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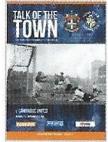
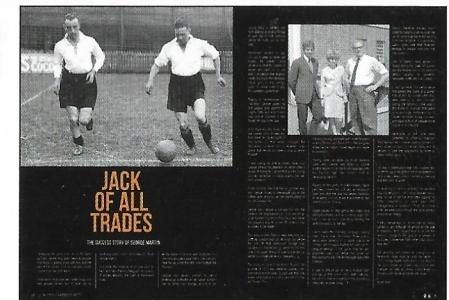
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MONEY TALK

Good afternoon and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for today's game with Cambridge United.

I would like also to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from the Abbey Stadium, Martin Ling, his management team, the players, Directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Bedfordshire this afternoon.

Our past four results will no doubt be a major talking point even at this early stage of the season and while I am disappointed that we haven't picked up more points that we would have liked, the performances have still been encouraging.

No Manager wants to see his side fail to win in four games but I believe - the Tamworth game apart - we have performed to a very good standard in three of the games.

The draws against Newport and Hayes and Yeading here at Kenilworth Road have been thoroughly entertaining games which, on both occasions, could have seen us come off the pitch having taken all three points.

The fine line between success and failure in sport is often highlighted, none more so in those two fixtures and against Grimsby last Saturday. We are, like you, disappointed we couldn't find a winning goal against Newport or Hayes and Yeading while at Blundell Park we managed to hit the woodwork twice and have an effort cleared off the line.

Our display at Tamworth was a bad day at the office but even in that game we could have

easily left with a point to show for our efforts, on a day when we admittedly gifted them two goals in the final 10 minutes to leave us empty handed.

This afternoon Cambridge will provide a stern test of our resolve. Martin and the club have big ambitions of getting back into the Football League just like ourselves.

Last week they beat Gateshead 5-0 and therefore arrive full of confidence. Like a number of teams in this division I expect them to enjoy a successful season.

A victory for ourselves this afternoon will no doubt reinstate the faith. The players have worked tremendously hard over the past seven days to make sure we turn a good performance into three points.

We are going into the game today in sixth place, five points off the top of the table. However, league tables do not interest me until Christmas time and it's no surprise if you take into some of the results that have arisen already this season.

Hayes and Yeading have won at Grimsby while Tamworth followed up their victory against us with a win at Mansfield and Histon, who lost at Grimsby, won at Hayes.

Football is a funny old game. We know we have to improve results wise but performances suggest that success isn't far away.

The schedule ourselves and the rest of the teams in the league have had to contend with has been overly busy in my opinion and it is no

surprise to see other Managers already having to contend with injuries after the rigours of six matches were crammed into 16 days.

This afternoon is the first of two successive home fixtures in the space of a week with current league leaders AFC Wimbledon here next Friday in a game which will be screened live on television.

Please continue to back the players today. Their performances over the past seven games have warranted more than just 11 points so please show them your appreciation by getting behind them.

We want to turn Kenilworth Road into the fortress it was towards the end of last season. No team should look forward to and relish a trip here so please keep up the support you have shown already.

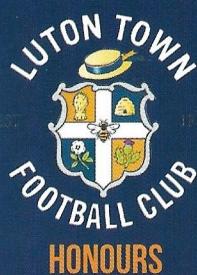
It has been truly fantastic and I'd like to say a big thank you to those who made the long trip to Grimsby. For a game kicking off late on a Saturday evening that was televised it was remarkable how many of you made the trip and for that we are all grateful.

Enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to one and all for this afternoon's Blue Square Bet Premier clash with Cambridge United.

I hope you'll join me in giving a warm welcome to supporters and officials from the U's, in particular Martin Ling and his players.

Having had a challenging couple of weeks of football I know Richard Money and his staff are more than eager to get back onto the pitch to put matters straight so this afternoon's match should be entertaining and enjoyable for all.

None less so than our three former Cambridge servants. I'm sure Dan Gleeson and Danny Crow, both formerly popular players at the Abbey Stadium, will both be looking forward to re-associate themselves with their former team-mates and make their mark on the game.

Of course, U's supporters will fondly remember Gary Brabir's tenure with them after they just lost out in the Promotion Final two seasons ago being capably managed by our current assistant manager, the season in which rewarded Gary with the title of Conference Manager of the Season.

Such familiarity between players and staff of the various clubs is more commonplace now than ever in the game and especially at the lower leagues where players tend to move clubs more frequently.

At Luton, it is one of our primary objectives to establish longer term stability, both in the business and in the squad.

Any Conference club who would consider themselves as serious contenders for the title,

which of course we do, can only achieve its aim with a harmonious and settled squad of players, united in their commitment and ambition for success.

This is in the utmost of our minds when we regenerate our squad and with so many personnel changes this summer, patience, which we're needing to call upon now, was always going to be a vital ingredient to our success.

Since our last home game we've seen the unfortunate departure of Tom Craddock who took the opportunity to join Oxford United in League 2 on a three-year contract.

The fact that players move on in football is something we are all used to at Luton and whilst everyone at the club was clearly disappointed to see Tommy depart to enjoy League football we were happy that we got the best for the club enabling us to further regenerate the squad and invest in our future.

I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Tommy well and hope he goes on to great success.

Whilst news of Tommy's departure was being much discussed we have also been busy successfully protecting the services of a number of our Centre of Excellence players from not insignificant offers from clubs much further up the leagues.

Whilst we never wish to stand in the way of our players progressing their careers, regardless of their age, we will not simply cave in on the first semi-lucrative offer received.

It saddens me to see that Jack Wilshere is rarely

associated with Luton, the club that put him on the road to a successful career, and brings tears to my eyes to see that our club receives no reward for doing so.

Our desire and determination to keep our fantastic group of youngsters together is second to none and should any player move on you can be safe in the knowledge that we have received a more than appropriate compensation package - a sum which then enables us to invest further into player recruitment and development.

This is why this morning's event at our Ely Way training ground was so important. Supporters of Luton Youth Development (SoLYD) held an open day to promote sponsorship and funding to assist our Centre of Excellence retain the same level of focus and resource into our youth development as we enjoyed when we were in the Football League.

For 2020 to continue the building of an ever increasing solidity to the foundation of our Club, this area is vital to us, therefore, we would kindly ask you to donate to SoLYD, no matter how small an amount via their website at www.solyd.co.uk.

In a season in which we celebrate 125 years of history, it's perfectly appropriate we invest in our future.

Which reminds me, we have been astounded by the positive comments made regarding our magnificent 125th anniversary replica shirt in pink and blue. I'm delighted to inform you all that these shirts will be available for pre-order on Monday. Further details can be found on page 23.

Finally, Stephen Browne and I spoke about the emotive issue of youth football at the Luton Town Supporters' Club meet the directors evening last week.

On behalf of Stephen and myself, I'd like to thank

LTSC for organising the event which was well attended and was a most enjoyable evening.

Thank you all for your support today and I hope we provide an entertaining game for all.

Come on you Hatters!

Gary



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CAPTAIN SPEAKING

The last four games have seen us collect just two points which, going into this afternoon's game with Cambridge, already puts us under pressure to get a result against a side with similar ambitions as ourselves.

There is no denying we should have secured more points than we have done but the performances on the pitch certainly haven't warranted the total we've earned, but that's football and we know that results win you football matches, not performances.

The fine line between winning and losing has been evident too in the past four games but in all honesty we don't think we are far away from producing our best football.

But we can't go feeling sorry for ourselves and it's important we bounce back to winning ways against Cambridge who represent a tough nut for us to crack today.

Martin Ling's side enjoyed a good result last Saturday putting five past Gateshead so they will come here full of confidence.

After facing them three times last season we are fully aware of the kind of threats they pose.

While we'll have a little bit of inside knowledge thanks to Gary Brabin, Danny Crow and Dan Gleeson, the most important thing is we concentrate on what we are capable of.

For the first time this season we have had a whole week to prepare and work on things on the training pitch.

It is true that we have a strong squad of players but I think a free week has given us time to reflect on our performances and alleviate the pressure that an intensive fixture list has brought.

Looking back on our first seven games we have

shown that we can create lots of chances. And so we should with the amount of creative and attacking talent we possess.

From a defensive point of view we are disappointed to have only kept one clean sheet but all over the pitch we have looked sharp and that will only improve as the season progresses.

We know that in the past four games we haven't had the ruthless streak we had towards the tail end of last season.

While there is still 38 games and 114 points to play for after today's game we know we can't afford to get ourselves too far behind the chasing pack as before we know we'll soon be a third of the way through the season.

Now is not the time to panic and we certainly aren't. All I can say is that the past four results will serve to be the ideal motivation for us to go out and produce a performance for you.

It's important that at stages such as these that everyone sticks together and all I ask is that you keep backing the team and support us each and every 90 minutes.

Everyone knows the kind of atmosphere that you can generate here at Kenilworth Road and you must remember the lads really do thrive off it.

You can be the 12th man and go some way to helping us achieve our goals not just for today but for the 38 games that follow.

Enjoy the game.

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HATTERS CHATTER

TRIO DEPART

Since our last home match we have said goodbye to three players who between them made 438 appearances in Town colours, scoring 75 goals.

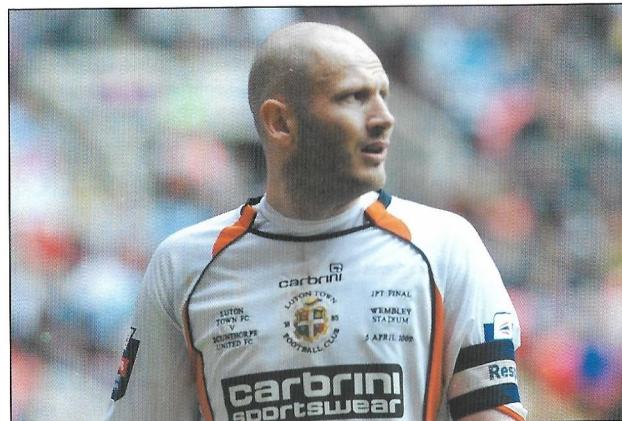
Club captain Kevin Nicholls and defender Alan White both had their contracts mutually cancelled by the club on 27th August while striker Tom Craddock joined League 2 Oxford United on transfer deadline day.

Nicholls, who originally joined the club in 2001 before resigning for a second spell two seasons ago, suggested the idea to managing director Gary Sweet who praised Nico's gesture.

"We genuinely wish Kevin all the best for the future," he said. "The word legend is spoken about too easily, but it couldn't be more appropriate in Kevin's case.

"He is arguably the Club's most successful captain having won two promotions and lifted a cup at Wembley.

"Nothing would please us more than to welcome Kevin back to Kenilworth Road as an



opposition player and as a guest of the Club's any time he wishes.

"I'm sure we'd all love him to be the first name on the team-sheet in our next legends celebration game, whenever that may be."

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Hayes and Yeading went home happy

following the 1-1 draw.

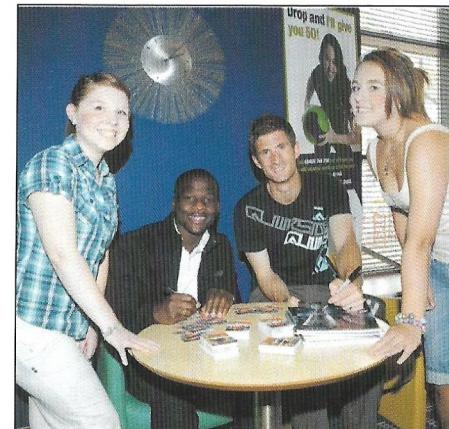
Eamonn McTeague, of Houghton Regis walked away with a very nice £575 after her ticket number 05257 was plucked out of the barrel at halftime.

Look out for our next draw when we host AFC Wimbledon on Friday 17th September.

TOWN TY UP ATENO

The Town welcomed back striker Taiwo Atieno to Kenilworth Road for a second spell after being released at the tail end of last season due to injury.

Now, fit and raring to go, the 25-year-old made his debut in Hatters colours in last Saturday's televised Blue Square Bet Premier fixture at Grimsby as a 78th-minute substitute.



CARD SIGNING SUCCESS

Town trio Keith Keane, George Pilkington and Claude Gnakpa made children smile at DW Sports on 2nd September.

The Hatters players were on duty as the club launched their official player card which are available now in the club shop and have already proved incredibly popular.

Keano, Pilks and Claude were on hand to sign autographs and pose for photographs. Here they are pictured with Lauren White and Grace Campbell and Jonny Stynes and Matt Charman.

If your hunting fellow fans to trade your swaps with then head to the Eric Morecambe suite between 1pm and 2pm on home Saturday matchdays.



BOX CLEVER

The Hatters will make their second television appearance in the space of a fortnight following Premier Sports TV's decision to screen live our home fixture with AFC Wimbledon.

Originally due to be played next Saturday 18th September the clash with the current table-topping Wombles will now take place on Friday 17th with a 7.45pm kickoff.



SNAPPED!

Usually it's the other way round but this time club photographer Gareth Owen has been caught on camera...but in this case he's looking somewhat different as Talk of the Town can reveal.

Gareth is here pictured giving his best Beatles impression at his son Paul and Stacy's wedding on 29th August.

For the sake of future matchday programmes and for the good of the music industry's reputation - don't give up the day job!

INTRODUCING CAMBRIDGE UNITED



RECENT HISTORY

After relegation from the league in 2005, long-suffering U's fans have twice been heartbroken by two consecutive Play-Off Final defeats to two sides from Devon at Wembley.

Defeat to Exeter City in 2007/08 was followed by another at the hands of Torquay United in May which even more galling after finishing second and coming close to overhauling long time leaders and eventual Champions Burton Albion.

LAST MEETING – CAMBRIDGE UNITED 3-1 LUTON TOWN 12/12/09

It was three goals in the space of 30 first half minutes ended the Hatters' first involvement in the FA Trophy.

