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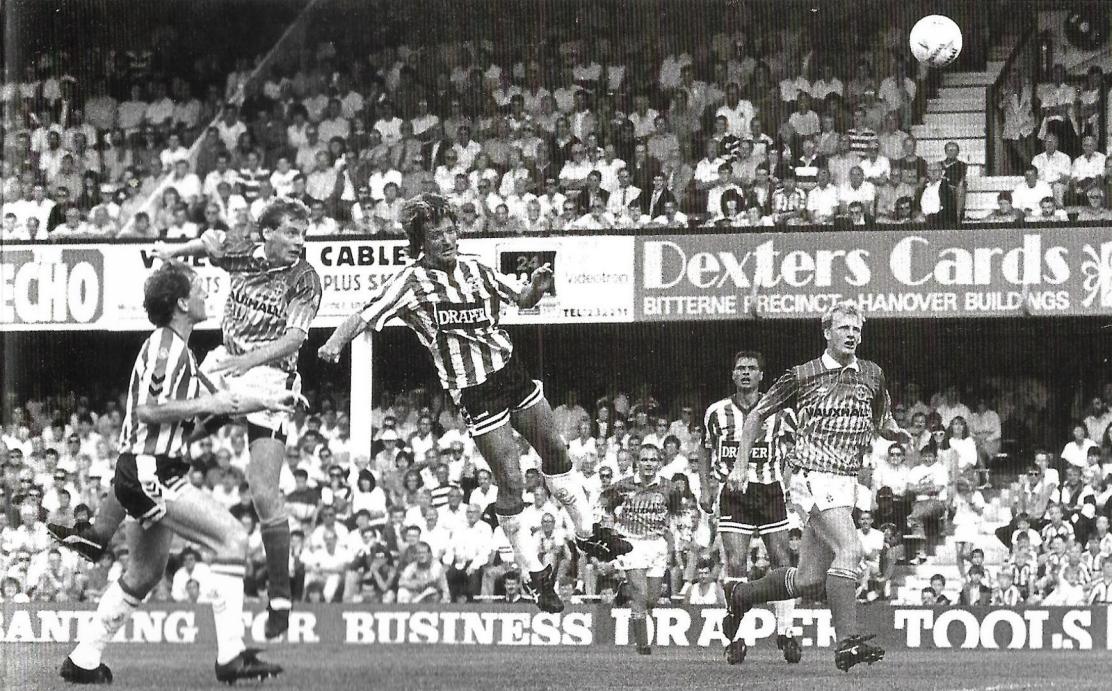


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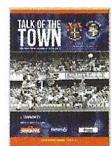
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# MONEY TALK

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the this evening's rearranged game against Tamworth in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Des Lyttle, his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of Tamworth to Bedfordshire and hope they have a safe journey home.

A lot has changed at Tamworth since we lost 3-1 at the Lamb back in August with Gary Mills departing for York City.

Our defeat that day was one of the most disappointing performances of the season where we failed to build on an equaliser scored just after halftime.

At the time, our visitors tonight were high on confidence and were flying in the league and now they face an altogether different challenge of fighting for their status in this league.

Des has done a terrific job under difficult circumstances and continues to pull off fine results: a 3-1 victory over Kettering last week and an excellent win at Barrow the week before stand-out in particular.

We will have to guard against their threat tonight but I am sure they will want to leave Kenilworth Road having not been beaten.

That gives us another challenge tonight. The challenge for us is much bigger because every game is a cup final for us.

However it's a cup final for every team we play against too so the intensity we have to play at is of a far higher which puts a strain on everyone. It's difficult for teams to play at such level for 60

games a season but we've continued to play football the right way.

We're playing Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday, Tuesday and it's difficult to keep raising the level of people's mentality, not physically but mentally.

It's inevitable that in certain stages in the season individual players will just go slightly off the boil but there are a whole host of things that effect performance.

The only things I can control is the way players perform technically, tactically and physically on any given day and then there are things I can't control but we deal with in the best way possible.

It's very important when some players are not quite at their best to give them time to recover but at the same time we have to try and make sure we keep winning too.

It was obviously frustrating not to earn more than a point against Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday.

I thought we were the much better team and I thought we played well enough to win quite comfortably.

After the defeat to Fleetwood and draw at Newport I said if you don't score the second goal you are always open to a team making you pay.

Kidderminster's goal was an accumulation of three or four mistakes and that put us on the back foot but I thought we played exceptionally well up until we scored.

In the period between our goal and their

equaliser I thought we were very sloppy and that's ended up costing us but from 1-1 onwards we've dominated and played well but couldn't get the winner.

Obviously people are going to look at Crawley's results but we can't help that. If they keep winning nobody will catch them and they will finish with more points than Stevenage did last year.

They will see our result on Saturday and been given a boost but I'm sure there will be plenty of twists and turns before the end of the season. Crawley are away to Kidderminster tonight and play Wimbledon and ourselves later in the season.

I said after the game that since the New Year we have now played everyone in the top half of the table which suggests we've gone through a very difficult period of fixtures having played Kidderminster, Fleetwood, Wimbledon, Darlington, Grimsby, York, Gateshead, Newport and Bath.

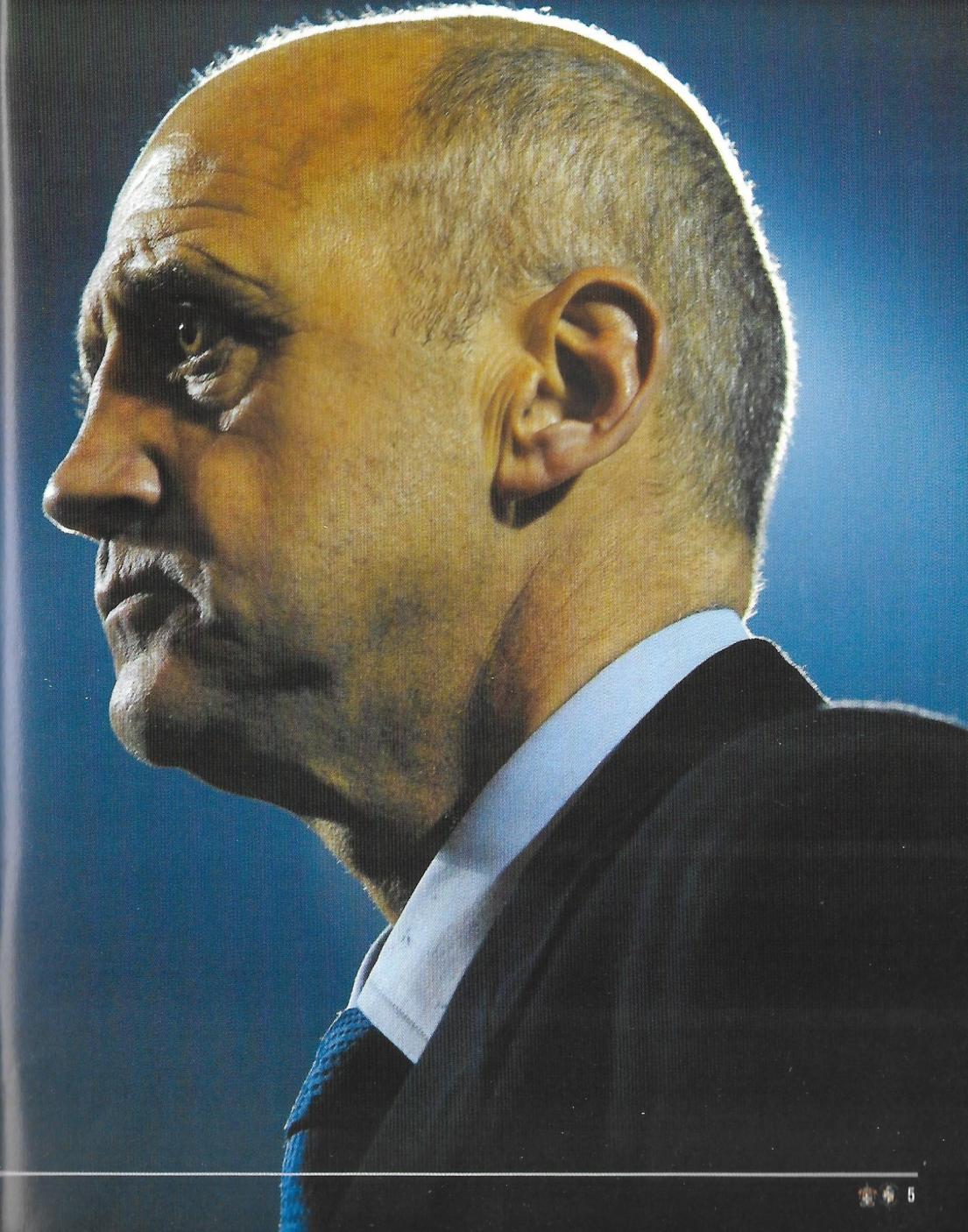
At this business end of the season we need to pull together as one. We have 14 games left to play and it's still all to play for.

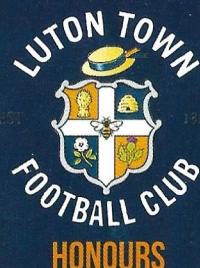
Tonight's game is important us but we know the kind of atmosphere you can generate here at Kenilworth Road under floodlights so please get behind the team.

Enjoy the game and keep believing.



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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to all supporters for tonight's game against Tamworth, and a warm welcome to the Tamworth players, staff and supporters who have made the journey down from the Midlands.

Games are now coming thick and fast through to the end of the season, with 14 league matches and 42 points up for grabs.

During the month of March we play some of the games in hand we have and by the end of the month there will be more sense to the league as the 'games played' starts to level out.

Tonight is another important game as we look to avenge the loss we suffered earlier in the season at the Lamb Ground.

It is yet another sad time for football when yet another club has entered administration. Our thoughts go out to Plymouth Argyle supporters - to go into administration and then be deducted points is a double blow. It remains to be seen how they exit from their predicament but we all know that this could lead to further sanctions, and if combined with relegation this can cause severe long-term issues.

Yet again we see the same story of extremely high wages that cannot be sustained by regular income.

Players' wages take large parts of most football clubs' income and this causes more and more clubs to live on the very edge of viability.

It is only right therefore that fans expect 110% effort from all players at all times. But this doesn't happen does it? From the national squad downwards, how often do you hear commentators say that 'he is off his game today', 'he's not been in the game', or 'he needs to rediscover his form'?

It is most young players dream to play professional football 50 or so times a season so surely fans across the country deserve maximum

effort from those that have this precious chance.

After all, you do not go to the theatre and expect some of the cast to be off form, or indeed a concert and expect the guitarist to be out of key. There is a difference, though, because if an actor was below standard too often he does not have the luxury of an unbreakable two, three, or even four-year contract to fall back on.

It is hard to perform at the peak of your ability, on command, 50 times a year. It requires dedication and commitment. However, with a cast-iron contract comes responsibility otherwise it would be a 'pay as you play' system.

Players like those at Plymouth know that they will be paid under the Football Creditors rule so there is no reason for boardroom incompetence to play on their minds as they try to get results to help the club on the pitch. Plymouth fans will see that to get through this everyone has to play their part to the maximum - players, fans and staff.

Whilst players receive the salaries they do, it is not they who should be blamed for the economic plight of the game. Understandably every player will do his hardest to secure the best financial future for himself and his family and no one can blame players for that. After all, their careers can be very unpredictable in length and salary levels.

However the directors who sanction football budgets, long contracts, and high salaries know exactly the position they place their clubs in. They have a legal duty to understand the finances of their business (at all times) and the impact their decisions have, so when they sign a new player, agree a contract renewal, or a bring in a new loanee, directors know exactly what they are doing.

It is amazing to see the debt Plymouth Argyle have and the amount of money needed just to see the season out. Then even more money will be required to give time for the problems to be worked through.

Whilst this money pit exists there will be a need for severe cost cutting and restructuring and dealing with all the issues that brings. It is a very long road indeed. A long road that the directors know full well they have created. They saw the problems loom, and yet still they failed to address them.

All too often finances are gambled on staying up, or gaining promotion, or a cup run, with no plan B should that not happen. Like our own club, it is all too easy for directors to walk away from the devastation they cause - sure they may get banned from being a director for a year or two, but does that really satisfy us as being a suitable punishment?

We have always said that in order to be a director of a football club you should have to have more at stake - people think differently when they are playing with their own money rather than the money of others.

We have suggested a 'bond' or financial deposit so if things do go badly wrong as the direct result of individual action, then the director concerned has something to lose - personally. I'm sure there are other suggestions but a solution must be found.

I am not talking about owners of clubs here who obviously put money into the business (well, mostly they do), but rather the majority of football club directors that have not invested their own money in the club and who are there to 'run the club' - all too often very badly and with little concern for supporters.

How long will it take the rulers of our game to realise that there are too many decision makers at football clubs who do not have to face up to the consequences of their actions and their decisions?

How long will they allow people to be part of the game but then cut and run when they cause a catastrophe?

How long will they allow the increasing number of failed club directors to laugh at fans who are left to pick up the pieces?

**Can our rulers not see that their very inaction is betraying the very fan-base that pays for the game in the first place? And the very fans that give the game its soul.**

Enjoy the game and sing up for the lads - your voice counts!



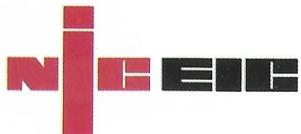
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## CAPTAIN SPEAKING

We were all disappointed not to pick up three points on Saturday when we were held by Kidderminster Harriers.

We knew it was going to be a tough game. As I eluded to in my programmes notes, Kidderminster are in fine form and have been beating a number of the top sides and would be above us in the table if it wasn't for a five-point deduction.

However, we make no excuses because we know we had chances to win the game and ultimately the one moment we switched off we allowed them to equalise.

After they pinched that goal they sat back and soaked up the pressure and as always is the case, it was frustrating not to break them down.

They were happy to take a point at that stage but to be fair to them in the first half they did show some enterprise going forward. We had to thank Mark Tyler and the crossbar to thank for that.

Our first half display was fantastic though and I thought we thoroughly deserved to be a goal up at halftime thanks to Matthew Barnes-Homer's superb strike.

It was a goal that epitomised what Matthew is all about. Great strength to muscle off his marker before blasting the ball home from an impossible angle. It was so impossible that for a few seconds the officials weren't sure if the ball had actually gone in despite the fact it had firmly hit the back of the net!

That was a bizarre incident and thankfully the goal quite rightly stood. I don't think any of us could believe it when the referee almost played on. The Kidderminster goalkeeper acted as though nothing had happened.

But we know we should have built on that goal and it was one of those points in time that we didn't want the halftime whistle to come.

Kidderminster were defending an unbeaten record stretching back eight games, six of which

they had won, so we knew they would come out all guns blazing in the second half.

The manager had warned us that if we didn't kill teams off then we are open to teams coming back to make it difficult for us.

Our record of keeping clean sheet this season has been excellent and while we know we are capable of scoring plenty of goals – as our goals for column shows – we need to start getting in the habit of getting that second goal.

We know that we are the team that everyone wants to beat and when we play at home we are the team everyone wants to frustrate.

