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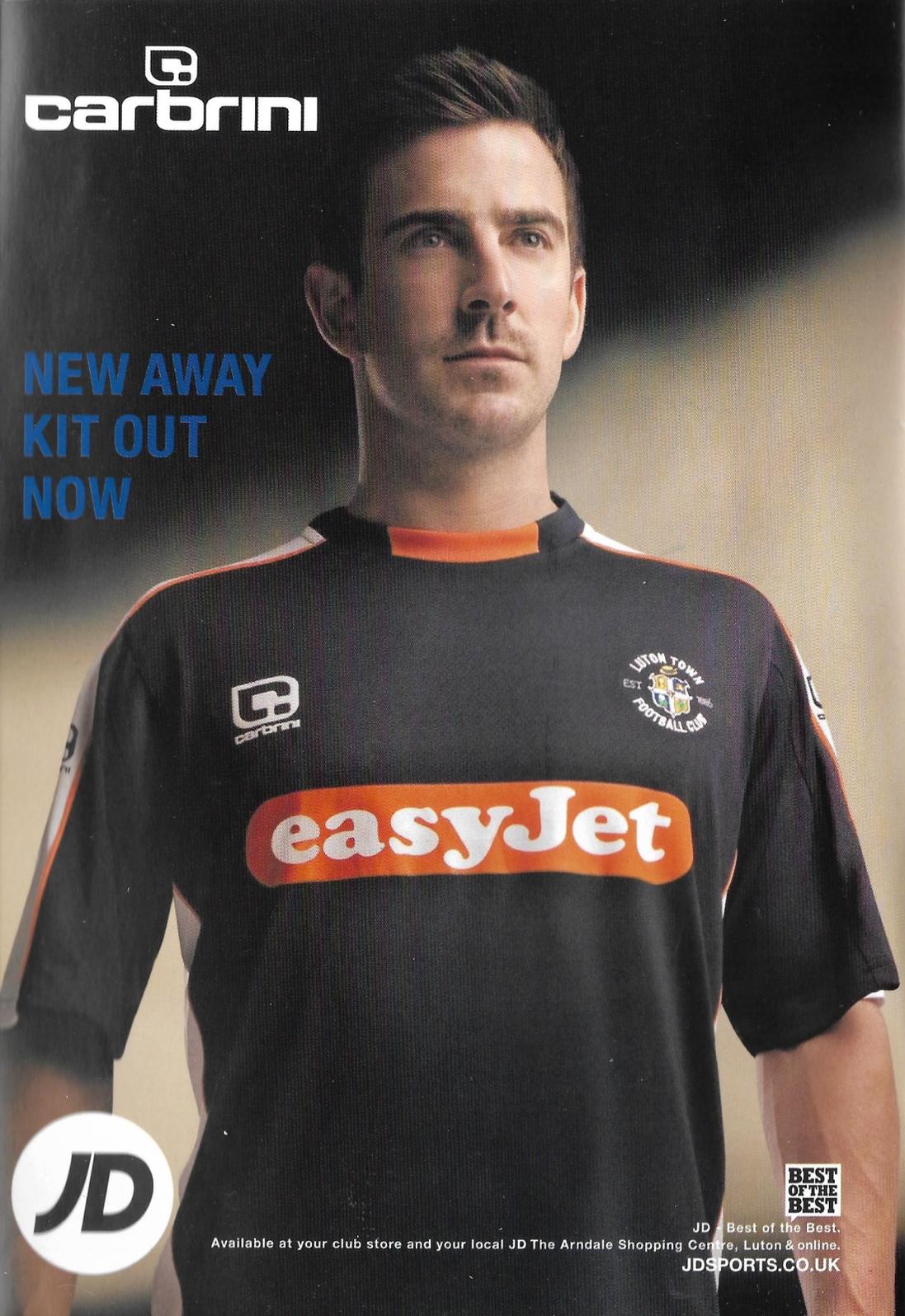
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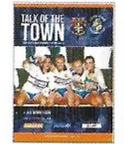
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MONEY TALK

Good evening and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for today's game with AFC Wimbledon

I would like also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Kingsmeadow, Terry Brown, his management team, the players, directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Bedfordshire for this televised fixture.

Terry's side have started the season very well and it is no fluke that they find themselves top of the table going into this evening's game. To win six of your opening eight fixtures is a fantastic achievement and will provide a stern test for us tonight.

Terry has assembled a young, hungry and talented side and are quietly going about their business in a very impressive manner.

There's no doubting that a game like this should be gracing a higher level than it is. Obviously Luton versus Wimbledon was once a upon a time a fixture played at the very top level of the game and it goes without saying that we both have ambition of returning there in the future.

Looking back on Saturday's 2-0 victory over Cambridge United we played very well and showed the qualities required by a team to win football matches in this division.

I said in my postmatch comments to the media that we started the season in almost a fantasy football kind of way after winning three games the way we did, that led to people believing that we'd win every week.

We know the season isn't going to be like, as we found last term but we showed in the win last Saturday if we play at the right times and play in the right areas we have a real chance of succeeding.

Cambridge came out all guns blazing after the break and while we know every team is going to have a period in the game I thought the way we dealt with their threat was excellent and our defending was very pleasing.

That enabled us to keep our first home clean sheet of the campaign which was long overdue even at this early stage of the campaign.

things you need to do to win games.

We may have taken our foot off the pedal slightly which is always dangerous and we need to realise that you should take nothing for granted in this division.

If Cambridge had made it 2-1 it would have been a nervy place but rest assured we will learn our lesson.

With the league leaders the visitors it is important we take on board what we learned last weekend against Cambridge and focus that again tonight.

We have had Wimbledon watched and we know we will be in for a tough fixture – just like we were last season here when a Danny Kedwell strike gave them all three points on a disappointing afternoon for ourselves.

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After two topsy-turvy games against Cambridge last season we were all aware that we needed to keep going and we said to the players at half-time that 2-0 is a dangerous score.

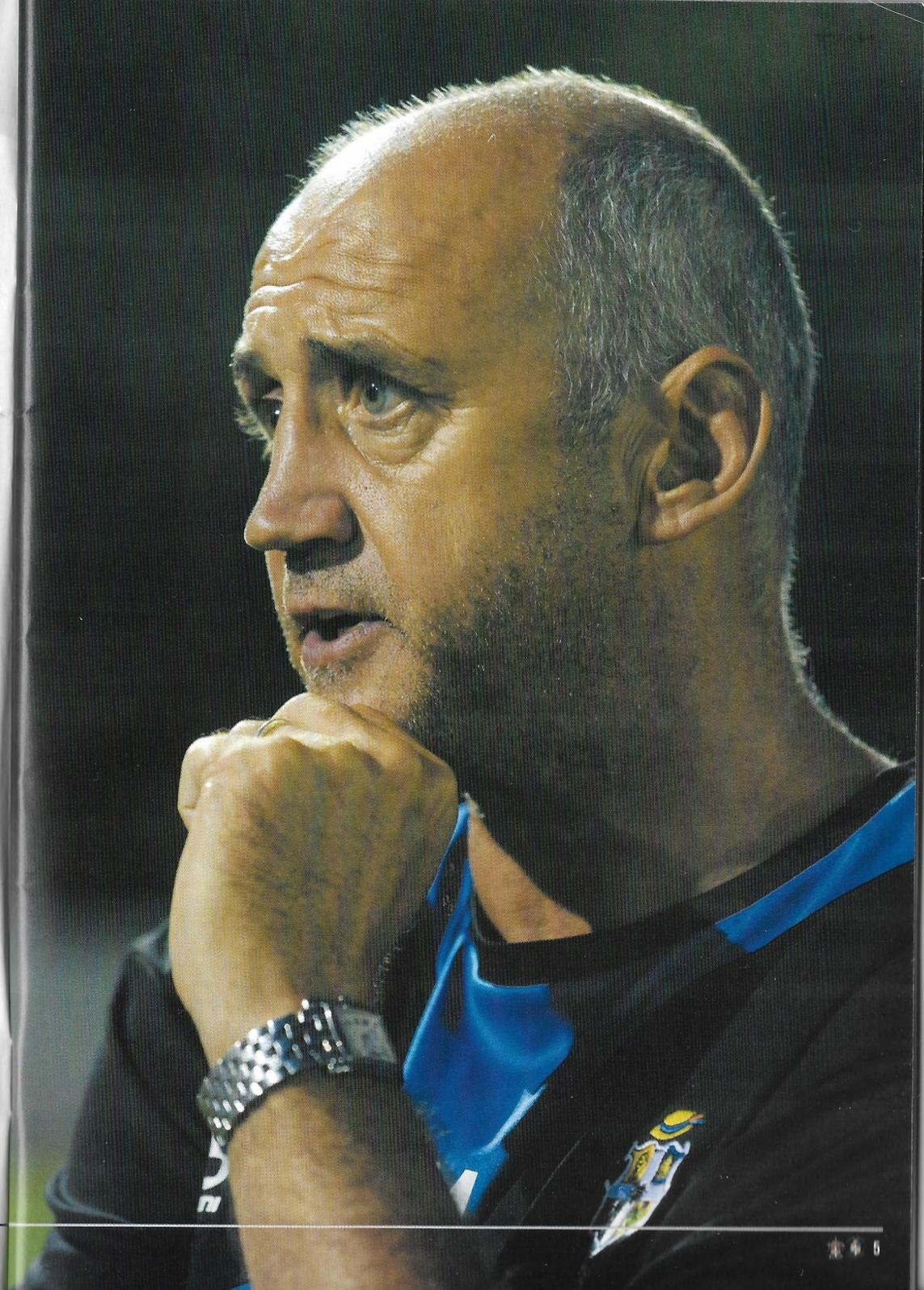
That said, I'd obviously rather be 2-0 up than 2-0 down and we knew that the next goal was going to be important.

A third goal didn't arrive but we still felt we didn't start the second half as well as we could however we managed to weather their spell.

I thought we defended resolutely when they did threat with a number of important clearances and blocks – the kind of things I refer to as

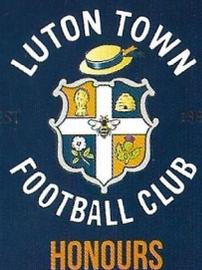
It's a whole different ball game this evening though, and as we all know under the Kenilworth Road floodlights, a big crowd against the team at the top should make for a fascinating atmosphere and spectacle for the live television audience.

Enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Today we give a very warm welcome to Terry Brown and all the representatives of AFC Wimbledon.

This is the first televised game from Kenilworth Road under the new television deal so we are sure that both sides will be out to give a great performance.

As all Hatters fans know, AFC Wimbledon have risen through the ranks of English football and have a very impressive record as they aim to recapture that elusive Football League place that they should never have lost in the first place.

We are well aware of the way AFC Wimbledon were treated at the time and the terrible

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circumstances that led to the wrong team having to start life in football again.

It is a massive credit to the staff, management and fans of the club that they have continued to support the team through thick and thin in order to ensure that they not only survived, but they have been able to drive to the very brink of the Football League.

Like ourselves, the Wombles have a rich history, and like us they have a major English trophy in their cabinet.

At the same time we were in the top flight, so

were they, and games between us have always close.

I know all Hatters fans will join me in congratulating the AFC Wimbledon fans and staff and wishing them well in the future.

We were all pleased to get back to winning ways against Cambridge United and we aim to carry that on tonight.

The top of the table is very close at the moment and it contains strong teams that could easily acquit themselves well in the league above. Tonight's visitors currently sit on top so we all know this will be a very tough test.

We were delighted to see the turnout for the Youth Department and Supporters of Luton Youth Development fun day at the training ground last week.

The volunteers of SoLYD raised a lot of money that goes straight to the youth department and fun was had by all that attended.

Supporters were also able to see our Under-16s in action against Barnet and we were pleased to see them cruise to an impressive 8-0 victory.

This really shows the strength of our youth department at the moment, and combined with

the excellent placing Luton Town achieved in a recent Premier League survey of Youth Development success, this helps us to attract the best in the area, and beat other local teams to signing players because of the excellent training we give.

This will be the future lifeblood of Luton Town so the efforts of everyone concerned with organising the fun day are appreciated by everyone at the Club and will help to ensure that we can continue the good work and successes achieved so far.

Congratulations from all at 2020 go to Mark Bradbury and Jeff Thomas who have been selected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of Loyal Luton Supporters' Club. LLSC have played an important role in the recent history of our Club and we wish Mark and Jeff well in their new roles.

Like all the supporters' groups, LLSC donate much needed monies to the Club so we highly recommend that you join one or more of the supporters' groups – you will make new friends as well as know a lot more about the events at the Club.

LLSC have been tremendous supporters of our youth department, as have Trust in Luton and Luton Town Supporters' Club who have recently organised a very successful Meet the Directors evening.

Our friends at WHOSH help to keep Hatters at home and abroad abreast of events and they have just carried an interview with myself.

We must also not forget our Scandinavian supporters – some of whom have already made the trip to Kenilworth Road this season with a lot more to follow later this year! Being a member of one or more of these supporters' groups gives you a voice in your Club.

We hope you enjoy the game tonight, and give the lads all the support you can in this tough game.

Come on you Hatters!



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CAPTAIN SPEAKING

It was nice to get back to winning ways last time out against Cambridge and it was important that we picked up three points after four games without a win.

We knew it was going to be a difficult to stop such a sequence against a side who share similar ambitions to ourselves of returning back to the Football League.

After a bright start we deservedly took a 2-0 halftime lead but games against Cambridge are never straightforward and after the break we were a bit under the cosh but after keeping them out we ended up coming out on top quite comfortably and could have won by a greater margin.

Cambridge had won their previous two fixtures so to beat them as convincingly as we did gives us confidence and the perfect platform to build on.

That's not to say we haven't been confident in our recent fixtures. We've been unlucky not to pick up more points than we've registered already and in the four games prior to the Cambridge game we believe that bar 20 minutes against Tamworth and 20 minutes against Grimsby we've played really well.

The Cambridge game once again showed the fine line between winning, drawing or losing. We had to defend well when they had their period in the game with two efforts cleared off the line.

In the dressing room we spoke at halftime that we couldn't afford to allow them back in the game and it was slightly disappointing that we started the second half the way we did.

We showed the ability and strength in-depth that we have and our opponents must look at our substitutes' bench and worry about the quality that they could

land up facing if it's not going our way.

