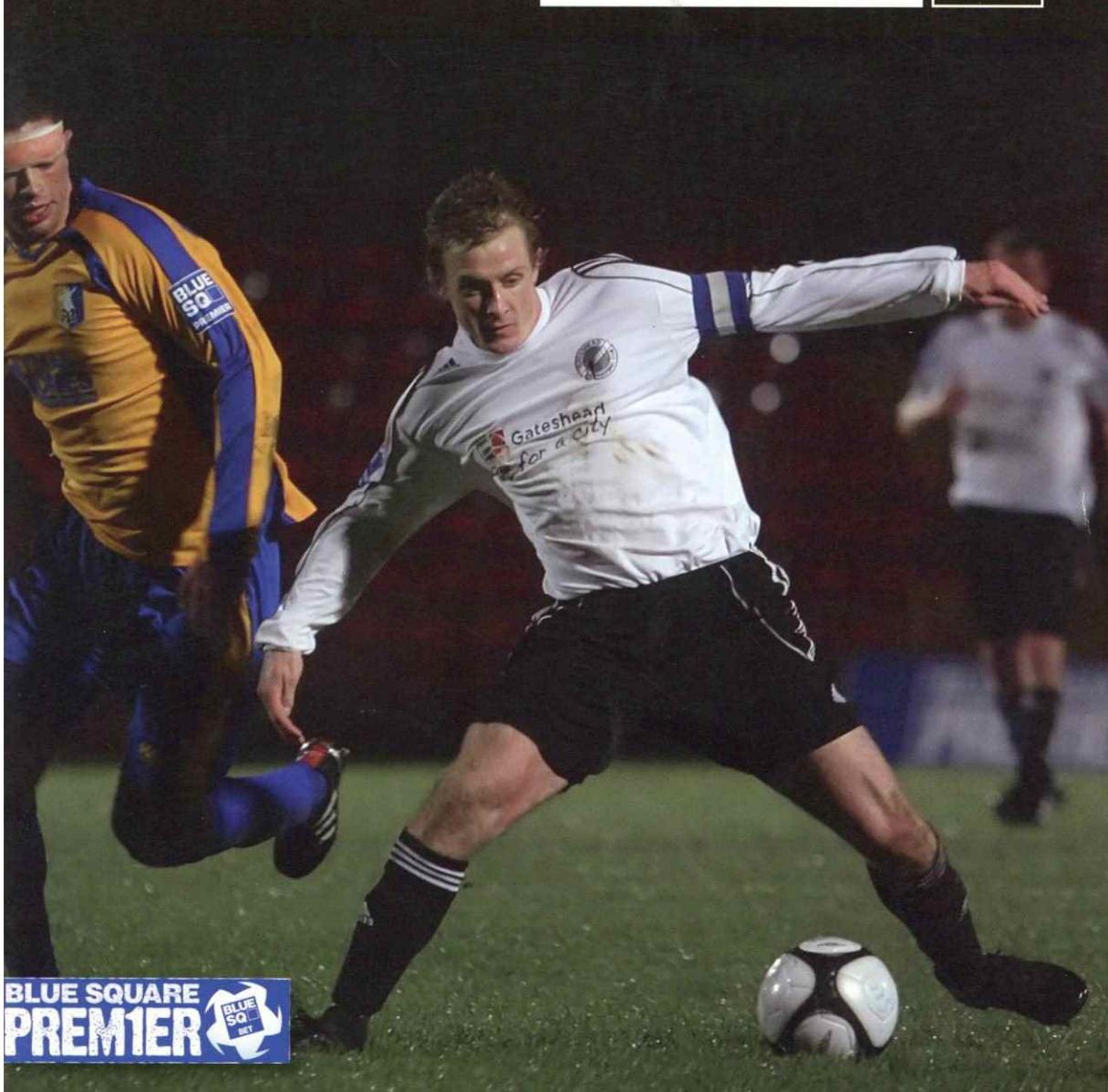


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Durham Challenge Cup Finalists: 2007/08
North Regional League Champions: 1963/64
Northern Premier League Champions: 1982/83, 1985/86
Northern Premier League runners up: 1989/90
Northern Premier League play-off winners: 2007/08
Northern Premier League Shield Winners: 1985/86
Northern Premier League Cup finalists: 1989/90, 2002/03
Blue Square Conference North play-off winners: 2008/09
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Record Attendance: 11,750 (v Newcastle United, 7 August 1995)
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Bogie's Brief

Gateshead boss Ian Bogie insists his side will play without fear when they welcome Blue Square heavyweights Luton to the International Stadium.

LUTON boss Richard Money has said every time his team play in this league the opposition treat it like a cup final - well I hope he's proved right today.

A lot has been made of us hosting Luton and it showing how far the club has come, but we have to remember we're here on merit.

We show every team in this league the respect they are due but that doesn't mean we are afraid of anyone.

As the home side and as the home manager I am looking for a win today and I can promise you so are the players.

We know it will be a tough test and we can't afford to have any passengers in the team, but I know all the players will be up for it.

Luton have great financial clout for this division, you only have to look at their transfer dealings to see that.

They've bought Matt Barnes Homer for a five figure fee this month and I'm sure they'll be in for a few more before the window is closed.

That shows the huge resources the club has and they are backed by a large and loyal support as well.

But today we face them on a level playing field and while they may look the stronger side on paper we know that football matches aren't played on paper.

It might look like the minnows against the giants but then David beat Goliath in the end.

In recent weeks, and especially against Forest Green, I think we've been desperately unlucky with our performances not being rewarded with results.

But as is often the case in football, the FA Trophy game with Chippenham was almost the complete opposite.

It was a cup game and we won so we have to be pleased, but it was a shadow of the performances we have been putting in of late.

Yet while we didn't perform fantastically well we know that cup football is all about progressing and we've done that.

Fans who attended both games won't need to be told that we played better against Forest Green than we did against Chippenham, but ultimately it is results that matter.

We've now got Barrow, who we faced on Boxing Day, in the last sixteen and a potential final at Wembley is getting ever closer.

So we've played well and been beaten and played not so well and got the win – that's football.

Hopefully today against Luton we can combine the two by playing well and getting the result.

But if we have to choose between the two then I'm sure you agree we'll take the result every time.



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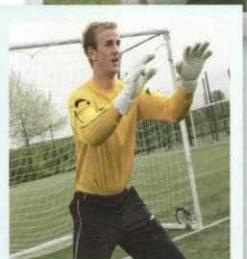
As ever, enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Ian





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Talk of the Tyne

A round up of all the Gateshead FC news from the International Stadium.

BOGIE HINTS AT MORE SIGNINGS

BOSS Ian Bogie insists his January spending is not yet over – despite last week's capture of Rikki Bains.

Darlington defender Bains joined the Heed on loan until the end of the season and follows striker Daryl Clare – who had his move from Mansfield made permanent – into the International Stadium.

But Bogie said: "I want to do some more business before the end of the window and I would ideally like a couple more players as the whole squad is going to be tested before the end of the season.

"I'm looking across the board at players but until they are signed and sealed I won't be giving any hints at who they are."

BACK TO BARROW

GATESHEAD will make a second trip of the season to Barrow after their midweek FA Trophy victory.

After dismissing Chippenham 1-0 at the International Stadium on Tuesday, the Heed booked their place in the final 16 of the competition.

And their reward for a third round berth is another visit to Holker Street following the thrilling 3-3 draw there on Boxing Day.

Daryl Clare (2) and Neale McDermott got the goals for Heed on that occasion while Marc Goodfellow, Andy Bond and Gregg Blundell hit back for the Bluebirds.

FIXTURES REARRANGED

AFTER the recent cold snap finally relented, Gateshead are facing a packed final three months of the season as fixtures are rearranged.

Just two Heed games have been played since Boxing Day with 19 Blue Square Premier matches still scheduled to be played before the end of April.

Wrexham will now visit the International Stadium on Tuesday March 23 following the postponement of the original fixture on Monday December 28.

Meanwhile, the long trip to Eastbourne Borough – originally planned for next Saturday – has been postponed due to Heed's involvement in the FA Trophy but has yet to be rearranged.



Ian Bogie
Transfer hints



Rikki Bains
Gateshead newboy



Barrow
FA Trophy return

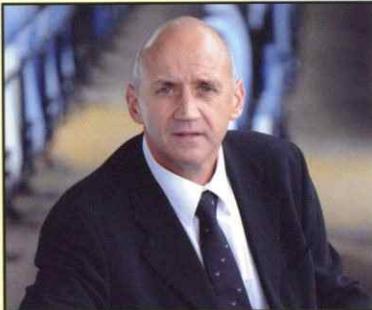


FA Trophy
Cash windfall



On Tyneside Today

Following the FA Cup final defeat at the hands of Nottingham Forest, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline and they were relegated in 1960 after five years at the top.



■ Hatters' boss Richard Money

LUTON TOWN Football Club was born on April 11, 1885 amid an argument over naming rights between local clubs Wanderers and Excelsior.

Officials from Wanderers maintained that they had been using the name 'Luton Town' for several months and that calling a meeting to discuss it was pointless.

Nevertheless that particular point of order was rejected and the club received an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League nine years after their formation.

They were soon accepted at the second attempt to Football League Division Two in 1897 but after three years took the brave decision to rejoin a, now much stronger, Southern League.

That soon became the new Division Three of the Football League where Luton enjoyed 17 seasons before being promoted in 1937 following 55 goals from Joe Payne.

After dramatically avoiding relegation in 1951 the Hatters went from strength to strength finally gaining promotion to Division One in 1955.

Luton finished eighth in 1957/58, their highest ever, and reached the FA Cup final a year later losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest.

But from that moment on, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline and they were relegated in 1960 after five years at the top.

A second relegation followed three years later and things went from bad to worse as they slumped to Division Four in 1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000.

New manager Allan Brown led the fightback winning promotion in 1968 and with the wealth of insurance giant Vehicle and General behind them, the new season opened as the old one had finished.

But the mid-season sacking of Brown for 'disloyalty' – he applied for the Leicester job – was key as was the March 1970 announcement of the collapse of Vehicle and General.

Promotion back to Division Two was achieved during the 1973/74 season before David Pleat was brought in four years later.

After narrowly missing out on going up in 1980 and 1981 it was third time lucky for Pleat in 1982 as passage to Division One was secured.

Luton avoided relegation thanks to a last gasp win at Manchester City with visions of Pleat skipping across the Maine Road turf after the 1-0 victory still some of television's enduring images.

Pleat took them to ninth during the 1985/86 season at the end of which he found the call of Tottenham too great and departed amid much acrimony.

His replacement, John Moore, led the Hatters to their highest ever Division One finish of seventh in 1986/87 before resigning and allowing Ray Harford to take charge.

Harford presided over a momentous 1987/88 season which saw the Hatters visit Wembley three times and win their first ever major trophy, the Littlewoods Cup.

Luton were relegated in 1992 after ten years at the top and after three seasons of further struggle fell back to Division Three for the first time since 1970.

The club then failed to hit the heights for several seasons and even suffered two periods in the hands of receivers.