Our opponents rarely get to play in front of 6,700 crowds and while ideally we'd like teams to freeze on the big stage, so to speak, it only seems to spur them on.

After Kidderminster equalised we had our best spell of the second half but it was difficult to break down a wall of 10 red shirts to find a winner.

Still it was another point but at this business end of the campaign we know all too well that we need to turn draws into victories.

At this stage last season we started a terrific sequence of results and we need to do that again if we are to keep the pressure on the two teams above us in the table.

We have 14 games left and 42 points left to play for. They'll be plenty of twists and turns yet, believe me.

Every team in the

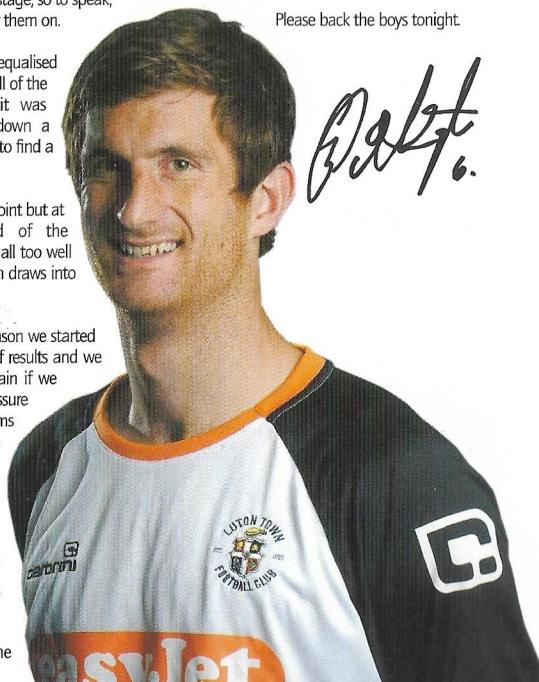
promotion race will have big games but we need to concentrate on ourselves and get our own house in order.

Winning is all we can do. We can't worry about other teams results. If we can do that then anything can happen.

It's Saturday-Tuesday every week until the end of the season so tonight gives us a quick opportunity to get back onto that winning thread.

We have plenty of midweek matches under the Kenilworth Road floodlights and while it's become a bit of a cliché we know the atmosphere on Tuesday nights here is something to saviour.

Please back the boys tonight.



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# HATTERS CHATTER

Kenilworth Road greeted 48 members of the Luton Town Supporters' Club of Scandinavia for Saturday's match with Kidderminster Harriers.

The contingent, made up of Town fans from Norway, Sweden and Iceland, were match sponsors for the day to celebrate their 20th anniversary of forming.

Club photographer Gareth Owen was a busy man as he pictured the group with the first team at the training ground on Friday morning before doing the same at Kenilworth Road.



The Hatters were also delighted to receive two cheques at halftime on Saturday.

Loyal Luton Town Supporters Club presented a cheque to the Hatters' Youth Development for £2,500 while Supporters of Luton Youth Development handed over a cheque to birthday boy Under-16 coach Wayne Turner for a whopping £10,000.



# INTRODUCING TAMWORTH

## HISTORY

Now in the 78th year since formation, a place in the top flight of non-league football is a far cry from the humble beginnings of Tamworth.

The demise of Tamworth Castle Football Club in 1933 left the town with no senior level football club, but a campaign involving a town businessman and the local newspaper duly set the wheels in motion to form another club, and so Tamworth was born.

The original ground on which the team played was next to the Jolly Sailor pub, but from 1934 onwards The Lamb became the club's new home, where they remain to this day.

Despite gaining entry to the Southern League in 1972, the club's fortunes went on a dramatic slide as the 1970s proved to be as cruel to Tamworth as the 1960s were kind.

The club returned to the West Midlands League and gradually found their feet again, eventually winning the Championship in 1988 and regaining their Southern League status after a gap of four years.

The following season however saw Tamworth go on to even greater things. The club reached the final of the FA Vase, and, on 6th May 1989 in front of a Wembley crowd of 26,487 they played out a 1-1 draw with Sudbury Town. A replay at Peterborough followed four days later, and the Lambs won 3-0.

In February 1995 Paul Hendrie was appointed to the managerial hot seat. He guided the Lambs to within a point of promotion. Things were suddenly looking more promising again, and in 1996/97 the Southern League Midland Division Championship that the Tamworth fans so craved was won by the remarkable margin of 26 points.

However, the seeds of more recent success were sown in January 2001, when former

European Cup winner Gary Mills was appointed manager.

The Lambs were languishing in the bottom four of the Dr Martens Premier Division at the time but in the space of just over a year he turned the club around, firstly by saving the club from the drop, and then by masterminding a fantastic Championship challenge in the 2001/02 season, which unfortunately ended in heartbreaking fashion on the final day.

However, just a few weeks later, Gary left Tamworth to take up the post of first team coach at Coventry City, and Tamworth moved swiftly to appoint his former assistant, Darren Gee, in the hot seat.

Gee guided the Lambs to the Southern League Championship with three weeks left of the season and also reached the final of the FA Trophy taking 12,000 fans to Villa Park in the process.

After a hard fought season in the Conference Gee resigned and joined Mills at Notts County and the club was quick to appoint former Birmingham City player Mark Cooper as the new manager.

However, the lack of progress in the league saw the duo leave The Lamb in January 2007. Their replacements were not unknown to Tamworth as Gary Mills was welcomed back to The Lamb, six years and seven days since he last took charge.

After a season of rebuilding, 2008/09 reaped the rewards with promotion to the back Conference National achieved with a game to spare.

Mills and Gee departed for York City in October 2010 and after a few games as caretaker manager, former Nottingham Forest defender Des Lyttle was officially handed the reign as the 41st Lambs manager at the end of November.



## MEET THE MANAGER:

### DES LYTTLE

Wolverhampton-born Des took control of first team management following Gary Mills' departure to York City in November 2011.

He started his career with Leicester City, but dropped into the non-leagues with Worcester City in 1991.

A good season earned him a move to Welsh side Swansea City, and in 1993 he moved on to Nottingham Forest.

After six years with the club, including a spell in the Premier League, he signed for Watford.

After just a season he switched to West Bromwich Albion but in 2003 he transferred to Northampton Town, and a year later he left the Football League for the second and final time, signing for Forest Green Rovers.

He transferred to Worcester City in 2005, before joining Tamworth in 2007. He scored against the Town in last season's 1-1 at the Lamb in April.



Tamworth arrive at Kenilworth Road this evening on the back of a 2-0 defeat at home to mid-table Mansfield Town on Saturday.

Whilst the Town were drawing 1-1 with Kidderminster the Lambs went down to second-half goals in the space of four minutes.

Former Luton loanee Ashley Cain broke the deadlock for the visitors after 65 minutes and shortly afterwards Louis Briscoe made sure of the points for the Stags.

It was Tamworth's third defeat on home soil in February but it came on the back of an impressive 3-1 win over Kettering Town in midweek.

The nature of the defeat, so soon after the win over the Poppies, was something that disappointed manager Des Lyttle.

"After the high of the win on Wednesday night, today was very disappointing," the former Nottingham Forest full-back told [www.thelambs.co.uk](http://www.thelambs.co.uk) after the match. "Both the performance and the result were not good enough."

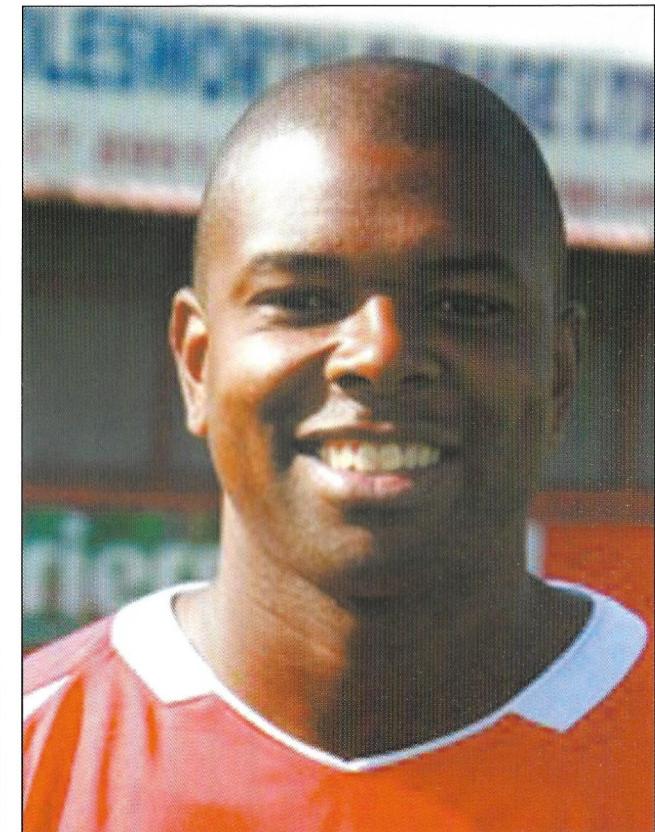
"The dressing room spirit was great before the game and I thought a 0-0 draw would have been a fair result. But as soon as they scored our heads went down and they broke and scored from our throw-in after we made a change to the side to try and get back into the game."

"We have got to learn to do better when one down and realise the game is not lost. I will be looking for a vast improvement on Tuesday night at Luton."

There will be 6,700 fans inside the ground and the good pitch is going to suit us so I want us to play the passing game we know we can and try and cause an upset."

At the end of August, with the season was just five games old, Tamworth inflicted Luton's first defeat of the season at the Lamb Ground to move up to eighth in the table.

Two of the Lambs five away wins have happened in the last six weeks, albeit against teams in the bottom four, and after Saturday Lyttle has called on the players to put together a run of positive results, starting by trying to do the double over the Hatters. There are 11 games to go this season and they



## DES LYTTLE

### LAMBS BOSS AFTER A RESPONSE TONIGHT

He added: "The players have to take responsibility for what happens on the field, everyone is watching them - friends, family, fans - and they deserve to see better. I have asked the lads to search within themselves and understand what it takes to be a footballer. There are 11 games to go this season and they

have to do better game to game.

"We don't seem to be able to put back to back performances in and that's the only way we are going to get any sort of consistency and, if necessary, grind out results - even if they are 0-0 draws."

# TAMWORTH

## GOALKEEPER

### LOUIS CONNOR

A highly rated young goalkeeper, Louis has played for the Lambs' Academy side and also featured for Wolverhampton Wanderers in their 2010/11 preseas

## DEFENDERS

### SCOTT BARROW

A Welsh under-23 international who signed for the Lambs from Port Talbot Town after relocating to the Midlands. He had been with Port Talbot since the age of 16 and was voted by his peers in the 2009/10 team of the season.

### DUANE COURTNEY

Duane started his career at Derby County as a schoolboy and later played for Birmingham City as a trainee. He played for AFC Telford United in 2004/05 season and after being named their Player of the Season he joined Burnley in the Football League. He was released and joined Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints in 2006. After three seasons he returned to England with Kidderminster Harriers in 2009 but left Aggborough after one season for York City, from where he joined The Lambs in February 2011.

### TOM MARSHALL

Tom signed in the summer of 2010 from Eastwood Town. He began his footballing career at Hedsor Town and made his firstteam debut as a 17-yearold before going on to make over 170 appearances for the Pitmen.

### AARON MITCHELL

Signed in March 2010 having previously been on the books at Nottingham Forest and Burton Albion.

### RICHARD TAIT

Signed on loan for the Lambs from Nottingham Forest at the end of March 2009. Richard had initially joined the Championship side from non-league Curzon Ashton in January 2008 and impressed in the Academy and reserve sides at Forest.

### MICHAEL WYLDE

Signed for the Lambs in the 2008 close season, impressing in defence in preseas friendlies. Michael came to Tamworth from Cheltenham Town.

### MIDFIELDERS

#### DANIEL BRADLEY

Previously a trainee with Aston Villa, Daniel joined the Lambs in the 2010/11 close season and signed on contract terms in October 2010.

#### MALVIN KAMARA

Malvin began his career at Wimbleton and moved with the Dons to Milton Keynes. After his release from MK he signed a one year deal with Cardiff City and had a loan spell at Port Vale.

twoyear deal at Huddersfield Town followed but last season was lost due to a bad injury. He trained with Bradford City, Forest Green Rovers and Stafford Rangers before signing for The Lambs in January 2011.

#### SEB LAKE-GASKIN

Now in his second season at The Lamb, ex-West Bromwich Albion midfiel Seb signed after impressing in the 2009/10 preseas.

#### NEIL MACKENZIE

After starting as career as a trainee at Stoke City in 1996 Neil has gone on to feature for a number of league and top flight non-league clubs since including Scunthorpe, Blackpool, Kidderminster, and Cambridge United. He joined Tamworth from Mansfield Town in the summer of 2009.



NEIL MACKENZIE

### JAKE SHERIDAN

Started his career at Notts County as a trainee and made his league debut under, then manager, Gary Mills. He went on to make around 30 appearances in his two seasons with the club before signing for Tamworth in the summer of 2007 after being released by County.

### JAY SMITH

A former Aston Villa trainee who made his name at Southend United and Notts County. He also had a successful loan at Oxford United and signed for Tamworth at the end of January 2010.

### DANNY THOMAS

Arrived at Tamworth, after a spell with Kettering Town, in the summer of 2010 with over 200 Football League appearances at Bournemouth, Boston United and Macclesfield Town to his name.

### TROY WALLEN

An exciting prospect from the Academy who signed forms early in the season.

### BEN WILKINSON

The son of Howard Wilkinson, Ben arrived at the Lamb a couple of weeks into the 2010/11 season. After progressing through the youth ranks at Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United and then Derby County he moved to Hull before making an impression at York City in 2008/09. His last club was Chester City, but was left without a club when they wound up in 2009/10.



BEN WILKINSON



JAY SMITH

### STRIKERS

#### JASON BRADLEY

Signed during the January 2011 transfer window, Jason's former clubs include Sheffield Wednesday, where he made one Carling Cup appearance under Brian Laws, Darlington, Mansfield Town and finally Brackley Town.

#### JEVAISE CHRISTIE

Jeaise came to The Lamb in January 2011 from Arnold Town where he was the club's leading goalscorer. A former Nottingham Forest Academy player, he had signed for Arnold at the start of the 2009/10 season.

#### AARON FARRELL

Aaron initially signed during the 2010/11 preseas friendlies but was released by Gary Mills. He regained his fitness and impressed

new manager Des Lytle to sign again in February 2011. He has previously featured for Sutton Coldfield Town and had two spells at Aggborough with Kidderminster Harriers.

#### KYLE PERRY

Signed in the 2010/11 close season from Mansfield having began his footballing career at Walsall at the age of 12. Kyle joined Telford United at 18 and scored 32 goals in 68 appearances for the Bucks. He then moved to Willenhall Town and netted over 30 times in one season. A tremendous FA Cup run with Chasetown resulted in him signing for Port Vale and after a season and a half at Vale Park he joined the Stags at the start of 2009/10.

#### ADI YUSUF

Signed in the January transfer window, Adi came to The Lamb from Leicester City on a one month loan.