Cambridge raced into a 30 halftime advantage with strikers Danny Crow and Chris Holroyd punishing the Town.

United took the lead on six minutes when Crow stole a march ahead of the Town defence to divert the ball beyond Kevin Pilkington from close range following Courtney Pitt's teasing, curling leftwing free-kick.

The U's took further control of proceedings when leading goal grabber Holroyd pounced twice in the space of six minutes to put the hosts firmly in control of matters.

Firstly, the striker nodded home from six yards with Pitt again the provider with a cross from the left and then, somewhat fortunately, he was able to pass the ball past Pilkington from close range after he took advantage of a lucky deflection that found its way to him after Wayne Hatswell's long range effort was blocked by Alan White.

As they tried to rally the Hatters got themselves back into the game when Hatswell headed into his own net following Kevin Nicholls' free-kick on 68 minutes.

Cambridge threatened to put the game well and truly beyond doubt with Holroyd, Crow and substitute Andy Parkinson all guilty of missing decent chances but come the full time whistle it was the hosts who were celebrating.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

In total 30 players have sported the colours of both the Hatters and United down the years. Who do you remember most?

Alan Guild, Jason Rees, John Ryan, John Taylor, Robin Wainwright, Wayne Andrews, Peter Phillips, Jack Bannister, John Collins, Alan Biley, David Greene, Jim Gibson, Mike Dixon, Ian Benjamin, Jamie Campbell, Tom Finney, Dan Gleeson, Danny Crow, Ben Chinery, Steve Claridge, Chris Turner, Mike Fairchild, Lil Fucillo, Tresor Kandol, Alan Kimble, Ricky McEvoy, Kofi Nyamah, Scott Oakes, Courtney Pitt and David Preece.

MEET THE MANAGER:

MARTIN LING

Appointed on a three-year-contract on 27th July 2009, Martin Ling returned to management six months after leaving Leyton Orient.

Ling was in charge of the O's for five-and-a-half years, leading Orient from the brink of dropping out of the Football League to League 1 following promotion in 2006.

The East Londoner took over the Brisbane Road outfit when second from bottom League 2 on 27th September 2003.

Ling turned around the O's fortunes and finished progressively higher each year, leading them to automatic promotion in 2006. Ling successfully kept the club in League 1 the following season, and in 2007/08, they finished 14th after topping the table for three months early in the season.

With limited funds, the O's dropped into the relegation zone when chairman Barry Hearn made what he described as "the hardest decision I have had to make in 14 years as Orient chairman" and Ling and his assistant Dean Smith left the club by mutual consent.

After leaving Orient, Ling scouted for Hibernian and set up a network of scouts for the Scottish Premier League side before joining United.



Martin Ling brings his Cambridge United side to Kenilworth Road after back-to-back victories over Eastbourne Borough and Gateshead.

The two wins have moved United into the top half of the table and the visitors are now just two points behind the Hatters.

Despite being happy with most of his team's performances Ling describes results as 'average', not that he is too concerned by the shape of the league at this point.

"It's very volatile at this stage of the season," he told Talk of the Town. "I think the league will have a proper slant on it once we have gone through September and when all the clubs have played around 12 games."

Both of today's teams are expected to mount a serious promotion challenge and Ling believes the pressure on clubs falling out of the Football League into the Blue Square Bet Premier can be enormous.

"So many of the former league clubs like Luton and ourselves are expected to get out because of the history but that has nothing to do with it," he said. "You have to earn the right to get out of the division and not just expect it because of who you are."

"Two of the biggest spending clubs in this league are Crawley and Fleetwood who have no experience of a higher level."

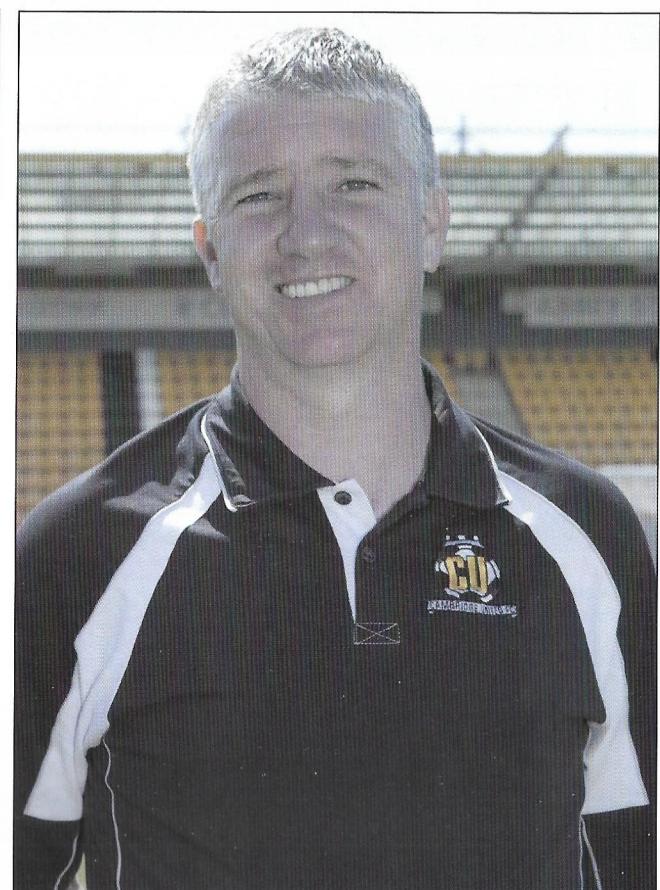
Despite that, both the Hatters and Cambridge faithful have high hopes for their clubs - an expectation that the United boss understands.

"Luton are one of the favourites to go up, if not the favourites. You look over the course of the seven games so far and everybody thought Luton would be running away with it after the first three matches."

"Our form in the last two matches has been like Luton's was at the start and we are just a couple of points behind now."

"Both teams should be competing so the game should provide a good yardstick."

If the two league encounters last season are anything to go by we could be in for an entertaining afternoon here at Kenilworth Road.



MARTIN LING

U'S BOSS NOT CONCERNED BY 'AVERAGE' START

The two clashes yielded an impressive 11 goals. The Town took the spoils in a 4-3 triumph at the Abbey Stadium whilst Ling's side earned a point from their 2-2 draw here.

"We had two tough games last season and

they were certainly entertaining affairs," remembers Ling.

"We only got one point out of six so we will want to improve on that. Equally I'm sure Luton will want to get all three points."



GOALKEEPERS

SIMON BROWN

Experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract with the U's in May 2010, following a successful short-term spell with the Club at the end of the 2009/10 campaign. Brown has made over 250 starts during his career which includes spells at Hibernian, Colchester United, Brentford and Darlington.

DANNY NAISBITT

Joined the U's on a two-year contract in May 2010 having spent the last two months of the 2009/10 season on loan at League 1 Brighton. An experienced goalkeeper having made over 130 starts during his career, Danny collected the 2008/09 Chairman's Player of the Year Award at his previous club, Histon and will be looking to help United back into the Football League after turning down the chance to stay at the Seagulls to join the U's.

DEFENDERS

JOSH COULSON

A graduate from the youth system, Josh is a 6ft 3in centre-half who is good in the air and composed on the ball. He was a regular in the side last season following the departure of Wayne Hatswell in January and was offered a two-year deal at the end of the campaign. Josh described the decision to commit his future to the U's as

"an easy one to make" and will be looking to build on his fine form towards the end of the last campaign.

BLAINE HUDSON

Promising young centre-half who at 6ft 5in made his first team debut against Eastbourne last month. He the U's from Norwich City and as soon as Jez George heard he had left Carrow Road he was whisked off to a youth tournament in France, where he impressed Jez and youth team coach Nolan Keeley over the weekend and quickly was offered a scholarship in May 2008.

JAMES JENNINGS

Left-back who joined the U's in May 2010 from fellow conference outfit Kettering, who were keen to hold on to the young defender having offered him a new contract at the end of the 2009/10 season. Predominantly signed as a full-back, Jennings can also play in midfield.

RORY McAULEY

Young defender who joined United as a scholar in 2006 and made his first team debut for the U's in September last season and went on to make a further two appearances. A versatile player who can play centre-back, right-back or central midfield, Rory was predominantly used in midfield towards the end of the 2009/10 campaign.

DAVID PARTRIDGE

Experienced Welsh international centre-back who started his career as an apprentice at West Ham before joining Dundee United for £40,000 in March 1999. Having played with clubs including Motherwell, Bristol City, Brentford and most recently St Patrick's Athletic, David has also had loan spells with MK Dons and under United Martin Ling at Leyton Orient in 2006.

KEVIN ROBERTS

Defender who joined the U's in February 2010 on a free transfer from Chester City. Liverpool-born Roberts can play right-back, centre-half or in midfield and made over 100 appearances for the Deva Stadium outfit, scoring seven goals. He made his first team debut against Nottingham Forest in the Carling Cup in 2007, bravely stepping up to take a penalty in the shootout.

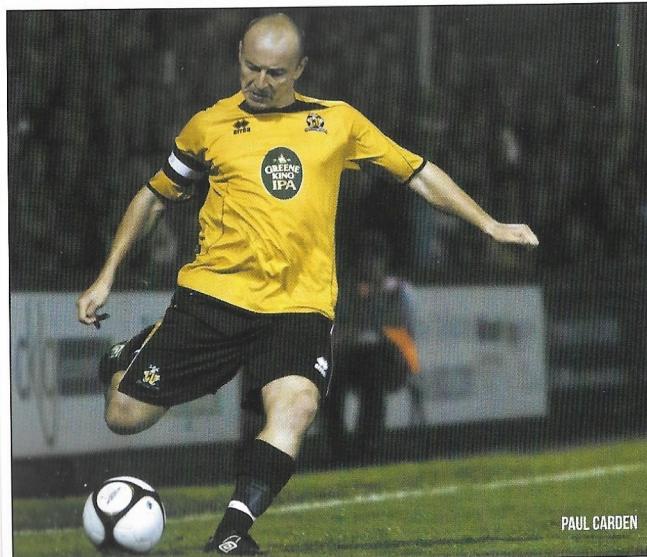
BRIAN SAAH

Martin Ling's first signing in August 2009, Brian joined on a free transfer after being released by Leyton Orient at the end of the 2008/09 season. Saah, an elegant centre-back who began his career as a midfielder, played 82 games in Leagues 1 and 2 and was runner-up for the Player of the Season awards last term.

MIDFIELDERS

PAUL CARDEN

An experienced, influential midfielder who



PAUL CARDEN

joined the U's in November 2007. Captain and Assistant Manager, Carden led the U's to successive Play-Off finals at Wembley in recent years and is under contract at the Club until 2012. Strong in the tackle and not afraid to shoot, Paul has won the goal of the season award for the last two years.

ADAM MILLER

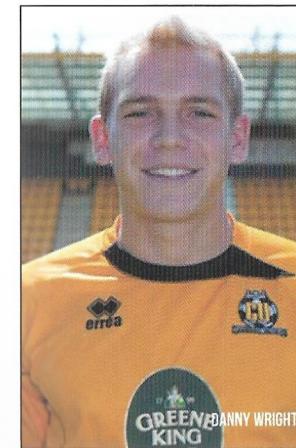
All action midfielder who turned down interest from a number of league clubs to sign a three-year contract with the U's in June 2010. The former England C international, came through the youth ranks at Ipswich Town, before spells with Canvey Island, Grays, Gravesend, Aldershot, Queens Park Rangers and Stevenage. Miller has also represented Northern Ireland at Under 18s and is an attacking midfielder who gets forward and scores goals.

SIMON RUSSELL

Winger who initially joined the U's in January 2005 from York City in an exchange loan move which saw Courtney Pitt move in the other direction. A hard-working, energetic and skilful winger, Simon endeared himself to the U's faithful with a string of man-of-the-match performances at the tail end of last season and signed a two-year contract with the club in May 2010.

ROBBIE WILLMOTT

A graduate from the United youth system, Robbie made his first team debut for the U's in the closing stages of the 2-1 win against Crawley in 2007 and signed professional



DARYL CLARE

terms later that season. His pace, eye for goal and dribbling ability makes him one of the most exciting prospects from the youth setup and can play on either flank or up front.

STRIKERS

DARYL CLARE

Prolific and experienced striker who joined the U's from Gateshead for a fee of £10,000 in June 2010. A former Republic of Ireland B international, the forward has twice topped the Conference goalscoring charts as well as helping both Boston and Chester to the title in 2002 and 2004 respectively. With 164 goals in 433 games since launching his career, Daryl has a keen eye for goal.

CONAL PLATT

Conal began playing for Preston schoolboys

aged 14-15 and was noticed as their best player. Later on, he was selected to be part of the English Schools squad and earned himself a scholarship at Liverpool Football Academy. He then went on to play for Bournemouth, Morecambe, Weymouth, Rushden and Diamonds, and finally, Forest Green Rovers before joining the U's in June 2010.

DANNY WRIGHT

Striker with a real eye for goal who joined the U's on a two-year deal in May 2010 having previously been at near neighbours Histon since 2007. Scorer of the goal which knocked Swindon out of the FA Cup the season before last when with the Stutes, Wright is a powerful centre-forward who has an impressive scoring rate in the Conference.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters and our sponsors and corporate guests to today's game with Cambridge United.

As I mentioned in my last programme notes we have had our foot flat to the floor in the commercial department taking bookings for corporate hospitality and I expect that to increase as the season continues.

This afternoon against Cambridge and next Friday night against AFC Wimbledon are two of our most high-profile fixtures of the season so far and have proved to be incredibly popular with match sponsor, ball sponsor and other commercial opportunities snapped up already.

Future fixtures against Mansfield, Crawley and Rushden and Diamonds are just as popular so if you are interested in sponsoring one of the these fixtures then hurry before spaces disappear.

With a number of new players signed by Richard Money over the summer we have also been busy taking enquiries for the kit sponsors - a number of which are still available for players' home and away shirts.

