financial penalties, as well as being completely inconsiderate to our other fans.

### **Criminal**

Smoke bombs are illegal at football grounds and those involved face criminal sanctions as well as the reality of being banned from attending games.

Your support is magnificent and does not require pyro or smoke bombs. Please, on behalf of all fans, stop this!

Back to more positive matters, it is a pleasure and privilege to welcome our guest of honour today: Maurice Edmunds. Maurice is probably known to everyone

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despite never courting the limelight and he has been a wonderful servant of the club for nearly 50 years.

On behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to thank Maurice and wish him the very best in his retirement. And of course he is a most welcome guest at any game in the future.

Finally, we have five more cup finals in our quest for promotion. The spirit across the squad is exceptional and there is a steeliness of resolve to get the job done. As ever, you have a crucial role as the twelfth man and with all of us pulling together we can hopefully make this a real season to remember.

COYY!

*Darryl*

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T H E H E A D C O A C H

## MICHAEL APPLETON

**G**ood afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against Luton Town.

Our visitors have had a little bit of a season of transition but are definitely moving in the right direction and will be very dangerous opponents today.

We come into the game on the back of a fantastic win at Crawley last weekend. I was quite animated at half time because we hadn't got the basics right. I could just see a few warning

all honesty it could have been more because we looked like scoring every time we went forward.

We played some exceptional football in that second half and I think that performance helped to get the game at Wembley out of everyone's system. Personally, I was surprised how quickly I got over losing to Barnsley. It usually takes me a while because I hate losing any match, but although it hurt to see those red shirts going up the steps to pick up the trophy, I got over that moment fairly quickly.

### Drilled

I think that was because I had drilled into everyone that it was a one-off game; I'm sure the players and fans were sick of me saying that the league has always been the priority! But that philosophy was the right one and helped everyone see the bigger picture.

We knew that whatever happened elsewhere that weekend we would still be in the top three, and as it happened most of the results went our way, so we were still second.

The win at Crawley further strengthened that position and now we come into the finishing straight in a fantastic place and in very good form.

### Injuries

Unfortunately, we are going to have to do without Joe Skarz for the rest of the season because of a groin injury but Jordan Evans has done very well since coming into the side. He has had to be patient but then so has Chris Maguire who came back into the team and scored twice last week. Josh Ruffels has been excellent, and that competition for places will hopefully drive us forward over the next five matches. There are certainly players who missed out at Crawley who would walk into any side in this division and the togetherness and team spirit that has served us so well all year is going to be a key factor for us.

Finally, as ever, a thank you to the fans. You were outstanding at Wembley and at Crawley. The message has been clear that we need you now more than ever. The Time is Now: get behind us,

Michael

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signs that unless we stepped things up then we could end up on the wrong end of an upset. Credit to the players because they took that message on board very quickly and within ten minutes of the restart we were 3-1 up. We completed the job with two more goals and in



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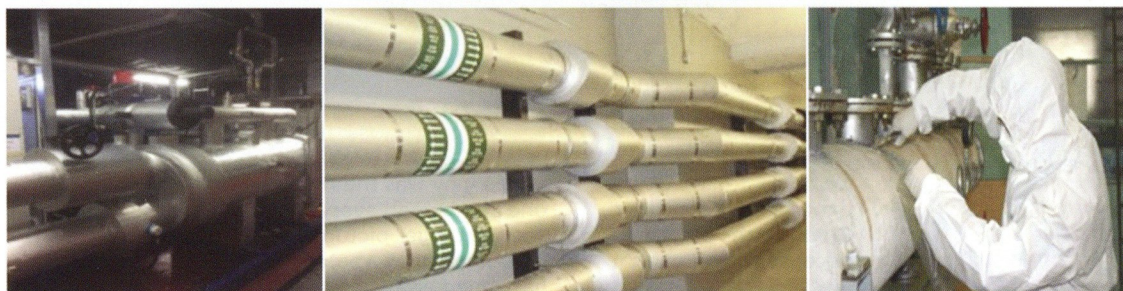
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T H E C A P T A I N

# JAKE WRIGHT

**It's strange how football works. Over the last four or five years we have had some massive games against Luton Town, and today we face perhaps the biggest of them all as we go into the final five matches of a long, hard season.**

The game at Kenilworth Road back in August was a key one for us. It was just a few days after the great win at Brentford and at 2-0 down with just eight minutes to go then some teams might have thought it just wasn't

tone in many ways for the rest of the season. We have repeated those scenes with the away supporters many times now and the latest was at Crawley last weekend, another significant result on the road. I can guarantee that some of the clubs chasing us will have looked at that match and been hoping that we suffered some sort of post-Wembley hangover. I think we sent out a massive signal to everyone with that 5-1 win and now we have to try and carry that on.

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going to be their day. It was one of many games where we have refused to be beaten and in the end Roofey and Paddy Hoban got us the goals to earn a point. I can still see Paddy trying to force the ball home and the celebrations with the fans afterwards!

That kind of set the

**Bonus**

Wembley was always a bonus game, it wasn't ever going to be one that defined our season. Yes, everyone was gutted to lose to Barnsley but I think we were all very honest in the build-up about where our priorities truly lie. Having said that, I thought we played very well. Maybe people overlooked the fact that Barnsley are a league higher than us and were the form team

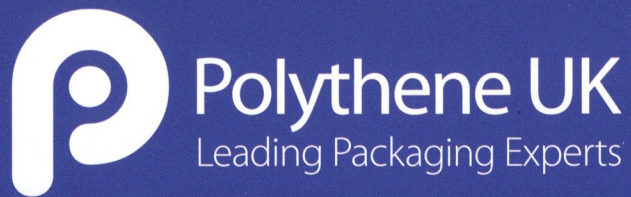
in the whole country, not just in League One. We were better than them in the first half and then we have to learn from what happened in the second and aspire to that level because that is the type of team we want to be beating on a regular basis next season.

We took a big step towards that with the win at Crawley but we are taking nothing for granted. Inevitably, having broken the season down into chunks of five games, we now come to the last, vital, group of games. We do so in a great position and with everyone playing well and full of confidence. With your support and backing let's get three more points on the board today.

Finally, can I just say good luck to Dan Bond, our video analyst who takes part in Strictly Oxford at the New Theatre tomorrow evening. He has been working day and night with little real improvement in his dancing but it's for a great cause and all of the players will happily sit with him on Monday morning and analyse where he went wrong.

Enjoy the game,

Jake



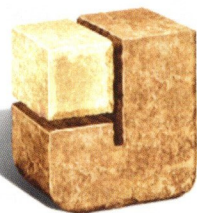
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- Luton (Beds) is not the only settlement to boast that name. There are also Lutons in Iowa, USA, and Ontario, Canada, not to mention one in Cebu Province in the Philippines. There are also other Lutons in the UK: there's a village of that name near Newton Abbot in Devon, and another near Chatham in Kent.
- Possibly the best-known other use of the term Luton is for the body type of a commercial van, where the container overlaps the driver's cab. It's called



a Luton because it was developed by Bedford, which was based in the town, and was designed specifically to carry high-volume, low-weight loads, such as the straw hats made in Luton.

- Luton is twinned with five other towns, three of which are in Germany. The German connections are Bergisch Gladbach in North Rhine-Westphalia, Wolfsburg and Berlin-Spandau. In addition it is also twinned with the French town Bourgoin-Jallieu and the Swedish town of Eskilstuna.
- The singer Lutan Fyah (born Anthony Martin in Spanish Town, Jamaica) is a reggae artist who was once a professional footballer with Constant Spring FC. The most recent of his 11 studio albums is the 2014 release Life of a King.



LIAM POTTER TELLS US EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TODAY'S VISITORS

**INTRODUCING LUTON TOWN**

**Luton Town are the visitors to the Kassam Stadium this afternoon. The Hatters have had a disappointing campaign this season, struggling to muster any of the promotion form that was tipped at the beginning of the season.**

This poor form led to the replacement of manager John Still, with Nathan Jones taking the helm in January. But consistency has plagued The Hatters' season and after three consecutive losses, they had dropped to 15th in League Two before Tuesday's win over Dagenham lifted them a place.

Last Tuesday, Nathan Jones' side narrowly beat the league's bottom club Dagenham & Redbridge 1-0 at Kenilworth Road thanks to Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's 37th-minute pile-driver, which lit up a dreary encounter that reflected the perception that Luton had nothing to play for.

**Lifted**

The win lifted the Hatters up to 14th place, just six points behind the play-off spots, although their current form would suggest that they remain just out of reach of a Luton side that won at home for the first time in four matches. Indeed, Ruddock Mpanzu's strike was the first goal that Luton had scored in the first half at home since 12th December, when Daggers' boss John Still took charge of his last Luton game.

After the win Jones praised himself for

discovering Ruddock Mpanzu's potential, saying:

"That's brilliant management from me for playing him in that position, if I'm honest. That's absolute brilliant management. He came here as a centre half, a defensive kind of player, and I played him as a number ten because I believe he has something so, I've got to be honest, I'm patting myself on the back."

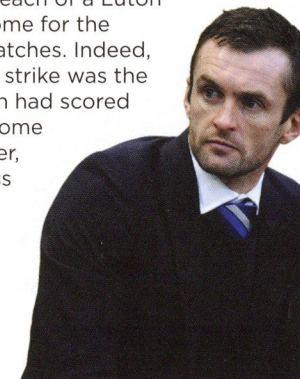
**Defeats**

Jones was quick to accept that the play-offs are probably a step too far for a side that had previously suffered three successive defeats.

"We're trying to play a certain way and I think we are achieving it. We had a brilliant run [in February and March], which got us in the hunt, and kind of gave us a bit of expectation of extending our season. That's when the euphoria got hold but we've plateaued a little bit and found where we are at the minute."

Jones is now focusing on returning to winning ways and gaining some end-of-season momentum to further cement his ideas with the players in preparation for next term.

"Rome wasn't built in a day but I'm pleased because we always try to do the right things. We're trying to build something and once we see the players we can go forward with and once we recruit the ones that we really, really know, ready-made ones, then hopefully we'll be a force to be reckoned with."



## MANAGER



### NATHAN JONES

Nathan Jones left his role as first-team coach at Brighton to become Luton manager on 6th January.

Jones had a varied playing career, starting with Merthyr Tydfil in 1991. He had a brief spell with Luton before spending a couple of years in Spain, returning to the UK to join Southend United in 1997.

Jones spent five seasons with Brighton before moving to Yeovil, where he was later assistant manager. He was under-21 coach at Charlton for a season before joining Brighton as assistant manager, with a brief spell as caretaker manager in 2014.

## THE LUTON TOWN SQUAD

# XI TO WATCH



- **Elliot Justham** - Goalkeeper  
Giving Mark Tyler some serious competition this season, Justham made his Football League debut in the 3-2 defeat at AFC Wimbledon in February last year and kept his place for the remainder of last season.
- **Stephen O'Donnell** - Defender  
Summer arrival from north of the border, O'Donnell signed from Partick Thistle with a real eye for goal. He started his career as a youngster at Celtic and has also played for the Scotland Under-21s.
- **Dan Potts** - Defender  
Another new face at Kenilworth Road, Potts is a full-back but operates on the left-hand flank. The 21-year-old joined Luton from West Ham, where he made five appearances in the Premier League.
- **Glen Rea** - Defender  
Highly rated young Brighton defender, who can also operate in midfield, Glen joined the Hatters on loan from the Championship club in March. Glen made his debut in a defensive midfield role in the 1-0 win at Plymouth.
- **Alan Sheehan** - Defender  
A cultured defender, Sheehan joined the Hatters on loan from Bradford City for the rest of the season in January. The left-footer can operate at either full-back or in central defence.
- **Jonathan Smith** - Midfielder  
Part of the squad that won the Conference title, the midfielder began his career at Morecambe. Smith, who was named players' player of the year last season, signed a new three-year contract with the club this summer.

• **Danny Green** - Midfielder  
Joined Luton last summer after MK Dons had cancelled the winger's contract, linking up with John Still, who had previously signed him for Dagenham who he helped win the League 2 Play-Offs.

• **Olly Lee** - Midfielder  
Central midfielder Lee joined the club from Birmingham City, having previously been on loan at Plymouth last season. Played under previous boss John Still when on loan at Dagenham & Redbridge from West Ham in 2011.

• **Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu** - Midfielder  
The direct, pacey youngster was an instant hit when signed on loan by John Still from the Hammers midway through the Conference title winning campaign. He joined Luton permanently in January 2014.

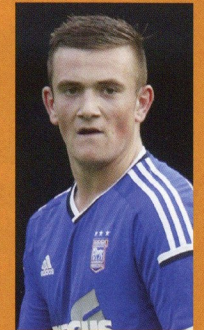
• **Josh McQuoid** - Forward  
McQuoid arrived at Kenilworth Road this summer having spent the previous three years at Premier League-bound Bournemouth. He spent last season out on loan in League 1 with Peterborough and Coventry.

## BEST OF THE REST

- **Craig King** - Goalkeeper  
Teenager who signed his first professional contract last summer.
- **Frankie Musonda** - Defender  
Centre-half and team captain, penned a professional contract this season.
- **Alex Lawless** - Midfielder  
Former Wales semi-pro international who joined Luton from York in 2011.
- **Cameron McGeehan** - Midfielder  
Joined permanently last summer having previously been on loan from Norwich.
- **Paul Benson** - Forward  
Signed on a season-long loan in 2013/14 from Swindon before joining permanently.
- **Zane Banton** - Forward  
A Town academy graduate, made his debut during their Conference title-winning campaign.
- **Joe Pigott** - Forward  
Signed on loan for the rest of the season from Championship side Charlton.

## STAR MAN - Forward JACK MARRIOTT

A talented young striker, Marriott made the move to Kenilworth Road last summer, having spent six years at Ipswich Town where he came through the Portman Road academy.



The forward only played twice for Ipswich in the Football League but gained experience out on loan over the past three seasons, including three spells at Woking in the Conference where he impressed in matches against the Hatters. Marriott also had loan spells with Gillingham, Carlisle and Colchester. After his contract with Ipswich wasn't renewed, Marriott signed a one-year deal with Luton in May 2015.

## THE ESSENTIAL LUTON TOWN

### GAME

After beating United over two legs in the semi-final, Luton reached the 1987/88 League Cup final, where they faced Arsenal at Wembley. Luton took the lead in the 13th minute through Brian Stein but quick-fire goals from Martin Hayes and Alan Smith midway through the second half gave the Gunners the lead. Danny Wilson equalised for Town with eight minutes remaining but in the final minute a foul on future U's winger Mark Stein enabled his brother to score the winner from the resulting free-kick.



