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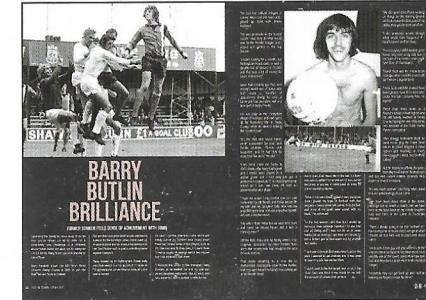
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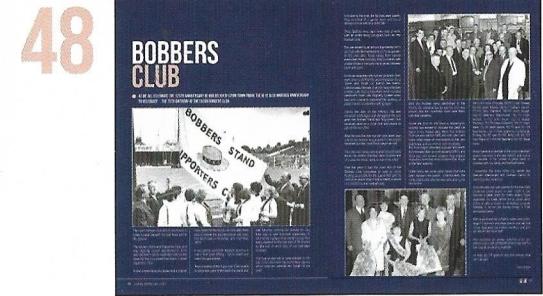
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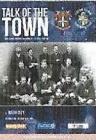
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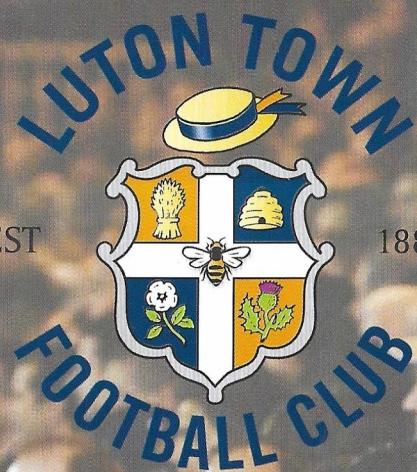


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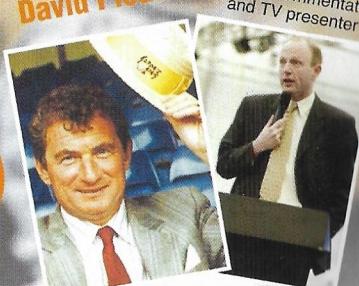
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125 YEARS YOUNG

Okay so it's 24 hours premature but try telling that to anybody associated with Luton Town Football Club.

Welcome ladies and gentleman to Kenilworth Road as we celebrate our 125th anniversary.

Can you believe it's 125 years ago tomorrow that the club we know and love kicked off for the very first time in a competitive game?

Some may say that the 3-0 defeat, to Great Marlow in an FA Cup tie, on 31st October 1885 is just typical of the Town.

But undeterred they bounced back and gradually established themselves as the club that we all love and that the world recognises as the Hatters from Kenilworth Road.

It may be mentioned more than just the once across these 84 pages before you but life certainly is never dull at Luton Town.

And that's exactly what we're here to celebrate today. The ups, the downs, the good, the bad, the successes and failures that all combine, somehow, to give us 125 years of history, pride and passion.

Given our rollercoaster ride through the ages

the most important thing to remember is that we are here and we are very much alive and kicking.

Today, as we welcome our visitors Bath City, we hope you enjoy our celebratory day.

Our anniversary celebrations kicked-off as early as preseason when our commemorative pink

souvenir programme you're reading.

Our pink and blue theme has been immensely popular and those who have yet to see us adorn our colours from 1885 will get the chance this afternoon.

A number of our most celebrated players from days gone by are here with us today, specially

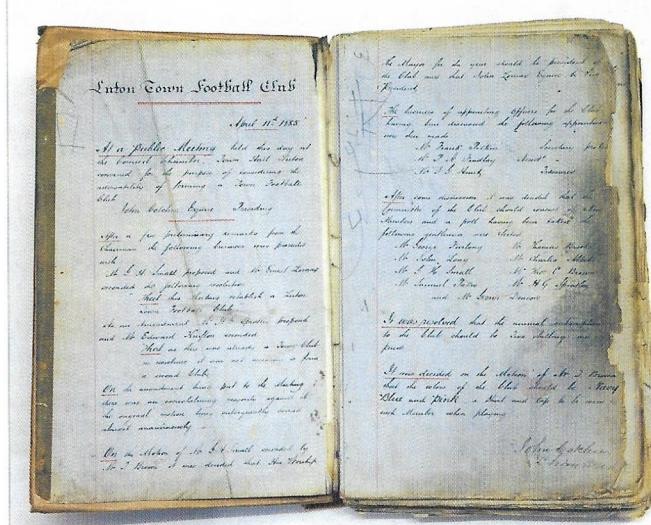
invited to join in the fun. Those who can't make it, who are still involved in the game on a Saturday afternoon have sent us their deepest apologies and also their best wishes and congratulations.

At halftime, legends from our past will walk once more on the hallowed Kenilworth Road turf so please, stay in your seats once the half-time whistle blows and join us in celebration and recognition.

Fetching pink and blue merchandising is available and, for those supporters who

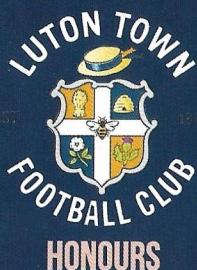
wish to get closer to their Hatters heroes, tickets for our anniversary dinner in December are still available.

So enjoy today, recall your memories, cheer on Richard Money's team of today to success and raise a glass to Luton Town: here's to the next 125 years.



and navy blue shirts wowed you in our pre-season friendlies against Marlow and Liverpool.

We continue that theme this afternoon. While this will look like an ordinary league fixture to outsiders reading their newspapers this morning, believe me, it's anything but...I mean just look at the colour scheme of the this



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Southern League Division Two

Runners-up 1913/14

United League Champions

1897/98

Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance

Runners-up 1913/14

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good afternoon and, as ever, a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road on this auspicious occasion.

A special welcome also to our visitors from Bath City, their players, their staff, their directors and, of course, their supporters - you join us on a special day in the history of the Hatters.

125 years ago this weekend, we played our very first competitive match as Luton Town Football Club and goodness knows how many joyous or dismal weekends that event has spawned in passionate Town-following families over the many decades since.

My family is a case in point. My late father Bertie moved to the area to work as a young man back in the late thirties. He became a regular at

week in September 1958. They saw the Town thrash West Ham 4-1 three days after my first visit, so they got the better deal, but I still regard them as newcomers really.

The players who took part in that first game I saw were giants in my life, absolute heroes, and I am delighted to say I got to know some of them later in life, such as Syd Owen and Billy Bingham.

I interviewed them both in my time as a sports presenter on radio and television. Dave Pacey and Tony Gregory I met for the first time at the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. And the mighty former England goalkeeper Ron Baynham is here today. I'm like a schoolboy again.

Talking of players who were heroes to me, I am

"JUST HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES HAVE FOUND THEIR WEEKENDS STAND OR FALL ON THE RESULTS OF LUTON TOWN?"

Kenilworth Road when he returned from the Second World War.

I arrived shortly afterwards and was seriously hooked by the age of 10. I even remember writing a sort of history of the club in an old school exercise book...formed 1885, first professionals 1890, loads of pictures cut out of the newspapers etc...and filled the blank pages with fake autographs!

My first match was a 1-1 midweek draw at home to Leeds United in the old First Division and, by an amazing coincidence, my friends and colleagues here at the club, David Wilkinson and Mick Pattinson (both highly valued investors who have done so much to save the club) came to their first game at the Kenny in that very same

delighted to say Keith Allen is also here today. He was a crucial part of our Fourth Division title winning team in 1968 and I got to know him in a rather strange way at the time.

I was a student at Leeds University and often used to travel to and from our matches home and away alone by train.

When Keith first joined, he too was travelling by train to and from his home in the Stockport area. I remember approaching him with some trepidation when I first saw him on the railway station.

He must have had his worries about this pimply student coming up to him, but he was really friendly and chatty and we got to see each quite

a lot on those train journeys in the late sixties.

The last time I spoke to him was after that brilliant night when we beat Crewe Alexandra 4-0 at Kenilworth Road to clinch the Fourth Division championship. So here I am 42 years on about to meet him again. I wonder if he remembers the besotted Luton fan who stalked him all those years ago.

I am pleased to say my children have caught the bug and, all four of them, Andy, Tim, Chris and Jenny get to as many matches as they can up and down the country.

Jenny is the youngest at 22, but she already has 20 years of service to the cause behind her. We shared a box with some friends in the New Year of 1989 and she came as a babe in arms to see us thump Southampton 6-1.

On top of that, my grand-daughter Martha, Tim's daughter, has already been to a game so that's four generations of my family who've been signed up.

It takes me back to my original point - just how many hundreds of thousands of families have found their weekends stand or fall on the results of Luton Town?

I am sure our current squad of players appreciate the great history and traditions of our club. The effervescent Amari Morgan-Smith, scorer of that superb hat-trick last weekend, is the latest in a very, very long line of footballers who've served Luton Town and I do hope he and his new team mates can share in some of the wonderful successes we've enjoyed over the decades.

Here's to a good turnout today, a fabulous match and a happy send-off towards the next 125 years!

Nick



FROM THE BOARDROOM

"Respect your elders!" my Mum used to tell me.

Well, when she took me to my first game – Fulham at home in 1972 – she inadvertently supplied me the ultimate example as to how to realise that lesson she handed down.

So, the old girl Luton Town is 125 and I can only believe that everyone's respect for her has actually developed and grown throughout her long life to make her the icon she is today.

Certainly, on my part, having now spent over two years living and breathing Luton Town even more than ever before, I can tell you that the closer one gets the greater respect one has.

" THERE'S NO CLUB QUITE LIKE LUTON TOWN AND THERE'S CERTAINLY NOWHERE QUITE LIKE KENILWORTH ROAD "

Looking back, I wonder how my love for my club developed after Fulham at home. A broad assortment of events had obviously contributed.

Collecting autographs with my schoolmate Danny whilst learning the persuasive skills of 'Mad Jack', going trendy orange in 1973 in an event that seemed to shock the world to me, away trips on the 'football specials' train or on 'Ray's mini-bus',

Mum and Dad putting up David Geddis for his first night in Luton, leaving for the local newsagent at the age of 12 to get my Dad some ciggies early one Saturday morning to end up travelling to Sunderland to watch the Town only to receive a severe beating upon my

late return (without the ciggies), being a nervous mascot in 1975 against Chelsea on the day they invaded the pitch.

Despite the significance of all of these events and many more, nothing will quite match the pride I personally felt when I had the most inconceivable honour of representing our beloved football club at Wembley a little over 18 months ago. Perhaps it was a lower league trophy.

Maybe our impending league status belied and cast a shadow on our success on that day, or perhaps it invigorated it. But there's something about this family of ours that lifts the powerful 125 year old spirit resulting in us all coming

somewhat diminished while she raised four boys in Leagrave; but every bit a Hatter she was.

Arsenal did the double the previous season; at a time when FA Cup Final day was exactly that – a full day of playing every game in the book to dominate the television to watch the exciting build up. Consequently, for a few disingenuous weeks thereafter it was Charlie George this, Charlie George that and even a "Mum, can I have an Arsenal top?"

It's only so long a genuine Hatter can take such gibberish from one of her siblings, isn't it? So, off we stomped to Luton Town versus Fulham with me resisting her "I'll show you what football's all about" attitude. Until, of course, I got inside Kenilworth Road.

We stood in the Maple Enclosure, halfway towards the Kenilworth Road end and after much boisterous pushing and shoving – which was all so exciting for a young boy – I was finally planted on the wall at the very front.

With 30 minutes to go and not having seen a single ball kicked I'm positive my Mum would have been thinking, "I bet he's forgotten about that bloody Charlie George now!". Of course, she would have been spot on.

A 1-0 victory from a Jimmy Ryan goal was only a sideshow to me, at that age. The awe inspiring atmosphere, the industrial language, the camaraderie, the passion and excitement and even the smell is what turned me into a Hatter for life that day.

And what a fantastic family we have!

Leading me back to the few weeks before my first game at Kenilworth Road with my Mother. Her Dad used to take her on occasions when she was a young girl but her attendance had

Ever since, I've often wondered whether my

introductory experience to football is the same for every young boy or girl attending their first live match. My conclusion is always the same – there's no club quite like Luton Town and there's certainly nowhere quite like Kenilworth Road.

I feel lucky the old girl chose me; the Club that is, not my Mum. I also feel lucky to have had a parent who recognised the importance of supporting your local team and the need to get me involved rather than pretending to support some sterile big club I had absolutely no connection with.

Is it not the duty of every Hatter to persuade, perhaps even demand and ensure, that every sibling continues its generational fanaticism by continuing and extending the family we all belong to, just as though it were a blood family tradition? Absolutely, it is!

Over recent decades, the structure of the family and community has changed significantly. No longer are communities constructed around generations of relationships between neighbours contained by geographical locality or revolving around the local church or village hall.

Now, just as families are, our communities are extended and stretched loosely bound together by, what seems to be an ever diminishing force. For us, the extended community of Lutonianism is predominantly now bound by our football club. Wherever we may now live and work, it will be Luton Town Football Club that will continue to maintain that essential bond in future; at least for the next 125 years.

Happy Birthday old girl, and thank you for inviting me into your fold. I promise to repay your trust in every way I can.

Have a great celebratory day, one and all!

Gary



FROM THE BOARDROOM

It is wonderful that the Club has reached such a milestone as to be celebrating a 125th year birthday.

It really brings it home how important the Club is in Luton and how long it has been making an impact on not just Lutonians but also people from Bedfordshire and surrounding counties.

Our great Club is an intrinsic part of the town, so much so that it's not just football anymore, but all the work in the community and helping kids too - our fans of tomorrow.

There have been occasions where many of us thought that the Club would not see another year, but through the fantastic support of fans we have always pulled together and pulled through.

“ FOR ME, TO BE ABLE TO THEN GO TO KENILWORTH ROAD WITH MY FATHER AND GRANDFATHER FOR MY FIRST GAME OVER 40 YEARS LATER WAS MEMORABLE KNOWING THAT A FAMILY TRADITION WAS BEING CONTINUED ”

We are the best fans in the country and no other fan has suffered, succeeded, cried, or rejoiced as much have we have! We certainly know what the meaning of 'up and down' is!

For many of us, Luton Town has had a fundamental and long-lasting effect on our lives. All of us are acutely aware of the intricacies of Kenilworth Road and many of us will have watched the team play from various positions around the pitch.

Whether it be cheering from the Bobbers, creating a huge din in the Oak Road, or trading chants with away fans in the open-air

Kenny. Nowadays we have boxes so close to the pitch it feels like you are playing and a roof on the Kenny to keep us dry.

I'm sure many of us have memories of coming along with mum or dad and the men lifting the kids to the front for the best view.

Or, bringing a box to stand on so that no action was missed. As a kid in the old days I always looked forward to the surge of people when we scored and betting on how close to the front we would end up once the celebrations died down. Alas, the days of terracing have long gone.

Kenilworth Road has provided memories to thousands upon thousands of people. Beating Liverpool and hearing Dalglish moan gave us all satisfaction - none of us were lovers of the plastic pitch but at least we got used to it in

the war put an end to his footballing ambitions.

However, he is one of the few who today can claim that he saw the mighty 10 goals scored by Joe (and let's not forget the other two by Roberts and Martin!).

His father said to him that day: "Let's pop along to see Luton - they have a new striker from Man U". Of course he didn't play so instead Joe was played up front, and the rest, as they say, is history.

For me, to be able to then go to Kenilworth Road with my father and grandfather for my first game over 40 years later was memorable knowing that a family tradition was being continued.

To this day that tradition is strong and every game is attended by my father and my son.

Granddad is not so hardened to the cold these days but we still have games where four generations of our family give our encouragement from the stands.

I particularly remember going with granddad in the 1982/83 season to a game that ended our run of six defeats in eight and turned out to be a very important turning point.

Granddad always had a soft spot for Villa after they made an approach for him but his heart was with Luton. To see David Moss score the winner that day from our position in the Bobbers was brilliant, and the team then went on a run that ended up with that famous trip to Manchester City.

The Club still holds that magic for so many. In this day and age of Sky and the Premier League I was delighted to hear my son talking with a friend: "Why would I want to support Arsenal or some other team?" he said.

"We have Luton Town, and one thing's for sure, you never ever know just what will happen every time you go to the Kenny!" As we can all testify to, those words are very true and mean that we as fans are always excited by our next game.

My family has seen it all at Luton. I have been lucky enough to see some of our best times.

Of course I have been acutely involved in our worst times too. But we are on the way back.

We are stronger and you, the fans, are tremendous. The bad times have seen us all pull together in a way few other clubs could.

The good news is that we will be here for many years to come and those years will see yet more amazing games and wonderful times.

In those years, my son will bring his children and the family tradition will continue. And providing my legs will carry me, I will be at every game too!

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter.



MONEY TALK

Good afternoon and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for today's very special game with Bath City.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Twerton Park, Adie Britton, his management team, the players, directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Bedfordshire this afternoon.

As manager it gives me great pleasure to be able to take charge of this Football Club at this very special time in its long, rich history.

When I first took over almost a year ago I said that I felt privileged to work for a club that I served as a player and one which has such a fine tradition and reputation in the football world not just in this country but around the globe.

Tomorrow the club celebrates its 125th birthday. A fantastic achievement and one that could not be made possible without the current incumbents, 2020, the directors and supervisory board.

They are not alone in deserving a massive amount of thanks but also you the supporters because, frankly, without you there would be no club.

Your support is magnificent and I often, even though they need no reminder, tell the players that they should be reminded of that when they step over that white line every Saturday afternoon.

Reading the papers on a Sunday morning it is no great surprise to see our FA Cup tie pull in a crowd that some clubs in Leagues 1 and 2 cannot achieve for a normal league fixture.

It has been well documented down the years that this club has always had a fine tradition for playing fast, attacking and attractive football and that is definitely the same philosophy I like to see continuing here.

I am well aware that you the supporters, who pay good money, expect to see success achieved in an entertaining manner and I believe we have gone some way in doing that this season, playing some excellent football whilst achieving very encouraging results.

Those that know me will no doubt tell you that I am a perfectionist and following last weekend's FA Cup victory over St Albans I was disappointed that we could not have pushed on further having led 3-0 at halftime.

I thought there were periods, especially in the second half where we should have gone on and scored more goals.

That said, we hit the woodwork twice after half-time but in the first half we should have easily scored more than the three we did.

But our standards have reached a point where we want to maintain the quality of performances week in, week out, irrespective of opposition and the competition we take part in.