Turn to page 19 of today's programme to find out who's shirts are still available to sponsor and remember if you're under 16 and want to sponsor your favourite player's boots then give them please get in touch.

Once again we have the pleasure of having the continued support of match sponsors who this afternoon are our friends and scoreboard suppliers London Electronics.

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Tim is 13 and attends Ashcroft High School and enjoys football, cricket and computer games. His favourite is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

Kieran is 10 and attends Wigmore Primary School and his favourite Hatters player is striker Matthew Barnes-Homer. Apart from football Kieran also likes cricket.

Both come to Kenilworth Road with their mum and dad. We hope you all have a wonderful day with this afternoon.



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Our last home game against Hayes and Yeading proved to be popular with corporate guests and match sponsors enjoying the pre and post-match fun in our suites and lounges. Gareth Owen was standing by to capture the action.



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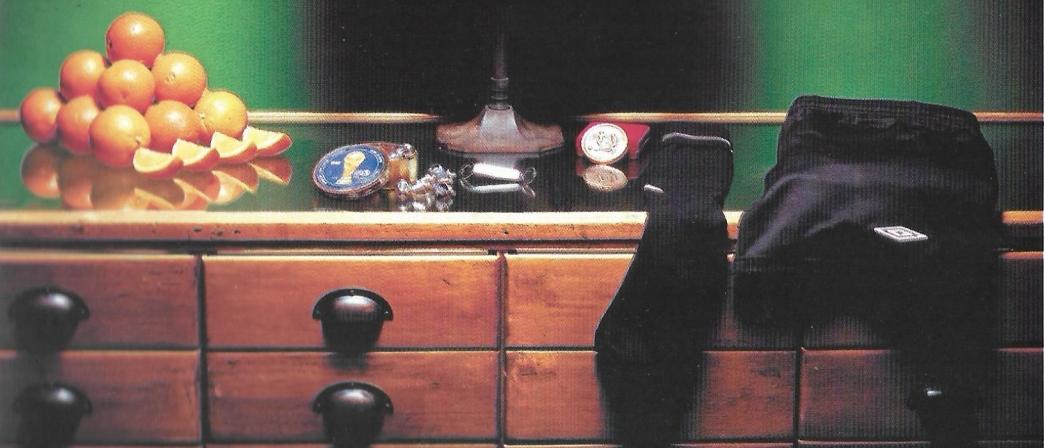


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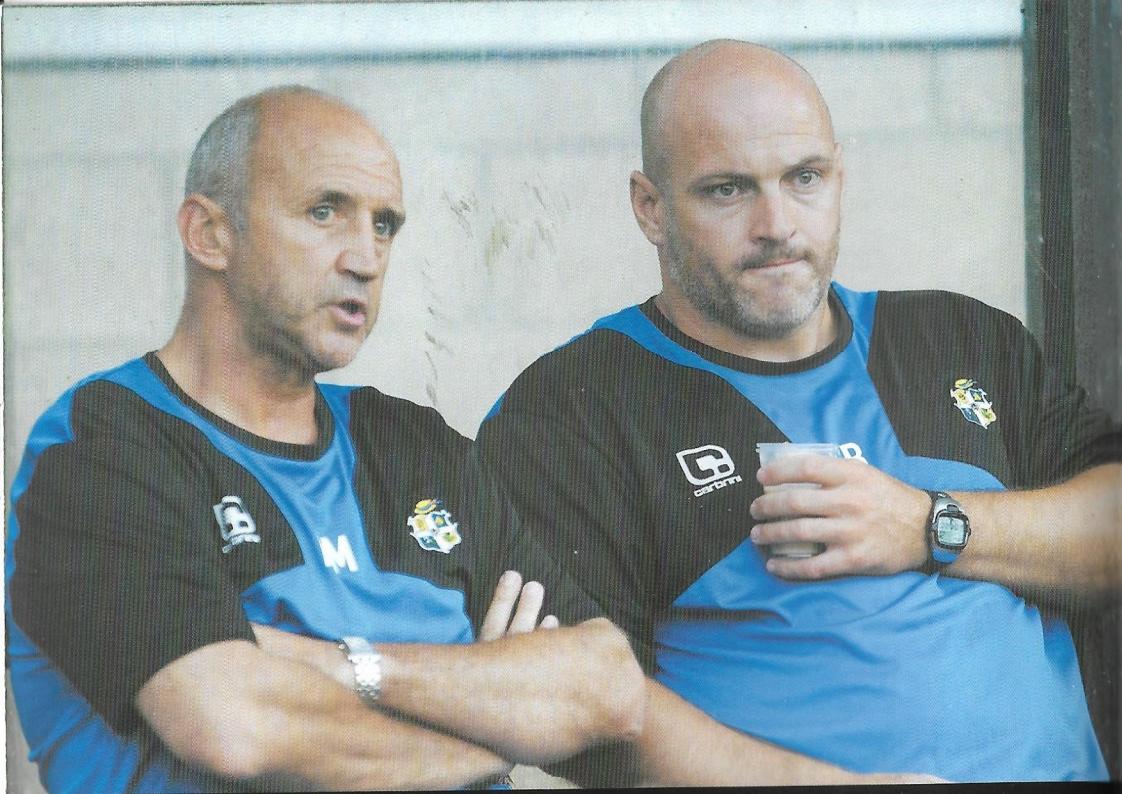


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SO NEAR YET SO FAR

ASSISTANT BOSS GARY BRABIN REFLECTS ON HIS TIME WITH TODAY'S VISITORS

There will be one man watching today's game at Kenilworth Road with a distinct feeling of what might have been.

The Town's assistant manager Gary Brabin will be viewing from the dugout this afternoon as Richard Money's side take on a Cambridge United side he guided to the Conference Promotion Final in 2009.

The likable Liverpudlian was named as the Blue Square Premier's Manager of the Season for 2008/09 after guiding the U's to within a whisker of a return to the Football League.

It was tough on Brabin as the Abbey Stadium outfit finished second behind eventual Champions Burton Albion before going on to lose to Torquay United in the Final at Wembley.

And therefore it was a real sucker punch when last season, in his role then as chief scout with the Hatters, that a second place finish was also not enough and the Play-Off semi-final defeat to York ended a second successive promotion dream for Brabin.

But despite that disappointment the 39-year-old is again plotting a Town return to the Football League by putting his past

experiences of the division to good use, with his inside knowledge of Cambridge of particular use for this afternoon's fixture between the two clubs.

Brabin explains: "It's going to be strange seeing a lot of players who I used to manage on the opposing teams side but hopefully this is where my knowledge of those particular players can be of help.

"Martin Ling will now have put his own stamp on things since I was there. He's a good manager who has inherited a good team and they will be there or thereabouts come the end of the season.

"I was absolutely gutted not to win promotion with Cambridge and it was a similar feeling for me last year but hopefully we can achieve success here at Luton and get the club back in the Football League.

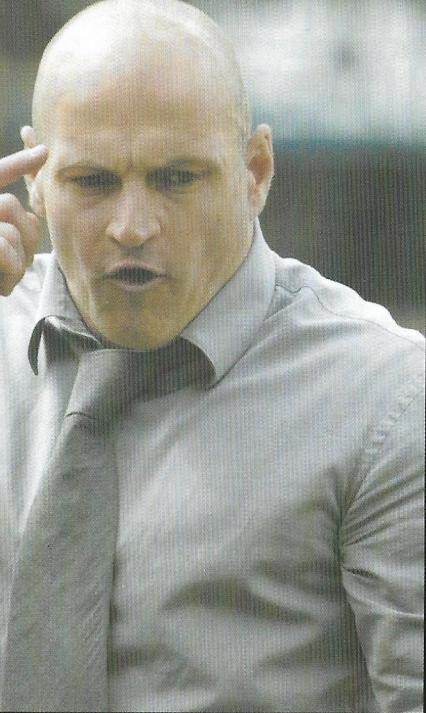
"I've been able to help Richard Money so far and I will continue to do so. I believe the squad we've got here at Kenilworth Road is capable of winning promotion."

But Brabin echoes the Hatters' philosophy that they have to worry about their own performance rather than the threat that the opposition pose.

"First and foremost we have to concentrate on our own strengths," says Brabin. "We have got talented players and we need to keep believing that."

"I know, and now we all know following last season, how tough this division can be and I will continue to pass my knowledge onto Richard, Alan Neilson and the players to help this club win football matches."

"It's a real team effort but at the end of the day Richard will prepare the players and then it's up to them to go out and deliver once they've crossed that white line."



" FIRST AND FOREMOST WE HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON OUR OWN STRENGTHS...WE HAVE GOT TALENTED PLAYERS AND WE NEED TO KEEP BELIEVING THAT "

His last season at the Abbey Stadium was certainly an up-and-down one which eventually saw him sacked by former Cambridge chairman George Rolls in the 2009 close season.

Amid a period of uncertainty for the U's faithful, Rolls appointed Martin Ling as his successor before the former Orient chief quit.

But Rolls himself moved on which eventually led to Ling's immediate return to complete a topsy-turvy month at the club.

Despite Brabin's experiences during his tenure in Cambridgeshire the man who earned his reputation in his playing days as a tough-tackling midfielder holds no grudges against anyone at the Abbey Stadium.

"People don't realise what goes on behind the scenes," he says. "There were a lot of things going on at the time but that's now in the past."

"I have no bitterness or animosity to anyone at Cambridge United and I still hold the club in very high regard."

"A lot of things went on during my time there but I still have a lot of friends at the club and when I returned to watch them play Kettering last weekend I received a nice reception which is always good."

"The fans were great to me and I thank them for their support while I was in charge and for their backing when I left. It was greatly appreciated."

To come so close to promotion is always difficult for any manager to take and it was no different for Brabin after the U's lost for the second successive year in the Play-Off final.

"I was absolutely gutted to lose in the final to Torquay," he says. "I really, really thought we were going to catch Burton but we couldn't quite make it come the final day of the season."

"I said we'd catch them at Christmas and everybody laughed but we made one helluva go of it and nearly pulled it off."

"We had the chance at Wembley to finish the job off and the team and I were devastated to lose, especially the players that had lost there the previous season."

"The Conference is always a very strange division with a lot of teams capable of beating each other. It is going to make for a very exciting season."

"We've had a period of four games without a win but win, lose or draw we've got to believe in ourselves."

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The 2010/11 campaign is the 125th in our history, since the Luton Town we know and love played their first competitive match against Marlow in October 1885.

The special strip, which was first worn at Marlow in this summer's pre-season friendly, was also sported against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in our opening home pre-season fixture.

And when Altrincham came to town on the opening day of the new season the pink and navy was again on show as the Hatters ran out 2-1 winners thanks to Matthew Barnes-Homer's super strike two minutes from time.

The club has been besieged with supporters' enquiries and, as we revealed in our Altrincham edition of Talk of the Town, the shirt will go on sale in October.

With a month of the season already flying by it means that next month you'll be able to get your hands on the sought-after strip and now we're giving you the chance to pre-order

yours and guarantee your little bit of history.

The limited edition shirts can be pre-ordered either via our online ticket office or by visiting the club shop in Kenilworth Road.

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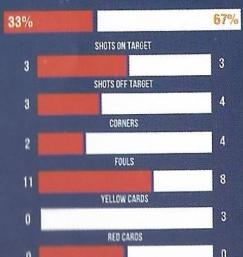
"Over the course of the 90 minutes Tamworth probably edged it. We got back to 1-1 and at that point you probably think we're going onto win it but fair play to Tamworth, they stuck at it but we've given them two goals from two mistakes."

LINE-UPS

Tamworth: Atkins, Tait, Wylde, Marshall, Barrow, Bradley, Smith, Wilkinson, Rodman, Thomas, Perry (Sheridan 81). **Subs not used:** Mitchell, MacKenzie, Lake, Gaskin, Lytle.

Luton Town: K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kroca, F. Murray, Gnakpa (Howells 61), A. Murray, Besta (Newton 83), Drury, Craddock, Barnes-Homer (Gallen 62). **Subs not used:** Tyler, Blackett.