### DATES

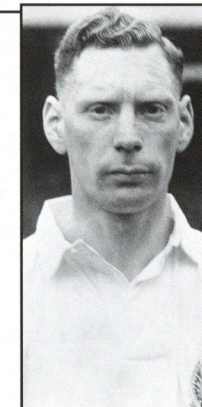
**1885** - club formed from merger of Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior  
**1897** - joined Football League  
**1955** - reached First Division  
**2014** - won the Conference Premier

### FACT

Luton Town were the first club in southern England to turn professional, making payments to players as early as 1890 and turning fully professional in 1891.

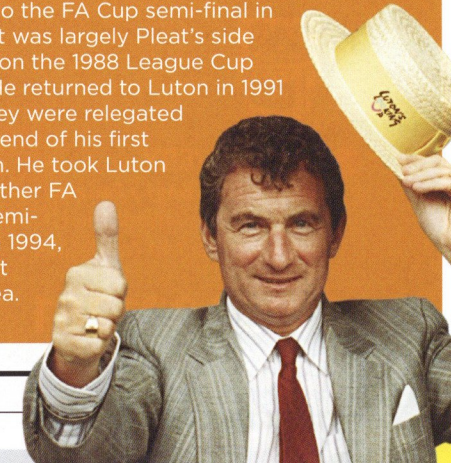
### PLAYER

**Syd Owen** joined Luton from Birmingham City in June 1947. He was made captain two years later and in 1954 he won three caps for England, including for a 4-4 draw against Belgium in the opening game of the 1954 World Cup finals in Switzerland. He was also twice selected for a Football League XI. In 1959 he was named the Football Writers Association Footballer of the Year. He was appointed player-manager of Luton in April 1959 and took charge of the club for the 1959 FA Cup final against Nottingham Forest. He resigned in April 1960.



## MANAGER

**David Pleat** played 70 league games for Luton between 1964 and 1967. He later managed the club, initially in January 1978. During his nine years in charge he led the Hatters into the First Division and took them to the FA Cup semi-final in 1985. It was largely Pleat's side that won the 1988 League Cup final. He returned to Luton in 1991 but they were relegated at the end of his first season. He took Luton to another FA Cup semi-final in 1994, against Chelsea.



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## THE DATA TODAY

What are the connections between United and Luton Town? What do the stats show? Who are the key players? The answers to all these questions can be found here.

First time we met  
**1st September 1970**



Luton Town 4



Oxford United 0

The first of several high-scoring games between Oxford and Luton went the way of the Hatters in a strange match that saw United do most of the attacking but the home side were more clinical with the few chances they created.

Luton took the lead in the 11th minute when David Court's corner was headed home by an unmarked Matt Tees. In the 24th

minute Rodney Smithson failed to clear and Malcolm MacDonald took advantage to make it 2-0. Six minutes before the break John Ryan's cross found Tees, who ran in on the blind side of the defence to give Mick Kearns no chance. MacDonald completed the scoring in the 57th minute when he latched onto Mike Keen's pass and rounded Kearns.

Att: 16,173

**Luton Town:** Read, Ryan, Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, MacDonald, Court, Tees, Keen, Givens

**United:** Kearns, Lucas, Shuker, Smithson, Clarke, Thompson, Sloan, G Atkinson, Skeen, Clayton, R Atkinson

### On this Day - 16th March

1955 - Headington United achieved their best Southern League win since joining the league six years earlier as they put seven without reply past Worcester City at the Manor. Three players scored two apiece, with Johnnie Crichton converting two penalties and John Skull and Harry Yates both also scoring braces, while John Varney also weighed in with a goal. Yates ended the season as top scorer with 25, the highest number since United joined the Southern League.



#### Oxford United

(v Crawley Town, 09/04/16, W5-1)



#### Last time out

#### Luton Town

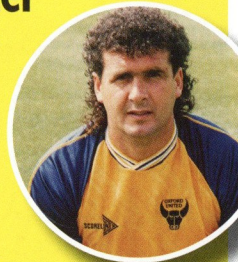
(v Dagenham & Redbridge, 12/04/16, W1-0)



## Played for both

Thirty-six players have been on the books of both Oxford United and Luton Town. How many can you name? (Answers below)

### Steve Foster



Steve Foster was an associate schoolboy at Southampton, but he turned professional with Portsmouth in 1973, initially as a centre-forward. He was converted into a defender by Ian St John before joining Brighton for £150,000 in July 1979. Foster won his three England caps in that time, including in the Spain 1982 World Cup squad. He also played for Brighton in their FA Cup final defeat to Manchester United in 1983.

In March 1984 Aston Villa paid £200,000 for him, but he was at Villa Park for just eight months before he joined Luton for £150,000. His 212 appearances for the Hatters included him captaining them to the 1988 League Cup win over Arsenal after Luton beat Oxford in the semi-finals.

Foster joined Oxford from Luton for £175,000 in the summer of 1989 and went on to make 112 appearances for United, the majority of them as captain, scoring 13 goals. He left Oxford in August 1992 and returned to Brighton on a free transfer, before retiring in May 1996 after relegation to the basement.

Steve Foster, Phil Gray, Milija Aleksic, John Dreyer, Darren Patterson, Gavin Johnson, John Sims, Trevor Aylott, Brian Lewis, Mark Stein, David Oldfield, Imre Varadi, Wayne Biggins, Colin Todd, Chrissy Allen, Lee Nogan, Courtney Pitt, Paul McLaren, Stuart Douglas, Chris Willmott, Steve Basham, Alan Judge, Scott Rendell, Adam Murray, Andy Burgess, Ashley Cain, Asa Hall, Lee Mansell, Jamie Hand, Jude Stirling, Tom Craddock, Craig McAllister, Harry Worley, Craig Nelthorpe, Simon Heslop, Dean Morgan

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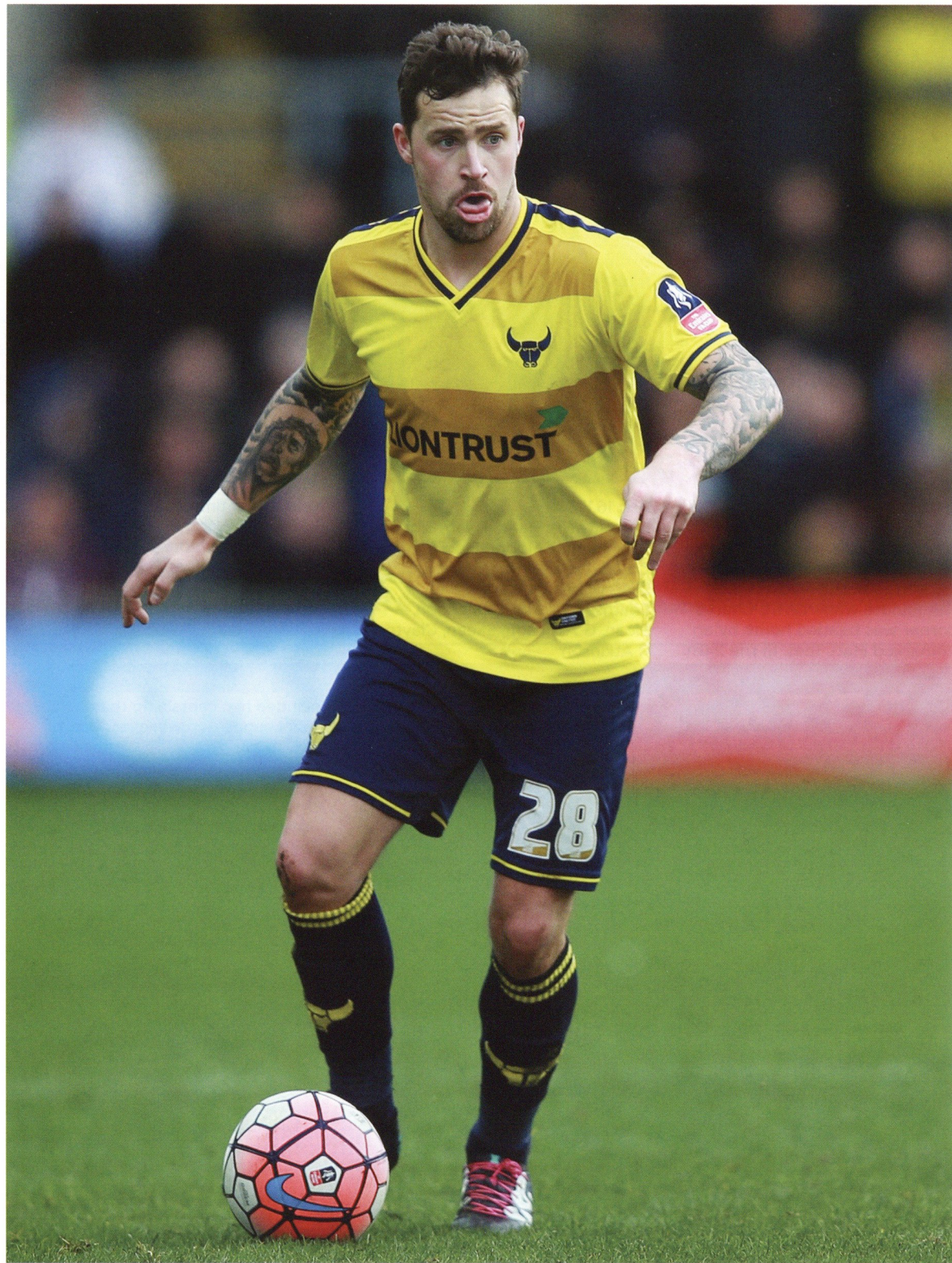
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# Chris gets his chance

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Chris Williams talks to Scottish winger Chris Maguire

**L**ast Saturday's 5-1 win at Crawley saw a return to the side and a return to the scoresheet for Chris Maguire. The Scotland international smashed home an equaliser in the first half then buried a penalty in the second to cap an excellent all-round performance and set up today's big game perfectly.

Chris has had to be a little patient for his chance in recent weeks but grabbed it with both hands. As we settled down for a chat at the training ground, my first question is whether he's naturally a patient person?

"Not really," he says in that broad Lanarkshire accent. "But it's never been a problem. I've worked with the manager before and got on well with him. We've got a good relationship and we had a chat. It's his decision to leave me out for a couple of games; obviously I'm not happy to be left out but you just keep working hard, don't let it affect you and look to prove him wrong when you get back in the team. He's been in the game and knows how it works and I think that's why he gets respect everywhere he goes."

**Straight**

"There are different types of manager out there who treat players differently. Send them to train with the kids, don't be near the first team, stuff like that. But the gaffer is straight with players,

says it like he sees it, and that's what players like and I think that's why he gets the best out of players. That's not always been the case with other managers! Some talk a good game then pass the buck on!"

It's easy to forget that at just 27, Chris has been playing senior football for the best part of 11 years:

"I was in the first team at 16 at Aberdeen so I broke into the team early and the manager at the time looked after me and didn't throw me into the deep end every week," he says. "I was getting that experience training with the first team and that's what you want as a young player: to play with the better players and see if you are up to that level, see how well you cope with it. I'm always confident in my own ability when I get an opportunity."

Confident and fully focussed, Chris is enjoying

**Did you know...**  
 In March 2012, Chris joined Championship side Portsmouth on loan from Derby County. Pompey were managed by Michael Appleton



his football with the U's and his experience is going to be invaluable over the next few weeks.

#### Older

"I think I'm third or fourth oldest," he says when I mention this. "I don't go out there feeling like an older player! Maybe not everyone out there knows how much experience I've had but I do know where I want to be and what I want to do, so I just have to go out there and try and get to where I want.

"I'll always try and help if people need a bit of encouragement or a telling off. There are right and wrong ways of doing it if you want people to respect your opinion. Right up until you stop playing, you can never afford to stop taking advice from anybody."

#### Decisions

Chris is currently in his second spell with the U's, having been on loan before Christmas and then joining on a permanent deal. It's a long way from home, but he feels he has definitely

made the right decision.

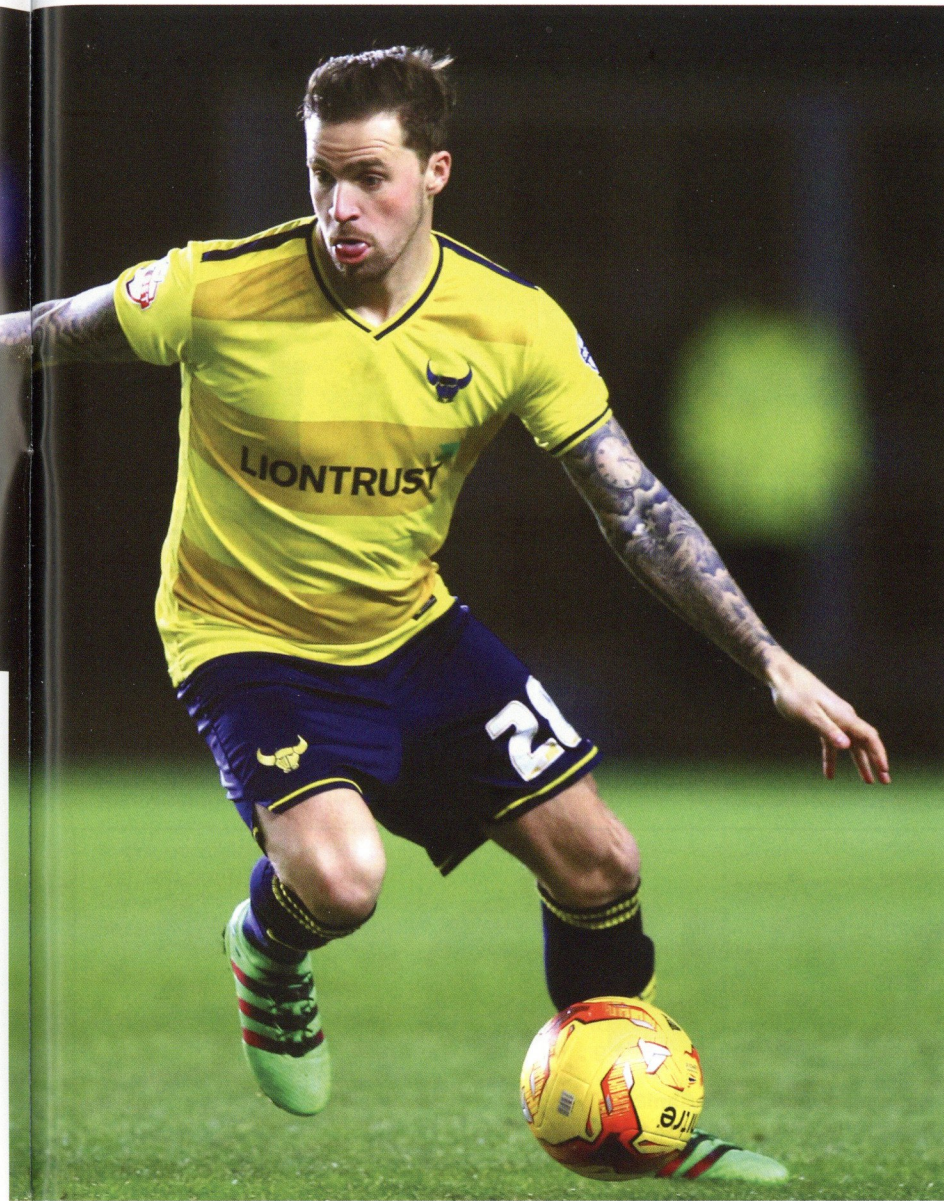
"People may have doubted why I came to Oxford from the Championship, but it goes in one ear and out the other," he smiles. "I don't take notice of that. I know what I can do, and people around me know what I can do. It's tough being so far away. I have two kids back in Scotland who I don't see much of right now. Things like that are in your mind sometimes. You can't just jump in a car and go and see your mates and your family. You have to be strong and block that out to concentrate on what you want to do, and the main thing for me has always been to play football. I've spent a lot of my life sitting in hotels, but that's part and parcel of the game! You just miss a few home comforts and I'm a home bird who likes to be in my own surroundings and able to cook, play the Playstation or whatever, just relax."

