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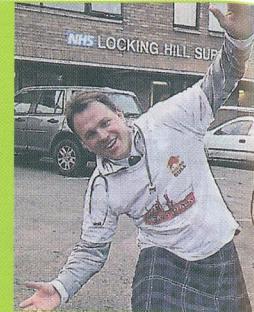
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Around the New Lawn

You've Scot to join walk

Forest Green Rovers Club Doctor, Alistair Smith, will be taking part in the 10km Mens Walk, on Sunday 13th March, in aid of Cotswold Care Hospice at Burleigh, Minchinhampton. Alistair works as a GP at Locking Hill Surgery, Stroud and during the week is also the Club's doctor. More than 180 men have put their name down to do the walk and when it is all over they will enjoy a pie and a pint watching the England versus Scotland Six Nations Rugby Union on the big screen at Kingsholm. Alistair will be doing the walk in his kilt as his father is from Scotland. For more information please go to www.justgiving.com/cotswoldcarewalk.



Herring goes on loan

Midfielder, Ian Herring, has been allowed to join Blue Square Bet South Division club Eastleigh on a month's loan. The midfielder who was a regular in the side at the beginning of the season has been unable to win his place back in the side after losing his spot in the team. We wish Ian all the best during his month at Eastleigh.



Jared out?

Meanwhile, full back, Jared Hodgkiss could well be out for the season after he suffered medial ligament damage. The injury occurred in the first half of the recent 4-0 defeat at Southport and will be Jared's second long term injury, of the season, and comes at a time when he was discovering his best form of the campaign. He is due to have keyhole surgery today and we wish him a speedy recovery.



Jacob departs

Jacon Erskine, who only joined the Club a couple of weeks ago has been allowed to leave the New Lawn without kicking a ball for the first team. The youngster was loaned out to Swindon Supermarine and scored in his first couple of games for the Zamarett Premier Division side but the non-contract player has now been allowed to join Blue Square Bet South Division Club, Ebbsfleet United, who are challenging for promotion back to the Blue Square Bet Premier Division. Once again we wish Jacob all the very best for his future career.

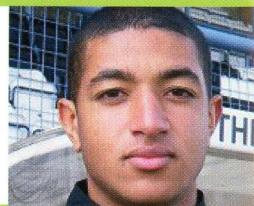
Shelter Box Collection

Dear Colin

On behalf of Nailsworth Rotary Club, I would like to thank you and members of your staff for allowing us to attend the match on Saturday and to take a collection for Shelter Box which raised £ 294.85.

We are all made to feel very welcome and in particular I would like to express our thanks to Charlie for helping Liz Odell with the sound system and David Drew for his warm welcome and for looking after us. Please pass our thanks to them.

We all enjoyed the experience and hope that Forest Green Rovers continues to flourish. Yours sincerely, Joan Goldsmith, President Nailsworth Rotary Club



Reserves washed out

Our Reserve Team home game against Swindon Town which should have been played a couple of weeks was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. At the time of writing no new date had been arranged for the game. Our next Reserve team fixture is scheduled to take place here at The New Lawn on Monday 7th March when we are due to entertain Plymouth Argyle in a game which kicks off at 7.00pm. Both teams are stuck at the bottom of the division with Argyle just a point ahead of ourselves. Here is how the latest league tables looks

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Torquay United	9	7	2	0	24	11	23
AFC Bournemouth	8	4	2	2	16	12	14
Exeter City	9	3	1	5	11	17	10
Swindon Town	6	2	2	2	11	10	8
Swansea City	6	1	3	2	6	9	6
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	0	4	7	12	3
Forest Green Rovers	5	0	2	3	5	8	2

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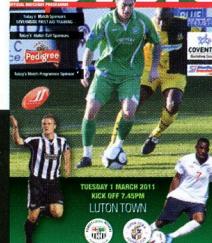
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From the boardroom

We are known as 'The famous Black & White Stripes.' However increasingly we seem to be also the 'black spot' team. I refer of course to the infamous pirate tradition explained in Treasure Island where a black spot was passed on as a message of imminent demise. I say this as for the second time this season a manager of the opposition side has lost their job on the back of a performance against us. What surprises about this is not just that teams continue to underestimate FGR and its ability to get results against them, but also that it has still not registered that we are now one of the longest serving clubs in the National Conference League. So whilst it might be gratifying that we are still taken as a potential whipping boy when anything is further from the truth, but also that a little look at the history books would show how our doggedness to survive in the League should at least be taken a mite more seriously by our opponents.

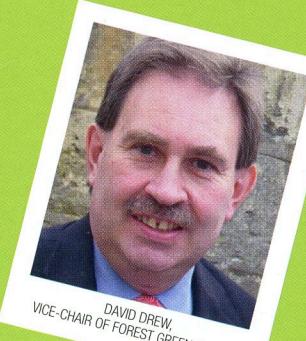
By the time you read this The Board will have completed its monthly meeting. Of course there is much to talk about but it is vital that we start to look to the future. One thing that will hopefully be signed off is the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) now to be provided on land next door at Nailsworth Primary School. This has been a long-time project and partnership between FGR, the School, the Town Council and the local community coming as a result

of our ground move. Though it has taken a long time to bring to fruition, this partnership has all the makings of becoming a permanent one which could benefit all concerned.

Now to the case in point. I was at Luton when we really did get turned over earlier in the season. Travelling back home with a couple of Luton fans that night didn't help

my disposition. However as we have been playing well of late - albeit with the old blip - we are capable of turning even the best over on our day. I am pleased that the squad is now more settled, and that the team spirit remains excellent. It is vital that that stays in place throughout the last third of the season, and that we then start to build the squad for next season, as significant improvement on previous seasons where we have had to start again come July.

Let's all get behind the lads tonight - and see what a united club can do!



DAVID DREW
VICE-CHAIR OF FOREST GREEN ROVERS

Action Replay...Action Replay..

Strikers on target as Rovers hit four

Strikers, Steve Guinan, Ross Dyer and Reece Styche were all on target last Saturday as Forest Green Rovers recorded their best victory of the season when Tamworth were hammered 4-0. Such was Rovers dominance of the game that the scoreline could have perhaps been even more greater than it was but it was a very rewarding afternoon for everyone

Forest Green Rovers 4

Rovers Manager, Dave Hockaday, made one change to the starting line up from the team that had picked up an excellent point from the midweek 1-1 draw at Grimsby Town with Yan Klukowski dropping to the bench and Steve Guinan making the starting line-up. Visiting Tamworth were forced into a late change when on the day before the game Derby County recalled goalkeeper Ross Atkins and the Lambs had in between the posts eighteen year old Liam Mitchell who had joined on loan from Notts County.

The groundstaff and a group of supporters had worked extremely hard on the morning of the game to get the pitch passable and they were rewarded in fine style with an excellent display.

Right from the off the home side were on the attack and there was a good passing move between Liam Enver-Marum and Kieron Forbes which ended when Steve Guinan's shot was blocked and then moments later the home side almost went in front. A corner from Forbes was only half cleared to the edge of the box and Matt Somner hit a first time volley that produced a fine save from the young on-loan keeper. Little had been seen of Tamworth as an attacking force but a neat one-two between



ROSS DYER
scores with a
superb diving
header



Tom Marshall went closest for the Lambs in the first half but was denied by James Bittner

Action Replay Half time

Forest Green Rovers 1

Tamworth 0

At the break Enver-Marum, who had taken a knock after colliding with the goalkeeper was replaced by Yan Klukowski and it was the Rovers who were the quickest out of the blocks in the second half. A good pass from Somner sent Styche away down the right but Mitchell did well to keep out the striker's dangerous low cross which was meant for Guinan. Klukowski had made a good impression, showing up really well on the right wing and in the fifty third minute the lead was doubled. Klukowski sent a fine cross to the far post and ROSS DYER sent the crowd wild by scoring with a fine diving header. It was the young striker's first league goal at The New Lawn and it was a great way to register your first goal scored at home. Wayne Turk then replaced the impressive Guinan and Bittner denied substitute Jason Bradley.

The home side were looking extremely dangerous every time they went forward and twelve minutes from time the game was over thanks to a super goal from leading goalscorer REECE STYCHE. The striker turned the defence inside out to leave him with a

clear run at goal and his well struck shot went in after Mitchell had made half a save but the ball eventually found its way into the net after hitting a defender. The striker, though, certainly deserved the goal for turning in yet another hard-working performance. Daniel Bradley shot wide for the Lambs and then Styche was replaced by Bradley Gray but the icing on the cake came just a minute from time when the home side went four up. DYER took the ball down superbly, turned Marshall and left the Tamworth defence in his wake, before coolly sidefooting the ball past the advancing Mitchell in the Lambs goal. The goal was no more than Dyer deserved for another very good performance and hopefully now his well taken goals will give him more confidence for the remainder of the campaign.

Overall then an excellent all-round performance which should stand everyone in good stead for tonight's attractive Blue Square Bet Premier Division rivals Luton Town who on Saturday reached the last four of the F.A. Carlsberg Trophy.



