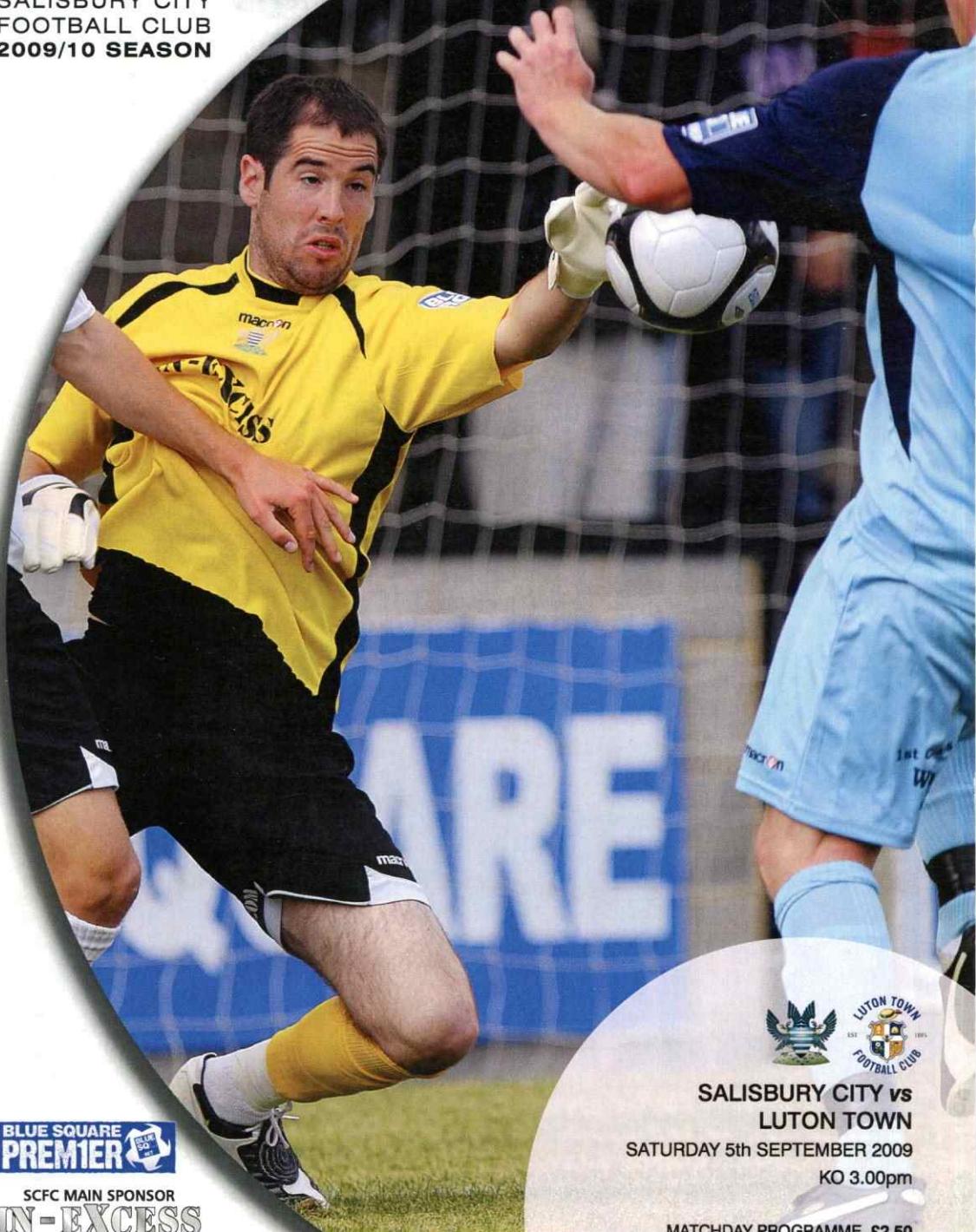




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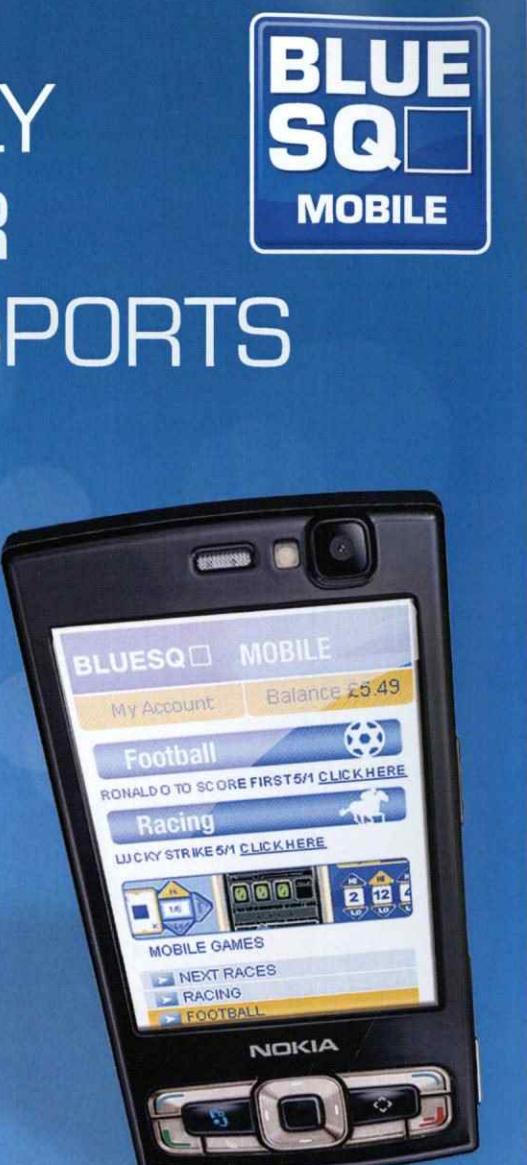
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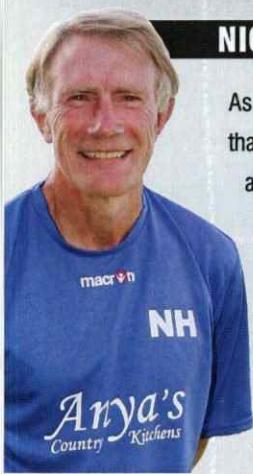
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the pre-match talk

NICK'S NOTES



As you will all be aware, the club entered administration on Thursday. Personally I am pleased that something has happened at last and everyone at the club knows the position. We have taken a points deduction, and it is our job to get those points back and more so that we are playing in this league next season. We all want to pit our wits and strengths against your Lutons, Mansfields and Oxford's etc. and I am confident that we are capable of this. Tommy has coached a young and inexperienced group of players into a unit that has caused sides already this season, many many problems. Basically we have not won a match this season, but we know we can, and therefore we will set about our new season today. It has always been my aim to take this club into the football league. This has not changed, and I firmly believe that under new positive owners, league 2 is attainable in the near future.

After our late equaliser last Saturday to share the points with Eastbourne, we got the better of Hayes and Yeading for all three on Monday. The first thirty minutes of both games we dominated so much that we should have closed out both sides. The good news is that we were able to come back both times from conceding first. Our work rate was once again first class, though our football was not always up to our usual standard. Matt Tubbs scored a hat trick at Hayes but we all knew once he got one, more would come quickly. He has been a great

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servant to this club over the past few years, and now as one of the more experienced players we will be looking for more of the same in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Mike Pettifer who correctly answered the first nine questions of my quiz last week, and was only a few pounds outside the starting weight of our team last Saturday. He won two seats for today's game with Luton.