#### Pressure

There's not much room for relaxation right now as the pressure builds on



**Did you know...**  
Chris has been capped twice for Scotland, winning his first cap in a 3-0 win over Northern Ireland in February 2011



**“the gaffer is straight with players, says it like he sees it, and that's what players like and I think that's why he gets the best out of players. That's not always been the case with other managers! Some talk a good game then pass the buck on!”**

the teams at the top. "As a footballer you always want a bit of pressure," Chris says. "If you can't deal with it then there's no point being a footballer. There are five games left and promotion is the main thing. I think it's fair to say that Northampton have won the league now, they are too far ahead even if it's possible in numbers. But we feel confident in ourselves for second spot. People keep looking at and talking about other results but it's in our own hands. If we keep doing what we have to do in the next three games then it's ours to lose really."

#### Experience

Oxford against Luton is a unique fixture that has been played in each of the top five divisions in England but that much talked about experience shines through when I ask Chris about today's match.

"Obviously now I'm looking at the division and Luton are in mid-table so it can go either way," he says. "I have been in exactly that position myself when I was at Sheffield Wednesday and we played at Bournemouth when we were safe and had nothing really to play for, but we won and spoiled their promotion party.

"That's how it can go and that's what I'd be saying to the players if I was their manager; let's ruin Oxford's chances. They will come with a game plan and it's up to us to play our own game and overcome it. But we are confident in our own abilities and hopefully we can get the win and another important three points." ●




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FROM THE BACK ROOM

# ROAD TO RECOVERY

**It's been a little while since I last wrote some notes, and the treatment room has been a busy place with some little knocks and niggles and other more serious injuries.**

Everyone felt for Joe Skarz when he had to drop out of training on Saturday morning before Wembley. Nobody wants to miss a game like that, but his groin just wouldn't settle after the Cambridge game. We tried every possible treatment to get him right, but he was honest with us early on in the session and had to drop out.



Joe Skarz  
@joe\_skarz

Gutted but Day 1 of rehab ticked off and what a first day 🙄😭😭😭😭

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Scans have shown us the extent of damage caused at Cambridge, and it is a credit to Skarzy that he was able to battle through and finish the game.

### Similar

At present he is responding well to initial treatment and doing well with his rehab alongside Ryan Taylor. Both injuries are actually very similar and both are very close in their time frames for recovery. This has helped massively as they have been able to complete some of the more mundane exercises with some company.

The fitness sessions we have been completing have been extremely tough, enabling me to work both

their injuries without too much stress and also their cardiovascular systems to the max. We all hate, but secretly enjoy, pushing each other to the limit at times. Both have been fantastic in their commitment to getting right for next season already.

### Severe

Josh Ruffels took a pretty severe hit last weekend, resulting in him having to come off. This settled quickly with

treatment and Ruffs returned to training at the end of the week. When I initially got to Ruffs on the pitch I feared the worse, as he is not one to show too much pain but luckily there was no lasting damage apart from a few scars to show for it.

Sam Long is unfortunately back with us in the treatment room after pulling his quad slightly. This should only be a short-term visit to see me but it is terrible luck for a player who has already had his fair share of injuries this season.

With three home games left it would be amazing to fill the Kassam on every occasion. Your support all season has been priceless and is even more needed as the season closes in. Cheers, Procs. #oufc

Andrew Proctor BSc MCSP SRP  
Head of Sports Science and  
Medicine



 ON THE ROAD

# Wembley

WEMBLEY PARK

Chris Williams walks the Wembley way...

**It starts even before I board the train. I walk down the ramp at Haddenham & Thame Parkway and there's Mish, my old friend, who needs a pre-Wembley hug**

I edge along and Harry, KJ and Luke, three lads I coached for Thame under 18s, are there, swigging from cans and ready for a big day out. I taught them well. Alex walks past and slaps me firmly on the back. On the train are photographer Darrell and '86 hero Les Phillips. The atmosphere is electric even before we see the arch. At the top of the steps a tot, maybe three years old, is decked out in yellow with her mum and dad. Mark Gardener of Ride is here. Even Adam Jankiewicz, who was once me, has flown in from Dubai. This is the Yellow Army and today we march to the arch.

### Selfies

At the bottom of Wembley Way I meet the chairman, who has completed three laps of the pitch at dawn. His hardy board of directors

gather around him and chat to the BBC, taking time out to pose for countless selfies. Jamie Brooks wanders past with his young boys. We have a little hug. I spot former players James Constable, Mark Creighton, Eddie Odhiambo, Andy Melville. Once you are in the Oxford family you are in it for life.

I climb up Wembley Way with my wife and daughters and we stand in the shadow of the Bobby Moore statue. In 2010 we stood here with my dad. Today I am wearing his watch in his honour. My girls know this and give me a little hug. My son was on the 8.10 train and is somewhere in the pub, just as I was in 1986. Hug avoidance. Kelvin Thomas, former chairman, stood here with me six years ago and texts to tell me to enjoy my day. There are tons of messages from just about every club in the land.

The press entrance is hidden in a dark corner of the stadium and security is tight. Zack Goldman meets me there and takes

the video camera to go and film the scenes outside for the commemorative DVD when we win. I take the lift to the press area and am hugged by half a dozen of the press corps. The Oxford Mail posse are piling into the buffet already. I later catch Jon Murray on his fourth course out of three.

### Mallett

I go down the steps and stand on the pitch next to the trophy. I am joined by Timmy Mallett so he can be interviewed by Sky. Presenter Jamie Weir gets carried away during a game of 'Mallett's Mallet' and smacks Timmy a little too firmly on the head with the microphone. Timmy is a trouper and smiles keenly through the concussion but Jamie is genuinely concerned and I later hear him telling people in the press box how bad he felt for doing it.

At 12.45 Barnsley (black suits) arrive and look confident as



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they stride on to the pitch. At 1pm, on the dot, the U's (navy suits) stroll in looking relaxed. They are in the East dressing room – the away one – the opposite to six years ago. The dressing rooms are massive, with three different areas. The kit is up and they go for a walk on the fantastic lush turf of Wembley. Johnny Mullins does a little interview for Sky, then Michael talks to them at 2.00 and now my pre-match work is done.

I sprint up the steps to see if the Mail have left any buffet. There are the usual pre-kick-off teething problems; I get frantic calls from Darrell who isn't going to be able to get to us to hand over his pictures at half time. I can't get on the Wi-Fi. Mrs Williams demands a programme. I sort all these things out and am ready for kick off.

### Cagey

As expected, it is a cagey opening and the two sides are feeling each other out. You wouldn't tell which was a League 1 side and which from a division below. My seat is in the away side of the ground but all I can hear is the yellow wall of noise from my left. When Alex MacDonald crosses and Callum rises to head home I punch the air and wish with all my heart that I was in with the fans.

"Long way to go," I warn at half time as assorted press types start asking me to arrange interviews after the game.

There were flames and

rockets before the kick off and I expect Barnsley to face similar from their manager at half time. Sure enough they have more purpose and tempo when the game restarts, but United are defending superbly and either side could score.

There are shades of 2010 when Chey does a Clarke and puts into his own net, but then a lucky deflection runs the Tykes way and they are 2-1 up, made 3-1 with a good goal from the excellent Hammill who sky walks through to force the ball past Benji.

### Hope

Those same journos are now asking the Barnsley press officer about those post-match interviews. I am playing catch up and struggling but Zack grabs my arm to make me watch the game just as Danny Hylton heads home to make it 3-2. Take that Hammill. A New Hope.

It is fast, it is frantic and the Yellow Army do all they can to magic up a third goal. United leave gaps at the back but Barnsley are more interested in running the clock down; they do that very well and if there is a lesson to be learnt then it is hopefully for next season: League One sides have that game management thing down to a tee. Obviously except Swindon.

As the board goes up for six minutes of added time I abandon my post and sneak down the steps to sit at the back of the Barnsley bench. They are doing their nuts, bouncing up and down and urging their players to 'take it in the corner'. At the final whistle they

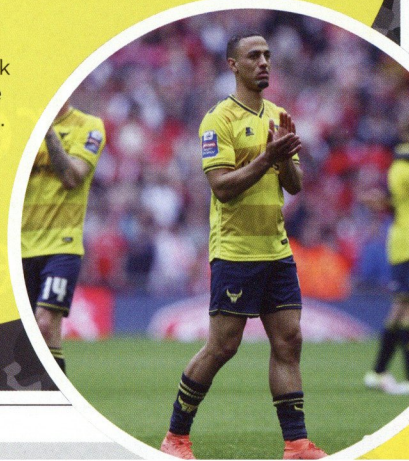
burst on to the pitch as though they have won the cup. Oh, right.

### Horrible

United take a well-deserved lap of honour. They have given it their all. I stand beside them as they applaud Barnsley up the steps to lift the trophy. This is a horrible place to be and as soon as they can they make for the sanctuary of the dressing rooms. 'Only the JPT', I hear a departing fan say. Hmm, not so sure.

A few hours later and everyone – players, management, staff and families – is in the Hilton Hotel having a quiet beer. There is no drowning of sorrows because there is nothing to feel sad about. A proper game of football, a fantastic cup run and a Wembley appearance. It may be a final, but it feels like the start. Six games left, six more cup finals. IF (big IF) we need a second Wembley appearance this season then this has been an invaluable experience. Me? I don't reckon we will need a return visit.

It's late when I catch the train home. It has been hard work but it has been such a memorable day to be involved with. Plus I have never had so many hugs, ever. Upwards, onwards. Move forward. Together. ●



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The club has this week offered local lads Aaron Heap, Dan Carr and Nathan Baker the same scholarship opportunity.

Aaron is a midfielder who has been with the club since the under 9s. Dan is a full back, while Nathan is also a midfielder.

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SHIELD

Before the game today there will be a presentation of a cheque for £2,000 made to the Oxford United Youth and Community Trust as United's share of the funds raised by the 2015 FA Community Shield between Arsenal and Chelsea. This fund was generated by the general admission ticket income net of match expenses, plus all profits from the sale of the match programme. This amounted to 40 per cent of the total match day income.

Each competing club was allocated a share of the fund to donate to community initiatives, while a section of the fund was allocated to the 124 eligible clubs (those that participated from the first round proper of the FA Cup last season) to donate to up to three local charities or community-based initiatives.

The remainder of the fund will be donated to The FA charity partners. Breast Cancer Care was chosen by the FA Community Shield Distribution Committee and FA Group staff following a robust selection process, and will be The FA's official charity partner until July 2016.

## IN THE NEWS

All the latest from the Yellows

# PLAYER OF THE SEASON VOTING

**The end of season awards for the 2015/16 season are not too far away and we are offering fans a chance to help choose the winners in two categories this season: Supporters' Player of the Year and Unsung Hero.**

The Supporters' Player of the Year receives the magnificent Andrew Knaptown Memorial Trophy, this year sponsored by Wellers. Andrew was the voice of the London Road at the Manor and this year sees the 15th presentation of the trophy that his friends and fellow supporters provided in his name.

## So who is YOUR Player of the season?

The voting is now open. Just visit

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We are also asking for your nominations for Unsung Hero. This can be anyone associated with the club: a supporter, a member of staff, a volunteer. Anyone who you believe deserves recognition for the way they help the club. Do you know someone who goes the extra mile for the U's? Then let us know and we will draw up a shortlist. All you need to do is visit <http://bit.ly/OUFCUnsungHeroVote> to let us know who you nominate and why.

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## JOSH WARBURTON

Over the course of the season, Josh has worked tirelessly to improve his game. His work rate and commitment have been outstanding and this has resulted in consistently strong performances in both training and games.

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# FROM WEMBLEY TO CRAWLEY

We don't know what we're doing

**It was good to get back on the radio last weekend. The Crawley match seemed a world away from Wembley and not in an entirely bad way. It was just us again.**

On a normal Saturday we all seem to know what we're doing. There's an unwritten script that somehow everyone works from and sticks to. Having more people about is obviously a good thing but it complicates life, doesn't it? I am talking about a radio broadcast, but I am sure it is true of the team and it's definitely true of supporters.

Unlike at Wembley, with 34,000 Oxford fans making up more than half the crowd, at Crawley with 1,500 making up half the attendance, we could hear the words to all the chants and songs clearly. All the songs were all where they're supposed to be, so we could speak up over the rude bits. My timing was off when the goalkeeper took a goal kick in front of the travelling contingent though, so unfortunately everyone back in Oxfordshire was aware that United fans didn't rate him, apparently.