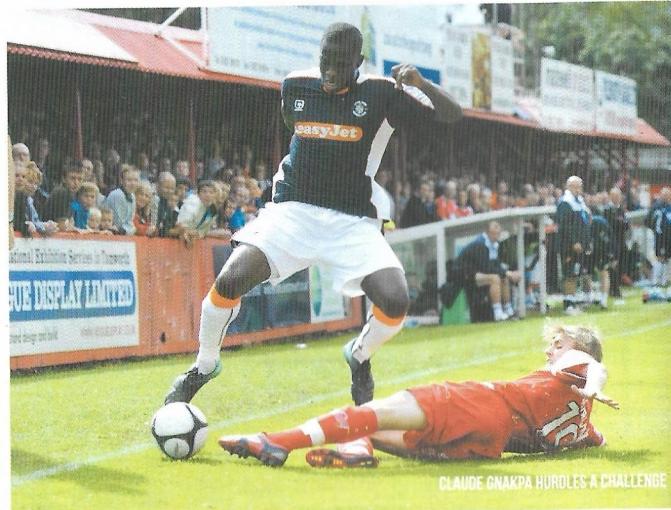
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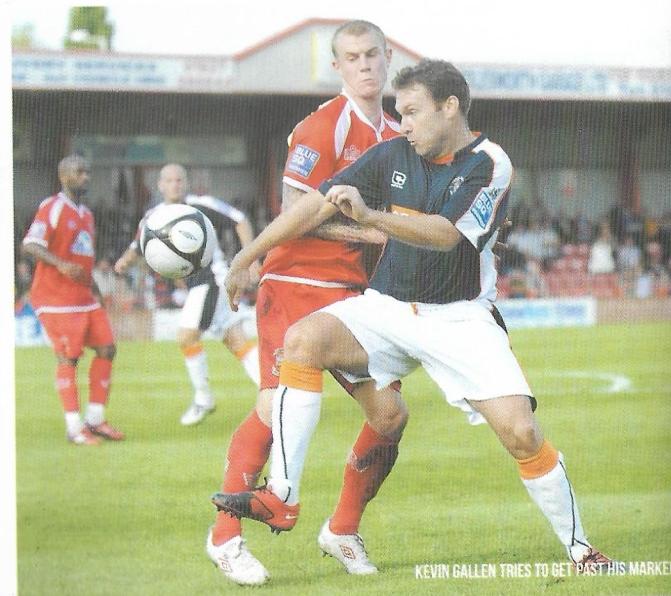
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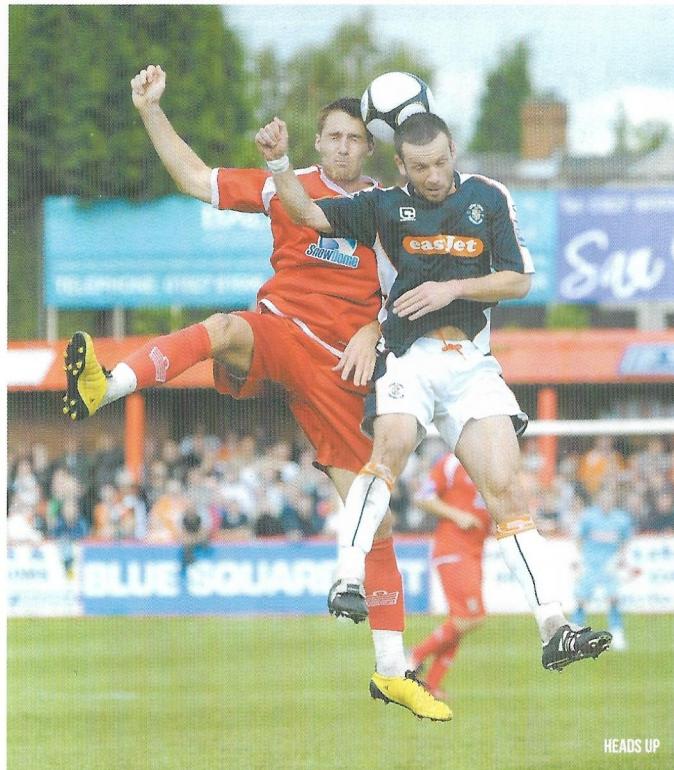
The new Town right-back is growing in stature and confidence with every game which was optimised by his tackling and willingness to get forward in attack.



CLAUDE GNAKPA HURDLES A CHALLENGE



KEVIN GALLEN TRIES TO GET PAST HIS MARKER



HEADS UP



ADAM NEWTON IS FOULED

MATCH REPORT

Two goals in the last 12 minutes ended the Hatters' unbeaten start to the season at the Lamb.

Tamworth enjoyed a bright start and Gary Mills' side took the lead on 11 minutes when Kyle Perry was on hand at the back post to nod Richard Tait's rightwing cross beyond Kevin Pilkington.

Four minutes later and with the Lambs on top, Pilkington had to be at his best to keep out a curling effort from Tait that looked destined for the top corner of the net.

The Hatters were struggling to test home stopper Ross Atkins but it was the hosts that were threatening the most, and a mix-up between Pilkington and Andy Drury on 26 minutes almost put the Lambs two goals ahead.

Richard Money's men gradually got their passing game together and a positive start to the second half saw them level three minutes after the break.

Matthew Barnes-Homer and Tom Craddock caused confusion in the home penalty with both strikers creating space for each other that eventually saw Craddock fire home.

Buoyed by that goal the Hatters came agonisingly close to taking the lead for the first time when Barnes-Homer turned smartly in the box to fire a deflected shot that Atkins somehow managed to claw away.

And that seemed to be the turning point as Tamworth weathered the visitors' storm and on 67 minutes the Town had Pilkington's agility to thank to tip over a well-hit freekick from Rodman.

That was a warning shot and the Hatters were not so lucky on 78 minutes when the Lambs re-took lead when a misplaced pass from Pavel Besta enabled Danny Thomas to hit a shot across Pilkington from the left-hand edge of the penalty area.

Despite seeing plenty of the ball in their pursuit of an equaliser the Hatters could not find one and their misery was complete in the fourth minute of stoppage time when Bradley smashed an unstoppable effort home from the edge of the box to make it 3-1.

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POST-MATCH REACTION

The Town's unbeaten start to the season came to an abrupt end at the Lamb as two late second half strikes gave Tamworth a 3-1 win.

After three wins and a draw the result certainly came as a shock and gave everyone a timely reminder of what to expect if you're not on your game.

Midfielder Adam Murray won promotion with Oxford last season and knows exactly what is needed if he is to help the Hatters achieve the same thing and it's not too many performances like that.

"We weren't at the races today that's for sure," he said afterwards. "But even saying that, at 1-1, we looked like the only team that was going to go on and win the game.

"The match turned and we gave goals away from mistakes and at this level we can't do that.

"We had a good start to the second half and once we got that goal I expected us to go on and win the game but it's not been our day.

"The best thing that has come out of the game is the fact we don't have to wait a week to put it right. Come tomorrow we'll be working on the Hayes match and that will be our only focus.

"When you get a result like that, especially after the good results we have had recently, it's not nice.

"Fortunately we've got a game in a couple of days to put it right and that's what we are looking to do."

The game was the fifth in 14 days, but things are about to calm down which will only help everyone, as patterns will begin to develop, partnerships gel and form return and, with several new faces, Murray knows it will take time for the Hatters to really start firing.

"At this stage in the season we are all getting to know each other, whoever you are playing with, you have to build a partnership. Whoever is in the team will be doing their best.

"It was one of those days today, we are not making excuses though we just haven't been good enough."



LUTON TOWN 1 HAYES AND YEADING UNITED 1

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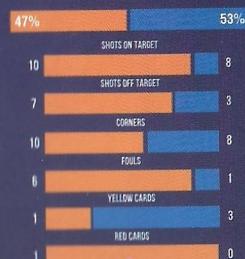
"I thought Gary Haylock got them really well organised. They were tough opponents. The three up front were quick and dangerous but it was a good effort from us and I thought we did more than enough to win the game. We played at a good tempo and created numerous opportunities."

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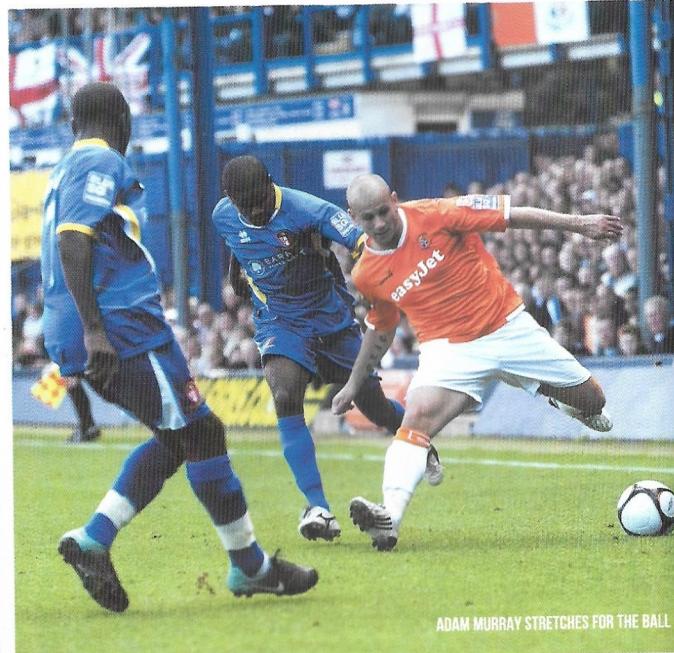
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Hayes and Yeading: Harrison (Lennie 42), Ferrell, Cadmore, Bygrave, Green, Holmes, Hand, Pritchard, Mulley, Malcolm, Yiadom (Buchanan 82). **Subs not used:** Wassmer, Wishart, Webb.

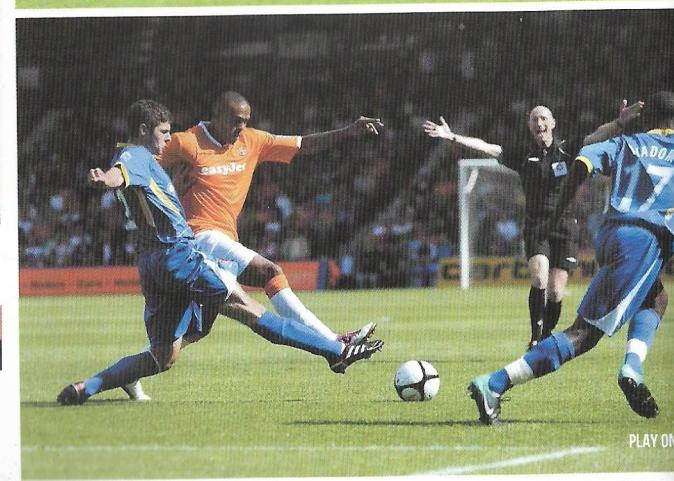
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ANDY DRURY

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ADAM MURRAY STRETCHES FOR THE BALL



PLAY ON!



ANDY DRURY CELEBRATES



JAKE HOWELLS IS THWARTED

MATCH REPORT

Andy Drury scored his first goal for the club but later got sent off as the Hatters had to settle for a draw against Hayes and Yeading United.

The Town could have led as early as sixth minute when Zdenek Kroca and Matthew Barnes-Homer came close to turning home from close range following a Drury corner.

However on 12 minutes the Hatters had a fantastic reaction save from Mark Tyler to keep the score goalless when the stopper pushed away Michael Malcolm's snapshot from close range.

Richard Money's men were struggling to find the breakthrough but eventually tested Lee Harrison in United goal on 25 minutes when the goalkeeper tipped over George Pilkington's looping header.

The visiting goalkeeper was beginning to get busy, making fine saves from Danny Crow's glancing header on 37 minutes and Drury's fierce drive on 41 minutes.

United were the quickest out of the blocks at the beginning of the second half and, five minutes after Tyler had produced another stunning save to thwart James Mulley's curling effort, they had the lead when Bradley Pritchard lofted an effort home after Tyler had punched the ball straight to him.

The Hatters' response was good and after Kevin Gallen was fouled by Tom Cadmore 35 yards from goal, Keith Keane's floated free-kick saw Drury sneak home unnoticed at the back post for his first goal for the club.

With their tails up the Hatters were looking good to go on and win. On 69 minutes Kroca saw a header hit the bar and, as the pressure mounted, the hosts thought they should have had a penalty nine minutes from the end when an Adam Murray shot was handled in the penalty area.

However a winner seemed unlikely and Haylock's side almost snatched all three points when an Adam Green free-kick was well blocked by Tyler two minutes from the end before Drury was dismissed for his second booking injury time leaving the Town with 10 men.



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POST-MATCH REACTION

The 1-1 draw with Hayes and Yeading made it three games on the bounce without a win for the Town but despite the disappointment and frustration the players were quick to point out that no one was panicking just yet.

"You look for the positives," said goalkeeper Mark Tyler. "There were a few decisions which went against us, a few handballs not given and hopefully the ball will drop for us a bit more in the box in the next few games."

"It's not as if we're not creating chances or anything like that, we are looking good going forward so we just need to make sure we're tight at the back."

"Everyone knows you can't win the league in the first month, we'd like to be a bit further ahead but we're not but we're not panicking."

Tyler was selected between the sticks, in place of Kevin Pilkington, and was called into action several times to keep the visitors at bay but after a stressful morning, he'd rather have had an easier afternoon.

He explained: "It was an interesting start to the day unfortunately there was a bad accident on the A1 and the road was closed.

"The club got us here by police escort which we're grateful for."

"It was nice to be busy but at home I would rather have a quiet game and

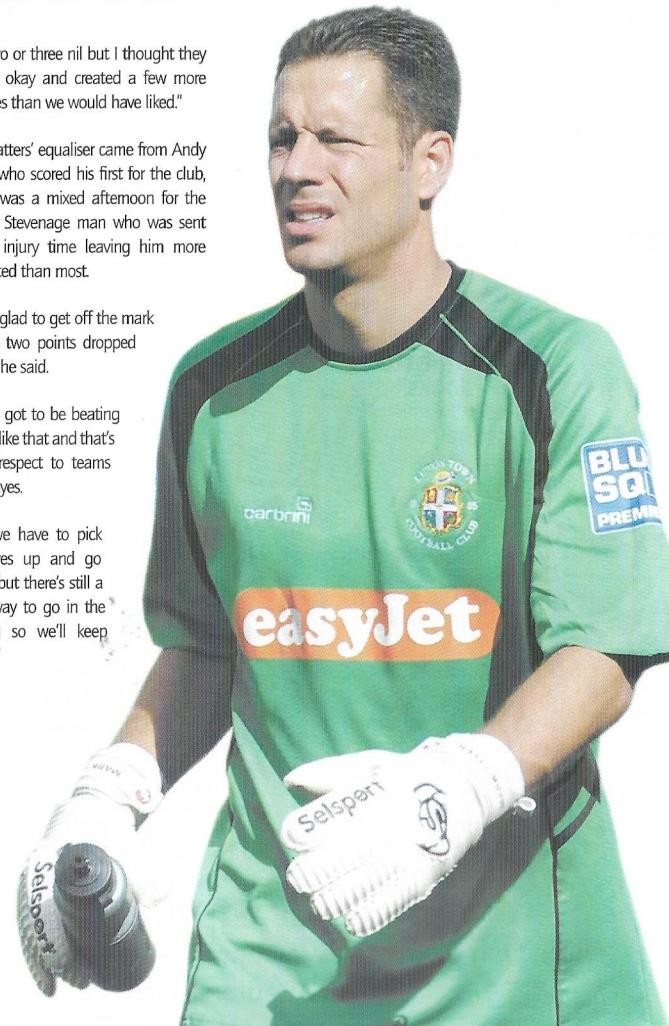
win two or three nil but I thought they played okay and created a few more chances than we would have liked."

