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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to issue eight of Born & Bred, the fanzine devoted exclusively to the mighty Maidenhead United FC. All proceeds from this fanzine will go to the football club. This season we have already paid for the kit sponsorship of Garry Attrell, Jim Barrs and Derek Sweetman.

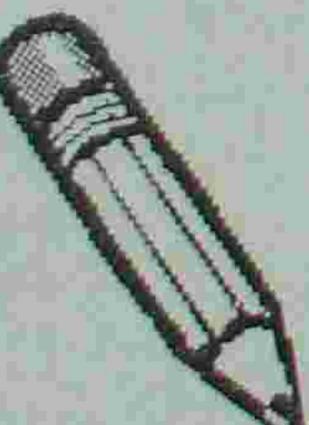
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Happy reading.

STEVE JINMAN (Editor)

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A Reader Interviews

BEDFORD JEZZARD

EDDIE TORIAL

Another fanzine, another Tuesday night game. Only tonight's game is rather a special one, a cup semi-final! For the first time this decade the first team are within reach of a Cup final, completing the triple header of Berks & Bucks Cup Semi-finals for the clubs teams at Youth, Reserve and Senior level. Obviously the Magpies are very much the underdogs tonight facing one of the strongest teams in the Isthmian league Aylesbury United, but as I'm sure many people will be saying "league form goes out of the window in the cup!".

Over the last couple of weeks Maidenhead have played all the top teams and have not been disgraced in any of the games. The one black mark came against Heybridge although their 4-1 victory was anything but as comprehensive as the simple statistic of the score line might suggest. Indeed Heybridge scarcely showed the championship

credentials that their league record suggested.

Playing all the top teams at once has of course had something of a negative effect on the excellent form shown in February. However the team have just about maintained their position in the lower reaches of the mid table swamp, managing to avoid dropping back into the relegation dogfight. This has been achieved by maintaining a high level of performance in the face of the best opposition the division has to offer and some atrocious refereeing displays. How different things might have been if the second goal against Heybridge had stood, or if the two handball offences late on in the Bognor game had been spotted. Who knows we might have even been able to seriously contemplate looking down on Marlow in the table!

Speaking of Marlow I would just like to remind them of the only local team still capable of winning a trophy this season:

MAIDENHEAD UNITED.

Hopefully much in evidence tonight will be the battling qualities shown at their best in the Staines, Aldershot and Oxford games, all close encounters where the team was able to give just that little bit more to achieve a result. First and foremost credit goes to the defence of Trevor Roffey, Tyrone Houston, Kevin Brown, Tim Cook, Steve Croxford and Mark Harrison, who have provided the solid foundation from which several late goal scoring raids have started.

These goals have come from a depleted mid-field and strike force, rumour has it that John Watt's latest idea to raise funds for a new striker is to follow Murdo "the Mouth" McLeod around with a swear box. One thing we will need tonight is plenty of the right support to counter the noise of the expected Aylesbury contingent. So lets hear it. COME ON YOU STRIPES!



YORK ROAD REPORTS

Guest Reporter: Murdo MaCleod

MAGPIES 2 THAME 1 (McKinnon, Hanratty)

An extremely satisfying first 'double' of the season was ensured with a last gasp winner, although in all honesty we should have had this game sewn up well before then, as we completely walked all over the same Thame side that had walloped us 4-0 and 5-0 in the cups earlier this season. However, since then we had actually started playing as a team, and with John having altered the formation to include two 'out and out' wingers we now attack with a purpose, whilst having also tightened up in defence. The main surprise of the night was the appearance of a mystery number 8. Hastily made terrace enquiries failed to reveal the identity of our new signing and so as not to appear rude by excluding him from our verbal encouragement, we managed a less than convincing rendition of 'there's only one er... Rodney Newbloke' (sorry Lee, but what's in a name?).

A superb strike from Paul McKinnon should have given us the platform to improve our goal difference, but the chances were not taken and when Thame equalised late in the game it looked as though we would have to settle for a point. Steve 'Supersub' Small (who again put in an excellent cameo performance) had other ideas and he rose like a tin of John West's finest winning the ball in the penalty area, only for the ball to break free. Enter Rodney with an A1 finish to give the keeper no chance whatsoever...cue wild celebrations and spontaneous pitch invasion!



Lee wonders what all the fuss is about Photo Mark Leonard

TOOTING AND MITCHAM 1 MAGPIES 1 (Attrell)

Prior to kick off one of the travelling 'magpies' fans had commented how they felt that 50 years ago Sandy Lane was probably a great place to watch football, with its steep sweeping terraces and grandiose main stand. Unfortunately that was probably the last time any work was actually done on the ground. For the word 'sweeping' substitute the word 'crumbling' and for 'grandiose' read 'desolate'. If there was ever a classic example of a clubs need to sell up and move out, then this is it. In fact rumours are abound, that shortly after, the Oxford City game was postponed due to the closure of the ground amid safety fears.