It was Nathan and Selfy and me in the ground for Radio Oxford, it was the producer of the programme, Ross Heaton, back at base. It may not always sound like it, but we know what we're doing. At Wembley we needed more staff. There was more to see and to cover, just more people and angles to report on. We have great staff at BBC Radio Oxford and many

of them who you listen to on a weekday morning were there to reflect what was happening on the roads and rails on the march to the arch; what was happening on Wembley Way as well as inside the stadium. If you heard the build-up shows on your way to Wembley, you'll know it was a great listen.

But for the sports department it was a stress. It was like being a parent. We were getting asked loads of questions all the time and we had to come up with an answer, often when we weren't sure ourselves. We couldn't really admit that while we were at Wembley in 2010, the whole day we were so filled with terror about what would happen if United lost that none of us can remember anything that happened before Alfie scored.

When the match started at Wembley this year it was fun. A great game, and ok not the perfect end, but fun nonetheless. I will remember it fondly.

I can't say whether the Crawley game will stand out in my memory in decades to come, but I can say that I enjoyed it every bit as much, if not more than the match in north-west London six days earlier.

*Jerome Sale*

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# The Big Question

## Who was United's best-ever player?

**W**e've had best goalie, best defender, best midfielder, best attacker, even best header, but who was the best-ever Oxford United player? Our panel considers the options.



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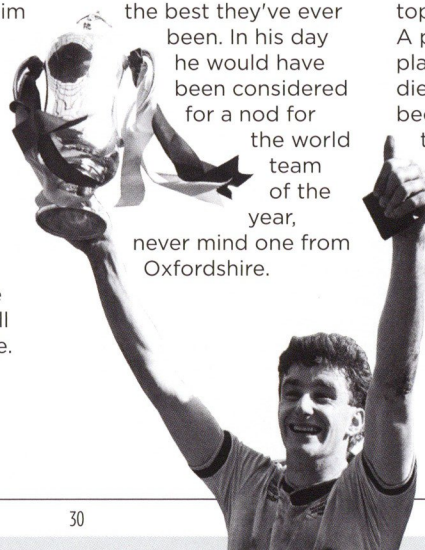
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(Supporter)

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(Programme editor)

What a difficult question but two players stand out for me for very different reasons. Big Ron Atkinson certainly was not the most talented player but his leadership by example propelled little Headington United into the Football League and on to the Championship. The Tank never knew when he was beaten and played a massive part in United's history. However the number one award must go to Scouser John Aldridge. A world-class striker at every level. What a player and we've not seen the like before or after his departure to Liverpool.

I hate this question. So many great players and so many memories. But the best player I have ever seen in an Oxford shirt was **David Langan**. He knew he was on his last legs after serious injury but he played with such passion and such heart. The sight of him bombing forward from right back with his socks down and shin pads flapping was incredible, but he would then provide the perfect cross at the end of it. Inspirational and, because I was in the Osler Road, it was all right in front of me. Brilliant!

Ok, so I'm a fan. I am clear that the best ever Oxford United player award should go to... **John Aldridge**. You want a reason or two? He scored the most goals per game for the club. He was in his pomp when Oxford were also the best they've ever been. In his day he would have been considered for a nod for the world team of the year, never mind one from Oxfordshire.



The best player to ever don the shirt for United was one of Brian Talbot's first loan signings for West Brom. The following year he signed permanently for the Mighty Yellows, weighing in with 15 goals and becoming United's top scorer of 1989/90. A pacy, attack-minded player with a never-say-die attitude, he quickly became a favourite with the fans. By the time I saw him put four past Luton Town in November 1992, he had earned his infamous beverage-related nickname. And that is why John Durnin is United's greatest ever player.

There are so many contenders for this particular crown that I'm beginning to wish I'd never asked the question! I would expect most people would look to the Wembley '86 team for their candidate, and as that side is surely the club's most successful, why not? However, there have been other individuals over the years who have made their mark and none more so than Matty Elliott. Matty was not only a formidable defender but also weighed in with more than his fair share of goals. He remains the club's record sale and received belated international recognition. Imperious!



**Tim Gardner @timbo8101**

For me Matty Elliott was the best I saw-always will hold a place in my heart for Paul Moody though!

**Brian Spittles @Bspittles**

Roy Burton for me. Some of the saves in front of the London Road were magnificent.

**Simon @sms19661**

Best ever player has to be John Aldridge for me. Made the most impact of anyone in the time was with us.

**Pete Chilton @petechilton**

Gary Briggs. No words needed.

**Richard Adams @comberichie**

My vote would have to be Joey Beauchamp. Will always remember that goal against Blackpool, one of the best ever

**DB OUFC @BrushBowler**

Joey Beauchamp on the wing, no other #oufc could go past numerous opposing players the way he did & some world class finishes too

**OUFC up North @OUFCupNorth**

Although he only tipped me £1 when I delivered his papers in 1988 Gary Briggs gets my vote... hard as nails

**Mr B @oufcwestoxon76**

Mine's Jim Magilton: this lad was a level above his vision & range of passing. Sublime player

**Matt Turner @maffa3009**

Gary Briggs: uncompromising defender who forwards hated playing against when football was a man's game

**Lorraine Milburn @AgutterLorraine**

Despite temptation to plump for my pre-teenage crush, Andy Thomas, we're sensibly opting for John Aldridge!

**The Window Film Co @thewindowfilmco**

We've had a chat in the

office and it has to be Malcolm Shotton - simply for "that" Wembley cap!

**Neil Smythe @NeilSmythe**

For impact, Aldo can't be beaten. But for sheer talent and skill, Joey is the finest I ever saw at #oufc

**Mr Ransley @YellowTilldie**

Joey Beauchamp without any doubt but shout out for Bud, #oufc first real legend



**Tim Davies @TimD84**

Someone who went under the radar more often than not but was better then people remember. Simon Clist

**#MrReliable**

**Justin Horton @ejhchess**

Matt Elliott stands out in his position more than any other player I can think of

**paul @paul81\_**

For me it's Joey

Beauchamp. On his day he was impossible to stop. Watching him destroy defenders was brilliant



**Hyltoninho @joel\_redpath14**

In my lifetime I'd probably have to say

James Constable or Kemar Roofe. All time probably Aldridge?

**Phil Gilman @bookiemonster81**

For me it has to be Joey Beauchamp.

Don't tell the wife

but my son is named after him

**Steve @rockroller\_ste**

Matty Elliott. An absolute beast up top. Not a bad centre half, either.



**Stephen Hepworth**

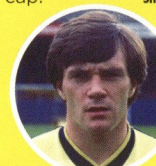
Hugh Curran - I remember watching him at the Manor when we played Sunderland in the year they beat Leeds for the FA Cup and Hugh scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 win - Happy days!

**Ben Morphy**

How about that great quality defender Matt

Elliott who use to bang in plenty of goals too.

**Sharon Manders**



How do you choose? There are so many greats that have played, we have been lucky.

**Brian Gosling**

Ray Houghton for skill and John

Aldridge for sheer goal scoring ability tho of course Billy Hamilton and John Aldridge for the deadliest combo

**Gary Thomas**

Andy Thomas what a class player until he broke his leg

**Michael Weir**

Mal Shotton and/or Gary Briggs. I bet most of



the Premier League would love central defenders like them

**Russell Dean**

John Aldridge,,, first touch awful, second touch lethal

**Julian Ayres**

Aldridge did it at the highest level as did Houghton. Elliot went on & did it at Leicester as we all knew he could. Joey could have made it, but only wanted to play for Oxford & why not. For me it's



Houghton

**Jake Norman**

Kemar Roofe, turned our season around, for the team we are he's the best and we shall continue to expect good things from him

**Simon Jaggs**

It's impossible to select a 'best ever' player even from the 44 years I been going. Hebbard, Houghton, Aldridge, Brock, Curran, Burton etc etc. too many to pick from.

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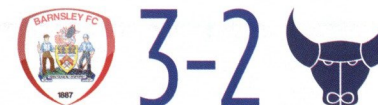


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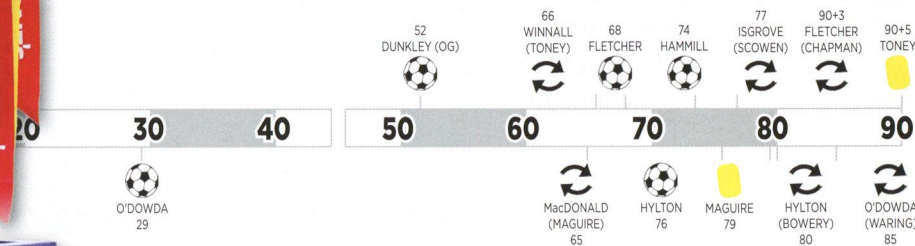
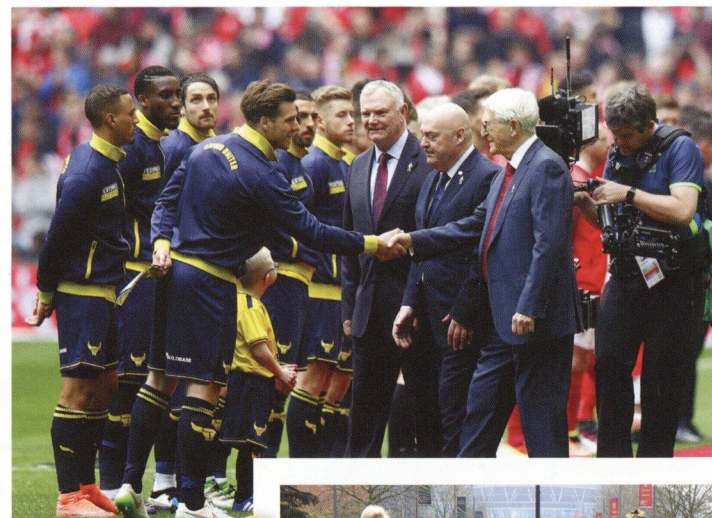
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**BARNLSLEY** **OXFORD UNITED**

Dunkley (52 og), Fletcher (68), Hammill (74) O'Dowda (29), Hylton (76)



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Despite taking a first-half lead, United were just edged out by League One Barnsley in a thrilling Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley Stadium last Sunday.

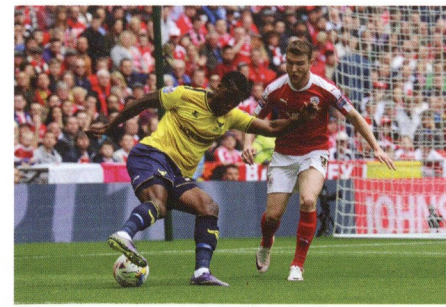
Oxford made much of the running in the first half, with Jordan Evans forcing Adam Davies into a save from a free-kick 25 yards out before centre-back Chey Dunkley's Cruyff turn in the Barnsley penalty area wrong-footed everyone, but a defender was able to block Johnny Mullins' shot. Benji Büchel tipped over Adam Hammill's long-range effort but it was the U's who took the lead when Alex MacDonald reacted to Danny Hylton's neat back-heal to send over a cross that Callum O'Dowda headed past Davies.

The lead lasted until the sixth minute of the second half, when Hammill's superb cross towards Sam Winnall was diverted past Büchel by the unfortunate Dunkley. The Tykes took the lead in the 68th minute after Mullins had done well to block an Ivan Toney shot. However, the ball fell nicely for Ashley Fletcher, who fired home despite Jonjoe Kenny's best efforts to block the shot on the line.

Oxford almost levelled when Liam Sercombe's deflected shot brought out an excellent one-handed save by Davies but Barnsley's win was sealed with a superb individual goal from Hammill, whose curling shot from outside the area was beyond the reach of Büchel.

United pulled a goal back just two minutes later when Kemar Roofe dug out a right-wing cross that Hylton headed powerfully home from 12 yards, but despite plenty of endeavour from Oxford, the trophy headed to Yorkshire.

United had performed admirably on the big stage with a performance that will give them heart going into the remaining few games of the season. ●



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### Barnsley

A Davies, A Mawson, G Williams, M Roberts, A White, A Hammill, C Hourihane, J Brownhill, L Isgrove (J Scowen, 77), S Winnall (I Toney, 66), A Fletcher (H Chapman, 89)

#### MATCH FACTS

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4		SHOTS OFF TARGET		4
7		CORNERS		6
9		FOULS		9
56		POSSESSION %		44

### United

B Büchel, J Kenny, J Evans, C Dunkley, J Mullins, J Ruffels, A MacDonald (C Maguire, 65), L Sercombe, C O'Dowda (G Waring, 85), D Hylton (J Bowery, 80), K Roofe

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# OFF THE BALL

## ALL THINGS GLITTERY

Chris Williams gets strictly down to business...

**So there I am, minding my own business, and in comes Dan Bond. I am aware that Bondy is (in)famous around the club but less well known to fans.**

That is because he is a shy and retiring individual who keeps himself to himself and rarely searches for the spotlight. That's right for someone so nerdy: Bondy is our chief video analyst and spends his days watching games of football over and over again. He observes, he jots things down and he compiles great long lists of data. He is the man who put the list into analyst.

#### Stupid

So I am there when he takes a break from staring at a monitor. There is concern all over his little face. "I've done something stupid," he confides in me. Which is how he often starts his conversations, but this time I know it is serious because he isn't smiling. It's like approaching Dover without seeing the white cliffs. Unnatural.

"I've signed up for Strictly Oxford," he says. And I laugh. Lots. "You can't dance," I tell him. "I know," says Bondy. "Or sing," I say. "Unnecessary," he replies.

And he tells me a sad story about how everyone on the team bus after the win away at Millwall was asked if they would dance on stage at Oxford's New Theatre as part of Strictly Oxford. "And they all said no, and then the Chairman asked me, right after an away win, and I was emotionally vulnerable," he almost cries...

So I comfort him and tell him everything will be OK. It's for a great cause. It's for Vale House, a specialist dementia care home in Sandford, just around the corner

from the ground. Just stop worrying about it. But most of all, practice. Lots.

#### Determination

And, bless him, he does. Every Sunday, every day off, he is at it with his dance partner Katy. There is a determination in Daniel that you usually only see when he's avoiding his round. The players help me out with a couple of videos where they mock his dancing - Chey, Sercs, Mulls, Macca; all of them express their doubts over his suitability for this competition. But all of the players sponsor him or support him in some way. Unbelievably, he really IS representing the whole club when he takes to the stage tomorrow.

The competition has raised over £100,000 since it launched in 2012 and it's not too late to help Dan. "I might not win the dancing. No, correct that. I won't win the dancing," he told me on Monday, "but people have been really kind and I'm well over the £1,000 mark for sponsorship. It should be a good night and although I'm dreading it I am also kind of looking forward to it. It has been a great experience, whatever happens on the night."

