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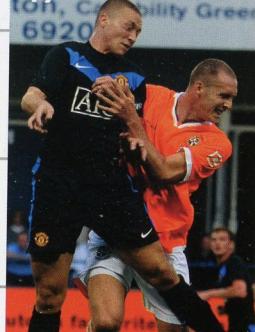
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Winners 2009



MICK HARFORD

THE HATTERS MANAGER LOOKS TO GET THE HOME CAMPAIGN OFF TO A WINNING START.

A very good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our first home game of the season.

Also, a warm welcome to the players, directors, staff and fans from Mansfield Town, who had an excellent result on Saturday, so we know we will need to be on our guard tonight as we aim for three points.

Pre season started on the 1st July which seems a long time ago now. The players have worked extremely hard throughout the last six weeks and have applied themselves in the correct manner. Results in pre season games are not paramount as we look for the players to be fit and ready for the opening weeks of the new season.

We know it's going to be a tough and long season so we will need each and every player to contribute when called upon throughout the next nine months.

Unfortunately it looks like the injury curse has struck us again so early on in the season. We are already without Liam Hatch, Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Ryan Charles and George Beavan and looks like we will be without Lewis Emanuel for an extended period as he broke his toe over

the weekend. Added to the already suspended duo of Kevin Nicholls and Alan White we lose Shane Blackett for tonight's game due to his unfortunate red card on Saturday.

We are considering appealing his sending off, but the only footage available is inconclusive.

Although, in our opinion, it shows Shane playing

If we continue to play the type of football we did on Saturday, particularly in the first half, we will have enough to mount a serious promotion challenge



the ball first, we would have liked footage from behind the goal or from the side of the pitch which would have made our case that much stronger.

Enjoy tonight's game and get behind the team as you always do.

Keep the faith

Should we appeal and lose there is the real possibility of the ban being extended, so we need to make a balanced decision.

I would like to thank our supporters for your vocal support on Saturday, where again you travelled in your numbers to support the team. You will play a vital role this season in our quest

Mick

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



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DIRECTOR STEPHEN BROWNE REFLECTS ON A BUSY CLOSE SEASON BEHIND THE SCENES

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for a brand new season and welcome to all from Mansfield Town, their supporters, officials and players.

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued and amazing support. We are absolutely delighted at the increase in the number of diamond and regular season ticket holders, executive members, and all sponsors - large and small.

When LTFC2020 became custodians last year, we did so on the mandate that we wanted to work hard to take our rightful place at the heart of our vibrant community.

By contributing and working together, we feel we have made major inroads to restoring the good name of our great club

amongst many people who not so long ago felt disenfranchised because of the activities at Kenilworth Road. We know we still have a long way to go and that the club has so much more to offer, but we do feel that the efforts by everyone to date have won us many friends both near and far.

Of course for everyone at the club, the close season is far from a quiet period! All parts of the club have worked very hard to take their respective areas forward. Mick and Antony have been very busy in the transfer market and we welcome new players to the Hatters family, and we sincerely thank those that have moved on to pastures new.

The stadium team have been very busy in improving parts of the ground and as you look around I am sure you will see there is a far brighter feel to the

ground. This also extends to refurbishment of some of the hospitality areas. The commercial team have done a great job and you will see many new sponsors around the ground. Please can we ask that you take a few moments to look through the programme, look at advertising boards and look on our website so that, if possible, you can support those sponsors who have shown faith in our club.

Also, please remember that you too can make monthly savings on insurance, energy and phone bills, and holidays. Our sponsors will donate to the club in return for your business. A-Plan Insurance, Utility Warehouse and Take Off are the companies to look out for.

We also welcome Active Luton to Kenilworth Road who will provide all the catering requirements for the next two



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seasons. Unlike any previous deal at the club, you can be assured that the profit we make from your purchases is spent on local community projects whether through us, or through Active Luton - every penny of profit benefits sport in Luton and the surrounding area. Look out for additions to the food and drink offer once the team have settled in.

Of course the work in the close season does not stop there. With the fantastic news of new shirt sponsorships, our supplier Carbrini have pulled out all the stops to get us our new kit - normally many of the larger brands would need six-to-nine months to do what Carbrini have managed in just over two so we are very grateful for their hard work.

We are also very excited about our partnership with Diverse FM that brings FM quality broadcasts to fans in the Luton area for both home and away games.

More importantly, it also provides live online commentary for fans all over the world - recent games have seen listeners from Mauritius, Singapore, and Australia (amongst many others) tune in to hear our very own Simon 'Statto' Pitts deliver brilliant,



uninterrupted coverage. As Gary said in his Manchester United programme notes, SOLYD was launched with the help of the supporters' groups, so please support their initiatives so that we can ensure our Youth Development department continues to shine and nurture exciting new talent.

today than we were this time last season - both financially and in our reputation. Every supporter has played their part in this massive turnaround.

Finally, I can assure you that we have not stopped there. We have been working on many more projects that will be announced in due course,

We still have plans to implement but we are in a significantly better position today than we were this time last season - both financially and in our reputation

With so many new partners involved who each have new staff, new equipment and new ideas, inevitably our service may not be perfect from the start, so please may we ask for your patience whilst we aim for reliability and consistency.

As custodians we are very pleased with the progress we are making as we approach financial stability.

We still have plans to implement but we are in a significantly better position

and these will further cement our place in the community and help to further increase income to the club.

As you can see, the close-season has actually been far busier for us all than many people imagine. Your support spurs everyone on at the club, so tonight for our first home game of the season, sing up and be the 12th man for the lads!

Stephen

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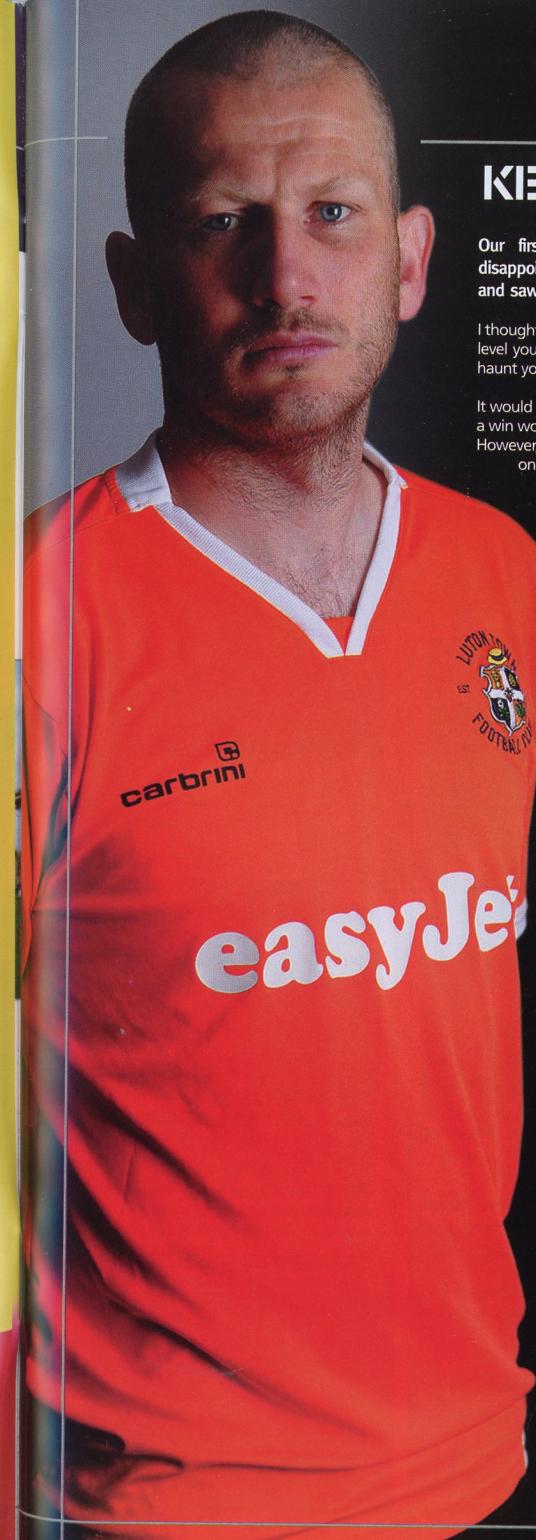
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KEVIN NICHOLLS

Our first game in Blue Square Premier at AFC Wimbledon was a disappointment following a first half which we dominated, controlled the game and saw us create a number of opportunities.

I thought we were the better team on our first half showing but – no matter what level you play at – if you don't take your chances you know it will come back to haunt you and that's exactly what happened.

It would have been nice to start the season with three points but it wasn't to be as a win would have really sent a message of intent out to the rest of the division. However, we have learned that we must take our chances, especially when we are on top and we'll be looking to address that starting tonight. On Saturday I thought Mark Tyler was in brilliant form and we had to thank him for a number of great saves and confident catches to keep us in the game towards the end as Wimbledon pressed for a winner.

I cannot speak highly enough of Mark who I believe is the best goalkeeper outside the Premier League and Championship. Although we were all disappointed it's not all doom and gloom: after all there are still 45 matches left to play and we're still unbeaten. If we take the positives out of Saturday's performance we can look forward to testing ourselves tonight against a Mansfield side who earned a good result on the opening day after beating Crawley 4-0.

We have got to make Kenilworth Road a fortress and, with your support, we can make this old ground of ours a place teams fear visiting. Our home form is crucial to our season and, as long as we get off on the right foot: start well, dictate the tempo and apply ourselves correctly, we'll be a difficult side to beat.

Tonight's match won't be easy, though. We are not kidding ourselves that any match in this division will be straightforward and tonight's game will be a good test against a former Football League side who are fancied to do well this season. It's our first home game of the campaign and everyone is excited. We have to use the fan base and the infrastructure that we have to our advantage starting tonight and throughout the rest of the season.

Once again I'll be supporting the lads from the stands as I continue to sit out my suspension. While it is always frustrating to miss any game, like you, I'll be kicking and heading every ball in support of the lads. As I said earlier, there are still 45 matches to play for. I know it's a cliché but nobody gets promoted or relegated after one game. Hopefully we can stay unbeaten for as long as possible and go on and maintain a good start to the season.

Finally, I'd like to praise those fans that made the trip to Wimbledon. You created a great atmosphere and I know for a fact we could have sold a lot more tickets such is the strength of our support.

Your support this season will be vital so please get behind the lads this evening.

Enjoy the game.

Nico

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HATTERS NEWS

ALL THE LATEST FROM AROUND KENILWORTH ROAD



TUESDAY 28TH JULY

The Hatters go down by two goals to one to a youthful Manchester United XI at Kenilworth Road on a night where the club also unveiled easyJet as the new sponsors.

An orange home shirt, complete with new badge, are also on show but United spoil the party. They race into a two-goal advantage inside nine minutes and, despite Asa Hall pulling one back, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Red Devils hold on.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

First teamers Claude Gnakpa, Rossi Jarvis, Callum Reynolds and Jake



Howells are involved as a Hatters team predominately made up of trialists lose to Biggleswade Town in the final of the Beds Premier Cup 4-1 on penalties.

THURSDAY 30TH JULY

Centre-half Ian Roper leaves Kenilworth Road and joins Blue Square Premier rivals Kettering Town.

FRIDAY 31ST JULY

Striker Drew Talbot follows Roper out of Kenilworth Road and joins League 2 side Chesterfield.

Defender Lewis Emanuel, meanwhile, signs a new one-year contract with the Hatters.

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

The Hatters lose their final friendly of pre-season by a single goal to Blue Square South side Hampton &

Richmond Borough.

Tom Craddock and Adam Newton miss first-half penalties and the Town are made to pay when Lawrence Yaku nets the winner in the second half.

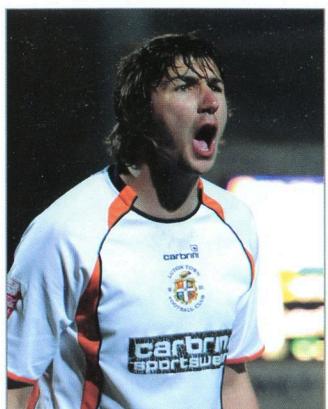
FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

Mick Harford makes two additions to his squad on the eve of the season with the capture of goalkeeper Shane Gore and striker Steve Basham.

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

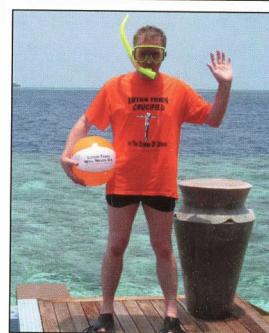
The Hatters' debut in the Blue Square Premier begins with a 1-1 draw at AFC Wimbledon.

Tom Craddock put the Town in front with a 14th-minute penalty but the Dons earn the share of the spoils with a spot-kick of their own 11 minutes from time.



RON HOOD

It is with regret to inform supporters of the passing of supporter Ron Hood. A season ticket holder for 30 years, Ron's favourite player was Ricky Hill and always believed that the winger was the best player to ever have played for the Hatters. Here is Ron pictured with former Town director Eric Morecambe during a charity event for the British Heart Foundation. Our thoughts are with Ron's family and friends at this difficult time.



Town fans Adam Bates and friends are here pictured while on holiday where they took part in a charity event called Bangers and Trash – Run for the Sun.

The event consisted of a 1,600 mile journey from Calais in France to Almeria in Southern Spain in a car costing no more than £200.



Happy Birthday to Zak Harford Tilley who turns seven on Friday 7th August. A loyal diamond season ticket holder and sponsor of Liam Hatch's home shirt, here is Zak pictured with Mick Harford following the final of the South West Challenge Cup in Devon.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road was saddened to hear the death of former assistant groundsman Ken Everett on Tuesday 4th August. Ken was the assistant groundsman from 1996-2006 and worked alongside head Richard Bird.

Our thoughts are with Ken's family and friends at this difficult time.



Happy Birthday to season ticket holder Lewis Macey who is 17 on Thursday. Here Lewis is pictured in his Luton shirt on holiday in Cambrils in Spain.

Our congratulations to Hatters fan Rob Cant who married Charlotte on 30th July. A Luton Town cake was on show and also a well dressed brass statue decked in Hatters colours!



HATTERS DIARY

Thursday 13th August

All of the Hatters' teams get together for the club's annual photoshoot. Each player will be photographed and a brand new team photograph will also be taken. Keep your eyes peeled on Hatters Player for exclusive behind the scenes footage and interviews.