Tonight we welcome the league leaders for another tough home encounter. I know we say games are tough every week, but none come tougher than when you play the team that top the table.

Wimbledon have had a fantastic start to the season winning six of their eight games, only losing one and drawing one.

Last season Wimbledon took four points off us, including the victory here at Kenilworth Road last February.

That day, although we lost, I remember we played particularly well and were unlucky not win. For me that game summed up the unpredictable nature of this division.

Danny Kedwell scored the winner that day and the striker comes here tonight as the league's joint top goalscorer.

We know the threat that he and the rest of their squad pose, as their league position indicates, and will be prepared to deal with those dangers as we look to maintain our unbeaten home record and continue from where we left last Saturday.

Tonight's game is being broadcast live on television which will give it added spice. Games under the floodlights are always special occasions, especially with the atmosphere you create and with the cameras here too, there are high expectations for a cracking game.

Your support has been superb. Please keep it up and back the boys tonight.



George Pilkington

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GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Cambridge went home even happier following the 2-0 win.

Ali Fletcher of London walked away with a very nice £610 after the ticket number 06320 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time. Look out for our next draw when we host Mansfield Town on Tuesday 28th September.

HATTERS HELP HOMELESS STAR

The Town were more than happy to help when 25-year-old Dwain Williams of Luton was selected to play for the England in the Homeless World Cup in Brazil.

Together with Luton-based homeless charity



GARY TOWNSEND

Luton supporter Gary Townsend died last month at the age of 28. Luton-born Gary attended his first match at Kenilworth Road at the age of seven.

A pupil at Silsoe Lower School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School and Harlington Upper School, Gary supported the Hatters throughout his life.

He moved to the north of England in 2001 to study but in 2005, after being diagnosed with Leukaemia, he returned to live and work in Bedford so as to be near his family home in Silsoe.

In early April 2009 he was given just weeks to live but this did not prevent him arranging for Bob Wilson's Willow Foundation to get him to Wembley just two days later for the Johnstone's Paint Final.

He confounded medical opinion for well over a year, remaining fully active, and was at several Kenilworth Road matches last season.



Gary's final Luton game was this season's opener against Altrincham which he attended with his father Steve, the Trust in Luton secretary, and he died in hospital just a week later.

RAYMOND THOMAS LELLIOTT

The Hatters are also sad to report the death of lifelong supporter Ray Lelliott at the age of 73.

Ray followed the Town for over 60 years home and away, rarely missing a match.

He made many friends at the club and was a member of the Century Club and later the Millennium Club.



HATTERS PICS

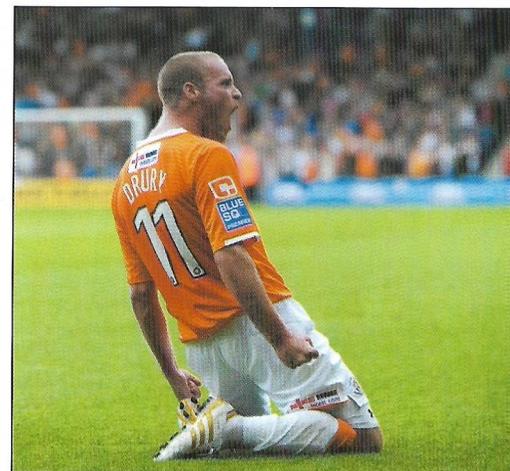
The Hatters' new online photostore Hatters Pics has become a huge success since its launch last season.

It has enabled supporters to purchase all of our official photographs that appear on our official website and in our award-winning matchday programme, just like this one of Andy Drury celebrating his goal in our victory over Cambridge last Saturday.

www.hatterspics.co.uk has all of club photographer Gareth Owen's images from the Town's current league campaign in the Blue Square Bet Premier as well as all of the 2009/10 season.

There are a variety of different products available whether it's a framed print or a fridge magnet Hatters Pics has the answer.

The site has already seen hundreds of photographs uploaded from this season's matches plus a comprehensive archive of all of the photographs taken over the past 18 months.



LAMP, Dwain, a goalkeeper has not only received Hatters shirts to take to South America next week but also some specialist training from Town goalkeeping coach Dmitri Kharine. And the former Stopsley High pupil is hoping to return a winner.

He said: "I'm just going to go out there and try my best and hopefully come back with a trophy."

"But I'm just going to try and gain as much experience as I can, and I'm looking forward to seeing what happens."

MATCHDAY MUSIC

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BESTA BOTH WORLDS

There was a new arrival in the Besta household this week when Hatters midfielder Pavel became a father for the first time.

The Czech midfielder and wife Lucie, both currently back home in Prague, welcomed baby girl Nela into the world on Monday 13th September, weighing in at 3.5kg.

Nela is the couple's first child, and everyone at Kenilworth Road was thrilled when Pavel's fellow countryman Zdenek Kroca came in to the club offices to break the news on Wednesday.

We're pleased to report that mother and baby are doing well and that the Town's new signing should be back with his team-mates soon (sleepless nights permitting!).

A massive congratulations goes out to the new family from everyone associated with the club.

YOUNG STARS OUT ON LOAN

Two of the Town's up-and-coming youngsters have been sent out on-loan to sides playing in the Southern League Division One Central division.

Adam Watkins has joined Arlesey Town - whom he spent a spell with last season - while Taylor Nathaniel has made the short move to Barton Rovers.

Both players agreed professional contracts at Kenilworth Road this summer.

INTRODUCING AFC WIMBLEDON

HISTORY

The 2008/09 campaign saw Wimbledon's meteoric rise through the Non-League pyramid continue following their fourth promotion in seven seasons.

It all started back in 2002 for the club reborn following the original Wimbledon's relocation to Milton Keynes.

Starting in the Combined Counties League their first promotion was sealed in their second season of existence in 2003/04 when topping the CCL and earning promotion to the Ryman League.

A second Championship followed in the next campaign when lifting the Ryman League Division One title in 2004/05.

The Dons had near misses in the semi-finals of the Ryman Premier League Play-Offs two seasons running before making it third time lucky in 2007/08 when beating Slough Town in the Play-Off final.

Quickly acclimatising to life in at a higher level, the Dons' title triumph in the Conference South was followed-up before an eighth place finish in their first season in the Blue Square Premier.

LAST MEETING:

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LUTON TOWN 1-2 AFC WIMBLEDON



Danny Kedwell's goal midway through the second period gave the Dons victory in AFC's first ever visit to Kenilworth Road.

The winner came against the run of play in a match dominated by the Town.

The Hatters played some bright, attacking football in the first 45 minutes and could count themselves unlucky to find themselves behind when Nathan Elder put the Dons ahead with goal on 28 minutes.

However the visitors' joy was short-lived as within a minute of the restart the Hatters were back on level terms when Tom Craddock grabbed his ninth goal of the campaign when quickest to react to Kevin Nicholls' blocked shot.

The Town were playing some nice stuff in the first period but that all changed in the second as both teams struggled to get going on a heavy Kenilworth Road pitch.

Despite dominating they failed to test James Pullen in the Wombles' goal and they were left to rue their lack of chances when Kedwell beat Janos Kovacs down the left and finished superbly from an acute angle.

After sending on Liam Hatch and Matthew Barnes-Homer in a bid to salvage a point the Town continued to press but could not stage a comeback to earn a point.

Luton Town: Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Pilkington, Newton, Nicholls (Barnes-Homer 61), Craddock, Hall (Hatch 76), Jarvis (Howells 87), Gallen, Murray. Subs not used: Gore, Blackett.

Wimbledon: Pullen, Hatton, Blanchett, Gregory, Lorraine, Judge, Poole, Taylor, Kedwell, Elder (Wellard 75), Henry (Conroy 80). Subs not used: Main, Brown, Duncan.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

In total 15 players have sported the colours of both the Hatters and the Dons down the years. Who do you remember most?

Ceri Hughes, Mick Harford, John Hartson, Kelvin Davis, Dean Brennan, Duncan Jupp, Alan Kimble, Chris Perry, Barry Silkman, Graeme Tomlinson, Chris Willmott, Liam George, Clive Goodyear, Billy Holmes and Paul Holsgrove.



WIMBLEDON

MEET THE MANAGER:

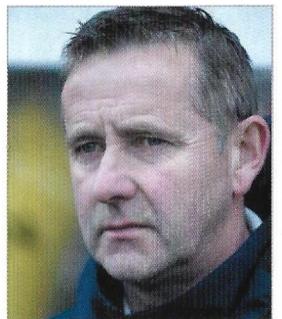
TERRY BROWN

Appointed AFC Wimbledon's first full-time manager in May 2007, Terry's managerial prowess became evident during a nine-year spell in charge of Hayes, whom he took from the lower half of the Ryman Premier Division to third place in the Conference in 1999.

He moved to Aldershot Town in 2002 and in his five years in charge at the Recreation Ground he steered the Shots to a Ryman Premier League title and a 2004 Conference Play-Off final in which they missed a Football League place only by losing to Shrewsbury Town in a penalty shoot-out.

Terry left Aldershot amid emotional scenes in March 2007, but returned to football with the Dons.

He and trusted lieutenant Stuart Cash are relishing the challenge of returning the Dons to the Football League, having steered the side to two promotions and an eighth-place finish in the Blue Square Premier in their maiden season in non-league top division.



AFC Wimbledon boss Terry Brown is delighted with the way his side have started the new Blue Square Bet Premier season.

But he's taking nothing for granted and expects to know a lot more about the Dons' prospects for 2010/11 in the coming weeks.

"The truth is I have been really surprised by our start and I am delighted with it," Brown explained.

"We are a brand-new, young side, and to get off to this kind of start allows for a hiccup or two along the way.

"What I would say is to quantify our start by saying we have played five of our games against sides who are parttime.

"We now come in to September, which is going to tell us a lot more about where we actually stand.

"After tonight's game we then face Crawley next Thursday, and I think I will know a lot more after those games."

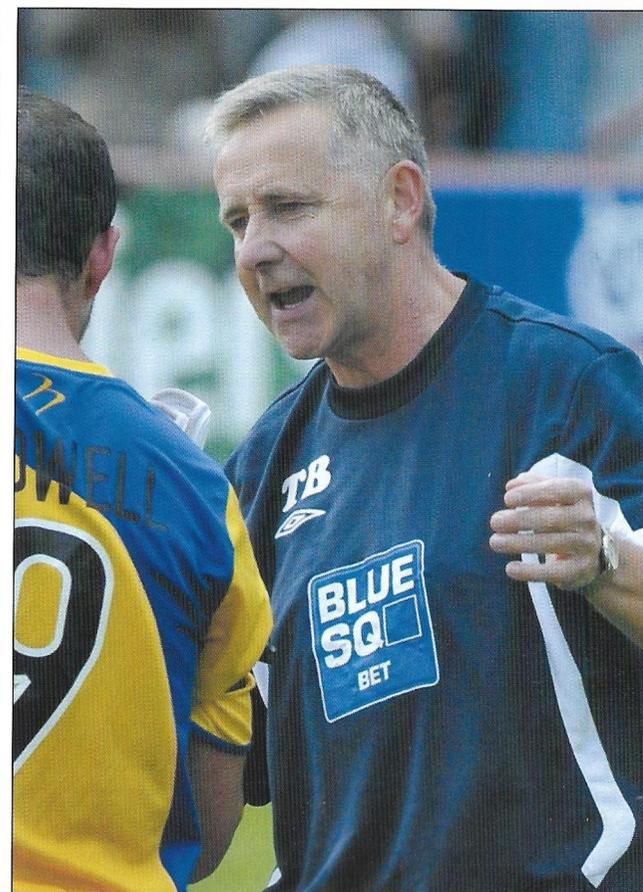
The Dons have won six and drawn one of their opening eight games in their second season at this level of football, suffering defeat only away to Rushden and Diamonds in August.

They took the step from parttime to full-time over the summer and have introduced several new faces as they look to push on from finishing eighth last time around.

Brown says tonight's game will be a valuable one in terms of his side's footballing education.

"We have thrown some of the younger players in the squad in at the deep end and they have certainly distinguished themselves and done a lot better than we had hoped," he said.

"With youngsters you're not always sure what you're going to get and the game will be another really big test for them because most of my team haven't played at a stadium with six or seven thousand there and that type of atmosphere.



TERRY BROWN



WIMBLEDON

DELIGHT FOR DONS BOSS AT SEASON'S START

"I think our games have all been different tests and this is going up to another level and seeing if we can cope with what this particular fixture throws at us.

"I think, whether we win, lose or draw, we will gain valuable experience from it as you can give players confidence and work on tactics but you can't give them experience as young players and they will get that at Kenilworth Road."



SEB BROWN

GOALKEEPERS

SEB BROWN
A product of Brentford's youth system, Sutton-born Seb was signed in August 2009. He made the Bees' first-team squad, as an unused sub in a League Cup game, when only 16. He signed professional forms at the end of 2007/08 and made his competitive debut in September 2008 in a Football League Trophy tie against Yeovil Town, which ended in a penalty shootout victory for Brentford.

JACK TURNER

Highly-talented young keeper, a product of the club's youth system, Jack made his first-team debut in October 2008 in the London Senior Cup against Erith Town - and found himself on the wrong end of a hat-trick scored in four minutes. Jack was rewarded with a contract in summer 2009 after turning down offers to trial with League sides.

DEFENDERS

ANDRE BLACKMAN

Young and athletic left wing-back who began as a trainee with Arsenal and Spurs before joining Portsmouth at the age of 16. After two seasons in Pompey's reserves he signed for Bristol City in 2009 but left by mutual consent having made just one appearance, in the Carling Cup. After a trial with Leicester City he joined the Dons in June 2010.

FRASER FRANKS

Centre-back who joined Brentford as a trainee in July 2008 and was converted to

a central role, having played much of his youth football at right-back. Fraser signed professional forms a year later, but despite being the bench on several occasions he failed to make a first-team appearance. Early last season he went to Basingstoke for a brief loan spell before he signed for the Dons in July 2010.

RYAN JACKSON

Hard-working, pacy young right-back with a long throw who joined the reserves in 2008 and graduated to the first-team squad towards the end of last season. His outstanding league debut against Tamworth in April earned him a man of the match award and, two days later, a contract for 2010/11.

BRETT JOHNSON

Tall defender, equally comfortable at left-back or centre-back, who joined from Brentford in summer 2009. He began his career with Ashford Town and in 2004 moved to Terry Brown's Aldershot, where he helped the club to the Play-Offs. He attracted the attention of several league sides and in June 2005 moved to Northampton. After a season at Brentford he joined the Dons and made 42 starts in 2009/10.