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Luton Town FC



■ Kenilworth Road

Thankfully, that period came to end in the summer of 2004 and with new owners in place Luton celebrated one of their greatest achievements in recent years winning the League One title.

Big name departures like centre-back Curtis Davies' £3m move to West Bromwich Albion hampered Luton's progress as did numerous off-field problems.

Mike Newell kick-started them during the 2006-2007 season blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity that he knew of within the game.

Newell was dismissed in March 2007 with former Leeds United manager Kevin Blackwell named as his permanent successor.

However he could do little to avoid relegation to League One and further off-field problems arose again with the club being deducted ten points for falling to administration in November.

Blackwell left amid an exodus of players with the administrator announcing that Luton 2020 Ltd, headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenter Nick Owen were keen on taking over the club.

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Club Info & Records

Ground Name	Kenilworth Road	1
Capacity	10,226	2
Record Attendance	30,069 v Blackpool, March 1959	3
Formed	1885	4
Nickname	The Hatters	5
Record Win	12-0 v Bristol Rovers, April 1936	6
Record Defeat	0-9 v Small Heath, November 1898	7
Record Goalscorer	Gordon Turner (243)	8
Final Position 2008/09	24th, League Two	9
Average Gate 2008/09	6,019	10



Luton Town FC

To Watch



George Pilkington 6 Defender

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City.

He started 223 league games for the Valiants and the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice as well as given the honour of being named as the club captain.

Mark Tyler 1 Goalkeeper

Experienced keeper who signed a two-year contract in June 2009 following his release from Championship Peterborough United.

Tyler made almost 500 appearances in 15 years at London Road but fell down the pecking order last season due to the form of highly-rated Joe Lewis.

Made 11 appearances on loan at League Two Bury last year and immediately nailed down the number one shirt upon arrival at Kenilworth Road.

Shane Gore 13 Goalkeeper

Primarily used as a backup to Mark Tyler and Kevin Pilkington this season.

The former Wimbledon stopper came through the ranks at Selhurst Park before moving to Peterborough, Barnet and Stevenage before featuring for Maidenhead United last season.

Kevin Pilkington 26 Goalkeeper

The Notts County stopper has been on loan at Kenilworth Road since November after arriving as injury-cover to Mark Tyler.

The 35-year started his career at Manchester United before enjoying spells at Port Vale and Mansfield Town.

Claude Gnakpa 18 Defender

Well-travelled Gnakpa joined Luton on a free transfer in August 2008.

Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell.

He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League Two promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009.

Lewis Emanuel 3 Defender

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.

He 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.

In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice and signed a new contract in July 2009.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye 2 Defender

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

Jake Howells 15 Defender

The young left back came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters' colours away at Bradford City in October 2008.

After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May last year.

Shane Blackett 12 Defender

Luton-born Shane was the 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 - where he would spend over three seasons before signing for the Posh.

Freddie Murray 23 Defender

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009.

Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper.

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

Keith Keane 4 Midfielder

Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt.

Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Luton are in goal and up-front.

A regular for the Hatters this season but has yet to find the back of the net for Richard Money's men.

Adam Newton 7 Midfielder

Newton agreed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford last summer.

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.

After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped up by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League Two title.

At St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

Rossi Jarvis 16 Midfielder

Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14.

He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

Asa Hall 14 Midfielder

Hall began his football career in the Wolves youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004.

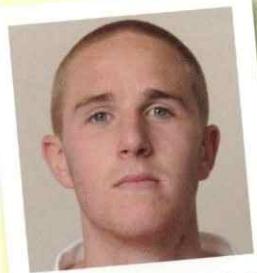
While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season.

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.

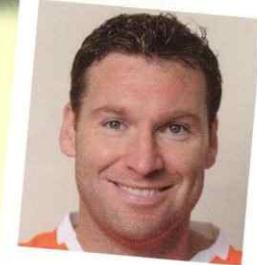
Kevin Nicholls 8 Midfielder

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.

Player Profiles



Asa Hall



Kevin Gallen



Kevin Nicholls



Mark Tyler

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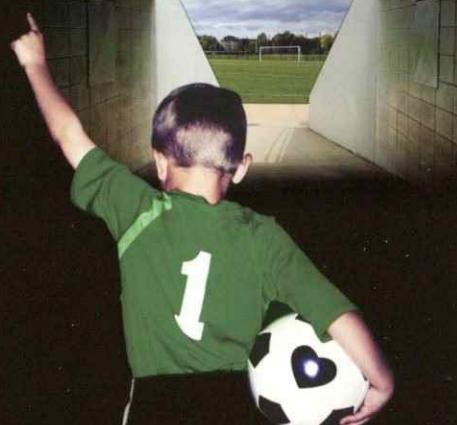
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Chisnall's Chatter

Sportsbeat Press Agency news editor
Craig Chisnall.

BLUE SQUARE Premier action returns to the International Stadium today – and it's back with a bang with the visit of Luton.

Along with Oxford, the Hatters are the other true big fish in the Conference these days and their support in the stands will reflect that. A lot has been made of their struggles off the pitch in recent years and only a football fan with a heart of stone would feel no pity for the Town supporters following their rapid descent into the Non-League game.

A good friend of mine is a Luton season-ticket holder and he's gone from watching the likes of Sunderland and Liverpool strut their stuff at Kenilworth Road to seeing Salisbury and Eastbourne Borough visit.

That's no disrespect to Nick Holmes, Garry Wilson and their teams but it's one of the grimdest tales in recent footballing times.

They will surely be a Football League club sooner rather than later but they have found the going tougher than they expected this season.

Just like Oxford over the last couple of seasons the Hatters are the prized scalp this season and that's been a big shock to their expectant fans.

Former striker Mick Harford was quickly axed as boss after a less than spectacular spell and former Newcastle academy director Richard Money has immediately made changes.

The recent signing of Matthew Barnes-Homer, one of the most talented strikers outside the Football League, from Kidderminster is a signal of their ambition.

Barnes-Homer is rumoured to have cost £75,000 plus and any club with that financial clout means business.

'Dickie Dosh' has also wielded the axe on some of the Hatters' older players and from what I hear that has gone down well on the terraces.

Seasoned professionals can no longer expect one last pay day in the Blue Square Premier – the tiring legs soon get found out.

And for me that's a great thing and improves the product in Non-League.

Released youngsters from professional clubs can now get their careers back on track at this level and we've seen the success the likes of Michael Rightly and Freddie Eastwood have had on the back of their spells in Non-League.

The odd wise old head is needed to talk the younger legs around the pitch, Chris Swales (sorry Chris) is a case in point, but there have never been more Football League scouts at Blue Square Premier games than there are now.

With Money's experience and another former Newcastle employee Alan Neilsen alongside him there's plenty of skill in the dugout.

And a further masterstroke is the appointment of former Cambridge boss Gary Brabin as chief scout.

He guided the U's to the play-off final last season despite having his budget slashed before an acrimonious fall-out with motor-mouth chairman George Rolls.

I'm amazed he's not been snapped up by another club but he knows this level more than most and will have had Gateshead watched, weather permitting, to ensure the Hatters come fully prepared this afternoon.

Whatever happens it promises to be an exciting game – enjoy it – these are the types of games Heed have worked so hard to set-up in recent years.

Craig.



'Dickie Dosh' has also wielded the axe on some of the Hatters' older players and from what I hear that has gone down well on the terraces.



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Tynesiders in Focus

Gateshead FC caught on camera.



On-loan Hartlepool striker Michael Mackay just fails to beat the Mansfield Town keeper at the International Stadium



Gateshead striker Daryl Clare attacks the Harrogate Town defence during the FA Trophy First Round stalemate





Gateshead Revisited

Club historian Ernie Curry charts Gateshead's 1982-83 and 83-84 seasons.



Bob Topping



Justin Robson



Keith McNall

BEFORE the 1982-83 campaign commenced there was a major change in administration when Bill Gibson, who had been chairman since the club's foundation, resigned through ill health and was succeeded by Eddie Hill.

On the playing side full-back Peter Kelly retired and newcomers included Billy Askew from Middlesbrough, Kevin Pugh from Newcastle United and Martin Henderson from Crook Town.

The curtain rose with a visit from Burton Albion and 401 spectators saw second-half efforts from Jim Pearson and Bob Topping get the Tynesiders off on the right foot.

This was followed by a 2-1 midweek win at Worksop with all the goals coming in the first six minutes.

The second Saturday of the season brought a single goal defeat at Macclesfield by which time Askew had left to join Hull City.

The Tynesiders then recorded a 2-0 home victory over Mossley in the first round, first leg, of the Presidents Cup after which they entertained Durham City in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup.

It took an 86th minute equaliser by John Connolly to save the Geordies' blushes and force a replay at Ferens Park.

They then had to pull out all the stops to acquire a second replay after the Citizens had taken a two-goal lead.

There was no mistake at the third time of asking however, Gateshead progressing by the odd goal in three on neutral territory at Blyth.

A trip to meet Peterlee Newtown at the next stage resulted in a 2-1 win and further advancement was made by virtue of a 5-1 home success over visitors Farsley Celtic.

Only North Shields now stood between the Tynesiders and a place in the final qualifying round but it was the Robins who thwarted Gateshead's aspirations with a 4-2 win at the International Stadium.

A week later Whitley Bay were at the Stadium in the initial stage of the FA Trophy but on this occasion Gateshead made no mistake, accounting for their Northern League challengers by a 3-1 margin.

With so many cup ties the league programme was being neglected and by late October the Tynesiders were in 14th place.

But a purple patch commencing on October 25 and ending on January 3 saw only two points dropped from 12 league games.

They did, however, suffer a 1-0 reverse at Mossley in the second leg of the Presidents Cup (although they progressed by an aggregate score of 2-1) and a 2-0 defeat at Southport in the Trophy.

This magnificent run came to a shocking conclusion on January 3 by way of a 6-0 hiding at Workington but five days later a lone goal home success against fellow championship contenders Mossley began a run of six successive wins until lowly Oswestry Town ruined the Tynesiders 100 per cent home record by taking a point from a 2-2 draw.

On January 22 the Tynesiders won 1-0 at Burton in the first leg of the Presidents Cup semi-final but the second leg on the first Sunday in March ended in disappointment for 535 spectators on Tyneside as the Brewers took the game 2-1 and qualified for the final on away goals.

Undaunted, Gateshead sailed through March with four straight victories before suffering a 4-0 setback at Mossley on Good Friday.

On Easter Monday Grantham were accounted for by a similar scoreline but five days later Chorley wrecked the unbeaten home run.

But the Tynesiders were soon back on track with a 5-1 home mauling of Matlock Town and a 2-1 triumph at Morecambe before a 2-0 victory at Grantham on April 20 secured the League title.

The final total of 100 points was 16 points ahead of the nearest challengers, Mossley, yet the average home gate stood at a mere 356.

A more positive response was required from the public if the Tynesiders were to make their mark in the higher echelons of the Alliance Premier League, now the Blue Square Premier.

