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TODAY'S FIXTURES

AFC Wimbledon v Histon
Cambridge Utd. v Luton Town
Crawley Town v Rushden & Ds.
Eastbourne Boro v Tamworth
Forest Green v Grays Athletic
Gateshead v Oxford United
Kettering Town v Ebbsfleet Utd
Mansfield T. v Hayes & Yeading
Salisbury City v Barrow
Stevenage Boro. v Altrincham
York City v Kidderminster Hs.

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CRC v March Town United
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THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and welcome to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for this afternoons match against Luton Town. A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from our visitors who have made the short trip for their first league game at the Abbey in nine years.

Both sides have enjoyed a solid start to the campaign and with a bumper crowd am sure it'll make for an electrically charged atmosphere. The Amber Army

will, as ever, be in full voice trying to suck that ball into the net. Let's hope it'll be the U's celebrating come the end of the match!

Off the pitch, the club was excited this week to unveil details of our upcoming Sporting Dinner, to be housed at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cambridge on Thursday 19th November. The evening will include entertainment from former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton and

comedian Geoff Jukes.

Tables of ten are available to book for just £500 plus vat and are limited in number. If you're interested in reserving your place contact Claire Osborn at the club on info@cambridge-united.co.uk or 01223 566500 as soon as possible.

Youth Development at the club continues to move forwards, Jez George's young CRC side got through to the First Round of FA Vase with a hard fought win at Brantham last weekend. The first round proper takes place at the Abbey Stadium next Saturday (3rd October) and with the first team not in action until the Sunday, it'd be fantastic to see some of the regular faces here to cheer on the U's of the future. Entrance is only £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

Finally, the United in Learning Study Centre is nearing completion in the undercroft of the South Stand, adjacent to the players Gym. It looks absolutely fantastic and will enable the club to enhance it's place in the local community and will offer numerous opportunities for daytime programmes and the playing for success programme to flourish. There will be an open day later in the year, so keep logging into www.cambridgeunited.com for all the latest information on this and the club in general.

Enjoy the game.

All the best,

Paul



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Martin Ling

THE GAFFER



Welcome back to the Abbey for today's match.

At York on Tuesday we would have taken a point from the game before we started, but once we got in front with just a few minutes to go you come away a bit disappointed with a draw.

It's frustrating to get that close to the finishing line and not take the three points, but you have to look at the bigger picture; with twelve minutes to go we would have gladly taken a point so you take the rough with the smooth within the job.

It was pleasing to see Mark Beesley come off the bench to make one and score one,

and Lee Phillips and Courtney Pitt also got some more time on the pitch to help with their match fitness. It's good for a manager to know that you have people on the bench who can change things; it always helps to have a strong bench and I feel we have that here at the moment.

It's a squad game and everyone is involved, and when I looked at the five substitutes behind me on Tuesday they could all have gone on and done a job, which is excellent for us.

We're also still free of injuries with an empty treatment room, and Jon Challinor and Ben Farrell are back from their loans so I have a full squad to select from. It's

unusual to be able to pick the same team for so many games and not get any injuries, and hopefully that will continue. With the size of the squad we have here, I feel we need that type of luck to maintain the start we've had.

A warm welcome to everyone from Luton and especially Mick - I know Mick quite well because we've crossed swords a few times in the past, and I'm sure this will be a tough test for us. Obviously Oxford have had a storming start but Luton were one of the pre-season favourites to go up, and they're the team that everyone would have said if they finish above them then they'll be very close to winning it. So today will be a good benchmark for us.

Training has been good and the players are taking on board what we're trying to instil into them. We're playing some good football and we're becoming a bit more resolute, which is important too. If you're not solid at the back you've got no chance of making the most of your attacking work, so those are two components we need to put together and that's coming off on the training pitch and I think we're taking it into games.

I know a good crowd is expected here today and we're all looking forward to it. Our supporters are always very vocal and they'll need to be today because I'm sure the Luton fans will be as well.

200-odd fans went all the way to York on a Tuesday evening to give us great support and get behind the team like they always do, and the supporters will need to be at their best today so we can beat Luton both off the pitch and on the pitch.

Enjoy the game.

Martin Ling

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION... **LUTON TOWN**

Manager

Since hanging up his boots, Mick Harford has twice had a spell on the coaching staff at Luton, initially as Assistant Manager under Joe Kinnear and more recently as Director of Football for Mike Newell.

During his first spell at the Club he helped mastermind the Hatters' promotion back to the Second Division in 2001/02 and as Director of Football and First Team Coach he played his part in building the side that secured promotion to the Championship, running away with the League One title during 2004/05.

Harford (below) left the Hatters in November 2004 to be re-united with Kinnear at Nottingham Forest. He then took over as Caretaker Manager at Forest in December 2004, replacing Kinnear, for a total of six matches before Gary Megson was confirmed as the new manager at the City Ground. Having left Forest in January 2005, he had



intended to spend the rest of the season helping out old friend Andy King at Swindon Town, however, after a couple of months at the County Ground, he became Manager at Rotherham United, whose relegation from what is now the Championship had already been confirmed.

The eight month spell in charge at Millmoor was the first managerial job he held in his own right and on leaving the club, he had a short spell coaching the forwards at Millwall before he hooked up with his former Derby County team-mate, Geriant Williams at Colchester United in Summer 2006, as his number two, a position he held for a year before the opportunity arrived to join John Gregory - again as an Assistant Manager - at Queens Park Rangers in June 2007. In October 2007, Harford took caretaker charge at QPR for one month following Gregory's dismissal, losing only once in five games before he himself left the Club when Luigi De Canio took over as a manager.

Goalkeepers

Hugely experienced goalkeeper **Mark Tyler** 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.

Former Wimbledon stopper **Shane Gore** 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.

Defenders

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, **Claude Gnaka** 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.

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.

Highly experienced defender **George Pilkington** joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having begun 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 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.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. The youngster can play at full back or centre-half 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. After being recalled from a loan spell at Salisbury City he made his Luton debut in March 2008.

Young left back **Jake Howells** 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.

Vastly experienced centre half **Alan White** resigned 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 Blackett** (left) 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 Arlesey 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.

Young Luton-born defender **Callum Reynolds** 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. Also capable of playing in midfield, Reynolds also spent time on-loan at Basingstoke Town making eight appearances for Stoke during 2008/09.

Left-footed versatile defender **Freddie Murray** 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.

Midfielders

Self-confessed Hatters fan, **Andy Burgess** 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

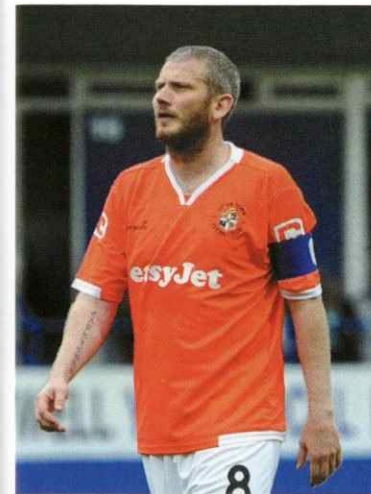
2003. After over 200 appearances for the Northamptonshire side he moved to Oxford United in the summer of 2006 but after one season and 57 appearances he returned to Rushden.

Ascot-born **Adam Newton** (below) 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 is an 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.

A versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence, **Asa 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 (above) 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.

Forwards

An energetic striker, **Ryan Charles** 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 form 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.

Originally a defender, **Tom Craddock** 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. 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-half year contract in January 2009. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool United.

A Shepherds Bush native, **Kevin Gallen** (right) 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.

6ft 3in striker **Liam Hatch** 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.

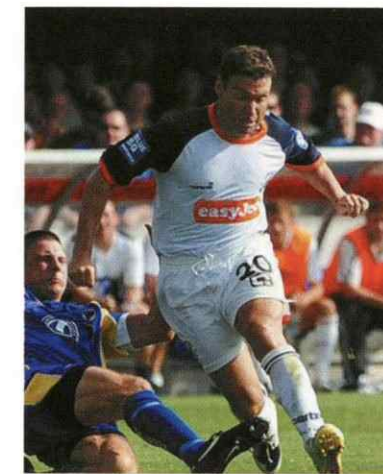
Experienced striker **Steve Basham** joined the Hatters on a one-year deal in August 2009 following his release from Exeter City. The

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* Formed in 1885, Luton Town has played at their Kenilworth Road ground since 1905.

* The Family Stand at Kenilworth Road is called 'the David Preece Stand' in honour of the eponymous midfielder who was a mainstay of the Luton midfield from 1984 to 1995. Preece, who was Roy McFarland's assistant at United from 1996 to 2001, died in 2007 after a short illness aged just 44.

* During the 1936/37 season, striker Joe Payne scored 55 goals in 39 games, including



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.

Liverpool-born striker **George Donnelly** signed on a month's loan from Plymouth Argyle in August 2009 and made his debut coming on as a substitute at Kettering Town 24 hours later. A prolific goalscorer at non-league level he was signed by Argyle in March 2009 from UniBond League Skelmersdale United. Started his career in the academy at Liverpool before signing for Skern.

10 in one match which remains a Football League record.

* Luton is the current holders of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy (ex LDV Trophy etc) but will not be allowed to defend it as the Football League wants to keep the competition solely for clubs in Leagues One and Two.

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LUTON TOWN PRESS OFFICER ANDREW BARRINGER

Andrew Barringer is the press officer, web editor and programme editor at Kenilworth Road, a position he has held since January this year. But his heritage as a Hatters fans since 1990 when s an eight year old he was taken to see a top flight one-one draw with Everton. He openly admits to having scribbled on every page of the matchday programme on his return home. There's a warning to anyone who see's their offspring doing the same thing on return home from today's match - a well-paid career may not lie ahead for them.

We speak before the Wrexham game, so following your introduction to the charms of the non-league world you will be glad to back to league style surroundings.

Totally, I think the opening away fixtures can be summed up by the approach to Salisbury's ground when on pointing out that indeed what we could see from the main road was a football ground that we would soon be hosting The Hatters. The fact that the club photographer wouldn't believe that it was the ground sums up the whole sorry state of affairs. All this was before we saw the press box (pictured) that was just bolted three quarters of the way up the main stand. It did give us the second in what we now expect to be a regular encounter with ornamental owls, with Kettering having one as well. These seem to be in place to stop the build up of excrement from the real bird life. It's not sure if they are non-or too effective seeing the build up of droppings all over the desks and chairs at both grounds.

You started at Kingsmeadow, a trip we enjoyed greatly. Did your fans have fun with Heydon, AFC's mascot?

One did but whether the Womble saw the funny side is open to question. Having lent over the barrier to give the furry character an embrace, in doing so



he somehow managed to remove the mascots head which fell to the floor causing much mirth amongst the away support. This was heightened when the guy inside, by now fully unmasked ducked his own head out of sight inside the body of the costume. What any small child made of a headless Womble standing motionless whilst his helper attempted to replace the head I hate to think.

Having not made friends with a Womble, it has to be said that in the eighties Luton weren't exactly other team's supporters' favourite club. But what you have been through over the last two years have changed a lot of peoples opinions about Luton Town.

You can see why; the away ban and plastic pitch alongside the fact we had a decent team who beat a lot of other clubs upset people and that carried on until recently. But the points deduction has galvanized other club's fans support for us. The Club has had countless letters and emails from fans of other clubs stating how we were harshly treated and sorry they feel for us and how they wish us all the best for the season and everyone one of them is

greatly appreciated.

It's not going to be easy this season though.

Everyone at the club knows that teams will see us as their cup final and raise their games against us. Barrow were very impressive in their performance against us, Crawley not so and it was amusing to see their manager standing outside the referees office cursing to himself post match. But the way Mick Harford and the club itself look at this season we weren't relegated on merit, we won the Johnsons Paint trophy so we are a team of winners. Mick has brought in players that have won this league in the past so we will remain positive. Yes Oxford have started well but we have looked at previous seasons and they have done that before. The season is a marathon and not a sprint - it's a cliché but one that's true. With only two teams going up it will be hard you have found that but we as a club will be up for the challenge. The consortium aim to return Luton Town to championship football by 2020 and that is what we are all working together for.

Interview by David Gray

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THE GHOSTS OF PROGRAMMERS PAST

ANDREW BENNETT

Every club has its legends from the dim and distant past. Harvey Cornwell served United with distinction for 25 years from 1922 onward and made his last appearance when in his fifties. He passed away in 1966, and the matchday programme for the 26th September paid tribute:

"Give it to Harvey!" How many present supporters of Cambridge United can remember that familiar cry which echoed across the ground many years ago? Those were the days of Abbey United, and the player was one of the founder members, Harvey Cornwell, whose death after a short illness saddened many local sportsmen when it was announced on 16th September.

'Harvey was not only a most popular player, but a remarkable one, for he continued until he was 60 years of age! His lithe figure at inside forward was always a menace to opposing defences, and whenever he had the opportunity he found nothing but pleasure in the game, in fact, only a short time before he died he told the writer, "I loved a game of football, and never minded how long a match lasted. I was glad when we had to play extra time!"

'Cambridge United owes much to Harvey Cornwell, for not only was he a loyal and keen member of the team, but, assisted by his sons, helped in laying the turf, and provided other necessities for the club... We remember this pioneer of our club with affection; we honour his memory, and to his wife and family extended heartfelt sympathy.'

Another goodbye was said on this day in 1998, when club secretary Steve Greenall wrote his last column before joining Norwich City. He told a story that summed the man up perfectly:

"Early in my career at this Club, we played Southend United in a crunch match - indeed an eventual title-decider. We hadn't near enough tickets to go around but having put them on sale, and watched them selling like hot cakes, I pulled fifty out of the bundle, knowing the fans from out of town would struggle.

