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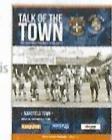
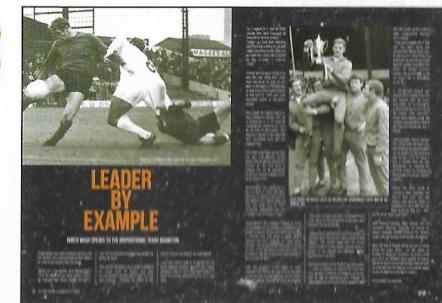
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MONEY TALK

Good evening and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game with Mansfield Town.

I would like also to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Field Mill, David Holdsworth, his management team, the players, directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Bedfordshire.

Tonight represents a very difficult challenge against a side who come here full of confidence after two fantastic results.

Whilst we were drawing at Darlington, David's side were in the process of beating the side that lost in the Promotion Final last season, York City, 5-0 at Field Mill.

Then, if that wasn't enough they followed that up with a 4-0 hammering of Eastbourne Borough on Saturday.

That result put them on top of the league, albeit for 24 hours, but they will arrive here in good form and buoyed by their last two victories. And a record of two wins, nine goals scored and none conceded is something every manager should be thrilled with.

It means we have to be on our guard this evening for what promises to be a fascinating spectacle and another fixture that should be gracing a higher division.

Mansfield and ourselves both have aspirations of returning to the Football League. We both possess talented squads and passionate supporters and I'm sure that will make for an excellent game of football tonight.

This evening's game is important for us. After the disappointment of Saturday's defeat at

Gateshead we are looking to bounce back to winning ways.

After our superb victory over AFC Wimbledon the last time we played at home we undertook two difficult matches a long way from home.

On the balance of play the draw at Darlington was a fair result. It really was a strange evening having been in front we were disappointed that we thought we should have been out of sight after a fine opening.

Conversely after going behind against the run of play I was pleased with the character the players showed to come back to earn a point at a venue where not a lot of teams will be successful this season.

That draw put more pressure on us to earn a victory at Gateshead so we, as a group, were hugely frustrated by the performance and to ultimately lose.

I had warned prior to the game that Gateshead's recent results showed they wouldn't be a pushover and so it proved.

Our first half performance was not good enough which was compounded by the dismissal of Tiwo Atieno.

Despite being down to 10 men I thought we gave it a really good go in the second period, dominating possession against a side packing their defence to ensure they finished the game victorious.

It was hugely frustrating not to earn a point at the very least but before that match we had come through three tough games and earned seven points against Cambridge, Wimbledon and Darlington.

Our busy and demanding schedule continues this evening before we take to the motorway again for Saturday's longest trip of the season to Barrow.

Even after that game there is no respite. Crawley Town are the visitors to Kenilworth Road on the Tuesday afterwards.

I knew this was going to be a real test for the players and it is up to myself, the management team and players to ride us through it.

There is absolutely no doubt that this current schedule of fixtures is the trickiest we face between now and the end of the season.

Your support has been truly incredible during this time and I would like to thank every single one of you who made the trips to Darlington and Gateshead, in particular to those who went to both matches.

Believe me we are just as disappointed as you when we travel back without winning.

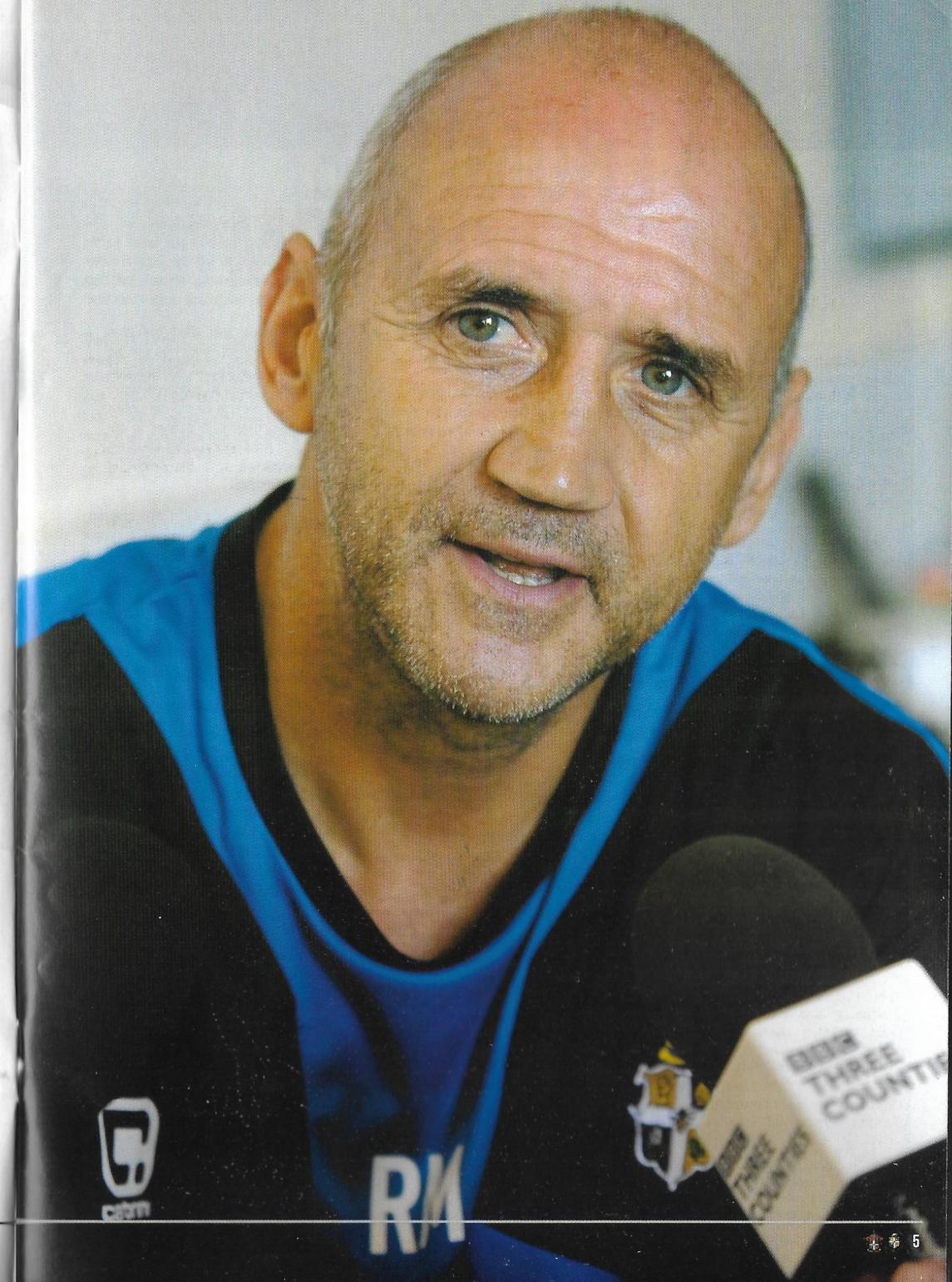
Words cannot describe your dedication and loyalty and I vow to you that this group of players will bounce back and reward your passion with a performance to match tonight.

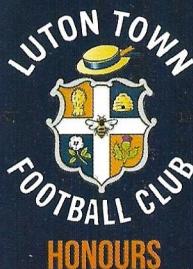
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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to our visitors from Mansfield Town.

Whenever we play Mansfield at home my thoughts always hark back to one of the most exciting matches I've ever seen at Kenilworth Road.

In fact, it was 42 years ago this month that I squeezed my youthful, boney frame (how things change!) onto the Oak Road terraces for a floodlit Division Three game, with Luton top of the table and Mansfield not far behind. The atmosphere was superb and the crowd almost unbelievable in these allseater days - 19,315 no less.

“ LOYAL SUPPORTERS, ENCOURAGE THE PLAYERS AND GET BEHIND THEM, EVEN WHEN THINGS AREN'T EXACTLY GOING TO PLAN ”

Of course, most of the stadium was standing and the executive boxes were still nearly 20 years away

If the atmosphere was electric to start with, it became positively nuclear within three minutes of the start when our hero Bruce Rioch was sent off for allegedly thumping a Mansfield player who had himself apparently laid into Alan Slough.

Bruce was later cleared of the offence incidentally, but that was no help on the night. Anyway, the upshot was a scintillating end-to-end game, another sending off in the second half, Phil Waller of Mansfield, and a sixgoal thriller, which we won 4-2, including the best goal many Hatters fans have ever seen.

It was a sensational solo effort from that frustrating genius Graham French who took the ball in his own area at the Oak Road end and proceeded to waltz round six opponents before thrashing the ball home in front of the roofless Kenilworth Road terraces. In contrast to our excitement that night back in 1968, we all felt bitterly disappointed with the defeat at Gateshead on Saturday.

We accept we had a wobbly start in the high wind and, of course, we conceded early on during that period, but we had our chances as the game moved on and, even after the sending off, we could and should still have snatched a point.

I notice that even a north eastern newspaper thought Taiwo Atieno's dismissal was highly dubious - that's certainly how Richard Money and the team viewed it.

We really do feel we've had some dubious refereeing decisions this season, many of them pivotal, but we have to get on with it and play efficiently and clinically from now on that the decisions of the officials don't need to prove so costly. I would urge all loyal Luton Town supporters to be just that.

Loyal supporters, encourage the players and get behind them, even when things aren't exactly going to plan.

There's inevitably perhaps a flurry of negativity

when we suffer some disappointing results, but let me assure you that the spirit behind the scenes is good and the players and coaching staff are fiercely committed to winning promotion back to the Football League.

The people running the club and our dedicated investors are passionate about Luton Town Football Club. I was lucky enough to attend a high profile tribute lunch to those evergreen rockers Status Quo in London last week where I realised yet again how interested people are in the fortunes of Luton Town after we suffered that infamous 30 points deduction.

I was even asked to say a few words alongside Ed Stewart, Paul Gambaccini, Jilly Johnson (the Sun's first page three girl) and Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones. I was the only one I hadn't heard of!

So many people trotted over to find out how things were at Kenilworth Road - rock stars, disc jockeys and random football fans all came up to ask after the mighty Hatters.

Among them boxing promoter Frank Warren, who, some of you will remember, tried to buy the club back in the 1980s.

The alluring Kelly Brook joined us in the bar afterwards, but, to be honest, she didn't seem to find the football talk all that illuminating, so she still doesn't know whether we like to play 4-4-2 or what George Pilkington's best position is.

Let's hope we can get Kenilworth Road rocking again tonight and return to winning ways.

Enjoy the game, bye for now.

Nick Owen





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CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Tonight we face another test as we look to keep out unbeaten record at Kenilworth Road intact against one of the most in-form sides in the division.

Mansfield go into the game on the back of two successive home wins which have seen them win 5-0, against York, and 4-0, against Eastbourne.

Any team that puts five goals past York needs to be respected and those two victories will no doubt put them in the kind of mood this evening to continue their excellent results of late.

We are still showing inconsistency in our results at the moment. After two superb wins here over Cambridge and AFC Wimbledon we have picked up just one point from the following two away fixtures.

The win over Wimbledon was deserved and done in fine style against a side who were then top of the table.

They certainly showed in patches why they are enjoying such a good start to the season but on the night our performance across the pitch was too good.

That result and the display in particular gave us lots of confidence and the momentum we needed to tackle two consecutive away trips.

The schedule has been demanding and it is very frustrating for us to have returned from the two long trips to the north east and only return with one point for our efforts.

Against Darlington we started really well and could have been further in front. Andy Drury continues to show what a weapon his right foot is from setpieces whilst Claude Gnakpa's ability in the air is often underestimated.

It was sod's law that Liam Hatch would grab their equaliser and we had Mark Tyler to thank for an excellent stop to prevent him scoring again.

We weathered their storm well though, dominating the second half but against the run of play found ourselves behind.

However, we responded excellently and thoroughly deserved to earn a point when Jake Howells scored his first goal of the season.

Darlington is a difficult place to go so to play well is very encouraging even if we were ultimately left disappointed with a draw.

We were on the road again on Saturday at Gateshead and the less said about our performance the better.



We are under no illusions that we should be going to places like Gateshead and winning, certainly if we have aspirations to win this league, and, therefore, it was incredibly frustrating to lose.

After Taiwo Atieno was sent off we completely dominated but failed to find an equaliser.

I think had we done so we would have been happy to draw having been reduced to 10 men but it was difficult to try and break down a team who defended solidly for the whole of the second half.

It means we have to bounce back, starting this evening against Mansfield.

The support we have received on the road in the past two matches really has been sensational.

There have been crowds in this division this season which have been similar to the number of fans we have taken to these away games and that kind of loyalty from you is one of the reasons why I enjoy playing for this club so much.

That's a view shared by the rest of my team-mates so it is always disappointing that your support, especially away from home, is not rewarded by points on the pitch.

We know we must improve if we are to be successful this season and believe me there is a very dedicated and talented group of players in that dressing room who want that just as much as you do.

Together we are stronger so get behind us this evening.

Enjoy the game.

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MORE TV DATES FOR TOWN

The Hatters have been chosen to appear live on television twice more by Premier Sports TV.

The trip to Wrexham, scheduled for Tuesday 9th November, has been switched to Thursday 11th November (kickoff 7.45pm) while the home fixture with Grimsby Town, on Tuesday 25th January, will also be screened live with no change in date.

The Club can confirm the game with Altrincham on Saturday 13th November will go ahead as planned with a 3pm kickoff.

The influence of television coverage has no knock-on effects to other schedule fixtures at present.

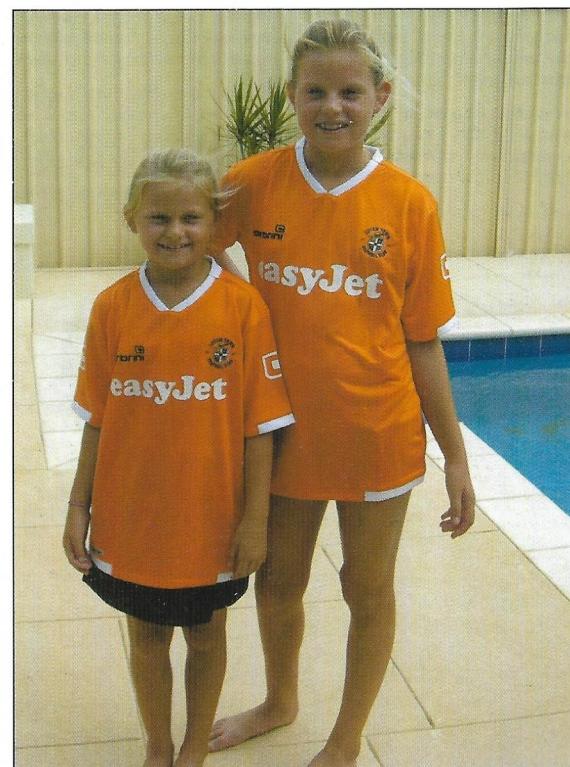
The Town have already featured twice on the channel against Grimsby and AFC Wimbledon, the last time we played at Kenilworth Road.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against AFC Wimbledon went home even happier following the superb 3-0 win.

