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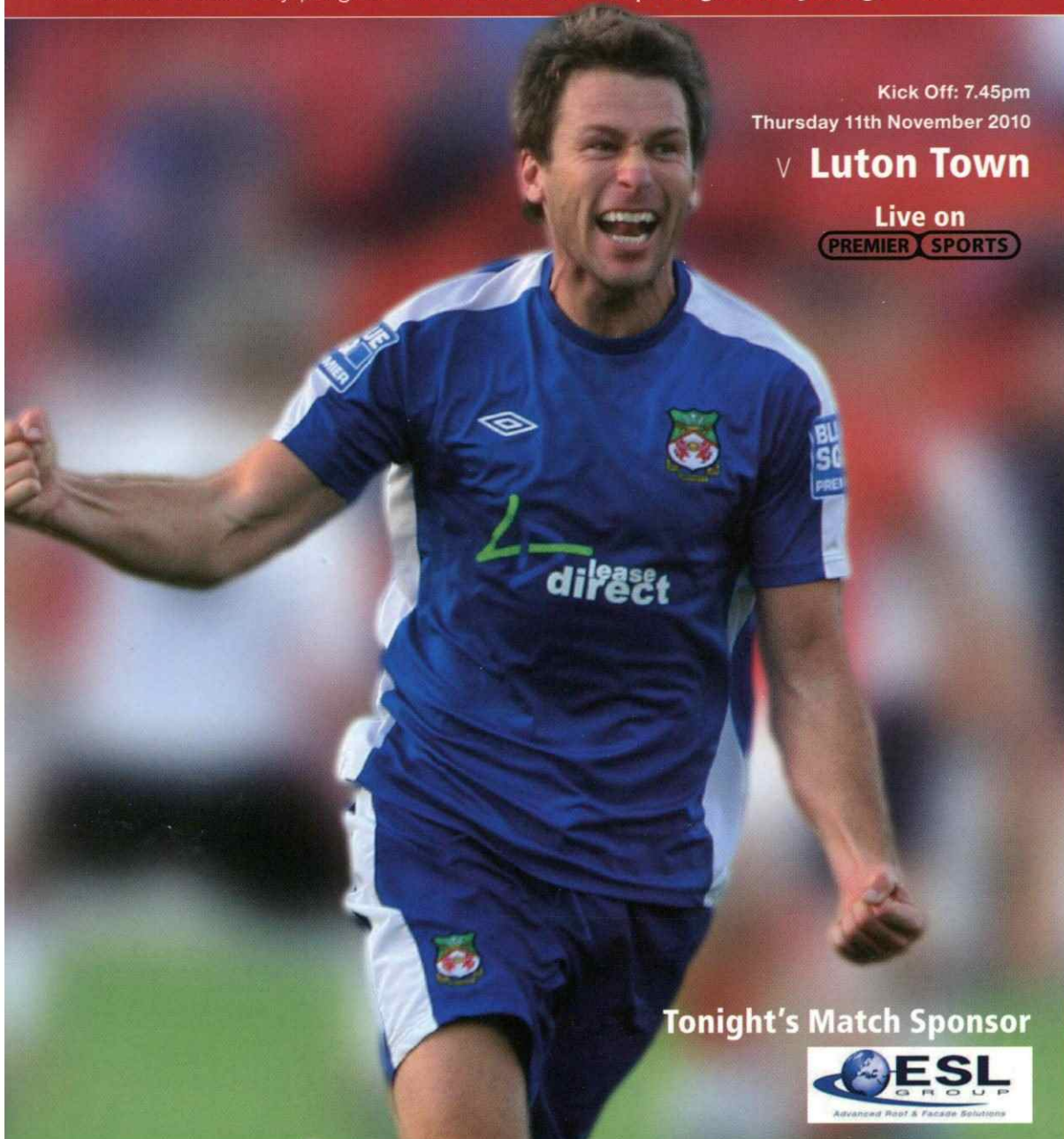
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Welcome to the Racecourse tonight on Remembrance Day. Our thoughts as ever will go out to all those brave men and women who gave up their lives to protect the future, and their comrades who still continue to put themselves at risk in conflicts far afield.



A party from the Royal British Legion will be present this evening and we welcome them to the Racecourse.

Once again Luton Town are visiting us on a sombre day. Last year it was our own memorial for the awful Gresford Colliery Disaster and that evening, you, the supporters, conducted yourselves with respect and compassion, and I am sure the same will be said of you this evening.

Tonight is the first visit this season for TV cameras covering one of our home games and we warmly welcome the team from Premier Sports, who have taken over broadcasting Blue Square Premier Bet league football to the world.

There has been a great deal of speculation surrounding the Club over the last few weeks and whilst I do not wish to comment on that this evening, all I would say is 'don't believe all you read in the papers', as it is their job to sensationalize the facts.

To that end and to quote the Club's official views and comments, we will be launching a section called Chairman's Corner on our official Club website which is can be accessed at www.wrexhamfc.tv. It is hoped that fans can email questions in and a selection can be printed along with the official answers.

So back to this evening and I would like to leave you with a poem written by a 10-year-old in memory of the First World War and as they say, out of the mouths of babes!

It was ninety years ago,
The end of the terrible war
Millions say never again!

Never again the pain and the sorrow,
Never again the bombs of tomorrow,
Never again the smell of gas,
Never again the death of the mass,

Never again the bombs and red sky,
Never again all who die,

Never again rations of starvation,
Never again the sadness of evacuation,

Never again the air raids and dying,
Never again the shooting and crying,

Never again the horror of war,
That's why we say
Never again!!

With dignity and respect we shall remember.

IAN ROBERTS | CHAIRMAN

The Official Wrexham Matchday Programme

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We are looking for supporters to contribute to the programme over the coming season. If you travel to away fixtures then why not write a report/review on your away trip to form a regular feature within the programme.

If you would like to contribute anything to the Wrexham Matchday Programme then please contact either Terry Brumpton on 07771 802 048 or email terrybrumpton@yahoo.co.uk or Scott Smith on scottsmith629@hotmail.co.uk

Welcome // Croeso

Good evening and welcome back to the Racecourse following a short break from action here on our own patch. Tonight we welcome Luton Town in another vital Blue Square Bet Premier fixture. I would like to welcome everyone that has made the journey up from Luton for this evening's game and I trust you will have an enjoyable time in our company and have a safe trip home afterwards.

Tonight we are in the rather unusual situation of playing a game on a Thursday evening. This is down to the fact that tonight's game is being shown live on the Premier Sports channel. This will be our second fixture of the season that has been screened live on TV following our 1-1 draw against rivals Newport County on the opening weekend of live football action from Premier Sports. Hopefully we will be able to go one better this evening and pick up all three points in front of a live TV audience. Meanwhile for our visitors tonight it is their third TV game of the season and so far they have an even record of one win and one loss.

The game this evening will be another tough home fixture for us coming not long on the back of the fixture against one time league leaders AFC Wimbledon. Luton have made a positive start in their second season at this level of football as they try and gain a place back in the Football League. Ahead of Tuesday night's games they found themselves three points off league leaders Crawley Town, a position they will be looking to build upon in the coming months in order to avoid a third consecutive season in the BSBP.

Our last league action saw us picking up a point on our travels to Histon nearly two weeks ago now. A Gareth Taylor goal in the last minute of normal time looked to have gained us all three points only for the home side to equalise with pretty much the last kick of the game. Despite this 1-1 draw we actually don't find ourselves too far off a place in the top five of the league and picking up points against the sides who will be up there at the end of the season is a priority on our own turf.

Obviously the last taste of action here at the Racecourse came just over two weeks ago now when we crashed out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle to Southport. On the day we just lacked that bit of luck that you sometimes need to win games as we could well go the rest of the season without scoring another own goal let alone scoring two in one game!

Because of this loss in the Cup we found ourselves without a game last weekend so hopefully the team will be raring to go this evening in order to pick up the three points and move that little closer to the top five ahead of Sunday's game at York City.

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around the RACECOURSE

A LOOK AT THE LATEST CLUB NEWS

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

As today is also Armistice Day, it is only fitting that we pay a small tribute to the members of our armed forces and especially to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



The Royal British Legion is the nation's custodian of Remembrance, ensuring that people remember those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. The poppy has become the symbol of Remembrance worn during the weeks leading to Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

For this year's Poppy Appeal, The Royal British Legion has released a single into the UK charts. All of the proceeds from the single will go towards furthering their work in supporting serving and ex-Service personnel and their families.

The Prime Minister, Thom Yorke, Andy Murray, David Tennant and Mark Ronson are amongst a host of celebrities and sports

stars featured in the video. The single was released on 7 November and you can order your copy now at www.silentsingle.com or on iTunes for just £1.00.

Join in the mission to make chart history by reaching number 1 by Remembrance Sunday and show your support by joining the official Facebook page: [facebook.com/poppyingle2010](https://www.facebook.com/poppyingle2010)

Access a preview of the video and behind the scenes footage on youtube.com

FA YOUTH CUP

The Reds will be playing their next FA Youth Cup tie at Carlisle United this coming Tuesday evening (7.00pm).

Follow the action on the club website or via twitter @wrexham_fc. The winners of this first round fixture have already been drawn at home to Walsall at the next stage.

Having beaten Llanrwst United 12-0 in the FAW Youth Cup, they will now be at home to Llandudno Town in the next round.

TONIGHTS MASCOTS



Joining the teams as they run out this evening will be Harvey Williams and Thomas Roberts.

Harvey will be 8-years-old in two weeks and attends Queensferry CP School. He plays in midfield for Connah's Quay Stripes U8's, while also being a season ticket holder and sits in Mold Road Stand. His favourite player is Jamie Tolley.

Meanwhile, Thomas is 13, attends Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen and he will be at tonight's match with his dad and brother.

Some facts and statistics relating to the Legion:

- The Royal British Legion safeguards the welfare, interests and memory of serving and ex-Service people and their families and dependants.
- The Legion was founded in 1921.
- Some 9.5 million people in the UK are eligible to ask for its help.
- The Legion is one of the UK's largest membership organisations, with around 360,000 members (including the Women's Section). Anyone can be a member, ex-Service or not.
- People as young as 17.5 years can be sent on active service, so veterans are often much younger than people realise.
- Since 2003 we have provided financial help to 10,000 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan operations - and we are investing £20 million in Personnel Recovery Centres to care for the wounded of current conflicts.
- There has only been one year (1968) since the Second World War when a British Service person hasn't been killed on active service.
- The Legion will be needed for as long as people continue to be affected by conflict. It doesn't advocate war but is simply there to support those who have been prepared to make a personal sacrifice through serving in the British Armed Forces.
- In 2009, we raised £107 million - including a record £31 million for the Poppy Appeal
- For every pound raised 80p goes towards achieving our objectives and of that 6.6p goes towards our support costs.
- 300,000 staff and volunteers organise the Poppy Appeal each year.
- More than 30 million Remembrance poppies, 5 million remembrance petals, 100,000 wreaths and sprays, 750,000 Remembrance Crosses and other Remembrance items are made at the Poppy Factory in Richmond, Surrey, each year.
- More than 70% of the workers at the Poppy Factory are disabled or suffer from chronic illness.

50/50 RESULTS

At half-time during the FA Cup match with Southport, the following winning 50/50 tickets were drawn:

4120 - 1st Prize - 50/50 - £130

4020 - 2nd Prize - Odeon Family Tickets

3673 - 3rd Prize - Nando's Meal Voucher

3731 - 4th Prize - Total Fitness Membership

If you have a winning number, then please call Kev Hughes (07985 613893) to claim your prize.

Watch out for the 50/50 Sellers as you enter the ground at any of our home games.

WELSH GOLD RUSH

The winners for week 43 were drawn recently:

£500 Winner is Mr B Miles (A3179) from Wrexham

£100 Winner is Mr L Kempster (C5069) from Wrexham

£50 Winner is Mr J Jones (C5069)

£25 Winner is Mr Salisbury (F2379)

£25 Winner is Mrs J Edwards (A0032)

Monthly Winner is Mr H Penketh (C6259) from Chirk

Keepers Beware!

David Instone

It's about this time of year that the likes of Peter Enckelman and Ronnie Rosenthal must wish that it was Easter all over again.

The football bloopers trade is going into overtime once more and, as sure as night follows day, certain clangers will find a place in the play-list of many a seasonal dvd.

Enckelman's place in folklore is cemented for eternity by his mystifying feat in letting an Aston Villa throw-in trickle past his foot, over the line and into his net. As if that wouldn't have been toe-curlingly embarrassing enough at any time, what made this moment even more excruciating was that it came in a local derby at Birmingham – and one that was being shown live to the nation on Sky.

Enckelman's entry is for creating a goal when there seemed absolutely no chance of one but Rosenthal's is for failing to score when, quite simply, he just couldn't miss. Yet, with the keeper absent and not a defender between him and goal or close enough to get in a tackle, he hammers his free shot against the bar at Villa Park's Holte End from ten yards. It's no good anyone standing up to defend him – the evidence is there on YouTube!

Which brings us to a Racecourse 'angle.' Frank Sinclair has had a long and fruitful enough career to be remembered for plenty of positives and could probably have done without recently being reminded of his lofty placing in the list of all-time leading scorers of own goals in the Premier League.

Frank is 'credited' with putting the ball into his own net six times in top-flight football, with Leicester City keepers having had the most reason to be nervous of him.

But he is in some good company. Jamie Carragher is on the same mark and Rio Ferdinand has five such blemishes on his CV. Not that any of them can live with Richard Dunne in this



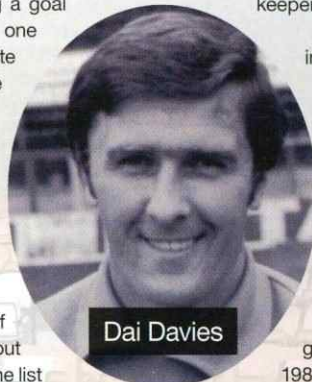
particular sphere of the game.

Aston Villa's former Manchester City defender has managed the feat no fewer than eight times, most recently when gifting Sunderland a match-winner at the Stadium of Light this autumn.

