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COVER PHOTO: The lads celebrate after taking an early
2 goal lead at Mansfield. The game ended 3-3.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL



Good evening and a very warm welcome to you all for what should be another entertaining encounter as we look to get back to winning ways.

I would also like to extend that warm Spyty welcome to Richard Money, along with the Directors, Players and Staff of our visitors tonight, Luton Town.

Since the last home game here, we gained our first clean sheet for a while up at Histon and but for another penalty miss, we would have achieved a most welcome win. We then had roughly a two week break in which we decided to increase the training programme. We also used that time to bring in several new faces, which only adds to the competition factor within the squad; along with spending a day 'White Water Rafting' which was most useful for a little team bonding.

We took the field at Mansfield last Saturday evening looking for another positive result and, after being two-nil up in the first couple of minutes, we then went three up thanks to a superb strike from Danny Rose. So naturally, we were all then a tad disappointed to have to settle for a point in such bizarre fashion.

The turning point was undoubtedly the Chris Todd sending off which will unfortunately see him missing from tonight's match; however I thought we showed great resilience and strength. The excellent team spirit, playing for over 55 minutes with ten men was there for everyone to see.

Tonight will see a few new faces and I would like you to welcome them all in your usual manner; one in particular will certainly need no introduction - Charlie Griffin, who scored in his first start back in Newport County colours since joining from Stevenage on loan until the end of the season.

I am also delighted that James Rowberry has joined the backroom staff here. James works for the Football Association of Wales and is a highly qualified coach, the players have really responded to his appointment. I must also thank Kevin Cooper, John Hartson and Ian Harris (Goalkeeping Coach) who have all assisted with the additional hours we have spent on the training ground.

Let's hear some serious noise as you get behind the lads tonight; we are all working hard on and off the pitch and with plenty of points still to play for, we are not out of the Play-off slot yet - that is for sure!

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Director of Football.

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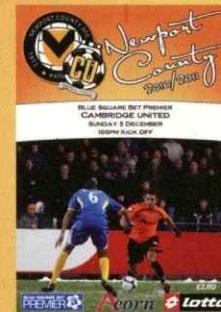
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SCENE AT SPYTTY

CHECK YOUR DIARIES ... There have been some changes to our fixture list, and tonight's encounter is just one of them! Our next home game will be against **CAMBRIDGE UNITED** on Tuesday 1 March (KO 7.45). We have decided to issue a new programme for that fixture, following the changes within the club since the original scheduled date.

However, the original issue (see cover photo below) can be purchased for your collections from the Programme Shop for just £2. Additionally, postal sales can be made via Duncan Jardine at the club address with an extra £1 for postage.

WREXHAM MATCH ... Please note, our Welsh derby encounter at Wrexham's Racecourse ground will now take place on Sunday, 27 March - kicking off at the slightly earlier time of 2.00 pm.



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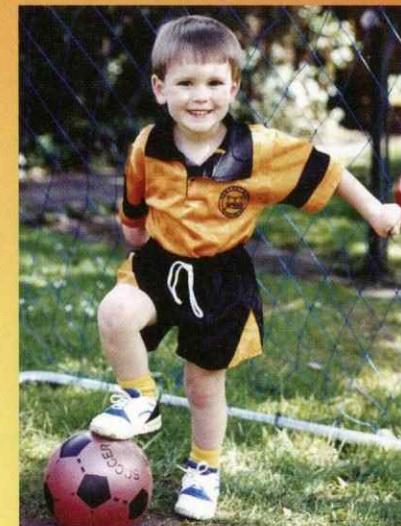
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SOCIAL CLUB AGM ... The Newport County AFC Social Club's 'Annual General Meeting' was held in BarAmber on Monday, 24 January. A fine turnout was in attendance and members were delighted to hear that BarAmber has donated £5,000 to Newport County for the electronic control of the turnstiles required by the Football League, in addition to the £2,400 donated each month. BarAmber hopes to give the County at least £35,000 this season.

KEY TO THE DOOR ... Dedicated club cameraman **Sam Shingler** marked an historic milestone recently on Tuesday, 8 February.

Sam and his folks celebrated him turning 21 in style with a Newport County themed birthday cake which carried the delightful picture (below) of a youthful County fanatic in the making – even if we did struggle to recognise him without his beard!

Everybody at Newport County AFC sends Sam their congratulations and thank him once more for his selfless efforts in preserving our history via his pitch-side role alongside Colin Jeremiah. I bet it seems like only yesterday that Mrs Shingler remembers her little cherub enthusiastically booting that ball around her prized flower beds!



Pic of Sam Shingler

NEW ARRIVALS ... It feels like an age since our last home match and plenty of activity has occurred within the playing staff since we hosted Rushden & Diamonds here on 22 January. Unless you've been living on the moon during the weeks since, you'll all be well aware that Craig Reid has departed to Stevenage for a club record fee. I'm sure everybody wishes Craig well in his Football League career.

A plethora of players have since arrived at Spyty Park and we offer a warm Newport County welcome to Michael Burns, Tom Miller and Steven Lennon, along with Yemi Odubade and a familiar face in Charlie Griffin who arrive until the end of the season as part of the Craig Reid deal.

AN EVENING WITH JOHN ALDRIDGE ... The Junior Academy have organised an evening with former County star John Aldridge on Thursday, 3 March, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Tickets are priced at £35, which will include a three course meal. Tickets are available from the club shop **01633 662262**, including tables for ten - but we will also sell tickets on an individual basis. Please support this event.



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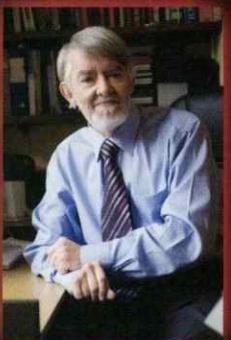
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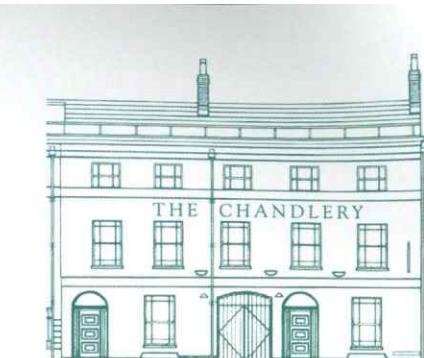
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Even better, both companies have Newport County at heart. Daniel O'Connell, the Managing Director of the Kymin Partnership has deeply embedded roots in the club. As well as being a long time supporter he also played for the youth team (despite having been signed as a youngster by tonight's opponents!) whilst his brother Shaun O'Connell proudly played for the reformed club, and he is part of the team photo that is displayed in the sponsors lounge, from the 1990-1991 season.

David Thomas, senior partner of Walter Hunter Accountants, is also a long time fan with many memories of following the club in the football league. Both businessmen hold the club dear to their hearts, and are honoured to sponsor this evening's game against Luton Town. After years in the lower leagues, what better feeling can there be than to face a big club like Luton at a packed Spyty – up the County!

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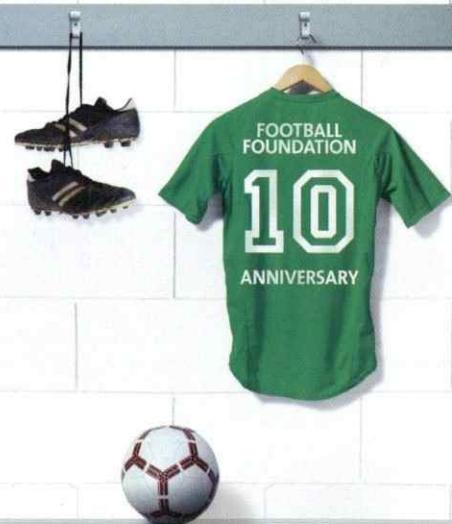
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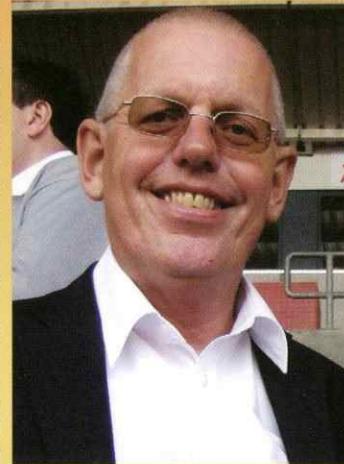
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Tim Thraves

Tim is known to many supporters for being our long serving match announcer and more recently has built up a cult following through his online match commentaries.

Why do I support Newport County?

I started watching in the late 1950s mainly because my father was then a club director over two periods covering 14 years.



My first County memories ...

Besides watching County playing the likes of Crystal Palace, Brighton & Hove Albion and so on I well remember being in the Social Club (Paddies Bar) for the FA Cup Third Round match with Tottenham Hotspur. I was sat next to our Director Horace Palmer who always smoked the most massive cigars. I am sure our older supporters will remember Horace as he owned local grocery shops.

(County lost that cup tie to Spurs 4-0 at Somerton in January, 1960 before 24,000. The County squad that season included Ollie Burton, Cecil Dixon, Bryn Jones, Polly Rowland, Alf Sherwood, Ken McPherson, John McSeveney, Barry Meyer, Les Riggs and Len Weare. County finished 13th in Division 3 in a season where we again played against the likes of Wrexham, Mansfield, Grimsby and York.)

My favourite County moments ...

There are so many, promotion at Walsall, Welsh Cup success at Shrewsbury, beating West Ham in the FA Cup and of course the promotion of last season. One game that does stick in the memory was our 3-2 victory over Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup in January, 1964 – unbelievably I sat on the County bench that day – yes it was allowed! I do recall entering onto the pitch when our winner went it and shouting to the Wednesday Number 5 ... "Yes, yes, got you!"

(The dynamic County duo of Ralph Hunt and Joe Bonson ensured victory against Wednesday. County finished the season in 15th place in Division Four, whilst Wednesday finished 6th in what is now the Premier League.)

My worst County experience ...

Really has to be the end of the original club. However, one match really does spring to mind – our 6-1 FA Cup humiliation at then non league Barnet back in November, 1970. No club directors travelled that day so I represented the club in the boardroom. Even all these years later I can remember our manager Bobby Ferguson talking to a local newspaper reporter criticising the team – even though he himself didn't play well that day!

(Perhaps not surprisingly Bill Lucas soon replaced Ferguson after the Barnet defeat. Results hardly improved and the dreaded re-election process was sought and won in order to maintain County's league status. Top scorers that season were Willie Brown (16) with Jeff Thomas and Roddy Jones each chipping in with 10 each.)

My funniest County moments ...

Sat next to the comedian Ken Dodd at Exeter City where we

lost 3-1. I recall Dodd shouting out to Ralph Hunt ... "Come on in number 10 your time's up!" I also remember meeting another comic of the day in Cardew Robinson at Brentford when Dave Elliott was player manager in a game we won 3-1.

My favourite County goals ...

All of them! Tommy Tynan's headed winner in our 4-3 victory at home to Portsmouth in November, 1979. More recently last season did see some wonderful goals, Sam Foley at Eastleigh (brilliant), Craig Reid's first at Dover and the repeat against Dorchester at home – all outstanding goals!

My best (and worst) County players ...
Of course Aldridge and Tynan have to be up there. I also thought that Alan Williams was a particularly good defender as was Keith Oakes and more recently Nathan Davies and Craig Reid – these were players who always gave everything to the cause. From the current squad Foley and Rose are a bit special too!