Ian Smith of Ampthill walked away with a very nice £5.30 after his ticket number 06383 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Look out for our next draw when we host Mansfield Town on Tuesday 28th September.



CHEERING ON FROM OZ

Town supporter David Rigg has sent Talk of the Town a photograph of two of our longest distance fans.

We know a number of Hatters faithful live down under but here are another two to add to the list.

David, a supporter for 61 years and a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end, has sent us this picture of his wife's grandchildren Hollie, 11 and Georgia, eight, both ardent Town followers.

Shouting for the Hatters from Perth in Western Australia, this photograph was taken back in February.

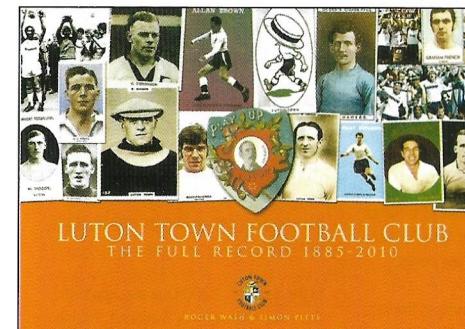
ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

The Hatters' limited edition pink and blue 125 year anniversary shirts can now be pre-ordered by season ticket holders.

Season ticket holders still have until Sunday 3rd October to reserve their shirts before they go on general sale the next day, subject to availability.

Supporters must reserve shirts either via our online ticket office or by visiting the club shop.

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.



COMING SOON

Luton Town Football Club. The Full Record 1885-2010.

Our anniversary season is also being marked by the release of a brand new book written by two of Talk of the Town's best known contributors.

Club Historian Roger Wash and statistician Simon Pitts have joined forces to bring us Luton Town Football Club - The Full Record 1885 - 2010. The book has taken many months of painstaking proofing, cross-referencing and finalising but is finally due for release next week in the Club Shop.

A quality 280 page hardback, featuring the full statistics of all 4,979 competitive games played by the Town since 1885 together with many other facts and figures. Wartime statistics, Southern, United and Western League details as well as a list of all 1,134 players to have pulled on the sacred shirt for first team competitive action.

On top of this there are over 200 photos, some of which have not been seen before, including a team group for almost every season since 1891.

We'll be giving you more information about the book in forthcoming programmes, including a chat with the authors, so keep your eyes peeled.

MATCHDAY MUSIC



Our match day music is now once again supplied by the HMV in the Mall Andale in Luton.

It means we're able to give you a fresher and more varied choice of tunes as part of your overall matchday experience at Kenilworth Road.

If there's a song you want to hear or a dedication you want to make then get in touch at the email address at the bottom of the page.

INTRODUCING MANSFIELD TOWN

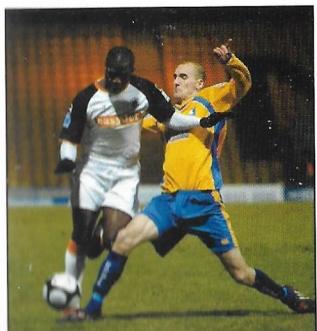
HISTORY

This is the Stags' third season in the Conference, following their relegation from the Football League in 2007/08 which ended their 77-year stay among the 92 clubs. Last season, David Holdsworth - who took over in December 2008 - lead the Stags to a 9th place finish in the league.

They started brightly, winning four of their first five matches but too many back to back defeats proved costly, including four of their last six of the campaign. The Field Mill faithful last tasted success when winning promotion along with the Town in 2001/02 finishing in third place earning promotion to what was then Division 2.

They only lasted one season in Division 2 before relegation back to the League's basement division but they came to within a whisker of bouncing straight back up losing to Huddersfield Town in the Play-Off final at the Millennium Stadium.

LAST MEETING- 02/03/10 MANSFIELD TOWN 0-0 LUTON TOWN



The Hatters' overcame a strong opening from the Stags to control and dominate the game and could have pinched all three points, had the

linesman not judged Jake Howells' 43rd-minute effort to be offside.

That 'goal' came about after some terrific build-up play from Richard Money's side. Liam Hatch nodded down Matthew Barnes-Homer's left-wing cross into the path of the young left-footer who fired an expert finish beyond home goalkeeper Alan Marriott.

The Town played some confident, flowing, attacking football and managed to contain David Holdsworth's side for long spells whilst dealing with the hosts' threat from setpieces and long throws.

The Hatters came close to opening the scoring before Howells' disallowed effort when centre-half George Pilkington found the side netting after Keith Keane's corner was glanced goalwards by Asa Hall.

It was Hall who had the visitors' best effort of the second period when he got above the Mansfield defence again on 49 minutes heading just wide of the target after Howells had put in a superb curling free-kick to the penalty area.

The game swung from end-to-end in a frantic final five minutes with both sides trying to break the deadlock in a late quest for the points.

But the nearest the Town came was in the third of four additional minutes when substitute Mark Nwoko came within a whisker of turning home fellow sub Craig Nelthorpe's left-wing cross.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

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

Mike Saxby, Steve Taylor, Imre Varadi, Jim Weir, Jamie Campbell and John Downie.



MEET THE MANAGER:

DAVID HOLDSWORTH

Former centre-half Holdsworth, brother of striker Dean, was appointed as Billy McEwan's successor at Field Mill in December 2008.

Once signed by Trevor Francis at Birmingham City for £1.25m, he clocked up almost a century of appearances at St Andrews.

His longest spell as a player was with Watford where he spent 10 years, making 291 first team appearances for the Hornets and playing under former England manager Graham Taylor. Having spent a decade at Vicarage Road, Holdsworth moved to Bramall Lane in 1996 for £450,000.

He was made Sheffield United's captain and made over 100 appearances for the Blades. Holdsworth cut his managerial and coaching teeth at Gretna in Scotland, under the stewardship of Brooks Mileson, where he won the league title as reserve team manager.

In the summer of 2008, he was appointed the new manager of Unibond Premier League side Ilkeston Town, under the new chairmanship of Chek Whyte before arriving at Mansfield.

He made history earlier this month when he and brother David, manager of Newport County, were in opposing dugouts to become the first twins to take charge of a senior game.

Mansfield Town arrive at Kenilworth Road this evening with a real feel good factor running through the club.

An emphatic 5-0 win over beaten Play-Off finalists York City in midweek was followed up by a 4-0 thumping of Eastbourne Borough.

The result was the perfect end to a day that had seen John Radcliffe announced as the new owner and Chairman of the Stags, proudly declaring on his arrival that he wants to take Mansfield into the Championship.

Goals from Rob Duffy and Chris Smith shortly before halftime were added to by a brace from substitute Luke Medley as Mansfield climbed to the summit of the Blue Square Premier albeit for 24 hours after Crawley's victory at Rushden and Diamonds on Sunday.

Speaking after the win over Eastbourne, Manager David Holdsworth said: "It was a different type of battle to the York match and we had to earn the right. All things considered I was very pleased with the performance.

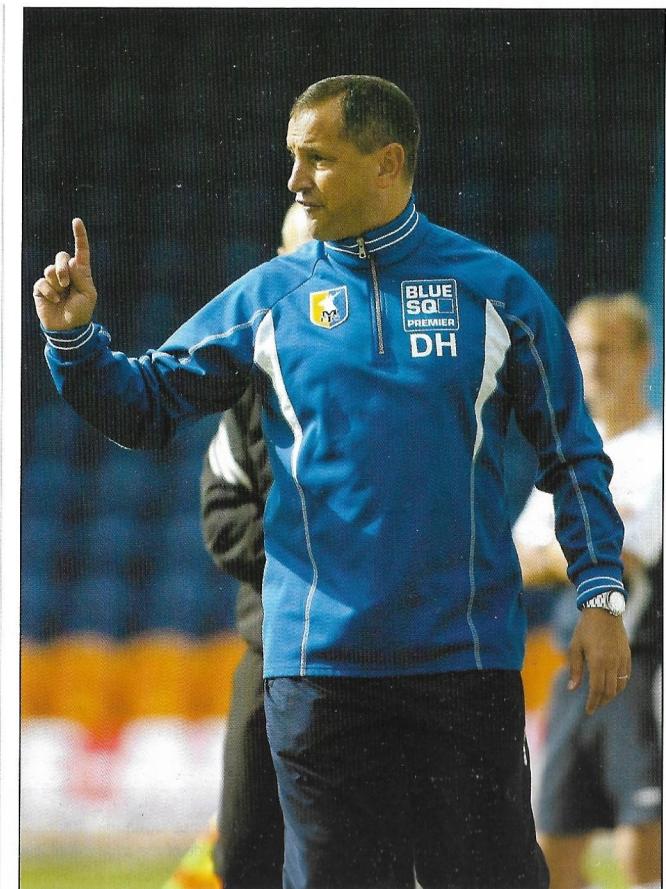
"We had to deal with the pressure of long throws and a lot of high balls into the box. Full credit to Eastbourne they do it effectively, it is part of the game you have to deal with and the way that we went about doing that was excellent.

"We didn't really come under any pressure from those and when we did get the ball down, we looked very good.

"You have to earn the right to play and we were certainly pragmatic in our approach and that paid dividends in the end. We played some very good football and I was pleased that we kept the ball on the grass, where it should be.

"They have put some good results together and scored an abundance of goals so the clean sheet was important because they are a threat."

With a new owner at the helm and the Stags flying in the league it is a good time to be a Mansfield fan, not least because of the 'stability' it provides after a period of uncertainty claims Holdsworth.



DAVID HOLDSWORTH

STAGS CHIEF HAILS WEEKEND END

"I am delighted for the Football Club," he said.

"We have got a man who wants to take the club forward and I know the Board are delighted with the agreement they have made.

"In recent weeks, there has been an element of thinking that it could go pop - that's football but I've tried to keep that away from the players. It all seems very positive now and I'm pleased that we have been taken over in a positive nature."



MANSFIELD TOWN



ALAN MARRIOTT

GOALKEEPERS

ALAN MARRIOTT

Alan Marriott is widely regarded as one of the best goalkeepers outside of the Football League. The Bedford-born stopper joined the Stags in January following a 12 game spell at Rushden and Diamonds. He began his career at Tottenham as a trainee but was released without making a first team appearance. He joined Lincoln in 1999 and enjoyed a terrific spell of 11 years at Sincil Bank breaking records galore and becoming a legend with the clubs supporters. He made just over 350 appearances with the Imps including featuring in Lincoln's five consecutive Play-Off finishes in League Two. He broke the club's record for number of clean sheets in the Football League, seeing himself become the first goalkeeper to keep 100 clean sheets surpassing Dan McPhail's previous record. He also boasts the impressive stat of playing in 140 consecutive games for Lincoln City. He was recently voted the clubs 19th best player ever in a fans' poll.

DEFENDERS

GARY SILK

The winner of several of the club's awards last season including the clubs official Player of the Season and the Players' Player of the Season awards. Silk signed from Nottinghamshire rivals Notts County at the start of last season and has put in several tremendous performances from a right-back position over the past year. Although Silk began his career at Portsmouth he

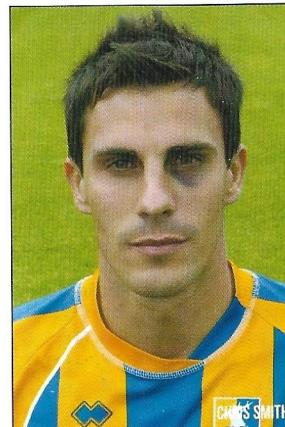
made his professional debut whilst on a loan spell at Barnet. After that he spent the majority of the 2004/05 season on loan at Wycombe where he played 22 times and was part of the team that reached the quarter-finals of the LDV Vans Trophy. When his Portsmouth contract expired he joined Notts County where he played 63 times and scored two goals before joining the Stags in 2008.

PAUL STONEHOUSE

Left-back who signed for the Stags at the start of the season after a successful period at Forest Green Rovers. He joined the New Lawn outfit at the age of 16, signing his first professional contract in 2005. Paul was the youngest player to make a century of Blue Square Premier starts for Forest Green Rovers and in total made 177 first-team appearances for the Gloucestershire side. He scored seven goals for the club, including one against Derby County in the FA Cup third round back in the 2008/09 season.

CHRIS SMITH

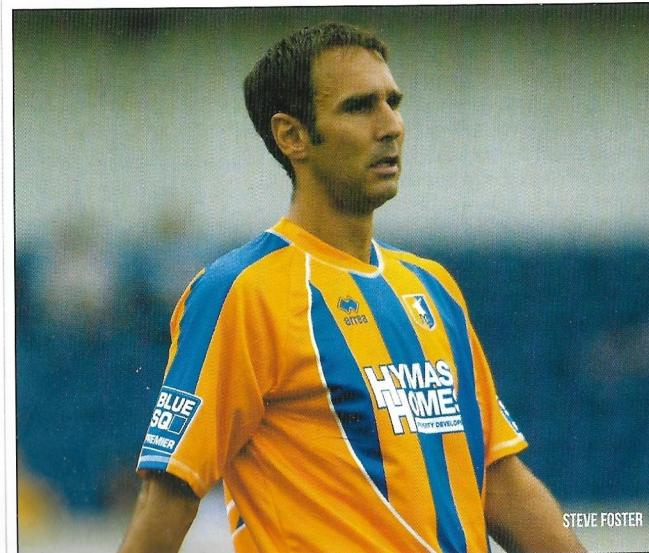
Derby-born Smith began his career with Reading as a youth team scholar at the age of 15, spending three years as a trainee before signing a professional contract in June 1999. From there Smith joined York in March 2001 on a one-month loan, joining the club permanently in July of that year. His career has since taken him to



Stafford Rangers, Worcester City and Tamworth where he spent two years, making over 80 appearances. David Holdsworth secured his services for the forthcoming season in July of this year.

STEVE FOSTER

The 35-year-old Stags skipper, who started at Field Mill as a trainee in the early 1990s, has racked up over 600 appearances in a career lasting almost two decades. A Mansfield fan, he is best known from his days at Bristol Rovers and



STEVE FOSTER

Doncaster, where he was a key figure in two successive promotions with the Yorkshire club. In 2007, he won the League 1 title with Scunthorpe United.

MIDFIELDERS

ADAM SMITH

Winger who came through the youth ranks at Chesterfield after the Spireites discovered him playing local football. He entered the first team squad in 2001 and made his debut a year later. He was loaned out to Lincoln City in 2008 and was released by Chesterfield after seven seasons at the club, after which he moved down to play with Cairnsborough Trinity and York City. Signed a one-year deal with Mansfield in July of this year.