Today we welcome Mick Hartford and his Luton squad. It is as I mentioned before exactly why we want to be here. He has a group of experience and talented players that would not be in this league but for a massive thirty point penalty last year. They expect to get back at the first attempt and I have no doubt they will certainly be major contenders for winning this league. They will not have experience the friendliness of the Ray Mac before, though I am sure Ed Asafu-Adjaye has let them know of this and our desire to compete with all sides that come here.

Let us enjoy the game. Appreciate why we are here, and support us with the desire that we will show you.

Nick Holmes, General Manager



WORDS OF WIDDSDOM

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoons encounter against Luton Town under the guidance of Mick Harford, assisted by Allan Neilson, who you will remember from our promotion from the Blue Square South, and all associated with the Hatters who will be looking for a swift return to the Football League.

The differences between the two clubs off the field, in terms of infrastructure, stadium, expectation level etc couldn't be greater. That said on the two occasions we lock horns we will be prepared, mentally and physically, as we will for all our games and I expect the lads will relish the opportunity to test themselves.

We hope to see a continuation from where we left off after the Bank Holiday weekend which saw us yield four points from the six on offer, a ratio we would obviously like to maintain as often as possible! The biggest plus for me out of both games (as well as not picking up any injuries) was the response I got on both occasions to finding ourselves behind, where firstly we managed to get level for a point against Eastbourne Borough, then we repeated that and went one better (twice) to ensure we brought all three points home from Hayes and Yeading. It showed a side to the group that is much needed. Great to see Tubbsy bag, what I believe to be, the first hat trick in the Blue Square Premier this season. It's nice for individuals to receive praise but I'm sure the fact 'we' got back to winning ways was as satisfying as anything one player may have felt on Monday evening. The lads had a short rest before returning to training on Thursday where our preparation for today's game began in earnest.

Thanks again for your continued support, where today you'll have to be loud to be heard, the lads appreciate your efforts.

Tommy Widd, Team Manager



Following the Bank Holiday weekend, only Oxford United and Luton Town can boast unbeaten records.

While at the other end of the table, wins for Hayes & Yeading last Saturday and Ebbsfleet on Monday leaves just Forest Green and Chester searching for their first victories of the campaign.

Oxford remain top, despite surprisingly dropping two points at home to Forest Green on Monday, the goalless draw giving Forest Green their first point of the season. Two days earlier, former White Ryan Clarke saved a penalty for Oxford at AFC Wimbledon. Clarke denied the Dons' Danny Kedwell with Oxford

leading at the time through a Jay Conroy own goal that proved to be the only goal of the game.

Oxford have strengthened their squad in the past week, signing Glasgow Rangers youngsters Ross Perry and Steven Kinniburgh, before Jamie Cook returned for a second spell at the Kassam, signing from Crawley Town on transfer deadline day.

After two goalless draws Luton returned to winning ways on Tuesday night, beating Crawley 3-0. Defender George Pilkington scored twice to take his tally for the season to four, while Tom Craddock also scored his fourth of the season. Goalkeeper Mark Tyler has now kept a clean sheet in the last four matches.

Second placed Mansfield were held to a goalless draw at home to Kettering on Monday, having won 1-0 at Chester



last Saturday. The only goal of the game came after just two minutes, Kyle Perry being credited with a goal that was originally awarded to Rob Duffy. Mansfield increased their striking options this week with the signing of former Swindon striker Blair Sturrock.

AFC Wimbledon bounced back from their defeat by Oxford with a 4-2 win at Grays on Monday. Jon Main scored twice from the penalty spot while Danny Kedwell completed the scoring with his sixth goal of the season.

After a slow start to the season, Stevenage enjoyed a productive Bank Holiday weekend with wins over Rushden & Diamonds and Histon. Lee Boylan and Michael Bostwick scored in Saturday's 2-1 win over Rushden which came at a price as Stevenage lost Laurie Wilson with a broken ankle. Monday's 2-0 win at Histon was achieved despite playing most of the game with ten men following Peter Vincenti's sixth minute red card.

That completed a disappointing weekend for Histon who went down 3-1 at York last Saturday, Richard Brodie scoring twice for the Minstermen. Brodie had also been on target three days earlier as York won 2-1 at Gateshead.

Tamworth lost for the first time this season when they went down 1-0 at Barrow last Saturday, Jason Walker scoring the only goal of the game from the penalty spot. Tamworth recovered on Monday to beat Kidderminster 2-1, Nick Wright and Alex Rodman scoring.

Cambridge United came from behind to gain a point at Rushden & Diamonds on Monday. Jamie Stuart opened the scoring for the home side but Wayne Hatswell levelled for Cambridge. Two days earlier, Cambridge had beaten new boys Gateshead 3-0, Chris Holroyd scoring twice to make it seven goals in seven games for him.

Hayes & Yeading United won their first game at this level last Saturday when they grabbed a last minute winner at Ebbsfleet. There were two goals in the first six minutes, George Daly opening the scoring

for the visitors after three minutes with Magno Vieira equalising for Ebbsfleet three minutes later. The winning goal was scored in stoppage time by Toby Little.

That defeat left Ebbsfleet seeking their first win of the campaign but they only had to wait two days as they won 2-1 at Eastbourne. Simon Thomas had a penalty saved by Eastbourne's Danny Knowles just before half time, but Knowles's fortunes took a turn for the worse after the break when he was sent off for fouling Magno Vieira who then scored from the spot. Jamie Taylor levelled for Eastbourne but Simon Thomas scored the winner for Ebbsfleet deep into stoppage time.

Wes Baynes scored twice in four minutes last Saturday as Wrexham won 2-0 at Forest Green but they were unable to take maximum points over the weekend as they were held to a goalless draw at home by Barrow on Monday.

Chester City picked up a second point of the season on Monday from the Cheshire derby at Altrincham. Colin Little gave Altrincham the lead in the first half with Ben Wilkinson equalising for Chester after the break.

Dave Todd

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2 MANSFIELD TOWN	7	5	1	1	14	5	9	16
3 LUTON TOWN	7	4	3	0	11	3	8	15
4 AFC WIMBLEDON	7	4	1	2	12	6	6	13
5 STEVENAGE BOROUGH	7	3	3	1	10	5	5	12
6 TAMWORTH	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
7 KETTERING TOWN	7	3	3	1	7	5	2	12
8 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	7	3	2	2	11	7	4	11
9 YORK CITY	7	3	2	2	9	6	3	11
10 ALTRINCHAM	7	3	2	2	9	8	1	11
11 KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	7	3	1	3	8	5	3	10
12 WREXHAM	7	3	1	3	8	5	3	10
13 SALISBURY CITY	7	3	1	3	8	11	-3	10
14 CRAWLEY TOWN	7	3	1	3	7	13	-6	10
15 RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	7	2	3	2	9	9	0	9
16 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	7	2	2	3	6	9	-3	8
17 BARROW	7	2	2	3	5	9	-4	8
18 HISTON	7	2	1	4	10	11	-1	7
19 HAYES & YEADING	7	1	2	4	9	12	-3	5
20 GRAYS ATH	6	1	2	3	6	10	-4	5
21 EBBSFLEET UNITED	7	1	2	4	5	13	-8	5
22 GATESHEAD	6	1	1	4	7	12	-5	4
23 FOREST GREEN ROVERS	7	0	1	6	4	14	-10	1
24 CHESTER CITY *	5	0	2	3	3	10	-7	-23

LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 05/09/2009

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LUTON TOWN



Nicknames	The Hatters
Founded	11 April 1885
Ground	Kenilworth Road
Capacity	10,226
Manager	Mick Harford
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RECENT LUTON TOWN RESULTS:

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	RESULT	H/T	SCORER(S)	ATT.
22-Aug-09	Home	Chester City	D 0-0	(0-0)		6,563
29-Aug-09	Away	Kettering Town	D 0-0	(0-0)		3,266
01-Sep-09	Home	Crawley Town	W 3-0	(1-0)	Pilkington (2); Craddock	6,389

The club's nickname, the Hatters, reflects the town's historical connection with the hat making trade, which has been prominent in Luton since the 17th century. The nickname was originally a variant on the now rarely seen Straw-plaiters.