We made just one change to the line-up that beat Forest Green and felt it was important not only to protect ourselves from slipping up against a side a league below us, but also to maintain the stability within the team at the minute.

We have been in such good form recently that to break the momentum and understanding that has been struck up could have a negative

effect on results and performance in games to come.

We are now beginning to play with a style and swagger that is reminiscent of Luton teams of the past. Scoring 14 goals in the space of three games underlines that. But remember it is not just you the supporters who have high expectations.

With that in mind we hope to entertain you and give you even more reason to celebrate the club's 125th anniversary this afternoon against Bath City.

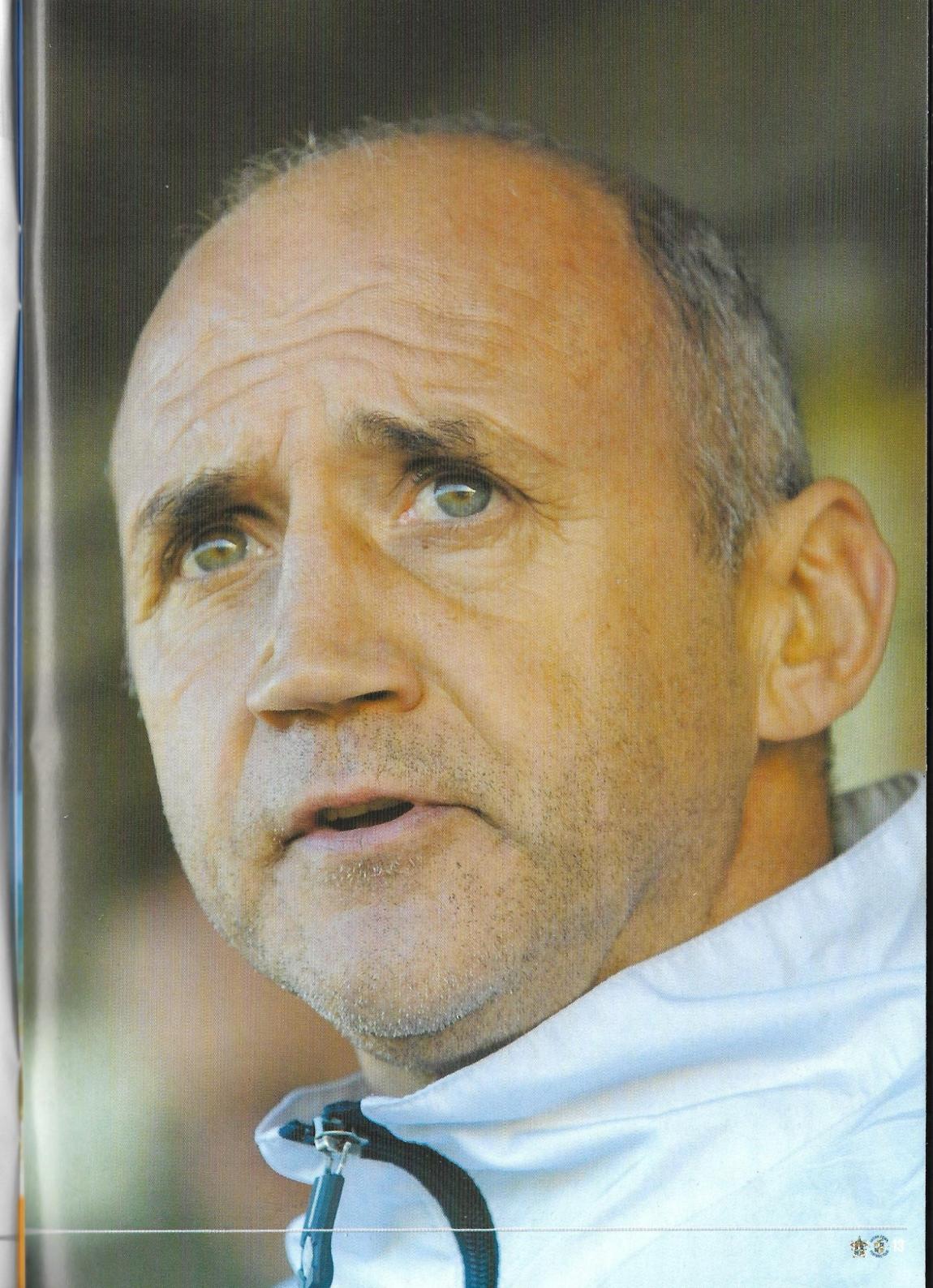
Adie did superbly last season to guide our visitors to promotion via the Play-Offs last year. Given the fact they've already won at Cambridge this season I expect nothing less than a tough 90 minutes this afternoon.

They will no doubt be out to spoil our party but, with your help and a little bit of quality on the field, we hope to bring a smile to your faces come 5pm.

Enjoy the game.



RICHARD MONEY'S SHIRT IS SPONSORED BY



CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's special Blue Square Bet Premier fixture with Bath City.

This will be our third successive fixture here and we are all looking forward to putting on a good performance after our recent victories of Forest Green and St Albans.

It seems as though the enforced break following our defeat to Crawley has done us the power of good.

All that travelling certainly began to take its toll, both physically and mentally. There is only so much you can do when spending nine hours on a coach three times in the space of a fortnight like we did when visiting Darlington, Gateshead and Barrow.

Thankfully those long distance trips are now out of the way and although there is still plenty of travelling involved later in the season, the schedule of the fixture list is a little bit kinder than it was a month or so ago.

To say we're looking fresher, sharper and quicker since our return to action is an understatement.

We're looking full of goals, as our record of 14 in the last three games shows. The league victories over Eastbourne and Forest Green yielded 10 goals alone which has enabled us to dramatically improve our goal difference.

We're now the joint leading goalscorers in the division and what is pleasing is that we are capable of scoring goals from all over the pitch.

Whether it be from defence, midfield or attack there is goals throughout the team and that has definitely shown in the past three games.

And if a player who starts doesn't have the necessary impact then we have the strength in depth to be able to bring on substitutes who can also influence the game at either end of the pitch.

We knew it would be tough to navigate past a committed St Albans team last Saturday but after we finally managed to break them down we comfortably ensured our path into the first round proper.

Amari Morgan-Smith quite rightly claimed all of the plaudits after a wonderful hattrick. An opportunist strike got him off the mark, a header made sure of his second and, as for his third, well that wouldn't have looked out of place in the Premier League. It was a delightful goal which was probably worth your entrance fee alone.

With Amari scoring a hattrick from a position on the left wing it further emphasises my point that we are full of goals all over the pitch.

On another day we could have scored another four goals and indeed twice were denied by the woodwork.

It's strange having to play a qualifying game in the FA Cup but we are where we are and, with that out of the way, we look forward to tackling Corby Town in the next round next weekend.

Before that of course we have today and a special match against Bath City.

It is an honour for me to captain this Club, especially on an occasion like today where we celebrate 125 years of history.

When I first came here I was already well aware of its tradition and the passion and

loyalty of the fans and I can't thank you enough for the support you have shown to me and the team since I signed in August 2008.

When you write that date down it certainly shows how time flies. I just reflect on what we've gone through during that short space of time.

I often get reminded by supporters that there is never a dull moment being associated with Luton Town and, like any footballer I have suffered the agonies and ecstasy that goes hand-in-hand with the beautiful game, none more so during my time at Kenilworth Road.

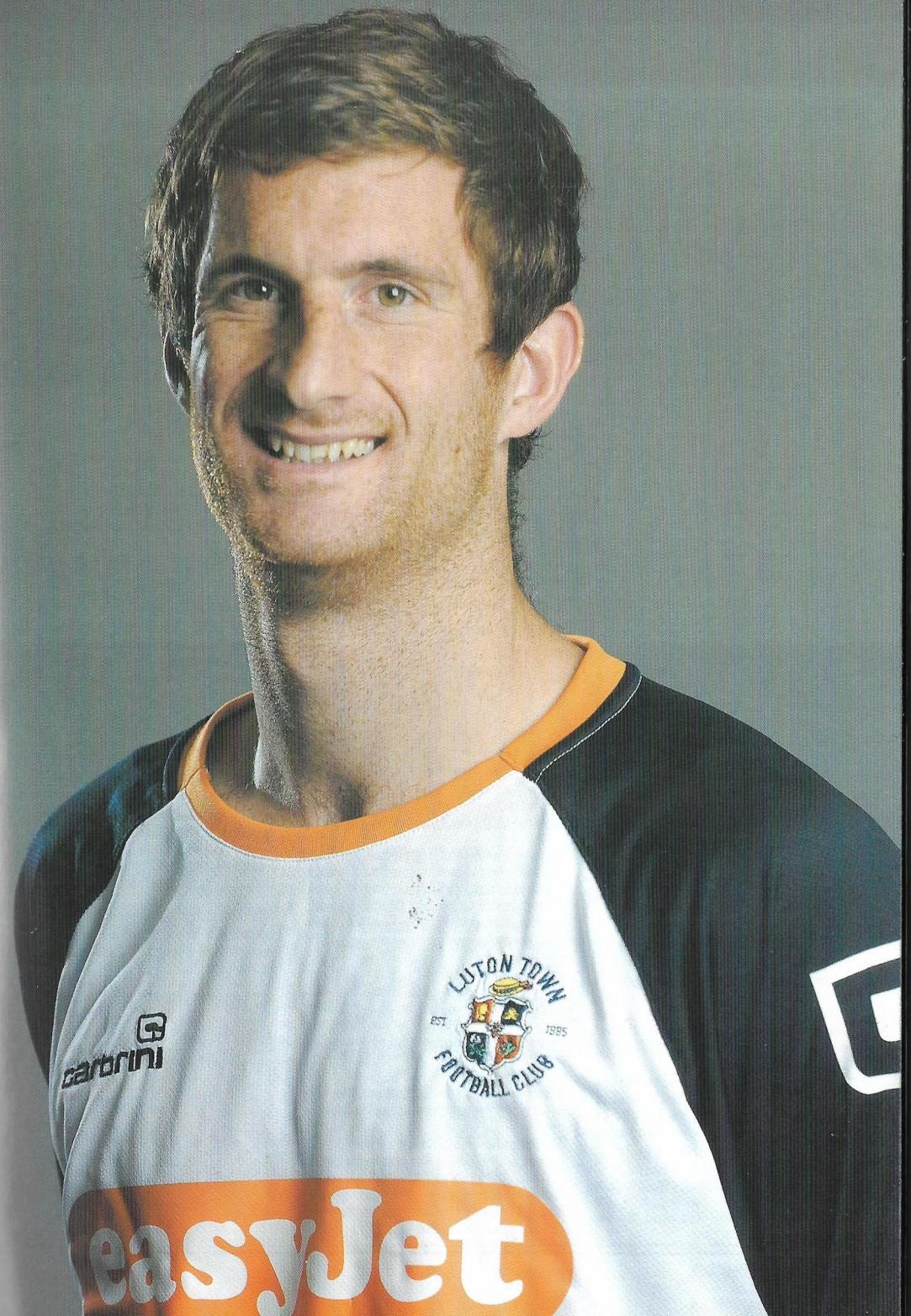
Relegation followed by the Play-Off disappointment are obvious contenders for the agonies whilst winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley is something I will never, ever forget.

All of the lads in the dressing room are focused on giving you the success your dedication and passion for this club deserves.

We think we are starting to recapture the kind of form that saw us get on a barnstorming run at the end of last season and with your help, together we can conquer.

Here's to three points this afternoon and to the next 125 years of Luton Town Football Club.

Enjoy the day's celebrations.



INTRODUCING BATH CITY

HISTORY

Bath, as one of Europe's world heritage cities has a long and distinguished history. Founded by King Bladud in 875BC it was a centre of Roman life and later, in Georgian times, became the capital of English high society.

Bath City was formed in 1889 and played at the Belvoir Ground in East Twerton until the 1st World War. After this they played at Lambridge (now the site of Bath Rugby club's training ground), returning to their roots in Twerton in 1932. The club has been at Twerton Park for the last 77 years.

Originally the Club played in local football competitions, then joined the Western League in 1908, progressing to the Southern League in 1921. City played in the Western section of the Southern League, which they won in 1929/30 and 1932/33.

During the second World War City played in a number of unofficial competitions and became the only semi-professional side to win a Football League trophy, the Second Division Northern Section Championship, finishing above Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton. After the war the Club were obliged to revert back to the Southern League.

Postwar the Club won the Southern League championship in 1959/60 and again in 1977/78, when they lost only two league matches during the whole season. In the first championship-winning season, in 1960, the Club played Brighton in the FA Cup when a record 18,020 attended Twerton Park.

In 1979 the Club became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, now the Football Conference, a league in which they remained until 1986/87. Relegated in that season they bounced back to the Conference two years later. Bath continued in the Conference until relegation to the Southern League in the 1996/97 season.

Off the field, dramatic events have taken place over the last few years. Despite 10 years of ground sharing with Bristol Rovers and good FA Cup runs, City continued to spend more than they earned.

In December 1997, matters finally came to a head when, faced with mounting debts, the Club's major shareholder negotiated for the

Independent Supporters Association to take over the running of the Club. In 2002, the Supporters Society was set up with the help of Supporters Direct and in one year raised nearly £250,000 from Trust members and private shareholders to buy back the club and regain control from the majority shareholder.

Former City player and Wales international, Paul Bodin, managed the club for three seasons before making way for Alan Pridham in May 2001. The club narrowly avoided relegation by winning their final two matches of the 2001/02 season and improved to 14th place in 2002/03.

After a poor start to 2003/04, Pridham was replaced by Gary Owers. He guided City to sixth place in 2004/05, narrowly missing out on the Play-Offs, but that season's highlight was reaching the second round of the FA Cup.

John Relish took over as manager in May 2005 and after coming second in 2006, City emphatically won the Southern League title in May 2007 to earn promotion to the Conference South.

Relish left in October 2008 with his assistant, Adie Britton, taking over. After successive eighth place finishes, City secured promotion back to the Conference National after finishing fourth and winning the Play-Off final at Twerton Park against Woking.

City have a proud FA Cup history having reached the third round proper six times. Wins against league clubs along the way have included Crystal Palace, Exeter City, Notts County, Millwall, Southend United, Cardiff City, Hereford United and Grimsby Town.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the first meeting between two sides but the Town are no strangers to Bath having twice played at the Romans' Twerton Park when Bristol Rovers were ground sharing during the 1990's.

It's one win and one defeat on the two appearances the Hatters have played in Bath.

The first game was a 2-0 defeat to Rovers on 5th December, 1992 while it was better news for the Town two years later for an FA Cup third round replay in 18th January 1995 when Dwight Marshall's solitary goal set up a meeting with Southampton in round four.



MEET THE MANAGER:

ADIE BRITTON

Adie arrived at City in July 2005 as assistant to new manager John Relish.

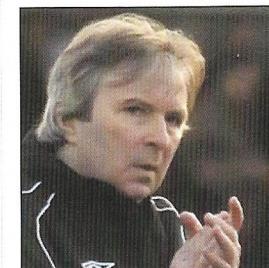
It was a role he had carried out at Merthyr Tydfil the previous season, helping take the Welsh club to a Play-Off place but resigned along with Relish following their penalty shootout defeat against Huddersfield Town.

He joined the Martys in 2003 and mainly spent the first season scouting on opposition teams and transfer targets.

However, when Relish took over the manager's hotseat he became his assistant. After a long playing career at Western League level UEFA-B qualified coach Adie moved into management with Backwell United and Welton Rovers, and has also been assistant at Cinderford Town and Swindon Supermarine.

In April 2007 he became one half of City's first title-winning managerial duo for 29 years. In October 2008 he was promoted to the managerial hotseat following Relish's resignation, where he matched his predecessor by guiding City to an 8th place finish in the Blue Square South.

Then in his first full season in charge he led the club back to the highest level of non-league football, after a 13-year absence, via the Play-Offs.



Bath City arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon looking to bounce back from their FA Cup fourth qualifying round defeat to Swindon Supermarine.

The injury ravaged Romans bowed out of the competition with a 4-3 defeat in Tuesday night's replay having drawn 0-0 in the original tie at the weekend.

It was a match they were expected to win and having raced into a 3-1 lead it is a game they should have seen out.

But after conceding twice in four minutes at the end of the first half they then suffered the sickening blow of going out to controversial winner in second half stoppage time.

Manager Adie Britton was left to reflect on what might have been, speaking after the game he cited the absence of key players as the primary reason for the defeat.

"Our star performers in recent weeks have probably been the wide men," Britton told the Bath Chronicle after the game. "Marley Watkins and Kaid Mohamed have done exceptionally well but they weren't available on Tuesday.

"There was no Sekani Simpson, no Lewis Hogg and it made the squad a little one dimensional.

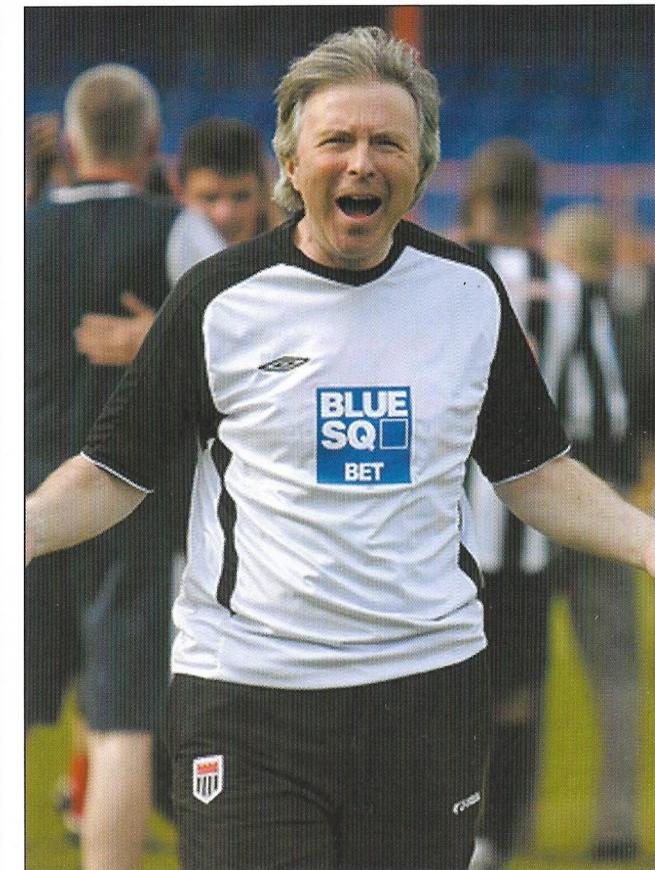
"I can't see us losing to Supermarine with those players available. Having said that, with the players out there we should have been plenty good enough to produce a result."