"When those who WERE unable to buy rang in, some to complain, I provided a first glimpse of how I felt that job should be done - the "unlucky" ones got 'lucky.' I even took a bundle to Wigan Athletic and sold them on the terraces...

"I'm quite an emotional bloke, really, you know. I'm fighting back tears writing this - so God help me on Saturday. Thanks for 8 great years."

Another popular figure from United's past was forthright

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skipper Peter Butler. In his column from this day in 1987, he reflected on a 1-0 first-leg League Cup defeat by First Division Coventry City:

"After the game I went into the Vice-Presidents' Club for a drink and people were saying we have no chance at Coventry, which shows in my opinion the attitude of certain people who have I know, the right to pick their games to rub shoulders with the players from top clubs, but after our performance these people ought to come and give us constant support and not keep knocking us. We intend to go to Coventry and make a fight of it, if they think we are dead, they must think again."

United went down 2-1 in the away leg, but not without a hell of a scrap...

Good afternoon and welcome to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for our Blue Square Premier match with Luton Town. Not wanting to be disrespectful about our previous opponents this season (other than Wrexham of course) but this feels like a proper football match! And as such we have a very busy Harris Suite today with a number of our regular diners bringing more guests than usual. I have to be honest and say that trying to entice your corporate customers along to United versus Luton Town would be a lot easier than against Gateshead!

I am writing these notes the morning after our draw away to York City which considering their home record was a great result. I was unable to make it up to York due to meetings so listened to Jonno and Doug Shulman on BBC Radio Cambs. I spent the second half listening in the gym and had the rather dangerous situation occur twice of having to celebrate a U's goal whilst on a cross trainer! What the chap on the machine next to me thought when Mark Beesley scored the second goal I'm not sure but I nearly did myself a serious injury! Shame

Mr Gash got the equaliser but in the end from what I heard it was a good performance against a team that will be there at the end in the play off picture I am sure.

The club have this weekend released their Christmas menu's both in relation to parties in the Harris Suite and for dining at matches. For information regarding bookings this can be done by either enquiring to my email commercial@cambridge-united.com or through our caterer's toni@cantabcatering.co.uk

More information relating to dining at matches over Christmas will be announced shortly.

As previously mentioned above we have a very busy Harris Suite today with a full compliment of sponsors and partners for the game. A very big welcome goes to Garry Chapman of Highfield Tiffany Marquees and his guests. Garry is a huge fan of the club and another fan who consistently supports us with his financial input and has done for many years. This

is an ideal time to say a huge thank you to Garry for that support for which the club will always be grateful. Garry is joined by his good friend and today's Match ball sponsor John Blake of Blakes Decorators Ltd. John is a Luton Town fan so there will be a fair bit of banter between the two during the day. Personally I hope John doesn't mind me saying that I hope Garry is the happier with today's result come 5pm! Nothing personal John!!

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A warm welcome back to Mark Walker of Walkers Clean and his party, they recently sponsored the programme and return to do the dugout sponsorship. They are today celebrating Mark's brother "Big" Dave's birthday on the 27th September and are off into town after the game tonight for a few beers. Let's hope the U's win and it's a double celebration!

We are also joined by our guests dining from Stadium partners R Costings and Away kit sponsors Kershaw Group. Whilst today's Legend guest is former U's favourite Alan Biley, Alan who was a prolific goal scorer in his time with the club will be presented to the fans on the pitch at half time and take part in a question and answer session with our diners before the game. Welcome back Alan enjoy your day.

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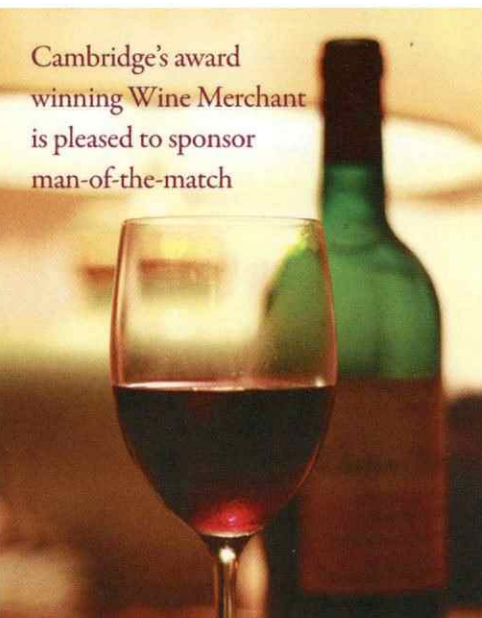
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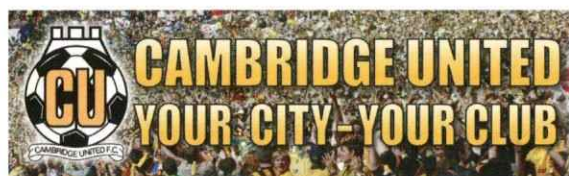
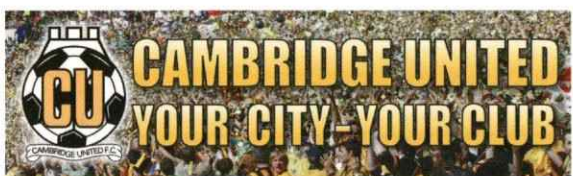
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ABOVE: Dan Gleeson receives the Man of the Match award for the game against Wrexham from Ian Greenstock of Match Sponsors Kershaw Group.



ABOVE: JDan Gleeson and Chris Holroyd with Wrexham Dug Out Sponsors, Cambridge Train Drivers



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TODAY'S MASCOTS



Leading out the teams this afternoon are our mascots James Higham and Owen Lincoln.

James (left) is nine years old and attends Linton Heights School.

He loves playing golf and football and he has been a Cambridge United supporter for a few seasons now.

James' favourite players are Danny Potter, Paul Carden and Jai Reason.

Owen (right) is ten years old

and his favourite Cambridge United players are Danny Crow and Jai Reason. He also follows Liverpool FC and his favourite player is Fernando Torres.

He plays football for Sandy Colts at right back and also enjoys golf, fishing and swimming.

Would someone you know like to follow in James and Owen's footsteps and be a mascot for a match here at the R Costings Abbey Stadium?

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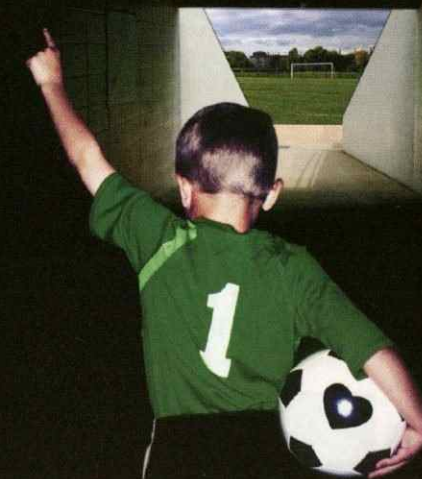
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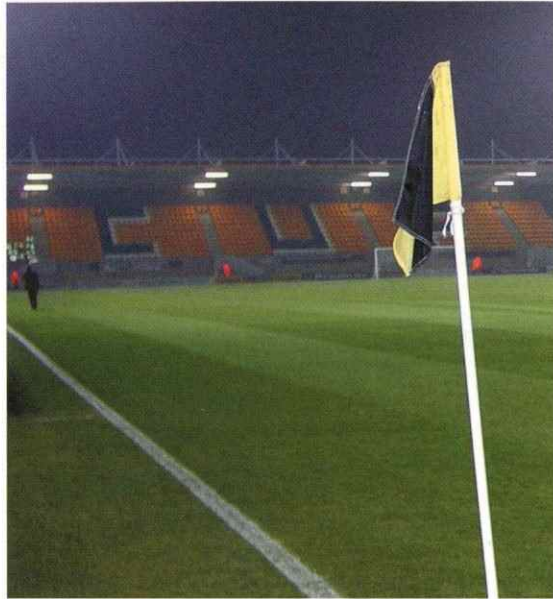
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PLANET FOOTBALL

MIKE BARNES

What a difference a year makes. In June 2008, Brazilian fans booed and jeered their team following a lacklustre goalless draw with Argentina. At that stage Dunga (right), the Brazilian coach, might have been on his way out. Instead, he and his team are bound for South Africa after a convincing away win against the same opponents.

Now it is Dunga's opposite number, Diego Maradona, who is staring into the abyss. Still reeling from the 3-1 defeat in Rosario, the Argentine legend's nightmare worsened as his team slumped to further defeat at the hands of Paraguay, whose victory brought their own qualification for an eighth World Cup finals. While Brazil and Paraguay celebrate, Argentina's qualification hopes hang by a thread.

In a telling comment on the nature of South American football, Dunga identified the key to his team's resounding win over Argentina. "Before the game I told my players that if we finished the game with 11 men on the pitch, we would win. I didn't want anyone fighting or picking up cards. If we could do that, then we would win, and that's what we did."

There was also the small matter of the goals. Brazil struck at exactly the right time with two in six minutes midway through the first half, the first from Luisao followed by Luis Fabiano's strike. Jesus Datolo reduced the arrears for the home side just after the hour, only for Fabiano to grab his second three minutes later to seal the points for Brazil.

"My second goal was very important because they had just scored and were beginning to get back into the game with the fans right behind them," explained Fabiano afterwards. "But then I came along and threw a bucket of cold water over them." After impressing at the Confederations Cup in the summer, the Sevilla striker is now the leading scorer in



the South America qualifying zone with eight goals and Brazilian fans believe they have at last found a worthy wearer of the number 9 shirt, which had proved so hard to fill since the departure of Ronaldo.

For Argentina, the mood is very different. Sixteen years to the day since they crashed 5-0 at home to Colombia - a defeat that consigned them to the indignity of a play-off scrap against Australia - the home defeat against Brazil left their prospects of qualification on a knife edge. Maradona was their saviour all those years ago, but can he work his magic from the dugout and steer his side to a place in South Africa?

"I'm feeling composed. There's no cause for alarm," insisted a downbeat Maradona after the defeat to Brazil. "We had to beat Brazil and we lost. There's no time for feeling sorry for yourself. You have to keep looking forward." Maradona only had to look forward a matter of days to the next slice of agony as his men lost to Paraguay. The Paraguayans took full advantage of another erratic Argentine performance, Nelson Haedo Valdez's first half goal proving sufficient to further Maradona's agony and Juan Sebastian Veron's dismissal early in the second half rubbing salt in the wound.

Brazil, meanwhile, celebrated their qualification by cruising to a 4-2 win over Chile, thanks to a hat-trick from Nilmar who made a rare start due to Kaka's suspension. The Chileans themselves are also on the verge of reaching South Africa. If they do, it might just be at Argentina's expense.



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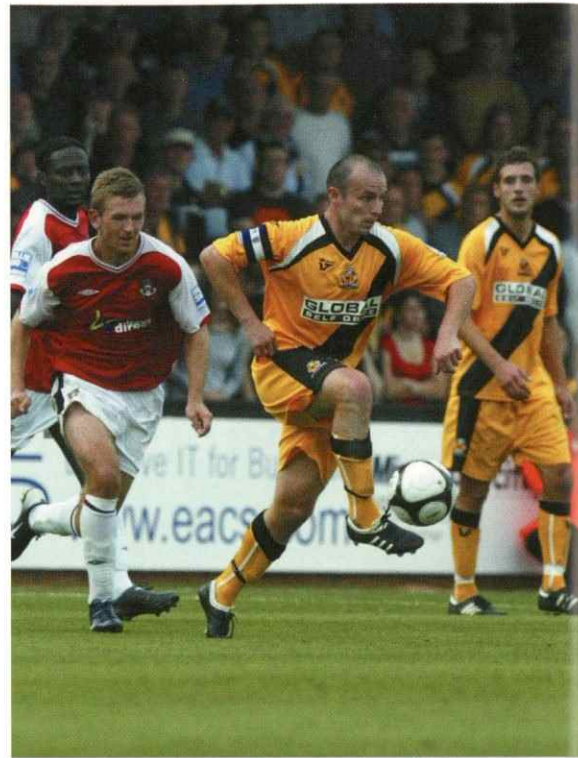
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FAR LEFT: Wayne Hatswell celebrates after firing United ahead.

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TOP LEFT: Paul Carden brings the ball away from an opponent.

BOTTOM LEFT: Anthony Tonkin makes a surging run into the area.

TOP RIGHT: Danny Crow looks to prise open the Wrexham defence.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Brian Saah goes close with a header.

FOOTBALL STORIES

SINCE WE LAST MET ... ACCRINGTON STANLEY

It's seems a lifetime ago and not just three and a half or so years since we made the journey north to Accrington only for Rob Newman's side to travel back on the end of a unfortunate one-nil defeat.

It was a result we haven't been able to avenge because our first season as a non-league club was Accrington's last. Three months later would see Stanley celebrating another one-nil scoreline, this time at Woking to clinch the championship and the Holy Grail of league football. But things haven't run so smoothly at The Crown Ground as you may have seen. Having not set League Two a light since making the set up it's now not only Stanley's league place under threat it's also the future of football in Accrington that is as was in the sixties, in danger. Stanley's Chief Executive Rob Heys gives us the bigger picture.

It was almost a fairytale rise back to league football for us. Stanley had been a joke club thanks to the milk advert but in a way we have a lot to

thank the milk marketing board for. Thanks to that couple of minutes we mined into the great British spirit of supporting the underdog. Forty years since the old club died it now wasn't just the locals looking down the non-league scores for our result and talking about the dream of the club returning to the league. Something that eventually turned from being a pipe dream to reality.

