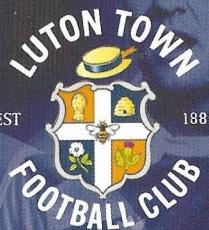


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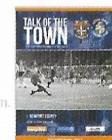
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MONEY TALK

Good evening and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game with Newport County for our second home fixture of the new season.

I would like also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Newport, Dean Holdsworth, his management team, the players, directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip from South Wales this evening.

We go into the game having obtained nine points from our first three games which is, by all accounts, a very pleasing beginning to the campaign for us.

Coming through the first three games with an 100% record is no mean feat, especially given the opposition we have faced over the past 10 days.

We knew going into the season proper after an excellent preseason was going to be tough and so it proved against Altrincham in our opening match.

I thought we played some terrific football and fully deserved to earn three points against a side who we failed to beat at Kenilworth Road last season.

After taking the lead it was obviously frustrating to be pegged level from Altrincham's only shot on target but what was most pleasing was the way we kept patience and that was rewarded when Matthew Barnes-Homer scored the winner with two minutes left.

That goal crowned a fine striker's display from Matthew and he and team followed that up with another excellent performance at Kettering three days later.

I mentioned in the build-up to the game at Rockingham Road that last season we failed to score and only earned one point against Kettering last season.

We knew that it was going to be a really tough test but to come through it with three points and three goals was incredibly heartening.

Once again the football we played at times was a joy to watch and despite the fact Kettering had two men sent-off I thought we were full value for the victory which took us to the top of the table.

“ NOT MANY TEAMS WILL GO TO FLEETWOOD AND WIN 3-0 THIS SEASON AND TO DO IT IN THE MANNER WE DID GIVES US A LOT OF CONFIDENCE GOING INTO TONIGHT'S GAME ”

I told the players and informed the press that I knew the game at Fleetwood on Saturday would be no easy ride following their promotion from the Blue Square Bet North last season.

Mickey Mellon has invested in a very strong squad and that showed last week when they comprehensively beat Mansfield 3-0. As you can imagine I was delighted that we continued in the same vein following the win at Kettering with another professional, hard-working and eye-catching display.

Not many teams will go to Fleetwood and win 3-0 this season and to do it in the manner we did gives us a lot of confidence going into tonight's game.

Newport, like Fleetwood, were promoted last season as they ran away with the Blue Square Bet South championship, and will once again provide the group with a stern test this evening.

Dean Holdsworth's side have had a mixed beginning to life at this level but will no doubt relish the prospect of playing in front of a big crowd, backed by a large following themselves.

Teams raising their game when they come to Kenilworth Road is something we had to deal with last season and it is something we will endeavour to overcome during the course of this campaign too.

Our performances over the past three games will raise expectations amongst you, the supporter which is understandable. It is up to myself and the coaching staff to keep

the players focused on the bigger picture. Whatever the result come 9.30pm this evening there are still 42 games to go.

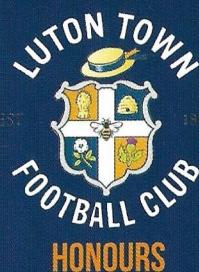
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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our first Tuesday night home game of the season. A warm welcome to Newport County and their directors, management, players and supporters.

Last season Newport enjoyed a fantastic championship-winning campaign, storming to the Blue Square South title, earning 103 points in the process. They are sure to be difficult opponents for teams this season, including ourselves tonight.

Of course the players and management are very happy with our start to what we know will be a tough season.

This division now has a number of exleague clubs plus some clubs that are on the up with desire and ambition.

We have seen some of those invest heavily in the summer and that means that this league continues to get tougher and tougher. The news that a TV deal has been signed by the Conference Board shows that the quality in this league is recognised and this welcome return to our screens means our football is again available to supporters who cannot make the trip to see us play.

Since our first game against Altrincham we have received the decision from the Football Association regarding the awful scenes we witnessed against York City.

Whilst we are very pleased that the FA recognised we had worked with the police and planned and practiced the policing and

stewarding for that game – and that due to this work far worse possibilities were avoided – all true fans know that we are still disgusted by the actions of a minority.

The police have prosecuted some offenders and are still investigating others. As a Club we continue to provide all the assistance we can and where criminal prosecutions are not warranted we take advice from the police regarding the issue of banning and behaviour orders.

Make no mistake, like all genuine supporters we do not want that behaviour at Kenilworth Road and we will continue to do everything we can to prevent such scenes from happening again.

The minority who caused the trouble damage our reputation, put the Club at risk of sanctions and fines, cost the Club money and stretch resource, and ruined hard work the staff do in the community.

There is no way they can claim to 'support' Luton Town and simply they are not wanted.

On a much brighter note, I am sure you will join the Board in congratulating the Luton Town youth teams for not only their brilliant performances in European tournaments this summer, but also the excellent way they have behaved and represented our Club.

They have not only won more trophies, but they also gained man of the tournament awards and have achieved excellent results against some very well known teams in Europe and at home in England.

Check out the youth department updates in this programme and future editions so you can see what fantastic work the staff are doing and the wonderful performances the players give.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors who make all of this possible as well as to those of you who support and donate to Solyd. Since I last wrote programme notes, we have had the news that Antony Brown has left the Club to focus on his business.

Antony was instrumental in saving the Club and leading it out of administration, as well as regenerating the squad over a period of four transfer windows.

We can all see the results of his hard work today in a vibrant and exciting team. I was honoured to work alongside him and I am extremely grateful for his support, commitment, and friendship during some of the most turbulent times this Club has ever seen.

We often talk about players and managers and the impact they have had at Kenilworth Road, but Antony can and should be mentioned in the same breath as those greats and none of us will forget his part in saving Luton Town.

When others could not help, Antony stood up to be counted. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him every success in the future and thanking him for his dedication to this great Club. A true Hatter, a fantastic man, and someone who made a real difference.

All that remains for these programme notes is for me to wish Richard and the players all the best for tonight so that we can keep this excellent start going.

We all look forward to a good game of football and, as ever, be the 12th man and sing your hearts out for the lads. Come on you Hatters!



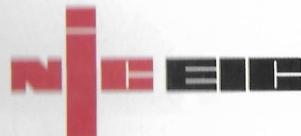
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CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road as we continue our busy schedule of fixtures in the Blue Square Bet Premier against Newport County.

And what a tough test we face against a team that swept all before them in the Blue Square Bet South last season.

Winning the division by such a margin, winning over 100 points and scoring 100 goals in the process is no mean feat which means we will have to be at our best to continue our fine start to the season tonight.

That is down to three excellent and professional performances that has seen us win our first three matches all of which showed, in different ways, the qualities that we possess.

Against Altrincham we took the lead but found ourselves two minutes away from drawing a game we dominated.

It would have been a travesty had we not earned three points that day and it took a wonderful goal from Matthew Barnes-Homer to win it for us.

As a defender it was disappointing to concede a goal from a set-piece and even more galling that it was Altrincham's only effort on goal during the 90 minutes.

Therefore it was even more frustrating to concede again from a set piece at Kettering on Tuesday but again we had Matthew to thank for a brilliant hat-trick to ensure we picked up three points.

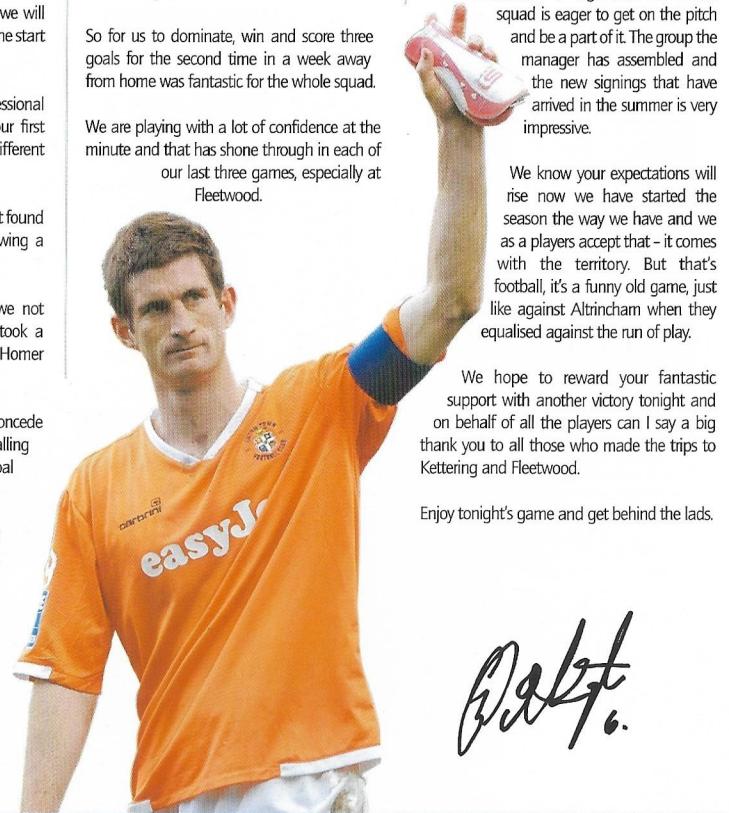
Our performances away from home were excellent last season but the fact we drew at Kettering last year perhaps goes to show how far we've come since then.

Three points and three goals at Kettering was followed by another pleasing away day display at Fleetwood.

Like our visitors tonight, Fleetwood were promoted last season. Games against teams with momentum from a successful season beforehand are always difficult to compete with and we went into the game knowing they had already seen off Mansfield convincingly on the Tuesday.

So for us to dominate, win and score three goals for the second time in a week away from home was fantastic for the whole squad.

We are playing with a lot of confidence at the minute and that has shone through in each of our last three games, especially at Fleetwood.



I thought we were composed, kept the ball well and went about our business in a thoroughly professional way.

After failing to keep clean sheets in our previous two games it was pleasing too for us to finally earn one and we had Mark Tyler to thank for a great save in the first half when the score was 2-0 to keep it that way.

Confidence is high and the whole squad is eager to get on the pitch and be a part of it. The group the manager has assembled and the new signings that have arrived in the summer is very impressive.

We know your expectations will rise now we have started the season the way we have and as a players accept that - it comes with the territory. But that's football, it's a funny old game, just like against Altrincham when they equalised against the run of play.

We hope to reward your fantastic support with another victory tonight and on behalf of all the players can I say a big thank you to all those who made the trips to Kettering and Fleetwood.

Enjoy tonight's game and get behind the lads.

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GOLDEN GAMBLE

Our everpopular Golden Gamble was back with a bang at our first home league game of the season against Altrincham.

The big opening day crowd boosted the prize to £650 with Ian Baker of Ware in Hertfordshire the lucky winner when his ticket number 02869 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Ticket sellers will be in and around the ground again this evening and throughout the season so remember to buy yours, it only costs £1, half of which directly benefits the club.

The Hatters were sad to hear of the passing of Tom Chapman from Bletchley who died in June aged 83.

A lifelong fan home and away for many years, Tom remembered Joe Payne's famous day and many other times good and bad. In recent years Tom still followed the Hatters from the comfort of his armchair and heard about the details of all the games from son Gareth and grandson Daniel who have inherited his passion for the Town.

GREAT WALL GOES ORANGE

Town fan Jonathan Newham and family visited the Great Wall of China this summer and naturally they showed their colours! Together with friend Bob Wilkins, who lives in Shanghai, here they are pictured on the Wall in their Luton shirts.



BRAZIL CALLING

We received an email from a budding Brazilian Town fan who wants to get in touch and chat with fellow supporters.

Leonardo Vinicius Martinello has not been to Kenilworth Road but wishes to converse with Hatters fans and swap football memorabilia. To get in touch with Leonardo you can write to him at Leonardo Vinicius Martinello, 46 AV

Curitiba, Milton Gavetti, Londria, Parana, 86078-100, Brazil.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to life-long Town fan Ryan Canney who tied the knot in the summer. In true Luton style here is the bride and groom pictured complete with scarf and flag after the ceremony, below.



PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

To coincide with our 125th anniversary celebrations released of our official Player Cards when we hosted Liverpool at Kenilworth Road.

The cards are on sale in club shop before and contain facts and figures about some the greatest players to wear the Luton shirt and grace Kenilworth Road as well as the greatest honours in the Hatters' history.

From Gordon Turner to the 2004/05 League 1 title, Joe Payne to 1981/82 Division Two title and from Keith Keane to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, there are 46 different cards to collect including special editions of each one.

You can swap and trade cards with your friends and family, find out who is the king of the cards when you compare the facts and figures of the greatest players and achievements.

Visit the club shop in Kenilworth Road or check them out online at www.hattershop.co.uk to buy your packs to get collecting.



IT'S YOUR PROGRAMME

This is our second instalment of our new-look programme for the season and, as ever, the team are always looking for contributions large and small.

If you like a dedication on this page, or want to share your memories like Thomas Moller does on page 45

then drop us a line by emailing andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk

Our first edition against Altrincham was a sell-out and we hope that the award winning programme's popularity will continue throughout the campaign.



INTRODUCING NEWPORT COUNTY

CLUB HISTORY

Originally founded in 1912 and founder members of the Football League's new Third Division in 1920 the Newport County here this evening are the new incarnation of the club which reformed in 1989.

Welsh Cup winners in 1980 County reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup the following season but by 1988 they were relegated from the League and a year later the club folded.

The new club began its rise again, beginning in the Hellenic League, winning the title in its first season. Their nickname the Exiles derives from the fact the club began playing in Moreton-in-Marsh in Gloucestershire in this inaugural campaign.

County returned to Newport in 1994 and they kicked-off their first season back home by romping to the Southern League Midland Division title by 14 points.

Reorganisation in the non-league pyramid saw the Exiles placed in the Conference South in 2004.

Following two seasons of missing out on qualifying for the Play-Offs, the 2009/10 season saw new manager Dean Holdsworth's side cruise to the title, finishing the campaign with 103 points, to take their place in this year's Blue Square Bet Premier.

ICON

John Aldridge began his career in the mid-1970s when getting his break when, aged 20, he signed for Newport County on 2 May 1979 for £3,500 from South Liverpool.