Watkins, on loan from Cheltenham and unable to play in the match because his parent club didn't want him cup tied, is in line for a recall against Luton and it is hoped Mohamed will have shaken off an ankle injury to play some part in the match too.

Whilst the Hatters have won five of their last six matches to climb to third, and within five points of leaders AFC Wimbledon, Bath has established themselves as something of the division's draw specialists since their promotion.

They have finished on level terms on seven occasions in the league and with three wins to their name too they have actually only lost one game more than the Hatters.

Despite their lowly league position Britton explained it is a match they are looking forward



ADIE BRITTON

BATH BOSS HOPING FOR IMPROVEMENT TODAY

absolutely fantastic so where Tuesday's performance came from I don't know."

"It's up to me to make sure they are focused again and to have a good look at the personnel who were given a chance on Tuesday but didn't necessarily produce the goods."



GOALKEEPER

RYAN ROBINSON

Kendal-born Ryan began his career with Blackburn Rovers in 2003. He joined Southend United, where he got his first taste of first-team action, playing in two Football League games. He was released by Southend after one year and has since played for a number of Conference clubs namely Morecambe, Southport and Forest Green Rovers. Joined City in May 2009.

DEFENDERS

JOE EDWARDS

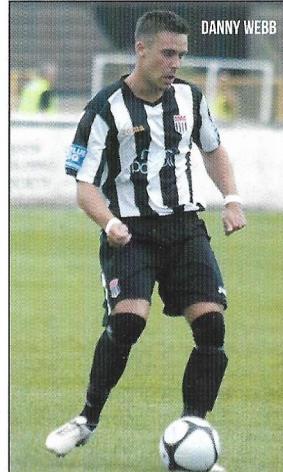
Young defender who has joined on-loan from Bristol City for two months and made an immediate impression with energetic displays down the right hand side.

SIDO JOMBATI

Versatile player who joined the Romans in the summer of 2009 after impressing for Basingstoke Town. Has already played in most positions for City across defence and midfield.

GETHIN JONES

Defender who began his career at Cardiff City. Had two successful seasons with Merthyr Tydfil before joining the Romans in June 2005. Been a consistent performer in central defence or at right back.



JIM ROLLO

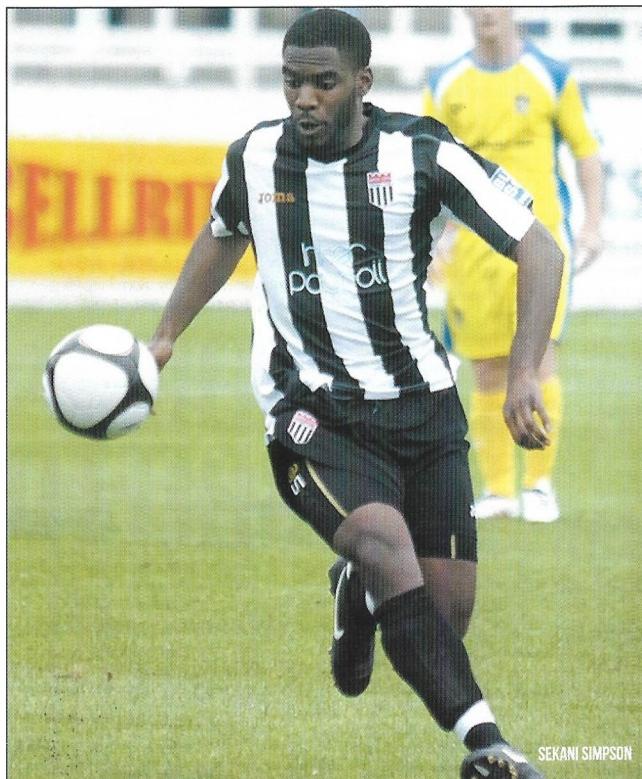
Former Walsall apprentice, making one appearance, before joining Cardiff City for two years. After being released in 1998 Jim joined Ebbw Vale and went on to represent Forest Green, Clevedon Town and Merthyr Tydfil. Joined the Romans in 2002 and is one of City's most consistent players as well as being club captain. Has made over 400 appearances for the club.

LUKE RUDDICK

Luke started his career as an apprentice at Brentford. He subsequently signed for Hampton & Richmond Borough before joining Salisbury City in 2008. Arrived at Twerton Park in June 2010.

SEKANI SIMPSON

Sekani joined City in October 2006 having been released by Weston-Super-Mare. He spent the



2005/06 season with Forest Green Rovers having been with Bristol City as a youngster.

DANNY WEBB

Started as a striker at Southampton but didn't manage to break into the first team. Soon joined Southend United, one of 13 clubs Danny has represented since leaving the Saints. Son of Chelsea legend David, he signed for City from Salisbury, who converted him to a centre-half, in June 2010.

MIDFIELDERS

MARC CANHAM

Born in Germany, Marc made his debut for Colchester in 2002. After only four appearances he was released and joined Bournemouth but failed to break into the first team. First got acquainted with Twerton Park while spending five years with the now defunct Team Bath.

Spent last season with Hayes and Yeading and signed for City in June 2010.

ADAM CONNOLLY

Joined City in September 2008 having spent most of his career with Cheltenham Town. Also had a brief spell with Hednesford Town. Skilful midfielder who was joint player of the year last year.

ADRIAN HARRIS

Joined City for the third time in January 2010. Cardiff-born Adrian has also represented Homchum, Haverfordwest County, Newport County and Weston-super-Mare.

LEWIS HOGG

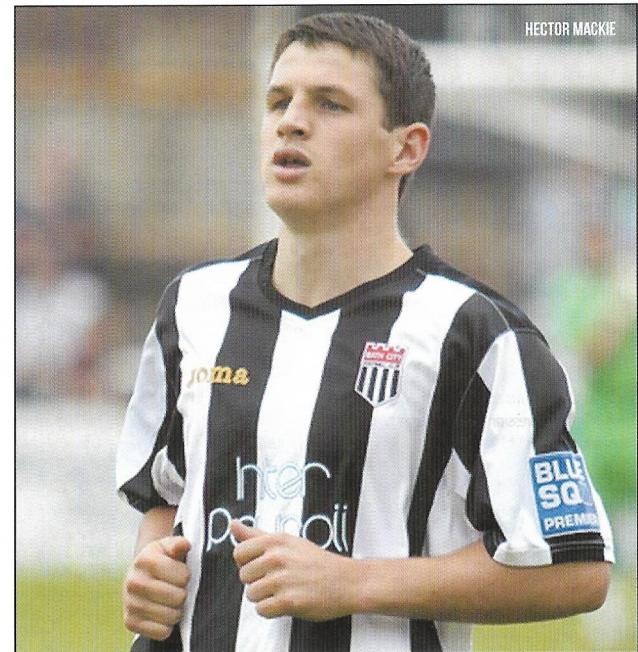
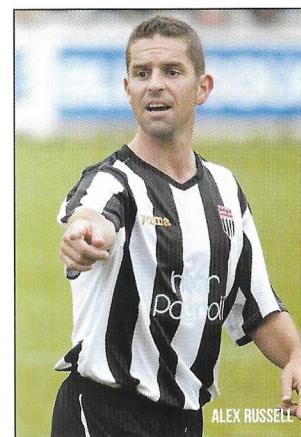
Another who made the short trip from Bristol Rovers via Weston-Super-Mare in 2006. Box-to-box midfielder who has also played for Barnet and weighs in with his fair share of goals.

HECTOR MACKIE

Scottish winger who has had spells with St Albans City and Weymouth. Joined City in February 2010.

SCOTT MURRAY

Scott made his name with Bristol City, making over 400 appearances for the Robins in two spells. Had started out in non-league Scottish football with Fraserburgh before Aston Villa signed him in 1994. He has also played for Reading, Cheltenham Town and Yeovil Town and joining City in August 2010.



HECTOR MACKIE

ALEX RUSSELL

Vastly experienced midfielder who has played over 500 league games in the lower reaches of the Football League. Started his career in non-league but was signed by Rochdale from Burscough in 1994. Went on to feature for Glenavon, Cambridge United, Torquay United, Bristol City, Northampton Town, Cheltenham Town and Exeter City. Signed for Bath in September.

MARLEY WATKINS

Young midfielder who started his career at Swansea City but was released in 2007 and signed for Cheltenham Town. He became Cheltenham's youngest player at the age of 17 in 2008 and joined City for a month on-loan in September.

STRIKERS

DARREN EDWARDS

Prolific forward in the Southern League who joined City in December 2006 from Yate Town, having previously made his mark at Mangotsfield United and Tiverton Town. Played a huge part in City winning the

Southern League in 2007 and contributed 25 goals in all competitions last season.

KAID MOHAMED

Forward who started his career with Cwmbran Town and later moved to Llanelli and Carmarthen Town. He impressed Swindon Town enough to sign in August 2007. A year later he joined Forest Green Rovers before agreeing to sign for City in August 2009. Has also had loan spells at Torquay United and Newport County. Scored 18 times last season including three in City's Play-Off matches.

LEE PHILLIPS

Goalscorer who joined City in July 2010, Lee started his career with Plymouth Argyle making over 50 appearances. A broken leg hampered his progress but having joined Weymouth in 2001 he showed his true potential averaging a goal every other game. A successful loan spell at Newport County followed and he eventually joined Exeter City in 2004 and has subsequently had spells with Torquay United, Rushden and Diamonds, Weymouth and Cambridge United.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good afternoon and welcome to a very special day at Kenilworth Road as we entertain Bath City in a game to mark out 125th anniversary.

Today's game has been many months in planning and something which we, from a commercial point of view, haven't had difficulty in generating interest in.

When we announced in the summer that this game was going to be the one to celebrate our history in we knew a lot of hard had to be done to make it a success.

Our corporate hospitality packages, matchday sponsorships and executive boxes have been sold out which doesn't surprise me in the slightest.

As a result of a bigger matchday programme for today's occasion we were also able to generate further income through advertising.

While this game has kept the commercial department busy the phones have been red hot from interested supporters wishing to book tickets to our celebratory anniversary dinner.

With the likes of Raddy Antic, David Pleat, Kingsley Black and Kirk Stephens in attendance it is no surprise that sales have gone through the roof and only very few tickets remain.

If you haven't booked your table you really must act fast to avoid disappointment.

That leaves me to say a massive thanks to all our sponsors and guests here this afternoon and hope you all enjoy the day's celebrations.

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COMMERCIAL MASCOT JAKE HILL

Our mascot this afternoon is Jake Hill from Woolstone in Milton Keynes. Jake's favourite player is Claude Gnakpa and he attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his dad.

A season ticket holder since he was four he plays, watches and lives for football! When he's not doing that, Jake enjoys swimming and playing computer games. We hope you have a great day with this afternoon Jake.



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Mascot packages are proving to be one of the most popular commercial packages we offer with keen children taking advantage of all the opportunities that are included, such as meeting their favourite players and leading the team out onto the pitch. Here's a snapshot of our mascot Harry Smith from last Saturday's game with St Albans.



Dan Gleeson signs Harry's shirt in the dressing room.



Harry poses with Richard Money and Gary Brabin in the manager's office.



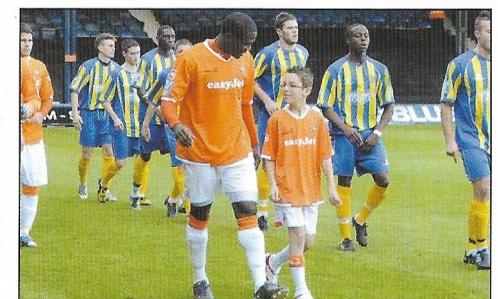
All smiles as Harry is pictured with Mark Tyler and Kevin Pilkington.



No guessing who Harry's favourite player is.



Harry lines up with the captains, officials and Happy Harry prior to kickoff.



Claude shares a word with Harry as the teams enter the pitch.

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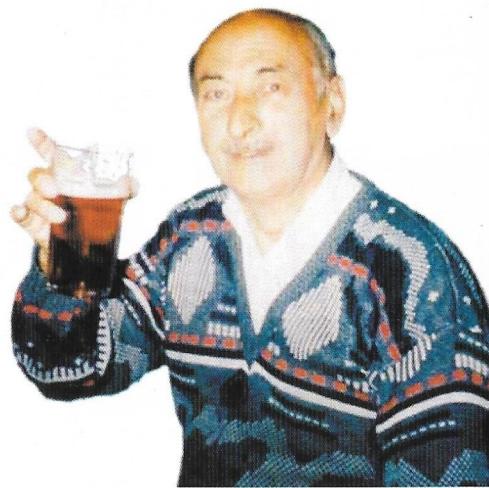
It is with regret to inform supporters of the death of lifelong Hatters supporter Bill Moules.

Bill ran the Quick Snack bar in Guilford Street from the 1940's to the 1960's.

His father Albert ran a cafe in Luton's Waller Street market but previous to that Albert had a tea barrow from 1905 outside Luton Town football ground for years.

This is where Bill's passion for the Hatters began, a passion that Bill passed down through the generations of his family, with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren attending many of Luton's games.

Also Bill's great granddaughter Hannah now plays for Luton's centre of excellence, continuing the love for the Hatters within the Moules family that Bill started all those years ago. He will be missed by all that knew him.



CORBY CUP TRIP NEXT UP

The Town's prize for beating St Albans City is an FA Cup first round proper tie away to Corby Town.

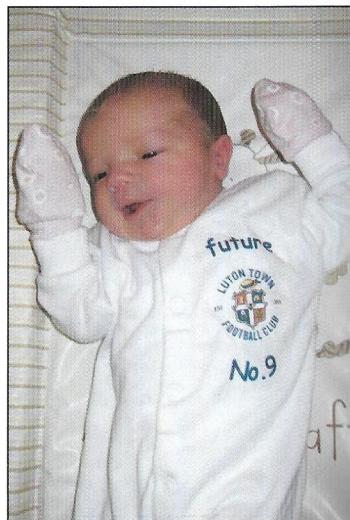
The tie against the Steelmen takes place next Saturday, 6th November.

Corby, who currently lie eighth in the Blue Square Bet Premier, leaders AFC Wimbledon host Ebbsfleet United whilst Southport entertain three times winners Sheffield Wednesday at Haig Avenue.

In other ties affecting clubs in the Blue Square Bet Premier, leaders AFC Wimbledon host Ebbsfleet United whilst Southport entertain three times winners Sheffield Wednesday at Haig Avenue.

JUNIOR HATTER JOY

Say hello to probably our younger supporter, Molly Bristow who was born on 17th September.



The two sides have met twice before in the FA Cup in games the Town will want to forget after being paired together in the second round in 1965/66.

After a 2-2 draw at Corby the Northamptonshire side pulled off a shock victory by winning the replay 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Lee and Kate along with granddad Alan are members of the Millennium Club and soon hope to introduce Molly to the surroundings at Kenilworth Road in the years to come.

FROM ANTIGUA WITH LOVE

Chester-based supporter Mike Herrick is pictured here with two fellow Town fans he met whilst out in Antigua this summer.

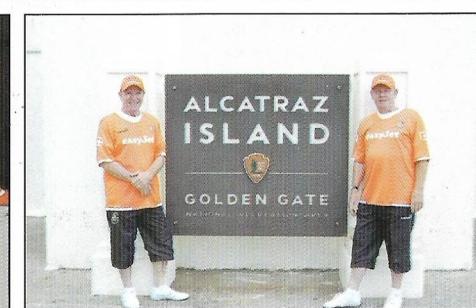
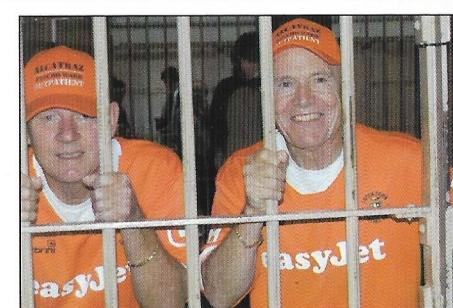
Mike, who makes the 300-mile round trip to every home game, was working and appeared on Good Morning Antigua, a television show broadcast on the Caribbean island in August.

Mike, centre in this picture, can't remember the names of his Hatters friends but if you're the father and daughter posing with Mike then get in touch via the email address at the bottom of the page.

MATCHDAY MUSIC



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



ESCAPE PLOTTED!

Season ticket holders Dave Boutwood and Ken Hathaway are pictured on Alcatraz whilst on holiday in America this summer.

The Town are of course plotting their own escape from the Blue Square Bet Premier and gladly Dave and Ken were able to leave the former prison island to return to cheer Richard Money's side on this season.

The duo spent 16 days touring the west coast of America during which time Dave and his wife Sue celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary.

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MONEY TALK

"Maybe I'm being too critical but while it was comfortable to win and pleasing to get through I felt there were periods where we should have pushed on. I'm being critical because we've set the standard. This team is capable of giving people what they want this season and we want to keep that up. At times we were sloppy and quiet and for that I apologise."

LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, Gleeson (sub Asafu-Adjaye 55), Murray, Keane, G. Pilkington, Morgan-Smith, Barnes-Homer (sub Poku 63), Kroca, Howells, Gnakpa, Crow (sub Walker 72). **Subs not used:** Atieno, Blackett, Besta, K. Pilkington.

St Albans City: Bastock, Fisher, Smith, A. Martin (sub Sigere 39), Frater, Everitt, Beautyman, Deeney, Shields, Effiong, Odubago (sub R. Martin 73). **Subs not used:** Peters, Barker, Dedman, Kweme.