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Chris Williams



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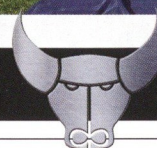
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### Neil Smillie

Neil Smillie began his career with Crystal Palace, moving to Brighton in 1982. He played against Manchester United in the 1983 FA Cup final before moving to Watford for £100,000 at the start of the 1985/86 season. It was Smillie who Dave Langan beat before crossing for Aldridge's goal. However, he made just 16 appearances in his three years at Vicarage Road before moving on to Reading. He later played for Brentford and Gillingham before turning to management, first with the Gills and then with Wycombe Wanderers.

### Trevor Heberd

Trevor Heberd had joined Oxford from Southampton in March 1982 as part of the deal that saw Mark Wright move to the Dell. It was during the 1985/86 season that he really began to shine, revelling in his midfield role. He made 56 appearances this season, more than any other player except captain Malcolm Shotton, and scored six goals, including the first in the Milk Cup final.

### Canon League Division One, 09/04/86 Oxford United 1 Watford 1

United's last home game before Wembley glory was memorable mainly for the return of Billy Hamilton, who had been out of action for the previous seven months with injury. However, it was fellow Irishman John McClelland who almost ruined Oxford's party as he put Watford ahead after just six minutes; future United player David Bardsley shot, Briggs cleared the ball against the post and McClelland buried the rebound. Tony Coton kept out David Langan and Ray Houghton before Langan crossed for the unmarked John Aldridge to head home. United should have won when, in the 87th minute, Aldridge chased a long through ball and headed it past the stranded Coton, only for McClelland to clear off the line. ●

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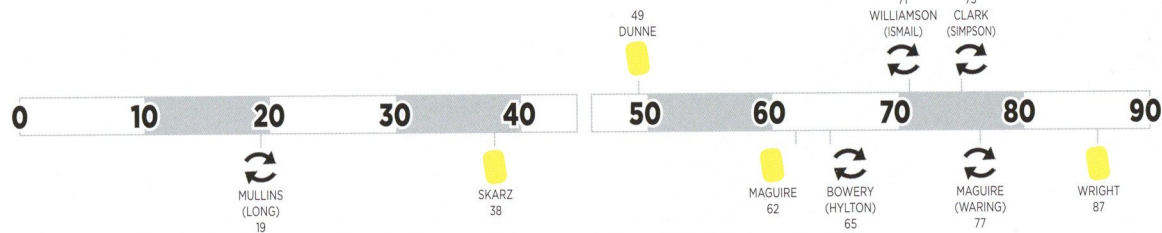
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Neither side prevailed in the Easter Monday battle of the U's in a hard-fought game which saw defences come out on top.

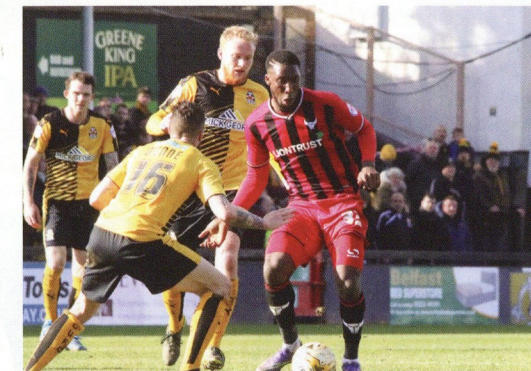
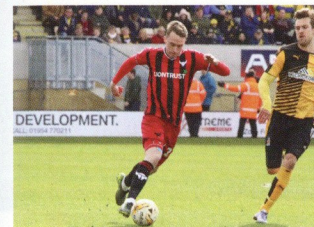
In difficult blustery conditions it was the home side who had the early half chances, with Cambridge skipper Luke Berry heading wide from dangerous crosses on a couple of occasions. Berry was also culpable of missing a couple of chances when well placed.

Chris Maguire did well to make space before shooting narrowly wide at the start of the second half while Alex MacDonald's long-range drive was straight at Cambridge keeper Will Norris. Josh Ruffels tried his best to worm into the Cambridge area but was stopped by a clutch of defenders and there were penalty claims for both sides waved away by referee Mark Haywood.

By the end of the afternoon both sides had to settle for a point, leaving Oxford still unbeaten on the road in 2016. ●



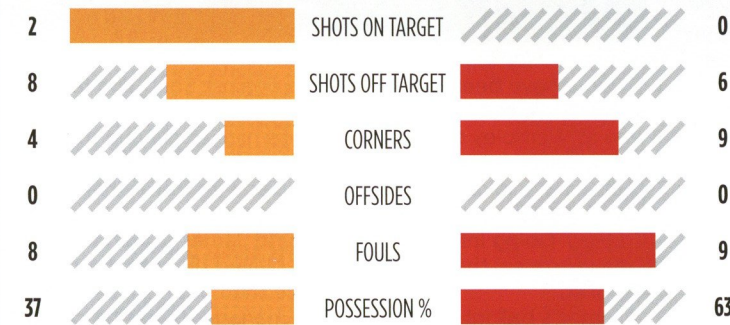
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Cambridge

W Norris, L Legge, J Coulsen, D Furlong, R Haynes, H Dunk, L Berry, J Dunne, M Clark (R Simpson, 75), B Williamson (Z Ismail, 71), J Spencer

MATCH FACTS



United

B Büchel, J Skarz, J Mullins (S Long, 19), C Dunkley, J Wright, A MacDonald, J Ruffels, L Sercombe, C Maguire (G Waring, 77), J Bowery (D Hylton, 65), K Roope

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# One of our own

Callum O'Dowda speaks to Martin Brodetsky

**The Kidlington Kid was at the centre of attention two weeks ago. Callum O'Dowda scored at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final to give the U's the lead over League 1 Barnsley.**

I asked Callum how he remembered the goal: "I burst my gut to get in the box," he told me, "and Macca did all the work for me, I just had to finish it off. His ball in was excellent, I thought; he put it on a plate for me, as they say. As soon as it went in it was like 'Oh, wow!' It was that kind of feeling and then turning around and seeing the whole yellow crowd, it was amazing!"

And what was going through his mind after the goal?

"Nothing really! You could see by my celebration it was all a bit frantic. Kind of similar to my mindset! It would have been better to score in front of the Oxford fans. I've had a lot of stick for not going to celebrate with them."

## Important

The following weekend Callum was on the scoresheet again, giving United the lead as they came from a goal down at Crawley. I suggested that this was the more important goal.

"Obviously, for me as well, the JPT final was a good day out but you've got to focus on the league. That's what we said at the start of the season. The Wembley trip was nice and



it would have been nice to win there but if we'd won at Wembley and lost at Crawley, what would people have taken? You'd have taken the points at Crawley. Going into the Crawley game, that was the mindset.

"Jonjoe's ball into Hylts was good and Hylts was on the same wavelength as me. It's always good when you've got someone up front doing the same stuff so you know what you're doing. And obviously it was a different position for me. The last time I played there

was against Southend last year when we lost 3-2, so it was nice to play up top again. It's a position I'm familiar with from when I played for the youth team behind James Roberts. I've not played there that much since then but it's nice that the manager thinks he can trust me in those positions as well.

## Drift

"There were times in the game when I would naturally drift out wide but then again you've got Chris Maguire who's on



the left as well so if I did go out too much we all had the understanding of where to be and what to do."

It's not only for club that Callum has been hitting the target; he also scored for the Republic of Ireland under-21 side against Slovenia during the international break over Easter weekend.

"First of all the game that we played against Italy we managed to go 1-0 up through an own goal. I had chances in the game where I nearly scored; I had a one on one where I came in at an angle but that was a really tough game and Italy are a really good opposition.

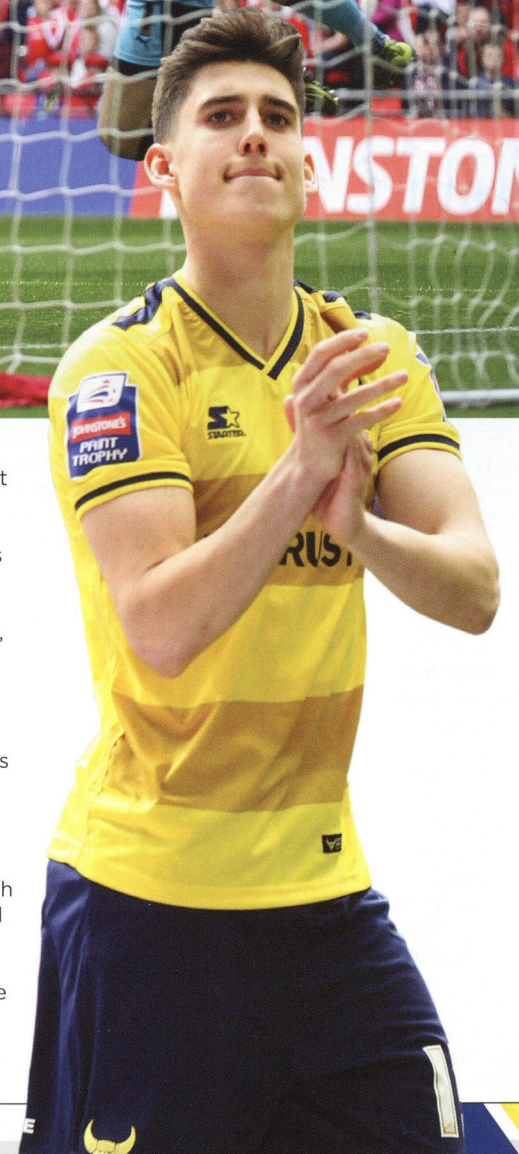
"The Slovenia game was different in that we had

the ball more but they just caught us on the counter too many times and we conceded too many goals from set pieces. To score a goal against Slovenia was another good feeling, although the scoreline wasn't that great."

## Huge

Finally, what are Callum's thoughts on today's huge game?

"We're still on track, still second in the league so we've just got to take each game at a time. Luton will be a tough game; they'll bring a few as well but I think if we approach it the same way as usual we'll be ok." ●



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# The latest... United's Dev Squad

We take a look at the development squad with Chris Allen

## Oxford United 1 North Leigh 0

Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final  
Tuesday 5th April, Court Place Farm

**A thoroughly entertaining Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final ended with Oxford United going through by the closest of margins against North Leigh.**

An own goal from Sam Elkins sent the U's through against a battling North Leigh side reduced to ten men for much of the second half after Elliott Osborne-Ricketts' red card.

In their red and black kit, the U's set the tempo from the very start and a slick move in the third minute ended with the dangerous **James Roberts** thumping in a volley from the edge of the box that impressive keeper James Foster was grateful wasn't a yard further away from him.

### Tipped

Jack Stevens made a better save as he somehow tipped away a Lance Williams header on six minutes before former United youth team keeper Foster got down well to palm away another effort from Roberts.

The game then settled down before Jonny Giles once again tested Foster with a 20-yard effort that was destined for the top corner until the tip of Foster's fingers took it over the bar. In between those efforts at goal there was plenty of competitive football, with three yellow cards in the first half (two for the U's) and a string of stern challenges in the centre of the park.

Youth team top scorer George

Jeacock had one effort with a low shot that Foster blocked at his near post but it was a striker at the other end of his career, Jamie Cook, who rolled back the years by beating Robbie Cundy with a superb turn early in the second half that led to a free kick from which Stuart Hole whipped his shot against the bar.

### Competitive

It was proper cup football but that competitive edge spilled over after 55 minutes when Osborne-Ricketts flew into a fierce challenge on Giles that led to a red card, and that proved to be the key moment as United made the extra man tell.

Roberts was denied by an astonishing save from Foster but then on 61 minutes the goal that United had been threatening finally came. Jeacock was the key man when he floated in from the left and looked to send the ball towards the far post. Elkins had other ideas and tried to block but the ball flew off his body and past the flat-footed Foster for the opener.

North Leigh continued to fight hard and cause problems but Roberts and Jeacock both fired over the bar from good positions and United's youngsters had deserved to make progress. They go on to face either Oxford City or Kidlington in the final.

**United:** Stevens, Welch-Hayes, Carroll, Cundy, Grant, George, Jeacock, Ashby, Humphries, Giles, Roberts

**Subs:** Agboola, McCormack, Ricketts, Hayden, Hastings





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# United Women

All the latest from the start of the WSL season...

**Oxford United 3  
Millwall Lionesses 5**  
WSL2, Thursday 24th March 2016  
**Oxford United Women lost their opening game of the season, beaten 5-3 by Millwall Lionesses in a great advert for WSL2 at Northcourt Road.**

United looked lively from the off, forcing three corners in the opening minutes and going close twice through Kat Nutman and Umotong. However, they fell behind against the run of play after 11 minutes in in freak circumstances. Jess Frampton's attempted clearance looped up in the air and wasn't dealt with, allowing Ashlee Hincks to get in behind and flick it over the head of stranded goalkeeper Demi Lambourne.

United responded well though and just seven minutes later they were level with a fine goal. Jess Frampton floated a free-kick into the box for Lauren Allison to hook over her shoulder and into the far corner.

Allison was just inches away from her second goal of the evening, when a ball across goal was missed by everyone, but despite sliding in at full stretch she was unable to turn it into the empty net. But just moments later, United again found themselves behind when Lucy Loomes was allowed to get in behind the defence and tip the ball past the keeper. Riva Casley was waiting on the line for it, but her attempted clearance found its way back to Loomes who side-footed into the unguarded net.

They fell further behind just six minutes into the second half when

Loomes again got the wrong side and slotted it beyond the helpless Lambourne. It was 4-1 soon after, when the impressive Hincks let fly from 25 yards, but that sparked a superb comeback from the U's, who made it 4-2 when Finnish full-back Katja Hakala crossed and *Ini Umotong* steered a header over the Lions keeper. It was then 4-3 and all to play for when Allison's pace again took her clear and Laura



Nichol slid in to put the loose ball away.

It was end-to-end stuff and anyone's game but with time running out a looping cross was bundled over the line by sub Rinsola Babajide to make it 5-3 and ensure that it was the Lions who got their season off to the perfect start.

United had played a full part in a thoroughly enjoyable game of football and there was plenty of promise from Les Taylor's young side.