My worst? Mark Draycott – say no more!
(Williams was signed from Watford for £2,500 in November 1966 and played 79 times scoring 5 goals before transferring to Swansea two years later. Oakes is widely regarded as the cornerstone of the 1979/80 promotion season and was a commanding central defender who scored 34 goals in 284 games.)

My favourite County Managers ...

Dean Holdsworth, Len Ashurst, Colin Addison and who can ever forget Bill Lucas! Even now I can remember Lucas showing our striker Howard Goddard in the Vice President's lounge exactly how to shield the ball properly from defenders – complete with pipe in mouth and half a pint to beer in his hand – "This is how you do it matey!" ... he would say – priceless!

My favourite away ground ...

I just loved going to Brentford (Griffin Park). Despite our 6-0 Freight Rover semi-final defeat back in 1985, we had quite a decent record against them! Other grounds include Sinclair Bank (Lincoln City) and Turf Moor (Burnley).

(Our last trip to Sinclair Bank was in October 1985, where a goal from Gordon Staniforth earned a 1-1 draw, whilst we suffered a 2-0 defeat at Burnley in January 1988 – our last season in the then Division 4.)

Where do I hope to see County in a few years time?

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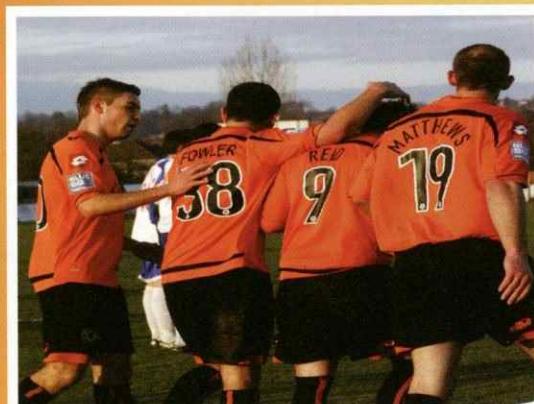


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Welsh Premier League

The Welsh Premier League season has reached the end of its first phase. The twelve clubs have played each other twice and the league now splits into a top and bottom six that play each other home and away again. This will result in a 32 game season with Champions League and Europa League places up for grabs.

The Winner of the Welsh Premier League will qualify for the Champions League, with the runners-up qualifying for the Europa League; the teams that finish between third and seventh will play off for the final Europa League place.

The change in format of the Welsh Premier is in its first season, with the aim of raising the quality and profile of the League. The idea is that the money is shared out amongst fewer clubs than before and that the better players are concentrated amongst fewer clubs, thus raising the standard. The league had promising news prior to the start of the season with the high-profile signing of Lee Trundle by Neath Athletic and also a deal with S4C to show games live.



It hasn't all been plain sailing though with considerable opposition amongst clubs to the changing of kick-off times away from the traditional 2.30pm in order to accommodate the TV company.

On the field, Bangor City had a tremendous start to the season, winning their opening 15 games and gaining a huge lead in the table. Bangor have lost twice since the turn of the year and finished the first phase of the season 6 points ahead of The New Saints. The final game of the season sees Bangor host The New Saints at Farrar Road in a potential title decider.

Jamie Reed has top-scored for Bangor this season with 17 league goals – enough to attract the attention of Conference Premier side York City who signed the striker in January. 23 year-old Reed who has previously played for Rhyl and Wrexham left Bangor for an undisclosed fee and faces stiff competition for a starting place at York.

The capture of Reed shows the quality on show in the Welsh Premier, but also highlights the lack of prospects for the top players in the Welsh Premier who need to move to the Conference to progress up the football ladder.

Welsh Premier attendances have improved this season – the league average is up 23% on last year at 338. The removal of the six lowest sides has helped lift the average, but on a like-for-like basis, average gates are still up by 9% which is a healthy rise. Not surprisingly Bangor City has the highest average at 754, with a highest gate this season of 1030.

Neath have recorded a huge rise in their average gate, up from 221 last season to 601 so for this term. This is the impact of signing Lee Trundle from Swansea City and "Magic Daps" has scored 14 goals so far this season.

Welsh Premier Table	Pld	Pts
Bangor City	22	56
The New Saints	22	50
Neath Athletic	22	45
Llanelli	22	36
Prestatyn Town	22	31
Port Talbot Town	22	27
Aberystwyth Town	22	26
Airbus UK Broughton	22	24
Carmarthen Town	22	22
Bala Town	22	17
Newtown	22	15
Haverfordwest County	22	15

Summer Football?

The Welsh Premier League, having made the biggest change to its format in its 18 year history are not content with the changes they have made. There are still proposals to move the league to the summer, though this proposal has met with opposition from many quarters including an 'anti-summer football' Facebook campaign.

One of the hurdles that will need to be negotiated is the problem of having the Welsh Premier playing summer football, and the rest of the Welsh pyramid playing a winter season. This will particularly provide problems with promotion and relegation issues – how do you promote a team that wins a feeder league in May to a league that has already started in March?

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OVER GEORGE STREET BRIDGE

with Phil Tanner

I'm yet to meet a football fan who is keen on sharing with rugby (union, at least). Neutral is the best you get. One pitch which on TV at least has periodically looked much the worse for the sports sharing it is Watford's Vicarage Road, but that era looks like ending soon. Saracens RFC are moving out and have come up with what seems an ingenious plan to adapt the Barnet Copthall athletics stadium for multiple use. Inevitably people will look at it and wonder whether there are any lessons there for changes we would need to make at Spyty during the first season we get back into the League (fingers crossed) or ideally even earlier, touched on in the recent fans' forum.



Barnet FC were apparently also interested in the site and I did wonder looking at the artist's impressions (taken from the Hendon Times) if the seats being in amber means the design originally had them in mind. How would it work?

The proposal is for one permanent and three demountable stands to provide a total capacity of 10,000 for 16 rugby games a season. But the plan is also for the stadium to be available for community use 350 days a year. My first thought was that this must mean the temporary stands sitting 7,000 would be erected and dismantled on the day of a match, but on reflection that's mad. The daddy of all stadiums with retractable seating is the Stade de France in Paris. Granted it's more than eight times the size, but restoring the track needs a workforce of 40 and takes 80 hours. Pardon the pun, but Barnet won't be in the same ballpark. You would still need a substantial warehouse to store all the bits during close-season. (And make sure you don't lose those Allen keys.)

In fact it seems 'community use' refers to facilities under the one new permanent stand, and a plastic pitch. The publicity makes much of how exciting it will be to play and watch rugby on artificial turf. Leaving aside the sterility of watching tactical kicking on a predictable surface, any claim of no carpet

burns just doesn't ring true when you are talking about getting clattered by 18-stone Samoans. This is the most obvious reason why you couldn't duplicate the project exactly in Newport. Fortunately the Conference and League have no truck with artificial surfaces, and please God it stays that way. The alternative tenant, Barnet, would have needed grass - which would limit public use on non-match days.

The illustrations show one side has a tier of seats which pulls out over the track like a drawer under a bed. I'm no civil engineer, but clearly unlike at Spyty the design needs a stand perched above the track, as at Chelmsford. On the other side the demountable rugby stand actually sits in front of the existing athletics stand!

For obvious reasons I don't have much time for athletics, basically not a spectator sport in this country, dictating stadium plans, but it does look to have a raw deal here as it fights off this cuckoo in the nest. It isn't clear where the jumping pits - which are now right under where the new permanent stand is in the artist's visualisation - fit in. And how do you judge javelin, discus or hammer throwing onto a plastic surface? Or insure the judges!



I can't help thinking that ultimately the design crashes between two stools. The local people - many seem to object strongly from a planning point of view anyway - wind up with no proper rugby stadium and no athletics track at all for half the year. For both Copthall and maybe at some future point Spyty there is a very simple point to be made. If it needs to get this complicated, might it not just be easier to build permanent stands for the ball game and relocate the athletics?

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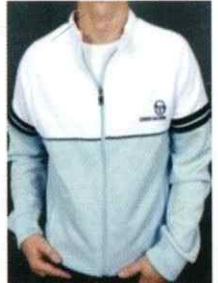
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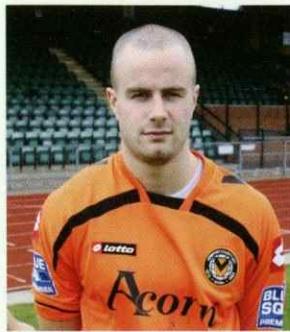

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THE PEOPLE'S GAME

with Colin Everett

PC or Not to be PC – That is the Question

The Andy Gray and Richard Keys affair and exit at Sky Sports last month may turn out to be a defining moment in the development of the game – or maybe not.

The opinionated Ron Atkinson was banished from the media world of football a few years back for racist comments and is yet to make a full return and may have given up hope in exchange for a lifestyle more befitting a retired wealthy man. Making sexist remarks clearly does not carry the same penalty on the sensibilities of the British Broadcasting fraternity as Gray and Keys have bounced back with a lucrative radio deal at Talksport as might a footballer from the treatment table.

This should be one of those defining moments in that the real position of the game on sexism should be exposed. I am not being politically correct, and try not to be unless it is a question of real principle, but suspect that behind the facade of being a modern, go ahead and inclusive sport many of those at the top of the game's hierarchy still believe it is a man's game and that the role of women should be confined to the 'things they do best'.



The statistics bear this out. There are few female chairs of club boards, female directors are in a very small minority, and try naming a female manager at a senior level or more

than two or three senior female officials. Then there are the FA, UEFA and FIFA - known for rotund males with healthy appetites for the high-life. Sounds like a caricature doesn't it? Well, welcome to the real world of football. The real game behind the scenes is still not the one that is portrayed by those marketing it. It is the domain of men with few opportunities for women - and exceptional women at that - those who are resilient enough to break through the 'glass ceiling'.

I invite all men reading this to ask themselves the following question and to answer honestly. On the rare occasions you see a female official like Wendy Toms or now Sian Massey do you make a remark along the lines of 'I bet they can't read the game as they never played it', 'bet they like a bit of rough' or 'do you think they share a shower with the ref?' It might be best not to share this article with your wife or girlfriend if they are stood or sat next to you as I would wager the fail rate to this question is close to 100%. This simple test proves my point – football is not PC, should not try to be and is never going to be.

What matters is where the line between 'banter' and ignorance on the one hand, and real deep down sexism on the other, is to be drawn. Where Andy Gray seems to have done the real injustice is by trying to pass off his demolition of referee's assistant Sian Massey as banter. If it had been, and he had shown true remorse for undermining a brave and competent official who has been one of the few to carry the flag in the top-flight on behalf of the cause of females in football, then it might have done the game some good. However, the knives were out for the former bullish centre forward who despite many apparent misdemeanours had managed to pin down the anchor spot in the most successful football broadcaster world-wide with a reported annual salary of £1.7M. The fact that SKY did not act sooner, and allowed his alleged comments against women and misdemeanours with women to go on for so long is to their shame.

Once one SKY colleague had had enough and decided to leak the tape of his comments about Massey the Pandora's Box was opened and his alleged comments about West Ham Chair Karren Brady and unwelcome advances to co-presenter Charlotte Jackson were added to the charge sheet. It should be SKY which has to rebuild its reputation as much as Gray for not standing up for some form of real equality behind the scenes. Gray has made no bones about being an un-reconstituted, hairy, sex-driven ex-pro.

Talksport won't care too much and the broadcasters can show their licence, subscription payers and advertisers that they do indeed have morals. Gray's and Key's first appearance on the airwaves at a discount fee will have propelled the station's ratings and at a cut price. Sian Massey has returned to the line and others may now think about leaving their comments unsaid somewhere in their sub-conscious. So maybe there is some good to come out of this sorry little affair.