The advertiser has also carried the story that the league have not yet confirmed that Sandy Lane has the B-grading required to ensure first division football next season. However, whilst Barking (covered standing on the same side as the stand just like....Tooting!) and Ruislip Manor (only one toilet - the entire ground) have already been informed that they will not be hosting division one football after May I presume the leagues delay in revealing Tooling's plight is because the ground grading committee have not yet had their quota of sexual favours from the Tooting secretary/chairman who makes up one of their number! I sincerely hope that the league demonstrate some of their consistency they are renowned for. Don't hold your breath though

The game itself was a dour affair which we had the better of, but some poor finishing (again) and Tooting's lack of a pitch roller cost us the chance of a rare away win. Lastly the winner of the "Shit, I forgot we were playing in our away kit, it's no wonder I didn't recognise any of our players!" award goes to our very own Wolfie Smith, Mr Trevor Kingham.



Some Gents (?) discuss the prehistoric facilities at Tooting Photo Mark Leonard

MAGPIES 2 RUISLIP MANOR 1(Smith, Attrell)

In a virtual re-run of the Thame game we again took an early lead, threatened to run riot but falled to capitalise on some excellent flowing football, conceded, and again looked to have dropped two valuable points to a team with an abysmal away record.

This weeks last gasp winner came from the man who is fast emerging as a new terrace hero, Garry Attrell, who calmly slotted the ball under the body of the advancing

Manor goalkeeper, Herman Munster. More celebrations, more pitch invasions, and a complaint from Mr warm blankets and horlicks himself. Dave Harrison, that we shouldn't keep running on the pitch in an excitable fashion. Sorry Dave, but that's how we seem to be currently showing our emotions best at the moment, and besides, at least we actually get on the pitch nowadays! (copyright Tom Cook).

- FOOTNOTES: 1) Thomas' barbers, next door to Diego's greasy spoon apparently do an excellent Garry Attrell crew-cut
- 2) Why don't we ever get any female streakers at York Road? We have had two blokes. already this season! Come on girls, get your skates on and your kit off!

MAGPIES O LEYTON PENNANT 2

Against the divisions form team (8 consecutive league wins before this game) the Magples were beaten, but not disgraced and we can take heart from the fact that at least we tried to play football rather than resort to the oppositions favoured (and only) 'lactic' of lumping the ball at every opportunity to the two greyhounds they had up front.

For the first 75 minutes we more than matched our visitors in every department and it took an (un)fortunate bullet header from club stalwart Owen Goal to put Leyton ahead Indeed, it was only a very tired through ball from Rodney that allowed Leyton to seal their victory with the last kick of the game, thus giving the scoreline a slightly flattering look.

So our six match unbeaten run was over, but looking on the positive side we are at least trying to combine entertaining football with battling performances (something we weren't even vaguely capable of earlier in the season), even though this match showed that we are still a couple of players short of a promotion challenging team.

MM

BASINGSTOKE 2 MAGPIES 2 (Attrell, Dadson)

When I said we were a couple of players short of being a really decent team, I didn't think the two players in question were Gary McAllister and Alan Shearer! As if to deliberately contradict all the virtues shown in our other recent performances United put in easily their worst display since the Barton debacle way back at the start of December. Short, measured passes to feet were traded for long aimless hoofs in the (usually vain) hope that either of our wingers could take advantage of the situation. Luckily, Basingstoke were no better, even though this made for a very poor game.

Despite this, the Magpies still nicked a point thanks to a virtual re-run of last seasons game at Estadio Camrose (now complete with concrete landing runway in front of their hi-

tech bus shelter terracing). Perhaps the Magpies fans had the thoughts of last years script at the back of their minds when Basingstoke went 2-1 ahead with about five minutes to go our faith was repaid when, in injury time, Paul Dadson powered in a header to send the Magpies Ultra's wild, and yes, you've guessed it, another pitch invasion. I swear we have got into more goalscoring

positions this season than Colin Tate did! Recipient of the "You're not famous anymore" award goes to (400+ appearances for Reading) Steve Richardson. I swear he's Alan Ball's little brother as he certainly has a higher voice than a pre-pubescent treble in the junior school choir. Still, thinking about it, he's the first person you would invite round to dinner due to the obligatory after meal game of tabou. That reminds me, I really must write to Waddingtons because those bloody squeakers never last more than five minutes!

Whilst on the subject of complaints I think Barclaycard owe us an explanation or two. Upon retiring to the bar for a few post match pints of Worthington's 'Creamflow' bitter. (later to be renamed Spunky Creamflow due to alleged sexual liaisons between a certain Magpies fan and a committee member!) we were confronted at the entrance by none other than Alan Wicker. You would have thought that after his extensive world-wide travels he would have chosen somewhere better than Basingstoke to settle. This, coupled with the downfall of our old referee friend Rowan Atkinson has led me to believe that a job at Barclaycard is not financially advisable!

Due to unprecedented popular demand, we are proud to announce the return of one of our most popular features..