# COMMERCIAL BREAK

As I mentioned in Saturday's programme we have had our foot flat to the floor in the commercial department taking bookings for corporate hospitality and I expect that to increase as the season continues.

Some of our high-profile fixtures have proved to be incredibly popular with match sponsor, ball sponsor and other commercial opportunities snatched up quickly and that is sure to be the case as the season nears its exciting climax.

With a number of new players signed by Richard Money over the summer we have also been busy taking enquiries for the kit sponsors - a number of which are still available for players' home and away shirts.

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Our game against Kidderminster Harriers at the weekend was popular with a number of guests enjoying our range of hospitality available. Gareth Owen was standing by to capture the fun.



Mascot Jay Champkins with Mark Tyler and Kevin Pilkington.



Mascot Mitchell Jefferson pictured with George Pilkington.



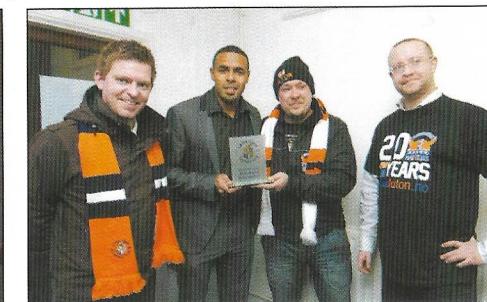
Mitchell and Jay line up with the captains, officials and Happy Harry.



Brian Carter celebrated his birthday with his family with some matchday hospitality.



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Luton Town Supporters Club of Scandinavia named Matthew Barnes Homer as man-of-the-match.

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### MONEY TALK

"It was an important game to win. We've only lost one league game since 11th November but the last two we've lost against Fleetwood and drawn with Newport so it was important that we got three points tonight. Hopefully the fans understand that the pitches at the minute aren't easy to play on; we are trying to play and we will continue to play, but sometimes the players have got to do what they've got to do to make sure we win."

### LINE-UPS

**Forest Green Rovers:** Bittner, Jones, Sytche, Dyer, Hall, Forbes, Stokes, Klukowski (sub Guinan 66), Caines, Turk (sub Enver Marum 85), Forbes, Sommer. **Subs not used:** Armstrong, Gray, Imlouda.

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Murray, G. Pilkington, Kroca, Graham, Willmott (sub Carden 63), Keane, Howells, Gnakpa, Barnes-Homer (sub Crow 63), Owusu. **Subs not used:** Morgan-Smith, Poku, K. Pilkington.

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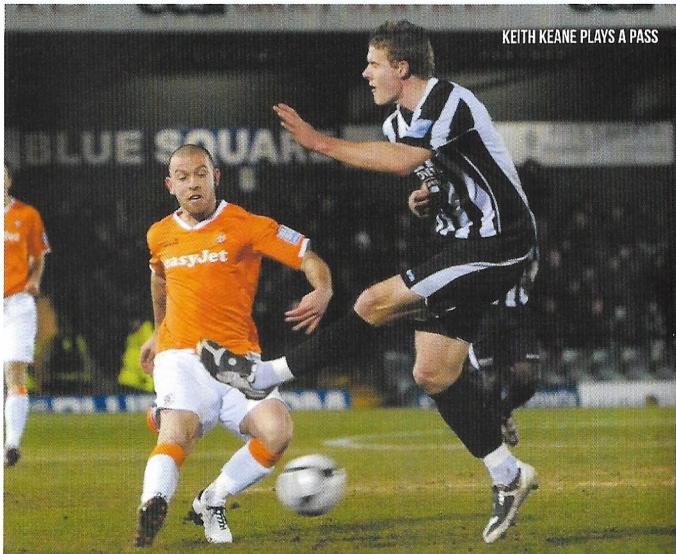
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### MAN OF THE MATCH

KEITH KEANE

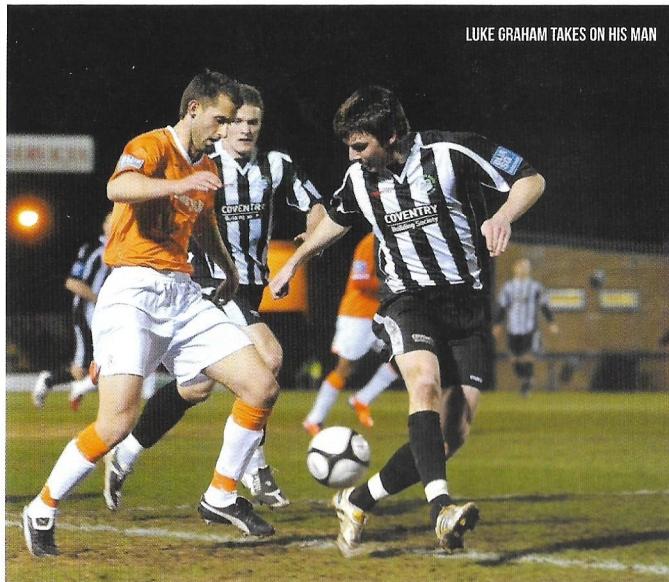
On a difficult pitch with patches of sand making up most of the playing surface, the Hatters' number 4 display in the centre of the park was the highlight of a game dominated by the two midfielders.



KEITH KEANE PLAYS A PASS



CLAUDE GNAKPA HEADS GOALWARDS



LUKE GRAHAM TAKES ON HIS MAN



GOALSCORER LLOYD OWUSU HEADS THE BALL ON

### MATCH REPORT

Lloyd Owusu's fifth goal in seven games earned the Hatters a valuable three points to lift them back into third place in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Against an in-form Forest Green the Town striker poked home from 10 yards seven minutes before the break with the ball bobbling past home stopper James Bittner.

It was Rovers who pressed in the early stages as they peppered the Hatters' goal with a number of efforts from range.

It was a shot just two minutes in that caused the Town most alarm when Reece Sytche's 25-yarder had Mark Tyler diving down to his right to prevent the hosts taking the lead.

It took the Hatters some time to get going but when they did they showed their class. On 21 minutes a Keith Keane cross saw Claude Gnakpa head wide.

Back came Rovers though, and a mix-up between Tyler and George Pilkington on the edge of the box invited Yann Klukowski to loft the ball goalwards his shot just cleared the crossbar.

That close shave woke the Hatters up and they were inches away from taking the lead four minutes later when Freddie Murray's low shot from the edge of the penalty area cannoned off the inside of the post before bouncing to safety.

Owusu headed wide on 36 minutes following good work from Gnakpa before the striker grabbed the all-important goal two minutes later.

Matthew Barnes-Homer and Gnakpa combined well down the right with the Frenchman laying the ball off in the box for Owusu to poke home a shot that bounced awkwardly past Bittner and over the line.

Jake Howells almost played in Barnes-Homer four minutes after the interval and the Hatters thought the hosts should have been reduced to 10 men on 50 minutes when Owusu strode clear only to be brought down by Luke Jones.

Rovers upped the ante in search of an equaliser with Sytche again the Town's tormentor but Klukowski spurned a decent chance to make it one apiece on 53 minutes when he headed a Ross Dyer cross wide.

The long legs of Zdenek Kroca denied a Dyer shot on 55 minutes but as both sides contrived to give away possession, it wasn't until three minutes before full-time that another worthwhile chance was created when Bittner stuck out an arm to brilliantly deny substitute Danny Crow from making it 2-0.

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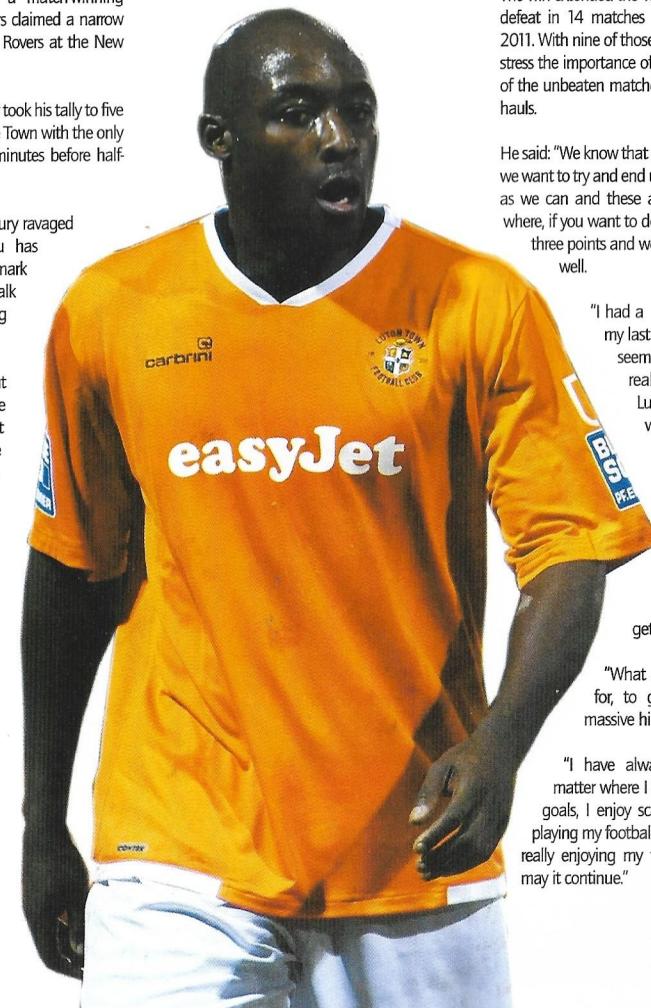
Lloyd Owusu turned in a match-winning performance as the Hatters claimed a narrow 1-0 win over Forest Green Rovers at the New Lawn last Tuesday.

The former Brentford striker took his tally to five goals in seven starts for the Town with the only goal of the game seven minutes before half-time.

After returning from an injury ravaged stay in Australia, Owusu has been quick to make his mark back in England and told Talk of the Town he is just doing what he is 'paid to do'.

"It was a tough game but we knew we had to be resolute and get a result and that's what we have done," he told Hatters Player afterwards. "We came here, we kept a good base, a good shape and got the three points, that's the main thing."

"You have just got to be there as a striker, that's what I'm paid to do - to score goals. It was good movement between Barnesy and Claude, Claude then saw me, I just had my back to the goal, took it to my left and it went through the goalkeeper's legs and into the back of the net, so happy days."



The win extended the Town's run to just one defeat in 14 matches in all competitions in 2011. With nine of those victories, Owusu can't stress the importance of making sure as many of the unbeaten matches result in three point hauls.

He said: "We know that it is all about ourselves, we want to try and end up as high up the table as we can and these are the type of places where, if you want to do that, you have to get three points and we have done that really well."

"I had a horrible 18 months at my last club in Australia but it seems to be turning around really nicely here with Luton, things are going well."

"I have a great bunch of team-mates, I'm scoring goals and hopefully there is an opportunity of getting promotion and the opportunity to get to Wembley."

"What else could a player ask for, to go from a low to a massive high?"

"I have always believed that no matter where I play I will always score goals, I enjoy scoring goals and enjoy playing my football, so at the moment I'm really enjoying my football and hopefully may it continue."

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BARNES-HOMER 27

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**BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER****KENILWORTH ROAD, SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2011 ATT: 6,108**

## MONEY TALK

"We were the much better team and I thought we played well enough to win quite comfortably but we've said over the recent games if you don't score the second goal then something like that can happen and their goal is an accumulation of three or four mistakes and that put us on the back foot."

## LINE-UPS

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kroca, Murray, Gnakpa, Carden, Keane, Howells (sub Morgan-Smith 82), Owusu, Barnes-Homer. **Subs not used:** Graham, Crow, Poku, K. Pilkington.

**Kidderminster Harriers:** Lewis, Williams, Shaw, Albrighton, Briggs (sub Morris 76), McPhee, Sharpe, Briscoe, Blair, Gittings, Canham (sub Matt 87). **Subs not used:** Vaughan, Wright, Stevens.

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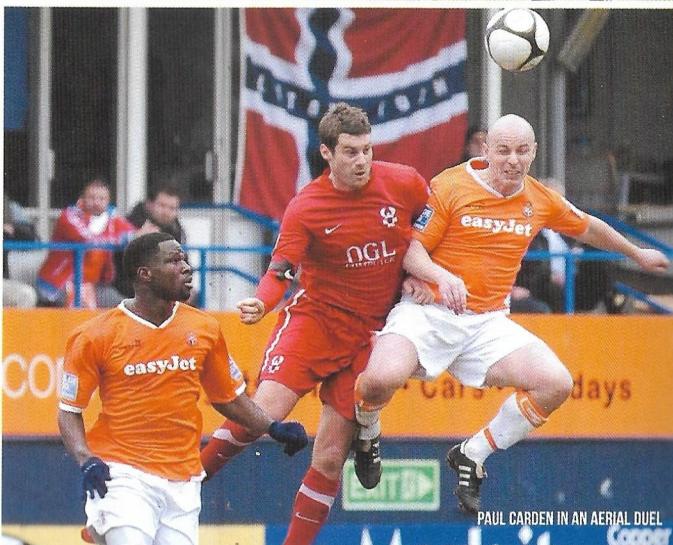
## SPONSORS' MAN OF THE MATCH

**MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER**

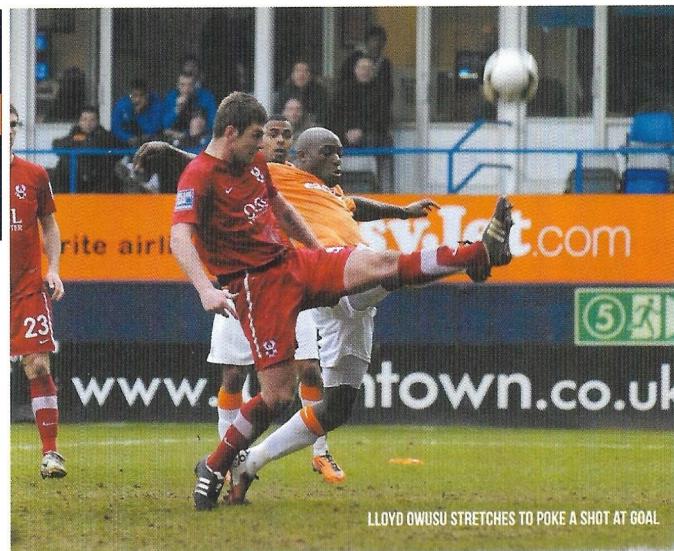
The former Harrier was in exceptional form against his old club, from the first minute he was a constant threat and he capped his performance with a fantastic finish to give the Town the lead.