The club mascot is a character known as Happy Harry, who appears on the home pitch before matches.

Luton Town supporters maintain a bitter rivalry with Hertfordshire-based Watford. Luton holds the superior record in the fixture between the two clubs; out of 119 competitive first class matches there have been 53 Luton victories and 37 for Watford, with 29 draws. A survey taken in 2003 showed that there was also animosity between Luton Town fans and those of west London club Queens Park Rangers.

The record for the most appearances for Luton is held by Bob Morton, who turned out for Luton 562 times in all competitions. Morton also holds the record for the most Football League appearances for the club, with 495. Fred Hawkes holds the record for the most league appearances for Luton, having played in 509 league matches. Six players, Gordon Turner, Andy Rennie, Brian Stein, Ernie Simms, Herbert Moody and Steve Howard, have scored more than 100 goals for Luton.

The first player to be capped while playing for Luton was left winger Robert Hawkes, who took to the field for England against Ireland at Goodison Park on 16 February 1907. The most capped player is Mal Donaghy, who earned 58 Northern Ireland caps while at the club. The first player to score in an international match was Joe Payne, who scored twice in his only game for England against Finland on 20 May 1937. Payne also holds the Football League record for the most goals in a game – he hit 10 past Bristol Rovers on 13 April 1936.

The club's largest wins have been a 15-0 victory over Great Yarmouth Town (nicknamed The Bloater) on 21 November 1914 in the FA Cup and a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers in the League on 13 April 1936. Luton's heaviest loss was a 9-0 defeat against Small Heath in the Second Division on 12 November 1898.

Luton's highest home attendances are 30,069 against Blackpool in the FA Cup on 4 March 1959 and 27,911 against Wolverhampton

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	David Evans - former MP
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	Monty Panesar - England cricketer
	Michael Peters (aka Charles Bronson) - murderer
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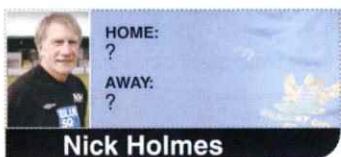
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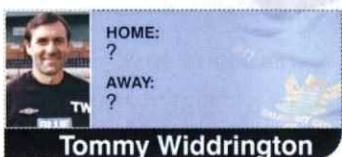


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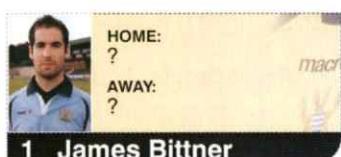
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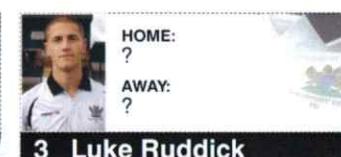
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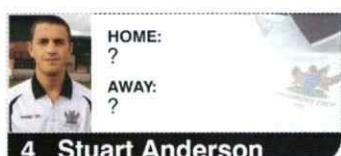
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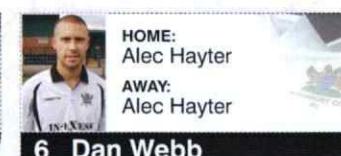
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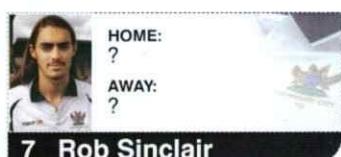
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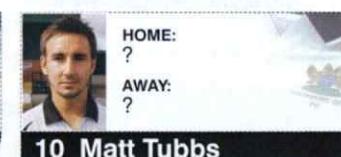
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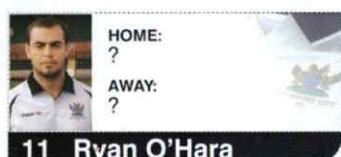
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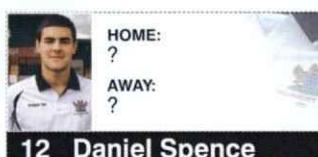
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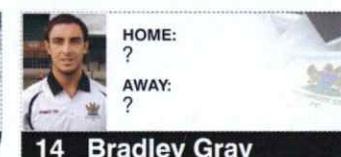
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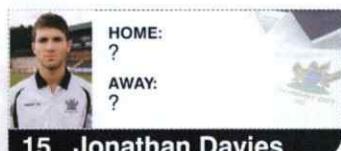
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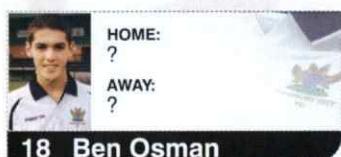
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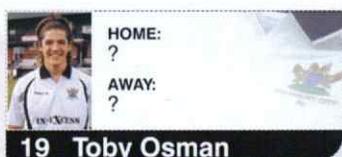
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Squad No. 5

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Jamie is a full-back with pace and a good physical presence. He started his career at Wycombe Wanderers and had a successful loan spell at Hendon last year. He gave an impressive league debut performance against Rushden and is more than capable at this level of football. His ambition is to play in the Championship but the stadium he would most like to compete in is The Emirates and play against Arsenal.

The player Jamie would most like to meet is Pele, and his most memorable moment in football was when they had to dig Ryan o'Hara's chin out of the turf after going airborne with a push in the back from an Exeter defender.

Jamie's dream car would be a Maserati but at two grand a service he's sticking with the Polo for now, and if the house was on fire he would make sure he saved the Xbox 360 first before taking off for his favourite past-time, fishing!

JAMIE'S BEST JOKE:

A doctor sleeps with one of his patients but was feeling really guilty about it. Day after day a little voice in his head said 'Stop stressing yourself, you're not the first doctor to do it and you won't be the last so that's life'. But at the same time another voice brought him back to reality by saying 'Doctor, don't forget you're a Vet!'



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JAMIE'S FAVOURITES





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salisbury luton links

Although this afternoon marks the first ever meeting between Salisbury City and Luton Town there have been a number of playing links between the two clubs in recent years.

The first player to appear for both clubs was Nathan Abbey. The goalkeeper made a one off appearance for the Whites as a 17 year old in 1996, helping the club out during a goalkeeping crisis that saw us field five different keepers in five matches. Abbey was a trainee with Luton at the time and went on to turn professional and make over 50 senior appearances for the Hatters.

Welsh international Alan Neilson made 57 appearances for Luton between 1992 and 1995. Towards the end of the 2006/07 season he signed for the Whites on a short term basis to provide some experienced cover during our Conference South promotion chase. Neilson played six times for the Whites and returns to the Ray Mac this afternoon in his role as Luton's first team coach.

The following season, our first in the Blue Square Premier, Luton helped us out with two loan players who both made a big impact at the Ray Mac. Ed Asafu-Adjaye had yet to make his first team debut for Luton when he joined us on loan in January 2008. He made his Whites' debut in a 3-1 win against Oxford United here and made 14 appearances in total in just over two months with us. What proved to be his final appearance came in the televised win here over Stevenage Borough as after that match he was recalled to Kenilworth Road and made his senior debut for Luton less than 48 hours later. Ed made seven appearances for Luton at the end of that season and played another 24 League and Cup matches last season, including the Johnstones Paint Trophy Final at Wembley.



Shortly after starting his loan spell Ed was joined by another Luton youngster, midfielder Rob Sinclair. Rob made his Whites' debut in a 1-0 win at Northwich in February 2008 and went on to play 16 League games, scoring once, at Woking. He ended his loan spell by scoring the only goal in the Wiltshire Premier Shield Final against Swindon. Rob signed for the Whites in the summer of 2008 and after a frustrating time with injuries last season has started all seven matches this season and will be looking forward to facing his former club this afternoon.