The ball has just come back off the cross bar and STEVE GUINAN has headed us into the lead

Team Line-Ups

FOREST GREEN ROVERS



James Bittner
Luke Jones
Reece Styche (Bradley Gray 84mts)
Ross Dyer
Danny Hall
Chris Stokes
Gavin Caines
Steve Guinan (Wayne Turk 73mts)
Kieron Forbes
Matt Somner
Liam Enver-Marum
(Yan Klukowski 46mts)

UNUSED SUBS

Craig Armstrong
Zak Jones (G/K)

TAMWORTH



Liam Mitchell
Tom Marshall
Duane Courtney
(Jason Bradley 66mts)
Michael Wylde
Jay Smith
Kyle Perry
Danny Thomas (Malvin Kamara 84mts)
Jake Sheridan
Daniel Bradley
Scott Barrow
Ben Wilkinson

UNUSED SUBS

Aaron Mitchell
Neil MacKenzie
Louis Connor

GOAL CHART

25mts	1-0	Steve Guinan
54mts	2-0	Ross Dyer
78mts	3-0	Reece Styche
89mts	4-0	Ross Dyer

MAN OF THE MATCH

Chris Stokes

ATTENDANCE

681 (including 87 from Tamworth)



LIAM MITCHELL Despite being beaten four times on his debut the young Tamworth goalkeeper produced a fine display to keep the score down to four.

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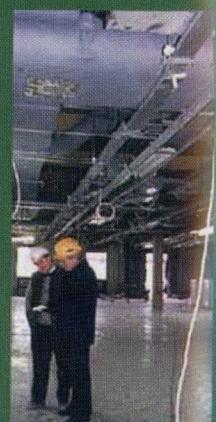
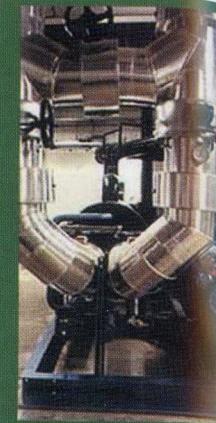
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David Hockaday

The Forest Green Rovers Manager looks back on an excellent result against Tamworth.

season.

Jared Hodgkiss saw the specialist last week and was given the news that he will have an operation today. It is a simple procedure and with any luck he could be back in six weeks. Jared is a key player for us and will be part of the future of this club without doubt. We have managed to find an able replacement at right back in Dan Hall who has stepped in and looked very solid.

I have also been able to re-introduce Jeffrey Immadia to the Forest Green Rovers ranks after a lengthy rehabilitation process. It is a testament to the young man that he has fought back from a career-threatening injury and now finds himself back in the squad.

Back to tonight's match where we will look to take the game to our visitors. We will be looking to show the same hunger and desire of the previous games. You, the fans, are really starting to get behind the players and are making your presence felt in a very positive way. It makes a massive difference to have such vocal support, so keep it coming and enjoy the game.

Enjoy the game

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The New Lawn Welcomes Tonight's Visitors... Luton Town

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



Luton Town was a founder member of the Southern Football League in 1894, and, after finishing as runners-up in its first two seasons, the team left to help form the United League. In the league's inaugural season the club came second, before joining The Football League for 1897–98. The club continued to enter a team to the United League for two more seasons, and won the title in 1897–98. Poor attendance, high wages, and the high travel and accommodation costs that resulted from Luton's distance from the northern heartlands of The Football League crippled the club financially, and made it too expensive to compete in that league. A return to the regionally organised Southern League was therefore arranged for the 1900–01 season.

Eight years after arriving at Dunstable Road, Luton moved again, settling at their current ground, Kenilworth Road, in 1905. Captain and left winger Bob Hawkes became Luton's first international player when he was picked to play for England against Ireland on 16 February 1907. A poor 1911–12 season saw Luton relegated to the Southern League's Second Division, but the club managed to win promotion back two years later. When war broke out, the schedule was reduced to a series of friendlies, but Luton took part in The London Combination for 1915–16. A key player of the period was Ernie Simms, a forward. Simms was wounded while serving in Italy in the First World War, but returned to score 40 goals during the following season.

The Luton side first played in the white and black colours which the club has retained for much of its history during the 1920–21

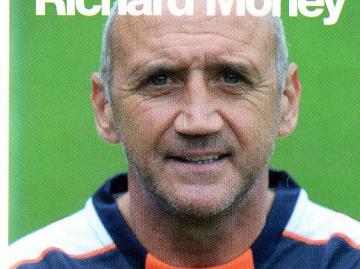
season, when they rejoined The Football League; until then, the players had worn sky blue shirts with white shorts and navy socks. Such was the quality of Luton's team at this time that despite playing in the third tier, a fixture between Ireland and England at Windsor Park on 22 October 1921 saw three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

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

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

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

Luton Manager Richard Money



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

Owner John Gurney terminated Kinnear's contract on his arrival in May; replacing him with Mike Newell before leaving Luton as the club entered administration. Newell's team finished as champions of the third-tier Football League One in 2004–05. While Newell's place was taken by first Kevin Blackwell and later former player Mick Harford, the team was then relegated twice in a row, starting in 2006–07, and spent

the latter part of the 2007–08 season in administration, thus incurring a ten-point deduction from that season's total. The club then had a total of 30 points docked from its 2008–09 record by The Football Association and The Football League for various financial irregularities. These deductions proved to be too large an obstacle to overcome in the league, but Luton came from behind in the final of the Football League Trophy to win the competition for the first time.

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

MEET THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

MARK TYLER



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

Peterborough United.

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

KEVIN PILKINGTON

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

Pilkington began his career with Manchester United playing six times in the Premier League.

During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port Vale. He was soon on the move again to Aberystwyth Town and Wigan. However, he found stability at his next club, Mansfield, joining the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167 times in league action over the next five years.

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

DEFENDERS

ZDENEK KROCA



Centre-half who impressed in assured display alongside George Pilkington in two pre-season fixtures in 2010 to earn a one-year contract. Kro a made 169 league appearances

belt in 10 years with hometown club Tescoma Zlin in his native Czech Republic.

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

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Meet the

PLAYERS

**GEORGE PILKINGTON**

Club's youth set-up.

After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell. Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength.

SHANE BLACKETT

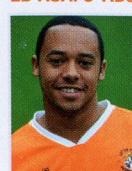
Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at

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

DAN GLEESON

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

A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006. Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007.

ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the

CLAUDE GNAKPA

Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and

FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell.

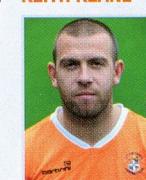
He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

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

MIDFIELDERS**PAVEL BESTA**

Assured, tenacious and a good passer of the ball, the Town snapped up the former Czech Under-21 international after impressing in the pre-season friendly against Newcastle in the summer of 2010.

Besta began his career with his hometown side Banik Ostrava, and in a seven year period, helped them win the Czech league title in 2004. of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10.

KEITH KEANE

Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy

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

Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt.

GODFREY POKU

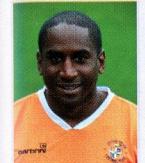
Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010

on an 18-month contract. A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature.

JJ O'DONNELL

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable

of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10.

ADAM NEWTON

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing of 2009 after agreeing a two-year contract at

Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford.

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

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

ANDY DRURY

A highly-rated box-to-box player who is capable of playing in any position across the midfield or in attack, Drury

signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from Conference Champions Stevenage.

He started his career at Sittingbourne as a youngster before making the short hop to sign for Gravesend and Northfleet in 2003. Three successful years at Stonebridge Road followed before Lewes secured his signature in 2006 helping the Rooks lift the Conference South title in 2007/08.

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

He struggled to make an impression at Adams Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season, Harriers Manager Mark

FORWARDS**KEVIN GALLEN**

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched

up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months.

He then scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan.

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

MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

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

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

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

He struggled to make an impression at Adams Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season, Harriers Manager Mark

Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature.

DANNY CROW

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

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

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

DAN WALKER

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010

after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town.

TAIWO ATIENO

Kenyan international striker Taiwo originally signed in March 2010 until the end of the 2009/10 season after returning to the UK after

a spell playing in Puerto Rico and America.

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

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

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

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH

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

The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season.

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

JASON WALKER

Prolific goal-scorer recently joined the Hatters from fellow Blue Square Bet Premier Division rivals, Barrow. Scored on his home debut.

Luton Town: 6 of the Best

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles six of the biggest names associated with Luton Town

BRUCE RIOCH

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



MALCOLM MACDONALD

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

RICKY HILL

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



BRIAN STEIN

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



MICK HARFORD

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager back at Luton.



PAUL WALSH

England international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. Later with Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career, he is now a football agent.



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Forest Green Rovers Football Club is pleased to support the 2011 Level Playing Field (LPF) Weeks of Action. During the period of the 5th March to the 20th March 2011, clubs around the country have the opportunity to show what they have achieved for disabled supporters.

NADS are always keen to remind the wider sporting world of just how big a market place is represented by disabled supporters. The Level Playing Field initiative promotes the need for an inclusive and equal experience for all fans, bringing together clubs and fans at all levels of the game. You may be surprised to know that NADS estimates that at least 30,000 disabled fans currently attend league matches each season. More than 50% of disabled people have never attended a public or sporting event and one in four families will include someone who is disabled. Added to that, it is estimated that the 'disabled £' has a spending power worth up to £80bn per year – now that is a market that no one can afford to ignore.