**United:** SLambourne, Frampton, Haynes, Casley, Lane (Deeley 75), Umotong, Nutman (Timms 80), Allison, Franklin-Fraiture, Nichol, Hakala **Att:** 304

Report by Matt Bruce

**CONTINENTAL TYRES CUP  
Oxford United have been drawn at home to Millwall Lionesses in the preliminary round of the Continental Tyres Cup.**

The game will take place on Sunday 8th May at Northcourt Road. The winners will be at home to Birmingham City Ladies, which is scheduled to take place on the weekend of 2nd/3rd July.

DATE	OPPONENT	KO
24.03.16	Millwall	L3-5
27.03.16	Aston Villa	L1-2
24.04.16	Durham	12pm
27.04.16	Yeovil Town	7:45pm
01.05.16	Sheffield	2pm
19.05.16	Millwall	7:45pm
22.05.16	Watford	2pm
25.06.16	Bristol City	6pm
30.06.16	Yeovil Town	7:45pm
10.07.16	London Bees	2pm
17.07.16	Watford	2pm
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DATE	OPPONENTS	RES
Saturday Aug 8	Bournemouth	L0-1
Saturday Aug 22	Exeter City	W3-2
Tuesday Aug 15	Newport County	L3-4
Saturday Aug 29	Yeovil Town	W3-2
Saturday Sep 5	Swindon Town	L1-3
Tuesday Sep 8	Portsmouth (LC)	D1-1*
Saturday Sep 12	Portsmouth	L0-3
Saturday Sep 19	Cheltenham Town	L1-3
Saturday Sep 26	Bristol Rovers	L2-3
Saturday Oct 3	Cheltenham (LC)	D2-2*
Saturday Oct 10	Plymouth Argyle	W4-2
Saturday Oct 17	Yeovil Town	W2-1
Saturday Oct 24	Swindon Town	L3-4
Tuesday Nov 3	Kidlington (FAYCI)	W6-0
Saturday Nov 7	Cheltenham Town	W2-1
Saturday Nov 14	Portsmouth	W4-2
Wednesday Nov 18	Exeter (FAYCZ)	L1-2
Saturday Dec 5	Plymouth Argyle	L0-1
Tuesday Dec 10	Bristol Rovers	W2-0
Saturday Dec 12	Exeter City	H0-2
Saturday Dec 19	AFC Bournemouth	D1-1
Saturday Jan 9	Newport County	W4-1
<b>MERIT LEAGUE 2</b>		
Tuesday Jan 9	Newport County	W7-0
Saturday Feb 20	Peterborough	W4-1
Saturday Feb 27	Yeovil Town	L0-1
Tuesday Mar 8	Dag & Red	W3-0
Saturday Mar 12	Cambridge United	W4-1
Saturday Mar 26	Stevenage	W3-2
Saturday Apr 2	Northampton	W1-0
Saturday Apr 9	MK Dons	W3-2
Saturday Apr 16	Swindon Town	A
Saturday Apr 23	Bristol Rovers	H

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\*United won 4-3 on penalties  
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	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Oxford United	7	6	0	1	22	5	17	18
2. MK Dons	8	5	1	2	20	18	2	16
3. Swindon	8	4	1	3	22	15	7	13
4. Cambridge	7	4	1	2	13	9	4	13
5. Northampton	8	3	2	3	18	11	7	11
6. Yeovil Town	8	3	2	3	13	17	-4	11
7. Dag & Red	8	3	1	4	21	21	0	10
8. Stevenage	8	3	1	4	13	15	-2	10
9. Peterborough	8	3	1	4	13	17	-4	10
10. Newport	8	3	1	4	14	19	-5	10
11. Bristol Rovers	8	0	1	7	5	27	-22	1

## The latest... United's Youth

All the latest from our Youth Team

### Oxford United 1 Northampton Town 0 Saturday 2nd April Football League Youth Alliance, Merit League B

**A last-minute goal from centre-half Cian McCormack earned Oxford United under-18s a fifth successive victory as they overcame Northampton Town in Merit League 2.**

The visitors started brightly and dominated much of the opening half hour, with United keeper Jack Stevens forced into two good saves to preserve his clean sheet. It wasn't until the 29th minute that Oxford forced Stevens' opposite number into action, when he reacted well to save from a Luke Hastings shot following a good left-wing run and cross from George Jeacock.

It looked like Oxford would have to settle for a point when Humphries shot whistled over the bar with two minutes remaining but a minute later United made the breakthrough. Jeacock's near-post corner led to a scramble which ended when McCormack blasted gleefully into the roof of the net to earn a hard-fought victory.

**United:** Stevens, Diaz-Benitez, Ricketts, McCormack, Hawtin, Hartley (Bryan), Humphries, Hayden, Hastings, Jeacock, Noel-Williams (Baptiste)

### Oxford United 3 MK Dons 2 Saturday 12th April Football League Youth Alliance, Merit League B

**Oxford United's under-18s moved a giant step closer to winning the Merit League 2 title with a 3-2 win against MK Dons.**

After a nervy opening, Oxford took an early lead after some good build-up play by Graham Bryan, who was clipped as he skipped

past the MK Dons right-back. The referee allowed an advantage and Bryan took the ball on before knocking the ball across the area, where Baptiste launched himself full length to head the ball beyond the reach of the goalkeeper.

United held the lead until midway through the first half when some hesitant defending allowed a cross to come in from the Milton Keynes right. The ball was knocked back across goal where the waiting striker calmly stroked the ball past Jack Stevens.

It took United just four minutes of the second period to regain the lead. Left-back Charlie Hawtin got to the byline and his cross was handled in the penalty area. Up stepped Carroll to drive home an unstoppable penalty.

The visiting keeper did well to keep out a Seth Humphries shot and on the hour Baptiste sent substitute Dejon Noel-Williams away for a one-on-one but his delayed shot was kept out by the goalie. There was no let up for the visitors, and they were fortunate when Baptiste's shot in the 69th minute was straight at a defender on the goalline.

The reprieve was short lived, however, as just a minute later Bryan charged into the penalty area and was upended, allowing Carroll to convert his second penalty of the afternoon. With the game in stoppage time, MK Dons had their first second-half shot on target after Hawtin felled an MK Dons striker and they scored from the resultant penalty.

**United:** Stevens, Welch-Hayes, Carroll, McCormack, Hawtin, Hartley (Hastings 66), Humphries (Graham 78), Baptiste, Hayden, Bryan, Jeacock (Noel-Williams 37)



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Who's the Oxford United player in the picture?



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**A friend to everyone behind the scenes at the club, Maurice has rarely courted the limelight despite spending close to 50 years with us on matchdays. Today marks Maurice's official retirement and he will be a guest in the boardroom, where he has been the perfect host for over 40 years.**

We asked him to tell us his story.

"I started in 1968 when one of my neighbours talked me into it. Arthur Turner was manager and my role was on the turnstile. We used to have to swap round though because John Mills, the head steward, liked us to move round each game so nobody

could tell their mates which turnstile they were on so they could hop over!

"We used to miss the first half while we cashed up but that was just one of those things. I did that for two or three seasons then was put in charge of the programme sellers who were outside the ground on the streets and I would have to go round and keep an eye on them

#### Interesting

"Then I was put in charge of car parking, which was always interesting at the Manor! Part of my job was to help the visiting team park their bus in the corner behind Beech Road, which was such a tight space but we managed it without any great mishap. My wife Sheila had started helping with the catering in the boardroom at that time and when she was asked to do it I moved up from the car park and used to steward the directors box. That was probably around

1974/5 so I did that role for about 40 years."

Maurice's role extended beyond his boardroom duties and also included housing some of the stars of the past:

"We all liked to help and they signed a player called Keith Cassells from Watford who used to commute every day. The manager got fed up with that and told him he had to stop in Oxford, so he ended up being my lodger. He was a lovely guy and we got on really well. Then he was sold to Southampton and George Lawrence came the other way and he stayed with us instead. George is a cracking lad and we have stayed in touch ever since."

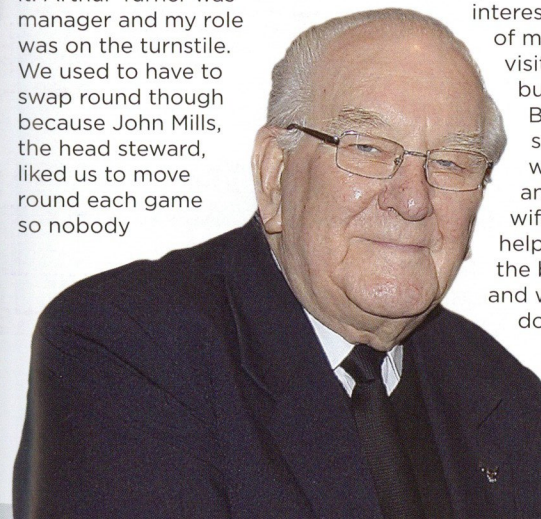
#### Supervise

The move to the Kassam Stadium in 2001 gave Maurice a new boardroom to supervise:

"When we moved I didn't give it a second thought. My role was to welcome the guests into the boardroom and make sure everyone was shown the correct seat. Over the years I've met everyone from Elton John and Andrew Lloyd Weber to managers like Matt Busby, Ron Atkinson and Lawrie McMenemy, who would always be in the kitchen stealing cake!

"We never went on holiday in the season; our holidays were arranged around the fixture list. I have loved every minute and met so many great people at the club and on matchdays. I know I'm going to miss it but hopefully we can end the season with promotion and celebrations."

Everyone at the club thanks Maurice for his friendship and help over the years. He is our special guest today and we wish him the very best in his retirement.



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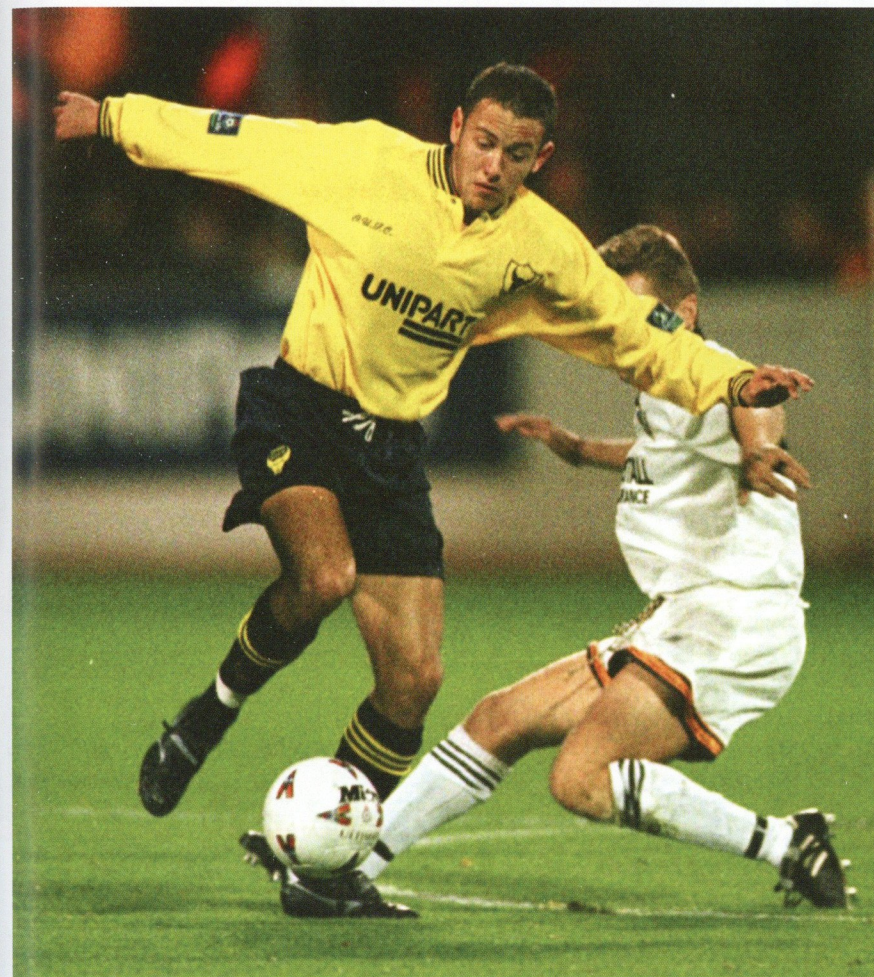
## BOX HOLDERS



# Angel of the north

We catch up with United winger Mark Angel

Martin Brodetsky speaks to today's guest of honour, flying winger Mark Angel. Over three seasons Mark played 91 games for United after joining in the summer of 1995, scoring five goals.



When I spoke to Mark earlier this week, I asked him about his first season with the U's.

"I was at Sunderland but moving to Oxford gave me a big chance to start in the first team," he told me. "We struggled a bit at the start of the season but then managed to turn things round. It was a fantastic squad there and a real good bunch of players.

"Coming to Oxford was a bit of a culture shock; when I was at Sunderland I used to live at home with my parents so it was a bit different. The guy who took me in is dead now, bless him; Ken Ridley used to work at the club and he took me in for a couple of years. It was hard but it was brilliant.

### Experience

"Obviously I knew David Rush as well because he was at Sunderland at the same time that I was there, so he took me under his wing a little bit; not ideally at times because he took me out two or three times during the week when I should have been in bed! But like any 19-year-old moving away from home for the first time it was difficult but a good experience."

I asked Mark if he could describe the feeling of playing in a side that won automatic promotion:

"It was amazing," he said. "I think what we had was a very good team spirit and all the players got on; everyone from Phil Whitehead the goalkeeper up to Matt Elliott and all the others. It was great for the town as well because obviously everyone wanted us to do well. It was a

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fantastic club and a great bunch of players. When I came back for Joey Beauchamp's testimonial and met all the lads again it was literally as though it had only been a couple of weeks since we'd seen each other."

#### Incredible

What was the secret to that season's incredible run in, which saw the U's lose just one of their last 17 games?

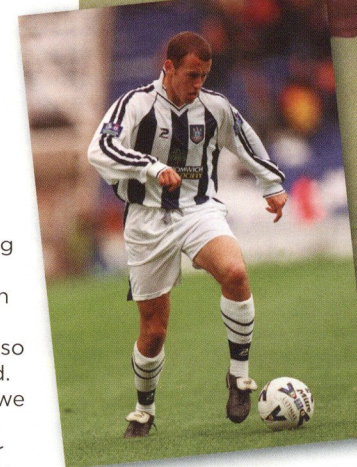
"I think it just clicked; we had so many good players, the likes of Chrissy Allen, who's at the club now, and Joey, Matty Elliott, Fordy, you could pick anyone. For me, Bobby Ford was probably the best player I ever played with. Obviously Paul Moody got all the goals but things just clicked for everyone and I can't put my finger on it. Everything just went to plan."