Luton helped us out again last season with the loan of George Beavan. George made three appearances during a month's loan at the Ray Mac and went on to play seven times for Luton on his return, before heading out for another loan spell, this time with Grays Athletic to whom he has just returned once more.



luton town mascot

For the first time ever we welcome a mascot for the visiting team, in this case Luton Town. Twelve year old Samantha Ring will be doing the honour of leading out the Hatters, hopefully including her favourite player Keith Keane, for todays match. A Junior Hatters supporter for ten years, Samantha attends Matravers School in Westbury and as well as football also lists karate as a favourite past time.

She is here today with Mum Tracy, Dad Allan and her Uncle Paul and we would like to welcome them all to the Raymac and hope they enjoy their day whatever the outcome.

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whiter than white

The club would like to wish Micky Western, their very own kit-man, a very happy 50th birthday which he has celebrated this week.

Micky has been responsible for keeping our whites bright for the past four years and many hold him responsible for Salisbury City's rapid rise up the non-league pyramid. When Micky first applied for the post of Salisbury City kit man his cv listed football and ironing as his main hobbies and the rest is history. Micky has a wife, Vanessa, and three boys all football mad, and in his spare time likes to watch their local league matches. Micky likes to unwind in the kitchen and when word spread to the backroom staff of his culinary expertise he now prepares the lunches for the team bosses as well after training.

Although Bulford born and bred Mickey is a keen Chelsea fan but has always said they are the only club he would leave Salisbury for. Hands off Abramovich, he's here to stay!



matchday mascot

Our mascot for today's Luton Town game is Liam Goodenough. He celebrated his 7th birthday this week and has brought most of the immediate family with him today. Mum Tanya, Dad Kevin, Step Dad Phil, and brothers Jordan and Jake. Older brother Josh is unable to be here but sends his love and birthday wishes.

Here is your Liam Goodenough fact file:



Favourite School	Bulford Primary
Favourite Team	Salisbury City
Favourite Player	Matt Tubbs
Favourite Sports	Football, Bike Riding



FACT FILE LIAM GOODENOUGH

Another celebration is Liam's Mum and Step Dad's wedding anniversary so we wish Tanya and Phil Tyra a very happy day for today. Finally birthday wishes go to Martin (Barney) Barnett who will be celebrating on Sunday 6th September from wife Dana and children Jordan, Harvey, Jack and his dog Dave!

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LUTON TOWN



The birth of Luton Town Football Club was never going to be easy. At the meeting called to discuss the formation based, supposedly, on a merger between local clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior an argument ensued. Officials from the Wanderers club maintained that they had been using the name 'Luton Town' for several months and that the meeting was pointless. Nevertheless that particular point of order was rejected and 'Luton Town Football Club' was dragged screaming into the world on April 11th 1885. Early games for the newly formed club consisted of friendlies, apart from annual excursions into the English Cup as it was then named. With a strong committee behind them pushing all the way, the club began to attract stronger opposition, better players and more spectators such was the growth in industry in Luton at the time.

The foresighted decision to pay three players was taken in 1890 with the remainder being included the following year. Clearly because of this expense friendly matches were not enough to keep the finances straight and an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands.

Finishing as runners-up to Millwall in each of the first two seasons of the Southern League the ambitious club wanted more and made a bid for election to the Football League. Their initial proposition failed and a season had to be spent in the United League before they were accepted into Football League Division Two in 1897.

Unfortunately all that glitters is not gold and the Town found themselves in a predominantly northern based competition with the subsequent high cost of travel gradually becoming an escalating burden.

After three years of increasing struggle the club took the brave decision to rejoin a, now much stronger, Southern League and a period of consolidation followed. Such was the strength of the Southern League that the Town could not return to their former glories and after several seasons of mid-table obscurity suffered relegation to Division Two where most of the teams were based in Wales. Thankfully promotion back to Division One was achieved two years later, in 1914, and the club emerged from the ordeal far stronger and a great deal wiser.

After hostilities ceased, the Southern League, en bloc, was asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League and the Town then enjoyed 17 seasons at this level mostly as a 'middle of the road' club. With the population growth of the town and surrounding area, the board, in the mid-1930s, decided to make a concerted bid to achieve a higher status.

Players were brought in to help them achieve this objective and their highest ever position was achieved in 1936 when they finished runners-up to Coventry in the days when only one side was promoted. During this campaign, a wing-half, Joe Payne, was handed his debut at centre forward against Bristol Rovers and he altered the record books at a stroke when scoring 10 goals in a 12-0 victory. Payne continued into the next season as he left off the last and it was his remarkable 55 goals out of a total of 103 that helped secure promotion to Division Two on the back of a tremendous home record.

The final push in the fight to earn a Division One spot came in 1954/55 when the Town eventually won through in a titanic struggle with Birmingham and Rotherham. The Hatters finally clinched the runners-up spot on goal average with the Millers the unlucky side to lose out.

The Town swept all before them early in the following season and were the talk of the football world after beating Newcastle, Blackpool, Wolves and league leaders Sunderland in quick succession, and all by big scores. But the euphoria did not last and a mid-table position at the season's end was still probably more than the supporters expected the previous August.

The Hatters had never progressed beyond the quarter-finals in the FA Cup before but, in 1958/59 after a slow start, the Wembley band wagon took off as the Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in the semi-final. Cup euphoria had struck in a big way with a record Kenilworth Road crowd of 30,069 turning out for the quarter-final replay against Blackpool and as many travelling to White Hart Lane for the semi-final which was drawn with the Town winning

through in the re-match.

The final itself was a massive disappointment compared to the run up, with the Town not performing on the day, leaving ten man Nottingham Forest to win comfortably 2-1.

From that moment on, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline. Manager Dally Duncan had left in the October before the Cup run started, and it was not until after the final that recently-retired captain and centre-half Syd Owen was appointed into the hot seat.

Owen took over a side that was growing old together and, with the difficulties encountered in moving from the changing room to the manager's chair, the upshot was that the Town had a disastrous 1959/60 season and finished bottom, to be relegated after five years at the top.

Syd Owen was replaced by ex-Charlton goalkeeper Sam Bartram, but the rot had set in and 33 players were used in the 1960/61 season but the Town could not manage to finish in the top half of the table.

There was a general feeling that Bartram was slowly turning the ship around after he finished the 1961/62 campaign in mid-table but he was not given a chance to regain past glories, being relieved of his duties 'by mutual consent'. His replacement was to be ex-Town coach Jack Crompton but he changed his mind after a week in the post on medical grounds.

Bristol City coach Bill Harvey then took over and presided over another relegation campaign as the Town sank dismally to Division Three at the end of 1962/63.

The Town, only six years from their FA Cup Final appearance, slumped to the football basement in 1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000. Harvey had resigned mid-season to be replaced by ex-Town player and manager George Martin and although he introduced some discipline behind the scenes, he was, frankly, too old.

George Martin resigned, to be replaced by Allan Brown, who had starred for the Town in the 1959 Cup run.

Gradually things improved with Brown's enthusiasm and astute playing of the transfer market ensuring a final position of 17th which was looked on as a success.

In his first close season in charge, Allan Brown lost no time in attempting to piece together a squad that would take the Town back to where the supporters felt they belonged. The free-transfer signing of veteran centre-half Terry Branton was the catalyst that welded together a mix of youth and experience and after the Town went to the top of the table in February 1968 they never looked back and walked away with the title.

The mid-season sacking of manager Allan Brown for 'disloyalty' - he applied for the Leicester job - shocked the football world.