Jim Barrs'

Yes at last we have managed to revive the universally popular Jim Barrs' Comedy Corner. It wasn't an easy task by any means. First we had to prise Jim from his new position in the club, (as near as possible to the TV watching Sky Sports) and persuade him to put down his Silk Cut and Guiness and come and talk to us. After reminding him that it was the Born & Bred kit sponsorship which had provided his new jacket, he let slip the following anecdotes...

remember having terrible trouble trying to persuade Dean Bailey to take the pitch on the infamous night we played the Southall team containing the gay footballer Justin Fashanu. Convinced that he would be contaminated just by sharing the same pitch as Fashanu Dean protested in his countrified Berkshire burr "he's a pervert". After some persuasion Bailey eventually played a full part in the one nil Although I don't think he performed the requested man to man marking job on Fashanu with much enthuiasm!

One of Dean Bailey's Hungerford counterparts, Gary Goodwin was the manager when Noddy Holder decided to reveal that nobody told him what to do on the pitch. Winning a free kick outside the area in a Trophy game at home to Canterbury, Noddy stepped up to take the kick ignoring the wild gesticulations of Goodwin on the touch line who was signalling that Holder should set in motion the complex free kick routine that the team had worked on in training. Waving away Goodwin's instructions Holder ran up to the ball and blasted it straight into the back of the net stunning both sets of players and infuriating the ill fated Goodwin!

By the way I was talking to the Old Trafford physio the other day. The Manchester United sponge man wanted some advice on how to prevent Eric Cantona's mysterious recurring shoulder injury. I told him that it probably is caused by the fact that Eric has been carrying Cole since his comeback in October.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME?

Cast your mind back ten years. Billy Ocean was topping the charts with When the Going gets Tough', the world was getting ready for Mexico 86 only to have it ruined by a fat dago with a big hand, Yuppies were taking over the city and Woking were rooted to the foot of the Vauxhall Opel league Yes, the 85/6 season brings back some memories. It was the season of my first Maidenhead match

I had been meaning to go for some time, but being an impressionable teenager I was more interested in hanging around town doing what teenagers do, or seeing if I could complete Manic Miner on my Spectrum 48k. But when the Easter Holidays came around I had plenty of time to do the things teenagers do, so I made a date in my Woolworth's Junior Filofax^(TM) for March 29th, the day Maidenhead played Boreham Wood.

Being so naive, I had absolutely no idea what to expect. I went to the match alone, my mates believing the Magpies were crap, and they would rather hang out down the shops, and my dad refusing to go for the same reason (except the hanging about the shops bit, of course), but it didn't seem to matter. I just remember being glued to the match, feeling somewhat scared to look around at the waifs and strays which York Road seemed to attract in those days.

The match ended in a 2-1 defeat for the Magpies. I remember one player standing out particularly well, a nippy winger called Gary Attrell. Dave Harrison was also in the side that day. Dave Dennis scored our goal that day, and the Magpies finished just above the relegation zone in division one that season. Some things never change....

The following season, I started going to the odd away match. I cant actually recall my very first away game, because I cant remember whether or not I attended the 5-0 defeat at Bracknell. If I didn't, then the first was the FA Trophy game at Clandown. This was a replay, and it is certainly a long way to go on a Tuesday night when you have school in the morning. I mean, if I got there when I was a mere slip of a lad, what is the excuse for not going to Windsor the other week? Anyway, this ground was a very desolate place. Cow sheds, china mugs, real sheep shagger country. There were more bumpkins here than at Abingdon, Oxford City and Thame all put together. Not as many sheep shaggers as you get at Marlow, but there you go.

We won the game 1-0, a Gary Kingston shot sealing victory for the Magpies, in the season where the FA must have got Maidenhead mixed up with Minehead, because we drew Barnstaple, Melksham, Clandown and Trowbridge in the competition. These games led to many others, and I am still going strong today, a little taller, a little fatter, but definitely not wiser....

Keith Jackson, NOT Ernie Taylor

COLINTATE A VALEDICTION

Your name was Colin,
You only put one goal in,
The opposition onion bag,
It was at Fareham in the Trophy,
Afterwards we all went for a curry,
It was very nice thanks.



Colin takes a break fro m football Photo Mark Leonard

LAST 10 OPENING MATCHES

- 1. Barking (H) 0-2
- 2. Chertsey (A) 0-3
- 3. Whyteleafe (H) 4-0
- 4. Whyteleafe (A) 1-5
- 5. Harlow (A) 2-2
- 6. Feltham (H) 3-0
- 7. Feltham (A) 1-0
- 8. Molesey (A) 1-2
- 9. Southall (H) 1-2
- 10. Leytonstone/Ilford (A) 1-5

10 X-MEN

- 1. Croxford
- 2. Lennox (93-94)
- 3. B Huxley (72-73)
- 4. G Huxley (82-84)
- 5. Exer (89-90)
- 6. Dixon (29-30)
- 7. Alexander (91-92)
- 8. G Cox (57-58)
- 9. C Cox (56-57)
- 10. Fox (54-55)