ISMAIL YAKUBU

Nigerian-born central defender signed in July 2010 from Barnet, where he had spent his entire career, having joined them at the age of 11. He

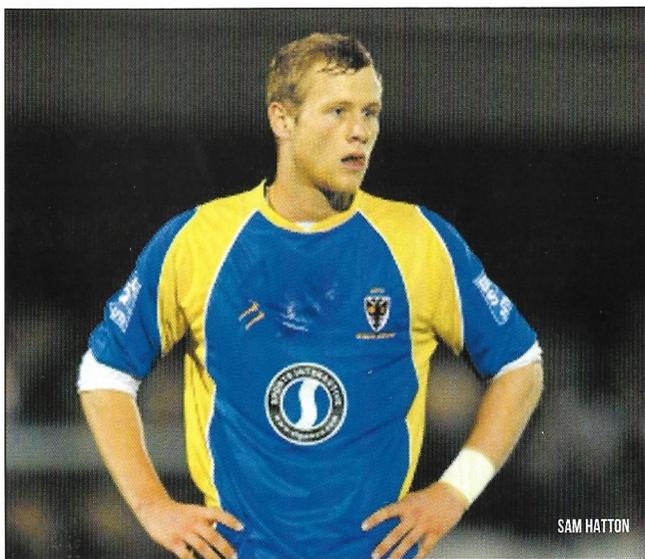
turned professional at 16, made his first-team debut at 17 under boss Peter Shreeves and captained the Bees from August 2007 to November 2008. After missing the last half of last season through injury, he was released in May. He has been capped for the England C team.

MIDFIELDERS

STEVEN GREGORY
Tall central midfielder who came through the youth ranks at Wycombe Wanderers and made his League debut in May 2006. He spent most of 2007/08 on loan at Hayes & Yeading and Havant & Waterlooville and moved to the Middlesex club at the end of that season. He joined the Dons in summer 2009 and rapidly established himself in midfield, making 39 appearances. His excellent season was rewarded when he was selected to play for the England C team against the Republic of Ireland in May.

SAM HATTON

A product of the Stevenage youth academy who made the Boro first team on two occasions in 2005 before loan spells at Yeading, Maidenhead United, Northwood and Diss Town. The tall, skilful midfielder was a prize capture by the Dons in May 2007. One of the first names on the teamsheet in the last two seasons, he has made a total of 124 first-team starts and contributed 22 goals.



SAM HATTON

LEE MINSHULL

Powerful, tough-tackling midfielder signed from Tonbridge Angels in May 2010. Lee got his career going as a centre-back at Ramsgate. When he moved to Angels in 2009 he moved into an attacking midfield role and scored 17 times in 40 appearances, finishing the season as second top scorer and being voted player of the year for 2009/10. Minshull has put his career as a quantity surveyor on hold to join the full-time Dons.

SAMMY MOORE

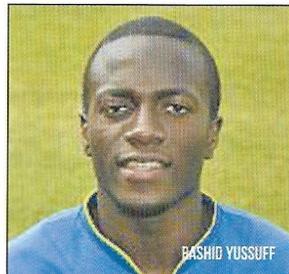
A former youth player with Charlton, Sammy came through the Chelsea and Ipswich academies to earn a contract at Portman Road. After making one substitute appearance for Ipswich he went on loan to Brentford in 2007/08, making 17 starts and scoring twice. Released by the Tractor Boys, he signed as a non-contract player at Stevenage, where he made 11 starts before joining his local side Dover in 2008. Sammy signed for the Dons in July 2010, in pursuit of full-time football.

RICKY WELLARD

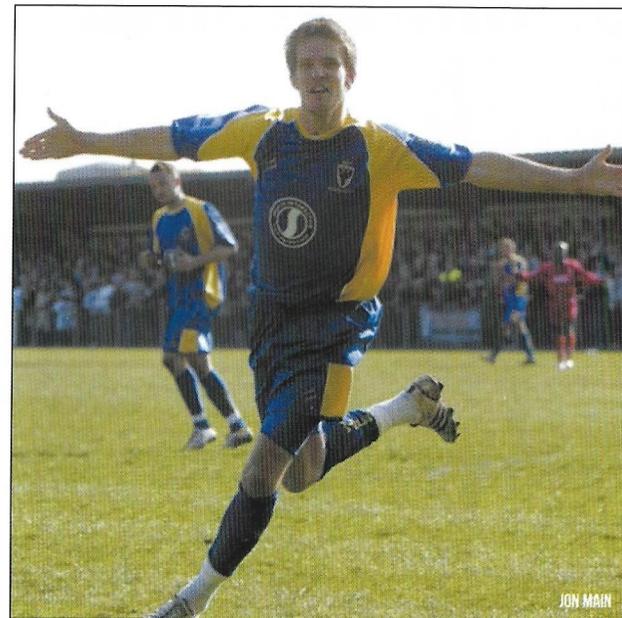
Tall midfielder known for his passing ability, Ricky was signed from Ashford Town in June 2009 after several previously unsuccessful attempts by Terry Brown to prise him away from the club where he had spent nearly all his football career. He made 32 starts last season plus 11 from the bench.

RASHID YUSSUFF

Fast, leftsided midfielder who can also play up front, Rashid signed from Gillingham in June 2010. He started his career as a trainee with Charlton in 2006 and, after a handful of appearances on loan at Northwich Victoria and Ebbsfleet in 2008/09, he joined the Gills in August 2009, and made eight first-team appearances. He has England caps at Under-16, Under-17 and Under-18 levels.



RASHID YUSSUFF



JON MAIN

STRIKERS

CHRISTIAN JOLLEY

Versatile and speedy leftsided attacking player who can play on the wing, at full-back or up front. He was signed by Kingstonian from county-level side Oxted & District in September 2009 and had an outstanding season with them, making 27 appearances, plus 13 as substitute, and scoring eight times. The Dons signed him in May 2010.

DANNY KEDWELL

Aggressive, powerful centre-forward signed in September 2008 from Grays Athletic. He played for Welling before moving to Grays in May 2007. At Wimbledon he quickly formed a powerful striking partnership with Jon Main, his hard work often setting up goals for Main, and scored 15 times in his debut season. He was last season's leading goalscorer, with a tally of 26.

JON MAIN

Prolific striker who became the Dons' then record signing in November 2007 just days after playing and scoring against them for his previous club, Tonbridge Angels. At Tonbridge he bagged 52 goals in just 57 appearances, having moved there from Cray Wanderers in

January 2006. He had a spectacular 2008/09 season, scoring 33 times. Injury restricted his appearances last season but he was still the second-highest scorer, with 15 goals.

LUKE MOORE

Skilful and quick frontman who can play as an attacking midfielder or as an outright striker. He worked his way through the youth and reserve ranks at Ebbsfleet and soon established himself in the first team. Luke joined the Dons in June 2009, turning down an offer from a League club, and made 30 appearances last season, scoring eight goals.

MARK NWOKEJI

No stranger to Hatters fans after a loan spell at Kenilworth Road last season, the striker signed in June 2010, having been a target for the Dons on previous occasions. A former England schoolboy 200-metre champion, he began in youth football with Charlton and Colchester. He played for various non-League sides, notably Walton & Hersham, and in 2006 moved to Staines Town, where his 46 goals in 75 appearances caught the attention of Dagenham & Redbridge, who signed him in 2008.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters and our sponsors and corporate guests.

Since the fixture list was released in the summer, like our opening last match with Altrincham, tonight's game has been another one of the most eagerly anticipated of the season.

With AFC Wimbledon top of the table it will no doubt be a tough game and one which I am sure will excite the watching television audience.

Interest from a commercial point of view in this game has been one of the biggest we have encountered for league match recently with supporters snapping up the match and match ball sponsorship packages within days of the fixture list being released.

On our official website at www.lutontown.co.uk we notified supporters of the availability of our matchday executive boxes which sparked plenty of interest.

Remember you too can enjoy all the benefits of watching a game from this unique vantage point at Kenilworth Road - please get in touch on the number and email below.

Once again we have the pleasure of having the continued support of match and match ball sponsors as well as a commercial mascot this evening.

I hope you enjoy your day's entertainment with us.

**MATCH SPONSOR:
IAN BALDWIN**

To celebrate Ian's 40th birthday he is watching tonight's game with some special friends who



have followed the club through the ups and downs and never lost their passion or commitment for all things Luton Town.

Ian's favourite memories are the obvious ones but seeing David Moss causing havoc on the left or Mick Harford battering defences, standing on the Oak Road end as a child was a real highlight.

**MATCH BALL SPONSOR:
NICEIC**



Once again we are pleased to welcome back our friends from NICEIC. If you need an electrician, get a 'Nice One' from today's match sponsor NICEIC.

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Based in Houghton Regis and part of a larger Group which operates around the world, NICEIC are also proud sponsors of the back of the Hatters' shirts and shorts. Log onto www.niceic.com to find an electrician near you!

**COMMERCIAL MASCOT:
ARIAN SAINI**

Please give a warm welcome to our commercial mascot this evening who is three-year-old Arjan Saini from Harpenden.

Arjan attends Skylarks Nursery and attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his Dad.

His favourite Hatters player is Keith Keane and apart from football, he enjoys watching Fireman Sam.

We hope you all have a fantastic evening with us Arjan.



SPONSORS' GALLERY

Our last home game against Cambridge proved to be very 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.



Mascots Tim and Kieran Kitchener pictured with Kevin Pilkington.



Tim and Kieran with captain George Pilkington prior to kickoff.



Corporate hospitality guests: Richard White and friends.



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Matchball sponsors Formit pictured with the Town midfielder.



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TRUST IN LUTON

Firstly, welcome to our first update of the new season and our second televised game within two weeks. Let's hope tonight's game takes the Hatters just a little bit closer to promotion with a well deserved victory.

KIT COMPETITION

We would like to thank all of the entrants to our kit competition last season. Many entries were received from all over the country and also a few from further afield, including Africa. The standard of the entries was generally of a very high quality, but the committee had to make a decision and did so back in June.

As always, it's a disappointment that we are unable to help everyone who entered. However, we are delighted to announce that the winners were St Martin's from the North Home Counties Sunday Football League Division 3 and Grace Church from the University of Nottingham IMS league.

We would like to wish all entrants to the competitions good luck for the coming season and hope the new kits bring success to St Martin's and Grace Church.

The committee have also agreed to help out some other teams with a little sponsorship, including Lewsey Warriors' Under-8s and Under-10s and Markyate who play in North Home Counties Sunday Football League Division 2.

With a little bit of help from the Club, we are also hopeful of assisting some of our African fans in the near future - watch this space for details.

St Martin's (in orange) and Markyate (in blue) can be seen lining up in their new kits here and we hope to bring you pictures of Grace Church and Lewsey Warriors later in the season.



CAN YOU HELP?

As an organisation, Trust in Luton is always looking for volunteers to help out and, as we expand our community and fundraising remit in the near future, additional help and experience will be vital to further our success.

If you think you have what the Trust needs, we would love to hear from you so please email us at info@trustinluton.info.

The Trust has been very influential over the past few years in helping this great Club continue to exist, so if you want to be part of an organisation involved right at the heart of the

Club and the community, please get in touch. If you don't have access to email, please write to us at Trust in Luton, c/o 17 Grove Place, Bedford, MK40 3JJ.

GET THE KIDS ALONG!

The Trust are continuing their push to get more kids along to Kenilworth Road and again here to thank diamond season ticket holders for their generosity.

They have continued to donate unused kids and adult tickets that come as part of the diamond package and this will enable us, together with the Club, to bring an ever increasing amount of youth teams, community groups and school classes to home games.

If you can help by donating tickets from your diamond package, or indeed if you can simply purchase a single ticket for a kid to use, please let the Ticket Office know and they will take care of the rest.

If you are part of an organisation that would like to apply for use of these tickets, please contact

Mike Hooker, Ticket Office Manager, at the Club via email on ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk or via telephone on 01582 416976.

Mike will liaise with the Trust committee and between us we will distribute the tickets as far as possible.

It will obviously not be possible to accommodate every applicant, so apologies in advance if we can't help you this season. However, please don't let that put you off applying in the future.

MEMBERSHIP/MATCH SPONSORSHIP

For those that haven't renewed their membership, now is the time to do so. We will shortly be holding a random draw to select three members who can take one guest each to the 125th anniversary game against Bath City on 30th October as the Trust will be the match sponsors for the game.

A Trust committee member will be your host for the day, but you will also get to meet the directors of 2020 and you may even bump into a few players during the day.

As part of the package you also get to help choose the Man-of-the-Match so you'll need to watch the match carefully.

For any Trust members who don't win the competition that would like to join us you can do so at a cost of £60 per head, but these additional places are strictly limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact us for further details on info@trustinluton.info.

Further details about the Trust's aims and objectives can be found on our website at www.trustinluton.info. Here you will find our constitution, news articles and links to other Luton Town-based sites alongside other information.

And to our players for tonight's game - good luck.

Come on you Hatters!



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TICKLED PINK

If you've been away and not heard the news then it might have escaped your attention that the club have commissioned a very special commemorative shirt to mark our 125th anniversary.

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.

Diamond season ticket holders can pre-order theirs from Monday 13th September until Sunday 19th September.

Season ticket holders can then reserve theirs from Monday 20th until Sunday 3rd October (subject to availability) before it is available to pre-order to the general public from Monday 4th October (subject to availability).

The shirts are priced at £39.99 for adults and £29.99 for children and all pre-orders will be sent out by post and delivered on Monday 4th October.

For further information visit our official website and to pre-order visit www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown.