The new man, Alec Stock, failed to make it two successive promotions but made no mistake in 1969/70 aided by the goalscoring exploits of a £17,500 signing from Fulham, Malcolm Macdonald.

Alec Stock resigned at the season's end to be replaced by Harry Haslam, who had originally come to the club as promotions manager. Although the Town boasted an amazing away record in his first season in charge and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup for the first time since 1959, the home record was poor. This was put right, however, in 1973/74 when promotion from a very average Division Two was achieved.

Behind the scenes the directors felt that promotion had been won far too early and their fears were justified with the Town rock bottom at Christmas, but the introduction of youth and a spirited fightback in the second half of the campaign ended with unfortunate relegation in a blaze of glory.

The brief stay at the top had its financial repercussions and by the middle of the following season only the eleventh hour sale of midfield favourite Peter Anderson prevented the club from folding. Haslam departed in early 1978 for the security of a longer contract at Sheffield United to be replaced by David Pleat who had started the campaign as reserve team coach at Kenilworth Road.

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Pleat's first full season in control almost ended in relegation but his coaching skills and astute transfer dealings gradually came to the fore and after near misses of a return to Division One in 1980 and 1981 promotion came twelve months later in devastating fashion. The championship was won in great style with a brand of attacking football that was to become the Pleat hallmark.

Goals flew in at both ends as the Town became the darlings of the television companies in 1982/83 but it still took a last gasp win at Manchester City to prevent a quick return to Division Two. Visions of David Pleat skipping across the Maine Road turf after the 1-0 victory remain some of television's enduring images.

Unfortunately the Hatters were unable to build on this narrow escape and by late autumn 1984 were once again struggling at the wrong end of the table. Boardroom reshuffles and the loosening of the purse strings for David Pleat enabled him to buy the players necessary for long term survival. Amazingly most of these new players were 'cup-tied' as the Town fought through to the FA Cup semi-final where they were narrowly and unluckily beaten by Everton.

A position of ninth in the table was reached in season 1985/86 at the end of which David Pleat found the call of Tottenham too great and he departed amid much acrimony.

His replacement, John Moore - a stalwart defender from the Fourth Division days - led the Town to their highest ever placing in Division One of seventh in 1986/87 and then resigned due to his dislike of the high profile nature of the job. Moore's assistant, Ray Harford, was next in line for the hot seat and he presided over a momentous 1987/88 season which included three trips to Wembley as well as yet another FA Cup semi-final, this time against Wimbledon.

Defeat in the Simod Cup final, the Mercantile Credit Centenary Tournament and the FA Cup semi-final appeared to signal a season of glorious failure but on 24th April 1988, an army of 35,000 Luton supporters saw the Hatters win their first ever major trophy. A last-minute strike from Brian Stein saw the Town finally overcome Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley in a see-saw thriller in which Arsenal, leading 2-1, were awarded a penalty, which was brilliantly saved by Andy Dibble, before Town came storming back, leading to skipper Steve Foster lifting the Littlewoods Cup.

The Hatters reached the Littlewoods Cup final again the following year but went down 1-3 to Nottingham Forest as the era of success came to a gradual close. A last gasp home win over Norwich in 1989 saved the Town from relegation but was not enough to save Ray Harford, who was dismissed mid-way through the following campaign. Ex-Hatters star Jim Ryan took over to see the Town escape the drop at the last over the next two seasons before he was replaced by the returning David Pleat.

This time the Town had used up their nine lives and sank back down in 1992 after 10 years at the top. They did not find life much easier at the new level and struggled to adapt and almost dropped again in 1993.

Pleat departed once more at the end of 1994/95 and his replacement, Terry Westley from the coaching staff, was unable to prevent the team dropping like a stone to the foot of the table. After only a few months in the job he was replaced by the experienced Lennie Lawrence who initially got the side to put together an unbeaten run.

The Town then failed to hit the heights for several seasons and even suffered two periods in the hands of receivers as well as a season in the football basement. Thankfully, that period came to end in the summer of 2004 and with the new owners in place, the club celebrated one of their greatest achievements in recent years when they won the League One Championship. After a prestigious friendly with Dutch giants Ajax at Kenilworth Road, which the visitors won 4-0, the Town players certainly showed they were capable of promotion when they surprised the whole football world - and perhaps even the Hatters supporters - by winning their opening six matches - seeing off Oldham, Swindon, Barnsley, Torquay, Blackpool and Bournemouth.

In fact, it was still a further seven matches before Luton lost for the first time during the season, when Huddersfield Town inflicted a 2-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road. When the Town lost their next two matches at Walsall and fellow promotion-chasers Hull City, many people were quick to point out that it was the beginning of the freefall down the table. However, the players disagreed and bounced back by thumping Bradford City and Wrexham 4-0 and 5-1 respectively and then winning 4-1 at new rivals

and much-dispised Milton Keynes Dons - Steve Howard continuing his excellent goal scoring form by netting a hat-trick against the MK Dons. The Christmas period saw wins at Bristol City - the first for 30 years - and at Chesterfield on Boxing Day as Enoch Showunmi, in for the suspended Howard, netted two late winners. If anyone had any fears that the Town were a one-man team, then this surely put them to rest. However, six draws from the next seven matches had a few Town fans wondering if Luton had begun to slip a little - after all, this was Luton Town and even the most optimistic of supporters are programmed to expect the worst!

The visit of second-placed Hull City on February 12th saw a sell-out Kenilworth Road crowd witness the most memorable match at Kenilworth Road for a few years as Ahmet Brkovic netted an 89th minute winner to seal all three points for Luton and increase the lead at the top. Brkovic had been a revelation, netting goals from midfield at a canter and he was already into double figures for the season.

Wins at Hartlepool United and Bradford City and a midweek home victory over Walsall tightened Luton's grip on a promotion place and along with Hull City, they were beginning to open up a gap over third and fourth-placed sides Tranmere Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday.

Further good news came as manager Mike Newell and assistant manager Brian Stein signed new two-year deals, along with the highly impressive Sol Davis, Kevin Nicholls, Ahmet Brkovic and Curtis Davies.

The Luton Town Board of Directors then showed their commitment to the club by splashing out £150,000 on transfer deadline day to secure the signing of Stockport County's Northern Ireland international striker Warren Feeney - the first fee paid for a player by Luton Town since 1998 - some seven years previously!

A 1-3 home defeat to Barnsley on Good Friday in front of the television cameras was only a brief blip as a 4-1 win at Torquay United saw normality return, and consecutive 1-0 victories over Blackpool and AFC Bournemouth put the Hatters on the brink of promotion to the Championship. This was secured on Tuesday, April 12th 2005 when 3rd-placed Tranmere Rovers were beaten 1-0 at Brentford, meaning that Luton Town could not mathematically finish any lower than 2nd in the table, thus ensuring promotion to the Championship after 10 years in the bottom two Divisions of the Football League.

The Championship trophy was paraded at Kenilworth Road in front of a jubilant sell-out crowd in the final home match of the season against Brentford and an open top bus parade in Luton town centre on May 8th 2005 was the icing on the cake of what was undoubtedly the best season the club had enjoyed for years.

The addition of a couple of fresh faces saw the squad emulate their start to the previous campaign and take the Championship by storm, maintaining a top five place during the opening months of the season including victories in the opening to matches against Crystal Palace and Southampton, both of whom were relegated from the Premier League the previous season.

However, the success of the team was always under scrutiny from rival managers and it wasn't long before the club was receiving substantial bids for the team's top performers.

A £3m bid from West Bromwich Albion for centre-back Curtis Davies was too good to turn down in August, joining shortly after scoring against Millwall which turned out to be the defender's last appearance in a Town shirt.

The team could not maintain their good start to the season but at the turn of the year, after a disappointing derby defeat to Watford, the Hatters were in ninth position and only three points off the playoff places.