Gateshead's baptism in the Alliance Premier League took place on Saturday August 20 1983 with a visit from Wealdstone.

New signings included Ian Donaldson, a prolific striker from North Shields, John Grady a forward from Tow Law Town and Justin Robson formerly of Newcastle United.

A notable departure was Jim Pearson who had taken over the managerial reins at North Shields.

The Wealdstone game ended all square at 1-1 in front of a crowd of 710.

Two defeats, firstly at Runcorn and latterly Weymouth followed before the first success, a 2-0 home victory over Frickley Athletic.

Progress was made in the FA Cup with a 3-1 away win against Seaham CW Red Star with Grady hitting a hat-trick but disappointment was just around the corner when, after a 1-1 draw in Lancashire, Accrington Stanley travelled to Tyneside and returned home with a 2-1 victory.

Advancement had been made in the Bob Lord Trophy by virtue of a 4-3 aggregate success at the expense of Bangor City but by the end of October the Tynesiders were dangerously near the foot of the table.

However, Bob Topping, who had been out of favour had returned to the first-team fold and netted twice in a surprise 4-0 victory over Boston United at York Street.

His brace also secured a 2-1 home victory at Dagenham. He also hit three in the second leg of the Bob Lord Trophy against Frickley Athletic but the resultant 4-2 victory was insufficient as the Yorkshire outfit had already won 3-0 on their own soil.

January began with a creditable 1-1 draw at Scarborough before an astonishing 5-5 home draw with Boston United, Topping again hitting a hat-trick.

The Tynesiders then struggled to beat Horden CW in the first round of the Trophy, winning 3-1 at Welfare Park after extra time following a 1-1 stalemate at the Stadium.

An away trip to meet Carshalton Athletic was their reward and further progress was made by the odd goal of three.

Hopes of a quarter final place were boosted when the draw for the next round was made, a home tie with fellow league strugglers Bangor City.

First-half strikes by Martin Henderson and Peter Davies put the Geordies in a commanding position and they comfortably held that two goal cushion until the 88th minute.

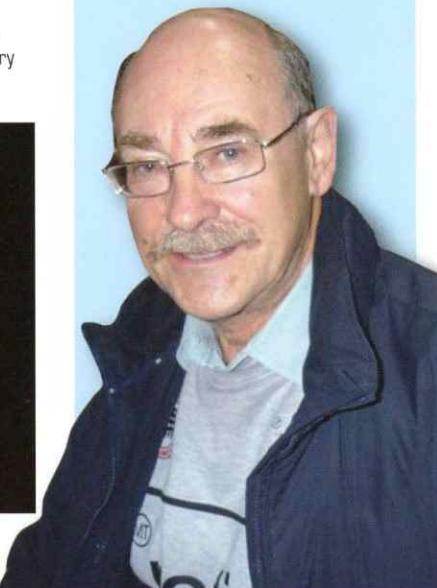
The final result: 2-2! The Welshmen won the replay 2-0.

A notable signing around this point in time was Keith McNall and he hit his first goal on February 18 in a 1-1 draw with Dagenham at the Stadium. He also hit a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over visitors Yeovil Town on the first Saturday of April.

Any lingering fears of a swift return to the Northern Premier League were vanquished with two games remaining when Bangor City were beaten 2-1 on Tyneside.

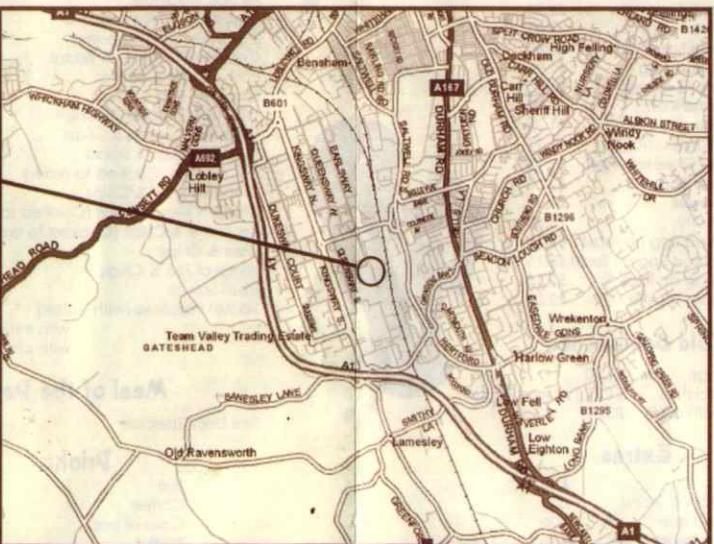
The final two encounters resulted in a 4-0 reverse at Telford and a 3-0 victory at Enfield.

A final finishing place of 16th could not be regarded as unsatisfactory in view of the fact that it was their first season in the highest sphere of non-league soccer. Now hopefully they would fare better in the 1984-85 crusade.



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Coaches Corner

Boot-room banter from Gateshead coach,
and all-time record goalscorer, Paul Thompson.

IT WAS bitterly disappointing to come away from Forest Green with no points last week because we totally dominated the game.

We created eight or nine gilt-edged chances, but unfortunately at this level you will get punished big time if you fail to convert those opportunities.

We all know it was a massive opportunity to put daylight between ourselves and the bottom four, but we now have to move on beginning with today's game against Luton.

If someone had said five years ago when we were in the UniBond First Division that we would be hosting Luton Town today they would have been carried off to the loony bin.

But it hits home how far the club has come in such a short space of time and we are all determined to make sure this club maintains its status in such a great league.

As a supporter myself I know how difficult and frustrating it is to see us struggling at the wrong end of the league. Yes, we all have to take the criticism, as we have all enjoyed the plaudits that have come with two successive promotions, but I do have to say this league is a completely different animal to the Conference North and UniBond leagues.

Effort is not an issue because the players on the pitch are giving everything. Sometimes we need to show a bit more quality, but we need to keep giving them our backing because they are all damn good players.

It does affect confidence when you are not picking up results, but we must keep believing things will turn our way.

Nobody at the club is sitting back, nobody is stupid, we know what is required regarding strengthening the squad in the transfer window, but nobody can wave a magic wand and make quality players appear.

Quality, that word is key, is what everybody is after and is the key ingredient to success.

Be assured the chairman, the directors and Ian Bogie are working tirelessly to get players in.

When we played Luton at the start of the season I felt we played really well, but once again the failure to convert our chances cost us dearly.

It's a quick return back to the North East for ex-Newcastle United academy director Richard Money, and his assistant Alan Neilson who played back in the Kevin Keegan days.

Alan lived in Whickham back in the day like myself and he really fancied himself as a golfer. I regularly saw him in the bushes looking for his ball and quickly realised he was a hacker!

**Every day after training
he would be on the first
tee swinging like a lass!
Welcome back to the
north east Al!**

**Enjoy today's game
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Treatment Table

Physio Jason Ellis keeps us up to date with the bumps and bruises in the Heed dressing room.

After the cold snap has finally started to relent, we are starting to get to the stage where the squad is back to full strength.

Captain **Kris Gate** had to come off during the FA Trophy match with Chippenham in midweek so we are having a look at him.

He had a dead right thigh and it was iced immediately – we've been keeping tabs on him but he is probably at about 50/50 to play this afternoon.

But good news comes in the shape of **Craig Swales** and **Carl Jones** who should both be back in full training on Monday after recent injuries.

That just leaves **Martin Brittain** to continue his rehabilitation and, as I mentioned in the Chippenham programme on Tuesday, he is progressing nicely.



Tynesiders in Profile



Gateshead winger Martin Brittain updates Ben Endley on how the treatment from his sickening injury is progressing.

WINGER Martin Brittain has a smile back on his face and hasn't ruled out a shock return to first-team action this term.

It's more than three months since Brittain suffered a sickening double fracture to his leg against Hayes & Yeadon when he attempted to block a clearance but he's back on his feet and stepping up his recovery.

So serious was the injury that it caused the game to be abandoned with 14 minutes still to play and left fans and team mates horrified.

The injury was particularly disappointing for the 24-year-old after he had made an impressive start to his Gateshead career, scoring twice in six starts since joining from Kidderminster.

And the former Newcastle United midfielder believes he is already over the worst.

He said: "The recovery is going really well, I have been off the crutches for a couple of weeks.

"I had an appointment at the hospital two weeks ago and the doctors were really impressed with how it is healing, they say it is well ahead of schedule.

"I am working really hard to keep fit, I'm doing a lot of swimming and the medics say I could begin jogging again in three weeks.

"There is no date set in stone for my comeback, the medics are all really keen to not force my recovery in case I end up doing more damage.

"It's important I don't rush back and risk making everything much worse but I'm desperate to get back on the pitch this season and back among the goals.

"All I remember of the challenge is the ball coming across the box and me and the left back both went for it, then the next thing I knew I was on the ground.

"I knew instantly it was a bad break even before I felt the pain."

The extended lay off is particularly unfamiliar to Brittain who, before this season, has never missed a game through injury.

But he could not be happier with the way his new team-mates have stood by him.

He said: "All the lads have been absolutely spot-on with me. I think the whole squad sent me texts that evening and I got loads of messages from people who I've played with in the past.



■ Brittain closes down a Cambridge United attack at The Abbey Stadium earlier in the season.

"I've not been able to spend too much time with the boys lately but hopefully if I start training again in the next few weeks I will get back into it.

"I have been to the home games and some of the nearer away ones but it is really hard to have to sit in the stands and watch your mates playing.

"I was really happy with how I started this season. We had a great result against Crawley and I was delighted to get a couple of goals."

Despite the lengthy lay-off Brittain is positive that by the time he returns Ian Bogie's men will be well on the way to maintaining their place in the Blue Square Premier.

And he's thanked old friend Kris Gate for persuading him to return to his native North East.

"I have known Kris since we played under-15's at Newcastle - we spoke over the summer after I left Kidderminster and told me I should come down and I'm glad he did," added Brittain.

In a Word

Martin Brittain



Date of Birth: 29.12.84

Age: 24

Born: Newcastle

Lives: Cramlington

Nickname: Brit

Squad number: 7

Position: Midfield

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 10st 7lbs

Appearances: 6

Goals: 2

Debut: 08.08.09

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Supports: Newcastle

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It just seems like sometimes we do enough to win games but aren't getting any luck at the moment and it would be nice to put that right heading into the second half of the season.

"I think we have definitely got the quality to climb the table and hopefully avoid a relegation scrap at the end of the season.

"It's going to be difficult against Kettering though. They have done really well this season but the lads definitely have something to prove after losing 4-0 at their place earlier on in the season.

"I am sure Ian will be telling the lads to get revenge. They have just lost their manager so it's probably a good time to play them.



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In The Dressing Room

...with Craig Baxter.

What is your nickname?

Bax, Baxy...anything short for Baxter.

Who is the loudest?

James Curtis, without doubt, he thinks he's so funny but he definitely isn't. It doesn't stop him being loud though.

Who is the quietest?

It's probably Steven Baptist, he doesn't have too much to say for himself but then he's been out injured so maybe that's why.

Who is best trainer?