The first season back in the league we pulled in an average of 2,500 fans for our home games but as the recession has bitten and the novelty of league football has waned the gates have dropped so that it was an average of 1,200 at the end of last year. We obviously, as all other clubs, set budgets at the start of every season to cover our costs but we just didn't account for that kind of drop in the footfall through the turnstiles. Match that with our club sponsor Fraser Eagle going bust leaving us owed £100,000 and obviously missing out of the future revenue streams their sponsorship would have brought in and yes we find

ourselves in serious trouble.

Incidentally, there was another casualty in their demise our mascot; Fraser The Eagle. With his obvious link to the defunct company he was packed away and sold, probably to soon appear at children parties around the northwest. Winstanley the Bulldog has now replaced him and with his link to the club name the problem shouldn't reoccur. As the gap in finances shouldn't as we now have insurance on all our sponsorship deals. This all led to the current malaise we find ourselves in. To be blunt we owe the taxman £300,000 and have been given until the end of October to raise this figure to safeguard the survival of the club.

Things were bit hard last spring and it was a struggle to get to the end of last season; we had to honour contracts of players we couldn't really afford with out the revenue we had budgeted for. Those who stayed over the summer took a pay cut and belts were tightened across the club. But the debt to HMRC

still hangs over the club and we are doing everything we can to pay it off. There is only so much that we can ask the local community to do. Accrington isn't a massive sized town and to be fair it isn't in the most prosperous part of the region. Add to that we also have two premierships teams on our doorstep now that Burnley have joined Blackburn in the big league. Although that could be a blessing in disguise, even though Rovers offer a massively discounted season ticket package thanks to the Sky money and Burnley have let some season tickets go for free due to a promotion they ran last year we do have the advantage of either of them only clashing with our home games three times this season, thanks to the plethora of Sunday and Monday night games, that gives us the chance to make discounted offers to both clubs season ticket holders to hopefully get them to see Stanley as their second club.

Both clubs have been incredibly supportive towards our current situation. Rovers are arranging a first team friendly against us, your former secretary Andy Pincher is being extremely helpful with that and as you may know Burnley had a game against us at Turf Moor during one of the break weeks for international games 5,300 turned up despite and - you'll find this hard to believe in East Lancashire - it lashed it down with rain at five o'clock and I mean torrential rain. But still the fans came, Owen Coyle, Burnley's manager had been magnificent in publicising the game, they had just signed David Nugent on-loan from Portsmouth on the weekend before and plugged the game as his debut in every interview and soundbite he gave.

Like their club Clarets fans haven't forgotten their roots, they remember being in the basement and know the struggle to compete. They have been unwavering in their support and turned out in force alongside fans of many other clubs for our Friday night fixture with bottom club Darlington. I know Cambridge also had a fans day where supporters of other clubs came down to show their support. It's one hell of a feeling to see just how much the football community cares. That night all the staff from the players to the tea lady donated their pay for that night,



the season ticket holders voluntary paid for their seats and the generosity of those fans of other clubs who donated through putting coins into buckets. Through that and from the donations from the community, be it a man with a cheque for £5,000 or a young girl emptying out her piggy bank it is so touching to see just how much people care about Stanley.

It's not a nice situation to go asking for people to help us, we are after all a local business in the same way that the corner shop is or a plumber and yes it is our own fault that we are in this situation. But being a football club means so much more to people and having gone to the wall all those years before people just don't want to see it happen again.

One thing we do have in our favour is that Accrington Stanley have a name that is known across the football world and we have to market that to it's highest potential. That though doesn't have to be at the expenses of the supporters who turn up at The Crown Ground week in week out. As you will know we have The Stanley Ultra's who are great ambassadors for the club; in fact they laid the blueprint for how many non-league clubs fans get behind their teams with the flags, banners and drums. What's more they bring out the best in the opposition fans. You can get the occasional rambunctious fans that will roll up looking for trouble. It's usually the case that they'll just end up enjoying a game of pool in the bar with

our fans. It does save us money on matchdays as we only have the police presence at one match a season, which is a welcome relief in our current situation.

So you look at us and see where we can go from here. I don't expect Cambridge or Luton fans reading this to dip into their pockets as they have their own clubs to support and it's not easy for any club at our or your level. Heaven knows both clubs have had rocky times in the past and it's nice to see both clubs turning the corner to firmer footings. But if you feel like helping you can log onto www.saveourstanley.co.uk. We currently stand at a total of £80,000 of the £300,000 needed by the end of next month but we are in talks with the tax people and they do offer hope that the last thing they want to do is close businesses down, they just want what is owed to them. Hopefully we will be able to negotiate a payment plan with a longer deadline to clear the debt.

But when and it is when, as we have to be positive about this situation, we get through the other side of this we will make sure this doesn't happen again. Our new Chairman David O'Neil has the vision that with the club being run hand in hand with the local community that can continue the history but build potential for the future. That belief with the right team on and off the pitch will preserve Accrington Stanley for years to come.

David Gray



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Isn't it funny how time can alter our perspective and how we view things?

I was brought up in Bury St Edmunds, and in West Suffolk they had a three-tier school system - Primary, Middle and Upper. When I was in the sixth form I did a Community Sports Leaders course, and as part of that had to get some experience in leading sports. A friend of mine was now the head of PE at my old Middle School, so once, and sometimes twice, a week I went back to my old school to help with PE Lessons, which I absolutely loved (although I must admit most of the time I ended up teaching sports that I didn't know a huge amount about ... poor kids!)

However, I can clearly remember the first time I went back - four years after leaving, and discovered that everything

was much smaller than I remembered it - the corridors weren't as high; the hall wasn't as large; the changing rooms seemed quite cramped.

Incidentally, the most bizarre part of this experience was being able to go and sit in the staff room at break time - I always felt like I shouldn't be there.

I had a similar experience a few years later when I went back into my old Upper School as part of a team taking assemblies and some PE and RE lessons.

Time had moved on, but my perception of the schools hadn't changed. I still assumed I would walk back in as I had left them, which of course was nothing like what happened.

Working as I do with older folks, it always

makes me smile when I hear them talk about the 'good old days'. But in reality how good were they? Some would say they were better and others would say nothing much has changed - people are still people.

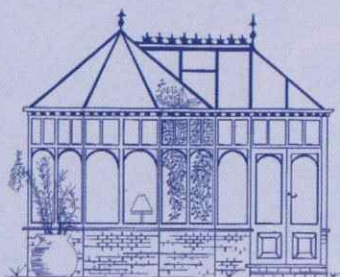
So it is that sometimes we can have a much rosier view of past events as time fades the negative memories. At other times, the opposite can be true and we forget the positive and only reflect on the negative.

Over the summer I read a book entitled "10" in preparation for a series we are starting at Barnwell Baptist Church on the Ten Commandments. If I were to take a straw poll about the 10 Commandments, I have a pretty good idea that for most people who know what they are, their understanding of them is a list of "Do not's". In one way that is true, as that is how many of them begin.

But time has changed the way we view this ancient Top 10. These 10 Commandments were given to us as a positive thing, and not a negative, to help us and not to hinder us, to show us something of the nature of a good and loving God, and not a strict God, like an old fashioned Head Teacher, that can so easily become the image of God we find ourselves believing.

I am really looking forward to the opportunity personally to reflect again on these 10 rules for life, but also to help others to reflect on them as we go through our series over the next 10 weeks. If you fancy joining us, you'd be most welcome. If you'd prefer to listen in the comfort of your own home - then you can listen online www.barnwellbaptistchurch.org.uk Of course you could always buy the book and read it for yourself.

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WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

ADRIAN ROBERTS



Well, would you believe it? The mighty blues of Chelsea recently receiving a ban from FIFA. Thus rendering them unable to sign any new players until 2011. So, perhaps there is justice in the world [of football]? Perhaps the big boys in the Premiership, albeit with their bottomless pits of money, are not immune from the rules and regulations as it sometimes seems.

As a result of their alleged 'dodgy dealing' with the transfer of Gael Kakuta, not only have they been slapped with the ban but they are also legally liable [jointly with the player himself] to pay Kakuta's old club, Lens, over £700,000 in compensation! Just a bit of pocket change to Chelsea of course, but that kind of money could keep some of the smaller league clubs afloat for years! At least the ban will give some of the second string players a chance to shine once the injuries start piling up as the season progresses.

They shouldn't take it too harshly though at Stamford Bridge - it's hardly the first time FIFA have imposed a ban is it? It's good to know that FIFA are looking out for the players, the clubs and for football in general.

It's not so long back that FIFA banned the playing of International football at high altitudes as there were concerns over the health of the players at such heights. Even FIFA president Sepp Blatter said 'To play at above that altitude [8,200ft above sea-level] it would not be healthy or fair'. They could have made a decision about altitude prior to the Mexico '86 world cup couldn't they - we might have stood a chance of winning it then!

More recently, FIFA banned Ethiopia from the South Africa 2010 World Cup Finals because of a long-running power struggle within football in Africa which wasn't resolved. The results of the four matches Ethiopia had played prior to the decision, two of which they'd won, are now cancelled and there's room for another African team following their ban.

It's not just players or entire teams that get 'blessed' with a FIFA ban. In 2004 even a players' agent was banned for 6 months and received a fine of 50,000 Swiss Francs. Olivier Jouanneaux faced the ban for his involvement in an unauthorised move when Auxerre player Philippe Mexes made his move to Roma in 2004.

Even more recently in June of this year, FIFA stepped in to ban pitch-side TV monitors from the Confederations Cup after Brazil were given a controversial late penalty which earned them victory in their opening match. Egypt were the losing team on that occasion and following the penalty decision, they consequently appealed to FIFA. They claimed that English referee Howard Webb changed his decision and awarded the penalty after taking advice from the fourth official who was viewing the video on the side-line. Surely, the reason that the video monitor is at the side of the pitch being watched by the fourth official in the first place is so that it can be used to assist and give some clarity to incidents not seen by the referee!?!

One of the longest bans imposed by FIFA was that of Farah Addo, a former president of the Somalian Football Federation and critic of FIFA president Sepp Blatter. In July 2004 he was banned from football for 10 years after being found guilty of corruption by FIFA. Addo was alleged to have taken money meant for the Somalian football federation which was given as part of FIFA's financial assistance programme - bad lad!

Here's an incredible story of a player making the transformation from Hero to Zero, especially in the eyes of FIFA. Back in 1996, AC Milan and Liberian International, George Weah had been the proud recipient of the 'FIFA Fair Play' Player of the year. FIFA must have wondered where they'd gone wrong when during a Champions league game between AC Milan and Porto, Mr. Fair-Play Weah headbutted Porto's Jorge Costa in the tunnel and as a consequence was given a six match ban!

Whatever the result today, whatever twists and turns today's game may have in store for us, remember to behave yourself, the last thing you want is a ban from football!

Enjoy the game!

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IN FOCUS

WAYNE HATSWELL

With two goals to his credit already this season, defender Wayne Hatswell is already halfway to the number he contributed last season, but he is equally pleased by the number of clean sheets so far.

Like Danny Potter, Hats played for more than half of last season with a hernia problem but delayed the surgery until the end of the season. Despite that handicap and the increasing need for pain killers as the season drew to its exciting climax, his performances earned him a clean sweep of Player of the Year awards.

He admits it was a good campaign on a personal basis, although clearly overshadowed by a second successive Play-off final defeat: "Obviously we nearly won the league, which is what we all strive for, but it wasn't to be and we had to go through the heartache of losing at Wembley again.

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"It's in the past now and we've got to try to move on, and I think we have to aim to win it this year because I don't want to go through the Wembley experience again! Although if we have to go through it again, of course we'll take it.

"With the fanbase we have here it was really special to get their recognition at the end of the season," he adds. "They support us home and away and it was nice for them to show that they thought I'd done quite well.

"We had a good season and a good defensive record so it was good to be part of that, although in the end we didn't succeed and get promotion."

Going under the knife the day after Wembley, Hats faced a summer of rest and rehab to be fit for the new season and he admits it has been a battle.





**06 WAYNE
HATSWELL**

"I had a hernia problem for six months and it got worse as the season went on, as you'd expect. Towards the end of the season I needed painkillers to play and it affected my mental strength, but I had to keep digging in as the games got more and more important.

"I've paid the price for it through the summer and the start of this season because I lost a lot of my strength and I'm not getting younger so it takes a bit longer to get over an injury like that."

The hernia was the size of a thumbnail to begin with but by the end of the season it was four times the size so the surgery was quite invasive and took most of the summer to recover from.

"It set me back for the start of the season, which came a couple of weeks too early for me," Wayne admits. "We've been in a busy run of games but I'd like to think that I'm getting back to my old self and I'm feeling a lot stronger.

"I want to play for as long as I can and I've moved up here to a beautiful place in Lode, and my girlfriend has moved here too so that's cut the travelling that I was doing last season and I feel much better for it."

I was speaking to Wayne before Tuesday's match at York and the concession of the

first two goals since the end of last month, and he was justifiably pleased with six clean sheets in the previous seven games.

"It's my job to keep clean sheets and I hate it when goals go in against us, but we defend as a team so it's credit to the front men as well as us boys at the back and in midfield," he says.

"If we can make sure we're very hard to beat, as soon as the opposition goes a goal behind they're going to wonder if they can get back into the game. So especially at home it's quite important to get that first goal because teams come here with a negative attitude and they could find it hard to come back at us.

"Hopefully our defensive record will hold us in good stead for the rest of the season but obviously you've got to keep your key personnel fit throughout the side."