The challenges faced by disabled people are numerous, often unexpected, but frequently easily resolved; NADS works alongside the football family and government, lobbying for continued improvements and sharing good practice where it exists. Football clubs seek higher attendances and we want to see more disabled people enjoying the match day experience. That is surely good for the balance sheet.

Many types of disability are hidden, and each have their own specific access needs. Ask most people if someone is disabled and they will instantly look for the wheelchair (go on, be honest, how many times have you done that when you go past the blue badge section in the car park?)

Last year, the LPF campaign focused our attention on the problems faced by ambulant disabled supporters

(this could include people who have mobility difficulties, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis or cancer). During past campaigns, participating clubs have come up with many innovative ideas including just a few of the ideas suggested below.

Provide 'A Match Day in the Life of article in the matchday programme

Matchday Programme Editorial featuring disabled supporters and Disabled Supporters Association

Running a template article provided by NADS

Supplied Complimentary tickets for local disability groups to encourage new customers/spectators

Chose a disabled supporter as team mascot for your chosen LPF match

There are many permutations to the above list and we would welcome all your suggestions, so that we can share them with other clubs.



NADS would like to thank Forest Green Rovers Football Club for supporting this annual initiative.

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This Week...

In 1873 E. Remington and Sons in Ilion, New York began production of the first typewriter, in 1936 the first Spitfire was flown by Capt J. Summers, from Eastleigh Airport, and in 1991 a 13 year old cat called Blackie was left £50,000 in the will of its owner Muriel Fletcher.

Sitting just above the relegation zone, and with players who had just agreed to a pay cut, Rovers didn't expect too much from their visit to mid-table Burton. New loan signing Paul Moore was given the lone striker role and Alex Meechan pushed back into midfield. It was Moore who gave Rovers the perfect start when he met Jon Richardson's flick-on from a Damon Searle free kick and sent a looping header over Burton keeper Matt Duke and into the net. Eight minutes later Moore was busy again, collecting a long deep cross from Meechan very close to the touchline, and bringing the ball back towards the penalty area. He laid it off to Martin Foster, who made enough space to fire the shot past Duke for Rovers' second. Burton finally moved into action and threatened the visitors' goal. Gareth Stoker had to stretch to hook a Jon Howard header off the line. Rovers threatened for a third with Alex Sykes bringing a save from Duke that Denny Ingram followed up but skied over the bar. Burton boss Nigel Clough then put three substitutes on to bolster the midfield and allow some of them to move further forward. Rovers keeper Steve Perrin then made a series of saves and Burton's Robbie Talbot hit the underside of the crossbar. Rovers held on till half time, however, with their lead intact.

Not surprisingly Burton came out firing and put more pressure on the visitors' goal. Eventually, in the 69th minute, it paid off when they pulled one back, Rovers' offside trap being beaten by a well timed cross from Andy Ducros met Robbie Talbot 12 yards out, and he had time to set up a low shot past Perrin.

Sam Shilton hit the woodwork for Burton before setting up their equaliser seven minutes after their first goal. His deep cross to the back post was hooked back into the middle by Andy Corbett and

Meanwhile.....

In late February 2004 Tim Harris's men were struggling to survive in the Conference when they paid a visit to Eton Park to play Burton Albion.

BURTON ALBION 2 FOREST GREEN 3

Scott's late winner is major boost for Harris



met by Howard with a simple header. Rovers had squandered a comfortable lead again. However they continued to exploit Burton's defensive shortcomings and Meechan and Searle both broke through to be denied by Duke. Four minutes into stoppage time Meechan again moved on the home defence and a sudden change of pace left them standing. A cross to Scott Rogers gave the young midfielder a simple tap-in to secure all three points for Rovers.

Nigel Clough blamed his side for kicking off at four instead of three o'clock, and the win, continuing Rovers' unbeaten record at Eton Park, pushed them up to 17th with a nine-point gap on the clubs in the relegation zone.

ROVERS TEAM: Perrin, Stoker, Richardson, Ingram, Foster, Searle, Sykes, Rogers, Phillips, Meechan, Moore. **Substitutes:** Cowe, L.Jones, Giannangelo, Cant, McAuley. **ATTENDANCE 1442**

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Before We Were Born

The Early Life of Forest Green Rovers 1919-1929

It is just over 120 years since Football came to Forest Green and over the course of this season we take a closer look at the 1920s, a glorious period in the history of FGR. Copies of the Book "Something to Shout About- A History of Forest Green Rovers AFC" are available in the Club Shop.

Is Change a bad thing for FGR?

Forest Green Rovers were founded in 1889 and became founder members of the first league in Gloucestershire in 1894, the Mid Gloucestershire League. A long pedigree as a premier Football Club in the County.

Things have changed along the way on and off the pitch in many different ways, including the way the game is reported.

Football created quite a buzz in the 1890's being pretty much a brand new sport. The Stroud News journalist reported as "The Ball". An interesting idea which has not stood the test of time! Readers were treated to phrases like; "they took me, put me down, rolled me over, and kicked me through" in the match report FGR's victory over Stroud AFC in November 1894.

Rovers finished third that year, but found it tough financially and changed their name for the first time:-

Stroud Journal, 30th August 1895, "Nailsworth" Football Club meeting

A meeting was held in the Nailsworth Subscription Rooms, for the purpose of furthering the promotion of a Football Club for Nailsworth.

There had been a Football Club at Forest Green, but as Forest Green was a part of Nailsworth, it would be better to start a "Nailsworth" Football Club. Nailsworth Traders would then come forward and give their support. They all knew that no Club could flourish without plenty of funds to keep it going. He asked Mr. Cakebread, a member of the Forest Green Club, to address the meeting.

Forest Green had great success in the League competition. However, they did not get the support from Nailsworth people. When they broached the subject of funds, they found support for a Nailsworth Club, whereas under the old name they did not get their sympathy. Therefore they had taken it upon themselves to call this meeting to see what could be done.

Mr. H. M. Newman proposed that the forming of the "Nailsworth" Football Club be endorsed.



It was agreed that the entrance fee be two and six, and that the same field at Forest Green be used for playing.

The name changed back to Forest Green Rovers in 1897. But then 99 years after their formation the name was changed to Stroud FC for the same underlying financial reasons. Again, it didn't work.

Now, 122 years on, the post code surveys have shown that still less than 10% of those watching Forest Green actually come up from the town. The time has come for Nailsworth to take the Club to its heart. After walking up the hill you won't need much more exercise for the day.

Something needs to change if FGR are to move on to higher things again, and only time will tell if the decision taken by Dale to choose not to sell red meat will improve things in the long run. The publication by the Government of guidelines last week not to eat too much red meat, and not to eat processed red meat, show that FGR might be at the forefront of things after all.

Surely there is no "us and them" after all these years? Beef burger or no beef burger, all support FGR.

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Match Sponsors for this Blue Square Bet Premier fixture are Severnside First Aid Training based in Pontypool. Besides a famous heritage with the oval ball Eric Whitlock is the most famous person from there in the eyes of Rovers fans. 12 months ago he rallied to the call of the club to help out and was the first to buy a ten year season ticket and no doubt many will recall his on pitch statement of "It's not what the club can do for you but what you can do for your club". Once again thanks Eric and if your organisation or business is looking to find a suitable training package for first aid then please contact Eric on either 01495753987 or 07773759151.

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We continue to try and make your match day experience one to remember and we are making offers to parents of children of local schools to come and sample professional football on their doorstep, rather than the arms length fare offered on our television. Letters are being sent out via our Schools Co-ordinator Phil Butterworth with the invite to join us at a match before the end of this season.

Finally, a reminder that our End of Season function will be held on Sunday 1st May here at the stadium, priced at £20 per head for a great time with the players. Tickets are limited and this year besides a three course meal, before the annual presentation of awards, we have Frank Sinatra (Tribute Act) and Billy Bean (Comedian) to ensure the day goes well.