The following season in what is now the Championship, was also a good one for United.

"When we went up we went to Man City and beat them 3-2 at their place; we were sixth at the time and for us to go up there and beat them, given their wages, it was incredible. I think Denis over-achieved at times given the size of the squad and the budget but a lot of that was down to the team spirit. There were some fantastic players there who had played at a higher level and all bonded together and it was a good time for the club.

#### Smashing

"With Matty going,



we all knew at the time that he was better than the level we were at and fair play to him, he was a smashing bloke. He deserved what he got because he was a fantastic player."

After three seasons at the Manor it was time for Mark to move on.

"Denis took me to West Brom. I was involved in the first team but it was difficult at times - I looked at the two players who were playing in front of me and you had Kevin Kilbane, who'd won a

hundred or so caps for the Republic of Ireland and James Quinn on the other wing who I think played 50-odd times for Northern Ireland, so it was a massive club. I think Denis was treated unfairly at times but it was a great experience and I'm pleased they're doing well.

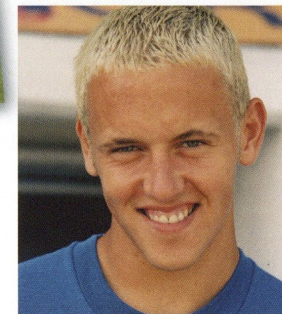
#### Coaching

"Later I had a good couple of years at Boston and played semi-pro for England a couple times while I was there and got them into the Football League. I later decided I wanted to do something else so I did some coaching, got my Uefa A licence and I'm working for Arsenal now in the Peterborough area and I've been doing it for seven years. It's a lot of hours and seven days a week sometimes but I enjoy doing it."

I asked Mark for his thoughts on today's game.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Oxford play," he said. "It was the best time of my career and not just because we won promotion but the whole place, the players and Denis and Crozza. I still keep in touch and I don't do that for any of my other former clubs.

"I was in Oxford recently and it's totally changed, I used to go out on a Wednesday with Joey, who was my best mate when I was in Oxford. I'll be pleased if Oxford do go up; you've got the stadium and you've got the fanbase, so it would be great if they can get up to the Championship and who knows... if Bournemouth can do it..." ●



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For your chance to win a download copy of 'Everything You've Come To Expect' email your answer to the following question to [programme@oufc.co.uk](mailto:programme@oufc.co.uk) by Wednesday 20th April.

Who scored against Luton in 2009, 30 seconds after missing a penalty?

- A. Jamie Cook
- B. James Constable
- C. Dean Saunders

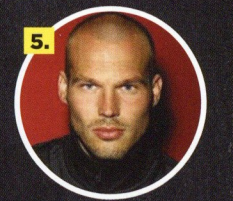


## PRIZE QUIZ

This week we have a set of two large flags up for grabs. To be in with a chance of winning, just send your answers to [programme@oufc.co.uk](mailto:programme@oufc.co.uk) by Wednesday 20th April.

1. What is Luton Town's nickname?
2. Where do Luton play their home games?
3. In which county is Luton located?
4. Who scored United's equaliser against Luton earlier this season?
5. Fredrik Ljungberg was born on this day in 1977. Who did he join after leaving Celtic in 2011?
6. It's Leicester City forward Shinzi Okazaki's birthday today. In which year was he born?
7. Aaron Lennon also celebrates his birthday today. How old is he?
8. Former England manager Steve Bloomer died on this day in which year?
9. Alec Stock also died on this day, in 2001. How old was he?
10. Manchester City were formed on this day. In which year?

Answers to the Stevenage quiz on 25th March: 1) The Lamex Stadium 2) The Boro 3) Hertfordshire 4) Knebworth 5) The East Coast Main Line 6) Venice 7) Percy Bysshe Shelley 8) 1957 9) 50 10) 27





# SKY BET LEAGUE 2 TABLE 2015/16

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northampton	41	26	10	5	75	43	32	88
<b>2 Oxford United</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>76</b>
3 Accrington	41	21	11	9	66	45	21	74
4 Bristol Rovers	41	22	6	13	66	42	24	72
5 Plymouth	41	21	8	12	58	39	19	71
6 Portsmouth	40	18	15	7	67	36	31	69
7 Wimbledon	40	17	11	12	59	49	10	62
8 Wycombe	41	17	11	13	43	37	6	62
9 Exeter	41	17	11	13	58	54	4	62
10 Carlisle	41	15	15	11	60	58	2	60
11 Leyton Orient	41	16	12	13	54	55	-1	60
12 Cambridge	41	16	11	14	55	52	3	59
13 Mansfield	41	15	11	15	52	49	3	56
<b>14 Luton</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>56</b>
15 Barnet	41	15	9	17	56	61	-5	54
16 Hartlepool	41	14	6	21	46	60	-14	48
17 Notts County	41	13	9	19	51	68	-17	48
18 Crawley	41	13	8	20	44	68	-24	47
19 Morecambe	41	12	7	22	64	76	-12	43
20 Yeovil	41	10	13	18	37	52	-15	43
21 Newport	41	10	11	20	40	58	-18	41
22 Stevenage	41	9	12	20	46	65	-19	39
23 York	41	6	12	23	45	76	-31	30
24 Dag & Red	41	6	10	25	37	72	-35	28

## APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	2015-16		ALL-TIME OUFC	
	Starts(sub)	Gls	Starts(sub)	Gls
1. Slocombe, Sam	28	0	28	0
3. Skarz, Joe	47	0	65	0
4. Roofe, Kemar	43 (1)	25	55 (5)	31
5. Mullins, Johnny	46 (1)	1	141 (3)	11
6. Wright, Jake	30	0	273 (2)	0
7. Waring, George	2 (6)	1	2 (6)	1
8. Sercombe, Liam	47 (3)	14	47 (3)	14
9. Hoban, Patrick	8 (25)	5	23 (30)	6
10. Hylton, Danny	33 (11)	12	78 (15)	28
11. MacDonald, Alex	39 (6)	6	53 (7)	9
13. Büchel, Benjamin	23	0	23	0
14. Ruffels, Josh	6 (9)	0	65 (22)	1
15. O'Dowda, Callum	25 (21)	8	55 (47)	11
16. Kenny, Jonjoe	13 (1)	0	13 (1)	0
17. Giles, Jonny	0	0	0	0
18. Lundstram, John	38 (3)	3	38 (3)	3
20. Taylor, Ryan	20 (7)	4	20 (7)	4
21. Crocombe, Max*	0	0	6	0
22. Long, Sam	2	0	13 (5)	1
24. Ashby, Josh	0 (3)	0	2 (3)	0
25. Grant, Freddie+	0	0	0	0
26. Cundy, Rob#	1	0	1	0
27. George, AJ	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0
28. Maguire, Chris	18	3	18	3
29. Bowery, Jordan	8 (5)	6	8 (5)	6
31. Roberts, James*	0 (1)	0	6 (21)	5
33. Dunkley, Cheyenne	24 (3)	2	31 (5)	2
35. Carroll, Canice	0	0	0	0
36. Evans, Jordan	4 (7)	1	4 (7)	1
Baldock, George	35	2	47	3
Gayle, Cameron	2	0	2	0
Graham, Jordan	4 (2)	0	4 (2)	0
Humphreys, Sam	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Ismail, Zeli	0 (6)	0	0 (6)	0
Rose, Danny	15 (4)	0	114 (28)	10

- On loan to Grimsby Town \* On loan to Southport + On loan to Farnborough # On loan to Gloucester City ^ On loan to Barnet