Saturday 15th August

The Hatters take on newly-promoted Gateshead at Kenilworth Road. It will be the first ever meeting between the two sides. Kick-off 3pm.

For ticket information for this match turn to page 60 of tonight's match programme.

Meanwhile, Martin Prickett's Under 18's start their campaign with a trip to Peterborough United in the Puma Youth Alliance. Kick-off 11am.





MANSFIELDTOWN

A LOOK AT TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS

GROUND:

Field Mill

2008/09 PERFORMANCE

Conference 12th

2008/09 AVERAGE ATT:

2,423

PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Luton wins:	5
Mansfield wins:	9
Draws:	5

The Town's record against Mansfield is not particularly wonderful, winning just nine of 16 meetings in the Football League and five in the 18 league and cup clashes between the two sides.

When the Hatters travel to Field Mill on 24th November they will be looking for their first victory in the league at the Nottinghamshire venue.

Although the Town triumphed 4-3 in a League Cup Second Leg meeting at Field Mill in 1989, in the eight league

meetings between the two sides at Mansfield the Hatters have lost six and drawn twice.

One thing is for sure is that there are always plenty of goals when the two sides meet. In fact in the last six matches between the two teams 39 goals have been scored – an average of six-and-a-half goals a game!

It rained goals the last time the Hatters beat the Stags on Easter Monday 1st April 2002 – just two days after the Town clinched promotion at Swansea City – when Joe Kinnear's side ran out 5-3 winners.

Mansfield have won twice at Kenilworth Road but were on the losing side in September 1968 when the Hatters' Graham French scored one of the greatest goals in the Town's history during the 4-2 win.

RECENT HISTORY:

Mansfield will be starting their second season in the Conference this summer, following their relegation from the Football League in 2007/08 which ended their 77-year stay among the

92 clubs. Last season David Holdsworth – who took over in December – lead the Stags to a 12th place finish in the league, enjoying a fine home record but finding it difficult to earn results on their travels.

In fact they broke a club record by keeping six consecutive clean sheets.

The club were deducted four points by the Conference last season for fielding an ineligible player in their opening two games of the campaign in which they won and drew.

The Field Mill faithful last tasted success when winning promotion along with the Town in 2001/02 finishing in third place earning promotion to the then Division 2.

They only lasted one season in Division 2 before relegation back to the League's basement division – only for them to lose in the Play-Off final at the Millennium Stadium against Huddersfield in 2003/04, their first season back in Division 3.

With last season being one of rebuilding for David Holdsworth's side, the Manager himself only just arriving in time for the new year, things look far more promising for a team who 12 months ago were in a similar position to that which the Hatters currently find themselves in.

After being relegated to the Blue Square Premier following 77 years in the Football League, it took a strong second half to the 2008/09 season to secure the Stags a solid mid-table finish.

The players are now looking to carry that form through into the new season, hoping to begin where they left off.

Newly appointed Stag's Club Captain Ryan Williams is happy with



RYAN WILLIAMS

THE STAGS' CAPTAIN SPEAKS AHEAD OF TONIGHT'S CLASH



the attitude being shown by his team-mates as the Blue Square Premier gets under way once again.

"Obviously we're all really looking forward to the new season, the whole squad is upbeat and we have an excellent spirit in the camp."

Williams prefers to underplay Mansfield's chances for silverware, instead concentrating on the task in hand.

"We're not going to go shouting our mouths off saying that we're going to win the league, for us it's just

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It was back in June that Williams was unveiled as the new Club Captain at Field Mill and it is an appointment that has filled him with, not only pride, but optimism for the new season.

"Being made club captain is a tremendous honour so I think I'm looking forward to the season more than anyone."

It has been a pre-season campaign that has seen the Stags pick up some excellent results against Football League opposition and the Nottinghamshire-born midfielder reflected the views of every other football fan as he reviewed the Stags' progress.

"It was a long pre season but it went very well and it's absolutely great to get the new season underway."

The Stags couldn't have got off to a much better start winning 4-0 at home to Crawley. Kyle Perry opened the scoring on 15 minutes before adding a second on 43 minutes but not before strike partner Robert Duffy had got in on the action and opened his campaign for the season. Jake Speight completed the rout on 82 minutes.

THE MANAGER

DAVID HOLDSWORTH

Former centre-half Holdsworth, brother of striker Dean, was appointed as Billy McEwan's successor at Field Mill in December 2008 bringing to an end much speculation as to the name of the new boss.

Once signed by Trevor Francis at Birmingham City for £1.25m, he clocked up almost a century of appearances at St Andrews. His longest spell as a player was with Watford where he spent 10 years, making 291 first team appearances for the Hornets and playing under former England manager Graham Taylor.



Having spent a decade at Vicarage Road, Holdsworth moved to Bramall Lane in 1996 for £450,000. He was made Sheffield United's captain and made over 100 appearances for the Blades.

Holdsworth cut his managerial and coaching teeth at Gretna in Scotland, under the stewardship of Brooks Mileson, where he won the league title as Reserve team manager.

In the summer of 2008, he was appointed the new manager of Unibond Premier League side Ilkeston Town, under the new chairmanship of Chek Whyte before signing a deal at Field Mill last year.



GOALKEEPERS

Alan Marriott

The Bedford-born stopper joined The Stags in January following a 12 game spell at Rushden and Diamonds. Marriott began his career at Tottenham Hotspur as a trainee but was released without making a first team appearance. He joined Lincoln in 1999 and enjoyed a terrific spell of 11 years at Sincil Bank breaking records galore and becoming a legend with the club's supporters.

The impressive goalkeeper made just over 350 appearances for Lincoln including featuring in Lincoln's five consecutive Play-Off finishes in League Two, producing some fantastic performances in the process of becoming an immense shot stopper and keeping a huge number of clean sheets. Since signing for The Stags he has been David Holdsworth's first choice goalkeeper and made 18 appearances for the Stags last season.

Tim Sandercombe

Young stopper Tim Sandercombe has been added to the Mansfield Town ranks to provide competition for current number one Alan Marriott. Sandercombe began his career at Plymouth Argyle but failed to make a first team appearance. He got his first taste of first team football during a month long loan spell at Tiverton Town where he played four times.

DEFENDERS

Scott Gardner

Scott is a product of the Leeds United academy and can operate as a right sided midfielder or is equally as comfortable at right-back. Towards the end of the 2008/2009 season he signed for The Stags on loan until the end of the season, where he made three appearances. After the termination of his contract at Elland Road, Gardner signed a permanent deal at Field Mill ahead of the up and coming campaign.

Scott Garner

Scott Garner began his career at Leicester City and actually signed a professional contract at the end of the 2007/08 season. Ahead of the 2008/09 season he joined non-league Ilkeston Town on loan where David Holdsworth was then the manager.

With Holdsworth later becoming The Stags manager and Garner being deemed surplus to requirements at the Walkers Stadium, the Coventry born centre half signed a contract at Field Mill on January 8th. Garner went on to become an instant fan's favourite at Field

Mill and scored his first ever goal in football away at Eastbourne Borough.

Luke Graham

Luke became one of manager David Holdsworth's close season signings when he signed on a free from Kettering. Graham started his career at Northampton Town as a young professional and was part of The Cobblers' squad that reached the Play-Offs. The central defender boasts something of a unique goal-scoring record in that he has netted for two different countries at two different age groups.

Graham has scored goals for both Republic of Ireland at Under-18 level and for Wales at Under-19. With first team opportunities limited at Sixfields Graham was allowed to move out on loan to Forest Green Rovers in 2005, playing 27 times and further three times from the substitutes bench. After a brief spell on loan at Kings Lynn, Graham signed for The Stags in June 2009.

Gary Silk

Gary Silk's impressive displays last season earned him several of the clubs awards including the clubs official player of the season and the players' player of the season awards. Silk signed from Nottinghamshire rivals Notts County at the start of last season and has put in several tremendous performances at right back over the past year. Silk signed a new two year contract recently despite reported interest from a Football League club.

Luke Jones

Luke Jones is a versatile defender who can operate as a centre-back or as a full-back. He joined Mansfield Town this summer as one of 11 close-season signings. Jones began his career at Blackburn Rovers where he helped the club's youth team to the semi final of the FA Youth Cup in 2004.

He spent the 2005/06 season on loan at Cercle Brugge in Belgium before being released by Blackburn in 2006. After making a solitary appearance for Ashton United he signed for Shrewsbury Town where he played 14 times.

Jones played in both legs of the clubs Play-Off semi final against MK Dons in 2007 and was named on the initial team sheet for the final at Wembley. A knee injury however meant that Jones was forced to withdraw from the squad.

Following his release from Shrewsbury in 2008, he joined Kidderminster Harriers initially on loan but later went onto make the move permanent. He made 30 first team

appearances for Kidderminster last season but was released at the end of the season and become one of David Holdsworth's first summer signings.

MIDFIELDERS

Craig Armstrong

Craig Armstrong joined The Stags as one of 11 players signed by manager David Holdsworth at the start of this season, following his release by Kidderminster Harriers.

The Stags will become the versatile left sided players' 13th club in a career which saw him start at Nottinghamshire rivals Nottingham Forest. He was sent out on loan on no fewer than four occasions as a trainee at Forest. Armstrong appeared for Burnley, Watford, Bristol Rovers and Gillingham before finally getting the chance to take his first team bow at The City Ground. Armstrong featured 24 times for Forest in seven seasons and with first team chances limited he moved on to Huddersfield Town for £750,000 in 1999.

Armstrong played 102 times in just three seasons at the Galpharm Stadium, winning the clubs player of the season award in 2001 shortly before moving across Yorkshire to sign for Sheffield Wednesday for £100,000. An injury plagued spell at Hillsborough saw him play only 29 times before joining Grimsby Town on loan in a bid to regain some much needed match fitness.

Following his release from The Owls he signed a short term contract at Bradford City but didn't stay long and shortly moved onto Cheltenham Town. He was part of The Robins team which achieved promotion from League Two during the 2005/06 season. Since his departure from Whaddon Road in 2009 he has played a handful of times during spells at Burton Albion and Kidderminster Harriers.

Gary Mills

Mills signed for Mansfield Town following his release from Stevenage at the end of last season, where he played 30 times in Boro's Play-Off campaign. Mills was part of the squad that travelled to Field Mill on the last day of the season, when the visitors were defeated 2-1.

Mills brings to the table a wealth of lower league experience, after starting his career at Rushden and Diamonds where he made 87 appearances; he went onto to play for Crawley, Tamworth and Kettering before signing for Stevenage ahead of last season.



Rob Duffy

The former Wales Under-21 international joined The Stags in January of last season from Newport County, who are ironically managed by our manager David Holdsworth's twin brother Dean.

Duffy has a good pedigree in the conference, where he netted 24 times in 47 games for Oxford United before being forced to leave due to the club's horrific financial difficulties.

Rob had a brief loan spell at Wrexham at the end of the 2007/08 season and was also invited for a trial at Field Mill at the start of last season, when previous manager Billy McEwan was in charge.

Duffy has struggled with injuries in the past and has even had surgery on his heart. The Welsh talisman had an encouraging start to life at Field Mill scoring 9 goals in 20 appearances.

STRIKERS

Daryl Clare

Jersey-born Clare joined The Stags on an initial two month loan spell at the end of last season from Rushden and Diamonds, before making the move permanent in May. Clare is something of a non-league stalwart having won not only the league title on two occasions (Boston in 2002 and Chester in 2004) but also the Conference golden boot on two occasions also. He moved to The Stags to bolster David Holdsworth's striking options towards the back end of last season scoring his solitary Stags goal away at Grays Athletic.

Kyle Perry

Kyle Perry's career kicked off in style at Telford United in 2004 where he spent two seasons netting an impressive 32 goals in 68 appearances. Following his release from Telford he went on to make a single appearance for Hednesford Town before joining West Midlands side Willenhall Town.

Last season saw him spend a month on loan at Northwich Victoria where scored twice during his stay.

Perry joined The Stags on a free transfer following his release from Port Vale this summer to add competition for places in the goal-scoring department at Field Mill.

Jake Speight

Jake began his career at Sheffield United but was released in 2005 without making a first team appearance for the club. He subsequently joined Scarborough spending three months on the coast before joining Bury where he played 29 times and scoring twice. Short-term spells at Northwich Victoria, Farsley Celtic and Droylsden followed, but this summer manager David Holdsworth pounced to sign the 23-year-old speed merchant on a one year contract.

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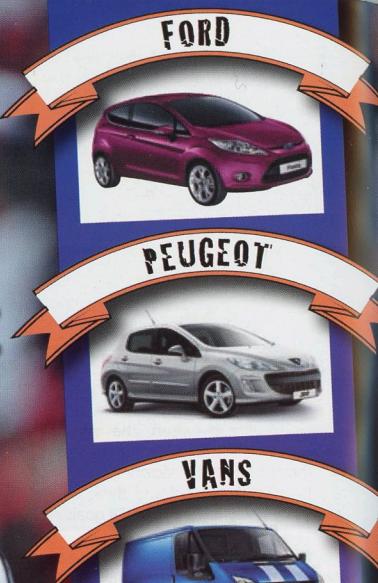
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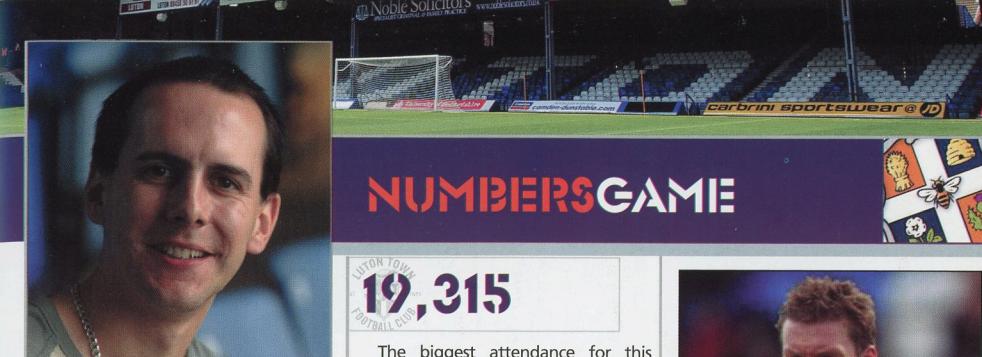


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NUMBERS GAME

19,315

The number of previous League meetings between the sides at Kenilworth Road. There have been three victories for Luton, two for Mansfield and three draws. The Hatters have scored 18 goals and conceded 15.