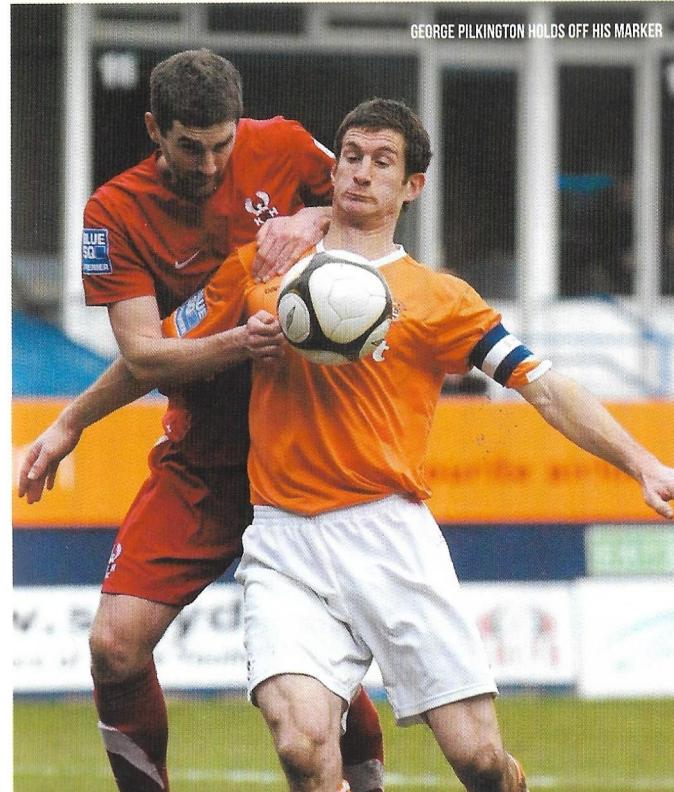
CLAUDE GNAKPA WINS A HEADER



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LLOYD OWUSU STRETCHES TO POKE A SHOT AT GOAL



GEORGE PILKINGTON HOLDS OFF HIS MARKER

## MATCH REPORT

The Hatters had to settle for a point despite Matthew Barnes-Homer's goal against his former employers at Kenilworth Road.

The Town began the brighter and could have had a penalty as early as the opening 20 seconds when Lloyd Owusu went down in the box but instead was booked by referee Rob Whittom.

Owusu came close to opening the scoring on four minutes with a fine low drive that headed towards the bottom corner of Daniel Lewis' near post but the Harriers goalkeeper was equal to the striker's effort.

It was shaping up to be an entertaining end-to-end encounter between two in-form sides and it was the Hatters who were playing the better football with Barnes-Homer and Jake Howells the main tormentors-in-chief. Barnes-Homer saw a halfvolley blocked after Zdenek Kroca had chested a Murray cross into his path as the Town continued to press.

However, Harriers should have been in front on 25 minutes when Matty Blair found space in the box to tee-up an unmarked Callum Gittings but the midfielder's header from five yards only found the hands of Mark Tyler.

That miss proved costly as two minutes later the Town were ahead. Dan Gleeson's pass found Barnes-Homer, who shrugged off his marker to lash home from an acute angle. Bizarrely it only took the referee to consult with his linesman that a goal had actually been scored to confirm the former Harrier's 15th goal of the season.

Harriers were still looking dangerous on the break and they came close to making it 1-1 on 37 minutes when Sean Canham hooked a shot onto the crossbar from four yards out. That close call spurred on the Town to end the first half well with Owusu unlucky to divert a Murray cross just wide of the post Barnes-Homer came close to make it 2-0 in stoppage time.

However all that good work in the first half was undone just seven minutes into the second half when Harriers drew level. Gittings' free-kick eluded the main group of players huddled in the penalty area before Chris McPhee stuck out a header at the backpost that found its way past Tyler.

The Town's response was good: Gnakpa, Barnes-Homer and Owusu all came close while Keith Keane saw a shot zoom over the crossbar on 67-minutes. But despite having plenty of the ball the Town failed to find another way past Lewis and it ended all square.

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# POST-MATCH REACTION

Left-back Freddie Murray was pleased to be back amongst familiar surroundings when he returned to Kenilworth Road in the recent 1-1 draw with Kidderminster Harriers.

Speaking after the game about his return from injury, the former Northampton defender explained to Talk of the Town: "It was my fourth game back now and three have been away so it was nice to get back to playing at home.

"We probably played a little bit more football than we have in the past few weeks, particularly in the first half, but we have all come off disappointed with the result.

"If you look at the first half with the chances we had, we should have probably been 3-1 up at half-time. I thought generally the better chances fell to us and we know we need to score when you are on top because you always know that the opposition could nick one.

"At the moment we are kind of in that situation where if we don't keep a clean sheet we're always liable not to win the games.

"This time last year we went on a run of scoring a lot of goals, I think we are creating the chances, the strikers are certainly good enough and I know eventually we will probably give someone a bit of a hiding but it's not quite falling for us.

"Another one today would have been nice, especially before half-time, it would have set us up nicely for the second half."

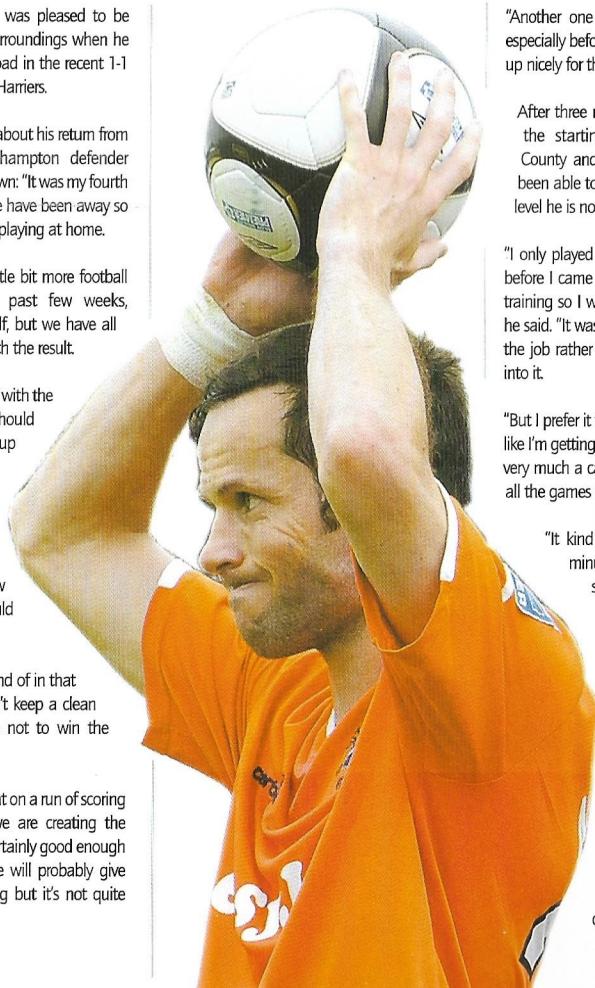
After three months out, Murray returned to the starting line-up away at Newport County and in a short space of time has been able to build up his match fitness to a level he is now satisfied with.

"I only played 60 minutes in a reserve game before I came back and then had a few days training so I was pretty much straight into it," he said. "It was a case of getting my fitness on the job rather than gradually being put back into it.

"But I prefer it that way to be honest and I feel like I'm getting a bit more fitness every day, it is very much a case of playing then resting with all the games we have coming up.

"It kind of dominates your life at the minute, as you go from one training session to another and then have a game and the cycle starts again but I think players prefer that.

"It was a disappointing result but we have got another game Tuesday to put it right, you can quickly put it to bed and don't dwell on it but move on if things don't go your way and if you win, well you can't wait for the next match, it can never come quickly enough."





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## ON-LOAN MIDFIELDER EYING SUCCESS

When Luton Town come calling there are few footballers at this level who would turn down the opportunity and new loan signing Paul Carden is no different.

The 31-year-old midfielder joined the Town last month, making his debut in the 1-1 draw at Newport just hours after the paperwork had gone through.

Joining a number of ex-U's in the Hatters' dressing room, Carden believes the move was a no brainer.

"Luton were the first team to approach once I got wind of what was going on at Cambridge," he told Talk of the Town.

"Once they made the decision to come in, for me, I'd made my mind up. A few clubs got wind

of it a little bit later on, but once Luton were in for me that was it."

"There were a couple of teams nearer home as I'm based in Liverpool, but I'm staying down in Luton now."

"That would have made life easier, but I want to be part of something special and I want to get promotion this year. Coming to Luton is a

fantastic opportunity for me."

Naturally when a player joins on loan all the talk is of a permanent deal but the man who skippered Chester to the Conference title is just aiming to help his new club to success between now and the end of the season.

"I've got 18 months left, which is next season at Cambridge," he says. "There are still a lot of questions to be asked and answered from myself and Cambridge."

"Hopefully I can do enough to give the gaffer here a decision to make whether he wants to keep me. I just want to get settled though, play as many games as possible, win as many games as possible and get the aim that we all want."

"I was delighted to get the chance to come and play for such a massive club, so well supported."

"I want to try and play a part in making some history this season and getting them back into the League. I want to be part of something special here."

With former Cambridge men Robbie Willmott, Dan Gleeson and Danny Crow for company the Liverpoolian is certainly no stranger in the dressing room.

"I played with a few of them at Peterborough and a few with Cambridge as well. It's made it a little bit easier, and I've played against these players whether it be in this league or another league. I'm getting on a bit now unfortunately, so I know quite a few players."

"Then of course there is Gary Brabin and I think I'm a glutton for punishment! He lives about three quarters of a mile from me, so I can hear every noise he makes."

"He's quite the character, a good friend of mine. He knows me inside out, I know him inside out which isn't always a nice thing."

"But it's great to be here and be back with

people you know and know what you're on about, so I'm sure that will be for the best."

"Brabs has got the experience as a player himself, as a number two and as a gaffer. All the lads here, all the staff, have been superb. Everyone's really looking forward to this run-in and hope we do well and get out of this league."

The midfielder was gutted when his challenge in the fifth minute of stoppage time on his debut

to go to Crawley, Crawley have got to go to Newport and York so there are lot of points to play for."

Boss Richard Money revealed the signing of Carden would literally speak volumes with his side relatively quiet on the pitch.

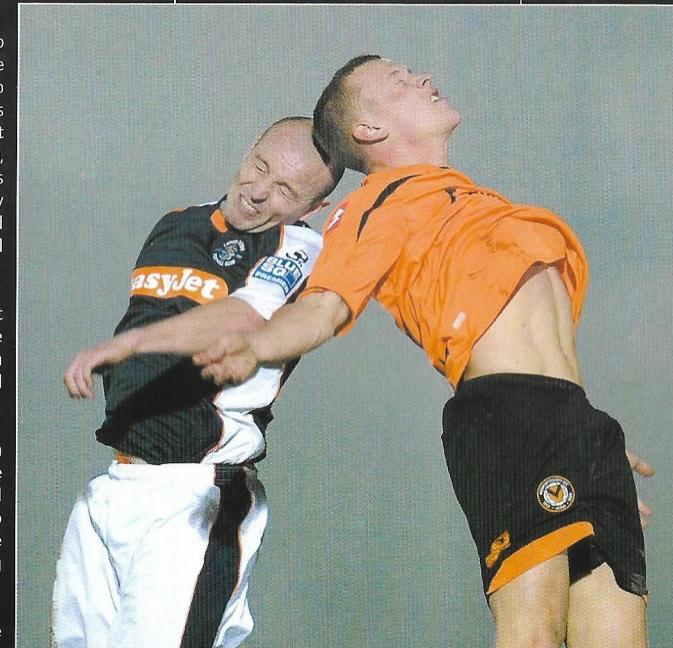
And that's something that just comes naturally to him.

"One thing that I've always had about me is being vocal," he says. "I'm always trying to encourage, always giving instructions, it's a big part of football."

"There are voices out on the pitch. Freddie Murray, Lloyd Owusu up front is an experienced lad."

"It's just about all doing it at the same time, pulling towards the same objective and that's to hopefully take us to top spot or the Play-Offs. Whatever way we can get up."

And with Alex Lawless, Godfrey Roku, Keith Keane and Jake Howells all vying for a place in the middle of midfield the former Peterborough man knows he's got his



in South Wales denied the Town a point.

"Trust it to be me who gave the penalty away in the 95th minute," he said. "Their lad's gone down over my leg after I've gone to clear a ricochet. It's very soft, but I got caught and it was a penalty."

"On the night I thought we'd seen it through, but that's exactly the problem, we thought we'd seen it through."

"We hadn't and until the whistle goes, we haven't done anything. You can't be patting yourself on the back with 90 minutes gone, if there's another four minutes added time."

While the Hatters might be eight points behind second-placed Crawley, Carden believes that success this season is still well in reach. "There's still a lot of points to play for," he said. "We've got

work cut-out to earn a regular place in the starting XI."

"I was a little bit surprised to start at Newport, but the manager said what he wanted me to do, make sure the defence was covered along with Keith Keane and I thought we did that well," he said.

"If the gaffer wants to go solid, he knows that he's got the option with myself and Keith. If he wants to go with a little bit more flair through the middle, he's got Alex Lawless, who's a fantastic player."

"I think the gaffer is happy with his options now, so I'm happy if he's happy. He's brought me in and I'm just going to work my socks off until the end of the season. Hopefully we'll fulfil everybody's aims this season which is to get out of this division."



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## ON THE GOAL TRAIL

MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER BACK AMONG THE GOALS

With two goals in his last three games Hatters striker Matthew Barnes-Homer is taking each game as it comes.

His winner at Guiseley earned the Town a place in the semi-finals of the FA Trophy and he followed that strike up with his 15th goal of the season against former club Kidderminster on Saturday.

"To be in the semis of the Trophy is nice, but that's not for a couple of weeks so we just have to concentrate on the league until then," said Barnes-Homer.

"The next game is always the most important and there's the next game after that. We're just taking each game as it comes. It's nice to have Wembley as a prize to aim for, so that's something to play for – but it's not something we're going to let distract us."

Competition for a starting berth has never been so intense with strike-partner Lloyd Owusu grabbing five goals since his arrival, form that has kept the likes of Danny Crow and Jason Walker out of the side.

"They're great players and that's why the gaffer brought them in," says Barnes-Homer. "They've got good movement."

"Jason started the first half at Guiseley, but the gaffer thought he had to change it and brought Crowy on."

"He's a different type of player and that showed in the second half. It paid off and we got the win we needed."

"In training the gaffer rotates it and we play with each striker so you get to know how they play. Everybody knows they can play with each other."

It's not unusual for forwards to score in patches and Barnes-Homer's last two goals were the first two since he netted a brace against Rushden & Diamonds on New Year's Day.

But as any good forward will let you, it's not something that has bothered him.

"I was left out of the squad against Newport but I just got on with it, and then the gaffer put me

back in against Guiseley and I got my goal."

"We went out there, got the result and I'm just happy to be back in the team."

"Kidderminster might be my old club but I've been at Luton for a while now so I just focused on doing well for the team."

"That goal against Harriers on Saturday was so good it caught the match officials out, who, at first, refused to award the goal which bemused the Town striker."

"I think I hit it a bit too hard, I don't think he could see it," he jokes. "Clearly you could see when it hit the roof of the net first and then the side netting – it hit every side of the net. I think I hit too hard for the officials to see but the referee gave it in the end."

"I think everyone could see it was a goal but I think the linesman thought the referee had given it but he was a bit confused so fortunately the linesman flagged to say it was a goal."