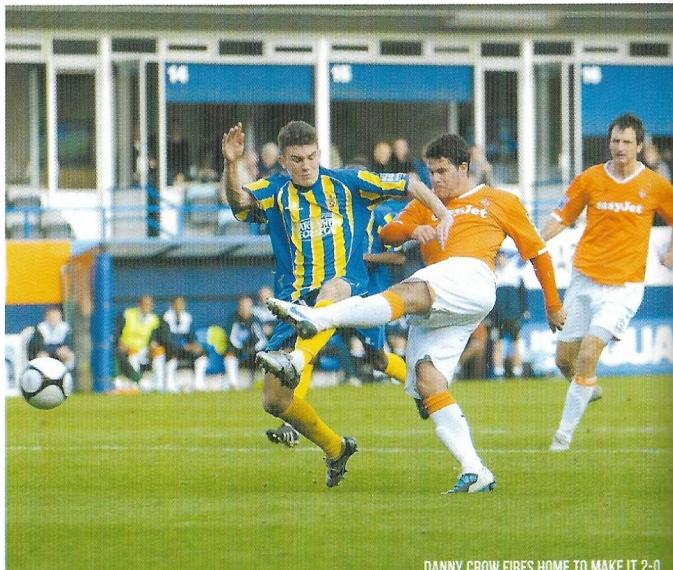
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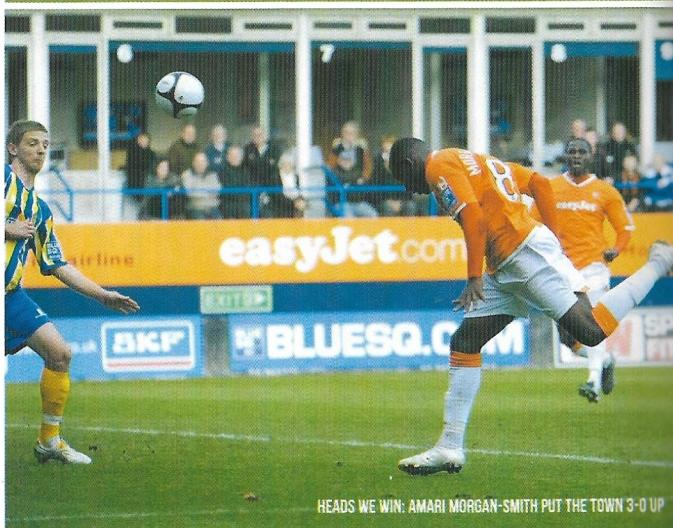
MAN OF THE MATCH

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH

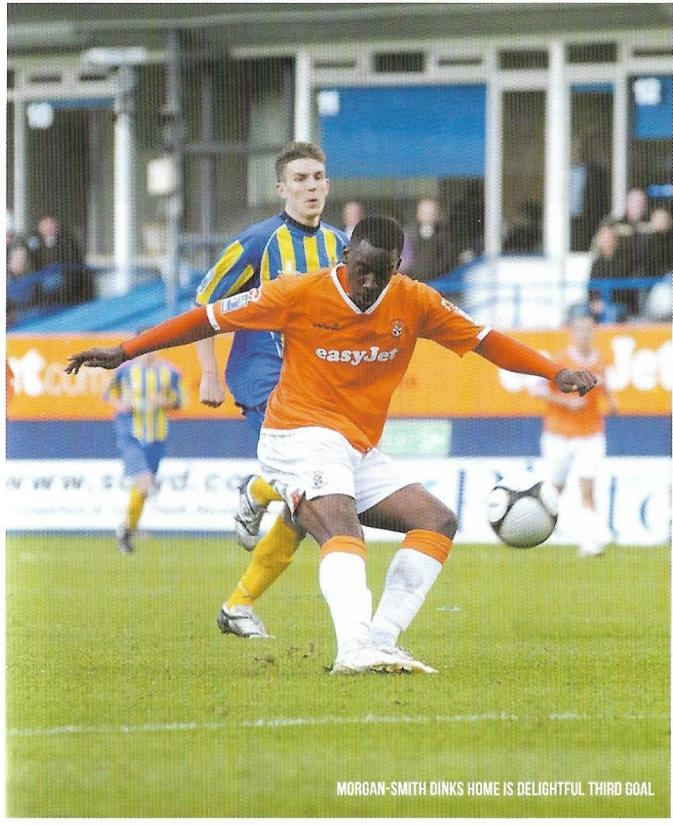
Who else? The hat-trick hero had already won admirers before his super show. His first two strikes showed razorsharp finishing whilst the goal to seal his treble wouldn't have looked out of place in the Premier League.



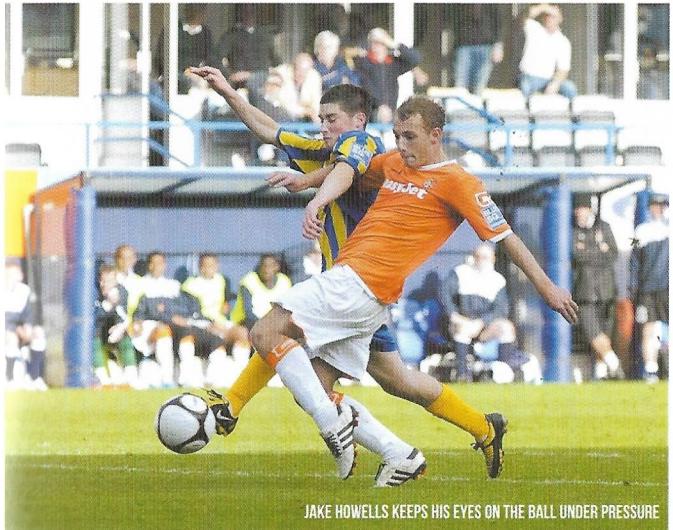
DANNY CROW FIRES HOME TO MAKE IT 2-0



HEADS WE WIN: AMARI MORGAN-SMITH PUT THE TOWN 3-0 UP



MORGAN-SMITH DINKS HOME HIS DELIGHTFUL THIRD GOAL



JAKE HOWELLS KEEPS HIS EYES ON THE BALL UNDER PRESSURE

MATCH REPORT

A hat-trick from Amari Morgan-Smith helped the Hatters get their name in the first round draw of the FA Cup after disposing of Blue Square Bet South neighbours St Albans City with minimal fuss at Kenilworth Road.

The Town had won all 10 of their previous fourth qualifying round ties played at home and that run never looked in danger after Morgan-Smith had given the Town the lead on 23 minutes.

Claude Gnakpa dug out a cross from the right flank that Paul Bastock, in the visitors' goal, palmed away. However, the goalkeeper's touch fell to the feet of Morgan-Smith who wasted no time in sweeping the ball home into an empty net from eight yards.

Morgan-Smith was looking a right menace and he should have scored a second on 27 minutes when latching onto Jake Howells' intelligent ball pass inside the City leftback but after banging down on goal, he shot wide.

But it wasn't long before the Hatters doubled their lead on 32 minutes. Howells was sent tumbling outside the box and a quickthinking freekick by the midfielder spotted Danny Crow, with his back to goal, before the striker turned and shot past Paul Bastock for his fifth goal in three games.

Six minutes later Morgan-Smith grabbed his second of the afternoon to put the Town 30 up when another rightwing cross – this time from Matthew Barnes-Homer – found him at the back post and he was able to nod home.

Crow came within inches of making it four just past the hour mark when he thundered a shot against the Saints' crossbar after fine wing play from Morgan-Smith before Gnakpa became the second home player to be denied by the woodwork.

He bulldozed his way into the box after taking a quick throw from Crow only to see his shot hit the foot of the post on 66 minutes.

With City tiring, substitutes Dan Walker and Godfrey Poku both spurned opportunities to put a final gloss on proceedings but the final word was left for Morgan-Smith who capped a fine display with a sumptuous goal to crown his hat-trick.

Walker was able to run free down the leftflank and square to Morgan-Smith who looked up and dinked a delightful chip over Bastock who was only standing a few yards off his line.

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POST-MATCH REACTION

The grin on Amari Morgan-Smith's face when he left Kenilworth Road last weekend after his hattrick was almost as wide as the pitch itself.

The former Ilkeston Town front man was making only his fourth start for the Hatters and it was his treble that set Luton up for a place in the first round proper of the FA Cup.

"I'm buzzing, the gaffer just told us to go out there and play with no fear so we just tried to entertain the fans," Morgan-Smith said following the 4-0 triumph over St Albans.

"I'm pleased with the hattrick but hopefully we can still keep scoring goals and as long as we get the results, whoever scores, I'm not really bothered.

"We knew before the game it would be a tough first 20-25 minutes, but we just had to keep the ball and hope our talent shone through and that's what happened."

As no stranger to taking a match ball home, having notched a hattrick for Ilkeston last season, Talk of the Town asked the Wolverhampton-born attacker to talk us through his goals.

"For the first one I was just trying to get in the box, obviously the keeper has just tipped it out and luckily I was able to stretch and get on the end of it, I thought it was a good finish.

"The second one I had to get in the box again. Matthew Barnes-Homer was saying before the game just try and attack the back post, so I just tried to get there and it was a good cross so I got the header onto that one.

"Then the last one, that was just a nice little chip wasn't it? I saw the goalkeeper coming and just lifted it.

Danny Crow had done it in the first half and I just thought, 'why not just give it a little dig?' and I'm glad that it went in. It was a nice way to claim the hattrick."

Having previously been on the books of Crewe Alexandra and Stockport County before he joined Ilkeston, the 21-year-old is settling into life as a Hatter and admits he is enjoying his football in front of the home crowd.

"I do enjoy playing here," he said. "It's probably better playing at home in front of your own fans. I am grateful for the opportunity to show them what I've got.

"I was a little bit nervous getting on my way and scoring my first goal but I've done that now and I want to turn in regular performances, like that, in front of the fans.

"I'm just happy to get underway and scoring goals and hopefully there will be many more to come."





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HATTERS Player

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

Our last two home games have seen the Town hit 10 goals and concede just once as they saw off Forest Green Rovers and then St Albans City in the FA Cup last weekend.

Win, lose or draw Hatters Player is there to get the reaction and a pleased Richard Money spoke to the cameras giving subscribers his account of what he thought were two great displays against Rovers and City.

After the 6-1 Blue Square Bet Premier triumph over Forest Green Hatters Player had plenty of players in the interview room.

First up was two-goal Danny Crow who was naturally delighted to get his name on the scoresheet once more just days after scoring twice at Eastbourne.

There was plenty more goals and plenty more



Another man in the thick of the action – albeit for 45 minutes – was midfielder Andy Drury. He scored the first and set-up the second as the Town cruised into a 3-0 half-time lead at by which point the former Stevenage man was substituted.

With the interview room a revolving door come 10.30pm on Tuesday night the final man to talk to the Player cameras was Dan Walker.

The striker was grinning from ear-to-ear after grabbing his first senior goal with a 25 yard rocket that completed the scoring in the final minute.

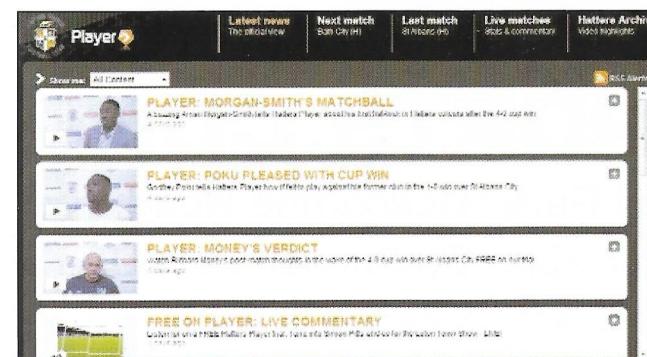
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chat with Town stars after last weekend's FA Cup win guaranteed a place in the first round proper.

There was no guess who was at the top of the list to interview after the 4-0 win and hattrick hero Amari Morgan-Smith was delighted with all three of his goals.

After Amari's smile had eventually left the room it was time for former St Albans midfielder Godfrey Poku to talk about what it was like to play against his old team-mates.

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



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CORBY TIE GOES AHEAD AS PLANNED

The Hatters' FA Cup first round tie with Corby Town will go ahead at the Blue Square Bet North's Rockingham Triangle round.

There had been some doubt about the venue of the tie with the Steelmen but following discussions with both clubs the tie will go ahead at the Northamptonshire venue.

Tickets are at a premium for Town fans wishing to attend. This is an all-ticket game and we have been given an allocation of 277 seats and 178 terrace tickets.

Tickets went on sale to diamond season ticket holders yesterday at one per person. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to season ticket holders on Monday 10am, at one per season ticket holder.

In the event that any tickets remain these will go on general sale on Thursday 4th November at 10am.

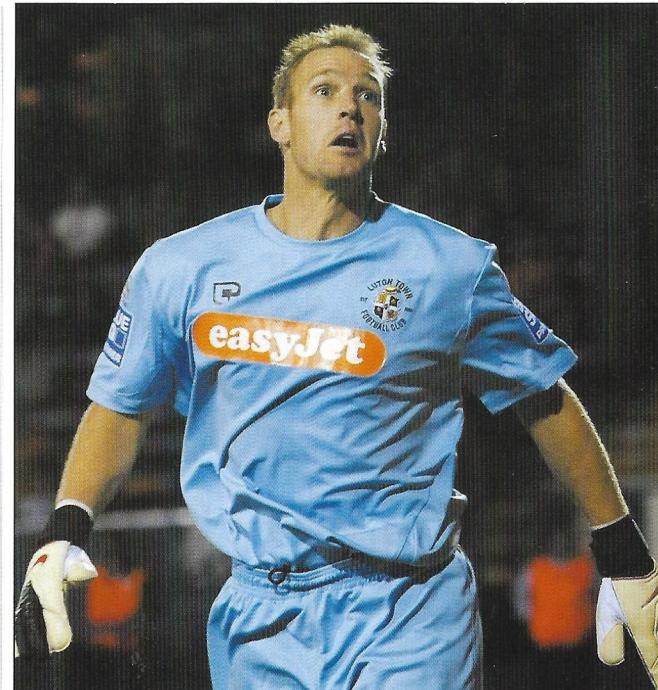
Tickets can be purchased in person at the ticket office or via the telephone on 01582 416976. The phone line will be manned from 10am by a minimum of one member of staff until any queue at the Ticket Office is cleared.

Name, address and client reference number will be required for all tickets purchased.

CLUB SHOP STOCK

There is an abundance of celebratory 125th anniversary merchandise available to purchase in the club shop and online.

We are also delighted to reveal that our final delivery of commemorative shirts has been brought forward from 2011 to arrive the week before Christmas.



Supporters will be able to pre-order the soon. Further details will be released on the official website.

better time to visit the club shop and stockup on Hatters-themed merchandise?

KEEPER JOINS STAGS

Goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington joined Mansfield Town on loan for three months on Thursday.

The 35-year-old stopper has made two appearances this season since arriving at Kenilworth Road permanently in the summer.

Pilkington joins midfielder Adam Murray on loan at Field Mill.



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WALKER WONDERLAND

STRIKER DELIGHTED WITH FIRST SENIOR GOAL

For Dan Walker last week really was a dream come true, as he netted his first goal for the club.

It took just four substitute appearances for the youngster to get on the scoresheet, as he scored the final goal in the 6-1 win over Forest Green Rovers, to leave him ecstatic.

"All the lads keep taking the mickey out of me because I've not stopped smiling since I scored," joked the former Bedford striker.

"I couldn't have asked for a better goal really, first goal."

"I was just delighted I got a run out. I hoped the gaffer would give me a chance and I didn't have anything to lose."

"I've been dreaming about scoring my first since turning pro. In front of the fans I didn't really know what to do."

"A lot of the lads have been getting stick for their celebrations so I thought I would go with a quiet one."

By the time the goal did come, deep in injury time, everyone was already celebrating after seeing 10 goals in just two matches but such is the attacking intent of the side that it could have been so much more, with Walker also going close before he did find the target.

"After missing the first chance I thought I might have blown it and needed to make up for it in some way," he said.

"I sort had too much time and I was thinking

about it too much, thinking I'm going to score my first goal here, and I was thinking do I take it round him and then rush it, just shot straight at him, nine times out of ten I would have scored that so I had to make up for it some way didn't I?"

"After enjoying a taste of the action, the 20-year-old now wants more and he's hoping he's done enough to give the manager a selection headache but knows it's going to be tough."

"Obviously it's up to the manager what team he chooses," he added.

"But I'm sure he knows in himself whatever team he puts out within the dressing room should get the right result because we have a lot of great players."

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SAINTLY POKU'S PLEASURE

IT WAS A MIXED AFTERNOON FOR MIDFIELDER GODFREY POKU LAST WEEKEND AGAINST ST ALBANS

He could have been wheeling away having scored his first senior goal but Town midfielder Godfrey Poku was just pleased with the opportunity to feature against former side St Albans City last weekend.

The Hatters' youngster came on and played the last 27 minutes against City as his new side eased into the first round proper of the FA Cup after a 4-0 win.

But despite the success over the Saints and the midfielder's eye-catching substitute appearance, Poku reflected on the opportunity he spurned 10 minutes from time when he slipped and sliced a shot wide of the target with the goal gaping, following Dan Walker's pass.

"I was running on and screaming 'Dan, Dan', but when the ball came to me, I slipped at the last minute," he said.

"I was devastated because it would have been nice to score against my old club. I wouldn't have celebrated though I would have just walked back to the centre circle.

"I pictured the goal before the ball came across because I told a couple of guys that I was desperate for a chance to score, so when I had the opportunity I was a bit too happy before the ball came."

It was the midfielder's fourth appearance in a Town shirt since making the switch from Clarence Park at the beginning of this year after making his debut in the 1-0 win at Barrow earlier this month.

And the teenager was not only pleased to continue his integration into first team football but was delighted to get the chance to feature against his old team-mates.

"It took me quite a long time to get into the game, but towards the end I started to get on the ball and was a threat," Poku continued.

"It was very nice that I got the opportunity to play against them because they're a top class side.

"I got a bit of stick from a couple of their players but still I was really happy.

"When I got told that I was on the bench I just tried to focus and hoped for the chance and once I got in, I just did what I had to do.

"St Albans is a good club. I've come from a good club with a good set of supporters, good manager and good group of players.

"I was happy to be drawn against them and that's football but we came away with a win and that's the most important thing."



MURRAY'S MAGIC MISSION

FREDDIE MURRAY TELLS US WHY HE'S SO KEEN TO SIGN A NEW CONTRACT

It seems a long time ago indeed that former Blackburn Rovers trainee Freddie Murray arrived at the Hatters, just hours before last season's home game with Mansfield Town.

That was way back in August, in the Hatters' first home match in non-league football for 89 years.

Fast forward a year on and Murray, who if selected this afternoon, will make his 62nd

appearance in Town colours after signing from Grays Athletic, originally on-loan.

What's more the regular fixture at left-back, who eventually signed an extension in January, is hoping to sign a contract to keep him at Kenilworth Road to play a part in the Town's attempt to climb the leagues once more.

And after hopping from club to club since leaving Cambridge in 2004, it's with the

Hatters that the Irishman feels most at home and the perfect reason why a freshly signed contract is on the horizon.

"I've told the manager that I want to stay here. I'm enjoying my football now more than I ever have, so I don't see any reason to leave," Murray told *Talk of the Town*.