There has been just one Cup match, a League Cup Second Round Second Leg tie at Kenilworth Road, which the Hatters won 7-2 on 3rd October 1989. Lars Elstrup scored a hat-trick, whilst Roy Wegerle netted twice. David Preece and John Dreyer also scored as Luton won 11-5 on aggregate.

Just two players have moved from Mansfield to Luton and then played first team football for the Hatters. Jimmy "Jock" Weir made just 14 appearances, scoring once, in 1963/64 after his transfer. Mike Saxby played during three seasons, 1979-81, and made 91 appearances, scoring 7 goals before moving onto Newport County.

The number of players to have moved to Mansfield having featured for Luton. Four of these were in the 1920-30's, however Dick Bayliss, Hilton Sidney, Billy Cupit and Fred Hogg only made 15 appearances between them. Steve Taylor made just 20 appearances in 1978/79 scoring once before moving onto Mansfield having previously joined Luton from Oldham Athletic.

John Aston is the exception to the rule as he made over 200 appearances and scored 36 goals for Luton between 1972-77, after joining from Manchester United.

The biggest attendance for this fixture, when Luton won 4-2 on 18th September 1968 courtesy of a Mike Harrison penalty and goals from Laurie Sheffield, Graham French and Brian Lewis. The lowest attendance of 2874 saw David Pleat score in a 1-1 draw on 21st October 1964.

The most goals scored in this fixture, when the Hatters beat Mansfield 5-3 in April 2002. Luton were well on their way to promotion, and wrapped up this victory with goals from Jean-Louis Valois, Dean Crowe, a Kevin Nicholls penalty and a brace from Steve Howard.

It's seven years since the sides last met in the League, with Mansfield winning 3-2. The visitors, who had lost their previous five games, took a 3-0 lead with 50 minutes on the clock. Luton battled back and scored twice in the last five minutes through Howard and Nicholls.

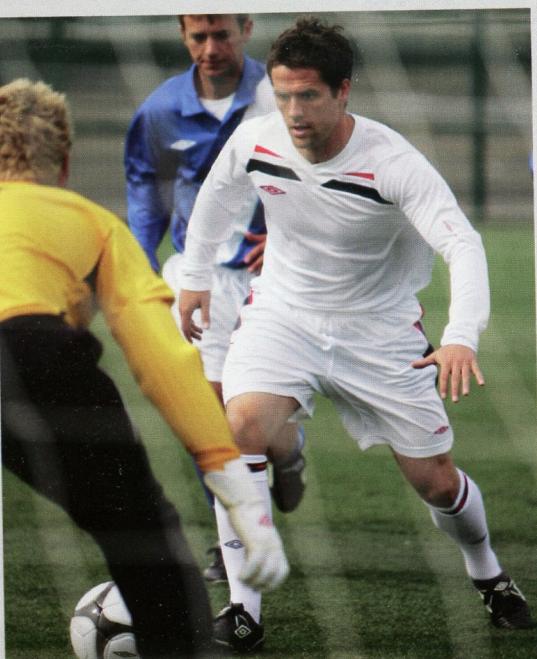


STEVE HOWARD SCORED A BRACE
AGAINST THE STAGS IN 2002

PLAYER STATS

THIS SEASON

	LEAGUE Apps	LEAGUE Goals	CUP Apps	CUP Goals	TOTAL Apps	TOTAL Goals	CARDS	TOTAL Apps	TOTAL Goals
Ed ASAFO-ADJAYE	0	0				0	0	31	0
Steve BASHAM	(1)	0			(1)	0		1	0
George BEAVAN	0	0			9	0		0	0
Shane BLACKETT	1	0			1(0)	0	1	1	0
Andy BURGESS	1	0			1(0)	0		1	0
Ryan CHARLES	0	0			20	3		0	0
Tom CRADDOCK	1	1			1(0)	1		31	13
Lewis EMANUEL	1	0			1(0)	0		86	5
Kevin GALLEN	1	0			1(0)	0	1	30	3
Claude GNAKPA	0	0			0	0		38	3
Asa HALL	1	0			1(0)	0	1	52	10
Jake HOWELLS	(1)	0			0(1)	0		30	0
Rossi JARVIS	(1)	0			0(1)	0		47	3
Keith KEANE	1	0			1(0)	0		155	4
Adam NEWTON	1	0			1(0)	0		1	0
Kevin NICHOLLS	0	0			0	0		211	33
Jordan PATRICK	0	0			0	0		2	0
George PILKINGTON	1	0			1(0)	0		23	0
Callum REYNOLDS	1	0			1(0)	0	1	1	0
Mark TYLER	1	0			1(0)	0		23	0



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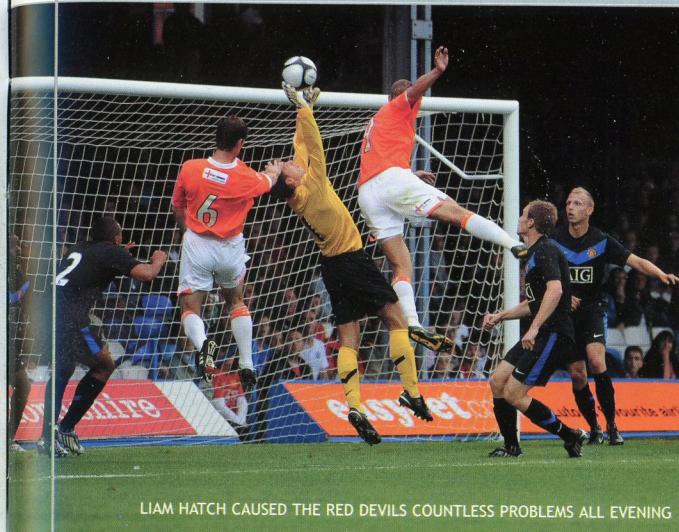
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HATTERS BEATEN BY YOUNG RED DEVILS

LUTON TOWN 1 MANCHESTER UNITED XI 2



LIAM HATCH CAUSED THE RED DEVILS COUNTLESS PROBLEMS ALL EVENING

Manchester United's latest batch of youngsters spoiled the Hatters' launch party with a 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road.

On the night where the Town unveiled their new club and shirt sponsorship deals with easyJet and NICEIC, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's young Red Devils raced to a two goal advantage inside the first nine minutes.

A sublime seven-man move from one end of the field to the other saw striker Febian Brandy opening the scoring inside 43 seconds to leave the majority inside Kenilworth Road shell-shocked.

Sporting their new orange shirts, complete with new club crest, the Town soon found themselves two goals down eight minutes later when Tom Cleverley doubled United's advantage from the spot after Brandy was fouled by George Pilkington.

The Hatters slowly worked their way back into proceedings playing some attractive football and they reduced arrears on the quarter-of-an-hour mark.

Andy Burgess drove the ball across goal after United failed to clear Kevin Nicholls' corner and Asa Hall was on hand to poke the ball home from three yards to halve the deficit.

Tom Craddock had two shots well saved by Ron-Robert Zieler in the United goal before the break as the Hatters continued to search for an equaliser.

Despite a number of substitutions by both sides in the second period, it was the Town who stayed on top.

However, chances were few and far between and the Hatters were restricted to shots from distance at Zieler's goal – none more so than Burgess' attempt from fully 45 yards on 87 minutes that dipped narrowly over the crossbar.

HARFORD'S VERDICT:

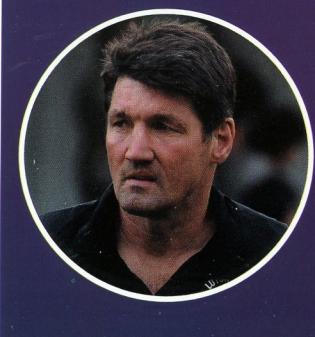
"I think it was a progression in terms of the strength of opposition that we were playing against."

"Manchester United turned up with a few kids in that team that I'm sure will be part of their future, and a successful future."

"Some of the talent on show was very good and for 15 minutes we couldn't handle them. We had to change the shape of our team a little bit and we weathered the storm after being 2-0 down."

"We got back in it with a goal from Asa and from then on we looked dangerous, played some good football and I was delighted with the workout."

"We were getting tortured at times with their movement and their passing. I knew it would be a good physical experiment for us. As the game went on we probably created more chances than them, though they had the clearer cut ones."



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2009
PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY 7.45PM
KENILWORTH ROAD, LUTON
ATT: 7,468

LUTON TOWN 1



MAN UTD XI 2



Brandy 1, Cleverley 9 (pen)

TEAMS:

ATTERS:

Mark Tyler, Keith Keane (Adam Watkins 88),
Shane Blackett, Asa Hall (Callum Reynolds 46),
Dan Roper (Alan White 46), George Pilkington,
Adam Newton (Claude Gnaka 80), Kevin
Nicholls (Kevin Gallen 64), Liam Hatch (Jake
Howells 64), Tom Craddock, Andy Burgess.
Substitutes not used: David Wilkinson, Rossi
Aravis.

RED DEVILS:

Jon Robert Zieler, Danny Simpson, Oliver Gill
(Reece Brown 63), James Chester (Scott Wootton
44), Ritchie De Laet, David Gray, Magnus Eikrem,
Sam Hewson (Scott Moffatt 83), Fabian Brandy
Cameron Stewart (46), Tom Cleverley, Joe
Dudgeon (Tom Heaton 74). Substitutes not used:
Nicky Ajose.

REFEREE: Pat Miller.

1: Shane Blackett comes forward with the ball

2: Andy Burgess burst forward with the ball

3: Burgess rides a sliding United Challenge

4: Liam Hatch in an Aerial duel

5: Tom Craddock awaits Hatch's flick on

6: Hatch looks to get another move going for the Hatters



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TOM CRADDOCK

THE TOWN STRIKER WAS PLEASED WITH THE PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE YOUNG RED DEVILS



As the Hatters pre-season calendar draws to a close, and minds begin to move to the new season, Kenilworth Road saw one final test for Mick Harford's men.

A youthful Manchester United came to town displaying an array of slick passing and movement, but despite all of their best efforts they could only manage a victory by the narrowest of margins.

For the Town's Tom Craddock this wasn't a first time encounter with a team of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's youngsters, and the former Middlesbrough front-man rated his opponents very highly.

He said: "I've played quite a few times against United reserve and youth teams, but I think tonight was probably one of the best of their teams I've

played against for passing and moving, I've never come across a United youth team that move the ball as well as they did."

Despite the defeat, there were plenty of positives to be taken from a strong Luton performance, not least keeping such a tight score against a team at a level far above any likely to visit Kenilworth Road in the next nine months.

Craddock said: "Apart from the first 15-20 minutes I think we held our own, we created quite a few chances in both halves, so maybe on another day they might not have been awarded the penalty and we might have nicked another goal."

"We said in the dressing room, we aren't going to come up against many teams this season that can move the ball like they did, so hopefully in a few

games we can get our necks in front and we can do what they did to us in the first 20 minutes to other teams in this league."

It was a match that caps an excellent pre-season for the Hatters, and the squad are optimistic that they can carry their current form and confidence into the new season.

Craddock reflected on the last few weeks and feeling within the camp: "Every game we have played during pre-season has been a step up, our fitness and performances keep getting better."

"We played Swindon last week and I think we deserved to win the game. We were certainly unfortunate to lose, but we did go on to get a good victory on Saturday so everyone's feeling good and looking forward to the season starting."

COMMERCIAL BREAK

DAVID HOSKINS BRINGS YOU THE LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

Despite our relegation from the Football League last season the feel good factor around the club has been fantastic – which has been epitomised by over 4,000 season tickets being sold.

Such a positive pre-season was underlined by our last match here at Kenilworth Road when our friendly with Manchester United saw us launch two new sponsorships and a new kit. I would like to welcome on board easyJet as our club and shirt sponsors and NICEIC as our back of shirt and back of short sponsor.

The game with United proved to be very popular from a commercial point of view with all of our executive boxes snapped up by supporters. Our matchday hospitality rooms were also very busy. In the commercial department we have been inundated with requests from supporters eager to take advantage of our great range of corporate packages. Despite the current economic climate we still seem to be able to attract a healthy amount of interest from supporters and companies alike.

Programme advertising, sponsorship boards, player shirt sponsorship and membership of our matchday hospitality rooms are all up on last season which goes to show how much progress we are making off-the-field already. There are still plenty of corporate opportunities available to supporters this season.



COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Tonight our commercial mascot is eight-year-old Alison Nicola Parker who has come to Kenilworth Road all the way from Sugar Land, Texas with her dad - a supporter of the Hatters for 37 years.

Allison's favourite player is Tom Craddock and, apart from football, she enjoys swimming, painting and playing with her two dogs Honey and Kipper. Tonight is Allison's first ever football match so we hope you have a fantastic evening with us.

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£499.00 includes:

Six guests (Additional guests at £60pp), logo and editorial in programme, PA recognition, choose and present the Man of the Match, a signed shirt, reserved parking, hospitality in the Joe Payne Lounge, a tour and photographs (Saturday games only), programmes & team sheets, pre-match two course meal, half-time refreshments, seating in the David Preece stand and a private cash bar facility.



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£449.00 includes:

Six guests (Additional guests at £60pp), logo and editorial in programme, PA recognition, a signed match ball, reserved parking, hospitality in the Joe Payne Lounge, a tour and photographs (Saturday games only), programmes & team sheets, pre-match two course meal, half-time refreshments, seating in the David Preece stand and a private cash bar facility.



COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

Saturday Mascot £229.00
Tuesday Mascot £199.00

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Mascot + 3 guests, reserved parking, hospitality in the Joe Payne Lounge, tour and photographs (Saturday Games only), meet the team, take part in team warm up and leads team out onto pitch, a replica kit, photograph & name in programme, a signed framed programme cover, programmes and team sheets for all guests, pre-match two course meal, half time refreshments, seating in the David Preece Stand and a private cash bar facility.