At County, Aldridge played 198 times scoring 87 goals, helping them to promotion from the Fourth Division and into the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals.

His first season with County in 1979/80, had been highly promising with 14 goals from 38 games as his side won the Welsh Cup and gained promotion to the Third Division.

A year later he featured in the side that achieved the famous European run, scoring seven goals in 27 league games. In 1981/82 he scored 11 times in 36 games, but in 1982/83, he did better still with 17 goals from 41 games as County narrowly missed out on promotion to the Second Division.

In 1983/84 Aldridge had scored 26 times by the end of February and County were by then a competent Third Division side before a £78,000 cheque prised him away to Oxford United.

A long and distinguished club and international career followed taking him to Liverpool, Real Sociedad and Tranmere and winning 69 caps for the Republic of Ireland, scoring 19 goals.

LAST MEETING LUTON TOWN 1-1 NEWPORT COUNTY 20/01/1968

It's been over 42 years since the Town have faced County in a competitive game when a Keith Allen goal earned a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in January 1968 in Division Four before a crowd of 10,992.

The last time the Hatters faced any Newport side was for a friendly at the old Somerton Park in August 1982 that ended goalless.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Gerry King, Mike Saxby, Billy Stark, Mark Aizlewood, Mel Daniel, Ian Hiller and Lorwerth Hughes are all former Town players who have also featured for our visitors this evening. Former Hatter Peter Nicholas also went onto become manager at the Welsh club.



MEET THE MANAGER:

DEAN HOLDSWORTH

A former England B international forward who was appointed County manager in May 2008 after a successful season in charge of Redbridge in the Isthmian League. Dean he steered the Exiles to an incredible record-breaking title-winning campaign in 2009/10.

His distinguished playing career started at Watford and he had loan spells at Carlisle, Port Vale, Swansea and Brentford before spending three seasons at Brentford, scoring 76 goals and earning a move to the Premier League with Wimbledon.

As a member of the Crazy Gang he scored another 76 goals before moving north to spend five years at Bolton Wanderers, helping Sam Allardyce establish the club in the top flight, and scoring another 49 league and cup goals.

He has since played for Coventry City, Rushden & Diamonds and Wimbledon again before joining Havant & Waterlooville in Conference South.

Dean briefly returned to league football as assistant manager to Phil Brown at Derby in 2005 before switching back to non-league with Heybridge Swifts, Cambridge United and Weymouth, and he had a short spell as a player for Newport County in the latter part of 2006/07.



The first team to be promoted in the whole of Europe last season, Newport County manager Dean Holdsworth was "terrifically proud" of the first piece of silverware as a boss.

Last season's promotion was more than that though. It meant more than most championships mean to victorious clubs because it marked the completion of an emotional journey for so many that has seen County return to the stage it vacated in 1989 when they were declared bankrupt.

The Exiles boss told Talk of the Town: "Last season was very special for so many reasons. All the players knew promotion was a big ask at the start of the campaign but as the season panned out we grew stronger and we challenged ourselves to finish as strongly as possible.

"The whole thing was fantastic for everyone to be involved with and the day we clinched promotion was very special but the thing that pleased me most was that we didn't take our foot off the pedal.

"We enjoyed ourselves but we remained professional and we were all pleased to finish the season with 103 points.

"I felt it was important we kept doing the right things because I wanted to get prolong the momentum in to the new season.

"Whilst I'm obviously not pleased with the results so far this season I have been pleased with our performances in the opening games and I'm not going to worry too much at this stage. We have added some new faces and it will take a bit of time for those players to gel.

"We have got a good bunch of lads, they are very organised and we'll keep pushing them to improve. They have the belief, this is a new era for the club and we want to prove we deserve to be at this level.

"We want the club to progress and the important thing for me is that we keep building in the right direction.



DEAN HOLDSWORTH

NEWPORT LOOKING TO CONTINUE WHERE THEY LEFT OFF

"I have been really looking forward to this game, this is where we want to be. We enjoy playing at these places, I did as a player and last year Luton was the sort of club we were dreaming of facing."

"This is what we worked hard for all of last season and it's a pleasure to be bringing a Newport County side here."



NEWPORT COUNTY

GOALKEEPERS

GLYN GARNER

Welsh international who signed for County in July 2010. Signed for Bury aged 23 he established himself as first choice keeper at Gigg Lane and was an ever-present for two seasons before joining Leyton Orient, helping them to promotion and earning his Wales call-up in May 2006. He then joined Shrewsbury where he was again a first team regular, taking his tally of league appearances to 257 before leaving them early in 2010 and playing for Grays in the Conference Premier for the remainder of last season.

GLYN THOMPSON

Signed for County from Hereford United in July 2007 and he has been a huge success in his first three seasons, establishing himself as one of most consistent keepers in non-league football. He started his career at Shrewsbury Town, for whom he has played in three spells, and he was signed by Fulham for a substantial fee in November 1999. However he did not get a first-team chance at Craven Cottage though he has also played for Mansfield, Northampton and Chesterfield, making a total of 37 Football League appearances.

DEFENDERS

LEE BAKER

Left-back who completed a scholarship at West Bromwich Albion before joining Kidderminster Harriers, initially on loan, at the start of the 2008/09 season. He played regularly in the Blue Square Premier for two seasons for Harriers but turned down the offer of a two-year contract with the Aggborough outfit in the summer in order to sign for County.

PAUL BIGNOT

Paul joined County in February 2009 after leaving Kidderminster, and having impressed at right-back during a three month loan spell at the club during the previous Autumn. A product of the Crewe youth development programme he made 26 league appearances before turning down a contract extension in search of more regular first-team football in 2007. He found this first at Kidderminster, where he had previously spent time on loan, and

by the end of the 2009/10 campaign he had made 70 appearances for County, scoring once.

EDDIE ODHIAMBO

Versatile and experienced player who can play at right-back or in a more advanced role down the right, who signed in the summer following his release from Stevenage. He made 76 Conference appearances for Oxford over the next two seasons, scoring four times before switching to Stevenage, for whom he played 42 times, scoring three goals in the last two seasons, and helping them to FA Trophy and Conference title winning success.

CHRIS TODD

Hugely experienced defender who originally joined County on loan from Torquay United in January 2010 before signing permanently. A consistent central defender in the lower divisions of the Football League and in the Conference Premier, Chris has represented Swansea, Exeter and Torquay, helping the Gulls back into the Football League before two loan switches to Fulham prior to signing for the Exiles.

GARY WARREN

Centre back who joined County in May 2009 after two successful seasons for Team Bath. He had joined the Students in the summer of 2007 from Mangotsfield United for whom he had played more than 200 times. He showed his

leadership qualities for County and enjoyed a fabulous first season in which he wore the captain's armband with distinction, earning both supporters' and players' Player of the Year awards.

MIDFIELDERS

CHARLIE HENRY

County fans were relieved to learn that the club's pursuit of Charlie was finally successful in June 2009 because the speedy winger had previously scored against them for Cambridge City, Dorchester and Havant & Waterlooville. However, once in a County shirt, he was soon treating them to his distinctive celebrations following some vital goals in last season's triumphs. Previously Charlie had brief spells at both Grays Athletic and Wycombe.

DANNY ROSE

Midfielder who quickly became an integral part of the County side having signed from Oxford in the summer of 2008. He started with Manchester United, progressing through the Old Trafford ranks to become a professional and he captained the United reserve side in the first half of the 2006/07, before joining the Kassam Stadium outfit on loan in January 2007. He became a regular for the U's that season and returned the following season after leaving Manchester.



CHARLIE HENRY

TONY TAGGART

A winger with a very good scoring record, Tony started with Brentford, moving to Farnborough Town for whom he played with some success in two spells. He spent a season at Barnet before returning to Farnborough in 2004 and moving on to Weymouth a year later. Tony enjoyed more success at Havant & Waterlooville and spent the last two seasons with Eastleigh. Tony has often tormented County full-backs in the past and he accepted the chance to sign for the Exiles in June 2010.

WAYNE TURK

Holding midfield player who signed, initially on loan from Salisbury City, in November 2008. He joined Salisbury from Cirencester and made almost 400 appearances for the Wiltshire side where he was a model of consistency for over eight years before joining County.

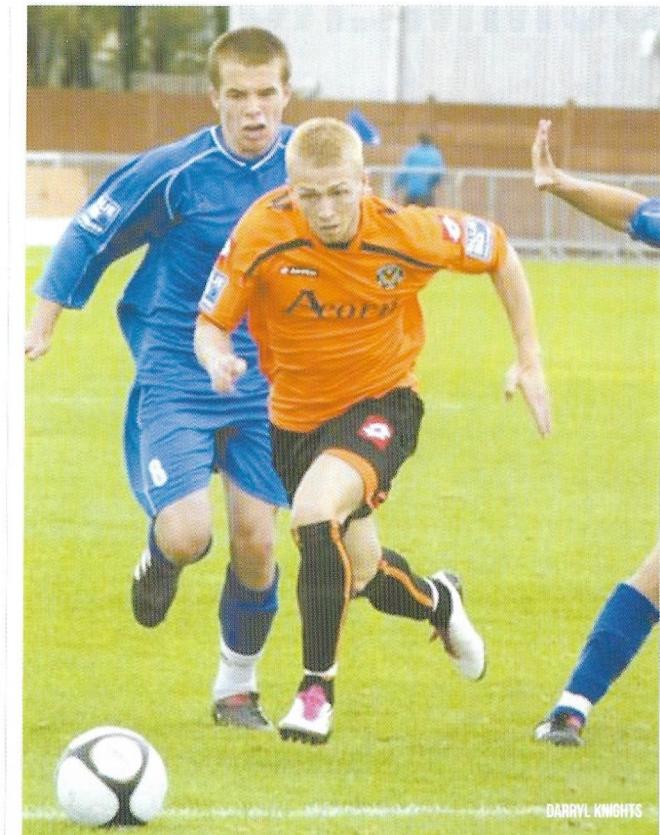
STRIKERS

SAM FOLEY

Forward who made a big impact in both midfield and attack with his cultured play, persuading Dean Holdsworth to secure his services on a more permanent basis for last season when he proved to be yet another golden signing with 17 goals scored, and many more created, to take his County career record to 21 goals in 58 appearances.



SAM FOLEY



DARRYL KNIGHTS

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Striker who started his professional career with Ipswich Town, making his Football League debut at the age of 16 and winning England Schools and Youth international honours. It was not until he joined Kidderminster, initially on loan in January 2008 however, that he had regular first-team football. He made 63 appearances as a creative forward for Harriers scoring nine times prior to joining County in July 2010.

ROBBIE MATTHEWS

Powerful striker who left Kidderminster, despite having a year left on his contract to join County in July 2010. He began his career

with AFC Bournemouth before his first spell at Salisbury City. In recent seasons he has had a spell on loan at Havant & Waterlooville from November 2008 and at Crawley from January 2009. He signed for Kidderminster in August 2009 and made 33 appearances last season scoring six goals.

CRAIG REID

The Blue Square South top scorer with 24 league goals and the League's Player of the Year last season, Craig has written his name into Newport folklore with his outstanding attacking displays since signing for County from Grays Athletic. He started at Ipswich where he completed a scholarship before joining Coventry in July 2004.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all our sponsors and corporate guests. This evening is the first home midweek fixtures of the season and, as usual, interest in each and every single one of home games is very high.

The fortunes of the team at the start of this campaign has been excellent and, from a commercial point of view, we couldn't have asked for a better sequence of results.

It's a no brainer. Success on the pitch breeds interest to those who wish to get involved. Whether that be supporters clicking through the turnstiles or those people and companies who wish to be associated with the club commercially.

I fully expect that to increase further as the

season goes on so please, if you are interested in any of the many corporate packages we have available, get in touch with us at the number and email address below.

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Our next game here is our Bank Holiday Monday clash with Hayes and Yeading United. I hope to see you all here then.

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SPONSORS' GALLERY

Our first home game of the season against Altrincham proved to be enormously popular – just like an opening day fixture should. Here's a snapshot our corporate guests enjoying all fun before and after the 2-1 victory.



Pre-match smiles all round in the dressing room.



Mascot Dean Kemp and sister Holly with the management team.



Dean walks alongside Keith Keane as the teams enter the pitch.



Dean meets goalscorer Zdenek Kroca before kickoff.



Man-of-the-match Andy Drury receives his match sponsors' award



Drury presents the matchball to the sponsors.

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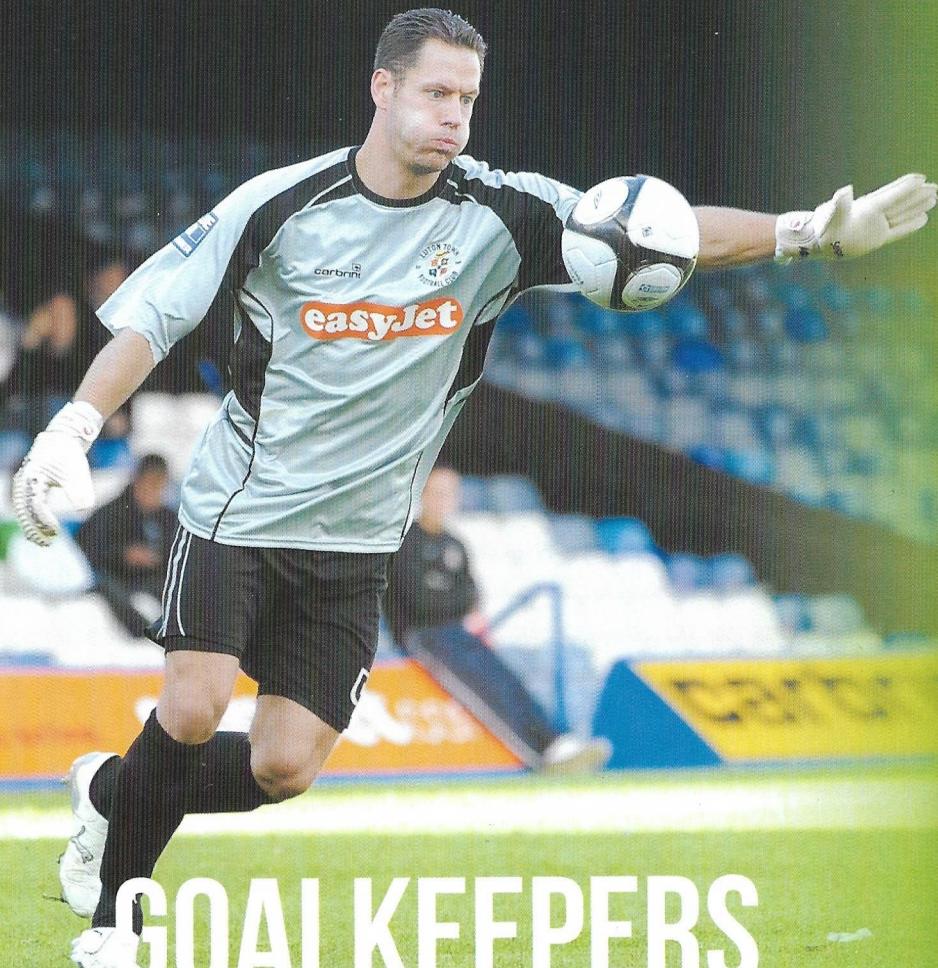
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In 1971 Brian Clarville published the book "Goalkeepers are Different". The story followed a young keeper, Ronnie Blake, through his career from apprentice, through injury and rejection to making it to the first team and the thrill of running onto the pitch in front of a roaring Cup Final crowd.