"It's always nice to be rewarded with that type of gesture - a new contract."



"I hope to sit down with them in the future and get something sorted."

"I signed my contract after Christmas last year and I felt that my form was good because of the stability that I had. I didn't have a pre-season last year, so with a good one this year I think that my fitness is a little bit better."

"The longer you spend at a club, the more you can settle in and relax."

"You understand what the manager and your team-mates are about. I'm confident in the side at the moment and, touch wood, if everybody stays fit there's no reason why we can't have a successful season."

The 28-year-old has been in terrific form of late. While that elusive first goal in Town colours continues to frustrate him, he has laid on four goals for his team-mates this season from his left-back berth.

"I'm pleased with my own form. I'm always very critical of my performance after any game," he says. "But I feel I'm in a decent vein of form this

season.

"I'm playing with good players and decent wide men. It certainly helps with the likes of Andy Drury, Jake Howells or Amari Morgan-Smith playing in front of you."

"I've got a good relationship with the players around me and I'm enjoying my football and I think that's showing."

"Defend and attack, there's only one way to beat them, get round the back" was the famous John Barnes rap.

Total football is now the name of the game and Murray believes the left-back position has developed into so much more than a defensive role that it was in the days when England were reaching the World Cup semifinals 20 years ago.

"I think the full back's role has changed over the last ten years," Murray says. "They are now a big attacking threat, especially because you can make late runs and get into the attacking half undetected at times."

"I enjoy that part of my game, but I also know that it's an addition to being a good defender and doing a solid job."

With Shane Blackett and Jake Howells capable of playing at left-back and with numerous suitors courting for the right-back slot currently held by Dan Gleeson, Murray says the Town are in good hands going forward from defence.

"It's the type of position that I do enjoy and in the type of team we are playing in at the moment, the manager gives freedom to the full backs to go and join in, which is great because some managers don't do that."

"We are lucky here that there are two full backs who like to get involved and we are encouraged to do that."

"And with George Pilkington and Zdenek Kroca able to add a threat from set pieces [they've already weighed in with seven goals between them] then we are dangerous all over the pitch, even from defensive positions which is a fantastic thing for any team with aspirations like ourselves to have."

McDonalds NUMBERS GAME

• A 125TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL BY SIMON PITTS

4,996

The number of first team competitive games played in 125 years. The Hatters have played 3,624 matches in the Football League, 592 times in the Southern League, 349 games in the FA Cup and 144 games in the League Cup.

2,829

The number of substitutions made by the Hatters. The first substitute used was Bruce Rioch who replaced Ray Whittaker in the 3-1 defeat at Aldershot on 28th August 1965. Just 14 substitutions were made in the 46 League matches played in that first season of substitutes.

1,970

The total number of Town victories. 1,205 have ended draws while there have been 1,821 defeats. The Hatters have scored 7,920 goals and conceded 7,323.

1,144

The number of players used by the Hatters in competitive first team matches making a grand total of 57,784 appearances between them.

*McDonalds
Mike Brown
Andy Rennie
Steve Simms
Gordon Turner
John Wood*

115 of these players have featured just once for the Hatters, with seven of these scoring in their only appearance.

625

The number of appearances that Fred Hawkes made for Luton Town. Many Town fans will immediately name Bob Morton – with 562 appearances – as the player with the most appearances for the Hatters, however, Hawkes featured in competitions not usually recorded as competitive first team games, even though they were classed as such at the time. Hawkes made just two appearances for Luton in the Football League, in 1899/1900. He also made 504 appearances in the Southern League, as well 40 appearances in the FA Cup. His other appearances came in the United League (31), Western League (23) and the Southern Alliance (25). Hawkes made his debut for the Hatters on 24th March 1899 and scored in a 4-0 win at home to Loughborough in Division Two. It was 21 years later that he made his last appearance on 1st May 1920 in a 2-0 home defeat to Reading, the Hatters' final match in the Southern League.

276

The number of goals scored by Gordon Turner in 450 appearances for the Hatters. Turner netted 243 league goals, 18 in the FA Cup, four in the League Cup and 11 in the Southern Professional Floodlit Cup. Andy Rennie is in second place with 162 goals (147 league and



GORDON TURNER

43

The longest unbeaten run of home matches. This record started with a 2-1 victory over Brentford on 11th May 1968, the final day of the season. The Hatters then went a complete

JOHNSTONE'S PAINT JOHNSTONE'S NUMBERS GAME

season unbeaten at home, which included four Cup matches. The 43rd game of this run was a 50 victory over Bradford City with Malcolm Macdonald netting a hat-trick on 13th December 1969. Gillingham were the team to end this remarkable run when they won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road on 27th December.

23

The longest unbeaten run of matches which dates back to 1913/14 when the Hatters won 19 and drew four matches in the Southern League and Southern Alliance between 26th December and 9th September.

17

The number of different competitions that the Hatters have played their 4,996 games. In alphabetical order they are, Anglo-Italian Cup, Associate Members Cup (also known as Auto Windscreens Shield, LDV Trophy, Johnstone's Paint Trophy), Football Conference Premier, Division 3 South Cup, FA Cup, FA Trophy, Football League, Full Members Cup (also known as Simod Cup, Zenith Data Systems Cup), League Cup, PlayOffs, Southern Alliance, Southern League, Southern Professional Floodlit Cup, Texaco Cup, United League, Watney Cup, Western League.

13

The number of different Countries that a Luton player has made an International appearance



JOE PAYNE

goals in his five FA Cup appearances. The other player is only known by the name "Gibson" and he has the remarkable feat of netting a hat-trick for Luton in his only ever appearance. It was 16th October 1905 and Leyton were the visitors to Kenilworth Road for a United League match. The Town won 5-1 with the other goals scored by Joseph Blackett and Alexander Brown.



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There are two players that deserve a mention for having scored more goals for Luton than the number of appearances that they made for the Hatters. It is perhaps no surprise that Joe Payne is one of the two, with 87 goals from 77 appearances. Payne netted 83 times from 72 league appearances, including of course that record-breaking 10 goals in one game achieved in the 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers in 1936. Payne also scored four



CENTRE SPOT

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH CELEBRATES HIS OPENING GOAL AGAINST ST ALBANS



BARRY BUTLIN BRILLIANCE

FORMER STRIKER FEELS SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT WITH TOWN

Uprooting the family to move away from the club you've grown up at to take on a completely new challenge in a different environment might not work out for everyone - but it did for Barry Butlin upon his transfer to Luton Town.

Barry headed down the M1 from Brian Clough's Derby County in 1972 to join the then Second Division Hatters.

But less than two years later he was celebrating a return to the top-flight when Luton went up in second place and he made a big entrance in the First Division with a goal in a thrilling game against Liverpool.

Barry moved on to Nottingham Forest early into that season but his record of 24 goals in 57 appearances proves that his time at Luton was a success.

He said: "I got the offer from Luton and it was totally out of my comfort zone going down there but I knew some of the players, such as Vic Allerman and Rodney Fern, so I went there. "I had a couple of seasons and a few injuries - but I did extremely well there."

"I thought the world of the manager, Harry Haslam, as he treated me and my wife and young daughter really well - like an adult, and very respectful, and it worked a treat for me."

"We had two brilliant wingers in Johnny Aston and Jim Ryan and I played up front with Jimmy Husband."

"We won promotion in the second season I was there to what would now be the Premier League and I played ten games in the top division."

"I wasn't looking for a transfer but Nottingham Forest came in with a sizeable bid of around £120,000 and that was a lot of money for Luton at that time."

Luton had certainly got their own money's worth out of Barry, who had made a handful of appearances during his time at Derby and had also done well in a loan spell at Notts County.

He was born in the Derbyshire village of Rosliston and had spent all his footballing life at Derby County, hence his view on leaving the "comfort zone".

"It's the fact that you're home, you're surrounded by your own family, relatives, friends and supporters, and I'd had that for more than five years," he said.

"Until Brian came (to Derby in 1967, shortly after Barry had signed pro) I hadn't even played in a reserve game and I had only just got a professional contract at 17 as I had stayed on at school so I was raw then, I'd had no apprenticeship as a player."

"That's the reason I say comfort zone as I was surrounded by my friends and family and to lift my wife and my daughter Sally, who was my only child at the time and was only a few months old, was a massive move."

"My wife is from Derby but we went lock, stock and barrel, we moved house, and it was a cracking move."

Off the field, Barry and his family settled in to Leagrave, surrounded by other families from across the country who had moved to the area for work reasons.

That made adapting to a new life in Bedfordshire considerably easier for the Butlins, and they were helped by Barry's new colleagues at Kenilworth Road.

"We did spend a lot of time working on things on the training ground and Luton used the best parts of my ability, they got the best out of me."

"I do sometimes wonder though what would have happened if I hadn't moved on from there."

"I'm not saying I didn't want to go to Forest, they were a big club, but in the back of my mind is what might have been if I had stayed."

"David Pleat was the reserveteam manager when I was there and I still see him on a regular basis."

"I look back and think it would have been great to have been there later under him but I certainly have no regrets."

These days, Barry works as a financial adviser in Nottingham and is still heavily involved at Derby County, having the role of secretary and treasurer of the club's Former Players Association.

After leaving Kenilworth Road he went on to play for Forest (from whom he joined Brighton & Hove Albion and Reading on loan), Peterborough United and Sheffield United.

But he retains an affinity for Luton, both the town and the football club, and has met current Hatters chairman Nick Owen on several occasions.

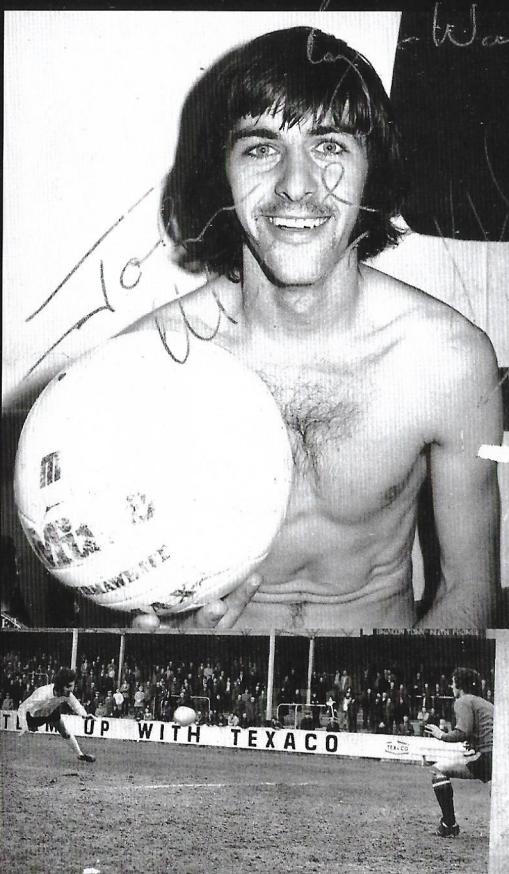
"It's very much positive," said Barry, when asked to sum up his feelings about Luton.

"We have been down there a few times, although not to watch a match, and we have been to the town because my middle daughter Lucy was born in the Luton & Dunstable Hospital."

"There is always going to be that tie there as I have such good memories and it was great when I found out that Nick was so passionate about Luton."

"He is such a nice guy and you wish him all the very best there because he has taken them on at possibly one of the lowest points they have ever had, and they need a quick return to the Football League."

"Hopefully they can get back up and I will be keeping my fingers crossed for them."





ALEC'S FOND MEMORIES

GOALKEEPER ALEC CHAMBERLAIN REFLECTS ON HIS CAREER AT KENILWORTH ROAD

When you're a club not expected to do well it's all about making the most of whatever you can, turn in your favour and taking advantage of it.

That was how Alec Chamberlain saw Luton Town's successes of the 1980s and early 1990s when they ruffled the feathers of some of English football's big names and enjoyed a long spell in the top-flight.

Goalkeeper Alec joined the Hatters in 1988 and spent five years with the club, a period he remembers as a "really good" time in his career.

And he particularly recalls the underdog mentality that the squad used to their advantage in those days - as well as the unique surroundings of Kenilworth Road as it was then.

"We were a very small side in terms of the crowds we could get, and we had the plastic pitch at the time as well as the ban on away fans," Alec explained.

"The ban got lifted during that spell but I think there were some people in that division, and Liverpool were a case in point, who were really so anti the artificial surface that they were almost defeated before they got there because

it became such a stigma to them.

"One of my best games for Luton was against Liverpool at home. We only drew 0-0 but you could tell, which always seemed crazy to me, that they were a side who played such good football but couldn't get their head around playing the ball about on a plastic pitch.

"I think as well, one of the things we could say about the artificial turf was that we were so comfortable in our surroundings."

"We trained on it more than we played on it, and in the build-up to a home game on the Saturday we would train on it all week."

"It was second nature to us and we could always get a good atmosphere in the ground too compared to the big grounds."

"It probably seemed for the opposition that it was beneath them and I think we used to capitalise on that, it almost felt like we'd have a goal start."

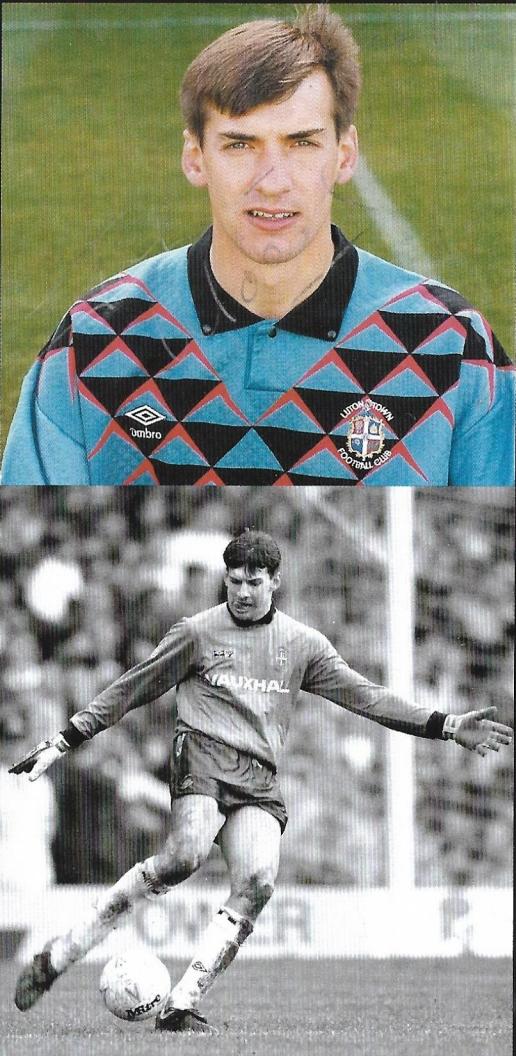
"I really enjoyed my time playing at that level. We always felt a little like the underdogs, certainly away from home when you were going to places like Old Trafford, Anfield, and Highbury as it was then."

"But we always had a good following away from home and it was a real thrill for me to play in that top division at a relatively young age."

Alec had started his career at Ipswich Town without making a senior appearance but he impressed enough over five years at Colchester United to be snapped up by Everton, who took him to the First Division in 1987.

That was as understudy to Neville Southall and he spent a year at Goodison, also having a loan spell with Tranmere Rovers, before moving to Luton, where he waited patiently for his chance and eventually took over from Les Sealey after the 1989 League Cup final defeat to Nottingham Forest.

Player of the Year twice during his time with Luton, Alec recalls a 3-2 victory away to Derby County on the final day of the 1989/90 season



"The other thing that had to happen was that Sheffield Wednesday had to lose at home to Nottingham Forest, under Brian Clough, and you could never rule out the fact that he would make sure his players were going about. They did, and Forest beat them 3-0."

"The celebrations afterwards were like we had won something and it was a massive relief for everyone."

Alec was outstanding in Luton's goal that afternoon and showed all of the form that had seen him named as the club's Player of the Year that season.

Amazingly, they managed another last-day escape in 1991 by beating Derby again, this time at Kenilworth Road.

But Luton's top-flight time ran out in 1992 - the final season before the new Premier League came in - as they went down with defeat on the final day at Notts County, who themselves had already been relegated.

Alec left in the summer of 1993 after 159 appearances for the club and joined Sunderland, before going on to represent Watford for more than a decade ahead of retirement in 2007.

These days he is the Hornets' goalkeeping coach, a role the 46-year-old thoroughly enjoys.

He added: "I have been really fortunate that in my time I have had the likes of Ben Foster come here, and there's Scott Loach, who has developed into the England under-21 goalkeeper and the first-choice keeper."

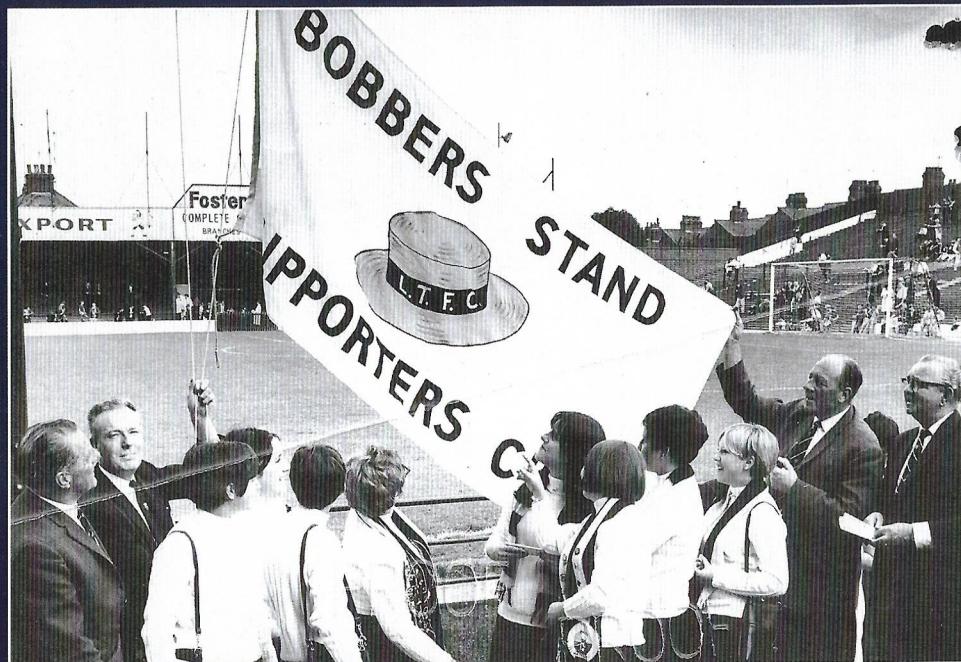
"We have had some fantastic young talent to work with and good staff throughout different management periods and it has made it a really comfortable transition from playing."