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CONNELL 30 (PEN), CUMMINS 71

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

BLUNDELL PARK, SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2010 ATT: 3,822

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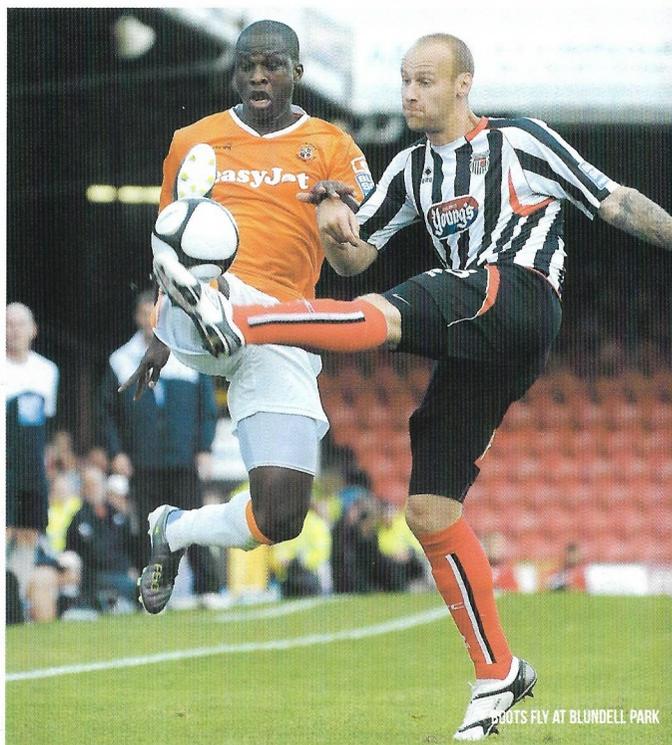
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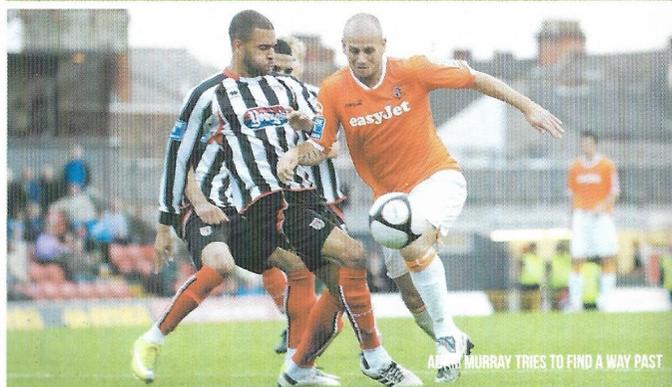
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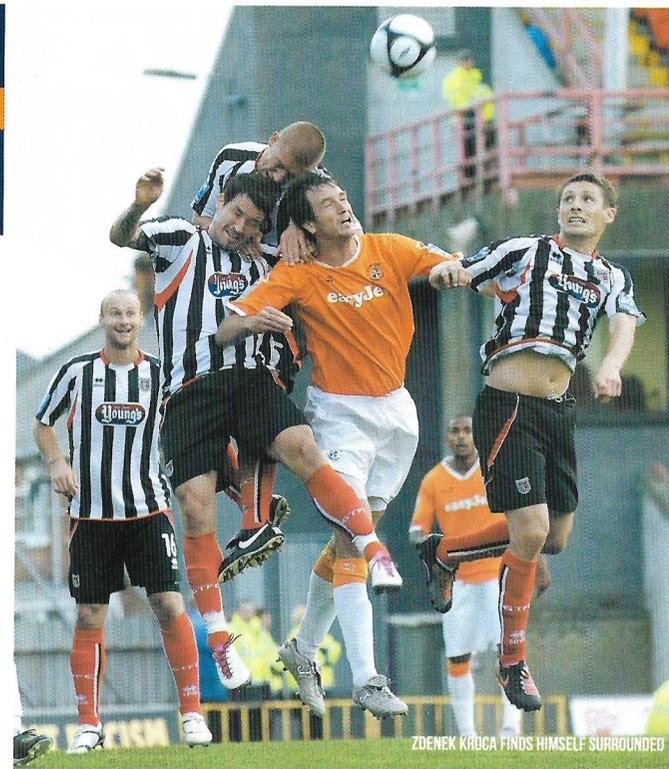
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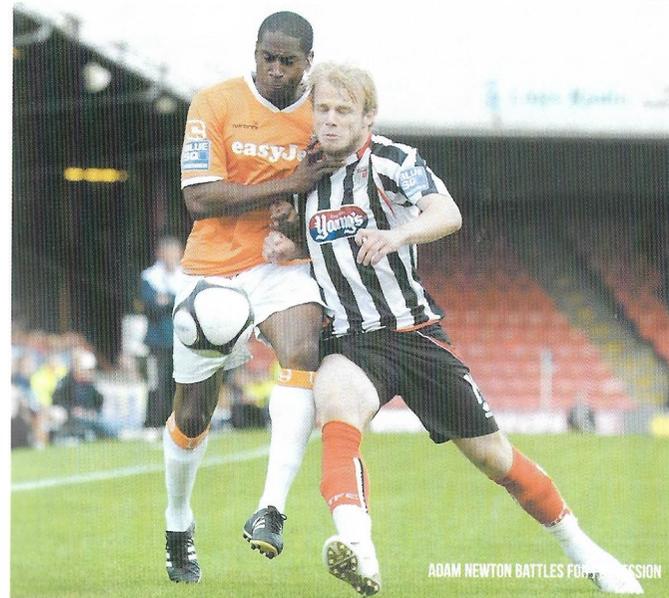
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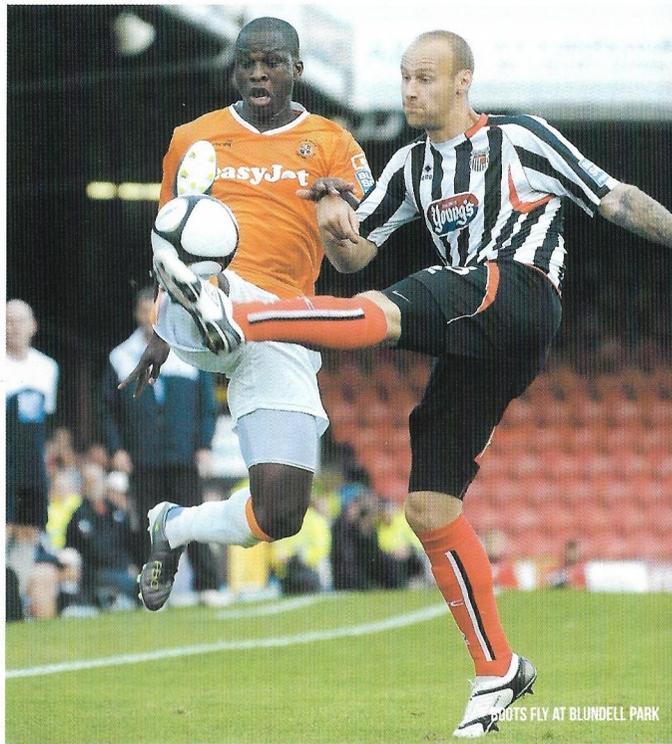
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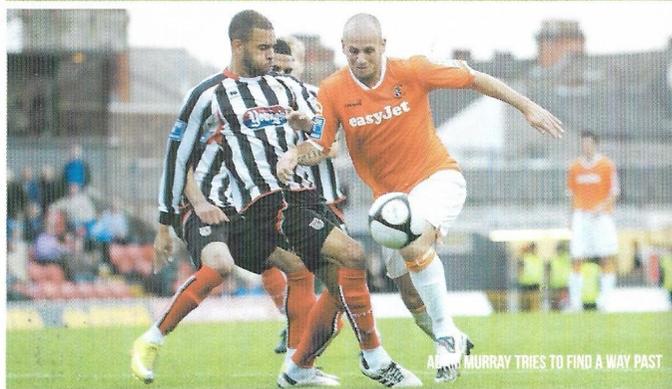
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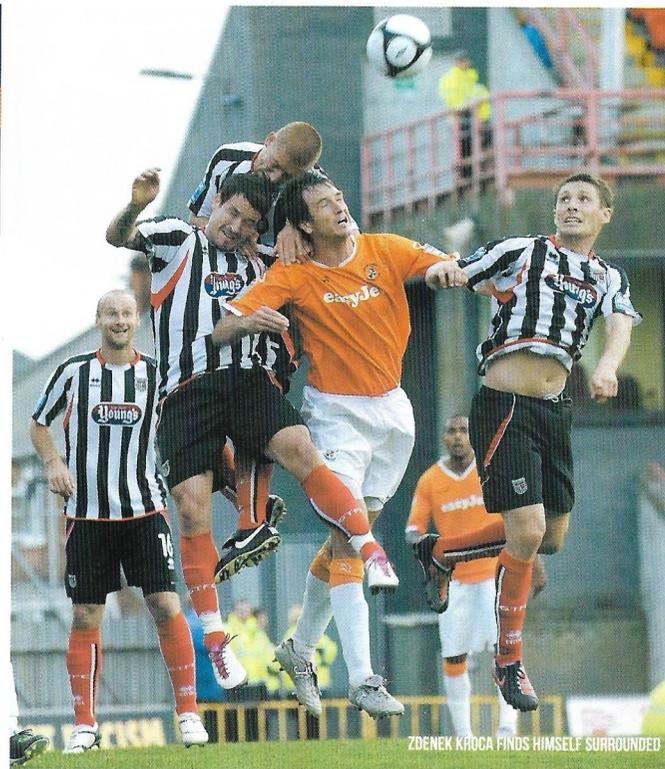
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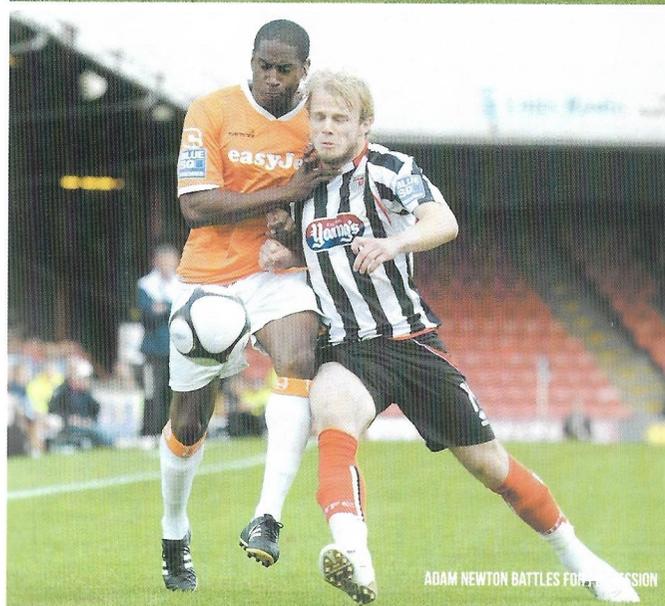
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POST-MATCH REACTION

The Hatters slipped to their second defeat of the season at Blundell Park in front of the Premier Sports TV cameras and were left to rue a penalty decision that went against them as well as the Mariners' woodwork that twice thwarted Richard Money's side.

The result might not have gone to plan, but for two players in the Hatters ranks, Adam Newton and new signing Taiwo Atieno, they were pleased to get some game time under their belts which can only bode well for the rest of the season as competition for places intensifies.

A patient spectator for opening games, Adam Newton was just grateful to be involved again despite the result and was typically upbeat after the final whistle.

"I've always kept myself fit and tried to be ready," he explained to Talk of the Town. "Whenever I'm called upon I always try and do my best for myself and the team.

"The lads are working hard and we can learn from these games and hopefully with it happening early in the season and not when it counts it is something we will learn from."

Having only resigned with the Hatters two days before the game, Atieno was thrust into action as a 78th-minute replacement for Claude Gnakpa and almost managed to find his way on to the scoresheet in the closing stages.

"I had a half chance at the end, I got on the end of it but didn't get enough power behind it did I?" said the striker.

"I was dying to get on so it was pleasing to get a little run out. It is obviously disappointing to lose but at the same time you just want to get involved and try and help the team win.

"I think Luton are one of the best clubs you can play for outside League 1 and I think that it has got the potential to get promotion and play in the higher leagues, that is what I want to be here for. I want to continue to progress and contribute to the team.

"I think in the first half there were some positives to take, but I just don't think the ball dropped for us today so we've just got to look ahead to the next game and work harder."





LUTON TOWN 2 CAMBRIDGE UNITED 0

DRURY 34, G. PILKINGTON 45

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

KENILWORTH ROAD, SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2010 ATT: 6,691

MONEY TALK

"I thought it was a good performance, we showed a lot of qualities that you need to win football matches. We started the season a bit like fantasy football after winning three games thinking we'd win every week. We know the season isn't going to be like that but we played at the right times and played in the right areas and those are crucial if you are to win football matches."

LINE-UPS

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Cambridge United: Brown, McAuley, Coulson, Saah, Jennings (Marriott 82), Willmott, Russell, Carden, Platt (Ives 20), Wright, Clare (Gray 72). **Subs not used:** Naisbitt, Partridge.

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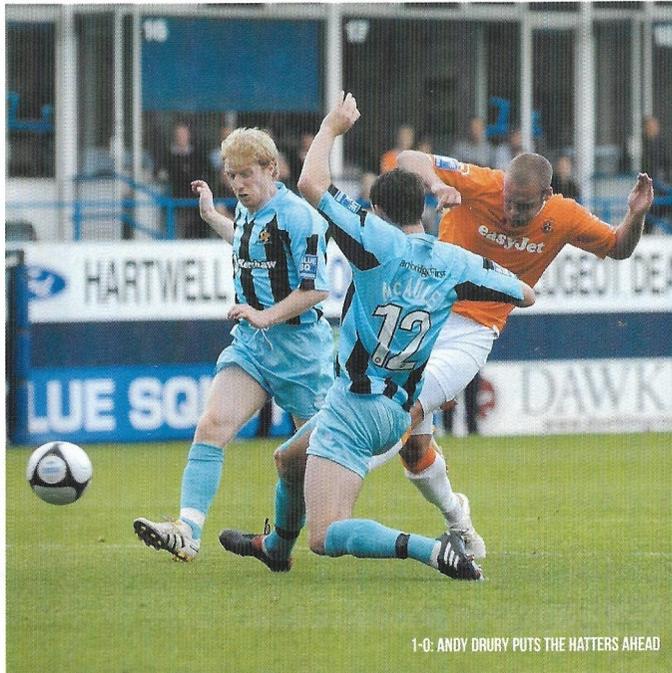
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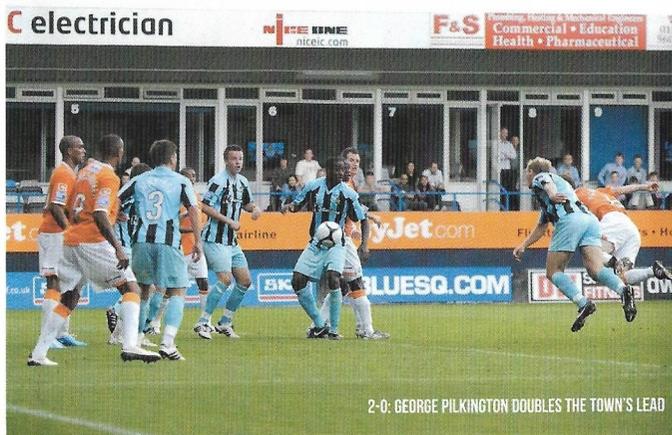
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1-0: ANDY DRURY PUTS THE HATTERS AHEAD



2-0: GEORGE PILKINGTON DOUBLES THE TOWN'S LEAD



SHANE BLACKETT RISES ABOVE THE UNITED DEFENCE



TAIWO ATIENO GOES THROUGH ON GOAL

MATCH REPORT

The Town returned to winning ways as two first half goals were enough to end a run of four games without a victory.