I've got to say Kris Gate, he trains the way he plays - he's just non-stop. He's the first one on the training pitch and the last one off.

Who is the worst trainer?

Chris Swales is easily the worst, he's so lazy! It's a good job he's not quite as bad on the pitch.

Who is the quickest player?

We call Steven Richardson 'Speedy' and nobody can catch him so it's got to be him.

Who is the slowest player?

I might have to say Chris Swales again, he's just generally the worst but Mark Robinson isn't far behind...or ahead?

Who thinks they are the best player at the club?

Even though he's been out injured, it's Steven Baptist, he always tries to take everyone on and never passes it.

Who is the least intelligent?

Steven Baptist again. He asked Darren Forsyth, who's Irish, if either of his parents were Irish.

Who has got the worst clobber?

Paul Thompson spends loads on what he reckons is designer gear, but he looks rubbish and a bit round too!

Who is the first to turn up for training?

Kris Gate as I said earlier, he's always there before me anyway.



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Look out for more revelations from the dressing room and on the pitch, in the next issue of the Tynesider Matchday Magazine.

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Gateshead Born & Bred



Ernie Curry's continuing series on Gateshead born players – this week features former Leeds defender Norman Hunter.

Norman Hunter was born in the Eighton Banks area of Gateshead on October 29 1943.

He left school at the age of 15 and had embarked on a career as an electrical fitter when he was spotted playing for a local amateur side and was snapped up by Leeds United.

Originally an inside forward he was moulded into a central defender during his early days at Elland Road.

He made his first-team debut in 1962, when Leeds were a Second Division outfit and soon struck up a partnership with the legendary Jack Charlton which lasted for a decade.

Leeds won promotion to the First Division in 1964 and very quickly established themselves as one of the leading clubs in the country.

In their first season in the top sphere they came very close to the double of League champions and FA Cup winners, losing out on goal average to Manchester United in the former competition and going down 2-1 to Liverpool in the latter.

Norman picked up honours in 1968 when Leeds won the League Cup, beating Arsenal in the final tie in addition to lifting the Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup), beating Ferencvaros by an aggregate score of 1-0.

A year later he was part of the squad who succeeded in winning the League Championship.

In 1972 Leeds won the FA Cup, defeating Arsenal 1-0 and Norman actually climbed the stairs to the Royal Box on two occasions.

Firstly to collect his own medal and secondly to assist the badly injured Mick Jones, who had been receiving treatment for a dislocated shoulder while his team-mates had been collecting their accolades.

In 1965 he made his debut in the England team and went on to amass a total of 28 caps.

He was a member of the squad which won the World Cup in 1966 although he never got the chance to take the field in that particular tournament.

He was a member of the England team who needed to win their last qualifying tie with Poland at Wembley to reach the finals in West Germany in 1974.

It was unfortunate that, in attempting to win the ball near the touchline he misjudged his tackle and sent the opposition on a breakaway attack from which they scored.

The game ended all square at 1-1 and England were out. Hunter stayed at Elland Road until the autumn of 1976 by which time he had made 540 appearances whilst netting 18 goals.

He then moved to Bristol City for a three-year stint during which time he chalked up 108 outings with four strikes to his credit.

In 1979 he returned to Yorkshire as player-manager of Barnsley. The Oakwell outfit were then members of the Third Division but by the end of the 1980-81 campaign they had won promotion to the second tier finishing as runners-up to Rotherham United.

They made an immediate impact in the higher grade, ending their first campaign in sixth spot. However Barnsley's fortunes then began to wane and on February 8 1984 with the Tykes fighting a relegation battle Norman was dismissed from his post.

He then went on to assist his former team-mate Johnny Giles at West Bromwich Albion until June 1985 when he took over the hot seat at Rotherham.

League performances were mediocre and he was sacked on December 9 1987 shortly after a 4-0 defeat by Non-League Macclesfield Town in the FA Cup.

He later returned to Leeds United in a coaching capacity before joining Bradford City as first-team coach on March 13 1989.

His stay at Valley Parade lasted less than a year after which he decided that he no longer wanted to work in football.

A term selling sports goods and insurance followed before he turned to the after-dinner circuit.

Since 1993 he has worked for local radio stations summarising on Leeds United games.

On June 10 2009, following a campaign led by the Football Association to persuade FIFA to award medals to all squad members of World Cup winners, Norman was presented with his 1966 World Cup Winners medal by Gordon Brown at 10 Downing Street.



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Back Of The Net!

Richard Parsons continues his ramblings from an enforced 'exile' in the North West.

As I write, I'm less than two weeks away from finishing my enforced business stay - and I'll make no secret of the fact that I'm looking forward to a prolonged spell in my own southern neck of the woods for a good while.

Of course, what's made it a little harder since the turn of the year has been the absence of football. Manchester seemed to catch the snow a lot earlier than most areas, even if other parts have subsequently had it heavier.

My first week back here after the New Year break was greeted by a blizzard on the first night. So deep was it that some clubs would have found it hard to FIND their grounds, let alone play on them.

I was resigning myself to a week of little more than browsing the TV channels when I was shocked to receive a text from Manchester City.

I had been there once before and I am now on their database - clearly! The text encouraged me to buy a ticket for the Carling Cup semi-final that Wednesday against United and, just in case I had overlooked the message, it was followed up by an e-mail telling me the phone lines were open late that night.

I was astonished. I hadn't given the match a thought as it was going to be one of those huge occasions that sold out within hours - possibly the biggest domestic match of the season so far.

Not so, it appears, as City were struggling to dispose of the last of their tickets.

It seemed like a good thing to do. Here was one match that would escape the weather, I reasoned, and would at least fill a Wednesday evening with something a bit special.

So, I responded to this bit of guerrilla marketing and I rang the hotline and booked my £40 ticket (yes, it hurts, after getting used to the prices at Non-League games). I was in - that was Wednesday sorted.

That is until the following afternoon when even Eastlands succumbed to the weather and that game was lost too.

Still, my ticket was valid for two weeks' time, although that date clashed with a number of interesting fixtures at remote locations that I'd been eyeing and researching on the website journey planner.

I mean, how can a Carling Cup semi-final compare with the chance to discover Woodley Sports or Salford City for the first time?

The story doesn't end there however. I was told by City that I needed my electronic access card to gain entrance to the match.

Apparently, I should have retained it from the previous time I attended, more than a year ago and if I needed another I would have to apply for another which I did - I was not going to let that £40 go to waste!

It would be sent to me by post to my home - but of course it wasn't.

What I did receive was something that looked like a ticket but was prominently marked with 'This is NOT a ticket'.

Does anyone remember the good old days when you turned up at a ground and paid cash at the turnstile? Or occasionally, for an over-subscribed match, you queued on a Monday morning for your prized ticket? (More likely, you sent the wife to queue as you were at work). Those days seem to be long gone at the top level, I'm afraid.

And so to the day of the rearranged fixture. I walked to Eastlands clutching my 'this is not a ticket' and, on arrival, showed it to a steward.

"You'll want the ticket collections point over there." "Not so", said the man at the door, "you want the office round the back, up the stairs" where a pleasant young lady asked me if I had my access card.

"No, I don't - I've only been here once before and that was a year ago," said I, showing great restraint.

"Then they'll need to issue you with another as we don't do them here - go to the match day sales point outside the stadium."

"It's a good job this is not complicated," was my closing remark. Blank stare. Of course, the match day sales point had a queue stretching round the car park that barely seemed to move and it was right on kick-off time (thank goodness, that was at 8.05pm) when I got to the window.

I won't bore you with the whole conversation, but it predictably started with "You'll need your access card, sir..."

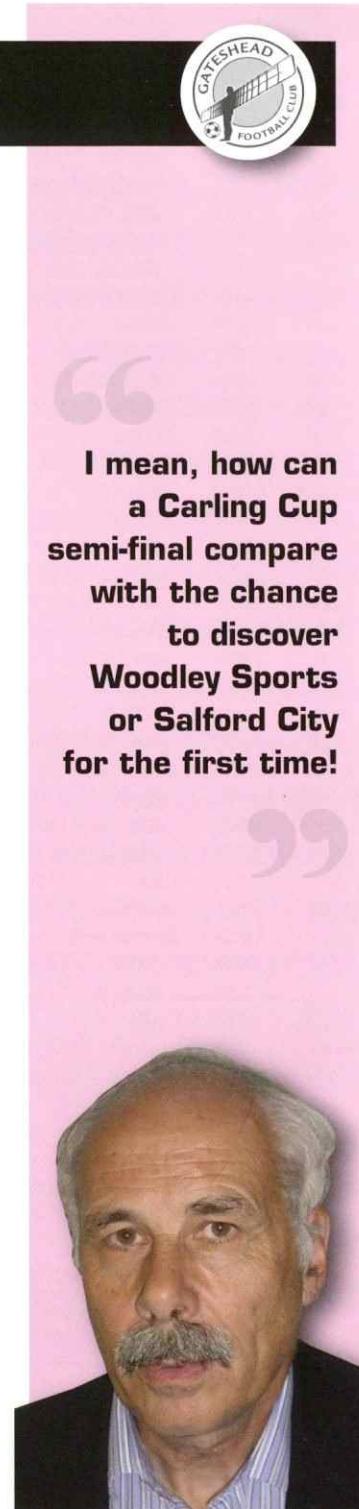
A passable imitation of Basil Fawlty could then have broken out ("I KNOW I need an access card, you silly"), but I remained restrained.

Indeed, I'll give credit here to the young lady who sorted my problem calmly and quickly.

So, with a quick burst up the stairs, I settled into my seat two minutes and 28 seconds into the game.

I have to say it was worth it though - a great occasion, an excellent game and a comfortable and spacious seat.

But does it beat wandering round the deserted railings of a UniBond North ground? I'll leave you to make up your mind on that one...



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Terrace Talk

Nick Clowes ponders another football foul-up – and realises how lucky he is.

NOT content with having his name dragged through the mud in one sport, Flavio Briatore is doing his level best at underlining why football should be giving him the widest of berths.

The controversial (although the word just doesn't seem to do him justice) Italian has lurched from embroiling Renault's Formula One team in one of the biggest cheat scandals in the history of sport, to turning QPR into the biggest joke in the Football League.

Flav is current musing over who to appoint as the sixth permanent manager of his tenure – and considering he's only been in control of the west London club since November 2007, that really does take some doing.

The term 'poisoned chalice' has never had a more fitting title than for the QPR manager's job.

First there was fellow Italian Luigi di Canio. Reasonably successful when compared to his successors, di Canio managed 35 games before Iain Dowie 'enjoyed' a 15-game tenure.

Paulo Sousa – now in charge of Swansea – was next to take his turn, leading the club 26 times before Jim Magilton (24 games) and Paul Hart (just five) followed. Quite what Gerry Francis – manager for 283 games in two spells as manager – and Ian Holloway (252) in the 1990s and into the 2000s make of it is anyone's guess?

I can't imagine they are very happy to see one of their former clubs – a club they both hold in the very highest of regard – humiliated by someone who sees it as no more than an expensive play-thing.