For the second summer running Wayne experienced a change of manager during the summer and he is hoping for a period of stability now: "We've got a new manager on a long-term contract and we're taking little strides in the right direction, and hopefully we can keep that going and stay on track."

Having formed a solid partnership with

Phil Bolland last season, Wayne started this campaign alongside Josh Coulson and is now forming a new partnership with former Leyton Orient defender Brian Saah.

"It can take time to get an understanding but Brian has settled in really well," he observes. "He's a quiet lad in the dressing room but he's only 22 and he goes about his business brilliantly, and hopefully we can get a good partnership.

"Obviously with Tonks coming back into the side as well and Glees being settled in his position we've got a settled defence like we did last year, and I hope we do as well as we did last season."

Up-and-coming centre half Josh Coulson told us last season about the help and advice he receives from Wayne, and the 34-year-old regards helping the youngsters as part of his role.

"I try and help them along and sometimes I give them a bit of stick - and they probably think I shout at them a bit too much! - but we have some good young players here. Some of them are playing at the moment and some are waiting for their chance; Josh is probably feeling that he will have to bide his time again but it's all a learning process for him, hopefully on his way to better things.

"There will probably be a lot of clubs looking at the young boys we have here, with the likes of Sam Ives coming through as well and scoring a couple of goals already. There's a good opportunity in the game for youngsters to earn some good money and make a good career and I try to help them with advice, but it comes down to the individuals to try to improve and work hard.

"The gaffer has played and managed at a higher level and he will be passing on a lot of experience too and hopefully the future is bright for the club. I want to be here at Cambridge United and to be part of a team that does well and gets this club back up into the Football League."

Having failed at Wembley in the last two seasons, Wayne would prefer to win the league outright but knows that we will have to start by performing well against the other sides near the top: "The division

has been getting stronger each year but even the teams at the bottom will make it very difficult for you.

"I can see there being a sort of a mini-league at the top this season and hopefully we can win it, but to do that we'll need to beat the teams around us and we can do that today against Luton.

"We've got some very good players here and we've kept the nucleus of the side together from last season, so if we all stay sound I think we can be a hard team to beat and no one will relish a game against Cambridge United."

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ANY QUESTIONS?

What person has had the most positive influence on your career so far?

My Dad - I always take his opinion on board and when times are tough the people closest to you are always there for you.

Who's the best Captain you have played with?

Chris Hope at Rushden - a model pro who goes about his business quietly and effectively.

The best player you've played with and against?

'With' would be Andy Linighan at Oxford; coming to the end of his career but still a good player. 'Against' would be Paul Scholes when I was at Oxford and we played Man United in a friendly; he never gave the ball away.

Out of all the players who have left United since you've been at the Club who were you saddest to see go?

Mark Albrighton - he was my travelling partner and a bit of a joker, and always good to have around the place. I've known him a long time and we stay in touch.

What player/team did you admire growing up and why?

Liverpool and Kenny Dalglish were my favourites growing up, and Jan Molby who I ended up playing for at Kidderminster.

What's the funniest terrace chant you've ever heard?

I played with a striker called Bo Henriksen at Kidderminster who had long blond hair, and he used to get "Where's your caravan?" sung at him.

Are there any other sports at which you might have gone on to make it as a professional?

I was good at most sports and I've got into squash lately, and I'd like to play more of that when I finish playing football.

Your top three sportsmen/women of all time?

Gary Lineker, Alan Hansen, Steven Gerrard.

What's your favourite meal and drink?

Thai food, and a Krona when I'm allowed a drink.

What was the last album you bought?

A Ministry of Sound compilation.



What was the last film you went to see?

Transformers II

What car do you drive?

A BMW 1-series

Where is the furthest you have travelled to on holiday?

Hamilton Island, Australia.

In training, does anyone fancy themselves in a completely different position to their normal matchday role?

Glees thinks he can play up front - but his goal tally suggests otherwise! We've got a bet going this season about which of us will score most goals.

Out of all the players you have played with, who has/had the worst sense of style?

I'm not going to name names but someone wore pink shorts into training this summer - you know who you are!

Which Cambridge United player would you least like to be stuck in a lift with, and why?

None of them - I like them all too much!

Which United player past or present would you 'set up' for a 'Beadle's About' stunt, and what would it entail?

Mark Albrighton because he could easily lose his rag. It would be something to do with road rage, but he can take a joke too and his reaction would be good.

Where is the best place on Earth, and why?

Whitehaven Beach on Whitsunday Island, Australia - absolute paradise!

What is the one piece of advice you would give a young player?

Never give up, and always try to improve every day. Even at my age I want to improve and you're always learning, both in life and in football.

What's the very best thing about football?

Winning. It breeds confidence and there's no better feeling because it affects so many other people than yourself.



TOMORROW'S U'S TODAY

Newmarket Town 1 CRC 3

Our first half display in this match was exceptional. We could have been 5-0 up in twenty minutes and the tempo, movement and quality of play that we showed from the first whistle would have tested any team at this level and maybe even higher. Any regular readers of these reports would affirm that we don't believe in false praise and never exaggerate the level of performance, either individually or collectively. On Tuesday night, the players looked exactly as they should; like prospective professional footballers and certainly in the first twenty minutes, Newmarket will have felt like they were in the eye on a storm.

Jordan Patrick (pictured) started the game on fire and with the slope allowing us to leave the ball behind their right back, he terrorised the home team at will. One typically direct run into the box should have been finished at the far post by Liam Hughes and his next foray resulted in a corner. Jack Eades clipped a perfectly flighted ball into the near post and **Rory McAuley** flicked it home as rehearsed the previous day on the training ground. My only criticism of this opening spell was that we should have put the game to bed such was our dominance and superiority. However, too many touches in the box, poor movement from crosses and errant finishing kept our advantage at a slender margin.

The lead was eventually doubled by a wonder goal. The irrepressible **Luke Berry** ran 50 yards with the ball and unleashed a twenty five yard strike with his "wrong" foot into the far corner. Sam Ives almost emulated his partner in crime with a fantastic run, spotted by Rory McAuley's searching pass which he expertly brought down and carried in his stride but was denied a picture goal by a fine save.

Chances continued to be created before the icing on the cake in the last minute of a first half master class. The ever improving Jack Eades beat his man and hit an absolutely fantastic cross with "score" written all over it. **JP** duly obliged at the far post with a perfectly timed run inside his full back to connect from six yards giving the keeper no chance.

We knew the home side would respond and I still have memories of a League Cup tie from two years ago when we led 4-1 at half time to eventually lose 6-4 AET! They changed their shape from 4-5-1 to 4-4-2 and I was disappointed by the way we started the second half. Despite warning against complacency, we were sloppy in the first two or three things we did and as a result we were on the back foot. This gave the home side some encouragement, and whilst they didn't create any chances, we had to weather a spell of pressure that we brought on ourselves.

A break in play for an unfortunate injury to Liam Hughes allowed us to get together and regain our composure. Whilst we didn't quite reach the heights of the first half, there were still

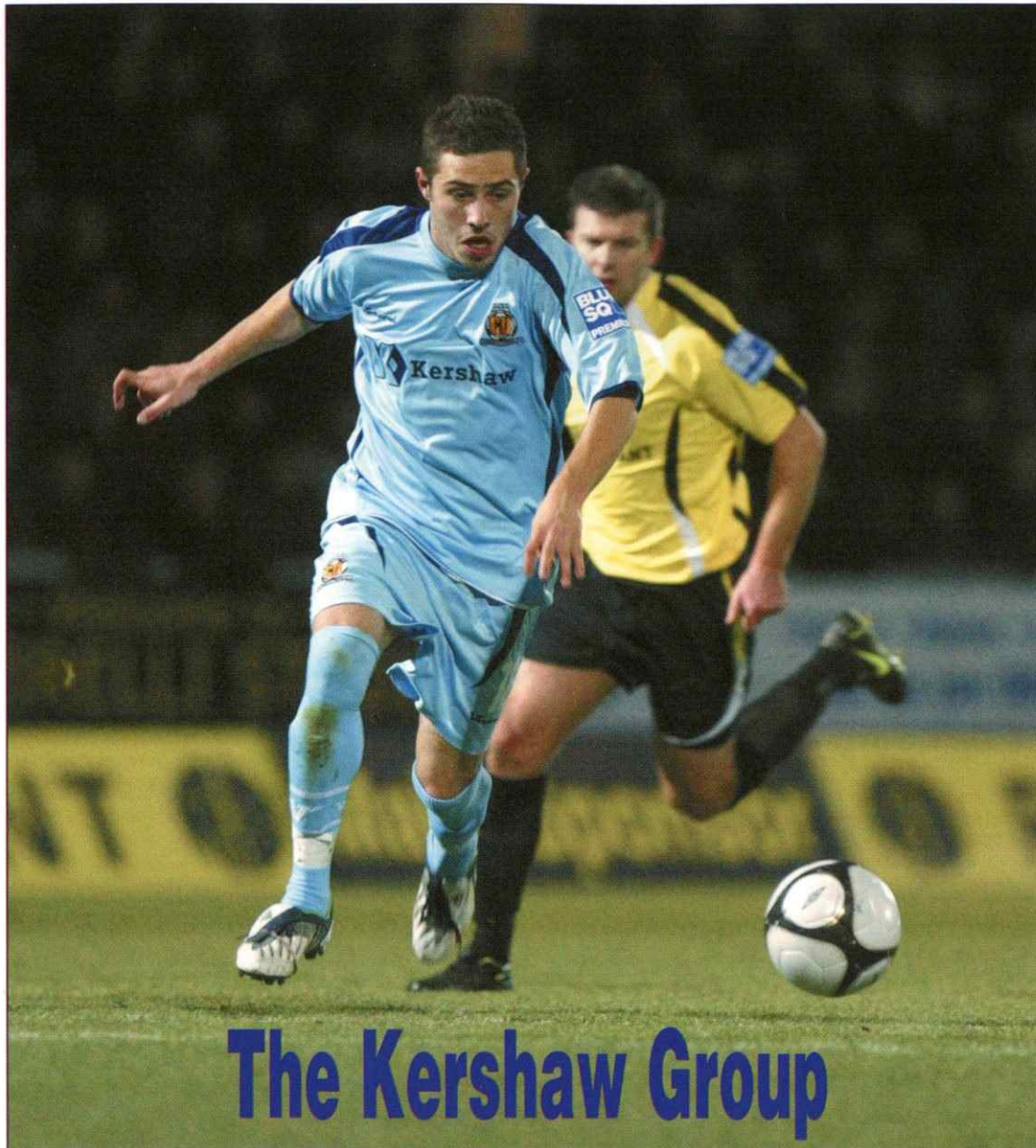


moments of real quality in our play which led to a succession of chances. Credit the home team for their brave defending though as they got blocks on a number of goal bound shots including one sequence where their penalty box resembled a pin ball machine! Luke Berry should have doubled his tally with a close range header and another Daz Coakley inswinging corner was flicked on by Maz and Jack Bailey's header was tipped over by the home keeper. Lee Huller saved his best for last with a fantastic stop from Jack Eades' strike following an excellent cross from substitute Chris Tonks.

A late goal by Richard Gammon from a corner gave the score a slightly unrealistic look and was a disappointing way to end an almost perfect display. Apart from the opening 10 minutes of the second half and profligate finishing, I would be hard pushed to find fault. Sam Ives was our outstanding player, even outshining the as usually excellent Luke Berry, and I was really pleased with the contribution of both wide players, JP and Jack Eades. Both were really effective in their own way, with JP giving us an outlet with his electric pace and dribbling ability whilst Jack can deliver crosses as well as anyone at the club. Now that he is simplifying his game, and adding consistency through work rate, clarity of thought and concentration, he is contributing both defensively and as an attacking threat. His set plays also give him another string to his bow and it's now just his goals return, as well as maintaining recent standards, that needs to be addressed. JP has scored two in two, is getting fitter and will soon be ready for Martin to unleash as he wants on unsuspecting Blue Square Premier full backs.

Team: Davies, McAuley, Coakley, Carr, Hudson, Ives, Eades, Berry, Hughes (Bailey 55), Marriott (Tonks 85), Patrick.

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RIDGEONS ROUNDUP

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After two seasons of notable progression in the FA Vase, Needham Market have, this year, been rewarded with a bye to the Second Round Proper. And they made the most of their absence from the competition this weekend to stride to the top of the Ridgeons League.

A double from ever-prolific forward Danny Phillips sealed a 5-1 victory over mid-table Mildenhall Town.

Needham have had their eyes on promotion for a number of seasons, and narrowly fallen short on two occasions. In 2007/8, the Bloomfields club were pipped to the title by Soham, their squad fatigued by progress in a number of competitions.

Following the disappointing end to that campaign, Needham were boosted by the acquisition of former Manchester City man Kevin Horlock as player-coach. Horlock remains, and has been a near-ever present in defence this term.