It took eight minutes for either side to create any worthwhile chance when a cross from Claude Gnakpa found Andy Drury who curled his effort high and wide.

The game was slowly starting to come alive and Matthew Barnes-Homer saw a shot blocked when racing through one-on-one with visiting goalkeeper Simon Brown.

Still the Town attacked, and another opportunity to break the deadlock went begging on 16 minutes when home debutant Taiwo Atieno hooked a shot wide after racing through in a similar move to that of Barnes-Homer's.

Cambridge should have levelled matters on 32 minutes, however, when a deep cross from the right was met at the back post by Robbie Willmott whose square cutback was side-footed wide by Danny Wright from five yards.

That served as a real warning to the Hatters and two minutes later they punished the visitors by taking the lead when Freddie Murray's header found Drury with his back to goal in the 18-yard box. A bit of fancy footwork and a calm finish later and that was that. 1-0.

With their tails up Barnes-Homer hit the post four minutes later but in first half injury time the Hatters did double their lead when George Pilkington nodded Drury's right-wing corner through a crowd of players.

Cambridge began the second half on top and five minutes after the break former U Dan Gleeson came to the Hatters' rescue to keep the score at 2-0 when he stretched to clear Wright's low shot off the line.

United continued to press and the Town had another ex-Cambridge man, Murray, to thank when clearing a Russell shot off the line with 13 minutes left.

Richard Money introduced a third former United man to fray when Danny Crow replaced Gnakpa and five minutes after his arrival he saw a snapshot from a tight angle turned away well by Brown on 83 minutes.

The striker continued to pose a threat and saw a further two chances blocked by the visiting goalkeeper before the final whistle.



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POST-MATCH REACTION

After starting the season with three wins on the bounce the Hatters were brought back to earth with a bump in a spell of four matches that yielded just two points.

There was much relief emanating from the dressing room, therefore, following the weekend's win over Cambridge United broke that sequence, not least from the former U's now on board at Kenilworth Road.

For former Cambridge full-back Dan Gleeson, facing his former team-mates for the first time, it was just business as normal.

"Once the game got started it wasn't really any different to any other week, you just go out there and hope to win three points, which it was nice to do, after two bad results," he told Talk of the Town.

"We won three games and won them well and it is difficult to be really sure what to put your finger on as to why we then didn't pick up another victory until today.

"However we have kept a clean sheet which is always good for the team and we are back to winning ways which will give us confidence going into the game with AFC Wimbledon."

Goalscoring skipper George Pilkington, who had slotted impressively into a midfield role against the U's, was quick to heap praise on his defensive colleagues.

"I thought the back four defended very well," said the 28-year-old, deflecting the plaudits away from his goal.



"It was a tough game, partly because the last four have not been as we would have liked so it was a bit nervy towards the end but we got the three points on the board.

"Maybe we lost our shape a little bit towards the end but there were some tired legs out there. I know that as I was certainly feeling it but there was a lot of positives to take out of the match, we've got a tough game coming up on Friday against the league leaders so that's the way you want to go into a game like that, fully prepared.

"The fans were fantastic today again and I'm sure it will be a good crowd here on Friday.

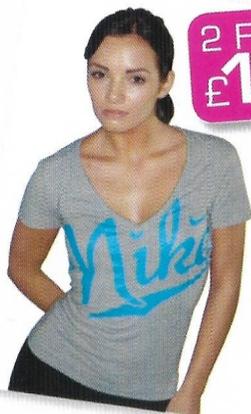
"We could hear them all on the pitch and that makes a big difference. They gave us a good round of applause at the end and I think they could see we were trying to fight and work hard and get the result and we've got to keep doing that, it's so important."

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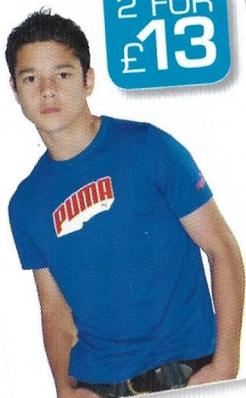
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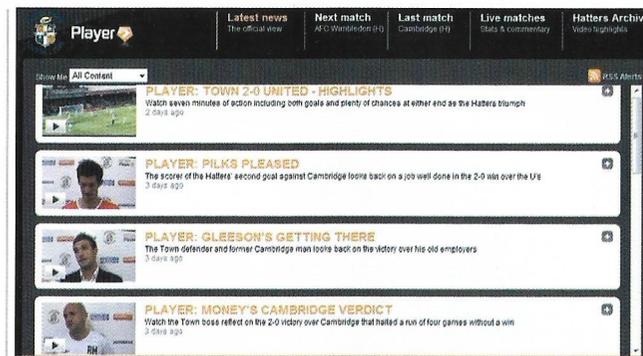
Hatters Player subscribers had plenty to sit back and watch following our 2-0 victory over Cambridge United at Kenilworth Road last Saturday.

The win over the U's ended a run of four games without defeat and plenty of supporters were quick to get a glimpse of precisely how it happened through our exclusive highlights.

All the goals, saves, chances and misses were captured in a seven-minute reel of action that only Player subscribers can view.

They would have seen Andy Drury firing a fine opening goal past Cambridge goalkeeper Simon Brown before captain George Pilkington doubled the lead with a header from Drury's corner in first half injury time.

Player caught up with Pilks after he first goal of the season to chat about bouncing back to



winning ways and on his role in the heart of midfield following Richard Money's decision to put him alongside Adam Murray in the middle of the park.

Of course Player also spoke with the man that made that call and the Hatters boss was pleased with his side's performance as they earned all three points and kept a first home clean sheet of the campaign.

If that wasn't enough the Player camera also spoke with former Cambridge defender Dan Gleeson in lining-up against his old teammates.

The Town man was happy after playing a vital role in the victory - his clearance off the line five minutes into the second half kept the score at 2-0.

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

If you can't get to a game, home or away, the official website at www.lutontown.co.uk has it covered. The Hatters' official website will provide you with the players' and management's pre-game views and post-match reaction, photographs, commentary, text commentary, news and plenty more.

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CENTRE SPOT



Front row: Adam Watkins, Adam Murray, Taylor Nathaniel, Gary Brabin (Assistant Manager), Richard Monaghan (Manager), Alan Neilson (First Team Development Manager), George Pilkington, Danny Crow, Kevin Gallen.
Middle row: Jonathan Chatfield (Sports Therapist), Godfrey Poku, Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Taiwo Atieno, Mark Tyler, Kevin Pilkington, Claude Gnakpa, Dan Gleeson, Andy Drury, Dmitri Kharine (Goalkeeping Coach).
Back row: Adam Newton, JJ O'Donnell, Freddie Murray, Dan Walker, Zdenek Kroca, Shane Blackett, Keith Keane.
Missing: Matthew Barnes-Hamer, Pavel Besta, Jake Howells.



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NUMBERS GAME

14 The number of matches previously played on this date when the Hatters play at Kenilworth Road. The Town have won seven, drawn twice and lost five, scoring 26 goals and conceding 21.

1 The only game to have been played at Luton's former ground at Dunstable Road on this date was a 2-1 victory over local rivals Watford. Davie Ross scored both goals for the Hatters in the Southern League fixture.

4 The number of goals scored by one of the teams in the other two Southern League matches played on this date. In 1910 Luton beat Coventry City 4-2, with John Smith netting a brace for the Hatters. Harold Stansfield also scored with a Coventry player netting an own goal. In 1919 Merthyr Town were the visitors to Kenilworth Road and they scored four times without reply.

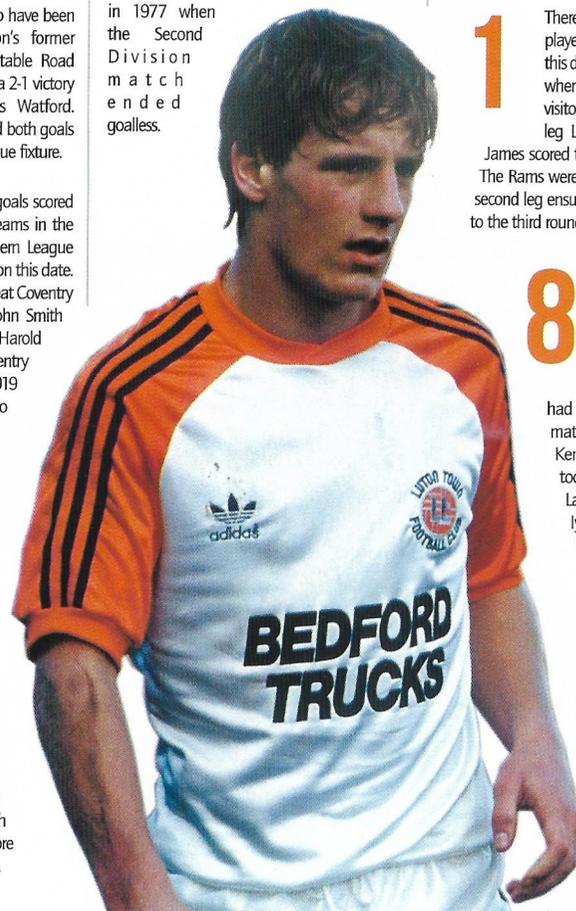
5 The most goals scored by Luton in a home fixture on this date and it's happened twice. In 1927 Brentford were the visitors for a Division Three (South) match and they were beaten 5-2. Jimmy Yardley scored a hat-trick with Syd Reid and Joe Pointon also on target. In 1958 the Hatters beat Manchester City 5-1 in a First Division encounter that saw both Gordon Turner and Allan Brown score twice with Jimmy Adam also scoring.

2 The number of draws on this date, the first of which came in 1949 against Preston North End. The Town's goal came courtesy of an own goal in front of the highest crowd at Kenilworth Road on this day, 20,135. The other draw was against Blackburn Rovers in 1977 when the Second Division match ended goalless.

4 The biggest margin of victory on this day is four goals. As well as the 5-1 win over Manchester City in 1958, Luton beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 4-0 in 1983. Paul Walsh, Brian Stein, David Moss and Brian Horton were all on the scoresheet in a comfortable victory.

1 There has just been one cup tie played at Kenilworth Road on this date and that came in 1996 when Derby County were the visitors for a second round first leg League Cup match. Julian James scored the only goal of the game. The Rams were held to a 2-2 draw in the second leg ensuring their progress through to the third round.

8 The last match played here on this date was eight years ago in 2002 when Mansfield Town were the visitors. The Stags had lost their previous five matches before the trip to Kenilworth Road but they took a 3-0 lead through Liam Lawrence, Scott Sellars and Ilyseden Christie. The Hatters pulled two goals back late on through Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls but it wasn't enough as the visitors triumphed 3-2.



PAUL WALSH



MANAGER IN THE MAKING

WITH A UEFA B LICENSE FORMER TOWN STRIKER TONY THORPE HAS BIG AMBITIONS

Tony Thorpe was no stranger to the scoresheet during his various spells in a Luton Town shirt – and he'd love to be back one day in the Hatters' hotseat.

Thorpe is now employed by Halesowen Town and although his playing days are at an end, he is pushing on with his coaching

qualifications with the ultimate ambition of becoming a manager.

Now 36, Thorpe has his eyes on developing his methods and would be delighted to one day end up back at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "I still go there and watch games and

hopefully I can manage the club one day.

"I'm doing my coaching badges and I'm just about to finish the UEFA B Licence, and I see myself more as a manager than a coach but I'm coaching at the moment.

"I played for something like 25 managers in my

career, some great ones along the way, so hopefully I can take a lot from that along with me.

"I know how I want to coach. I'm a football person, I want players to get the ball down and play.

"I played under some fantastic managers along the way who helped me realise that there is only one way I can play.

"I'm not into the long-ball stuff and I hope that my credentials as a coach will be to play the game in the right way.

"I'm still only 36, so I'm quite young, and if I can become a manager or a coach in the next few years I will be pleased with that.

"It is a dog-eat-dog world and there aren't many jobs around but I would love to be Luton manager one day.

"It would be really great to have a go with Luton, the club that gave me an opportunity when I played."

Thorpe's Luton record stands up to scrutiny with a total of 85 goals spread across four spells with the club, including two loan switches.

He arrived from his hometown club Leicester City in 1992 and admits that it was the perfect move for him at the time, particularly after he was converted to a striker from a previous attacking midfield role and really began to knock the goals in.

He was a big success and eventually moved to Fulham and Bristol City before loans in 1998 and 1999, and an eventual return on a permanent deal in 2002.

His time at Luton was the most successful of Thorpe's career and he holds the Hatters in such high regard that although he now lives back in Leicester he gets to games regularly, and hopes in fact to be at tonight's encounter with AFC Wimbledon.

"I went to watch the second leg against York City in last season's Play-Offs and I still try to get along to see them," Thorpe continued.



"I went to the Hayes and Yeading game and I felt that day that the players and management were under a bit of pressure after being beaten by Tamworth the previous week.

"Luton are a scalp in that division. Teams will be going there and giving it a bit extra because of the stature of the club and the attendances they get.

"The club has such a great history with winning the Littlewoods Cup, and being in the old First Division then the Premier League, and they have great support.

"I went to Wembley for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final and the fanbase is there – the fans really do travel with this club.

"I've played at places like York and Carlisle for

Luton when they were taking two or three thousand to away games and when they are playing well. Nobody follows them like those fans do.

"Luton are not a Conference team. They are in the Conference but not a Conference club, and you want to get out of that division as soon as you can.