It was elsewhere in the north-east that producers were left mulling over what has been described as the craziest own goal of all time, Bury's Chris Brass, under not a great deal of pressure, attempting an overhead-kick clearance that propelled the ball into his own face and sent it cannoning past his own keeper in a game at Darlington.

Goalkeepers inevitably feature strongly in the bloopers trade. As the last line of defence, any gaffe they make is likely to carry the ultimate punishment; a goal against and a place on a Christmas dvd.

But one prolonged incident involving none other than Dai Davies will never feature on screen – as it came from an era when football cameras visited only a handful of venues in a packed Saturday afternoon programme.



Dai Davies

Davies, who played more than 150 games for the Dragons in the late 1970s and early 1980s before returning here for a second stint, must have had nightmares about the bizarre goings-on in a game at West Bromwich Albion in 1976. His discomfort came about thanks to one Jack Russell but that wasn't the name of a goal-grabbing forward or a tricky winger in the home ranks. Instead, it was the breed of the dog that ran on to the Hawthorns pitch and caused mayhem among Davies's defenders.

The formidable keeper, who also won more than 50 senior caps for Wales, was playing for Everton and was left non-plussed by the referee's decision to allow play to go on as the Baggies' four-legged friend hounded the visitors as they played the ball across their back four.

With each pass, the beast got that bit closer to the ball and eventually caused such a distraction that one of them took his eye off it for a split second and David Cross nipped in and put Albion ahead.

Newspaper cameramen used up a reel of film snapping away at the intruder as he snapped away at Everton's yellow-shirted and red-faced defenders. And, yes, someone somewhere suggested later that the 23rd 'player' was spotted afterwards signing pawtographs as he left the ground.

Chris Maxwell and Scott Shearer beware!

Dean Saunders



WELCOME TO EVERYONE TONIGHT...

I would like to welcome Richard Money and his Luton side to the Racecourse this evening. He is someone who I know well from our days together at both Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest, as he was a coach when I played for those clubs.



He is a determined character, who is trying his best to get Luton back into the League. He has gathered some very good players around him, so we will have a difficult task tonight, but if we can get the same result as we achieved a year ago then I'm sure we will all be pleased.

Any sort of win though will do us tonight and keep us in a decent position. We started the midweek in seventh place, some five points behind the play-off teams, but I still feel there is more to come from our team.

If one of our attacking players was to hit a purple patch in front of goal, then that would make a big difference to us. We had the game won at Histon, so I'm naturally disappointed that we didn't come away with the three points from there.

It was a real battling performance, we've kept in the game and eventually got ourselves in front, but then to let the game slip away from us in the 94th minute and see two points dropped was horrible.

If it were possible to claim back those points that we have let slide through our fingers already, then we would be comfortably placed towards the top of the table.

I have to thank all those who made the trip to Cambridgeshire and I was disappointed for how the fans must have felt at the final whistle, because it's a long journey home mulling over what might have been.

Since the first week of the season we have lost just twice in the last 14 games and in both of those, against Wimbledon and Grimsby, we have done more than enough to have taken points, if not won.

It is a decent run we are on, but one we have to keep going. We have to continue to pick up points and turn some games we are drawing into wins.

I recently had a chat with Graham Heathcote, someone who has managed in this division for longer than anyone. He was telling me that there are only three teams who have bounced straight back into the Football League at the first attempt and that it can take five years for you to get back.

I do feel that into my second full season we are heading in the right direction to get us out, but we have to add to the squad a couple of players who can do a job at this level and push us along.

To make matters a little harder, there are a group of say eight teams, who before the season has kicked off consider themselves to be in a relegation fight and are looking to scrap together enough points to stay up. The likes of Luton and ourselves can be seen as a big scalp, so even when we are going away from home they are just looking to take a point off us.

They don't wake up in January and think they are suddenly in a dogfight, they know from before the first ball is kicked. Consequently, that's why you see Luton losing twice to the likes of Hayes & Yeading last season, as these players have a pride in what they are doing and set themselves up not to lose.

So, if you don't get the first goal, then you'll find yourself in for a very tough afternoon and this is happening on a regular basis. We therefore have to get the balance right between players who can cope with that style and those who are decent on the ball.

Hopefully, tonight we will see a good football match, with both teams looking to play the game in the right manner and when we get chances this evening we have to make sure we take them.

With us not having had a game for 12 days, I'm looking forward to playing again in front of a big crowd and also a warm welcome to Premier Sports, as they are now into their first season of covering Blue Square Bet football.

Today is also Armistice Day, so I would ask you to dig deep and give generously to the Poppy collectors on duty tonight or in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. It is only right that we continue to thank those who have done so much for our freedom and continue to do so.

Enjoy your football,

DEAN SAUNDERS | MANAGER



In town tonight...

Luton Town Football Club was formed on 11 April 1885, the product of a merger of the two leading local teams, Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior. Initially based at Excelsior's Dallow Lane ground, the club moved to Dunstable Road in 1897. In 1890, the club began making payments to certain individual players. The following year, Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional.

History of Luton Football Club

Luton Town was a founder member of the Southern Football League in 1894, and, after finishing as runners-up in its first two seasons, the team left to help form the United League. In the league's inaugural season the club came second, before joining The Football League for 1897–98.



The club continued to enter a team to the United League for two more seasons, and won the title in 1897–98. Poor attendance, high wages, and the high travel and accommodation costs that resulted from Luton's distance from the northern heartlands of The Football League crippled the club financially, and made it too expensive to compete in that league. A return to the regionally organised Southern League was therefore arranged for the 1900–01 season.

Eight years after arriving at Dunstable Road, Luton moved again, settling at their current ground, Kenilworth Road, in 1905. Captain and left winger Bob Hawkes became Luton's first international player when he was picked to play for England against Ireland on 16 February

1907. A poor 1911–12 season saw Luton relegated to the Southern League's Second Division, but the club managed to win promotion back two years later. When war broke out, the schedule was reduced to a series of friendlies, but Luton took part in The London Combination for 1915–16. A key player of the period was Ernie Simms, a forward. Simms was wounded while serving in Italy in the First World War, but returned to score 40 goals during the following season.

The Luton side first played in the white and black colours which the club has retained for much of its history during the 1920–21 season, when they rejoined The Football League; until then, the players had worn sky blue shirts with white shorts and navy socks. Such was the quality of Luton's team at this time that despite playing in the third tier, a fixture between Ireland and England at Windsor Park on 22 October 1921 saw three Luton players on the pitch – Louis Bookman and Allan Mathieson for Ireland, and club top goalscorer Simms for England. However, after Luton finished fourth in the division, the squad was broken up as Simms, Bookman and Mathieson joined South Shields, Port Vale and Exeter City respectively. Luton stayed in the Third Division South until 1937, when the team finished top and won promotion to the Second Division, at that time the second tier of English football. During the promotion season, striker Joe Payne scored 55 goals in 39 games; during the previous season he had scored 10 in one match against Bristol Rovers, which remains a Football League record.

During the early 1950s, one of Luton's greatest sides emerged under manager Dally Duncan. The team included Gordon Turner, who went on to become Luton's all-time top goalscorer, Bob Morton, who holds the record for the most club appearances, and Syd Owen, an England international. During this period, Luton sides also featured two England international goalkeepers, Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten, as well as Irish internationals Seamus Dunne, Tom Aherne and George Cummins. This team reached the top-flight for the first time in 1955–56, after finishing the season in second place behind Birmingham City on goal average. A few years of success followed, including an FA Cup Final appearance against Nottingham

Luton Town



Forest in 1959; at the end of the season, Owen was voted FWA Footballer of the Year. However, the club was relegated the following season, and, by 1965, was playing in the fourth tier.

In yo-yo club fashion, Luton were to return. A team including Bruce Rioch, John Moore and Graham French won the Fourth Division championship in 1967–68 under the leadership of former player Allan Brown; two years later Malcolm Macdonald's goals helped them to another promotion, while comedian Eric Morecambe became a director of the club. Luton Town won promotion back to the First Division in 1973–74, but were relegated the following season by a solitary point. Former player David Pleat was made manager in 1978, and by 1982–83 the team was back in the top-flight. On the last day of the club's first season back in the top tier, the side narrowly escaped relegation: playing Manchester City at Maine Road, Luton needed to win to stay up, while City could escape with a draw. A late winner by Yugoslav Raddy Antić saved the team and prompted Pleat to dance across the pitch performing a "jig of joy", an image that has become iconic. The club achieved its highest ever league position, seventh, in 1987, and won the League Cup a year later with a 3–2 win over Arsenal. With ten minutes left on the clock and Arsenal 2–1 ahead, a penalty save from stand-in goalkeeper Andy Dibble sparked a late Luton rally: Danny Wilson equalised, before Brian Stein scored the winner with the last kick of the match. The club reached the League Cup Final once more in 1989, but lost 3–1 to Nottingham Forest.

The club was relegated from the top division at the end of the 1991–92 season, and sank to the third tier four years later. Luton stayed in the third-tier Second Division until relegation at the end of the 2000–01 season. Under the management of Joe Kinnear, who had arrived halfway through the previous season, the team won promotion from the fourth tier at the first attempt.

Owner John Gurney terminated Kinnear's contract on his arrival in May; replacing him with Mike Newell before leaving Luton as the club entered administration. Newell's



team finished as champions of the third-tier Football League One in 2004–05. While Newell's place was taken by first Kevin Blackwell and later former player Mick Harford, the team was then relegated twice in a row, starting in 2006–07, and spent the latter part of the 2007–08 season in administration, thus incurring a ten-point deduction from that season's total. The club then had a total of 30 points docked from its 2008–09 record by The Football Association and The Football League for various financial irregularities. These deductions proved to be too large an obstacle to overcome in the league, but Luton came from behind in the final of the Football League Trophy to win the competition for the first time.

Relegation meant that 2009–10 saw Luton playing in the Conference National, a competition which the club had never before contested. The season would once again end in disappointment as the side lost to York City in the Playoff Semi-final leading to them spending a second season at this level of football.

GOALKEEPERS

Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road but after falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury.

Kevin Pilkington



Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in May 2010 after his release from Notts County.

Pilkington began his career with Manchester United playing six times in the Premier League under Sir Alex Ferguson. During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port Vale.

After 23 league appearances for the Valiants, he was on the move once more, with Aberystwyth Town and Wigan Athletic his next two ports of call.

However, he found stability at his next club, Mansfield, joining the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167 times in league action over the next five years.

In 2005 the Hitchin-born stopper made the short hop down the M1 to sign for Notts County and another five year stay resulted in him making 141 appearances at Meadow Lane.

Frozen out of the County team, and with Mark Tyler injured, Pilkington joined the Hatters on-loan in November and went onto make 11 appearance between the sticks whilst at Kenilworth Road before injury curtailed his stay.

DEFENDERS

Zdenek Kroca

Centre-half who impressed in assured display alongside George Pilkington in two pre-season fixtures in 2010 to earn a one-year contract. Kroca made 169 league appearances belt in 10 years with hometown club Tescoma Zlín in his native Czech Republic.

Last season the imposing 6ft 5in defender was in fine, commanding form, scoring four times in 27 league appearances with the Letná Stadium outfit as they finished in second place in the Czech second division - a position - like the Town last season.

George Pilkington



Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City.

Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice.

Injury frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint

Trophy winners' medal.

Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United.

A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006.

Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell.

However with first team opportunities limited, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as Manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did was recall the young defender.

Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

Shane Blackett

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road.

Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003.

His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004.

His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up.

Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and the deal was made permanent in January 2010.

Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper.

Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United the Irishman began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

Taylor Nathaniel

Versatile young defender who signed a professional contract with the Hatters in June 2010 after impressing in the club's Under-18s. Capable of playing on either flank in defence or midfield.

Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming second year scholar who impressed Richard Money in the 2010 pre-season to earn a squad number.

MIDFIELDERS

Adam Murray

Combative, box-to-box midfielder who joined the Hatters in the Summer of 2010 from Oxford United.

Murray started his career as a trainee with Derby County, turning professional in August 1998.

He gradually established himself in Derby's first team and played regularly in their Championship side, but by the start of the 2003/04 season was out of favour and joined Kidderminster Harriers on loan.

He left Derby in November 2003, joining Notts County and then rejoined Kidderminster Harriers and was a regular in their side until the end of the season.

In June 2004, he joined Mansfield Town and then moved to Carlisle United in March 2005, where he played in Paul Simpson's side's play-off team that won promotion back to the Football League. At the start of 2006/07 he moved on to Torquay United for £10,000.

In January 2007, Murray joined Macclesfield for a fee of £17,500 before he joined Oxford half way through the 2007/08 season and went on to make 87 appearances for the U's scoring 11 times in the process.

Pavel Besta

Assured, tenacious and a good passer of the ball, the Town snapped up the former Czech Under-21 international after impressing in the pre-season friendly against Newcastle.

Besta began his career with his hometown side Banik Ostrava, and in a seven year period, helped them win the Czech league title in 2004.

He joined the Hatters alongside fellow countryman Zdenek Kroca in August 2010 after a campaign in Slovakia with Ruzomberok.

Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 season the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals.

Godfrey Poku

Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010 on an 18-month contract.

A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature.

JJ O'Donnell

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10.

Claude Gnaka

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008.

Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell.

He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009.

Keith Keane



Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action.

Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates.

Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt.

Adam Newton

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing of 2009 after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford.

Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected Academy only made three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002.

After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title.

A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

Andy Drury



A highly-rated box-to-box player who is capable of playing in any position across the midfield or in attack, Drury signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from Conference Champions Stevenage.

He started his career at Sittingbourne as a youngster before making the short hop to sign for Gravesend and Northfleet in 2003.

Three successful years at Stonebridge Road followed before Lewes secured his signature in 2006 helping the Rooks lift the Conference South title in 2007/08.

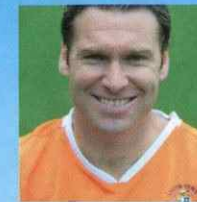
His performances at the Dripping Pan alerted the attentions of several clubs and Boro boss Graham Westley was quickest to move in the summer of 2008 to take him to Hertfordshire.