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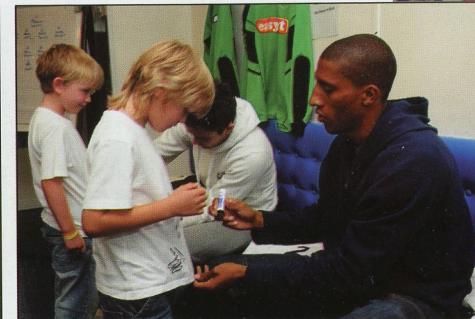


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Our last home game against Manchester United was a great success with a number of commercial guests enjoying the various packages we had to offer. Before and after the match, club photographer Gareth Owen was on hand to picture those enjoying the fun.



Match ball sponsor Derek Farr and guests pose for photographs on the Kenilworth Road pitch prior to the match with United.



New signing Shane Blackett signs autographs in the dressing room prior to the game with United.



James Bayliss – one of three commercial mascots on the night – is pictured in the dressing room with the new Hatters shirt.



Noble Solicitors were one of any corporate guests at the match. They're pictured on the pitch in front of their stadium sponsor board underneath our new scoreboard.



www.monsterbeds.co.uk were the match sponsors and here their managing director Daniel King presents Mark Tyler with his man-of-the-match award.



Our excited children's party group pictured on the pitch before kick-off.

HATTERS OPEN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 1,000 supporters visited Kenilworth Road on Sunday for the Hatters' family open day.



Fans took advantage of the sunny weather to flock to the club for a day of fun and games and had the opportunity to watch Mick Harford and the first team squad train on the pitch.



Not only did the players train on the pitch they also got involved in the day's activities. After they had signed autographs pitchside, they headed inside and Harford was joined by Kevin Nicholls, Tom Craddock and

Andy Burgess who were interviewed by supporters on a range of topics: and it was revealed that Tom has cereal for breakfast!

Shane Blackett and Liam Hatch were the models for the day as young fans took part in a drawing competition and throughout the day the rest of the squad mingled with supporters, signing autographs and posing for photographs.

The day was a great success and organiser, Commercial Manager David Hoskins, was delighted with the outcome.

He said: "First and foremost I'd like to thank every supporter who came along to the event who made the day such a great success.

"The smiles on the faces of our young fans when they came face-to-face with their favourite players was brilliant.

"The players were magnificent and I thank them all and Mick for their time – I'm sure the fans will echo those thoughts."

There were two competitions on the day: a drawing competition and a spot-the-ball competition.

In the drawing competition there were three winners who all won two complimentary tickets to a home match at Kenilworth Road this season (one adult and one child).

The winners are: Five-year-old Jacob Blackwood, who drew Jake Howells; 10-year-old Charlie Berry who drew Mick Harford and Amy Hall, who is four – but nearly five – drew Tom Craddock.

And the winner of the spot-the-ball competition was Avril Johnston.

If you are a winner and haven't claimed your prize please contact the commercial department at the club on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.



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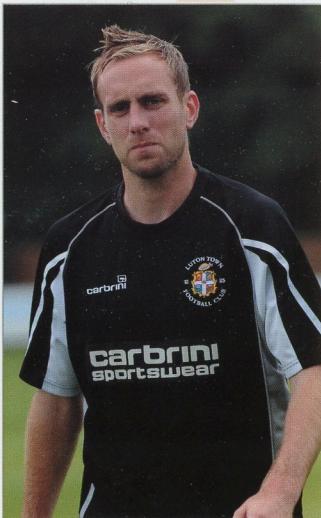


DAVID HOSKINS,
COMMERCIAL MANAGER





HATTERS Player



You can of course be sure the tried and trusted format of exclusive video interviews, post-match interviews and extended highlights will remain the same – they are just going to look and sound better than ever before.

For those fans unable to make it to matches, Hatters Player will become the place for live commentary of every single Luton Town first team game through Hatters Radio following the link-up with DiverseFM.

The good news for current Hatters World subscribers is there will be no price hike: subscriptions will be transferred free of charge and new subscribers can get involved from just £34.99.

THE NEW FEATURES OF HATTERS PLAYER INCLUDE:

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NEW PLAYER ON THE WAY FOR HATTERS

Just two days after the club revealed new sponsorship deals with easyjet and NICEIC and unveiled their strip and crest before the friendly with Manchester United, Hatters Player was launched on www.lutontown.co.uk.

We kicked-off our exclusive coverage following the match with the Red Devils by quickly grabbing five exclusive interviews with the men that mattered just moments after the final whistle.

Hatters boss Mick Harford joined new signing Andy Burgess, Luton boy Keith Keane, striker Tom Craddock and United reserve team coach Ole Gunnar Solskjær in the interview room.

We followed that up by bringing you the first interview with new signing Steve Basham, and Mick Harford's views ahead of the season opener at AFC Wimbledon.

We'll be bringing you all the pre-match news from Kenilworth Road before every match as well as post-match interviews with Mick and the Town squad.



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THE U18'S PRE-SEASON

IT WAS A MIXED PRE-SEASON FOR MARTIN PRICKETT'S MEN

YOUTH PRE-SEASON

Langford Town	D 2-2
Amphill Town	D 2-2
Hitchin Town	L 0-1
Spalding United	W 4-1
West Bromwich A	L 4-6
Crystal Palace	L 1-3

The Hatters' Under 18s pre-season produced a mixed bag of results as they took on sides of varying ability over the course of the summer as they prepare of their campaign in the Youth Alliance.

Their first friendly, at Langford Town, was thrown into chaos before the game had even begun with goalkeeper Aaron Fletcher sustaining an injury in the warm-up, this meant new youth team coach Martin Prickett having to don the gloves.

After going behind two goals from Adam Watkins – including one from the spot – put the Hatters in command before the hosts levelled matters in the second period. The following week the Town drew 2-2 again, this time at Ampthill Town where they came from two goals

down to earn a share of the spoils.

The game was played in three 30 minute thirds and the Town finally made their superior fitness count with Jean-Philippe Yamfam and Christian Tavernier scoring in the final third to secure a draw. A defeat at Southern League Division One midlands side Hitchin Town followed for the young Hatters going down to a scruffy 48th-minute goal from the Canaries.

The Town fielded two separate sides on 25th July with a side containing mostly trialists earning a comfortable 4-1 victory over UniBond League side Spalding United with two goals a piece from Dan Walker and Rene Williams.

In the other game the Hatters were on the wrong end of a 10 goal thriller against a strong West Bromwich Albion side, losing 6-4.

Missing seven players through call ups to the first team and the game at Spalding, the Hatters enabled Albion to race into a 3-0 lead. Aiden Quinn scored a deserved goal before the break and the second half started well for Town when

Yamfam ran through to bring the game back to 3-2.

Then it started to rain goals at either end. Yamfam went on to net his hat-trick when notching twice more with West Brom scoring three of their own.

The Under 18's latest pre-season outing saw them suffer a 3-0 reverse against Crystal Palace.

Adam Watkins, Matthew James and Aiden Quinn all had good chances for the Hatters who had to thank goalkeeper Lewis Kidd for keeping the score down to three with a series of great saves to keep Palace at bay.



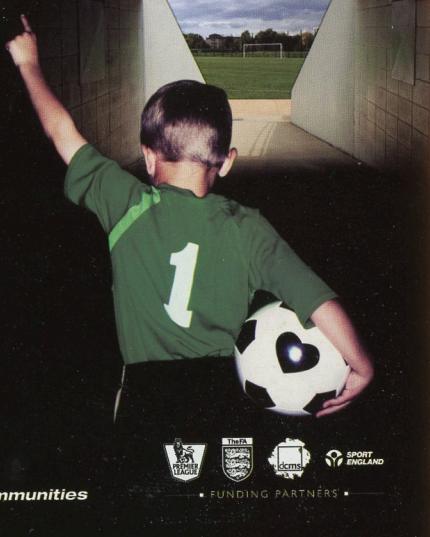
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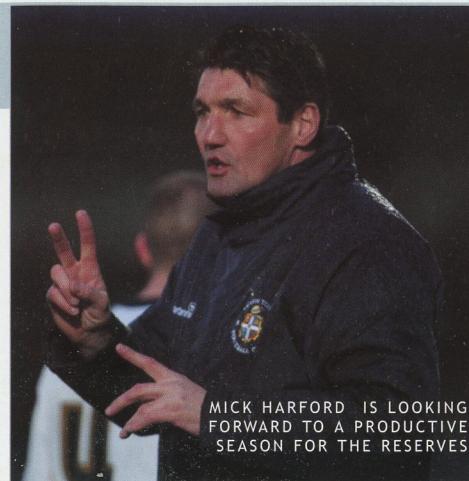
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THE RESERVES



MICK HARFORD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE SEASON FOR THE RESERVES

The Hatters will be defending their totesport.com Combination reserve league title this season despite dropping out of the Football League.

Coaching duo Alan Neilson and Kevin Watson took over the reserves in January, overseeing a 12-match unbeaten run that culminated in a winner takes all clash with Watford in which the Town crushed their local rivals 4-0 to take the East Division crown.

Last season four Conference sides - Salisbury City, Stevenage Borough, Lewes and Forest Green Rovers - took part in the Combination's three regional divisions.

The Town's involvement is in stark contrast to Southampton who, following their relegation from the Championship, won't be fielding a second-string side at all next season.

Manager Mick Harford is pleased the Hatters will be able to continue fielding a side in the Combination following last season's success.

"I'm delighted that we're continuing in it," he said. "I see the reserves as a stepping stone for the young players at this football club to make their mark."

"It also gives us the opportunity to experiment and nurse those players back who are returning from injury."

"As we are the holders, I'm glad we've got the opportunity to defend the title so we can attempt to win it again."

The reserves kick-off their defence of the East Division title at Colchester United on 15th September with their first home fixture against Southend United the following week at Kenilworth Road.



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SEPTEMBER
 Tue 15 Colchester United A (14:00)
 Wed 23 Southend United H (14:00)

OCTOBER
 Tue 13 Wycombe Wanderers A (19:00)
 Wed 21 Ipswich Town H (14:00)
 Wed 28 Watford H (14:00)

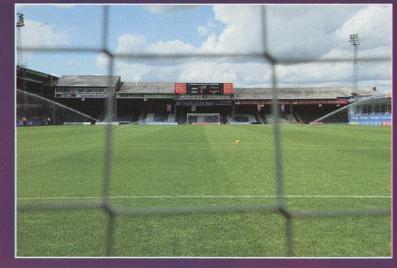
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DECEMBER
 Tue 15 Northampton Town A (14:00)

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 Wed 6 Peterborough United H (14:00)
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 Wed 20 Ipswich Town A (14:00)
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 Wed 17 Colchester United H (14:00)
 Tue 23 Southend United A (14:00)



CAHUM

ALLUM REYNOLDS IS THE LATEST LUTON BORN PLAYER TO SIGN FOR THE HATTERS AFTER AGREEING A LOAN DEAL WHICH KEEPS THE 19-YEAR-OLD AT KENILWORTH ROAD UNTIL JANUARY.

Town boss Mick Harford was impressed with the youngster's performances in training last season and the loan signing from Portsmouth is keen to repay the faith shown by his new manager – while at the same time help the club win promotion.

Talking after the friendly defeat against Manchester United, Reynolds said: "I was lucky enough to get a chance to train down here last Christmas and I did well enough to impress the gaffer.

"He's given me the opportunity to come down here, play some games and get some experience.

"I'm looking forward to the season ahead, getting some match fitness and hopefully getting promotion."

The former Crawley Green youngster is happy to be a part of things at Kenilworth Road and has already shown his versatility after featuring at right-back in three friendlies against Peterborough, Manchester United and Hampton & Richmond and in the centre of midfield against Biggleswade.

He said: "I can play centre-half or right-back. I can even play defensive midfield but I'm just happy to play. Wherever I am on the pitch I'll do a job."

"I want to get match experience. That's all I need really. I've played

in the reserves for the last couple of years so first team experience is what I need at the minute."

Reynolds has no problem fitting into things at Kenilworth Road and is keen to use his time in Bedfordshire well, not only using the six months for fitness but to draw on the experience of playing with seasoned professionals.

"I'm from Luton so I know a few of the boys anyway," he said. "I'll benefit from their experience and learn from them to hopefully make me a better player."

"It does make it easier playing here, but since I left school I've lived away from home and it's not a problem. It is my hometown club and I'm happy to be playing here."

The defender's only previous experience of senior football was with Conference South outfit Basingstoke Town last season.

And Reynolds's believes his short time with the Hampshire side, in the rough and tumble of non-league football, gives the Hatters yet another player with an insight into the level of football the Town may face.

He said: "I enjoyed my time at Basingstoke and that was my first taste of first team football. I was just happy to be playing. We obviously got a few good results

down there and we managed to stay up."

"I fractured my cheek bone; it was the only thing that stopped me playing which wasn't very nice. I'm glad to be back to fitness and playing."

As a boy growing up in the town, Reynolds is looking forward to helping Luton get back to where they belong after seeing the club suffer their third consecutive relegation last season.

"I've always followed Luton, being born here and growing up here," he said.

"I've always taken notice of what Luton have done and shown an interest to see how they've been doing."

"It's a shame that they went down last year but they've kept most of the players and hopefully we'll be straight back up next year."

With the Portsmouth man one of eight new faces at Kenilworth Road he thinks Mick Harford has built a squad capable of bouncing back to the Football League at the first attempt.

He said: "Mick's made some good additions and just from training and playing a couple of games I can see it's a good strong squad. I think we've got the potential to go on and do well in the league."