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

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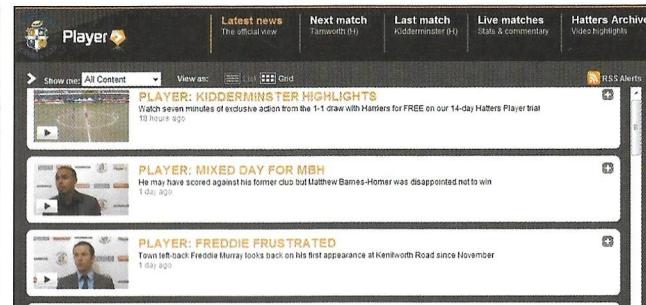
The Town boss was pleased with the way his side ground out a 1-0 victory against a Rovers side who had only lost four matches at home prior to his team's visit.

The match-winner on the night in Gloucestershire was Lloyd Owusu who bagged his fifth goal in seven matches to ensure the Town left with all three points.

The experienced striker spoke of the turnaround in fortunes on a personal level having been injured and out of the team in Australia 12 months ago to helping the Hatters' push for promotion a year on.

Meanwhile Keith Keane's performance in the heart of the midfield was a real highlight at the New Lawn and the 24-year-old was happy with the way his team-mates dealt with Rovers' threat on a pitch that was covered in sand.

After Saturday's 1-1 draw with promotion-



chasing Kidderminster, the Hatters boss was disappointed his side's performance did result in all three points in a game they dominated.

Former Harrier Matthew Barnes-Homer spoke about his frustration of not picking up three points despite his goal that put the Town ahead.

He also could not quite believe the referee did think his 27th-minute strike had not beaten visiting goalkeeper Danny Lewis.

The game was left-back Freddie Murray's first at Kenilworth Road since the 5-1 victory over Histon on 20th November.

The Irishman was happy to be back in action



on home turf but, like his team-mates, was disappointed not to be on the winning side having created a number of excellent chances throughout the 90 minutes.

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## NUMBERS GAME

**10** The number of matches previously played on this date at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters have won four, drawn twice and lost on four occasions. Luton have netted 15 times and conceded 14.

**2** The Hatters won their first meeting on this date 2-0 against Newport County. It was a Division Three (South) fixture played in 1924 with Jimmy Walker and Syd Hoar scoring the goals.

**5** The number of goals scored by the teams in 1952 when Arsenal were the visitors for a sixth round FA Cup tie. The Gunners were victorious, winning 3-2 with Bernard Moore and a Bert Mitchell penalty the scorers for the Town. The attendance of 28,433 is the biggest on this day for a fixture at Kenilworth Road.

**1** The first of two fixtures in the top flight on this day came in 1958 when Manchester City were the visitors, and they won 2-1 with Dave Pacey scoring the goal for the Hatters.

**2** The biggest margin of defeat for the Hatters came in 1975 when Coventry City won 3-1, with John Aston scoring.

**4** It was only Ipswich loanee David Geddis' fourth appearance for Luton when he scored his second goal for the Hatters in the 1-0 win against Oldham Athletic in 1977, after coming on as a substitute.

**6** It was a sixth round FA Cup tie that brought Everton to Kenilworth Road in 1986, and the match ended 2-2. Mick Harford opened the scoring in the first half before Mark Stein doubled the lead soon after the hour. However, Everton hit back twice to take the game to a replay, which they won 1-0.

**3** Although it was a semi-final tie,



TONY THORPE

Swindon Town were actually only Luton's third opponents in the Simod Cup in 1988. In front of a 10,027 crowd the Town won 2-1 courtesy of goals from the Stein brothers, Brian and Mark.

**0** The only time the Hatters have failed to score on this day was in 1997 when Millwall won 2-0 at Kenilworth Road.

**8** It's eight years since the last fixture on this date and Luton beat Huddersfield Town 3-0 at Kenilworth Road with Tony Thorpe, Peter Holmes and Steve Howard all on target in the second half to secure the points.



# BAYLISS ALWAYS LEARNING

FORMER DEFENDER DAVID BAYLISS TALKS MANAGEMENT, PROMOTION AND AMBITION

David Bayliss' time as a player gave him plenty of opportunities to learn from the men in charge before embarking on his own managerial career.

Not that it's a career path that the former Luton Town man had particularly wanted to take at a relatively young age - he was 31 when handed the reigns at Barrow three years ago, jointly with Darren Sheridan.

His days as a full-time player had come to an end due to injury at the age of 29 and he moved into the non-league ranks before ending up at Barrow in 2006 and being put in the hot-seat a year later.

"I loved playing that much and didn't want to pack it in but it was put upon me," David recalled when looking back on how it all got started.

"Having packed it in a lot earlier than I ideally would have liked I did my coaching badges, played part-time and took my insurance pay-out.

"The Barrow role just got landed on me to be honest. We were playing one week, and the next week the manager had gone, so they asked us if we wanted to take over.

"At the time we were struggling in Conference

North but we lost two out of 29 games, which was unbelievable, and won promotion.

"But we didn't learn anything that season as you don't when you win every week - you learn more when you are getting beat, and as soon as we started losing it became a test.

"If you want a peaceful or stress-free life don't go into management or coaching!

"The buzz when you win games is unbelievable, and to achieve things like winning the FA Trophy at Wembley last season and two appearances in the third round of the FA Cup is fantastic.

"I'm sure anyone who has been there will be honest and say that the good times outweigh the bad.

"As a manager I'd like to say my approach is a bit of everything as I have played with managers who are bawlers and shouters, and I've played with good talkers and good coaches.

"I learnt a lot from Mick Harford and Joe Kinnear when I was at Luton, and Mick was probably the best coach I've worked for as a talker and as a man-manager.

"Management has got its good points and bad points, and you do get frustrated when you'd love to put your boots on again but unfortunately those days are gone now.

"I am still only 34 though and I have learnt more in three years of coaching and management than I did in 14 years as a player.

"Hopefully in four or five years from now I'll be a better coach and still be in a job."

"It's been a difficult start to the season for Barrow, a former Football League club themselves, and they have struggled to build on last season's FA Trophy success and runs to the third round of the FA Cup in 2010 and 2009.

Injuries haven't helped them as their squad has been seriously disrupted, but David believes that when they have all their players available the

Cumbrians will rise up the Blue Square Bet Premier table.

A tilt at promotion isn't on the agenda though, certainly not in the short-term, and David believes it is a case of keeping on trying to take steps forward.

"When we took over we were third from bottom of Conference North and we have come a long way in two and a half years," he said.

But despite his injuries he looks at it as the favourite time of his playing career given the promotions in 2002 and 2005 and some of the players he was at Kenilworth Road with.

After returning to the top level of non-league football with Barrow however, his former employers have held the upper-hand with 10 victories home and away last season.

And it was the same story in October as Matthew Barnes-Homer netted the only goal of the game at Holker Street in what David describes as a "strange game".

He added: "The pitch wasn't brilliant and the wind was a factor in the game, and Luton probably shaded the first half but in all honesty we were unlucky not to get something out of the game.

"But that's how it has gone for us so far this season in that we have done well but not been clinical in front of goal.

"Luton are a good side with good individuals, they're also powerful and physical but they play good football as well so they will be up there at the end of the season, no doubt about it.

"It is a tough league and they are in a clutch of teams that can win it.

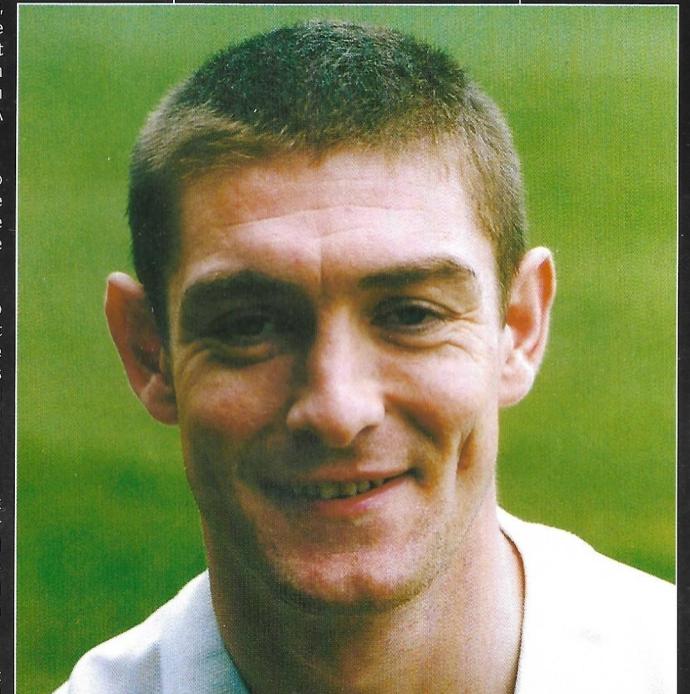
"For the likes of Barrow there is no real pressure as a good season for us means a mid-table finish and a good cup run.

"Luton fans shouldn't accept anything less than promotion because of the sheer size of the club and the fan-base.

"They should be in the top four all through this season and I am sure they will be.

"Luton shouldn't be at this level but a lot has gone on in the past so they have to get on with it and find a solution to get out of this league.

"I am sure, with Richard Money, Gary Brabin and Alan Neilson, they will go on and do that, because they have three of the best people at this level!"



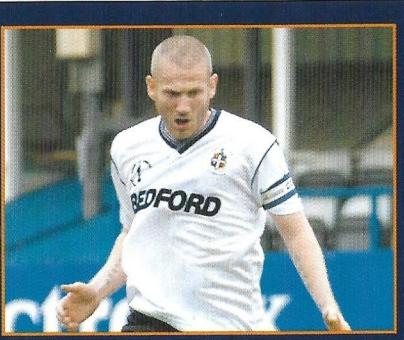
# KIT PARADE

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

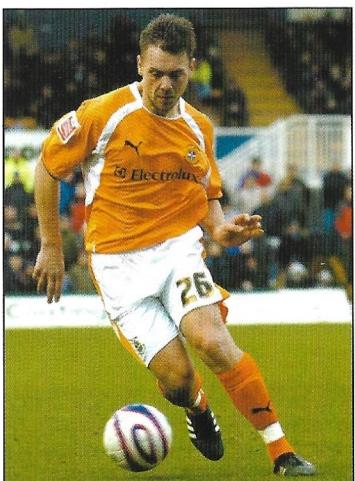
## AUGUST 2008 HOME

If ever there was an official home shirt the Hatters have played in for the fewest amount of matches this was it.

After a delay from manufacturers Carbrini at the beginning of the 2008/09 campaign, the Town had to take to field on the opening day of the season against Port Vale wearing a anniversary replica shirt of that played in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final. Given special dispensation by the Football League the shirt was worn for a further three matches before the new kit arrived in time for the Hatters to sport at the start of September.



# HATTERS HEROES



We stick a random pin into club historian Roger Wash's excellent book *Hatters Heroes* and focus on a player who has featured for the Hatters in the past 12 years

### Solomon (Sol) Sebastian DAVIS

Cheltenham-born Sol signed professional forms with Swindon Town in May 1998, after coming up through the ranks at the County Ground he made his League debut at home to QPR in November 1997, soon after his 18th birthday.

Forging a reputation for himself as a committed and tough-tackling left-sided player he was brought to Luton by Joe Kinnear in August 2002 soon after the Hatters were promoted from Division Three.

Something of a cult hero at Kenilworth Road,

a stroke suffered on the way to Ipswich in 2006 shocked all Town supporters but true to form he made a complete recovery and was soon back in the Hatters defence.

Following relegation from the Football League Sol signed a short-term deal with Milton Keynes Dons before making the short move to Kettering Town, playing against the Hatters at Kenilworth Road last season.

**Luton Town career appearances:** 229

**Luton Town career goals:** 3

**Debut** v Plymouth Argyle (a) 17/8/2002

**First goal** v Wrexham (h) 6/11/2004

**Last game** v Wycombe Wanderers (h) 21/4/2009

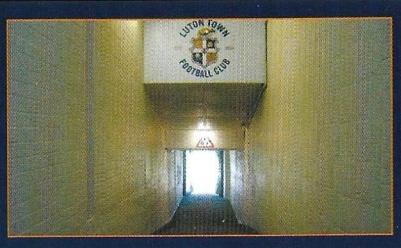
# BEHIND THE SCENES

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

## THE TUNNEL

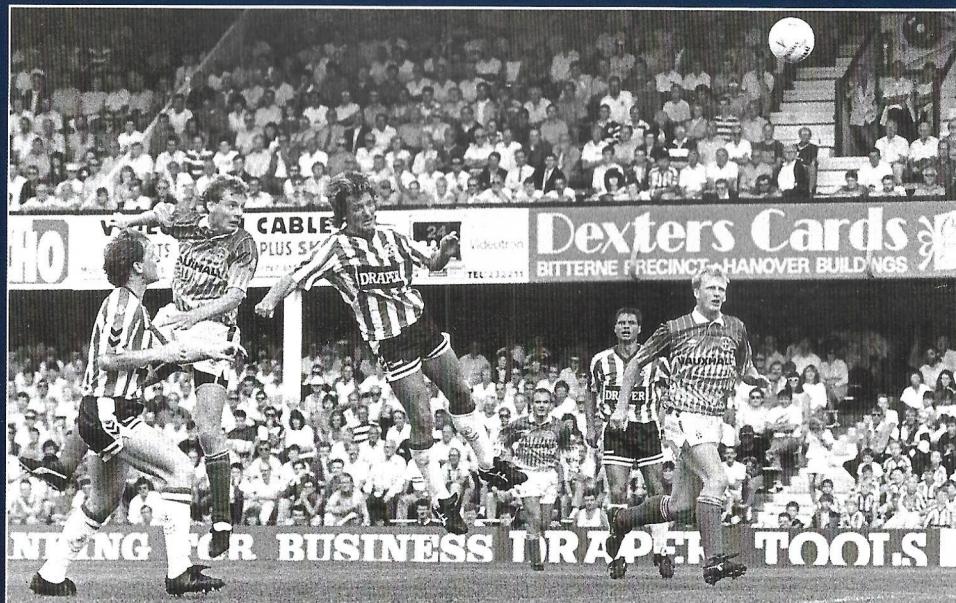
Perhaps the area in which most Hatters fans would like to place their footsteps on is the tunnel, which, stating the complete obvious, links the dressing rooms to the field of play.

Complete with remnants of the old plastic pitch to enable the players to keep their footing on the slope on the way down, there is a height warning: players over 6ft 2in have to duck!



# COVER STORY

● DANISH INTERNATIONAL FORWARD LARS ELSTRUP HEADS IN THE TOWNS SECOND GOAL IN A 2-1 WIN AT SOUTHAMPTON IN SEPTEMBER 1990.



Born in Raby, Denmark in March 1963, Lars started off with his local club Randers Sportsklub before moving to Brondby and then Dutch club Feyenoord in quick succession.

In 1988 he moved back to Denmark with Odense and won the first of his 34 caps for his country before signing for the Hatters in a £650,000 deal, a club record, in August 1989.

Top flight Luton did not see the best of Lars initially as he was beset by injury in his first season but in 1990/91 he was virtually ever present and showed that he was a top forward

finishing as leading scorer with 15 League goals.

Fast, intelligent, good in the air and with a powerful shot, Lars was a class act. 'You'll never beat Des Walker' was a chant that echoed around Nottingham Forest's City Ground but Lars did, showing the extremely quick England international defender a clean pair of heels when racing away to score in the away game in December 1990.