The Hatters' equaliser came from Andy Drury who scored his first for the club, but it was a mixed afternoon for the former Stevenage man who was sent off in injury time leaving him more frustrated than most.

"I was glad to get off the mark but its two points dropped really," he said.

"We've got to be beating teams like that and that's no disrespect to teams like Hayes."

"But we have to pick ourselves up and go again but there's still a long way to go in the season so we'll keep going."



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Hatters Player subscribers have been treated to plenty of video content already following our hectic schedule at the start of this season with pre-match talk from Richard Money and plenty of post-match reaction from the dressing room following our games with Tamworth, Hayes and Yeading and Grimsby.

The defeat at Tamworth was disappointing for everyone involved but the manager and midfielder Adam Murray both talked to Player.

The former Oxford skipper relished his return to the starting XI but was ultimately left frustrated - especially as a goal-bound volley was blocked by the head of a Lambs defender.

A point was earned against Hayes and Yeading on Bank Holiday Monday the last time we were at Kenilworth Road and, although the game finished one apiece, we still uploaded almost 10 minutes of match highlights 24 hours after the final whistle.

The Town boss thought his troops did enough to win and that was a thought shared by Andy Drury and Mark Tyler.

The goalkeeper described his mad-dash adventure to even make the game. Together

Prior to the televised game at Grimsby the



Get highlights of today's game only on Hatters Player



Hatters confirmed the resigning of striker Taiwo Atieno and Player was first on the scene to grab a word with the big man.

We also caught up with him after his debut appearance as a substitute at Blundell Park as well as chatting to Adam Newton on his first start of the season in an unfamiliar left-midfield role.

Remember it will be the same once again after today's game we'll have video highlights and reaction from all concerned from the dressing room.

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The Town's first ever home League match was played on this date in 1897 when Gainsborough Trinity were beaten 4-0. Frederick Ekins, Tommy Little, Tom McInnes and William Gallacher were the goal scorers on this historic day as the Hatters recorded their first ever League victory in the process.

2

The number of occasions that both teams have scored three goals at Kenilworth Road on this date. In 1909 a Southern League fixture against Southend United ended 3-3 with Thomas Quinn netting a brace and George Hedley also scoring for the Hatters. In 1963 Crewe Alexandra were the visitors for a Division Three match and that also finished three apiece. Gordon Turner netted twice whilst Alan Daniel converted a penalty.

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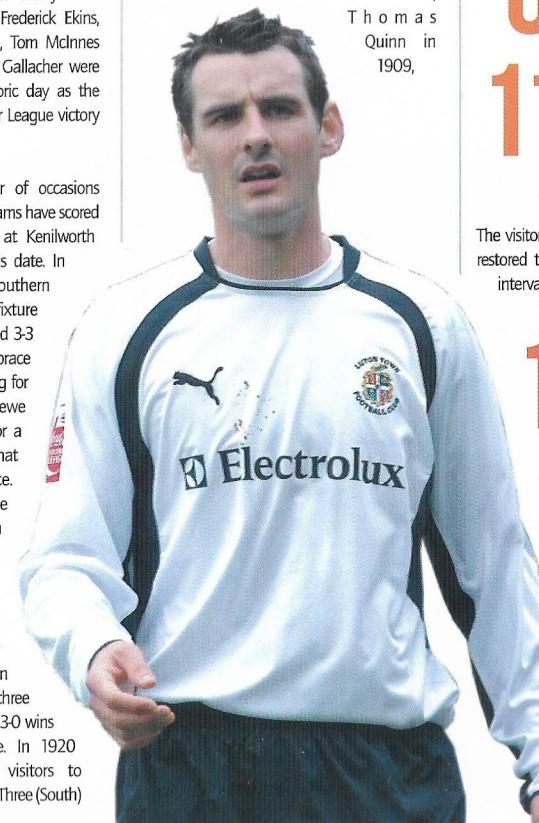
The biggest margin of victory for the Hatters on this date is three goals in two 3-0 wins

which have happened twice. In 1920 Swansea Town were the visitors to Kenilworth Road for a Division Three (South)

fixture. Percy Hill netted his first two goals for the Hatters, whilst Ernie Simms also scored. In 1946 Millwall were the opponents for a Second Division match in which Hugh Billington netted twice and Eddie Connelly also found the target.

5

The number of players to have scored twice in a home match on this date. Four of those have already been mentioned, Thomas Quinn in 1909,



Percy Hill against Swansea in 1920, Hugh Billington when Millwall were the visitors in 1946 and Gordon Turner in 1963 against Crewe. The fifth player was Alan Slough in 1968 against Brighton and Hove Albion in a League Cup second round replay. The Hatters won 4-2 with Laurie Sheffield and Bruce Riach also scoring.

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The only goalless draw came against Birmingham City in 1971.

11

The number of years since the Hatters beat Wrexham 3-1 on this day in 1999. Matthew Taylor opened the scoring with his first goal for the Club, before Matthew Spring doubled the lead. The visitors pulled one back but Liam George restored the two goal advantage before the interval.

1

A solitary goal has been enough for two victories on this date at Kenilworth Road. In 1974 Adrian Alston netted his first goal for the Town, against Bristol Rovers in a League Cup second round tie. Six years ago in 2004 Rowan Vine netted the only goal of the game as the Hatters beat Chesterfield 1-0.

MATTHEW SPRING



JACK OF ALL TRADES

THE SUCCESS STORY OF GEORGE MARTIN

"Nowadays the game is to cut out the fancy stuff and use the most direct methods possible. Psychology is playing a big part now, and the aim of every player is to be that split second quicker than the other fellow."

These words could have been written today but were actually penned over 70 years ago by

newly-appointed coach at Kenilworth Road, George Martin.

Just before the outbreak of the last War the Beds and Herts Evening Telegraph ran a series of articles featuring the staff at Kenilworth Road.

All the players of the time were highlighted but one intriguing piece gave Martin the chance to have his say under the title, 'How football has changed.'

George had always wanted to be a professional footballer in his native Scotland but his father was strongly against it and

fought hard to prevent him from playing at all and he had to wait until his 16th birthday before he finally got his own way.

Motherwell wanted to sign him, but to keep his father half happy, he played junior amateur football for Cadzow St Annes who went on to win every competition they entered. Finally bowing to the inevitable, father gave in and George, spoilt for choice, opted to sign for Hamilton Academical.

Playing at centre-forward for Hamilton, George scored his first League goal against the mighty Celtic and never looked back until an outbreak of boils forced him out of the side.

After regaining full fitness he was loaned out to Bo'ness and from there he moved south of the border to Hull where manager Bill McCracken converted him to inside-left after saying that he was too clever to play at centre-forward.

It was during his time at Anlaby Road that George came to the attention of Everton after a couple of stirring FA Cup ties that saw the young Scot net the winner in a replay against the men from Goodison.

It was not long after that Everton got their way and George moved to Merseyside just as the Toffees were about to win the championship of the old Division Two.

George was a regular in the side that won the Division One championship in 1928 and set up a fair number of goals for Dixie Dean who broke the League scoring record with 60, a record that is unlikely to be beaten.

Two seasons later Everton were relegated but bounced straight back up, although just before the end of that campaign George was transferred to Middlesbrough where, for the first time in his career, he was dropped and ended up spending a miserable year on Teesside.

The chance to come to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1933 was therefore grabbed with both hands and he joined a Luton side that was slowly being built up for a tilt at promotion to the old Division Two.



Enjoying playing alongside such centre-forwards as Andy Rennie, Jack Ball and Tom Tait, the goals flowed as the Hatters moved nearer and nearer to promotion.

Having played alongside the record breaking Dixie Dean, George was about to partner another legend in Joe Payne who exploded onto the football map over Easter 1936 in devastating fashion.

Playing his first game at centre-forward, Payne destroyed luckless Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road and after the dust had settled, following an amazing 12-0 win, it was found that he had netted a record 10 times.

Martin played no little part in the victory and seeing that Payne could do no wrong played the ball to him at every opportunity leaving the centre-forward to do the rest.

Unfortunately the following campaign, during which Payne broke the Division Three scoring record when banging in 55 goals, was to be George's last in League football but such was his great knowledge of the game that he was appointed coach just before War broke out followed by the role of team manager during the hostilities.

It was a difficult job to be a football club manager in that period when, quite naturally, the minds of the vast majority of the population were fixed on other things.

Roger Wash

Martin therefore earned much credit for building a strong youth set up of mainly local talent that was to form the backbone of a promising Luton Town side that featured strongly in Division Two once the War ended.

One of Martin's early games in charge during the 1946/47 season saw the Hatters turn a 30 interval deficit against a powerful Newcastle outfit into a 4-3 victory.

It was probably this performance that alerted the board at St James' Park to turn to George when they were seeking a new manager during the following close season and it was on Tyneside that, aided by a seemingly bottomless pit of money, he forged a side that won promotion in front of average home crowds of over 56,000.

Newcastle at the time were controlled by powerful chairman Stan Seymour who it would appear dabbled in team affairs too much for George's liking and he decided to take the opportunity to move to Aston Villa in 1950.

His stay in Birmingham was not a success and he left the game altogether and concentrated on his business interests which took him to Liverpool and then back to Luton.

On returning to Luton he accepted the part-time post of chief scout in 1960 which allowed him to keep his eye in but five years later, against his better judgement, he came back into management at Kenilworth Road at a time when we were going through the worst playing period in our history.

Frankly, George was too old for the job having turned 66 and although he almost led the side to promotion from Division Four in his first full season in charge he was glad to be relieved of his duties in November 1966 when Allan Brown took over.

Still retaining an interest in goings on at Kenilworth Road right up until his death in 1972, George Martin holds down a big place in the club's history as player, coach, scout and manager as well as being instrumental in bringing John Moore to Kenilworth Road.

KIT PARADE

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

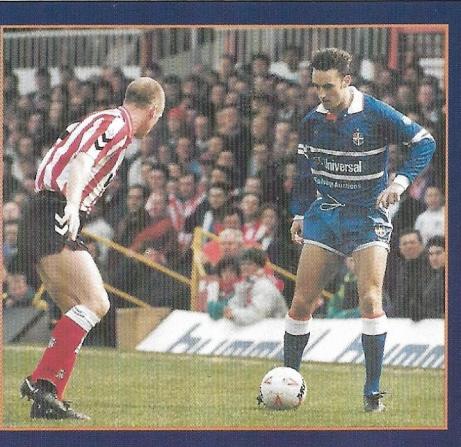
1992-1994 AWAY

At the beginning of the 1992/93 season the Town began sporting new home and away kits manufacturer by little known company DMF Sportswear.

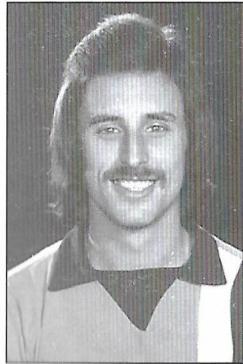
While the home kit was mainly a white number, while the away, here sported by Scott Oakes in a 2-2 draw at Roker Park Sunderland was its reverse.

Predominately blue with two white horizontal hoops (complete with orange trim), the sponsorship logo of Universal Salvage Auction was reduced in size and included the whole company name either side of the bands.

The strip made its debut in a 2-0 defeat at St. James Park against Newcastle United in August 1992 before a 2-2 draw at Stoke City on the final day of the 1993/94 season saw it used for the final time.



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.

Alan Henry GARNER

Although signing for Millwall in 1969, Alan was frustrated to make only two League appearances for the Lions in two years.

A skilful central defender with a tremendous long throw, Alan was trialed by Luton scout Harry Haslam who was surprised to get his man for free in 1971. Alan, though, had to be patient until Chris Nichol was transferred to Aston Villa the following March.

Ever present during the Hatters' promotion season of 1973/74, Alan was unfortunate to lose his place to a young Paul Fitcher during the following campaign and moved to Watford where he made 200 appearances in a Hornets side moving up through the divisions.

After spells at Portsmouth, Chesham, Barnet and Barton Rovers Alan now runs a local window business.

Luton Town career appearances: 112

Luton Town goals: 4

Debut: v Burnley (h) 18/03/1972

First goal: v Bolton (a) 24/02/1973

Final game: v Burnley (h) 30/11/1974

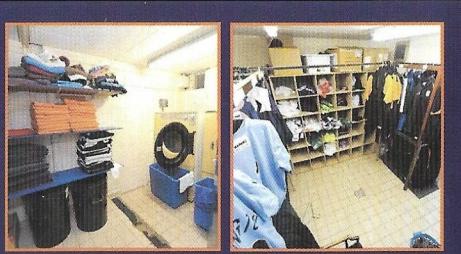
BEHIND THE SCENES

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

LAUNDRY ROOM

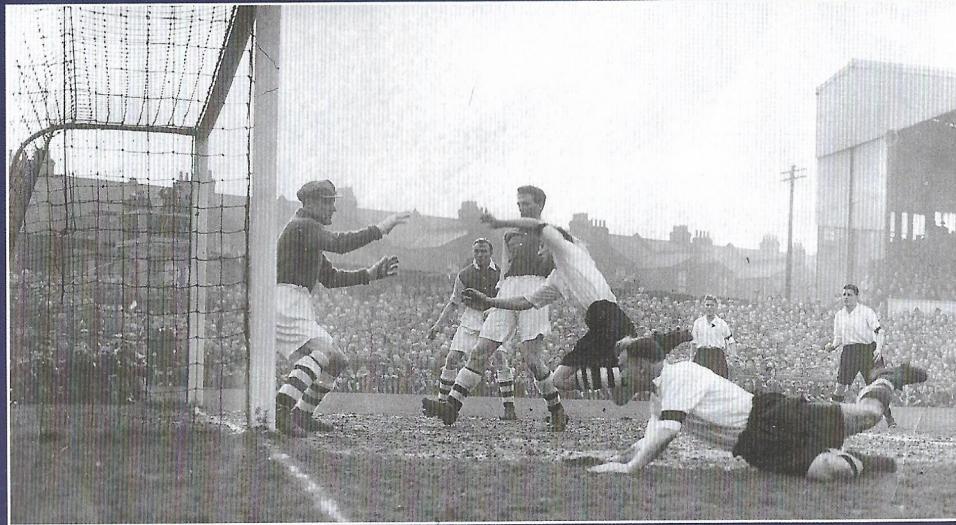
Arguably one of the most important areas behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road is the room where the Hatters' kit is wash, cleaned, dried and kept in order.