But it's times like this we realise how lucky Gateshead fans are. Having a long-term manager and a chairman who is seen and not heard might be pretty boring but would you have it any other way.

I've mentioned on this page before about my loyalties towards Stoke City and I've often left the Britannia Stadium wishing we had someone other than Tony Pulis in the manager's chair.

After winning promotion to the top flight for the first time in my lifetime in 2008 is this ungrateful of me? Of course it is.

But we are fans and that's what we do. There will be no Gateshead fan sitting in the International Stadium this afternoon that hasn't once questioned one of Ian Bogie's decisions.

However, stability and continuity is everything in football and it's not often understood on the terraces.

Chairman Graham Wood is certainly not someone who has an itching trigger finger and Bogie can rest safe in the knowledge that one bad result or a minor difference of opinion won't see him collecting his P45.

Neither men court the limelight in the same way a Briatore or a Phil Brown does because they have always and will always put Gateshead Football Club first.

The Heed are struggling at wrong end of the table at the moment and there is no getting away from that fact.

Messers Wood or Bogie know exactly the situation the club are in and are well aware that the fans are eager for a change around in fortunes.

But I'd be amazed if there are any major changes in the backroom staff between now and April – both know the amount of damage it could do.

So before you mutter into your pre-match Bovril about the team selection or the league table just remember that it could be worse. You could be a QPR fan.



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Graeme Armstrong	14	10	7	99	38	123	45	18/08/07 vs Eastwood Town
Christoph Ascherl	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	05/09/09 vs Hayes & Yeadings United
Rikki Bains	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	16/01/09 vs Forest Green Rovers
Steve Baptist	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	21/02/09 vs Hucknall Town
Craig Baxter	31	1	1	152	6	184	7	02/09/06 vs Ashton United
Martin Brittain	6	0	2	0	0	6	2	08/08/09 vs Histon
Phil Cave	18	0	0	71	11	89	11	18/08/07 vs Eastwood Town
Daryl Clare	15	0	9	0	0	15	9	17/10/09 vs Chester City
James Curtis	30	0	0	277	11	307	11	16/08/03 vs Leek Town
Paul Farman	21	0	0	0	0	21	0	22/09/09 vs Rushden & Diamonds
Darren Forsyth	2	3	0	0	0	5	0	08/08/09 vs Histon
Alex Francis	7	15	2	37	3	59	5	09/08/08 vs Redditch United
Kris Gate	32	0	3	96	10	128	13	15/09/07 vs Selby Town
Jamie Harwood	6	5	1	121	30	132	31	26/12/06 vs Kendal Town
Andy Haworth	5	1	0	0	0	6	0	14/11/09 vs Stevenage Borough
Carl Jones	4	0	0	62	5	66	5	24/11/07 vs Boston United
Clark Keltie	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	28/11/09 vs Crawley Town
Michael Mackay	16	6	3	0	0	22	3	08/08/09 vs Histon
Neale McDermott	4	8	1	0	0	12	1	29/08/09 vs Cambridge United
Armand One	8	8	0	0	0	16	0	05/09/09 vs Hayes & Yeadings United
Stephane Pelonde	4	0	0	2	0	6	0	28/02/09 vs Vauxhall Motors
Wayne Phillips	18	10	0	99	19	127	19	18/08/07 vs Eastwood Town
Jim Provett	11	0	0	7	0	18	0	21/02/09 vs Hucknall Town
Steven Richardson	10	11	2	54	1	75	3	06/10/04 vs Bishop Auckland
Mark Robinson	15	3	0	0	0	16	0	08/08/09 vs Histon
Jon Shaw	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	15/12/09 vs Harrogate Town
Chris Swailes	14	2	1	0	0	17	1	18/08/09 vs Tamworth
Phil Turnbull	25	3	4	72	3	100	7	17/12/05 vs Radcliffe Borough
Darren Williams	17	1	0	0	0	18	0	26/09/09 vs Oxford United
Peter Winn	10	0	2	0	0	10	2	17/10/09 vs Chester City

Goals	Lge	Cup	Total	Cards
Daryl Clare	8	1	9	James Curtis 6 1
Graeme Armstrong	4	3	7	Chris Swailes 3 1
Kris Gate	4	-	4	Stephane Pelonde 2 1
Phil Turnbull	2	2	4	Christoph Ascherl - 1
Michael Mackay	3	-	3	Kris Gate 5 -
Martin Brittain	2	-	2	Phil Turnbull 4 -
Alex Francis	2	-	2	Craig Baxter 3 -
Steven Richardson	1	1	2	Jamie Harwood 3 -
Peter Winn	1	1	2	Wayne Phillips 3 -
Craig Baxter	-	1	1	Graeme Armstrong 2 -
Jamie Harwood	1	-	1	Daryl Clare 2 -
Neale McDermott	1	-	1	Alex Francis 2 -
Chris Swailes	-	1	1	Steven Richardson 2 -
				Darren Williams 2 -
				Martin Brittain 1 -
				Phil Cave 1 -
				Clark Keltie 1 -
				Michael Mackay 1 -
				Armand One 1 -
				Mark Robinson 1 -
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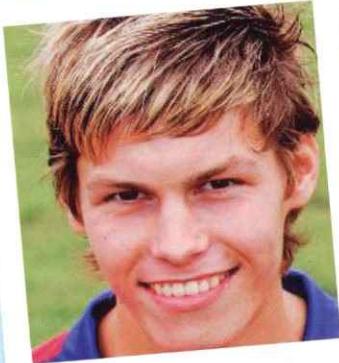
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James CURTIS	9
Kris GATE	5
Graeme ARMSTRONG	3
Steven RICHARDSON	3
Chris SWAILES	2
Darren WILLIAMS	2
Craig BAXTER	1
Phil CAVE	1
Daryl CLARE	1
Paul FARMAN	1
Neale McDERMOTT	1
Wayne PHILLIPS	1
Jim PROVETT	1
Phil TURNBULL	1

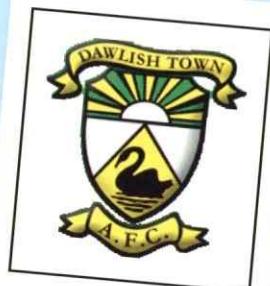


Around The Non-League Scene

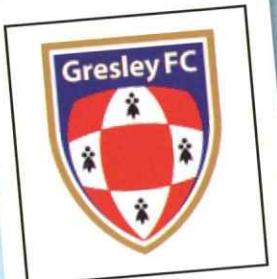
Ben Baker takes a look at what has been happening across the county.



Charlie Sheringham



Dawlish Town



Gresley FC

DAWLISH & GRESLEY SET TO GO AGAIN

DAWLISH TOWN and Gresley face another nail-biting FA Vase fourth round encounter today after their attempts to conclude it last Saturday were abandoned - with just ten minutes of extra-time left.

With the score level at 4-4, referee Andy Newell decided that Dawlish's Sandy Lane pitch was too waterlogged for the game to continue and ended the action.

Although the torrential downpour had been hammering the pitch for nearly an hour and both benches had spoken to the referee about the conditions, Gresley manager Gary Norton says the abrupt ending was still a surprise.

He said: "There was ten minutes left on my stop watch and the referee blew and made the old signal across his chest and it was game over.

"Although the conditions were worsening by the minute we had had a little word with him on 90 minutes and said 'look it's getting a bit daft, what are your thoughts' and he said we'll keep going. "It was just a surprise that he didn't come over to the benches and indicate what his thoughts were and get views but ultimately he was responsible for it and if someone had got injured we would have all been looking at the referee but he made the decision as he saw fit."

Gresley's backroom staff had feared they would have to travel back down to Devon again but under the rules of the competition the result after 90 minutes stood and it was Dawlish's turn to make the 400-mile round trip to the Moat Ground.

A trip to Northampton to play Long Buckby in the fifth round awaits the eventual winners.

SHERINGHAM JUNIOR GIVEN PRICE TAG

AN FA tribunal has declared that Bishop's Stortford must pay £6,500 to Welling United after signing Charlie Sheringham from the Wings in the summer.

Welling's initial demand for £25,000 for the 21-year-old striker, the son of former England star Teddy, was dismissed at the tribunal but it did decide that the Wings will get 25 per cent of any future transfer fee for the player.

Welling general manager Barry Hobbins said: "It's difficult to make a comparison but we received a fair hearing and are happy with the outcome.

"We're pleased that it has now been heard and dealt with. Any sort of income is welcome, especially at this moment in time with the lack of fixtures."

Sheringham is the Blues' top scorer with 15 goals after joining in May.

HOLT NOT RULING OUT LEAGUE RETURN

FORMER Scottish international Gary Holt admits he could leave Ryman North leaders Lowestoft Town if a professional club comes calling.

The midfielder joined the Trawler Boys in October, after leaving his player-coach role at League One side Colchester United.

Although Holt signed with the promotion chasers until the end of the season, he has been free to talk to league clubs since the start of the New Year.

Holt said: "I'm contracted to the end of the season but we will all have to wait and see what happens.

"I was eligible to sign for a league club as of January 1, so if a coaching role or something like that comes up then I would be silly not to talk about it."

TIVVY BOSS GETS SIR ALEX'S SEAL OF APPROVAL

LONG-SERVING Tiverton boss Martyn Rogers last week swapped managerial secrets with Manchester United counterpart Sir Alex Ferguson ahead of his 1,000th game in charge.

Rogers was given a guided tour of the Premier League champions' Carrington training ground and also had a meal with former Town loanee Ben Foster.

Tivvy's Zamarett Premier clash with Oxford today brings up four figures for Rogers, who has been in charge at Ladysmead since 1992, and the veteran boss was thrilled with the experience.

He left Ferguson, who passed 1,000 games in 2004, two bottles of red wine and Rogers said: "Sir Alex said 1,000 games was a fantastic achievement with one club and he was interested in how many years I had been there, it was fantastic.

"I thought I would chance my arm and ask if there was any chance of arranging a pre-season friendly as well.

"They said I needed to write to the secretary, but at least they know who we are now and you never know what could happen."

LEWES LEAVE IT LATE TO BEAT TAXMAN

LEWES boss Steve Ibbotson admitted the club cut it close to the wire before finally securing the near £50,000 needed to stave off a winding up order from HM Revenue & Customs.

The Blue Square South club looked set to follow the likes of Scarborough, Halifax Town and Telford United into oblivion after being handed the £48,000 bill.

But two people stepped forward 24 hours before the court hearing in London to donate the final £1,000.

"There's a huge sense of relief that we made the payment for the full amount," said Ibbotson.

"I have got to say the number of donations have been fantastic. We have been on the phone every minute of every day."

"On Sunday morning we were up to nearly £47,000 and strangely the call that I got that put us up to £48,000 was from two people who help run the boardroom for us on matchdays."

LIGHT RELIEF FOR ILKESTON

ILKESTON hopes of getting their New Manor home up to scratch for Blue Square North standards have received a double boost.

The Reds need to make £40,000 worth of improvements to their dressing rooms and floodlights or face having their membership application for next term rejected.

