

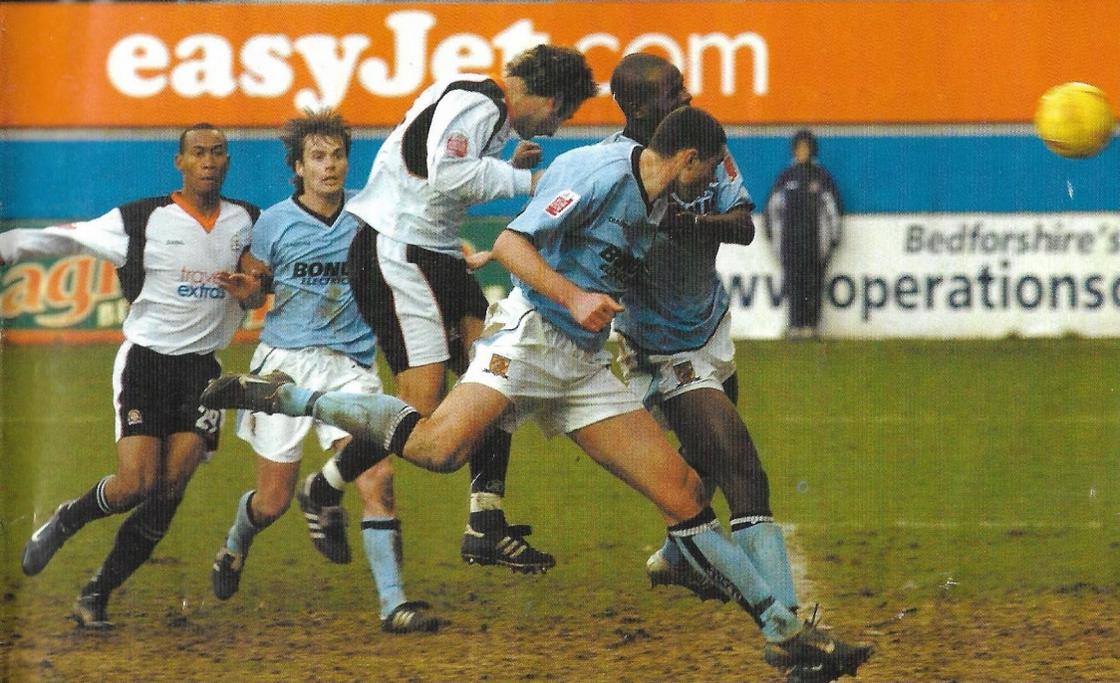
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FROM THE EDITOR

Good afternoon, welcome and Happy New Year to you all.

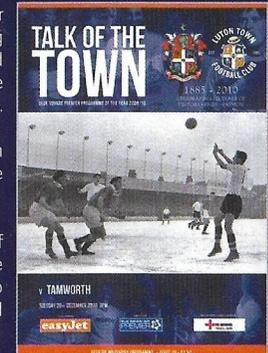
If you are reading this programme then the chances are you have a game on to watch and we've beaten the cold snap.

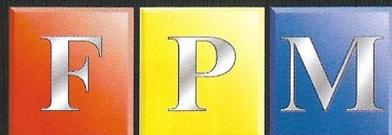
With the snowy and icy weather causing havoc across the football programme recently, especially at our level, the Football Conference have given clubs special dispensation to allow the production of down-sized programmes with the likelihood that games over the festive period will fall foul of the weather.

Producing a full-size programme for matches with a small chance of going ahead can cost clubs a lot of money and with this in mind we have taken the decision to reduce our issue to 16 pages.

Should this game not go ahead then fear not, full 68-page issue will be produced for the rearranged game.

Our game with Tamworth did fall foul of the weather but despite that a 16-page programme - issue 17 - is available to purchase from the club shop priced £1.50.





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MONEY TALK

Good afternoon, Happy New Year and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the today's game against Rushden & Diamonds. After the enforced break due to the recent bad weather we hope today will be our first league game since the end of November.

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and are looking forward to what is an important fixture for us against a side who suffered the same fate as ourselves last season when losing in the semi-finals of the Play-Offs.

I'd like also to extend a very warm welcome to Justin Edinburgh, his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of Rushden to Bedfordshire today.

This afternoon could be one of the most emotional games that many of players of both teams will ever play in as it maybe - weather permitting - the first match for our visitors since the tragic death of goalkeeper Dale Roberts.

