



Justin – A True O's Legend

From summertime feelings of jubilation following the O's 2018-2019 National League Championship season and the fulfilment of our wishes for promotion back to the EFL the close season was turned upside down when we heard of the tragic death of Justin Edinburgh on Saturday June 8.

When these things happen, especially to a person in the prime of life, football and other pastimes, however important they may seem to us, take a back seat as we reflect on the dreadful feelings of loss experienced by the family and friends of those who have passed from our lives. At this time we think of Justin's wife Kerri, his children Charlie and Cydnie, the family, friends and colleagues and offer our condolences and prayers for them. Like Justin, they will remain part of our Orient family.

Most of us wouldn't have known Justin very well on a personal level, but from the many tributes paid to him by players, club staff and the Board together with comments made about him by countless others within football and the media it is clear that he was a truly decent, loyal and caring person who had a positive impact and influence on those who knew and worked with him.

What we as O's fans do know of course is that, aside from Justin's achievements as a player, coach and manager at the various clubs he was involved with, for the O's he rapidly attained legendary status for the transformation he brought about at the club from the moment he was appointed as Head Coach in November 2017. In the space of eighteen or so months he moulded a Championship winning team which took the O's out of the dark years since 2014 and back into the English Football League from which the club had been unceremoniously dumped. Legend is a word that is often over exaggerated but I know that for everyone associated with the O's there will be no hesitation in so describing Justin Edinburgh.

It must have been very difficult for the Board to decide on who will take on Justin's role at the club. All of us will be wishing Ross, Danny and Jobi the best of luck as they endeavour to protect and build upon the legacy that Justin has left behind.

Justin Edinburgh
1969-2019
Thank you. Rest In Peace

Our Last Tribute

In the present circumstances we include a photo of Justin being presented with an LOSC plaque at the end of season awards dinner in April. It was our privilege to call Justin on stage to accept the plaque, which was probably one of the last written expressions of thanks to him on behalf of the fans for his efforts in leading the O's to promotion. For everyone's interest, here is the wording:

Presented by
Leyton Orient Supporters Club

to

JUSTIN EDINBURGH

with congratulations and appreciation
for leading the O's to the
National League Championship
and promotion back to the
English Football League
Season 2018-2019



And so to other matters....



Above: At the Gala awards dinner in April the 2018/19 season LOSC Star Man winner **Jobi McAnuff** receives his crystal award from **Lorna Waters** of Time FM who generously sponsored the award. We thank Time FM for their generous support.

Below: **Marvin Ekpiteta** receives his Away Player of the Season award from LOSC Travel Secretary **Malcolm McCarthy** MBE.



The past season was one that will live long in the memory of those of us fortunate enough to have experienced what proved to be the O's first Championship winning campaign since Jimmy Bloomfield led the club to the old Division Three title in 1969-70.

The success of the team and the feel good factor surrounding the club saw attendances increase substantially. This had a beneficial effect at LOSC resulting in probably our best ever season for bar sales.

Our activities included four gala ale nights when we showcased micro breweries, while in December we held our annual Mighty Oak Brewery Christmas ale gala. We were proud to be the winners, once again, of the CAMRA East London & City branch Club of the Year award. Support for travel to away games showed a small improvement. We also staged quiz nights in aid of the Errol McKellar Foundation for prostate cancer awareness and for the Leyton Orient Womans FC.

Throughout the season we continued to make presentations to the O's Star Man player each month and gave the usual 80th birthday Dom Perignon champagne gifts to former players such as Malcolm Lucas, Terry McDonald and Mark Lazarus.

Donations to the O's were made in August to cover the £20,000 cost of the refurbishment of the home dressing rooms whilst in November the club made another substantial donation of £27,000 towards the cost of repairs to the East Stand.

With the club having passed our fortieth anniversary

we are pleased to enclose a brief history of the club since our formation back in 1977. Hopefully you will find this of interest. LOSC has been steadfast in supporting the O's, financially and in practical ways, through good and not so good times and I am fortunate to have had a hard working and loyal team of committee volunteers alongside me over the years. I thank them and you, our members, for this ongoing support.

Also enclosed is a membership form for the new season ahead. You will note that for the first time in a number of years we have made a small increase in the subscription fees due to increasing costs of printing, postage, bank charges and general running of the club. No increase has been made to the three year fees. *If you are a three year member with a season or two still to run please ignore the form – your membership card will be sent to you in time for the start of the new season.*

And so, despite the sadness that has engulfed the club over the summer we must try to look ahead with positivity and hope that Justin's legacy will inspire everyone – players, management and we, the fans, to strive even harder to take the club forward. We owe that to him.

We hope that you will continue your LOSC membership for 2019/20 and thank you again for your support. Look out for a Supporters Club badge that will be sent to all members with our compliments in the pre-Christmas mail out.

Come On You O's!

David Dodd,
Summer 2019

Greene King Contract – Ale commitment continues at LOSC

Members have probably heard of the change of contract for brewery pouring rights to take effect at the O's next season. This will involve the ending of a long association with Heineken plc and a switch to the Greene King Brewery.

The Greene King contract will bring a range of different beers and lagers to the football club outlets. However, we wish reassure members that LOSC shall continue to have the right to



supply a full range of ales from *any* independent brewery of our choosing. LOSC will not be tied to the contract in so far as our ale purchases are concerned. This agreement is written into the overall contract. Greene King have been very accommodating in this respect and we shall give them other product support in the same way as we did with Heineken.

So, ale drinkers, fear not!

LOSC Away Travel – Early season trips



Saturday August 10
MACCLESFIELD TOWN

Leaving at 9.00am.
Flat fare £25 All Adults/£13 Children Under 16*

Tuesday August 20
MANSFIELD TOWN
Leaving at 2.00pm.
£34 Adults/£31 Concessions/£17 Children*

Saturday August 31
SALFORD CITY
Leaving at 8.30am.
£36/Adults/£33 Concessions/£18 Children*

*Children must be accompanied by an Adult. £3 non-members fee applies to Adult category fares but NOT to the flat fare to Macclesfield.

Book at LOSC on Saturday July 27 (O's v Norwich City), or by calling the Travel Line on:
07722 135970