LOUIS BRISCOE

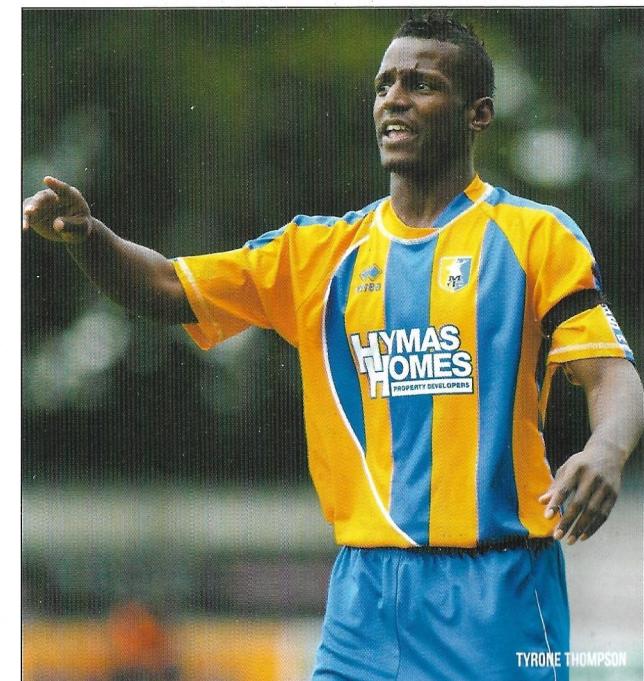
Comfortable on either wing or as a central striker, Briscoe began his career as a trainee at Port Vale where he made four appearances for the first team. After his release from Vale in 2007 he spent the next couple of years playing part-time football and lists Gresley Rovers, Leek Town, Stafford Rangers and Ilkeston Town amongst his former clubs. Briscoe was handed a second bite at the professional cherry when David Holdsworth signed him in January 2010. The Burton-born player scored his first goal for the Stags in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet in April and since agreed a contract extension with the Stags until 2011.

GARY MILLS

Assured midfielder Mills turned down a contract offer from Stevenage to join the Stags



ADAM SMITH



has spent all of his career in the Football League, scoring 29 goals for Rochdale between 2001 and 2004. The Dale paid a sizeable £150,000 for his services, until his transfer to Swansea City in 2004. After scoring 16 goals for the Swans in his two-year term before he progressed to Leyton Orient, Cheltenham, and Lincoln City netting a total of 14 goals. He was delighted to sign for the Stags this season, putting pen to paper on a one-year contract in July of this year.

TYRONE THOMPSON

Former Sheffield United trainee who has made over 200 appearances in both non-league and in the Conference. The industrious midfielder enjoyed successful stints at Scarborough, Halifax, Crawley and most recently Torquay United where he spent two seasons.

STRIKERS

PAUL CONNOR

Experienced striker who was signed by Middlesbrough straight after he left school. He

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 last match with AFC Wimbledon, tonight's game has been another one of the most eagerly anticipated of the season against a fellow former Football League side.

With our visitors this evening enjoying a similarly excellent start to the season it will no doubt be a tough game and one which I am sure will excite both sets of supporters.

Interest from a commercial point of view in this game has once been one of the biggest we have encountered for league match recently.

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This evening they are here as match sponsors and wish Richard Money and all whole first team squad the best of luck against Mansfield and for the rest of the season.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Please give a warm welcome to our commercial mascot this evening who is 11-year-old Owen Bradbury from Ampthill.

Owen attends Alameda Middle School in Ampthill and comes to matches at Kenilworth Road with his mum, dad and brother.

His favourite Hatters player is captain George Pilkington and apart from football, he enjoys tennis, drama and skiing. Owen also lists his favourite food as the balti pies when coming to Kenilworth Road.

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



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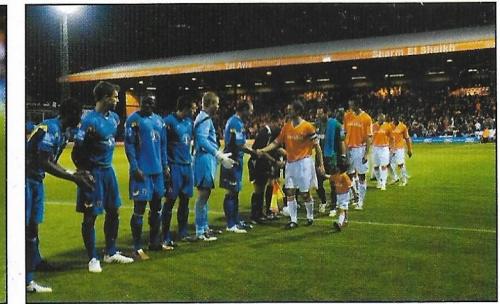
Match sponsor Ian Baldwin and friends line up in the dressing room.



Corporate guests Mr and Mrs Whatley pictured pitchside.



Three-year-old mascot Arjan Saini warms up before kickoff.



Arjan holds onto George Pilkington as the players shake hands.



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G. PILKINGTON 23, KROCA 38, BARNES-HOMER 49

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KENILWORTH ROAD, FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2010 ATT: 7,283

MONEY TALK

"I thought it was an excellent game of football. Both teams showed real quality and we had to play extremely well to beat a very good Wimbledon team. We're beginning to see a more athletic, hungry and workmanlike side that can also show the quality of being able to play."

LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, Newton, Blackett, Kroca, F. Murray, Gnakpa, G. Pilkington, Howells, Drury, Barnes-Homer (Walker 85), Atieno. **Subs not used:** K. Pilkington, A. Murray, Crow, Asafu-Adjaye.

AFC Wimbledon: Brown, Hatton, Yakubu, Harris, Blackman, Jackson, Gregory, Moore (Main 79), Minshull (Yussuff 56), Jolley (Weldard 58), Kedwell. **Subs not used:** Turner, Nwokojeji.

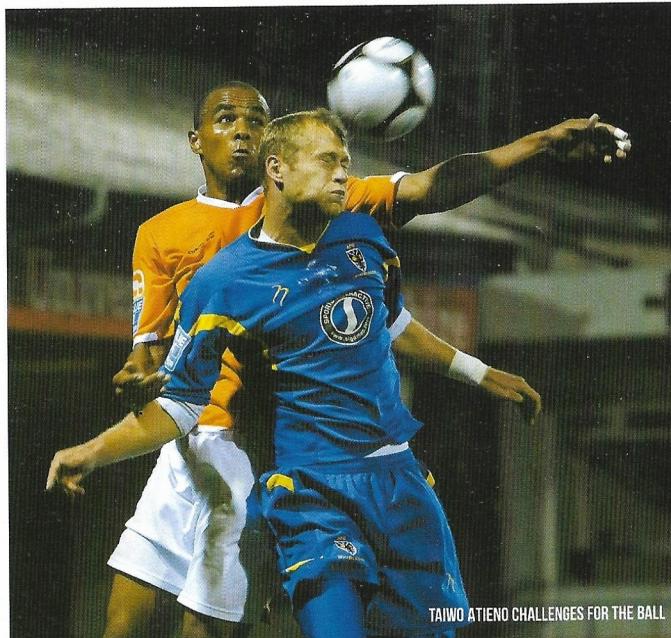
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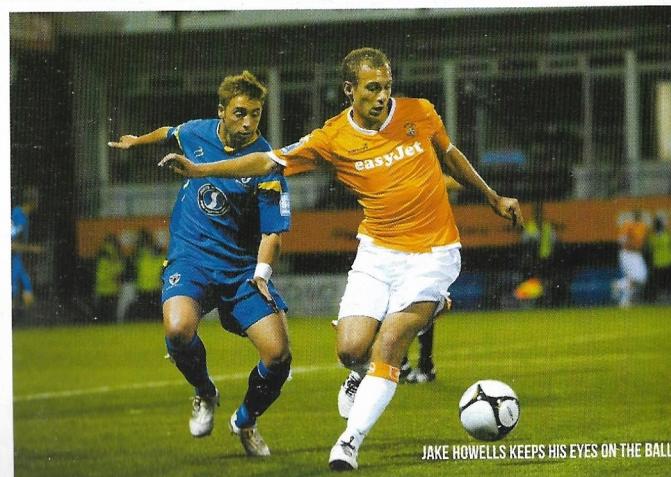
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ADAM NEWTON

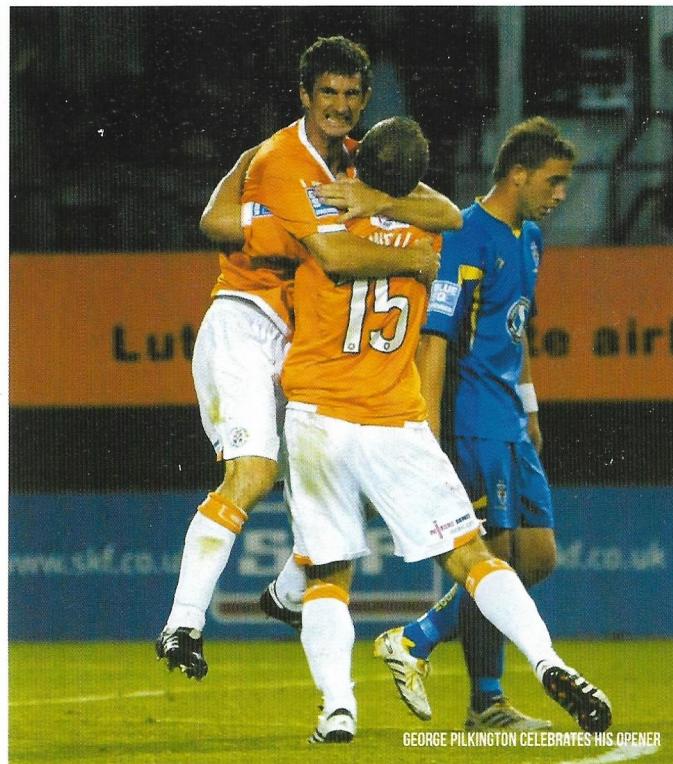
After appearing down the left flank against Grimsby, Newton found himself in at right back against the Dons and put in a foot perfect display, linking up well with Claude Gnakpa all evening down the right wing.



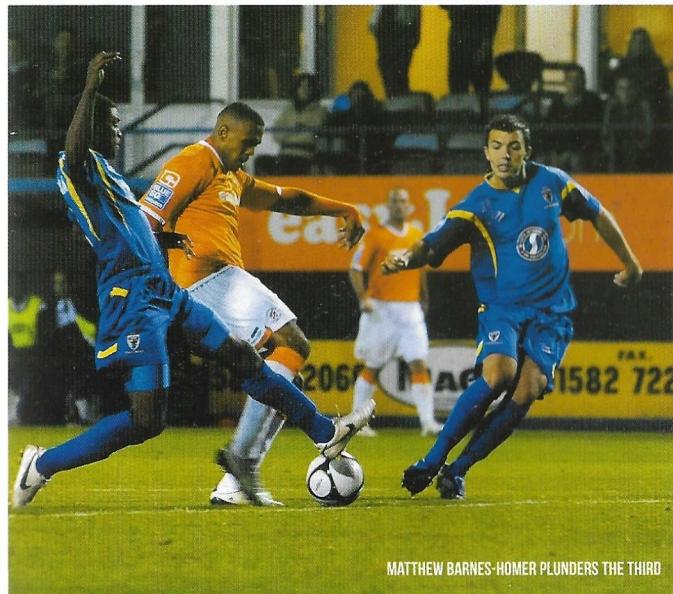
TAIWO ATIENO CHALLENGES FOR THE BALL



JAKE HOWELLS KEEPS HIS EYES ON THE BALL



GEORGE PILKINGTON CELEBRATES HIS OPENER



MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER PLUNDERS THE THIRD

MATCH REPORT

The Hatters notched their second successive win to go second in the table after an impressive victory over league leaders AFC Wimbledon.

In front of the live television cameras the Dons were the brightest to start, testing Mark Tyler as early as the first minute but the Town gradually settled and they came within a whisker of taking the lead in the eighth minute when Matthew Barnes-Homer's bicycle kick came back off the post.

Still Richard Money's men pushed forward and their fine football was eventually rewarded on 23 minutes when captain George Pilkington shrugged off his marker to head home Andy Drury's left wing corner for his second goal of the season.

Buoyed by that chance Drury, Jake Howells and Taiwo Atieno all had chances before the Town doubled their lead seven minutes before the break.

Freddie Murray hurled in a huge throw-in from the left flank and Czech centrehalf Zdenek Kroca guided a near post header past Womble's goalkeeper Seb Brown.

Wimbledon woke up towards the end of the first half though and twice came agonisingly close to pulling a goal back.

Firstly Steven Gregory cracked an effort off top of the crossbar while on 41 minutes Tyler made a terrific stop to thwart Danny Kedwell in a contender for save of the season.

However, the Hatters started the second half well and found their third goal of the night four minutes after the interval.

Claude Gnakpa did well to reach the ball, playing it into the path of Atieno who immediately squared to strike-partner Barnes Homer fired home from the edge of the area, for his sixth goal of the season, to give the Town breathing space.

Chances continued to fall for both sides, mostly notably for the visitors with Tyler again coming to the rescue.

In front of a season's best crowd of 7,283 the Hatters' goalkeeper pulled off an excellent diving save to prevent Sam Hatton's ferocious free-kick from making it 3-1 but in the end the Town held onto record a comfortable victory.

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POST-MATCH REACTION

The win over AFC Wimbledon not only saw the Town move up to second in the table but also sent a message out to the rest of the league of just what they're capable of.

The 3-0 win was only the Wombles' second defeat of the season and it was the ideal way to follow up the 2-0 win over Cambridge United, as skipper George Pilkington said after the game.

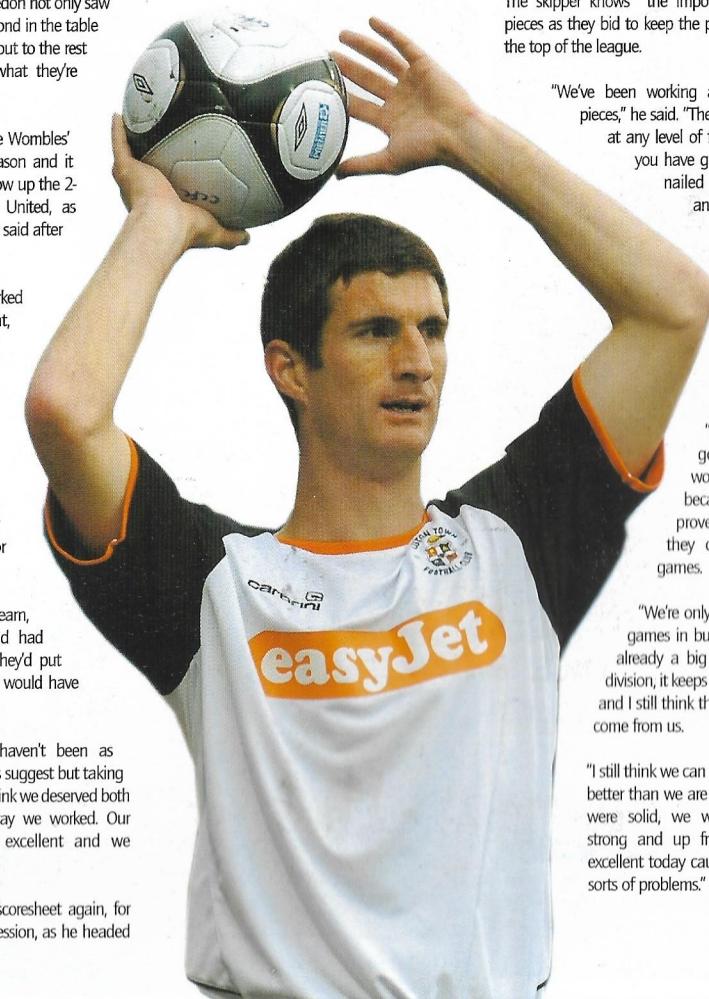
"On the whole we worked incredibly hard tonight, kept our discipline all over the pitch, played to a game plan and it worked very well," he said.