My condolences go out to Dale's family and friends and to everyone at Nene Park. Not only will this game be an emotional one but from our perspective it will be the toughest game we will face all season.

I'm sure Justin won't have to say much in his pre-match team-talk to inspire his players. They will be motivated to get a result for Dale and we will have to guard against that.

As I've mentioned already they are a good side - last season they took four points off of us and are showing signs of the same form this time round and will be there or thereabouts come the end of the season.

Our last proposed fixture against Tamworth was

postponed due to a frozen pitch and while it is frustrating there is simply nothing we can do about it.

We've all been in the game long enough to know that the weather in this country is what it is at this time of year.

We've got to mentally tough but it's part and parcel of playing in this country - every country has its different problems. I've managed in Australia in 40 degree heat and tropical storms. With the Boxing Day game and the Tamworth match also called off it means the weather may give us a difficult challenge but from our point of view we back ourselves to cope with it.

And while we haven't played since November everyone is in the same boat but when we start we need to be ready and get back in the rhythm. The games that have been rearranged so far means there's nine games in January - which is always the most notorious month - but we'll get on with it.

Today we start a New Year full of confidence. The last 12 months has seen the team make significant progress in both playing style and results. There are very few teams, if any, who have won more games, gained more points or scored goals during 2010.

However, the team are well aware that we haven't achieved anything yet. Finishing second last season meant we did not achieve our ultimate goal. Our current position gives us a platform to achieve it this season but we are well aware our success rate must be at least maintained.

Our level of support is nothing short of astonishing. The players and staff are humbled

every week that so many give them their support. We have a very important period still to play, to look forward to and achieve our ultimate goal.

Together, the team and all of your phenomenal support, we can become a formidable force and make it happen.

On behalf of the players and staff I thank you for your support throughout 2010. We wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Keep believing.



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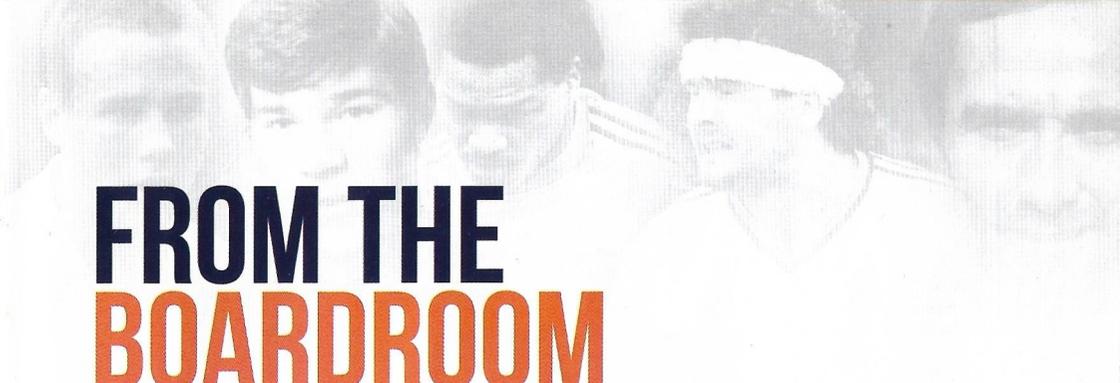




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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to Rushden & Diamonds, their management, staff, players and fans to our first game of 2011.

At a hugely difficult time for everyone at Nene Park, our condolences go to Dale Roberts' family, team-mates and friends. We know from reading his tributes that Dale was a talented, well-known, and well-respected person. We are all united in our sadness and we are sure everyone will contribute to a fitting game, worthy of his memory.

Welcome too to every one of you and we hope you had a wonderful and enjoyable festive season. Whilst we have all missed our festive fix of football, we have been entertained by our utter demolition of the Aussies. After a third test that perhaps we took for granted, the blistering performance of all our cricketers is a welcome lift to our sporting spirits.

The freezing weather has played havoc with fixtures across the country. Localised weather in particular has contributed to a range of reasons given for postponements. We know how difficult it is to rearrange long made plans at the last minute, and together with many other clubs around the country we sincerely appreciate your patience and loyalty.

I think everyone will agree that the 2011 travelling York City fans were a credit to their club before Christmas, and they must be respected for their complete commitment and endeavour. We are delighted they made it home safely and we look forward to seeing them at the return fixture - perhaps this time we may also be able to entertain their Press spokeswoman.

Everyone at the Club does everything possible to ensure that original fixture dates are met, and together with our exceptional

fans the team have put on some Herculean efforts in the past, and sometimes they do achieve what seemed impossible at the outset. However, the weather has beaten us this festive season although we have tried to make the correct decisions at the correct times, and with the best information available to us.