The game has modernised beyond recognition – its family friendliness, the gender balance of its crowds, and its greater involvement of women particularly in the supporter movement and its rejection of all forms of racism. Perhaps the Gray and Keys affair is a closing chapter on an age gone by – but somehow I doubt it. Scratch the surface and see what you find underneath. My appeal is for common-sense and tolerance to live side by side whether they are straight, gay or hetro. The day banter is politically incorrect is the day that long shadows will be cast on football as we know and love it.

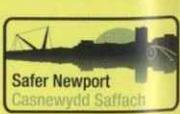
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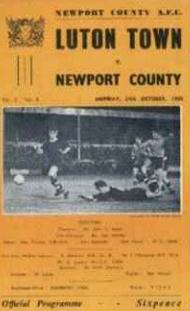
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COUNTY V'S HATTERS with Richard Taylor



If asked to consider which side in this season's Conference Premier that County has faced most, the majority of Amber blooded fans would probably put Bath City or Forest Green Rovers top of their lists. Then, of course, there might be the ex Football League contingent of Darlington, Wrexham, York City etc. But none of these foes come near to LUTON TOWN!



Yes, County have locked horns with this evening's opponents a staggering 47 times, with Hatters actually the original Newport County's first competitive opponents from across the border, when they headed west for a Southern League Second Division encounter on a wintry afternoon in January 1913. A repeat of that day's score-line tonight would certainly please the home support!

Other highlights include a 7-2 County victory in March 1927 with Scottish striker Archie Waterston netting a hat trick, a 4-0 triumph in the post War Football League (South) when *Albert Derrick* (senior) repeated the feat and the 2-0 Fourth Division win in October 1966, when Munich Air disaster survivor *Kenny Morgans* scored our second. Luton fans may prefer to recall their 7-0 rout of County at Kenilworth Road in 1935-36 or the 5-0 success the following season en route to promotion to Division 2.



There again, supporters of both sides will look back upon *Charlie Henry*'s length of the pitch celebrations in August with mixed memories!

The two clubs also brushed shoulders in more recent times courtesy of a brace of Friendly matches played at Somerton Park, namely in 1979 and 1982. The former occurred when the Hatters arrived on a September evening as part of the transfer deal that took Mark Aizlewood to Kenilworth Road. Nigel Vaughan and Mike Bruton netted for the Ironsides in an entertaining 2-2 draw in front of 1,300 supporters.

The latter was a somewhat less enjoyable affair; the two sides playing out a goal-less pre-season stalemate in August, with only a paltry 709 patrons present.

For the full breakdown, take a deep breath!



Season	Competition	Home	Away
1912-13	Southern Lge Div. 2	5-1	0-5
1913-14	Southern Lge Div. 2	2-0 (10000)	0-1 (8000)
1919-20	Southern Lge Div. 1	0-0 (6414)	0-4 (8000)
1920-21	Division 3	2-0 (5000)	2-2 (9000)
1921-22	Division 3 (South)	2-2 (8000)	0-4 (10000)
1922-23	Division 3 (South)	0-3 (5000)	0-1 (8500)
1923-24	Division 3 (South)	1-0 (9000)	0-2 (5000)
1924-25	Division 3 (South)	1-1 (7000)	2-2 (n/a)
1925-26	Division 3 (South)	2-1 (4458)	2-4 (6816)
1926-27	Division 3 (South)	3-2 (6821)	1-4 (5240)
1927-28	Division 3 (South)	7-2 (3995)	1-1 (5192)
1928-29	Division 3 (South)	1-2 (4177)	2-5 (8782)
1929-30	Division 3 (South)	0-0 (3879)	2-4 (8825)
1930-31	Division 3 (South)	3-1 (2868)	1-3 (8097)
1932-33	Division 3 (South)	3-2 (2344)	2-2 (6504)
1933-34	Division 3 (South)	1-2 (5524)	1-1 (10072)
1934-35	Division 3 (South)	2-4 (4052)	1-4 (8759)
1935-36	Division 3 (South)	0-2 (6356)	0-7 (10085)
1936-37	Division 3 (South)	2-1 (7654)	0-5 (14469)
1945-46	Football Lge (South)	4-0 (6553)	0-1 (9000)
1946-47	Division 3 (South)	1-3 (11480)	3-6 (7814)
1966-67	Division 4	2-0 (3451)	1-3 (5377)
1967-68	Division 4	1-1 (4635)	1-1 (10992)
1979-80	Friendly	2-2 (1,300)	
1982-83	Pre Season Friendly	0-0 (709)	
2010-11	Conference Premier	1-1 (6945)	

* [Pictured top-left & right]: Match programmes for the two Division Four games during 1966/7.

* [Pictured bottom, left]: Munich survivor *Kenny Morgans* in County attire; a County goal scorer in that 1966 league encounter at Somerton Park.

* [Pictured above]: Newport's *Dave Gwyther* gets a header in on the Luton goal during the pre season friendly encounter in August, 1982.





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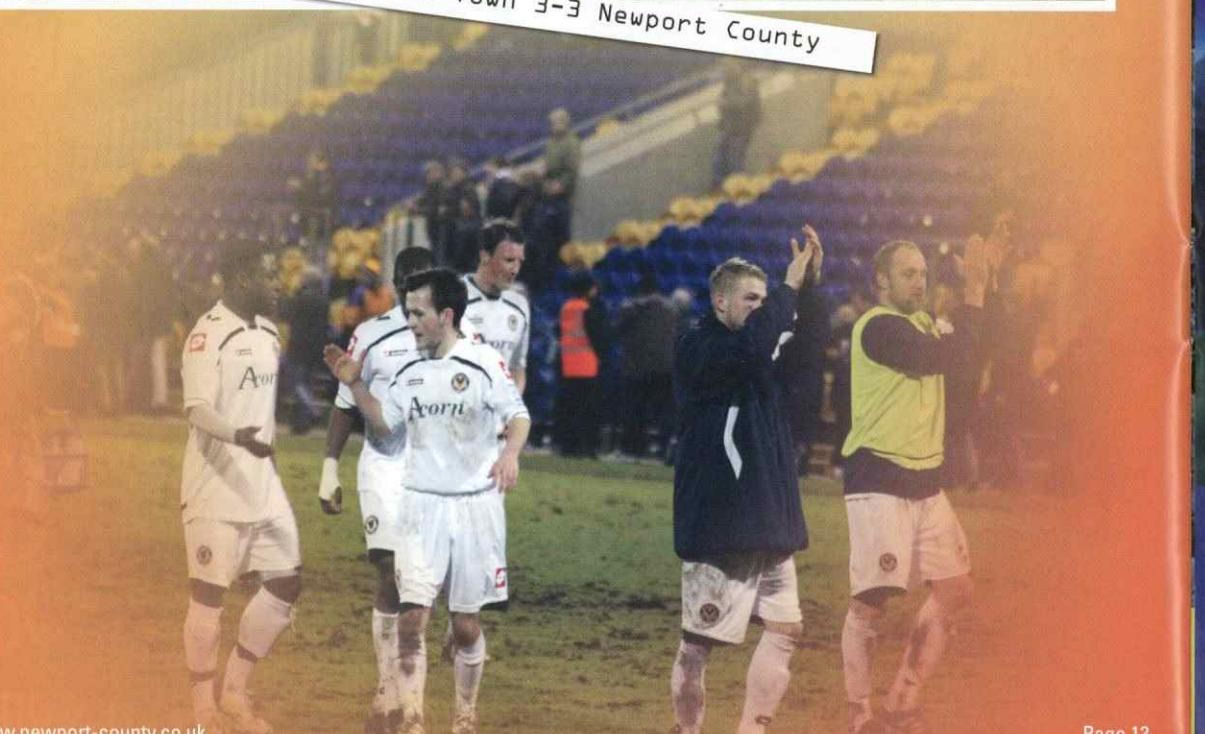
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A BLAST FROM LUTON TOWN'S PAST

with Richard Taylor

JOHN HARTSON

Back in August 1993, a certain **John Hartson** was making his first team debut for this afternoon's opponents Luton Town in a League Cup defeat at Cambridge United. Less than 18 months – and 53 appearances later – the Swansea-born striker was the subject of a £2.5 million move to Premier League giants Arsenal. The highlight of his two year spell as a Gunner was probably his goal in the 1995 Cup Winners Cup Final against Real Zaragoza, when Nayim famously scored his injury time winner from the 'half way line' (in the words of the White Hart Lane chant!). Subsequent moves took 'Big John' to West Ham United, Wimbledon, Coventry City, Celtic, West Bromwich Albion and Norwich City (loan) before he ended his professional career in 2008 with 166 goals in 399 appearances. For good measure, there was the small matter of 51 Wales caps (14 goals), while the last year has seen him fully recover from testicular cancer which had spread to his brain and lungs. These days, 35 year-old John is developing a promising career as a TV pundit ... and a Newport County striker coach!



MICK SAXBY

Big things were expected of powerfully-built central defender **MICK SAXBY** when he arrived at Kenilworth Road from Mansfield Town in 1979. The transfer fee of £225,000 was a record for 'The Stags', who had given him his Football League debut four years earlier, and he went on to make 82 appearances for Luton before finding his way to ... Newport County in 1984. It is fair to say that big Mick was perhaps past his best by then and never really settled at Somerton and, after just six Third Division games, he moved on to Middlesbrough, where he ended his Football League career 15 matches later. These days, the 53 year-old is based in Mansfield, where he appears at various Stags functions and was part of the club's Help for Heroes campaign four months ago.

ANDY DIBBLE

Three times capped Wales international goalkeeper **ANDY DIBBLE** played 30 games for The Hatters between 1984 and 1988 (as well as a solitary appearance in 1997) after signing from Cardiff City.



Arguably the finest moment of his career was saving a Nigel Winterburn penalty in the 1988 League Cup Final at Wembley, as Luton beat Arsenal 3-2 to win their first major trophy. This save, coming as Luton trailed the Gunners 2-1 with ten minutes left, is perhaps the most famous match-saving stop in the club's history, and Cwmbran-born Andy celebrated by watching Pontypool-based Welsh League Panteg, where his father Alan was manager, seven days later! Now 45, Andy went on to appear for Middlesbrough, Rangers, Manchester City and Wrexham (among many others!) and is currently goalkeeping coach at Rotherham United.

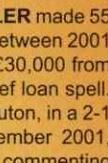
BRIAN STEIN

South African-born striker **BRIAN STEIN** had the opportunity to represent Wales while at Luton Town in the early 1980s, but instead opted to try his luck for England, where he gained one cap – in a 2-0 defeat at France in 1984, where he partnered his Kenilworth Road team mate, **Paul Walsh**. Stein went on to make over 400 appearances for Hatters, playing alongside the likes of brother **Mark Stein**, **Ricky Hill**, **David Preece**, **Mick Harford** and **Mal Donaghy**. Brian Stein's last involvement in football was as Assistant Manager of Grimsby Town, whom he left in October 2009.



IAN HILLIER

Our former defender **IAN HILLIER** made 55 appearances for the Hatters between 2001 and 2005, having signed for £30,000 from Tottenham Hotspur after a brief loan spell. 'Hills' managed one goal for Luton, in a 2-1 victory at York City, in September 2001, with BBC Sport's website commenting at the time: *'Substitute Ian Hillier grabbed a 74th-minute winner to secure the points for Luton as they beat York in a pulsating clash at Bootham Crescent.'*



He joined County after falling out of favour with manager Mike Newell and enjoyed a four year spell at Spyts, winning both Players and Supporters' Player of the Year trophies at the end of his first season. Ian moved to Neath in April 2009 after 110 County appearances, and the 31 year-old is a regular in their Welsh Premier League side, with 21 starts.