Sadly, a row over money saw him move back to Odense in 1991 and within two years he had dropped out of football altogether.

He changed his name to Darando (the river that streams into the sea) and joined the anarcho-Buddhist Wild Goose sect before setting up his own new age community, Heart of the Sun.

Lars eventually returned to almost normality when changing his name back again and attempting to restart his football career.

Unfortunately, this all came too late and he now lives near Odense where he offers seminars on new-age topics.

Roger Wash

# AGAINST THE ODDS

● LIVERPOOL 3-3 LUTON TOWN. 11TH SEPTEMBER 1982.



RONNY HILL TRIES TO FORCE HIS WAY THROUGH THE LIVERPOOL DEFENCE

Anfield, Liverpool on 11th September 1982 will live long in the memory for the couple of thousand Luton Town supporters lucky enough to be present.

On the face of it, a 3-3 draw at the home of the current champions would be seen as a remarkable achievement for a newly promoted side but we came away slightly disappointed at seeing two points lost.

Following promotion in glorious style the Town had started off the new season with a fighting 2-2 draw at FA Cup holders Tottenham after

being completely outplayed in the first 15 minutes, and followed it up with a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of West Ham, who showed Division One know-how and lethal finishing as well as being far sharper in the box.

Manager David Pleat obviously had words with his forwards, especially big money signing from Charlton Paul Walsh, with the talking to having an effect as, in the next game, Notts County were beaten 5-3 at Kenilworth Road with Walsh scoring a hat-trick.

It was now the turn of the defence to have problems as Notts County could quite easily have scored five themselves in a crazy game and when Aston Villa put four past the Town at Villa Park the following Tuesday, alarm bells rang.

After the Villa mauling a trip to Anfield was not regarded as a suitable 'comeback' game but we were all pleasantly surprised when Walsh skinned Mark Lawrenson after 30 minutes play, squared the ball to Brian Stein who hit a first time shot into the top corner of the net.

Graeme Souness hit home a 20-yard volley five minutes later before Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay went off on a stretcher after tearing a chest muscle in the days of only one substitute.

Instead of normal deputy goalkeeper Mal Donaghy taking over it was decided that full back Kirk Stephens was the man for the job and he was powerless to prevent Ian Rush putting the Reds ahead at the interval.

Stephens certainly looked unconventional but the chants of 'Shakin Stephens' (for the benefit of younger supporters he was a popular singer of the time) from the Kop did seem unfair as he was obviously enjoying himself immensely.

Common sense prevailed, however, as Donaghy came out for the second half wearing the green jersey.

With the Hatters 2-1 down at the home of the League champions and with an outfield player in goal no-one would have offered the Town a chance but we were more stunned when in the space of 10 minutes David Moss and Brian Stein put Luton in the lead.

Both goals were scored on the break as Liverpool attacked relentlessly but with Donaghy having only one save to make because of the superb cover offered by his defence, a Luton win became increasingly likely.

It was a disappointment therefore when Craig Johnston banged in a leveller, especially as he had just come on as substitute for an ineffective Kenny Dalglish and instantly became the only Liverpool forward with any real idea.

As we drove away from Anfield it was soon learnt that our battling point had ended up pushing us three places down the table to just

above the relegation zone. Life just wasn't fair!

An oddspot of the game was that a team had scored against three different goalkeepers and we wondered whether this was ever likely to happen again.

Two weeks later we scored against three different Stoke goalkeepers in an amazing 4-4 draw at the Victoria Ground. But that is a story for another day.

Luton Town: Findlay (Antic), Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Walsh, Turner, Moss.

Liverpool: Grobelaar, Neal, Thompson, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Souness, Dalglish (Johnston), Lee, Rush, Hodgson.

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PAUL WALSH IS SMOTHERED BY LIVERPOOL DEFENDERS

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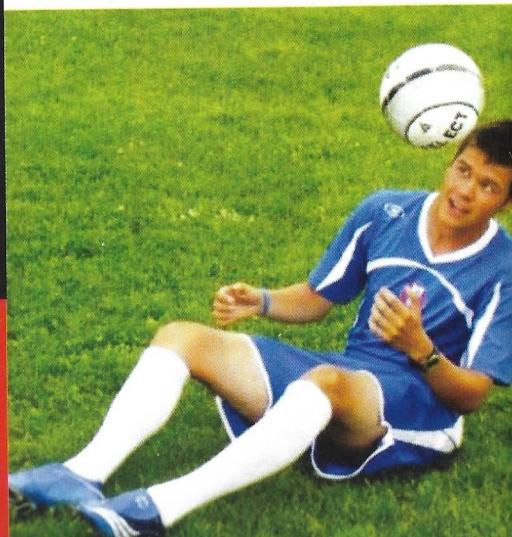
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## Profile:

### Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



# MEMORY LANE



**Name:** David Paul Lightfoot

**Age:** 51

**Location:** Harlington

**First Memory:** Mike Keen scoring with a header against Gillingham on 27th December 1969. We lost 2-1. From then on I was hooked but I did not see us win for another 11 visits!

**Best Goal Seen:** John Astori's against Carlisle when we were 60 up at half-time, I was right behind his volley which curled into the top of the Kenilworth Road net.

**Best Match Witnessed:** Littlewoods Cup Final against Arsenal in 1988.

**The Worst Match:** York at home last season in the Play-Off semi-final second leg. It was a disappointing performance in such a key game.

**Best Individual Performance:** Brian Stein against Newcastle in 1981, when we were 2-0 with about 15 minutes left and won thanks to his hattrick that included two penalties, class and nerves of steel.

**Favourite Hatters Kit:** Orange, blue and white from 1974.

**Favourite All-Time Player:** Ricky Hill. Pure Class.

**Favourite All-Time Manager:** David Pleat.

**All-Time Town XI:** Les Sealey, Kirk Stephens, Steve Buckley, Brian Horton, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, Andy King, Paul Walsh, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, David Moss.

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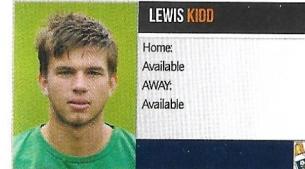
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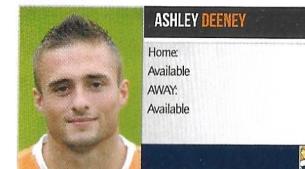


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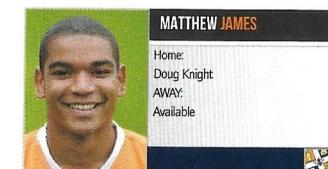
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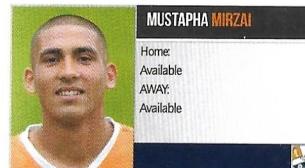
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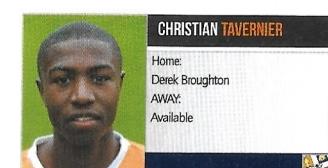
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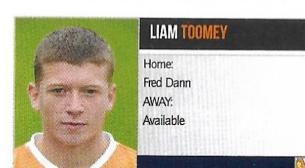
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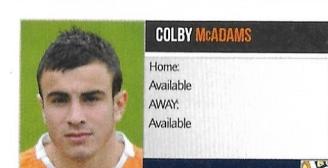
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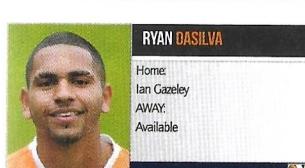
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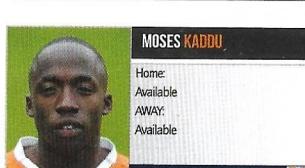
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# YOUTH UPDATE

## MATCH DIGEST

**Fixture:** Wycombe Wanderers **Competition:** Youth Alliance **Result:** 0-1

**Team:** Irving, Deeney, Longden, Debayo (sub Richens), Carney, Tavernier, Cain, Dasilva, McAdams, Nakabaale (sub Kempson), Ann (sub Davis).

**Coach's comments:** This was an all-too similar result but it was a good performance from the team, however we failed to turn chances into goals and not to score is extremely disappointing. Defeats do dampen confidence but we have been playing well and deserved better.

**Fixture:** Millwall **Competition:** Youth Alliance **Result:** 0-4

**Team:** Kidd, Deeney, Richens, Carney, Jibidu, Woodroo, Cain, McAdams, Dasilva, Nakabaale (sub Mirza), Toomey (sub Ann). **Sub not used:** Longden.

**Coach's comments:** It was a thoroughly disappointing performance. Usually we have some positives to take out games when we are defeated but not this time. The most frustrating aspect was that we failed to make an impression on the game and barely tested the Millwall defence and goalkeeper. Added to that we did not defend well. Millwall were bigger and stronger than us and this will be a wake-up call to those players who want to earn a professional contract. Lessons will be learned. The players know you must work hard to get results.

## GAMES & GOALS

Appearances      Goals

Ann	8 (2)	1
Ayris	1	2
Blake	8 (2)	0
Bufano	9 (2)	1
Cain	10 (6)	0
Carney	18 (1)	2
Coates	2	0
Dasilva	18	7
Davis	1 (2)	0
Dawkins	0 (1)	0
Debayo	1	0
Deeney	9	0
Fordha	1	0
Irving	1	0
James	15 (1)	2
Jibidu	3 (1)	0
Kempson	0 (1)	0
Kidd	15	0
Kieran	1	0
Lacey	11	1
Longden	3	0
McAdams	6 (10)	3
Millar	1 (1)	0
Mirza	12 (3)	0
Nakabaale	5 (5)	1
Nyarko	0 (1)	0
Patrick	13 (3)	1
Porter	1	0
Richens	3 (2)	0
Tavernier	16 (1)	3
Toomey	15 (2)	4
Woodrow	10 (1)	10
Wyer	1	0
Yamfam	2 (2)	1



## LEAGUE TABLE

Youth Alliance South East Conference

P W GD Pts

1	Queens Park Rangers	15	12	25	37
2	Colchester United	15	8	9	26
3	Peterborough United	15	8	2	26
4	Millwall	11	8	8	24
5	Brentford	13	7	10	23
6	Southend United	11	7	10	22
7	Wycombe Wanderers	11	7	7	21
8	Aldershot Town	14	6	-5	20
9	Leyton Orient	14	5	5	17
10	Brighton & Hove A	12	5	-6	16
11	Gillingham	14	4	-6	16
12	Barnet	14	5	-13	16
13	Stevenage	11	4	-3	13
14	Dagenham & R	13	4	-11	13
15	Luton Town	12	3	-5	10
16	Northampton Town	13	3	-20	9



## FIXTURES 2010/11

<b>August</b>		
14	Barnet (a)	W3-2
21	Stevenage (h)	W2-1
28	Northampton Town (a)	L0-1

<b>September</b>		
4	Barnet (a) (FLYALC)	L1-4
11	Stevenage (a) (FLYALC)	D2-2^
18	Northampton Town (h) (FLYALC)	W4-0
22	Cogenhoe United (h) (FLYAC)*	W11-2
25	Peterborough United (h) (FLYALC)	D2-2

<b>October</b>		
4	Brackley Town (a) FAYC	W5-1
16	Brentford (a)	L0-2
20	Waltham Abbey (a) FAYC	W3-2
23	Queens Park Rangers (h)	L0-1

<b>November</b>		
3	Southend United (FAYC)	L1-3+
6	Peterborough United (a)	L1-3
13	Wycombe Wanderers (h)	L2-3
20	Queens Park Rangers (a)	D1-1

<b>January 2011</b>		
19	Peterborough United (h)	L0-1

<b>February</b>		
5	Northampton Town (h)	W3-0
22	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	L0-1

<b>March</b>		
5	Millwall (a)	L0-4
12	Leyton Orient (h)	
26	Gillingham (a)	

<b>April</b>		
2	Southend United (h)	
9	Aldershot Town (a)	
30	Dagenham and Redbridge (h)	
tbc	Brentford (h)	
tbc	Barnet (h)	
tbc	Stevenage (a)	
tbc	Colchester United (a)	
tbc	Brighton & Hove Albion (h)	

Football League Youth Alliance fixtures unless stated.

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League Cup.

FAYC - FA Youth Cup

\* Kenilworth Road

^ Won 5-4 on penalties

+ After extra time

# CLUB PARTNERS

Shefford Saints is a FA Chartered Standard Club based in Shefford, Bedfordshire and they are one of several partner clubs that Luton Town have developed mutually beneficial relationships with.

Shefford Saints have teams from Under-6 to Under-18 and are currently looking for new members to join their junior teams.

They are also looking for corporate sponsors for the teams and their new ground. If you are interested in helping the Saints please get in touch with the club. Shefford Saints are going through an exciting period.



They work very closely with Shefford Town adult's team and are about to build their own clubhouse and pitches. This will help them develop players to the best of their ability.

Furthermore the Shefford Saints summer football tournament will take place this year

over the weekend 9th and 10th July 2011 at Robert Bloomfield Middle School in Shefford.

All age groups will compete on a league basis with semi-finals and then a final, trophies will be awarded for winners and runners-up in all competitions.

Participation medals will be awarded for all players at age groups Under-7 and Under-8 along with a winners' trophy.

The cost for each team will be £30 per squad. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information please contact the club by emailing [communication@sheffordsaints.com](mailto:communication@sheffordsaints.com).

## Crawley Green Youth FC Development Centre

In Partnership with Luton Town Football Club

For Boys and Girls age 4+ (Reception) to age 6 (Year 2)

Every Tuesday 5.45 – 6.45pm

Venue: - Ashcroft High School All-Weather pitch,

Enter From Crawley Green Sports and Social Club,

Crawley Green Road, Luton, LU2 9AG

For More Details Visit [www.crawleygreenyouthfc.co.uk](http://www.crawleygreenyouthfc.co.uk) (Development Centre)

# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Unless you are a Scunthorpe United fan, you may not know of the name Robert Oates.

He enjoyed seven successful years with the Irons and later moved to Rochdale where he made another 42 league appearances, and now one of Luton's own shares in Mr Oates' unique history.

In 1974 Mr Oates was playing for Leeds Ashley Road Football Club when he made his England youth debut and up until recently he was the last non-league player to represent one of England's youth teams.

On Thursday 24th February Cauley Woodrow became the first player since Oates to play for his country whilst at a non-league club.

It has been a meteoric, if not unexpected rise for Cauley this season as he made his debut for the youth team, filling in at left-back against Langford in pre-season, to scoring on his full Under-18 debut against Northampton, grabbing six against Cogenhoe in the FA Youth Cup and finally making his first team debut, coming off the bench against Welling United in the FA Trophy. However, the talented Under-16 was not finished there.

Playing against Romania in his first start for England's Under-17s, Cauley grabbed the equalising goal four minutes into the second half and the game finished in a 1-1 draw.

England manager John Peacock said he believed this goal was just reward for a much improved second-half display from his charges. "I'm pleased for Cauley, too," he said. "It's quite rare that a player scores on their first international start and I'm sure he'll remember that for a very long time." After this amazing debut he was involved in the remaining two games coming off the bench against Germany

and similarly against Portugal.

On speaking about this excellent showing in his first international campaign Cauley told Talk of the Town: "To put the shirt on for the first time was amazing, I have never felt so proud and honoured before in my life.