"People will look at results without seeing the game and think crikey that was big result for Luton tonight.

"Wimbledon are a good team, they played football and had chances and maybe if they'd put away one or two then it would have been different game.

"The last two games haven't been as comfortable as the results suggest but taking nothing away from us I think we deserved both of the results by the way we worked. Our endeavour today was excellent and we deserved what we got.

"Pilkington was on the scoresheet again, for the second week in succession, as he headed home a corner.



The skipper knows the importance of set pieces as they bid to keep the pressure up at the top of the league.

"We've been working a lot on set pieces," he said. "They are massive at any level of football really, you have got them nailed down really and to score two is obviously very pleasing and we looked solid at the other end.

"We've just got to keep working at them because as we've proved tonight they can win you games.

"We're only eight of nine games in but tonight was already a big game in the division, it keeps us in the hunt and I still think there is more to come from us.

"I still think we can play a little bit better than we are doing but we were solid, we were big and strong and up front we were excellent today causing them all sorts of problems."

**DARLINGTON 2****LUTON TOWN 2**

HATCH 26, BROWN 73

GNAKPA 14, HOWELLS 80

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

DARLINGTON ARENA, TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010 ATT: 1,665

MONEY TALK

"A draw is probably a fair reflection of the 90 minutes. I'm pleased we've come from behind but we've hit the crossbar and hit the post and we could have been out of sight before halftime and while it was good to earn a point, it's tinged with a bit of disappointment that we had the lead."

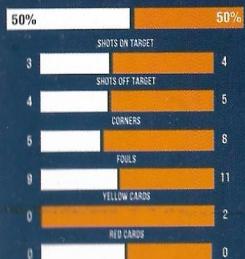
LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, F. Murray, G. Pilkington, Barnes-Homer, Atieno (Gleeson 51), Drury, Blackett, Crow, Kroca, Howells, Gnakpa.

Subs not used: Poku, Walker, K. Pilkington.

Darlington: Russell, Amison, Hatch, Senior (Gray 89), Smith, Hone, Austin, Smith (Chandler 82), Terry, Clarke, Brown. **Subs not used:** Jack, McReady, Barton.

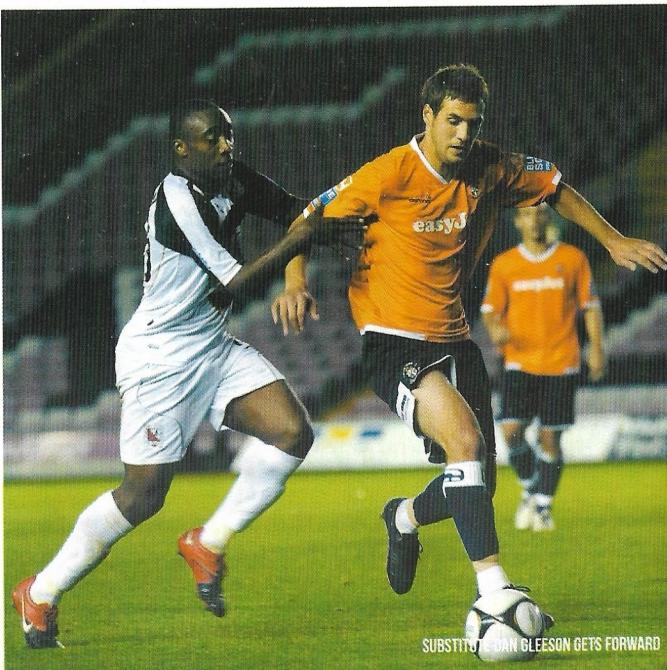
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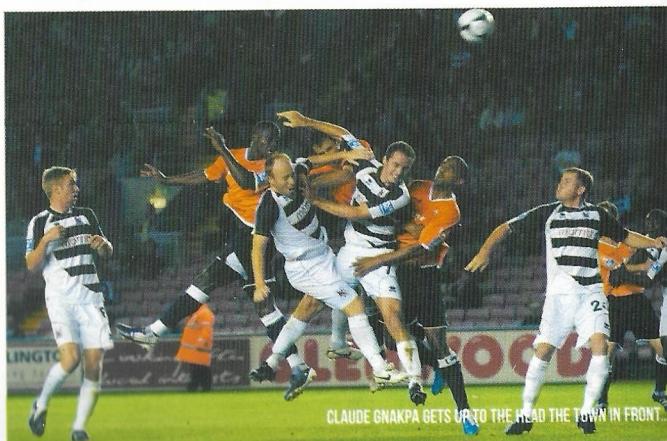
MAN OF THE MATCH

CLAUDE GNAKPA

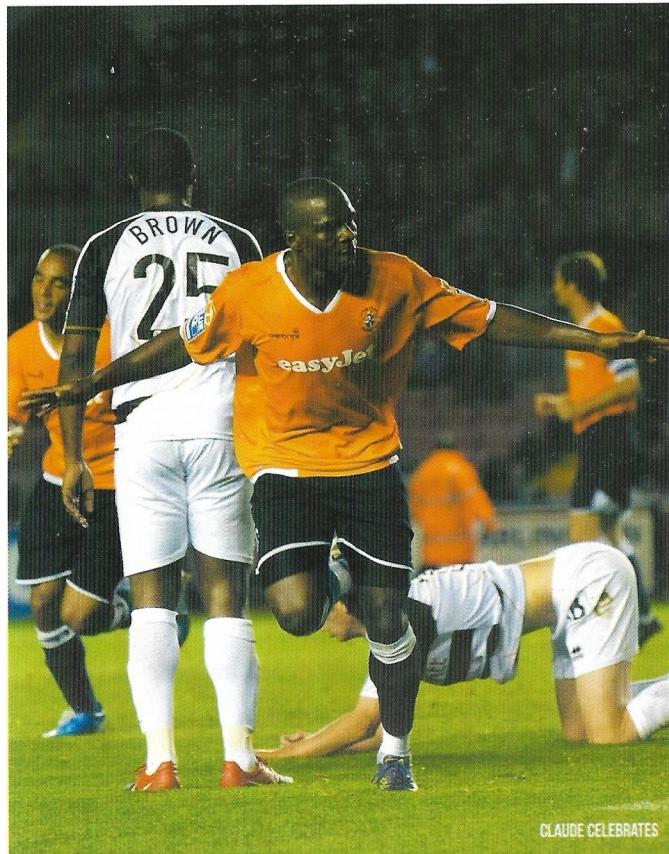
The Frenchman got his name on the scoresheet with a powerful header minutes after a similar effort had hit the crossbar. A constant menace to the Darlo defence he was later used as a centre-forward, impressing with his ability in the air.



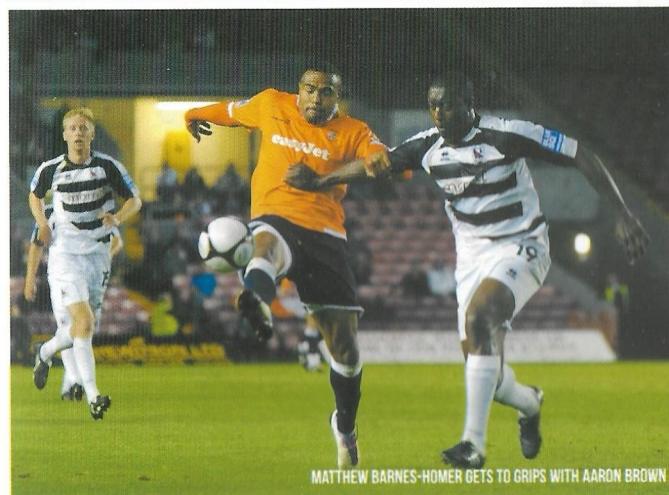
SUBSTITUTE DAN GLEESON GETS FORWARD



CLAUDE GNAKPA GETS UP TO THE HEAD THE TOWN IN FRONT.



CLAUDE CELEBRATES



MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER GETS TO GRIPS WITH AARON BROWN

MATCH REPORT

Jake Howells' first goal of the season 10 minutes from time rescued the Hatters a point at Darlington.

The young midfielder saw his well-hit effort from the edge of the penalty area bounce beyond Quakers goalkeeper Sam Russell to earn the Town a deserved draw.

Starting the brightest, the Hatters were almost ahead on 13 minutes when Claude Gnakpa saw a bullet header rebound off the crossbar following Andy Drury's excellent freekick.

Drury's set-pieces were causing the hosts' defence all kinds of problems and it was the same two players who combined to put the Hatters ahead a minute later when the French winger leapt to head home from close range for his second goal of the season.

All of a sudden the Town were well and truly on top and on 17 minutes the woodwork again came to Darlington's rescue when a Taiwo Atieno shot was touched onto the post by goalkeeper Simon Russell.

That missed opportunity spurred Darlo into life and on 26 minutes the inevitable happened when former Hatters loanee Liam Hatch headed the equaliser from sixyards following Aaron Brown's left-wing centre.

Suddenly it was all the hosts with Hatch a constant pest to the Town backline and the visitors had the reflexes of Mark Tyler to thank for preventing another Hatch header from creeping home on 32 minutes.

However the Hatters rode that storm but after bossing possession for the majority of the second period they found themselves behind on 73 minutes.

Failing to clear a corner from the right the ball fell kindly to Brown on the lefthand edge of the 17 yard box and the home winger sent a left-foot shot through a sea of bodies in the penalty area past an unsighted Tyler.

But, 60 seconds after Richard Money threw on Danny Crow, for Shane Blackett, on 79 minutes they were level when Howells found space to collect an Adam Newton pass from the right to hit a shot past Russell.

However, despite a late rally it never came and it ended up all square to at least reward the 227 travelling Hatters fans with something for their long journey north.

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POST-MATCH REACTION

After a week that had generated two wins, two clean sheets and five goals on home soil the Hatters were back on the road last Tuesday with a trip to Darlington.

The Quakers, relegated from the Football League last season, had made a solid start to Conference life with three wins on home soil and four draws from their travels going into the game and represented a tough challenge for the Hatters.

Claude Gnakpa and Jake Howells were both on target in a 2-2 draw, the latter netting the leveller with 10 minutes to go, and the duo reflected on the result with the Hatters Player cameras on the final whistle.

The Frenchman, who gave Luton the lead, felt the Town showed great character to eventually come from behind to take a point home.

"We came back to 2-2 and we still felt like we could have won the game from there," the former Peterborough man explained. "That is the good thing from this team, the way we come back and the way we feel we can always win the game."

"We are a bit disappointed because having been 1-0 up and playing the way we were for the first 25 or 30 minutes, we are really disappointed not to have gone on and won the game."



"When they got into the game we were a bit too deep and didn't keep the ball like we should do."

"We could have played more football than we did and we have to learn from that and concentrate on the next game."

Despite not being able to make it three wins in a row, Howells was also keen to pay tribute to his team-mates after they left the Darlington Arena with a point more than at one stage looked likely, despite their determined display.

He explained: "We never give up, it's an attitude that we have and it means we know we will always have a chance in a game. As a team we just try and keep solid and play the way we know we can, if you do that you will get opportunities in front of goal."

"On the night the chance fell to me and I struck it well and I was pleased to see it in the bottom corner so in the end everyone was happy to get a point. It was good to get my first goal of the season and I hope I can press on and get more now."

"The fans were good today, we wanted to make them proud because they've taken time off work and paid money to get up here. We weren't able to win the game for them but at least we left with a point."



GATESHEAD 1



LUTON TOWN 0

SHAW 7

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

INTERNATIONAL STADIUM, SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2010 ATT: 1,076

MONEY TALK

"I thought we made a decent fist of it in the second half. We lost the battle but to be honest I think we had the best three chances of the afternoon and, apart from their goal, they didn't really threaten us. We were always playing catch-up after a poor first half."

LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, Gleeson, F. Murray, Keane, G. Pilkington, Newton, Barnes-Homer (Walker 77), Atieno, Blackett, Kroca (Howells 46), Gnakpa (Crow 46). **Subs not used:** Besta, K. Pilkington.

Gateshead: Deasy, Heckingbottom, Gate, Curtis, Clark, Brittain, Turnbull, Shaw, Nelthorpe (Ferrell 77), Jones (Baxter 39), Mulligan (Wake 63). **Subs not used:** Cook, Gillies.