Adam Watkins

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010.

FORWARDS

Kevin Gallen



A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He then scored nine goals in 16

league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan.

Remarkably, given the length and success of his time in the game, it therefore came as a surprise when he revealed that his hat-trick in the 6-0 win over Grays Athletic in April 2010, was the first of his career.

Matthew Barnes-Homer

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers before agreeing a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opened on 1st January 2010.

Barnes-Homer also enjoyed a dream start to his international career when he netted the winner on his debut for England C in their 2-1 win over Poland in November.

An energetic talent, the front man began his career as a trainee at Wolves before going on to lead something of a nomadic life prior to finding his feet at Kidderminster.

After leaving Molineux he tried his luck in the United States before returning to England and, following success with a clutch of non-league sides, he was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers.

He struggled to make an impression at Adams Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season, Harriers Manager Mark Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature.

Danny Crow

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium.

The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road.

Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008.

Dan Walker

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town.

Taiwo Atieno

Kenyan international striker Taiwo originally signed in March 2010 until the end of the 2009/10 season after returning to the UK after a spell playing in Puerto Rico and America.

The big, strong frontman was released at the end of the campaign but after a deal in South Africa fell through Richard Money was first to re-sign him in on 3rd September until the end of the 2010/11 season.

Starting his career as a scholar at Walsall he failed to make the breakthrough at the Bescot and was sent out on loan gain first team experience to a number of Football League sides.

After failing to make the grade with the Saddlers he was snapped up by Tamworth and scored 12 goals in his first season with the Lambs before signing for the Puerto Rico Islanders in 2007.

Amari Morgan-Smith

Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town.

The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season, earning his first cap against the Republic of Ireland in May.

Wolverhampton-born Morgan-Smith started his career as a trainee with Wolves. He then signed for Crewe and then Stockport where he made one Football League appearance before moving to Ilkeston.

Before the 2009/10 season began the striker impressed in a trial for Championship side Derby County.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER

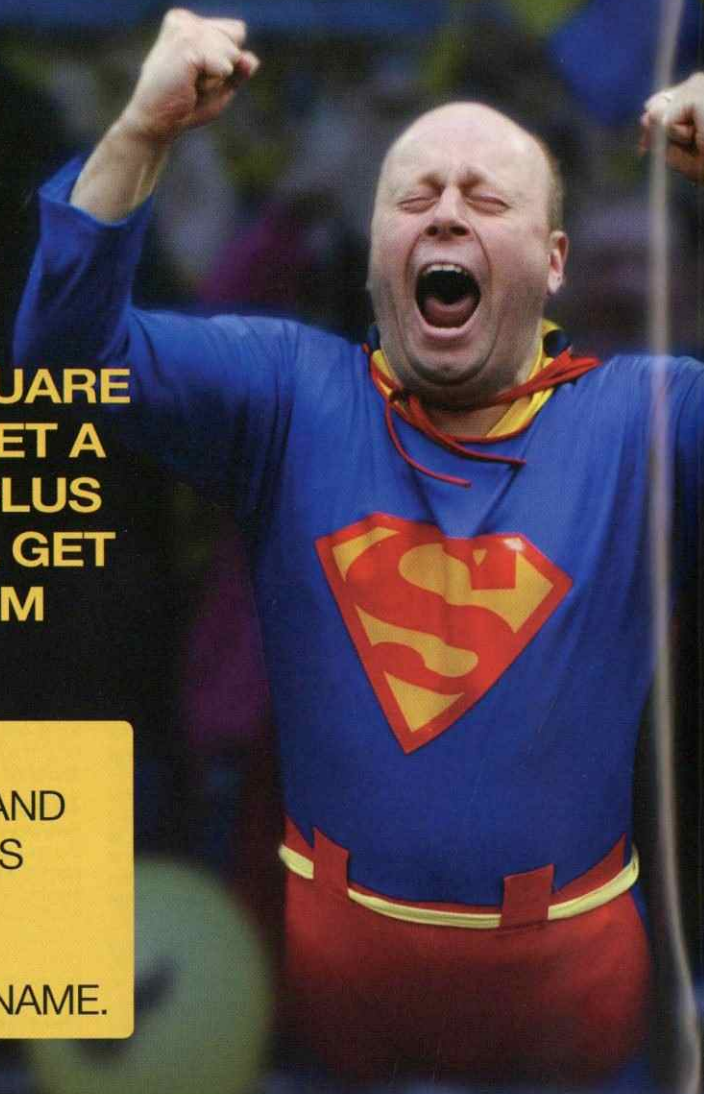


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Luton Town names & games

BRUCE RIOCH

Influential midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

RICKY HILL

England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined French side Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and has since worked in the media.

FAB FOUR



BRUCE RIOCH



RICKY HILL



BRIAN STEIN



MALCOLM MACDONALD

Football historian
LEIGH EDWARDS looks at
Luton Town's leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1987-88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

DAVID PLEAT



Articulate manager David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

We've met before...

Despite both clubs having long and proud histories we have actually faced Luton Town on very few occasions during our times as football clubs. In fact when you take a more in-depth look at our previous meetings with the Hatters we have met just 34 times in the past with this evening's game being the 18th between the sides at the Racecourse.

It is actually overselves that hold the upper hand though in terms of overall victories having triumphed 15 times in the fixtures between the two sides compared to Luton's



13 since our first meeting in 1963. We have got a pretty good record when it comes to playing Luton on our own patch having tasted defeat just twice in the league in our past 16 meetings. The most recent game between the two sides at the Racecourse came at the end of September 2009 when we met for the first time in nearly five years following



Luton's relegation from League Two. In the end we would pick up all three points with a convincing 3-0 victory over Town thanks to a double strike from Gareth Taylor and one from Mark Jones.

Before this meeting we last met in the Football League towards the end of April 2005 when Luton picked up all three points with a 2-1 victory as they continued their quest for the League One title while we tried in vain to fight off the prospect of relegation to League Two. When looking through the history books this fixture was at its

most common during our time in League One when we met a total of seven times in nine years during our stay at the third tier of English football.

This fixture has traditionally always seen goals in the past, averaging over two a game since the sides first met. Hopefully this is something that will continue this evening as we go in search of another three points whilst also trying to put on a show for the TV cameras that are present here this evening.

Blast from the past Previous meetings

LATEST BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER MEETINGS AT THE RACECOURSE

2009/10		
Tuesday 22nd September 2009	Att 3448	
WREXHAM 3 LUTON TOWN 0		
Gareth Taylor 1-0	6 mts	
Gareth Taylor 2-0	21 mts	
Mark Jones 3-0	86 mts	

LATEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETINGS AT THE RACECOURSE

2004/05	Saturday 23rd April 2005	Att 6614
WREXHAM 1 LUTON TOWN 2		
Andy Holt 1-0	31 mts	
Curtis Davies 1-1	52 mts	
Chris Coyne 1-2	59 mts	
2003/04	Saturday 24th April 2004	Att 3239
WREXHAM 2 LUTON TOWN 1		
Hector Sam 1-0	35 mts	
Hector Sam 2-0	62 mts	
Steve Howard 2-1	63 mts	

History Corner

with Bryan Still

For today's blast from the past we feature the first time we ever played against Luton Town on Saturday 30th November 1963. The first meeting between the two sides would eventually go our way as Wrexham won 2-0 with Griffiths and Metcalf scoring for The Reds on the day, in front of a crowd of 6259. This attendance was even more staggering as at the time of the game Wrexham were bottom of the 3rd Division. Despite this result things didn't look much brighter at the end of the season as Wrexham were relegated to the Fourth Division after finishing 23rd in the table. Overall it was not a very good season for Wrexham after getting knocked out of both the F.A. Cup and League Cup competitions in Round Two. We did however get to the Welsh Cup semi-final, but would once again crash out to lower league position as non-league side Bangor City defeated us.



The programme for the season was a small six inch square 12 page programme with a picture of the Racecourse on the front cover and team line ups to the centre page, as can be shown by the two examples on this page.



Behind The Scenes

A football club is one big family, it isn't just the players out on the pitch that make up the football club there are also a number of personal that provide valuable support in different areas to make sure that the club runs smoothly on a week-to-week basis.

There are a number of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes and in this feature Scott Smith takes a look at a different person every week and asks them about their role within the club.

The club have got a really good set-up when it comes to the Centre of Excellence, helping to provide children of all ages the chance to play football in order to hopefully find the Wrexham stars of the future. One of the people that work's towards making this process run smoothly is Jonathan Miller. We managed to speak to Jonathan on one of his less hectic days to get an insight into what his role entails.

SS: So when did you first get involved with doing all of this then?

JM: This is my fifth season that I have been involved now. I initially came in to help Steve Weaver with some of the child protection issues to make sure that we were meeting all the rules and anything else that he needed help with. Since then it has grown and grown, and once you get sucked into Wrexham you can't leave really (laughs).

SS: So what does your average week involve then?

JM: I tend to work two evenings a week and then if the youth team are at home on a Saturday morning I will be there as well. Sundays are certainly our busiest day. We are in from nine in the morning until about two in the afternoon. We are involved in anything from helping to put the kit out to making the tea and brushing the changing rooms out afterwards.

SS: So do you manage to fit in anything else away from the football club then?

JM: My fulltime job sees me working for Wrexham Council, so this is my hobby really to come and help out with the centre of excellence."

SS: So what about first team matchdays then are you busy then as well?

JM: We are not so busy on a first team matchday. That's when we come and be fans ourselves really and hope that the team win. We make sure that the centre of excellence kids come and watch though and we get the tickets out to them. Matchdays for the first team is one of our quietest days actually!"

Scott Smith: So Jonathan can you explain what your role here at Wrexham is?

Jonathan Miller: I look after all the educational welfare for the six to 18-year-olds that we have got here at the club. That includes sorting out all the non football sides to everything else. I look after all of the paperwork, making sure all the boys are happy, that we are meeting all of the rules and also making sure that everyone gets paid on time.

I also have to make sure that we are raising enough money. The fund raising aspects are really important as well as since we have lost the grant from the Football League we have now got to raise around £50,000 ourselves to fund the centres. So I keep my eye on raffles, pools and anyway that we can raise money really. We look at lots of different ideas such as through shirt sponsorship, so I keep my eye on all of that side of it as well.

SS: So the ultimate aim for yourself and others that are involved with the CoE must be to help to provide the youth of the future for Wrexham?

JM: Yeah we have got good facilities and a good catchment area; we have got lots of good coaches with a good structure with Joey Jones, a legend of the game, leading the way! We have done really well to be fair; we have managed to sell ten boys to Premier League clubs over the years since I have been here, which is obviously a great achievement for us and the club.

I would like to thank Jonathan for giving us five minutes of his time in order to conduct this interview.

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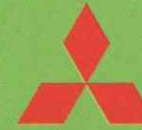


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Chay Long

Name

Chay Long

Most memorable Wrexham FC Match?

That would be when we played Shrewsbury Town away and beat them 1-0 in our last game at Gay Meadow against them. The crowd went mental when we scored!

Favourite Wrexham Player of all time?

Andy Morrell

Favourite current Wrexham player?

Andy Morrell! I was really chuffed when we resigned him during the summer

Favourite Wrexham Goal?

Hector Sam's last minute goal against Oldham Athletic to take us to the LDV Vans Trophy Final.

Favourite away game? why.

Other than the Shrewsbury game, probably the 4-0 win at Stockport when Juan Ugarte scored a hat-trick, it was my first ever away trip as well so that made it extra special

Funniest moment as a Wrexham fan?

When Maheeta Molango blasted it over the Kop in a game, the whole stand erupted in laughter

First Wrexham game?

Can't remember exactly, I've been going most of my life but a friendly against Everton sticks in my mind for some reason

Favourite stand in The Racecourse?

The Kop! But in recent times the Eric Roberts

Do you own any Wrexham memorabilia?

I have Mark Jones shorts and training jacket that his dad stole off his washing line for me!

Favourite Wrexham shirt?

The "bin bag" Gap Personnel shirt, everyone hates it but it was my first ever shirt so I like it

TerraceTalk



Don't adjust your watches! You did turn the clocks back an hour and it is indeed a Thursday night we're playing

this midweek game on.

Roberto Mancini's scarf is back on show so if you're reading this, well done for turning up and sitting in the cold November air rather than watching us on the box. Speaking of television, isn't it typical Southport drew a televised game in the first round of the FA Cup against Sheffield Wednesday?

Amy Fearn became the first female referee to officiate Wrexham in Southport's second visit of the season and it has to be said, she did a better job than most of the men in black.

It's been a while since we last played a league game at the Racecourse, nearly a month in fact, when we suffered a narrow defeat to Wimbledon.

Since then I hope you've enjoyed the illuminous firework displays as well as Halloween, but I'm sure you were all wincing the day before trick or treating with our own 'nightmare' at Histon.

I can't remember the last time we scored a last-minute goal, but I now firmly believe the only thing worse than conceding one at the death, is scoring yourself and then letting the opposition hit back just moments later!

Despite the feeling of utter devastation at having two points snatched away in such dramatic fashion, we drew that game and actually went up a place to seventh, five points from the play-offs.

I don't mean to alarm any of you but, the next three home games after this tough fixture against Luton Town are against Mansfield Town, Darlington and Crawley Town.

A daunting prospect but also one which defines you and ultimately could have a big say on our prospective final position in the table.

Here's a sort of good omen though: in the previous blue moon Thursday games under the cameras of Setanta Sports we have won two and lost just once.

And here's a reason why we should hold no fear. The last time Luton came here we produced the best performance of last season, a faultless 3-0 victory.

Gareth Taylor got two goals that day and with the lanky striker having a keen eye for the finding the net at the moment, he'll be looking to overtake Andy Morrell as our top scorer.

Now if you think we have had a momentous fall from grace in recent years, then talk to a Luton fan. In 2005, they were in the Championship and I distinctly recall telling my Cardiff City supporting uncle that a particular Hatters' visit to Ninian Park would be a tough task.

We were in the same league the year they won promotion and played the rest of '05 in League 2 while they pushed for the play-offs in the Championship. Now five years on, both teams are playing each other in non-league football - how times change.