Elsewhere, Debenham continued their excellent opening to the season, defeating fellow high-flyers Stanway to move into third.














































Henry Milward

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NEEDHAM MARKET	10	7	2	1	22	6	23
CRC	10	7	1	2	22	9	22
LEISTON	10	7	0	3	25	11	21
DEBENHAM LC	10	6	2	2	19	11	20
STANWAY ROVERS	8	6	0	2	22	9	18
HADLEIGH UNITED	9	5	2	2	18	15	17
WROXHAM	7	5	1	1	17	9	16
KIRKLEY & PAKEFIELD	7	5	0	2	16	7	15
HISTON RESERVES	13	4	3	6	19	35	15
NORWICH UNITED	10	4	2	4	17	16	14
MILDENHALL TOWN	8	4	2	2	15	15	14
WALSHAM LE WILLOWS	8	4	1	3	17	12	13
FELIXSTOWE & WALTON	9	3	3	3	11	13	12
DEREHAM TOWN	9	3	2	4	15	12	11
WISBECH TOWN	8	2	3	3	13	12	9
NEWMARKET TOWN	9	2	3	4	11	12	9
HAVERHILL ROVERS	7	2	2	3	10	11	8
KINGS LYNN RESERVES	11	2	1	8	9	32	7
WOODBIDGE TOWN	9	2	0	7	7	19	6
ELY CITY	8	1	2	5	9	13	5
HARWICH & PARKESTON	7	0	1	6	5	20	1
WIVENHOE TOWN	9	0	1	8	5	25	1

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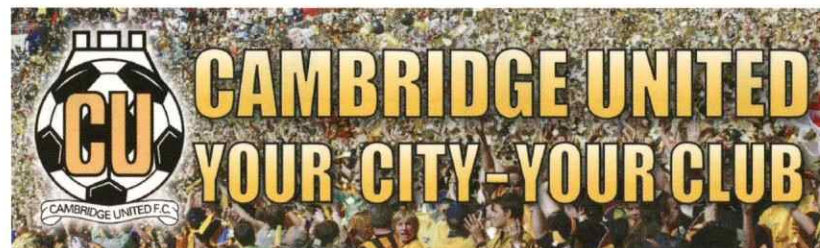
DATE	OPPONENTS	KO/RES	GOALSCORERS
AUGUST			
Saturday, 08	A Walsham-le-Willows	L0-1	
WEDNESDAY, 12	H WISBECH TOWN	W1-0	McAuley
SATURDAY, 15	H KING'S LYNN RESERVES	L1-2	Berry
Wednesday, 19	A Histon Reserves	W6-0	Bailey 3, Berry 2, Hudson
SATURDAY, 22	H NORWICH UNITED	W2-0	Thorpe, Berry
WEDNESDAY, 26	H NEWMARKET TOWN	W1-0	McAuley
Saturday, 29	A Felixstowe & Walton United	D1-1	Berry
SEPTEMBER			
Tuesday, 01	A Haverhill Rovers	W4-2	Kessack, Eades, Marriott, OG
SATURDAY, 12	H LEISTON	W3-2	Patrick, Marriott, Kessack
Tuesday, 15	A Newmarket Town	W3-1	Patrick, Berry, McAuley
Saturday, 26	A Hadleigh United	15:00	
OCTOBER			
Saturday, 10	A Woodbridge Town	15:00	
SATURDAY, 17	H MILDENHALL TOWN	15:00	
SATURDAY, 24	H DEREHAM TOWN	15:00	
Tuesday, 27	A Ely City	19:45	
Saturday, 31	A Debenham LC	15:00	
NOVEMBER			
Tuesday, 03	A Mildenhall Town	19:45	
SATURDAY, 07	H STANWAY ROVERS	15:00	
Saturday, 14	A Harwich & Parkeston	15:00	
SATURDAY, 21	H NEEDHAM MARKET	15:00	
SATURDAY, 28	H WIVENHOE TOWN	15:00	
DECEMBER			
SATURDAY, 05	H WROXHAM	15:00	
Wednesday, 09	A King's Lynn Reserves	19:45	
SATURDAY, 12	H KIRKLEY & PAKEFIELD	15:00	
Saturday, 19	A Norwich United	15:00	
Saturday, 26	A Wisbech Town	15:00	
MONDAY, 28	H HISTON RESERVES	15:00	
JANUARY			
SATURDAY, 02	H HAVERHILL ROVERS	15:00	

SATURDAY, 09	H ELY CITY	15:00	
Saturday, 16	A Kirkley & Pakefield	15:00	
SATURDAY, 30	H WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS	15:00	
FEBRUARY			
SATURDAY, 06	H FELIXSTOWE & WALTON	15:00	
Saturday, 13	A Stanway Rovers	15:00	
SATURDAY, 20	H HADLEIGH UNITED	15:00	
Saturday, 27	A Dereham Town	15:00	
MARCH			
SATURDAY, 06	H WOODBIDGE TOWN	15:00	
Saturday, 13	A Leiston	15:00	
Saturday, 27	A Needham Market	15:00	
APRIL			
SATURDAY, 10	H HARWICH & PARKESTON	15:00	
Saturday, 17	A Wroxham	15:00	
SATURDAY, 24	H DEBENHAM LC	15:00	
MAY			
Saturday, 01	A Wivenhoe Town	15:00	
RIDGEONS LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP			
Sep. 30	R1 A Godmanchester Rovers	19:45	
FA CARLSBERG VASE			
SEP. 06	QR1 H HUNTINGDON TOWN	W5-1	Patrick, Marriott, McAuley, Berry [pen], OG
Sep. 19	QR2 A Branham Athletic	W1-0	Marriott
OCT. 03	R1 H MARCH TOWN UNITED	15:00	
FA YOUTH CUP Sponsored by E.ON - COMPETING AS CAMBRIDGE UNITED			
SEP. 10	PR H DISS TOWN	W12-0	Kessack 2, Bevan, Hughes 3, Bailey 3, Bennett, Igglesden 2
Sep. 24	QR1 A Leiston	19:00	

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ONE TO WATCH RORY MCCAULEY



A little over a year ago, when I last spoke to Rory McAuley, he was in limbo after being overlooked for a professional contract by then boss Jimmy Quinn. A lot has changed since.

While missing out on that contract, Rory did sign an extension to his scholarship; a further year of development with a view to emulating the progress of Robbie Willmott and Josh Coulson. And as early as September, both player and club felt the benefits of this retention. With Dan Gleeson injured, Rory was called into the first-team for an away trip to Ebbsfleet. "I felt nervous," he admits, "I didn't know what to expect." But, guided by the presence of Phil Bolland, the 18-year-old slotted comfortably into the side. His 90th minute red card but a dampener on his inaugural outing, but couldn't spoil what was an assured performance.

The ensuing suspension and Gleeson's recovery meant Rory returned to gain further match practice with the scholars, who were enjoying a superlative start to their Ridgeons League campaign.

But by December, he had received the call from Gary Brabin again. That he was prepared to step up says much for the merits of the youth set-up, and the grounding the scholars receive. While the lack of a reserve team can prove problematic for senior players returning from lay-offs, for the like of Rory, the preparation is ideal. This time he was called in against Torquay, along with Josh Coulson, after a number of first-teamers were struck down with a virus. A 0-0 draw against experienced opposition was testament to their solidity, which they had so often exhibited together with CRC.

In February, Rory was rewarded with that professional deal. Reacting to the news of yet another successful product of the

burgeoning set-up making the grade, Jez George enthused: "This totally vindicated the decision of the youth department to offer [him] extended terms as a scholar."

However this now signalled a new stage in the defender's career; while the original aim of the scholarship had been achieved, there now arrived a new pressure and a new impetus to work and improve.

Beginning this season, his first as a professional footballer, Rory confirms: "I've settled in quite well, I feel nice and relaxed. There's a good atmosphere, good banter, everyone gets on."

While Rory tends to be involved with the first-team squad on matchdays, he has also maintained sharpness in turning out in the FA Vase and midweek in the Ridgeons League, even scoring four times along the way. While some players may feel uncomfortable in stepping back into action for CRC, Rory recognises its value: "I feel I'm helping myself, as well as the scholars - they're a good bunch."

"If Glee gets injured, I'm ready. He's a good player, but I've always got to push him for a place."

One aspect Rory has found difficult is the commute to training. He still lives in Norwich and confesses "it would be better to live closer. But me and Danny Crow share lifts from Norwich, and pick up Maz (Adam Marriott) and JP (Jordan Patrick) on the way."

So if you see a yellow Punto heading along the A11, that'll be the future of Cambridge United, driving within the speed limit but straight to the top.

Henry Milward

CAMBRIDGE WFC

KATE DaCOSTA

Mixed Season So Far In The Women's League

There has been a fair mix of results so far in the South East Combination League - where the leading team in Cambridge play. There have been no score draws and 18-0 scorelines.

Gillingham looked to be the strongest in the league early on, with signings from the National league strengthening their squad, they beat Cambridge on the opening day 6-0 and then went on to score 40 goals in their opening five games to be sitting pretty at the top of the table.

However, a defeat last weekend by Lewes saw them slip to second behind MK Dons who in a show of strength bagged six against the Cambridge Women at the weekend - Cambridge replied with four, one a stunning 35 yard strike by Amy Houghton, but after MK Dons went ahead before the break Cambridge were always chasing.

Cambridge Women have played well but been defeated in four of their five league games, just a win at Enfield holding them up third from bottom.

The league might not be going as planned for Cambridge women, but they battled well in their first League Cup game.

They were held at the City ground on Milton road against Ebbsfleet in early September. Ebbsfleet took an early lead, but a free kick from Natalie Richardson 10 minutes from full time

took the game into extra time. Sophie Thompson broke through 1 on 1 with the keeper for the third time in the game, and managed to slot home in the first period of extra time.

Cambridge held out until the very last kick of the game - Ebbsfleet took a long hopeful shot which sailed in the top corner taking the game into penalty kicks. Liz Pamplin managed to save two of the Ebbsfleet penalties to take Cambridge through to the next round.

We will be playing Norwich at home (City Ground, Milton Road) on 4th October 2009, 2pm Kick off. We'd love your support.

The next league game for the ladies is Sunday 27th September away at Dagenham and Redbridge - already a must win game with newly promoted Dagenham holding up the table.

Unfortunately close rivals and the Cambridge Women - Welwyn - have had to pull out of the league as such a young team were struggling to compete. It has not yet been decided what this will do to the promotion/relegation numbers this season. Everyone hopes the girls from Welwyn find somewhere to continue their football.

If you'd like to support the women or like more information on their progress, playing or training with them or sponsorship please contact Kate Da Costa on 07740 199496 or kdacosta@camre.ac.uk

MATCHDAY DVD

CFU in conjunction with the club are going to offer supporters the opportunity to purchase the video of each home match this season.

The cost of each matchday DVD is £10. There is an additional postage charge for posting abroad. Please email cfuinbox@btinternet.com if you require further information.

The first one is for the Forest Green and Gateshead matches and as an introductory offer we have combined these matches for the first 150 orders.

It is hoped they will be on sale at today's match. They can also be pre-ordered.

The matches can also be purchased separately.

To buy a DVD follow the link below:

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GLOVES FOR BREAST CANCER

Danny Potter will be wearing a pair of pink goal keeping gloves for today's game against Luton Town in support of breast cancer awareness campaigns.

Danny's gloves are all designed by Glen Johnson, his former number two at Canvey Island. Glen went from playing in goal, to designing gloves for professional goalkeepers. After having sadly lost his mum to breast cancer as a baby, Glen and Fulham keeper David Stockdale, who has also lost family members to cancer, were inspired to design pink gloves to help raise the awareness of breast cancer up and down the country.

When the idea was put to U's number 1 Danny Potter, he was only too happy to support the fundraising and commented "most people have been affected by cancer in some way. Whether it's a member of their family, a close friend or just someone they know. I've lost people in my family to cancer, so I'm keen to help Glen with his bid to raise awareness and hopefully go a little way towards funding the research to finally beat it".

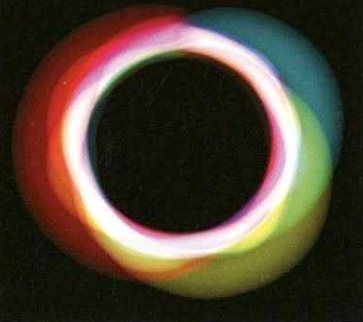
The special breast cancer gloves can be purchased from www.pro-gk.com for £30, and a percentage of all sales will go to a breast cancer charity. A limited number of pairs will also be available to buy at the Club Shop.

For further information on gloves and supporting breast cancer awareness, please contact Glen Johnson on glen@pro-gk.com.



COMPETITION TIME

The Enemy Music For The People



Win FIFA10 & Copies of The Enemy's Smash Hit Album

Our friends at Shoot Music are back for the new season and they kick off our association with a real winner in association with the best thing to come out of Coventry since The Specials, The Enemy.

In support of their new single 'Be Somebody' which is available on digital download formats on September 28th the lads bring you the chance to get your

hands on the football game everybody wants EA SPORTS' FIFA 10. The track itself appears on the soundtrack of the game itself which following the success of FIFA 09 which sold in excess of three million copies in the UK FIFA 10 is sure to be the autumn's big seller. The FIFA franchise is universally regarded as the football video game of choice for both football fans and professional players and FIFA 10 is released on all formats from Friday 2nd October. If you need any further information, please visit www.easports.co.uk/fifa

If you haven't heard The Enemy yet, were have you been? The best place to start is get clicking right here: www.theenemy.com. All we need to say is that they are one of the best live bands in the country and their recorded output is equally enthralling. They topped the charts with their debut "We'll Live And Die In These Towns" and "Music For The People" like United hit the number two spot in April this year. Anthemic Indie at

it's best and are the perfect soundtrack as the dark nights roll in.

Up for grabs are three copies of their acclaimed second album 'Music For The People' and one copy of the brand new FIFA 10 game. The first winner picked out of the e-hat will receive a copy of the game and an album and two runners up will receive a copy of the album.

All you need to do is answer the following question.