We would always remind fans that when we get the go-ahead for a game, this is based on advice from the emergency services amongst others, and the referee will also have access to weather information too.

The referee will take in all of that information and decide if the game can take place, but we must all remember that his decision in no way indicates whether people should attempt to travel from various and wide-ranging locations.

In the recent weather conditions it has been seen how localised effects can be and this information cannot be known for a whole area, only for the area of the stadium. If you are in any doubt about conditions and travel issues you should listen to the advice issued through all mainstream media, and follow your own thoughts on the advice being given. We all wish to ensure that fans stay safe.

In other news, the Football Association has appointed a new Chairman. It will be interesting to see if the oldest football association in the World will follow the lead of the second oldest.

Whilst some in the Scottish FA will not wish to hear the findings of the former First Minister Henry McLeish, there were some hard facts that needed to be stated if their governing body is to evolve into a strong and forward thinking organisation, and add value to the game as a whole - at all levels.

Will the FA follow suit and recognise that the longer our governing body is allowed to meander aimlessly away from fans, the harder it will be for them to garner any respect from any source?

In the immediate future though, David Bernstein has a rather full in-tray after the World Cup bid debacle, but let's hope he can start the changes that our governing body so desperately needs if it is to avoid becoming toothless, archaic, and irrelevant.

2011 will hopefully bring us much to celebrate and we all feel at the Club that we enter this New Year stronger in every area than we entered 2010. We are pleased with progress across so many departments and we are excited about the future. We hope you see these improvements too, and that we complete our 125th season celebrating good things.

Finally, and importantly, it was hugely saddening to hear of the passing of Kenilworth Road favourite Terry Branstons. Unfortunately I did not have the pleasure of seeing him play but I know from others that he was a Luton legend and he will be sadly missed by so many.

Our thoughts are with his family and many of us will treasure the memories he gave us.

Sing up for legends past and present, come on you Hatters!



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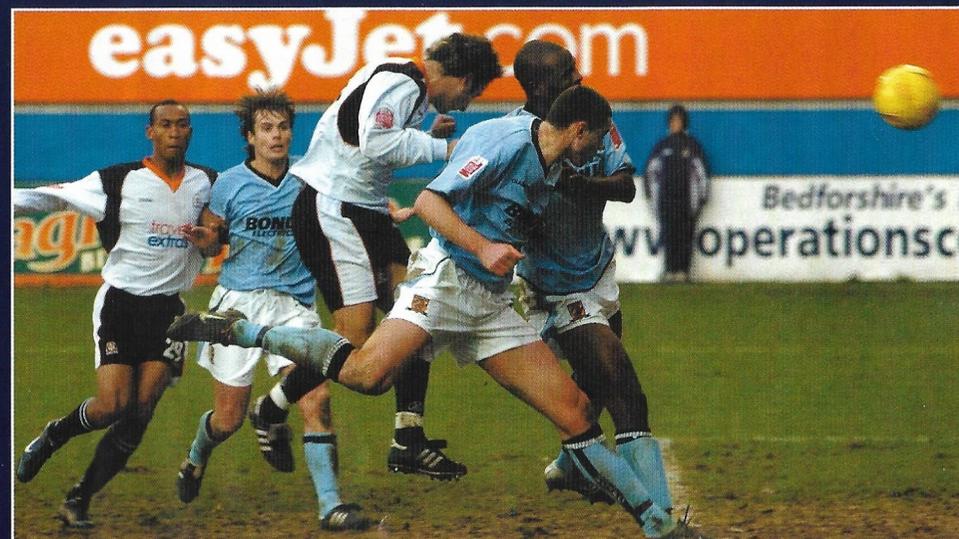
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COVER STORY

● AHMET BRKOVIC HEADS HOME AGAINST HULL DURING THE RACE FOR THE LEAGUE 1 TITLE IN 2004/05



The Town started the 2004/05 season in record breaking style winning their first six matches and going to match 13 before they suffered defeat.

Late strikes by Enoch Showunmi at both Bristol City and Chesterfield to earn six points over the Christmas period put the Town way ahead at the top and most supporters were convinced that the second half of the campaign would become a stroll.

Unfortunately, the Town went off the boil a little after Christmas and a run of six draws from seven games enabled the chasing pack, led by Hull City, to close the gap at the top.