10 OTHER TEAMS FOLLOWED BY MAGPIES FANS

- 1. Leeds Utd
- 2. Partick Thistle
- 3. Reading
- 4. Southampton
- 5. Preston
- 6. Wallsall
- 7. Wolverhampton Wanderers
- 8. QPR
- 9. Tottenham Hotspur
- 10. Ross County

LAST 10 BOXING DAY MATCHES

- 1. Uxbridge (A) 1-1
- 2. Windsor (H) 4-1
- 3. Abingdon (A) 0-0
- 4. Whyteleafe (H) 1-2
- 5. Camberley (A) 3-0
- 6. Feltham (A) 3-2
- 7. Hungerford (H) 0-1
- 8. Uxbridge (A) 0-2
- 9. Staines (A) 2-1
- 10. Oxford City (H) 4-1

Careers Made By Maidenhead

In a new series we show how Maidenhead United Football Club played a vital part in the career development of some of the English games top names. Any more contributions to this series are welcome. We are especially looking for documentary evidence of Lawrie Sanchez's only appearance for Maidenhead, and a young Andy Cole's appearance for Bristol City in a friendly at York Road in the early nineties.

1.) LES FERDINAND

Starring alongside such lesser lights as Roger Joseph (Brentford & Wimbledon) and Graham "nowhere near as good as my brother Ray" Wilkins, Les lined up against the one and only Garry Attrell in this 1984 FA Cup clash at Southall. Garry clearly taught him a footballing lesson he would never forget as Maidenhead won 2-1 with goals from Godrey Cordice and Lance Cadogan. To this day Les has never starred in a successful FA Cup team.

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3) ANDREW IMPEY

Playing in the great Yeading team of the late eighties and early nineties. Impey enjoyed the kind of success (several promotions, and cup final success at Wembley) which he has no chance of repeating now he plys his trade for Queen's Park Rangers. On their way to the Division 2 South championship in 1990 Yeading breezed past United 5-2, with Maidenhead's goals coming from Kenny Alleyne and Noddy

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Steve CORDERY	11	Paul HOLDER

2) JOHN McGINLAY

The tubby blonde Scotsman made his great break whilst playing for Yeovil in this 1985 League Cup replay at York Road. In a rare cup shock the Magpies triumphed 3-1 with goals from Mark Harris (now starring for promotion chasing Gillingham), lan Parsons and Nevada Phillips. Rising above the dross of Bristol City rejects such as Gerry Gow and Tom Ritchie, McGinlay finally found cup success at Bolton of course.

Maidenhead United Yeovil Town

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FASHANU

The recently outed Fashanu restarted his football career at York Road when Southall went down to a Benny Laryea goal in the promotion season. This led Fashanu to give up football and go and play for Torquay before becoming a media celebrity.

MAIDENHEAD UNITED	SOUTHALL	
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8. KEVIN BALE	8. JEFF HAMLET	
9. BENNY LARYEA	9. JUSTIN FASHANAU	
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11. CLIFF ALLEYNE	11. CLEVERE FORDE	







YORK ROAD REPORTS

Guest Reporter, Keith Jackson

WINDSOR & ETON 0 MAGPIES 2 (Attrell, Dadson)

Windsor must have been looking forward to this game for some time. Riding high in division three, they probably saw it as another chance to show us who really are the best team in the borough. Well, they certainly did that. Division three football must be very poor indeed if this lot can waltz their way through it. Before the game, Windsor had scored some 71 goals in 21 league matches, but after watching them play I can't for the life of me figure out how. Goals from Attrell in the first half and Dadson in the second ensured victory and a semi final against Aylesbury, but to be perfectly honest, the last fifteen minutes were so dull, most of

the 40 or so magples fans just started talking amongst themselves or read the programme (£11111) This local derby attracted less than 150 fans, including a poor turnout of our own supporters Obviously, Windsor's performances are just as dull week in week out, so the Townsfolk steer well clear of Stag Meadow.

The club have actually done some work on the ground - heaven knows it needed it but it is still the same old dump that it was. Windsor will undoubtedly be winners of two Born and Bred end of season awards - smelliest clubhouse, and they will just pip Fareham for the supporter obesity award. Its amazing that most of their supporters can get through the minuscule turnstile they have

MAGPIES 1 STAINES TOWN 0 (Dadson)

Why do matches with Staines always attract the worst referees the Isthmian league have to offer? I don't expect that anyone who was present at the match at their ground back in October will forget the legendary performance by Mr Merchant, but we had an equally bad referee for this one. The standard of refereeing is getting worse and worse, I can't understand why the league don't buck their ideas up and get some decent officials in.

Anyway, this game was to start the most exciting trilogy since Star Wars -Maidenhead playing three of the top four at home in a week. Staines didn't look too bad, but then neither did they look too good. If you take Oxford and Heybridge as promotion certainties, then the third spot must really be between Staines, Aldershot and Leyton, I personally thought that Leyton were one of the best teams we have played, and on the evidence of Staines, the third place should go to the Eastender-cockernee-gawd bless ya' side Some competent defending, particularly from Mark Harrison who is establishing himself as one of the better players at the club, along with some superb (again) keeping by Trevor (easily the best keeper in the division), and another Dadson goal (top scorer with an amazing 7 goals) sealed the win, and started the trilogy on fine form.