Remember it's not just the first team strip that gets washed. Add the reserves, youth team and training wear and then you get the picture that the job in this particular department is not as easy as it seems.



COVER STORY

LUCKY ARSENAL - LUTON TOWN 2-3 ARSENAL. FA CUP SIXTH ROUND. 8TH MARCH 1952.



The Town had fought their way through to the FA Cup quarter-finals for only the second time in their history.

They had seen off three teams who played in red, Charlton, Brentford and Swindon before coming up against mighty Arsenal. The omens looked good.

The Kenilworth Road ground record was smashed for this all-ticket tie, with 28,433 paying £6,159, another record, managing to squeeze in and the majority went wild when Bernard Moore spectacularly headed in Bert Mitchell's centre after nine minutes.

The Gunners could not get into the game and made no headway against the Luton defence

which was being superbly marshalled by Syd Owen, that is until just before the interval when a crude challenge by Arsenal's Peter Goring left the Luton centre-half a limping passenger with a badly damaged ankle.

With Owen incapable of kicking with his right foot and unable to turn, Arsenal smelt blood and finally Freddie Cox levelled when the game was an hour old.

The Town were then reduced to nine fit men when Roy Davies was carried off with a broken ankle following a clash with Lionel Smith and further goals from Cox and Arthur Milton seemed to put the game out of the Hatter's reach.

The Town received a lifeline with 15 minutes left when Arsenal's Welsh international centre-half Ray Daniel handled in the area leaving Mitchell to net from the spot and bring about a frantic finale to a game that left a sour taste in the mouth as witnessed by the hostile reception accorded the victors at the end.

Luton Town: Streten, Cooke, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Watkins, Davies, Taylor, Moore, Stobart, Mitchell.

Arsenal: Swindin, Barnes, Smith, Shaw, Daniel, Mercer, Cox, Milton, Goring, Lishman, Roper.

Roger Wash

AGAINST THE ODDS

IPSWICH TOWN 0 LUTON TOWN 1. 26TH DECEMBER 1974.



JIM HUSBAND WAITS FOR A SLIP BY IPSWICH GOALKEEPER LAURIE SIVELL.

Promotion as runners-up to Middlesbrough in 1974 saw the Town return to the top flight for the first time since 1960 but, after an abysmal start to the season, only nine points had been won by the rock bottom Hatters as Christmas approached.

The Town started off with an expected 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Liverpool but then went on a run of eight games without a win which included a 4-1 home hammering by Ipswich and a turgid defeat at Highfield Road

against a Coventry side who were also without a win up to that point.

The first victory came in game 10 when fellow strugglers Carlisle were beaten 3-1 at Kenilworth Road, but the victory was soured by the sale of top scorer Barry Butlin to Nottingham Forest on the morning of the match.

The Town then went on another winless run leaving manager Harry Haslam with no

option but to throw in the kids.

Leftback Steve Buckley was introduced in the 0-0 draw at Leicester, only the second clean sheet of the season, with £100,000 signing from Chester, Paul Futcher, earning a place in the side a few weeks later.

A 2-0 defeat at Chelsea saw both youngsters together in the side for the first time and for once there was a glimmer of hope on the horizon as they looked as if they had been in

the team for years with their calm, controlled play.

The first win for three months was achieved when Derby, the eventual league champions, were seen off 1-0 at Kenilworth Road on 21st December.

Mid-season signing from Liverpool, Peter Spiring, broke his toe when being fouled in the area, leading up to Jim Ryan scoring the only goal of the game from the spot

With Spiring out of the side, goalscoring was about to become a major problem, and in a desperate bid to increase the strike tally, Haslam introduced Paul's twin brother Ron to the fray for the match at league leaders Ipswich on Boxing Day.

Ron, signed as a makeweight to keep his brother from feeling homesick was drafted in to replace Spiring after surprising the manager by scoring 22 goals in the reserve side during the first half of the season.

Ipswich were unbeaten at home and, remembering how they comprehensively beat the Town at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, probably thought they were in for an easy two points.

A crowd of 23,046 gathered at Portman Road to witness the David v Goliath contest but the Hatters set their stall out early by, in modern parlance, 'parking the bus'.

Back in those days an accepted tactic was passing back to the goalkeeper who was then able to pick the ball up. Peter Anderson, John Faulkner and Buckley had been told to play the ball back at every opportunity and the game soon developed into a tedious spectacle leading to outbreaks of slow handclapping around the ground.

Ipswich were soon drawn into the general negative play and their attacks lacked any sort of urgency or ideas and the few shots that got through the resolute Luton rearguard were ably fielded by goalkeeper Graham Horn.

From one of the few genuine opportunities that came their way, Ipswich striker David Johnson saw his effort disallowed for handball while, at the other end, Jimmy Husband was put through in the 88th minute but was hauled back for an Ipswich foul by a referee who failed to play the advantage.

With only 30 seconds left, Luton winger John Aston, in a rare foray over the halfway line, sent over a cross with his left foot from the right wing which was met with a glancing header from Ron Futcher for an undeserved win.

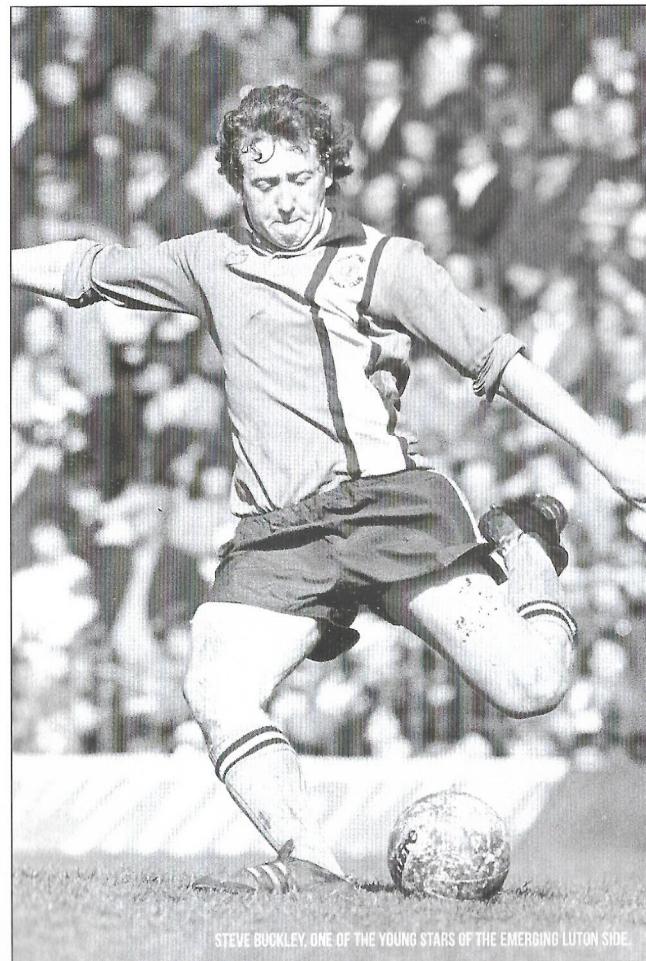
The locals were not happy and when the final whistle sounded a few seconds later the referee and the Luton players were met with a hail of cushions from the disgruntled home supporters.

"If we had let Ipswich play they'd have had us in the same situation as they had when they won 4-1 at Luton," said a happy but slightly embarrassed Haslam later.

Luton Town: Horn, John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Jim Ryan, Husband, Ron Futcher, West, Aston.

Ipswich Town: Sivell, Burley, Mills, Talbot, Peddely, Beattie, Osborne, Hamilton, Johnson, Whymark, Lambert.

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STEVE BUCKLEY, ONE OF THE YOUNG STARS OF THE EMERGING LUTON SIDE.

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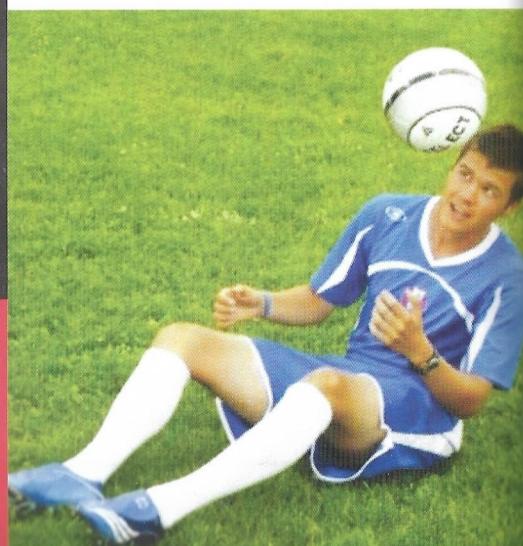
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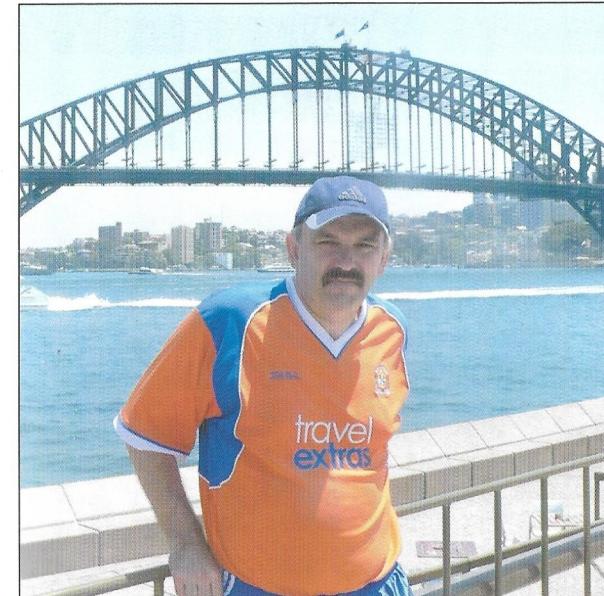
Michael Sup

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 - Mick McConkey

AGE - 53

LOCATION - Luton

WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM - Kenilworth Road end upper tier.

FIRST GAME - Luton Town v Norwich City, 13th April 1963. We won 4-2.

FIRST MEMORY - Avoiding relegation in 1964 when it looked certain we would be relegated. We beat Watford in the final home game 2-1 to ensure safety.

BEST GOAL SEEN - Graham French v Mansfield Town, 18th September 1968.

BEST MATCH WITNESSED - Luton Town v Chelsea, 1st January 1980. A thrill-a-minute game played on a frozen pitch, which in these days would never pass a referee's pitch inspection. Both teams showed considerable ability to cope with the conditions and the points were shared quite rightly after a 3-3 draw.

THE WORST MATCH...Luton Town v Accrington Stanley, 18th October 2008. We lost 2-1 and it was not good at all.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER - John Aston v Newcastle United, at St James Park in an FA Cup 4th round tie on 3rd February 1973. John scored both goals for the Town in a 2-0 win. On his day, he was different class, as he was that day. He was a one-time

European Cup Winner with Manchester United.

FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT - White shirts and black shorts.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER - Ricky Hill. Pure genius and a loyal servant to the club who played over 500 first team appearances. Enough said.

ALL-TIME TOWN XI - Ron Baynham, Kirk Stephens, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Steve Buckley, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, Bruce Rioch, David Moss, Brian Stein, Mick Harford.

I LOVE LUTON TOWN BECAUSE.. Quite simply I do, they are my home town team.

**RICKY HILL -
MICK'S FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER**



Redbourn 900th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 12th September

R900 FINALE: COME IN HATS!!

Come to the Common! Celebrate Redbourn's historical heritage in Hats & Tea.
Hog roast & cream teas.

Children, don't miss Mr Marvel & Mad Hatter's Tea Party 1:30pm!

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CELEBRITY CRICKET TOURNAMENT 10:30am

Cheer on the 150 children who play cricket in the village, teams coached by a celebrity including England Cricket captains Mike Brearley & Mike Gatting, & MCC's Roger Knight
Watch for Lord Beauclerk: President of MCC; Vicar of Redbourn 1827-50

FOOTBALL SKILLS CLASSES : 11:30 am & 2:30pm THE LUTON TOWN 'HATTERS' AND ARSENAL

HAT AND TEA EXHIBITIONS AT THE MUSEUM HAT COMPETITION

See Andrew Fisher's and Philip Wright's amazing hat creations. Enter hat competitions for children, men & women of different ages:
most imaginative hat, tallest hat, most novel cap; teddies / dolls hats

REDBOURN'S GOT TALENT 4:00pm- 5:30pm

Jonas Hurst, Sky News presenter will host this special event, bringing the village together in song and talent with a Fancy hat competition

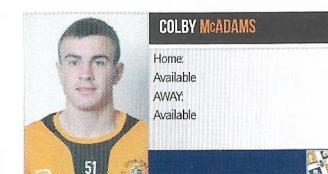
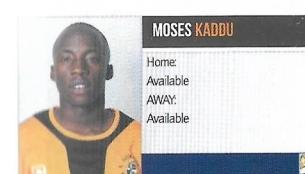
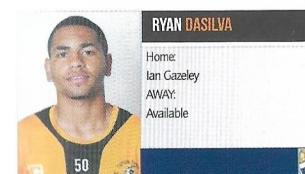
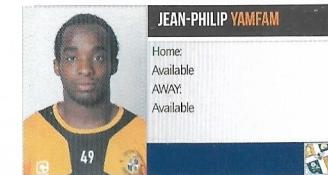
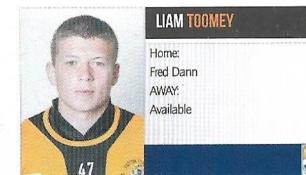
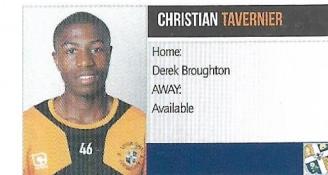
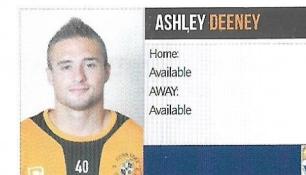
DANCE IN HATS 5:30pm

All join the Conga in hats on the Common, (could this be a Guinness World Record?)

