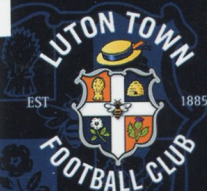


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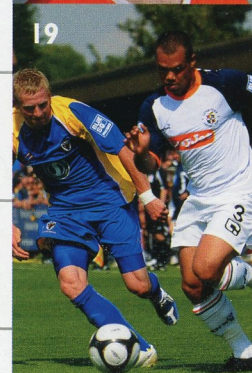
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MICK HARFORD

THE HATTERS' MANAGER LOOKS TO CARRY ON WHERE THE TEAM LEFT OFF FROM TUESDAY NIGHT

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to this afternoon's encounter with Gateshead at Kenilworth Road.

I welcome the supporters, players, staff and directors from Gateshead who have made the long journey south and I wish you all a safe trip home.

I would also like to congratulate everybody connected with Gateshead on their promotion last season, which was a great achievement. Promotion, from any division, breeds confidence and provides momentum, so we know today's game will be a challenge.

I was delighted with the performance on Tuesday night. The players showed great determination and patience and at the same time played the game the right way. Our decision making, both on and off the ball, was particularly pleasing.

We do, however, feel there is still room for improvement. When you take into account four of the five goals scored on Tuesday were from set-pieces it just demonstrates the importance of getting this part of the game right. We will continue to work hard on the training ground making sure we not only defend set-pieces but are able to provide a threat in the final third.

We will also have to learn from each game the frequency of yellow cards at this level. It's not a criticism of the officials - maybe this is the norm at this level - but we will have to adapt our game or we face the consequence of further suspensions.

Both players have been a credit to this club in the way they have conducted themselves whilst out suspended. They've worked extremely hard and set an example for us all.

The start of every season presents a tough challenge for all clubs, with games coming thick and fast. Coupled with our injury list and suspensions, our squad has already been tested, but I believe this squad is strong enough, both physically and mentally, to cope with the long season.

My column would not be complete without mentioning you, the fans. I seem to keep repeating myself but

“ I was delighted with the performance on Tuesday night. The players showed great determination and patience and at the same time played the game the right way. ”

Thankfully we welcome back Shane Blackett to the squad for today's game, after missing Tuesday's win through suspension, in what we thought was an unjust red card.

However, today we lose Callum Reynolds as he is now suspended for one match after his dismissal on Tuesday. As I said earlier we will have to adapt or face the threat of continued suspensions this season.

Kevin Nicholls and Alan White have been working particularly hard on the training pitch in order to be ready next week. We will welcome them both back into the squad and I'm certain they will both play a massive part in any success we have this season.

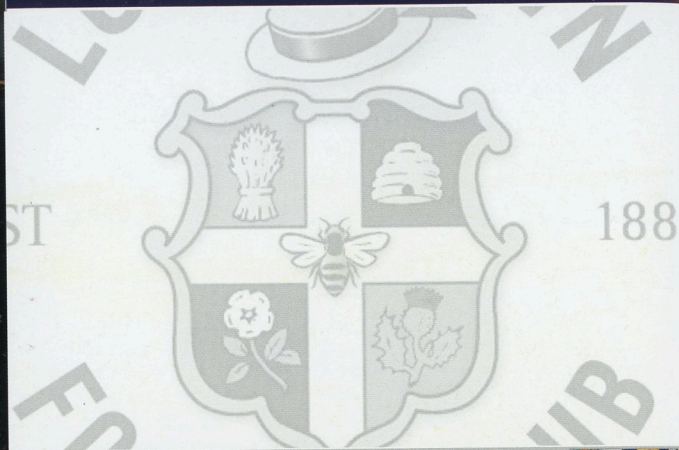
I can honestly say the atmosphere you created on Tuesday night was magnificent.

Each and every player thrives on that sort of support and provides them with a massive lift so I thank you all on behalf of the players for your support.

Enjoy the game.

Keep the faith.

Mick



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NICK OWEN LOOKS BACK ON TUESDAY'S TERRIFIC WIN OVER MANSFIELD TOWN



Good afternoon and welcome to all our supporters for our second home game of the new season in the Blue Square Premier League.

A special welcome also to fans, staff, players and directors of Gateshead after your long journey down from the North East.

So, a new era has well and truly begun and, if last Saturday and the Tuesday just gone are anything to go by, it's going to be something very special.

I know we should have won at AFC Wimbledon. Having seen the replays I know the penalty we conceded was

contentious, but the overall experience was terrific. A cracking atmosphere and excellent banter between two sets of supporters, who know the true meaning of supporting their local club through thick and a hell of a lot of thin.

To see fans mingling together before and after the match; having a pint in the sunshine and thoroughly enjoying having a club to support, when both could have folded, was a real delight.

And, then of course, came Tuesday night against Mansfield. The stadium was rocking with anticipation and, after a disappointing

start, the lads on the field really delivered. Bearing in mind all the players missing through injury or suspension, it was a superb performance and result. Surely we're on the threshold of exciting times?

I have said it so often before in my past programme notes but it needs repeating; our support has been truly magnificent over the recent dismal months and years.

To have sold well over 4,000 season tickets for our first experience in non-league for 89 years is an unbelievable statement of faith in the future. And for that I thank you.



So let's get on with it. We should never have been relegated, but we were and this is where we are. I hope we have all now buried the anger and bitterness.

The only way is up and, with this excellent squad, I am optimistic of a fantastic season. I am delighted that there seems to be so much media interest in us because of our recent troubled past and our proud history.

I am still besieged by football fans across the land, saying they are looking out for our results and urging us back to the higher reaches of the pyramid. We are all very focused.

“ The only way is up and, with this excellent squad, I am optimistic of a fantastic season. I am delighted that there seems to be so much media interest in us because of our recent troubled past and our proud history. ”

It's been frustrating to be without the services, through suspension, of Kevin Nicholls and Alan White, while the injuries to Liam Hatch and Lewis Emanuel are a real blow, but we have a strong and versatile squad this season with familiar friends plus exciting new arrivals, so we march on in this campaign undaunted.

And, finally, it's fair to say we are just about totally clear now of the legacy of previous regimes. This is now us. This is Luton Town Football Club.

We ARE Luton Town.

Here's to a sensational season!

Nick

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KEVIN NICHOLLS

It was a great feeling for us to pick up our first victory of the season against Mansfield on Tuesday following our collective disappointment of not taking all three points at AFC Wimbledon last Saturday.

The lads put on a great display and to score four goals in the end not only showed how much I thought we controlled the game but also sent out a message to the rest of the teams in our division our intentions of success this season. While I thought we controlled both halves, in the first period they limited us to shooting from range which was frustrating, especially after going a goal down to one sloppy piece of play from our point of view from a set-piece.

But we remained patient and eventually we drew level when George Pilkington popped up at the back post. It was a really good time for us to score before the break as we went in at half-time able to recharge our batteries and to have a chat ready for the second half.

George got his second, Asa Hall's put in a great cross for the own goal and Tom Craddock's put the penalty away really well at the end so overall it was really pleasing and I was delighted with the patience we showed. The patience certainly paid off in the end. Believe me, it was frustrating for us like it was you the fans, to see us losing when we were well on top.

I thought we looked stronger, fitter and played the better football on Tuesday and the lads should be really pleased with their efforts. It took time to get there but a good performance got us home. To post such an excellent result considering the amount of injuries and suspensions we've had to cope with recently is a great testament to the players who have come in.

One of those, Freddie Murray, I thought had a sound debut considering he was only introduced to us 90 minutes before kick-off and I'd like to welcome him to the club. Rossi Jarvis came back to play in centre midfield after missing a large part of pre-season through injury and I thought he did well considering he hasn't played much football.

As for the penalty, let me say it was the right decision to let Tom take it. From a professional point of view Tom is our penalty taker and – until he misses – that will continue to be the case.

While everybody would have liked to have seen George score a hat-trick on the night, Tom was the designated taker and he did what he did at AFC Wimbledon and scored it.

Gateshead are our visitors today and will come here fresh having not had a match on Tuesday so we are expecting another tough test. The games are coming thick and fast at the start of this season and I'm counting down the days until I can return to the action which I'm really excited about.

But the main thing is we keep focused and try and stay unbeaten for as long as possible and keep picking up enough points to stay at the top end of the table. To have four points from two games and lie second in the table is great – it is up to us to keep that run going.

It won't be easy tonight – or on Tuesday at Forest Green – so please continue your excellent backing of the lads.

Your support on Tuesday was phenomenal. It is always appreciated by the lads and hopefully we can repay you again with another three points today.

Enjoy the game.

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HATTERS NEWS

ALL THE LATEST FROM AROUND
KENILWORTH ROAD



face Mansfield. Murray makes his debut at left-back as the Hatters come from a goal down to beat the Stags 4-1 at Kenilworth Road.

A brace from George Pilkington coupled with an own goal and a Tom Craddock penalty seal a victory. For a report, action and reaction turn to pages 49-53 of tonight's programme.

MONDAY 10TH AUGUST

Hatters' manager Mick Harford reveals in his pre-Mansfield press conference that injuries to Liam Hatch and Lewis Emanuel require operations on ankle and toe problems respectively.

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

The Town are dealt a further blow when receiving news from the Football Association that Shane Blackett's one-match suspension is upheld following the defender's dismissal at AFC Wimbledon.

Mick Harford signs his 10th new face of the season with the arrival of versatile defender Freddie Murray on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier rivals Grays Athletic.

With all the relevant paperwork signed and sealed the former Northampton Town man went straight into the manager's squad to



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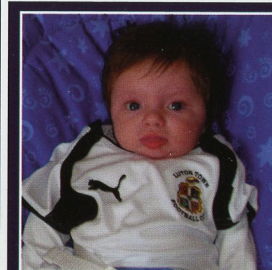
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Hatters skipper Kevin Nicholls was among the travelling fans at AFC Wimbledon. Here Nico is pictured with (left to right) Arthur Mason, Graham Bullard and Paul Coles prior to last Saturday's opening day fixture.

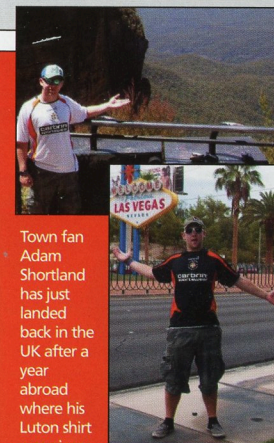
Happy Birthday to Hatters fan Oliver Giddings who celebrates his fifth birthday on Wednesday.

Oliver is at today's game with dad Paul and eight-year-old sister Morgan. This will be their first ever home league game at Kenilworth Road after first seeing the Hatters in action at Wembley!



Future Hatters fans #1 Harry James Wright was born on 29th January 2009. This photo was taken on the day of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final when Harry was nine weeks old.

The club sent Harry a signed photograph of the team, a signed programme, babygrow and the shirt that he is wearing. Harry will definitely be a future Hatter!



Town fan Adam Shortland has just landed back in the UK after a year abroad where his Luton shirt was given plenty of exposure!

The 23-year-old is a season ticket of 12 years and here Adam is photographed in Australia and in Las Vegas.

Happy 63rd birthday to Hatters' fan John Camp who celebrates his 57th year supporting the Hatters tomorrow!