MAGPIES 1 ALDERSHOT 1 (Houston)

At long last it was time for the big boys to come to the Estadio York Road and bring their red and blue army with them, Talk about quiet. I've heard more noise coming from the Satan crew behind the Canal End on Saturdays. They may come and bring their 700 or so with them, but if the Aldershot players want any vocal encouragement, they may as well forget it.

This was probably the worst match of the season. A total of 4 corners were given in the entire match (all to Aldershot) and there were even fewer goal attempts, We scored first. a superb strike from Tyrone from a Dadson cross, but Mark Butler equalised with about 3 minutes to go. On this performance, Aldershot seem unlikely to take that third promotion spot, but as the Advertiser keeps reminding us, Marlow are still in with a chance. Yes, of course they are. If Marlow stand a chance, then so do we. A game to forget.



A fully stacked shelf watches the Aldershot game Photo Mark Leonard

MAGPIES 1 HEYBRIDGE 4 (Smith)

And so the team who have been flying as high as their nickname this season came to York Road eager to build on a fine midweek win at Leyton. Easy times were not to be given by the Magpies, treating the Heybridge goal as a rifle range for the first quarter. It was Smith who broke the deadlock; beating one, two, three defenders, and a delightful chip from the edge of the box to give Maidenhead the lead. Two defensive errors gifted Heybridge with two goals to take a not entirely deserved half time lead, and more was to follow in the second half. Another two errors, another two goals, and if a saying that luck is on your side when you head the table is true, they surely Heybridge epitomise that particular cliché. Honourable mentions for Dadson, and for Garry Attrell, who was adjudged to have been offside when his shot crossed the line by a harsh official with the score at 2-1. Perhaps if it had counted, ten the game may just possibly have taken a different turn. Final score - Maidenhead 1 Heybridge 4, and the Swifts will certainly be flying high tonight, but will they survive the hunters and poachers of the premier? KJ

PISSED AGAIN WITH RAY DAWSON

IN THE

MAGPIES SOCIAL CLUB



10 TEAMS WE BEAT INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT SEASON

- 1. Buckingham Town, 14-1, 52/3, Amateur Cup (H)
- 2. Abingdon Town, 13-0, 28/9, Amateur Cup (H)
- 3. Wood Green Town, 12-0, 27/8, League, (H)
- 4. Callender Athletic, 11-0, 35/6, League, (H)
- 5. Wood Green Town, 11-5, 29/0, League, (A)
- 6. Henley Town, 10-1, 28/9, Amateur Cup. (H)
- 7. RAF Halton, 10-2, 36/7, FA Cup, (A)
- 8. Maidstone United, 10-3, 50/1, League, (A)
- 9. Oxford City, 9-1, 27/28, FA Cup, (H)
- 10. Wood Green Town, 9-1, 26/7, League, (H)





10 NIGHTMARE GOALKEEPING DEBUTS

- 1. STUCHBERY v Chesham 22/3, 0-14
- 2. BROWN v Aylesbury 23/4, 2-7
- 3. CHANDLER v Marlow 33/4, 0-4
- 4. RICHENS v Callender Athletic 34/5, 0-5
- 5. EVANS v Windsor 41/2, 1-6
- 6. GIGG v Marlow 43/4, 1-6
- 7. WILTSHIRE v Uxbridge 44/5, 2-6
- 8. GOLF v Windsor 45/6, 0-5
- 9. WITHERS v Worthing 54/5, 0-5
- 10. SCOTT v Horsham 76/7, 1-4

YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED!

Here we see Maidenhead's answer to Steven Spielberg, Trevor Kingham learning the first lesson of filming a football match, make sure the camera is pointing at the pitch!





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EASY PATH AS MAGPIES AIM TO EXTEND FA CUP RECORD

Mindanhend though are tooking kunyard tomourous i forth round FA Cup. nc in home to nonleague Manchester United A smaller groud than usual. is expected but the blub are expecting a crowd of around 45,000 All the nekets for the Super Trever Roffey East Stand have sold out but there are plenty of tickets available for the Colin Tate One Goal Memorial Stand

Magnies are aiming for the record of five consecutive FA triumph's. Cup TOTAL DATE OF should see the Magpies cruise mio the fifth round easily Manchester United have fallen on hard times since the last century Since failing to win a trophy for two seasons in the mid 1990's their

support disappeared, the money run out. and the club dwindled Club spokesman Derek Cantoner blames the fall of the once

maghty rods on the compoversial decision to move to London m 1997 'If was in the best interest of our supporters. Cantoner explained No one in Manchester supports us They all go and watch the glamour clubs like Stockport and Macclesfield