It also emphasised the fact that goalkeepers are different. The only player on the field to be able to legally handle the ball, their bravery and

eccentricity renowned around the world.

However, the title of the book couldn't be further from the truth when comparing the two Town stoppers Mark Tyler and Kevin Pilkington for both share the same ambition: to help the Hatters to promotion this season.

You have to go along way up the divisions to find a club blessed with such talent and experience between the sticks.

Finding one good goalkeeper is often hard enough but the Hatters have the luxury of two.

Following Pilkington's arrival in the summer after a successful loan spell, one of the biggest talking points of the summer has been who manager Richard Money will select in goal.

After sharing preseason friendlies, Tyler started the season's curtain raiser against Altrincham before Pilkington was selected at Kettering.

The press were scratching their heads when Tyler returned to keep a clean sheet in Saturday's 3-0 win at Fleetwood.

As you can imagine from two experienced goalkeepers, the rivalry between the two is a friendly one.

"We both want what's good for the team," said Tyler, who at 33 now has 535 senior appearances under his belt following Saturday's win at Highbury.

"At the end of the day it's about the good of club and results matter."

"The manager could name two teams the way in which he's pieced together the squad here."

"There is competition for places throughout the squad and it's excellent for him to have a problem picking the goalkeeper and it certainly keeps you on your toes."

"Kevin and I are not young anymore, we're both 30+ and are experienced enough in both of our abilities and we get on great, especially in training."

"We work hard and train hard. Obviously we both want the number one spot but I want the best for him, and he wants the best for me."

"Any quality goalkeeper will want to push the other to the max."

"Goalkeepers are a rare breed, we have our own union and we stick together. Training is fantastic and with Dmitri Kharine as our coach we couldn't be in a better place right now."

With Money's selection policy keeping the media guessing, the former Peterborough man revealed the manager's decision for restoring him to the starting XI at Fleetwood.

"He told us both on Saturday morning," Tyler said. "It was before the team meeting and he said he picked me for a specific reason."

"That will always be the case, too. It's the manager's decision and always will be."

He will pick a team to deal with certain threats the opposition pose and although it's not usually the case to choose between two goalkeepers, that's shows the strength in depth we have and it's working really well."

Pilkington, 36 and with 406 career appearances to his name, echoed his colleagues comments and after the 3-1 win at Rockingham Road the former Manchester United man was glowing in his admiration for Tyler.

"I see Mark as one of the best keepers in the division," he said. "I won't speak for myself, that's for other people to say but definitely Mark is."

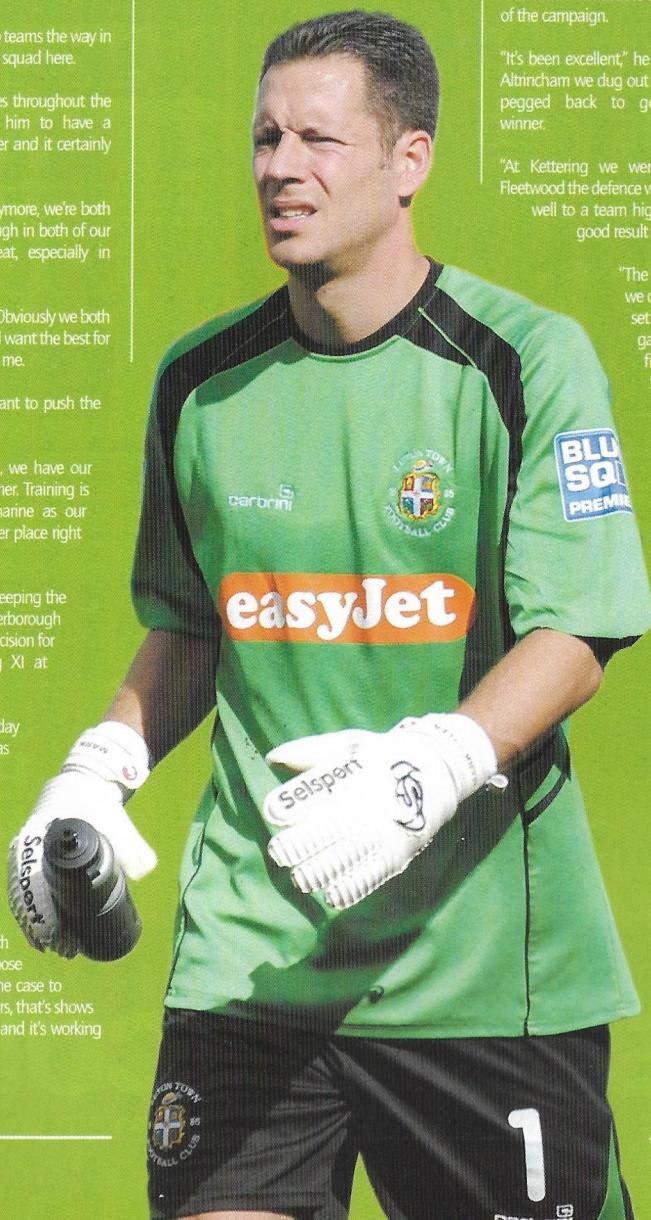
"I'd like to think that says it all with me being in there as well but I don't like to blow my own trumpet."

"At Kettering we were magnificent and at Fleetwood the defence were superb and stood up well to a team high on confidence after a good result on Tuesday."

"It's been excellent," he said. "I thought against Altrincham we dug out in really well after being pegged back to go on and find the winner."

"With the Town topping the table at this early stage with three wins out of three, Tyler has been delighted with the start - even if it took them until the third match to earn their first clean sheet of the campaign."

"The manager was annoyed we conceded two goals from set pieces in the first two games so it was good to finally get one on Saturday."



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ASK... MARK TYLER

In each edition of Talk of the Town will be putting your questions to a different member of the Hatters' squad. We'll let you know via our official website who is next up and all you have to do is send in your question. This week, we - or rather you - ask Mark Tyler.

AARON JENKINS AND NICK BAILEY:

Why do you pirouette before releasing the ball either by throw or long kick? Is this because in the past you have been caught out by a cheeky player or is it just habit?

MT: It is just habit but, thankfully, I've never been caught out...yet! I saw a couple of goalkeepers caught out when watching Premier League games on television and I started to do it ever since. As a goalkeeper you need to be alert and it is something I will always do. You never know what is going to happen next and you never know if there's a player sneaking up behind you. In cases where I catch the ball on the edge of the area and look to release it quickly, players are often rushing past you so you need to be careful.

LIAM ROWLANDS:

What team did you support during your childhood?

MT: I grew up watching Norwich, my local team during my school days. I supported Liverpool as well but I remember standing behind the goal at Carrow Road on a milk crate because I was quite small and couldn't always see!

MAX FINNIE:

Who was your goalkeeping hero and why?

MT: Being a fan of Norwich and Liverpool there are only two goalkeepers for me: Bryan Gunn and Bruce Grobbelaar. I used to love watching them both of them play they were two absolutely fantastic goalkeepers of their generation.

MICK OGDEN: How does the current Luton squad compare to others you have been involved with at other clubs?

MT: We have a squad of real quality with strength and lots of goals. Our strikers, for example are all different in their own unique way. There is a fantastic amount of depth to the team and a lot of players are comfortable in a range of positions. There's no question that all the players in the group are capable of playing League football so this team is way up there in terms of the best I've been involved with.



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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

KENILWORTH ROAD, SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2010 ATT: 6,665

MONEY TALK

"I thought we were fantastic and it's pleasing to open the season with a good start and three points. Our play, our passing and movement meant we were able to create numerous chances. If you need momentum you need to win the first game and we're delighted to have accomplished that."

LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kroca, F. Murray, Drury, A. Murray, Keane, Howells (Gnakpa 75), Barnes-Homer (Craddock 90), Gallen (Crow 74). **Subs not used:** Blackett, K. Pilkington.

Altrincham: Coburn, Smith, Williams, Joseph, Brown, Lawton, Densmore, Reeves, Cle (Welch 69), Johnson (Holmes 59), Danyluk (Denham 59). **Subs not used:** Coates, McCready

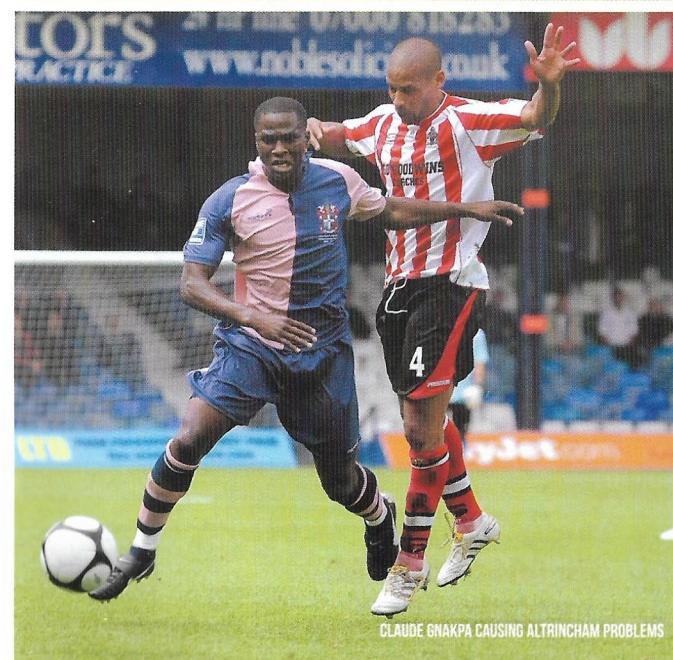
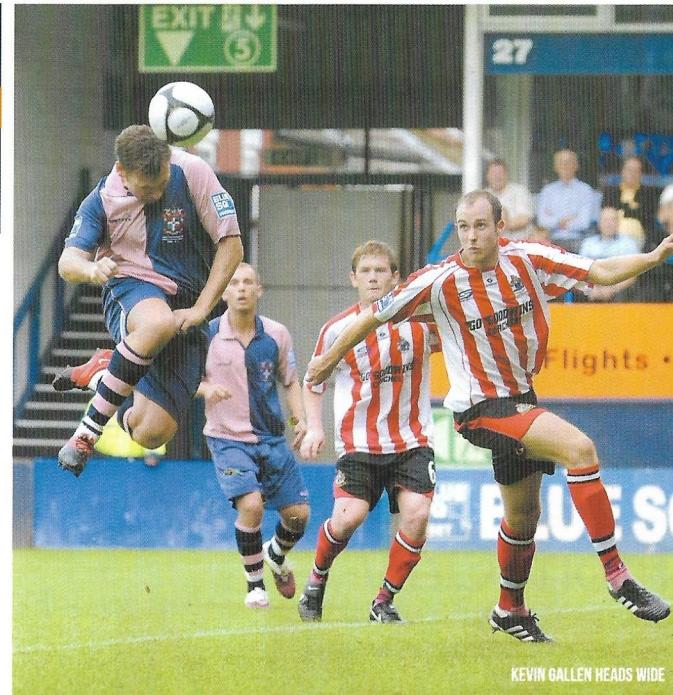
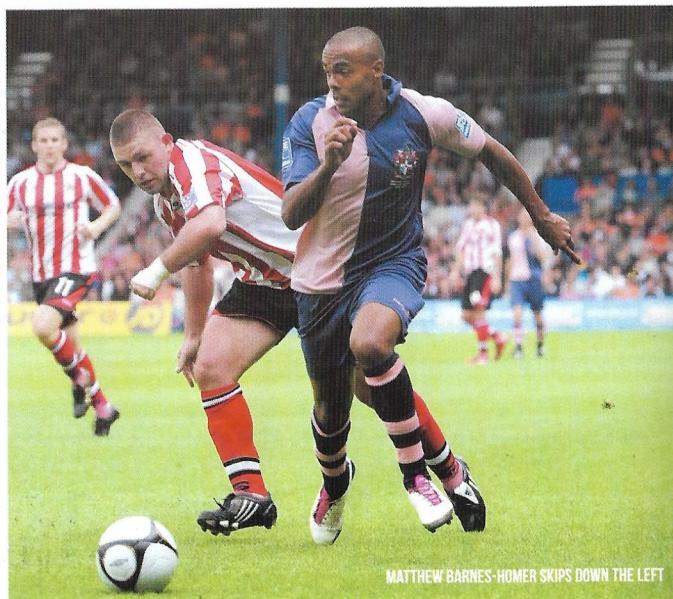
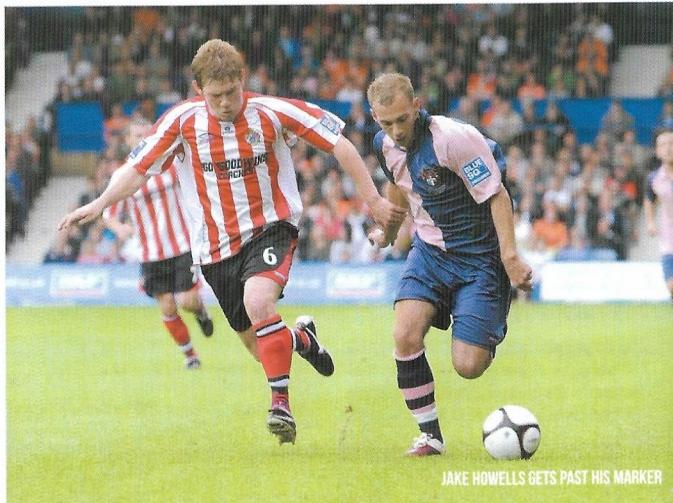
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SPONSORS' MAN OF THE MATCH

ANDY DRURY

The debutant showcased his talent with an enterprising performance from both flanks with a superb range of passing, crosses and set-pieces and was unlucky not to find the target himself.