If things can go downhill that quickly though, surely they can be kick-started just as fast. Here's hoping.

Thanks, Lewis

What ever happened to... Jon Brown?

Over the years Wrexham have had various colourful characters play for the club. Some more memorable than others, but what happens to them after they leave the club? Some seem to disappear right off the face of the earth. So we ask, What ever happened to...JON BROWN?

Jon Brown arrived on loan from Cardiff City as one of Dean Saunders first signings half way through the 2008/09 season, he made an immediate impact, tearing up Non-League defences with his pace and scoring four goals in 27 appearances from the right wing position. But upon returning to Cardiff, Jon disappeared off the radar. What path did Jon take next?



After being released by Cardiff upon his return to the club, Brown spent time on trial with Leyton Orient, playing one half of a pre-season friendly before the club decided not to offer him a permanent deal. This instead saw him join Welsh Football League Division One side Bryntirion Athletic, where he spent half a

season, making nine appearances, without scoring a goal to his name. Jon then went to try his luck out in Australia, joining Central Coast Mariners in the A-League. He was given a six-month contract with the option to extend to a two-year deal. However he was released at the end of the season without making a first team appearance and is now without a club.

So how did this happen? How did the former Cardiff City youngster so nearly snapped up by Liverpool as a teenager end up where he is today? How did the former Wales U17, Under 19 and Under 21 International end up unemployed?

Jon was tracked by Liverpool in the very early years of his career. But due to a rule meaning youth players must sign with a team within one and half hours of their home, Brown was instead recommended to Cardiff, who snapped him up, and after making his way through the youth system he made his first team debut, making four appearances and scoring one goal, Jon followed the likes of Joe Ledley, Aaron Ramsey and Chris Gunter by forcing his way into the team from the youth set-up.

But this high didn't last long, with him being sent out on loan to Wrexham, where he made an instant impact, scoring a last minute winner in only his second game for the club in a 2-1 victory over Kettering Town. Jon, however

suffered a car crash on Christmas Eve, just two days before a match away to Barrow, his form took a dip after this and he returned to Cardiff at the end of the season, only to be released.

Jon's career took a downward turn after this, not earning a contract with Leyton Orient and then having his unsuccessful spells at Bryntirion and Central Coast Mariners have seen him without a club today.

On a happier note however, Brown competed in various sports as a youngster, including Rugby and Athletics and even became a Welsh 100 metre champion at the Welsh Games. He has also shown his potential as a good footballer at Wrexham, Cardiff and at youth level for Wales. And at the tender age of 20, maybe we will see Jon back at The Racecourse again?

name the Badge?

Every home fixture we shall fire a football clubs badge that we have played at some time during our history at you. You shall have to try and guess the club crest by both looking at the badge and also using the clue provided (If you do get stuck then the answer is at the bottom of the page).



Clue - An 87th minute Nat Knight-Percival winner secured us a 1-0 win away from home earlier this season. The Quakers, managed by former Kettering Town man Mark Cooper are currently 12th in the Blue Square Premier Bet this season, their first at this level following relegation from League Two.

Club - Darlington

Big Brother



There are many famous footballing brothers, Gary and Phil Neville, Jack and Bobby Charlton and are very own Mike and Marc Williams but there are others who are less well known, step aside Davina McCall, this is Wrexham version of "Big Brother".

Kaka and Digão

Kaka is among the best players in the world, the Brazilian can count a World Cup, Champions League and World Player of the Year awards amongst his honours. But while Kaka steals all the limelight, brother Digão is also plying his trade as a footballer.

Rodrigo Izecson dos Santos Leite, or 'Digão' for short plays for FC Penafiel in the Portuguese second division and is currently on loan from Kaka's former side AC Milan. The 25-year old centre back has so far not managed to break into the hugely talented Brazilian national side. Futebol Clube Penafiel were founded in 1951. They reached the top league of Portuguese football in 1980, playing there again from 1983 to 1986, 1987 to 1992 and most recently from 2004 to 2006. The club were recently relegated to the Third Division in 2007/08 before returning

to Liga Orangina upon winning the league just one season later. They finished in 7th place last season. Penafiel currently lie ninth out of 16 teams this season having won two, drawn two and lost two, losing their last game 2-1 away to sixth placed Leixões.

They will be hoping for a win in their next game, at home to 12th place Freamunde. Penafiel have their own fan membership similar to the WST, called The Penaboys, who with its 70 members support the club with huge banners and scarfs. They are hoping to grow and reach 100 members in the near future. Penafiel also have their own radio station, where fans who can't make the game can listen live, again in a similar way to Wrexham. Digão joined Penafiel on loan at the start of this season, and has so far made two appearances.

Digão wears the number three shirt for Penafiel and has previously played for Rimini,

Standard Liege, Lecce and Crotone, all on loan from AC Milan. He has also played at youth level for São Paulo and Sampdoria. Digão is also responsible for his brother's nickname, unable to pronounce 'Ricardo' as a child, Digão used to call his older brother 'Kaka' instead



Not so famous footballing brothers Kaka (left) and Digão (right)



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Where are they now?

Goals by Dixie McNeil, Steve Fox and Ian Edwards gave Wrexham a 3-1 Second Division victory over Luton Town in front of 9,145 at the Racecourse Ground on 15th December 1979. The Hatters won 2-0 in the return fixture four months later. Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS traces what happened to Wrexham's team:

DAI DAVIES Welsh international goalkeeper who was ever-present for Wrexham in 1980-81 and made 144 League appearances prior to joining Swansea City in July 1981. He later played for Tranmere Rovers, Bangor City and Wrexham again, since running a natural healing centre in Llangollen and working in local media.

TERRY DARRACOTT Experienced right-back who helped Wrexham reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1979-80 and netted four goals in 22 Second Division games until a knee injury curtailed his career in May 1980. He has since held coaching posts at Everton, Grimsby Town, Everton again, Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers.



ALAN DWYER Reliable left-back who missed just one match in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph. He scored twice in 180 League games before joining Stockport County in October 1981, then played for Bangor City, Oswestry, Runcorn and Chirk, becoming lorry driver in the Wrexham area.

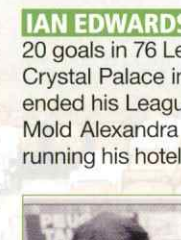
GARETH DAVIES Welsh international central defender who was a key figure in Wrexham's 1969-70 and 1977-78 promotion triumphs as well as three Welsh Cup final successes. He scored nine times in 489 League games before leaving in May 1983, since involved in local hotel management, notably the Trefor Park Hotel.

JOEY JONES Welsh international defender who reunited with John Neal at Chelsea in October 1982, helping them win the Second Division title in 1983-84. He moved via Huddersfield Town back to Wrexham in August 1987 and netted 19 goals in 375 League games overall, since coaching the youth team, reserves and first-team.

STEVE FOX Midfielder who played for Wrexham in two Welsh Cup finals, netting ten goals in 142 League outings while at the Racecourse Ground before moving to Port Vale in October 1982. He joined Chester in July 1984, then played for Rhyl, Llangollen and Tamworth, since working as a gardener in his native Tamworth.

MICK VINTER Versatile striker who scored 25 times in 101 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Oxford United in August 1982, then played for Mansfield Town, Newport County, Gainsborough Trinity, Boston United, Matlock, Oakham United, Hucknall and Sutton Town. He has since worked in life assurance.

FRANK CARRODUS Experienced midfielder who scored six goals in 97 Second Division outings before moving to Birmingham City in August 1982. Later with Bury, Witton Albion, Runcorn, Altrincham and Macclesfield Town, he now lives in Altrincham and runs his own company organising corporate hospitality.



IAN EDWARDS Welsh international striker who netted 20 goals in 76 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Crystal Palace in July 1982 where a recurring knee injury ended his League career. He was later player-manager of Mold Alexandra and Porthmadog, then concentrated on running his hotel and restaurant in Criccieth.



DIXIE MCNEIL Striker who was Wrexham's leading marksman in 1979-80 and scored 54 goals in 167 League games before rejoining Hereford United in October 1982. He returned to Wrexham as manager, then coached at Coventry City and managed Flint Town United, since working locally as a salesman for a book company.



LES CARTWRIGHT Welsh international midfielder who netted six goals in 115 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Cambridge United in March 1982. Later playing for Worcester City, Coventry Sporting and Nuneaton Borough, he ran a sub post office in Wolvey and has since coached as Leicester City's Academy.

view from Inside the camp

One player who always gives a steady consistent performance whenever in the side is young fullback Curtis Obeng. Every since joining the club last summer following his release from Manchester City the 21-year-old has been the steady eddy of the side and is now only a handful of games away from his 50th appearance for the club.

In the build up to this evening's game against Luton Town Scott Smith managed to catch a word with Curtis to get his view on all things Wrexham. Just ahead of our last league fixture against Histon Curtis was struck down with a virus that kept him out of the starting line-up for the first time in nearly two months. Following a two week break from action we started by asking him if he was ready and raring to go now after not having a game for a while, "Yeah. I've had this virus so I've not been doing a lot of work. But I'm back training now so hopefully I can have a good few days ahead of the game as I'm all ready to go now. I have got the all clear now. I've been in with the physio and been to the doctors and I'm all sorted now and I should be fine for the game on Thursday."

When Curtis contracted this virus he was on a run of nine consecutive games after breaking back into the first team at the end of August. At the time it looked unlikely that he would be replaced after making a number of telling contributions but this little layoff came just at the wrong time for the right-back as he explained, "The timing was just completely off. I had just got into the team, started doing well then all of a sudden I couldn't get out of bed. As you say the timing was just really unfortunate for me."

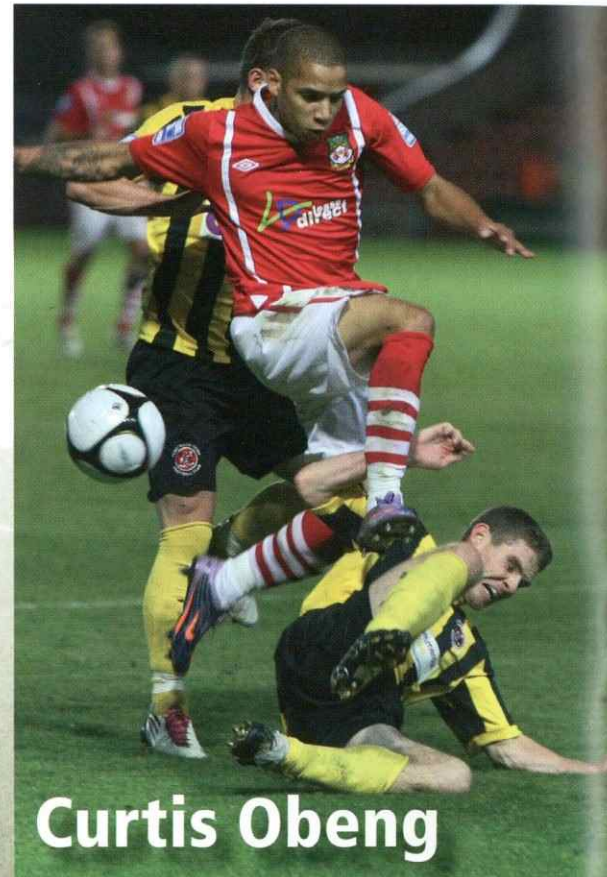
"I've just got to train hard and do everything that I can to get back in the team really. Obviously there are battles for positions all over the place but I'm just going to have to work hard and do everything I can."

The former Man City youngster's last game for us before being forced out with the virus came in our last home game against Southport in the F.A. Cup. We stated to Curtis how it must have been a big disappointment to fall at the first hurdle in this competition, "Yeah defiantly as the F.A. Cup is a chance to do something impressive and a chance to get out there and get recognised. But like you say everyone was really gutted after that game, we know we should have done better, we know we should have got a lot further and it was just unfortunate. We have just got to pick ourselves up now and concentrate on the league."

We now face a run of league fixtures at home against some of the bigger sides in the league. The coming weeks could really determine where we are going to finish at the end of the season. This evening's game against Luton will be another tough affair for us as we come up against a side aiming to make a return to the football league. We asked Curtis what his thoughts were on the upcoming fixtures, "They are going to be difficult games as we are playing against some of the better teams in the leagues. But we have just got to play the way we play and then hopefully we should be able to get some good results."

The interview was ended by us asking Curtis for first what the teams hopes were for the remainder of the season and also what his own personal ones were, "Everyone's number one goal this year is the playoffs. Everyone wants to get out of the league, we feel like we have been in this league for too long now as it is. It's looking good for this season; the main goal is to now get out of the league."

"I've just got to work hard in training and get back in the team whenever I can. When I'm in the team I've got to turn in good performances and then help the team to get some wins under our belts. I'm just aiming to do as well as I can and also hopefully Wrexham Football Club can do the same."

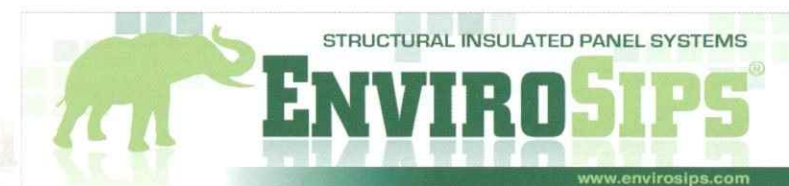


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Around the Blue Square Bet Premier

Bath Snap Up Keeper On Loan

Bath City have signed goalkeeper Carl Pentney on a one-month loan from League One side Colchester United. Pentney has previously played for Leicester City and Woking, and joined Colchester at the beginning of the season on non-contract terms.

First choice keeper Ryan Robinson suffered a rib injury during the 3-1 defeat at Luton Town. Robinson's injury allowed Bath to apply for the emergency loan outside the transfer window.

Meanwhile their winger Hector Mackie will join Blue Square Bet South club St Albans City - in a bid to secure a future for himself in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

The 22-year-old has struggled to cement his place in the Romans' first team since signing eight months ago and will continue to train with the club while playing for The Saints.