The deadline for improvements has been extended from March 31 to May 31 and Derbyshire neighbours Chesterfield have also agreed to help out.

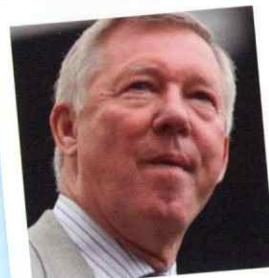
The Spireites, who will move into a new ground next season, have agreed to give Ilkeston the floodlight bulbs from their Saltergate home.

"Chesterfield have kindly agreed to let us have their lights when they move to their new stadium, saving us about £12,000, but we obviously can't install them until they've played their final game at Saltergate," said secretary Keith Burnand.

"I drive past every day and thought what would they be doing once they moved so I'm glad I asked their secretary."



Martyn Rogers



Sir Alex Ferguson



Steve Ibbotson



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Question 1

Reading's FA Cup third round replay win at Anfield last week meant Liverpool and Manchester United didn't make it into the fourth round hat for the first time in how many years?

Answer:

Question 3

What is the only English Football League ground to have a pub on every corner?

Answer:

Question 5

Histon boss Steve Fallon was sacked this week. How many days after being reinstated at the club?

Answer:

Question 7

Stuart Pearce, Vinnie Jones and Jermaine Beckford all started their careers at which Non-League club?

Answer:

Question 2

Paul Hart left Queens Park Rangers last week but how many games did he take charge of?

Answer:

Question 4

Which League Two club are nicknamed the Cobblers?

Answer:

Question 6

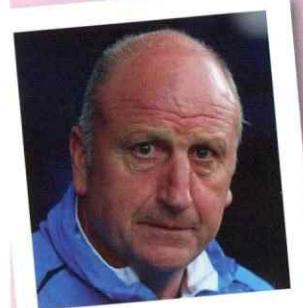
Gavin Cowan has just made which Conference North club his latest stop?

Answer:

Question 8

Who is the only player to score goals for England in three World Cup finals?

Answer:



Question 2



Question 5



Question 7



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On This Day

Ernie Curry looks back at Gateshead games from this day in history.

January 23 1932
Football League Division 3 North

**GATESHEAD 2
HULL CITY 1**

Gateshead opened tamely before 4,490 spectators at Redheugh Park. The visitors were the classier side but the Tynesiders eventually began to make their presence felt, sweeping the ball about to good advantage.

Wainscott was in fine form for City but his colleagues were unable to capitalise on the chances that he was creating.

Visiting keeper Gibson had to fling himself at Bill McNaughton's feet to prevent a certain score but with two minutes of the half remaining Hull took the lead.

Wainscott again bamboozled the home defence for Mills to net with an effort that was helped into the net by a defender.

The Tynesiders drew level in the 49th minute when Bob Kennedy gave Gibson no chance from Tom Charlton's low cross.

George Neilson and Joe Meek then went close for the home side but the game seemed destined to end in a draw when, in the last minute, McNaughton picked up the ball in a suspiciously looking offside position and went through to clinch the points.

January 23 1937
Football League Division 3 North

**ACCRINGTON STANLEY 2
GATESHEAD 1**

A magnificent defensive display by the Geordies kept the margin of defeat down to 2-1 before a crowd of 3,145 spectators at Peel Park.

The visiting attack, with the exception of Albert Oxley, were not forceful enough to make an impression on a heavy pitch. Reynolds and Tyson scored for Stanley in the opening period.

Eventually John Moore reduced the deficit and the Tynesiders threatened to spring a surprise. In a final thrust Joe McDermott was kept out with difficulty but the home side's first-half efforts proved sufficient to win the day.

The attendance was 5,586.

January 23 1952
Football League Division 3 North

**GATESHEAD 2
DARLINGTON 2**

Two days after a gruelling FA Cup encounter at Ipswich the Tynesiders entertained near neighbours Darlington before 2,677 fans at Redheugh.

Gateshead were without Johnnie Ingham and George Wilbert, who had picked up knocks in the cup tie, but nevertheless they went in front in the 18th minute when Johnnie Campbell side footed Harry Thompson's cross past keeper Dunn.

The Quakers hitback however and netted twice in four minutes shortly before the half-time whistle.

Johnston tapped home following Clark's corner and Yates lobbed the ball over Bobby Gray with the home defence flatfooted.

The Geordies drew level in the 48th minute when Thompson headed home a centre from Campbell.

Eddie Johnson missed a glorious chance for the home side in the 68th minute when he delayed his shot from only five yards range with only Dunn to beat and the keeper moved swiftly to smother the ball.

January 23 1954
Football League Division 3 North

**PORT VALE 0
GATESHEAD 0**

Second-placed Gateshead took on leaders Port Vale before a magnificent attendance of 20,370 at Burslem.

The Vale boasted a remarkable defensive record having conceded only ten goals in 27 games and only one of them at home.

Nevertheless the Tynesiders had by far the better of the opening half and were unfortunate in the 22nd minute when Ken Smith collected a cross by George Wilbert and hit a first time shot which keeper King never saw. The ball struck an upright and rebounded back into play.

Early in the second period Bill Watkin flicked the ball to the unmarked Wilbert but the winger's effort went wide of the target.

Afterwards Vale were on top for long periods but a draw was a fair result at the end of the 90 minutes.



Johnnie Campbell



Ken Smith



George Wilbert



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What the papers say ahead of this weekend's clash at the International Stadium.

GATESHEAD PAY PRICE FOR MISSING CHANCES

GATESHEAD will entertain fallen giants Luton Town this afternoon desperate to defy the odds and claw themselves out of the relegation zone.

The Tynesiders slipped into the bottom four after a 1-0 away defeat against Forest Green Rovers. Gateshead were gunned down by much-travelled striker and former Arsenal trainee Isaiah Rankin midway through the second half.

It was a goal which left Ian Bogie's men as mad as Hatters as they hit the woodwork twice and missed a series of gilt-edged chances.

Bogie said: "The Luton game will take care of itself, it is arguably the biggest game Gateshead have faced since losing Football League status half a century ago.

"I expect the players to rise to the occasion." Assistant manager Jeff Wrightson, impressed with the debut of on-loan Darlington defender Rikki Bains, rue another opportunity lost away from home.

He said: "We will have to be a lot sharper in front of goal than at Forest Green.

"We created eight or nine good chances but did not take any of them and paid the price.

"We did not have to defend well because Rovers rarely threatened and we stepped it up in the second half with wave after wave of attacks.

"We had enough chances to win three games and we should have won our last two away games by two goals – yet have picked up just one point.

"It is demoralising to think we should be five points better off but have instead slipped into the relegation zone, and we just have to get our heads down and work hard."

Evening Chronicle

SKIPPER NICHOLLS IS GOING NOWHERE

LUTON skipper Kevin Nicholls has already disappointed several teams hoping to secure his signature.

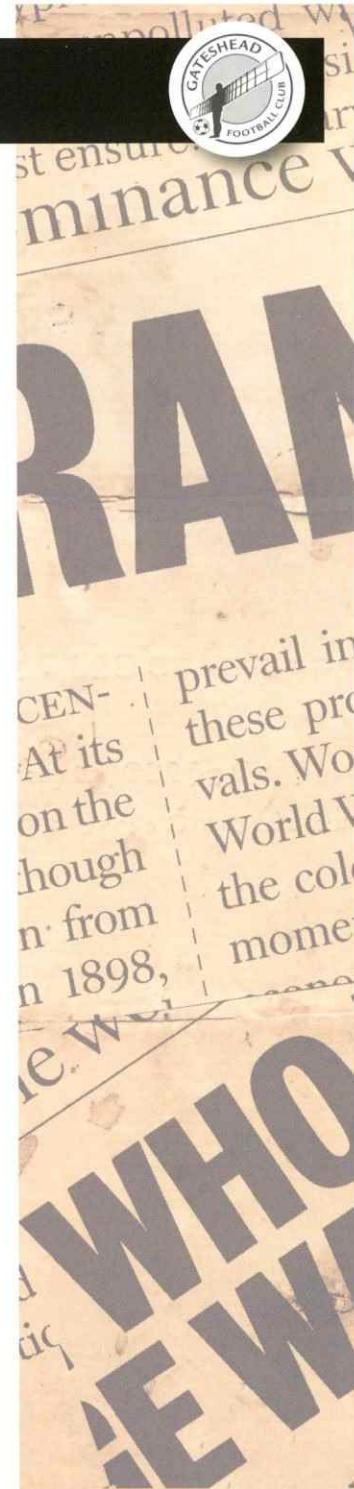
A number of interested clubs from League One down have been in contact with the Hatters about signing him after his name was circulated to all the teams from the Championship down.

But so far they have all been disappointed in their attempts to attract the 31-year-old midfielder who remains steadfast in his desire to stay at Kenilworth Road.

Manager Richard Money said: "There has been some interest in Kevin Nicholls, but he has made it perfectly clear to me he wouldn't want to go anywhere."

And while there hasn't so far been any interest in veteran striker Kevin Gallen, who was listed alongside Nicholls and Alan White – who has subsequently joined former club Darlington on loan – Money maintains that both remain valuable members of his first team squad.

The Luton News





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Commercial Corner

Vice-chairman Brian Waites outlines developments on the Commercial front.

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to the International Stadium for this afternoon's Blue Square Premier League game against Luton Town.

GATESHEAD FC AND GATESHEAD COLLEGE IN EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP



GATESHEAD COLLEGE
Academy for Sport

Recently we announced another exciting and new partnership with Gateshead College.

The partnership will provide more opportunities for young players to make the transition from college to professional football.

Many players from our thriving junior section have become students at Gateshead College and this provides a great opportunity to develop a talented pool of players from which we can recruit.

These are exciting times for Gateshead FC and this partnership further demonstrates our commitment to contributing to the development of those with the skill and determination to become professional footballers, hopefully with their hometown club.

Others have been picked up by English colleges and have gone on to play in international tournaments such as our own Alex Francis, who scored the winning goal in the National College Final.

Students from the college will also be provided with work experience opportunities at Gateshead FC including coaching our junior players, administration, finance and marketing.

Gateshead College have a similar and successful partnership with the Newcastle Vipers Ice Hockey Team.

The future is looking very bright indeed and we are all looking forward to working with staff and students from Gateshead College in what is destined to be a mutually rewarding partnership.

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Recently we announced that we would have a reserve side next season. This will include students from Gateshead College.

Our Players will also benefit from facilities normally only afforded to Premiership clubs such as the Academy for Sports state-of-the-art fitness testing and sports science lab.

They will also have use of the sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and massage treatments at the impressive Baltic Campus.

Gateshead College's Academy for Sport has already helped launch many students into professional football careers, including Chris Basham who has just been awarded a two-and-a-half year deal with Bolton Wanderers and Chris Thackray, who is currently with AC Ancona in Italy.

IN MEMORY OF **JACK PICKARD**

IT IS WITH great sadness that we announce the sudden death last Sunday of Gateshead fan Jack Pickard aged just 34.