PETER NICHOLAS

Newport-born **PETER NICHOLAS**, now 51, made 102 appearances for Luton between 1985 and 1987, having joined the Bedfordshire club from Crystal Palace, where he had two spells. He was perhaps at the peak of his powers in the early 1980s when, as a regular in Arsenal's midfield, he was also captain of Wales. 'Nico' went on to play for Aberdeen, Chelsea and Watford, in addition to earning a then record 73 caps for a Wales outfield player. He managed County for two years from November 2002, during which time we reached Conference South and the FAW Premier Cup Final. His most recent managerial post was at Llanelli, with whom he won the Welsh Premier League before being replaced by another ex County midfielder, Andy Legg, in April 2009.



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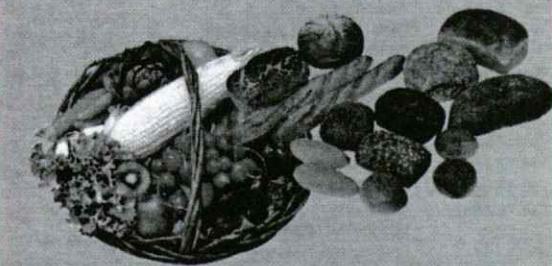
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LOOK BACK IN AMBER

with Andrew Taylor

Andy White

In the second of two articles, Andrew chats to our popular former left winger.

In the last programme I talked to Andy White about his early years at the club, which had seen two successive re-elections before turning things around quite remarkably in the last ten games of the 1971/72 season. Although that end of season run of form was impressive, few could have predicted the season in store as we approached the 1972/73 campaign, as Andy, who still lives in Newport, explains:

"Brian Harris had been a great influence when he joined the previous season and training was much more geared to using the ball – much more enjoyable and you could feel the confidence growing. We had also all been together a bit by then and knew each others game. It was a particularly good season for me and my partnership with Len Hill was very important. I tell you what, when Len was 'playing' we played. He was a very clever player. Len and Bob Summerhayes in the middle was a really good partnership and they allowed me to play. They both knew when to stay and go and never left you exposed. Wynne Hooper was left out of the side sometimes if we went more defensive, but Len backed you up all the time. He was a great holding player."

The opening home game of the season was against Chester and it was Andy's cross that the young Chester full back haplessly turned past his own keeper. The teenage prospect made amends to an extent later in the game, scoring at the correct end, but has had to endure years of being reminded of his misfortune. Given what John Relish has done for the club since, perhaps we should have cut him more slack! Not that his close friend, Andy, will be so lenient! "I could take the Michael out of 'Relo' something awful. John was a very good full back indeed and has been a great club servant. I sometimes knew we were in trouble when he would bomb on past me, but he did score some very good goals as well. I went to Northampton to pick him up and drive him home from the hospital when he broke his leg and took a pack of lagers for him – it was his anaesthetic!"

A season in which Andy had contributed three goals in 39 appearances was to culminate with a final home game against Bury. A win would see County promoted dependent upon the results of a couple of other games. The least likely result would see Hereford lose at home to lowly Crewe and thanks to the BBC infamously incorrectly reporting that Crewe had pulled off a sensational away victory, players and supporters, for an all too brief period, celebrated a very long awaited promotion. Andy was a frustrated spectator having been dropped to the substitute's bench. "I was left out against Bury as Bill Lucas decided to go with three forwards, Willie Brown and Roddy Jones being the normal pair, but adding Dai Jones as there was a chance it was all going to be on goal average. I was disappointed – of course I was – and to be honest it started me on a downward spiral as I thought I was being messed about. I was sat on the bench and

the stand behind me went mad because they had heard something on the radio and we all turned around. We all thought we were up. We missed out on promotion on goal average and I can't but help think about a penalty I missed at Hartlepool. No one would take them - a few of us missed penalties that season and you can't help but think 'if only'!"

"I took the world's longest penalty as well! It was a home match, but I can't remember who against and the pitch was pure mud! The Ref had to pace out the penalty as the spot had gone – and so had the edge of the area! Everyone said he made me take the penalty from the 18 yard line. 'Lukie' and Brian Harris went nuts! I had to hit it from at least 16 yards and was up to my ankles in mud as it was, without having to hit that heavy ball from so far out! I just thought, 'hit it as hard as you can' and went down the middle and fortunately the keeper dived to the side. The Ref was adamant – but you know where the spot is! It isn't nearly outside the box!"

"Talking of Hereford, the two games against them were hard! Nasty buggers they were! At their place Eric Redrobe, who played up front for them and was an animal, tapped me on the shoulder as we were going off at half time and said, 'I haven't kicked you yet Whitey!' He'd kicked everyone else! Mike McLaughlin was playing for them and I bumped into him the other day and we were talking about it. 'Macca' goes over the County a lot now he is back from America and loves it over there. I do think about what may have happened if we had gone up that year. I think not going up is what put us in trouble for the next few years."

The 1973/74 season saw County, probably for the first time ever, starting as the 'Bookies' favourites for promotion. The Board signalled their intent by signing the Bristol Rovers wing veteran Harold Jarman and more notably his Rovers team mate and club captain, Brian Godfrey, for a club record fee. The season was to prove a big disappointment both for County and particularly Andy, who found himself out of favour, and limited to just 14 full and 5 substitute appearances. "Godfrey was a very good footballer, but he was not for us. He would try and run past the front players which meant we would lose balls and he would leave holes. One odd thing he would do was wear rubbers on a greasy pitch in mid November – he wouldn't wear studs. I don't underestimate him as a player, but he was wrong for us. He wanted to hit 'winning balls' all the time and that may have been ok when he was at Aston Villa, but it just didn't work at Somerton Park. They paid £10,000 for him, but wouldn't pay me £100 per week and your confidence starts to get knocked; even more so, because they were dropping me for Harold. Harris would leave me out as we were paying too much in wages for him to be dropped."

"We drew 3-3 at Swindon in the League Cup and I took their full back, Rod Thomas, to the cleaners." (Thomas was a regular for Wales and later had a short spell with County.) "They then told me at training I was going to be dropped for the replay. Apparently they wanted another replay for financial reasons and so wanted a 'result' being a draw and not a win! I walked off in disgust. Roddy Jones

spoke up and went at Brian (Harris) – he had a right go at him. At the end of the day we were in trouble financially, but that doesn't make it right. Karl Woodward (newspaper reporter) was good and you could let off steam and tell him it was 'off the record' and he wouldn't put it in the press, but there were not many other places you could go to talk about things like that.

"I had enough and went part time and started working at Whiteheads. I'd had a two year contract which was up and they had an option for a further year. I wanted a rise and they wouldn't give me one and I had a job offer and had just got married, so it seemed the right thing to do. I was there just over a year. Early in the following season (74/75) we settled our dispute and I came back full time. I was going to play rugby for Caerleon instead! County could stop me playing football while I was in dispute with them, but they couldn't stop me playing rugby. I had to be doing something though with my Saturday afternoons and couldn't just sit around."

It was to be back to normal for Andy who was almost ever present that season, although he had another major disappointment "I wasn't picked for the game at Chelsea in the League Cup. I mentioned that my goal against Darlington direct from a corner was no 'fluke' (see the previous programme) and the lads accused me of another 'fluke' in this season, against Mansfield." High scoring Mansfield were unstoppable in 1974/75 and County's 2-1 Easter victory made that evening's national news, as it was only their fourth defeat of the season. "Willie Screen was running down the right line and I ran to the near post and flicked it with the outside of my left foot and beat the keeper on his near post. Harris said it was 'jammy' but I meant it as I knew Willie could never get it to the back post! He couldn't kick it that far!"



"I will never forget the goal I scored that season at Exeter in the Cup. We defended like hell and I was knackered up front chasing everything on my own. I got hold of the ball and 'Hooky' (Brian Harris) was going on at me to get the ball to the corner flag and hold it there – but I didn't have the legs to do that and so came inside their full back, Peter Hatch and hit it from the corner edge of the area into the top far corner past Len Bond, who called me everything after the game saying I didn't mean it! Hitting it was all I could do as I'd just been running 'doggies' all game between their centre backs and full backs. The lads came running over to me to celebrate, but all I could think was, 'get off my oxygen pump!' I scored one very similar once at home, I can't remember who against, but that was up against a young full back who had been called into the team and didn't have a clue."

Harris resigned and after another brief 'caretaker' spell by Lucas, Dave Elliott the former Newcastle star was appointed as Player Manager, and in turn soon replaced by the legendary Newcastle and Scotland International Jimmy Scouler – one of the game's all time 'hard men'. "Elliott was not the right man for the job – too inexperienced and too quiet and Scouler came in and was too noisy! I didn't enjoy playing for Scouler. He was a bully and I couldn't take that. He did well at Cardiff, but was a hard man. The only one I knew who answered him back was Don Murray, but everyone else was frightened of him. Away from football

he was a gentleman – but on the pitch he was a mental case! I remember when I was at Caerleon we had a Ref die on the pitch and a benefit game was arranged for his family against an 'All Stars' side which included the Charles brothers (the legendary John and Mel) Scouler and other famous players. 'Charlo' came into our dressing room before the game and said, 'we will have a fun game tonight – but don't go anywhere near Scouler!' But who was the idiot that did? Me! I nutmegged him and – oh my God! 'Charlo' came up to me after and told me, 'I told you not to go near him!' Even in a charity match he could only play like it was life or death! I would answer him back though and was left out. He would have the blackboard out full of noughts and crosses, showing tactics and I'd say, 'but Boss, what if their player doesn't go there?' and he would just bark back at you."

"In the 76/77 season, we had a good side on paper, but there were too many changes in one go. I had to learn to play with 'Clarky' (Brian Clark) and had to get the ball to his feet. You sometimes didn't know if your wages were going to be there and you have to be able to pay your bills! 'Addo' (Colin Addison) came in and was a very good coach, but for me he was another who could not man manage. His knowledge of the game was unbelievable, but he'd say things like 'I want to see blood on their forwards' ankles' which was the way he was at Hereford and he would pump them and himself up to such an extent. We had some boil ups as some of the things I disagreed with, but we are good friends to this day. Going into training though was enjoyable again – you wanted to play football and he liked to see us with the ball."

"I had to quit at the end of the season though. The big problem was my knee which had been playing up. I saw a Harley Street specialist early in the season and every Friday night before a game I would go and see Doc Heffernan to drain fluid off it. I was finished. I still have the medical report in my little box of memorabilia which says if I didn't pack up I would be in a wheel chair by the time I was 40 – and so of course the County couldn't get insurance. I said, 'I can't go through this next season' and believe me it hurt leaving the club – I couldn't watch and at 28 it was a kick in the teeth. There was no animosity with the club at all; I was just very hurt I couldn't do it anymore. I left and played rugby and went to Minehead and enjoyed it. Yeovil wanted me as well. But if I said my knee was swollen I didn't play, and could pick and choose. I loved the game and could not walk away from it completely. I even came back in 1984 and had a few games for the reserves to help John Macey. County had tried to sell me to Reading and I got a phone call from them, but their Directors wanted to sign a young lad and I knew I could only play so many games. No way was I going for a season with a dodgy knee, but a fee of around £5,000 was mentioned. The season Steve Aizlewood went to Swindon I could have joined Swansea, but Lukie called me in and said, 'I can't sell you as well, as the crowd will lynch me!' It all ended too soon though.