Rovers Bring In Crawley Skipper

Forest Green Rovers have signed Crawley Town captain Adam Quinn on a month-long loan deal. The England non-league international is eligible for the FA Cup match this weekend against Northampton Town and goes straight into the squad.

Quinn, 27, started his career with Sheffield Wednesday and joined Crawley two years ago. He has made 11 appearances for the East Sussex outfit including the home win over Forest Green in August.

Main waits on Nwokeji status

Frustrated AFC Wimbledon striker Jon Main will be denied the chance to join another club on loan if fellow hitman Mark Nwokeji also leaves on a short-term basis. The former Tonbridge Angels man is considering a temporary switch from Kingsmeadow in search of regular game-time.

However, if Nwokeji - who has attracted interest - lands a loan move first, then Wombles boss Terry Brown says he will not let go of Main as well. Brown revealed he has circulated Nwokeji's availability to both Blue Square Bet Premier and South teams.

New Face At Holker Street

Barrow have moved to bring in 23-year-old former Brentford and Aldershot goalkeeper Clark Masters on non-contract terms as cover for the injured Alan Martin.

Martin, the Scotland under-21 international on loan from Leeds United, has an ankle injured picked up in the warm up at Cambridge United three weeks ago.

More recently, Masters has been with Hayes & Yeading United and Hastings United since leaving the Shots last February.

Meanwhile, Barrow have made captain Paul Jones and experienced midfielders Mark Boyd and Cieran Donnelly available for loan as they look to reverse their recent run of eight games without a victory which has seen them plummet from ninth to twenty-second in the table

County Borrow Goodall

Newport County have secured the loan signing of Alan Goodall from npower League One side Rochdale. Goodall, 28, is predominantly a left-back and he has League experience with Chesterfield and Rochdale.

He signed a six-month contract at Spotland in July 2010, returning to play for Dale three years after leaving the club for Luton Town. He was first brought to Rochdale from Principality Welsh Premier outfit Bangor City by Steve Parkin in the summer of 2004 and went on to become a firm favourite on the terraces over the next three years. He joined Luton on a Bosman free transfer at the end of the 2006/07 season, but the financial worries at Kenilworth Road meant he never settled with the Hatters. He was subsequently released from his Luton contract in the summer of 2008 and spent two seasons at Chesterfield.

Burgess Joins The Cod Army

Fleetwood Town have signed former England 'C' international midfielder Andy Burgess.

The 29-year-old former Rushden & Diamonds captain, who last season played in the Blue Square Premier with Luton Town and Mansfield Town, turned down offers from a string of full-time clubs to join Evo-Stik League First Division North side Chester FC in the summer - dropping four divisions in the process.

However, he struggled to adapt to the lower level and was transfer-listed last month.

Burr Runs Rule Over Youngster

Manager Steve Burr has revealed to the official website that he is running the rule over highly-rated Newcastle Town midfielder Ryan Connor.

Connor, who has impressed massively since joining Town in the summer, has been monitored by the coaching and scouting staff at Aggborough over the last few weeks and is currently on trial at the club.

Released by Premier League side Stoke City at the end of last season the teenager spent time with Plymouth and Port Vale before linking up with Newcastle.

Commercially Speaking

Good Evening everyone and welcome back to the Racecourse for this attractive home game with Luton Town in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division. Tonight's game is of course featured live on Premier Sports and we are all hoping that the two teams will put on a great show, not just for the viewers at home, but for the supporters who have made the effort to be here tonight.

The live TV does obviously give us a great platform to showcase the Blue Square Bet Premier Division and already there have been some terrific games shown since the deal began back in September.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for tonight's game who are ESL Group. I would like to thank them for their continued support of the football club and I hope they have a good time in our hospitality this evening.

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The Future Can Be BRIGHT

The decision on who will be the successor to John Toshack in the Wales hot seat looks set to be dragged out even longer with Lawrie Sanchez being the latest to throw his hat in to the ring for the manager's job.

The former Northern Ireland boss explained how in the past few weeks how he is interested in the role, "If Wales are looking for someone that has the background of doing something with a small international team then they need to look no further," he said.

He joins Brian Flynn, Chris Coleman and John Hartson in wanting to succeed Toshack as Wales' permanent boss. Sanchez, 51,

has yet to submit a formal application to the Football Association of Wales, but said: "I've made it known to the powers that be that I'd be interested in the job."

Sanchez, who took Northern Ireland from 124th to 27th in the world Fifa rankings - including wins over England and Spain during his three years in charge, believes he can also help Wales' rating rise once again.

And he is also confident Wales have the potential to reach the World Cup finals in Brazil in 2014.

"It's a very similar situation to when I took over in Northern Ireland. Wales are 104th in the world, they have a better squad of players probably than I inherited, and they haven't qualified for a major championship since '58," said Sanchez.

"I think something good can be done down here. You have fantastic support and the Welsh fans are up there with the Northern Ireland fans in their passion for the football.

"I've read in the paper that they are looking for a Welshman. I can understand that. Smaller nations tend to be more nationalistic than perhaps bigger nations like England.

"But if they want a proven manager with international experience of turning round a small country into a major outfit then that's something I can say I've done that.

"That said they have had passionate managers in charge since 1958 and they

haven't qualified for a major championship yet.

"I was an Anglo when I took over the Northern Ireland job but thereafter results were the only thing fans were interested in. By the time I left the job we were 27th in the world from a position of 124th.

"You do need fresh eyes and an outsider perhaps coming in. Sometimes if you do the same things you get the same results. So perhaps it's time for a change.

"What I would say of all the Welsh contenders, I have the best international record. I think it is very, very possible to qualify for Brazil."

Whoever is appointed as the next manager they will already have one name down on the teamsheet before any other as Gareth Bale continues his amazing rise through world football ranks.

Bale has earned universal plaudits for his performances in an already scintillating season for

Tottenham but the seven-goal Welsh international's has saved his best displays for Europe.

Portuguese legend Luis Figo, the 2000 European Footballer of the Year and 2001 FIFA World Player of the Year, has led the plaudits to Bale while Spurs boss Redknapp insisted Bale was "outstanding."

The 21-year-old has given Brazilian right-back Maicon, widely-acknowledged as the best right-back in the world, a torrid time in successive Champions' League Group A fixtures against the mighty Inter Milan.

His treble in the San Siro two weeks ago was in a 4-3 defeat but his man-of-the-match display against the Italians inspired a 3-1 triumph last week in a memorable night at White Hart Lane to send Spurs joint-top of Group A.

Cardiff-born Bale may not have scored at White Hart Lane but he was in stunning form and would have had a hat-trick of assists had Peter Crouch not volleyed an easy chance wide in the first half.

Bale made his Wales debut in a 2-1 win over Trinidad and Tobago in May 2006, aged just 16 years and 315 days to make him Wales' youngest international.

Bale's two assists against Inter on Tuesday were almost carbon copies of each other as on both occasions he broke and crossed from the left for Peter Crouch and then Roman Pavlyuchenko to score.

Bale has been described as one of the form players in world football at present following his demolition and many critics have questioned whether Tottenham could hold on to their prize asset. At least that is one thing we don't have to worry about with Bale being able to torment international defences for Wales for many years to come!



Welsh Football Round-up

Last weekend saw the Third Round of the Welsh Cup taking place, with this round seeing the Welsh Premier sides enter the competition. The supposed bigger sides in the competition didn't have it all their own way though with Premier League duo Neath and Newtown becoming the biggest casualties of the round as they were both dumped out of the by lower league opposition.

The Welsh Cup

Aberaman AFC	0-4	Cefn Druids
Bangor City	2-1	Bryntirion Athletic
Bow Street	5-6p	UWIC Inter Cardiff
Caersws FC	4-2p	Llanidloes Town FC
Cambrian & Clydach	2-3	Prestatyn Town
Corus Steel	0-2	Grange Quins
Gap Connah's Quay FC	5-3 aet	AFC Porth
Goytre United	2-3	Carmarthen Town
Guildsfield FC	1-2	Rhos Aelwyd
CPD Gwalchmai	1-4	Port Talbot Town
Haverfordwest County	3-2	aet Holyhead Hotspur
Neath FC	6-7p	Rhyl FC
Newtown AFC	1-2	Bridgend Town
Porthmadog	0-1	Bala Town



As the competition enters the last 16 stage there are still two Third Division sides left representing their division after battling through two rounds already. UWIC Inter Cardiff eventually progressed into the next round as they beat Bow Street 6-5 on penalties. While Grange Quins progressed past league rivals Corus Steel 2-0 to edge one step closer to the final.

There was just one tie that didn't take place last weekend due to the weather this being the game between Llanelli AFC and Aberystwyth Town. That game is due to take place on this coming Saturday with the Huws Grays Alliance side aiming to create a cup shock against their Premier League rivals.

Welsh Premier League

Meanwhile in the WPL Bangor City continue to lead the way after taking maximum points from their 12 games so far this season. So far it looks like it could well be a one horse race in terms of the title race with Bangor already seeing themselves 13 points in front of nearest rivals The New Saints, albeit with the latter having a game in hand.

Big spending Neath currently sit in third place in the table, a place that any other season would have been seen as an excellent start to the campaign, but with the amount of money that they have spent they would have been hoping to have been a little closer to the top of the table.

It looks as if the split in the league when it arrives in the New Year will be a close run thing with just five points separating Newtown AFC in 10th with Aberystwyth Town in fourth. At the bottom end of the table it looks like it will be a two way shootout between Bala Town and Haverfordwest County as to who will finish bottom of the table with both currently finding themselves on eight points.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Bangor City	12	12	0	0	33	13	36
2. The New Saints	11	7	2	2	40	14	23
3. Neath FC	11	5	3	3	24	14	18
4. Aberystwyth Town	12	4	5	3	17	21	17
5. Carmarthen Town	12	5	2	5	21	26	17
6. Llanelli AFC	12	4	3	5	16	19	15
7. Airbus UK Broughton	12	3	5	4	20	24	14
8. Prestatyn Town	12	3	4	5	14	16	13
9. Port Talbot Town	12	3	4	5	13	17	13
10. Newtown AFC	12	2	6	4	10	18	12
11. Bala Town	12	2	2	8	10	22	8
12. Haverfordwest Cnty	12	2	2	8	12	26	8

Rhyl, from the Huws Gray Alliance, stunned big-spenders Neath with a 7-6 penalty shoot-out victory away at The Gnoll after a 1-1 deadlock at the end of normal time. The Eagles looked on course for the last 16 after Craig Hughes had given them a 17th-minute lead, but Mark Cadwallader levelled for the Lilywhites five minutes before the end.

Neither side could score in the extra 30 minutes, but the visitors triumphed in a nail-biting penalty contest. John Leah and Cadwallader were both successful; with Chad Bond on target for the hosts before Paul Fowler hit a post.

Chris Williams and Lee Trundle also converted, but Russell Courtney fired his kick against the bar and Neath's Chris Jones missed. Greg Strong, Liam Thomas, Shaun Dowling and Ian Hillier made the tally five-all but, after Rhyl's Nicolas Le Rouco and Eagles' keeper Craig Morris both missed the target, Brad Maylett's successful kick proved the winner as Liam Hancock failed to convert the final sudden-death effort for the hosts.

Marc Lloyd Williams got his first goal since returning to Latham Park, but it wasn't enough against ambitious Welsh Leaguers Bridgend Town. Two players with previous top-flight experience, Richard Ryan and Robbie Walters, scored for the Brewerymen, Ryan establishing a 27th-minute lead and Walters grabbing the winner two minutes from time.



























Elsewhere it was the end of the road for a number of minnows as their dream of giant killing ended for another year. Aberaman AFC and CPD Gwalchmai both suffered heavy defeats against high league opposition. Meanwhile Holyhead Hotspur and AFC Perth pushed their higher league opposition all the way before eventually falling to Haverfordwest County and Gap Connah's Quay respectively.



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In Reserve

The reserve side have had a mixed time of late since we were last able to catch up with them. They have played two more league fixtures, winning one but losing the other leaving them sitting in mid-table some six points behind league leaders Burnley.

Just over two weeks ago the reserves returned to action after a short break and picked up a convincing home victory over strugglers Bury at Airbus' ground.

The team made the perfect start to the fixture by finding the back of the net after just six minutes when Adrian Cieslewicz got himself on the scoresheet with a composed finish.

Wrexham were able to make it 2-0 on the 20 minute mark when winger Kevin Gall slotted home and it was 3-0 some 18 minutes later when Cieslewicz slotted home his second of the evening to seemingly put his side out of sight.

To be fair to the visiting side they did continue to press and were rewarded in the 42 minute when they were able to convert a chance from the penalty spot after an incident in the area.

12 minutes into the second period and the game was as good as over though as striker Mathias Pogba scored yet another goal for the reserve side.

With Wrexham now in a commanding position it gave the chance for a couple of youngsters to enter the field of play and continue their progression through the ranks of the club.

The team were able to put a convincing gloss on the scoreline in the final five minutes as Pogba grabbed his second of the game to complete the scoring for the evening.

Wrexham

Ward, Walker, Hunt, Deaman, Penk, Morton, Brown (Roberts 64), Cieslewicz (Moss 46), Gall, Knight-Percival (Salathiel 58), Pogba

Sub not used: Summerskill

Just over a week ago the reserve side made the journey across to Lancashire to take on Burnley's second string. The Reds reserves didn't have the best of build-ups to the game as traffic jams in Cheshire led to the team turning up just a matter of minutes ahead of kick off.

Things went from bad to worse for Wrexham's second string as they conceded a goal inside the opening 90 seconds against a strong Burnley side.

It was all one way traffic in the opening quarter of the game as Burnley went close twice to doubling their lead only to be denied twice in a matter of minutes by goalie Danny Ward.

A second goal did arrive for the home side on 33 minutes though when Max Penk conceded a penalty which was emphatically converted to put Burnley 2-0 up.

Wrexham shot stopper Ward was soon in action again as he had to react quickly to deny Burnley a third with another fine save.

Despite all this pressure Wrexham almost found their way back into the game five minutes before the break when Jamie Morton's long range effort caused the home keeper problems with the ball being spilled behind for a corner.

With virtually the last kick of the half Burnley made it 3-0 though with a fine effort from the edge of the area after a corner hadn't been cleared.