"If you bounce straight out you're fine because there's not a lot of difference between the Conference and League 2 but if you don't you can become in a bit of a rut, like Rushden have over the last four or five years.

"Nobody has got a divine right to win any league no matter how big a club you are.

"Luton are there, they have to deal with that, and for me this is the year that they have to get promoted."

At Halesowen, meanwhile, Thorpe is continuing to cut his teeth as a coach and develop his methods with the next stage of his career underway following the end of his playing days.

The Southern League Premier Division side have recently parted company with first-team coach Rob Elmes,

leading to more of an opportunity for Thorpe to offer his experience under technical director Phil Nardiello.

Halesowen have made a solid start to their season but suffered an unexpected 6-1 defeat at home to Hemel Hempstead Town last week.

However, it's all part of the learning curve for any aspiring young gaffer.

"I said to the boys that we had conceded the least amount of goals in the division, that we hadn't been beaten, and then we lost 6-1 at home – I couldn't believe that and never saw it coming," said Thorpe.

"But that's all part and parcel of coaching and management."

KIT PARADE

Nothing pulls on the heart-strings like an old Hatters playing strip...

1994/95 HOME

The Hatters were going through a phase of wearing one kit for one season before changing their minds and scrapping it come the end and the 1994/95 campaign was no different.

It was unclear who actually made the strip, here modelled by David Preece, with the manufacturers' logo a straw boater with the word Hatters in.

Despite the mystery, the baseball-style collar and orange pin-stripes was a real hit with fans at the time.

However the players' performance in at Kenilworth Road were few and far between as they reserved their best displays away from home in their snazzy away number which we'll feature in our next programme.



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.

Leslie (Les) Jessie SEALEY

A marvellous goalkeeper for nine different League clubs over a 20-year playing career, Les is warmly remembered at Kenilworth Road where he made over 200 appearances in undoubtedly the best ever Hatters side in the Club's history.

Although a Londoner, the brave, positive and loud goalkeeper started his career as an apprentice at Coventry before moving out to Luton in 1983 for £120,000. He missed out on the 1988

Littlewoods Cup triumph through injury but was between the sticks for the Town at Wembley 12 months later.

After leaving the Hatters for Manchester United he added both an FA Cup winners' medal and a European Cup winners' medal to his collection.

Les finishes his playing career back home at West Ham but sadly died in 2001 at the young age of 43.

Luton Town career appearances: 259

Debut: v Arsenal (a) 27/08/1983

Final game: v Nottingham Forest (h) 09/04/1989

BEHIND THE SCENES

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

RECEPTION

Turn to the middle pages of this evening's programme and you'll see our team photograph, taken by Gareth Owen on Tuesday afternoon.

It's another one to the collection of team shots taken down the years which currently adorn the walls of the reception area and the corridor leading up to the suites and office at Kenilworth Road.

A team photograph from every season runs chronologically throughout this part of the ground, dating back to the first ever team photographs stretching back to the late 1880s.



COVER STORY

● DRESSING ROOM CELEBRATIONS. LUTON TOWN 3-2 WEST HAM UNITED. FA CUP SIXTH ROUND REPLAY. 23RD MARCH 1994.



The FA Cup run that season started slowly and was almost over before it got underway with Southend, the visitors to Kenilworth Road in the third round, missing several good opportunities in the first half.

However, Paul Telfer fired in the only goal before two epic ties with Newcastle followed with the Magpies finally seen off under the Kenilworth Road lights in a classic encounter.

Next up was Cardiff from Division Two at Ninian Park where in a nasty, belligerent atmosphere goals from Scott Oakes and David Preece secured a 2-1 win.

Cup fever had now taken a grip and the Hatters' allocation of 4,000 tickets for the quarter-final tie at West Ham was quickly snapped up.

In a tense game the Town strung five players across the middle and managed to keep the

Hammers at bay for 90 minutes which was a huge disappointment to the Premier League side.

A full-house 13,166 gathered at Kenilworth Road for the replay and were treated to a pulsating game that swung end to end from first minute to last.

Hammers goalkeeper Ludek Mikosko tipped a Kerry Dixon header onto the bar and dived bravely to foil Scott Oakes before the away side scored, completely against the run of play, after 30 minutes through Martin Allen.

For the first time in that season's competition the Town were behind but not for long as, five minutes later, Oakes hammered in a right foot drive after being set up by Preece and Dixon.

Two minutes after the interval Oakes, who was proving difficult to pick up, took advantage of

a brilliant chest down by Dixon to fire the Hatters into the lead.

West Ham hit back and levelled once more through Ian Bishop but the Town refused to give up and, roared on by the crowd, went looking for the winner.

West Ham captain, Steve Potts, who until that point had marshalled his troops superbly, failed to control the ball on the halfway line and in an instant Oakes seized the opportunity and scampered off down the pitch.

Drawing the goalkeeper towards him, Oakes then smashed the ball home for his hat-trick goal and the eventual winner.

At the end of the game jubilant fans chaired Oakes off the pitch for his virtuoso performance - indeed the game of his life.

Roger Wash

AGAINST THE ODDS

● LUTON TOWN 3-2 CHESTERFIELD. 10TH DECEMBER 1966.



The Hatters squad of 1966 - before the recruitment of Max Dougan.
Back row (left to right): Thomson, Slough, Rivers, Read, Moore, Jardine, Thear. Front row (left to right): Pleat, French, Riddick, Rioch, Whittaker.

When Allan Brown took over as manager at Kenilworth Road in early November 1966, replacing the tired George Martin, it was not long before he came to the conclusion that he had a major job on his hands.

Only seven short years before, the Town had played in the FA Cup final at Wembley but now looked likely to suffer the shame of applying for reelection to the Football League, which came about if you finished in the

bottom four places of the old Division Four.

Brown's first game in charge saw high-flying Crewe seen off at Kenilworth Road but the players had flattered to deceive and the honeymoon period was over as soon as the team had to travel away from Luton.

Defeats at Bradford City and Barrow were followed by an unexpected draw at Exeter in the FA Cup.

For some peculiar reason the Town often played their mid-week games on Thursday evenings and the cup replay with the Grecians proved to be over physical and although victory was achieved it was at a cost as several players were injured.

Brown had little time to get players fit before the Saturday game in the League at Lincoln and what followed can safely be described as one of the blackest days in the Club's history.

Lincoln were bottom of Division Four while the Town were one place above them.

To lose would have been extremely disappointing but to be thumped 8-1 was disastrous.

The Hatters were simply overpowered by an Imps side that could not believe its good fortune to be playing against such a tired, unfit and ultimately demoralised side.

This time the directors realised that Brown was trying to manage with both arms tied behind

his back and immediately made some money available to him.

He wasted no time in spending it when he enticed no nonsense defender, Max Dougan, away from Leicester in exchange for a princely £7,000.

Dougan, a Scottish amateur international centre-half, had managed only eleven appearances in three years at Filbert Street due to the consistency of Ian King and John Sjoberg and jumped at the chance of a move.

He made his debut in the Town's next game, at home to Chesterfield, and even though the Town had been hit for eight the previous week, a respectable crowd of 5,096 turned up on a miserable afternoon to see the new man.

The game had been in doubt until an hour before kick-off due to torrential rain which saw pools of water all over the pitch but the referee deemed it playable although the game was likely to be a trial of strength rather than skill.

The new centre-half was in action straightaway as he attempted to hold the Hatters defence together alongside John Moore with his calming influence soon permeating through the side which immediately looked a completely different proposition from seven days before.

The Town took the lead after 25 minutes through left winger Ray Whittaker who controlled a hard hit pass from Bruce Rioch with one foot and in one movement lobbed the Chesterfield goalkeeper John Osborne with the other.

A few minutes later Gordon Riddick left a muddy mark on the crossbar with a brave header as the Town assumed full control, but a lapse of concentration seconds from the interval saw ex-Hatter Billy Stark hit a soft 25 yard shot past Tony Read in the Luton goal.

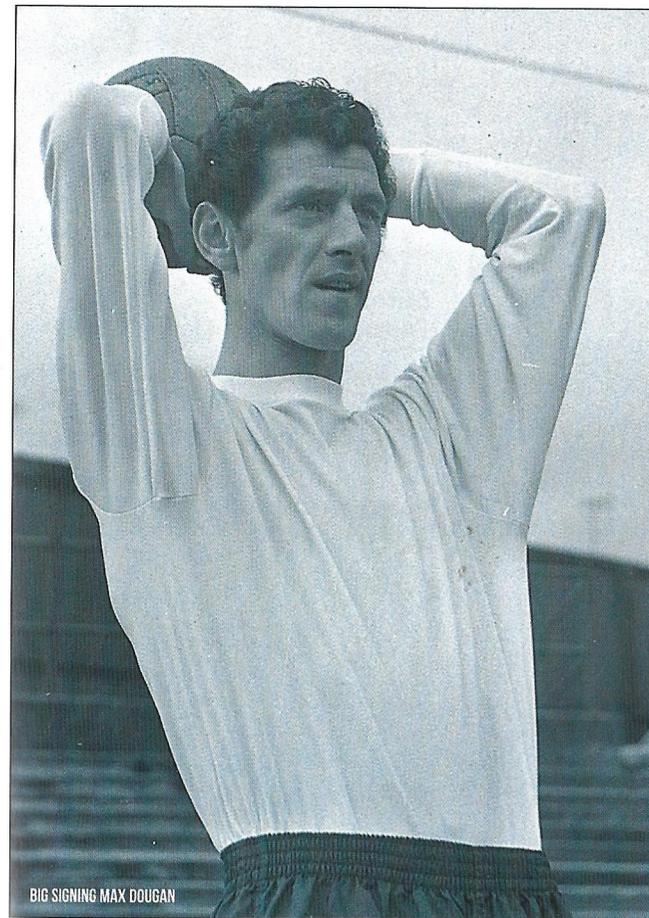
Stung by this the Town started the second half with wave after wave of attack and it was a surprise that it took until the 61st minute before Rioch headed in a Whittaker cross.

Stark levelled once more shortly afterwards with a fierce shot but it was left to 19-year-old Rioch to make the game safe when he expertly slid the ball past the Spireites goalkeeper from a Dougan free-kick to seal a truly important victory as the Town started on the long road back to the top.

Luton Town: Read, Thomson, Jardine, Slough, Dougan, Moore, French, Pleat, Riddick, Rioch, Whittaker.

Chesterfield: Osborne, Holmes, Sears, Anderson, Neale, Hughes, Wilson, Randall, Hollett, Stark, Tait.

Roger Wash



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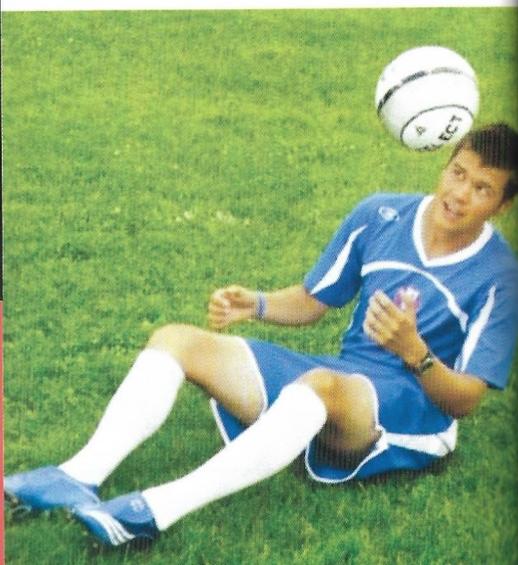
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Profile:

Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



MEMORY LANE



NAME - John Kiely

AGE - 55

LOCATION - Stopsley

WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM - David Preece Stand.

FIRST LUTON GAME - v Barnsley in 1965.

FIRST MEMORY - Waving my wooden rattle at Kenilworth Road.

BEST GOAL SEEN - Graham French's wonder goal against Mansfield at Kenilworth Road.

BEST MATCH WITNESSED - Luton 3-2 Arsenal. What else? Winning the League Cup brought tears to my eyes.

THE WORST MATCH - Last season's home defeat to York in the Play-Offs.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE BY A PLAYER - Wayne Turner.

FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT - Simple white shirts and black shorts.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER

Frank Bunn.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME

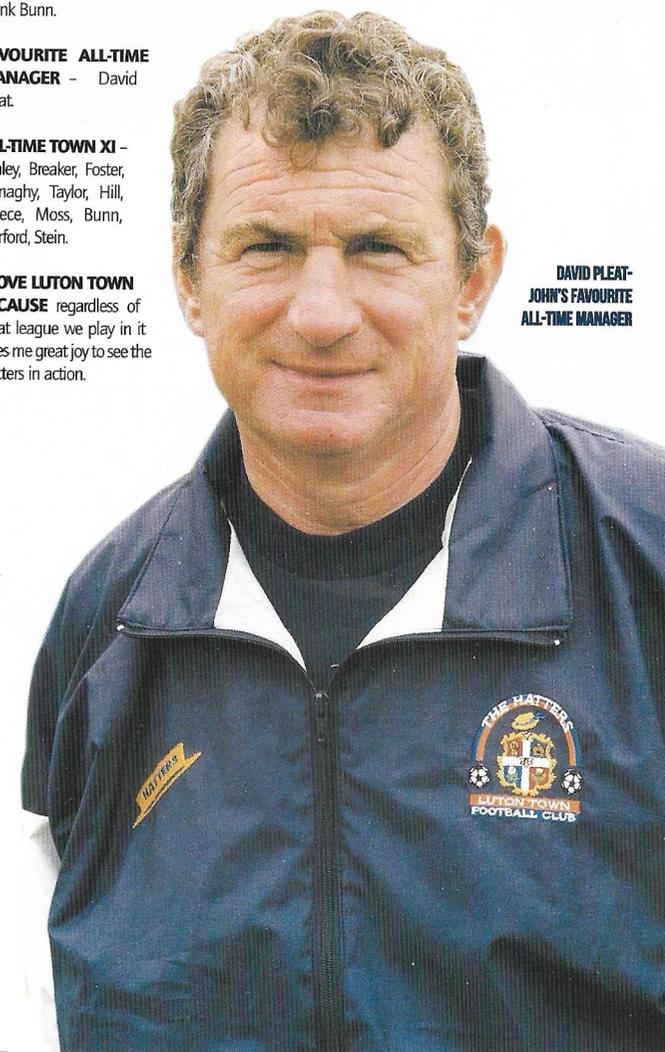
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SOLYD UPDATE

Prior to our home game with Cambridge United last Saturday, Supporters of Luton Youth Development hosted their first annual Open Day at the Ely Way training ground and, despite the inclement weather, the event was a great success and supported well by young and old.