I was very sad when the club went bankrupt, but go over now and again and it is a pleasure to see it and I just hope they can keep it going."

ON THE ROAD

with Dave Butcher

Bath City (Tuesday 22 Feb. 19.45)

HOW TO GET THERE

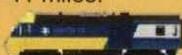
By Car (BA2 1DB)

Leave the M4 at Junction 19 and go onto the M32. At the end of the M32 head towards Bath (A4). On nearing Bath take the A36 Lower Bristol Road. After one mile turn right under a Railway Bridge (sign-posted 'Bath City FC') and into Twerton High Street. Take the 2nd left for the ground entrance. There is a car park at the ground which holds 150 cars, otherwise street parking. Approx: 41 miles.



By Train

Newport	17.15	Oldfield Park	22.28
Bristol T.M.	17.53	Bristol T.M.	22.44
Bristol T.M.	18.07	Bristol T.M.	22.54
Oldfield Park	18.21	Newport	23.34



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Oldfield Park is the nearest station to Twerton, but not all Temple Meads to Bath Spa trains will stop there. Earlier travellers will be pleased that they have plenty of options; there are at least 5 services per hour from Bristol Temple Meads to Bath Spa.

By Coach

Bar Amber opens	4pm	Adults	£11
Coaches depart	6pm	Concessions	£9
<i>No other pick up points.</i>		Juniors	£8

Bookings can be made by contacting Jeff Challingsworth in Bar Amber on matchdays, or by calling Jeff on 01633 270609, or Bob Herrin on 01633 274440.

MATCH DAY INFORMATION

As usual County fans will be allocated the Bristol End Terrace. This is a large, uncovered section but the elevation is reasonable, and the atmosphere is usually excellent due to sheer numbers. There is an adjacent covered stand (capacity 230), that is allocated solely to away fans. Both sections are accessed through the same sets of turnstiles. The clubhouse is under the main stand, although some restrictions may be enforced. Nearest pub is just down the hill, the Old Crown, and there is a chip shop close to this. For those taking half a day off work, Bath city centre has literally dozens of pubs, and there are also a few on the main Bristol Road.

Kettering Town (Saturday 26 Feb. 15.00)

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car (NN16 9AW)

Head towards Midlands by the usual route; A449, A40, M50, M5. Leave the M5 at Junction 4A for the M42. Leave M42 at Junction 7A for the M6 Southbound. At the interchange where the M6 merges into the M1 look for signs for the A14 which leads into Kettering at approx 20 miles from the motorway. Leave the A14 at Junction 7 and take the A43 towards Corby/Kettering. At the first roundabout turn right onto the A6003 towards Kettering and the ground is located down this road on the left. There is limited parking at the ground, but plenty of street parking is to be found. Approx: 148 miles

By Train

Newport	08.09	Kettering	17.27
Bristol Parkway	08.30	Leicester	17.52
Bristol Parkway	08.40	Leicester	18.16
B'ham New St.	09.56	B'ham NS.	19.14
B'ham New St	10.22	B'ham NS	19.30
Leicester	11.13	Newport	21.10
Leicester	11.33		
Kettering	11.56		

Best Prices:

Book in advance for cheaper options. On the day from £62.40



By Coach

Booking details opposite

Esso Garage	10.15	Adults	£18
Castle Bingo	10.25	Concessions	£16
Royal Oak	10.35	Juniors	£15

MATCH DAY INFORMATION

Rockingham Road (traditional name) is the home of four times Conference runners-up Kettering, and in my view epitomises why The Poppies have yet to make the same progress that comparable clubs like Dagenham, Cheltenham or Barnet have. The main stand is reasonably sized and modern, but the terracing on the other three sides is quite narrow, and only one is covered. Away fans are allocated a shallow open terrace behind one goal. The Poppies Social Club does admit visiting fans, and The Beeswing (on Rockingham Road) is a recommended option. Several other pubs are close to each other in the town centre.

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PROGRAMME CORNER
with Ade Williams

THE AMBER NOTE ~ 1986/87

A little more than midway through the hapless 1986/7 league season, the Newport County match programme bizarrely changed in both its appearance and format, all without a solitary word of explanation. No reason was forthcoming either, not then nor since, however I suppose it didn't take Albert Einstein to fathom out that the most likely reason was one of the barren club being unable to meet the bill.

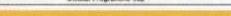
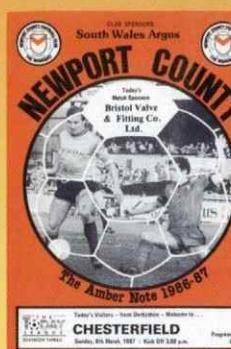
If the players were struggling to receive their salaries as was well documented back then, it only stands to reason that the poor old printer would be sitting a rather long way down the ever-growing list of priority. A swift glance today inside the two different issues merely confirms what I suspected; two entirely different printing companies.

1986/7 was a depressing year of relegation at Somerton Park; the first of three successive doomed campaigns that would see the club out of business in little more than 30 fraught months. Since the golden era at the turn of the Eighties, the club, its team and crumbling stadium had progressively declined and disintegrated to an all-time low; and this terminal malaise was now evidently mirrored in the club programme too, almost like a wretched cancer sweeping through the club. The new publication that greeted supporters in the summer of 1986 was already several levels below the high standard the County's loyal patrons had been used to.

The depth and quality so long associated with Newport County's match magazine was no longer there; just like the club it represented, standards were falling dramatically and it kind of summed up the hopeless feeling abounding the club quite perfectly. Despite the death knell sounding over the County's existence, the programmes for the one and a half seasons that would follow this campaign would improve; hence this was easily our poorest offering of the 1980s, by a considerable distance too. I do apologise however if anybody associated with the 'Amber Note' that particular year is reading this now; I mean no offence, but can only review it as I honestly see it. Hands were obviously tied it's safe to assume.

As I say, the first of the two issues that ran from August through to February wasn't a great success; certainly no better than the reduced issue that proceeded it. What little reading fodder there was had been set in a somewhat obvious large font, a desperate attempt to fill space in a programme that offered the reader precious little. A pity really as the cover was rather nice. Aside from the usual Manager Notes, originally entitled 'As I See It' and a decent 'Visitors' section, it also carried a regular half page of 'Supporters Club News.'

'Inside Somerton' by Royston Brooks (I barely missed a game that year yet I still have absolutely no idea who this chap is!?)



was another filler usually set poorly amidst huge text. As was 'Profile,' a pretty pointless page devoted to a different County player each match informing us on such nuggets of information as to who was their favourite pop star / film / TV programme / food / holiday destination; I'm sure you get the drift? There are only so many times you can read "Dire Straits" and "Phil Collins" and still possess even a smidgen of interest; that's assuming you're still awake!

Always a willing contributor to the County cause, our ever eager scribe Ray Taylor did offer a little respite late on in the programme with his review on all matters concerning our rivals in Division Three, with a page entitled 'Scene Three' that at least appeared lovingly penned; all in all though, this particular edition of the Amber Note was a completely forgettable production. You can almost imagine the poor soul selling this programme at the bottom of the Somerton Lane steps blushing as he relieves you of your shiny fifty pence.

As I previously alluded to, something obviously happened in February, 1987; most likely the deafening sound of the printer's patience snapping. When the Ironsides hosted Chesterfield in early March, dwindling punters were greeted by a reduced programme bearing an entirely different design. It was a different colour too; instead of the 'Amber Note' it might as well have been called the 'We Haven't Paid Our Bill Note!'

For ten pence less, this vastly reduced affair offered just eight pages instead of the previous twenty pages of dross. The reading content appeared largely unaffected surprisingly however, as it simply seemed to have only shed the endless adverts and pointlessly drab 'Profile.' If anything, it seemed a far better compiled and written product than its shabby predecessor, despite its massive weight loss.

Maybe this should come as no great surprise as by this point, BBC Wales journalist Richard Shepherd had resumed editorial duties over the now departed Commercial Boss, Peter Jones. Sadly, the Ironsides finished rock bottom of Division Three that season, after entertaining the likes of Middlesbrough, Fulham and Bolton Wanderers.

I would imagine our position in the end of season 'Programme Awards' wasn't so lofty either.

* [Pictured, top]: The 20-page Amber Note than ran concurrently from August through to February.

* [Pictured, bottom]: the reduced eight-page programme that appeared from March onwards.

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Luton Town with Richard Taylor



CALLING AT COUNTY

The Future's Amber v Orange

Just a few seasons ago, the prospect of LUTON TOWN visiting Newport for a League encounter probably didn't feature on the horizon of even the most telescopic of Amber eyes. Yet, on a February night in 2011, it's very much match on as Amber meets Orange, and championship chasing Luton return to Newport for the first time since October 1967 and a 1-1 draw at Somerton Park in Division 4.

HATTERS GOSSIP

One Out

Luton may have assembled a formidable looking squad this term, but one player who won't be part of the championship chase is 27 year-old winger *Andy Drury*, who has joined *Ipswich Town* for an undisclosed fee. Like our own recent recruits, *Charlie Griffin* and *Yemi Odubade*, Drury was a key part of the Stevenage squad which won promotion to the Football League last season and scored eight times for the Hatters this year. 'Tractor Boys' boss *Paul Jewell* commented: *'For the money we got him for, and his ability, I think it's a really good deal and a really good addition. If Andy gets in and gets a chance, I don't think he'll disappoint people.'*

And One In

Partly to compensate for the loss of talisman Drury, this evening's visitors have unveiled midfielder *Robbie Willmott* as their latest acquisition. The 20-year-old had been the subject of interest from a number of clubs but joins the Hatters for £50,000 from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals, *Cambridge United*. The goal scoring midfielder, who had netted 10 goals this season and nine in his past 15 appearances, has signed an 18-month contract at Kenilworth Road.

The Colour Orange

For much of their history, Luton have worn white and black, though there have been two orange spells. The first experiment lasted from 1973 to 1979 (when *Eric Morecambe* was a Director), with an *EasyJet* sponsored return in 2009.



HATTERS THROUGH THE AGES

1885 Luton Town are formed, following a merger between Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior FC. Within six years, the newly-created outfit become the first club in southern England to be fully professional.

1894 Hatters become founder members of the Southern League, joining the Football League three years later. The switch though proved disastrous financially, with our visitors grateful to return to the Southern League fold in 1900.

1920 Time for another try at the Football League! Luton, by now based at Kenilworth Road, adopt a new kit of white shirts and black shorts to launch their new era.

1937 Having remained in Division Three (South) for 17 years, Town are promoted to the Second Division.

1955 Luton are promoted to the top flight of English football. Four years later, the club reach the FA Cup Final, losing 2-0 to *Nottingham Forest*. Scorer of Forest's first goal was one *Roy Dwight*, uncle of *Reg aka Elton John*! The season had a happy ending for Luton's England international *Syd Owen*, who was voted 'Footballer of the Year'.

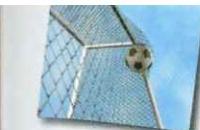
1965 Yo yo club Luton are now back in the Fourth Division. However, five years later – inspired by the goals of *Malcolm MacDonald* - the club return to the second tier.

1978 *David Pleat* is appointed manager and leads our visitors to the First Division four years later. He famously celebrates their last day survival at *Manchester City* by running across the Maine Road turf, jacket flapping behind him!

1987 Luton finish 7th in the First Division and win the League Cup a year later, defeating *Arsenal* 3-2. Cwmbran born *Andy Dibble* saves a penalty.

2000 The decade ends with a return to the fourth tier!

2009 Following a pre-season 30 point deduction, Town end up relegated to the Conference, though defiantly win the Football League Trophy at Wembley.