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Club	Highest Attendance	Lowest Attendance	Average Attendance	Goalscorers	Best Win	Heaviest Defeat
AFC Wimbledon	4278	3114	3431	Kedwell 20, Jolley 11, Wellard 1, Moore 9, Minshull 1, Hatton 5, 5-0 1-4 Yakubu 2, Franks 2, Jackson 2, Yusuff 4, Nwokeji 1, Wellard 1, Mulley 5, Hudson 1, Broughton 2	5-0	1-4
Altrincham	1982	558	1042	Reeves 10, Denham 4, Johnson 1, Densmore 2, Hewson 1, 4-2 0-7 Williams 1, Twiss 3, Cle 3, Milne 1, Wedgbury 1, Baynes 2, Young 1, Joseph 1	4-2	0-7
Barrow	1718	874	1222	Walker 11, Boyd 1, (og) 3, Pearson 1, Forrest 1, Wiles 2, Owen 2, 4-0 0-5 Chadwick 3, Goodfellow 1, Spender 1, Almond 4, Rutherford 3, Cook 1	4-0	0-5
Bath City	2301	532	1064	Jones 3, Connolly 2, Edwards 2, Harris 1, Phillips 12, Webb 2, (og) 14-0 0-4 Hogg 1, Mackie 1, Mohamed 12, Russell 2, Canham 4, Jombarti 2, Murray 4, Watson 1	14-0	0-4
Cambridge United	3225	1635	2480	Russell 5, Saah 2, Wright 8, Coulson 4, Jennings 1 5-0 0-4 Clare 1, Gray 7, Willmott 10, Patrick 1, Marriott 3, og 1	5-0	0-4
Crawley Town	3941	1252	2194	Tubbs 25, Masterton 1, McAllister 12, Torres 2 7-0 1-2 McFadzean 1, Brodie 7, Smith 2, Neilson 4, Bulman 1, Cook 1, Mills 2	7-0	1-2
Darlington	2625	1407	1833	Hatch 7, Terry 2, Clark 1, Wright 2, og 2, Senior 4, Chandler 1, 6-1 0-4 Brown 2, McReady 1, Powell 1, Bridge-Wilkinson 6, Hone 1, Smith 4, Verma 2, Arnison 1, Campbell 1	6-1	0-4
Eastbourne Borough	2518	551	1129	Pacquette 7, Elphick 4, Weatherstone 5, Crabb 4, Taylor 9, Atkin 1 5-0 1-6 Treleaven 3, Austin 1, Johnson 2, Langston 2, Cook 1, Rooney 1, Walker 2, Smart 1, Baker 1	5-0	1-6
Fleetwood Town	2831	1011	1653	Vieira 18, Curtis 3, McGuire 4, Seddon 7, Barry 2, Rogan 1, Parker 15-2 0-3 Craney 3, Pond 1, Wright 1, McNulty 1, Beeley 2, Marsh-Evans 1, Brown 1, Clancy 1	15-2	0-3
Forest Green Rovers	1464	642	874	Styche 12, Caines 2, Jones 2, Klukowski 6, Quinn 1, Dyer 3 4-0 1-6 McDonald 3, Else 1, Herring 1, Norwood 2, Watson 1, og 1, Guinan 4	4-0	1-6
Gateshead	1231	463	759	Brittain 8, Turnbull 2, Mulligan 4, Clark 1 7-2 0-5 Nelthorpe 4, Gate 3, Shaw 14, Kay 1, Ferrell 1, Liddle 1, Fisher 5, og 2	7-2	0-5
Grimsby Town	5037	2291	3210	Peacock 2, Connell 18, Watt 2, Hudson 3, Atkinson 3, Sinclair 2 7-2 1-4 Cummins 1, Bore 4, Eagle 7, Wright 1, Coulson 3, Kempson 1, Ademeno 2, Duffy 2	7-2	1-4
Hayes & Yeading United	801	190	371	Wright 5, Hand 1, Pritchard 8, Buchanan 6, Deen 1, Cadmore 1 2-0 0-5 Patulea 3, Malcolm 2, Enver-Marun 1, Holmes 3, Ferrell 1, Hyde 2, Louis 1	2-0	0-5
Histon	1903	255	696	McCrae 2, Attwood 3, Okay 1, Oyebanji 2, Wootton 1 3-0 0-4 Murray 7, Riza 8, Clerima 4, Mills 1, Sparkes 2, Stevenson 1	3-0	0-4
Kettering Town	2906	796	1427	Christie 6, Ashikodi 1, Marna 14, Makofa 2, Green 1, (og) 1 3-0 1-4 Kelly 1, Dance 4, Dempster 1, Solkhon 5, Furong 4, Flanagan 1, O'Neill 1, Mills 1	3-0	1-4
Kidderminster Harriers	3028	937	1504	Shaw 4, Gittings 4, Briscoe 1, Wright 8, Matt 2, Kroca 3, 4-0 0-3 Williams 3, Briggs 3, Byrne 5, McPhee 14, Blair 7, Morris 4, Canham 1	4-0	0-3
Luton Town	7283	5609	6376	Barnes-Homer 11, Kroca 4, Gnaka 9, Morgan-Smith 2, Atineo 3 6-1 1-3 Craddock 2, Drury 6, Pilkington 4, Howells 2, Crow 7, Walker (J) 1 Lawless 2, Walker (D) 1, Owusu 4, Wilmott 1	6-1	1-3
Mansfield Town	2699	1725	2300	Connor 11, Medley 5, Mills 1, Duffy 5, Sandwith 1, Mitchley 2 5-0 2-7 Parker 5, Smith 7, Istead 1, Gregory 1, Nix 2, Briscoe 5, og 2, Murray 3, Foster 1 Thompson 1, Moul 2	5-0	2-7
Newport County	3462	1601	2440	Reid 18, Rose 5, Matthews 5, Henry 2, Knights 3, Todd 2, Hatwell 1 4-0 1-2 Warren 2, Collins 5, Foley 3, Rogers 1, Wright 1, Bignot 1, og 1, Griffin 1, Odubade 1	4-0	1-2
Rushden & Diamonds	2216	874	1243	Corcoran 2, Porter 3, Howe 6, Charles 3, Miller 3, og 1, Power 1 5-0 0-4 O'Connor 10, Johnson 2, Sills 1, Power 3, Stuart 1, Smith 3, Prosser 1, Gash 1, Ferrell 1, Day 1, Cowan-Hall 1, Oshodi 1	5-0	0-4
Southport	1802	753	1155	McNeil 5, McGinn 3, Gray 3, Davis 2, Blakeman 2, Daly 3, Whalley 3 4-0 0-5 Barratt 3, Simm 1, Marsh-Evans 2, Powell 1, Ledsham 3, Kissock 1, Power 1, Lee 4, I ever 1	4-0	0-5
Tamworth	1694	723	1051	Perry 11, Marshall 2, Bradley 5, Rodman 9, Lake-Gaskin 1 4-1 2-5 Wylde 4, Thomas 5, Wilkinson 1, Barrow 2, Smith 2, Yusuff 2, og 2, Mackenzie 1	4-1	2-5
Wrexham	4630	2221	2908	Smith 3, Morrell 9, Andrews 2, Brown 1, Knight-Percival 3, Blackburn 1 4-0 2-7 Keates 3, Taylor 5, Harris 4, Tolley 3, Mangan 8, Cieslewicz 2, og 1, Pogba 4	4-0	2-7
York City	3176	1978	2420	Rankine 10, Gash 1, Till 4, Brodie 1, Young 1, Chambers 2, Racchi 14-0 0-5 Constantine 6, Lawless 3, Fyfield 1, Barret 2, McDermott 1, Smith 2, Reed 2, Mackin 1, Meredith 1, Parslow 1	14-0	0-5

Keith Weyman's Half Time Quiz

1. In 1930 Luton played against which now defunct London club in a match which is believed to have had the lowest attendance for a Saturday league fixture?
2. Which Spurs full back and later Newcastle manager was manager of Luton from 2001-2003?
3. For whom did Luton receive their record transfer fee of £3million from W.B.A. in 2005?
4. When Luton recorded their record league victory in 1936 against Bristol Rovers, who scored 10 of their 12 goals?
5. Which is the only club to have lost all four F.A.Cup Finals that they have played in?
6. Which club, still in this years F.A.Cup, were two goals down to Droylsden but recovered to win 8-2?
7. Which TV presenter has a stand named after him at his home city's ground?
8. The club whose full name is Borisov Works of Automatic Tractor Electronic Equipment is better known by what name?
9. Who was voted 'Player of the Tournament' at last year's World Cup?
10. Whom did Darren Cann and Michael Mullarkey famously assist last year?

Answers:

1) Thame FC, 2) Joe Kinnear, 3) Curtis Davies, 4) Joe Pavone, 5) Leicester City, 6) Luton Town, 7) Gary Lineker, 8) Battle, 9) Delago Forster, 10) Howard Webb - in World Cup Matches

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COMMUNITY CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND KICKS OFF

The Football Conference, together with its partners the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association, officially launched the Football Conference Community Club Development Fund on Thursday 24 February at Altrincham Football Club. The Fund is designed to encourage Football Conference clubs develop their work in their local communities and was made possible by generous contributions from the Premier League and PFA. Altrincham is one of the clubs to have benefited from the Fund, having secured £12,000 towards its Community Apprenticeship Scheme.

Both funding partners have committed to provide £400,000 each for three years, creating a total funding pot of £2.4m. Thursday's launch will see PFA Chief Executive Gordon Taylor, Premier League Chairman Sir Dave Richards and Conference Chairman Brian Lee meet some of the participants in the Altrincham scheme and some of the children from Stalybridge Celtic.

Altrincham's award of £12,000 has enabled the Club to establish the Community Apprenticeship scheme. This involves 23 local young people who are unemployed or short time working, benefit by achieving recognised sports administration and associated qualifications which may help them in obtaining full time employment. The project also includes work experience opportunities.

Grahame Rowley, Altrincham Football Club Chairman says that 'This has been massive boost for the Club. The

Apprenticeship Scheme complements our existing Community projects. We expect that attendees will feel that they are able to become involved in supporting and coaching Community Sports Projects in a voluntary capacity within the Trafford area. We also believe that the Scheme will help the personal development of the students via work experience, which in turn should improve their confidence when they move into full time employment.' The Altrincham scheme is just one of 22 projects that have been funded and are underway. Grants totalling £216,000 towards projects costing £546,000.

Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive of the Premier League said about the Fund: 'We are extremely pleased to be working with the Football Conference to establish the development fund that will allow Conference clubs, all extremely important within their local communities, to invest more funds into local youth development and good cause initiatives.'

Gordon Taylor OBE said 'The PFA have built strong relationships with both the Premier League and the Football League to encourage football club community schemes to be at the heart of effecting positive change within their local communities by supporting them to develop innovative projects that respond to local needs. We at the PFA are very pleased to extend our financial support to the Football Conference clubs and trust that their players will embrace the concept that they can harness their potential and develop club community

activities in education, health, social inclusion and equality and help make a difference ! '

Brian Lee, Chairman of the Football Conference said: 'It gives us great pleasure to launch the scheme and use Altrincham as an example of the type of project we are supporting. Our clubs have embraced the Fund wholeheartedly and we have a number of exciting projects coming to us for support and the future is very exciting. We are grateful to both the Premier League and the PFA for their generosity in creating this fund.'

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE COMMUNITY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The following grants were agreed:

ALTRINCHAM: Community Apprenticeship – 23 young people who are not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETS), are provided with tuition and work experience with one day each week of tuition in academic studies, one day a week work experience at the Club or similar business, and one day a week football activity and coaching. This lasts for 36 weeks. £12,000 towards costs of £24,000

BARROW: Football Performance Centre – funding to help create two additional age group teams, at Under 11 and Under 13s, in an isolated part of the country with limited recreation opportunities. £1,140 towards costs of £6,353.

BISHOP STORTFORD: Community Programme 2010-2011. Support for a new community programme including establishing a football team based at St Elizabeth's Centre for

Epilepsy and involve 6 other disabled teams across Hertfordshire, establish a football team based at Orford House (a care home for those with learning disabilities), primary and secondary schools free after school sports coaching sessions £12,000 towards costs of £30,886.

BOREHAM WOOD: Schools and Community Programme – football and sports coaching at 12 local primary schools. £12,000 towards costs of £38,040

BOSTON UNITED: Active Pilgrims. A range of 9 physical activity sessions a week for 40 weeks, including aerobics, cheerleading, boxercise, parent & child exercise sessions, gentle exercise for the elderly. They aim to encourage potentially 'semi-sporty' people to take part, particularly those who would have not normally attended organised sports activities. £10,105 towards costs of £20,209

KETTERING TOWN: Futsalplus – setting up a new futsal league, and then encouraging the players and their families to become involved in volunteering for local project. £5,200 towards costs of £10,400

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS: Harriers' Health Kick – Healthy eating advice and coaching in remarry schools in Kidderminster and Worcester. £12,000 towards costs of £27,800

MANSFIELD TOWN: Saturday Morning Clubs – integrate disabled children and young people with their Saturday turn-up and-play sessions, breaking down barriers between the groups. £8,314 towards costs of £23,928

CHELMSFORD CITY: Disability Football – playing and coaching opportunities for pan-disability players who are over 16 years. £8,636 towards costs of £19,746

FLEETWOOD TOWN: Community Coaching Programme - sports coaching at remarry and secondary schools, including healthy eating and other activities. £11,842 towards costs of £23,685

GRIMSBY TOWN: School Half-Term Holiday programme - providing an inclusive programme of multi skills and football based activity over every school holiday until the end of August 2011. The sessions are held

at 10 sites throughout North East Lincolnshire and are aimed at children in the age range of 5-12 years for specially selected young people from deprived backgrounds. 'Trin' Inclusion And Education Project – a youth club for young people at risk of offending. £12,000 towards costs of £24,000

HAYES & YEADING: Sports Volunteering "Get Involved" – 20 young people who will send 12 months experiencing supported volunteering and acquiring coach qualifications. £10,105 towards costs of £21,200

WELLING UNITED: Nutrition And Healthy Eating Project - offering nutritional and healthy eating advice, with linked sports sessions, to the early years age group (nursery, reception and year one) in Welling, Plumstead and Bexleyheath. Includes an out of school "Mini Kickers" club on Saturday mornings with parents become involved. £4,000 towards costs of £7,950

WESTON SUPER MARE: Youth Development – funding to help launch three new age group teams at Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15, increasing the provision of youth sport in the town. £11,964 towards costs of £23,928

WOKING: Community Programme – a contribution towards the work of their established community programme. £12,000 towards costs of £55,000

WREXHAM: Boys' Literacy Programme – working with boys in their last year at primary school to tackle low literacy achievement in North Wales. £12,000 towards costs of £24,000

YORK CITY: Secondary Schools Football Coaching Programme - curriculum-time coaching in Secondary Schools within the York, Selby and Ryedale areas. £11,750 towards costs of £23,900

up different types of dance. £2,300 towards costs of £4,600

SOUTHPORT: Football School Coaching And Flexible Curriculum Fit: Coaching and sports activity, with healthy eating advice, in secondary and special needs schools. £12,000 towards costs of £65,000.

TAMWORTH: Healthy Lifestyles - Working with primary school children aged 7, 8 and 9 to consider how lifestyle affects their future and encourage them and their parents to improve their amount of physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices. £10,600 towards costs of £21,200.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED: Bridging The Gap Project - working with 12 primary schools to help develop children from deprived and low income backgrounds through literacy, numeracy and sports based activities. The objective is to help children achieve more in class, boosting their self esteem and confidence. £12,000 towards costs of £27,150.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Saturday Morning Clubs – integrate disabled children and young people with their Saturday turn-up and-play sessions, breaking down barriers between the groups. £8,314 towards costs of £23,928

NUNEATON TOWN: NEETs Project - Working with young people in the Nuneaton and North Warwickshire area who are engaging in anti-social behaviour and low-level crime. The Club are offering football under mobile floodlights in targeted areas until September. £10,000 towards costs of £20,000

RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS: Tackling ASB in Woodlands Park and Roxton Village – a project to consult local young people about the type of activities they would like to see - and Take The Lead Dance Project – encouraging young people to take

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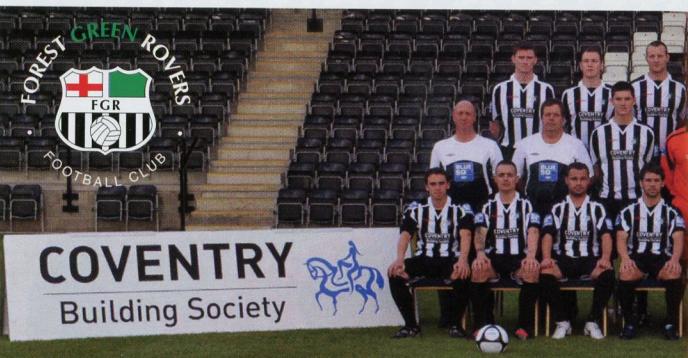
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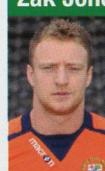
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STUTTERING SEASON IS SNOW JOKE

With the world of football at a virtual standstill during the recent "adverse weather conditions" – don't the news reporters simply mean "snow and ice"?! - one wonders why so many games were called off, particularly in the top two divisions.

It seems that in "dreaming of a White Christmas", Bing Crosby and football's decision makers are poles apart – the festive crooner being the only advocate of snow flurries in December time!

With the vast amounts of money flowing in – and increasingly out – of the game within the top two divisions, I can sympathise with those pundits questioning why clubs in these divisions aren't able to do more to ensure that matches go ahead.

Given the gulf in finances between the Premier League and all levels below it, I can't see why it isn't mandatory for all member clubs of the English top-flight to install undersoil heating. If clubs in other countries can do it, I can't see why the richest League in the world can't.

Premier League newcomers Blackpool have had several games called off due to the weather, yet I guarantee there will be countless groups of inebriated hen parties from Wigan staggering along The Golden Mile wearing nothing but skimpy tops and skirts no wider than a belt!

Blackpool are currently the only Premier League club not to have

undersoil heating and, if you look at how far they have come in such a short space of time, that may be considered to be understandable. When you look at how quick they were to develop Bloomfield Road, however, which only had two stands built less than two seasons ago, it is more pertinent to suggest that the additional work could have – and should have – been put into place before the start of the season.

This is the Premier League we are talking about here, the most marketable regular sporting product in the world and a league which can afford to pay its poorest performing clubs millions as a "reward" for failure. Yet it can't make its members install undersoil heating – at a relatively paltry sum of around £1 million.

Certainly, the weather over the past two Winters has been harsher than normal in many areas; whether this is merely coincidence or a product of global warming is a matter for debate. With FIFA considering the possibilities of having a Winter World Cup in 2022, surely the advent of a Winter break is imminent. This would lead to the inevitable fixture backlog and one wonders if this will lead to fewer teams in the leagues. Regionalisation might even be a possibility, giving teams and supporters shorter distances to travel when the transport networks are clogged.

Pitches are such good quality now and look immaculate in all weathers. Compared with the turf of

Adventures in football subculture with Blake Hall

yesteryear, the modern equivalent is in another galaxy, yet matches seemed to go ahead with much more frequency in such testing conditions. I understand health and safety is a major factor now, but even so, surely more can be done to free up the areas around the grounds which are so often cited as being the cause of postponements? It is interesting to note that no American Football event has ever been put off by snow; perhaps the clubs and authorities are more determined to ensure the fixture goes ahead.