The Hatters were now only one point clear of the Tigers at the top and an all-ticket capacity crowd of 9,500 gathered at Kenilworth Road to witness the clash of the Titans.

Top scorer Steve Howard was suspended and in his place came 'supersub' Showunmi while City were missing their top scorer Stuart Elliott. For added spice, the Tigers included ex-Watford skipper Andy Hessenthaler in their lineup, a player the Luton fans loved to hate!

To the delight of the Luton supporters the team was back to its pre-Christmas best and attacked Hull with a will, putting together slick attacking moves that had the Tigers defenders in a spin.

Unfortunately, despite all the bright forward play the Town could not get the ball in the net and in the second period Hull tightened up considerably without ever looking like they would threaten the Luton goal.

The game appeared to be heading for stalemate but, with barely a minute left on the

clock, Steve Robinson, wide on the right, fired in a cross which was anticipated by the 'Croatian Sensation' Ahmet Brkovic who nipped in between two defenders to power in a header at the near post.

To say that the goal was greeted with delight is an understatement and with the other teams at the top dropping points a gap had opened up once more and set the Town up for the rest of the season.

Luton Town: Beresford, Neilson, Coyne, Davies, Davis, Foley, Nicholls, Robinson, Brkovic (O'Leary), Showunmi (Andrew), Vine.

Hull City: Myhill, Stockdale, Cort, Delaney, Edge, Green, Ashbee, Hessenthaler (Price), Lewis, Barmby, Wibraham (Facey).

Roger Wash

RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

GOALKEEPER



Joe Day

Day joined the Diamonds as an Under 17 player in January 2007 from Crystal Palace. He made his first team debut in September 2008, against Rothwell Town, in an NFA Hillier Senior Cup. His League debut came in April 2010 when he kept a clean sheet in the 1-0 win at Wrexham.

DEFENDERS

Justin Miller

The South African defender signed for Rushden in the summer of 2010 from South African Premier Soccer League side Bidvest Wits. Miller started his career with Ipswich Town before signing for Leyton Orient in 2003 after a successful loan spell, where he racked up 150 league appearances before moving to Port Vale. He moved back to South Africa after a spell at Chelmsford City.

Jamie Stuart

Stuart, who started his career with Charlton Athletic before enjoying spells with Millwall, Bury and Southend, arrived at Nene Park in June 2009, where he was also named Captain. Last season he won the Supporter's Player of the Season, Travel Club Away Player of the Season, and the Evening Telegraph Player of the Month for April/May awards. He has also represented England at Under 21 level.

Kurt Robinson

Kurt Robinson joined the Diamonds on a

permanent basis in the summer of 2009 after a successful period on loan with the club from Ipswich Town. The left sided full back had academy spells at West Ham United and Southend United before progressing from the Ipswich academy but did not play a first team fixture for the Tractor Boys.

Jamie Day

Day joined the Diamonds in the summer of 2010, when his contract with Peterborough United expired. The defender came through the ranks at London Road making over 100 appearances for the side as they rose from League 2 to the Championship.

MIDFIELDERS

Shane Huke

Huke began his career with Peterborough United, making 29 appearances for the Posh,

before joining Dagenham & Redbridge. After just one season he returned to Australia and signed for Central Coast Mariners before joining the Diamonds in March. After initially agreeing a short term deal the central midfielder signed an extended contract.

Lewis Spence

Midfielder Lewis Spence signed for Rushden & Diamonds during the summer after he was released from Wycombe Wanderers. He started his career with Crystal Palace where he made just two appearances before joining Wycombe. He made 35 appearances for the Chairboys and spend most of last season on loan at Forest Green Rovers.

Ryan Charles

Charles needs no introduction to Luton fans after he was at Kenilworth Road from the age of nine,



until his release in the summer. He made his Hatters first team debut in March 2008 against Southend United and his full debut came against Carlisle United in the following game.

Alan Power

Power was another summer signing after he was released from League 1 Hartlepool United. The Irish midfielder started his career with Nottingham Forest, becoming captain of their reserve side, and won several caps at Youth and Under 21 level for the Republic of Ireland. Power also spent 3 months on loan at Grays Athletic during his time at Forest.