Congratulations to Town fan Martin Ashworth and his partner Kayleigh who celebrated the birth of Austen John Daniel Ashworth on 15th April. Weighing in at 6lb 2 1/2oz at Lister Hospital in Stevenage, here is Austen pictured with his proud dad and with Hatters' skipper Kevin Nicholls at the recent open day.

HATTERS DIARY

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST

The Town travel to Gloucestershire to face Forest Green Rovers for the first time in their history at the New Lawn.



Kick off 7.45pm. For ticket information for this page turn to page 60.

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST

As the games continue to come thick and fast the Hatters host Chester City in the Blue Square Premier at Kenilworth Road.

Relegated with the Town from League 2 last season, City started the campaign on minus 25 points. Kick off 3pm.

For ticket information for this game turn to page 60.



GATESHEAD

A LOOK AT TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Nickname: The Tynesiders

Manager: Ian Bogie

Ground: International Stadium

Last season: Conference North 2nd (play-off winners)

2008/09 average attendance: 680

2009/10 BSP title odds: 100/1

PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Hatters never met the old

Gateshead that left the Football League in 1960 but did meet their predecessor South Shields twice in the FA Cup, losing the first in 1913/14 and winning the second in 1920/21 – both away.

RECENT HISTORY:

After failing in re-election to the Football League in 1960 Gateshead played for several seasons in the Northern Premier League before financial problems meant the club went into liquidation in 1973.

The Tynesiders reformed in 1977 and, after moving to the newly built International Stadium, they won promotion to the Conference in 1983 where they spent two seasons before being relegated.

But they won the Northern Premier League again in 1990 to return to the Conference but were relegated again in 1998 after eight seasons in the non-league top flight.

A further relegation followed to the Division One of the Northern Premier League the good times soon returned to Gateshead when they were re-elected to the Premier Division.

In 2007/08 the Tynesiders beat Buxton in the play-off final to secure a place in the Blue Square North and they followed that success up last season with another play-off final victory – against AFC Telford United – to seal a dramatic return to non-league elite.

THE MANAGER

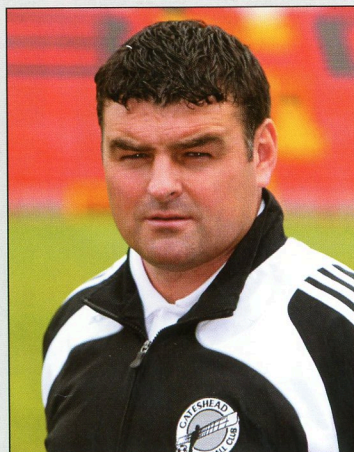
IAN BOGIE

Had a tremendous start to his managerial career guiding Gateshead to back-to-back promotions and from the UniBond Premier Division to the Blue Square Premier.

He joined Gateshead in the summer of 2006 as Assistant Manager and took over as Caretaker-Manager at the International Stadium before being given the Manager's job on a permanent basis for the start of the 2007/2008 season.

Promotion through the play-offs was achieved in his first season and this was followed by a second promotion to the pinnacle of the non-league game last term.

As a player Bogie, 41, was a talented midfielder who made over 450 appearances in the professional game taking in spells at Newcastle United, Preston North End, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Port Vale and Kidderminster Harriers.



Today's visit of Gateshead will not be the Tynesider's manager Ian Bogie's first to Kenilworth Road.

As a 19-year-old Bogie made his first team debut for Newcastle United in a 0-0 draw with the Hatters.

Playing amongst household names, it was a night to remember for the midfielder once labelled as 'the next Gazza'.

Bogie recalls: "Both teams were in the top flight at the time, Luton had Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy and players like that and I was playing alongside the likes of Peter Beardsley.

"I'm not sure if Gazza played that

IAN BOGIE

THE GATESHEAD MANAGER CASTS HIS MIND BACK TO HIS DEBUT AGAINST LUTON

day but it was a 0-0 draw on that old awful plastic pitch that Luton had at time."

Having hung up his boots, Bogie has exchanged the black and white of the Toon Army, for that of Gateshead who now have a game in hand.

Tuesday night's postponement of the Tynesider's game against Chester is a gap Bogie says his players could have done without after losing their home match of the campaign 3-0 to Histon last Saturday.

He said: "The Histon match was a major disappointment and the first thing you want to do, whether as a manager or a player, is get playing again as quickly as possible so Tuesday's game being cancelled was a blow.

"But we're looking forward to the next game. I said to the lads that it's now straight into the lion's den at Luton, after what was a disappointing start."

Bogie is under no illusions that coming to Kenilworth Road will be easy but he is keen to state his side's

intent in a fixture that will mean a lot to both him and his players.

He said: "These are the games that we play football for: big games against teams like Luton in front of big crowds and our lads are very much looking forward to it.

"We won't be coming to Luton with any fear, we will respect them – they are undoubtedly the favourites to win the title – but we aim to impose ourselves on the game.

"One thing we won't do is sit back and defend for 90-minutes. We're going there to try and get a result.

"Some teams will prepare for the game expecting to get beaten or to be delighted to come away with a point but we have to go and take the game to Luton, work hard and compete."

“ These are the games that we play football for: big games against teams like Luton in front of big crowds and our lads are very much looking forward to it. ”



GOALKEEPER

PAUL FARMAN

A promising teenage goalkeeper who signed for Gateshead during the summer from local rivals Blyth Spartans. Farman made 17 appearances for Blue Square North club Blyth last season, including two against Gateshead, and played in the early rounds of the Spartans FA Cup run that saw the Northumbrian outfit reach the third round proper. A player expected to have a bright future in the game.

JIM PROVETT

Goalkeeper who signed for the Tynesiders in February 2009 following a spell with Harrogate Town. Provett started his career as a trainee at Hartlepool United and went onto make 66 league appearances during eight years at Victoria Road. From there the Trimdon-born stopper moved to Bury in 2007 where he made 32 appearances for the Shakers before signing for Harrogate in at the beginning of last season.

DEFENDERS

JAMES CURTIS



The longest continuous serving player at the club having joined Gateshead in the summer of 2003 from Northern League side Washington, after he had started his career at Kennek Ryhope. Curtis, 27, is a towering central

defender who has become a firm favourite of the Gateshead fans with consistently strong performances that have brought him several accolades including Player of the Year. He has remained loyal to Gateshead, where he has made almost 300 appearances, and has played for the club in four different leagues.

CRAIG BAXTER

An attacking defender who has just completed his third season at Gateshead following his release by Premier League neighbours Newcastle United in the summer of 2006. He has made the right-back position his own with some excellent displays both defensively and going forward.

At just 22 Craig comfortably made the step up to the Blue Square North last season where he was the only ever present in the Gateshead side and is expected to make an impact in the top flight of the non-league game.

MARK ROBINSON

A summer signing from Conference rivals York City where he had been the Minstermen's regular left back for the past two seasons.

The 27-year-old's career began at Hartlepool United where he made 90 appearances over a six year period. This was followed by a season at Hereford United and then a season in League Two with Stockport County where he made 67 appearances. An 18 game spell at Torquay United then saw the defender return north in 2007 to join York City. He made 70 starts for City and was the Yorkshire club's penalty taker.

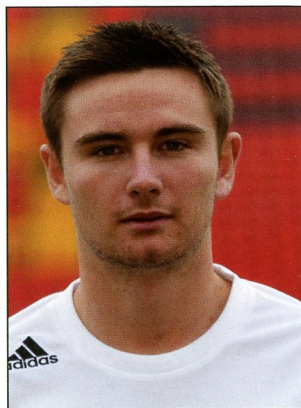
CARL JONES

A pacy defender who joined the club in a permanent deal from York City in February 2008 and went on to play a key role in Gateshead's promotion from the UniBond Premier Division with some outstanding displays at the heart of the defence. The 22-year-old began his career with Hartlepool United where he made two appearances before he moved on to York in the summer of 2007. He was unable to make an impact at KitKat Crescent due to a long term injury but has been a key performer in Gateshead's back-to-back promotions.

MIDFIELDERS

ALEX FRANCIS

An exciting teenage prospect who was released by Premier League neighbours Newcastle United at the end of the 2007/08 season where he had been a regular in the Magpies Academy side. A Gateshead-born player whose



preferred position is in the centre of midfield, though he can also play at the back. Alex was a key player for the England Colleges side last season when he made 14 starts for Gateshead.

MARTIN BRITAIN

Another former Newcastle United player in the Gateshead ranks who signed for Tynesiders' other black-and-whites in the summer after making 44 appearances for Kidderminster Harriers last season. The right-sided midfielder made one full appearance for Newcastle and six off the bench before he spent a short period at Ipswich Town.

PHIL TURNBULL

Turnbull, 22, joined Gateshead for a second spell in February 2008 when he signed on loan from York City. The deal was made permanent in March when he was released from his contract with the Minstermen. He had previously made five appearances for Gateshead in the 2005/06 season when on loan from Hartlepool United, and when he failed to break into the first team at Victoria Park he moved on to



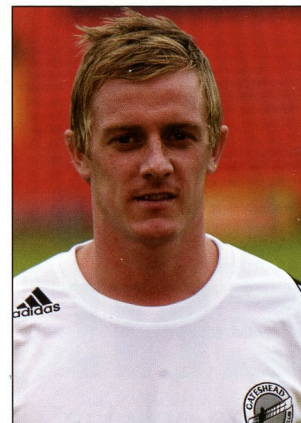
MICHAEL MACKAY

Hartlepool United striker who signed for Gateshead a week before the start of the season on a six month loan.

The 26-year Durham-born player was a prolific scorer in non-league football for Birtley Town, Durham City and Consett before joining Hartlepool in February 2007. Mackay was in Pools starting line up for the 2-0 FA Cup win over Premier League club Stoke City in January, and has made 25 starts and 35 substitute appearances for the League One club.

Conference Premier side York where injury hampered his progress. A skilful midfield player who was a regular in the Gateshead side last season.

KRIS GATE



Gate joined Gateshead in September 2007 after he was released from hometown club Newcastle United and has played a major role in Gateshead's two promotion campaigns. The 24-year-old is a former Newcastle reserves captain and went on to make the substitutes bench in the Premier League having made senior appearances in friendlies against Glasgow Rangers and Malaga. A skilful box-to-box player Kris was named Gateshead captain last season and led the side to promotion to the Blue square Premier.

WAYNE PHILLIPS

Live wire left-sided player Phillips is now in his third season with Gateshead after helping Whitley Bay to the Northern League title in 2007. He had joined Bay from Blyth Spartans in the 2004/2005 season where he first came to prominence as a teenage talent. Now 24 he is a player with good pace and an eye for goal who is a constant attacking threat. He has been a key player in Gateshead's back-to-back promotions and scored the late goal that saw Gateshead beat AFC Telford in the Blue Square North play-off final in May.

STRIKERS

STEVEN RICHARDSON

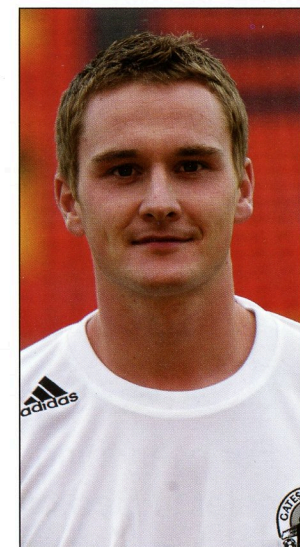
A Gateshead-born striker who returned to his hometown club in the summer from UniBond outfit Durham City in a deal that should eventually total £4,500. Richardson had been top scorer at Durham City for the past three seasons scoring over 90 goals and was named Durham's Player of the Year and Players Player of the Year last season. The pacy 23 year old first played for Gateshead as a central midfield player between 2004-2006 where he made 54 appearances, including 14 off the bench.