MATCH REPORT

A stunning goal from Matthew Barnes-Homer two minutes from time kicked-off the Hatters' second season in the Blue Square Bet Premier with a win over Altrincham.

The Hatters were fully in command in an opening half that oozed confidence but for all their creative invention the Town took 19 minutes to test Stuart Coburn in the Alty goal when a slick move involving Kevin Gallen and Barnes-Homer saw the latter cross for Andy Drury who slammed a volley straight at the goalkeeper. That posed as a warning shot to Graham Heathcote's side but it was one they didn't heed as three minutes later Kroca's header had the Hatters ahead.

Keith Keane swung in a deep left-wing corner that was headed across goal by George Pilkington at the back post towards Kroca who used all of his 6ft 5in frame to nod past Coburn. Still the Town pressed and on 40 minutes and only a last-ditch header from Shaun Densmore from underneath his own crossbar denied Jake Howells a tap-in following fine link-up play down the right by Barnes-Homer and Drury.

Five minutes later, and moments before the break, Altrincham were thankful for a second crucial clearance - this time from Robbie Williams - to prevent Barnes-Homer tucking home Drury's curling cross. Gallen should have doubled the Hatters' lead on 57 minutes when nodding Drury's cross inches wide to the disbelief of everyone inside the ground.

Meanwhile, Barnes-Homer was enjoying a little more luck, and after bulldozing his way through the visitors' backline on 63 minutes, he forced Coburn into a sprawling save. However, the Town were made to pay for their prolificacy on 70 minutes when, from their first corner of the afternoon, Altrincham levelled when Damien Reeves who stole in at the backpost to head past Mark Tyler.

With time running out, Danny Crow spurned a fantastic opportunity to restore the Hatters' lead on 86 minutes when sending a diving header from Drury's cross over the bar from six yards.

However, two minutes later Barnes-Homer crowned a fine display with a sublime winner, when, after picking the ball up 20 yards from goal, he let fly with a thunderous right-foot shot that flew past Coburn.

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POST-MATCH REACTION

Debutant Zdenek Kroca was the happiest man at Kenilworth Road after netting the first goal of the game in the season's opening day win over Altrincham.

The recent signing from Tescoma Zlin opened the scoring in the 2-1 win with a 22nd-minute header.

"It was a perfect afternoon for the team but the goal was a nice bonus for me," he said.

"It was a super start for me to score the first goal in the match in front of the fans.

"I am delighted to be here, to play in front of 6,500 fans who supported us so well all game was great. I'm normally used to playing in front of about 3,000 and they are nowhere near as loud. It's quite different.

"Football in England has a very strong tradition and at Luton we have a great club.

"It is a very long season but I hope we can get promoted to League 2, that is why I am here. I think we have a very good team.

"It isn't about just 11 players, there are 20 here who want to play so if we have injuries or suspensions there are players who can come in and play the same football."

Kroca was one of four players making his debut against Alty and another of those playing their first competitive game in Town colours was also pleased with the narrow victory.

After picking up a Conference winners' medal with Stevenage last season Andy Drury knows

exactly what is required to get promoted to the Football League.

And the sponsors' Man-of-the-Match was upbeat about the Hatters chances this season.

"It is always important to start the season with a win and I thought that we dominated the game," he said.

"We played fantastically well but didn't take our chances, fortunately in the end Matthew Barnes-Homer has come up with a great goal for us and I thought we thoroughly deserved the win.

"It is fantastic ground to be at when things are going well and the crowd are going wild. It is important to win and hopefully the fans have been able to enjoy the performance we put on out there.

"If we had have drawn everyone would have said we had played well but we needed the three points, in the end we could have won by a lot more. If you are going to win the league you need to win matches like that.

"Teams are going to come here and make it difficult, we have to stay patient and keep playing our game."



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ROCKINGHAM ROAD, TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2010 ATT: 2,906

MONEY TALK

"I thought we were outstanding from the first minute to last and were rewarded with our quality and persistence to justify the result."

It's another good three points and I don't think Kettering should have any complaints."

LINE-UPS

Kettering Town: Abbey, Graham, Roper, Westwood, Davis, Dance, Noubissie, Boucaud (Solkhon 86), Makofe, Christie, Mama (Furlong 72). **Subs not used:** Cooper, Taylor, Wrack.

Luton Town: K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kroca, G. Pilkington, F. Murray, Gnakpa (Howells 66), Keane, A. Murray (Besta 86), Drury, Barnes-Homer, Gallen (Crow 64). **Subs not used:** Tyler, Newton

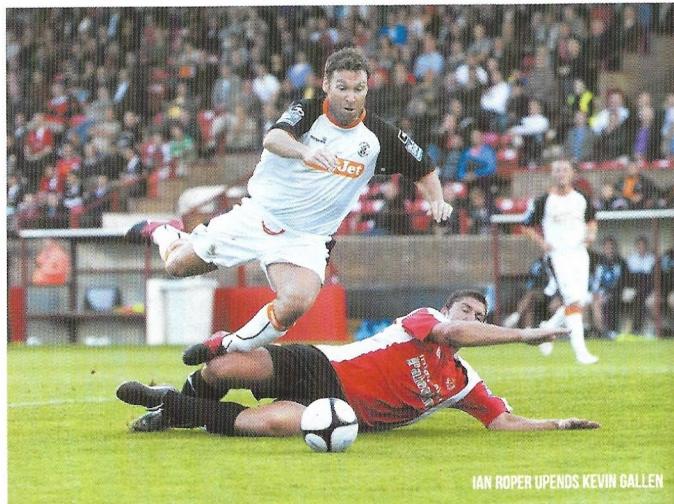
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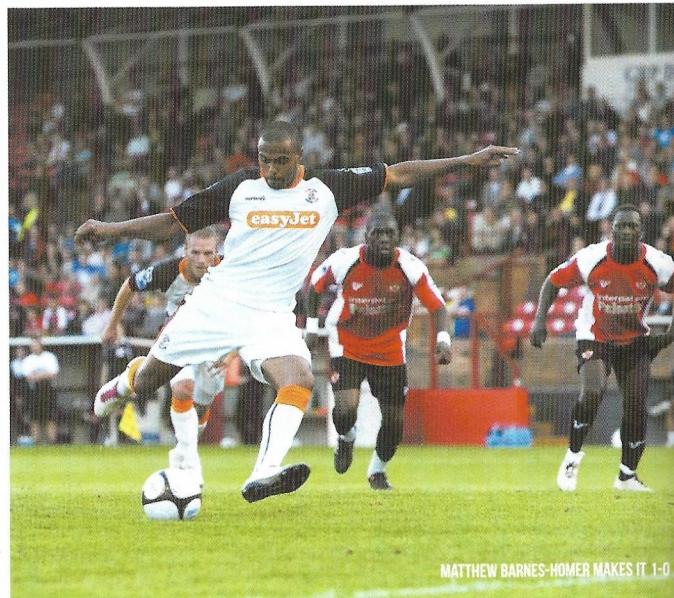
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MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

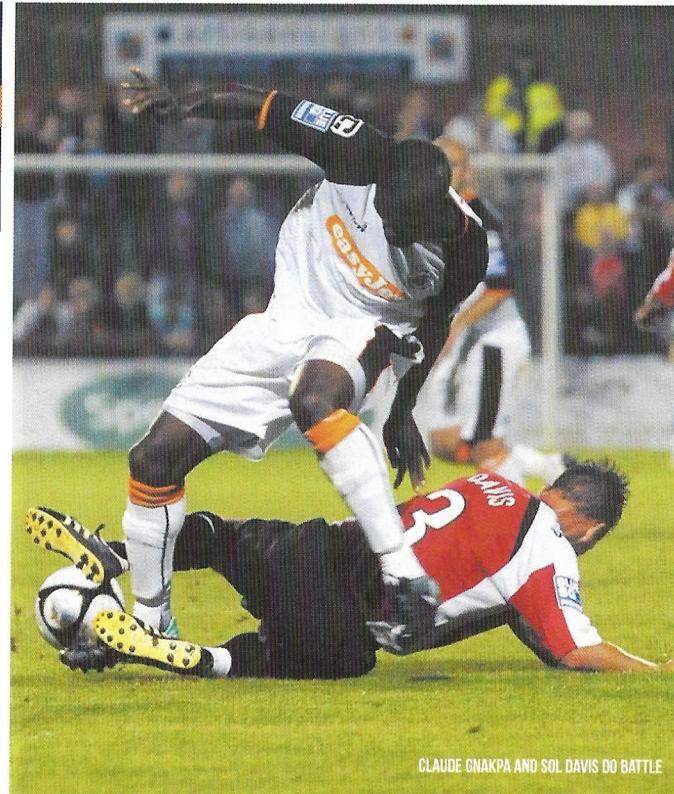
Who else? A first hat-trick in Luton colours for the in-form striker who's clinical finishing made it four goals in two games for the former Kidderminster man.



IAN ROPER UPENDS KEVIN GALLEN



MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER MAKES IT 1-0



CLAUDE GNAKPA AND SOL DAVIS DO BATTLE



THE TOWN PLAYERS MOB BARNES-HOMER

MATCH REPORT

A hat-trick from Matthew Barnes-Homer crowned a fantastic performance as the Town saw off nine-man Kettering to go top of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

The match may have turned on a second half red card given to the Poppies goalscorer Iyedeen Christie but in truth the Hatters always looked the more liker of the two sides to go on and win the game.

It was level at the break with Christie unmarked to head home an equaliser on 32 minutes after Barnes-Homer had notched his first of the night from the penalty spot seven minutes earlier after Kevin Gallen was sent tumbling by ex-Town defender Ian Roper.

After the break, however the Hatters began to dominate with Claude Gnakpa Barnes-Homer, Galen and Andy Drury among those spurning opportunities to restore their advantage.

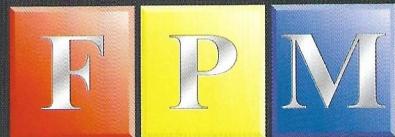
A minute into the second period a defensive blunder saw Drury blow a fantastic chance to make it 2-1, on 50 minutes Gnakpa headed over a Drury cross while two minutes later Barnes-Homer missed a similar chance to the Frenchman's.

But it took Christie's dismissal 20 minutes from time to enable the visitors to up the ante and three minutes later after he saw red Barnes-Homer smashed home his and the Town's second of the night from close range after a fine move saw Nathan Abbey parry Drury's fierce shot.

With their tails up a goal and a man up the Hatters continued to pour forward and it was no surprise when they forged an opportunity to enable Barnes-Homer to grab the matchball.

Substitute Danny Crow burst into the penalty area and was upended by Roper who earned his second booking of the night and Barnes-Homer stepped up to fire into the bottom right-hand corner to seal his hat-trick with six minutes to play.

Results elsewhere allied with three goals meant that the Town ended the evening on top of the pile, looking down at the rest in the early table, much to the delight of the magnificent following of 1,664 Hatters fans who made up over half of the gate.



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POST-MATCH REACTION

Matthew Barnes-Homer netted twice from the spot, with a goal from open play sandwiched in between to beat Kettering Town and chose to celebrate his first hattrick in Hatters colours with Luton's tremendous away support at Rockingham Road.

The Town faithful of 1,664 had made the short journey en masse and made up more than half of the gate and the former Kidderminster striker was delighted to be able enjoy his treble with them after completing the victory with six minutes remaining.

The 24-year-old explained: "It's always nice to celebrate with the fans and they've travelled all this way, so why not celebrate with them?

"I've got a few hattricks before but that was a special one because I've worked so hard and I wanted to prove a point after my disappointing start last year." It's always good to score goals but it's even better to score a hattrick. It's not

all just me though, the team was tremendous - everybody worked hard.

"Even when the equaliser went in we kept going and got the goals we needed. In games like this you have to keep patient and keep pushing and hopefully you will put your chances away."

"I feel I'm in good form. I worked hard over the summer and started well in pre-season and hopefully I will keep scoring the goals. The one on the edge of the box is a rebound but I put it away well."