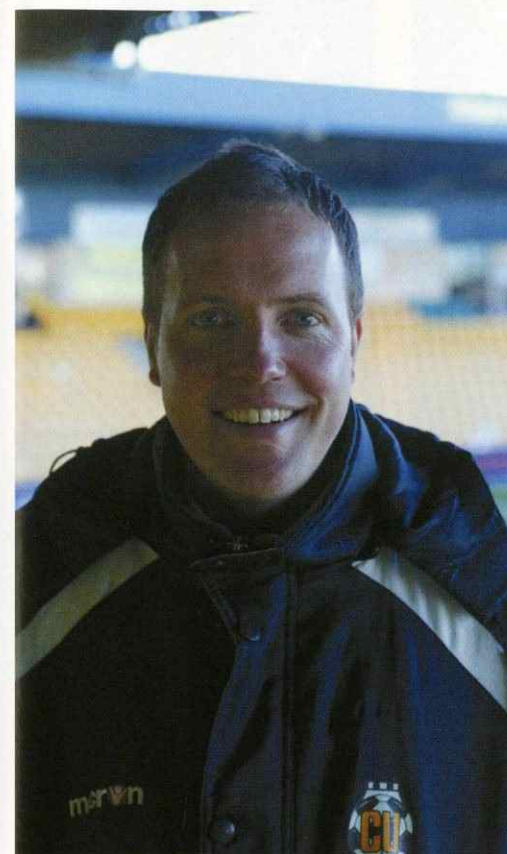
The video for 'Be Somebody' was filmed at which Oasis show this summer?

- A. Wembley Stadium
- B. Coventry Ricoh Arena
- C. Sunderland Stadium Of Light

Answers on an email to competition@cambridgeunited.com by the closing date of 16th October and the winners will be announced in the Matchday Magazine for the visit of Kidderminster Harriers.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ROUNDUP

MATT WALKER



After a busy pre-season of recruiting new players, new coaches, games against some of the top academies in the country, and working toward a new initiative to enhance the quality of our Centre of Excellence, I was eagerly awaiting our games programme commencing against Northampton Town.

With so many new faces the only measure of our current standard and how far we have progressed is through competitive action. Our youngest age groups again show very positive signs for the future with a large number of high quality players being signed in our U8/U9 group who have adapted to playing at this level very quickly and they have

proved our judgment of them was correct.

Tom Pell, Jimmy Unwin and the coaches of our youngest age groups have worked tremendously hard over the last year to find the best 6, 7 and 8 year olds in the region to again make the base of our pyramid very strong for the future. This is an on-going process which has begun for next season already. It is also testament to the strength of our scheme that we have had players progressing from our Development Centres to the Development Squads and some up into our Centre of Excellence.

There were some very promising starts against Northampton Town from players in our U8-U12 age groups, with some players being played up an age group to take them out of their comfort zone by increasing the speed at which their decision making and the tempo of their work has to be played at to ensure they are still able to perform with the required quality. In our U13-U16 age groups we had some good performances from individuals who are now getting toward the end of the 9-16 scheme and aiming for a highly sought after place as a two-year scholar. The mark of their early season form will be a consistency of performance over a period of games, which is where many young players struggle, but those with the true character and ability combined with listening to the help they are getting will come through.

Whilst the process of continuing the education of our players into our philosophy of play and how to conduct themselves on and off the pitch begins again, the coaching staff are very excited about the coming months (and the seasons ahead) working with players who have a great deal of potential. Whilst our lack of funding, lack of protection for players and the need for another mammoth walk this season to keep the scheme going continue, it makes us all the more motivated as a group to produce players capable of achieving the level of a scholarship firstly and then toward a professional contract.

Matt Walker
Centre of Excellence Manager

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TALKING POINT

GORDON THEOBALD

This season's Europa League is trialling behind the goal linesmen to aid the referees with penalty area decisions.

After the first round of matches it comes out as pretty even, with no great problems, but no great advances either. So just what will it achieve? Neil Warnock should be pleased to know that it should eliminate those 'was it over the line' incidents. Unfortunately, these occur about once a season, Bristol City v Palace this and Watford v Reading last. "I really think it's about time we use the means to sort these things out rather than relying on some bald-headed bloke standing 50 yards away." Not my words, but Warnock's, who, has made it clear that he doesn't want these extra officials but would prefer goal-line technology.

Technology wouldn't however pick diving incidents like Eduardo's now famous tumble against Celtic?

Following statements from the players and officials involved, the dissecting of the video footage from three different angles and two hearings, nobody can make their mind up and the original ban was overturned.

For my part, I'm not totally against at least looking into this, just to see if it works. The game is faster now and more is at stake, so to still do things the way they were in the 1890s doesn't really make sense. When such debates are going on, I'm always torn between seeing justice is always done and living with the game the way it is, complete with its imperfections.

I would, however ask one question of those in charge: why can't the fourth official get more involved anyway? No referee can see incidents all around them all the time, the assistants need to watch the line and play directly in front of them, yet the fourth official appears to be little more than a 'board holder' a bit like the scantily-clad



females at boxing bouts. I've yet to hear a single opinion or intervention from one yet.

Back to Neil Warnock: "Now we've got five people to get things wrong".

SELECT XI

NEIL COLE

1. Which comedian, who shared his name with a League Two club, was a director of Luton Town until his death in 1984?
2. Which Championship side knocked Burnley out of the Carling Cup in midweek?
3. Dave Hockaday is the new manager of West Country club?
4. Who escaped punishment after apparently hitting a pitch-invading spectator last week?
5. Disgraced Renault F1 boss Flavio Briatore may have to give up his part-ownership of which Championship team?
6. Four Premiership/League sides have yet to record a league win this season - can you name any of them?
7. Cumbrian youth side Harraby Athletic ended one of football's longest losing runs last week - how many successive games had they lost?
8. Which former Man United and England captain has been linked with the national manager's job in Thailand this week?
9. Which Premiership manager and player had a well-publicised bust-up last week?
10. Who has scored the most Premier League goals without scoring a hat trick?
11. Birmingham's new signing Benitez has his nickname 'Chucho' on his shirt - a South American word which refers to what animal?

Answers on page 59

UP AGAINST THEM

KEVIN PALMER & LEIGH EDWARDS

Crawley Town

We first met the Red Devils in our last Southern League season in 1969-70, notable for the fact that we racked up our heftiest-ever scoreline in that League, beating Town 8-0 at the Abbey in February 1970. Our return to non-league football in 2005 brought us together again, and we have met nine times since then. Crawley's recent victory over us puts them 5-4 ahead in terms of wins, their biggest one being our 5-0 home mauling in the FA Trophy last season. They moved from their Town Mead ground to the Broadfield Stadium in 1997.

Crewe Alexandra

We have played the Railwaymen 24 times in the Football League between September 1970 and February 1995. We have won ten and lost seven of these, but have failed to win any of the last seven games against them. Our biggest win was 4-1 at the Abbey in August 1987, whilst our biggest loss was 3-0 at the same venue, which was watched by 5,430 - the highest gate between the two sides. The highest attendance at Gresty Road came in November 1994 when 3,636 watched the action. Crewe are currently plying their trade in League Two.

Crittall Athletic

They were the works team of the Crittall Window Company of Braintree, and thus they gained their nickname of The



Iron. We played them in an FA Cup Qualifying Round in October 1929 (losing 5-0 at home), but didn't meet again until 1953 when we clashed in the Eastern Counties League. We've racked up a couple of big wins against them: 8-0 (ECL 1954) and 11-4 (East Anglian Cup 1963). The club are now Braintree Town and we've played friendlies at Cressing Road in 1983 and 1999. They are currently in Blue Square South.

Crystal Palace

We met The Eagles eight times in the old Second Division between 1978 and 1984, winning one game, losing two, and drawing five. Our biggest clash came in the FA Cup Quarter-Finals in March 1990 when we lost 1-0 at the Abbey in front of 10,084. We gained a measure of revenge in December 1999 when we beat them 2-0 at home in the FA Cup Third Round - our biggest victory over them. The highest attendance at Selhurst Park came in April 1979 when 21,795 saw us clash in Division Two. Palace now play in The Championship.

Dagenham

The Dagers were in the Athenian League when we first met them in December 1964. We were a Southern League side and we met in a floodlit competition called the Mithras Cup. We drew the first game 1-1 at the Abbey, watched by 450, but stumbled to a 4-0 defeat at Victoria Road in the second leg. The next meeting didn't come until November 1985 when we crashed out of the FA Cup 2-1 in a First Round tie at Victoria Road, seen by 1,351. Dagenham merged with Redbridge Forest in 1992 to form Dagenham and Redbridge.

Dagenham & Redbridge

The club are still known as The Dagers and they are still at Victoria Road. We first met them in their new guise, in the Conference in December 2005, when we lost 1-0 away in front of 1,271. Mark Peters scored in the return fixture in April 2006, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 2-1 defeat, watched by 3,161. In August 2006 we continued our losing streak, succumbing 2-0 away in front of 1,539, but we avenged that beating by winning 4-2 at home in April 2007 (left), seen by 3,319. Despite that defeat, The Dagers ascended into the Football League.

Darlington

All of our 28 Football League meetings came in the bottom division. The first was in January 1971 and the last was in March 2004. We have won 14 of those fixtures, losing eight times. The biggest win over The Quakers was in September 1971 with a 6-0 record-equalling League win. Three years later we were thrashed 6-0 at the Feethams Ground - our record-equalling League defeat. The biggest game between the two sides came in the FA Cup in January 1990. We drew 0-0 at home in a Third Round clash, but won 3-1 away in front of 9,003. (Pictured right - U's fans at Feethams)

Dartford

We met The Darts in the Southern League's South-East Section in 1958-59, and in the Southern League Premier between 1962 and 1966. We have only won three of these fixtures, losing the others. Our biggest win was 4-0 in December 1962 at The Abbey, which was also the venue for our heaviest defeat - also 4-0 - in November 1958. The biggest crowd for a game was 3,529 at the Abbey in October 1964. Dartford are now in the Ryman's League. Maidstone United shared their Watling Street ground for a while during their good times.

Derby County

Our first two meetings with the Rams in the 1980-81 season resulted in 3-0 victories for us home and away in the old Second Division. Since then there have been 15 further clashes, but only one more victory for us amidst nine defeats. That came in the League Cup in September 1989, but the 2-1 victory over a team three divisions higher was wiped out by a 5-0 whipping at the Baseball Ground. The first meeting drew a healthy 9,558 crowd to the Abbey, whilst 15,353 were inside the Baseball Ground in April 1992 to see a goalless draw.

Desborough Town

The Northamptonshire side have been in the United Counties League every season since their formation in 1896 - a footballing record. We joined that League in 1947 and played in it for four seasons, so met 'Ar Tarn' (what a great nickname) eight times, with three wins for us and four for Town. Our biggest defeat was 4-1 at the Abbey in May 1949, but we avenged that by winning 4-0 at the same location in



December 1950. A month earlier we had fought out a 4-4 draw at the Waterworks Field. We also played a friendly there in August 1982.

Diss Town

This Norfolk side met our Cambridgeshire one in a Suffolk Cup competition - namely, the Bury & District Cup Semi-Final in April 1929. The match was played at the neutral venue of Bury Town's ground, but the game ended deadlocked at 1-1. We staged the replay at our then home of the Celery Trenches. We ran out 2-0 winners and went on to beat Stowmarket Town 4-1 in the final. Eastern Counties League side Diss (known as The Tangerines) had their moment of glory when they won the FA Vase in 1994 in front of 13,450 at Wembley.

Doncaster Rovers

We won a friendly 4-3 at the Abbey in August 1966, lost an FA Cup Third Round match 2-1 at Belle Vue in January 1982 and won a Football League Trophy game in our last meeting in November 2005, but otherwise all our other 24 meetings have come in the Football League, with us being 8-7 up in terms of wins. Our heftiest win was 4-1 in March 1975 and only once have we lost by more than the odd goal, namely 2-0 in April 2004. An Abbey crowd of 4,159 saw the March 1975 clash, but there were 9,644 inside Belle Vue in April 2004.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

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TEAM LISTS:



UNITED

POTTER, GLEESON, SAAH, HATSWELL, TONKIN, PARKINSON (PITTI), CARDEN, REASON, WILLMOTT, HOLROYD (PHILLIPS), CROW (BEESLEY)

UNUSED SUBS:

COULSON, IVES



YORK

INGHAM, PURKISS, SANGARE, PARSLAW, MEREDITH, SMITH (McGURK), MACKIN (McWILLIAMS), BARRETT, FERRELL (RANKINE), BRODIE,

GASH

UNUSED SUBS:

PACQUETTE, NELTHORPE

FAR LEFT: Danny Crow takes on former U's loanee James Meredith.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jai Reason fires United level.

TOP LEFT: Paul Carden makes an enterprising run forward.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Mark Beesley is mobbed by his teammates after giving United the lead.

TOP RIGHT: Chris Holroyd scampers between a pair of York defenders.

Match: v York City - Blue Square Premier

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009

Result: York 2 Cambridge United 2

The Journey

Departure Time: 2pm

Arrival at Ground: Since our last trip up the A1, the road has lost roundabouts and gained Newcastle fans. The former made for a very straightforward journey with nary a hold up, while the latter - who were en route to a disappointing evening at Peterborough - infested Blyth Services like a swarm of monochromatic wasps.

Even the final part of the journey into York was easy enough and we found a quiet side street behind the ground in which to park at about 5.20pm.

At The Ground

The Ground: Shoehorned between myriad terraced streets behind the main road into the City from the north, Bootham Crescent is a reminder of how football grounds used to be before the introduction of plastic, all-seated stadia.

At one corner of the ground a sign straddles a gateway barely wide enough for the team coach. This gateway leads



to the club shop, offices and main entrance. Although you feel you wouldn't have to scratch too deeply beneath the tarmac surface here to find a cobbled yard, in fact with its red painted brickwork this looks to be the most up to date part of the ground. However, looks can be deceptive.