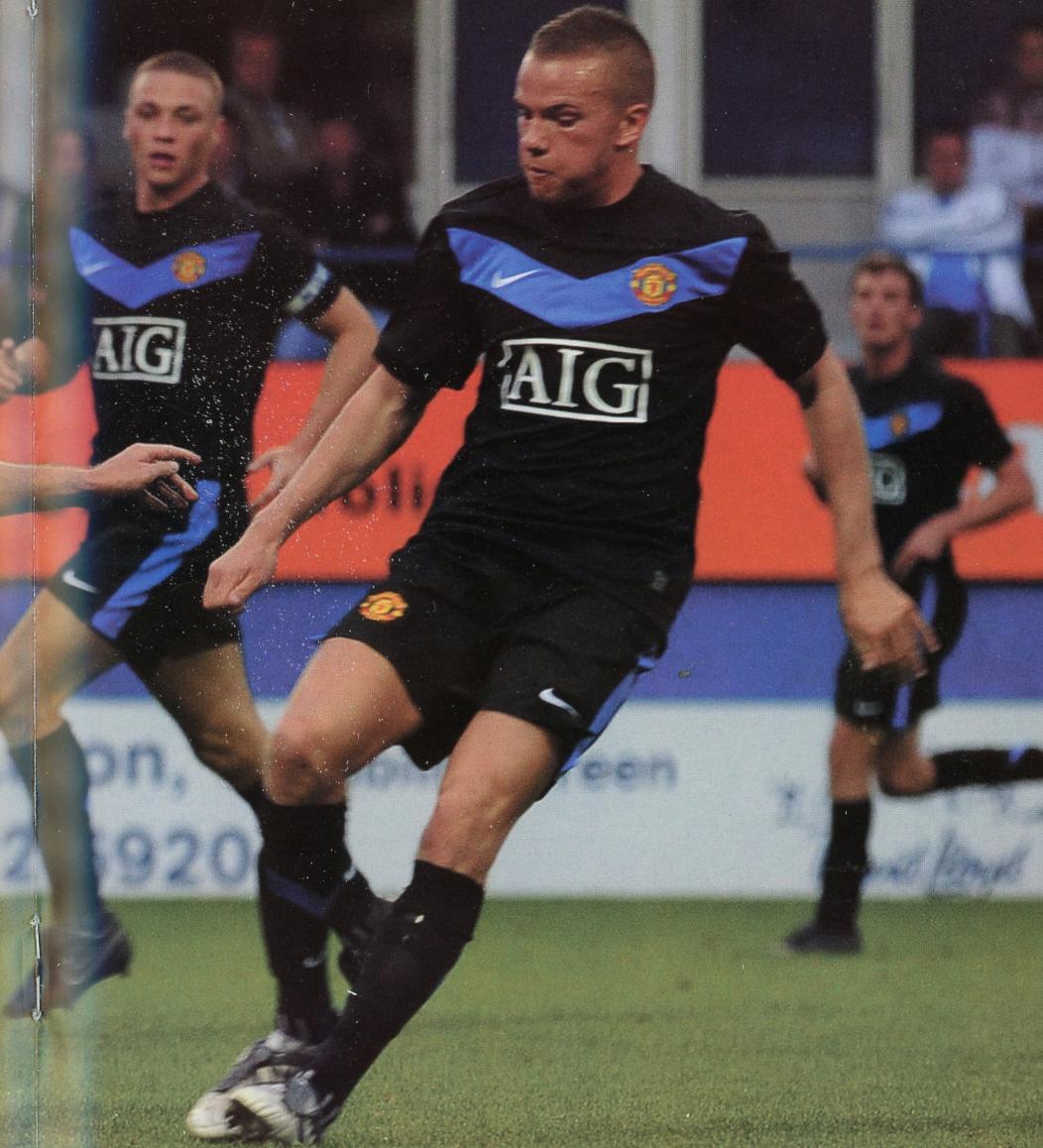


REYNOLDS

THE BIGGER PICTURE



Hatters striker Liam Hatch keeps an eye on the ball as he commits himself to a fling challenge during our friendly against Manchester United



DAYS PAST

11TH AUGUST 2001. CARLISLE UNITED 0-2 LUTON TOWN.

Kinnear was quite ruthless as he got rid of players he regarded as dead wood and then brought in new men who he felt would be able to withstand the 'muck and bullets' of life at the bottom.

It seemed that never a day went by without news of someone else about to sign for the Hatters and although some of the players mentioned were surely 'pie in the sky' if you throw enough mud at the wall some will stick, with the result that the squad was soon looking much healthier than it did twelve months before.

Kevin Nicholls came in from Wigan, Russ Perrett from Cardiff, Paul Hughes from Southampton, Carl Griffiths from Leyton Orient, Adrian Forbes from Norwich, Carl Emberton from Walsall and old boy Aaron Skelton returned from Colchester.

The biggest signing as far as Luton supporters were concerned though was the 'third coming' of Mick Harford to Kenilworth Road as first

The Hatters had just been relegated back to the Football League's basement division for the first time since 1968 with one of the poorest teams anyone at Kenilworth Road could remember.

Manager Joe Kinnear, who had taken over too late in the previous season to prevent the drop, was always going to be in for a busy summer as he wheeled and dealed in the transfer market.



STEVE HOWARD TRIES TO FORCE HIS WAY THROUGH THE CARLISLE DEFENCE.



ACE PREDATOR CARL GRIFFITHS AFTER BAGGING NUMBER TWO AGAINST THE CUMBRIANS.

team coach. The pre-season games produced a mixed bag of results which was not surprising considering the number of trialists on show. A 3-1 win at Borehamwood was followed by a 1-0 home victory over QPR with ace predator Griffiths bagging the only goal.

The Town were then brought back to earth with a thump when Norwich visited Kenilworth Road and were well worth their 3-1 win as the Hatters makeshift central defence of Steve Morrow and Didier Santini was pulled all over the place.

The final friendly saw a very strong Tottenham side, with seven full internationals on show, come to Luton where a crowd of 9,175 was thrilled to see Skelton thump a Hughes cross past Neil Sullivan on 22 minutes.

It took a late Sergei Rebrov penalty to spare Spurs' blushes and even then Stuart Douglas screwed a glorious chance wide in the final minute which would have given the Town an unexpected but fully deserved win.

All the new players, apart from the injured Forbes, made their debuts for the Town on the opening day of the new campaign and were joined by over 1,000 Town fans on the long trip to Carlisle. Carlisle had suffered a



PAUL HUGHES IS CONGRATULATED AFTER SCORING THE TOWN'S FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON.

summer of crisis' and new manager Roddy Collins, brother of ex-world boxing champion Steve, had needed to beg, borrow and steal to enable a team to be put out on to the pitch for the opening game.

With the number of new players on show both sides showed a lot of apprehension in the first half and the Town failed to muster a single goal attempt – on or off target – with flair being at a premium. Carlisle were little better but they did go reasonably close on 24 minutes when Jonny Allen curled a shot narrowly over.

Manager Kinnear, banished to the stand following an FA reprimand, sat with his ear glued to his mobile phone giving instructions to number two Mick Harford, but what the pair of them said to the players at the interval was never

revealed although it seemed to work as the Town were ahead seconds after the re-start.

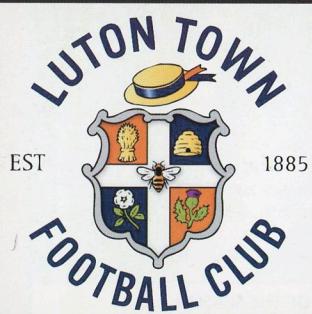
Before Kinnear had chance to sit down, Matthew Taylor flicked a perfectly weighted ball over the home defence with the outside of his boot for Lee Mansell to collect. Mansell then surged into the penalty area before sending a firmly driven low cross into the six yard box where Hughes was waiting to open his Hatters account with a simple tap in.

headed across goal to Griffiths who was waiting to nod the ball into an open net from close range.

The Hatters then shut up shop and kept the ball while playing well within themselves to see out the game and earn the first three valuable points on the slow climb back to Division Two.

LUTON TOWN: Emberton, Boyce, Perrett, Skelton, Johnson (sub Locke), Mansell sub (Douglas), Hughes, Nicholls, Taylor, Howard, Griffiths (sub Fotiadis).

CARLISLE UNITED: Weaver, Maddison, Whitehead (sub Murphy), Morley, Soley, Halliday, Thurstan (sub Willis), Hopper, Winstanley, Allan (sub Stevens), Andrews.



The visit of Ole Gunnar Solsjaer's young Manchester United XI to Kenilworth Road was about more than just a fantastic display of football, as the club unveiled new sponsors, a new club crest and the brand new orange home strip.

It's a new era for the club as we look to regain our Football League status at the end of this season, and refreshing the Luton brand is a statement of intent and the new kit will certainly be turning heads!

As Callum Reynolds told the press after the friendly against United they'll be no excuse for the players failing to pick out their team-mates.

Town boss Mick Harford is extremely positive about what the changes mean to the club and for its future. With the pull of a large, well-known and local organisation to become club sponsors, Mick paid tribute to those people involved who made it all happen.

He said: "It's a fantastic effort by everybody concerned with the 2020 mission to get the biggest company in Luton, allied with the biggest brand name in Luton, which is Luton Town Football Club, hopefully it's a long and happy marriage and I'm sure it will be.

"Speaking to all the people involved at easyJet, they're all excited about the future, as we are.

"I think it's a fantastic statement by them to go back to the orange kit which is part of Luton's history, and I'm delighted with that."

ANDY BURGESS

"It's a new era for this football club, I think it's the right thing to do, 2020 have made their mark on the club, the investors have put a lot of money and time into it, and they want to make their mark.

"I think it's a fantastic statement by them to go back to the orange kit which is part of Luton's history, and I'm delighted with that."

The manager's views are also echoed by his squad. Speaking after the Manchester United game Town midfielder Andy Burgess was keen to express his opinion and that of his team-mates.

He joked: "The lads like it, we can see each other on the pitch, we did get mixed up with the stewards a couple of times!

The self confessed Hatters' fan added: "It's nice though, something a bit different, it would be nice if we can celebrate the return to orange with a trophy at the end of the season."

Clearly this is an aspiration shared throughout the dressing room as fellow midfielder Keith Keane reiterated Burgess' thoughts.

"I can't remember the last time the kit was orange, maybe it's a good sign of things to come," he said.

THE NEW ERA





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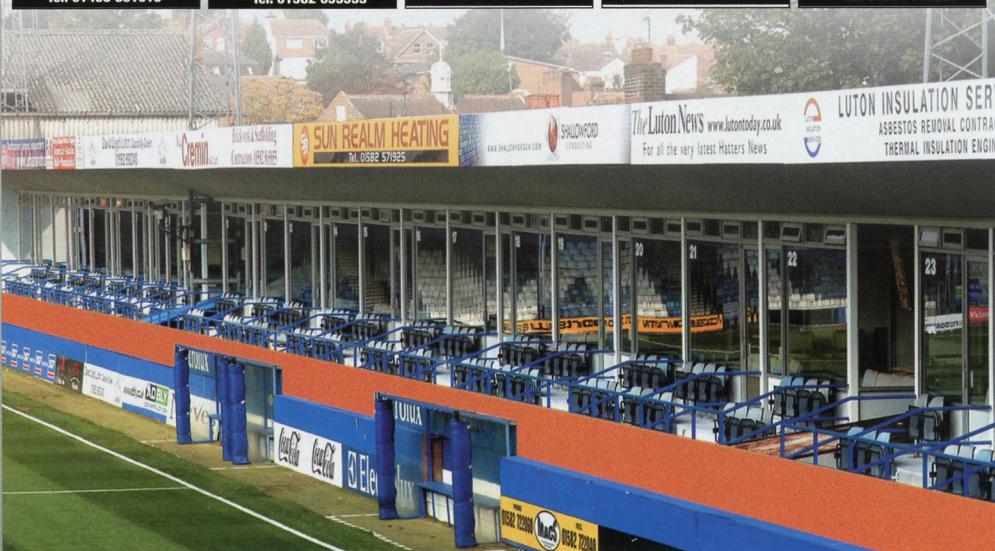
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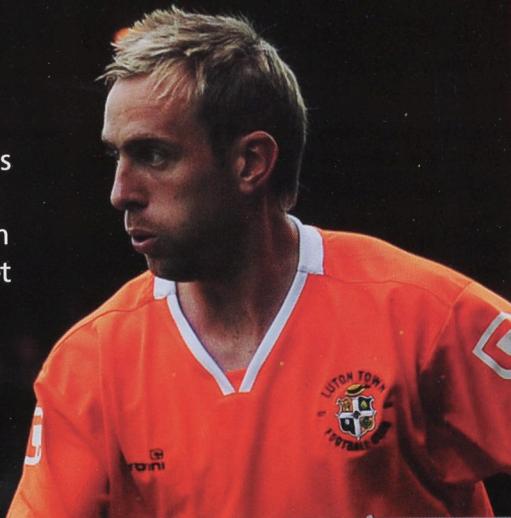
A2Z

EACH WEEK WE ASK MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS' PLAYING SQUAD A QUESTION RELATED TO EACH LETTER TO THE ALPHABET.



Being a Luton fan my ambition was to play at Kenilworth Road. Now that I have signed this summer I am delighted and feel honoured to get the chance to fulfil my life-time ambition

ANDY BURGESS



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Today we begin with letter A – and kick-off the feature by asking one of the easiest questions to a professional footballer – what was your ambition?

AMBITION - WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?



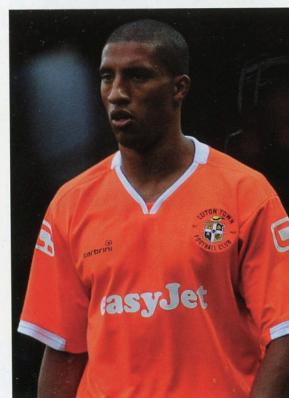
LEWIS EMANUEL – "That's an easy one. A footballer. When I was a kid I was always playing football kicking the ball around in the street, now I'm lucky enough to do it for a living."

LIAM HATCH – "Like all the lads I wanted to be a professional footballer for as long as I remember. I started with Letchworth Garden City Eagles Under-6's and from that point I knew that my aim was to make it pro."

"While I was playing non-professionally in Kent with Herne Bay and Gravesend, I still kept faith in my ambition of playing professionally and I was delighted when I signed my first pro deal at 21 when I joined Barnet."

"It was even sweeter when, in my second season at Underhill, we won the Conference. Let's hope history repeats itself this season."

ANDY BURGESS – "Every minute of every day when I was young I would kick a ball around with my friends in the playground dreaming of becoming a professional footballer."



"Being a Luton fan my ambition was to play at Kenilworth Road. Now that I have signed this summer I am delighted and feel honoured to get the chance to fulfil my life-time ambition. I can't wait for the league campaign to get going."

SHANE BLACKETT – "Like all boys at school, my dream was to play football. I don't think many other children get the chance so I count myself very lucky to now earn a living out of something I love doing."

"I started to play football when I was eight and knew then at that early age that it was something I seriously wanted to do as a living."