DATE	OPPONENT	KO	RES	ATT	AWAY	REFEREE	THE STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES
Sat 8 Aug	Crawley	15:00	D1-1	6,349	299	J Simpson	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Roofe Sercombe Rose MacDonald HYLTON Taylor	Hoban, O'Dowda, Ruffels, Crocombe, Long, Ashby, Dunkley
Tue 11 Aug	Brentford LC	19:45	W4-0	5,177	1,301	D Whitestone	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Rose MacDonald HYLTON Taylor	O'Dowda, Ruffels, Hoban, Crocombe, Long, Ashby, Dunkley
Sat 15 Aug	Luton Town	15:00	D2-2	8,877	781	M Brown	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Rose MacDonald Hylton Taylor	O'Dowda, HOBAN, Crocombe, Ruffels, Long, Ashby, Dunkley
Tue 18 Aug	Notts County	19:45	W3-1	5,774	331	R Lewis	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Rose MacDonald Hoban HYLTON	O'DOWDA, Taylor, Lundstram, Crocombe, Ruffels, Long, Dunkley
Sat 22 Aug	Mansfield	15:00	D1-1	3,112	547	B Toner	Slocombe Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Rose O'Dowda ROOFE Hylton	Taylor, Ruffels, Hoban, Crocombe, Lundstram, Long, Dunkley
Tue 25 Aug	Sheff Wed CC	19:45	W0-1	11,799	831	D Webb	Slocombe Long Dunkley Mullins Skarz O'Dowda Lundstram Ruffels MacDonald Hoban	Sercombe, Rose, Hylton, Crocombe, Baldock, Roofe, Wright
Sat 29 Aug	Yeovil Town	15:00	W2-0	6,018	437	K Johnson	Slocombe Baldock Dunkley Mullins Wright Skarz O'DOWDA Sercombe Rose MacDonald Roofe HYLTON	Ruffels, Taylor, Hoban, Crocombe, Lundstram, Roberts, Dunkley
Sun 6 Sep	Bristol Rovers	12:15	W1-0	7,038	633	J Linington	Slocombe Baldock Dunkley Mullins Wright Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Rose MacDonald Hylton Taylor	Hoban, Lundstram, Ruffels, Büchel, George, Roberts, Hawtin
Sat 12 Sep	Northampton	15:00	L0-1	4,838	931	N Swarbrick	Slocombe Baldock Dunkley Mullins Wright Skarz O'Dowda Lundstram Rose MacDonald Hylton Taylor	Hoban, George, Büchel, Ruffels, Cundy, Roberts, Hawtin
Sat 19 Sep	Portsmouth	15:00	D1-1	9,093	2,459	I Williamson	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz O'Dowda SERCOMBE Lundstram Rose Roofe Hylton	Macdonald, Hoban, Ruffels, Büchel, Taylor, Roberts, Dunkley
Sat 26 Sep	Morecambe	15:00	D0-0	5,273	89	T Robinson	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Rose Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Roofe Hylton	Hoban, Taylor, Büchel, Hoban, MacDonald, Ruffels, Roberts, Dunkley
Tue 29 Sep	York City	19:45	W3-1	2,791	318	D Webb	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz O'Dowda Sercombe Lundstram Rose ROOFE HYLTON	Graham, Taylor, Büchel, Hoban, MacDonald, Ruffels, Dunkley
Sat 3 Oct	Accrington	15:00	W3-1	1,755	435	M Haywood	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Rose SERCOMBE2 Lundstram O'DOWDA Roofe Hylton	Graham, Taylor, MacDonald, Büchel, Hoban, Ruffels, Dunkley
Tue 6 Oct	Swindon JPTZ	19:45	W2-0	9,013	1,179	G Ward	Büchel Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Graham Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda ROOFE2 Taylor	MacDonald, Hoban, Ruffels, Dunkley, Stevens
Sat 10 Oct	Wimbledon	15:00	W1-0	6,301	549	F Graham	Slocombe BALDOCK Mullins Wright Skarz Graham Sercombe Lundstram Hylton Roofe Taylor	MacDonald, Hoban, Stevens, Ruffels, George, Dunkley, Carroll
Sat 17 Oct	Leyton Orient	15:00	D2-2	6,296	1,388	R Joyce	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Graham Sercombe LUNDSTRAM O'Dowda ROOFE Taylor	Hoban, MacDonald, Büchel, Rose, Hylton, Ruffels, Dunkley
Tue 20 Oct	Plymouth	19:45	W1-0	7,007	982	R Lewis	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Roofe SERCOMBE Lundstram MacDonald Hylton Taylor	O'Dowda, Hoban, Rose, Büchel, Hoban, MacDonald, Ruffels, Dunkley
Sat 24 Oct	Barnet	15:00	L2-3	6,137	328	D Handley	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz Graham SERCOMBE2 Lundstram MacDonald Roofe Hylton	Dunkley, O'Dowda, Hoban, Rose, Büchel, Ruffels, George
Sat 31 Oct	Stevenage	15:00	W5-1	3,412	876	L Swabey	Slocombe Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz ROOFE SERCOMBE Lundstram MacDonald Hylton TAYLOR2	O'Dowda, Hoban, George, Büchel, Rose, Ashby, Cundy
Sun 8 Nov	Braintree FAC1	14:00	D1-1	1,248	459	P Gibbs	Büchel Baldock Mullins Skarz Gayle MacDonald Lundstram Rose O'Dowda Hoban TAYLOR	Sercombe, Hylton, Slocombe, Giles, Ashby, Cundy, George
Wed 11 Nov	Dag & Red IPTAOS	19:45	W2-0	1,011	224	D Davies	Büchel Gayle Dunkley Cundy Skarz George Sercombe Rose MacDonald HOBAN Hylton	Ashby, Humphreys, Slocombe, Giles, Carroll
Sat 14 Nov	Cambridge	15:00	W1-0	6,958	568	K Hill	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram Roofe Hylton TAYLOR	Slocombe, Rose, Hoban, Ruffels, Gayle, Cundy, George
Tue 17 Nov	Braintree FACr	19:45	W3-2	3,265	147	D England	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz O'Dowda SERCOMBE Lundstram MacDonald Roofe HOBANZ	Rose, Ruffels, George, Slocombe, Hylton, Taylor, Cundy
Sat 21 Nov	Dag & Red	15:00	W1-0	1,980	680	K Johnson	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Lundstram MacDonald Hylton Taylor	O'Dowda, Hoban, Slocombe, Rose, Ruffels, George, Long
Tue 24 Nov	Newport	19:45	D1-1	5,479	229	A Madley	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz Roofe Sercombe Lundstram MacDonald Hylton Taylor	O'Dowda, HOBAN, Slocombe, Rose, Ruffels, Long, George
Sat 28 Nov	Hartlepool	15:00	W1-0	3,622	354	S Stockbridge	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz Roofe Sercombe Lundstram MacDonald Hoban Maguire	HYLTON, O'Dowda, Rose, Slocombe, Ruffels, Long, Evans
Sun 6 Dec	FGR FAC2	19:45	W1-0	4,618	619	R Lewis	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz ROOFE Sercombe Rose O'Dowda Hylton	Evans, Lundstram, Slocombe, Wright, MacDonald, Ruffels, Long
Tue 8 Dec	Yeovil JPTASF	19:45	W3-2	2,532	134	K Stroud	Slocombe Long Dunkley Wright Skarz EVANS O'DOWDA Lundstram Ruffels MacDonald Hylton MAGUIRE	Hoban, Sercombe, Büchel, Roofe, Mullins
Sat 12 Dec	Carlisle	15:00	D1-1	5,936	388	M Haywood	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz O'Dowda Sercombe Lundstram MACDONALD Roofe Maguire	Hylton, Evans, Slocombe, Wright, Hoban, Ruffels, Long
Sat 19 Dec	Wycombe	15:00	L1-2	5,742	1,772	N Swarbrick	Büchel Baldock Dunkley Mullins Skarz Roofe SERCOMBE Lundstram MacDonald Hylton Maguire	Evans, Hoban, Taylor, Slocombe, Wright, O'Dowda, Ruffels
Sat 26 Dec	Exeter City	15:00	W3-0	9,683	547	G Salisbury	Slocombe BALDOCK Dunkley Wright Skarz MacDonald SERCOMBE LUNDSTRAM Roofe Taylor Maguire	Mullins, O'Dowda, Hoban, Büchel, Hylton, Ruffels, Evans
Mon 28 Dec	Yeovil Town	15:00	D0-0	4,661	1,061	S Martin	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Roofe Taylor	Dunkley, Hoban, Büchel, Rose, Hylton, Ruffels, Evans
Sat 2 Jan	Notts County	15:00	W4-2	5,877	1,350	C Boyeson	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz MACDONALD SERCOMBE Lundstram Maguire ROOFE Taylor	O'DOWDA, Hoban, Büchel, Hylton, Ruffels, Dunkley, Evans
Sun 10 Jan	Swansea FAC3	12:00	W3-2	11,673	1,429	K Friend	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald SERCOMBE Lundstram Maguire ROOFE2 Taylor	O'Dowda, Hylton, Hoban, Büchel, Ruffels, Dunkley, Evans
Thu 14 Jan	Millwall JPTAF1	19:45	W2-0	7,275	1,222	S Attwell	Büchel Baldock Mullins Wright Evans MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram Maguire ROOFE2 Hoban	O'Dowda, Hylton, Slocombe, Ruffels, Dunkley
Sun 17 Jan	Bristol Rovers	15:00	L1-2	9,492	2,359	N Kinseley	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram Maguire ROOFE Taylor	O'Dowda, Hylton, Hoban, Büchel, Ruffels, Dunkley, Evans
Sat 23 Jan	Portsmouth	15:00	W1-0	17,840	2,047	N Swarbrick	Slocombe Baldock Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Hylton Roofe	BOWERY, Evans, Hoban (for Hylton, Büchel, Ruffels, Long, Dunkley
Sat 30 Jan	Blackburn FAC4	15:00	L0-3	11,647	1,485	A Davies	Slocombe BALDOCK Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Roofe Bowery	Evans, Hylton, Kenny, Büchel, Ruffels, Ashby, Dunkley
Tue 2 Feb	Millwall JPTAF2	19:45	L0-1	10,138	1,478	S Duncan	Büchel Kenny Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Hylton Roofe	Bowery, Ismail, Slocombe, Ruffels, Dunkley
Tue 9 Feb	Mansfield	19:45	D2-2	5,346	174	J Linington	Slocombe Kenny Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram Maguire HYLTONZ Roofe	Ismail, O'Dowda, Bowery, Büchel, Ruffels, Dunkley, Evans
Sat 13 Feb	Morecambe	15:00	W4-2	1,749	536	P Bankes	Büchel Kenny Mullins Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe LUNDSTRAM Maguire ROOFE HYLTON	BOWERY, Ismail, O'Dowda, Slocombe, Ruffels, Dunkley, Evans
Tue 16 Feb	Northampton	19:45	L0-1	9,559	1,943	K Hill	Büchel Kenny Mullins Wright Skarz Maguire Sercombe Lundstram Roofe Hylton Bowery	O'Dowda, Dunkley, Ismail, MacDonald, Slocombe, Ruffels, Long
Sat 20 Feb	Accrington	15:00	L1-2	6,796	119	L Swabey	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram Maguire ROOFE Bowery	O'Dowda, Hylton, Ismail, Slocombe, Ruffels, Long, Ashby
Tue 23 Feb	Exeter City	19:45	W4-1	3,089	317	S Hooper	Büchel Kenny Mullins DUNKLEY Skarz MACDONALD Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda Maguire BOWERY2	Evans, Ismail, Waring, Slocombe, Hylton, Ruffels, Ashby
Sat 27 Feb	Wimbledon	15:00	W2-1	4,628	968	K Wright	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Ruffels O'Dowda Maguire HYLTON	BOWERY, Waring, Slocombe, Ismail, Ashby, Roberts, Evans
Tue 1 Mar	York City	19:45	W4-0	5,654	171	O Langford	Büchel Kenny Mullins DUNKLEY Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Ruffels O'Dowda BOWERY HYLTON	ROOFE, Waring, Evans, Slocombe, Ismail, Ashby, Maguire
Sat 5 Mar	Plymouth	15:00	D2-2*	10,017	1,179	J Adcock	Slocombe Kenny Mullins Dunkley Evans Maguire Sercombe Ruffels ROOFE Hylton Bowery	O'Dowda, Waring, Stevens, Skarz, MacDonald, Lundstram, Ashby
Sat 12 Mar	Leyton Orient	15:00	L0-1	7,102	788	D Coote	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Skarz Maguire Sercombe Lundstram Roofe Hylton Bowery	O'Dowda, MacDonald, Waring, Slocombe, Ruffels, Ashby, Evans
Tue 15 Mar	Dag & Red	19:45	W4-0	5,319	84	T Robinson	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Skarz MACDONALD Sercombe Lundstram O'Dowda ROOFE3 Waring	Hylton, Ashby, Ruffels Slocombe, Wright, Maguire, Bowery
Sat 19 Mar	Barnet	15:00	W3-0	3,264	1,568	S Duncan	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Lundstram O'DOWDAZ Roofe Waring	Bowery, HYLTON, Slocombe, Wright, Ruffels, Maguire, Evans
Fri 25 Mar	Stevenage	15:00	D1-1	7,980	262	P Tierney	Büchel Mullins Dunkley Wright Skarz MacDonald SERCOMBE Lundstram Roofe Hylton Bowery	Ruffels, Waring, Slocombe, Giles, Long, Ashby, Maguire
Mon 28 Mar	Cambridge	15:00	D0-0	6,108	1,328	M Haywood	Büchel Mullins Dunkley Wright Skarz MacDonald Sercombe Ruffels Maguire Roofe Bowery	Long, Hylton, Waring, Slocombe, Giles, Ashby, Jeacock
Sun 3 Apr	Barnsley JPTF	14:30	L2-3	59,230		A Woolmer	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Evans MacDonald Sercombe Ruffels O'DOWDA Roofe HYLTON	Maguire, Bowery, Waring, Slocombe, Wright, Long, Ashby
Sat 9 Apr	Crawley Town	15:00	W5-1	3,340	1,476	N Kinsley	Büchel Kenny Mullins Dunkley Evans MacDonald SERCOMBE Ruffels MAGUIRE 2 (1 pen) O'DOWDA Hylton	Waring, Roberts, Ashby, Slocombe, Roofe, Wright, Giles
Sat 16 Apr	Luton Town	15:00						
Tue 19 Apr	Newport	19:45	ALL TICKET					
Sat 23 Apr	Hartlepool	15:00						
Sat 30 Apr	Carlisle United	15:00						
Sat 7 May	Wycombe	15:00						

\*Own goal

# TICKETS AND TRAVEL

## Newport County AFC

• Sky Bet League 2 • Tuesday 19th April, 7.45pm • Rodney Parade, Newport NP19 0UU  
**Oxford United have been allocated a total of 1,039 tickets for this game which is ALL TICKET. These are on sale until 1pm on Tuesday 19th April, subject to availability, with no tickets available at the ground. Call 01865 337533 or visit [www.oufctickets.co.uk](http://www.oufctickets.co.uk)**  
 There are 394 places in the Besley Stand (covered) on the side of the pitch and 645 in the Sytner Stand behind the goal.

### BISLEY STAND

	PRE-PURCHASED	MATCHDAY
Adult	£19.00	£21.00
Over 65/U21	£15.00	£17.00
Under 16*	£ 9.00	£ 9.00
Under 12*	£ 7.00	£ 7.00
Under 6*	FREE	FREE

### SYTNER STAND

	PRE-PURCHASED	MATCHDAY
Adult	£17.00	£19.00
Over 65/U21	£13.00	£15.00
Under 16*	£ 7.00	£ 7.00
Under 12*	£ 6.00	£ 6.00
Under 6*	FREE	FREE

### London Road Travel Club

Depart from Kassam Stadium:  
3.30pm prompt.

- Adult member £16.00
- Adult non-member £18.00
- Under 18 member £14.00
- Under 18 non-member £16.00

\*Under 16, 12 or 6 on 1st August 2015. Children under 6 must be accompanied by a full paying adult or senior.  
 • Ambulant disabled supporters pay as above with assistant/carer ticket provided free of charge. Wheelchair users must buy in advance from 01633 674963.

## Carlisle United

• Sky Bet League 2 • Saturday 30th April, 3pm • Brunton Park, Warwick Road, Carlisle CA1 1LL  
**We have been allocated 1,465 reserved seating tickets in the covered Pioneer Foods Stand and an initial allocation of 1,000 terrace tickets which will go on general sale early next week once received ([www.oufc.co.uk](http://www.oufc.co.uk) for more info).**

### ADVANCE PRICES:

#### SEATING

Adults	£19
Over 65	£16
18-22	£13
Junior (11-17)	£10
Under 11*	£7
Under 7 *	Free

#### FAMILY TICKETS

(only available by phone or at ticket office)

1 adult + 1 junior	£27
1 adult + 2 junior	£35
1 over 65 + 1 junior	£24

#### TERRACING

Adult	£16
Over 65	£13
18-22	£10
Junior (11-17)	£7
Under 11	£4
Under-7	Free

#### FAMILY TICKETS

(only available by phone or at ticket office)

1 adult + 1 junior	£21
1 adult + 2 junior	£26
1 over 65 + 1 junior	£18

Ambulant carer	Free
Wheelchair user	£4
Wheelchair carer	Free

\*All children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

• All ticket prices except junior, under-11, under-7 and wheelchair user increase by £3 on the day of the match.

### London Road Travel Club

Depart from Kassam Stadium: 7.15am prompt

- Adult member £29.00
- Adult non-member £31.00
- Under 18 member £27.00
- Under 18 non-member £29.00

### LONDON ROAD TRAVEL CLUB

• Please note: No alcohol is permitted and under 14s MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult.

• Book through the Oxford United ticket office in person or by phone 01865 337533.

• The ticket office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm (7.45pm for evening games) and Saturdays when the team are at home from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Supporters wishing to travel on the same coach MUST book together.

### HOME TICKETS: Tickets are now on sale for the following home games:

• **HARTLEPOOL UNITED**, Sky Bet League 2, Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3.00pm

• **WYCOMBE WANDERERS**, Sky Bet League 2, Saturday 7th May 2016, 3.00pm

Tickets for the Wycombe Wanderers game will be available only to season ticket holders (max 1 each) and those who purchase Hartlepool tickets before 3pm on Saturday 23rd April from the ticket office or 5.30pm on Friday 22nd April online. They will go on general sale online at [www.oufctickets.co.uk](http://www.oufctickets.co.uk) from 5.50pm on Saturday 23rd April and from the ticket office from 9.30am on Monday 25th April.



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# OXFORD UNITED v HARTLEPOOL UNITED

## SATURDAY 23RD APRIL 3.00PM SKY BET LEAGUE 2



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# THE TEAMS



## OXFORD UNITED

**Head Coach:** Michael Appleton  
**Colours:** Yellow & Blue

Sam SLOCOMBE	1
Joe SKARZ	3
Kemar ROOFE	4
Johnny MULLINS	5
Jake WRIGHT	6
George WARING	7
Liam SERCOMBE	8
Patrick HOBAN	9
Danny HYLTON	10
Alex MACDONALD	11
Benjamin BÜCHEL	13
Josh RUFFELS	14
Callum O'DOWDA	15
Jonjoe KENNY	16
Jonny GILES	17
John LUNDSTRAM	18
Ryan TAYLOR	20
Max CROCOMBE	21
Sam LONG	22
Josh ASHBY	24
Freddie GRANT	25
Robbie CUNDY	26
AJ GEORGE	27
Chris MAGUIRE	28
Jordan BOWERY	29
James ROBERTS	31
Cheyenne DUNKLEY	33
Canice CARROLL	35
Jordan EVANS	36
Simon SMITH*	66

\*Today's 12th Player



## LUTON TOWN

**Manager:** Nathan Jones  
**Colours:** Orange & Blue

2	Stephen O'DONNELL
3	Dan POTTS
4	Jonathan SMITH
5	Glen REA
6	Scott CUTHBERT
7	Alex LAWLESS
8	Cameron McGEEHAN
9	Paul BENSON
10	Ryan HALL
11	Danny GREEN
12	Scott GRIFFITHS
14	Jack MARRIOTT
15	Paddy McCOURT
16	Elliot JUSTHAM
17	Pelly RUDDOCK MPANZU
18	Magnus OKUONGHAE
19	Olly LEE
22	Craig MACKAIL-SMITH
23	Josh McQUOID
24	Curtley WILLIAMS
25	Mark O'BRIEN
26	Nathan DOYLE
31	Craig KING
32	Luke TROTMAN
33	Mark ONYEMAH
34	Isaac GALLIFORD
35	Zane BANTON
36	James JUSTIN
37	Frankie MUSONDA
40	Jake HOWELLS
44	Alan SHEEHAN
45	Joe PIGOTT



## NEXT AT THE KASSAM HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Saturday 23rd April 2016  
KO 3.00pm  
Sky Bet League Two



THE REFEREE  
**Trevor Kettle**

ASSISTANT REFEREES



**Paul Thompson**



**Marc Wilson**

FOURTH OFFICIAL  
**Guy Stretton**

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