DARREN FORSYTH

A former Ireland under-19 international who linked up with Gateshead in the summer after a successful trial period. Forsyth, who scored five goals in 11 games for League of Ireland side Shelborne before moving on to Bray Wanderers, was capped against Portugal and the Ukraine. Has

signed a one year contract at Gateshead with an extra year's option.

GRAEME ARMSTRONG



Striker who joined Gateshead in the summer of 2007 in a deal worth £5,000 from Northern League neighbours Dunston Fed. Armstrong was Dunston's top scorer in each of his three seasons at Federation Park and became their all time record scorer bagging 84 goals in total. He found the net 20 times in Gateshead's UniBond promotion campaign and scored 18 goals last season.

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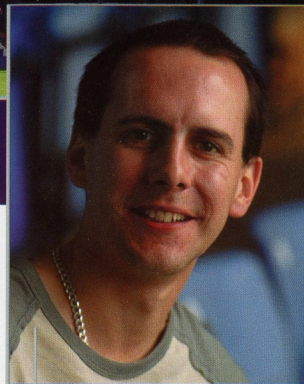


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Of the four League matches Luton have lost all three away from home with a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. Dwight Marshall scored the Hatters goal when Preston were the visitors in 1998.



The only cup game also finished 1-1, again with Marshall scoring, as Bournemouth held the Hatters in a first round first leg League Cup tie in 1995.



The number of years since the first match on this date at Bolton Wanderers in 1970. Mike Keen equalised for the Hatters but the home side took control of the game to lead 4-1 until Malcolm MacDonald scored a last minute penalty.



The only time that Luton failed to score on this date was at Derby County in 1987 as the home side won 1-0.

Mick Harford was sent-off in just the fourth minute of the match for a late tackle with John Gregory scoring the only goal of the game.

NUMBERS GAME

17,424

The largest attendance for a Luton fixture on

this date was for the opening game of the 1992/93 when Jamie Campbell scored in a 2-1 defeat at Leicester City. This was Campbell's only goal for Luton from 45 appearances in all competitions.



The number of players to have made their debut for Luton on this date. In 1970 Don Givens, Roger Hoy, and

Jim Ryan all made their debut for the Hatters against Bolton, with Givens and Ryan both coming from Manchester United, whilst Hoy joined from Crystal Palace. In 1987 Danny Wilson made his first appearance for Luton, against Derby, after signing from Brighton & Hove Albion. The other two players both featured in the 1992 match at Leicester. Andy Petterson had travelled from Australia to earn a contract with Luton, whilst Steve Claridge had the much shorter journey from Cambridge!



DWIGHT MARSHALL WAS ON TARGET AGAINST PRESTON IN 1998

PLAYERSTATS

	THIS SEASON				LTCF CAREER			
	LEAGUE Apps	Goals	CUP Apps	Goals	TOTAL Apps	Goals	CARDS Yel	TOTAL Apps
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	31
Steve BASHAM	0(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0	0	2
George BEAVAN	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	9
Shane BLACKETT	1	1	0	0	(0)	0	1	1
Andy BURGESS	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	0	2
Ryan CHARLES	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	20
Tom CRADDOCK	2	2	0	0	2(0)	2	0	32
Lewis EMANUEL	1	1	0	0	(0)	0	0	86
Kevin GALLAN	2	2	0	0	(0)	1	0	31
Claude GNAPKA	0	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0	39
Asa HALL	2	2	0	0	(0)	1	0	53
Jake HOWELLS	0	(2)	0	0	0	(2)	0	31
Rossi JARVIS	1	(1)	0	0	1(1)	0	1	48
Keith KEANE	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	0	156
Freddie MURRAY	1	1	0	0	(0)	1	0	1
Adam NEWTON	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	0	2
Kevin NICHOLLS	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	211
Jordan PATRICK	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	2
George PILKINGTON	2	2	0	0	2(0)	2	0	24
Callum REYNOLDS	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	1	2
Mark TYLER	2	2	0	0	(0)	0	0	24

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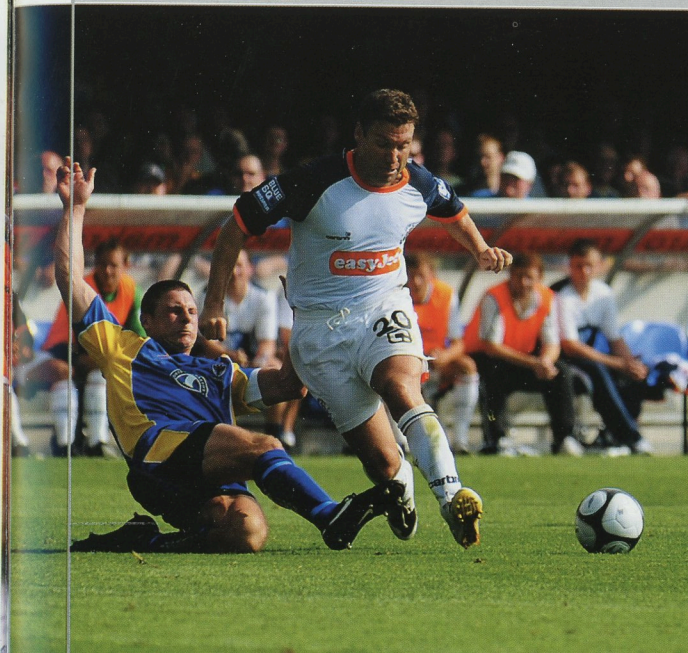
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HATTERS DENIED OPENING DAY WIN

AFC WIMBLEDON 1 LUTON TOWN 1



KEVIN GALLEN ESCAPES THE ATTENTIONS OF HIS MARKER AT AFC WIMBLEDON.

For the second Saturday running it was a tale of two penalties as 10-man Hatters were denied all three points on their debut in the Blue Square Premier at Kingsmeadow.

In Town's final friendly of pre-season they were left to rue two missed penalties as they were defeated at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Tom Craddock who missed one of the spot-kicks at Hampton, covered his effort on 14 minutes in South West London after Shane Blackett was tugged in the box and for long periods it had looked like the Town were going to earn their first three points of the campaign.

However, as the Hatters spurned a number of chances, with Craddock guilty of missing two in each half, the Dons levelled matters 11 minutes from time when substitute Jon Main tucked away a penalty after he was fouled by Blackett who was subsequently sent-off for his challenge.

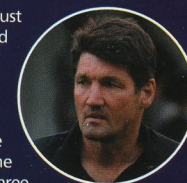
Craddock's best chances to double the Town's lead happened either side of the break, most notably a minute after the Hatters had taken the lead when he saw his header well-saved by the feet of goalkeeper James Pullen and when curling a shot inches wide of the post in the second half.

While the Hatters bossed the first half and looked good value for their lead, the second was a different matter and as the Dons began to find confidence, the hosts were denied an equaliser on 63 minutes when Mark Tyler brilliantly blocked Lewis Taylor's low shot.

After the equaliser, the Dons sensed a winner. Hearts were in Hatters' mouths in the closing stages and Wimbledon almost got what would have been an undeserved winner three minutes from time when Taylor saw his goal-bound shot blocked by the ankles of Callum Reynolds with the goal gaping.

POSTMATCH REACTION MICK HARTFORD:

"I'm just disappointed in the way we played and controlled the game that we haven't come away with three points.



"It was a game we dominated from start to finish. We are going to get games like this in this league.

"In the first half we were very good but we didn't come out of the blocks in the second half.

"When you're 1-0 up as we were we need to get the second and third goal and if you don't you put yourself under pressure.

TERRY BROWN:

"When you go in at half time a goal down you have to take the game to the opposition in the second half and indeed we got stronger and stronger.



"Apart from the goal we gave away we defended well and the lads learned quickly on their feet as the game went on.

"We were able to get in to the game and produce a few decent moves without it being a football spectacular. I am very proud of the commitment showed by the players on a hot day against very good opposition."

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AFC WIMBLEDON 1

Main 80 (pen)

LUTON TOWN 1

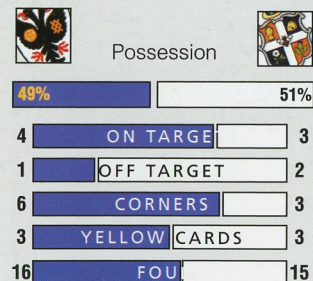
Craddock 15 (pen)

Luton Town: Tyler, Emanuel (Howells 75), Pilkington, Blackett, Reynolds, Burgess, Hall, Keane, Newton (Jarvis 86), Craddock (Basham 83), Gallen.
Subs not used: Gore, Gnaka.

AFC Wimbledon: Pullen, Garrard, Hussey, Gregory, Lorraine, Johnson, Hatton (Main 67), Taylor, Kedwell, Duncan (Moore 69), Godfrey (Wellard 74).
Subs not used: Judge, Brown.

Attendance: 4,488

Referee: I Cooper.