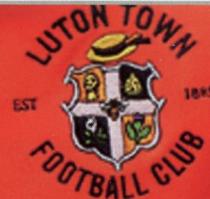
"I started playing football locally for Sacred Heart and progressed from there and I'm delighted to get the chance to help my home-town team get back into the Football League."

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AWAY: Maddie Knight



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HOME: M&S Water Services
AWAY: Available



GEORGIE PILKINGTON
HOME: WHOSH
AWAY: Bobbers Travel Club



ADAM NEWTON
HOME: Luton Ladies
AWAY: Richard Robinson



KEVIN NICHOLLS
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AWAY: WHOSH



LIAM HATCH
HOME: Richard & Zak Tilley
AWAY: TBC



TOM CRADDOCK
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ANDY BURGESS
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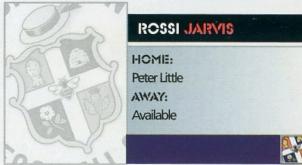
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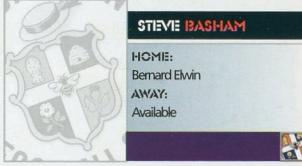
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MARTIN PRICKETT
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DMITRI KHARINE
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HARRY SCOTT-STACKMAN
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AWAY: Available



HAPPY HARRY
HOME: Available
AWAY: Available

Pictures of the first team squad will be available from Thursday following the official team photoshoot

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JEAN-PHILIP YAMFAM
HOME: Available
AWAY: Available

RYAN DA SILVA
HOME: Available
AWAY: Available



IN PROFILE

Name: Adam Watkins.

Date of Birth: 08/09/1991.

Place of Birth: Luton.

Position: Midfield.

How long have you been with Luton Town?
Five years.

What is the strongest part of your game?
Running at players and passing.

What is the weakest part of your game and
how do you intend on improving it?
Tackling is a weak part of my game and I intend
on improving it by working on plenty of
defensive exercises.

What are your aims and ambitions for this
season? To try and be involved in the first team
squad.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
Hopefully making a living out of football.

Who is your football idol?
David Beckham.

Which footballer do you model your game
on? Steven Gerrard.

What have learned during your time at the
club?
Discipline and to make the most of my time here.



THE SQUAD

This is the Hatters' Under-18 squad that has been selected to play in the 2009/10 campaign in the Puma Youth Alliance, FA Youth Cup and Bedfordshire Under-18 Cup.

The 21-man squad features 11 players
born in Luton.

Martin Prickett's side kick-off their
season in the Youth Alliance South East
Division with a trip to Peterborough
United on 15th August.

GOALKEEPERS

Aaron Fletcher – born Barking
Lewis Kidd – born Harold Wood

DEFENDERS

Matthew James – born Newham
Ashley Deeney – born Milton Keynes
Alex Lacey – born Milton Keynes
Jack Wood – born Watford
Fabio Bufano – born Luton
Newman Carney – born Luton
Janoi Danocien – born Luton

MIDFIELDERS

Adam Watkins – born Luton
Matthew Harriott – born Luton
Christian Tavernier – born London
Sam Barker – born St. Albans
Taylor Nathaniel – born London
Ryan Da Silva – born Luton
Richard Owusu – born Ghana

STRIKERS

Aidan Quinn – born Luton
Liam Toomey – born Luton
Jean-Philippe Yamfam – born Luton
Jordan Patrick – born Luton
Alasan Ann – born Luton

AUGUST

SAT 15 PETERBOROUGH UNITED A 11.00AM
SAT 29 QUEENS PARK RANGERS H 11.00AM

SEPTEMBER

SAT 05 NORTHAMPTON TOWN A 11.00AM - Puma YA Cup 1
MON 07 NORTHAMPTON SPENCER H 7.00PM - FA YOUTH CUP
SAT 12 11.00AM - Puma YA Cup 2
SAT 19 PETERBOROUGH UNITED A 11.00AM - Puma YA Cup 3
SAT 26 LEYTON ORIENT H 11.00AM - Puma YA Cup 4

OCTOBER

SAT 03 GILLINGHAM H 11.00AM - Puma YA Cup 5
SAT 10 BARNET A 11.00AM
SAT 17 WYcombe WANDERERS A 11.00AM
SAT 24 BRENTFORD H 11.00AM

NOVEMBER

SAT 07 SOUTH CUP 2 H 11.00AM
SAT 14 NORTHAMPTON TOWN H 11.00AM
SAT 21 BARNET H 11.00AM
SAT 28 IN SERVICE TRAINING

DECEMBER

SAT 05 QUEENS PARK RANGERS A 11.00AM
SAT 12 BRENTFORD A 11.00AM

JANUARY 2010

SAT 09 WYCOMBE WANDERERS H 11.00AM
SAT 16 SOUTH CUP 3 H 11.00AM
SAT 23 NORTHAMPTON TOWN A 11.00AM

FEBRUARY

SAT 06 PETERBOROUGH UNITED H 11.00AM
SAT 13 BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION A 11.00AM
SAT 20 SOUTH CUP SEMI FINAL H 11.00AM
SAT 27 COLCHESTER UNITED H 11.00AM

MARCH

SAT 06 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE A 11.00AM
SAT 13 GILLINGHAM H 11.00AM
SAT 20 SOUTHEND UNITED A 11.00AM
SAT 27 MILLWALL H 11.00AM

APRIL

SAT 10 LEYTON ORIENT A 11.00AM
SAT 17 ALDERSHOT TOWN H 11.00AM

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SAT 22 IN SERVICE TRAINING

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TOWN PAY THE PENALTY

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH 1 LUTON TOWN 0



The Hatters missed two penalties as their final pre-season friendly ended in a narrow defeat to Conference South Hampton & Richmond Borough.

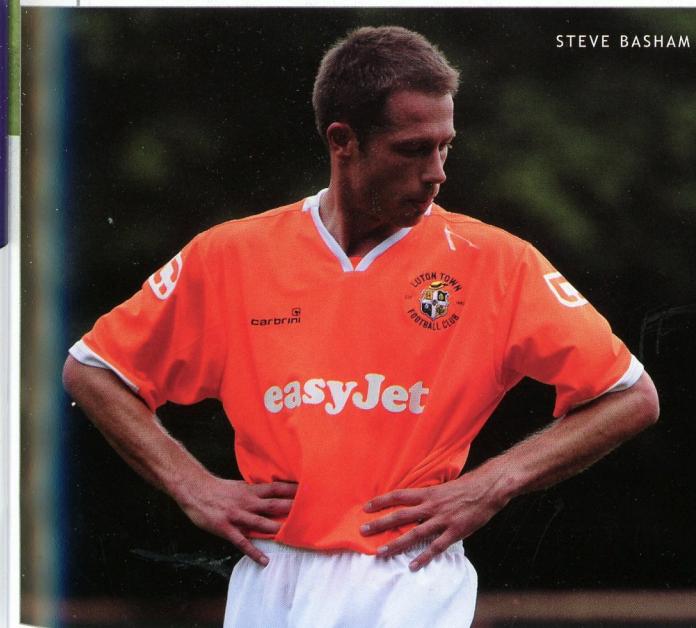
After an unbeaten record in shootouts last season, the Town failed to convert two first half efforts from 12 yards and landed up paying the price by falling to Lawrence Yaku's 63rd minute strike.

Firstly, Tom Craddock attempted a cheeky effort on 11 minutes when sending the Hatters' first over the crossbar after the striker had initially been fouled.

Then 21 minutes later midfelder Adam Newton suffered the same fate when he missed his penalty which struck the outside of the post. Despite dominating the game for long periods the Hatters were sunk by Yaku's strike - minutes after the home striker had spurned two opportunities to fire his side ahead with chances on 55 and 59 minutes.

A number of second half substitutions, including outings for Paul Terry and Steve Basham, from manager Mick Harford, failed to turn the tide and the Hatters were left to rue their profligacy from the spot.

STEVE BASHAM



HARFORD'S VERDICT:

"They were probably not as good a team as we are going to play against.

"We need to get more balls in the danger area more often.

"They didn't have to do a lot of defending in the second half.

"It all comes back to when we had a penalty and Tom tried to chip the keeper.

"It was cheeky and not what I expected and he's been told that in no uncertain manner.

"In any football match you can't take liberties. We were by far the better team in terms of trying to play football.

"I'm disappointed with some of the performances, but not all of them."

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2009
PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY 3.00PM
THE BEVEREE
ATT: 397

HAMPTON & R 1

Yaku 63



LUTON TOWN 0



TEAMS:

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH
Chico Ramos (Kevin Davies 46), Graham Harper (Stuart Lake 65), Craig Tanner, Orlando Jeffrey (Elliot Braithwaite 72), John Scarborough, Dean Wells, Jamie Collins (Marcello Fernandes 55), Francis Quarrell, Leon Yarnie (Dave Tarpey 39), Lawrence Yaku, Ashley Smith (Barrie Matthews 65). Substitutes not used: Keiron Knight, Jon McDonald, Steve Tyson.

LUTON TOWN

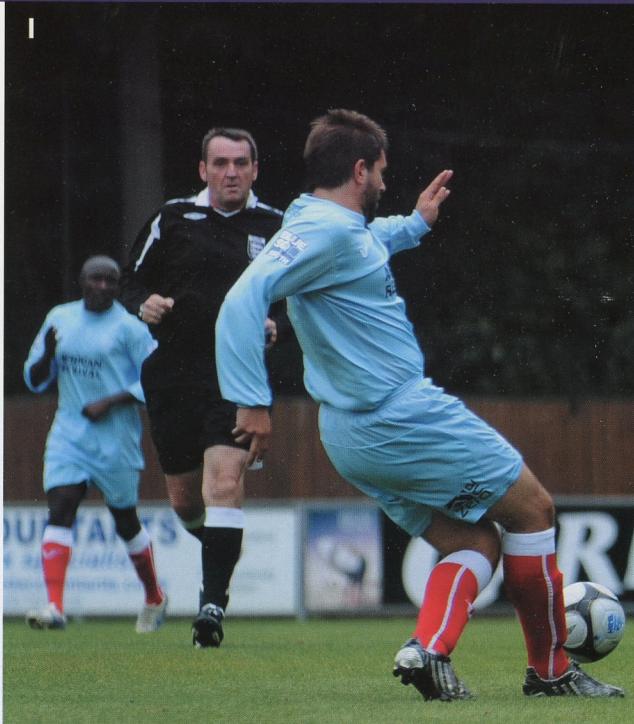
Mark Tyler, Callum Reynolds (Claude Gnappa 6), Lewis Emanuel (Kevin Nicholls 77), Keith Kean (Paul Terry 72), Shane Blackett, George Wilkinson (Alan White 77), Adam Newton (Jordan Patrick 72), Andy Burgess, Kevin Gallen (Steve Basham 61), Tom Cradock, Jake Howells (Rossi Jarvis 46). Substitutes not used: Shane Gore.

REFEREE: Paul Forrester

1: Tom Cradock in airbourne action



2: Andy Burgess looks for a pass



3: Cradock gets above his marker to nod the ball on



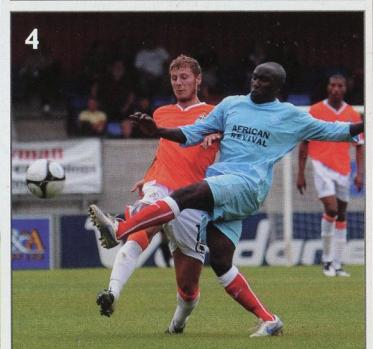
4: Rossi Jarvis returned from injury to feature in the friendly

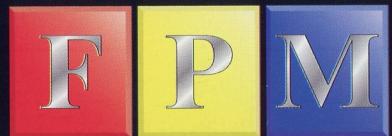


5: Callum Reynolds feels the brunt of a Beavers challenge



6: Lewis Emanuel in action the day he agreed a new one-year contract





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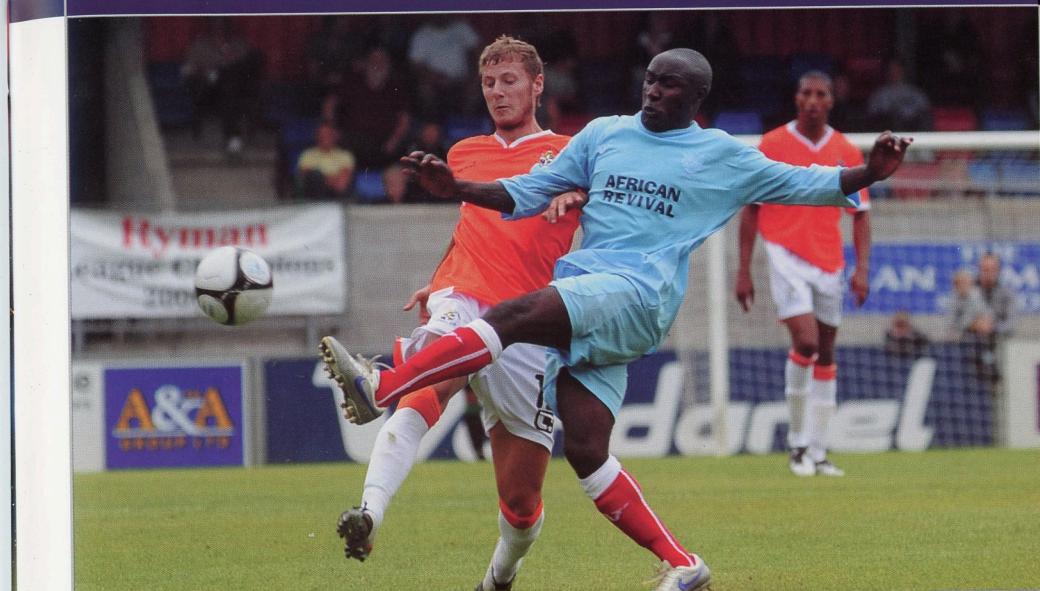
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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



ROSSI JARVIS

THE HATTERS' MIDFIELDER WAS GLAD TO RETURN TO FIRS TEAM ACTION AT HAMPTON

The defeat at Hampton & Richmond may have been best remembered for the Hatters missing two penalties but the game also saw the return from injury of Rossi Jarvis.

The midfielder, who limped off with a foot injury in the Town's opening game in the pre-season tournament in Devon against Bideford, was relieved to make his return to action during the defeat at Hampton.