Behind those offices, the main stand runs the length of one side of the pitch; a stand that is split into two distinct sections. The lower third is filled with red, plastic flip-up seats that have been bolted onto the old terracing and hence have a fairly shallow rake. In marked

contrast, the upper section is a real museum piece with wooden flip-up seats with metal brackets bolting them firmly in place. Wooden barriers vertically traverse this upper section at regular intervals and it is against one of these barriers that the press seats can be found. Behind a bench too narrow even for a notepad, the press sit two by two in seats that make them look as though they are lining up for Noah's Ark.

Well I say 'seats'. Seats are conspicuous by their absence behind the bench allocated to the visiting BBC team. Instead, a narrow, polished wooden plank has been placed for the commentator and summariser ... and the plethora of cables, leads and assorted broadcasting accoutrements have to be shoehorned between them. Though the bench may have had the air of Church pew, it was far less comfortable.

The shuttered p.a. box behind this area didn't exactly add to the comfort factor, shutters that a club official was very keen to close immediately the match finished. Of course, although his work was done for the night, mine wasn't - so a hasty re-knitting of said leads was needed to continue broadcasting.

To the left of this stand an open bank of terracing serves as the away end, while



opposite is a covered area of seating. Apparently, the sun shines brightly on the plastic seats in this stand judging by the way they had faded to every shade of their original red. A clock, in the shape of the club's old badge of lions standing either side of the Minster, stands atop the roof.

A covered terrace fills the remaining end of the ground.

Not for the first time this season, the pitch was being watered when we arrived - and not for the first time the breeze was sending spray into press area at the back of the stand. In fact it felt as though almost as much water ended up washing the seats as it did watering the pitch.

United Fans: Travelled in good numbers for a Tuesday night and brought an ever-burgeoning collection of flags with them. They also brought a smoke bomb, which they let off before the match. And, for a change, they had correctly judged the direction of the wind so its acrid smoke drifted across the ground rather than back into their faces.

View from Away End: Although there was an unobstructed view from the terrace, anyone in the seats had the usual problem of pillars in the way.

Home Fans: Continental-style large flags were placed at strategic intervals along the front of the home terrace, and they

were waved enthusiastically - albeit briefly - when the teams ran out before the match. During the game, York fans were noisy even if some in the main stand had wandered in off the set of 'Last of the Summer Wine'. A number left before the end, missing their equaliser.

Programme: £3 for 44 pages. There was loads to read - so much so that it had to be crammed-in in places, which didn't help an already busy design.

State of Toilets: Like the press area, the toilets were bijou and compact, although unlike the press area they weren't watered when the pitch was.

Afterwards

The Journey Home: Road works and accompanying temporary traffic lights on the A64 within moments of leaving York, didn't bode well for the journey back. Fortunately, they were not a foretaste of the rest of the journey home - a journey that was, if anything, even more straightforward than the one to the match.

Mileage: 327.3 miles

Total Distance for Season: 1,344.1 miles

Mark Johnson, with additional reporting by Gordon McMillan and Doug Shulman



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Directions by Car: Leave the M25 at Junction 30, taking the A13 towards Southend, and then the A1012 towards Grays. Still on the A1012, as you reach the town centre, the road becomes the A126. Keep left in the one-way system and continue onto the A1013 - Orsett Road. After another half mile, up the hill, turn right into Bridge Road. The ground may be found a little way along on the right.

Parking: There is none at the ground, so opt for either street parking or the multi-storey car park on Clarence Road - past the ground, on the way to the town centre/station.

Train: trains run to Grays via London Fenchurch Street. On the return journey, you may be slowed down by bus replacement services between King's Cross and Cambridge.

From the station, turn right (if you arrive on the town centre side, right over the railway line) and proceed along Crown Road. Follow the road around to the left and over the bridge in Stanley Road. At the foot, turn right into Clarence Road and take the third right into Bradbourne Road where the entrance to the away end is found.

The Away Travel Club coach will depart at Ely 4.15pm and The R Costings Abbey Stadium 5.00pm, priced at £13.50 for non-members, £11 for members and £8 for Junior U's and children.

Admission: adults £13, seniors £8, students £10, 11-16 year-olds £8, 8-11 year-olds £4.

Programme: £2.50



HISTON

Glassworld Stadium,
 Tuesday 28th July 2009, 7.45pm

Sunday 4th October, 2.00pm

Directions by Car: From the centre of Cambridge, head onto Histon Road and follow it directly along, until reaching the A14 roundabout. Take the second exit - signposted Histon, Cottenham. Proceed straight ahead, and as you pass over the bridge, the ground appears below to your right. The entrance is immediately the other side of the bridge.

From the A14, exit at Junction 32. If coming from the south or the west, take the first exit, signposted Histon, Cottenham or the third exit if travelling from the east.

Parking: there is no parking available at the ground; so street parking is the order of the day. There are also three car parking areas in the village, which have been used on previous occasions for these fixtures. Usually priced at £1, they are at Barclays Bank and the EEDA. These are located off Station Road, parallel to Bridge Road.

Train: Trains are running to Cambridge station as normal.

Bus: The Citi 7 bus runs from Duxford to Cottenham, via Addenbrookes, the train station, the town centre and Histon/Impington. On Sunday, this service departs St Andrews Street in town at 00 and 30 minutes past each hour. After the game, buses leave Hazelwood Close in Histon at 4.00pm, 4.30pm and 5.00pm, with the last bus to the town centre (and no further) at 6.00pm.

Admission: this match is all-ticket. Supporters wishing to go to the match should acquire their ticket from CUFC.

Programme: £2.50

Just when Oxford United were threatening to have the title wrapped up by Christmas, they go and suffer their first defeat of the season. Last Saturday's 4-0 demolition of hapless Eastbourne, made the visitors look as if they shared the average age of their hometown's reputed pensionable inhabitants. It also extended Oxford's lead to eight points, not bad going after just 11 games. However, they came down to earth at Field Mill on Tuesday, the Stags claiming a 2-1 win thanks to two goals in four first-half minutes from Williams and Speight. Town boss David Holdsworth (right) had warned his side beforehand of the prowess of Oxford striker James Constable, and the forward duly obliged with a 74th-minute strike, but it wasn't enough as Mansfield held on for three valuable points. However, Oxford remain seven clear.



decision Diamonds are appealing against).

A draw a day for Hockaday

Rushden kept another clean sheet on Tuesday in a goalless draw at Gateshead, who needed a point after losing 3-2 to Kidderminster on Saturday. Harriers, though, failed to follow up that result as they'd have liked, being held 1-1 by struggling Forest Green. Harriers took the lead but were pegged back when Sean Rigg equalised. Off the field, new FGR boss Dave Hockaday has signed 20-year-old striker Loren Maxwell, who has spent the last 12 months at the Glenn Hoddle Academy in Spain. FGR also drew 1-1 at the weekend, against Barrow, which makes it four draws in succession for the Gloucestershire side.

But back to the top, and just how did Oxford stay seven points clear despite that loss? Well, Luton, who went into last weekend as their nearest rivals, had no game on Saturday and then spent Tuesday evening getting trounced 3-0 by Wrexham. The win, helped by a brace from Gareth Taylor, eases the pressure on boss Dean Saunders, especially as their previous outing ended in a tame 2-0 defeat to, oh yes, Cambridge United! Wayne Hatswell, with another of his now trademark free kicks, and Robbie Willmott got the goals that kept United in touch with the leaders. On Tuesday it

was Jai Reason and Mark Beesley who found the net as the U's took a point from York in a 2-2 draw. The result means Cambridge are now 5th, while Luton have been overtaken by, well, quite a lot of clubs actually. They've slumped from 2nd to 9th leaving Stevenage as Oxford's nearest challengers, following their 1-0 win at Chester. However, Stevenage also missed the chance to narrow the gap on Tuesday when they could manage only a 1-1 draw at home to Grays.

No lambs to the slaughter these days

In fact, it's all very bunched up right now, with just five points separating Stevenage from Altrincham in 13th place. Like virtually everyone else, Alty found it impossible to win both games last week, a comfortable 3-0 win at Grays being followed by a lacklustre 0-0 with Tamworth. That means Tamworth are unbeaten in six, the Lambs having previously disposed of Salisbury 2-0, with goals from Blackwood and Briscoe, and they are now up to fourth. Salisbury, however, are in the bottom four and failed to beat bottom-club Chester on Tuesday, the game ending 1-1. Chester took the lead through Wilkinson with just 11 minutes remaining, but could hold on to their advantage for just two minutes, Clohessy (below) snatching a point for the home side.



Own goal embarrassment sees Ruby turn red

Hanging on grimly to 20th place, just above the drop zone, are Hayes & Yeading, despite two defeats in three days. They lost 2-0 at home to Histon before crashing 3-1 to Eastbourne. Liam Enver-Marum (above) hit two for Borough, to add to a Matt Ruby own goal.

Good heavens - bad Evans

Yet another side to claim four points from six last week was Crawley. A 2-1 win over Kettering - Crawley holding on despite Kettering's late rally following Jean-Paul Marner's 85th-minute penalty - was followed by a 1-1 draw at Wimbledon. However, boss Steve Evans would have had to find a radio to follow the game, as he's been banned from attending three matches following an incident in a game last February. In addition, he faces a further 10-match touchline ban after a suspended sentence was activated. And just in case Mrs Evans was looking forward to some unexpected help with the weekend shopping for a few weeks, her husband has also got to cough up a fine of £750, so bang goes that new sofa before Christmas.

Fleet's fleeting hopes dashed

Meanwhile, in-form James Kedwell hit his ninth goal of the season for Wimbledon to

earn them a point against Crawley. They also secured a draw - just - at Ebbsfleet on Saturday, Ross Montague's 90th-minute header denying Fleet their first home win of the campaign. There was more misery for the Kent side on Tuesday when they lost to Histon, the only side in the division to claim all six points from the two rounds of games.

Finally, Kettering recovered from their 2-1 loss at Crawley to beat Barrow by the same scoreline. The result leaves Kettering third, but it really is shaping up to be a season in which there's little to separate at least a dozen sides.

Neil Cole

BLUE SQUARE NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 DROYLSDEN	11	6	3	2	33	14	19	21
2 SOUTHPORT	11	6	3	2	25	17	8	21
3 EASTWOOD TOWN	11	6	3	2	22	16	6	21
4 FLEETWOOD TOWN	11	6	2	3	21	12	9	20
5 CORBY TOWN	11	6	2	3	21	17	4	20
6 ILKESTON TOWN	11	5	4	2	17	10	7	19
7 ALFRETON TOWN	11	5	3	3	24	15	9	18
8 STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	11	5	3	3	25	21	4	18
9 HINCKLEY UNITED	11	4	5	2	18	11	7	17
10 AFC TELFORD UTD	11	4	4	3	13	14	-1	16
11 HYDE UNITED	11	4	3	4	13	20	-7	15
12 BLYTH SPARTANS	11	3	3	5	15	17	-2	12
13 STAFFORD RANGERS	11	3	3	5	20	26	-6	12
14 GLOUCESTER CITY	11	3	2	6	18	22	-4	11
15 NORTHWICH V. [-10]	11	6	2	3	17	14	3	10
16 WORKINGTON	11	2	4	5	8	14	-6	10
17 GAINSBOROUGH TR.	11	3	1	7	17	25	-8	10
18 REDDITCH UNITED	11	3	1	7	14	22	-8	10
19 SOLIHULL MOORS	11	3	1	7	9	18	-9	10
20 HARROGATE TOWN	11	3	1	7	12	22	-10	10
21 VAUXHALL MOTORS	11	1	6	4	11	21	-10	9
22 FARSLEY CELT. [-10]	11	4	1	6	18	23	-5	3

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 DOVER ATHLETIC	11	8	2	1	25	11	14	26
2 NEWPORT COUNTY	11	7	4	0	23	6	17	25
3 THURROCK	11	6	4	1	19	14	5	22
4 WOKING	11	6	3	2	13	7	6	21
5 BASINGSTOKE TOWN	11	6	3	2	13	9	4	21
6 BRAINTREE TOWN	11	5	4	2	15	10	5	19
7 HAVANT & W'VILLE	11	5	4	2	17	13	4	19
8 BISHOP'S STORTFORD	11	5	3	3	20	15	5	18
9 BROMLEY	11	5	3	3	21	18	3	18
10 CHELMSFORD CITY	11	5	1	5	16	19	-3	16
11 STAINES TOWN	11	3	6	2	14	10	4	15
12 EASTLEIGH	11	4	2	5	22	16	6	14
13 BATH CITY	11	3	4	4	19	19	0	13
14 HAMPTON & RICH.	11	3	3	5	15	20	-5	12
15 MAIDENHEAD UTD.	11	2	5	4	8	12	-4	11
16 ST ALBANS CITY	11	3	2	6	13	18	-5	11
17 WELLING UNITED	11	3	2	6	13	18	-5	11
18 WESTON-S-MARE	11	2	2	7	15	20	-5	8
19 DORCHESTER TOWN	11	2	2	7	13	25	-12	8
20 WORCESTER CITY	11	1	4	6	10	14	-4	7
21 LEWES	11	0	6	5	8	18	-10	6
22 WEYMOUTH	11	1	3	7	9	29	-20	6

PLAYER SPONSORS

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BEN FARRELL Training Kit: Shorts: Socks: Bootlaces:	SAM IVES Training Kit: Shorts: The Learning Centre Socks: Bootlaces:	DARRYL COAKLEY Training Kit: Shorts: Socks: Bootlaces:	ADAM MARRIOTT Training Kit: Shorts: Socks: Bootlaces:	JORDAN PATRICK Training Kit: Shorts: Socks: Bootlaces:
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NOTES FOR U'S

SELECT ELEVEN ANSWERS

This afternoon's answers from page 47 are as follows:

1. Eric Morecambe 2. Barnsley 3. Forest Green Rovers 4. Craig Bellamy 5. QPR 6. Portsmouth, Ipswich, Plymouth and Darlington 7. 90! 8. Bryan Robson 9. Martin O'Neill and Nigel Reo-Coker 10. Ryan Giggs (98) 11. A small, annoying dog!