"To get the goal was a great feeling, it is of course great to score a goal, but as it was on my England debut it is my favourite."

The goal came from a free-kick on the left, before finding its way to Woodrow. "It sat up nicely for a volley, so I just hit it and luckily it flew over the keeper into the top corner," he said. "It was a blur afterwards, I didn't know how to celebrate, I was so happy."

"I have learnt a lot from the experience, I have learnt how different international football is

compared to a game on a Saturday and how vital it is to keep the ball otherwise losing it can cause the other team to score.

"Scoring is a lot harder as well, the goalkeepers are much better and you have to make sure your efforts go right in the corner otherwise the goalkeeper will save them.

"To play with quality players from clubs all around the country was amazing. Over the three games my confidence grew and as a team we all performed very well and became more comfortable playing with each other."

Going forward from this experience Cauley added: "I really hope I have done enough to be in the squad again and as a player to keep progressing and to be picked to play for my country again this season."

Centre of Excellence Manager Martin Prickett said: "We are all very proud of Cauley and what he has achieved this season, especially his impact on the international scene."

"He is such a level headed young man and has worked very hard to get to where he is."

"I took him for a question and answer session with some of our younger players on Tuesday and he spoke with such confidence and built a rapport with the players. He really is a role model for our younger players to follow."

"Obviously we all hope he continues to get England call-ups and that for the club, he goes on to become a first team regular."

"One thing I know about him is no matter what happens he will continue to work hard and his drive and dedication to being the best he can be will ensure he ends up a success."

# TIPS TIME TABLE

OCTOBER 2010						
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DECEMBER 2010						
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MARCH 2011						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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## CALENDAR KEY

TERM 1  TERM 3   
 TERM 2  Weeks Off 

Top five pro clubs to have produced English players currently playing in Premier League:

Club	No of Players	Current League
Manchester United	22	Premier League
West Ham United	16	Premier League
Manchester City	11	Premier League
Everton	9	Premier League
Luton Town	8	Blue Square

## LIST OF VENUES

**Biggleswade**  
 Biggleswade Town FC  
 The Carlsberg Stadium, Langford Rd  
 Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9JT  
**TUESDAY'S** - 18:00 - 19:00

**Bedford**  
 Bedford Modern School  
 Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT  
**TUESDAY'S** - YRS 2-5 18:00-19:00  
 YRS 6-11 19:00-20:00



## NEWMAN CARNEY - LTFC TIPS GRADUATE

As a 12 year-old Newman attended our very first TIPs course and after showing good promise Newman was promoted to the Performance Centre. Here he worked hard and performed so well he was signed by the Centre of Excellence. Newman made his debut for the Youth Team as an U15 and this summer joined the club full-time after completing his GCSE's. He made his debut for the first team in July 2010 at Kenilworth Road against Kilmarnock.

**Baldock**  
 Knights Templar Sports Centre  
 Weston Way, Baldock, Herts SG7 6EY  
**TUESDAY'S** - 17:30 - 18:30

**Hitchin**  
 Hitchin Boys School  
 Grammar School Walk  
 Hitchin SG5 1JB  
**WEDNESDAY'S** - 18:00 - 19:00

**Amphill**  
 Alameda Sports Hall, Woburn St  
 Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2HX  
**WEDNESDAY'S** - 17:30 - 18:30

**Dunstable**  
 Dunstable Leisure Centre  
 Court Drive, Dunstable LU5 4JD  
**THURSDAY'S** - 17:30 - 18:30

**Luton**  
 Playfootball.net, Stopsley High  
 St Thomas's Rd, Luton LU2 7UX  
**FRIDAYS** - YRS 2-5 18:00-19:00  
 YRS 6-11 19:00-20:00

**Harpden**  
 Sir John Lawes School  
 Manland Way, Harpenden AL5 4QP  
**FRIDAYS** - 18:00 - 19:00

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE TIPS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The successful TIPs Development programme is now in its fifth year of operation. The purpose of the TIPs Development Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming footballers. Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the TIPs programme has something to offer you.



**I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE LUTON TOWN TIPS PROGRAMME** The Luton Town TIPs programme has been running for 5 years now and we are very proud of giving thousands of boys and girls the chance to improve their football, whilst at the same time learning about team work and making new friends.

We are now running more Soccer Centres across the region so there should be one at a venue close to you.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND THE TIPS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The cost is £45 per term, which includes 9 practical sessions and 1 match day. In addition to the match day, players will receive a report on their personal development during the 10 week programme.



## PROFESSIONAL GOALKEEPER COACHING

We offer professional goalkeeper training by our top goalkeeper coach at the Luton and Hitchin venues. Please tick the box on the application form if you are a goalkeeper and wish to do the training.



## 2010 / 2011 SEASON KIT DEALS

Please enquire about our Kit Packages. You too can look like your favourite Luton players.

Kit Package includes the following:

- Rainjacket, Sweatshirt, T-Shirt, Shorts & Socks (All carrying the LTFC Badge)

**£65**

## LTC SUCCESS STORIES



## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre / Centre of Excellence. Players who display talent can be moved up through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

## HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE MONITORED

You will receive a written player assessment towards the end of the 10 week term. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the assessment with your coach at the end of the term.

## Our goal is to change people's lives through sport

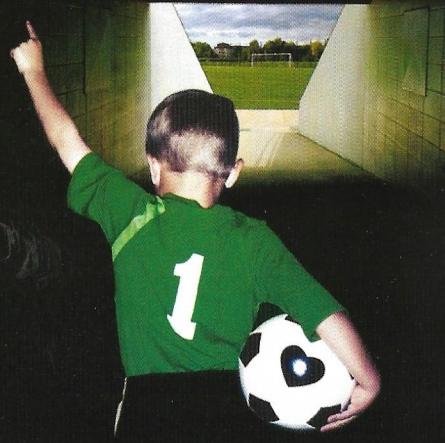
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# YOUNG GUNS

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

**NAME:** Michael Cain

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 4/12/1994

**DATE JOINED:** 2007

**POSITION:** Central midfield

**COACH'S COMMENTS:**

**Gregg Broughton:** "Michael has established himself as a central midfielder in the youth team this season despite still being at school.

"Joining Luton Town from AFC Dunstable as an Under-12, Michael soon impressed the Luton Town coaching staff with his passing and ability to score goals.

"Michael was offered a scholarship as an Under-15 and made his debut for the youth team later that season. He was named as an unused substitute for the FA Trophy game at home to Uxbridge in January.

"Michael demands high standards of himself and his team-mates, and is capable of opening up a game with his range of pass.

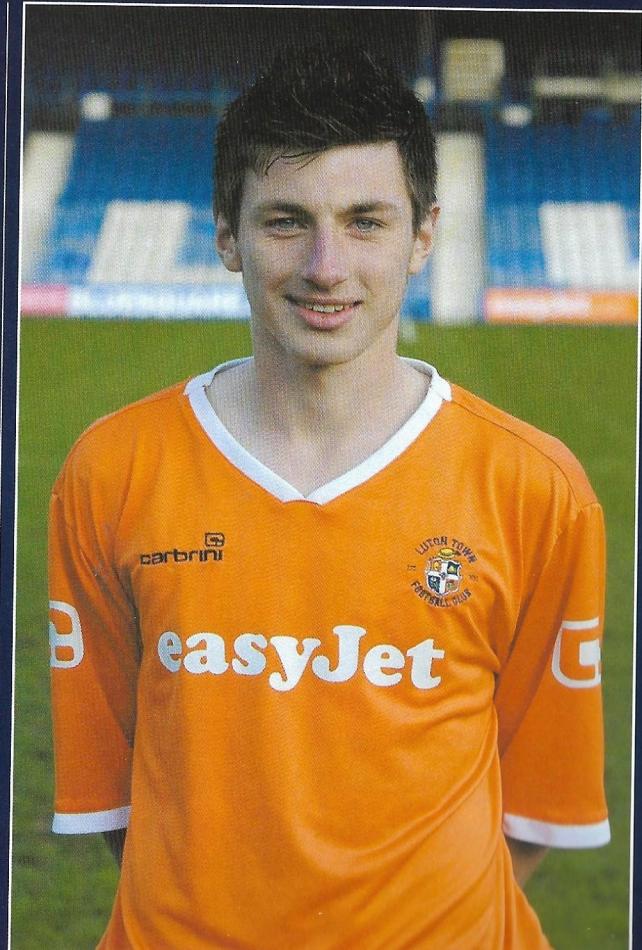
"He joins the club full-time in July after completing his GCSEs and with hard work during his scholarship has a great chance of progressing through the ranks."

**2010/11 STATS:**

**Under-18s:**

**GAMES:** 10 starts plus six as substitute

**GOALS:** 0





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# JUNIOR HATTERS



The Hatters are delighted to reveal that the Junior Hatters will be relaunching - just in time for the Town's push for promotion.

Not a member of our new-look Junior Hatters? Then please sign-up and receive some great benefits.

The Junior Hatters kicked-off its new beginning prior to Christmas and the rebranding of the new Junior Hatters Supporters Club will include some brilliant new benefits.

#### All Junior Hatters members will receive:

- A joining gift of an exclusive Junior Hatters T-shirt or baby bib (depending on age of child)
- A monthly mascot package draw - Which

includes a free kit and hospitality for the Junior Hatter and two adults.

- A free adult and child ticket voucher - one per season

- A birthday card signed by your favourite player Junior Hatters Away Game Travel - depending on demand

- Discount on Luton Town's soccer holiday camps

- Exclusive ticketing promotions throughout the season for Junior Hatters members only

- One Matchday Club every month for exclusively for Junior Hatters - Football Training held at playfootball.net with food in Junior

Hatters room and tickets to a game sat in Kenilworth Road End

The joining fee for all existing members will be £20 and for all new members will be £25. The annual renewal fee for all members will be £20.

All Under-5s joining will not have to re-new their membership until their fifth birthday and any brother or sisters joining together will receive a 50% discount on joining fee.

To join or for any enquires contact James Hatch in writing to Junior Hatters, Ely Way Training Ground, LU4 9QN or email [james.luton@live.co.uk](mailto:james.luton@live.co.uk).

# TEAMWEAR



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# LEAGUE ROUND-UP

## BOGIE BAGS ACCOLADE



Gateshead boss Ian Bogie has been awarded the Blue Square Bet Premier Manager of the Month award for February.

His striker Jon Shaw has been named Player of the Month, completing an impressive double for the lynesiders.

In a month that saw Bogie's men notch up seven wins from seven games, including a phenomenal 7-2 victory away at inform Wrexham, Shaw found the net six times to help transform the Heed from relegation contenders to an outside bet for the Play-Offs.

The curse of the Manager of the Month award seems to be having an effect, however, and Gateshead have failed to win either of their two games in March so far.

Fans at the International Stadium will be hoping for a quick return to the team's February form now that the club has bolstered its ranks with the signings of winger Adam Rundle and striker Richard Offiong.

## HARRIERS BLOCK BURR EXIT

Play-Off chasers Kidderminster Harriers have rejected an approach from Grimsby to take manager Steve Burr to Blundell Park. The Mariners are looking for a boss with Conference-level experience after dispensing with the services of Neil Woods, who left the club last week.

Darlington's Mark Cooper has already announced that he will not be taking over at the Lincolnshire club, and it appears that Grimsby will have to keep searching after their enquiries about Burr were dismissed by the Kidderminster board.

## JEZ GETS JOB FOR SEASON

Cambridge United have confirmed that Jez George has been given the job as first team manager until the end of the season.

George, the club's director of football, had been in charge of first team duties on a temporary basis following the departure of Martin Ling, and now the U's board has declared that he will continue in this capacity until the summer when he will return to a backseat role.

In the meantime he will also be assisting with the selection process to find his long-term successor.

## MCGURK EXTENDS YORK DEAL

York City defender David McGurk has signed a new contract, committing him to the club until May 2013.

The 28-year-old has made almost 200 appearances for the Minstermen, but was linked with a move away from the club earlier this season. His new contract means that he will now continue his five-year stay in Yorkshire.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Leeds midfielder Will Hatfield has also extended his deal with York, and will remain at Bootham Crescent on loan until the end of the season.

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

Tubbs (Crawley)	30
Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	20
Connell (Grimsby)	18
Vieira (Fleetwood)	18
Marna (Kettering)	16
McPhee (Kidderminster)	15
Shaw (Gateshead)	14
Mohamed (Bath)	13
McAllister (Crawley)	12
Matthew Barnes-Homer (Luton)	12

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,360
AFC Wimbledon	3,431
Grimsby	3,208
Wrexham	2,936
Cambridge	2,480
York	2,412
Newport	2,334
Mansfield	2,300
Crawley	2,246
Darlington	1,825
Fleetwood	1,652
Kidderminster	1,504
Kettering Town	1,427
Barrow	1,228
Rushden & Diamonds	1,212
Eastbourne Borough	1,121
Southport	1,120
Bath	1,054
Tamworth	1,033
Altrincham	1,026
Forest Green Rovers	881
Gateshead	759
Histon	636
Hayes & Yeading	389

# HOME COMFORTS



## MATCHDAY PRICES

### ALL AREAS

JUNIORS (UNDER 10)	£5
YOUTH (AGE 10-16)	£8
YOUNG ADULT (AGE 17-21)	£13
ADULT (AGE 22-64)	£18
SENIOR (AGE 65-75)	£13
GOLDEN SENIOR (OVER 75)	£10

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# ON THE ROAD

## MANSFIELD OR CHASETOWN v LUTON TOWN



### LUTON TOWN v MANSFIELD OR CHASETOWN

FA Trophy semi-final, second leg. **Saturday 19th March 2011, kick-off 3pm**

Ticket prices and information will be released once the opposition is confirmed

## CAMBRIDGE UNITED v LUTON TOWN



### LUTON TOWN v BARROW

Blue Square Bet Premier **Tuesday 29th March 2011, kick-off 7.45pm**

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices

Tickets bought for the match scheduled for 4th February are still valid.



### LUTON TOWN v KETTERING TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Tuesday 5th April 2011, kick-off 7.45pm**

Please note the change in date for this match

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices



FA Trophy semi-final, first leg. **Saturday 12th March 2011, kick-off 3pm**

Tickets prices and information will be released once the opposition is confirmed



## CAMBRIDGE UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Tuesday 15th March 2011, kick-off 7.45pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS GAME.**

**This is an all-ticket game.** We have been allocated 1,400 unreserved seating tickets in the South Stand.

We have also been allocated 100 terrace tickets in the Habbin Stand (these will be available to season ticket holders only).

**Prices: South Stand Seating:** adults £17, concessions (over-60s, students with valid ID) £12 and under-16s £8.

**Habbin South Terrace:** adults £14, concessions £10, under-16s £8.

Tickets are available on general sale until 2pm Tuesday on the day of the game.



## RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Tuesday 22nd March 2011, kick-off 7.45pm**

**Allocation:** We have received an initial allocation of 2,287 seats for this fixture.

**Sales Plan:** Tickets are now on general sale. Those tickets purchased in advance for the Boxing Day fixture are still valid.