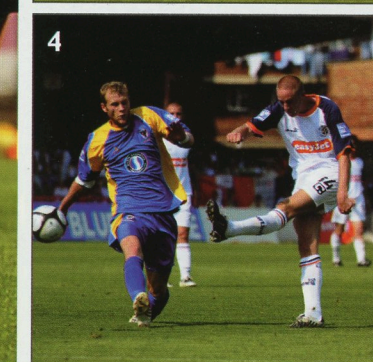
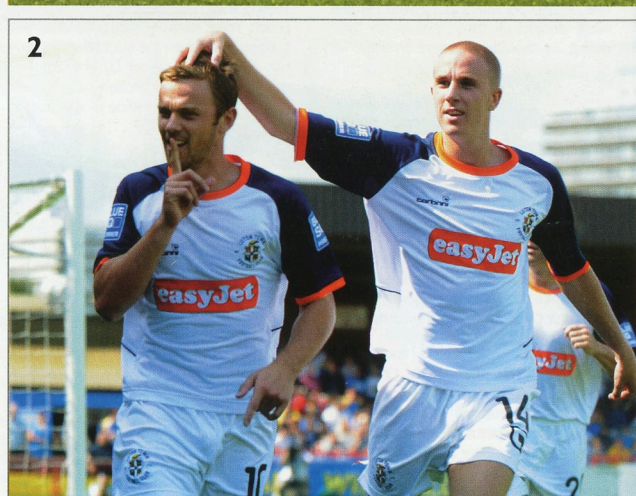
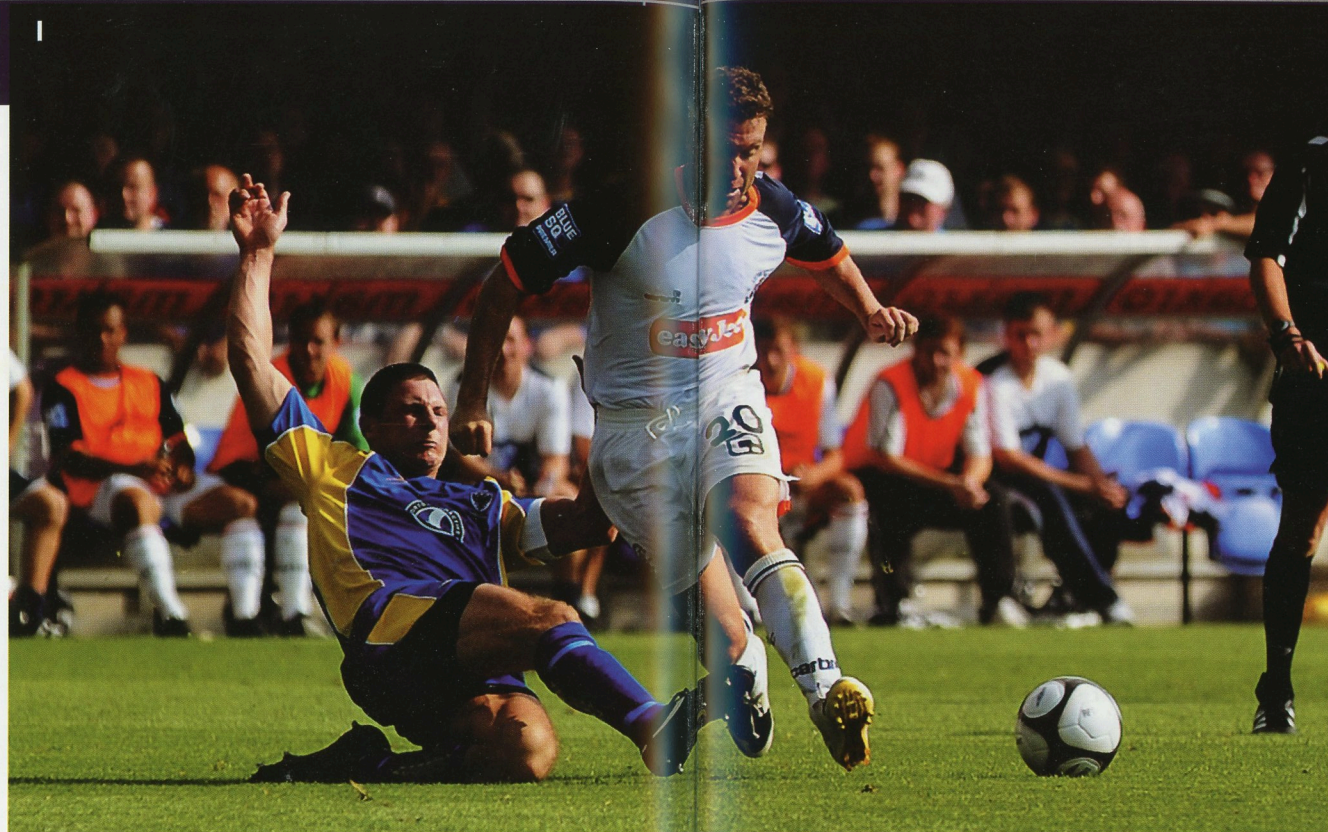


MAN OF THE MATCH

Keith Keane

An assured display in the centre of midfield from the Hatters' captain who once again showed his versatility when dropping back to centre-half following Shane Blackett's red card to repel a Dons' winner.

1. Kevin Gallen escapes the attentions of his marker at AFC Wimbledon.
2. Tom Craddock celebrates the opening goal at Kingsmeadow with Asa Hall.
3. Lewis Emanuel surges forward with the ball.
4. Asa Hall came close with this first half effort that flew narrowly over the crossbar.
5. Adam Newton skips down the right flank.
6. Captain Keith Keane evades a Dons tackle.



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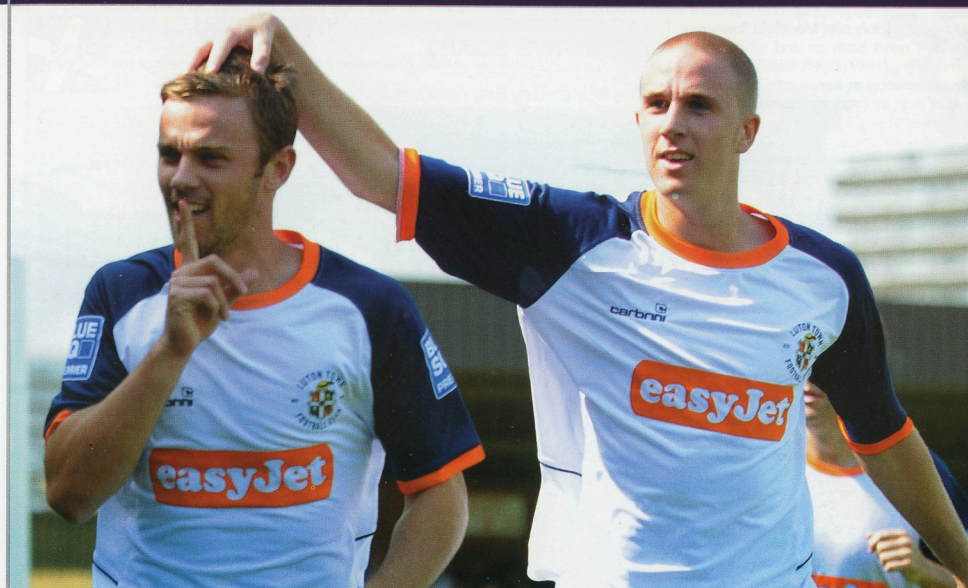
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TOM CRADDOCK

THE TOWN STRIKER CLAIMS LUTON WERE UNFORTUNATE NOT TO COME AWAY FROM KINGSMEADOW WITH A WIN



Striker Tom Craddock believes although the Hatters were unfortunate not to come away from AFC Wimbledon with all three points although admitted draws away from home are no bad thing.

The 22-year-old, who opened the scoring for the Town on the quarter-hour mark, was left frustrated by the opening day draw but insisted that staying unbeaten on the road is vital if the Hatters are to succeed this term.

He said: "Although we are disappointed this season we've said if we can draw away games and win our home games we'll have no problem.

"It was different last season when every time we drew a game we

were disappointed because of the points situation.

"We had plenty of games last season when teams will come and sit back against us and try and hit us on the break.

"It will happen again this season but we have just got to keep believing in ourselves, play our football and we'll score more than one in lots of games."

It was a day of frustration all round for the Hatters with debutant Shane Blackett's dismissal 10 minutes from time allowing the Dons' to earn a point following Jon Main's resulting successful spot-kick.

And the former Middlesbrough man expressed his disappointment at the referee's decision not only to

award the Dons with the penalty but to also send-off his team-mate.

Craddock said: "I thought Shane got the ball. Even one of their defenders said it was never a penalty."

However the striker was more frustrated by his profligacy in front of goal as the Town missed chances to put the game to bed and seal three points.

"When you have that much possession and create that many chances we were always going to be disappointed," he said.

"Their keeper has made a couple of good saves. All you can do is hit the target but not one of our chances went in, perhaps next week they will."

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COMMERCIAL BREAK

DAVID HOSKINS BRINGS YOU THE LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

Tuesday night's victory over Mansfield Town was an excellent result both on and off-the-pitch with a number of new players making their first league appearances at Kenilworth Road and a number of new sponsors and guests visiting for the first time.

I mentioned in Tuesday's programme we have had our foot flat to the floor in the commercial department taking bookings for corporate hospitality and I expect that to increase as the season continues. Especially if the team keep performing like they did on Tuesday.

Some of our high-profile fixtures against the likes of Oxford, Stevenage, Rushden and Middlesbrough have proved to be incredibly popular with match sponsor, ball sponsor and other commercial opportunities snapped up already.

With a number of new players signed by Mick McCarthy over the summer we have also been busy taking enquiries for the kit sponsors – a number of which are still available for players' home and away shirts. Freddie Murray is the newest player in the dressing room and both of his shirts are now available for supporters to sponsor.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT



Please give a warm welcome to our commercial mascot today who is three-year-old Jack Archant. Jack has come all the way from Kuwait to be at Kenilworth Road this afternoon and he'll get to meet all of the Hatters squad before the match in the dressing room including our favourite, Kevin Nicholls.

Jack was born and lives in Kuwait and is a keen Luton fan thanks to the fanatical support from his family, in particular is Mum and Uncle Paul. Jack said he wants to play for the Hatters when he's older and today will be his first ever visit so hopefully it will be the first of many appearances on the Kenilworth Road turf!

EXECUTIVE BOXES

The Match Day Box package includes:

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Exclusive use of box facility for all home league, cup and friendly matches, pre-match hot/cold finger buffet each Box Lounge Bar before all home league matches, half time tea, coffee and biscuits, reserved parking in Hazlebury Crescent Car Park, programmes and team sheets, Sky TV in box, waitress service, fridge in box, catering upgrade options are available on match-by-match basis if required.

The boxes that we have available are:

- 5 seater @ £270 including VAT
- 8 seater @ £380 including VAT
- 8 seater + @ £420 including VAT

Please note that the 8 seater + boxes, still only hold 8 people, however they are situated on / near the half way line.

For large parties, we have an 18-seater box. This price may vary depending on the package that you would like.



Our mascot at our last home game was eight-year-old Allison Nicola Parker who had come all the way from Sugar Land in Texas in the United States to be our commercial mascot for the night.

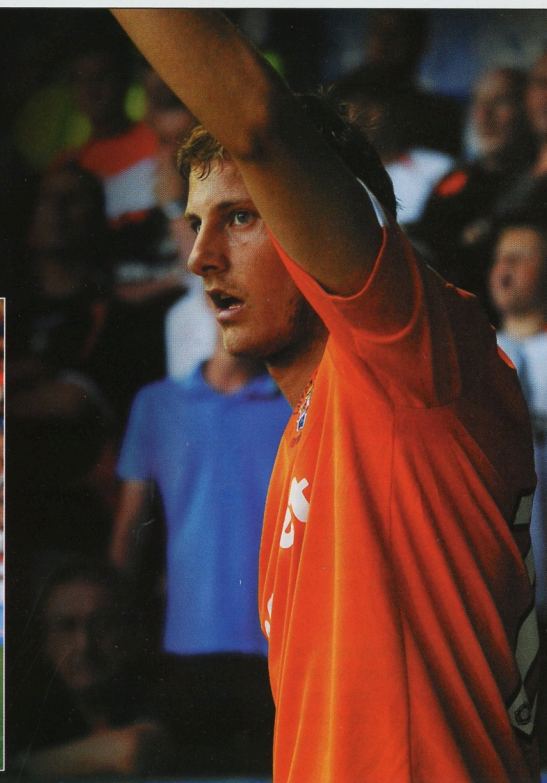
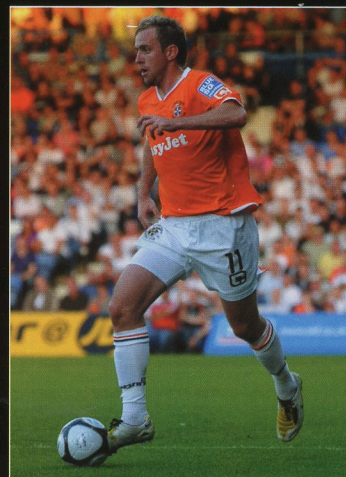
Allison got to meet all the Hatters players before the match in the dressing room, posing for photographs and getting those all important autographs!



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HATTERS TAKE THE LEAD

It's a win-win situation for Hatters' fans as the club scores with yet another great deal, this time with leading independent travel company Takeoff Travel.



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The Hatters are the first club to take advantage of TakeOff Travel's unique deal and as a result, Town supporters can now save hundreds of pounds on all their holiday needs and at the same time earn money for the football club in the process!