How did you do?

0-3 Well, not as big a disgrace as Signor Briatore

4-7 A bit like Nelson Piquet, you've crashed in the middle

8-11 Go, Go, Go!

GOLDEN GAMBLE WINNER

The half time Golden Gamble draw against Werxham was won by Tony Harradene who was in the Habbin Stand and won a cheque for £292 thanks to buying ticket number 163978.

Golden Gamble tickets are available from sellers around the ground on all home match days. They cost just £1 a ticket and the proceeds are split equally between the winner and the club.

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All safety announcements will be preceded by a 'bing-bong' sound from the tannoy. Please listen carefully to any subsequent information.

Supporters who enter the stadium on a match day should be aware that, prior to each fixture, the teams warmup on the playing surface whilst the stadium is filling with supporters. Football are used during this period and there is a low to moderate risk to injury to supporters from footballs at this time. The tannoy will announce the arrival of the players on the pitch for the warm-up period.

UNITED IN ENDEAVOUR

Cambridge United Football Club has a proud history and tradition with its roots in the City and County. We are always striving to make the community feel part of the Football Club and we would, as a result, like to think that the R Costings Abbey Stadium is a safe and welcoming place for all football fans, whatever their race and colour.

For this reason everyone at this Football Club is committed to helping the campaign to Kick Racism out of Football. Racism of any sort will not be tolerated and we urge anyone hearing racist abuse to report it to a steward or write to Secretary Wayne Purser at the Club. Anyone using racist abuse or threatening behaviour faces ejection from the R

Costings Abbey Stadium and a ban from Cambridge United Football Club.

GROUND REGULATIONS

Copies of the ground regulations and conditions of entry to the R Costings Abbey Stadium are posted around the ground. However, we respectfully draw the attention of all supporters to Section 7 of the regulations, which says:

The use of threatening behaviour, foul, abusive or racist language is strictly forbidden and will result in either arrest or ejection from the ground. The following are arrestable offences under the Football (offences) Act 1991, as amended by the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999:

- the throwing of any object with the ground without lawful authority or excuse
- the chanting of anything indecent or racist in nature
- the entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.

Conviction could result in a Football Banning Order being made for all grounds in the country together with travelling abroad when England play. Supporters are also reminded that Section 9 of the regulations say that nobody may stand in any seated area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the ground.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please could all supporters be aware of the pedestrian section of the Cambridge United Traffic Management Plan:

Pedestrians will be permitted to access the Stadium site via any of the access points subject to their being open and stewarded. Pedestrians must have the appropriate tickets for the area of the stadium entered.

Cambridge United Football Club has management boards displayed at all exits advising spectators to use the pedestrian crossing on Newmarket Road and Coldhams Lane when leaving the Stadium.

Signage is also displayed on the North Terrace exit roadway directing supporters to the pedestrian crossings.

MAIN STAND EXIT GATES

Please could all supporters note that for Health and Safety reasons the Main Stand exit gates at the front of the stand, for exit along the perimeter track, will not be opened until all players and officials have left the field of play.

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 09/10

PLAYERS	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOTAL
MARK BEESLEY	4+7	0	0	4+7
LUKE BERRY	0	0	0	0
PAUL CARDEN	12	0	0	12
JON CHALLINOR	0	0	0	0
DARRYL COAKLEY	4	0	0	4
JOSH COULSON	4	0	0	4
DANNY CROW	8+2	0	0	8+2
BEN FARRELL	0	0	0	0
DAN GLEESON	12	0	0	12
WAYNE HATSWELL	12	0	0	12
CHRIS HOLROYD	12	0	0	12
BLAINE HUDSON	0	0	0	0
SAM IVES	0+9	0	0	0+9
ADAM MARRIOTT	0	0	0	0
RORY McAULEY	0+3	0	0	0+3
ANDY PARKINSON	12	0	0	12
JORDAN PATRICK	0+1	0	0	0+1
LEE PHILLIPS	0+4	0	0	0+4
COURTNEY PITT	0+4	0	0	0+4
DANNY POTTER	12	0	0	12
JAI REASON	12	0	0	12
BRIAN SAAH	8	0	0	8
ANTHONY TONKIN	8+1	0	0	8+1
LAURIE WALKER	0	0	0	0
ROBBIE WILLMOTT	12	0	0	12

FIRST TEAM GOALS 09/10

PLAYERS	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOTAL
CHRIS HOLROYD	9	0	0	9
MARK BEESLEY	2	0	0	2
DANNY CROW	2	0	0	2
WAYNE HATSWELL	2	0	0	2
SAM IVES	2	0	0	2
JAI REASON	2	0	0	2
ROBBIE WILLMOTT	2	0	0	2
ANDY PARKINSON	1	0	0	1

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	KO/RES	ATT	AWAY	PTS	POS	GK	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3
AUGUST										
SATURDAY, 08	H	BARROW	L0-2	2,990	195	0	19	Potter	Gleeson	Coulson
Tuesday, 11	A	Ebbsfleet United	W3-1	1,523	498	3	9	Potter	Gleeson	Coulson
Saturday, 15	A	Chester City	W4-2	1,757	304	6	4	Potter	Gleeson	Coulson
TUESDAY, 18	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	L0-1	2,733	59	6	10	Potter	Gleeson	Coulson
Saturday, 22	A	Tamworth	D0-0	1,316	402	7	10	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
SATURDAY, 29	H	GATESHEAD	W3-0	2,417	40	10	6	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
Monday, 31	A	Rushden & Diamonds	D1-1	2,344	1,088	11	8	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
SEPTEMBER										
SATURDAY, 06	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	W7-0	2,646	39	14	5	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
TUESDAY, 08	H	ALTRINCHAM	D0-0	2,749	41	15	6	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
Saturday, 12	A	AFC Wimbledon	D0-0	4,128	682	16	8	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
SATURDAY, 19	H	WREXHAM	W2-0	2,823	231	19	4	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
Tuesday, 22	A	York City	D2-2	2,321	234	20	5	Potter	Gleeson	Saah
SATURDAY, 26	H	LUTON TOWN	15:00							
Tuesday, 29	A	Grays Athletic	19:45							
OCTOBER										
Sunday, 04	A	Histon	14:00							
SATURDAY, 10	H	EBBSFLEET UNITED	15:00							
Saturday, 17	A	Hayes & Yeading	15:00							
Saturday, 24		FA Cup QR4								
SATURDAY, 31	H	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	15:00							
NOVEMBER										
SATURDAY, 14	H	KETTERING TOWN	15:00							
Saturday, 21	A	Luton Town	15:00							
TUESDAY, 24	H	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	19:45							
Saturday, 28	A	Oxford United	15:00							
DECEMBER										
TUESDAY, 01	H	CHESTER CITY	19:45							
Saturday, 05	A	Eastbourne Borough	15:00							
Saturday, 12		FA Trophy R1								
SATURDAY, 19	H	OXFORD UNITED	15:00							
SATURDAY, 26	H	STEVENAGE BOROUGH	15:00							
Monday 28	A	Mansfield Town	15:00							
JANUARY										
Friday, 01	A	Stevenage Borough	15:00							
SATURDAY, 16	H	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	15:00							
Tuesday, 19	A	Kettering Town	19:45							
SATURDAY, 23	H	YORK CITY	15:00							
Saturday, 30	A	Kidderminster Harriers	15:00							
FEBRUARY										
Saturday, 06	A	Crawley Town	15:00							
SATURDAY, 13	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	15:00							
Saturday, 20	A	Forest Green Rovers	15:00							
SATURDAY, 27	H	TAMWORTH	15:00							
MARCH										
Saturday, 06	A	Barrow	15:00							
SATURDAY, 13	H	HISTON	15:00							
TUESDAY, 16	H	SALISBURY CITY	19:45							
Saturday, 20	A	Wrexham	15:00							
SATURDAY, 27	H	GRAYS ATHLETIC	15:00							
APRIL										
Saturday, 03	A	Gateshead	15:00							
MONDAY, 05	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00							
Saturday, 10	A	Salisbury City	15:00							
SATURDAY, 17	H	HAYES & YEADING	15:00							
Saturday, 24	A	Altrincham	15:00							

PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5	PLAYER 6	PLAYER 7	PLAYER 8	PLAYER 9	PLAYER 10	PLAYER 11	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5
Hatswell	Coakley	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Beesley	Holroyd	Pitt	Ives	Patrick	McAuley	Walker
Hatswell	Coakley	Parkinson	Reason ¹	Carden	Willmott	Beesley	Holroyd ²	Ives	McAuley	Patrick	Pitt	Walker
Hatswell	Coakley	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott ¹	Beesley	Holroyd ^{3 (1P)}	Crow	Ives	McAuley	Pitt	Walker
Hatswell	Coakley	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Beesley	Holroyd	Pitt	Crow	Tonkin	McAuley	Ives
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd	Ives	Beesley	Coulson	Pitt	Walker
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson ¹	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd ^{2 (1P)}	Beesley	Ives	Coulson	Pitt	Walker
Hatswell ¹	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd	Ives	Beesley	Coulson	Pitt	McAuley
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow ^{2 (1P)}	Holroyd ²	Ives ²	Phillips	Beesley ¹	Pitt	Coulson
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd	Ives	Phillips	Beesley	Pitt	Coulson
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd	Phillips	Ives	Beesley	Pitt	Coulson
Hatswell ¹	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason	Carden	Willmott ¹	Crow	Holroyd	Beesley	Pitt	Ives	Phillips	Coulson
Hatswell	Tonkin	Parkinson	Reason ¹	Carden	Willmott	Crow	Holroyd	Pitt	Phillips	Beesley ¹	Ives	Coulson

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THE LAST WORD

WAYNE PURSER

FROM THE OFFICES OF CAMBRIDGE UNITED

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for our fixture against Luton Town.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff and officials of our visitors who have made the short journey this afternoon. I have to say it makes a pleasant change to see a large number of visiting supporters here today compared to what we have seen so far this season.

I would also like to welcome Glen Johnson, Managing Director of PRO-GK Limited who is a former Canvey Island team mate of both myself and Danny Potter. Glen is here today as part of his Breast Cancer charity glove campaign which will see Danny participating in and supporting by wearing a pink glove.

I caught up with Glen during the week and he explained more.

"Basically the Breast Cancer Charity glove has been produced to try and help raise awareness and also some money to fight the battle against breast cancer. This is something that I am very passionate about as I lost my mum to breast cancer when I was 6 months old, she was only 31 at the time. Although 23 and a half years later treatment of breast cancer has moved on, too many women are still losing the fight."

Glen continued, "We have Fulham's David Stockdale and also England Ladies goalkeeper Carly Telford backing the campaign by wearing the glove, as well as some really good people in the professional ranks too. Everybody is behind what we are trying to do."

Describing how they hoped to raise money from the campaign, Glen concluded by saying, "Everyone of our endorsees are signing and returning a pair of match worn gloves which we will auctioned on e-bay. All money raised from the various auctions will be donated."

So if you fancy winning a pair of Danny's gloves then keep an eye out on the auction site in the forthcoming weeks. On behalf of Cambridge United I wish Glen well with his efforts.

Since my last programme notes, CRC have progressed through the two preliminary rounds of the FA Vase and face March Town United here at the Abbey next Saturday, KO 3pm. With the first team not in action until the following day away at Histon, it gives fans the perfect opportunity to get along and watch our excellent scholars in their attempt to reach Wembley at the first ever attempt. With prize money of £1000 up for grabs as well as a 50% share of the gate it also brings in much needed funds for



our youth development scheme. It will also probably help to knock a few miles off the next walk that Jez and Matt will have to do should we not get promoted this year as well!!!

The Youth team have also progressed through one round of the FA Youth Cup with a 12-0 demolition of Diss Town and travelled to Leiston in the next round on Thursday night. Hopefully by the time you read this today they will have progressed further.

Good luck also to our supporters team Abbey United who before next week's game at Histon will face their own battle with their counterparts along the A14 on Saturday morning. I hope they can help in what would be a great treble of wins for Cambridge United.

Enjoy the game today and get behind the lads.

Wayne

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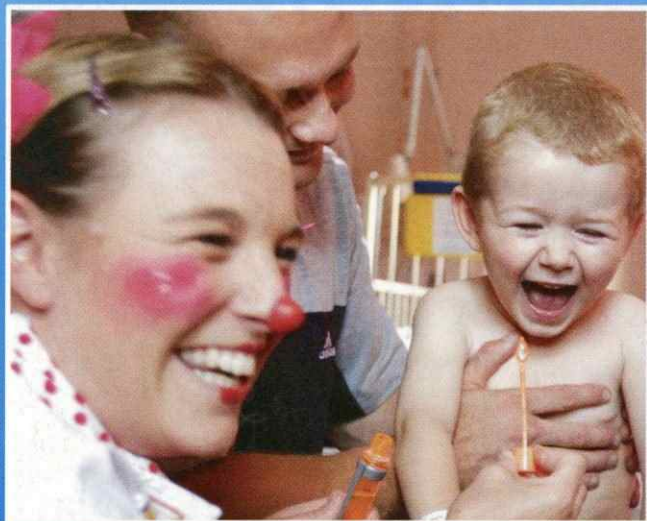
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