Throughout the morning there were coaching demonstrations by various age groups, topped off by the Hatters' Under-16s taking on Barnet and giving an excellent display to come out winners.

Town Manager Richard Money together with Gary Brabin, Alan Neilson plus several members of the first team squad also attended the day and were very busy during the autograph session.

The morning activities culminated in an auction hosted by Club Chairman Nick Owen which included some excellent lots, with signed kits and some rare prints of Steve Foster collecting the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley among the items under the hammer.

The main focus of the day was to raise much needed funds to support the youth set-up and this was aided by the raffling of number one in a limited edition signed and framed 125th anniversary shirt.

Tickets for this wonderful money can't buy item were on sale in the morning and later on at the ground prior to kickoff.

Bob Curson, who is on the advisory board at Luton Town, made the draw at halftime. The proud winner of the shirt was a Mr Kelly who collected it in person on the pitch from Bob.

All in all, the day raised in excess of £3,500, which will be used to ensure the future talent of Luton Town get the best that money can buy. The day would not have been possible without the help of volunteers including the SoLYD committee and lots of enthusiastic parents, including some of whom aren't even Luton supporters!



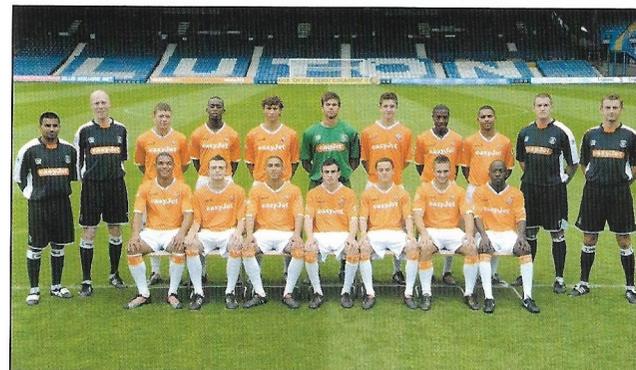
They gave up their time and energy to assist Gregg Broughton and Dave Hoskins, who did the majority of the leg work and organising behind the scenes.

SoLYD is growing and going from strength-to-strength but we still need your help. Without a Youth Development Centre the club would not have the likes of Jake Howells and

Keith Keane coming through the ranks and continuing our Club's rich tradition of producing world class talent.

Please visit our website www.SoLYD.co.uk and see what you can do today, to help the players of tomorrow.

YOUTH UPDATE



MATCH DIGEST:

Fixture: Stevenage (a) **Competition:** Youth Alliance League Cup **Result:** 2-2 won 5-4 on penalties. **Scorers:** Dasilva (pen), Toomey.

Team: Kidd, James, Bufano, Camey, Blake, Dasilva, Mirzai, Tavemier, Kieman (McAdams), Toomey (Nakabaale), Patrick. **Sub not used:** Richens.

Coach's comments: "After the disappointment of last week I watched the best 35 minutes of football we have played this season. Because of the size of the pitch I always felt one goal would not be enough and this proved to be the case. We still need to press the ball better and finish our chances. A much better display, still lots to work on."

GAMES & GOALS

	Appearances	Goals
Blake	4	0
Bufano	3	0
Cain	1 (3)	0
Camey	4	0
Dasilva	5	3
Deeney	4	0
James	4 (1)	0
Kidd	5	0
Kaddu	(1)	0
Kieman	1	0
Lacey	3	0
McAdams	1 (2)	1
Mirzai	2 (2)	0
Nakabaale	(1)	0
Patrick	5	0
Tavemier	5	2
Toomey	5	1
Yamfam	2 (2)	1

LEAGUE TABLE

Youth Alliance South East Conference			
	Pld	GD	Pts
Brentford	3	11	9
Millwall	3	6	9
Queens Park Rangers	3	6	9
Aldershot Town	3	2	6
Southend United	3	2	6
Luton Town	3	1	6
Stevenage	3	1	3
Leyton Orient	3	0	3
Brighton & H.A.	3	-2	3
Colchester United	3	-2	3
Wycombe Wanderers	3	-2	3
Dagenham & Redbridge	3	-3	3
Gillingham	3	-3	3
Northampton Town	3	-5	3
Barnet	3	-9	0



FIXTURES 2010/11

August
 14 Barnet (a) W3-2
 21 Stevenage (h) W2-1
 28 Northampton Town (a) L0-1

September
 4 Barnet (a) (FLYALC) L1-4
 11 Stevenage (a) (FLYALC) D2-2^
 18 Northampton Town (h) (FLYALC)
 22 Cogenhoe United (h) (FAYC)*
 25 Peterborough United (h) (FLYALC)

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

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

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

January 2011
 8 Peterborough United (h)
 15 Barnet (h)
 29 Stevenage (a)

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

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

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

Football League Youth Alliance fixtures unless stated.

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League Cup.

FAYC - FA Youth Cup
 * Kenilworth Road KO 7pm
 ^ Won 5-4 on penalties

YOUNG GUNS

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

NAME: Lewis Kidd

DATE OF BIRTH: 28/10/1992

POSITION: Goalkeeper

DATE JOINED: June 2009

NATIONALITY: English

PLAYER COMPARISON: Peter Schmeichel and Joe Hart

HONOURS: Havering Schools District Champion 2008

IN HIS OWN WORDS: "At 6ft 1in I to use my big frame to dominate the box on crosses and at one on ones. I'm a brave, good shot stopper."

COACH'S COMMENTS :

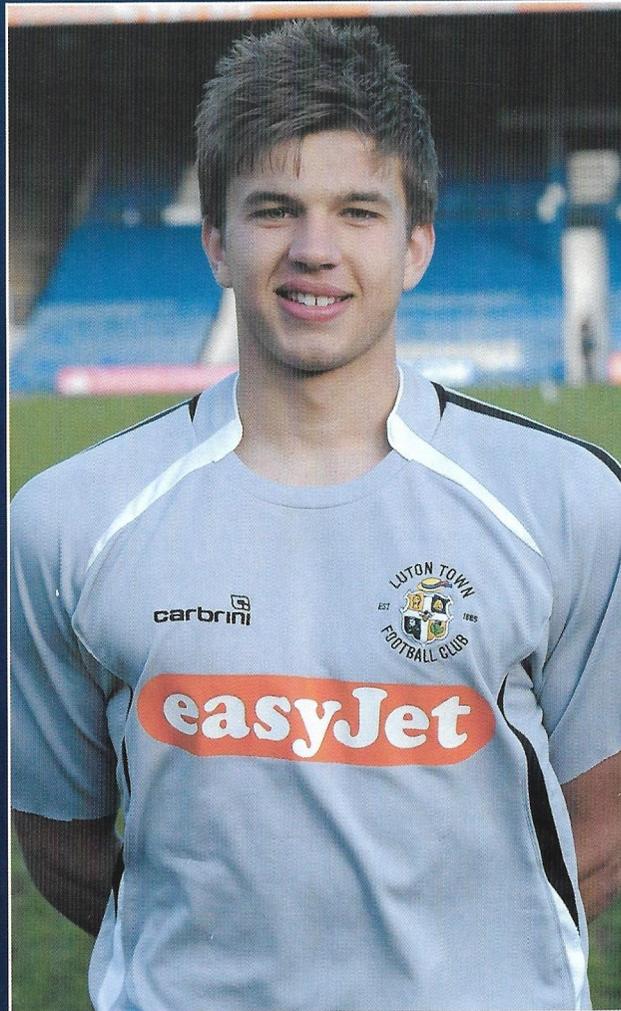
Gregg Broughton: "Lewis joined Luton Town at the end of his Under-16 season from Leyton Orient and went straight into the youth team as our number one goalkeeper."

"During his first season he showed a number of match-winning performances and was particularly outstanding against QPR and Brentford."

"He is a tall, physical goalkeeper with a good presence, a good shot-stopper and equally comfortable at dealing with crosses."

"Lewis made his debut for the reserves against Southend earlier this month and bounced back from an early error to complete a very positive performance."

"Lewis is very bright, mature and likeable individual with many of the mental attributes required to have a career in the game."



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Tonight we would like to welcome Alex Bell and his guests from Sports Interactive, the official youth development sponsors of Luton Town.

We are delighted to announce that Sports Interactive will continue their sponsorship for third consecutive season, which will allow us to continue to make progress on and off the pitch.

We would like to thank all of the supporters who came along and supported the Solyd open clay last weekend.

Club photographer Gareth Owen was on hand to capture all the funs and games which also included action from the Under-16s victory over Barnet.



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KGFC still has a few spaces available on its Under 11 squads for any players going back to school in Year 6.

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Being part of a team is also a fantastic way to keep active and make new friends so if you know anyone, boy or girl, in Year 6 that wants to play football, then have them get in touch.

For more information email: martin.williams@kinggeorgefc.co.uk



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PERFORMANCE CENTRE



Luton Town have made a double signing to strengthen their youth and community links.

Kevin Thoburn has been appointed Head of Talent Identification and will manage the Club's successful TIPS programme.

Kevin worked as Community Officer for the Hatters until 1998 before starting his own coaching company working with schools and clubs throughout Bedfordshire. Most recently he has worked as a scout for Arsenal.

Since the TIPS project was launched in 2006, 55 players have been signed by Luton Town's Centre of Excellence.

Last season one of these players Dave Moli was called up to the England Under-16 squad and was transferred to Liverpool.

In addition to this, Alex Lacey and Newman Carney both made their first team debuts in

preseason after graduating from the TIPS programme.

Kevin told Talk of the Town: "It is fantastic to return to Luton Town, the club that I have supported for the past 20 years.

"My role will be to work with the clubs scouts and coaching staff to ensure that all talent within the club's catchment area is identified and signed.

"Any youngsters wanting more details of how to join the TIPS programme should visit Luton Town website to download further details."

Potential scouts wishing to join the team should contact Kevin by emailing tips.ltf@hotmail.co.uk.

The second signing is James Hatch who has been appointed as Community Officer. James has been working as a Head Coach for Arsenal

Soccer Schools and currently plays for Leighton Town.

James and his coaching staff will be launching an extensive community programme, including holiday courses and schools coaching, throughout Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire.

Venues will be announced shortly in Luton, Dunstable, Stopsley and Leagrave as well as further afield in Bedford, Flitwick, Leighton Buzzard and Hitchin.

In 2011 the club will have also established coaching centres in Toddington, Shefford, Kempston, Biggleswade, Sandy, Woburn, Oakley and Harpenden.

James said: "I am really excited about this opportunity and will be using working hard to ensure Luton Town are known by all youngsters throughout Luton and Dunstable.

"It is also a great chance in the club's 125th year to further establish our fan-base throughout Central Bedfordshire, Bedford and North Hertfordshire. We will be running a great range of football activities for schools and holiday courses."

Director Stephen Browne added: "We have always been committed to developing youth talent and so we are delighted Kevin and James are joining the team.

"We want to reach areas like Leighton Buzzard right across the county and these guys will help us achieve a much greater presence. Their recent track records and work with Arsenal are exemplary and they join a fantastic team.

"Our future is all about Youth so these are very important appointments for us. We welcome them both to Luton Town Football Club."

Our goal is to change people's lives through sport

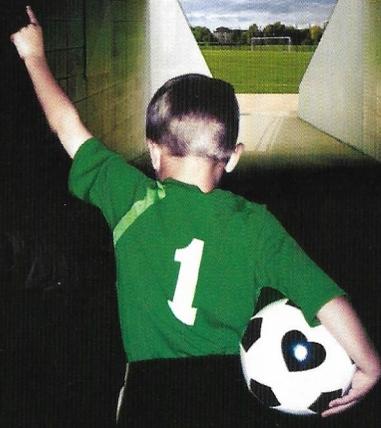
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SO SOLYD

As we've eluded to throughout this evening's programme, last Saturday's Supporters of Luton Youth Development open day was a huge success.

Club photographer Gareth Owen was on hand throughout the morning to capture all the action as members of the first team squad mingled with supporters to sign autographs and talk about the season so far.

And there was plenty of fun and games as the pictures below show. Stay tuned for news of more open days throughout the rest of season. For further information on SoLYD visit www.solyd.co.uk.



The Under-16s warm-up before their game with Barnet.



All eyes on the goalkeeper in the Penalty Kings competition.



It's fair to say fun was had by everyone.



A big crowd gathered to watch the Under-16s beat Barnet.



Mark Tyler and Kevin Pilkington pictured with the youngsters.



The children shake hands with Gary Brabin.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Our recent Train Like a Pro day was held during the summer holiday at the Hatters Study Centre together with several football fun-based holiday programmes at the Hatters' Ely Way training ground which were run in conjunction with Active Luton.

The Train Like a Pro holiday course was aimed at children aged between five and 13 as is programme packed with skills, fitness and loads of fun.

The children that attended the programme had the opportunity to train alongside the Town's first team players and witness first hand all the hard work that goes into being a professional football player.

When the children first arrived at the training ground they first went to the players' lounge where all the players relax prior to training.

The children had the opportunity to take advantage of all the players' lounge amenities before they were taken outside to begin the fun-filled, skilled-based day.

During the course of the programme the children had the opportunity to improve their techniques and skills through the various games.

During their lunch break the youngster then had the opportunity to meet the players and collect their autographs, play table football and computer games.

After their lunch break the children went back outside to tweak their new skills and techniques before they took part in their final match.

Once all the football activities were complete the children were awarded their prizes for taking part and had the opportunity to have the pictures taken with the Town squad.

The next Train Like a Pro course will be held in the October half term.

For more information please contact Community Project Manager Kieran Fox on 07771 704139 or email kieran.ltfc@hotmail.co.uk



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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Tonight's visitors AFC Wimbledon remain top of the league after a decisive 4-0 victory over Bath City. Two goals before halftime and two more in the second were more than enough to give the Dons three points.

Crawley Town took home another three points with a 2-0 victory against Histon including a goal from recent signing Richard Brodie in a result that will keep the pressure on the other teams in the top five.

The win kept the Red Devils second in the table and went some way to appease the added pressure that the amount of money spent on signings has undoubtedly put on Crawley as a whole.

Newport County's fine start to the season continued thanks to an excellent 1-0 win at Rushden and Diamonds thanks to Craig Reid's sixth goal of the campaign.