The home side continued in the same vein in the second half as in the first as Ward had to once again be alert to deny Burnley.

The deficit was almost reduced midway through the half by Kevin Gall but his freekick was tipped over the bar when it looked just to be dipping underneath.

It was to the home side that would continue to impress though as they fired wide on three separate occasions when well placed, while Ward also made another great save.

The Reds reserves did finally find the back of the net in the 86th minute when Mathias Pogba headed home to reduce the deficit to two goals.

This wasn't to be the end of the scoring though as the home side increased their lead in stoppage time to claim a convincing 4-1 victory.

Wrexham

Ward, Deaman, Smith, Penk (Roberts 57), Hunt, Walker, Morton, Shipton (Summerskill 55), Knight-Percival, Gall, Pogba

Subs not used Stephens, Moss

The reserve team return to action in just under a week's time when they head to Accrington Stanley for their eighth league game of the season. This fixture against Stanley actually sees the side playing their first afternoon fixtures of the season. Let's hope that they are able to get back to winning ways as they make the trip across to Lancashire for the second game in succession.

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Wed 18th Aug	HOME	Morecambe	W2-1
Wed 25th Aug	Away	Shrewsbury Town	W2-0
Wed 8th Sept	HOME	Oldham Athletic	L 0-4
Wed 22nd Sept	HOME	Macclesfield Town	W2-1
Wed 13th Oct	Away	Tranmere Rovers	L 0-2
Wed 27th Oct	HOME	Bury	W5-1
Tues 2nd Nov	Away	Burnley	L 1-4
Wed 17th Nov	Away	Accrington Stanley (2pm KO)	
Wed 1st Dec	HOME	Preston North End	
Wed 15th Dec	Away	Macclesfield Town (2pm KO)	
Wed 12th Jan	HOME	Burnley (2pm KO)	
Wed 19th Jan	HOME	Tranmere Rovers (2pm KO)	
Wed 8th Feb	Away	Bury	
Mon 2nd Mar	Away	Preston North End (2pm KO)	
Wed 16th Mar	HOME	Accrington Stanley	
Wed 30th Mar	Away	Morecambe	
Wed 6th Apr	HOME	Shrewsbury Town	
Tues 19th Apr	Away	Oldham Athletic	

Looking to the future

The Wrexham youth team have encountered a bit of an up and down period of late, seemingly saving all their goals for cup games whilst league form has dipped a little. With well over half of the season to go though, whilst also having games in hand, there is still plenty of time to sort the league form out whilst we are still also competing on a number of different fronts meaning that silverware is still very much a possibility.

Since our last report the side have played in two league games and two cup games and on the whole it has been a pretty successful time. We will be once again concentrating on the youth team's success in the cup competitions over the past few weeks.

FA Youth Cup

Hallam 1 Wrexham 2

On Monday 25th October the youngsters made the trip across to South Yorkshire to take on Hallam FC in the last qualifying round of the F.A. Youth Cup, knowing that a trip to Carlisle United was on the cards for the victors of the tie.

The Reds made a perfect start to the game by opening the scoring after just eight minutes. A ball down the right channel picked out John Jones and his angled drive beat the keeper and ended up in the far corner of the net.

Wrexham's youngsters thought that they had doubled their lead just a few minutes later when Max Fargin slotted home after Louis Moss had hit the cross bar with his effort. The goal was ruled out though due to an offside flag.

Six minutes before the break and the home side found a way back into the game as they equalled things up after a through ball had split the defence and the home striker lifted the ball over the advancing Jack Cookson in the Wrexham goal.

The Reds didn't let this affect them though as they entered the second period and they duly retook the lead on 58 minutes. Striker Moss got his name on the scoresheet at the second attempt following across in from Fargin.

In the end this goal would be enough to see the youngsters through into the First Round proper and one step closer to facing a Premier League side.

Wrexham

Cookson, Marsh, Deaman, Tomassen, Stephens, Fargin, Roberts, Morton, Salathiel, Jones, Moss

Subs

Pascoe, Parle, Evans

FAW Youth Cup

Wrexham 12 Llanrwst United 0

The Wrexham youngsters emphatically moved into the Third Round of the FAW Youth Cup courtesy of a 12-0 victory over Llanrwst United.

The early exchanges were all in one direction, towards the United goal, and it came as no surprise when the home side opened the scoring after nine minutes. A Louis Moss shot was spilled by the visiting keeper and John Jones was able to finish from close range.

Wrexham made it 2-0 after 17 minutes when the visiting defence was breached again. Jones made a run down the left channel before crashing home his second of the day.

Three minutes later and Max Fargin opened his tally when he capitalised on a poor headed clearance from the edge of the box and unleashed a shot which beat the visiting keeper and nestled in the bottom corner of the net.

It was soon 4-0 and game over as just sixty seconds later Max Penk beat the offside trap and slotted home.

There was to be just a ten minute break before the next goal arrived when on the half hour mark Fargin produced a great solo finish, as he raced down the right wing, cut in along the by-line and then fired low into the net at the near post.

As the first half drew to a close Wrexham made it 6-0 when a spectacular Brain Summerskill long-range effort was only parried by the home goalkeeper and Fargin was on hand to tap the ball home to grab his third goal of the game.

Wrexham made it 7-0 just three minutes into the second period when Summerskill finished from close range in a crowded penalty area.

A fourth goal for Fargin soon arrived on 53 minutes when he fired in a great shot on the run to bring the tally to eight for the afternoon.

It wasn't all one way traffic though as Wrexham keeper Danny Ward had to react quickly to palm away a 25-yard freekick that seemed to heading towards the bottom corner of the net.

The action soon returned to the other end though and in the 64th minute Fargin grabbed yet another goal as he side footed home a cross from the overlapping full back Anthony Stephens.

Ten minutes later and it was 10-0 when left back Ed Marsh came in at an angle and fired a rising shot past the stranded Llanrwst keeper to take his side into double figures.

As the game entered its final few minutes it looked as if the scoring was over only for Fargin to complete his double hat-trick before Lee Roberts beat the keeper with a 22-yard effort.

It was an excellent effort from the youngsters who now face Llandudno Town in the Third Round.

Wrexham

Ward, Marsh, Tomassen, Penk, Stephens, Roberts, Shipton, Summerskill, Moss (Deaman 73), Fargin, Jones



The Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference 2010/11

Sat 14th Aug	HOME	Tranmere Rovers	D1-1
Sat 21st Aug	Away	Walsall	D1-1
Sat 28th Aug	HOME	Port Vale	D2-2
Thur 9th Sep	Away	AFC Liverpool (FAYQ)	W2-0
Sat 11th Sep	Away	Wigan Athletic	L3-4
Thur 16th Sep	Away	Flint Town United (FAW1)	W5-1
Thur 23rd Sep	HOME	Ashton Town (FAY1Q)	W 9-0
Sat 25th Sep	HOME	Stockport County	L 1-2
Sat 2nd Oct	Away	Grimsby Town (LC1)	L 0-1
Mon 11th Oct	HOME	Warrington Town (FAY2Q)	W 9-0
Sat 16th Oct	HOME	Shrewsbury Town	D0-0
Sat 23rd Oct	Away	Macclesfield Town	L1-4
Mon 25th Oct	Away	Hallam (FAY3Q)	W2-1
Sun 31st Oct	HOME	Llanrwst United (FAW2)	W12-0
Sat 6th Nov	Away	Stockport County	W2-1
Tue 16th Nov	Away	Carlisle United (FAY1)	
Sat 20th Nov	HOME	Wigan Athletic	
Sat 4th Dec	Away	Shrewsbury Town	
Sat 18th Dec	HOME	Macclesfield Town	
Sat 8th Jan	Away	Tranmere Rovers	
Sat 15th Jan	HOME	Walsall	
Sat 29th Jan	Away	Port Vale	
Sat 12th Feb	HOME	Rochdale	
Sat 26th Feb	Away	Accrington Stanley	
Sat 5th Mar	HOME	Blackpool	
Sat 12th Mar	Away	Preston North End	
Sat 19th Mar	HOME	Bury	
Sat 26th Mar	Away	Carlisle United	
Sat 2nd Apr	HOME	Morecambe	
Sat 9th Apr	Away	Oldham Athletic	
Sat 30th Apr	HOME	Burnley	

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Community News

Schools Programme

This is a core programme for the club's Community Scheme. It encourages children of Primary School age to participate in Football activities within the school run by qualified coaches. Each child who participates receives a ticket for a home game and a prize.

The schools that we are visiting from September through October include St Pauls - Isycoed, Ysgol Bro Fammau - Llanarmon DC, St Johns the Baptist - Penymynydd, Sychdyn, Rhoshelyg - Rhosesmor, Bangor on Dee, St Marys - Ruabon, Bryn Coch - Mold, Acrefair, Ysgol Glanrafon - Mold.

Futsal

Is a FIFA governed and international form of 5 a-side which is generally played in doors. Played with a slightly heavier ball.

The aim of the sessions are to introduce young players to Football through a smaller version of the game. The sessions will include ball manipulation and small sided games and will improve technique, skills and co-ordination.

Sessions are open to players regardless of ability and experience, venues include Hawarden Sports Centre, Glyndwr Sports Centre - Wrexham, Denbigh Leisure Centre and Mold Sports Centre. Sessions run throughout the winter in-line with the School term time.

Soccer Schools

Dates for the October and December Holidays have now been finalised. The courses are proving to be very popular. The dates for October and December are as follows:

October Half Term

Mold Sports 25-27 October, Morgan Llwyd 27-29 October, Deeside College 25 October, Buckley 26 October, Hawarden High School 28 October, Denbigh Sports Centre 29 October.

Christmas Holidays

Gresford Colliery Club and Deeside College 20 December, Buckley Sports Centre 21 December, Mold Sports Centre 22-23 December, Hawarden High School Sports Centre 22 December, Denbigh Leisure Centre 23 December.

Classroom

The classroom is near completion and will be available from mid-October to be used by schools and community groups. The project is a joint initiative between Wrexham FC, Crusaders RFL and Wrexham County Borough Council.

WrexCru

Is the junior supporters club for both Wrexham FC and Crusader RFL. Members are entitled to benefits for both teams and membership is absolutely free.

Birthday parties at the Racecourse

Why not hold your child's birthday party at the Racecourse. The package includes organised football, signed ball and tour. There is also a matchday package available.

Inflatable Ball

Thanks to one of our partners, New Directions, we have an inflatable ball which is available to schools, clubs and Community groups to help them raise funds.

Should you wish to contact the Racecourse Community Team, you can do so via the following methods. Telephone 01978 296397, E-mail: Soccerschools@wrexhamfc.tv, Website: www.wrexhamafc.tv/page/FITIndex

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• Matchday packages available

For more information about The Racecourse Community Foundation sessions or any other way in which we can help, please contact the team on:

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Last time at The Racecourse

Saturday 23rd October 2010 **Wrexham 1 Southport 2**

Our F.A. Cup campaign was ended for another season in our last home fixture as we crashed out at the Fourth Qualifying Round stage being beaten 2-1 by fellow-Conference outfit Southport at The Racecourse.

With the side going well in the league Dean Saunders kept faith with the team that had won so convincingly at Hayes & Yeading United seven days earlier as they went in search of a place in the First Round proper.

It was the home side that would start the game in a bright fashion as Jay Harris worked Tony McMillan in the Southport goal after three minutes with a neat volley after being set up by Gareth Taylor.

It was to be the visitors who would take the lead though after just four minutes when Paul Barratt delivered a cross from the right flank and centre-back Marvin Andrews turned the ball past keeper Chris Maxwell from six yards.

The home side didn't let this deflate them though and they almost found a way back into the game when Andy Morrell saw his effort turned around the post by McMillan.

Southport thought that they had doubled their lead after 29 minutes when Chris Lever headed home from a corner only for the goal to be chalked off by referee Amy Fearn following a foul on Maxwell.

Back came the home side and the lively Andy Mangan looked the most likely player to find an equaliser as he had several chances to test the visiting keeper, the best of which came in the 39th minute when he forced McMillan to turn an awkward bouncing drive around the post.

The home side ended the first half the stronger as first Mangan stung McMillan's fingertips before Gareth Taylor spurned a good chance to bring the sides level with the last kick of the first period.

Wrexham brought Jamie Tolley on at halftime in the place of Curtis Obeng but it was the visitors who started the half stronger and they nearly went 2-0 up when Lever bent a freekick just wide of the upright.

Mangan then had two chances in quick succession to find the back of the net first being denied by McMillan before poor control let him down shortly after when he was put clear by Taylor.

It was to be Southport who would find the next goal when Wrexham went 2-0 behind in the 70th minute. Alan Moogan sent in a cross from the right that a stretching Matty McNeil was unable to connect with and Chris Blackburn put the ball past Maxwell and into his own net.

The visitors almost added a third

goal on 73 minutes when McNeil worked space for himself in the area but blasted his effort wide.

With time running out, Wrexham reduced the deficit after 80 minutes. Substitute Tolley ran at goal before unleashing an unstoppable 25 yard drive that flew past keeper McMillan.

Wrexham were now throwing everything at the visitors in search of an equaliser but they were almost undone at the back for a third time in stoppage time only for Maxwell to deny McNeil.

The final chance for Wrexham to get a replay out the tie came deep into stoppage time when a cross into the area was met by Mathias Pogba but the striker was unable to get his effort on target meaning that Wrexham would crash out of the competition at the first attempt.

Wrexham

Maxwell; Obeng (Tolley 46), Andrews, Sinclair, Ashton; Harris, Blackburn, Keates; Mangan, Taylor (Pogba 76), Morrell (Cieslewicz 66)

Subs not used: Shearer, Brown, Hunt, Knight-Percival

Southport

McMillan, Williams, Flynn, Davis, Lever, Barratt, Lee, Moogan, Blakeman (Powell 82), McNeil, Simm (McGinn 67)

Subs not used: Dickinson, Winn, Daly, Gray, Morley

Attendance: 2,052 (144 away)

Fans Eye View

After each home game we will be talking to a Wrexham supporter to get their views on the game that just unfolded in front of them. Following our last fixture at The Racecourse against Southport in the F.A. Cup we managed to catch a word with Ken Davies, who gave us a fan's view on the match.