Five days after the Watford defeat Liverpool visited Kenilworth Road for an FA Cup tie and the match, televised on the BBC, will be remembered by all those who witnessed it as a cup classic. After Steven Gerrard had given the Reds the lead with a sumptuous strike after 16 minutes everyone inside Kenilworth Road believed the visitors would cost to an easy victory.

But that was far the case when 15 minutes later Steve Howard equalised and two minutes before half time the Hatters to the disbelief of Rafa Benitez and his team, took the lead when Steve Robinson turned to shoot beyond Scott Carson to give the Town the lead.

The Kenilworth Road crowd were probably still catching their breath, even eight minutes into the second half, when Carson brought down Rowan Vine which gave Kevin Nicholls the opportunity to blast home the Hatters' third from the penalty spot.

With his team 3-1 Benitez introduced substitute Florent Sinama-Pongolle on 57 minutes and five minutes the Frenchman pulled a goal back for Liverpool.

Unbelievably, seven minutes later Xavi Alonso crashed in the Reds' equaliser with a volley from the edge of the area and five minutes later

Liverpool completed and amazing turnaround when Sinama-Pongolle headed home the visitors' fourth goal of the evening.

As the Hatters pushed in search of an equaliser, and with goalkeeper Marlon Beresford up in a Hatters attack, Alonso capped an incredible comeback with by lofting a shot from his own half into the empty net for Liverpool's fifth goal and the eighth goal of a breathtaking game.

The spectacular performance despite the defeat to their illustrious visitors eventually began to take its toll on the team as the Town only managed six more victories in the 18 league fixtures that followed.

However the team could take heart from a fantastic season and a top 10 finish was achieved with a 1-1 draw at Burnley in the final game of the campaign.

The 2006-2007 season was largely dominated by the Hatters' off-the-field problems which began with manager Mike Newell blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity that he knew of within the game.

With the first game of the season at home to Leicester City being screened live on television, the early kick-off and subsequent 2-0 victory ensured the Town sat top of the table after their first match albeit for a couple of hours. However the season took a dramatic turn for the worse following a thumping 5-1 home victory over Leeds United which had seen the club cement it's position in fifth place in the table.

A 4-0 thrashing at Everton in the second round of the League Cup bringing everyone back down to earth with a bump.

But worse news was to follow.

Prior to the trip to face Ipswich Town at Portman Road, defender Sol Davis suffered a stroke on the team coach on the way to hotel leaving the whole club in shock and it was no surprise the following day that - with minds elsewhere - the Hatters were on the receiving end of a 5-0 defeat.

The Hatters then went onto equal their all time record of eight consecutive defeats by losing the following six matches which sent them plummeting down the table with a 2-0 victory over Preston North End at Kenilworth Road stopping the rot.

Following a fifth straight defeat to Hull City on 13th March manager Mike Newell was dismissed after becoming increasingly frustrated with the Hatters board and Brian Stein was placed in temporary charge for the next match against Ipswich Town which the team also lost amid angry demonstrations by sections of the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Former Barton Rovers goalkeeper and Leeds United manager Kevin Blackwell was named as Newell's permanent successor.

But despite gaining a gritty point during a 0-0 draw at Burnley in Blackwell's first match in charge, the side only won one of their remaining six games and relegation to League One was confirmed during a gutsy 1-0 defeat at Derby County.

Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion back to the Championship.

During the first month of the season it seemed that the Hatters stood a decent chance of doing so, after four wins from their first five league and cup fixtures including a 3-0 victory over Premier League Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

However form began to tail off and had yet to win away from home but worse news was to follow when the club were deducted 10 points for failing to administration in November.

From being in a comfortable mid-table position the Hatters found themselves deep in a relegation battle but the first match following the points deduction the team rallied themselves to beat Southend 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Results began to pick-up in December and a FA Cup second round replay victory over Nottingham Forest ensured the Hatters faced another cup clash with Liverpool at Kenilworth Road.

On Boxing Day the Hatters were involved in a highly-controversial match at Bristol Rovers where incredibly they held out to record a 1-1 draw despite having to play half the match with nine men and the last 13 minutes with only eight men on the pitch following three sending offs.

And in the last match of 2007 we saw the first away win of the campaign recorded courtesy of a last-minute strike from Matthew Spring.

With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season.

But firstly the small matter of a game against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the FA Cup had to be settled and after going behind to a Peter Crouch goal, a John Arne Riise own goal 13 minutes from earned the Hatters a much needed money-spinning replay at Anfield.

At this point the administrator had been working on cutting the spiralling wage bill at the club and as a result club captain Chris Coyne was sold to Colchester United and midfielder David Edwards - only signed by Blackwell in the summer - was sold to Wolves.

Colossal Polish centre-half Jaroslaw Fojut returned to Bolton after his loan spell expired and would not return as the Hatters were unable to sign anybody while still in administration, which left the squad decimated, especially in defence.

Blackwell then decided to call it quits by saying he would quit the club following the replay at Liverpool. Before the cup replay at Anfield it was announced that the administrator had chosen Luton Town 2020 Ltd as the preferred bidders to take over the club.

The consortium and was headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen and included former Hatters legends Steve Foster and Godfrey Ingram as well as other influential businessman all of which were Town supporters.

Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game.

The team held on until the final minute of added on time in the first half before Ryan Babel struck the opening goal of the game to break the Hatters' hearts.

A Steven Gerrard hat-trick and a goal from Sami Hyypia in the second half cumulated in a 5-0 defeat but despite the scoreline the Hatters performance was far from embarrassing.

That was to be manager Kevin Blackwell's last match in charge of the Town as the administrator moved quickly to install legend Mick Harford as his replacement but despite a spirited display the team lost 1-0 in his first game in charge away to Leyton Orient on 19th January.

With the team struggling to find any form and with young players low on confidence, the side failed to win again until a 3-0 home victory over Oldham Athletic on 15th March, by which time they were already 12 points from safety.

But after picking five points from the following three games to give them hope the Town went onto lose all of their final six matches and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April.

With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement).

However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them further by deducting a further five points.

But worse news followed.

The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities that had been made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously.

As a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty. Both Bournemouth and Rotherham suffered a similar fate for recent spells in administration and were hit with 17 point deductions by the Football League.

Once the club was officially taken over a week before the season started, the club only had six professionals on the books leading up to the home game with Port Vale.

Harford though pulled off one of the biggest transfer coups in the club's history when it was announced that former club captain Kevin Nicholls was resigning for the club.

Nicholls was joined by 10 other news faces either signed on a free transfer or brought in on-loan, as the manager pieced together a team fit for the campaign ahead.

Despite a slow and inconsistent beginning to the season the Hatters ended 2008 just one point away from wiping out the 30 point deficit and were only 15 points away from safety.

The season was also brought to life by the club's run in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy which was won in superb style at Wembley with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April.

However, the burden of the points deductions proved too much to shoulder and relegation out of the Football League was confirmed following a goalless draw against Chesterfield on Easter Monday.

It means the club will start life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League.

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LUTON TOWN



MARK TYLER Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers.

A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

SHANE GORE Former Wimbledon stopper who arrived at Kenilworth Road on a short-term deal on the eve of the 2009/10 season. He came through the ranks at Selhurst Park at a time when Mick Harford was a coach with the Dons but could only make one substitute appearance before leaving for Peterborough in 2003.

Shane has also had spells with Barnet and Stevenage and featured for Maidenhead United in 2008/10 prior to joining the Hatters.

CLAUDE GNAKPA A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell, before being taken on in July 2007 by Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

KEITH KEANE Having made his debut as a

16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with fourteen appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another of the youth team who regularly appears for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and has made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince

Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates.