Whatever decisions come out of this stuttering season, lessons must be learned and processes put into place to ensure that any disruptions are minimised in future years



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RICHARD BRODIE hitting the bar against Manchester United in stoppage time at a packed Old Trafford – that's the beauty of the FA Cup.

If the Crawley striker's cushioned header had fallen an inch lower the likeable Gateshead lad would have gone down in English football history. As it was the ball bounced away and the Blue Square Bet Premier side's chance of earning a remarkable draw in United's own backyard going with it. No doubt there were plenty of Non-League followers pleased to have seen that chance pass Steve Evans' men by and see the big spenders go out of the competition.

But deep down there must be some respect for the way the Red Devils took on the bigger Red Devils. Yes Crawley have spent a lot of money by Non-League standards, especially in this current financial climate, but that is not the fault of the players that have been signed.

The way they went to the Theatre of Dreams and played was a credit to themselves and a glowing testament to the quality footballers there are outside the Football League.

Something they've shown by beating Championship side Derby County, League One's Swindon and Torquay from League Two along the way. Of course the Sussex outfit are not the only ones who have had excellent results in this season's Cup.

Blue Square Bet South Dover saw off Gillingham and Aldershot earning a third round trip to Huddersfield.

FC United gave their short existence a huge shot in the arm by beating Rochdale and drawing with Brighton, a side that always had two sticky games

against Woking. Blue Square Bet Premier boys Tamworth beat Crewe, York had a third round trip to Bolton, a second season where they've faced a Premier League big gun, and little Hythe Town went to Hereford in the first round. Next season there will be more romantic tales.

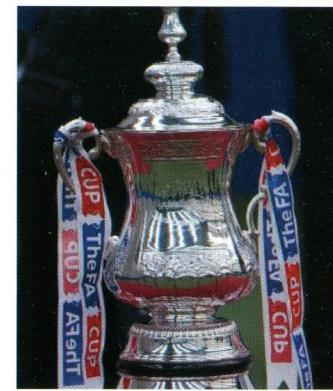
That is why the rumours surrounding the Football Association thinking about shaking the competition up so concerning.

While many of the ideas that are being banded about – seeding the big teams, pushing back the final kick-off from the traditional 3pm – don't affect Non-League clubs, some will.

The scrapping of replays for instance would be a crying shame. If a minnow manages to defy the odds and draw at a Football League stadium then they have earned the right for a crack on their home patch.

Those who say the FA Cup has lost its magic are a little wide of the mark. There is a case when Premier League clubs are resting players but the buzz is still there in the roots of the game. So often we hear about it being the best competition in the world and with good reason.

Brodie may have missed out on his dream of scoring in front of 75,000 fans by a lick of paint, but next season he and thousands of other lower league footballers will be having another go at making FA Cup history. Matt Badcock



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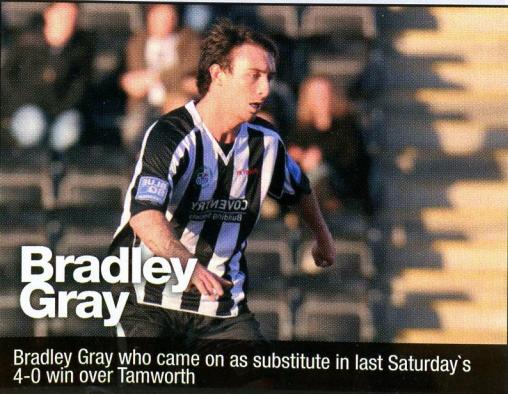


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Scott Bartlett	4 (3)	1		
Ian Herring	10 (2)	1	- (1)	
Luke Jones	33	2	3	
Craig Armstrong	20	3		
Lee Smith	6 (4)			
Mike Fowler	18 (2)	2		
Reece Styche	29 (1)	12	2	1
Ross Dyer	13 (5)	3	2	
Steve Davies	- (6)			
Ollie Cleaver	- (1)			
James Baldwin	1 (3)		- (1)	
Callum Henry	-			
Lee Fowler	11			
Jon Else	5 (12)	1	- (2)	
James Norwood	11	2		
Yan Klukowski	28 (3)	6	3	1
Gavin Caines	23 (7)	2	2	
Zak Jones	-		1	
Jamie Grimes	4 (1)			
Curtis McDonald	15 (1)	3		
Ben Gill	2 (1)			
Ben Watson	6 (1)	1		
Malvin Kamara	1 (1)		1 (1)	
Chris Flood	5			
Liam Head	- (4)		- (2)	
Gary Mills	1 (1)	1		
Liam Enver-Marum	7 (6)		2	
Wayne Turk	14 (2)		2 (1)	
Bradley Gray	2 (5)			
Adam Quinn	6	1	2	
Steve Guinan	7 (5)	4	1	
Kieron Forbes	10 (2)			
Chris Allen	1 (2)			
Danny Hall	9			
Matt Somner	5			
Chris Stokes	3			
Own Goals	1			



Chris Stokes

Last Saturday saw us record our best win of the season beating Tamworth. It was a tremendous team performance with a number of candidates for Man of the Match. Match Sponsors, Reynolds Blinds, eventually went for Chris Stokes, for another outstanding display and Chris is seen receiving his reward from the Children and Guests of Reynolds Blinds. The Man of the Match Awards are sponsored by EESI and we thank them for their continued support.



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Supporters Club News

Good Evening and welcome to The New Lawn,

Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all those connected with Luton Town who have travelled to the game tonight. At the beginning of the season looking at this fixture, you would expect Luton to be one of the teams who will bring a large away following to The New Lawn and hopefully they will have turned out in force tonight to ensure a bumper crowd. After Saturday's disappointing turnout, it would be good to see numbers rising again.

With all the focus at present being the absence of red meat from the stadium, Saturday against Tamworth acted as a reminder what we are all here for... the football. Although admittedly, Tamworth looked below par, some of our attacking play was the best we've been all season. It was great to see so many attacking options on the pitch and it was great to see Ross bagging a brace. Following his early season injury set back, he's become a consistent performer, and although probably not scoring as many as he would like (having to sacrifice opportunities when playing on the wing), his effort and work rate do not go unnoticed, his leap & heading ability are also a great asset for the team. Combined with both Reece & Steve Guinan getting on the score sheet, it was a great team performance... which will hopefully be followed up this evening.

No doubt many of our fans will remember the humiliating defeat suffered at the hands of Luton earlier this season, however, the team has matured and evolved since then and we're sure we'll hold a much better account of ourselves this evening. We are also fortunate enough to welcome back Alex Lawless to The New Lawn for a second time this season, but hopefully he won't put in as good a performance as he did when playing for York City!

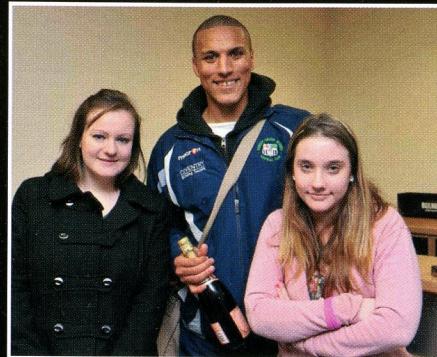
We'd also like to extend our thanks to all those who put in the hard labour from the early hours of Saturday to ensure our game against Tamworth was played, as we're sure some won't appreciate the true state the pitch was in and to get the game played was no mean feat.

Having seen all our games both home and away so far this season, Luton have so far represented the best attacking force we've seen this year (even when compared to Crawley) and they ripped us apart when we visited them so our defence will have to be at the top of their game. We're sure Jonesy' will have the lads up for the challenge.

Finally, if you fancy a trip to Wrexham on Saturday, pop into the club shop to see Sam.