Darlington remain poised for a Play-Off challenge after a comfortable 3-0 win over 10-man Forest Green.

Barrow were another side smiling after 4-0 victory with a Jason Walker hat-trick inspiring the Bluebirds to success over Eastbourne Borough and with it their first win in five games.

In a match that saw no less than 12 bookings, seven of which went the way of fifth placed Fleetwood Town, and five for Kettering, the Cod Army ran out 4-1 winners, despite going down to 10 men at Highbury.

10-man Hayes and Yeading United

suffered a 3-1 defeat at Aggborough as Callum Gittings scored one goal and setup two more as Kidderminster triumphed.

The visitors' cause was severely hampered by the straight red card shown to Adrian Patulea for violent conduct.

Meanwhile, down at the bottom of the table, Altrincham - our visitors on the opening day of the season - still remain without a win this season



DANNY KEDWELL

following a 2-0 defeat at Gateshead.

On Tuesday Alty revealed that boss Graham Heathcote had left the club by mutual consent following their poor start to the campaign.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	8
Vieira (Fleetwood)	8
Walker (Barrow)	7
Reid (Newport)	6
Wright (Crawley)	6
Connell (Grimsby)	5
Barnes-Homer (Luton)	5
Perry (Tamworth)	5
Pacquette (Eastbourne)	4
Morrell (Wrexham)	4
Connor (Mansfield)	4
Tubbs (Crawley)	4

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,663
Grimsby	3,797
AFC Wimbledon	3,349
Wrexham	2,872
Cambridge United	2,541
Newport	2,344
Mansfield	2,334
York	2,323
Darlington	2,085
Fleetwood	2,075
Kettering	2,074
Crawley	1,693
Eastbourne	1,476
Southport	1,431
Rushden & Diamonds	1,384
Barrow	1,348
Kidderminster	1,319
Tamworth	1,224
Forest Green	1,156
Bath	1,019
Altrincham	1,016
Gateshead	568
Histon	533
Hayes & Yeading	323

HOME COMFORTS



LUTON TOWN v MANSFIELD TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Tuesday 28th September 2010 kick-off 7.45pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v CRAWLEY TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Tuesday 5th October 2010 kick-off 7.45pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v FOREST GREEN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 9th October 2010 kick-off 3pm
Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



MATCHDAY PRICES

ALL AREAS

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

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

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IN PERSON: At the ticket office, Kenilworth Road.

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ON THE ROAD



DARLINGTON v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Tuesday 21st September 2010 kick-off 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 went on general sale on 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 kick-off 3pm

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

Allocation: We have been give 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/Teesside. 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: The Bobbers Travel Club 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.

GOING TO GATESHEAD?



Address: International Stadium, Neilson 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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Here at the Hatters Study Centre we have been busy working to create some exciting new characters that will help make our lessons and activities even more stimulating for the pupils.

It took us a long time but we now have some great characters that will be appearing in all our sessions from now on.

We have two adult characters, five child characters and a robot. The two adult characters are professional footballers, one female and one male, and are great role models to pupils that attend our centre.

At the end of last term, we sent details about

our characters out to all local primary and junior schools.

We asked pupils to attempt to name our characters and talk about what they think the characters personalities are like and what subject they should represent.

We had hundreds of great entries from several schools. It was clear that pupils had put a lot of effort and thought into naming the characters.

It took the staff at the Hatters Study Centre a long time to pick the winners, but we do now have winning entries and names for the characters.

Our characters names are:

Johnny Showboots, Keepy Up Kelly, Jumping Jake, Healthy Hannah, Helping Hamza, Techno Tim, Bookworm Ben, Robo Ron

The winning class are Crimson Class from Surrey Street Primary School and individual prizes go to the following pupils from Foxdell Junior School: Beth Williams, Adeenah Zubar, Heejah Naeem, Kamaal Malik and Aisha Arshad.

A big thank you to those schools who took part. It was a really hard job to pick the winners. Don't forget to look out for our characters!

STATS 2010/11

DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST							
Sat 14	Altrincham	H	BSBP	2-1	6,665 101	6	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca 1 FMurray Drury AMurray Keane Howells** Callen* B.Homer 1
Tue 17	Kettering Town	A	BSBP	3-1	2,906 1,664	1	K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca FMurray Gnakpa** AMurray** Keane Drury Callen* B.Homer 3
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	BSBP	3-0	2,831 715	1	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca FMurray Gnakpa 1* Besta Keane Drury Crow** B.Homer 1
Tue 24	Newport C	H	BSBP	1-1	6,945 423	1	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca 1 FMurray Gnakpa** Besta Keane Drury Callen** B.Homer**
Sat 28	Tamworth	A	BSBP	1-3	1,694 976	2	K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca FMurray Gnakpa** AMurray Besta** Drury Craddock 1 B.Homer**
Mon 30	Hayes & Y	H	BSBP	1-1	6,354 80	4	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca Blackett Drury 1 Keane AMurray Howells** Crow B.Homer*
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 04	Grimsby Town	A	BSBP	0-2	3,822 348	6	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca Blackett Gnakpa*** Keane* AMurray Newton Callen** B.Homer
Sat 11	Cambridge Utd	H	BSBP	2-0	6,691 628	6	Tyler Gleeson Blackett Kroca FMurray Gnakpa*** G.Pilkington 1A/Murray Drury 1 Atieno** B.Homer
Fri 17	AFC Wimbledon	H	BSBP				
Tue 21	Darlington	A	BSBP				
Sat 25	Gateshead	A	BSBP				
Tue 28	Mansfield Town	H	BSBP				
OCTOBER							
Sat 02	Barrow	A	BSBP				
Tue 05	Crawley Town	H	BSBP				
Sat 09	Forest Green R.	H	BSBP				
Sat 16	Eastbourne B.	A	BSBP				
Sat 30	Bath City	H	BSBP				
NOVEMBER							
Tue 09	Wrexham	A	BSBP				
Sat 13	Altrincham	A	BSBP				
Sat 20	Histon	H	BSBP				
Sat 27	Darlington	H	BSBP				
Tue 30	AFC Wimbledon	A	BSBP				
DECEMBER							
Sat 04	Forest Green R.	A	BSBP				
Sat 18	York City	H	BSBP				
Sun 26	Rushden & D.	A	BSBP				
Tue 28	Tamworth	H	BSBP				
JANUARY							
Sat 01	Rushden & D.	H	BSBP				
Mon 03	Hayes & Yeading	A	BSBP				
Sat 08	Bath City	A	BSBP				
Sat 22	Gateshead	H	BSBP				
Tue 25	Crimsby Town	H	BSBP				
Sat 29	Crawley Town	A	BSBP				
FEBRUARY							
Sat 05	Barrow	H	BSBP				
Sat 12	Fleetwood Town	H	BSBP				
Sat 19	Newport County	A	BSBP				
Sat 26	Cambridge Utd	A	BSBP				
MARCH							
Sat 05	Kidderminster H.	H	BSBP				
Sat 12	York City	A	BSBP				
Sat 19	Kettering Town	H	BSBP				
Sat 26	Southport	A	BSBP				
APRIL							
Sat 02	Kidderminster H.	A	BSBP				
Sat 09	Southport	H	BSBP				
Sat 16	Mansfield Town	A	BSBP				
Sat 23	Eastbourne B.	H	BSBP				
Mon 25	Histon	A	BSBP				
Sat 30	Wrexham	H	BSBP				

KEY Home League games Away league games FA Cup games FA Trophy games
Bold = Scorer 1, 2, 3 = Goals scored Yellow Card Red Card

SUBSTITUTES

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

LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

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

PLAYER STATS 2010/11

	THIS SEASON		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIPLINARY		CAREER		
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	YEL	RED	APPS	GLS	
ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	54	0
TAIWO ATIENO	1(1)	0	0(0)	0	1(1)	0	0	0	2	0	0
MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER	8(0)	5	0(0)	0	8(0)	5	2	0	33	9	
PAVEL BESTA	3(2)	0	0(0)	0	3(2)	0	0	0	5	0	
SHANE BLACKETT	3(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	0	1	0	34	1	
TOM CRADDOCK	1(3)	2	0(0)	0	1(3)	2	1	0	86	38	
DANNY CROW	2(5)	0	0(0)	0	2(5)	0	0	0	7	0	
ANDY DRURY	7(0)	2	0(0)	0	7(0)	2	0	0	7	2	
KEVIN GILLEN	4(2)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	0	0	0	75	21	
DAN GLESON	8(0)	0	0(0)	0	8(0)	0	0	0	3	0	
CLAUDE GNAPKA	6(2)	1	0(0)	0	6(2)	1	2	0	90	13	
JAKE HOWELLS	2(5)	0	0(0)	0	2(5)	0	1	0	83	5	
KEITH KEANE	6(0)	0	0(0)	0	6(0)	0	0	1	199	6	
ZIENEK KROCA	8(0)	2	0(0)	0	8(0)	2	3	0	5	2	
ALEX LACEY	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0	
ADAM MURRAY	6(0)	0	0(0)	0	6(0)	0	2	0	6	0	
FREDIE MURRAY	6(0)	0	0(0)	0	6(0)	0	0	0	62	0	
TAYLOR NATHANIEL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
ADAM NEWTON	1(2)	0	0(0)	0	1(2)	0	0	0	47	4	
JJ O'DONNELL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0	
JORDAN PATRICK	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	2	0	
GEORGE PILKINGTON	8(0)	1	0(0)	0	8(0)	1	0	0	83	7	
KEVIN PILKINGTON	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	0	0	13	0	
GODFREY POKU	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0	
MARK TYLER	6(0)	0	0(0)	0	6(0)	0	0	0	46	0	
DAN WALKER	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0	
ADAM WATKINS	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	1	0	

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LAST WORD

● WITH SKY NEWS PRESENTER JON DESBOROUGH

To Vinnie. From all your fans at the Royal Ballet.

Vinnie Jones? Royal Ballet?

At least, I think that's what the label said.

That FA Cup semi-final with the Wimbledon was a long, long time ago, it seems. But I was there. I probably had trouble reading the label through my tears.

But there is was, hanging from a large bundle of shiny, helium balloons as Vinnie Jones (yeah, he did once play football) emerged from the Wimbledon dressing room at White Hart Lane.

How could we have lost to Wimbledon?

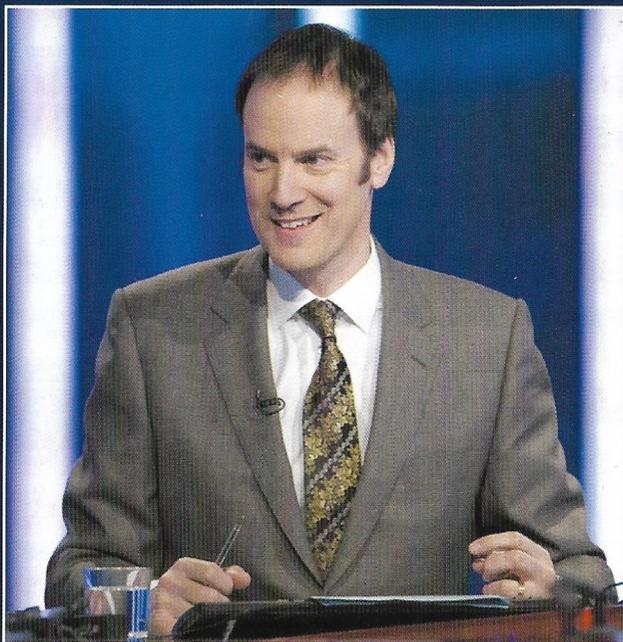
Yep. I'm a Luton fan. My first game was a 1-1 draw with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest in August 1985. I was working for BBC Radio Bedfordshire (forerunner to Three Counties) and was so green, I knew nothing about nothing.

I didn't tell them that. But they gave me the job of following Luton. The game and the buzz and the place got me. It's never gone away.

Until that day, my only footballing achievement was being an ever-present centre-half in the Sandridge Rovers Hertfordshire County League Under-14 side. But since that's even further back in time, those details are hazy too.

Knew you'd be impressed.

This game with AFC Wimbledon only goes to demonstrate to me once again that supporting a football team is a curious mix of pleasure and pain.



They were tough back in the 80's without the AFC bit. They'll be tough now. At least the game's not being played at Plough Lane. I went there once. Now that was non-league. What was it Ray Harford once said?

"This ground reminds me of Wembley..... Wembley Town".

Or was that another ground he was talking about? There were plenty of them.

I lost touch with the team through the 1990's. I was, by then, working at Sky News. Those were the days before Sky Sports News and the legend that is Jeff Stelling. I was required to

read out the football scores at 20 past five and 20 past six on Saturday evenings.

Don't ask me why but it's one of those things that happen in telly...but I couldn't resist the temptation to liven them up a bit. Just to see who was watching.

So, every now and again, each weekend, I would insert the words: "The Mighty" in front of the words "Luton Town".

It made me feel good, if no one else.

Enjoy the game.

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BATH CITY	v	DARLINGTON
CRAWLEY TOWN	v	GATESHEAD
EASTBOURNE B	v	ALTRINCHAM
GRIMSBY TOWN	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN
HISTON	v	TAMWORTH
KETTERING TOWN	v	WREXHAM
KIDDERMINSTER	v	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
NEWPORT COUNTY	v	MANSFIELD TOWN
SOUTHPORT	v	RUSHDEN & D
YORK CITY	v	HAYES & YEADING

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FULL-TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE

SCORERS

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THE TEAMS



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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
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- 28 ADAM WATKINS
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 30 KEVIN PILKINGTON

AFC WIMBLEDON

MANAGER: TERRY BROWN

- 01 SEB BROWN
- 02 RYAN JACKSON
- 03 ANDRE BLACKMAN
- 04 STEVEN GREGORY
- 05 ISMAIL YAKUBU
- 06 BRETT JOHNSON
- 07 SAM HATTON
- 08 RICKY WELLARD
- 09 DANNY KEDWELL
- 10 JON MAIN
- 11 LUKE MOORE
- 12 CHRISTIAN JOLLEY
- 14 LEE MINSHULL
- 15 SAMMY MOORE
- 16 FRASER FRANKS
- 17 MARK NWOKEJI
- 18 ED HARRIS
- 19 DELANO SAM-YORKE
- 20 JACK TURNER
- 21 REECE JONES
- 23 RASHID YUSSUFF