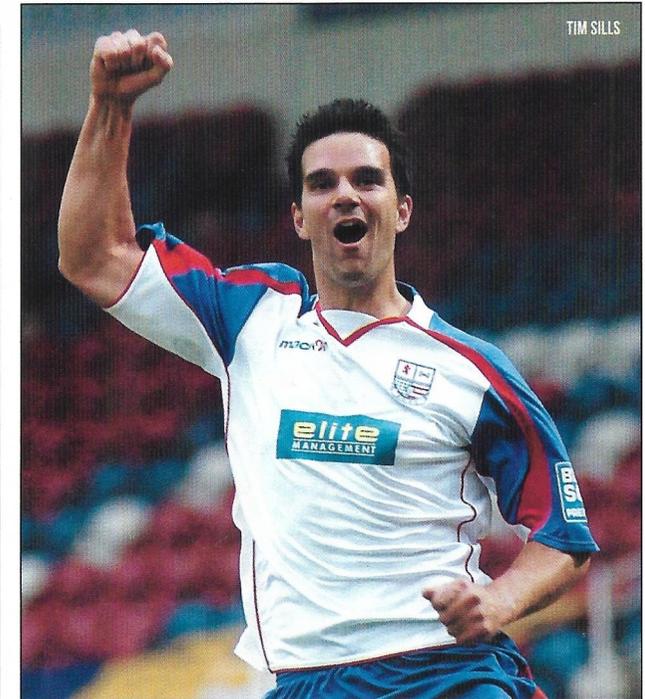
Max Porter

Porter is in his second season at Nene Park after being an almost ever present during the last campaign. The central midfielder made 50 games in all competitions, earning him a call up to the England C team. He began his career with Southend United before moving to Cambridge United and Bishops Cleeve. He returned to the league with Barnet where he made over 60 appearances in League 2.

STRIKERS

Craig Farrell

Striker Farrell joined the Diamonds from York City, in June 2009 in a deal that saw Michael Rankine move in the opposite direction. He enjoyed a successful first season scoring 13 goals in all competitions. He started his career as a junior with Middlesbrough and later Leeds United. Spells at Carlisle and Exeter followed before he joined the Minstermen in the



TIM SILLS

summer of 2006. He scored 21 league goals in just 73 starts.

Aaron O'Connor

O'Connor began his career at Ilkeston Town and before returning to the club after spells at Scunthorpe United and Nuneaton Borough. It was 80 goals in 127 appearances for Gresley Rovers which really caught the eye, earning him the Player's Player of the Year, Manager's Player of the Year and Supporter's Player of the Year awards two years running. He later moved to Grays Athletic, where he played under Justin Edinburgh, before joining the Stags. He linked up again with Edinburgh in the summer of 2009 and scored 15 goals last season.

Tim Sills

Striker Tim Sills joined Rushden & Diamonds from nPower League 2 side Stevenage Football Club on a three month long loan on 24th September 2010. The striker started his career at Derby County's Youth Team, moving to Camberley Town and Basingstoke Town, with



AARON O'CONNOR

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HAYES & YEADING v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Tuesday 4th January 2011 kick-off 7.45pm

Please note the change in date and kick-off time for this match.

Allocation: We have been allocated 1,500 terrace tickets and 100 seating tickets for this fixture.

Pre match info: This game is ALL TICKET and no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

Sales Plan: Tickets are now on go general sale and will remain so until Tuesday 3rd January at 2pm. Tickets will be available online all over the Christmas period for terrace tickets only (Online and phone general sale orders will need to be collected by 5pm on Tuesday 3rd January).

Prices: Terrace: Adult £14.00 Over 65/Under 16 £8.00 Under 7s FREE Seating: Adult £16.00 Over 65/Under 16 £10.00 Under 7s FREE



BATH CITY v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 8th January 2011 kick-off 3pm

Allocation: We have received 230 seating tickets for this fixture which will be available from the ticket office. We have also been allocated 1,000 terrace spaces which will be available only on the day at Bath via cash turnstiles.

Sales plan for seating tickets: Tickets are currently on sale to diamond season ticket holders and season ticket holders at one per person until today. Any remaining tickets will go general sale from Tuesday 4th January and will remain on sale until Friday 7th January at 2pm (subject to availability)

Prices: Adult £14, Over 60/Student (with valid id) £10, Under 16 £5. Accompanied Under 16 (with full paying Adult) £3.



LUTON TOWN v UXBRIDGE

FA Trophy second round Saturday 15th January 2011 kick-off 3pm

This match is not all-ticket but tickets can be purchased in advance from the Luton Town ticket office.

Unreserved seating applies in all areas of the ground and supporters can pay on the turnstile on the day of the game. Please arrive early to beat the rush and avoid the queues at cash turnstiles.

The following prices have been agreed following discussions with Uxbridge.

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