"It's good to be back," said the 21-year-old. "It was a frustrating pre-season for me after I hurt my foot as it has meant I haven't had much football so it was good to get some minutes under my belt."

A bruised foot and damaged ligaments might have seen the former Norwich man miss the majority of the Hatters' pre-season, but the midfielder was still happy to have been part of the squad which toured – and eventually won – in North Devon.

He said: "I think it helped us to get away and get to know each other. It was nice to get away and break up the time, by the first day we all knew all of the new lads which was good in contrast to last season where we didn't really have a proper pre-season.

"We've got a good squad and we're looking to get promoted straight away."

The match at the Beveree also saw 16-year-old Jordan Patrick continue his education in the Hatters' first team with another appearance from the substitutes' bench.

And the Luton-born striker was delighted at being in and around Mick Harford's squad at such a young age during pre-season.

"It's been great," said the young forward. "The players and Mick have been helping me and pushing me through."

"It's great for me, my family and friends – who have seen me come through the ranks – to see me in the first team. It's a big achievement for me and my family."

"My aim is to stay in the first team squad and play in a few league games this season."

Patrick, who has been with the club since he was 11, is happy to be the next young player to be given a chance in the first team by the Hatters boss with Jake Howells and Adam Watkins also playing a part in the manager's plans.

He said: "It is a big help stepping up from the youth team having the likes of Jake, Adam and Jack Wood having experience being in and around the first team."

"I will keep working hard and hopefully I can stay in and around the squad."

Top...scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	FAT	FAC	SS	Tot	Ave
Steve Morison	Stevenage	22	6	1	0	29	0.58
Andrew Mangan	Forest Green	26	1	0	1	28	0.56
James Constable	Oxford	23	1	2	0	26	0.53
Richard Brodie	York	15	5	3	1	24	0.44
Jack Midson	Histon	20	1	2	0	23	0.45
Justin Richards	Kidderminster	17	2	2	0	21	0.46
Charlie Griffin	Salisbury	21	0	0	0	21	0.44
Matthew Barnes-Homer	Kidderminster	20	0	1	0	21	0.40
Tim Sills	Torquay	14	0	4	2	20	0.38
Greg Pearson	Burton	18	1	0	0	19	0.43
Gareth Seddon	Kettering	15	0	3	1	19	0.39
Jefferson Louis	Wrexham	15	2	0	1	18	0.39
Jason Walker	Barrow	12	1	1	4	18	0.37



Stevenage's Steve Morison is the Blue Square Premier's top scorer with a total of 29 goals scored so far this season.

Miscellaneous stats

Highest Attendance	10,298	Oxford v Northwich
Lowest Attendance	337	Lewes v Altrincham
Average Gate	1,785	
Aggregate Attendance	962,186	
Biggest Home Win	Wrexham 5-0 Stevenage, Wrexham 5-0 Eastbourne	
Biggest Away Win	Weymouth 0-9 Rushden	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Oxford 6-3 Eastbourne, Weymouth 0-9 Rushden	
Winning run	Burton.....12	
Unbeaten run	Stevenage.....18	
Losing run	Lewes.....18	
No wins run	Lewes.....18	
Total Games	552	
Home Wins	253 (46%)	
Away Wins	157 (28%)	
Draws	142 (26%)	
1-1 Draws	74 (13%)	
0-0 Draws	35 (6%)	
Total Cards	Yellow 1538 Red 105	



Wrexham's 5-0 win's over Stevenage and Eastbourne are the Blue Square Premier's biggest home win. But Oxford's 6-3 win over Eastbourne and Rushden's 9-0 win over Stevenage have yielded more goals than any other Blue Square Premier game.



Comebacks...and throwaways

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Total	Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Burton	0	1	7	8	Northwich	0	0	7	7
Wrexham	0	0	6	6	Forest Green	0	0	6	6
Kidderminster	0	1	4	5	Ebbsfleet	0	1	4	5
Histon	0	1	3	4	Mansfield	0	0	5	5
Stevenage	0	0	4	4	Eastbourne	0	0	4	4
Torquay	0	0	4	4	Grays	0	0	4	4
					Lewes	0	0	4	4
Drawn from	-3	-2	-1	Total	Drawn from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Forest Green	0	2	7	9	Forest Green	0	2	9	11
Histon	0	2	6	8	Crawley	0	2	6	8
York	0	1	7	8	Weymouth	0	0	8	8
Woking	0	0	8	8	Cambridge	0	2	5	7
Crawley	1	2	4	7	Altrincham	0	0	7	7
Torquay	0	2	5	7	Torquay	0	0	7	7
Rushden	0	0	7	7	Stevenage	0	1	5	6
Burrow	0	1	5	6	York	0	1	5	6
Kidderminster	0	0	6	6	Salisbury	0	0	6	6
Wrexham	0	0	6	6	Wrexham	0	0	6	6



Forest Green have come from behind to draw more games than any other team.



Burton have come from behind to win more games than any other team.

Premier...goals

Goals in...first 15 minutes

	Scored			Conceded		
	0-15	Total	%	0-15	Total	%
Altrincham	8	46	17.4	7	59	11.9
Barrow	11	49	22.4	3	65	4.6
Burton	9	79	11.4	10	49	20.4
Cambridge	5	63	7.9	5	39	12.8
Crawley	13	77	16.9	4	55	7.3
Eastbourne	13	56	23.2	6	68	8.8
Forest Green	9	62	14.5	11	71	15.5
Ebbsfleet	10	52	19.2	5	60	8.3
Grays	4	40	10.0	8	62	12.9
Histon	9	78	11.5	8	47	17.0
Kettering	10	49	20.4	7	37	18.9
Kidderminster	5	66	7.6	7	48	14.6
Levess	6	28	21.4	9	86	10.5
Mansfield	2	55	3.6	7	53	13.2
Northwich	7	54	13.0	10	72	13.9
Oxford	10	69	14.5	4	48	8.3
Rushden	7	60	11.7	11	49	22.4
Salisbury	7	53	13.2	4	63	6.3
Stevenage	7	73	9.6	6	54	11.1
Torquay	9	69	13.0	8	45	17.8
Weymouth	8	45	17.8	15	86	17.4
Woking	2	37	5.4	7	57	12.3
Wrexham	6	64	9.4	8	47	17.0
York	4	47	8.5	7	51	13.7

Goal...ratios

Best goalkeeping ratio

Kettering Town

Total goals conceded



Opposition shots on target



Percentage of shots saved

Best strike ratio

Eastbourne Borough

Total goals scored



Shots on target

Percentage of shots scored

Worst goalkeeping ratio

Northwich Victoria

Total goals conceded



Opposition shots on target

Percentage of shots saved

Worst strike ratio

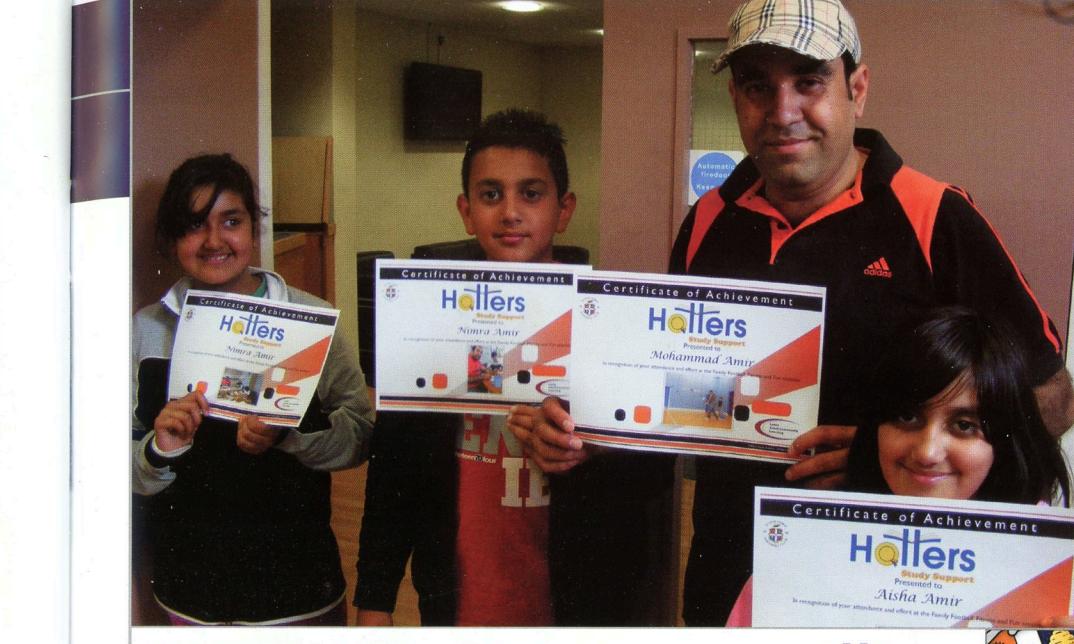
York City

Total goals scored



Shots on target

Percentage of shots scored



HATTERS IN THE COMMUNITY

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It didn't seem that long ago when I was writing an article for the final match day programme of last season. Here we are at the start of a new, exciting season that holds so much promise both on and off the field.

During the off-season the Football Club has been incredibly busy. With schools now on holiday, you might think that we have slowed down at the Study Centre but just like the Football Club, we too have been busy in preparation for our upcoming season, which kicks off in September.

We have been busy on the transfer market and have secured the services of Stephanie Walker, a young and exciting teacher, who joins the Study Centre on a 'free transfer' from Farley Junior School.

In addition to Stephanie, we also have four talented teaching assistants who we have 'on loan' from various local schools. John Oxley from Pirton Primary, Paul Dockerill from Leagrave, Lorraine

Roe from Farley Junior School and Kerri Fox from Denbigh Junior School. We have also been busy on the building side, working closely with the Football Club, to design a second classroom that will be located at Kenilworth Road. The second room will allow us to double the amount of schools we can offer our after school programmes to and will also provide us with a home at the ground where we can host school visits from.

In addition to the after school study programmes we deliver community learning projects. Even though schools are now on holiday it hasn't stopped us from working closely with the Adult Community Learning Department from the Council to deliver a specially designed programme targeting Fathers and their children.

The project is called Family, Football, Fun and Fitness and set out to provide a positive learning experience for all attendees on the course. Through the course Dads developed a greater understanding

of strategies they could use to help their children with their school work, while the children enjoyed working with their Dads on fun, educational challenges, designed to help improve literacy and numeracy skills.

The programme was delivered from 10am to 2pm on a Saturday morning over five consecutive weeks. A healthy lunch followed the education related work and the sessions concluded with a sporting challenge.

This changed each week, allowing the Dads and their children the opportunity to try a variety of new games, which included football, cricket, basketball, badminton and golf.

The programme was very well received which has meant we have secured funding to deliver a second Saturday course in October. If you would like further information about the programme please feel free to drop me an email.



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David Lloyd



Welcome all Junior Hatters to tonight's match against Mansfield. It's our first home game in the Blue Square Premier and I'd like to welcome all the young Mansfield supporters who have made the journey down the M1 to be here.

Our last home game saw us launch our new kit, sponsor and badge. I don't know about you but I absolutely love the changes!

Especially the kit! All the players were saying that I looked better wearing orange! I don't know if they were joking or not but can you image the whole ground wearing those orange shirts – we'll soon be like the Holland national team.

I think the stewards might have to change the colour of their jackets to avoid confusion. I don't want to see Andy Burgess passing the ball to one of them instead of Tom Craddock!

Mansfield are a former Football League team like ourselves so it will be a very tough match for the boys. Make sure you get behind the

lads and shout them on to our first victory of the season. We've got another home game this Saturday when Gateshead are the visitors. I can't think of anything better than two home games in a week so I look forward to seeing you all again.

I'd also like to wish a Happy Birthday to all those Junior Hatters celebrating their birthday in August!

George Mills, Lewis Bush, Jenika Patel, Zak Tilley, Daniel Calderwood, Cameron Calderwood, Christopher Foster, Mason Burgess, Sarah Kelly, Liam Sweeney, Harry Bellinger, Luke Bayham and Darran Sangster.

I hope you are still enjoying your summer holidays and enjoy tonight's game!

Happy Harry



HATTERS MASCOT

Our first mascot of the new season is 12-year-old Connor Warner from Bedford.

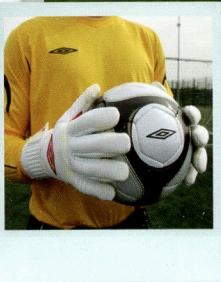
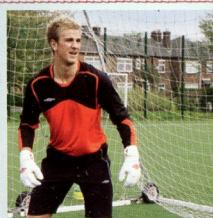
Connor attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his grandad, and apart from watching Luton he loves snowboarding.

Connor's favourite player is Tom Craddock and he will get the chance to meet the striker, and the rest of the squad, before kick-off and then lead the team out onto the pitch.

We hope you have a great evening with us Connor.



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Words cannot express just how pleased we all are that - after just eight seasons in senior football and several promotion campaigns - we have met our ambitious target of bringing FA Women's Premier League football to Luton Town.

Last season began with six straight wins which gave us incredible momentum to take into the winter months but, the run of bad weather and an FA Cup run - which ended only at the last 16 stage to the professionals of Blackburn Rovers - left us without a league match for almost three months.

By that time the early lead had evaporated and a couple of narrow defeats meant that the Ladies had it all to do if they were to win the League Championship and gain the single promotion spot available.

With eight games to go there was little room for error and convincing away wins at Welwyn Garden City and Cambridge City were followed by a set back against Wellingborough Diamonds.

With five games left it was clear that only five straight victories would be enough to gain the coveted prize. Title contenders Lewes were mercilessly torn apart in Sussex 5-1 and a bewildered Tottenham Hotspur were on the end of a 9-0 thrashing which brought the title

within reach. At that point the Town Ladies were given a much needed break from league action when they retained their County Cup title with a comfortable 4-0 win over Arlesey Town.

Norwich City were next in line and dominated possession for long periods without ever seriously bothering the Town goal before Candice Davies and Rebecca Kane gave Luton a 2-1 lead which was topped off by Micky Taylor's penalty to make it 3-1.

A difficult return match against Welwyn was evenly balanced at 0-0 when the referee abandoned the match due to a serious injury to the City keeper just after the interval and a new date had to be found.