Onc magpies player who is looking forward tomorrow's match is the Rt. Hon Harrison MEP, who is sel to make his 2,500th Maidenhead 'I'm just happy to keep on being picked

said Dave Local side Marlow are also involved in cup action tomorrow Their match in the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup against Magpies Social Club 7th XI is scheduled for a 3 PM kick off If auyone can help, either on or off the field on match days for Marlosv, can they please fuck off and die as soon as possible

COMING SOON YORK

ROAD; Wednesday's against Barcelona in the Champions League is expected to sell out Most of the 80,000 tickets have gone, but you check availability by dialling the ticket hotline:

TIX@MAG.CO.U

The Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tic away Wyconine cancelled Magpies chairman Jinman. explained: 'It was gelling

embarrassing for the clubs we had to play. Beating Aylesbury I4-0 in the final last year, and Slough 13-0 in 2025, things gelting beyond a joke. We have won the competition for the last 28 years; no other team stands a chance."

Issue 603 of the Magpies fanzine, Born and Bred will be on sale tomorrow. fanzine team were overjoyed wining the much coveted Sports

Writers Publication of the Year award last season, and are hoping for more

success this year

MUSEUM OPENING

Magpies museum will be open tomorrow before the match. On display will be the original flag which a small band of Magpies fans took with them on away trips towards the end of the last century. Admission is free. and the museum is situated in the South Stand

AWAY TRAVEL The club will be taking supporters coaches to next Saturdays Premier League clash Newcastle. Details can be obtained from the Magpies travel shop in Nicholsons Walk.

CLUB SHARES Magpies shares closed up 3ECU's at 106 yesterday. Remember, shares can be traded at any branch of Magpies Bank

ICIS GROUND GRADING CRITERIA SHOCK

Many of you may have read in the local press about Ruislip Manor and Barking failing to gain the sufficient ground grading to compete in division one next year. Tooting also look likely to join them, following the mysterious postponement of their home match against Oxford. The reasons behind this are detailed below. These form part of the Isthmian League rulings on ground gradings, section 4b, subsection xiv. For some reason, they were missing when the league published their criteria last year.

- 1. All grounds must have a wall or fence behind each goal of a minimum height of 6 foot so visiting supporters can hang flags/banners.
- 2. All grounds must have no more than 3 supporters whose weight would be described as morbidly obese.
- 3. All clubs must agree not to ask away supporters to leave the bar, no matter what time of the night it is.
- 4. No ground can have a stolen British Rail clock in their clubhouse.
- 5. No ground can have an exit sign to home supporters ratio of 3:1.
- 6. No ground can have bizarre queuing arrangements for their catering facilities, regardless of whether they give china mugs or not.
- 7. Outdoor toilet facilities must actually contain a toilet.
- 8. Any club with poisonous flora/fauna found growing on their terraces must forfeit their grade.
- 9. No ground can be situated next to an athletics track where teenage girls meetings may distract visiting spectators/players.
- 10. Any club that kick up a fuss over some tickertape will not be awarded a 'B' grade.

As you can see, Ruislip Manor and Barking failed a number of these points, and as a result, they will not be awarded the 'B' grade needed to keep their division one status. Tooting on the other hand may survive, it all depends if the club official who is on the ground grading board can persuade the rest of the committee otherwise (allegedly).

Keith Jackson



STOP JISTER MAGPIES O BOGNOR REGIS TOWN 1

A bittely cold evening greeted our fourth home game in 2 weeks; Maidenhead's public, their wallets feeling the pinch and without the stamina to cope with the weather stayed at home in droves. York Road was not so much a cauldron of passion as one of those little trays you keep in the freezer compartment for making ice cubes. Bognor started very strongly indeed, monopolised the play and squeezed an early goal past Roffey. Towards the end of the first half, Magpies finally had a look in, Andy Smith forcing a good save out of the Rocks' giant goalkeeper.

Things were a little more even in the second half, but neither side created much until late on. Bognor failed to make the most of their chances, while for Maldenhead, Kevin Brown shot over the bar from about 15 yards, then a shot from Garry Attrell was handled on the line by a Bognor defender. The referee may have been unsighted, but his linesman, to the disgust of the Magpies fans, signalled only a corner. And so it ended in defeat. The biggest disappointment was that it gave fuel to the moaners' cause, those who had bothered to attend were seen departing the ground looking decidedly gleeful: "Well, this is where we start to slide!"

OXFORD CITY 2 MAGPIES 2 (Dadson, Houston)

An early start for the Born & Bred crew: we took the scenic route, and Keith was seen to go all misty-eyed as we drove past his childhood home on the way to Thame. We would have had a warmer welcome at the Thame United clubhouse had we not parked in the space marked 'Match Ball Sponsor', but soon made up for this transgression by drinking lots of beer and providing the entertainment on the pool table.

Hang on a minute... Thame?? Weren't we supposed to be going to Oxford? Back into the car, and we were at Oxford's charmless new ground in the middle of nowhere in time

for the kick-off.