For the first time, Luton Town fans will be able to buy their travel at trade prices, commission free.

Through the club, a family of four booking a two week holiday could expect to save £300 to £400 by not paying travel agents' commissions. What's more all bookings are fully protected!

Linking up with the Hatters was the brainchild of lifelong Hatters fan and Takeoff Director Jon Exley and together with Town Commercial Manager David Hoskins he believes the initiative will be a winner.

Jon said: "The challenge was to develop an offer that is transparent and provides fellow Luton fans substantial cost savings, great choice and traditional service values and one which makes a significant contribution to the success of Luton Town Football Club – and I believe we've done that"

David added: "This is an exciting opportunity for our fans to travel at

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The launch of this exciting venture will be marked by half-time appearances by Chairman Nick Owen and Club captain Kevin Nicholls at the Hatters home match with Gateshead on Saturday 15th August.

To promote the scheme, the first 20 fans booking before 31st August (minimum deposit) will win a limited edition TakeOff Travel T-shirt complete with the new Luton Club crest and signed by the entire Hatters squad.

So remember every time you book through Takeoff you're saving money and putting vital revenue into the Kenilworth Road coffers. To join and book call TakeOff Travel on 01582 740015 or email enquiries@takeofftraveluk.com quoting "Luton Town Travel Club"

The TakeOff Travel T-shirts were supplied and printed by Bartham Press.



GIRLS' CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE 2009-10

Under 10's
Naomi Bedau
Venus Ashu
Abbie Roberts
Eireann O'Donoghue
Chiara Meola
Tia Aston
Kirsty Crowhurst
Maya Sidhu
Scarlett Howman
Amelia Hazard
Jodie Southby
Rebecca Ferris
Chloe Fitzdimmons
Lucy Hollamby

Under 12's
Amy Dewar
Shannon Pearson
Hannah Moules
Lilley Coleman
Kezia Hassall
Amber Pearson
Errin Davie
Vicky Reid
Rhiannon Scorah
Isabelle Attenborough
Niketa Dinnall
Renae Mooney
Orlagh Daly
Alex Bush
Clara Dunne

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Under 14's
Rachel Evans
Emma Tyler
Taylor Smith
Coral Gordon
Emily Keegan
Montana Fielding
Zhane Quashie
Ceylon Hickman
Jasmin May
Chloe Smith
Millie Fraser

Under 16's
Hollie Staples
Sianika Malcolm
Kim Howard
Emma Budd
Victoria Rutherford
Kiri Chapman
Lil Stanton
Mollie Bailey
Alexia Maroudias
Kaye Henton
Jodie Brown
Micha Curtis Weddle
Gemma Pearson
Loren Whyte
Holly Brandon
Charlotte Kerr
Rebecca Vass
Lily Knowles
Derryn Hudson



These are the girls that have so far been selected to represent the Centre of Excellence for the 2009/10 season. Some of these girls have already signed a contract with us while others are on trial.

The selection process is continuous and more players will be joining us in the coming weeks. We wish them all every success in achieving their respective targets for the coming season.

August		
22	WATFORD	A
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H

September		
5	WATFORD	A
12	MILTON KEYNES	A
19	MANCHESTER UNITED	A
26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H

October		
3	NORWICH CITY	A
10	ARSENAL	H
17	CAMBRIDGE	A

November		
7	IPSWICH TOWN	A
14	LEYTON ORIENT	A
21	COLCHESTER	H
28	LEYTON ORIENT	H

December		
5	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
12	LIVERPOOL	A

2010		
January		
9	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
16	NORWICH CITY	A
23	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
30	WATFORD	H

February		
6	MILTON KEYNES	H
13	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A
27	NORWICH CITY	H

March		
6	ARSENAL	A
13	CAMBRIDGE	H
20	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	A
27	COLCHESTER	A

April		
10	IPSWICH TOWN	H
17	COLCHESTER	A
24	READING	H

May		
1	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	A
8	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
15/ 16	LUTON NATIONALCOE FESTIVAL	H

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THE FUTURE

SUCCESS FOR LUTON TOWN AGAINST LIVERPOOL

Luton Town U13's achieved a memorable result after defeating a Liverpool team overseen by Kenny Dalglish at their Academy in Knowsley on Tuesday.

Keeper Tyler Reading was outstanding during the first half keeping the score at 0-0 with a string of great saves. As the game went on Luton were able to gain more possession and create a number of good chances.

The decisive goal was scored during the second period when Nico Ashton-Cotton curled a free-kick into the top corner from 25 yards.

Both teams had further chances but Luton hung on for a well-earned victory in their first pre-season game.

Youth Development Officer Gregg Broughton said: "It was an impressive performance considering the quality of the opposition and the fact that we had so many trialists on display.

At the end we told the players that it was important to keep the result in context and ensure that they used the performance as a foundation to build on throughout the season."

The Under 14's were equally

impressive in securing a 3-3 draw against the Reds. A heroic performance from adopted scouser Jimmy Hartley saw him score the opening goal and clear a last minute shot off-the-line. The other goals came from Khalid Bekhtaoui and wonderful free-kick by Leeroy Maguraushe.

The Under 12's lost 6-2 after twice taking the lead, and there were plenty of individual performances from the Luton players.

Gregg Broughton added: "It was a privilege to be invited to play games at Liverpool's Academy, which is one of the most impressive football facilities in the country.

"We have developed a good working relationship with Liverpool over the past 12 months, and have been impressed with the professional manner that they have shown when enquiring about some of our most talented players.

"With Ex-Luton Head of Youth Paul Lowe now heading their recruitment policy hopefully this relationship can develop to benefit both clubs in the future."

The young Hatters have games

against Crystal Palace and Arsenal coming up next. Meanwhile, the Under 16's beat Stevenage Borough 3-0 on Saturday at Ely Way. The game was one-sided from the outset and it was always a question of how many Luton were able to score.

Alasan Ann scored two and came close to completing his hat-trick but saw his penalty saved, and the third goal was scored directly from a Dave Moli cross.

Coach Joe Deeney said: "Some of the passing was terrific and the boys have continued their good form in pre-season. With upcoming games against Norwich and Arsenal to look forward to the team should be hitting top-form in time for the opening game of the season against Colchester on 5th September."



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DIVERSE FM



Luton Town Football Club are delighted to reveal community radio station Diverse FM as the club's new official broadcast partner with the launch of Hatters Radio, following successful trials.

The Luton-based station broadcasted three live commentaries during the Hatters' home friendly matches at Kenilworth Road against Swindon Town, Peterborough United and Manchester United in July.

A deluge of positive feedback following coverage from the three pre-season games more than exceeded expectation, with the station's online streaming reaching its full capacity of listeners on the Diverse FM website.

It means supporters will get the chance to listen live to every Town game home and away throughout the whole 2009/10 campaign along with pre and post match coverage of Luton Town.

The Diverse FM coverage will also replace BBC Three Counties Radio as the Club's preferred supplier of commentary for Hatters Player and we hope to introduce exciting additions to the Hatters Player content working together with the station.

Commentary will be supplied by Hatters fan Simon "Statto" Pitts who has already clocked up 11 years covering the Hatters after he had learned the ropes on University radio in Loughborough.

Simon, who also writes articles for the Town's official programme and website, was thrilled with the opportunity to commentate on the club home and away.

He said: "To have been asked to join the Diverse FM team, and to provide the commentary for the forthcoming season, is a fantastic opportunity for me and I just can't wait for the season to start now.

"I hope that my style, and being a passionate fan of the club, will continue to be well received by the supporters.

"The response to the pre-season games was just truly amazing, and I couldn't believe the level of messages that were being sent to the radio station, on the WHOSH email group and on various other forums.

"I would like to thank all those people who have sent messages of support, and I look forward to commentating on a very successful season for both Luton Town Football Club and Diverse FM."

With the station keen to establish links with the Hatters' faithful, Diverse will hold regular fans' forums - pre-recorded shows that will take place at a variety of locations around the town hosted by Diverse's Barrie Thyer and guest Hatters' fans.

Diverse FM Chairman Mick Foster, who

set-up the station back in 2000 was looking forward to strengthening links between the football club and community.

He said: "We have always had a close working relationship with the football club and this just goes to show how Diverse FM is truly at the heart of the community.

"We are thrilled to be given the opportunity by the club and hope to repay their faith in us by delivering a top-quality service to Luton fans in the local area and those around the world listening online - whether that be on our website or on Hatters Player."

Hatters' managing director Gary Sweet believes the partnership with the station will benefit all parties.

He said: "Linking up with a community radio station is something we have always felt was the right thing to do for our club and now, happily, we have the chance to launch an exciting partnership to start what we hope will be a successful season.

"Diverse have proved over the summer, with their coverage of our home pre-season friendlies, that they can offer enthralling coverage by genuine Luton fans who, like us, share a passion for our Club.

"I think supporters will agree when I say that a valuable in-depth knowledge and natural enthusiasm comes across in the coverage - particularly in Simon's commentary."

You can listen to full commentary of all Luton Town's matches via the official Luton Town website through the new Hatters Player. Hatters Radio will also feature on Diverse FM frequency on 102.8 and, for a limited period of time, on their website at www.diversefm.com.

THE BIGGER PICTURE



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Bringing young players through the ranks has been the lifeblood of Luton Town for many years. Supporters of Luton Youth Development (**SoLYD**) has been set up to help ensure this rich tradition continues.

With the backing of Luton legend, Kingsley Black, **SoLYD** will raise funds for the specific and exclusive use of the Youth Development department at the club. In the short term **SoLYD** will aim to make up the funding shortfall caused by the club dropping out of the Football League. The longer term aim is to secure land to build a training complex for the club's young players.

After an approach from the Youth Development department, volunteers from each of the club's three supporter groups, have agreed to help manage the project. They will need your backing to achieve **SoLYD's** aims.

What can you do to help?

Simply fill in the direct debit form on the back of this leaflet to make a monthly donation to **SoLYD**.

When you sign up you will be entered into a quarterly draw to win fantastic Luton Town prizes.

Your name will appear on the Roll of Honour noticeboard on the website, **www.solyd.co.uk** as well as at Kenilworth Road.

You will receive an exclusive monthly update giving you all the latest news from the Youth Development department.

Remember, every penny you donate to **SoLYD** will be spent exclusively on Youth Development and you will be able to view accounts and details of expenditure on a regular basis on **www.solyd.co.uk**.

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George Pilkington celebrates with Adam Newton, Asa Hall and Andy Burgess following the defender's second goal against Mansfield Town on Tuesday night.





DAYS PAST

15TH AUGUST 1970. BOLTON WANDERERS 4-2 LUTON TOWN.

seven years and the days of struggling to avoid the embarrassment of re-election to the Football League now seemed a distant memory.

Buoyed by the seemingly endless line of funding from Chairman Tony Hunt and director Reggie Burr, the Town were out to get back to the top flight in double quick time.

Old Trafford had been raided to bring in four players, two of which, Jim Ryan and Don Givens, were to prove top signings as were David Court from Arsenal and Roger Hoy from Crystal Palace.

Everything seemed to be moving forward smoothly until the news hit the streets that mercurial winger Graham French had been arrested following a shooting incident which subsequently saw him sent to prison!

The pre-season games had seen the



BOLTON'S JOHN BYROM IS BROUGHT DOWN IN THE AREA LEADING TO BOLTON'S FOURTH GOAL.