He leaves wife Tracey, and two young sons, Bryn and Sean.

Jack attended games regularly since Gateshead returned to the Vauxhall Conference in 1990 and his all-time favourite player was Charlie Butler.

Some of Jack's old school friends, who are fellow Gateshead supporters, are in the crowd today.

He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.



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Keep an eye out on the UKA website throughout 2010 to find out which International stars will be heading to Gateshead.

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Gateshead Council cabinet member for culture Cllr Linda Green said: "This is an immensely exciting event for Gateshead.

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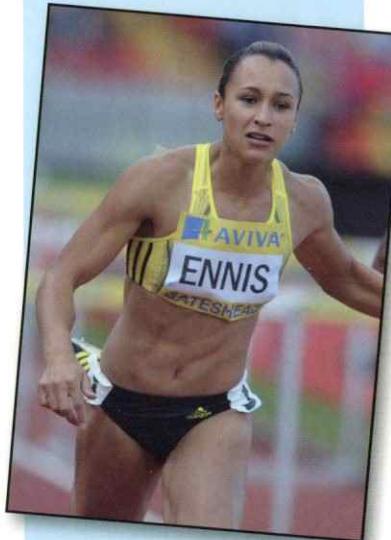
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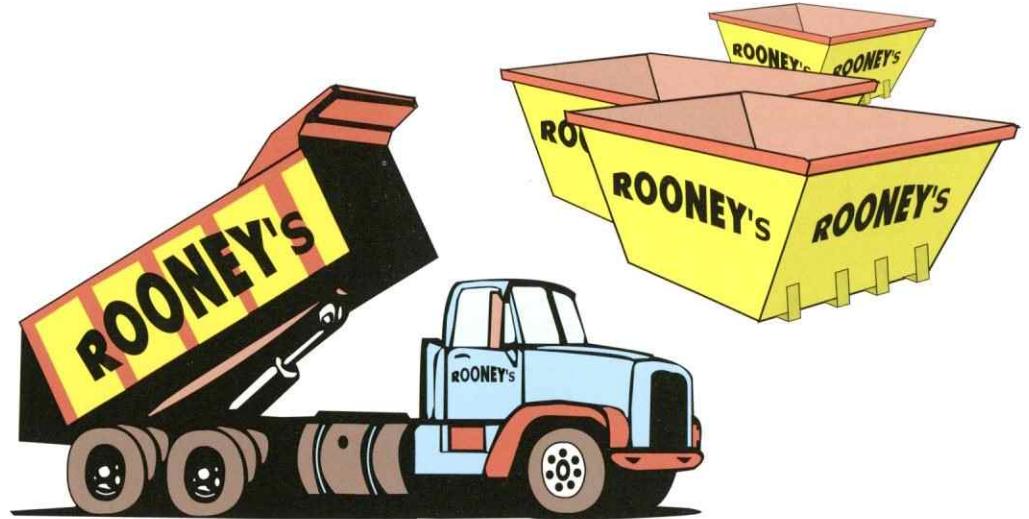


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RECYCLING IN GATESHEAD SINCE 1906

FA Trophy Review

A round up all the action from the FA Trophy second round matches in midweek.

WORKINGTON proved that revenge is a dish best served cold with a shock 2-1 win over **Rushden and Diamonds**.

Blue Square Premier outfit Diamonds had already tasted victory at their Blue Square North hosts this season – winning 3-0 in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round clash.

However a Simon Downer own goal sent the Reds in at the interval one up and when a cool Andy Hardman strike on 46 minutes doubled the lead the tie looked dead and buried.

Former Carlisle United frontman Craig Farrell hit a fiercely struck free kick on 50 minutes to reduce the arrears but the Cumbrians hung on to book their third round spot.

David Bridges notched twice as the Blue Square Premier pace setters and Trophy holders **Stevenage** cruised into the third round with a 6-0 destruction of **Vauxhall Motors**.

First-half strikes from Mark Roberts and Lee Boylan set Boro on the way before a late second-half goal flurry put the gloss on the tie.

Bridges' double made it four before Andy Drury made the perfect return from a long-term injury with a 25-yard strike.

And when Stacy Long aimed a delightful chip over Vauxhall keeper James Coates a comfortable victory was secured.

Elsewhere fellow Conference high-fliers **Oxford United** beat **Woking** 1-0 thanks to Matt Green's first-half strike.

Blue Square North outfit **Chelmsford** defied their league standing by downing **Crawley Town** 2-1.

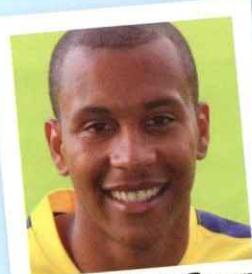
Dave Rainford was the hero, notching a penalty 20 minutes from time to settle the clash after Anthony Cook (Chelmsford) and Michael Malcolm (Crawley) had traded strikes.

AFC Wimbledon won an all Conference battle with **Altrincham** 3-1 with goals from Ricky Wellard, Jon Main and Ben Judge. Anthony Danylyk was on target for Alty.

Elsewhere, Phil Bolland's goal was enough for **Barrow** to see off **Maidenhead United** 1-0.



Andy Drury
– Scoring return



Matt Green
– First half-strike

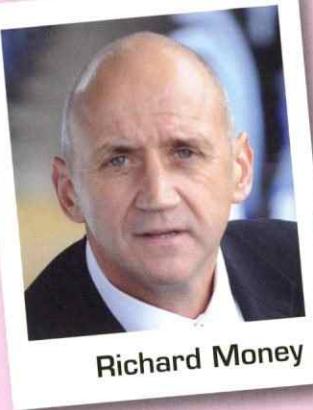


Phil Bolland
– Barrow clincher





In Conference



Richard Money

David Jordan takes a look at all the latest news in the Blue Square Premier.

HATTERS CHIEF MONEY TO SHOW OLD BOYS THE DOOR

LUTON boss Richard Money has begun his squad shake-up by transfer listing veteran duo Kevin Gallen and Kevin Nicholls.

The former Newcastle United academy director has also shipped out 33-year-old defender Alan White to Darlington on loan.

And after being informed he can leave on a free transfer 34-year-old former QPR striker Gallen admitted his disappointment.

"I was brought into the office and told I was going to go on the transfer list and wasn't going to play anymore," said Gallen.

"He [Money] said I was too old and said he was going to play Tom Craddock and Matthew Barnes-Homer."

LOACH BACKS LEWER TO WHEEL AND DEAL AT HISTON

HISTON chairman Tony Loach has backed new boss Alan Lewer to walk the financial tightrope at Bridge Road.

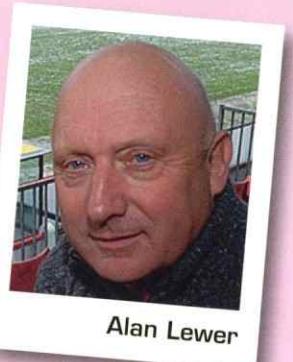
Lewer was brought to the club in September by former Stutes chairman Gareth Baldwin before taking over the reins from Steve Fallon this month. And despite admitting money was tight at the club, Loach has vowed to back Lewer in the transfer market.

"I've sat down and said to him that, at this moment in time, we've not got the money to buy loads of players, but there are a couple of players I'm interested in and Alan's interested in," said Loach.

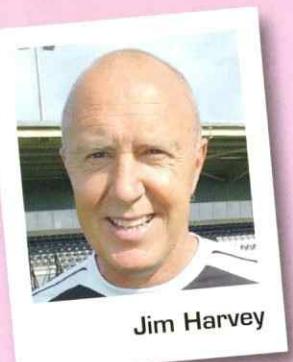
"We're still looking to bring in a couple of 20-year-old players and we're looking to take the club forward. But we've got to work to the budget."

"Alan's a communicator and he's well regarded by a lot of players. All the players talk to him and he likes to bring youth in."

"We'll get through to the end of the season and then discuss Alan's future. Alan's looking to move down here from Weymouth and I'm totally positive about him."



Alan Lewer



Jim Harvey

LEAGUE STEPS IN EARLY TO EASE WEATHER WORRIES

BLUE SQUARE clubs have been handed a financial lifeline by the league authorities to help them stave off the financial burden of the big freeze.

With falling snow and freezing temperatures obliterating the January schedule the Conference have moved to release central monies earlier than anticipated.

All 68 Blue Square clubs were left kicking their heels on January 9th with many unable to play last weekend either.

And with clubs still committed to paying their overheads whatever the weather, Conference chairman Brian Lee admitted it was time to act. "It might be a small gesture but we have to do all we can during this bad spell of weather," said Lee. "Any extra income from any source at this time can only be of benefit and while the clubs would have been getting another share from central funding shortly, it was deemed a sensible action to release that element of funding now."

HARVEY FEARS FOR CHESTER AFTER EXIT

AXED Chester City boss Jim Harvey admits he fears for the future of the Blue Square Premier club following his departure from the Deva Stadium.

The 51-year-old exited the troubled club on January 11 and was replaced by newly-installed director of football Morell Maison.

Maison is currently serving a touchline ban for clashing with Halesowen striker Dean Brennan and Harvey insists the former Yeltz boss is bad news for the Citizens.

"When all the loan players went and we were left with the academy boys and the whole thing fell apart," said Harvey.

"But for three or four games where we were starting to play it was great."

"The supporters were brilliant and some of the players really took to it."

"They were a great bunch and I wish them well, but I'll be fearful for their futures, and the club, if this fellow Morell is in charge."

Football Conference Tables 2009/10



BLUE SQUARE PREMIER

Pos	Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Stevenage Borough	27	16	9	2	47	19	28	57
2	Oxford United	25	17	5	3	46	19	27	56
3	York City	26	15	7	4	41	23	18	52
4	AFC Wimbledon	27	13	7	7	46	23	23	46
5	Kettering Town	26	13	6	7	33	22	11	45
6	Mansfield Town	26	13	5	8	39	31	8	44
7	LUTON TOWN	23	11	7	5	31	22	9	40
8	Rushden & Diamonds	24	11	6	7	37	27	10	39
9	Kidderminster Harriers	26	11	5	10	33	27	6	38
10	Crawley Town	27	11	5	11	31	36	-5	38
11	Altrincham	24	9	8	7	27	22	5	35
12	Histon	24	9	7	8	30	28	2	34
13	Tamworth	27	8	10	9	28	30	-2	34
14	Cambridge United	27	8	9	10	42	37	5	33
15	Hayes & Yeading Utd	27	8	8	11	32	42	-10	32
16	Barrow	24	6	10	8	27	36	-9	28
17	Wrexham	22	7	6	9	21	21	0	27
18	Salisbury City ■	27	11	4	12	29	36	-7	27
19	Eastbourne Borough	27	5	10	12	24	41	-17	25
20	Forest Green Rovers	26	5	8	13	22	43	-21	23
21	GATESHEAD ■	26	6	5	15	30	43	-13	22
22	Ebbsfleet United	29	5	6	18	23	50	-27	21
23	Grays Athletic	27	3	8	16	26	53	-27	17
24	Chester City ■	26	5	7	14	22	36	-14	-3

■ Salisbury City docked 10 points for entering administration.