HATTERS' RESULTS 2010-2011

		F-A	Att:
14 Aug:	Altrincham	H 2-1	6665
17 Aug:	Kettering Town	A 3-1	2906
21 Aug:	Fleetwood Town	A 3-0	2831
24 Aug:	Newport County	H 1-1	6945
28 Aug:	Tamworth	A 1-3	1694
30 Aug:	Hayes & Yeading United	H 1-1	6354
04 Sep:	Grimsby Town	A 0-2	3822
11 Sep:	Cambridge United	H 2-0	6691
17 Sep:	AFC Wimbledon	H 3-0	7283
21 Sep:	Darlington	A 2-2	1665
25 Sep:	Gateshead	A 0-1	1075
29 Sep:	Mansfield Town	H 2-0	6024
02 Oct:	Barrow	A 1-0	1416
05 Oct:	Crawley Town	H 1-2	6896
16 Oct:	Eastbourne Borough	A 4-2	2516
19 Oct:	Forest Green Rovers	H 6-1	5704
23 Oct:	St. Albans City (FA Cup 4QR)	H 4-0	4144
30 Oct:	Bath City	H 3-1	7003
06 Nov:	Corby Town (FA Cup R1)	A 1-1	2000
11 Nov:	Wrexham	A 0-1	2733
13 Nov:	Altrincham	A 1-0	1416
17 Nov:	Corby Town (FA Cup R1 Replay)	H 4-2	3050
20 Nov:	Histon	H 5-1	5963
27 Nov:	Charlton Athletic (FA Cup R2)	A 2-2	8682
09 Dec:	Charlton Athletic (FA Cup R2 Rep.)	H 1-3	5914
12 Dec:	Welling United (FA Trophy R1)	H 0-0	1639
14 Dec:	Welling United (FA Trophy R1 Rep.)	A 2-1	404
01 Jan:	Rushden & Diamonds	H 3-0	6928
04 Jan:	Hayes & Yeading United	A 1-0	801
08 Jan:	Bath City	A 0-0	2301
12 Jan:	AFC Wimbledon	A 0-0	4287
15 Jan:	Uxbridge (FA Trophy R2)	H 4-0	1958
18 Jan:	York City	H 5-0	5997
22 Jan:	Gateshead	H 2-2	5958
25 Jan:	Grimsby Town	H 1-0	5609
01 Feb:	Darlington	H 4-0	5770
04 Feb:	Gloucester City (FA Trophy R3)	H 1-0	2212
12 Feb:	Fleetwood Town	H 1-3	6227
18 Feb:	Newport County	A	
26 Feb:	Cambridge United	A	
01 Mar:	Forest Green Rovers	A	
05 Mar:	Kidderminster Harriers	H	
08 Mar:	Tamworth	H	
12 Mar:	York City	H	

Scorers: Barnes-Horner 13, Gnapka 10, Drury* 8, Crow 7, Atieno* 5, Kroca 5, Owusu 4, G. Pilkington 4, Howells 2, Lawless 2, Morgan-Smith 2, Graham 1, Walker 1. * = no longer with club.

MEET THE MANAGER ...

Dickie Dosh



Lowestoft-born **RICHARD MONEY**

(left) became Luton's 24th post War manager when he succeeded former Hatters forward *Mick Harford* in October 2009. The 55 year-old guided *Walsall* to the League Two title four seasons ago, earning the nickname 'Dickie Dosh' among the Bescot Stadium faithful, while he has also had spells in charge at *Scunthorpe United*, Australian A-League outfit *Newcastle United Jets* and Swedish sides *Västerås SK* (who played County in a friendly in the late 1970s) and *AIK*.

As a player, his chief claim to fame is that he was a substitute in *Liverpool's* 1981 European Cup winning side, and managed 14 first team appearances in two years at Anfield, while he also played for *Scunthorpe United*, *Portsmouth* and *Fulham*, in addition to spending the 1982-83 season at Kenilworth Road. He was last at Spytree for our pre-season friendly victory over Stevenage.



ABOUT LUTON ...

Where is it?

Situated 30 miles north of London and with a population approaching 200,000, the Bedfordshire town and unitary authority of **Luton** is in the midst of a campaign to be awarded city status as part of the upcoming Diamond Jubilee of *Elizabeth II*. The town previously applied at the Millennium and the Golden Jubilee two years later but, with a 'Love Luton' bid backed by a range of local dignitaries and celebrities, it could be a case of third time lucky for the 27th largest settlement in the UK.

Hats and Cars

The football club's 'Hatters' nickname reflects the town's historical association with the hat making trade, which has been prominent in Luton since the 17th century. Just as famous is the link with *Vauxhall Motors*, which opened the largest car plant in the UK in Luton in 1905. Some 95 years later, Vauxhall announced the end of car production in Luton, though its headquarters remain in the town, along with its van and light commercial vehicle factory.

Luton Airport!

Now best known as the home of club sponsors *EasyJet*, more mature readers may recall *Lorraine Chase's* reference to flying in from 'Luton Airport' in the 1970s 'Martini' advert! Also home to *Monarch Airlines*, London *Luton Airport* - as it is now known - was opened in 1938 and doubled as an RAF base during World War Two.

Famous Names

England left arm spinner **Monty Panesar**, 28, was born in Luton to Indian Punjabi Sikh parents, and became the first Sikh to represent a nation other than India when he made his England debut in 2006. Other Luton natives include actor **Sean Gallagher**, 45 (*Paul Connor* in *Coronation Street*) and ex *Chelsea* and *England* forward **Kerry Dixon**, 49.

HATTERS AT A GLANCE ...

Ground: Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW. Capacity: 10,248 (all-seated).

Colours: Orange & White. Change Colours: White & Navy.

Manager: Richard Money. Assistant: Gary Brabin

Best League Position: 7th, Division 1 (top tier), 1987-1988.

Best FA Cup Run: Finalists 1958-1959.

Best League Cup Run: Winners, 1987-1988.

Best Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup, 1959.

THE LAST TEN SEASONS ...

Season	League	Level	Position	Aveg. Att:
2000-01	Division 2	3	1 (rel.)	5754
2001-02	Division 3	4	6 (prom.)	6852
2002-03	Division 2	3	1	6746
2003-04	Division 2	3	22	6340
2004-05	League One	3	22 (prom.)	7456
2005-06	Championship	2	24	9139
2006-07	Championship	2	12 (rel.)	8580
2007-08	League One	3	16 (rel.)	6493
2008-09	League Two	4	11 (rel.)	6019
2009-10	Conference Premier	5	4 (p/off)	6976



Playing Squad

GOALKEEPERS

Posh Hatter

33 year-old goalkeeper **MARK TYLER** (right) has missed just a couple of games this term, and is now in his second season at Kenilworth Road after 13 years and 483 first team appearances for **Peterborough United**. He took a well-earned breather for the FA Trophy victory over **Gloucester City** 14 days ago, when his place went to the even more experienced **KEVIN PILKINGTON**, 36, who penned a one year deal with Hatters last summer following his release by **Notts County**. His previous clubs include **Port Vale**, **Wigan Athletic**, **Mansfield Town** and **Manchester United**, where he made a handful of first team appearances in the *Peter Schmeichel* era. A more youthful option is afforded by teenager **LEWIS KIDD**, who still awaits his Luton debut.



DEFENCE

On Target v County

Central defender **ZDENEK KROCA** (left), 30, netted Luton's equaliser against County in August, having joined the club just a month earlier from **FC Tescoma Zlin** in his native Czech Republic. The 6' 4" player has also spent time in Germany with **Sportfreunde Siegen**, and at **TJ Gottwaldov** in his homeland, and has formed a powerful-looking central defensive partnership with former **Everton** trainee **GEORGE PILKINGTON**, 29, who arrived from **Port Vale** in August 2008 as Luton began the campaign with a 30 point deduction. Town have recently strengthened their central defensive options with the capture of **LUKE GRAHAM** on loan from **Kettering Town** on transfer deadline day, and he celebrated his debut with the late winner against **Gloucester City** in the FA Trophy.

The full-back pairing at Kenilworth Road has had a settled look about it too, with right back **DAN GLEESON** (right), 26 yesterday, settling in well following his summer move from home town club, **Cambridge United**, where he was once a team mate of left back **FRED MURRAY**, 28, who left U's in 2004. The latter, originally a trainee at **Blackburn Rovers**, has since appeared for **Northampton Town**, **Stafford Rangers**, **Stevenage Borough** and **Exeter City** and has now recovered from a hernia injury.

Another full back, **ED ASAFOU-ADJAYE**, 24, has made three first team starts this term, and can also feature in the centre of defence, where his most memorable performance came in the 3-2 Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory over **Scunthorpe United** at Wembley in 2009. Left back **JAKE HOWELLS** (left), 19, made his debut at Bradford City in October 2008, and has forced his way into the first team squad this term, often featuring in midfield, though fellow Youth team product **ALEX LACEY** still awaits his debut having signed a professional contract in November.



MIDFIELD

Welcome Back

Our popular former winger **CHARLIE HENRY** (right), 24, is yet to feature since rejoining Hatters via **Arlessey Town**, **Wycombe Wanderers**, **Grays Athletic**, **Cambridge City**, **Dorchester Town**, **Havant & Waterlooville** and **County**, with Luton recently adding another wide man to their squad with the £50,000 acquisition of **ROBBIE WILLMOTT**, 20, from **Cambridge United**.



Checking in at Kenilworth Road around the same time as Henry was Llwynypia-born **ALEX LAWLESS**, 28, a former *Wales Under 21* and semi professional international whose previous clubs include **Cardiff City**, **Ton Pentre**, **Torquay United** and **Forest Green Rovers**. He was snapped up from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals, **York City**, for whom he appeared against County here in October.



24 year-old one club man **KEITH KEANE** (left) won't have the happiest of memories of past encounters with County as he was dismissed in injury time of our 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in August. A *Republic of Ireland Under 21* international, he usually operates on the right of midfield, with **SHANE BLACKETT**, 28, providing a left sided option. The latter numbers **Dagenham & Redbridge** and **Peterborough United** among his previous clubs and is an *England C* international.

CLAUDE KNAPKA (right), 27, is another ex **Peterborough United** midfielder, and the Marseilles born player – who has represented **Montpellier HSC** and Spanish outfits **Racing de Santander** and **Deportivo Alaves** – has chipped in with ten goals this term. Other midfield options are provided by 30 year-old **ADAM NEWTON**, another ex Posh player, who has made four League starts this season, and Youth team products **JONATHAN O'DONNELL** and **CAULEY WOODROW**.



ATTACK

Penalty Miss

Top scorer **MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER**, 25, saw his second half penalty saved by **Glyn Thompson** in our draw at Luton, but the ex **Kidderminster Harriers** and *England C* international hasn't fluffed his lines too often this term. He has received valuable support off close season capture from **Cambridge United**, **DANNY CROW**, also 25, who played in the FA Premier League for **Norwich City** before moving to **Peterborough United**. *England C* cap **AMARI MORGAN-SMITH**, 21, stepped up from **Ilkeston Town** following their demise in September, while Luton can also call upon **GODFREY POKO**, 21, veteran **LLOYD OWUSU**, 34, November capture from **Barrow**, **JASON WALKER**, 26, and teenager **JORDAN PATRICK**.