"A lot of players will tell you they miss playing so much but I think I was so lucky to still be playing at 43 and I have no regrets at all, I don't feel like I missed out on anything and I played for as long as I could."

"Coaching was the natural progression and it is really enjoyable so hopefully there is more to come."

BOBBERS CLUB

• THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE – THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LUTON BOBBERS CLUB.



The Luton Bobbers Club, as it is now known, is today located beneath the Oak Road end of the ground.

The Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club, as it was originally named, was formed in 1935 and had been built by supporters with money raised by the long established Luton Football Supporters' Club.

A new covered terracing, replacing the original

'Lane Stand' on the Beech Hill Path side of the ground (where the executive boxes are now), had been built in November and December 1933.

It was quickly named the Bobbers Stand as it cost a 'bob' (one shilling – 5p) to stand and watch the game there.

Three members of the Supporters' Club sought to utilise the space underneath the stand and

one Saturday morning the intrepid trio dug their way in with borrowed implements to commence a project that would occupy their every weekend for the best part of 18 months, by the end of which tons of soil had been removed.

The fruits of their labour were revealed on 5th July 1935 when new club rooms were opened which extended virtually the length of the pitch.

Considering the time, the facilities were superb. They consisted of a games room and bar, a dining room as well as a snack bar.

These facilities were open seven days a week, with all profits being ploughed back into the Football Club.

This was helped by an annual membership of 1s 2d (7p), with life membership of 21s (a guinea - £1.05) and other funds raised from various events held there, including daily luncheons with a table d'hôte or a la carte menu served between noon and 2pm.

For those supporters who turned up directly from work, they could find the accommodation for a 'Wash and Brush up' before the match.

Unfortunately, the sale of alcohol was forbidden in those early days as Bury Park, which included Kenilworth Road, was originally Quaker-owned land and covenants prevented the opening of public houses or anywhere selling liquor.

During the days of low inflation, the fees remained unchanged and throughout the war years the Bobbers Stand and Supporters' Club remained open as a social club and played its part in the war effort.

After the war, the club was still open seven days a week and became very popular for not only its members but the Luton Town players as well.

They attended various events that included table tennis, bar skittles, dominos, darts, snooker and of course, the music night, to name but a few.

Over the years it was the main aim of the Bobbers Club committee to raise as much funding as possible for the parent club and up until more recent times it had donated in excess of £150,000 to the Football Club.

Listed below are some great names that have been received the award. Unfortunately, the event ended soon after we were relocated to our new home.

1963/64 John O'Rourke, 64/65 Colin Tinsley, 65/66 Matt Woods, 66/67 Graham French, 67/68 Terry Branston, 68/69 Alan Slough, 69/70 Malcolm Macdonald, 70/71 Chris Nicholl, 71/72 John Ryan, 72/73 Bobby Thomson, 73/74 Peter Anderson, 74/75 Alan West, 75/76 Keith Barber, 76/77 and 77/78 Paul Fletcher, 78/79 Kirk Stephens, 79/80 Jake Findlay, 80/81 and 81/82 Ricky Hill, 82/83 Paul Walsh, 83/84 Kirk Stephens, 84/85 Steve Foster.

Since I became a member of the junior members section way back in the late 1960's, and now a life member, it has proved a great place to socialise with my family and football friends.

I remember the times when my heroes like Malcolm Macdonald and Graham French to name but two, visited us.

Since the new club was opened by the then club Chairman David Evans in July 1986 it has become a great place for many ardent Town supporters to meet, either for a social drink before or after a match, a celebration, a family birthday or as we are having today, a 75th anniversary party.

With a great selection of beers, wines and spirits, large TV, dominos and darts, pop in and see one of our dedicated committee members and join up now for the New Year.

New members are always welcome at £7 per person or you can get signed in for a day visit for just 50p by an existing member.

As they say, 75 years-on and still kicking, that can't be bad.

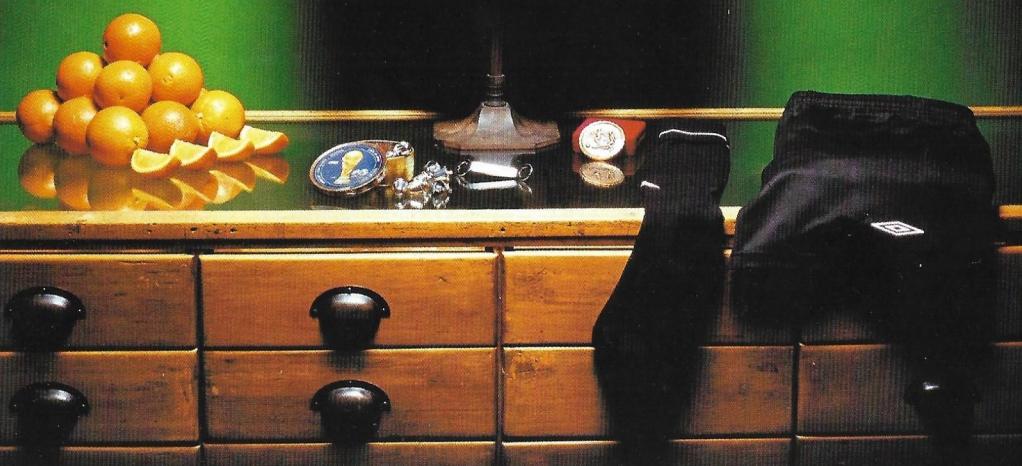
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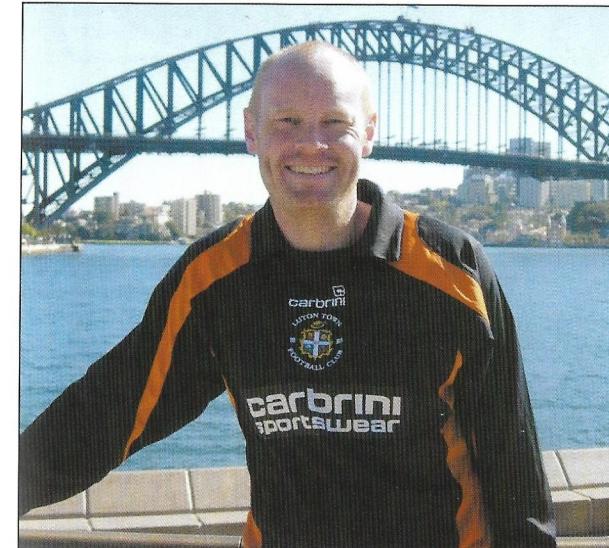


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MEMORY LANE



Name: Malcolm Johnson

Age: 39

Location: Sydney, Australia

Where do you watch games from:

Currently I listen to all matches live via the official website and DiverseFM (usually at 2am on a Sunday morning) - I was a season ticket holder for 21 years before moving to Australia in 2007. I last sat in Block F in the Kenilworth Lower Stand with my Hatters loving mate Mat Nolan and his dad Jim.

First game: FA Cup fourth round tie at home to Ipswich Town in January 1982. Standing in a packed Oak Road terrace with my Dad, we lost 3-0 but a life changing experience. I was 11 years old and my obsession began.

First memory: 1981/82 promotion season - My Dad took me to my first Hatters game that season, I watched promotion and championship games against Shrewsbury and QPR and the euphoria of promotion meant I was hooked.

Best goal seen: Tim Brecker's stunning free kick at Derby on the last day of the season in 1990. The journey home that night on the football special was an experience I will never forget. Sunburnt, dehydrated, hoarse and overrun with the emotion of the whole day - amazing.

Best match witnessed: Aside from the game above, and the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final, I think the best match I ever witnessed was at Wimbledon in 1990. Without an away league win all season, us few Luton fans that turned up at Plough Lane on Valentine's Day saw Kurt Nogan and Iain

Dowie score in a 2-1 win - new boss Jimmy Ryan was making his mark.

The worst match: Oxford United away in November 1992. We lost 4-0 and John Durnin scored all four. Standing on an open terrace it poured down with rain for the entire match. We were going to go out that night in Oxford for my birthday but ended up coming straight home - I don't think I have ever been so miserable.

Best individual performance seen by a player: Scott Oakes' hat-trick against West Ham in FA Cup quarter-final replay in 1994. Scott finally showed us what amazing talent he possessed.

Favourite Hatters kit: The 1980/81 effort: white shirts with the off-centre orange and blue stripe and the Tricentrol logo. The first replica kit my parents ever bought me - and I wore it until it fell apart.

Favourite all-time player: Mick Harford. Nothing I can add that hasn't been said before - just awesome to watch.

Favourite all time manager: David Pleat from his first spell. He built a great team that wanted to play football how it should be played.

All-time town XI: Les Sealey, Tim Brecker, Matthew Taylor, David Preece, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Kevin Nicholls, Mick Harford, Brian Stein, David Moss.

I love Luton Town because... of the amazing journey they have taken me on. The highs, the lows, the ups, the downs, promotions, relegations, cup finals, points deductions, takeovers, plastic pitches and away fan bars. There is always something happening and I can't imagine my life without them.

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MOUSTACHE MANIA

Players, management and staff at Kenilworth Road are putting their razors to one side for a month starting on Monday to help raise money for two charities.

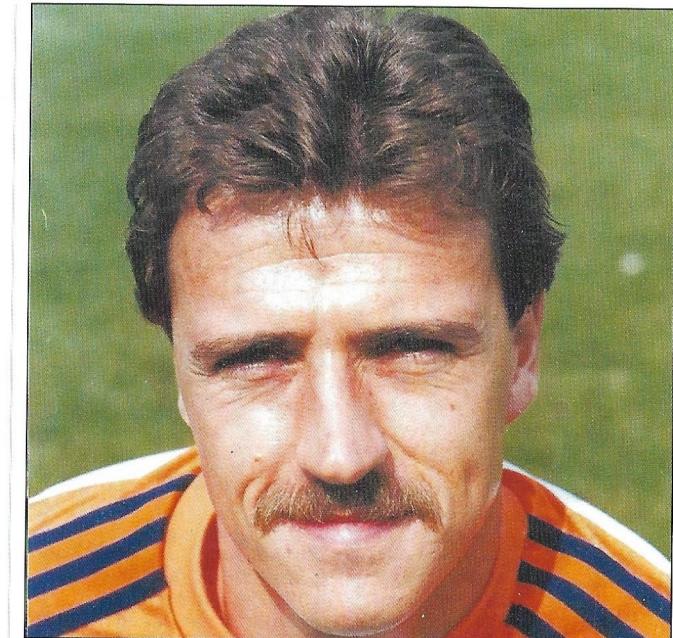
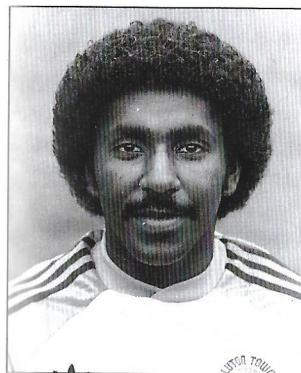
Movember is the annual month-long event which involves the growing of moustaches during the month of November, leading to the formation of the Movember Foundation charity in 2004.

The charity raises awareness to fund men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and the Town team along with supporting staff plus the youth team will be letting their taches grow on their upper lip for the whole month.

The Hatters will be splitting all the money raised by the campaign in two, half of which will be given to Prostate Cancer Care and the other half will go to the Town's Football in the Community programme which itself is a registered charity.

That means funds raised will directly help those affected by the disease and help nurture through up-and-coming young players in the Club's Football in the Community programme.

And if it's a good enough cause for us to support we're looking for you, the supporters, to join in too.

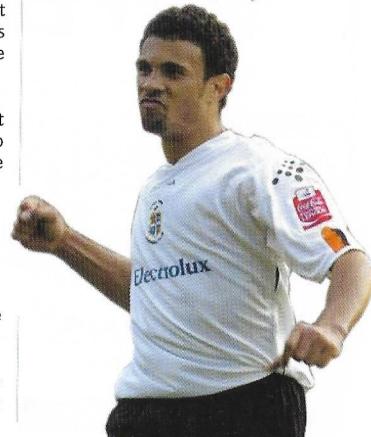


As the month progresses we're hoping the first team's moustaches echoes those of past Hatters heroes and what better time to take part as we celebrate our 125th birthday.

We've set up a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/Luton-Town-FC for you to send your donations in and throughout the month we will give up an update in our programmes and on the official site, of the players' progress.

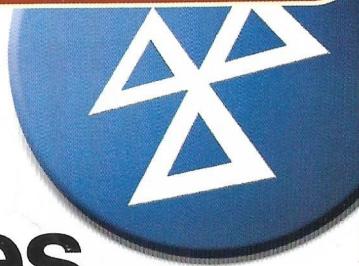
Naturally we want you to do follow suit - email in your moustaches, preferably with you sporting Town attire - in the pink and blue commemorative shirt that would be great.

So now you know why you'll begin to see the players, management and staff sporting moustaches over the next month.



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Nothing pulls on the heartstrings like an old Hatter's playing strip...

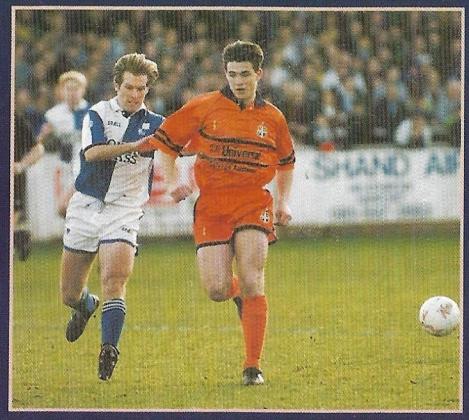
1992/93 THIRD STRIP

The Town were in what is now called the Championship and were at the time modelling their DMF Sportwear shirts of white - for home fixtures - and royal blue - when a change was required.

Typically there was the eventuality of the requirement of a third strip when teams played in a combination of white and blue.

That requirement was needed against the likes of West Bromwich Albion and here, as pictured by midfielder Ceri Hughes, at Bristol Rovers which ironically took place at today's visitors Bath City's Twerton Park home.

Orange was the obvious choice of colour and this no-frills version of the strip echoed the design of its home and away replicas.



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.

GRAHAM EDWARD FRENCH

A member of the squad that won the little World Cup in 1963.

Graham's suspect temperament put off a host of clubs, leading him to turning out to Wellington Town where he was spotted by Luton and soon become a favourite at Kenilworth Road.

For a big man, Graham had pace and two-footed ability on the wing setting up many goals for a succession of Hatters' strikers. Scorer of what many people believe to be the greatest ever goal at Kenilworth Road, against Mansfield.

Graham now lives in Wolverhampton.

Luton Town career appearances: 202
Luton Town career goals: 23

Debut: v Bradford City (a) D 2-2
First goal: v Southport (h) W 2-0
Final game: v Middlesbrough (h) L 0-1

BEHIND THE SCENES

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

HOME DRESSING ROOM

It's the place we all wish we could sit in before, at halftime and afterwards whenever the Hatters are at home and down the years there have been plenty of celebrations in it. The shirts are always hung up meticulously before the game in what is a tidy place to be before the players arrive.

It's never in the same state post match, especially when there are celebrations to be had, like back in 2005 after winning the League 1 title.



COVER STORY

THE OLDEST KNOWN PHOTO OF A LUTON TOWN TEAM FROM 1891

The Town first started paying players in December 1890 with three receiving 5 shillings (25p) a week but by the summer of 1891, when this photo was taken, the whole team was on the payroll. There was no going back now!

Goalkeeper Jack Burley began turning out in local football in Luton in 1884 but had a three year 'sabbatical' in the late 1880's, when he stopped playing completely, before signing for the Town in 1891.

Bedford boy H W Odee (he appeared to never use his first name which is unknown) played for the Bedford side for several years before joining Luton in 1891. An allround athlete well known in rowing and cricket circles around Bedfordshire.

Bert Sanders was a strong full-back who played football as a boy for Mr Newman's school in Wellington Street before becoming a founder member of the Albany club who played in 'Mr Scarborough's meadow' in Dallow Lane.

After joining the Hatters in 1887, Bert was a regular in the side before turning his back on the professional game in 1893 when joining Luton Montrose.

Harry Whitby started his football career with Luton Rovers in 1886 before making his Hatters debut a year later in a 50 victory at Watford Rovers.

Almost an ever present at inside forward for three seasons for the Town, Harry missed just one game.

William 'Manny' Chesher played for Luton Terriers for five years before catching the eye of the Town's board. A winger, regarded as 'the coolest headed player in the side with the deadliest shot.'

Arthur Taylor was the Town's first captain and came to the Hatters from Grimsby where he had enjoyed a successful career.

Very fit, he was a runner of repute and his list of prizes won included two marble time pieces, one weighing half a hundredweight, a large walnut tea tray with a silver rail surround valued at 5 guineas (£5.25), silver tea and coffee services, silver fish carvers, two silver cups, a silver watch, two silver cruetts, a case of silver napkin rings and two silver and glass biscuit tins. Wayne Rooney, eat your heart out!

Full back Jack Hoy turned out for a local team going by the name of Church Institute before

signing on for Luton Montrose in 1890 after a few fleeting appearances for the Hatters the year before.

He played a storming game for Montrose against the Town in the Luton Cup competition and was asked back to join the professional ranks at Dallow Lane in 1891.

Wing half James Wright began his career with Luton Rangers leading to a spell with Luton Wanderers.

After joining the Hatters in 1886 he was considered the 'most consistent of Luton players without attaining brilliance.'

Inside forward George (Chubby) Deacon had reached veteran status by the time this photo was taken having started playing for Luton Wanderers in 1880/81 when he was 'no youngster'. George played in the first FA Cup tie in Luton when Luton Wanderers lost to Old Etonians on what is now Dallow Road Recreation Ground in 1884.

With a good turn of speed and a fierce shot winger Frank Whitby, older brother of Harry, started out with Luton Rovers in 1882 before joining the newly formed Luton Town in 1885. Along with Deacon, Frank played in the Town's first competitive game against Great Marlow



in the FA Cup 125 years ago tomorrow.

Six months after their formation, and following a series of friendly games, the Town's first competitive match came at a windy Crown Ground, Marlow in a first Round FA Cup tie.

Marlow, FA Cup semi-finalists in 1882, were obviously marked down as pre-match favourites against the new boys and it therefore came as a surprise when both teams came in at the interval with the games scoreless.