■ Chester City docked 25 points for entering administration, insolvency.

■ Gateshead deducted one point for breach of league rules.

BLUE SQUARE NORTH

Pos	Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Fleetwood Town	25	15	6	4	57	28	29	51
2	Southport	23	14	6	3	54	26	28	48
3	Hinckley United	22	11	7	4	37	26	11	40
4	Eastwood Town	23	12	4	7	41	37	4	40
5	Droylsden	20	10	6	4	48	26	22	36
6	Alfreton Town	22	10	5	7	43	29	14	35
7	Corby Town	21	10	5	6	39	36	3	35
8	Stalybridge Celtic	17	10	4	3	38	23	15	34
9	AFC Telford United	23	9	5	9	24	30	-6	32
10	Ilkeston Town	20	7	7	6	26	20	6	28
11	Stafford Rangers	25	7	6	12	42	52	-10	27
12	Northwich Victoria ■	20	10	5	5	34	28	6	25
13	Blyth Spartans	20	6	6	8	33	36	-3	24
14	Workington	19	6	6	7	16	20	-4	24
15	Gloucester City	22	7	3	12	29	35	-6	24
16	Redditch United	24	7	3	14	34	52	-18	24
17	Farsley Celtic ■	21	10	2	9	36	36	0	22
18	Solihull Moors	23	5	13	23	37	-14	20	
19	Gainsborough Trinity	22	4	6	12	26	41	-15	18
20	Hyde United	20	4	6	10	18	39	-21	18
21	Harrogate Town	21	4	4	13	22	40	-18	16
22	Vauxhall Motors	21	2	7	12	24	47	-23	13

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

Pos	Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Newport County	23	17	5	1	44	9	35	56
2	Dover Athletic	26	13	5	8	46	34	12	44
3	Chelmsford City	25	13	5	7	35	30	5	44
4	Thurrock	24	12	6	6	42	33	9	42
5	Woking	24	12	6	6	30	22	8	42
6	Braintree Town	22	10	9	3	30	21	9	39
7	Bromley	24	11	5	8	39	34	5	38
8	Staines Town	25	9	10	6	34	24	10	37
9	Eastleigh	22	10	5	7	42	28	15	35
10	Bath City	23	9	7	7	39	31	8	34
11	Welling United	24	10	4	10	28	30	-2	34
12	Bishops Stortford	24	9	6	9	32	30	2	33
13	St. Albans City	24	9	5	10	29	30	-1	32
14	Basingstoke Town	25	9	5	11	28	40	-12	32
15	Maidenhead United	23	7	8	8	28	27	1	29
16	Havant & Waterlooville	21	6	9	6	24	27	-3	27
17	Dorchester Town	23	6	4	13	29	46	-17	22
18	Hampton & Richmond	21	5	6	10	27	36	-9	21
19	Worcester City	24	4	7	13	24	32	-8	19
20	Lewes	23	3	8	12	23	38	-15	17
21	Weston-Super-Mare	23	4	4	15	30	48	-18	16
22	Weymouth	23	3	5	15	18	51	-33	14



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Blue Square Premier FORM GUIDE

LAST SIX LEAGUE GAMES

Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 York City	6	6	0	0	12	2	10	18
2 AFC Wimbledon	6	4	1	1	11	1	10	13
3 Stevenage Borough	6	4	1	1	11	4	7	13
4 Oxford United	6	4	1	1	9	5	4	13
5 Altrincham	6	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
6 Crawley Town	6	3	1	2	10	8	2	10
7 Rushden & Diamonds	6	3	1	2	9	7	2	10
8 Forest Green Rovers	6	3	1	2	5	3	2	10
9 Histon	6	2	3	1	4	3	1	9
10 LUTON TOWN	6	2	2	2	8	6	2	8
11 Hayes & Yeading United	6	2	2	2	8	13	-5	8
12 Barrow	6	1	4	1	9	9	0	7
13 Kettering Town	6	2	1	3	4	5	-1	7
14 Mansfield Town	6	2	1	3	6	9	-3	7
15 Salisbury City	6	2	1	3	5	8	-3	7
16 Tamworth	6	1	3	2	1	2	-1	6
17 Ebbsfleet United	6	2	0	4	11	13	-2	6
18 Wrexham	6	1	3	2	6	8	-2	6
19 Eastbourne Borough	6	1	3	2	7	11	-4	6
20 Kidderminster Harriers	6	1	2	3	5	7	-2	5
21 GATESHEAD	6	1	1	4	6	11	-5	4
22 Grays Athletic	6	1	1	4	4	9	-5	4
23 Cambridge United	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4
24 Chester City	6	0	1	5	1	9	-8	1

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER



Blue Square Premier FIXTURES

SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2010

Altrincham v Hayes & Yeading Utd



Cambridge United v York City



Crawley Town v Kidderminster Harriers



Ebbsfleet United v Forest Green Rovers



GATESHEAD v Luton Town



Grays Athletic v Oxford United



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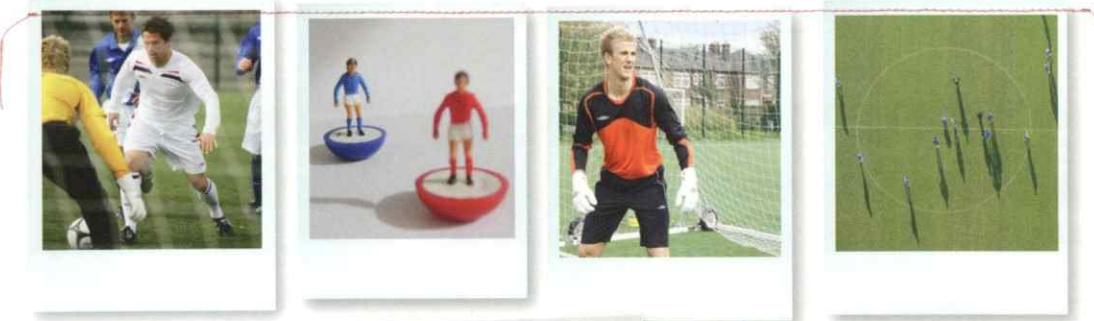


Wrexham v AFC Wimbledon



Blue Square Premier leading scorers

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Oxford United	
Kedwell	16
AFC Wimbledon	
Holroyd	15
Cambridge United	
Tubbs	14
Salisbury City	
Main	12
AFC Wimbledon	
Duffy	11
Mansfield Town	
Barnes-Homer	10
Luton Town	
Clare	10
Gateshead	
Griffin	10
Stevenage Borough	
Tomlin	10
Rushden & Diamonds	
Walker	9
Barrow	
Akurang	8
Rushden & Diamonds	
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Looking Ahead

Alan Price previews Gateshead's forthcoming fixtures.

Tuesday January 26
Blue Square Premier

**Gateshead v
Kettering Town**

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Provided that Mother Nature doesn't intervene, on Tuesday night we'll complete a trio of home games in eight days when Kettering make the same journey which proved futile for them on the Saturday before Christmas.

You will recall that the original fixture was called off at very short notice owing to a partly frozen pitch. Back in September at Rockingham Road, they gave us a bit of a footballing lesson, as we crashed to a 4-0 defeat. Our lads should need no more reason to motivate them than this.

The Poppies' last visit, back in the 1997-8 season, saw us win 2-0 and if we factor in that they lost four of their last five games before Tuesday night, when they did us a favour by winning 2-1 at lowly Ebbsfleet, there are some good omens.

In fact, their last ten games have yielded only two wins and two draws, although among those were the two FA Cup games against Leeds United, which were both tied after 90 minutes - they ran out of steam in extra time in the second game. However, the wins included a 1-0 victory at Luton and as recently as November they won 1-0 at Hartlepool United in the FA Cup first round. So although they are suffering a sticky patch, they are more than capable on their day.

Let's hope that Kettering's second visit of the season proves just as fruitless as their first, for different reasons. We need those three points!

Saturday January 30
FA Trophy third round

**Barrow v
Gateshead**

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Directions to Barrow's Holker Street ground at Wilkie Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 5UW: Take your preferred way across the Pennines (A66 or A69) to the M6 southbound, and leave the motorway at Junction 36. Follow the A590 towards Barrow-in-Furness, for what will seem like an interminable 35 miles. On the outskirts of Barrow there's a fire station on the right; just past there, turn left into Wilkie Road and the ground is on your right. Street parking is plentiful.

Total 135 miles approx; allow three and a half hours, as the road through south Cumbria can be very slow. We hope to run a Supporters' Club bus to this important tie - see me on the concourse today!

Tuesday's win over Chippenham Town and the Bluebirds' 1-0 victory at Maidenhead United mean that next Saturday we're making our second trip to Holker Street in only five weeks. This is the last sixteen of the Trophy, meaning that only three rounds now stand between us and a first-ever trip to Wembley.

And the first of those ties is definitely winnable, if what passed between the two clubs at Holker Street on Boxing Day is anything to go by.

The festive crowd was treated to a six-goal thriller, as the Heed were pegged back three times and rattled the woodwork on three other occasions.

Our goals came from Neale McDermott and two from Daryl Clare, as the Cumbrians hung on for a point.

Since then, Barrow have only played Tuesday's match at Maidenhead and their FA Cup tie at Sunderland, which they lost 0-3.

Holker Street is a traditional ground, brightly decorated in the club's blue & white colours. On one side is the main stand which has covered seating and runs for around half the length of the pitch. Opposite is a terrace with a roof in the middle.



■ Holker Street

The east end is an uncovered end terrace while the other has the club offices and very little terracing.

The ground holds 4256 with a thousand of that capacity seated. On Boxing Day segregation was not enforced and it's likely this will be the case again.

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Phil **Turnbull** **8**

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Steven **Richardson** **10**

Wayne **Phillips** **11**

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Safety, Foul or Abusive Language and Racism at the International Stadium

The most important people at the Stadium on match days are you, our supporters. We have a commitment and a responsibility to ensure your safety at all times whilst you are our guests. You can help us in this important task by following these simple guidelines. 1) Do not at any time block exit doors or gangways. 2) Do not stand on any walkways. 3) As this is an all seater stadium we would request that you do not stand during the match. 4) Please act on any request made to you by our stewards. 5) In the event of any incident listen to the stewards, remain calm and follow the instructions given by the stewards. If it is necessary to leave any area do so quickly but safely by the signposted exits. 6) If you identify anything that you feel may be a potential safety risk please let a steward know immediately. Under no circumstances are you to tamper with or try to fix these. ALWAYS TELL A STEWARD. Please note that the First Aid Room is situated in the players' tunnel in the Tyne and Wear Stand. If you need assistance please ask a steward. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable visit to the Stadium. Gateshead International Stadium have a zero tolerance towards both of the above and should anyone be found to be using foul or abusive language or making racist remarks will firstly be asked to refrain and if they persist will be asked to leave the Stadium. It is a criminal offence to swear or make racist remarks in public and anyone who persists in using this at matches may be prosecuted.