Closing Ceremony & R900 Grand Raffle Draw 6:00pm

Beer Festival at the Cricketers Pub: Friday -Sunday

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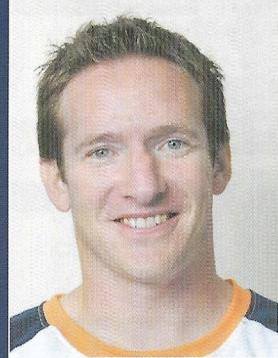
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FIXTURES 2010/11

September

7 Southend United (a) W3-1

October

19 Stevenage (h)
27 Oxford United (a)

November

3 Ipswich Town (a)
24 Watford (h)

December

7 Ipswich Town (h)
15 Colchester United (a)

January 2011

12 Stevenage (a)
18 Oxford United (h)

February

8 Southend United (h)
14 Watford (a)

March

1 Colchester United (h)

MATCH DIGEST:

Fixture: Southend United (a) **Competition:** Combination **Result:** 3-1

Scorers: Simpson, own goal, Atieno.

Team: Kidd, Williams (Tavernier), Stimpson, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell (Carney), Watkins, Poku, Grocott (Burns), Walker, Simpson, Atieno. Subs not used: Patrick, Dasilva.

Coach's comments: "It is always very pleasing to win your opening fixture and the style in which we did was excellent. To bounce back after going a goal down showed tremendous character especially from this group of players. We had a number of trialists and young players coming up against a number of seasoned pros in the Southend side which bodes well. Adam Watkins had a very good game whilst Tai was a real handful."

LEAGUE TABLE

	Pld	GD	Pts
Luton Town	1	2	3
Ipswich Town	1	2	3
Colchester United	1	1	3
Oxford United	1	0	1
Southend United	2	-2	1
Watford	1	-1	0
Stevenage	1	-2	0

GAMES & GOALS

	Appearances	Goals
Asafu-Adjaye	1	0
Atieno	1	1
Burns	(1)	0
Carney	(1)	0
Grocott	1	0
Kidd	1	0
O'Donnell	1	0
Poku	1	0
Simpson	1	1
Stimpson	1	0
Tavernier	(1)	0
Walker	1	0
Watkins	1	0
Williams	1	0

YOUNG GUNS

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

NAME: Liam Toomey

DATE OF BIRTH: 10/02/1993

POSITION: Striker

DATE JOINED: December 2008

NATIONALITY: English

PLAYER COMPARISON: Wayne Rooney

HONOURS: Luton Schools Cup winner 2008

IN HIS OWN WORDS: "I am a quick, strong player who likes getting in behind defences. I am composed on the ball and look to play the simple pass. My discipline on and off the pitch is very good."

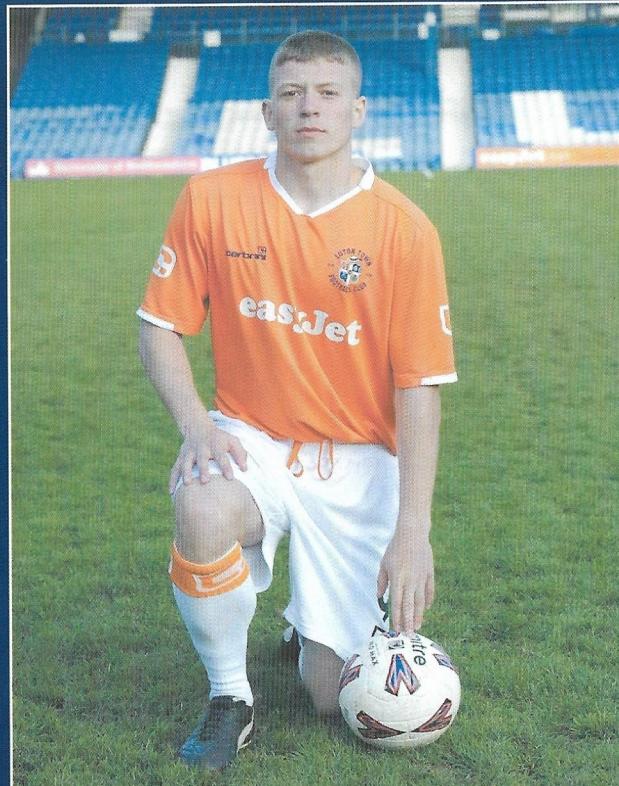
COACH'S COMMENTS :

Gregg Broughton: "Liam was recommended to us by Recruitment Officer John Doyle as an Under-16 player.

"He was playing for Hitchin Town and had developed a name for himself as a goalscorer.

"Liam fitted into our Under-16 group well and was offered a contract immediately. He scored on his debut for the Under-18s away at Wycombe and for the reserves away at Leyton Orient.

"After leaving school to join the club full-time in the summer of 2009, Liam found his first year as a full-time scholar tough but never complained and worked hard to improve his game.



"He started pre-season in 2010 on fire for the Under 18s scoring 13 times in eight friendlies, for Martin Prickett's side.

"Liam is a quiet, unassuming player who is very quick over 10 and 20 yards and finishes efficiently from all distances.

"He is most effective running off the shoulders of defenders whilst playing off a target man.

"Liam will be hoping to score enough goals this season to convince Richard Money to offer him his first professional contract."

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



The focus at today's game is on SoLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development) and the hard work that the volunteers do to ensure that progress is continued to be made in developing young footballers for Luton Town.

I hope many of you were able to join us for this morning's open day at our Ely Way Training Ground and that you were able to see many of our talented youngsters on display.

All of the staff at Luton Town have worked tirelessly over the past three years to ensure that after a period of decline the Club's youth policy is again vibrant and successful in producing players.

The environment to do this becomes more challenging every season and whereas in the past the club had its pick of local talent this no longer is the case.

The MK Dons have opened an Academy to the north, Arsenal have a Development centre at

Vauxhall Brache, Stevenage now have a full youth programme since winning promotion and Barnet have a £10 million state of the art training facility to attract young players south.

SoLYD have done a great job to help bridge the shortfall financially that relegation has cost the Club, but long term, once promotion has been achieved, securing facilities in Luton fit for our young talent to train becomes the priority.

SoLYD still has less than 100 supporters making donations and although we are grateful for this just think what could be achieved if this number was increased!

200 supporters donating £5 per month could raise £12,000 per annum and 500 supporters could raise £30,000 per year. This would increase the current income to youth development by over 10% and is an amount that could be reinvested to ensure the projects future success.

To join, visit the official SoLYD website at www.solyd.co.uk.

We would also like to welcome all of our players aged 8-14 to this afternoon's game and hope they enjoy their experience at Kenilworth Road.

Finally we would like to welcome the coaching staff and Directors from Cambridge United.

Cambridge's Director of Youth, Jez George, has worked incredibly hard to raise money for their youth programme and to highlight the inadequacies of the current regulations that mean any of their young players can leave without compensation being payable.

United are in good hands, though Marc Tracy has been recently employed as the US' Centre of Excellence Manager, who Gregg Broughton knows well having previously worked with him while at Rushden & Diamonds.

TIPS TIME TABLE

OCTOBER 2010						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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CALENDAR KEY

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TERM 2		Weeks Off	

Top five pro clubs to have produced English players currently playing in Premier League:

Club	No of Players	Current League
Manchester United	22	Premier League
West Ham United	16	Premier League
Manchester City	11	Premier League
Everton	9	Premier League
Luton Town	8	Blue Square

LIST OF VENUES

Biggleswade
Biggleswade Town FC
The Carlsberg Stadium, Langford Rd
Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9JT
TUESDAY'S - 18:00 - 19:00

Bedford
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT
TUESDAY'S - Yrs 2-5 18:00-19:00
YRS 6-11 19:00-20:00

Baldock
Knights Templar Sports Centre
Weston Way, Baldock, Herts SG7 6EY
TUESDAY'S - 17:30 - 18:30

Hitchin
Hitchin Boys School
Grammar School Walk
Hitchin SG5 1JB
WEDNESDAY'S - 18:00 - 19:00

Amphill
Alameda Sports Hall, Woburn St
Amphill, Bedford MK45 2HX
WEDNESDAY'S - 17:30 - 18:30

Dunstable
Dunstable Leisure Centre
Court Drive, Dunstable LU5 4JD
THURSDAY'S - 17:30 - 18:30

Luton
Playfootball.net, Stopsley High
St Thomas's Rd, Luton LU2 7UX
FRIDAYS - Yrs 2-5 18:00-19:00
Yrs 6-11 19:00-20:00

Harpenden
Sir John Lawes School
Mantland Way, Harpenden AL5 4QP
FRIDAYS - 18:00 - 19:00



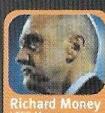
NEWMAN CARNEY - LTFC TIPS GRADUATE

As a 12 year-old Newman attended our very first TIPs course and after showing good promise Newman was promoted to the Performance Centre. Here he worked hard and performed so well he was signed by the Centre of Excellence. Newman made his debut for the Youth Team as an U15 and this summer joined the club full-time after completing his GCSE's. He made his debut for the first team in July 2010 at Kenilworth Road against Kilmarnock.

To book your place call 01582 583618 or email tips.ltfc@hotmail.com

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE TIPS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The successful TIPs Development programme is now in its fifth year of operation. The purpose of the TIPs Development Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming footballers. Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the TIPs programme has something to offer you.



I WOULD LIKE WELCOME YOU TO THE LUTON TOWN TIPS PROGRAMME The Luton Town TIPs programme has been running for 5 years now and we are very proud of giving thousands of boys and girls the chance to improve their football, whilst at the same time learning about team work and making new friends.

We are now running more Soccer Centres across the region so there should be one at a venue close to you.

Since starting the programme 55 children have signed for Luton Town Centre of Excellence with the same number graduating to other professional clubs. There are many talented children that want to be better and improve their game, but talent also needs opportunity and the right technical development. Then that talent will have a better chance of shining through. My advice to you is work hard, listen to your coaches, but most of all enjoy yourself.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE TIPS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The cost is £45 per term, which includes 9 practical sessions and 1 match day. In addition to the match day, players will receive a report on their personal development during the 10 week programme.



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WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre / Centre of Excellence. Players who display talent can be moved up through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE MONITORED

You will receive a written player assessment towards the end of the 10 week term. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the assessment with your coach at the end of the term.

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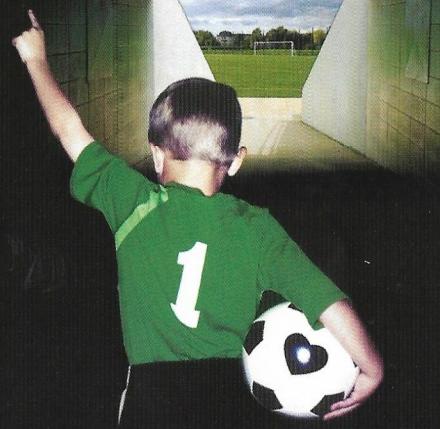
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LUTON LADIES



Having started the day as early season pacesetters the Town Ladies' first team came down to earth with a bump following a heavy 4-0 defeat to promotion challengers Norwich City.

There was no sign of what was to come as the Hatters set about attacking the Canaries' goal but were largely restricted to long range efforts in the early stages which were well defended by the visitors' defence.

However, after 25 minutes, Norwich opened the scoring when a crossfield ball sprung the Town's offside trap and the resulting cross was easily converted into an empty goal by a grateful unmarked City striker.

The goal had a disappointing effect on the

Town players' confidence as they struggled to pull level but they almost equalised when striking the woodwork and when Laveena Betts' speculative effort almost dipped just under the bar.

The second half did not begin any better when a Hatters corner was cleared to the edge of the box and a lack of communication resulted in a swift breakaway and a superb finish into the top corner to make it 2-0.

Minutes later more kamikaze defending left the Town trailing 3-0 following a run down the left and a fine strike into the bottom corner.

This sparked Luton into life and there were enough chances within a 10 minute period to equalise but a combination of the crossbar and

wayward finishing left them failing to register for the first time this season.

An injury time fourth rounded off a poor day for the Town who must now bounce back with one of their toughest matches of the season at Tottenham next Wednesday evening.

This was a game which in Luton failed to reach anything like their best form but a mixture of wasteful finishing, poor defending and Norwich scoring with virtually every chance they had left them empty-handed.

There were happier times for the reserves who won their opening game of the season as they demolished Tower Hamlets 4-0. Laura Day netted a fine hattrick with Shanice Jiminez adding the other goal on her senior debut.

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GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In our first game of the season we hosted local rivals MK Dons where teams across four age groups - Under-10s, 12s, 14s and 16s - competed against the Buckinghamshire side.

The Under-14s clash against the Dons was arguably the most exciting in a six goal thriller but despite two goals from Rebecca Reeve and one from Bethany Page it was not enough to earn a victory.

The Hatters started brightly with Reeve and Page forming a lively forward line, not afraid to put themselves about using their physical presence as advantage.