GEORGE PILKINGTON Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice and club captain.

LEWIS EMANUEL Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice. Out of contract at the end of the 2008/09 campaign, Lewis signed a new contract in July 2009.

ED ASAFU-ADJAYE Ed Asafu-Adjaye is in his first year as a professional footballer having made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. The full-back, who spent a short time on-loan at non-league side Walton & Hersham, made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension. Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract.

JAKE HOWELL The young left back came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

ALAN WHITE Vastly experienced centre half who signed for the Hatters nine years after leaving Kenilworth Road. Darlington-born Alan started his career with Middlesbrough making his debut for Boro in a 3-3 draw with Liverpool in 1996.

However, with first team opportunities limited at the Riverside, Alan jumped at the chance to sign for the Hatters in September 1997 for £40,000. After 98 appearances in Luton colours, Alan left Kenilworth Road in 2000, joining Colchester United on a free transfer.

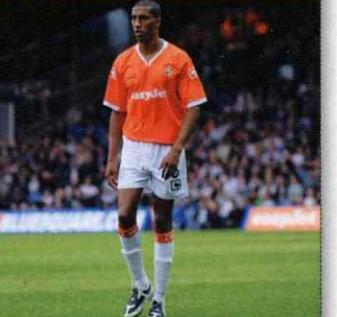
Four years at Layer Road came and went before he spent one season-spells at Leyton Orient, Notts County and Boston United. He signed for home-town team Darlington at the start of the 2007/08 season and went onto make 85 appearances for the Quakers before joining the Hatters for the second time in the summer of 2009.

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United.

Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlessey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004.

He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07.

His reputation as a pacy defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him with Dagenham team-mate Craig Mackail-Smith in January 2007 going onto make 38 appearances during his time with the London Road outfit.



SHANE BLACKETT

CALLUM REYNOLDS Young Luton-born defender who signed a six-month loan deal from Premier League side Portsmouth in July 2009. Reynolds began his career with Rushden & Diamonds having been spotted playing for the Crawley Green club in Luton.

Despite not making a senior appearance at Nene Park, his promise playing for the Diamonds' youth team alerted the attention of visiting Portsmouth scouts and he subsequently signed for Pompey in the summer of 2007.

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FREDDIE MURRAY Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009. Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper.

Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

ANDY BURGESS Self-confessed Hatters fan, Andy signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2009 after being released by Rushden & Diamonds. The Bedford-born, left-footed midfielder can play in any position across the middle of the park and was Mick Harford's first signing ahead of the Hatters' 2009/10 campaign.

Andy started his career at Nene Park, coming through the ranks to become a regular in the Diamonds' team and went onto win the Conference and League 2 titles in 2001 and 2003. After over 200 appearances for the Northamptonshire side he moved to Oxford United in the summer of 2006 but after one season and 57 appearances he returned to Rushden. Burgess has also represented the England C side on six occasions prior to the start of the season.

ADAM NEWTON Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford.

Predominately used as a right winger, the pacy wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back. Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected academy but could only make three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. The former England Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign.

After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

ROSSI JARVIS Adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

ASA HALL Versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence. Hall began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was

named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under-19 and Under-20 levels and went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town, starting 13 games for the latter.

KEVIN NICHOLLS Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season.

Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. Following Luton's successful first-season in The Championship and the spirited FA-Cup performances, Nicholls was a player very much in demand. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of £750,000.

His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

RYAN CHARLES An energetic striker who has

made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road since making his debut in 2007. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. He followed that up by scoring 12 goals for the youth team last season and his exploits during those two campaigns earned him his first team debut as a second half substitute at Southend in March. He was given his full team debut in the following game against Carlisle before scoring on his home debut against Oldham. Charles had turned down the chance to join local rivals Watford as a youngster.

TOM CRADDOCK Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who has done well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level, following James Morrison, Tony McMahon, Andrew Taylor, David Wheater, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town.

Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis. A £80,000 bid was accepted by Middlesbrough and Tom signed a two-and-a-half year contract in January 2009. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool United.

JORDAN PATRICK Young attacker who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters when appearing as a substitute at Grimsby Town in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days.

KEVIN GALLEN A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan. After a successful loan spell Gallen joined permanently in January 2009, signing until the end of the season before agreeing a one year contract extension with the club in May keeping him at Kenilworth Road until June 2010.

LIAM HATCH The 6ft 3in Striker signed for the Hatters on a season-long loan from Peterborough United in June 2009.

Hatch started his career with Herne Bay before a move to neighbours Gravesend & Northfleet in 2001. A successful spell at Stonebridge Road saw him transferred to Barnet for £17,500 where he helped the Bees to promotion to the Football League with 11 league goals in the 2004/05 campaign. His form at Underhill alerted the attention of Peterborough United who paid £150,000 for the striker's services. With first team opportunities limited at London Road Hatch was sent on-loan to Darlington during the 2008/09 campaign where he hit nine goals in 29 league and cup appearances at the Darlington Arena.

STEVE BASHAM Experienced striker who joined the Hatters on a one-year deal in August 2009 following his release from Exeter City. The forward began his career with home-town club Southampton but only made one start during his time at the Dell.

With first team opportunities limited on the South Coast, Basham was sent on-loan to Wrexham and Preston North End and, following a second successful spell at Deepdale, he signed permanently for the Lancashire outfit for £200,000 in the summer of 1999. However, after making 61 appearances – and winning a promotion with North End in 2000 – he signed for Oxford United in August 2002. Basham scored 43 goals in 139 league starts at the Kassam Stadium and was best remembered in Oxfordshire for his ability to link the play and create opportunities for his team-mates. The striker was on the move again in 2007, moving south to Exeter City where – in his first season at the club – he helped the Grecians win promotion back to the Football League. After winning promotion again last season from League 2, he was released from St James Park this summer after making 27 league starts and scoring seven goals.

1982

THE WHITES Salisbury started out in the FA Cup at the Preliminary Round stage and struggled to overcome lowly Calne Town, eventually winning through by three goals to two, Ian Thompson scoring twice and Jack Howarth once.

Steve King and Noel Ashford scored two goals apiece as Enfield hammered Telford United 6-2 at Southbury Road Colin Garwood grabbed a hat-trick as Boston United gained a thrilling 6-3 victory at home to Yeovil Town Mark Ward netted a hat-trick in Northwich Victoria's 4-1 win over Kettering Town at Rockingham Road.

Goals by Sammy Lee and Phil Neal gave Liverpool a 2-0 victory at home to West Brom Kevin Moran, Frank Stapleton and Steve Coppel netted to give Manchester United a 3-0 victory over Birmingham City at Old Trafford Kevin Keegan scored the only goal of the match on his debut for Newcastle United at home to QPR.

NO 1 SINGLE: Come On Eileen – Dexy's Midnight Runners

1987

THE WHITES Denny Mundee scored the only goal of the game as Salisbury won away at Tonbridge.

Weymouth defeated Lincoln City 3-0 in the first

competitive match in front of 3,500 at their new £2 million Wessex Stadium Goals by Tony Pamphlett, Mick Doherty and Tony Lynch gave Maidstone United a 3-0 win at home to Bath City Dave Sansom scored twice as Barry Fry's Barnet trounced Welling United 5-2 at Underhill.

Alan Smith scored Arsenal's first League hat-trick for nearly four years in a 6-0 hammering of Portsmouth at Highbury Brian McClair, Gordon Strachan and Norman Whiteside scored in Manchester United's 3-1 win over Chelsea at Old Trafford Steve Nicol netted twice as Liverpool defeated Coventry City 4-1 at Highfield Road.

NO 1 SINGLE: Never Gonna Give You Up – Rick Astley

1992

THE WHITES There was a crowd of just 179 at Victoria Park as Salisbury beat Havant Town 2-1, Sean Sanders scoring both the Whites' goals.