Right from the kick-off, Maidenhead set about their opponents with a display of attacking, open football. Backed by a raucous following, we created all sorts of problems for Oxford, who rarely got the ball into the Maidenhead half. As well as a number of near misses, we put the ball into the net, only for it to be ruled out for offside. Then Andy Smith emerged the loser from a one-on-one with the Oxford keeper. Oxford created only 2 real chances in the half, so it was galling to go in 1-0 down to a soft goal scored just before the break.

After the restart, Trevor Roffey was deceived by a weakly-struck shot, and somehow we were 2-0 down. We kept pressing, and with the ball heading goalwards an Oxford defender stuck out his hand in desperation to beat it off the line. The keeper dived to his left to save Micky Creighton's resultant spot kick - the second time in successive games that we have been denied a goal by hand-ball. This time at least the offender was sent packing. 'Cheerio...' Parity was restored when Mark Harrison's second bookable offence also sent him to an early bath. With a quarter of an hour to go, Creighton was replaced by Paul Dadson, mysteriously omitted from the starting line-up, He struck the first Maidenhead goal and shortly afterwards came close with an audacious overhead kick. Alec Norman, making a welcome return from injury, went agonisingly close a couple of times. Then Steve Croxford took possession just in the Oxford half, broke through their defensive ranks and laid the ball off to Attrell, whose cross was met by Tyrone Houston for a stunning, richly deserved equaliser.

After Oxford's unsocial behaviour at our place, your correspondents didn't linger, hastening from the city of dreaming spires with gritty and steaming tyres. Back to the bar at Thame, to a warm welcome from our hosts and the visitors from Barton, who were delighted to renew their aquaintance with the Maidenhead Tartan Army. Hang on a minute... Thame?? Weren't we supposed to be going to Maidenhead?

MARK LEDNARD

AVELEY CALLING



The Aveley approved mural

As some of you may already know, Maidenhead United Football Club was recently honoured when York Road was chosen to host the prestigious ICIS League Division Three fixture between Epsom & Ewell and Aveley. We subsequently received a letter from the Aveley fanzine "There's Only One Reggie Harris", telling us amongst other things about their visit to our "cauldron of passion".

They seemed to enjoy the game if only because "Epsom squandered a two goal lead in the last fifteen minutes to our useless heroes, and then got a bit hot under the collar as our barrage of inane one liners got their centre half to turn on us (when will non league players learn that rising to our bait is just why we pay our three guid)."

They loved our wall "complete with Slash toking on a spliff". One of their number was also forced to admit that "I love a trip to Maidenhead just to tell people that I stood in the Bell End (something that I'm sure Man City would love to do to honour the great Colin Bell but just don't have the bottle to do)."

One previous memorable visit to York Road was also recalled. Back in November 1991 an Aveley team destined to finish bottom of Division One arrived at York Road. They were supported by the Pink Panther, a Giant Panda and a Lion who watched as Maidenhead ran out 3-2 winners. The animals were in attendance "not so much as a protest against the sacking of our manager Dennis Pollock (mis-print surely), currently the club's assistant manager. We decided that our new manager Tommy Lee needed to see what lengths of stupidity our fans will go to in the same of self-entertainment, as non was forthcoming on the pitch. Hence the jungle animals, full drum kits, and all manner of other nonsense, and to be fair to Tommy he joined in the spirit and produced two seasons of absolute cobblers, finishing bottom twice."

You can find out more about the strange goings on at Aveley football club by obtaining the best fanzine in the ICIS League "There's Only One Reggie Harris" free of charge with an SAE from 233 Somerset Gardens, Tottenham, N17.

FREE GIFT ...

YOU DIDN'T SEE THE MATCH??

Have you ever arrived at work on a Monday morning and had to explain exactly what went on at Saturday's match? Isn't this a problem? Well, fret no more. Born and Bred give you this easy guide to relay the information of the match that your colleagues missed. Simply cross out one of the two words in the brackets, and there you have it! A perfect match report for those armchair and fair weather spectators...

"We won [the match / the raffle]!!"

"Before the kick off our [inspirational / horse drawn] coach [went through the game plan / broke down on the M25]. From the first [touch / own goal] we started to play like the odds [on favourities / and sods] we were. Our back for revived memories of [Ron 'Chopper' / Keith 'Orville'] Harris. Our midfield possessed the skill and vision of [Paul] Bamber | Gascoigne. Up front we were as [sharp / blunt] as [Barry Venison's jackets / Jimmy Hill's chin] and played with the finesse and grace of AC [Milan I DC]. At half time we were [4-0 up / all transfer listed]. At full time we were likened to eleven [Stanley / Bernard] Matthews'. We had put on a display worthy of [Rund Gullit / rude language]. After the match, [singing / a shotgun] was heard."