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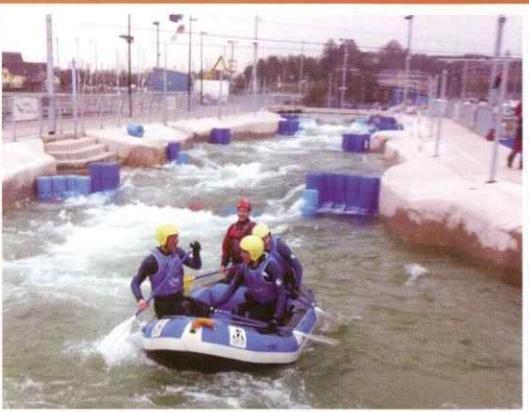
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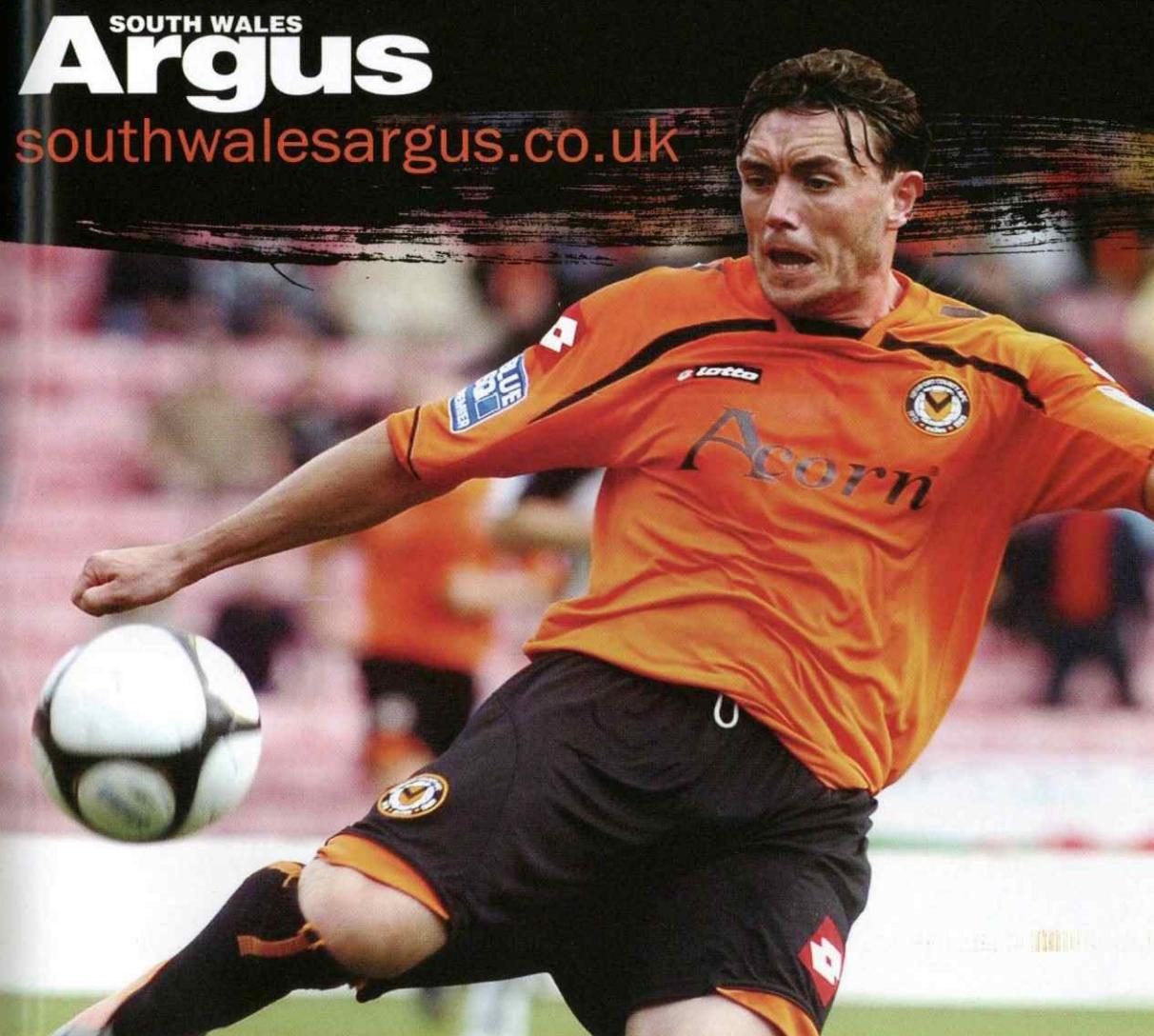
APPEARANCE CHART
&
LEAGUE TABLE

	LEAGUE 2010/11			CUP 2010/11			TOTAL 2010-11			LEAGUE CAREER			CUP CAREER			TOTAL CAREER		
	App	Sub	Gol	App	Sub	Gol	App	Sub	Gol	App	Sub	Gol	App	Sub	Gol	App	Sub	Gol
Lee BAKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul BIGNOT	26	0	1	2	0	0	28	0	1	86	0	2	11	1	0	97	1	2
Jon CHALLINOR*	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	1
Charlie CLOUGH*	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Jamie COLLINS	28	0	4	3	0	0	31	0	4	56	0	8	7	0	0	63	0	8
Sam DEERING*	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	4	3	0	1	1	0	5	4	0
Sam FOLEY	13	12	3	3	1	0	16	13	3	59	18	24	7	3	0	66	21	24
Mike FOWLER	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	43	6	3	16	2	1	59	8	4
Alan GOODALL*	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	0
Glyn GARNER	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Wayne HATSWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew HUGHES	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	4	1	0
Martin JOHN*	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Darryl KNIGHTS	15	9	3	3	1	0	18	10	3	15	9	3	3	1	0	18	10	3
Curtis McDONALD	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Robbie MATTHEWS	16	9	4	3	1	1	19	10	5	16	9	4	3	1	1	19	10	5
Graeme MONTGOMERY	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Kerry MORGAN	6	10	0	1	2	0	7	12	0	23	22	6	4	2	1	27	24	7
Eddie ODHIAMBO	22	5	0	4	0	0	26	5	0	22	5	0	4	0	0	26	5	0
Craig REID	28	0	18	4	0	0	32	0	18	90	5	58	15	1	8	105	6	66
Scott ROGERS	2	9	1	0	1	0	2	10	1	41	17	3	3	2	0	44	19	3
Danny ROSE	28	0	4	4	0	0	32	0	4	103	4	20	16	1	3	119	5	23
Christian SMITH*	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Giuseppe SOLE*	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tony TAGGART*	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Glyn THOMPSON	24	0	0	4	0	0	28	0	0	141	0	0	23	0	0	164	0	0
Chris TODD	26	1	2	4	0	0	30	1	2	38	5	5	4	0	0	42	5	5
Gary WARREN	23	2	2	3	0	0	26	2	2	59	3	7	7	0	0	66	3	7
Ben WRIGHT*	3	2	1	1	1	0	4	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	4	3	1
Own Goals				1	0	1			2		29		5				34	
	292	75	44	44	11	3	336	79	47									

Gwent Cup games are not included from 2010-11

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	AFC Wimbledon	32	19	7	6	58	33	25	64
2	Crawley Town	27	18	6	3	54	20	34	60
3	Luton Town	29	17	6	6	58	25	33	57
4	Wrexham	30	15	10	5	46	29	17	55
5	Fleetwood Town	32	13	12	7	44	28	16	51
6	Kidderminster Harriers	32	15	10	7	52	41	11	50
7	Grimsby Town	30	11	11	8	50	38	12	44
8	Newport County	30	11	11	8	49	41	8	44
9	Rushden & Diamonds	30	12	7	11	42	39	3	43
10	Mansfield Town	30	12	6	12	53	49	4	42
11	Bath City	31	10	11	10	45	45	0	41
12	York City	29	11	8	10	37	37	0	41
13	Darlington	28	9	12	7	35	26	9	39
14	Gateshead FC	28	9	9	10	34	38	-4	36
15	Kettering Town	29	9	9	11	36	41	-5	36
16	Tamworth	30	8	11	11	43	49	-6	35
17	Cambridge United	31	8	10	13	40	47	-7	34
18	Southport	29	8	8	13	37	40	-3	32
19	Forest Green Rovers	30	7	9	14	33	54	-21	30
20	Barrow AFC	29	6	10	13	30	44	-14	28
21	Hayes & Yeading Utd	31	8	4	19	33	60	-27	28
22	Altrincham	29	6	7	16	27	59	-32	25
23	Histon	30	7	7	16	27	50	-23	23
24	Eastbourne Borough	30	5	7	18	42	72	-30	22

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The 'F-Word'

At times it's almost impossible to talk about football without mentioning the F-word!

'F' for fear, 'F' for finance, 'F' for fiscal policy, financial crises, fear of failure, because of finite funding and these days, every club from FC Barcelona to FC United frets over that word that begins with 'F'!

Strategic financial planning is paramount. Get it right off the field and on field success, whilst not guaranteed, is more feasible. Get it wrong, badly wrong and trapdoor after trapdoor opens until you plummet out of existence. Nobody at our club needs reminding of the whirlpool of financial problems that drowned the life out of the original 'County.'

There has always been a disparity between rich and poor clubs in football. Football mirrors life. In the Thirties, Manchester United were known as the 'Bank of England club' and Arsenal built a stadium at Highbury that was 50 years ahead of its time, replete with marble halls. At the same time, Newport County were doing what every other lower league club was doing, struggling for a crust! Since the advent of the Premier League however, with 'pay television's bounteous riches on offer, the disparity between rich and poor has grown ever wider and the wages of the top players have become mind blowing. Some Premier League superstars seemingly earning close to the equivalent of the annual GDP of a small African republic!

Fifty years ago however, the world was a very different place and so was football. In 1961, footballers had much in common with the fans on the terraces, in terms of income and lifestyle. A massive victory for the players was won by the Professional Footballers Association in 1961 and football changed forever. Under the guidance of their outspoken chairman, Jimmy Hill of Fulham [Pictured, left], the PFA managed to abolish the £20 maximum wage.

At a momentous meeting between the Football League and the Ministry of Labour, the FA also agreed to scrap the contract that so binded players to their respective clubs for life, the so called 'slavery contract'. It is almost impossible now, to consider how much power clubs had over their players before 1961, but consider just how much the pendulum has swung in the last 50 years!



A world away from the so called 'football slaves', today's millionaire footballers change clubs for stratosphere high transfer fees. Just over £215 million was spent in this January's transfer window, a spending frenzy that greases the wheels of an inflated and distorted market. In order to reign in the escalation of football debt, UEFA have drawn up a list of regulations to 'police' clubs wishing to enter its

competitions. Its purpose is to encourage sensible and sustainable business models and it will be known as the 'UEFA Financial Fair Play Initiative 2010'.

In common with all new legislation, it hasn't met with universal approval. Some observers believe that it will entrench the elite clubs at the top and present a glass ceiling to aspiring clubs owned by wealthy benefactors. There are provisions within the initiative however, to allow club owners to inject up to 15 million euros per season for team strengthening. It seems UEFA are promoting moderate growth and rejecting Man City style 'lottery winning' expansion. A UEFA report in 2010 stated that 50% of top European clubs are losing money, so you can see what the pen pushers in Nyon are shouting about. Chelsea are said to have lost £70.9 million in the year to June, 2010 and whilst this can be written off against their owner's vast wealth not all clubs are so lucky. There have been some notable bankruptcies including Italian clubs Fiorentina and Parma and, closer to home Bristol City and ... ahem ... Aldershot!



The elite clubs of the Premier League (with the notable exception of Arsenal), are run by foreign speculators who have taken advantage of the UK's open markets to enhance their financial status and business profiles. Abramovich excluded, few of them seem to have any real passion or knowledge of the game. Man United are a classic example of a once financially sound club which is now saddled with acquisitive debt.