Goals by Keith Scott and Simon Stapleton gave Martin O'Neill's Wycombe Wanderers a 2-0 victory at Farnborough Town Mark Shail, Paul Wilson and Paul Nevin scored to give Yeovil Town a 3-0 victory at Welling United Martin Boyle scored to give Bath City a 1-1 draw with Merthyr Tydfil at Penydarren Park.

David Burrows, Dean Saunders and Ray Houghton scored to give Liverpool a 3-1 win over Everton at

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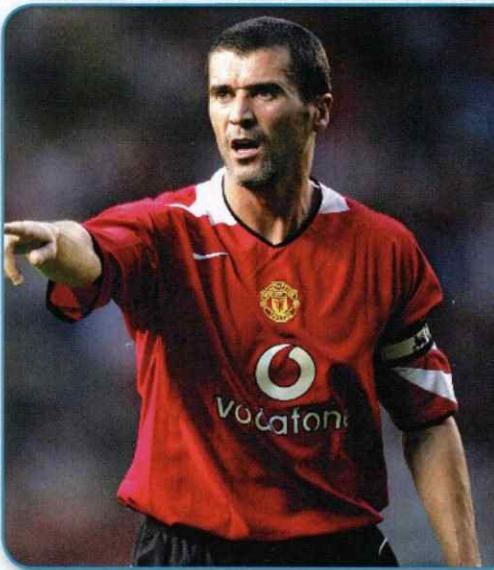
Anfield Arsenal ended Manchester City's unbeaten record as goals by Alan Smith and Anders Limpar secured a 2-1 win at Highbury Lee Chapman's first-half strike gave Leeds United a 1-1 draw at leaders Manchester United.

NO 1 SINGLE: Rhythm Is A Dancer – Snap!

1997

THE WHITES In the third league match to take place at Salisbury's new home, the Whites were well beaten by old rivals Dorchester Town, the Magpies winning by three goals to nil.

Two goals by Joe O'Connor plus another from Paul Carty gave Hednesford Town a 3-1 victory at Dover Athletic Brendan Burke grabbed a hat-trick as Stalybridge Celtic triumphed 6-1 at home to Leek Town Strikes by Michael Mison, Jamie Ndah and Darren Collins gave Rushden & Diamonds a 3-2 victory at home to Gateshead.



Chris Sutton and Kevin Gallacher scored to give leaders Blackburn Rovers a 2-1 win at Crystal Palace Goals by Andy Cole, Roy Keane and Karel Poborsky gave Manchester United a 3-0 victory over Coventry City at Old Trafford Aston Villa gained their first points after five matches with a 1-0 win at home to Leeds United.

NO 1 SINGLE: Men In Black – Will Smith

2002

THE WHITES Wayne Turk put Salisbury in front at home to Sittingbourne before two late goals from Adam Wallace secured a 3-0 win.

Goals by Mark Arber, Junior Agogo and Mark Gower gave Barnet a 3-0 win over Burton Albion at Eton Park Mark Beesley scored twice as Chester City triumphed 2-0 at Forest Green Rovers Gregg Blundell's hat-trick plus goals by Mark Devlin and David McNiven gave Northwich Victoria a 5-0 victory over Halifax Town at The Shay.



Two goals by Sylvain Wiltord plus others from Ashley Cole, Lauren and Jeremie Aliadiere gave Arsenal a 5-2 win at home to West Brom Tore Andre Flo scored to give Sunderland a 1-1 draw with Manchester United at the Stadium of Light Simon Davies' goal gave Tottenham Hotspur a 1-0 win over Charlton Athletic at The Valley.

NO 1 SINGLE: Round Round - Sugababes

2007

THE WHITES Salisbury were taught a harsh lesson in finishing, going down 4-0 at Torquay United despite having a good share of the possession. The Gulls' opening goal was scored by future Whites' loan signing Chris Todd.

Exeter City went top as two goals by Dean Moxey plus another from Lee Elam secured a 3-2 victory at Droylsden Chris Hargreaves and Chris Robertson scored as Torquay United drew 2-2 with Forest Green Rovers at The Lawn Goals by Leo Fortune-West and Scott Rendell gave Cambridge United a 2-2 draw at Weymouth.

Cesc Fabregas' late goal gave Arsenal a 1-0 victory over unbeaten leaders Manchester City at Emirates Stadium Manchester United gained their first win of the season as Nani's strike defeated Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at Old Trafford Goals by Momo Sissoko and Andriy Voronin gave Liverpool a 2-0 victory at Sunderland.

NO 1 SINGLE: Kanye West – Stronger

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NEWBURY COLLEGE (AWAY) - WON 4-0

Squad:

W Fuller	L Li	S Ntim Addea	A Makhan	A Cormack	C Newton
A Johnson	S Hayles	D Abioya	D K-Peasah	J Barnett	G Gavajaz
B Benson	D Rogan	D Johnson			

My thanks to those who stayed to support the Youth last Saturday at the Ray Mac. Our U17s provided an excellent advert for youth football in a well contested game that saw us come out 2-0 winners. The first half performance in particular was extremely pleasing and our fans saw us have the lion's share of possession which in truth could have left a clearer margin than the 2-0 half time score. The second half saw us continuing to boss the game and create a number of good goal scoring opportunities but we could not add to our goal tally. A good solid all round team effort – goal scorers Saxby, Oromona.

DORCHESTER TOWN (HOME) - WON 2-0

Squad:

J Barnett	A Sawyer	B Benson	N Simpson	J Woodward	G Moody
T Betteridge	C Sweeney	I Anderson	N Saxby	O Oromona	D Martin
W Fuller	D Makaya	A Gladwyn	D Rogan	O Yeates	

At the time of writing these notes our Academy lads have been with me for a two day residential training camp prior to the start of the main term this coming weekend. It has been a great opportunity for me to spend more time with them and in particular get to know our new players a little better on an individual basis. Equally, I have seen great signs of bonding in the squad which will prove to be an invaluable asset in the coming season.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Saturday 05 September	City Academy Bristol	Away	1100 KO
Saturday 12 September	Dorchester Town	Away	1100 KO

I am pleased to advise you of a good opportunity of watching our Youth in action again at the Ray Mac. This Thursday 10 September sees us host Winchester City in the FA Youth Cup (KO 1930). We would welcome your support and encourage you to bring friends and family to what I am confident will be a great display of future talent for the Whites.

Please contact Neil Benson (NB) – Head of SCFC Youth Academy for further info/discussion on any of the above -
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DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	H/T	SCORER(S)	ATT.
22-Aug-09	Home	Kidderminster Harriers	L 1-3	(0-2)	Charge	754
29-Aug-09	Away	Crawley Town	D 1-1	(0-1)	Taylor	846
31-Aug-09	Home	AFC Wimbledon	L 2-4	(1-2)	Gaughan; Charge	1,762

ONES TO WATCH:

DANIEL CHARGE SQUAD NO. 24



BECKY NUTT BSC(HONS) SPORTS THERAPY (PHYSIO)
BECKY HOLDS A BSC(HONS) IN SPORTS THERAPY AND IS ALSO A PERSONAL TRAINER, SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN WITH BURNHAM RAMBLERS, BRAINTREE, COLCHESTER AND WEST HAM ACADEMY

FACT FILE BECKY NUTT

D.O.B. 01/01/1990, Striker, Daniel progressed through the Dagenham & Redbridge reserve side and earned a 2 year contract at the club, he made his league debut after coming on as an 84th minute substitute in a 3-0 victory over Notts County. He is currently this seasons top scorer with two goals.

next away game

GATESHEAD

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2009 K.O 3.00PM



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12	DANIEL SPENCE			
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