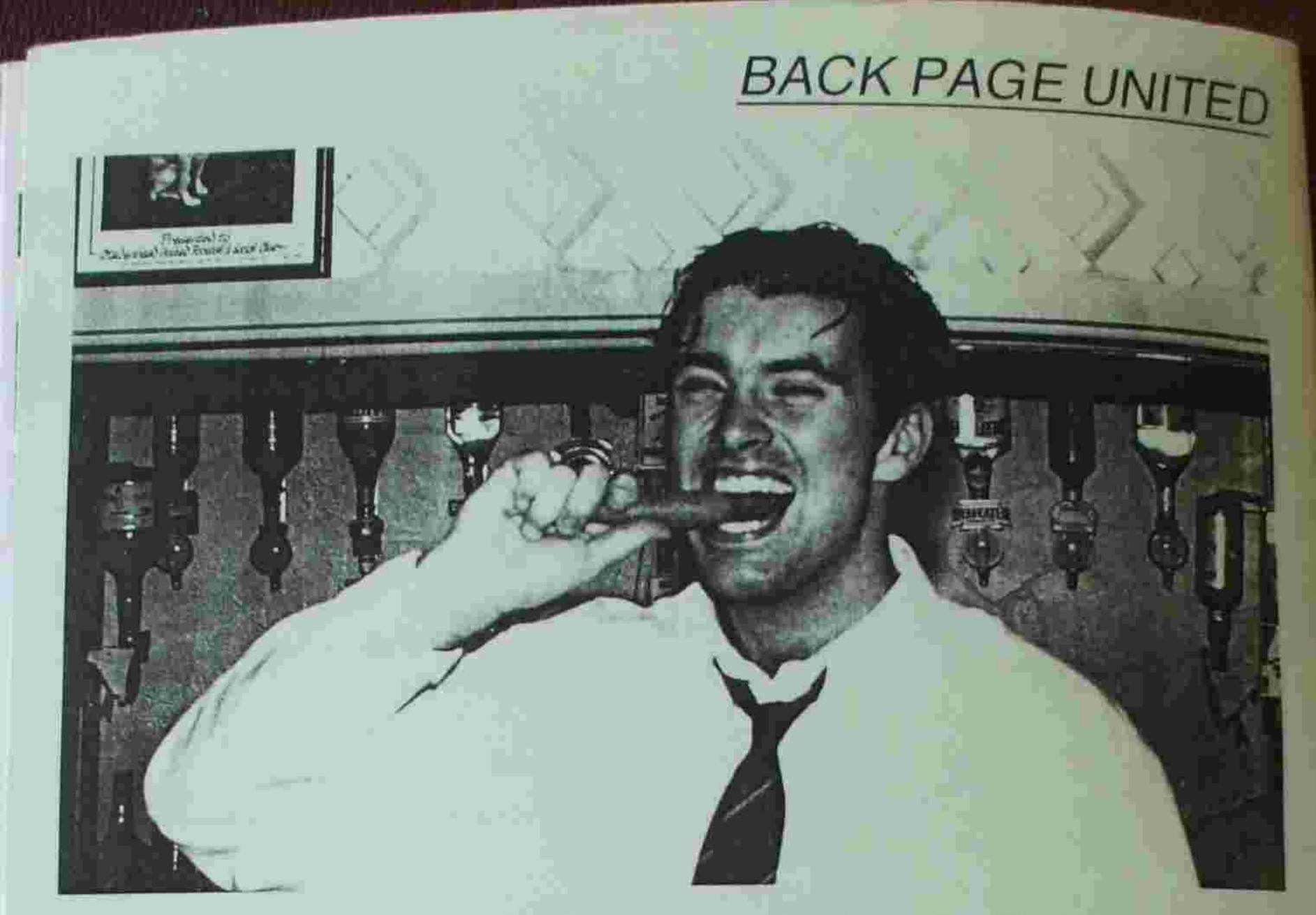
There you have it. An indispensable guide to match reporting, which maybe even the Advertiser may use....

10 TEAMS WE'RE UNLIKELY MEET IN THE LEAGUE AGAIN

- 1. Jurgens Purfleet
- 2. Hoxton Manor
- 3. Lyons Club
- 4. 2nd Scots Guards 5. Slough Trading Co.
- 6. 1st Grenadier Guards
- 7. London Fire Forces
- 8. High Duty Alloys
- 9. Wycombe Redfords
- 10. Windsor and Eton

10 TANNOY ANNOUNCERS NIGHTMARES

- 1. Jedzrejczak (78-80)
- 2. Cassanielli (40-41)
- 3. Araguez
- 4. Scrymgour (23-24)
- 5. Mylchrest (40-41)
- 6. Jakubiec (59-64)
- 7. Geometti (84-85)
- 8. Champleovier (55-56)
- 9. Bonaventura
- 10. Sciaraffa



Crocko carrot crunches away Photo Mark Leonard

In a unique series of one Born & Bred can exclusively reveal the diet of Magpies centre back Steve Croxford. Following in the fashion of England number five Tony Adams, our photo uncovers the secret of Crocko's footballing ability, carrots.

In yet another exclusive interview with Born & Bred, United chairman Jim Parsons stated that "one of the reasons Steve returned to York Road was our offer of as many carrots as he could eat. We are only to happy to meet his dietary requirements, indeed we are investigating the possibility of growing our own on the many grassy patches around the terraces."