Come on Rovers,
Sam & Jamie

GAVIN CAINES



The hardy band of travelling supporters who made the long trip to Grimsby Town last Tuesday evening voted Gavin Caines their Man of the Match and Gavin was presented with his bottle of champagne following last Saturday's game against Tamworth. Making the presentation to Gavin is Bev King and Jasmine Reid

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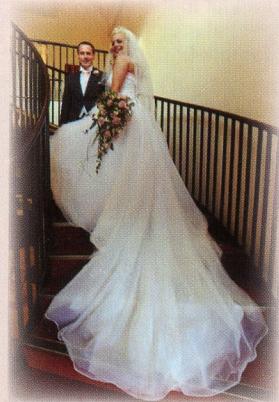
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Pedigree

Match by Match 2010-11

Date	Opposition	Venue	Score	Att	Pos	Referee	Assistant Referee	Fourth Official
Saturday 14 August	Mansfield Town	Away	1-3	2474	24	Bittner	(L) Jones	Armstrong
TUESDAY 17 AUGUST	WREXHAM	HOME	3-0	1216	9	Bittner	Herring	(L) JONES 1
SATURDAY 21 AUGUST	GATESHEAD	HOME	1-1	882	8	Bittner	Herring	(L) Jones
Tuesday 24 August	Hayes & Yeading United	Away	4-3*	286	4	Bittner	Herring	Jones
SATURDAY 28 AUGUST	BATH CITY	HOME	0-0	1464	8	Bittner	Herring	(L) Jones
Monday 30 August	Crawley Town	Away	0-1	1458	11	Bittner	Bartlett	Herring
SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	SOUTHPORT	HOME	0-0	1064	13	Bittner	Herring	(L) Jones
Saturday 11 September	Darlington	Away	0-3	1520	18	Bittner	Herring	(L) Jones
Saturday 18 September	Barrow	Away	0-3	1246	19	Bittner	Bartlett	Herring
TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	HOME	3-4	709	19	Bittner	Bartlett	HERRING 1
SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	KETTERING TOWN	HOME	0-2	779	21	Bittner	Bartlett	Herring
Tuesday 28 September	Newport County	Away	1-3	2677	22	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 2 October	AFC Wimbledon	Away	1-1	3204	22	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER	GRIMSBY TOWN	HOME	3-3	1007	22	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER	HISTON	HOME	0-1	741	23	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Tuesday 19 October	Luton Town	Away	1-6	5704	23	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER	MAIDENHEAD UNITED (FAC4QR)	HOME	1-0	580	---	(Z) Jones	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER	YORK CITY	HOME	2-1	792	23	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FAC1R)	HOME	0-3	1479	---	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Tuesday 9 November	Eastbourne Borough	Away	0-0	722	23	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER	MANSFIELD TOWN	HOME	2-1	767	22	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 20 November	Gateshead	Away	1-1	601	20	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	HOME	2-2	642	20	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 11 December	Cambridge United (FAT 1R)	Away	1-2	1045	--	Bittner	Hodgkiss	Bartlett
Tuesday 28 December	Bath City	Away	4-2	1222	17	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) JONES 1
Saturday 1st January	Kidderminster Harriers	Away	0-1	1370	19	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
MONDAY 3 JANUARY	CRAWLEY TOWN	HOME	0-3	1027	19	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 8 JANUARY	FLEETWOOD TOWN	HOME	1-0	762	18	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 22 January	York City	Away	1-2	2468	19	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
TUESDAY 25 JANUARY	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	HOME	1-1	687	19	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 29 January	Fleetwood Town	Away	0-2	1335	20	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	HOME	1-0	787	18	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
Saturday 12 February	Southport	Away	0-4	1006	19	Bittner	Hodgkiss	(L) Jones
SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY	DARLINGTON	HOME	1-1	851	19	Bittner	(L) Jones	Styche
Tuesday 22 February	Grimsby Town	Away	1-1	2401	19	Bittner	(L) Jones	STYCHE 1
SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY	TAMWORTH	HOME	4-0	681	18	Bittner	(L) Jones	STYCHE 1
TUESDAY 1 MARCH	LUTON TOWN	HOME						
Saturday 5 March	Wrexham	Away						
Tuesday 8 March	Rushden & Diamonds	Away						
SATURDAY 12 MARCH	BARROW	HOME						
Tuesday 15 March	Altrincham	Away						
SATURDAY 19 MARCH	NEWPORT COUNTY	HOME						
Saturday 26 March	Cambridge United	Away						
Saturday 2 April	Histon	Away						
SATURDAY 9 APRIL	ALTRINCHAM	HOME						
SATURDAY 16 APRIL	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	HOME						
Saturday 23 April	Kettering Town	Away						
MONDAY 25 APRIL	AFC WIMBLEDON	HOME						
Saturday 30 April	Tamworth	Away Kick-Off 5.15pm						

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A complete breakdown of Forest Green Rovers playing record during 2010-2011

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Tables & Fixtures

Blue Square Bet Premier Division League Table

(Up to and Including Saturday 26th February)

	HOME					AWAY					PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
AFC Wimbledon	35	13	3	2	38	11	8	4	5	29	26	70
Crawley Town	30	12	1	2	35	14	8	6	1	23	8	67
Wrexham	34	8	6	2	24	17	8	5	5	25	20	59
Luton Town	30	11	3	2	42	13	6	4	4	17	13	58
Kidderminster Harriers *	35	12	3	3	32	19	5	8	4	24	24	57
Fleetwood Town	35	8	8	2	27	15	6	4	7	20	15	54
York City	32	8	4	2	20	7	5	5	8	20	31	48
Newport County	33	6	6	3	29	20	5	7	6	23	26	46
Rushden & Diamonds	31	8	2	6	23	17	5	5	5	21	22	46
Grimsby Town	32	6	7	2	25	15	5	5	7	26	27	45
Gateshead	31	6	5	4	17	15	6	4	6	29	26	45
Bath City	34	6	9	3	30	24	5	3	8	20	26	45
Darlington	31	8	5	3	24	10	2	9	4	14	18	44
Mansfield Town	31	6	3	6	29	27	6	4	6	26	24	43
Kettering Town	33	5	7	6	22	24	6	2	7	21	25	42
Tamworth	33	4	7	5	26	29	5	4	8	21	29	38
Cambridge United	34	5	5	7	27	23	4	5	8	16	27	37
Forest Green Rovers	33	6	7	4	24	20	2	4	10	15	36	35
Southport	32	7	4	5	29	18	1	4	11	9	26	32
Hayes & Yeading United	34	6	1	10	20	31	3	3	11	15	32	31
Barrow	32	6	5	6	23	19	0	6	9	11	32	29
Altrincham	33	4	5	7	17	26	3	3	11	14	42	29
Histon *	33	4	3	10	16	28	4	5	7	16	26	27
Eastbourne Borough	33	4	4	8	27	31	2	4	11	18	45	26

Tonight's Fixtures in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division

Tuesday 1 March

Darlington	v	Fleetwood Town
Forest Green Rovers	v	Luton Town
Hayes & Yeading United	v	AFC Wimbledon
Newport County	v	Cambridge United
Southport	v	Histon
York City	v	Gateshead

Wednesday 2 March

Tamworth	v	Kettering Town
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Saturday 5 March

Altrincham	v	Gateshead
Barrow	v	York City
Bath City	v	Kettering Town
Crawley Town	v	Histon
Darlington	v	Cambridge United
Eastbourne Borough	v	Southport
Grimsby Town	v	AFC Wimbledon
Luton Town	v	Kidderminster Harriers
Newport County	v	Fleetwood Town
Rushden & Diamonds	v	Hayes & Yeading United
Tamworth	v	Mansfield
Wrexham	v	Forest Green Rovers

on the road with The Rovers to.... The Racecourse Ground the home of Wrexham

Following tonight's home clash with Luton Town we face another ex-Football League club, Wrexham, this coming Saturday and what a game it promises to be.

Despite off the field turmoil which has gone on virtually all season, Reds Manager, Dean Saunders, has done a superb job in guiding his side into the play-offs and only last Tuesday evening they pulled off a tremendous away victory at league leaders AFC Wimbledon, a win which took the North Wales club up into third spot before the weekend's latest round of league games. This came, though, after a difficult start to this season's campaign which after an opening day home victory over Cambridge United, in front of over 4000 people, Wrexham came to The New Lawn for our first home game of the season. Ninety minutes later they left shell-shocked after a powerful display from the home side gained a comfortable 3-0 win for ourselves. There was even a spell, for a few weeks after when the fans were calling for the Manager to be dismissed but Saunders remained defiant and gradually began to turn the team's fortunes around. Meanwhile, off the pitch, things were beginning to get a little heated, with most of the fans dissatisfaction aimed at Geoff Moss and Ian Roberts the Club's Owner and Chairman. At the last home game against Gateshead there was a fans demonstration and this has resulted in the Owner coming forward and confirming that he is willing to sell to a Fans Trust as soon as possible. All the turmoil on the pitch led to an amazing scoreline in that game and eventually visiting Gateshead couldn't believe their luck and ran out 7-2 winners. It is to be hoped that things will now begin to settle down as the Fans and several well known and respected members of the local community, try to get together to thrash out a deal that will see them as the new owners in what they hope will be a Community run Club. We certainly wish them luck with that aim.

We could in fact turn up on Saturday and be faced with the prospect of playing in front of a huge crowd as the fans leaders are all trying to get as many people down to the Racecourse as possible to support their team this weekend. They are aiming to get around ten thousand fans to the game and what a prospect that would be for our very own players, to play in front of such a huge crowd. Wrexham's home record is a formidable one with just two defeats at the Racecourse all season. Out of their sixteen home matches

played they have won exactly half, and drawn six, while they have been by AFC Wimbledon (1-2) and then that amazing game against Gateshead a week last Saturday. In the Wrexham ranks are former Rovers players Andy Mangan and Lee Fowler and Lee, in fact, got through his first ninety minutes for his new club, in that excellent 1-0 victory at AFC Wimbledon last Tuesday. Mangan, meanwhile after a slowish start, has began to pick up and is now starting to score the goals that we all know he is capable of. A couple of weeks ago at Crawley Town he scored both first half goals as Wrexham went in at the interval 2-0 up but a Matt Tubbs second half hat-trick put paid to any hopes that his side had of causing a shock victory. To give you just a little idea of how big a club Wrexham are, or could be again, it was only in the 2004/2005 season that they were winning the LDV Vans Trophy Final and their honours list is pretty impressive. They were Third Division Champions in 1977/78, Runners Up in 1992/93, finished third in season 2002/2003 but still won promotion. They have won the Welsh Cup twenty three times and been runners up twenty two times and won the FAW Premier Cup five times and been runners up three times.