We started by asking Ken what his thoughts were on the game, "I was looking forward to the cup-tie - two former League Clubs, and the pressure of the league put aside for an hour and a half. Apart from Tolley's wonder-goal, a shot from some 30 yards, there was nothing else to really write home about. Not many teams score three goals without the opposition scoring, and still lose the game!"

Ken then went onto state who he felt had been the best Wrexham player on the day, "For me Wrexham's man of the match was Jay Harris, without doubt - grit, determination and never gave up in midfield - a little dynamo of a player - wanted to win attitude, which we need throughout the team."

We finished by asking Ken what his expectations were for this season, "My heart tells me play-offs, but in reality, I think we'll end up mid table. We lose too many games which we've controlled throughout. How we didn't beat Newport County after controlling the game is beyond me."

On The Road

Saturday 30th October 2010

Histon 1 Wrexham 1

In our last away fixture it looked as if we had been able to nick all three points courtesy of a stoppage time goal from Gareth Taylor, only to be denied just a couple of minutes later. In the end we had to be content with a 1-1 draw against Histon after conceding an equaliser deep into added time at The Glass World Stadium.

Wrexham were forced into two changes to their squad from the Southport F.A. Cup game with Curtis Obeng missing out due to a virus and Adrian Cieslewicz failing a fitness test meaning that Jamie Tolley came back into midfield with Chris Blackburn moving into defence. While Declan Walker and Christian Smith returned on the bench.

It was the visitors who started the better of the two sides as Dean Keates saw a 22-yard freekick claimed just in-front of his goal by the Histon keeper after six minutes.

The opening half an hour was all one way traffic with the visitors dominating proceedings, despite this they were unable to really force Joe Welch into a serious save with Andy Mangan, Andy Morrell and Tolley all having half chances blocked away.

With few clear goal scoring chances at either end in a scrappy first half, Histon went close to breaking the deadlock on 38 minutes when Edward Adjei was denied by keeper Chris Maxwell.

Wrexham's best opportunity of the first period came two minutes before the interval when Jay Harris' header from Neil Ashton's cross was brilliantly saved by Welch.

In a game that lacked quality, Wrexham came close to taking the lead on 51 minutes when Dean Keates delivered a corner but Marvin Andrews' powerful header was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Welch.

Wrexham should have really taken the lead on the hour mark when Taylor headed a Marvin Andrews cross back across goal and Morrell was unable to turn the ball home from just six-yards out.

The visitors decided to change things around a bit with just under 15 minutes remaining bringing both Nat Knight-Percival and Mathias Pogba into the game in place of Morrell and Mangan.

Wrexham almost found a way through after 81 minutes when an Ashton cross was met by the head of Pogba but his effort drifted just wide of the goal.

But it was to be Wrexham who would take the lead in the 90th minute when Taylor's flick-on from Keates' free-kick struck a defender but sat up for the striker who found the back of the net with a low drive.

However, Histon equalised in the fourth minute of injury time as Oluwafemi Ilesanmi found captain Antonio Murray on the edge of the area and his curling shot found the top corner of the net to deny Wrexham with almost the last kick of the game.



Histon

Welch, Okay, Oyeabanjo, Sparkes, Mills, Clerima, Adjei (Mills 67), Murray, Wootton, Smith

Subs not used:

Stevenson, Lawton, Attwood, McCrae

Wrexham

Maxwell; Blackburn, Andrews, Sinclair, Ashton; Harris, Keates, Tolley (Brown 86), Morrell (Knight-Percival 77), Taylor, Mangan (Pogba 77)

Subs not used:

Walker, Smith

Attendance:

914 (175 away)

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AFC Wimbledon	4018	2300	3336	Kedwell 10, Jolley 7, Wellard 1, Moore 4, Minshull 1, Hatton 2, Yakubu 2, Franks 2, Jackson 1, Yussuf 1	4-0	0-3
Altrincham	1364	776	1059	Reeves 5, Denham 4, Johnson 1, Clee 1, Hewson 1, Williams 1, Twiss 2, Densmore 2	2-0	0-5
Barrow	1718	1089	325	Walker 11, Boyd 1, (og) 2, Pearson 1, Forrest 1, Wiles 2, Owen 1, Chadwick 1	4-0	0-5
Bath City	1262	742	955	Jones 1, Connolly 2, Edwards 2, Harris 1, Phillips 4, Webb 1, Hogg 1, Mackie 1, Mohamed 5, Russell 2, Canham 1	2-0	0-4
Cambridge United	2726	2465	2590	Russell 5, Saah 2, Wright 3, Coulson 3, Clare 1, Gray 3, Willmott 3, Jennings 1, og 1	5-0	0-2
Crawley Town	2566	1252	1699	Tubbs 12, Masterton 1, McAllister 8, McFadzean 1, Brodie 3, Smith 1, Neilson 2, Bulman 1, Torres 1	4-1	1-2
Darlington	2597	1520	1858	Hatch 3, Terry 2, Clark 1, Wright 2, og 2, Senior 4, Chandler 1, Brown 1, McReady 1, Powell 1, Bridge-Wilkinson 1	3-0	1-2
Eastbourne Borough	2518	802	1431	Pacquette 6, Elphick 3, Weatherstone 5, Crabb 3, Taylor 6, Treleaven 3, Atkin 1, Cook 1, Rooney 1, Austin 1, Johnson 2, Langston 2	5-0	0-4
Fleetwood Town	2831	1411	1879	Vieira 12, Curtis 3, McGuire 1, Seddon 2, Crane 3, Pond 1, Wright 1, McNulty 1, Beeley 1	4-1	0-3
Forest Green Rovers	1464	709	961	Styche 6, Caines 2, Jones 1, Klukowski 4, McDonald 1, Else 1, Herring 1, Norwood 2, Watson 1, og 1	3-0	1-6
Gateshead	1083	471	794	Brittain 3, Turnbull 1, Mulligan 2, Nelthorpe 3, Gate 2, Shaw 6, Kay 1, Ferrell 1	3-1	0-5
Grimsby Town	5037	2532	3340	Peacock 1, Connell 13, Watt 2, Hudson 1, Cummins 1, Bore 1, Eagle 1, Wright 1, Coulson 1	2-0	1-4
Hayes & Yeading Utd	478	274	351	Wright 5, Hand 1, Pritchard 4, Buchanan 1, Patulea 2, Malcolm 2, Enver-Marum 1, Holmes 1	2-0	0-5
Histon	914	285	556	McCrae 2, Attwood 2, Okay 1, Oyebanjo 2, Murray 5, Riza 3, Clerima 1, Mills 1, Sparkes 1, Wootton 1	3-0	0-4
Kettering Town	2906	1194	1758	Christie 3, Ashikodi 1, Marna 8, Makofa 2, Kelly 1, Dance 4, Dempster 1, Solkhon 1	3-0	1-4
K'minster Harriers	1565	937	1332	Shaw 2, Gittings 3, Briscoe 1, Wright 4, Williams 2, Briggs 1, Byrne 3, McPhee 6, Blair 3, Morris 1	3-1	0-3
Luton Town	7283	5704	6618	Barnes-Homer 9, Kroca 3, Gnackpa 2, Craddock 2, Drury 4, Pilkington 4, Howells 1, Walker 1, Atieno 1, Crow 6, Morgan-Smith 2	6-1	1-3
Mansfield Town	2699	2089	2377	Connor 8, Medley 4, Mills 1, Duffy 3, Sandwith 1, Parker 4, Smith 3, Istead 1, Gregory 1, Nix 1, Briscoe 1	5-0	2-5
Newport County	3206	1927	2466	Reid 12, Rose 3, Matthews 3, Henry 2, Warren 2, Collins 2, Foley 3, Rogers 1, Knights 2	4-0	1-2
Rushden & D'monds	1575	926	1249	Corcoran 2, Porter 3, Howe 6, Charles 3, O'Connor 5, Johnson 1, Sills 1, Power 1, Miller 3, og 1	5-0	0-2
Southport	1802	753	1212	McNeil 3, McGinn 3, Gray 2, Davis 1, Blakeman 2, Daly 3, Barratt 1, Simm 1, Marsh-Evans 1	4-3	1-2
Tamworth	1694	723	1092	Perry 7, Marshall 1, Bradley 3, Rodman 6, Wylde 2, Thomas 1, Wilkinson 1, Barrow 2, Smith 1, Lake-Gaskin 1	4-2	0-3
Wrexham	4040	2376	2756	Smith 3, Morrell 4, Andrews 1, Brown 1, Keates 3, og 1, Taylor 4, Harris 2, Tolley 1, Knight-Percival 3, Mangan 1, Cieslewicz 1	4-0	0-3
York City	3176	1978	2379	Rankine 6, Gash 1, Till 3, Brodie 1, Young 1	3-0	0-5

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2010/11 PLAYERS APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	Appearances		Goalscorers	
	League	Cup	League	Cup
Dean Keates	17	1	3	
Chris Blackburn	17	1		
Neil Ashton	16	1		
Andy Morrell	15	1	4	
Jay Harris	14(2)	1	2	
Andy Mangan	14(2)	1	1	
Frank Sinclair	14	1		
Marvin Andrews	13	1	1	
Nat Knight-Percival	10(4)		3	
Scott Shearer	9			
Gareth Taylor	9(6)	1	4	
Chris Maxwell	8	1		
James Tolley	7(5)	1	1	
Curtis Obeng	7(2)	1		
James Tolley	7(5)	1	1	1
Christian Smith	5(1)		3	
David Brown	4(3)		1	
Declan Walker	4(1)			
Kevin Gall	3 (2)			
Johnny Hunt	1 (1)			
Adrian Cieslewicz	-(6)	1	1	
Mathias Pogba	-(3)	1		
Own Goals				1

The next Buckley & district Reds meeting will be held at the Hope & Anchor (trap pub) in Buckley on Sunday 14th November. All are welcome to attend and non members can join on the night.

Billy Ashcroft

We have been contacted by a Wrexham supporter looking to promote a Facebook page that has been set up dedicated to former player Billy Ashcroft.



The page includes lots of interesting pieces about his career plus many archive pictures from his Wrexham playing days during the 1970's.

Below is a link to the page should you wish to become a fan of Billy and look back on the players career.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Billy-Ashcroft/169086206436999>

Alternatively if you just type Billy Ashcroft into the Facebook search engine then you should be able to find the information on our former star.

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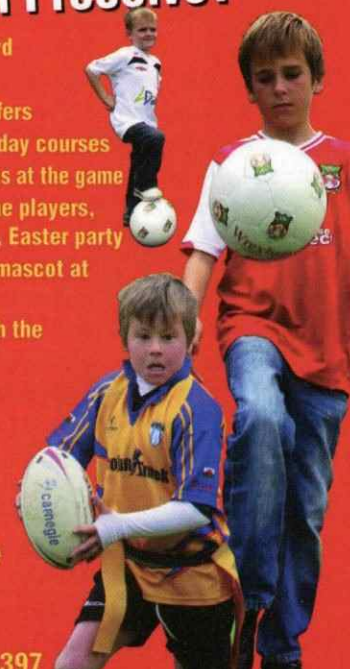
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The Story of the 2010/11 Season

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	ATT	SCORE	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠	🏠
Saturday, 14 August	Cambridge United	HOME	4040	1-0	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Tuesday, 17 August	Forest Green Rovers	AWAY	1216	0-3	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 21 August	Eastbourne Borough	AWAY	1055	3-4	SHEARER	ANDREWS	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR*	ASHTON
Tuesday, 24 August	Kidderminster Harriers	HOME	2477	2-2	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON
Saturday, 28 August	Barrow	HOME	2525	1-1	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON
Monday, 30 August	Bath City	AWAY	1262	2-0	SHEARER	OBENG	ANDREWS**	BLACKBURN	ASHTON
Sunday, 5 September	Newport County	AWAY	3206	1-1	SHEARER	OBENG	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 11 September	York City	HOME	2446	1-1	SHEARER	OBENG	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	HUNT
Saturday, 18 September	Kettering Town	AWAY	1533	1-1	SHEARER	SINCLAIR	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON
Tuesday, 21 September	Southport	HOME	2221	2-1	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 25 September	Histon	HOME	2376	4-0	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ANDREWS	ASHTON
Tuesday, 28 September	Grimsby Town	AWAY	2532	1-2	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ANDREWS	ASHTON***
Saturday, 2 October	Darlington	AWAY	1690	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Tuesday, 5 October	Fleetwood Town	HOME	2689	0-0	MAXWELL	OBENG**	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 9 October	AFC Wimbledon	HOME	3277	1-2	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 16 October	Hayes & Yeading United	AWAY	417	3-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 23 October	Southport (FAC)	HOME	2052	1-2	MAXWELL	OBENG*	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Saturday, 30 October	Histon	AWAY	914	1-1	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON
Thursday, 11 November	Luton Town	HOME							
Sunday, 14 November	York City	AWAY							
Saturday, 20 November	Darlington	HOME							
Saturday, 27 November	Mansfield Town	HOME							
Tuesday, 30 November	Southport	AWAY							
Saturday, 4 December	Crawley Town	HOME							
Saturday, 18 December	AFC Wimbledon	AWAY							
Sunday, 26 December	Altrincham	HOME							
Tuesday, 28 December	Barrow	AWAY							
Saturday, 1 January	Altrincham	AWAY							
Monday, 3 January	Bath City	HOME							
Saturday, 8 January	Grimsby Town	HOME							
Saturday, 22 January	Cambridge United	AWAY							
Saturday, 29 January	Mansfield Town	HOME							
Saturday, 5 February	Eastbourne Borough	HOME							
Saturday, 12 February	Crawley Town	AWAY							
Saturday, 19 February	Gateshead	HOME							
Saturday, 26 February	Kidderminster Harriers	AWAY							
Saturday, 5 March	Forest Green Rovers	HOME							
Saturday, 12 March	Rushden & Diamonds	HOME							
Saturday, 19 March	Fleetwood Town	AWAY							
Sunday, 27 March	Newport County	HOME							
Tuesday, 29 March	Tamworth	AWAY							
Saturday, 2 April	Hayes & Yeading United	HOME							
Saturday, 9 April	Rushden & Diamonds	AWAY							
Saturday, 16 April	Kettering Town	HOME							
Saturday, 23 April	Gateshead	AWAY							
Monday, 25 April	Tamworth	HOME							
Saturday, 30 April	Luton Town	AWAY							