Town draw 1-1 against Royal Antwerp in Blankenberge with Malcolm Macdonald netting the Luton goal with a fierce volley followed by a 4-3 home win against Vitesse Arnhem with a young trialist from Hendon, Peter Anderson, stealing the show with two goals in the second half.

The final friendly saw the Town pit their wits against established top flight side Burnley at Kenilworth Road and although the team suffered a 2-1 defeat there was enough in the Luton play, especially with the blossoming partnership of Macdonald and Givens up front, to fill the supporters with confidence for the task ahead.

It was therefore a happy and positive band of supporters that travelled on the club's special chartered train to Bolton (25/- return), and even the sight of the massive Burnden Park in all its undeveloped glory failed to dent the fans' confidence.

Manager Alec Stock decided to remain loyal to the players who had earned promotion the previous season which meant no place for £35,000 capture David Court, ever improving centre-half Chris Nicholl and goalkeeper Tony Read.

The game burst into life on 18 minutes when a hard cross from



THE BALL IS GATHERED BY STARLING IN A GOALMOUTH MELEE.

Bolton winger, and current PFA supreme, Gordon Taylor, hit Alan Slough's hand with the referee awarding a penalty even though the Luton midfielder could not get out of the way.

Bolton's Terry Wharton made no mistake from the spot but the Town were level eight minutes later when skipper Mike Keen calmly fired in an accurate low shot from 25 yards.

Finally warming to the task, the Town started to play some delightful football, especially going forward, but were undone by a goal of true class eight minutes from the interval.

World Cup winner Roger Hunt received the ball with his back to goal and slipped it through to the

onrushing Roy Greaves who thumped it under the diving body of Alan Starling in the Luton goal. In the second period the Town attempted to tighten up in defence but Wharton banged in his second goal from close range on the hour and netted his hat-trick goal with another penalty after striker John Byrom was manhandled to the ground by a combination of veteran centre-half Terry Branson and Starling.

The Town kept on plugging away and were rewarded with a consolation in the final minute when winger Jimmy Ryan was brought down in the area by Sid Farrimond leaving Macdonald to open his account for the season from the spot.

Stock was annoyed with himself for allowing his heart to rule his head and neither Branson or Starling played for the Town again while forward Viv Busby was in disgrace for a couple of months. The Town never looked back after this defeat, losing only once in the next 13 games and briefly hitting top spot during this period as the glorious march back to the top flight built up a head of steam. Bolton were relegated at the season's end!

Luton Town: Starling, Slough, John Ryan, Hoy, Branson, Moore, Jim Ryan, Givens, Macdonald, Keen, Busby.

Bolton Wanderers: Clarke, Ritson, Farrimond, Williams, Hulme, Rimmer, Wharton, Byrom, Hunt, Greaves, Taylor.

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GOALKEEPER ALAN STARLING SAFELY CATCHES A BOLTON HEADER WATCHED BY JOHN MOORE.

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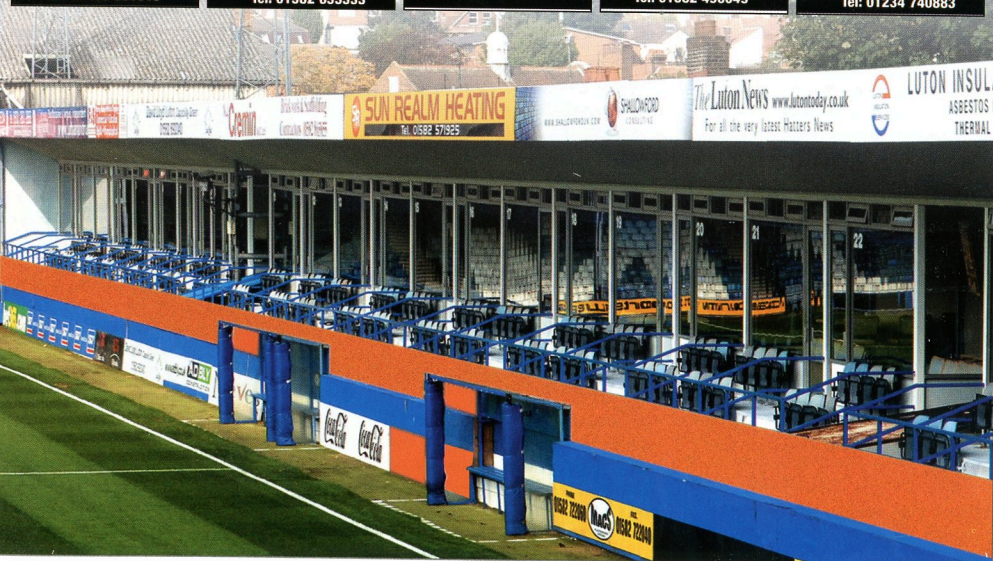
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EACH WEEK WE ASK MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS' PLAYING SQUAD A QUESTION RELATED TO EACH LETTER TO THE ALPHABET.



Lucas Alcaraz while I was at Racing Santander. Lucas had a strong personality who loved football and introduced some excellent training techniques

CLAUDE GNAKPA

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THIS AFTERNOON IT'S LETTER B FOR BOSS - AS WE ASK A SELECTION OF THE LADS WHO IS THE BEST MANAGER YOU'VE PLAYED UNDER?

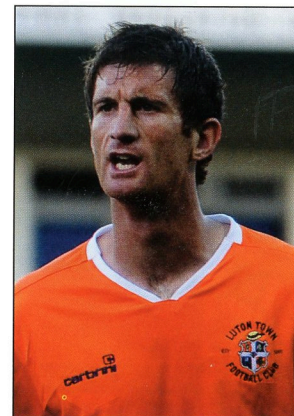


KEVIN NICHOLLS – "Undoubtedly Mick Harford. During my first spell at Luton he was more or less the manager as Joe Kinnear's number 2. He got the best out of me and even when I left the club I would always still speak to him: he's the only boss in football that I've ever done that with. I owe him a lot for bringing me back to this football club."

FREDDIE MURRAY – "I'd have to say Peter Taylor when we were both at Stevenage. He was the kind of boss I like to play under because of the brand of football he'd try to play, especially encouraging full-backs, like myself, to get forward. He's managed at a lot of high-profile clubs and world-class managers and I like the respect he gave all players even those at lower-league level."

ASA HALL – "Mick Harford. He has given me the chance to establish myself in the game and at Kenilworth Road. The faith and belief he has shown in me is great. It's always nice to have the backing of the manager, especially a Luton legend. He's

encouraged me to get forward more, he's improved my game immensely. The role he's assigned me has given me the freedom to get into the box and score goals.



GEORGE PILKINGTON – "I'd have to say Mick Harford. Everybody knows he's an honest and genuine boss who lets you know where you stand. He's naturally got the respect of all the players and not only was he a big reason why I came to the club last summer, he's also a very good coach."

ALAN WHITE – "Phil Parkinson. When he came in at Colchester he was the epitome of professional. He left no stone unturned and was very thorough and took an interest in every aspect of the club. He took a good League 1 club and made them into a well-run and professional outfit on and off the pitch, where everything was done properly."

CLAUDE GNAKPA – "Lucas Alcaraz while I was at Racing Santander. Lucas had a strong personality who loved football and introduced some excellent training techniques. He knew how to deal with a variety of players from around the world and he won the Copa Del Rey."

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IN PROFILE



Name: Jordan Patrick.

Date of Birth: 14/10/1992

Place of Birth: Luton.

Position: Striker

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

What is the strongest part of your game?
Speed and strength.

What is the weakest part of your game and how do you intend on improving it?
My heading is not as good as it can be and I'll improve this by practising more in training.

What are your aims and ambitions for this season? To score as many goals as possible and to be a part of the first team squad.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
I see myself as a professional

footballer living a good life.

Who is your football idol?
Thierry Henry.

Which footballer do you model your game on?
Thierry Henry.

What have learned during your time at the club?
I have learned that attitude is vital if you want to progress.



ADAM WATKINS

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MICHAEL CAPP



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HOMIE:
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THE SQUAD

The Hatters' Under 18s finished their pre-season programme with a convincing 6-1 win over Histon last Saturday.

The opening exchanges between the sides were close and Histon's pressing game caused the young Town side to become very direct with little effect.

However, as the first half continued, the youngsters finally got into their stride and their passing game took hold.

After failing to convert a couple of chances Jordan Patrick latched onto a through ball and powerfully finished to give Luton a deserved lead.

Not long after the re-start influential midfielder Sam Barker doubled the lead with an excellent finish.

As the half faded out a moment of madness from goalkeeper Aaron Fletcher gave Histon a free kick on the edge of the box.

Although Fletcher managed to palm the well struck ball onto the crossbar, Histon were first to react and tapped home and easy chance from close range.

As the second half began, Luton's fitness and quality on the ball began to tell and through some fantastic build-up play Christian Tavernier scored a well taken goal to all but end the contest.

As Luton continued to control the game further goals from Jean-Philippe Yamfam, Jordan Patrick and Jack Wood gave the young Hatters a resounding 6-1 victory.

Youth team coach Martin Prickett was delighted with his side's performance especially going forward.

He said: "Some of our attacking play was a joy to watch today. I think with our pace and power we will always be a threat going forward."

"What is important now is the lads work on what to do when out of possession and have the hunger to get the ball back. I was particularly pleased with our ability to manage the game once we went 3-1 up, that is what gave us such a convincing win today."

Today Prickett's side begin their campaign in the Football League Youth Alliance at Peterborough United.



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BLUESQUARE REVIEW

ALL THE VERY LATEST FROM AROUND THE BLUE SQUARE PREMIER



The Hatters' game with Chester City looks likely to go ahead next Saturday following the Football Association's decision to grant the Cheshire outfit membership of the Conference on Thursday.

The club stood before the FA's Sanctions and Registrations Committee who ruled that the Deva Stadium outfit must kick-off their 2009/10 campaign on minus 25 points.

City, who were relegated along with the Town last season, are yet to play a match in the Conference this term with their opening day fixture at Grays Athletic and their match on Tuesday against our visitors today both cancelled by the FA.



The managerial charade at Cambridge United as finally been resolved with the Abbey Stadium outfit appointing Martin Ling for the second time.

The former Leyton Orient boss was originally appointed in July as a successor to Gary Brabin who quit the hot-seat in the summer before Ling lasted nine days in the job.

The 43-year-old cited "irreconcilable differences" with then U's chairman George Rolls when he departed however Rolls has since resigned and Ling returns to take charge of his first Conference game today at Chester City.



Former Hatters forward Dean Morgan has joined Grays Athletic.

Morgan, 25, who left Kenilworth Road this summer has joined the Blues together with Paul Terry who was seen on trial for the Town this pre-season playing in the friendly at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

It takes the tally of new signings at the Recreation Ground to 14 since the departure of manager Craig Edwards – including Freddie Murray who has since joined the Hatters.



Joint Barrow boss and former Luton defender Dave Bayliss has urged the Bluebirds' faithful

to remain patient following the club's 3-0 home defeat to Altrincham on Tuesday.

An opening day victory at Cambridge United had raised expectation at Holker Street but they were caught cold by an impressive display by Alty on Tuesday.

Bayliss said: "It's hurting me now and I'm sure it's hurting the players, because to feel like we did on Saturday, to feel like we do now is a stark contrast. But it's one game, we've lost three points and we've just got to move on.

"The performance wasn't too bad, it was individual errors at both ends, which have resulted in a 3-0 scoreline."