In contrast, Newport County is a supporters' football club run by loyal and dedicated local businessmen, who have a genuine deep-rooted interest in their home community football club; people with a real empathy and love for football, people who run a football club only for the pure and simple joy of personal involvement.

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2010/11 and all that

Key: Scorer in bold. Number in brackets after substitute's name indicates player replaced.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	SCORE	ATT	AWAY ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	o.g.	Referee
Sat 14 Aug	Darlington	L	0-1	2597	500	18	Thompson	Bignot	Collins	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Rogers	Reid	Matthews	Henry	Sole (10)	Foley (8)	Knights (2)	Thorne	Garner	S Duncan	
Tue 17 Aug	TAMWORTH	D	1-1	2217	54	21	Thompson	Bignot	Collins	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Sole	Reid (p)	Foley	Henry	Rogers (11)	Thorne	Matthews (8)	Knights	Garner	J Busby	
Sat 21 Aug	HISTON	D	2-2	1927	10	19	Thompson	Bignot	Collins	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Rogers	Reid	Matthews	Henry	Foley (11)	Thorne	Knights (10)	Morgan (4)	Garner	L Collins	
Tue 24 Aug	Luton Town	D	1-1	6945	423	20	Thompson	Bignot	Odhiambo	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Henry	Reid	Matthews	Morgan	Rogers (9)	Foley (11)	Thorne	Knights (8)	Garner	C Berry	
Sat 28 Aug	KIDDERMINSTER HAR'S	W	3-0	2026	149	13	Thompson	Bignot	Odhiambo	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Henry	Reid 2 (pp)	Matthews	Knights	Rogers (9)	Foley (10)	Thorne	Morgan (11)	Garner	A Bennett	
Mon 30 Aug	AFC Wimbledon	D	2-2	3828	429	13	Thompson	Bignot	Odhiambo	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Henry	Reid 2 (1 p)	Matthews	Morgan	Rogers (9)	Thorne	Taggart (11)	Knights (8)	Garner	I Cooper	
Sun 5 Sep	WREXHAM	D	1-1	3206	352	15	Thompson	Bignot	Odhiambo	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Henry	Reid	Matthews	Morgan	Rogers	Foley (11)	Taggart (10)	Knights (8)	Garner	S Martin	
Sat 11 Sep	Rushden & Diamonds	W	1-0	1351	232	9	Thompson	Bignot	John	Collins	Warren	Todd	Henry	Odhiambo	Reid	Matthews	Rose	Rogers	Foley (10)	Knights (7)	Morgan	Garner	M Bull	
Sat 18 Sep	MANSFIELD TOWN	W	1-0	2713	218	8	Thompson	Bignot	John	Collins	Warren	Todd	Henry	Rose	Reid	Foley	Morgan	Rogers	Odhiambo (9)	Matthews (10)	Knights (11)	Garner	K Johnson	
Tue 21 Sep	Hayes & Yeading United	W	2-1	478	250	7	Thompson	Odhiambo	John	Collins	Warren	Todd	Henry	Rose	Reid	Matthews	Foley	Rogers (7)	Taggart (11)	Knights	Morgan (10)	Garner	T Robinson	
Sat 25 Sep	Cambridge United	W	1-0	2648	189	5	Thompson	Bignot	John	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Rose	Reid	Matthews	Knights	Rogers (9)	Foley (11)	Taggart	Morgan (7)	Garner	S Long	
Tue 28 Sep	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	W	3-1	2677	75	3	Thompson	Bignot	John	Collins	Warren	Odhiambo	Rose	Foley	Reid 2	Matthews	Henry	Rogers	Todd (10)	Clough	Morgan (7)	Garner (1)	W Barratt	
Sat 2 Oct	Grimsby Town	L	0-2	3246	183	6	Garner	Bignot	John	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Odhiambo	Reid	Foley	Henry	Matthews (10)	Knights (11)	Clough (4)	Morgan	Proctor	D Bond	
Tue 5 Oct	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	D	3-3	2403	15	5	Garner	Odhiambo	John	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Foley	Reid	Matthews	Knights	Rogers (11)	Henry (8)	Clough (9)	Morgan	Proctor	A Davies	
Sat 9 Oct	YORK CITY	W	4-0	2802	151	3	Garner	Bignot	John	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Foley 2	Reid 2	Matthews	Knights	Rogers (9)	Foley (11)	Taggart	Morgan (7)	Garner	S Martin	
Sat 16 Oct	Crawley Town	W	3-2	2566	467	3	Garner	Bignot	Collins	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Foley	Reid	Matthews	Knights	Rogers (9)	Clough	Henry (8)	Morgan (11)	Thompson	S Burt	
Sat 23 Oct	CRAWLEY T (FAC 4QR)	L	0-1	2247	54	-	Thompson	Bignot	John	Collins	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Foley	Reid	Matthews	Knights	Rogers	Todd (10)	Clough	Morgan (7)	Garner (1)	J Adcock
Sat 30 Oct	KETTERING TOWN	L	1-2	2230	77	4	Thompson	Bignot	John	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Collins	Reid	Foley	Henry	Matthews (15)	Knights	Challinor (3)	Morgan (10)	Garner	C Powell	
Sat 6 Nov	Barrow	L	1-2	1089	130	6	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Matthews	Henry	Foley (8)	Odhiambo	Wright (10)	Morgan (11)	Garner	C Harwood	
Sat 13 Nov	Eastbourne Borough	D	0-0	1065	180	5	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Morgan	Reid	Wright	Henry	Foley (10)	Knights (11)	Challinor (8)	Greening	Garner	R Whitton	
Sat 20 Nov	SOUTHPORT	W	2-0	1867	35	4	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Morgan	Reid	Wright	Knights	Warren (8)	Foley (11)	Matthews (10)	Deering	Garner	S Ross	
Sat 27 Nov	HAYES & YEADING UTD	W	2-1	1601	22	4	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Deering	Reid (p)	Wright	Knights	Warren (11)	Matthews (10)	Morgan	Smith (16)	Garner	W Atkin	
Sat 11 Dec	WEALDSTONE (FAT R1)	D	0-0	1070	150	-	Thompson	Warren	Goodall	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Deering	Reid	Wright	Knights	Foley (8)	Hughes	Matthews (25)	Challinor	Morgan (11)	B Huxtable	
Mon 13 Dec	Wealdstone (FAT Rep)	W	1-0	324	70	-	Thompson	Odhiambo	Goodall	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Matthews	Foley	Hughes	Challinor (8)	Wright (10)	Deering (8)	Garner	T Robinson	
Sat 18 Dec	Fleetwood Town	D	1-1	1142	30	4	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Collins	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Collins	Deering	Matthews (11)	Challinor (9)	Wright	Smith	Garner	R Merchant	
Tue 28 Dec	Kidderminster Harriers	W	3-2	1757	446	2	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Collins	Deering	Foley (11)	Matthews (9)	Morgan (8)	Wright	Garner	1 M Heywood	
Sat 1 Jan	BATH CITY	L	1-2	2903	133	4	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Odhiambo	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Collins	Foley	Matthews (4)	Wright (6)	M'gometry (11)	McDonald	Garner	M Amphlett	
Mon 3 Jan	AFC WIMBLEDON	D	3-3	3462	377	4	Thompson	Bignot	Goodall	Collins 2	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Matthews	Montgomery	Foley (11)	Odhiambo (8)	McDonald (10)	Wright	Garner	S Bratt	
Sat 8 Jan	Southport	L	1-2	1032	119	4	Thompson	Bignot	McDonald	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid	Foley	Montgomery	Rogers	Odhiambo (11)	Hughes	Fowler (5)	Garner	R Clark	
Tue 11 Jan	Tamworth	L	2-3	803	201	5	Thompson	Bignot	McDonald	Collins	Warren	Todd	Rose	Knights	Reid 2	Foley	Montgomery	Matthews (11)	Fowler (10)	Rogers (8)	Odhiambo	Garner	A Hendley	
Sat 15 Jan	Mansfield Town (FAT R2)	L	2-4	1137	121	-	Thompson	Bignot	McDonald	Odhiambo	Fowler	Todd	Rose	Morgan	Reid	Matthews	Foley	Rogers (4)	Knights (8)	Hughes (3)	Leahy	Garner	1 A Madley	
Sat 22 Jan	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	L	1-3	1743	120	6	Thompson	Bignot	Hughes	Fowler	Collins	Todd	Rose (p)	Foley	Reid	Matthews	Knights	Odhiambo (3)	Morgan (4)	McDonald	M'gometry (11)	Garner	W. Barratt	
Sat 29 Jan	Histon	D	0-0	452	115	6	Garner	Bignot	Burns	Miller	Hatswell	Todd	Rose	Foley	Reid	Montgomery	Knights	Odhiambo (3)	Matthews (8)	Morgan (11)	McDonald	Thompson	S. Ross	
Sat 12 Feb	Mansfield Town	D	3-3	1986	198	8	Garner	Bignot	Odhiambo	Miller	Hatswell	Todd	Rose	Collins	Griffin	Matthews	Knights	Foley (11)	Morgan (10)	Odubade (9)	Burns	Thompson	D. Mornareb	
Fri 18 Feb	LUTON TOWN																							
Tue 22 Feb	Bath City																							
Sat 26 Feb	Kettering Town																							
Sat 5 Mar	FLEETWOOD TOWN																							
Sat 12 Mar	ALTRINCHAM																							
Sat 19 Mar	Forest Green Rovers																							
Sat 26 Mar	Wrexham																							
Tue 29 Mar	GATESHEAD																							
Sat 2 Apr	GRIMSBY TOWN																							
Sat 9 Apr	York City																							
Sat 16 Apr	BARROW																							
Sat 23 Apr	Altrincham																							
Mon 25 Apr	CRAWLEY TOWN																							
Sat 30 Apr	Gateshead																							
TBA	CAMBRIDGE UNITED																							
TBA	DARLINGTON																							



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1	GLYN THOMPSON
2	PAUL BIGNOT
3	LEE BAKER
4	JAMIE COLLINS
5	GARY WARREN (C)
6	CHRIS TODD
7	DANNY ROSE
8	SCOTT ROGERS
10	SAM FOLEY
13	KEIRON BLACKBURN
16	EDDIE ODHIAMBO
18	ANDREW HUGHES
19	ROBBIE MATTHEWS
20	DARRYL KNIGHTS
21	GLYN GARNER
27	KERRY MORGAN
37	WAYNE HATSWELL
38	MIKE FOWLER
39	CURTIS McDONALD
40	GREAME MONTGOMERY
41	MICHAEL BURNS
42	TOM MILLER
43	CHARLIE GRIFFIN
44	YEMI ODUBADE
	STEPHEN LENNON

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1	MARK TYLER
2	DANIEL GLEESON
3	FRED MURRAY
4	KEITH KEANE
5	LUKE GRAHAM
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
7	ADAM NEWTON
8	AMARI MORGAN-SMITH
9	MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
11	ROBBIE WILLMOTT
12	SHANE BLACKETT
13	ZDENEK KROCA
14	ALEX LAWLESS
15	JAKE HOWELLS
16	ED ASAFAU-ADJAYE
18	CLAUDE GNAPKA
19	DANNY CROW
21	CHARLIE HENRY
23	JASON WALKER
24	ALEX LACEY
25	GODFREY POKU
26	JONATHAN O'DONNELL
28	ADAM WATKINS
30	KEVIN PILKINGTON
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32	JORDAN PATRICK
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