It was almost 1-0 after 10 minutes when Reeve, pressuring the Dons' back four, collected a misplaced pass and showed excellent pace to go past the central defender but saw a shot go narrowly wide.

However, six minutes later the Town were ahead when with Page slid in Reeve who powered into the penalty box and confidently finished from 18 yards into the bottom left hand corner.

The lead was shortlived though as the Dons responded, equalising after a misplaced clearance saw the Dons striker capitalise and finished well from close range.

After controlling the first half they were surprised by the Dons' response and had to rely on two fantastic saves from goalkeeper Megan Bartlett to save at her near post, while some brave defending from captain Chloe Scott and central partner Shannon Pearson kept the visitors at bay.

After the halftime break the Hatters retook the lead when Reeve showed excellent pace and power to brush off the centre half and find her

way into the left hand side of the area to shoot into the far corner.

The Town failed to convert numerous chances with player-of-the-match Hannah Moules and Vicki Ried causing plenty of problems for the Dons full backs.

Once again the Hatters were again pegged back after an excellent strike which flew into the top corner from 25 yards.

Back came the Hatters though when Reeve made it 3-2 with 20 minutes left when, after some good play by Ried and Reeve again, Page saw her first shot blocked but then quickly turned and shot on the turn, from the rebound, to restore the advantage.

With five minutes remaining on the clock the Dons forced a corner and after some slack marking the visitors' centre back was free to powerfully head past Bartlett from eightyards.



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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

The main talking point in the division right now is the recent transfer deadline day and the implications of the deals that transpired.

Arguably the most talked about transfer was the last-minute deal of striker Richard Brodie who left York City to go to the freespending Crawley Town in a transfer that was concluded only three minutes before the deadline.

An undisclosed fee has seen last year's Blue Square Bet Premier top goalscorer join Steve Evans' side and he will partner another top scorer in the division in Matt Tubbs.

Interestingly, from the complete opposite perspective, high-flying Mansfield decided not to take any action in the transfer melee but David Holdsworth is rumoured to be scouring the loan market for potential signings to strengthen their squad.

Hayes and Yeading United suffered a last-minute setback when failing in their bid to sign defender Lee Brown on loan from Championship side Queens Park Rangers. Brown was

widely acknowledged to be joining Gary Haylock's side on a one month loan but the details were not submitted in time to beat the clock.

In other news involving a defender, Kidderminster Harriers have signed Ollie Thorne from rivals Newport County after the Exiles cancelled the 20-year-old's contract to enable him to move to Aggborough.

Peterborough United pair Dominic Green and Nathan Koranteng have had their loan spells at Rushden & Diamonds extended until January 2011. The duo initially chose to join Justin Edinburgh's squad in August.

Meanwhile Grimsby are in the midst of a goalkeeping crisis following the injuries to

their two goalkeepers Kenny Arthur and Nick Colgan. As a result the Mariners gave taken Sheffield Wednesday stopper Richard O'Donnell on loan. The 28-year-old previously made four league appearances for Oldham last season.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	7
Vieira (Fleetwood)	6
Barnes-Homer (Luton)	5
Wright (Crawley)	5
Reid (Newport)	5
Paquette (Eastbourne)	4
Connor (Mansfield)	4
McAllister (Crawley)	4
Connell (Grimsby)	4
Tubbs (Crawley)	4
Walker (Barrow)	4
Perry (Tamworth)	4

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,654
Grimsby	3,797
AFC Wimbledon	3,366
Wrexham	3,014
Cambridge	2,541
Mansfield	2,334
York	2,323
Darlington	2,274
Fleetwood	2,233
Kettering	2,074
Newport	2,056
Crawley	1,693
Southport	1,478
Eastbourne	1,476
Barrow	1,434
Rushden	1,396
Kidderminster	1,391
Forest Green	1,156
Tamworth	1,093
Bath	1,019
Altrincham	1,016
Gateshead	631
Histon	545
Hayes and Yeading	323



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ON THE ROAD



DARLINGTON v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Tuesday 21st September 2010 kickoff 7.45pm

This game is not all-ticket and tickets will be available at cash turnstiles on the day of the game. However, tickets do increase by £2 on the night at Darlington.

Allocation: We have an initial allocation of 500 seats to sell from the ticket office.

Selling arrangements: Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders until Tuesday 14th September. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from Wednesday 15th and remain on sale until 5pm on Monday 20th September.

Prices: £16 adult (£18 on the night), OAP over 60/Students providing proof £10 (£12 on the night), Under-16s £5.



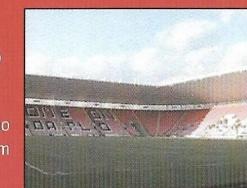
GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 25th September 2010 kickoff 3pm

THIS GAME IS PAY ON THE DAY FOR LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS WITH NO TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE.

Allocation: We have been given 4,000 covered seats

Prices: £13 Adults, £8 for OAPs/students/ unaccompanied under-16s. Accompanied under 16 go free.



DRIVING TO DARLINGTON?

Address: Northern Echo
Darlington Arena, Neasham
Road, Darlington, DL2 1DL.

Directions: M1 and/or A1 north, leaving the A1 (M) at Junction 57 and take the A66 towards Darlington/Teeside. Continue straight along the A66 going across two roundabouts. At the third roundabout you can clearly see the stadium just over on your left. Turn left at this roundabout into Neasham Road for the stadium.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to Darlington. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 1.30pm and prices are £26 for adults and £23 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 2.30pm. Prices are £26 for adults and £24 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.



GOING TO GATESHEAD?

Address: International
Stadium, Nelson Road,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear,
NE10 0EF.

Directions: M1 and/or A1 north. At the end of the A1(M) Junction 65, take the A194(M) towards South Shields. At the end of the A194(M) take the A184 towards Gateshead. The stadium is situated three miles further along this road on the right hand side.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to the International Stadium. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 8am and prices are £27 for adults and £24 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour also depart the Maple Road car park at 8am. Prices are £27 for adults and £25 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.



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The Hatters Study centre is back from its summer break and raring to go. Due to school holidays we have not had any schools attending our after school sessions but we have had a great time running various holidays courses incorporating football with art down at the Luton Town Training Ground.

But September means schools start a new year and so do we.

We are looking forward to working with four new schools this term. We will be welcoming Ramridge Primary, Putteridge Junior, Dallow

Road Primary and Sacred Heart Primary.

If you are a pupil at one of these schools make sure you look out for the opportunity to attend the Hatters Study Centre this term.

Pupils from these schools will get to attend our state-of-the-art classroom after school to take part in fun-filled sessions that involve maths and English but all based around the context of football and most importantly Luton Town.

Pupils have a chance to write their own match reports, design a new Luton Town kit and write

an advertisement for it.

They will also get to have a tour of the stadium and if the players are not too busy training they get to meet the first team players.

The programme's main aims are to motivate and encourage pupils in key curriculum areas using football to engage the pupils.

The Study Centre is very proud to be a part of the Luton Town family and is looking forward to cheering on the team this season.

STATS 2010/11

KEY

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

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

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LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

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2	CRAWLEY TOWN	7	2	1	1	4	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
3	MANSFIELD	7	2	1	1	5	3	2	0	1	7	4	5
4	GRIMSBY	7	2	1	1	5	3	2	0	1	3	4	1
5	TAMWORTH	7	2	1	0	8	4	1	2	1	4	6	2
6	LUTON	7	1	2	0	4	3	2	0	2	7	6	2
7	FLEETWOOD TOWN	7	2	0	1	5	4	1	2	1	4	3	2
8	SOUTHPORT	6	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	4	3	2
9	DARLINGTON	7	2	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	4	4	2
10	RUSHDEN & D	7	2	1	0	6	2	1	0	3	2	6	0
11	CAMBRIDGE UTD	7	2	2	0	9	2	0	1	2	1	3	5
12	YORK	7	2	1	1	6	2	0	2	1	3	4	3
13	FOREST GREEN	7	1	3	0	4	1	1	0	2	5	7	1
14	WREXHAM	7	1	2	0	4	3	1	1	2	6	8	-1
15	NEWPORT COUNTY	7	1	3	0	7	4	0	2	1	3	4	2
16	EASTBOURNE B	7	2	1	1	1	27	0	1	2	3	7	1
17	HISTON	7	1	1	1	4	5	1	1	2	5	7	3
18	KIDDERMINSTER	7	0	1	2	6	9	2	1	1	6	7	-4
19	GATESHEAD	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	9	-6
20	BARROW	7	1	1	1	4	4	0	3	1	3	5	-2
21	HAYES & YEADING	7	1	0	3	6	10	1	1	1	3	7	-8
22	KETTERING	7	0	1	3	2	6	1	2	0	4	1	-1
23	BATH CITY	7	1	2	1	5	6	0	1	2	2	4	-3
24	ALTRINCHAM	7	0	1	3	3	9	0	0	3	1	6	-11

PLAYER STATS 2010/11

	THIS SEASON						CAREER			
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PABLA BESTA	3 2 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 2 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	
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KEVIN GALLEN	4 2 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	4 2 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	75 21 0	75 21 0	
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CLAUDE GNAPKA	5 2 2	1 0 1	0 0 0	5 2 2	1 0 1	2 0 0	0 0 0	89 13 0	89 13 0	
JAKE HOWELLS	2 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 4 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	62 6 0	62 6 0	
KEITH KEANE	6 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	6 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	19 9 0	19 9 0	
ZDENEK KROCA	7 0 0	2 0 0	0 0 0	7 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0	0 0 0	7 2 0	7 2 0	
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FREDIE MURRAY	5 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	51 0 0	51 0 0	
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MARK TYLER	5 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	45 0 0	45 0 0	
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LAST WORD

• WITH THE LUTON TOWN SHOW'S COMMENTATOR SIMON PITTS

"It's in, it's in...Keith Keane has scored direct from the corner...get in my son you beauty...it's all gone quiet over there..."

I wasn't sure how to start this article so I took the easy option and used some words you've possibly heard before!

When I was asked to write a "Last Word" article I was particularly Keane (sic) to do so for today's programme.

At the time of writing Keith Keane has the potential of making his 200th appearance for the Hatters this afternoon, and it was of course Keane's injury time winner that led to the words in the opening paragraph being heard around the world on Diverse FM and subsequently YouTube!

Last season was a new experience in many ways. The Club were coming to terms with being in the Blue Square Premier and Diverse FM was covering Town matches live for the first time. It was the beginning of The Luton Town Show as we now know it, with passionate fans hosting a show concentrating only on the Hatters.

On the field it wasn't quite good enough to take the Club to the next level, and likewise, due to the financial constraints of being a community radio station, the quality of equipment used to broadcast from grounds wasn't as good as that available at the mainstream stations.

During the summer the BBC offered to provide ISDN technology, particularly at away grounds, as this would improve the quality of the broadcast to Luton supporters around the world.

The Luton Town Show was born on 7th August 2010 at Woking when live and uninterrupted match commentary was heard



for the first time on both stations simultaneously. We hope that the mixture of passionate fans commenting and clear, good quality broadcasting is well received by supporters throughout the season.

Returning to Keane, he is one of 1,134 players to have appeared in a competitive first team match for the Hatters from 1885 to the end of last season inclusive.

Keith's six goals, including that one against Oxford, are included in the 7,884 that Luton have scored from the 4,979 competitive matches played, in the same period (although to be honest 133 of these were recorded as own goals scored by our opponents).

As the Club celebrates 125 years, I am pleased to announce the publication next month of Luton Town Football Club: The Full Record 1885-2010.

It's described by my coauthor Roger Wash as: "A quality hardback book featuring the full statistics of every competitive game played by the Town since 1885 together with many other facts, figures and over 200 photographs, including a team group photo for almost every season since 1891." Lee, in orange at the bottom of the text in the next paragraph...

More information on Simon and Roger's book will be included in a future matchday programme so keep your eyes peeled.

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AFC WIMBLEDON	V	BATH CITY
BARROW	V	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
DARLINGTON	V	FOREST GREEN ROVERS
FLEETWOOD TOWN	V	KETTERING TOWN
GATESHEAD	V	ALTRINCHAM
HISTON	V	CRAWLEY TOWN
KIDDERMINSTER H	V	HAYES AND YEADING
RUSHDEN AND D	V	NEWPORT COUNTY
SOUTHPORT	V	MANSFIELD TOWN
TAMWORTH	V	GRIMSBY TOWN
WREXHAM	V	YORK CITY

MATCH CENTRE

HALF-TIME SCORE 2:0

FULL-TIME SCORE 2:0

ATTENDANCE 6691

SCORERS DRURY 24

FILKINGTON 45

UP NEXT

AFC
WIMBLEDON



FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2010 7.45PM



THE TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

- 01 MARK TYLER
- 02 DAN GLEESON
- 03 FREDDIE MURRAY
- 04 KEITH KEANE
- 06 GEORGE PILKINGTON
- 07 ADAM NEWTON
- 09 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 10 TAIWO ATIENO
- 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

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

MANAGER: MARTIN LING

- 01 DANNY NAISBTT
- 02 KEVIN ROBERTS
- 03 JAMES JENNINGS
- 04 JOSH COULSON
- 05 BRIAN SAAH
- 06 DAVE PARTRIDGE
- 07 SIMON RUSSELL
- 08 ADAM MILLER
- 09 DANNY WRIGHT
- 10 DARYL CLARE
- 11 ROBBIE WILLMOTT
- 12 RORY McAULEY
- 14 CONAL PLATT
- 15 PAUL CARDEN
- 16 WAYNE GRAY
- 17 SAM IVES
- 18 DARRYL COAKLEY
- 19 ADAM MARRIOTT
- 20 JORDAN PATRICK
- 26 BLAINE HUDSON
- 27 LUKE BERRY
- 28 JACK EADES
- 29 LIAM HUGHES
- 30 SIMON BROWN
- 31 JONATHON THORPE