"With the two penalties, you have got to step up and put them away still. I put them

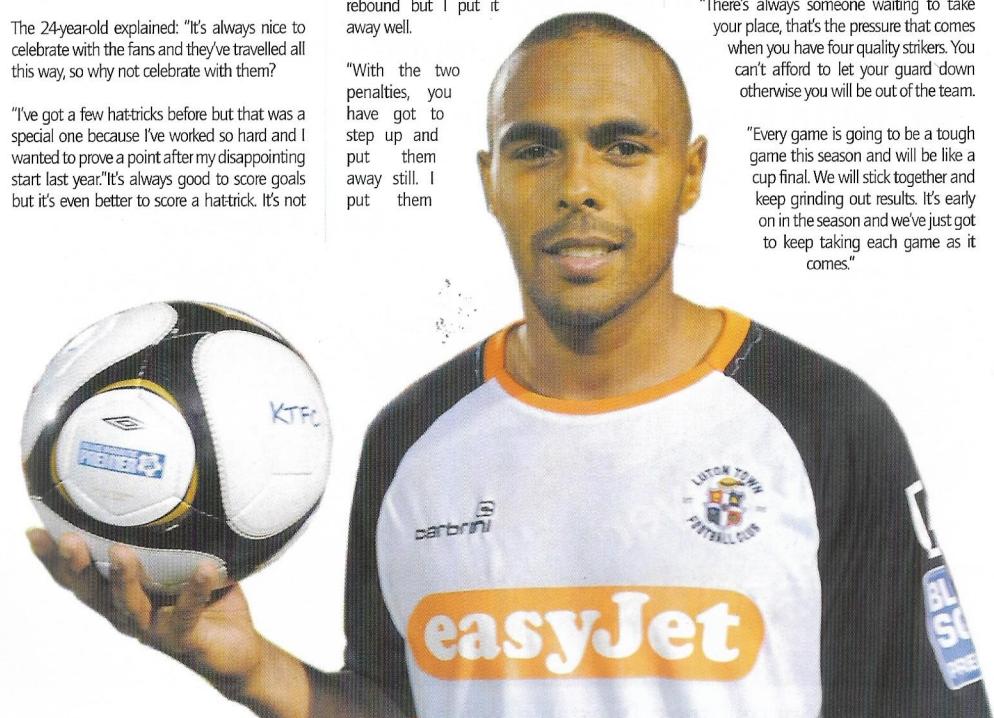
away comfortably, I just felt confident to take them.

"The first penalty I just thought I would smash it down the middle, the second I was always going to place it in the corner. There was less pressure at that stage in the match so it was all right."

The service all over the pitch is unbelievable. The full-backs were bombing on and getting balls in the box. There's quality all over the pitch.

"There's always someone waiting to take your place, that's the pressure that comes when you have four quality strikers. You can't afford to let your guard down otherwise you will be out of the team."

"Every game is going to be a tough game this season and will be like a cup final. We will stick together and keep grinding out results. It's early on in the season and we've just got to keep taking each game as it comes."





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Following our opening day victory over Altrincham, Player subscribers were treated to three exclusive post-match interviews.

Manager Richard Money was as pleased as ever to secure all three points on the opening day of the season and paid tribute to match-winner Matthew Barnes-Homer for his superb strike two minutes from time.

The goalscorer of the game's opening goal was debutant defender Zdenek Kroca and subscribers to Player were first to realise how much it meant to the Czech centre-half to be playing for the Hatters.

It was one of the most heart-warming interviews Player has seen in recent years with

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The Hatters' new signing made his debut with an impressive performance. Here's our interview with the post-match hero, Zdenek Kroca. We had to move the camera a bit to fit him in the shot!
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again the hero, scoring all three of the Hatters' goals in the 3-1 victory.

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NUMBERS GAME

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The number of matches previously played on this date at Kenilworth Road. Seven of these were in the Football League and the other was a League Cup tie. Luton have won five of these fixtures whilst there has been just one draw, and two defeats. The Hatters have scored 10 goals and conceded five.

61

The number of years since the Hatters beat Coventry City 2-0 courtesy of goals from Charlie Watkins and Joe Amison.

3

Gordon Turner scored in three successive matches on this date at Kenilworth Road and all were decisive goals in 1-0 victories. In 1957 he netted against Bolton Wanderers in front of 17,591 supporters, the highest crowd for a home fixture on this date. Three years later Turner netted the only goal of the game when Portsmouth were the visitors. The feat was repeated in 1963 when Walsall were beaten by the same scoreline.

2

The number of goals scored by Bruce Rioch against Rotherham United in 1968. Brian Lewis also scored in a 3-1 victory for the Hatters with all four goals coming in the first half.

0

There weren't any goals scored when Liverpool were the visitors in 1991, which incidentally was the first game back on grass after six years playing on a plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road.

1

A solitary goal from former Hatter Steve Claridge gave Cambridge a 1-0 win in the second leg of a first round League Cup tie in 1993.

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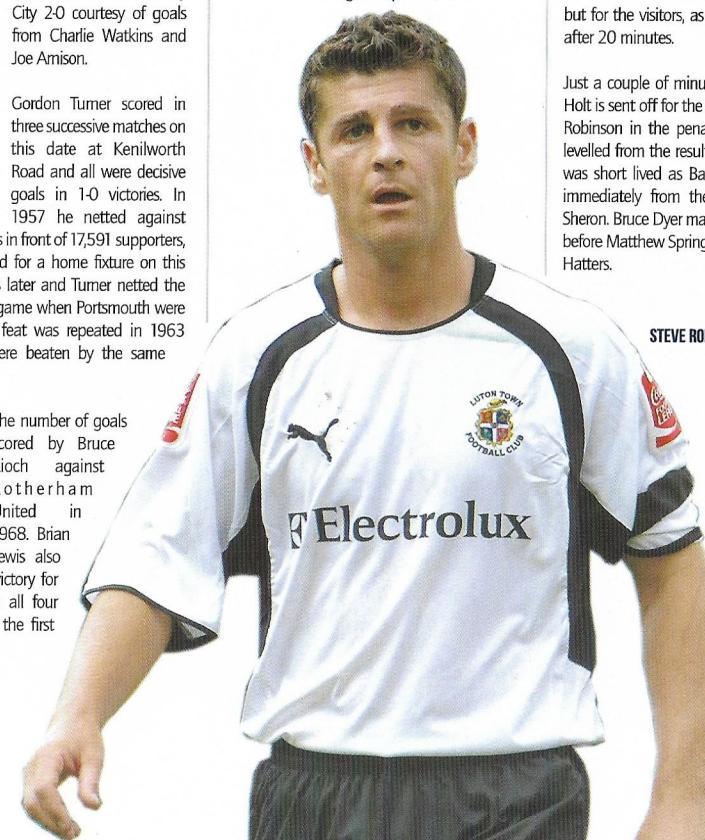
Claridge had also scored the only goal of the game at the Abbey Stadium in the first leg, as the Hatters were beaten 2-0 on aggregate. The lowest crowd for this date, of just 3,861, witnessed the game.

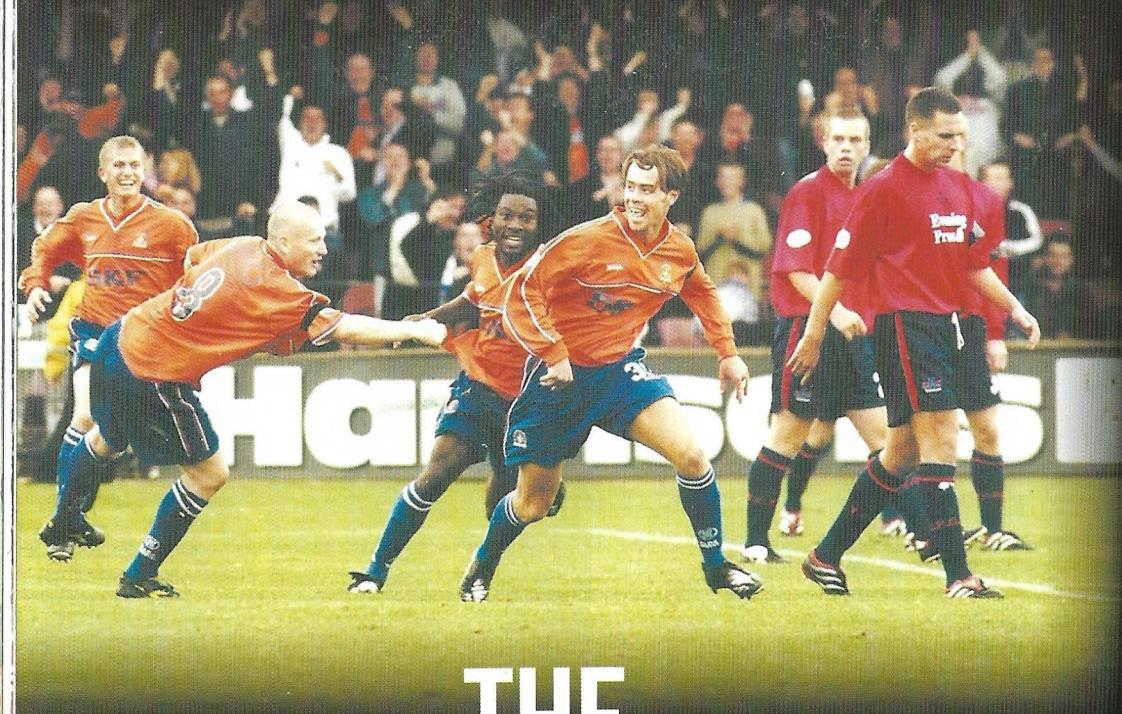
The number of years since the Hatters last played at Kenilworth Road on this date when Barnsley were the visitors in 2002. Russell Perrett opened the scoring

but for the visitors, as he netted an own goal after 20 minutes.

Just a couple of minutes from halftime Andy Holt is sent off for the Tykes after fouling Steve Robinson in the penalty area. Kevin Nicholls levelled from the resultant penalty, but the joy was short lived as Barnsley restored the lead immediately from the restart through Mike Sheron. Bruce Dyer made it 3-1 for the 10 men, before Matthew Spring scored a second for the Hatters.

STEVE ROBINSON





THE WELSH CONNECTION

FORMER HATTER AND NEWPORT MAN IAN HILLIER REFLECTS ON HIS PAST WITH BOTH CLUBS

When you're a young player you need to get out playing games and getting experience under your belt – and a move to Luton Town did just that for Ian Hillier.

Ian was a Luton player for four years before going on to play over 100 times for Newport County, tonight's opponents at Kenilworth Road.

He was 21 when he made his debut in a 2-1 victory at home to Cheltenham Town and recalls a whirlwind move from Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur that paid dividends.

"I really enjoyed my time at Luton," Ian explained.

"I was lucky enough to get the call one Friday afternoon, David Pleat pulled me into his office and said Luton wanted to take me on loan.

"I asked if he meant now, he said 'yes, you're playing tomorrow', so I was thrown straight into it at the deep end.

"The first game was against Cheltenham and I remember it well because we won, and it was a great experience for me.

"It was a bit of a rush and I was taken by surprise to go straight into the team for what was my league debut and I think I did well.

"Luton was a really good club to join – a proper family club, and they were rebuilding from relegation the previous season so the new players took time to gel but it was an exciting time.

"Joe Kinnear was the manager and I hadn't met him until the Saturday when he introduced himself and said I would be playing. "He told me 'just go out there and play like

we've seen you playing for the reserves at Tottenham'.

"I had been on the bench a couple of times for the first team at Tottenham but not played competitive football before so to get the chance to go to a club like Luton, with all its history, was great for me."

Ian racked up more than 20 appearances in that first season alongside older heads such as Kevin Nicholls, Steve Howard and Matty Taylor as he developed his game.

It was a promotion-winning campaign too with the Hatters ultimately finishing second behind Plymouth Argyle in what was then Division Three, making an immediate return to the third tier after relegation in 2001.

As experiences go for any young player, it was a debut season to remember.

Ian's loan had been turned into a permanent move in November of that first campaign and in total he made 65 appearances in a Luton shirt over the next four years.

"Luton was a great move for me and I wouldn't change anything. I really enjoyed my time there and made lots of friends who I'm still in contact with now," he added.

"Footballwise it was great for me as you don't often get the experience of getting promoted and winning something, and I was lucky enough to be a part of that."

Ian was released by Luton at the end of 2004/05 League 1 championship season following a loan spell at Chester City and eventually signed for Newport.

In his first season there he was voted players' and supporters' player of the year and became captain for the 2008/09 season but suffered a badly broken leg in a work accident in

September 2008 that for a while threatened his playing career. It was a tough road back but Ian drove himself on with the thought of playing football again, even if his doctor had not sounded confident when giving him a long-term prognosis.

case against the club and eventually signed a new contract.

However, he never featured for Newport again and in April 2009 signed for ambitious Neath – the perfect move having been born in the South Wales town.

"I've always been involved in football and it's all I've ever wanted to do so when someone says you might not be able to play again you just think 'no, you don't listen to what they say, you just want to prove everyone wrong at that point," Ian explained.

"It was a long road and it was nine or ten months before I was back playing again but I always knew in my own heart that I'd be back, fully fit and back to where I was.

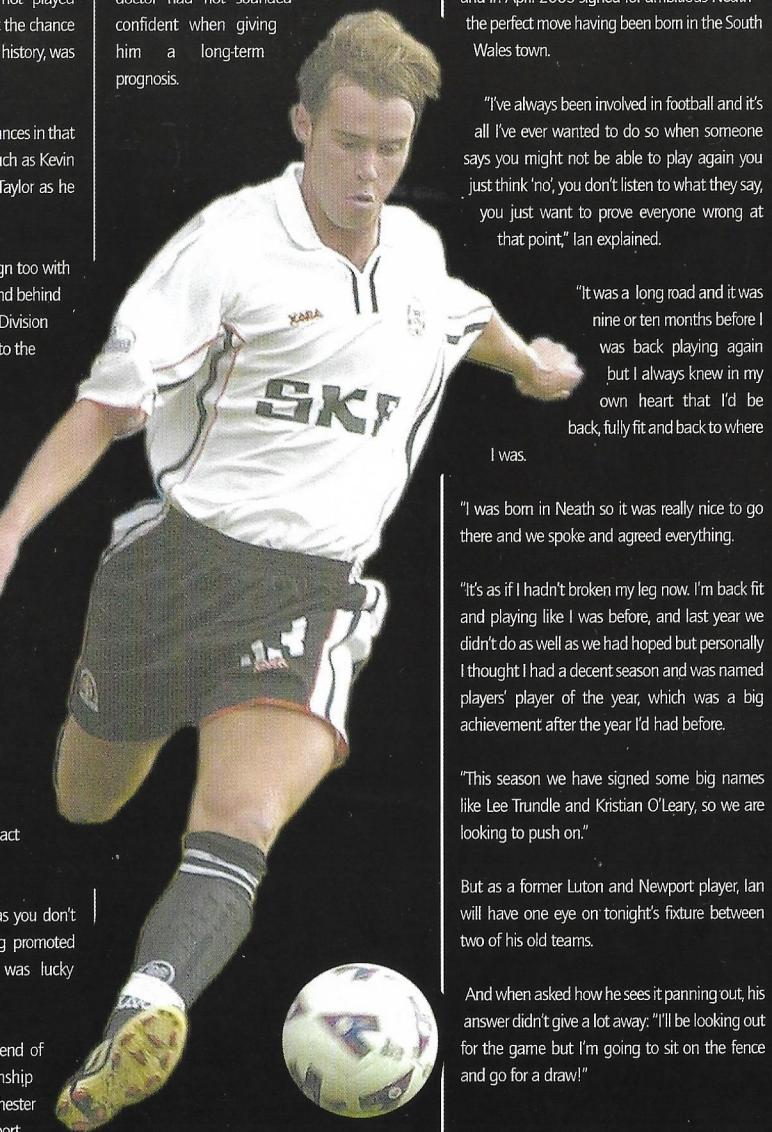
"I was born in Neath so it was really nice to go there and we spoke and agreed everything.