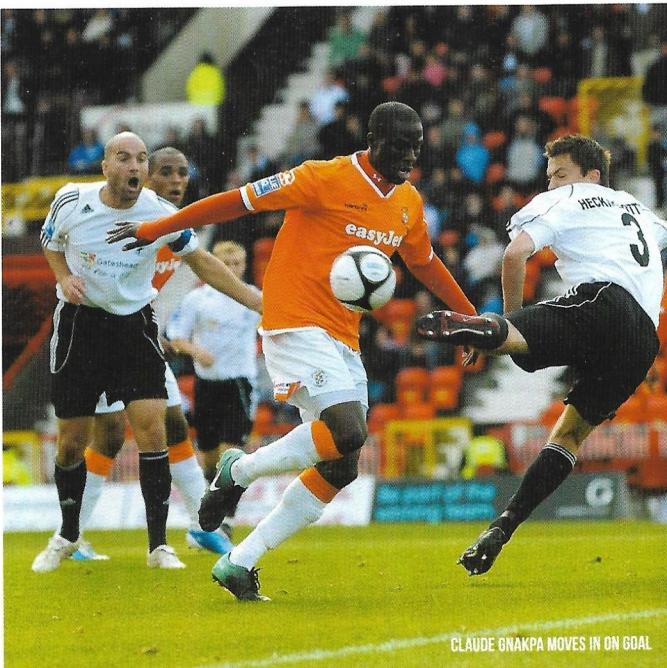
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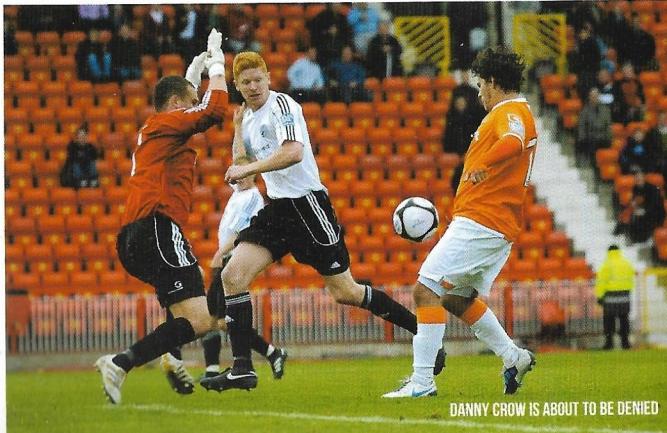
MAN OF THE MATCH

KEITH KEANE

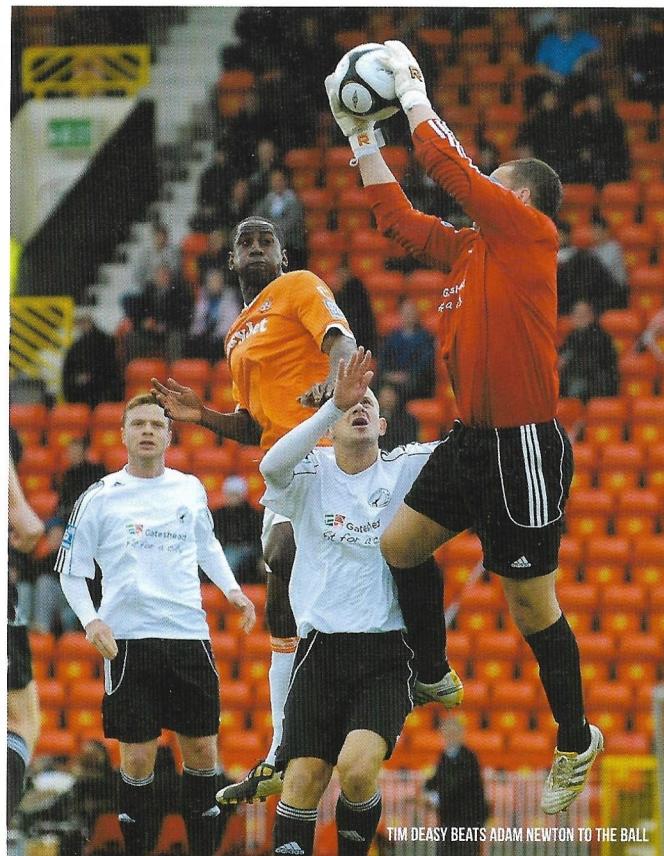
Like the rest of the team, the Lutonian might want to forget the game in which he clocked up his 200th appearance in Town colours. However, on his return to action after missing three games through injury, he worked tirelessly in midfield.



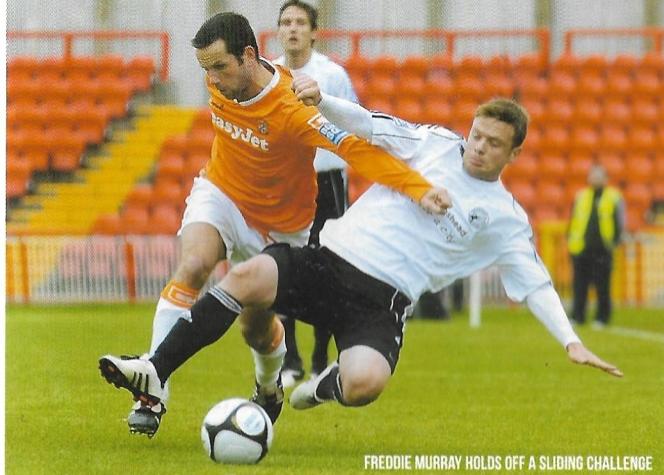
CLAUDE GNAKPA MOVES IN ON GOAL



DANNY CROW IS ABOUT TO BE DENIED



TIM DEASY BEATS ADAM NEWTON TO THE BALL



FREDDIE MURRAY HOLDS OFF A SLIDING CHALLENGE

MATCH REPORT

The Hatters had Taiwo Atieno sent off in the first half as they slipped to their third defeat of the season on a frustrating afternoon at Gateshead.

The hosts started brightly and Ian Bogie's side - who the Town beat twice last season - came close to opening the scoring as early as the third minute when Ben Clark failed to connect with Martin Brittan's devious leftwing cross.

But on seven minutes the Town weren't so lucky when the Brittan pinged an inviting cross into the path of Jon Shaw who headed past Tyler.

On 13 minutes the Hatters responded, and a lovely pass from Keith Keane found Matthew Barnes-Homer but his cross to the back post, meant for Atieno, was cleared.

Back came the confident hosts and Tyler had to be at his best to prevent them doubling the lead on 14 minutes when he turned a well-hit drive by Turnbull round the post.

With the Hatters slowly but surely working their way into the game, they missed an excellent chance to equalise with a header from close range following Claude Gnakpa's cross on 19 minutes before George Pilkington saw a headed chance saved when unmarked from a Keane corner a minute later.

Just as the Town were making progress their day, and Atieno's in particular, took a turn for the worse when he was shown a harsh straight red card by referee Davison for a challenge on Carl Jones.

A man down at the interval Richard Money sent on Danny Crow and Jake Howells for Gnakpa and Zdenek Kroca, reverting to a 4-3-2 formation in a bid to take the game to the hosts. Keane got the 334 Hatters fans off their seats with 20 minutes to play when he sent a screaming rightfoot shot flash just past the post.

With 13 minutes left Money threw on Dan Walker for his debut but, despite their pressure and possession, the Hatters failed to call Tim Deasy in the home goal into any meaningful action and Bogie's men held on to celebrate what he called the "finest" win of his managerial career.



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POST-MATCH REACTION

The 1-0 defeat at Gateshead was disappointing for all involved at the International Stadium, none more so than Keith Keane who clocked up his 200th appearance in Town colours on Saturday.

The 23-year-old returned to action after missing three games through injury to partner George Pilkington in the centre of midfield.

Just as Richard Money admitted after the defeat in the North East, Keane believed a poor first half display ultimately led to their downfall.

"We thought we played well enough in the second half to get a point but the first cost us," the Luton-born man told Hatters Player.

"The first half performance killed us and it wasn't good enough. It's frustrating to go all that way and return home pointless especially after a long trip north on Tuesday at Darlington."

However, travelling to the north east twice in the space of four days is not being used as an excuse.

"The travel isn't a big problem although we do feel it on the way home, especially after a defeat," Keane said.

"On the day we weren't good enough when we should have been. In the first half we just weren't at the races."

It was Keane's first return to action after he'd hobbled off injured at Grimsby.



And the Hatters' number four admitted he was delighted to get back into the side, even after such a disappointing result.

"I was desperate to get back from injury," he said. "I hadn't done much training but the manager asked if I was okay and I said yes so I was delighted to last the full 90 minutes.

"I hate being injured and, like any player, I always want to play. It was frustrating to be so close to fitness and almost could have played in some of the other games but knew if I injured myself again I could be out for another five weeks so I didn't want to risk it for the sake of the team."

Saturday's loss on Tyneside adds extra pressure on the players to succeed tonight against a side flying on the back of two successive victories.

But Keane is just concentrating on helping the Hatters get back to winning ways.

"We're confident," he said. "We have a very talented side and we're only five points off the top of the table."

"That's nothing in football and we're looking forward to putting in a good performance against Mansfield and go on winning run."



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LIVE ONLINE

Hatters Player subscribers had plenty to sit back and watch since we were last at Kenilworth Road.

AFC Wimbledon were seen off in fine style as goals from George Pilkington, Zdenek Kroca and Matthew Barnes-Homer sealed a 3-0 victory.

The win over the Wombles was the Hatters' second on the bounce 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. With Premier Sports TV in the gantry we filmed our highlights from the executive boxes to give a unique view of the action.

Player caught up with Pilks after his second goal in as many home matches to discuss his goalscoring touch and his role in the heart of midfield following Richard Money's decision to put him alongside Jake Howells in the middle of the park.

With that in mind we also grabbed a word with Jake too, who couldn't hide his delight at helping the Hatters to earn an excellent result against the Dons.

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There was a whole host of video content to enjoy during the week too following Tuesday's trip to Darlington and the Under-18s' FA Youth Cup tie at Kenilworth Road the following day.

We heard from Richard Money and goalscorers Howells and Claude Gnappa after the 2-2 draw against the Quakers who all explained the importance of coming behind to grab a point.

If that wasn't enough we treated Player subscribers to all of the 13 goals from the Youth Cup tie following the 11-2 win as well as interviews with youth boss Martin Prickett, six-goal hero Cauley Woodrow and midfielder Mustapha Mirza.

Remember if you can't get to a game, home or away, the official website at www.lutontown.co.uk has it covered.

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NUMBERS GAME

9

The number of matches previously played at Kenilworth Road on this date. Luton have won five, drawn once and lost three of these games. The Hatters have scored 13 goals and conceded 10.

3

The number of goals scored by West Ham United, without reply, when they were the visitors on this day in 1907 for a Southern League match. It was also the number of goals scored by Walsall in 1929 in a Division Three (South) match, as the visitors won 3-2. Andy Rennie and Jimmy Yardley were on target for the Town.

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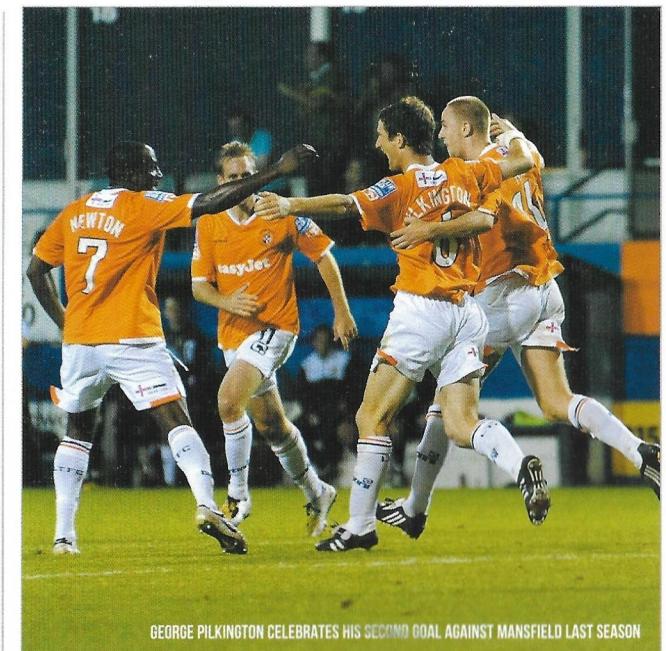
A solitary goal from Brian Lewis in 1968 was enough to beat Torquay United in front of the largest attendance for a match on this date when 14,396 supporters turned up at Kenilworth Road.

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A Division Two match in 1971 against Fulham saw the Hatters score twice through Robin Wainwright and Vic Halom which secured their second consecutive clean sheet on this date.

3

The most goals scored by Luton on this date, and it's happened twice. In 1974 a First Division match saw visitors Carlisle United beaten 3-1 as the Hatters scored through Peter Anderson, Adrian Alston and a Jim Ryan penalty. Eight years ago Swindon Town were the visitors and were beaten 3-0 courtesy of goals from Steve Howard, Andrew Fotiadis and a Steve Robinson penalty. Fotiadis was voted as man-of-the-



GEORGE PILKINGTON CELEBRATES HIS SECOND GOAL AGAINST MANSFIELD LAST SEASON

match on his first start for over a year and Robinson's goal was his first for Luton after joining in the summer from Preston North End.

1

The only draw came in 1991 in Luton's last season in the top flight when Notts County were the visitors. Phil Gray opened the scoring for the Hatters but Tommy Johnson equalised from the spot after Matt Jackson was harshly adjudged to have fouled Phil Turner.

14

The number of years since Blackpool were beaten 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Kim Grant. The lowest

attendance for a game at Kenilworth Road on this date, just 5,785, witnessed Luton's fourth win of the season, as they continued to recover from losing the opening three matches of the season.

47

The number of goals scored in the previous 10 meetings between Luton and Mansfield at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters have netted 29 of these goals. The high scoring games include a 7-2 victory in a League Cup match in 1989, a 5-3 victory in 2001/02 and a 4-1 victory last season, when George Pilkington netted twice.....on a Tuesday night.



TERRY (LEFT) DURING HIS FINAL GAME FOR THE TOWN, AT BOLTON IN 1970

LEADER BY EXAMPLE

ROGER WASH SPEAKS TO THE INSPIRATIONAL TERRY BRANSTON

If one player was instrumental in winning the old Division Four championship for the Hatters in 1968 it was skipper Terry Branston.

Signed on a free transfer from Northampton Town, for whom he had given sterling service, by manager Allan Brown, he was brought to

Luton for his leadership qualities but ended up giving far more.

Terry started off playing local youth football in his home town of Rugby and was recommended to Northampton Town by scout Jack Hastings. However, his career at the

County Ground stuttered in its early stages.

"Jack, who used to walk to all games from his home midway between Coventry and Rugby, arranged a trial for me in the Northampton A' team but nothing seemed to come of it," said Terry.

"So I agreed to a trial at Notts County who were managed at the time by Tommy Lawton.

"When I got back from Meadow Lane, Jack was waiting for me and called me all the names under the sun with the upshot that I signed for the Cobblers in October 1958!"

Joining Northampton at this time was the best thing that could have happened to Terry as the team embarked on a roll that was to take it from the Fourth Division to the First by 1965, the most successful period in the club's history.

Terry made his League debut for the Cobblers in October 1960, as a 22-year-old in a 3-3 draw at newly-elected Peterborough and by the end of that season had become a regular in the side that won promotion from the old Division Four.

He missed only three games over the next three seasons during which time he played against the Hatters for the only time, a League Cup tie at Kenilworth Road, and saw the Cobblers move up to Division Two.

Northampton won promotion to the top flight in 1965 with Terry retaining his place in the heart of the defence but unfortunately the stay was brief and by 1967 successive relegations saw the Cobblers back in Division Three.

"Dave Bowen, the manager, brought in some good players and we all grew up together as we made our way to the top and although our stay in Division One only lasted a single season because we were basically not quite good enough, I had a tremendous time at the County Ground. I cried my eyes out when the Board, in its wisdom, decided to give me a free transfer in the summer of 1967."

Help was at hand in the shape of Luton manager Allan Brown who saw Terry as the ideal captain to lead his new look side out of Division Four and back to the top. What could be done once...



BRANSTON HOLDS THE DIVISION FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY WON BY THE TOWN IN 1968

"From the moment I set foot in Kenilworth Road I was struck by the homeliness of the place with everyone being so friendly."

"My job was to get the best out of the players on the pitch and I like to think I was a success in that respect. We walked away with the Fourth Division title in my first season, almost went up again in my second and achieved further promotion in my third."

Making his debut for the Town in an ill-tempered 1-1 draw at Wrexham in August 1967, Terry was ever present in that record breaking campaign and as well as marshalling and bullying his fellow defenders he found time to weigh in with

knows what might have been!

After leaving Lincoln, Terry turned out for Nuneaton Borough, Enderby, VS Rugby as player/manager before finishing his playing career with AEI Rugby where it had all started.