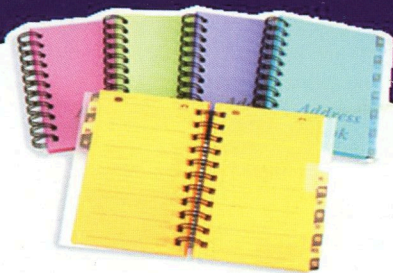
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FANTASTIC FOUR FOR HATTERS

LUTON TOWN 4 MANSFIELD TOWN 1



Two goals from centre-half George Pilkington put the Hatters on the road to victory as they came from a goal down to put four goals past Mansfield Town to seal a first emphatic win in the Blue Square Premier.

The Town defender had not scored in 23 previous appearances in Luton colours before he hauled the Hatters level 20 minutes after the hosts had gone behind to Scott Garner's opener.

Garner was left unmarked at the back-post following a dangerous Stags' set-pieces to shoot past Mark Tyler from close range.

However, it was all Luton as chances rained down on the visitors' goal in the opening half and eventually the Hatters got their just rewards when Pilkington fired home at the back-post following Rossi Jarvis' corner seven minutes before the break.

It was much the same in the second half and the Town finally put their noses in front on 66 minutes when

Pilkington blasted his second of the night after Mansfield failed to clear Andy Burgess' left-wing corner.

With the visitors rarely threatening Tyler's goal, the Hatters made the game theirs when Kyle Perry scored an own goal when heading home Asa Hall's cross past Alan Marriott at the back-post.

Then the game then saw two red cards in the space of five minutes when firstly, Town's Callum Reynolds was dismissed for a second yellow card before the Stags' Scott Gardner followed the Hatters man for an early bath when shown a straight red card for a nasty-looking challenge on debutant Freddie Murray.

With both sides reduced to 10 men, and the Hatters still well on top, a fourth goal was added in injury time when Tom Craddock blasted home a penalty for his second goal of the season after the unfortunate Perry tripped substitute Claude Gnaka in the box.

POST-MATCH-MERIDICT KEMN WATSON

"The way we passed, moved and

interchanged with one-twins were all the things we've been working on in training. It was so pleasing to see what we've worked on in training is being tried out on the pitch. It is a nice feeling.

"When we went a goal down we always believed we had a goal in us. The goal they scored was against the run of play but we knew if we kept doing what we doing and kept patient then the goals would come, and in the end they did.

DAVID HOLDSWORTH:

"Luton dominated the wide areas and we gave Burgess too much space.

"In contrast we didn't see enough of our wide players.

"I think we respected them too much. If the scoreline flattered them then so be it, they still got the three points.

"It was a harsh lesson for our players about taking responsibility.

"They are a very good side - take nothing away from them. There are not many teams like that in this division.



GEORGE PILKINGTON IS MOBBED AFTER HIS SECOND GOAL

LUTON TOWN 4

Pilkington 38, 66, Perry (og) 81,
Craddock 90 (pen)

MANSFIELD T 1

Gamer 18

Luton Town: Tyler, Reynolds, Keane, Pilkington, Murray (Howells 88), Newton (Gnakpa 90), Burgess, Hall, Jarvis, Craddock, Gallen (Basham 75).

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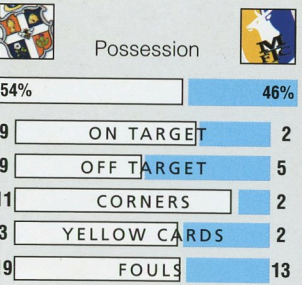
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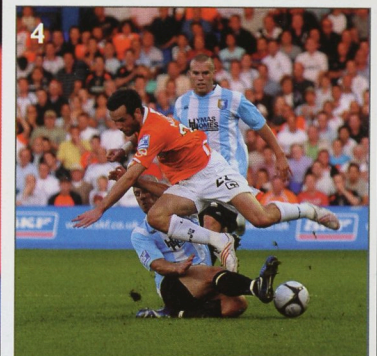
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Referee: K Johnson.



MAN OF THE MATCH
George Pilkington

Who else? His two goals – his first for the club – turned the Hatters' deficit into a lead.

- 1. Kevin Gallen gets in front of his marker during the 4-1 win.
- 2. Tom Craddock blasts home the Hatters' fourth from the penalty spot.
- 3. George Pilkington's left foot shot made it 2-1.
- 4. Debutant Freddie Murray in action against the Hags.
- 5. Adam Newton holds off the attentions of his marker.
- 6. The moment the Town levelled matters with George Pilkington's first strike.





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GEORGE PILKINGTON

THE HATTERS' DEFENDER WAS DELIGHTED TO NET TWICE AGAINST THE STAGS.

Two-goal hero George Pilkington was delighted to help the Hatters at the other end of the pitch for a change despite being refused the chance to net a career-first hat-trick in the 4-1 win over Mansfield Town on Tuesday.

A goal in each half from the former Port Vale defender helped the Hatters turn around a one-goal deficit after the Stags had taken an early lead against the run of play.

And the centre-back, who was nursing a bandaged and swollen hand after proceedings, felt his second goal was the most important of the night.

He said: "You could feel the sense of relief around the pitch to get our noses in front. We knew we were playing well and I think from then on we played some good stuff. We did

that throughout the game.

"We were well on top and it was good to turn the match around after we had let them take the lead with some sloppy play of our own in the first half when we let them take the lead."

It wasn't the first time the 27-year-old had notched a double – he had done so during his time at Vale Park – but it was the opportunity of a hat-trick in the last minute that got everyone inside Kenilworth Road talking as Tom Craddock was eventually given the go-ahead to take the spot-kick.

"I wanted the penalty for myself," said a philosophical Pilkington. "Obviously I won't get many chances to score a hat-trick in my career!"

"Tom wanted it and, fair play, he stuck

it in. However, I think had he missed it would have been a bit different but I guess if I'd had taken it and scored it I would have been the leading goalscorer and I don't think Tom wanted that!"

In a game in which the Town dominated and finally got their just rewards, Pilkington highlighted the importance of set-plays this season given fact that four of the five goals on the night came from set-pieces.

He said: "Our goals have all come from them this season so it's going to be a big part of this season.

"We did create chances and I think Asa Hall's goal was perfectly fine - it didn't look offside to me. We've got a lot of attacking talent in our squad and hopefully we can score more goals and keep winning games."



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Good afternoon and welcome to the first community trust page of the season. Our TIPS development centre programme continues to go from strength to strength and is now the biggest professional club development centre in the country.

If you are not already part of the programme now is the time for you to get involved. You could be the 36th player to earn yourself a centre of excellence contract via this scheme.

This year we are linking our First Kick Programme for 4-6 year-olds to the TIPS development centres, creating a natural progression for footballers from the first time they kick a football right through to a professional contract.

Below is everything you need to know about TIPS. Places will be at a premium so it is vital you call the Community Office on 01582 391927 as soon as possible to guarantee yourself a place.

WHAT ARE LUTON TOWN SOCCER CENTRES?

Soccer centres are the entry level into our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS). They are held at nine venues throughout Beds and North Herts and are open to:

Ambitious players wishing to progress towards becoming a professional footballer. Established club players wishing to improve their ability. Newcomers wishing to master the basics.

WHAT IS THE COST AND WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM ATTENDING?

The cost is £40 for 10 practical sessions (nine training and one match). You will receive training from excellent coaches at great facilities, a comprehensive assessment and the opportunity to fulfil your potential as a footballer.

WHO WILL MY COACH BE?

All staff will have an enhanced CRB (police record) check, a first aid qualification and will hold a minimum of the Level 2 F.A. coaching certificate. There will also be an involvement from Centre of Excellence staff to enhance the assessment procedure.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during or at the end of the term, you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre / Centre of Excellence. Players who display particular talent can be moved up through the programme after a few weeks, whilst the system also caters for those who wish to progress at a slower rate.

By attending the soccer centre am I guaranteed to get a chance at a higher level?

No. There is no guarantee of moving to a higher level. However, all players showing the required ability and attitude are guaranteed to be given this opportunity.

DATES (WEEK COMMENCING)

Match Date	
Term 1	21/09/09 – 24/11/09
	24/10/09
Term 2	30/11/09 – 08/02/10
	16/01/10
Term 3	22/02/10 – 03/05/10
	27/03/10

Please note: There is no training during October Half Term, Christmas, Easter or February Half Term.

VENUES

Bedford:
Bedford Modern School, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7NT

Sandy:
Sandy Sports Centre, Sandy Upper School, Engayne Avenue, Sandy

Stevenage:
John Henry Newman School, Hitchin 4AE



Hitchin:

Hitchin Boys School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin, SG5 1JB

St Neots:

St Neots FC, Kester Way, Loves Farm Development, St Neots, PE19 6SL

Amphill:

Alameda School Sports Hall, Woburn St, Amphill, Bedford, MK45 2HX

Dunstable:

Dunstable Leisure Centre, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4JD

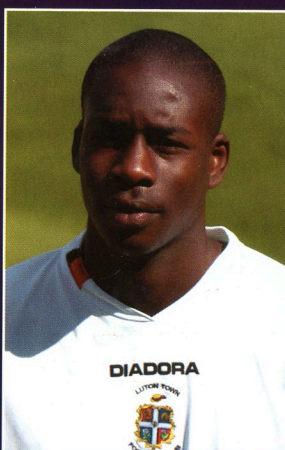
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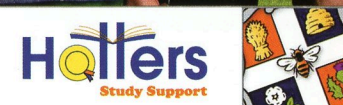
Former Luton Town Youth Team player, who last season was playing in the Premier League for West Bromwich Albion and came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road said:

"I enjoyed my time at Luton, I was involved in the youth setup from the age of 13 and then progressed to the first team, before I moved to West Brom. I think the TIPS centres are a great idea and give boys that have not been scouted the opportunity to work with top coaches in a professional environment."



HATTERS IN THE COMMUNITY

WITH ACTIVE LUTON'S ANDY DUCAT



Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the second home fixture of season. Here's hoping it's another top performance following on from Tuesday night.

As the classroom is located at the training ground we are in a privileged position to see the players on a daily basis.

With the certainty of competing on a level playing field this season there appears to be a real buzz about the place. The Hatters team caught a glimpse of this last week during a Flicks, Tricks and Pics session Kieran Fox and John Oxley were running at Ely Way.

During the morning session Kieran and John carried out some football skill-related activities outside on the mini pitch, which is located just behind the classroom.

During the session the children were taught how to use the digital cameras to take photos of each other in action on the football pitch.

They then came inside and imported the photos onto a special design programme on the classroom's laptops and, using the design programme, the children created their own cartoon-style poster.

The highlight of the session came when Kevin Nicholls and other first team players joined the session in the classroom to see what the children were up to.

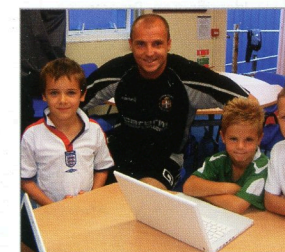
How many kids get the opportunity to show their heroes what they have been up to on the computer? At the end of the session the children couldn't wait to tell their parents what they had been up to.

Kieran will be running a second Flicks, Tricks and Pics session next week between Monday 17th and Friday 21st August at the Ely Way training ground.

The morning session is open to 6-10 year olds starting at 10am and finishing at 12 noon. The afternoon

session targets the 11+ age group which starts at 1pm and finishes at 3pm.