The last scheduled opponents were Gillingham and the journey to Kent was a nervous one. Michelle Byrne gave Luton an early lead but, although we dominated for long periods, the Gills did have half chances and it took another Micky Taylor penalty to make sure of the points to ensure the Ladies completed an incredible 100% away record for the season.

With one game to go all that was required on 10th May were the three points in the rescheduled home game against Welwyn. Nerves were jangling but were settled by long range strikes from

Nicky Livingstone and Micky Taylor for a 2-0 half time lead.

Leading goal scorer Rebecca Kane scored a rare headed goal minutes into the second half and then went on to complete her hat trick in a crushing 5-0 win.

Post match celebrations were somewhat muted but we had now set Enfield Town the highly unlikely target of a 22 goal winning margin away to Gillingham in their last game. They failed to even win that game drawing 2-2 and Luton Town became a Premier League club by a two point margin.

The first four fixtures present us with a real challenge as we begin the campaign with three away matches to Newcastle United, Liverpool and Aston Villa, with a home match with Manchester City in between.

The Northern Division is considered to be a much tougher challenge than the Southern Division which should stand us in good stead for a hopefully long stay in the Premier League.

Tonight during the half time break the Ladies will be parading their Championship trophy around the pitch so please show your support to them.

Dave Baker.

HATTERSLADIES



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

TICKET OFFICE

FOLLOW THE HATTERS HOME & AWAY

TICKET OFFICE HOURS & INFO

You can buy tickets for all matches at Kenilworth Road in a number of ways.

1. In person at the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

The opening hours of the ticket office are as follows: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm.

Monday-Friday before a home match: 10am-6pm.

Saturday on a home matchday: 9am-kickoff and until required after full-time.

Saturday on an away matchday: 9am-12noon.

2. Online by logging onto www.etticketing.co.uk/lutontown/default.aspx

3. Over the telephone by calling 01582 416976

MATCHDAY TICKET PRICES 2009/10

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Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

Matchday Voucher Books
(5 tickets perbook)

Juniors (Under 10)	£22.50
Youth (Age 10-16)	£36
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£58.59
Adult (Age 22-64)	£81
Senior (Age 65-75)	£58.50
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£45

* Unlike in previous seasons, for the 2009/10 campaign there will be no additional £2 charge when purchasing tickets on the day of the match.

HOME MATCHES



GATESHEAD

Blue Square Premier

Saturday 15th August 2009 Kick Off time: 3.00pm

Tickets are now on General Sale at the normal Match Day prices



CHESTER CITY

Blue Square Premier

Saturday 22nd August 2009 Kick Off time: 3.00pm

Tickets are now on General Sale at the normal Match Day prices



CRAWLEY TOWN

Blue Square Premier

Saturday 22nd August 2009 Kick Off time: 7.45pm

Tickets are now on General Sale at the normal Match Day prices

AWAY MATCHES



FOREST GREEN ROVERS

Blue Square Premier

Tuesday 18th August 2009 Kick Off Time: 7.45pm

This game is an All Ticket Game. There will not be Cash Turnstiles on the day of the game.

We have 1250 Terrace tickets and 453 seats for this fixture and are now on sale. Diamond season ticket holders can purchase up to 3 tickets per person and regular season ticket holders can purchase 2 per person either in person or by phone until Wednesday 12th August. From Thursday 13th August tickets will be released for general sale until Tuesday 18th August at 12pm.

TERRACE

Adults £13.00 Senior/Students (with valid id) £8.00 Under 16's £5.00

SEATS

Adults £15.00 Senior/Students (with valid id) £10.00 Under 16's £7.00

Wheelchair disabled tickets and parking are available by ringing Forest Green Rovers direct on 01453 834860



KETTERING TOWN

Blue Square Premier

Saturday 29th August 2009 Kick Off Time: 3.00pm

This game is an All Ticket Game.

There will not be Cash Turnstiles on the day of the game.

We have 1365 Terrace tickets and 385 seats for this fixture. Tickets will go on sale from 10am Monday 10th August for Diamond season ticket holders at 1 ticket per person. Regular season ticket holders can purchase 1 ticket per person from Monday 17th August at 10am. Any remaining tickets will be released for general sale at 1 ticket per person from Monday 24th August at 10am until Friday 28th August at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased either in person or by telephone.

Prices: Terrace Adults £16.00 Senior £12.00 Under 16's £6.00
Seats Adults £18.00 Senior £14.00
Under 16's £7.00

We have been only given 2 wheelchair spaces which are priced at the above terrace prices and can be purchased direct from us.

FOREST GREEN ROVERS

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2009

7.45PM



WHAT'S THE GROUND LIKE?

The club moved a short distance to the New Lawn ground at beginning of the 2006/07 season. It literally is a short distance as the old Lawn Ground is only a few hundred yards up the road.

The ground is situated on the western edge of the picturesque Cotswold town of Nailsworth. The name Forest Green is taken

end of the ground, is a covered terrace, the roof of which came from the Barnfield Road side of the old ground.

Opposite is the EESI Stand, which is a covered seated stand that is given to away supporters. This stand is of interest as it was the Trevor Horsley Stand which was transported from the Club's old ground and re-erected at the New Lawn.



from the area of the town where the clubs home is found. The ground is sited on top of a fairly steep hill and quite exposed to the elements; so warm clothing is advised when visiting.

The stadium is dominated by the smart looking Western Thermal Stand at one side of the pitch.

This 2,000 all seated capacity stand, has a cantilever roof as well as row of executive boxes running across the back of it. Opposite is a small open terrace, which is only seven steps high. At the Nympsfield Road

WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR LUTON FANS?

Hatters' fans will be housed in the EESI Stand at one end of the ground. This stand is covered and all seated and up to 500 supporters can be accommodated.

If a larger away following is expected the open Barnfield Terrace at one side of the pitch can be allocated instead. If the chance arises, a visit to this Gloucestershire ground is a pleasant days outing in a unique setting.

Information kindly provided by Duncan Adams. Please visit www.footballgroundguide.com for more details

HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK

When planning a trip here, don't try and find Forest Green on your road map, look up Nailsworth, south of Stroud in Gloucestershire. The best way to approach is from the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud turn onto the A46 towards Nailsworth.

This will bring you into the centre of the town, when you reach the Information Centre take the first right at the mini roundabout which goes up a steep hill sign posted Forest Green.

The Lawn is at the top of this hill. Turn left at the roundabout at the 'summit' into the Club car park, which holds 250 cars. The cost of parking is £3 per car. Please note though that this car park is often full an hour before kick-off.

If going by train, there is no railway station in Nailsworth itself. The nearest is in Stroud which is three miles away.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Both Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club will be running coaches to Forest Green.

The Bobbers leave the Maple Road car park at 3pm. Prices are £14 for adults and £12 for concessions.

Town on Tour leave the Maple Road car park at 3.30pm. Prices are £17 for adults and £15 for concessions.

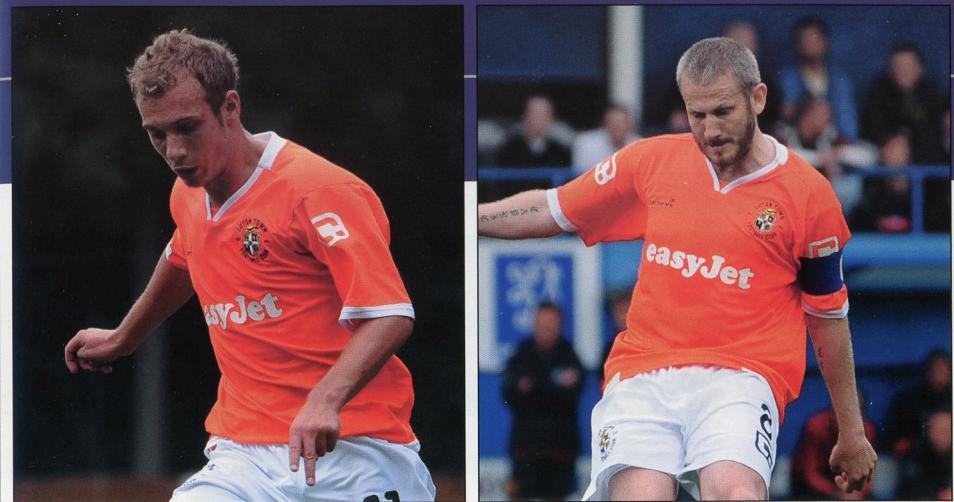
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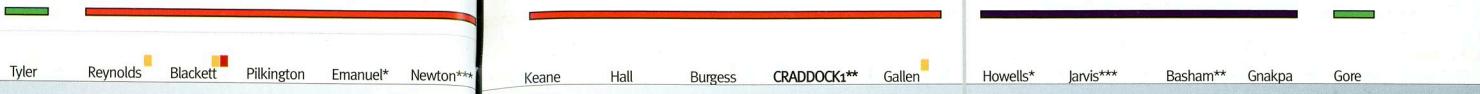
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Brazil	✓	Which nation has won the World Cup the most times?	✓	Brazil
Rochdale	✓	Which team play their home games at Spotland?	✗	Chesterfield
Scunthorpe	✓	Ian Botham played football for which team?	✓	Scunthorpe
Leicester	✓	Which club are nicknamed the Foxes?	✓	Leicester
18	✗	What age was Wayne Rooney when he made his England debut?	✓	17
6	✗	How many England caps did Mick Harford win?	✓	2
2	✓	How many times have Luton won a trophy at Wembley?	✓	2
Barrow	✓	What will be our longest distance away this season?	✓	I think it's a trickquestion and everyone will think Gateshead but I'll go for Barrow
1988/89	✗	When was Luton's last season in the top flight? (Answer 1991/1992)	✗	1988/89
Paraguay	✓	What nationality was goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert?	✓	Paraguayan, he was their goalscoring keeper

HATTERSSTATS

ALL THE RESULTS & STATS FROM THE 2009/10 SEASON

AUGUST	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 8	A	AFC Wimbledon	BSQP	D1-1	4,488	826
Sat 15	H	Gateshead	BSQP			
Tue 18	A	Forest Green	BSQP			
Sat 22	H	Chester City	BSQP			
Sat 29	A	Kettering Town	BSQP			



SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	H	Crawley Town	BSQP
Sat 5	A	Salisbury City	BSQP
Tue 8	A	Oxford United	BSQP
Sat 12	H	Barrow	BSQP
Sat 19	H	York City	BSQP
Tue 22	A	Wrexham	BSQP
Sat 26	A	Cambridge	BSQP
Tue 29	H	Stevenage	BSQP

OCTOBER

Sat 3	H	Tamworth	BSQP
Sat 10	A	Kidderminster	BSQP
Sat 17	A	Altrincham	BSQP
Sat 31	H	Rushden & D	BSQP

NOVEMBER

Sat 14	A	Grays Athletic	BSQP
Sat 21	H	Cambridge	BSQP
Tue 24	A	Mansfield Town	BSQP
Sat 28	H	AFC Wimbledon	BSQP

DECEMBER

Tue 1	H	Kettering Town	BSQP
Sat 5	A	Chester City	BSQP
Sat 19	H	Forest Green	BSQP
Sat 26	H	Histon	BSQP
Mon 28	A	Eastbourne B	BSQP

JANUARY

Fri 1	A	Histon	BSQP
Sat 16	H	Salisbury City	BSQP
Sat 23	A	Gateshead	BSQP
Sat 30	H	Ebbsfleet	BSQP

FEBRUARY

Sat 6	A	Barrow	BSQP
Tue 9	H	Oxford United	BSQP
Sat 13	H	Eastbourne B	BSQP
Sat 20	A	York City	BSQP
Sat 27	A	Crawley Town	BSQP

MARCH

Sat 6	A	Hayes&Yeading	BSQP
Sat 13	H	Wrexham	BSQP
Tue 16	H	Kidderminster	BSQP
Sat 20	A	Ebbsfleet	BSQP
Sat 27	H	Hayes&Yeading	BSQP

APRIL

Sat 3	A	Stevenage	BSQP
Mon 5	H	Grays Athletic	BSQP
Sat 10	A	Tamworth	BSQP
Sat 17	H	Altrincham	BSQP
Sat 24	A	Rushden & D	BSQP

The Hatters are once again at home this coming Saturday when Gateshead visit to Kenilworth Road.

Gateshead are another of the Blue Square Premier's newest entrants, having won promotion via the Conference North Play-Offs last season.

It won't be the first time a Gateshead side will play Conference football but the Tynesiders have been through

year's main source of goals as 2008/09 Conference North Golden Boot Winner Lee Novak has been snapped up by League 1 side Huddersfield Town. The former Tynesiders marksman provided 27 of Gateshead's 81 goals last season.

For this season, until January at least, Bogie will look to Hartlepool's Michael Mackay who has signed a six-month loan deal at the International Stadium.

26-year-old Mackay has scored goals



GATESHEAD

BLUE SQUARE
PREMIER



some turbulent times to get back here.

However back-to-back promotions will have Ian Bogie's side brimming with confidence on their return.

The Hatters have never faced Gateshead before but twice come across their predecessors, South Shields, in the FA Cup. However, even the latest of these encounters was almost 90 years ago.

The Tynesiders have had mixed fortunes through pre-season winning only four of their seven games, although one of the victories did come against Premier League opposition, albeit a youthful Sunderland XI.

Ian Bogie will be unable to rely on last

wherever he has played. He joined Hartlepool off the back of a 43-goal season with non-league Consett, but, despite this, found appearances few and far between at Victoria Park.

Mackay joins a host of other new faces at the International Stadium including defensive veteran Chris Swailes, who joins the Tynesiders from even further north, having spent the last two and a half year playing for Hamilton Academical, in the Scottish Premier League.

Despite a career which has seen him travel all over the UK, Swailes is a Gateshead lad and is guaranteed to bring a wealth of experience and ability with him as he looks to help his new team continue the success of the last few seasons.

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BLUE SQUARE PREMIER

Barrow v Eastbourne Borough
Chester City v Gateshead
Crawley Town v Forest Green
Eastbourne B v AFC Wimbledon
Ebbsfleet Utd v Cambridge Utd
Hayes & Y Utd v Stevenage B
Histon v Grays Athletic
Kettering Town v Oxford United
Salisbury City v Kidderminster H
Tamworth v Wrexham
York City v Rushden & Diamonds

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