The Town had enjoyed the wind advantage in the first half but now it was Marlow's turn and

with the wind at their backs and attacking down a slope the second half became one way traffic.

Almost straight from the kickoff Marlow's H. Walker put in a fine shot which the goalkeeper missed and the ball rolled between the posts.

Twenty five minutes later H. Walker brought about the second downfall of the visitors uprights after some fine passing between Bailey and R. A. Lunnon and two minutes from time Barrett in attempting to stop a shot by T. Walker sent the leather through his own goal.

A 3-0 defeat for the Hatters on their

competitive debut. It could only get better! Luton Town: Long, Martin, Hunt, E. Lomax, Lawrence, Barrett, G. Deacon, A. Deacon, J. Lomax, Small, F. Whitby.

Great Marlow: Plumridge, Speller, Mallett, R.H. Lunnon, Flint, Morgan, R.A. Lunnon, Bailey, T. Walker, H. Walker, Shaw.

Back row (left to right): Isaac Smith (Director), Sanders, Burley, Hoy, Frank Pitkin (Secretary). Middle row (left to right): Wright, Paul, Taylor. Front row (left to right): Frank Whitby, Deacon, Odee, Chesher, Harry Whitby.

Roger Wash

AGAINST THE ODDS

MANCHESTER CITY 0-1 LUTON TOWN. 14TH MAY 1983.



DAVID PLEAT SETS OFF ON HIS DANCE OF JOY ACROSS THE PITCH AFTER SEEING HIS SIDE ESCAPE RELEGATION AT MAINE ROAD

Promoted as runaway champions of the old Division Two at the end of the 1981/82 campaign the Hatters had invested wisely in the close season bringing in the sought after Charlton Athletic forward Paul Walsh.

Manager David Pleat reckoned that Walsh and Brian Stein together in the Town's forward line would cause Division One defences problems galore and so it proved.

The attacking threat was never an issue in the early part of the season but the Hatters

shipped in goals at the other end at an alarming rate.

High scoring games such as Notts County being beaten 5-3 at Kenilworth Road were followed by a 3-3 draw at Liverpool, a 4-4 draw at Stoke and 3-3 draw at home to Southampton.

The Town became the darlings of the television companies due to the exciting nature of the games and the guarantee of goals and end-to-end action but Pleat was worried about what

would happen when the goal supply dried up.

His fears were justified when Stein broke a bone in his foot during the 3-1 home win over Manchester City just before Christmas, which virtually ended his season.

Lack of adequate cover meant that Walsh was left to plough a lone furrow up front and naturally the goals failed to flow at the same level as they had done during that glorious autumn.

Without an adequate strikeforce, but still letting in goals, it was no real surprise that by Easter the Hatters were bottom of the table despite making lots of friends along the way.

Just as all seemed lost, a six match unbeaten run suddenly catapulted them up the table and the finishing post finally came into view.

The final home game against Everton was meant to be a carnival occasion as three points would virtually guarantee safety and after Ricky Hill gave the Town an early lead all seemed set fair.

Inexplicably, the Hatters disintegrated after this early breakthrough and conceded five goals. Worse was to come at the end of the game when it was learned that every one of the fellow strugglers had won leaving the Town with a mountain to climb once more.

Two games remained, both in Manchester.

At Old Trafford on the following Monday evening an injury weakened side was turned over 3-0 by United leaving a do or die battle against Manchester City to determine the final relegation place.

Pleat insisted that the players turn out for a testimonial game for Watford's Ross Jenkins on the Tuesday evening then allowed them the Wednesday off before taking the squad to

Henlow Grange for a day of relaxation. While trying to maintain a winning mentality and a positive spirit in the squad, Pleat was going through personal agonies as his father in law was very ill and sadly died on the day before the game at Maine Road.

Around 5,000 Luton supporters made their way up to Manchester, swelling the crowd to 42,843.

The maths were simple – the Town had to win to stay up whereas City only needed a point.

Injuries to both David Moss and Richard Money meant a reshuffle of the side and a recall for the barely fit Stein as the Town gambled in the hope of rekindling the Stein/Walsh partnership that had been so successful.

Only needing a point, City instinctively sat back throughout a sterile first half while the Town huffed and puffed to make a breakthrough.

Chances were at a premium with Walsh firing into the side netting and Mal Donaghy blasting a shot just over the bar.

The Town knew that they needed to attack with more purpose in the second half and so they did, pushing City further and further back at the same time.

Several half chances went begging as the game

drew closer and closer to a goalless stalemate and in another bold gamble Pleat withdrew the tiring Wayne Turner and replaced him with the unpredictable Yugoslav Raddy Antic.

With four minutes left, Stein got the ball out on the right wing and with tired legs tried a cross which came back to him off City defender Tommy Caton. Stein tried another cross which was pushed out to the edge of the area by goalkeeper Alex Williams straight to Antic.

Antic fired the ball straight back with the goalkeeper deflecting the shot past a defender on the line.

The players went wild and smothered Antic while Pleat ran around in a daze trying to organise the team for the final four minutes.

Those four minutes seemed like 40 but in the end the referee's whistle sounded an unlikely escape for the Town and the famous victory jig across the pitch by Pleat.

Luton Town: Godden, Stephens, Goodyear, Horton, Elliott, Donaghy, Hill, Aylott, Walsh, Turner (Antic), Stein.

Manchester City: Williams, Ranson, Reid, Caton, McDonald, Bond, Baker (Kinsey), Hartford, Power, Tueart, Reeves.

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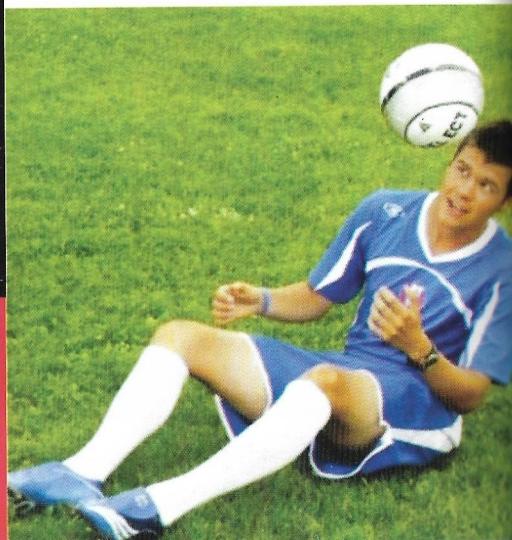
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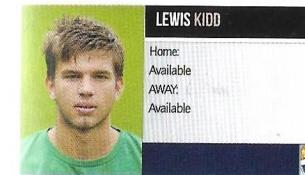
Michael Sup

Football studies student

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

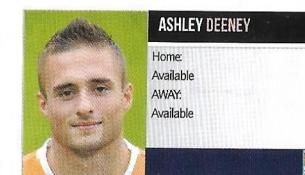


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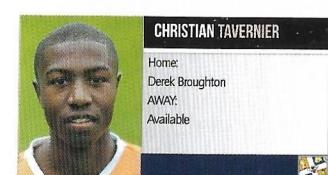
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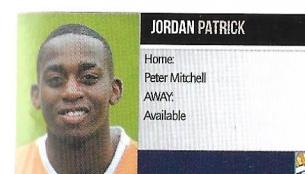
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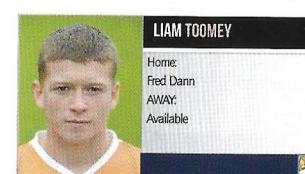
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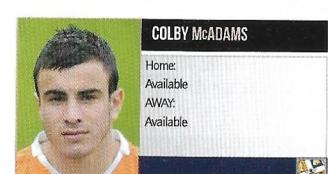
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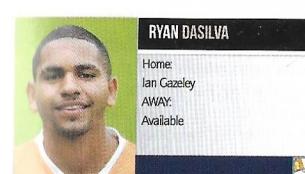
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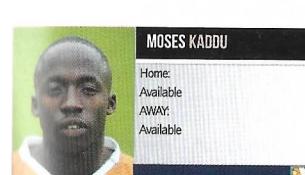
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It's been great to see the manager entrust two products of the club's youth programme to play in the centre of midfield over the last few games.

In a physically and mentally tough division, Jake Howells and Keith Keane have done well together and as individuals during the first three months of the season.

In addition Adam Watkins has featured regularly on the bench, and Alex Lacey has regularly trained with the first team all year.

The next six months will be the toughest period ever seen for our coaching staff, players and parents.



As we speak scouts and agents are circling like vultures over a fatally wounded beast ready to swoop if the club is not promoted. Ironically, the club is now run better than ever and the youth programme is flourishing.

We won't be bullied by the "supposedly" bigger clubs, envious of the job done by our coaching and recruitment staff.

Today we are proudly celebrating 125 years of history, playing in front of a crowd that most clubs in League 1 would be envious of, and most importantly we have a manager who knows how to get the best out of young players.

The Club's investors have ensured that the youth system is stronger than any other club outside of the Premier League and our young players must study their football history to understand the politics of career progression.

Too often youngsters move before they are technically, mentally and physically ready to do so and this immediately puts big hurdles in the way of their career progression.

How important to a Premier League Club is a teenager who has joined them for a nominal fee and is behind a group of 50 highly-paid professional players?

Look at Curtis Davies, Leon Barnett and John Hartson who established a place in our first team, ensuring that when the move was right their new club would consider them as a regular player rather than being way down the pecking order.

Look at Joe Hart who, after playing 50 games for Shrewsbury, knew that when Manchester City purchased him in 2006 they would look to get him playing first team games, not parking him in their youth team.

Our coaching staff is now stronger than ever and they are the unsung heroes at any club.

Dan Walder has transformed our ability to identify and train the best seven and eight-year-olds in the area. Dan has an amazing positivity and calming effect on these players and parents and it is no coincidence that they all want to join the club after working with him.

Once they have signed for Luton Town at Under-

9 level they enter our Centre of Excellence where they are overseen by Jon De Souza.

Like many of our young players will progress, I have no doubt that Jon will coach in the Premier League over the next few years. He possesses maturity beyond his years, good technical and tactical knowledge and has a refreshing honesty when talking to players and parents.

Working under Jon we have a talented and dedicated team of coaches. Adam, James, Darren, Andy K, Michael, Andy E, Jay, Tony, Adam, Lee and Joe give our players the technical and mental support needed to aid their development. We have spent the last three years ensuring that we had the right staff at the right age groups and we now feel we have got the balance working well.

At Under-16 level we have Wayne Turner who is the best coach working with young players in England.

His sessions are inspirational for both players and our coaching staff. Wayne has a real passion for Luton Town from his time here as a player and coach and we are very lucky to have him on board.

At Under-18 level Martin Prickett has gone a long way into transforming the most difficult age group into the cohesive, disciplined and expressive group needed to succeed at this level.

Every year this process will be easier as our young players become accustomed to the demands placed on a footballer once they join the club full-time.

Supporting Martin, Adam Balletta and Stuart Smith have worked hard to establish our shadow Under-18 squad at Baldock which will go a long way to ensure that we don't miss out on players with longer term potential.

The support staff play a vital role in allowing the coaches to coach. From Jon Chatfield and Tim Andrews on the medical side through to our three sport scientists; Jordan McCann, Laura Smith and Paul Quilter, the players' development and welfare is looked after holistically.

Gareth Rose is our Education Officer and ensures all our players aged 13-18 are inspired to improve themselves off the pitch.

Alison Owen works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep on top of the mountain of administration required to run the programme as well as managing the key component of child protection.

Finally without player recruitment all of this support is worthless. John Doyle heads our team of part-time scouts who are out there come rain or shine, and Kevin Thoburn heads the Talent Identification Team that manages our development and recruitment throughout the region. Both are invaluable in ensuring that we stay one step ahead of our competitors.

Your continued support of youth development is key over the coming months.

Take a chance to visit our website at www.ltd.co.uk, support SoLYD via www.solyd.co.uk or come and watch our youngsters play.

We would like to invite all supporters over to Baldock Arena on Tuesday 2nd November to be part of the re-opening of this magnificent facility. Thanks to support from SoLYD and the Loyal Luton Supporters Club the venue now carries a real Luton Town theme to inspire our young players, and we will be joined on the evening by many of our explayers now playing in the Premier League.



YOUNG GUNS

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

NAME: Newman Carney

DATE OF BIRTH: 23/04/1994

POSITION: Centre half or left back

DATE JOINED: March 2006

NATIONALITY: British

PLAYER COMPARISON: Daniel Agger

HONOURS: SOLYD Young Player of the Year 2009/10

IN HIS OWN WORDS: "I am a left-footed defender and I'm comfortable on the ball and love passing, and like enjoy playing under pressure. I also like a tackle and have good communication skills on the pitch to help others. Lastly I'm a determined person who loves working hard and hate losing."

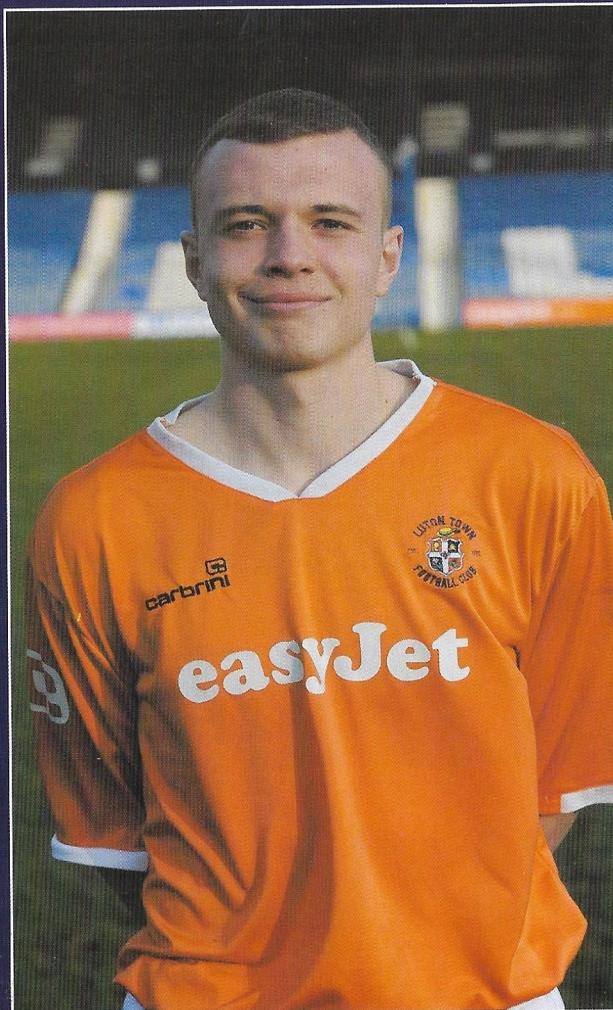
COACH'S COMMENTS:

Gregg Broughton: "As a 12-year-old Newman attended our very first Talent Identification Programme in Luton and his ability shone immediately. He was soon promoted to the Club's Performance Centre and captained the Under-13 team to win the Kokkola Cup in Finland later that season."

"Playing for Dunstable Icknield Newman was signed by our Centre of Excellence at the end of the 2006/07 season, and after shining as a Under 14, made his debut for the youth team as a Under-15."

"Joining the Club full-time after completing his GCSEs this summer, Newman made his debut for the first team in July 2010 at Kenilworth Road against Kilmarnock during pre-season."

"Newman is a left-footed defender who is equally comfortable playing at left back or at centre back. He has a great range of passing and is a natural leader, Newman has featured regularly for the reserves this season."



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

• AT TODAY'S GAME WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME THE PLAYERS AND PARENTS OF OUR UNDER-14 SQUAD.



COACH JON DE SOUZA GUIDES US THROUGH THE SQUAD:

Aaron Hughes - A central midfield player from London.

Cade Stephens-Abbey - A tough tackling defensive player from Bedford.

Callum Wilson - From Luton, Callum is a left-side player with good technical ability.

Isaac Galliford - From Luton, Isaac is a creative midfield player who can score spectacular goals.

Jason Hurley - A right back with a good range of passing.

Lee Hawkes - A consistent, composed centre back.

Luke Trotman - An athletic, combative centre midfield player with an eye for goal.

Ollie Cole - From Dunstable, Ollie is a lightning quick centre forward.

Osamu Allman - A clever creative midfield player with excellent ability to beat defenders.

Sam Hazell - A versatile, athletic footballer who is comfortable in defence or midfield.

Tobi Ibrahim - Strong, powerful attacking player with good ability to go past defenders.

Ekene Amadi - The current leading goal scorer, a natural finisher and equally comfortable with his back to goal.

William Pinney - Has an excellent left foot and good ability to open up opponents with his

range of passing.

Lucas Perry - A technical and athletic left back who joins in and is the creator of several goals.

Craig King - A solid goalkeeper who can make spectacular saves.

Tyler Redden - An outstanding goalkeeper and a genuine match-winner.

Teejay Duncan-Allen - A real powerhouse defender with lightning pace and an excellent range of passing.

Tommy Lee Stimpson - A left footed forward with the ability to create a goal from nothing.



Our new Inkjet, Laser Toner Cartridge and Mobile Phone recycling scheme not only saves you money and reduces waste going to landfill but also helps fund future generations of Luton Town players.



DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



The clocks change this weekend which not only means winter is here but also that we lose the all important daylight after school for our our soccer centres.

So starting from Monday most of our centres transfer to indoor venues so no matter how dark, wet and cold those winter evenings are we still get to play.

Most of our soccer centres are pay and play on the day - but if you are attending for the first time we do ask you to contact us before - as we are limited to maximum numbers in the various sports halls we use.

Our venues are listed below and are generally for all primary school age children but it's best to phone our Community Officer, James Hatch, to check before attending.

Winter Indoor Venues

All of these courses run from next week throughout the winter.

Monday - Flitwick Leisure Centre, Shefford - Samuel Whitbread High School, Leighton Buzzard - Tidderfoot Leisure Centre.

Tuesday - Houghton Regis Leisure Centre.

Wednesday - Shefford - Robert Bloomfield Middle School.

Thursday - Luton - Cardinal Newman High School, Farley Hill Junior School, Flitwick Leisure Centre.

Friday - Luton - Cardinal Newman High

School, Dunstable - All Saints High School.

All courses vary in start time from between 4pm and 6pm.

Saturday Morning Club

The Saturday Morning Club is back up and running all year round at Bramingham Primary School with lots of new coaches.

The session which includes lots of games and fun skills competitions runs every Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11am, for youngsters in school years 1-4. All abilities are welcome.

For more information on any of the above course please contact James Hatch on 07725 172345 or 01582 583 618 or via email at james.luton@live.co.uk.