Terry still lives in Rugby where he ran a driving school for many years. He still comes to Kenilworth Road on occasions, the scene of his goal from an overhead kick against Rochdale, the blocking of many a full-blooded free-kick with his nose and the fist shaking as he exerted every ounce of effort from his team-mates.

A true leader by example.

five vital goals, most of which were unstoppable headers from corners.

"They were a great set of lads and the team spirit was tremendous. Bruce Rioch used to come in for most of the leg pulling as he was the youngest and the golden boy, while the antics of winger Graham French, my room-mate, could be turned into a bestselling book."

In 1969 Chris Nicholl was bought from Halifax Town for the massive sum, by Luton standards, of £35,000, to replace Terry but, by the end of the season, when promotion hopes were slipping away, the 'skipper' was recalled to steady the ship and ensure the rise in status.

Unfortunately, Terry's Division Two career with the Town was short-lived as we were thrashed 4-2 at Bolton on the opening day of the 1970/71 season and a month later he was transferred to Lincoln for £5,000 where he became a team-mate of a young Graham Taylor.

When the Imps came to choose a new manager, the Board was split and the casting vote went to Taylor in preference to Terry who did not even apply for the job. Who

KIT PARADE

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

1997-99 HOME

The season after the Town lost in the Play-Offs to Crewe Alexandra the 1997/98 started full of optimism and hopes were high we could challenge for the Division Two title.

Pony were kit manufacturers once more, delivering a smart new design which took the catwalk officially for the first time on a baking hot day in Blackpool.

With a slick blue band across the shoulders the mainly white number was a real hit with fans after two seasons of what must be said a conservative effort from Pony between 1995 and 1997.



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.

George Patrick CUMMINS

George was a schoolboy sensation in Dublin and was wanted by most of the big English clubs but decided to choose Everton because of their strong Irish contingent.

Although an inside forward of skill and vision, blessed with the ability to carve open a defence with a single touch, George found it difficult to retain a regular first team place amongst the 52 professionals at Goodison Park and was happy to join Luton in 1953.

George enjoyed eight years at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters won promotion to the top flight and reached the FA Cup final during his stay and he also earned 19 caps for the Republic of Ireland along the way.

Leaving Luton in 1960 to join Cambridge City, George came back into the League with Hull before working as an electrician on Merseyside.

Luton Town career appearances: 209

Luton Town career goals: 30

Debut: v Oldham Athletic (h) 19/08/1953

First goal: v Birmingham City (h) 16/09/1953

Final game: v Leeds United (h) 01/04/1961

BEHIND THE SCENES

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

MANAGER'S OFFICE

The room in which the Hatters' boss Richard Money will go to first when he sets foot inside Kenilworth Road tonight, the manager's office is set just around the corner from the home dressing room.

With the training ground the management team's base throughout the week its use is usually restricted to matchdays only with the 'in/out' sign on the door indicating whether you should knock before entering!

Complete with shower, television, sofas and a big desk and chair the office has been the home to many manager's down the years. If only the walls could speak!



COVER STORY

● PRE-MATCH INTRODUCTIONS. LUTON TOWN 6-1 OLDHAM ATHLETIC. 19TH AUGUST 1978.



Luton manager David Pleat, looking forward to his first full season in charge, carried out one of the biggest changes of personnel in the club's history over the summer of 1978 and rarely a day went by without news coming from Kenilworth Road of yet another arrival or departure.

Not surprisingly, the team that started the new season had a strange and unfamiliar look about it and when the players acknowledged the fans before the opening day visit of Oldham there was much studying of the team list in the programme to work out who was who.

Seven players, Kirk Stephens, Steve Sherlock, Mal Donagh, Chris Turner, Mark Aizlewood, Bob Hatton and David Moss, made their debut against the Latics but by halftime, with the Town 1-0 down, the supporters were wondering what all the fuss was about.

Certainly, the warm applause that greeted the players at the start of the game was not evident as the second half kicked off, but within two minutes strikes from Hatton and Moss made the mood on the terraces far sweeter!

After waiting for the fans to get their breath back, the players fired in another three goal

salvo between the 71st and 76th minute to completely flatten the visitors.

Firstly, Stein netted after a Moss shot rebounded off a post, then Ruccillo fired in from the spot before Moss made it 5-1 with another fierce shot.

Hatton headed in number six just before the end and on the final whistle the players left the pitch to a standing ovation.

The 'Pleat Era' was now up and running.

Roger Wash.

AGAINST THE ODDS

LUTON TOWN 3-2 SOUTHAMPTON. 9TH AUGUST 2005.



DEAN MORGAN IS MOBBED AFTER SCORING THE WINNER

The Town had won the League One championship in style in 2004/05 and only a final day draw at Doncaster prevented the 100 point barrier being breached.

The season had started off with six straight victories and with only minor blips along the way the Hatters finished 12 points ahead of runners-up Hull and with a massive 26 points more than Sheffield Wednesday, who went up via the Play-Offs.

Naturally, manager Mike Newell did not feel the need to tinker with the squad too much as the Hatters embarked on their first season back in the Championship (what was Division Two in old money) since 1996.

Trinidad and Tobago international winger Carlos Edwards was signed from Wrexham, having impressed in his performance against the Town at the end of the previous season, while Finnish defender Markus Heikkinen was

brought in from Aberdeen.

Also putting pen to paper with the Hatters was the supremely talented but enigmatic forward Dean Morgan who had fallen way down the pecking order at Reading.

When the fixture list was announced, all at Kenilworth Road were shocked, but excited by the news that the first two games would be against sides newly relegated from the Premier

League, Crystal Palace and Southampton.

Over 20,000 were at a sunny Selhurst Park on the opening day of the campaign, including 2,500 from Luton. Mike Newell's pre-match team talk was made easy when programme comments from Palace fitness coach John Harbin were read out in the changing room.

Harbin wrote: "It will be like a cup final for Luton so we'll have to make sure we're not a victim of any giant-killing."

Newell naturally latched on to this being demeaning of his side and made use of it both before and after the game.

Newell's anger certainly got through to the players who attacked with a passion and although missing three first teamers through injury as well as a first half penalty, they went ahead just before the interval from the head of Steve Howard.

The opening exchanges were end-to-end with Warren Feeney and Steve Robinson both going close while Rory Delap saw a fierce volley palmed around a post by Dean Brill, in the Hatters goal, following a searching cross from

Although Bedford born Andrew Johnson levelled, it was left to the 'Creation Sensation' Ahmet Brkovic to bundle in the winner with 10 minutes left.

The players, nor the supporters, had little time to draw breath before Southampton were making the midweek trip to Kenilworth Road for the Town's first home game back in the second tier.

The Saints, used to turning up at Old Trafford and Anfield, were probably wondering where they were when they ran down the tunnel at Kenilworth Road but the noise from a capacity crowd of 9,447 put them in no doubt that they were in for a tough time.

The opening exchanges were end-to-end with Warren Feeney and Steve Robinson both going close while Rory Delap saw a fierce volley palmed around a post by Dean Brill, in the Hatters goal, following a searching cross from

Danny Higginbotham.

The breakthrough, on 18 minutes, went the way of the Saints with Higginbotham the provider, crossing the ball to Matt Oakley who fired in an unstoppable shot past Brill.

Saints goalkeeper Antti Niemi was then called upon to make three outstanding saves as the Town, and particularly Morgan, laid siege on his goal.

The Finn was, however, powerless to prevent a precise 12-yard shot from Kevin Nicholls entering the net just before the interval.

The Saints looked shell-shocked but were handed a goal out of nothing, in stoppage time, as Brill found himself in norman's-land as he ran for a Dennis Wise cross and Kenwyne Jones headed into an empty net.

The Town started the better in the second period and were level once more when Nicholls whipped in a left wing free-kick which was glanced in by Brkovic at the far post.

From then on it was the Hatters who enjoyed the better chances but they could not find a way through a resolute Southampton defence.

That is, until the final minute when substitute Enoch Showunmi laid the ball off to Morgan who curled in a sublime 25-yard shot into the top corner for a goal which deserved to win any game.

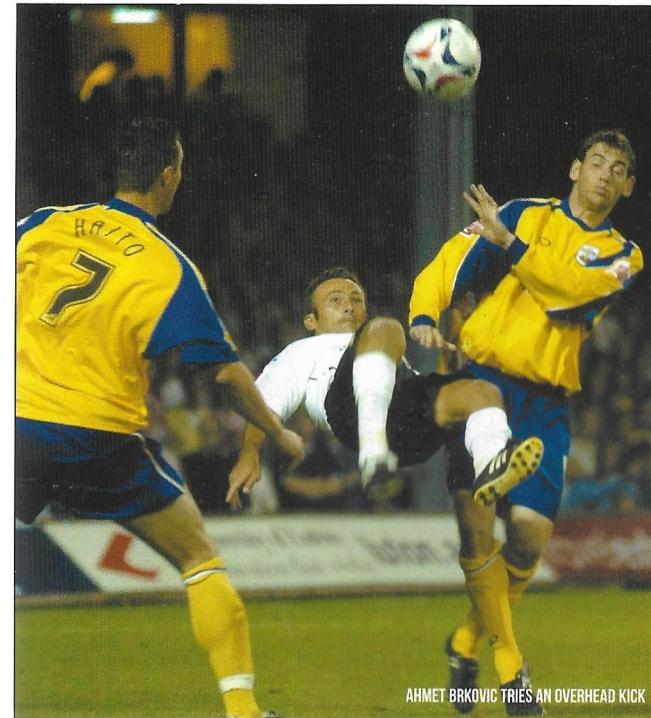
Southampton manager Harry Redknapp took the defeat on the chin but stated that he had not underestimated the Town and was not surprised at the result.

Mike Newell, refusing to get carried away, merely stated that there were another 44 games to go.

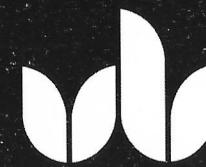
Luton Town: Brill, Foley, Heikkinen, Davies, Underwood, Morgan, Nicholls, Robinson, Brkovic, Howard, Feeney (Showunmi).

Southampton: Niemi, Hajto, Powell, Higginbotham, Prutton (Walcott), Oakley, Quashie, Wise, Delap, Jones (Blackstock), Fuller.

Roger Wash.



AHMET BRKOVIC TRIES AN OVERHEAD KICK



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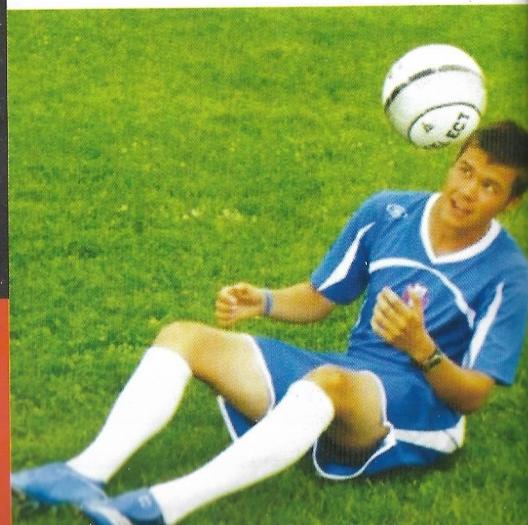
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Profile:

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 - Andy Lightowler

AGE - 46

LOCATION - Surrey

WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM - David Preece Stand

FIRST GAME - At home in 1974, it ended 1-1.

FIRST MEMORY - Standing at the back of an open Kenilworth Road end in 1975 watching us beat Leeds United 2-1.

BEST GOAL SEEN - David Moss at home in 1979 when he curled one in from the left hand side of the penalty area to right hand top corner of the goal.

BEST MATCH WITNESSED - The League Cup Final 1988 of course, it was fairytale

stuff! If our younger fans haven't seen it, get the DVD because it's well worth watching.

THE WORST MATCH - Same year as the win over Arsenal but the Simod Cup Final at Wembley against Reading was embarrassing.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE BY A PLAYER - Kingsley Black in the League Cup Final against Arsenal in 1988. He was the new kid on the block and played with total inhibition. Arsenal couldn't cope with him.

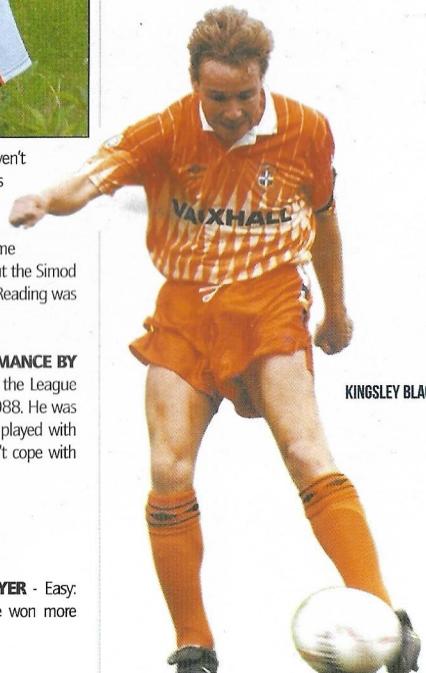
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The 1982/83 Adidas strip.

FAVOURITE ALL TIME PLAYER - Easy: Mick Harford. He should have won more England caps.

FAVOURITE ALL TIME MANAGER
- David Pleat

ALL-TIME LUTON XI - Showing my age with this team, if we ever get a better one we'll win the Premier League: Milija Aleksic, Kirk Stephens, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Rob Johnson, Ricky Hill, Danny Wilson, David Preece, Mick Harford, Brian Stein and David Moss.

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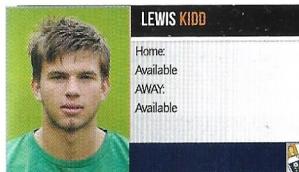
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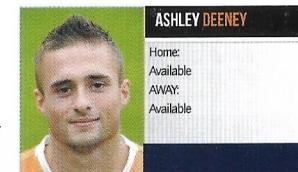


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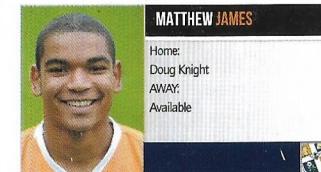
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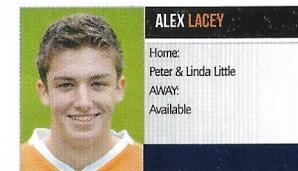
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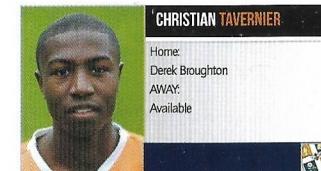
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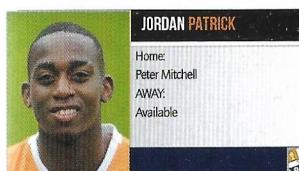
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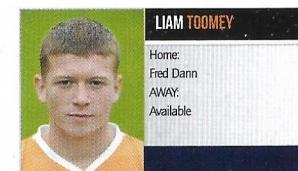
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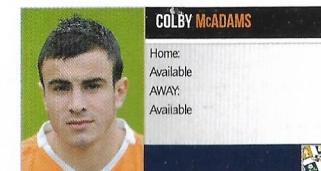
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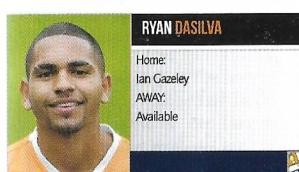
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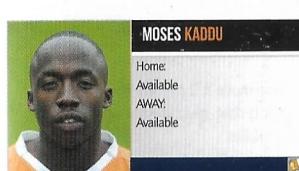
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YOUTH REPORT

Cauley Woodrow hit a double hat-trick as the Hatters' Under-18s went goal crazy against Cogenhoe United, winning 11-2 to secure their place in the second qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup.