In 1975/76 they were Quarter-Finalists in the European Cup Winners Cup and have also reached the quarter finals of the F.A. Cup three times and the League Cup twice. As you can see Wrexham are a club steeped in tradition and we should all be looking forward to our trip there this coming Saturday.

Wrexham have played at their Racecourse Stadium since September 1872 and the record attendance is 34,445 who in 1957 watched Manchester United in an F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie.

We have the following details on admission prices for Saturday's game and they are as follows.

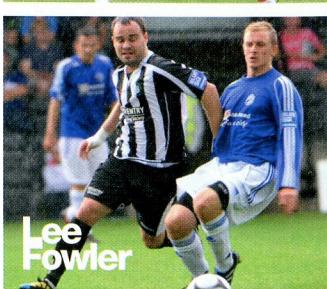
ON THE DAY Adults £ 17.00, Senior Citizens and Young Persons (16-21) £ 12.00 and Under 16's £ 5.00

TICKETS PURCHASED BEFORE THE DAY OF THE GAME via Online or via the Club Shop are Adults £ 14.00, Senior Citizens and Young Persons (16-21) £ 10.00 and Under 16's £ 5.00 but all children Under the age of

7 will be admitted FREE.

So if you would like to pre-book call the Wrexham website is www.wrexhamafc.co.uk and then just follow the link or you can telephone the Club Shop on 01978 262129.

Forest Green Rovers fans will be situated in the Yale Stand which is a seated stand and the Club produce a 48 page, full colour, B5 Matchday Programme which they sell for £ 2.50





Dursley Male Voice Choir

Saturday 12th March

6.30pm-10pm

£10 per person, to include a ploughman's

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Senior Citizens Lunch

Monday 7th March

12-4pm

At Five Valleys Conference Centre,
Forest Green Rovers

£6.95 per person includes a two course set
lunch, bingo and a sing a long

To book please call 01453 837431



Mothers Day Lunch

Sunday 3rd April—12-2pm

Complimentary spa session for every MUM!!

2 courses for only:

Adults £14.95 Children £7.95

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Next Up at The New Lawn

Dateline Saturday 12 March 2011
Kick-Off 3.00pm

Competition Match
Blue Square Bet Premier Division
Forest Green Rovers versus Barrow

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

What a game we have in store here at The New Lawn for our next home game. Another, nail-biter 'six-pointer' awaits when the Bluebirds of Barrow will be visiting the New Lawn for our latest Blue Square Bet Premier Division encounter.

Barrow have certainly lost their form at the wrong end of the season and after appearing to be quite comfortable earlier in the season they now find themselves sitting in the bottom four before last Saturday's games. Since the end of November they have suffered a terrible run playing twelve league games, winning just one of them, drawing five and losing six taking just eight points from a possible thirty six.

If you look at the goalscoring records then you will see where it appears many of their problems are with the team just scoring thirty two league goals so far this season, only Altrincham have found the back of the net on less occasions. However, they lost their leading goalscorer Jason Walker around November time, to Luton Town, and he had already fired home eleven goals. Since then loan signing, Lewis Almond from Blackpool, has scored four while Nick Chadwick has three goals to his name and they are the leading goalscorers for the Bluebirds.

Barrow will also arrive in Gloucestershire with the worst away record in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division this season. Prior to their trip to Crawley Town last Saturday they had not managed an away victory all season and had taken just six points from their fourteen league games to date. They had suffered eight defeats including heavy losses at Rushden & Diamonds (5-0), Gateshead (3-0) and Histon, Cambridge United and Darlington all 3-1.

Barrow are also the current F.A. Carlsberg Trophy holders, beating Stevenage Borough

in the Final last season, but there will be a new name on this season's Trophy when they suffered a surprising first round defeat, in the first round, at home to Blue Square Bet North Division, Guiseley, who were 3-0 up after just half an hour of the game. Although Barrow replied with two goals they went out of the competition, at the first hurdle, beaten 3-2 by the Yorkshire side who by co-incidence entertained tonight's visitors Luton Town in the quarter-final last Saturday.

There was also huge disappointment for them in the F.A. Cup when they were drawn away at EvoStik Premier Division side FC United. Hopes of a long run were ended at the first hurdle when the underdogs recorded a splendid 1-0 win over their Conference opponents.

We have met Barrow on three previous occasions and we have a good record against them. The first time we played them came in season 1998/99 when a Dave Mehew goal gave us a 1-1 draw in front of 404 spectators. We didn't meet then for ten years until the 2008/2009 and goals from Adriano Rigollioso and Andy Mangan gave us a 2-0 victory and then last season in a vital game, which took place towards the end of the season a terrific left foot shot from Lee Morris settled the game in favour of ourselves by a single goal to nil. Let's just hope that we can keep the good record going when the Bluebirds are here in just under a couple of weeks time.

Adriano Rigollioso and Andy Mangan were on target for the Rovers in the 2008/09 season helping us to a 2-1 win



Lee Morris hit a terrific winner in last season's 1-0 win

Barrow's Joint Manager, Darren Sheridan and Dave Bayliss will be hoping that the Bluebirds can break their away duck on the road



Lewis Almond and Nick Chadwick leading goalscorers for Barrow



on view tonight at The New Lawn

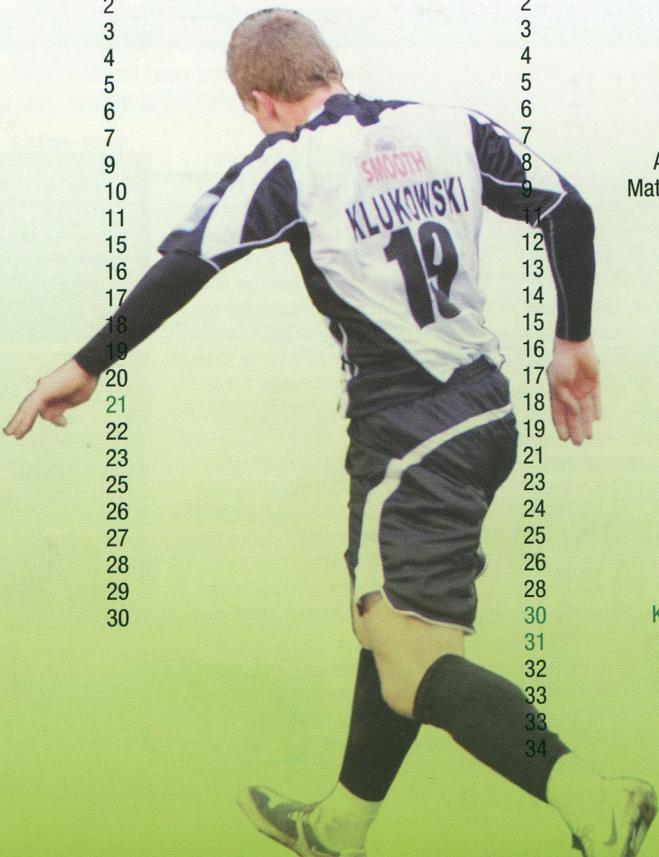


FOREST GREEN ROVERS

James Bittner (G/K)	1
Jared Hodgkiss	2
Scott Bartlett	3
Ian Herring	4
Luke Jones	5
Craig Armstrong	6
Lee Smith	7
Reece Styche	9
Ross Dyer	10
Steve Davies	11
Callum Henry	15
Danny Hall	16
Jonathan Else	17
Chris Stokes	18
Yan Klukowski	19
Gavin Caines	20
Zak Jones (G/K)	21
Bradley Gray	22
Jeffrey Imdia	23
Wayne Turk	25
Steve Guinan	26
Kieron Forbes	27
Matt Somner	28
Liam Enver-Marum	29
Chris Allen	30

MANAGER

David Hockaday



TONIGHT'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Richard Martin Assistant Tom Harty Assistant Alan Raggett Fourth Official Paul Tyler

coming soon to The New Lawn... FOREST GREEN ROVERS v BARROW

SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2011, KICK OFF 3.00PM

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER DIVISION



LUTON TOWN



Mark Tyler (G/K)	1
Daniel Gleeson	2
Fred Murray	3
Keith Keane	4
Luke Graham	5
George Pilkington	6
Adam Newton	7
Amari Morgan-Smith	8
Matthew Barnes-Homer	9
Robbie Willmott	11
Shane Blackett	12
Zdenek Krocat	13
Alex Lawless	14
Jake Howells	15
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16
Paul Carden	17
Claude Gnapka	18
Danny Crow	19
Charlie Henry	21
Jason Walker	23
Alex Lacey	24
Godfrey Poku	25
Jonathan O'Donnell	26
Adam Watkins	28
Kevin Pilkington (G/K)	30
Lewis Kidd (G/K)	31
Jordan Patrick	32
Cauley Woodrow	33
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Lloyd Owusu	34

MANAGER

Richard Money