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LUTON LADIES



The first ever meeting between the Hatters and Ebbsfleet United came in the South East Combination League Cup quarter-final and, after a stirring performance, it was the Town that came out on top.

The Hatters took a deserved lead after 15 minutes when Jess McKay seized on a Leyah Maddix's pass into the channel and got to the line before driving her cross into the danger area which in turn was met on the run by Candice Davies to fire home at the near post.

Luton continued to push for a second goal but it was the visitors who pegged the Town back with goalkeeper Sian Hall twice making excellent stops with her feet.

However she could do very little to prevent a Fleet equaliser as the defence stood off and allowed the striker to curl her shot into the net.

The Hatters' response was swift as Nicola

Henman went on a driving run through the centre of midfield before slipping the ball into McKay's path and, when the goalkeeper blocked her effort Michelle Byrne was quickest to the loose ball to clip the ball home for a 2-1 interval lead.

Luton continued to look for further goals in the second half but the crucial next goal appeared to be eluding the Town as several chances went begging and McKay's header flew back off the inside of a post before being scrambled clear.

Midway through the half Jade McEntaggart played a neat onetwo with Davies before delivering a pinpoint cross to the far post where Maddix arrived to smash the ball into the net on the volley for the all important third goal.

A semi-final place was assured when the

referee awarded the Hatters a penalty for a handball offence which was despatched high into the net by McEntaggart to make it 4-1.

Manager John Wyatt said: "With up to seven first team squad members again missing we had to play a number of players out of position and not 100% fit but those who wore the shirt did so with real pride and passion.

"The players selected all showed real character in battling through a potentially difficult cup tie and we can now look forward to a semi-final in the New Year".

The Ladies have been drawn against Rothwell Town, a non-league County League side, in the FA Cup.

The Hatters return to league action this Sunday entertaining Ipswich Town at Biggleswade Town with a 2pm kickoff.

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB



AN EVENING WITH MARK TYLER, KEVIN PILKINGTON AND DMITRI KHARINE

Tuesday 2nd November 2010

- Eric Morecambe Suite, Kenilworth Road
- Bar, Raffle & Secure Car Parking
- Doors open 7pm, Start - 7.30pm
- £3 Members* £5 Non-Members

*LTSC Members, showing valid membership on arrival, will receive 1 free drink!
(New memberships welcome on the night. Drink: a pint of beer, a bottle of beer or cider, a glass of wine or a soft drink)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

On Saturday 9th October we hosted Arsenal Ladies, competing across four age groups at Under-10s, 12s, 14s and 16s level.

Hatters Under-10s 2-1 Arsenal Ladies Under-10s

With the Hatters dominating the game from start to finish, the Hatters' Chaira Meola was the player of the match with her midfield dominance and also scored to help the Town to a very well earned win.

Hatters Under-12s 0-9 Arsenal Ladies Under-12s

With the Town under the cosh, Lucy Hollamby was the outstanding player for the Hatters with a succession of excellent saves. It was goalless between the two sides up until the 35th minute

before the pressure told and the Gunners showed their class.

Hatters Under-14s 2-5 Arsenal Ladies Under-14s

Rebecca Reeve was the standout player as the Hatters' slow start cost them dear with Megan Bartlett keeping the Gunners within touching distance with some good goalkeeping. The Town though were soon 2-0 down before they even got started but striker Reeve's constant hounding of the Gunners defence got her rewards with an excellent goal.

Hatters Under-16s 1-6 Arsenal Ladies Under-16s

With the superb work ethic of Charlotte Kerr and with Georgia Metcalfe dominating her goal



area, the Hatters were a real threat with the game being fiercely competitive. However, the Hatters' efforts were in all in vain as the powerful Gunners side punished them with two sucker punches from set pieces.



Overall, we are slowly bridging the gap between the top girl teams within our region but now must use these positive results as a springboard for further progress to close the gap even further, which can only be achieved through hard work and determination.

Our next fixture is away to Cambridge United on Saturday 30th October.

We are currently looking for 5-7 year olds to coach over the coming seasons. If you are interested please contact Kieran Fox on 07771 704139 or email kieran.lfc@hotmail.co.uk



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LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ALL CHANGE

York City manager Gary Mills has begun to trim his new squad by releasing three players.

First year professionals Dean Isles and Jamie Hopcutt have left and striker David Dowson, who has been at York on a noncontract basis, has been told he is also free to find a new club.

TRANSFER ROUND-UP

Bradford City's Louis Home has joined Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Fleetwood Town on loan.

The three-month loan deal began on Friday and he was on the substitute's bench for Saturday's FA Cup win against Buxton.

Altrincham's Matt Doughty has continued his return to fitness after his cruciate injury by switching loan clubs.

He was on dual-registration with Curzon Ashton, but he has now switched to EvoStik Premier side Nantwich Town.

At his new club he plays under former Alty colleagues Kevin Street and Darren Tinson.

He joins Steve Cook, Rhys Day and Simon Grand as the fourth arrival at Field Mill in the last fortnight.

Darlington boss Mark Cooper has brought in ex-Liverpool trainee goalkeeper Christopher Oldfield as cover between the sticks.

The 19yearold shotstopper, who had been with Chester of the Northern Premier League Division One side, has joined Darlington on a non-contract basis.

Oldfield, from Liverpool, was a trainee with the Reds before his release last summer.

STAGS SWOOP FOR VINCENTI

Peter Vincenti has joined Mansfield Town on a three month loan deal from Stevenage with a view to the move becoming permanent in January. The 24year-old can play as an attacking midfielder or up front.

Jersey-born Vincenti joined the Hertfordshire outfit on a free transfer in January 2008 from first club Millwall but has found first team opportunities difficult to come by at Broadhall Way as last season's BSP champions adjust to life in the Football League.

Vincenti has made one start and four substitute appearances in League Two this season and has the distinction of scoring Boro's first ever goal in the Football League during their opening game against Macclesfield in August.

CHANGE IN GOAL AT CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge United goalkeeper Simon Brown will keep his chin up despite losing his place in the side, according to manager Martin Ling.

Brown was dropped from the team for the first time for last Saturday's 3-1 win at home to Barrow with Danny Naismith handed his debut.

Ling said: "Simon's head hasn't dropped at all. He is a very good professional."

"Like any professional when he's left out of the side he's disappointed, but he accepted it and could see the reasoning behind it."

"He's prepared to fight for his place because he's old enough to know if you're left out, you've got to get yourself back in."

"It can change quickly with a loss of form from the player in place and I know he'll be more than ready if that happens and that's good for the squad as a whole."

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Connell (Grimsby)	12
Reid (Newport)	12
Vieira (Fleetwood)	11
Tubbs (Crawley)	11
Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	10
Walker (Barrow)	10
Barnes-Homer (Luton)	9
Connor (Mansfield)	8
Mama (Kettering)	8
Rankine (York)	7
Jolley (AFC Wimbledon)	7
Perry (Tamworth)	7

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Luton	6,570
Grimsby	3,395
AFC Wimbledon	3,383
Wrexham	2,756
Cambridge	2,607
Newport	2,496
York	2,379
Mansfield	2,347
Fleetwood	1,879
Darlington	1,858
Kettering	1,758
Crawley	1,698
Eastbourne	1,430
Barrow	1,355
Kidderminster	1,332
Rushden and Diamonds	1,267
Southport	1,179
Tamworth	1,109
Altrincham	1,059
Forest Green	982
Bath	978
Gateshead	757
Histon	511
Hayes and Yeading	361

HOME COMFORTS



LUTON TOWN v HISTON

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 20th November 2010 kickoff 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v DARLINGTON

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 27th November 2010 kickoff 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



CORBY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

FA Cup first round Saturday 6th November 2010 kickoff 3pm

The Club are awaiting news on the venue for this cup tie.



If the game does go ahead at Corby's Rockingham Triangle we have been allocated 434 tickets. Further information will be released on the official website and in the local press.

MATCHDAY PRICES

ALL AREAS

COMPROMISE SEATING - MAIN ENCLOSURE A, B, H & J, MAIN STAND G	
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
JUNIORS (UNDER 10)	£5
YOUTH (AGE 10-16)	£8
YOUNG ADULT (AGE 17-21)	£13
ADULT (AGE 22-64)	£15
SENIOR (AGE 65-75)	£13
GOLDEN SENIOR (OVER 75)	£10

BUY TICKETS

IN PERSON: At the ticket office, Kenilworth Road.

BY PHONE: Call 01582 416976

ONLINE: Visit www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown

ON THE ROAD



WREXHAM v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Thursday 11th November 2010 kickoff 7.45pm

Please note the change of that for this match. This game will be screened live on Premier Sports TV.



Tickets are available on the night for Luton supporters but savings can be made if brought in advance. These are only available through Wrexham and are available through their ticket office and on their online ticket website. Visit www.wrexhamafc.co.uk for details or call 01978 262129. We have an allocation of 1,200 seats in the Yale Stand.

Prices: Adults £14 (in advance) £17 (on the night), concessions £10 (in advance) £12 (on the night), juniors £5 (in advance and on the night).



ALTRINCHAM v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 13th November 2010 kickoff 3pm

This game is pay on the day for Luton supporters.

We have been allocated 1,434 terrace spaces and a limited number of seats.



Prices - Terrace: Adult £13, over-65s £8, under-16s £5, under-12s £2.
Seating: Adult £13, all concessions £9.

ROUTE TO WREXHAM

Address: Racecourse Ground,
Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11
2AH.

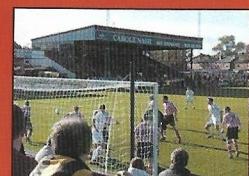


Directions: Take the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Parking-wise your best bet is to arrive early (around 1-1.15pm) were there is some street parking to be had, on the other side of the road from the car showroom by the Turf Pub. Otherwise there are a couple of private car parks, including NEWI on the Plas Coch Retail Park.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to north Wales. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 2.30pm and prices are £20 for adults and £17 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 3pm. Prices are £20 for adults and £18 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

AWAY TO ALTY

Address: Moss Lane,
Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8AP.



Directions: M1 north, M6, leaving at junction 19. Take the A556 towards Manchester Airport. At the large roundabout junction with the M56, turn right onto the M56, still heading towards Manchester Airport. Leave the M56 at junction 6 and take the A538 towards Hale Barns/Altrincham. After two miles (in which you will have passed through Hale Barns) you will go through the traffic lights, that is the junction with the A5144 (Delahays Road). After these traffic lights take the third right into Westminster Road. Carry straight on down Westminster Road, which becomes Bancroft Road and then Moss Lane. The ground is down on the right.

Go by coach: Both the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are running coaches to Moss Lane. The Bobbers depart the Maple Road car park at 9.30am and prices are £20 for adults and £17 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 10.30am. Prices are £18 for adults and £16 for concessions. To reserve your spot call 07960 567465.

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STUDY CENTRE

Well it's halfterm already, which means we have just finished working with our first group of children for this academic year.

We worked with 15 pupils from each from Putteridge Junior School, Dallow Road Primary School, Ramridge Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School.

These children came to us after school for six weeks and had lots of fun but also learnt lots of new maths and English skills.

As a reward for their hard work we organised two players to attend the sessions. The children that have been attending this term are all huge Hatters fans, so were really pleased to meet some of their heroes.

Putteridge were the first to meet the players when Adam Newton and Taiwo Atieno attended this session and as the children arrived to see professional footballers in their presence it was great to see the pupils so excited.

Adam and Taiwo played speed stacking with the children and took part in a competition with Adam winning the overall game.

After this the children interviewed the players. They were keen to know some key details, asking the duo questions ranging from which players has the best car to what was their favourite footballing memory.

The children also asked questions about the players' home lives, memories from growing up and asked about the best way to become a footballer.

After being interviewed Adam and Taiwo also spent time playing table football with the pupils and having a healthy snack.

The children had a great time and were very happy to have been able to get autographs to take home and show their parents.



Later this week we will be giving pupils from the other schools the opportunity to meet Adam Watkins, Godfrey Poku, Danny Crow and Amari Morgan-Smith.

This is such a privilege for the children and it is a great reward for there hard work.

A big thank you to Alan Neilson and Richard Money for organising and allowing players to attend the sessions.



STATS 2010/11

DATE OPPONITION H/A COMP SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 14	Altrincham	H	BSBP	2-1	6,665	101	6	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca 1 F.Murray Drury A.Murray Keane Howells** Gallen* B Homer 1**
Tue 17	Kettering Town	A	BSBP	3-1	2,906	1,664	1	K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Gnaka** A.Murray *** Keane Drury Gallen* B Homer 3
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	BSBP	3-0	2,831	715	1	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Gnaka 1 Besta Drury Drury Crow** B Homer 1
Tue 24	Newport C	H	BSBP	1-1	6,945	423	1	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca 1 F.Murray Gnaka* Besta Keane Drury Gallen* B Homer 1
Sat 28	Tamworth	A	BSBP	1-3	1,694	976	2	K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Gnaka* A.Murray Besta*** Drury Craddock 1 B Homer 1**
Mon 30	Hayes & Y	H	BSBP	1-1	6,354	80	4	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca Blackett Drury 1 Keane A.Murray Howells** Crow B Homer*

SEPTEMBER

Sat 04	Grimsby Town	A	BSBP	0-2	3,822	348	6	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca Blackett Gnaka*** Keane* A.Murray Newton Gallen** B Homer
Sat 11	Cambridge Utd	H	BSBP	2-0	6,691	628	6	Tyler Gleeson* Blackett Kroca F.Murray Gnaka*** G.Pilkington 1 A.Murray Drury 1 Atieno** B Homer 1*
Fri 17	AFC Wimbledon	H	BSBP	3-0	7,286	633	2	Tyler Newton Blackett Kroca 1 F.Murray Gnaka* G.Pilkington 1 Howells Drury Atieno B Homer 1*
Tue 21	Darlington	A	BSBP	2-2	1,665	227	5	Tyler Newton Blackett* Kroca F.Murray Gnaka 1 Howells 1 G.Pilkington Drury Atieno** B Homer
Sat 25	Gateshead	A	BSBP	0-1	1,075	334	7	Tyler Gleeson Blackett Kroca* F.Murray Gnaka* Keane G.Pilkington Newton Atieno B Homer***
Tue 28	Mansfield Town	H	BSBP	2-0	6,024	303	6	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Gnaka Howells Keane M Smith 1 Crow 1 B Homer*

OCTOBER

Sat 02	Barrow	A	BSBP	1-0	1,416	228	4	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Gnaka** Howells Keane Drury Crow* B Homer 1**
Tue 05	Crawley Town	H	BSBP	1-2	6,895	153	4	Tyler Gleeson* Blackett Kroca F.Murray Gnaka* Keane G.Pilkington Drury 1 Atieno* B Homer
Sat 16	Eastbourne B.	A	BSBP	4-2	2,518	923	4	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington 1 Kroca F.Murray Keane Howells M Smith Drury** Crow 2 B Homer 1
Tue 19	Forest Green R.	H	BSBP	6-1	5,704	18	3	Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Keane Howells* M Smith 1 Drury 1 Crow 2 B Homer 1
Sat 23	St Albans City	H	FAC4Q	4-0	4,144	537	-	Tyler Gleeson* G.Pilkington Kroca F.Murray Keane Howells M Smith 3 Gnaka Crow 1*** B Homer**
Sat 30	Bath City	H	BSBP					

NOVEMBER

Sat 06	Corby Town	A	FAC1					
Thu 11	Wrexham	A	BSBP					
Sat 13	Altrincham	A	BSBP					
Sat 20	Histon	H	BSBP					
Sat 27	Darlington	H	BSBP					
Tue 30	AFC Wimbledon	A	BSBP					

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

KEY

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

SUBSTITUTES

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

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LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

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17	HISTON	16	3	1	4	11	13	2	2	4	7	14	19	18								
18	CAMBRIDGE UTD	16	4	2	2	16																

LAST WORD

• WITH FORMER LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR BRIAN SWAIN

I am hoping to come up from Cornwall for today's game to join in the birthday celebrations at a ground where I warmed benches for over 40 years in three successive Kenilworth Road press boxes.

What a lucky man I was - being paid to watch my team. Beats working for a living was how I looked at it. Overall, it was a wonderful working life, and six years into retirement I still miss it.

Mind you, there was the occasional heartache when we suffered relegation. The wicked injustice of the last one still rankles. There was another which always seemed dodgy to Town fans of 1975.

Happy Harry Haslam had guided us into the First Division, now the Premiership, for what turned out to be a beauty and the beast season. We were rubbish until Christmas, looking doomed to relegation.

On Boxing Day we went to Ipswich, the bottom team playing the top, and incredibly after battling towards what would have been a glorious point Ron Fletcher, on his league debut for the Town, headed a winner in the last minute.

It was the shock of the day and an enduring memory is of disappointed Ipswich manager Bobby Robson being gracious in defeat.

He had a soft spot for us: he, Haslam and Town coach Roy McCrohan had been sacked together at Fulham and stayed firm friends ever after.

That Ipswich result led to a revival which deserved a fairytale ending, despite a wretched Easter when we lost all three games, to champions-elect Derby, Wolves and Spurs.



After that, victories over Everton, Leicester and Birmingham brought a last-day home game with Manchester City. A win would give us a good chance of escaping the drop.

Alas, we would have to wait until 1983 for dramatic last-day success against City because we could only draw 1-1. Carlisle and Chelsea were already down, and the third relegation spot was between us and Tottenham, whose final game of the season was on the following Monday evening.

They were at home to the mighty Leeds, but mysteriously Billy Bremner and co. failed to hit their normal form, and Spurs' against-the-odds

4-2 victory saved them and condemned us. A shock to say the least! Were Leeds happy to lose and go to White Hart Lane rather than Luton next season...?

We shall never know, but at least my generation later saw Luton Town play at the top for ten years, thanks to David Pleat. Richard Money, of course, was in that promotion-winning squad.

The best days of my football life: the 1988 Littlewoods Cup triumph and the Ratty Antic show at Maine Road in 1983. He's still the only man I have ever kissed!

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AFC WIMBLEDON	v	DARLINGTON
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GATESHEAD	v	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
GRIMSBY TOWN	v	EASTBOURNE B
HAYES & YEADING U	v	ALTRINCHAM
HISTON	v	WREXHAM
MANSFIELD TOWN	v	CRAWLEY TOWN
NEWPORT COUNTY	v	KETTERING TOWN
RUSHDEN & D	v	BARROW
TAMWORTH	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN

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FULL-TIME SCORE

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