It took Martin Prickett's side just 48 seconds under the Kenilworth Road floodlights to take the lead when Jordan Patrick slotted home Liam Toomey's rightwing cross.

Toomey was the creator for the Town's second goal on four minutes when he raced down the right flank and cut back to an unmarked Woodrow to fire home his first of the night.

Fabio Bufano put the Hatters well and truly in command when poking home their third goal of the night, on nine minutes, from Matt James' free-kick.

Every Town attack was looking dangerous and it was 4-0 on 12 minutes when Woodrow got his second when finishing a move he started after Newman Carney had raced down the left to hook a pass across the face of goal.

Woodrow was denied his hat-trick by the flag of the linesman on 15 minutes but he wasn't to be denied a minute later when he made it 40 - heading past Cogenhoe keeper Barney McLaughlan following another left-wing cross from Carney.



A minute later Woodrow was on target again as the Town began to run riot. Toomey was again the architect - this time from the left - to tee up the youngster to slam home at the backpost.

At the other end Hatters goalkeeper Lewis Kidd had to wait until the 21st minute to be called into serious action but the visitors pulled a goal back on 25 minutes.

Callum Beech raced through and was denied by Ann Lacey but after Kidd had saved Josh Crawley's spotkick the Cogenhoe number 11 was free to knock home the rebound.

That goal boosted the visitors' confidence but after Woodrow, Carney and Lacey all spurned chances, the Town's seventh goal arrived four minutes before the break when the Ben Stanmore saw a McLoughlin save hit him and go in, after the goalkeeper had stopped Patrick's effort.

It took the Hatters until the 68th-minute to score again when Woodrow notched his fourth when clipping an exquisite finish over

the advancing goalkeeper from 12 yards to make it 8-1.

Woodrow came agonisingly close to making it nine a minute later, seeing his delicate right-foot shot come back off the post following substitute Colby McAdams' rightwing cross.

However eight minutes later it was nine when Toomey got the goal his graft deserved when Woodrow unselfishly squared the ball to him to tap home from close range.

Cogenhoe made it 9-2 when Ryan Dove sent a scorching drive beyond Kidd from 20 yards on 85 minutes.

That only spurred the Hatters on to grab that elusive 10th and Woodrow completed his double hat-trick when crashing home a shot from six yards.

With time almost up there was still chance for one final goal and the 11th goal of the evening was finished well by McAdams from the lefthand edge of the six-yard box to complete the rout and set-up a trip to Brackley Town in the next round.

YOUTH UPDATE

MATCH DIGEST:

Fixture: Northampton Town (h) **Competition:** Youth Alliance League Cup. **Result:** Won 40. **Scorers:** Dasilva 2, Woodrow 2. **Team:** Kidd, James, Bufano, Carney (Tavernier), Blake, Deeney, Cain (Nyarko), Mirzai, Patrick, Woodrow, Toomey, McAdams, Nakabaale.

Coach's comments: "We scored good goals and got a lot of numbers into good areas to create chances. I was more pleased with the way we defended. Northampton are a direct side and we stood up for the fight and had people in the right slots all of the time. The boys have worked hard on maintaining the ball and being defensively right and it all paid off."

MATCH DIGEST:

Fixture: Cogenhoe United (h) **Competition:** FA Youth Cup. **Result:** Won 11-2. **Scorers:** Patrick, Woodrow 6, Bufano, own goal, Toomey, McAdams. **Team:** Kidd, James, Carney, Tavernier, Bufano, Lacey (Mason Blake), Patrick (Nakabaale), Mirzai, Toomey, Woodrow, Dasilva (McAdams). Subs not used: Cain, Jibodu.

Coach's comments: "I thought we prepared really well for the game.. to be 6-0 up in such a short space of time showed how well the lads took on board what we said before the game. I thought we got sloppy to concede the goal but we set double figures as the target and it was pleasing that we upped our game in the second half to hit it."

MATCH DIGEST:

Fixture: Peterborough United (h) **Competition:** Youth Alliance League Cup. **Result:** Drew 2-2. **Scorers:** Tavernier, Woodrow. **Team:** Kidd, James, Bufano, Carney, Blake, Tavernier, Mirzai (Patrick), Cain, Dasilva (McAdams), Toomey (Ann), Woodrow. Subs not used: Nakabaale, Lacey.

Coach's comments: "It was a terrific game of football and if either side had managed to nick all three points you couldn't complain. We kept the ball well at times and found ourselves over playing in midfield and never really caused Peterborough any problems in behind their back four. I felt we could of been more compact defensively, especially in midfield to stop Peterborough's shape causing us problems. Cauley Woodrow has come into the side and added an extra dimension and to score nine goals in three games is a fantastic achievement. In the end a draw was fair result."

GAMES & GOALS

	Appearances	Goals
Ann	0 (1)	0
Blake	5 (1)	0
Bufano	6	1
Cain	3 (3)	0
Carney	7	0
Dasilva	8	5
Deeney	5	0
James	7 (1)	0
Kidd	8	0
Kaddu	1 (1)	0
Kieman	1	0
Lacey	4	0
McAdams	2 (4)	2
Mirzai	5 (2)	0
Nakabaale	1 (2)	0
Nyarko	0 (1)	0
Patrick	6 (2)	0
Tavernier	7 (1)	3
Toomey	8	2
Woodrow	3	9
Yamfam	2 (2)	1

LEAGUE TABLE

YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE	Pl	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	September	October	November	December	January 2011	February	March	April	Football League Youth Alliance fixtures unless stated.
14	Barnet (a)	14	16	6	4	8	5	5	2	FLYALC
21	Stevenage (h)	21	16	13	18	15	12	12	9	W2-1
28	Northampton Town (a)	28	23	20	18	29	26	26	30	LO-1
										W4-0
										W11-2
										D2-2
										D22-2
										W1-4
										W4-0
										W11-2
										D22-2

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League 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: Matthew James

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/03/1993

POSITION: Right back

DATE JOINED: July 2007

NATIONALITY: English

PLAYER COMPARISON: Glen Johnson

HONOURS: Current youth team captain and head scholar.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:

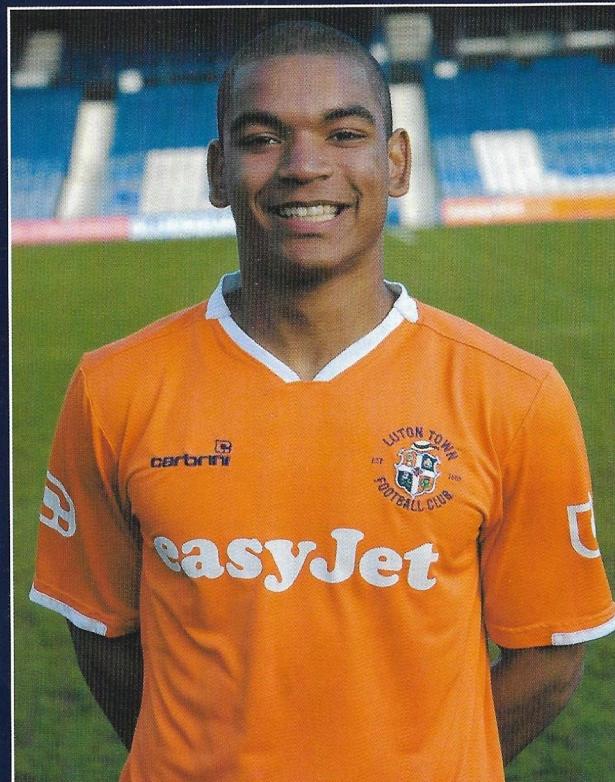
"I am a quick and strong player whose strengths are heading, crossing and long passing. Technically I can still improve a lot but I love playing games and play with heart and soul. I enjoy going forward from right back and look to cross the ball a lot. I have a powerful shot with both feet."

COACH'S COMMENTS:

Gregg Broughton: "Matt was spotted by Luton Town after doing well in a trial game at Baldock as an Under-15 player.

"Athletically excellent and emotionally mature, Matt soon settled in to the Under-16 squad and was offered a scholarship. Originally from Hornchurch in Essex, Matt moved to Luton in June 2009 to stay with one of our landladies, Dolly Wheatley in Sundon Park."

"During his first year as a scholar Matt started on the right side of midfield but as the season went on he made the right back position his own."



"Due to his exceptional vertical leap and his ability to defend in one-on-one situations, Matt was also able to provide cover as a centre-half."

"This season will be a vital one for Matt to establish a starting place in the reserves and gain senior experience."

"His composure on the ball has improved dramatically since training full-time, as has his range of passing."

"Matt's greatest attribute is his attitude and determination to succeed and this will always serve him well in his career."

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

● PAUL QUILTER EXPLAINS THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS SCIENCE IN FOOTBALL



The role of sports science in football has developed rapidly over the last decade, with top teams now spending millions of pounds on facilities and equipment in order to ensure that their best assets, the players, are prepared physically, psychologically, nutritionally and tactically to produce their optimum performance levels week in, week out.

I have joined the club on a season-long Internship as a match analyst, alongside Laura Smith, who is focusing on nutrition and hydration.

We have both graduated BSc Sport Science from the University of Brighton, whilst I have continued with an MSc in the same subject.

Prior to starting at Luton Town, I have previously worked part-time as sport scientist for Eastbourne Borough during my undergraduate degree, with further assistance from AFC Wimbledon, Queens Park Rangers and FC Korea in completing my dissertation investigating sources of stress in semi-professional football.

continued yesterday, alongside training intensity monitoring for the Under-18 squad.

On Tuesday I would have been at Baldock to film Under-9-16 training sessions for coaching analysis.

The clear level of talent coming through the academy is testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of the coaching staff at the club, and I hope to learn from them, moving forward in order to complete the FA Level 2 award later in the season.

The latter part of the week is slightly less frenetic, and involves completing any outstanding DVDs.

This include requests from individual players and filming areas of training such as set pieces and practice matches in order to help the first team and youth team prepare for the following weekend fixtures.



TIPS TIME TABLE

OCTOBER 2010						
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DECEMBER 2010						
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JANUARY 2011						
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FEBRUARY 2011						
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MARCH 2011						
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APRIL 2011						
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MAY 2011						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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CALENDAR KEY

TERM 1		TERM 3	
TERM 2		Weeks Off	

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

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

LIST OF VENUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE TIPS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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



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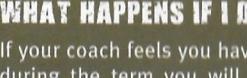
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LUTON LADIES



With almost an entire team missing through injury across the senior squad it was an inexperienced team, including three players just out of their teens, who made the trip to Braintree Town.

The Hatters had the better of the early exchanges and it was no surprise when Jessica McKay seized on a through ball from Maisie Wyatt to beat the onrushing goalkeeper from the edge of the area.

After being in control at that stage, some kamikaze defending gave Braintree the ball 30 yards out and a simple throughball was easily converted by the home striker to equalise.

The second half was evenly contested but the game turned in a vital 10 minute period when Braintree missed an open goal and also had a goal ruled out when the referee stopped the game following a handball outside the area

from Town goalkeeper Holly Staples.

The referee had little choice but to send her off and without the usual backup goalkeeper on the injury list, striker Candice Davies donned the gloves to make her 18th birthday a memorable one.

And she was soon called into action from the resulting freekick, making a flying save to beat the ball out.

Down to 10, the Town dug deep and took the lead when Laveena Betts chested a clearance down and beat three players before slamming the ball low into the net to give them a 2-1 lead.

Braintree were rocked by the reverse but things soon became even better for the Hatters when Kate Davis was first to a through ball and lifted it over the goalkeeper from 25 yards into

the net. There was still time for another scare but Davies made a superb double save before Leyah Maddix cleared the ball from danger to deny Braintree a consolation.

Meanwhile the reserves have started with three wins out of three coming from a goal down away to title favourites Kent Magpies.

After Shanice Jiminez equalised the winner came from a flowing move finished which was finished with aplomb by Maisie Wyatt.

They followed that by posting a 6-0 win over Enfield Town with Laura Day firing a hattrick, Helen Brown netting twice and Jiminez weighing in with a goal from midfield for the third consecutive week.

This week the first team travel to Crystal Palace while the reserves go to Brentford.



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GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

On Saturday the Hatters' hosted Norwich City, competing across four age groups.

The Under-10s, Under-12s, Under-14s and Under-16s took on the Canaries with the 16s putting in a battling display but losing by a single goal.

The Hatters started slowly allowing Norwich to have most of the possession and dominate the early exchanges.

However, the visitors weathered that storm and following a period of heavy pressure the Canaries were rewarded with the game's only goal on 20 minutes.

The Town lost possession in their defensive third allowing Norwich to take full advantage,

running through and finishing well past goalkeeper Georgie Metcalfe.

Hurt by going behind the Town came back into the game after being on the back foot for most of the first 45 minutes and, following an offensive change of shape, they finally called the Norwich goalkeeper into action making crucial saves from Charlotte Kerr and Lil Stanton.

As the Hatters pressed for the equaliser they were caught on the counter attack but good positional defending and saves from Metcalfe kept their hopes of getting something from the game alive.

On the hour mark the Town thought they had equalised when after good linkup play between Chloe Smith, Holly Brandon and Kerr put in

Stanton who finished with a clever chip over the advancing goalkeeper.

However, much to her and the girls' disappointment the goal was ruled offside and the score remained 1-0 to the visitors.

In a pulsating and end-to-end match both sides were guilty of missing chances but neither managed to capitalise on each others' mistakes.

Playing conditions made football hard to come by and as the game went on both teams tired and Norwich were able to hold onto secure a narrow victory.

The girls are next in action on Saturday 1st October when they make the short trip down the M1 to face local rivals Watford.



TEAMWEAR



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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

TAKEOVER AT FIELD MILL

Our visitors this evening have a new owner in the shape of lifelong Stags fan John Radford.

Radford, a multi-millionaire, has bought the club for £1 from previous owners, Andy Saunders, Steve Hymas and Steve Middleton, who will remain at Field Mill as non-executive directors.

A total sum of £250,000 will be immediately injected into the club and the same amount will be invested over the course of the season.

Speaking to the Stags' official website, Radford said: "I am ecstatic to be taking over at Field Mill. As a fan of the club and of the town I want to do right by both the Stags and their fans. I believe that we have a squad that is capable of returning to the Football League and a club that can once again inspire the people of Mansfield.