Blue Square Bet Premier Top Scorers

Connell (Grimsby Town)	13
Reid (Newport County)	12
Tubbs (Crawley Town)	12
Vieira (Fleetwood Town)	12
Walker (Barrow)	11
Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	10
Barnes-Homer (Luton Town)	9
Connor (Mansfield Town)	8
Marna (Kettering Town)	8
McAllister (Crawley Town)	8
Jolley (AFC Wimbledon)	7
Perry (Tamworth)	7
Crow (Luton Town)	6
Howe (Rushden & Diamonds)	6
McPhee (Kidderminster Harriers)	6
Pacquette (Eastbourne Borough)	6
Rankine (York City)	6
Rodman (Tamworth)	6
Shaw (Gateshead)	6
Styche (Forest Green Rovers)	6

BLUE SQUARE BET
PREMIER

KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	BROWN*	MANGAN	MORRELL**1	TAYLOR	SMITH	TOLLEY*	GALL**	MAXWELL
KEATES	HARRIS**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	BROWN*	MANGAN	MORRELL	ANDREWS	TAYLOR	TOLLEY**	GALL	MAXWELL
SMITH 2	KEATES	HARRIS**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***	MANGAN	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	BROWN***	TOLLEY	GALL	WALKER**
BROWN**	KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN*	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY	GALL*
BROWN**	KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN*	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY	GALL*
HARRIS	KEATES	SMITH 1	GALL*	MORRELL 1	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	CIESLEWICZ	TAYLOR***	BROWN	TOLLEY**	WALKER
HARRIS	KEATES	SMITH	GALL	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MORRELL 1*	TAYLOR	BROWN	MANGAN*	TOLLEY	WALKER
HARRIS 1	KEATES	SMITH**	GALL*	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***	MORRELL 1	TAYLOR***	BROWN	MANGAN	TOLLEY	WALKER
HARRIS**	KEATES 1	TOLLEY***	TAYLOR***	MANGAN	MORRELL	OBENG***	BROWN	SMITH**	GALL	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
HARRIS 1	KEATES	TOLLEY	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN*	MORRELL	OBENG	BROWN	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ*	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
HARRIS	KEATES 1***	TOLLEY 1*	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN	MORRELL	H*OBENG	BROWN***	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ*	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1**
HARRIS*	KEATES	TOLLEY	TAYLOR	MANGAN	MORRELL**	OBENG***	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1*	POGBA
BLACKBURN	KEATES	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1	TAYLOR	MANGAN*	BROWN	SMITH	HUNT*	CIESLEWICZ	GALL
BLACKBURN	KEATES	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN	TAYLOR*	HARRIS*	BROWN	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	POGBA**
BLACKBURN*	KEATES	HARRIS**	MANGAN 1	TAYLOR*	MORRELL	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY**	POGBA*	Shearer
BLACKBURN	KEATES	HARRIS 1	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN**	MORRELL*	BROWN	TOLLEY	CIESLEWICZ 1	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL**	POGBA
BLACKBURN	KEATES	HARRIS	MANGAN	TAYLOR***	MORRELL**	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ**	TOLLEY 1*	HUNT	POGBA***
HARRIS	KEATES	TOLLEY***	MANGAN*	TAYLOR 1	MORRELL**	BROWN***	SMITH	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL**	WALKER	POGBA*

Blue Square Bet Premier Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Crawley Town	17	5	1	2	13	8	6	2	1	17	7	15	36
2 AFC Wimbledon	17	6	2	1	18	6	5	0	3	13	12	13	35
3 Luton Town	17	6	2	1	21	7	4	1	3	14	11	17	33
4 Rushden & D'mnds	17	6	1	2	16	5	3	2	3	10	11	10	30
5 Fleetwood Town	17	4	3	1	15	10	4	3	2	10	5	10	30
6 Newport County	18	4	4	1	19	10	4	2	3	11	11	9	30
7 Wrexham	17	3	4	1	12	7	3	3	3	13	12	6	25
8 Mansfield Town	17	4	2	3	18	13	3	1	4	10	10	5	24
9 Grimsby Town	17	4	3	2	13	9	2	3	3	11	14	1	24
10 Kettering Town	17	1	4	3	9	12	5	2	2	12	10	-1	24
11 K'minster Harriers	17	4	2	2	16	13	2	4	3	10	15	-2	24
12 Darlington	17	4	1	3	9	5	1	7	1	10	9	5	23
13 Gateshead	17	4	3	2	10	7	2	1	5	9	15	-3	22
14 Cambridge Utd	17	4	2	2	16	6	1	3	5	6	14	2	20
15 E'bourne Borough	17	4	1	3	21	14	1	4	4	13	24	-4	20
16 Tamworth	17	3	3	3	16	16	2	2	4	9	15	-6	20
17 Histon	17	3	2	4	12	14	2	2	4	7	14	-9	19
18 Southport	17	3	3	3	10	10	1	3	4	7	10	-3	18
19 York City	17	3	3	2	9	4	1	3	5	9	19	-5	18
20 Barrow	18	4	2	3	14	9	0	4	5	6	19	-8	18
21 Bath City	17	2	5	1	12	11	1	3	5	9	17	-7	17
22 Hayes & Yeading Utd	17	3	0	6	11	16	2	2	4	6	14	-13	17
23 Forest Green Rovers	17	2	4	3	12	12	1	1	6	8	23	-15	14
24 Altrincham	17	2	3	3	10	13	1	2	6	7	21	-17	14

On Our Travels

With tonight's game having being moved for live TV coverage it means that our game against York City which was scheduled for this coming Saturday had to be put back by 24 hours until Sunday afternoon. We now head to the KitKat Crescent on this coming Sunday with the game kicking off at 3.00pm

We head to York aiming to pick up our first victory against them on their own turf for some 15 years with the last time that we picked up three points at York being on 7th February 1995 when a single Gary Bennett goal was enough for us to pick up all three points.

Since our time at this level of football we have visited York twice with the most recent result being the 2-1 defeat nearly 12 months ago now. Hopefully we will be able to reverse our recent bad fortunes on our trips to York with a victory against them in three days time.

ADMISSION PRICES

Popular Side (Seating)*:

Adults £15,
Concessions £10

Grosvenor Road End (Terrace):

Adults £14,
Concessions £9

Concessions include under 16's, over 65's and students with proof of education status.

* Supporters pay to enter the terrace then pay an additional £1 transfer within the ground to access the Popular Side seating area.



YORK CITY

Ground Name: KitKat Crescent
Capacity: 9,034 (Seats 3,500)
Address: Bootham Crescent, York, YO30 7AQ
Telephone No: 0870 777 1922
Home Kit Colours: Red & Blue
Official Web Site: www.ycfc.net

What's The Ground Like?

At one end is the David Longhurst Stand, which is a fair sized covered terrace, which has a row of supporting pillars across its front. Opposite is the open terraced Grosvenor Road End, reserved for away supporters, be warned that this terrace is open so it would be advisable to take a coat. The Main Stand on one side of the ground is the tallest stand at the ground and is a covered all seated affair. This Stand is about two thirds of the size of the pitch in length, with open corners to either side (one of which houses the supporters club). Again this stand has a number of supporting pillars, as does the all seated Popular Stand opposite.

Where to Drink?

There is a supporters club on the corner of the ground by the entrance to the away end. Otherwise the nearest pub is the Burton Stone Inn which you should see on the A19 as you drive up to the ground.

Where to Eat?

About a ten minute walk along the A19 (going away from the city centre), you will see the 'Old Grey Mare' pub on your left. Opposite is a sandwich shop that also on matchday does a brisk trade in hot pies. There are also places inside the ground selling the usual eateries that you find at football grounds.

How to Get There by Car & Where to Park

Take the A64 to Scarborough and York. When you near York, join the A1237 Ring Road and continue on it until you reach the junction with the A19. Turn right at the junction and take the A19 towards York City Centre and keep going until you get to a pub on your left called the Burton Stone Inn, at which point you turn left into Burton Stone Lane. Then take the first right into Grosvenor Road for the ground.

Nearest Train Station

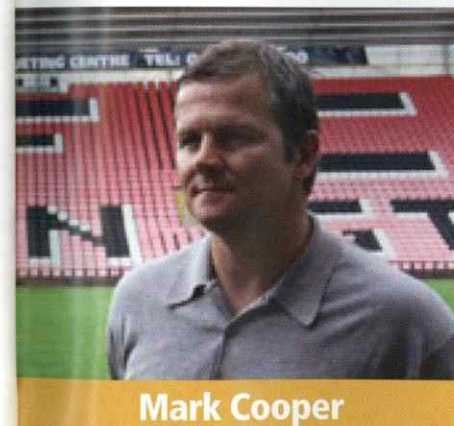
York Station is located just over a mile away from the ground. The station is on the East Coast mainline and is served by trains from London Kings Cross.

NEXT UP at the racecourse

After a break of over two weeks from our last game here at the Racecourse we now face a run of consecutive home fixtures in the league as we aim to push on towards a place in the top five. Following this evening's game against Luton Town we soon find ourselves back at home in just over a week's time when Darlington visit us a week on Saturday 20th November, with the game kicking off at the usual time of 3.00pm.

This fixture sees the start of three consecutive league fixtures at home on Saturday afternoon's as we aim to take maximum points in order to continue our push towards a playoff place. This return fixture comes only a few weeks after we made the long trip up to Darlington at the start of October. Hopefully we can pick up a similar result to that at the Darlington Arena which saw us take all three points courtesy of a goal from Nat Knight-Percival in the final few minutes of the game.

Following their relegation from League Two at the end of last season Darlington have certainly had a mixed time of things and ahead of last weekend's fixtures they sat firmly in mid-table with 23 points from their 12 games.



Mark Cooper

The trouble for the North-East side is that they have been too inconsistent so far as has been shown in their last few fixtures which has seen them lose at home to Hayes and Yeading United before travelling to league leaders AFC Wimbledon and picking up all three points with an excellent 2-0 victory.

This inconsistency is something manager Mark Cooper will be looking to put right in the

coming months in order for them to mount a serious challenge in their quest to regain their Football League status which was taken from them last May.

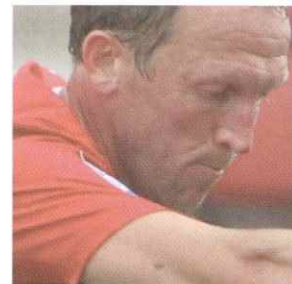
The victory at the Dons was actually their first on the road this season after they had picked up a total of seven draws and just one defeat in their previous eight fixtures. It does show that they can be quite resilient on their travels but they will be hoping to turn some of those draws into three points between now and the end of the season.

Despite their mid-table position Darlington have actually got the best defensive record in the league, with them having conceded just 14 goals so far. Their main problem has been at the other end of the field having scored just 19 times so far in their 17 games. This is something that they will be looking to improve on in the coming weeks and with striker Chris Senior they have a player who has a proven track record at this level of football having scored goals for Scarborough, Halifax and Altrincham during their Conference days.

This will be the first meeting of the two sides at this level of football but during our time in the Football League we used to meet at pretty regular occurrences. The last meeting between the two sides at the Racecourse came during the 2007/08 season when we were able to triumph 2-0 at the start of February 2008 as we looked to keep our place in League Two.

Our record against Darlington at home is actually a pretty good one as we haven't lost here in the league since The Quakers triumphed here during the 1987/88 season. This will be our eighth league game since that defeat so hopefully we can continue our run of good results. Saying this Darlington did triumph here in the First Round of the F.A. Cup in 2002 when two second half goals put paid to our chances of another cup run for that season.

Let's hope that in ten days time it is ourselves that will be celebrating yet another league victory over Darlington.



Darlington

Saturday 20th
November 2010

3.00pm Kick Off



Team Sheet

Tonight's Officials

Referee: J G Adcock

Assistant: A Moore Assistant: A Clayton

4th Official: M Heywood



Wrexham

Colours - Red & White

Manager

Dean Saunders

1	Scott Shearer	Gls	Y	R
2	Curtis Obeng			
3	Neil Ashton			
4	Marvin Andrews			
5	Chris Blackburn			
6	Jay Harris			
7	Gareth Taylor			
8	David Brown			
9	Andy Mangan			
11	Andy Morrell			
12	Dean Keates			
13	Wes Baynes			
14	Christian Smith			
15	Frank Sinclair			
16	Johnny Hunt			
17	Adrian Cieslewicz			
18	James Tolley			
19	Kevin Gall			
20	Nat Knight-Percival			
21	Chris Maxwell			
22	Declan Walker			
24	Mathias Pogba			



Luton Town

Colours - Blue and White

Manager

Richard Money

1	Mark Tyler	Gls	Y	R
2	Dan Gleeson			
3	Fred Murray			
4	Keith Keane			
5	Alan White			
6	George Pilkington			
7	Adam Newton			
8	Amari Morgan-Smith			
9	Matthew Barnes-Homer			
10	Taiwo Atieno			
11	Andy Drury			
12	Shane Blackett			
13	Zdenek Kroea			
14	Adam Murray			
15	Jake Howells			
16	Ed Asafu-Adjaye			
17	Pavel Besta			
18	Claude Gnabka			
19	Danny Crow			
20	Kevin Gallen			
24	Alex Lacey			
25	Godfrey Poku			
26	JJ O'Donnell			
27	Taylor Nathaniel			
28	Adam Watkins			
29	Dan Walker			
30	Kevin Pilkington			
31	Lewis Kidd			

Half-Time Wrexham

Luton Town

Full-Time Wrexham

Luton Town

Next up at home

Saturday 20th November – 3.00pm

Wrexham v Darlington

Saturday 27th November – 3.00pm

Wrexham v Mansfield Town