We only have limited spaces at both sessions so please give Kieran a call on 07771 704139 to book your space.





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Welcome to all Junior Hatters to today's first home match on a Saturday this season.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the junior supporters who have made the long journey from Gateshead to be here this afternoon. I hope you have all recovered from what was an amazing match against Mansfield on Tuesday. What a game!

The lads were brilliant to come from a goal down to deservedly win the game 4-1. I spoke to George Pilkington afterwards and he couldn't believe he had scored two goals!

We're now second in the table but we've got 44 matches to go so we don't want to get too carried away...yet!

Remember this season we are testing the players on their football knowledge by quizzing them each week. Turn to page 63 to see how strikers Kevin Gallen and Tom Craddock got on.

Enjoy the game.

Happy Harry

Today's ball boy and ball girl are brother and sister from Luton Nikhil and Jenika Patel. Nikhil is 13 and is his favourite player is Asa Hall and Jenika is 11 and her favourite player is Keane Keane.



HATTERSMASCOT

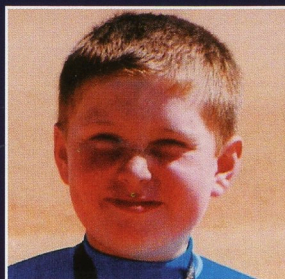
Hatters mascot who is nine-year-old Cai-Aaron Wing.

Cai-Aaron attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his dad and his favourite player is Kevin Nicholls.

He'll get to meet Nico and the rest of the players before the match and lead the team onto the pitch before kick-off.

Cai-Aaron enjoys football, tennis, golf and video games and attends Warden Hill Junior School.

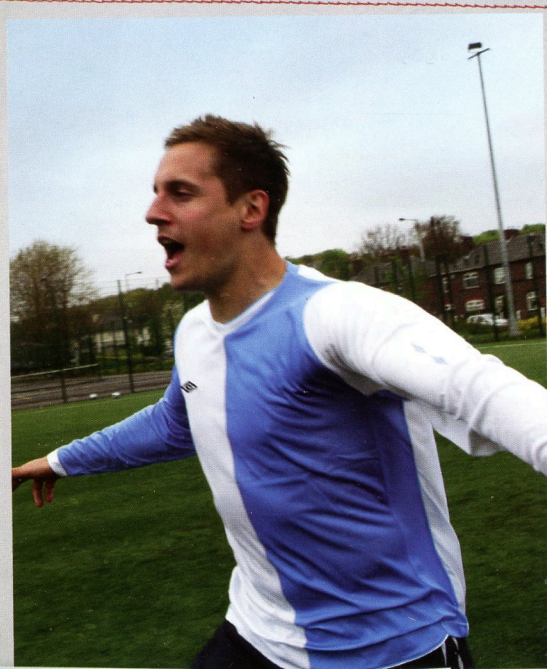
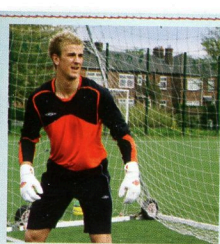
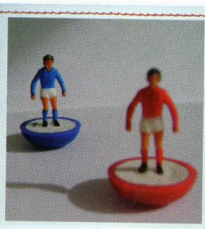
We hope you have a great day with us Cai-Aaron!



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The success of the Ladies' Under-15 youth team squad last season in winning the League and Cup double provoked a lot of interest amongst other female clubs who were keen to play one of the top female teams in England.

So following their League Cup final win over Tottenham Hotspur they set off to northern Italy to play two matches against two of the strongest clubs in Italy in Atalanta and Fiammamonza – the latter the most famed for being the club who Mrs Ronaldo played for when her husband was at Inter Milan.

had never before competed in such hot conditions. Atalanta fielded a large squad of players and were more comfortable in the conditions as the Town adapted their game during a first half where the home side took the lead.

After the break Luton reverted to a more familiar English style of football which was far more effective and produced a fine equaliser from Holly Sheridan who made no mistake with her low shot having been played in by a 30 yard pass from Teighlor Pengelly.

incredibly powerful direct free kick from Teighlor Pengelly.

Jessica McKay was unlucky not to have grabbed the winner when her strike flew back into play off of the near post and honours again ended even at 1-1.

Team captain Maisie Wyatt said: "The Italian tour was a great way to round off a tremendous season for the squad.

"The experience of competing against European teams with different playing styles was invaluable and will hopefully place us in a strong position to defend our title.

"The task will be made more difficult as I am sure that as soon as some members of our squad reach 16 they will be called into the senior squads to further their development as so many have before, but that is the way it should work."

With the team's reputation further enhanced we hosted an Under-21 squad from Athletic Milano and once again the Town girls were not found wanting as they ran out 7-2 winners in a training match with goals from Jessica McKay, who netted twice, Rachel Spendalov and four from Holly Sheridan who really seemed to enjoy the continental challenge having won the player of the tour award earlier in the summer.

In the senior squad, pre season preparations continue as the First Team completed their final pre season campaign with a crushing 6-0 away win over much fancied Coventry City.

Laveena Betts and Jess Nash both scored twice with Rebecca Kane and Michelle Byrne also on target. A young reserve side also overcame Bedford Ladies 2-1 with goals from Claire Howe and Yasmin Hickling.



TEIHLOR PENGELLY UNLEASHES HER FREE KICK AGAINST FIAMMAMONZA.

The flight was direct from Luton to Milan and the squad stayed on full board basis in a hotel in the picturesque mountains. It is a huge credit to the players that the costs of the trip were almost all raised by themselves with various fundraising initiatives.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw and a tougher test was expected the following day. We were not disappointed as Fiammamonza, who although smaller in stature, played the ball around in a typically continental way.

The Italian side took the lead but were then unable to live with the committed playing style of the Town girls who equalised with an

HATTERSLADIES



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

TICKET OFFICE

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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.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown/default.aspx

3. Over the telephone by calling 01582 416976

MATCHDAY TICKET PRICES 2009/10

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£18
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

Compromise Seating - Main Enclosure A, B, H & J, Main Stand G

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 (x5 tickets perbook)

Juniors (Under 10)	£22.50
Youth (Age 10-16)	£36
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£58.50
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



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
Tuesday 1st September 2009 Kick Off time: 7.45pm

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



BARROW

Blue Square Premier
Saturday 12th September 2009 Kick Off time: 3.00pm

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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

7.45 PM



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 from

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.

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 £17 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.



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 Nymphsfield 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.

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Who was the first player British player to win the Champions League

✓ Paul Lambert

Stockport



Which other club are nicknamed the Hatters?

✗ Rochdale

Eastbourne



Which Conference team play at Rockingham Road?
(Answer Kettering Town)

✗ Who?

Notts County-
Sven's there!



Which is the oldest Football League club?

✓ Notts County

Burton Albion



Which team won the Conference last season?

✓ Burton Albion

Norway &
Sweden



Where will the next European Championships be held?
(Answer: Poland & Ukraine)

✗ Denmark &
Sweden

Bernabeu



Where will the 2009/10 Champions League final be held?

✓ Bernabeu

Rossi Jarvis



Who scored the winning goal in last season's JPT win at Walsall?

✓ Rossi

Martin Ling



Who is the manager of Cambridge United?

✓ Martin Ling

Tokyo United?



Which club did Arsene Wenger manager prior to taking over Arsenal?

✓ Grampus 8

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HATTERSTATS

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
Tue 11	H	Mansfield Town	BSQP	W4-1*	7,295	542
Sat 15	H	Gateshead	BSQP			2
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	Ebbfleet	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&Yeadling	BSQP			
Sat 13	H	Wrexham	BSQP			
Tue 16	H	Kidderminster	BSQP			
Sat 20	A	Ebbfleet	BSQP			
Sat 27	H	Hayes&Yeadling	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			

Tyler	Reynolds	Blackett	Pilkington	Emanuel*	Newton***
Tyler	Reynolds	Keane	PILKINGTON 2	Murray**	Newton***

Keane	Hall	Burgess	CRADDOCK 1**	Gallen	Howells*	Jarvis***	Basham**	Gnakpa	Gore
Burgess	Hall	Jarvis	CRADDOCK 1	Gallen*	Basham*	Howells**	Gnakpa***	Beavan	Gore

NEXTUP...

LUTON TOWN V CHESTER CITY 22 / 08 / 09



CHESTER CITY



Chester City have now been confirmed as the next visitors to Kenilworth Road.

After the extremely protracted saga with the FA, the Seals are now two games behind the rest of the league with the club also starting with a 25-point deduction before they even kick a ball.

The Hatters will be their third opponents of the new campaign and with a hugely reduced pre season programme, Mick Wadsworth's side will have their work cut out.

It will be a case of having to hit the ground running for the Cheshire outfit particularly as it is Wadsworth's first season in charge. Something they will need to do if they have any chance of avoid relegation to the Blue Square North.

Having been relegated from the Football League alongside the Town at the end of last season, there is recent history between the two sides.

Both fixtures last season ended with the points shared following two draws, and the Hatters will be hoping the two very different starts both sides have had to this campaign will be telling come 3pm. As with Luton, the Seals will be looking to immediately bounce back into the Football League so, regardless of the points margin between the two already,

LLOYD ELLAMS



Chester are likely to be eying the Play-Offs rather than challenging the Hatters for the top spot, so the Town are guaranteed a tough test.

Another factor that can't be overlooked is the tremendous support and fantastic camaraderie within the club, as Hatters' fans are well aware: it is this kind of adversity that brings clubs and fans together and gets them up for the fight. Goals are something that will definitely be playing on Mick Wadsworth's mind following the departure of Ryan Lowe - the club's top scorer last year - to Bury this summer.

This season it will be down to teenagers Lloyd Ellams and Ben Jones and veteran goalscorer Gregg Blundell - who has begun his second spell after two years away - to get the goals.

The Town must be aware of Blundell who had already netted six times by the end of September during his first spell. That season was devastated by injury but the 31-year-old will be looking for a more prolonged impact at the second time of asking.

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3	LEWIS EMANUEL
4	KEITH KEANE
5	ALAN WHITE
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
7	ADAM NEWTON
8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
9	LIAM HATCH
10	TOM CRADDOCK
11	ANDY BURGESS
12	SHANE BLACKETT
13	SHANE GORE
14	ASA HALL
15	JAKE HOWELLS
16	ROSSI JARVIS
17	RYAN CHARLES
18	CLAUDE GNAKPA
19	STEVE BASHAM
20	KEVIN GALLAN
21	CALLUM REYNOLDS
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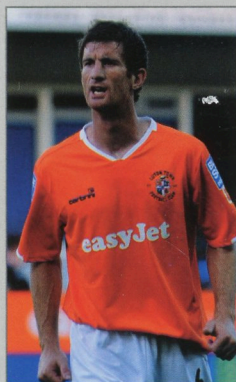
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7	MARTIN BRITTAIN
8	PHIL TURNBULL
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10	STEVEN RICHARDSON
11	WAYNE PHILLIPS
12	JAMIE HARWOOD
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14	ALEX FRANCIS
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Crawley Town	v	Wrexham
Eastbourne B	v	Rushden & D
Ebbsfleet Utd	v	Kidderminster
Hayes & Y Utd	v	Altrincham
Histon	v	Oxford Utd
Kettering Town	v	AFC Wimbledon
Salisbury City	v	Mansfield Town
Tamworth	v	Grays Athletic
York City	v	Forest Green

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