"It is time for an injection of new ideas and leadership which will secure the future of Mansfield Town."

FOYLE LEAVES MINSTERMEN

The conquerors of the Town in last season's Play-Offs, York City, are in search of a new manager following Martin Foyle's departure from the Bootham Crescent hotseat last week.

Foyle stepped down after talks with chairman Jason McGill last night in the wake of Tuesday's 50-50 defeat at Mansfield Town.

Foyle, in a statement issued by the club, said: "I would like to thank Jason McGill and his family for giving me the opportunity to manage York City Football Club.

"They have been fantastic with

me from day one and have been very supportive. We have had an excellent working relationship.

"Andy Porter and I have lived up here in York six nights a week and worked tirelessly to change the fortunes of the club to get it back to its position of challenging at the top of the league. We have certainly achieved this.

"We have also reached the promotion play-off final and been to Wembley twice and these have been very proud moments in my career.

KNIGHT HITS OUT AT DIAMONDS

Leon Knight has hit out at former club Rushden & Diamonds after his move to Darlington fell through.

The deal collapsed as neither Quakers nor Knight, who was sacked by Rushden in 2008, are prepared to pay the £30,000 that the Nene Park outfit are demanding for his signature.

"Rushden are doing this out of spite," claimed Knight. The 28-year-old was sacked because of a disciplinary issue, but the club retained his playing registration for the duration of the contract.

That contract expired this summer, but Rushden were entitled to a one-year extension, which they recently triggered.

Knight said: "They don't want me to move on. They don't like me, for some reason, and they are doing this

out of spite. This is not about the money they want, they are doing this just to get at me."

"You've got be careful what you say in the paper but I've held my tongue for long enough and I've got to speak out."

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	9
Vieira (Fleetwood)	9
Walker (Barrow)	8
Connell (Grimsby)	7
Tubbs (Crawley)	7
Reid (Newport)	7
Barnes-Homer (Luton)	6
Pacquette (Eastbourne)	6
Perry (Tamworth)	6
Connor (Mansfield)	5
Wright (Crawley)	5
Rankine (York)	5

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,787
Grimsby	3,657
AFC Wimbledon	3,483
Wrexham	2,680
Cambridge	2,576
Newport	2,417
York	2,309
Mansfield	2,308
Kettering	1,965
Darlington	1,940
Fleetwood	1,865
Crawley	1,637
Eastbourne	1,404
Kidderminster	1,355
Barrow	1,328
Southport	1,320
Rushden	1,271
Tamworth	1,183
Altrincham	1,078
Forest Green	1,019
Bath	1,006
Gateshead	701
Histon	557
Hayes & Yeading	351

HOME COMFORTS



LUTON TOWN v CRAWLEY TOWN

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



LUTON TOWN v FOREST GREEN

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



LUTON TOWN v BATH CITY

Blue Square Bet Premier **Saturday 30th October 2010** kickoff 3pm
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MATCHDAY PRICES

ALL AREAS

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

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JUNIORS (UNDER 10)	£5
YOUTH (AGE 10-16)	£8
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ADULT (AGE 22-64)	£18
SENIOR (AGE 65-75)	£13
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ON THE ROAD



BARROW v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Saturday 2nd October 2010** kickoff 3pm

Allocation: We have been allocated up to 1,000 terrace places for this fixture.

THIS GAME IS ALL PAY ON THE DAY FOR TOWN SUPPORTERS VIA CASH TURNSTILES AT HOLKER STREET.

Prices: Adults £13, Over-60s/Students £10, Under-16s £5, Under-7s £3.



EASTBOURNE B v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Saturday 16th October 2010** kickoff 3pm

We're still awaiting ticket information from Eastbourne for this match. Once received details will be published future programme and online.



TRAVEL TO BARROW

Address: Wilkie Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 5UW.



Directions: M1, M6 north, leaving the M6 at Junction 36, taking the A590 towards Barrow-in-Furness. As you enter the outskirts of Barrow you will pass a fire station on your right. You should now be able to see the floodlights of the stadium over on your left. Turn left into Wilkie Road and then right into Holker Street. Plenty of street parking is available.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to Holker Street. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 7.30am and prices are £27 for adults and £24 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 8.30am. Prices are £27 for adults and £25 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

OFF TO EASTBOURNE?

Address: Sports Club, Priory Lane, Eastbourne, Sussex, BN23 7QH.



Directions: Take the M1 south, onto the M25, leaving at junction six taking the A22 to Eastbourne. Take the first exit at the large roundabout shortly before Polegate, signposted A27 Eastbourne, Hastings & Bexhill. At the next roundabout, take the second exit towards Stone Cross and Westham (A22); at another roundabout shortly afterwards, take the first exit signposted Stone Cross and Westham. Continue towards Stone Cross village, past Dittons Nursery on your left. Shortly afterwards you will come to a crossroads, with a church on your left, the Red Lion pub on the right, and Stone Cross windmill immediately ahead. Turn right, down the B2104 Friday Street. At the end of Friday Street, turn left at the double mini-roundabout into Hide Hollow (B2191), passing Eastbourne Crematorium on your right. Turn right at the roundabout into Priory Road, and Priory Lane is about 200 yards down the road on the left.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to the south coast. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 10.30am and prices are £17 for adults and £14 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 11am. Prices are £17 for adults and £15 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

STUDY CENTRE



Whenever we bring groups of pupils along to an evening game they always seem to feel a little more exciting than a Saturday afternoon game.

It could be the floodlights, the atmosphere in the crowd, or the fact they get to stay up a little later than normal! Who knows, but what we do

know is that the kids love these night fixtures at Kenilworth Road.

The pitch is looking fantastic this season thanks to the money the Club has invested in it coupled with hard work of Richard Bird and Richard Osborne.

Once last season had finished we were able to host the Hatters Cup on the pitch here at Kenilworth Road.

The event is in its second year now and has been embedded into local schools' competition framework.

For many schools who attended Primary Schools the Hatters Cup is the highlight of their sporting year.

The morning programme is for the year two pupils. All the teams who took part were mixed and played a round robin format.

Due to the age of the children and Football Association regulations, we ran this competition as a fair play festival, awarding individuals and teams for their effort, skill and conduct.

The afternoon session for the year five pupils was divided into a boys and girls competition.

Teams played in a round robin format to determine the semifinalists. At this stage it became very tense with the winning school taking home, or to school, the coveted Hatters Cup for their trophy cabinet.

The photos we have included this week are of the year five boys and girls winning teams.

This year St Margaret of Scotland won the girls' competition and Farley Junior School won the boys' tournament.

Congratulations to the winning schools and a big thank you to everyone who attended.

A massive thanks also goes to London Luton Airport, who sponsored the event, and of course the club who have continued to allow us to use Kenilworth Road to host the competition.

Finally, a thank you to the fantastic team of volunteer referees from Luton Sixth Form College who helped out all day.



STATS 2010/11

KEY

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

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LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

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

PLAYER STATS 2010/11

		THIS SEASON						DISCIPLINARY			CAREER	
LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL				YEL	RED	APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS						
ED ASAF-ADJAYE	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	54	10	
TANIO ATIENO	4(1)	0	0(0)	0	4(1)	0	0	1	0	5	0	
MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER	11(0)	6	0(0)	0	11(0)	6	2	0	0	36	10	
PAVEL BESTA	3(2)	0	0(0)	0	3(2)	0	0	0	0	10	0	
SHANE BLACKETT	6(0)	0	0(0)	0	6(0)	0	1	0	0	37	1	
TOM CRADOCK	13(2)	2	0(0)	0	13(2)	2	1	0	0	86	6	
DANNY CROW	2(7)	0	0(0)	0	2(7)	0	0	0	0	9	0	
ANDY DRURY	9(0)	2	0(0)	0	9(0)	2	1	1	0	9	2	
KEVIN GALLEN	4(2)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	0	0	0	0	75	21	
DAN GLEESON	9(1)	0	0(0)	0	9(1)	0	0	0	0	10	0	
CLAUDE GRANPA	9(2)	2	0(0)	0	9(2)	2	4	0	0	93	14	
JAKE HOWELLS	4(6)	1	0(0)	0	4(6)	1	1	0	0	86	7	
KEITH KEANE	7(0)	0	0(0)	0	7(0)	0	0	1	0	200	6	
ZENEK KROCA	11(0)	3	0(0)	0	11(0)	3	3	0	0	11	3	
ALEX LACEY	0(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	0	6	0	
FREDIE MURRAY	9(0)	0	0(0)	0	9(0)	0	0	0	0	55	0	
TAYLOR NATHANIEL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
ADAM NEWTON	4(2)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	0	1	0	0	50	4	
JY O'CONNELL	0(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	0	2	0	
GEORGE PILKINGTON	11(0)	2	0(0)	0	11(0)	2	0	0	0	86	8	
KEVIN PILKINGTON	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	0	0	0	13	0	
GODFREY POKU	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MARK TYLER	9(0)	0	0(0)	0	9(0)	0	0	0	0	49	0	
DAN WALKER	0(2)	0	0(0)	0	0(2)	0	0	0	0	2	0	
ADAM WATKINS	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	

LAST WORD

● WITH BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO'S SIMON OXLEY

My daughter has recently started Brownies and is eagerly awaiting the chance to earn an environment, wildlife explorer or arts and crafts badge. Many of you will shortly qualify for an explorer badge if you add Barrow on Saturday to Darlington and Gateshead last week.

Christopher Columbus would have raised an eyebrow at that itinerary, and it must raise serious questions about the ability of administrators to come up with a fixture schedule which considers the needs of supporters.

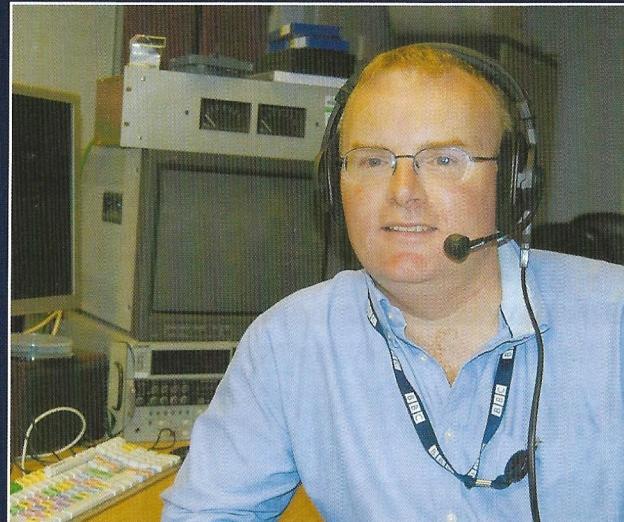
The Football League have made a point of scheduling many clubs' long away trips on midweek nights on the basis that whenever they are played only the diehards will go. Better then, they say, that middle distance journeys are on a Saturday when there's more chance visiting fans will attend.

I can see their point, but why punish the diehards to such an extent? Luton's fixture list over this fortnight is simply crazy, and remember, these are scheduled matches from the original fixture list, not the result of rearranged games after a cup run or a spell of bad weather.

I was trying to remember from previous stints on the nation's motorways when we had similar distances to travel in such a short space of time.

I recalled the 1996/97 season when Luton were spending their first season in what is now League 1. Lennie Lawrence was the manager, in his first full season, and Tony Thorpe scored over 30 goals as the Hatters ultimately lost out to Crewe in the Play-Offs.

The month of November included the following trips: Plymouth on a Saturday for a 3-3 draw in pouring rain when Thorpe scored a hat-trick; Torquay in the FA Cup when Ceri Hughes netted the winner; Preston on the



following Tuesday for a 3-2 defeat despite a brace from Steve Davis; and then Bournemouth for a 3-2 defeat and a rare goal from Julian James.

March wasn't too clever either, with trips to York, Chesterfield, Wrexham, Crewe and Burnley, but by then the fixture list was bearing the brunt of a New Year cold spell.

Let's be fair though, compiling a fixture list is not an easy task. I can clearly recall my dad sitting at our kitchen table for days compiling the rugby league fixtures, having to juggle with the needs of Leeds, Wigan, St Helens and company. But that was in the days before computers.

These days there are so many factors taken into consideration, ranging from the obvious Sheffield United and Wednesday not being at home on the same day, to checking which sets

of supporters will be travelling by train to the north-west for example on any given Saturday.

But surely there must be a way to avoid the away trips you are all having to cope with at present.

Finally, many thanks for the positive comments received regarding the partnership between BBC Three Counties and Diverse FM. You can listen to 3CR on 630 or 1161 AM, or Diverse on 102.8 FM. You can also listen live to the commentary via both stations' websites, and of course on Hatters Player via the official Luton Town website.

I've always said to people that there is no substitute for being there.

But when you get trips to Darlington, Gateshead and Barrow inside a fortnight, then local radio comes into its own.

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FIXTURES

BARROW	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN
BATH CITY	v	KIDDERMINSTER H
GRIMSBY TOWN	v	WREXHAM
HISTON	v	GATESHEAD
KETTERING TOWN	v	ALTRINCHAM
NEWPORT COUNTY	v	FOREST GREEN
SOUTHPORT	v	HAYES & YEADING
AFC WIMBLEDON	v	CAMBRIDGE
CRAWLEY TOWN	v	TAMWORTH
EASTBOURNE B	v	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

MATCH CENTRE

HALF-TIME SCORE

FULL-TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE

SCORERS

UP NEXT

CRAWLEY
TOWN



TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2010 7.45PM



THE TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

- 01 MARK TYLER
- 02 DAN GLEESON
- 03 FREDDIE MURRAY
- 04 KEITH KEANE
- 06 GEORGE PILKINGTON
- 07 ADAM NEWTON
- 09 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 10 TAIWO ATIENO
- 11 ANDY DRURY
- 12 SHANE BLACKETT
- 13 ZDENEK KROCA
- 14 ADAM MURRAY
- 15 JAKE HOWELLS
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- 20 KEVIN GALLEN
- 24 ALEX LACEY
- 25 GODFREY POKU
- 26 JJ O'DONNELL
- 27 TAYLOR NATHANIEL
- 28 ADAM WATKINS
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 30 KEVIN PILKINGTON

MANSFIELD TOWN

MANAGER: DAVID HOLDSWORTH

- 01 ALAN MARRIOTT
- 02 GARY SILK
- 03 KEVIN SANDWITH
- 04 GARY MILLS
- 05 STEVE FOSTER
- 06 CHRIS SMITH
- 07 LOUIS BRISCOE
- 08 TYRONE THOMPSON
- 09 ROB DUFFY
- 10 KYLE NIX
- 11 ADAM SMITH
- 16 TOM NAYLOR
- 17 PAUL STONEHOUSE
- 19 STEVEN ISTEAD
- 20 LEE GREGORY
- 21 KEIGAN PARKER
- 22 LUKE MEDLEY
- 23 PAUL CONNOR
- 25 NEIL COLLETT
- 26 ASHLEY CAIN