"It's as if I hadn't broken my leg now. I'm back fit and playing like I was before, and last year we didn't do as well as we had hoped but personally I thought I had a decent season and was named players' player of the year, which was a big achievement after the year I'd had before.

"This season we have signed some big names like Lee Trundle and Kristian O'Leary, so we are looking to push on."

But as a former Luton and Newport player, Ian will have one eye on tonight's fixture between two of his old teams.

And when asked how he sees it panning out, his answer didn't give a lot away. "I'll be looking out for the game but I'm going to sit on the fence and go for a draw!"



During his recovery period Ian had been sacked by Newport, who claimed he would be unable to fulfil his contract due to the time he would be spending out of the game, but he won an initial

KIT PARADE

Nothing pulls on the heartstrings like an old Hatters playing strip...

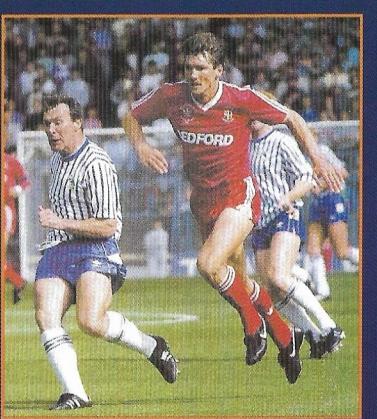
1988/89 THIRD STRIP



One of the most rare Town kits of modern times the strip, which was never put on sale by the club, was an all red adidas number which was only ever worn twice during the 1988/89 season in the top flight.

It was worn against sides wearing blue and white: the stripes of Sheffield Wednesday and the hoops of Queens Park Rangers.

In the pictures here, taken in the 1-0 defeat at Hillsborough, you can see that it was hardly anything to shout about: simply all red with three adidas white strips on the shirt sleeves, shorts and socks.



HATTERS HEROES



We stick a random pin into club historian Roger Wash's excellent book Hatters Heroes and focus on a player who has featured for the Hatters in the past 125 years.

Steven (Steve) John Howard

Big, strong target man with no little skill on the ground, Steve has scored goals wherever he has been and is currently plying his trade in the Championship with Leicester City.

Born in Durham, Steve was spotted by Hartlepool while playing for Tow Law Town and was thrust straight into the first team where, as a 19-year-old, he finished joint top scorer in his first season.

Bigger clubs showed interest and a £120,000 bid took him to Northampton in 1999 but, despite being successful at Sixfields, he was surprisingly allowed to move to Kenilworth Road for £50,000 two years later.

With the Hatters he became the club's third highest post-war goalscorer and top scored in each of his five seasons with the club before a £1m move to Derby County in 2006.

Luton Town career appearances: 228
Luton Town goals: 103

Debut: v Peterborough United (a) D 1-1 27/03/01
First goal: v Colchester United (a) L 1-3 31/03/01
Final game: v Burnley (a) D 1-1 30/04/06

BEHIND THE SCENES

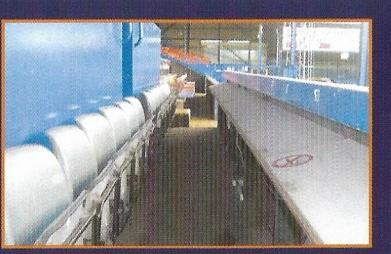
We take a sneak peek around Kenilworth Road to some of the places you don't get to see...

PRESS BOX

Not exactly 'behind the scenes' as the press box at Kenilworth Road is clearly visible to most inside the ground, especially at evening games when the

lights illuminate the faces of those occupying it.

Housing some of the most well-known journalists and broadcasters down the years, the press box has room for 28 reporters and is where post-match interviews with the manager now take place.



COVER STORY

● DAVID MOSS



One of the Town's favourite sons, David Moss, is seen here in typical pose, blasting home the ball during the 6-0 home thrashing of Notts County in 1978.

Moss signed for his childhood favourites, Swindon, from school before making his League debut for the Robins in 1972. Over the next four years he regularly topped the scoring charts at the County Ground from his position on the wing leading to other clubs beginning to take notice.

Luton manager David Pleat nipped in ahead of Stoke to bring Moss to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1978 for a reported £110,000 which proved to be one of the bargains of all time.

Despite suffering from a niggling pelvic injury during his first season at Luton it was soon recognised that Moss was able to turn games, even if not 100% fit, with his mesmerising wing play and goalscoring ability.

After that first season, David Moss came into his own and became a major part in the squad which eventually won promotion to the top flight in 1982.

Alongside the likes of Brian Stein, Ricky Hill and Mal Donaghy, Moss showed a smart turn of pace, the ability to cross the ball at speed with either foot and was also the club's acknowledged dead ball specialist making David Pleat's Hatters team of the era the one everyone wanted to watch.

Many was the time when a game seemed to be drifting away up would pop David Moss in an unorthodox position to hammer home a goal to re-ignite the terraces - a priceless commodity today as would a front three of Moss, Brian Stein and Bob Hatton as shown in the photograph!

In seven years at Kenilworth Road, David scored 94 goals in 245 first team appearances and finished as top scorer in both 1978/79 and 1979/80 which was not bad for a winger. David Moss is now involved with the Academy at Liverpool and the youngsters there would be well advised to watch and listen to probably the finest striker of a ball ever seen at Kenilworth Road.

AGAINST THE ODDS

● ASTON VILLA 0-1 LUTON TOWN 6TH MAY 1985



BRIAN STEIN FIRES IN THE TOWN'S WINNER AGAINST ASTON VILLA IN 1985

As the 1984/85 season drew to a close Luton supporters were biting their fingernails down to the quick as they worried about the trip to Aston Villa and whether the Town could continue their much improved run and manage to fight clear of the threat of relegation.

The battle to keep hold of a top flight spot, won in style in 1982, had looked a forlorn one as the previous Christmas approached with a paltry three wins from the first 16 games and

only a poor Stoke side keeping them off the bottom.

With no money to spend and constant bickering going on at board level behind the scenes, manager David Pleat wondered where to turn next as his lightweight and inexperienced side was steamrollered week after week.

Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton, Raddy Antic and Paul Walsh had all departed the previous

summer leaving Pleat with very little to work with but, just as he was regretting not taking up the offer to join QPR that came his way six months before, board infighting came to a head.

Out went chairman Denis Mortimer to be replaced by entrepreneur David Evans who immediately stated that the Town would not go down.

Needing little prompting, Pleat went out on a

spending spree that over a two month period completely reshaped the Luton side. Steve Foster, David Preece, Mick Harford and Peter Nicholas arrived at Kenilworth Road and almost overnight the spine of the team had been replaced, not by free transfer signings or players over the hill but by real quality.

The team, however, had a lot of catching up to do as the abysmal start to the season had left them several points shy of a realistic position of safety. To add to the problems came an unexpected run in the FA Cup. Battling through to the semi-final was a tremendous achievement especially when it is remembered that two of the club's new signings were cup-tied.

Stoke, Huddersfield, Watford and Millwall were seen off before an unlucky defeat at the hands of Everton at Villa Park ended the dream of the twin towers for another season.

Because of the involvement in the Cup, only three league games were played between 1st January and 2nd March and although Luton supporters could see that the Pleat 'league' side was a far better outfit than its lowly position suggested it was to be tested to its limits with so many games to cram in.

Sunderland were seen off at Kenilworth Road in early March before the team earned a heartening draw at Sheffield Wednesday. All this good work was undone, however, when Watford turned the Town over 3-0 at Vicarage Road.

The next two games, both at home, were therefore seen as vital if the team was to keep in touch with the teams above but both QPR and Ipswich were comfortably seen off.

After another set-back, this time at Southampton, a vital game at bottom place Stoke was won. This was quickly followed by the FA Cup semi-final defeat and it was wondered whether the disappointment would be reflected in future league games.

The supporters need not have fretted as, in a titanic struggle against fellow strugglers Norwich at Kenilworth Road, goals from Emeka Nwajobi and David Moss earned a 3-1 victory.

In the previous season Manchester United had

won 50 at Kenilworth Road in front of the live TV cameras in what can very politely be termed a lacklustre performance.

Naturally the cameras were back to see the title chasing Reds repeat the thrashing but this time the Hatters had heart and steel in their side and a late winner from Harford pulled the team out of the bottom three.

The Town blotted their copybook a little when Nottingham Forest won at Kenilworth Road in the next game but a point was won at another team fighting the drop, West Ham.

A surprisingly easy 3-1 victory over a poor Arsenal side left the Hatters with a trip to Villa where a victory would almost guarantee safety. So, the hardy Town supporters travelled up to Villa Park again a few short weeks after the bitter Cup defeat.

Villa had scored nine goals in their previous two games but their forwards were hardly given a look in by the new-look Luton rearguard of Tim Breacker, Foster, Mal Donaghy and Mitchell Thomas which was settling down to become one of the best units in the country.

Admittedly the Town's performance was not a patch on the one put on against Everton in the FA Cup but there again Villa were not in the Toofees class as proved by the fact that the Merseysiders had already clinched the league title.

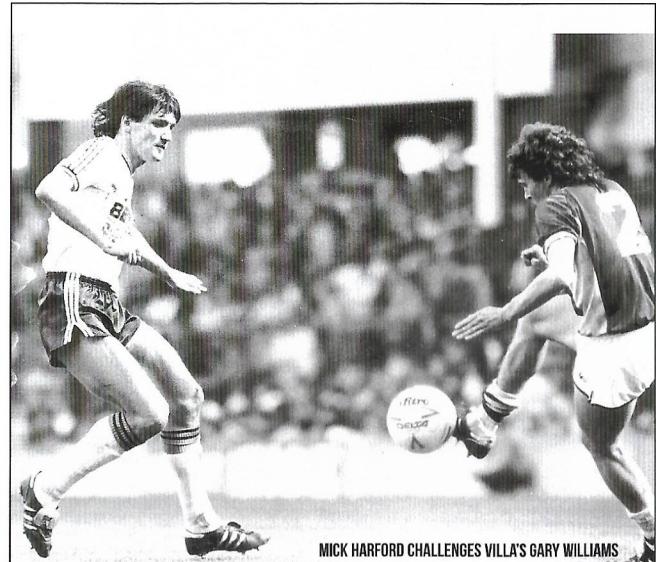
The only goal of the game came after 21 minutes when Brian Stein, showing excellent predatory skills, smacked the ball home after it was mis-controlled by Villa's Gordon Cowans.

There were few scares for Les Sealey in the Luton goal and when the final whistle eventually sounded the relieved Hatters fans soon realised that their team had picked up 13 points out of the 18 at stake since the semi-final defeat.

Whether that defeat was a blessing in disguise we shall never know.

LUTON TOWN: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Parker, Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece (Turner).

ASTON VILLA: Poole, Williams, Evans, Glover, Dorigo, Gibson, McMahon, Birch, Cowans, Withe, Walters (Daley).



MICK HARFORD CHALLENGES VILLA'S GARY WILLIAMS



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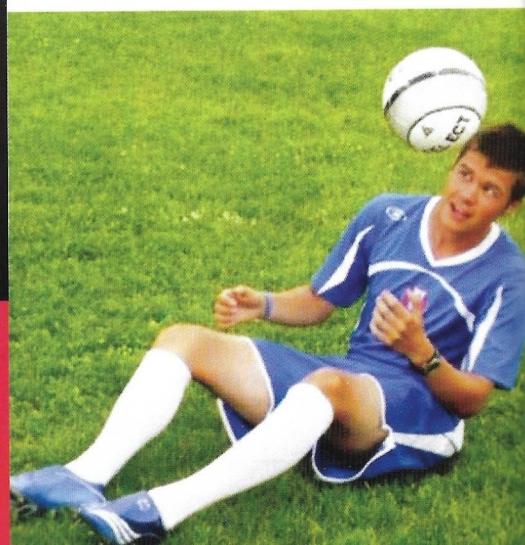
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Profile:

Michael Sup

Football studies student

Currently in his first year, Michael has landed a position with Luton Town as head coach for under-12's.



MEMORY LANE



NAME - Thomas Moller

AGE - 41

LOCATION - Norway

WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES

FROM - At Kenilworth Road or away grounds, otherwise I follow them online.

FIRST GAME - The Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley in 1988 - what first game to pick!

FIRST MEMORY - The answer is quite obvious, see above.

BEST GOAL SEEN - Dean Morgan's 3-2 winner against Southampton at Kenilworth Road 9th August 2005, our first home game back in the Championship.

BEST MATCH WITNESSED - For obvious reasons, the Littlewoods Cup final victory over Arsenal at Wembley.

THE WORST MATCH - Notts County 2-1 Luton at Meadow Lane, 2nd May 1992

when we relegated out of the top flight.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER - Andy Dibble's heroic performance and penalty save at Wembley in 1988.

FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT

The Bedford sponsored white shirts/navy shorts from the halcyon days of the 1980s.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER

Kevin Nicholls.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER

Either Mike Newell or David Pleat.

ALL-TIME LUTON

XI - Andy Dibble, Tim Breacker, Steve Foster, Trevor Peake, Kevin Foley, Kingsley Black, Kevin Nicholls, Ricky

Hill, Emeka Nwajiobi, Brian Stein, Steve Claridge.

I LOVE LUTON BECAUSE... It's a big club among the smaller, and because of all my friends in Luton and at the Bricklayers Arms. I'm a Norwegian Luton Town supporter and have been so since 6th November 1982 after watching a short session of highlights from a 2-2 draw against Arsenal which was shown on Norwegian TV.

Want to share your favourite Hatters memories? Send us your answers to the above questions in no more than 400 words to andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk.



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YOUTH UPDATE



FIXTURES 2010/11

August

14	Barnet (a)	W3-2
21	Stevenage (h)	
28	Northampton Town (a)	W2-1

September

4	Barnet (a) (FLYALC)	
11	Stevenage (a) (FLYALC)	
18	Northampton Town (h) (FLYALC)	
25	Peterborough United (h) (FLYALC)	

October

16	Brentford (a)	
23	Queens Park Rangers (h)	

November

6	Peterborough United (a)	
13	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	
20	Queens Park Rangers (a)	

December

4	Brentford (h) FLYA	
18	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	

January 2011

8	Peterborough United (h)	
15	Barnet (h)	
29	Stevenage (a)	

February

5	Northampton Town (h)	
12	Colchester United (a)	
26	Brighton & Hove Albion (h)	

March

5	Millwall (a)	
12	Leyton Orient (h)	
26	Gillingham (a)	

April

2	Southend United (h)	
9	Aldershot Town (a)	
30	Dagenham and Redbridge (h)	

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Brentford	2	2	0	0	6	6
QPR	2	2	0	0	5	6
Millwall	2	2	0	0	4	6
LUTON TOWN	2	2	0	0	2	6
Brighton	2	1	0	1	2	3
Stevenage	2	1	0	1	2	3
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	2	3
Aldershot	1	1	0	0	1	3
Southend	2	1	0	1	1	3
Colchester	2	1	0	1	0	3
Wycombe	2	1	0	1	0	3
Dag & Red	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Barnet	2	0	0	2	-4	0
Gillingham	2	0	0	2	-5	0
Peterborough	2	0	0	2	-5	0
Northampton	2	0	0	2	-6	0

Football League Youth Alliance fixtures unless stated.

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League Cup.

YOUNG GUNS

● EACH WEEK WE PROFILE ONE OF THE HATTERS' UP-AND-COMING PLAYERS IN THE YOUTH SECTION

NAME: Ashley Deeney

DATE OF BIRTH: 25/11/1991

POSITION: Right-back

DATE JOINED: 1993

NATIONALITY: English

PLAYER COMPARISON: Glen Johnson

HONOURS: Luton Town Head Scholar 2009/10

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

I'm a quick and strong fullback, good in one-on-one situations with determination and hard work. I like to overlap and use my speed to my advantage. I can still improve technically and need to score more goals, although I do get quite a lot of assists.

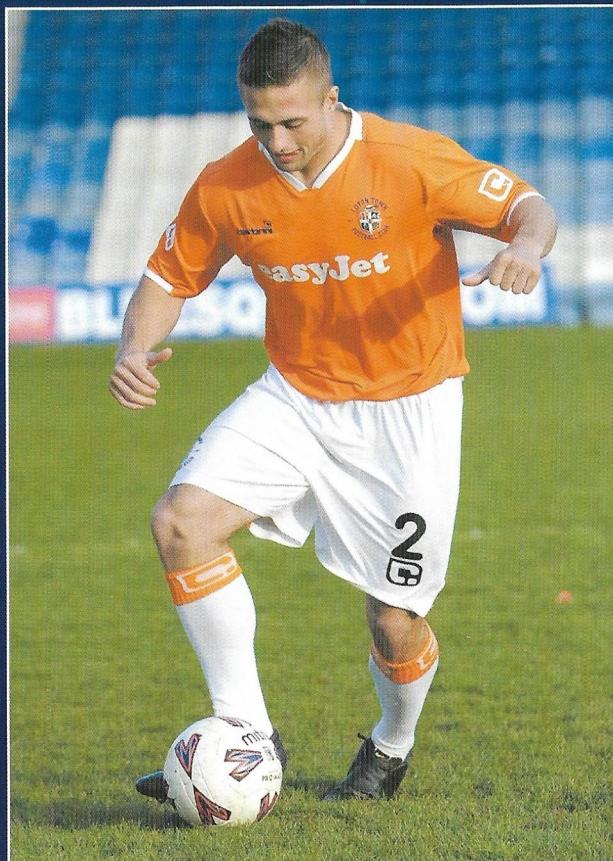
COACH'S COMMENTS

Gregg Broughton:

Originally from Milton Keynes, Ashley has been with Luton Town since the age of eight, and follows in the footsteps of his brothers David and Joe who were at the club previously.

Ashley has been given the third year of his scholarship to allow our coaching staff to continue to work on his development as a rightback.

Last season Ashley had a successful loan spell at Leighton Town and the Hatters will again



be looking to give him exposure to senior football as soon as possible this year.

Ashley's biggest attributes are his speed, range of passing and his ability in one-versus-one situations which allowed him to make his

debut for the youth team aged just 14.

He is also a natural leader and the Club are sponsoring him through his coaching qualifications this season whilst he coaches at the Performance Centre on a Monday night.

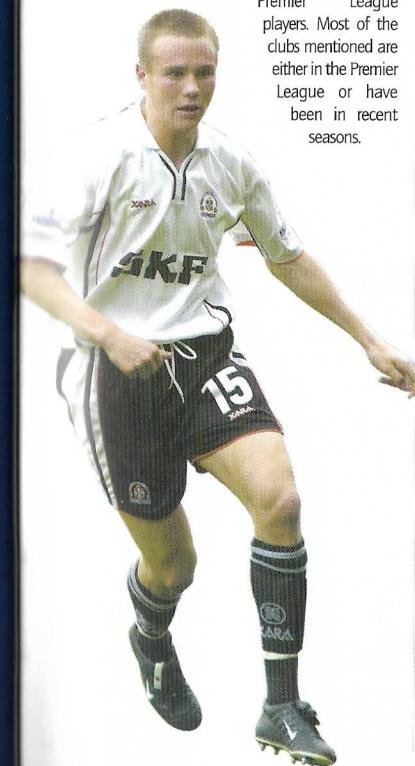
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Have you ever wondered where the top players in this country start their careers as youngsters? The Premier League recently produced a report to show which club initially signed each Premier League player.

If a club had to pay compensation or a transfer fee for a player then they cannot be the player's first club.

This table shows the most productive youth academies in terms of numbers of current

Premier League players. Most of the clubs mentioned are either in the Premier League or have been in recent seasons.



MOST PRODUCTIVE YOUTH POLICIES IN ENGLAND

CLUB	NO OF PLAYERS	CURRENT LEAGUE
1 Manchester United	22	Premier League
2 West Ham United	16	Premier League
3 Manchester City	11	Premier League
4 Everton	9	Premier League
5 Luton Town	8	Blue Square Bet Premier League 1
6 Charlton Athletic	8	Premier League
7 Tottenham Hotspur	8	Championship
8 Leeds United	7	Championship
9 Middlesbrough	7	Premier League
10 Arsenal	7	Premier League
11 Southampton	6	League 1
12 Wolverhampton Wanderers	6	Premier League
13 Aston Villa	6	Premier League
14 Liverpool	5	Premier League
15 Blackburn Rovers	5	Premier League
16 Stoke City	5	Premier League
17 Millwall	4	Championship
18 Nottingham Forest	4	Championship
19 Coventry City	4	Championship
20 Watford	4	Championship
21 Crystal Palace	4	Championship
22 Chelsea	4	Premier League
23 Bolton Wanderers	4	Premier League
24 Sunderland	4	Premier League

Of all the players in the Premier League who began their careers in England 125 started at a current Premier League club compared with 129 from outside the top division in England.

According to the statistics a young player in England is more likely to end up in the Premier League if he begins his career at a club outside it.

Luton Town were especially highlighted by the report as having an exceptional record and we have used this report in our presentation to parents during preseason. In a period where a lot of our players are being targeted by the

scouts of Premier League clubs it has proven to be a valuable tool in convincing parents that Luton Town is the right place to be.

For the record the eight players now plying their trade in the Premier League who began their careers with the club are:

Kevin Foley, Curtis Davies, Matthew Upson, Jerome Thomas, Jack Wilshere, Leon Barnett, Emmerson Boyce and Matthew Taylor.

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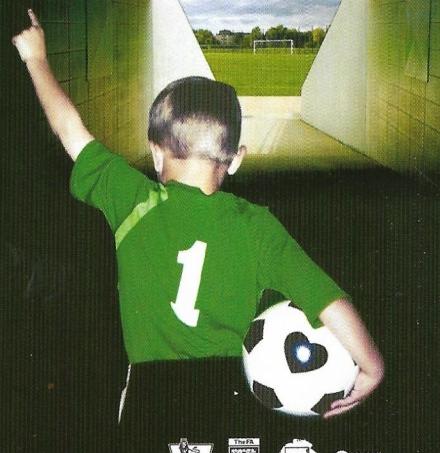
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SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

LUTON LADIES



The Town Ladies began their season back in the South East Combination League hosting newly-promoted Braintree Town.

Luton began very brightly and after several near misses took the lead in the 16th minute. Jade McEntaggart floated in a far post free kick and Laveena Bette timed her run to perfection before controlling the ball and smashing it low into the net.

The Hatters were on fire at this point and when skipper Michelle Byrne crossed into the area Rebecca Kane was on hand to sweep the ball into the net to make it 2-0 after 20 minutes.

Up until that point some of the movement and passing had been first class but the two goal lead served only to cause Luton to switch off and, following a series of comers, the visitors

pulled a goal back with an unmarked far post header.

That goal encouraged Braintree further and following another defensive howler the visitor's striker was left all alone to roll the ball into an empty net to make it 2-2 at the break.

The second half was largely one way traffic with the Town piling on the pressure in an attempt to gain all three points and Braintree performing an admirable rearguard action throwing bodies in front of the ball to hold on.

However, things could have been far worse as on the two occasions that the visitors broke out they almost grabbed a third with one attempt sailing narrowly over the crossbar and another bouncing on the top and over.

The Hatters laid siege to the Essex side's goal but in spite of several good opportunities the visitors held on for a hard earned point.

Luton manager John Wyatt said afterwards: "With all due respect to Braintree this was a game where we should have secured all three points but a succession of missed chances and two awful defensive errors left us in a position where we feel that we have dropped two points.

"Next week we visit Enfield Town who are always in title contention and it will be a much tougher test for us.

"We have several new players this season, both youth team players and some more experienced, who will add vital competition for places within an already strong and talented squad."

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GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Over the summer the centre been very busy with trials and preparing for the season ahead.

On Saturday 3rd July the Under-10s participated in the professional National FA Futsal Youth Festival held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

The festival is organised by the Football Association, after growing the awareness and understanding of Futsal across England.

Futsal was established to provide a national showcase event that could inspire young people to take up and play the game on a regular-basis.

The underlying aim of the FA National Youth Futsal Festival is to act as a catalyst to stimulate and support the ongoing youth development of Futsal across the country.

Whilst it may not necessarily lead to an increase or improvement in young players, it can play a pivotal role in encouraging schools, County FAs and other partners to establish sustainable Futsal development programmes that ensure it is played by young people throughout the rest of the year.

However, putting the serious elements of the



lost the opening game 1-0 to a very powerful Middlesex side.

In the second game saw the Town took on Hull City but their dominance was not rewarded with a goal and the game ended goalless.

Nottingham Forest were the opponents in our third match but despite twice taking the lead they had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

With the girls needing to win their last game by two clear goals against an unbeaten Leeds United it did not help conceding an early goal and after hitting the woodwork and working a second and the Town's involvement in the competition was over.

The festival proved to be fun and enjoyable for everyone. The atmosphere was electric and it was great to see the enjoyment of the young players at playing Futsal and attending an FA national event.



TEAMWEAR



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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

The Town currently sit top of the pile in the Blue Square Bet Premier with a 100% record following three straight wins.

AFC Wimbledon are on that same winning streak. So far, the Dons have defeated Southport, Histon, and Tamworth with last season's player of the year Danny Kedwell, the subject of a recently unsuccessful transfer bid from Crawley, already amongst the goals.

Dropping down to the bottom of the table are last season's Play-Off semi-finalists Rushden and Diamonds.

A draw against Fleetwood Town began their season, but recent defeats to Bath City and on Saturday to Barrow have left the Diamonds hoping that the recent loan signings of Rene Howe, and Dominic Green, both from Peterborough, can kickstart their campaign.

Back up at the top end of the table there has been an interesting start for Eastbourne Borough, who started the season with 4-2 loss to Tamworth but have since beaten Hayes & Yeading 5-0, and been a part of a thrilling, lastgasp 4-3 victory against Wrexham.

Also flying high at this stage are our next visitors to Kenilworth Road, Hayes and Yeading, they have won two games and lost one in what must be considered a great start for them.

This is what makes the division great and keeps things interesting - the fact that any team can beat any other on any given day.

Returning to the other end of the division, Altrincham have struggled so far with defeat against the Town and a draw against Darlington followed by defeat at home to Crawley.

Another team that has tasted defeat to the Hatters already is Kettering who so far haven't won a game after two goalless draws with Darlington and Gateshead either side of the 3-1 defeat the Town inflicted on the Poppies a week ago.

Last year's Play-Off finalists York City have not made the best of beginnings to a season either.

Following an opening day loss to Kidderminster two points have been earned with draws against Grimsby and Bath.



MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER LEADS THE GOALSCORING CHARTS

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Barnes-Homer (Luton)	5
Pacquette (Eastbourne)	4
Connor (Mansfield)	3
Vieira (Fleetwood)	3
Elphick (Eastbourne)	2
McNeil (Southport)	2
Wright (Hayes & Yeading)	2
McGinn (Southport)	2
Tubbs (Crawley)	2
Shaw (Kidderminster)	2
Smith (Wrexham)	2
Walker (Barrow)	2

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,665
Grimsby	4,221
Wrexham	4,040
AFC Wimbledon	3,135
York	2,682
Darlington	2,597
Cambridge	2,532
Mansfield	2,474
Crawley	2,428
Fleetwood	2,340
Kettering	2,128
Newport	2,072
Southport	1,802
Kidderminster	1,452
Barrow	1,292
Rushden & D	1,248
Forest Green	1,049
Eastbourne	978
Bath	971
Altrincham	937
Tamworth	723
Gateshead	639
Histon	533
Hayes & Yeading	328

HOME COMFORTS



LUTON TOWN v HAYES & YEADING

Blue Square Bet Premier Monday 30th August 2010 kickoff 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v CAMBRIDGE UNITED

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 11th September 2010 kickoff 3pm

THIS IS NOW AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR ALL SUPPORTERS

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v AFC WIMBLEDON

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 18th September 2010 kickoff 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



MATCHDAY PRICES

ALL AREAS

JUNIORS (UNDER 10)	£5
YOUTH (AGE 10-16)	£8
YOUNG ADULT (AGE 17-21)	£13
ADULT (AGE 22-64)	£18
SENIOR (AGE 65-75)	£13
GOLDEN SENIOR (OVER 75)	£10

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YOUTH (AGE 10-16)	£8
YOUNG ADULT (AGE 17-21)	£13
ADULT (AGE 22-64)	£15
SENIOR (AGE 65-75)	£13
GOLDEN SENIOR (OVER 75)	£10

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IN PERSON: At the ticket office, Kenilworth Road.

BY PHONE: Call 01582 416976

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ON THE ROAD



TAMWORTH v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 28th August 2010 kickoff 3pm

THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS. NO TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ON DAY AT TAMWORTH

Allocation: We have an allocation of 1,200 terrace tickets and 80 seats for this fixture.

Sales Plan: Due to the allocation received tickets are limited to one per person.

Tickets are now available to season holder in person, via the telephone and online from until Tuesday 24th. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Wednesday 25th August until 4pm on Friday 27th.

Prices: Terracing: Adults £14, concessions (over-65 and 16-18 year olds) £9, Under-16s £6, Under-8s £3. Seating: Adults £16, all concessions £11.



GRIMSBY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 4th September 2010 kickoff 5.15pm

Sales plan: We are waiting for ticket news from Grimsby and will publish further details once received on www.lutontown.co.uk.



GOING TO TAMWORTH?

Address: The Lamb Ground, Kettlebrook, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1AA



Directions:

Take the M1 north, M6, M42 leaving the M42 at Junction 10. Take the A5 towards Tamworth and follow the bypass into the town and take the turn for the town centre. Follow the signs towards the Snow Dome and Glascote/Amington. After passing the Snow Dome on your left, you should see the ground on your right. There is a fair sized car park at the ground.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to Tamworth. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 11.30am and prices are £17 for adults and £14 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 12noon. Prices are £14 for adults and £12 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

GOING TO GRIMSBY?

Address: Blundell Park, Cleethorpes, Humberse, DN35 7PY



Directions:

Take the M1 north and M18 but remember is that the ground is not actually in Grimsby, but the neighbouring town of Cleethorpes. The ground is on the A180 which runs between Grimsby and Cleethorpes. There is no car park at the ground, therefore only street parking. As you drive along the A180 towards the ground, the home end appears first, then after the McDonalds is the away end. From there, continue towards Cleethorpes and try any of the side streets to the left or preferably the right and you should find a parking spot okay.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to Grimsby. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 9.30am and prices are £22 for adults and £19 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 9.30am. Prices are £20 for adults and £18 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

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Students from across Luton recently attended four separate celebration events in the Eric Morecambe Suite in recognition of their attendance and hard work at the after school study club at Ely Way.

The original plan was to run two celebration evening for the 120 pupils who we worked with last term but it quickly became apparent that we would have to put on additional events as the number of parents wanting to come along meant that we would have exceeded the capacity limit in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

Pupils from Tennyson Road, Surrey Street, Maidenhead and Warden Hill Schools all received certificates, special prize packs and tickets to a home fixture against either Newcastle or Liverpool.

The feedback we received from the pupils was overwhelmingly positive.

Of the pupils surveyed every child said that they would recommend the study centre to a friend, 100% of the pupils survey either loved or thought the activities they took part in were good, 78% believed that their school work had improved while every child came away feeling more confident.

This was particularly gratifying to hear, as one of the core aims at the Centre is to raise pupil self esteem.

The response we received from parents was just as convincing as the young learners. 99% of the parents surveyed felt that their children's self esteem had improved as a result of attending the after school sessions while 75%

believed that their overall attitude to learning had improved significantly.

When the new academic year commences in September we welcome four schools Centre who are yet to work with – Putteridge Junior School, Ramridge Primary School, Dallow Road Primary and Sacred Heart School.

All schools attended a taster session prior to the summer holidays. Our aim at the Centre is to work with every primary school in the town by the end of the academic year.

With four new schools already signed up, and taking in to account the schools we have already worked with, we are already well on the way to meeting that target.

STATS 2010/11

DATE OPPOSITION H/A COMP SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARING XI

AUGUST

Sat 14	Altrincham	H	BSBP	2-1	6,665	101	6	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca 1	F.Murray	Drury	A.Murray	Keane	Howells*	Gallen*	B-Homer 1 ^{3**}
Tue 17	Kettering Town	A	BSBP	3-1	2,906	1,664	1	K.Pilkington	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	F.Murray	Gnakpa**	A.Murray ³	Keane	Drury	Gallen*	B-Homer 3 ³
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	BSBP	3-0	2,831	tbc	1	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca ³	F.Murray	Gnakpa 1 ³	Besta	Keane	Drury	Howells*	B-Homer 1
Tue 24	Newport C	H	BSBP															
Sat 28	Tamworth	A	BSBP															
Mon 30	Hayes & Y	H	BSBP															

SEPTEMBER

Sat 04	Grimsby Town	A	BSBP															
Sat 11	Cambridge Utd	H	BSBP															
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	H	BSBP															
Tue 21	Darlington	A	BSBP															
Sat 25	Gateshead	A	BSBP															
Tue 28	Mansfield Town	H	BSBP															

OCTOBER

Sat 02	Barrow	A	BSBP															
Tue 05	Crawley Town	H	BSBP															
Sat 09	Forest Green R.	H	BSBP															
Sat 16	Eastbourne B.	A	BSBP															
Sat 30	Bath City	H	BSBP															

NOVEMBER

Tue 09	Wrexham	A	BSBP															
Sat 13	Altrincham	A	BSBP															
Sat 20	Histon	H	BSBP															
Sat 27	Darlington	H	BSBP															
Tue 30	AFC Wimbledon	A	BSBP															

DECEMBER

Sat 04	Forest Green R.	A	BSBP															
Sat 18	York City	H	BSBP															
Sun 26	Rushden & D.	A	BSBP															
Tue 28	Tamworth	H	BSBP															

JANUARY

Sat 01	Rushden & D.	H	BSBP															
Mon 03	Hayes & Yeadling	A	BSBP															
Sat 08	Bath City	A	BSBP															
Sat 22	Gateshead	H	BSBP															
Tue 25	Grimsby Town	H	BSBP															
Sat 29	Crawley Town	A	BSBP															

FEBRUARY

Sat 05	Barrow	H	BSBP															
Sat 12	Fleetwood Town	H	BSBP															
Sat 19	Newport County	A	BSBP															
Sat 26	Cambridge Utd	A	BSBP															

MARCH

Sat 05	Kidderminster H.	H	BSBP															
Sat 12	York City	A	BSBP															
Sat 19	Kettering Town	H	BSBP															
Sat 26	Southport	A	BSBP															

APRIL

Sat 02	Kidderminster H.	A	BSBP															
Sat 09	Southport	H	BSBP															
Sat 16	Mansfield Town	A	BSBP															
Sat 23	Eastbourne B.	H	BSBP															
Mon 25	Histon	A	BSBP															
Sat 30	Wrexham	H	BSBP															

KEY

■ Home League games ■ Away league games ■ FA Cup games ■ FA Trophy games

Bold = Scorer 1, 2, 3 = Goals scored ■ Yellow Card ■ Red Card

SUBSTITUTES

Crow*	Gnakpa**	Craddock***	K.Pilkington	Blackett
Crow*	Howells**	Besta***	Tyler	Newton
Howells**	Craddock**	Newton	K.Pilkington	A.Murray

LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	HOME		AWAY		
												LEAGUE	CUP	LEAGUE	CUP	
1	LUTON	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	6	1	6	9		
2	AFC WIMBLEDON	3	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	9		
3	EASTBOURNE BORO	3	2	0	0	9	3	0	0	1	2	4	4	6		
4	MANSFIELD	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	3	4	1	6		
5	HAYES & YEADING	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	6	-3	6		
6	GATESHEAD	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	5		
7	DARLINGTON	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	4		
8	FOREST GREEN	3	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	4		
9	BATH CITY	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	4		
10	HISTON	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	4		
11	FLEETWOOD TOWN	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	4		
12	SOUTHPORT	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	3	-3	3		
13	CRAWLEY TOWN	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	4		
14	GRIMSBY	3	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	4		
15	TAMWORTH	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	4	-1	4			
16	KIDDERMINSTER	3	0	0	2	4	7	1	0	2	1	-2	3	1		
17	BARROW	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	-2	3		
18	WREXHAM	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	7	-3	3		
19	NEWPORT COUNTY	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	-1	2		
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LAST WORD

WITH LUTON ON SUNDAY SPORTS EDITOR JAMES CUNLIFFE

So, 'real' football is back with a bang - and not a moment too soon.

We may only be 10 days in, but so far, so good. I'm still counting my domestic football chickens, as the game did nothing but make me despair over the summer.

Now, I'm desperate for the end of the transfer window, it is just so tiresome hearing the rumours circulating that certain clubs are chucking around Never Never Land wages.

But really, the more we get into the nitty-gritty, the further away become those memories of vuvuzelas and underperforming prima donnas.

Sad to say but England proved that, if football is to 'come home' anytime soon, then we had better get FIFA's nod on the World Cup 2018 bid, because we're miles away from any international silverware.

Frankly, I'd now take a kickabout with jumpers for goalposts over the Three Lions.

Who needs them anyway, when the feel good factor around Kenilworth Road is in full flow?

On one hand, there's Wayne Rooney and John Terry et al, who haven't the faintest clue why we are all angry and, on the other hand there's the likes of Keith Keane.

His desire to stay, I hope, would have been tonic to those fed up with the ever increasing number of mercenary, badge-kissers in the game. A great way to start the season.

Of course, August is always an exciting time of what ifs, especially so after Richard Money assembled a pretty formidable looking line-up



“ KEITH KEANE'S DESIRE TO STAY AT KENILWORTH ROAD WAS A GREAT WAY TO START TO THE SEASON ”

this summer, without so much as a sheik in sight.

A 100 per cent start thus far has already got me checking the records to 2004 - the last time Luton started so well. I'm sure you don't need me to tell you the League 1 title came back to Bedfordshire that term.

So, with this season's honeymoon period hopefully set to continue tonight, I'd draw your attention to the return of a newspaper to cover all the thrills and spills of the campaign.

Last week Luton On Sunday was reintroduced

through letterboxes across town, bringing all the action from Saturday afternoon.

We've also added the new summer signing of a page of Premier League and national sport to give you the latest low-down on every ball kicked at the weekend.

With sister paper, Luton & Dunstable Express, out on Wednesdays - containing a report from tonight's game with Newport County - plus our website www.luton-dunstable.co.uk, you'll never miss any Hatters action.

Here's hoping for quite a season!

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CRAWLEY TOWN	v	BATH CITY
DARLINGTON	v	GRIMSBY TOWN
GATESHEAD	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN
HAYES & YEADING U	v	FOREST GREEN
HISTON	v	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
MANSFIELD TOWN	v	KETTERING TOWN
RUSHDEN & D	v	AFC WIMBLEDON
SOUTHPORT	v	ALTRINCHAM
TAMWORTH	v	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
WREXHAM	v	KIDDERMINSTER H
YORK CITY	v	BARROW

MATCH CENTRE

HALF-TIME SCORE

FULL-TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE

SCORERS

UP NEXT

HAYES & YEADING UTD



MONDAY 30TH AUGUST 2010 3PM

BLUE SQUARE BET
PREMIER

THE TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

- 01 MARK TYLER
- 02 DAN GLEESON
- 03 FREDDIE MURRAY
- 04 KEITH KEANE
- 05 ALAN WHITE
- 06 GEORGE PILKINGTON
- 07 ADAM NEWTON
- 08 KEVIN NICHOLLS
- 09 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 10 TOM CRADDOCK
- 11 ANDY DRURY
- 12 SHANE BLACKETT
- 13 ZDENEK KROCA
- 14 ADAM MURRAY
- 15 JAKE HOWELLS
- 16 ED ASAFU-ADJAYE
- 17 PAVEL BESTA
- 18 CLAUDE GNAKPA
- 19 DANNY CROW
- 20 KEVIN GALLEN
- 24 ALEX LACEY
- 25 GODFREY POKU
- 26 JJ O'DONNELL
- 27 TAYLOR NATHANIEL
- 28 ADAM WATKINS
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 30 KEVIN PILKINGTON

NEWPORT COUNTY

MANAGER: DEAN HOLDSWORTH

- 01 CLYN THOMPSON
- 02 PAUL BIGNOT
- 03 LEE BAKER
- 04 JAMIE COLLINS
- 05 GARY WARREN
- 06 CHRIS TODD
- 07 DANNY ROSE
- 08 SCOTT ROGERS
- 09 CRAIG REID
- 10 SAM FOLEY
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- 12 GUISEPPE SOLE
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