**Prices:** Adult £17, Over-60s/Students (with id) £12, Under-16s £6, Under-8s free.





# STUDY CENTRE

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We have been working closely with the Active Education and the Club to create a 'Double Club' programme that will enable children from across Luton and Central Bedfordshire to improve their Maths and Literacy skills in a fun, innovative football based programme.

The Double Club is a two-session lesson involving curriculum related activities followed by a sporting activity.

The idea is that the pupils are rewarded with the sports session for attending the extra curriculum session.

The sessions can take place during curriculum time or as an after school session.

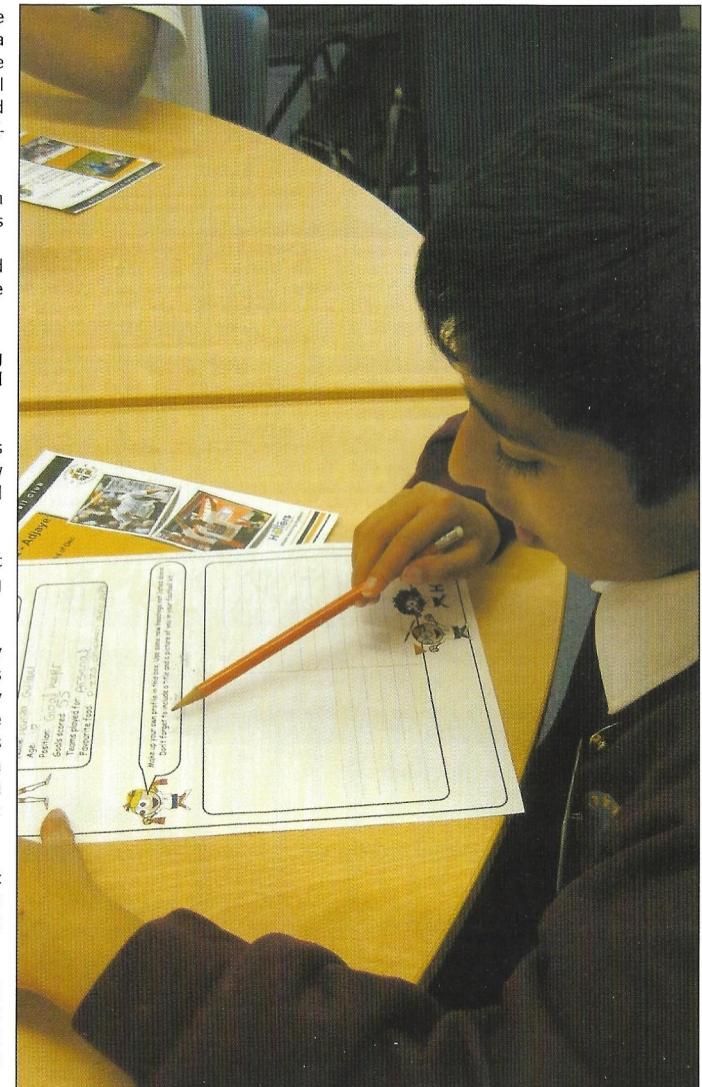
The target group for Double Club is pupils who have been identified as working below the expected age level in literacy and numeracy, or have low self confidence.

It is also important that display an interest in football, as this is the major underlining theme in all the sessions.

The Hatters Double Club has already worked with primary and secondary schools within Luton and the programme not only improves literacy and maths skills but, due to the small group nature and positive ethos of the sessions, pupils also benefit from a boost in self esteem which clearly has a knock on effect to their attainment back in class.

We believe that this programme is a great way to reengage pupils with the curriculum while also providing high quality football coaching sessions as a motivational hook.

This programme is now available for all schools across Luton and Central Bedfordshire; so if you are reading this and think it sounds good why not promote it to your/your child's school?



# STATS 2010/11

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

SEPTEMBER																		
Sat 04	Grimsby Town	A	BSBP	0-2	3,822	348	6	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Blackett	Gnakpa***	Keane*	A.Murray	Newton	Gallen**	B.Homer
Sat 11	<b>Cambridge Utd</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>6,691</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>6</b>	Tyler	Gleeson*	Blackett	Kroca	F.Murray	Gnakpa***	<b>G.Pilkington</b>	<b>1.A.Murray</b>	<b>Dury 1</b>	Ajeno**	B.Homer
Fri 17	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>2</b>	Tyler	Newton*	Blackett	<b>Kroca 1</b>	F.Murray	Gnakpa	<b>G.Pilkington</b>	<b>1.Howells</b>	<b>Dury</b>	Ajeno	<b>B.Homer 1*</b>
Tue 21	Darlington	A	BSBP	2-2	1,665	227	5	Tyler	Newton	Blackett*	Kroca	F.Murray	Gnakpa	<b>1.Howells</b>	G.Pilkington	Dury	Ajeno**	B.Homer
Sat 25	Cateshead	A	BSBP	0-1	1,075	334	7	Tyler	Gleeson	Blackett	Kroca *	F.Murray	Gnakpa**	Keane	G.Pilkington	Newton	Ajeno	B.Homer***
Tue 28	<b>Mansfield Town</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>6</b>	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	F.Murray	Gnakpa	<b>Howells</b>	Kroca	<b>1.Chowdhury</b>	<b>3.Murphy</b>	<b>3.B.Homer</b>

	Matched	Town	H	BSBP	2-0	6,024	503	6	Tyler	Gleeson	Gillington	Kroca	F. Murray	Gnakpa	Howells	Keane	M-Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Drury	1 <sup>st</sup> Crow	1 <sup>st</sup> B-Home*
OCTOBER																				
Sat 02		Barrow	A	BSBP	1-0	1,416	228	4	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	F.Murray	Gnakpa**	Howells	Keane	Drury	Crow*	B-Home! 1***	
<b>Tue 05</b>	<b>Crawley Town</b>		<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>6,895</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Gleeson</b>	<b>Blackett</b>	<b>Kroca</b>	<b>F.Murray</b>	<b>Gnakpa</b>	<b>Howells</b>	<b>Keane</b>	<b>Drury</b>	<b>Crow*</b>	<b>B-Home! 1***</b>	
Sat 16		Eastbourne B.	A	BSBP	4-2	2,518	923	4	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	1Kroca	F.Murray	Keane	Howells	G.Pilkington	Drury 1	Atieno*	B-Home!	
<b>Tue 19</b>	<b>Forest Green R.</b>		<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Gleeson</b>	<b>G.Pilkington</b>	<b>Kroca</b>	<b>F.Murray</b>	<b>Keane</b>	<b>Howells**</b>	<b>Keane</b>	<b>Drury*</b>	<b>Crow 2</b>	<b>B-Home! 1</b>	
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>St Albans City</b>		<b>H</b>	<b>FAC4Q-0</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>537</b>	-	-	Gleeson*	G.Pilkington	Kroca	F.Murray	Keane	Howells	M-Smith 3	Drury 1	Crow 2***	B-Home! 1	
Sat 30		Bath City	H	BSBP	3-1	7,003	166	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	1Kroca	F.Murray	Keane	Howells	Atieno 1	Drury	Crow 1***	B-Home!*	

NOVEMBER																		
Sat 06	Corby Town	A	FACE1	1-1	2,000	455	-	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	A.Adjaye	FMurray	Keane	Howells	Atieno	Gnakpa	Walker*	B-Homer 1
Thu 11	Wrexham	A	BSBP	0-1	2,733	200	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Koca	FMurray	Keane	Howells*	Lawless	Gnakpa*	Drury	B-Homer
Sat 13	Altrincham	A	BSBP	1-0	1,416	559	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Koca	FMurray	Keane	Drury	Lawless	1 Nakpala	Grow**	B-Homer
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Corby Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FACE1 4-2</b>	<b>3,050 412</b>				<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Gleeson</b>	<b>G.Pilkington</b>	<b>A.Adjaye</b>	<b>FMurray***</b>	<b>Keane</b>	<b>Drury*</b>	<b>1 Nakpala</b>	<b>Atieno 2</b>	<b>B-Homer 1*</b>	
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Histon</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>5-1</b>	<b>5,963 53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Gnakpa 1</b>	<b>G.Pilkington</b>	<b>Koca</b>	<b>FMurray*</b>	<b>Keane</b>	<b>Howells*</b>	<b>Drury 1</b>	<b>Lawless**</b>	<b>J. Walker 1</b>	<b>B-Homer*</b>	
Sat 27	Charlton Athletic	A	FACE2	2-2	8,632	2,870	-	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Koca	Howells	Keane	McGrath*	Drury	Growth	TD Jones	

JANUARY																		
Sat 01	Rushden & D.	H	BSBP	3-0	6,928	279	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	Gnakpa1***	Keane	Drury	M.Smith**	Crow*	B.Homer 2
Tue 04	Hayes & Yeading	A	BSBP	1-0	801	tbc	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	Gnakpa 1	Keane	Drury	M.Smith	Crow*	B.Homer**
Sat 08	Bath City	A	BSBP	0-0	2,301	965	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	Gnakpa**	Keane	Drury	M.Smith	Crow	B.Homer*

Wed 12	AFC Wimbledon	A	BSBP	00	4,287	727	2	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	Gnakpa	Keane	Dury	M.Smith*	Crow**	B.Homer*
Sat 15	<b>Uxbridge</b>	H	<b>FAT2</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>140</b>	-	Tyler	Lawless	Tyler	A.Adjaye	O'Donnell	Poku	Tavernier***	Besta	Watkin	2 Ateneo 2	J.Walkes**
Tue 18	<b>York City</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>126</b>	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	<b>Kroca1</b>	Howells	Poku	Keane	<b>Dury</b> ***	<b>Gnakpa1</b>	<b>Owusu1</b>	B.Homer**
Sat 22	<b>Gateshead</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>30</b>	3	Tyler	A.Adjaye***	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	<b>Gnakpa1</b>	Keane	Lawless	<b>Crow</b>	<b>1 Owusu</b>	B.Homer**
Tue 25	<b>Grimsby Town</b>	H	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>171</b>	3	Tyler	Gleeson	G.Pilkington	Kroca	Howells	<b>Gnakpa1</b>	Keane	Dury	Owusu	B.Homer*	

Sat 12	Chasetown/ Mansfield	FAT SF1
Tue 15	Cambridge Utd	A BSBP
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Chasetown/ Mansfield</b>	<b>FAT SF2</b>
Tue 22	Rushden & D.	A BSBP
Sat 26	Southport	A BSBP

<b>Tue 29</b>	<b>Barrow</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sat 02	Kidderminster H.	A	BSBP
<b>Tue 05</b>	<b>Kettering Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>
<b>Sat 09</b>	<b>Southport</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>
Tue 12	Crawley Town	A	BSBP
Sat 16	Mansfield Town	A	BSBP
Tue 19	York City	A	BSBP
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Eastbourne B.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>
Mon 25	Histon	A	BSBP
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>

SUBSTITUTES			
Gnakpa**	Craddock***	K.Pilkington	Blackett
Howells**	Besta***	Tyler	Newton
<b>Craddock**</b>	<b>*Newton</b>	K.Pilkington	AMurray
*Crow**	Craddock***	K.Pilkington	Newton
*Gallen**	Newton***	Tyler	Blackett
Gnakpa**	Newton	K.Pilkington	Craddock

Crow**	Atieno***	KPilkington	Howells
Howells**	Crow***	KPilkington	Besta
Asifu-Adiaye	Crow	KPilkington	Walker*
Gleson*	Poku	KPilkington	Walker
Crow**	Walker***	KPilkington	Besta
Moore	Asieno	KPilkington	Besta

Newton**	Atieno***	K.Pilkington	Blackett
MsSmith*	Atieno***	K.Pilkington	Blackett
MsSmith	Howells	K.Pilkington	Asafu-Adjaye
Walker**	Watkins	K.Pilkington	Asafu-Adjaye
Poku**	Walker 1***	K.Pilkington	Asafu-Adjaye
Blackett	Asafu-Adjaye	K.Pilkington	Besta
Walker**	Asafu-Adjaye	Kidd	Watkins

Besta	Poku*	Kidd	Woodrow	O'Donnell	Patrick
Walker**	Asafu-Adjaye	Kidd	Poku		
Walker**	Atieno	Asafu-Adjaye	Besta		
Walker**	O'Donnell***	Kidd	Patrick	Lacey	Besta
<b>Atieno 1**</b>	Asafu-Adjaye***	Walker	Poku		

Walker**	Asafu-Adjaye	Kidd	Hinton	Besta	Poku
Lacey	Besta	Kidd	Poku*	Atieno**	Walker
B-Homer	Crow	O'Donnell*	Griakpa		
Woodrow	Tavernier	Kidd	Carney		

Walker*	Lawless***	Hinton	Asafu-Adjaye
Lawless**	Hinton	Poku	Asafu-Adjaye
Poku	Walker*	Lacey	Asafu-Adjaye
Walker**	Poku	Lacey	Asafu-Adjaye
Woodrow**	Canney*	Anji***	Cain
Crow***	Watkins**	Besta	Asafu-Adjaye
Poku**	Watkins***	Kidd	O'Donnell
Poku	Crow	Asafu-Adjaye	Wardens

Walker*	Graham***	K.Pilkington	Poku
D.Walker**	Watkins*	Woodrow***	G.Pilkington
Poku**	J.Walker***	K.Pilkington	Crow
Howells**	Lawless	K.Pilkington	Crow
Poku***	G.Jones*	T.Lawless	Crow

Poku***	Gnakpa*	Tyler	Crow**
Crow**	McSmith	K.Pilkington	Poku
Graham	Crow	K.Pilkington	Poku

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## LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

	P	HOME						AWAY					
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D
1	AFC WIMBLEDON	37	13	3	2	38	11	8	5	6	30	28	1
2	CRAWLEY TOWN	31	13	1	2	40	14	8	6	1	23	8	41
3	LUTON	32	11	4	2	43	17	7	4	4	18	13	34
4	WREXHAM	35	9	6	2	26	18	8	5	5	25	20	13
5	KIDDERMINSTER	36	12	3	3	32	19	5	9	4	25	25	13
6	FLEETWOOD TOWN	37	8	8	2	27	15	7	4	8	23	20	15
7	YORK	34	9	4	2	22	8	5	6	8	20	31	3
8	DARLINGTON	33	10	5	3	29	10	2	9	4	14	18	15
9	RUSHDEN & D	33	9	3	6	29	19	5	5	5	21	22	9
10	GRIMSBY	33	7	7	2	27	16	5	5	7	26	27	10
11	NEWPORT COUNTY	35	6	7	4	31	24	5	7	6	23	26	4
12	MANSFIELD	32	6	3	6	29	27	7	4	6	28	24	6
13	GATESHEAD	33	6	5	4	17	15	6	5	7	31	29	4
14	BATH CITY	36	6	10	3	31	25	5	3	9	21	31	4
15	KETTERING	35	5	7	6	22	24	6	3	8	23	29	-8
16	TAMWORTH	35	5	7	6	29	32	5	4	8	21	29	-11
17	CAMBRIDGE UTD	36	5	5	7	27	23	4	6	9	17	29	-8
18	SOUTHPORT	34	8	4	5	32	19	1	4	12	10	30	-7
19	FOREST GREEN	35	6	7	5	24	21	2	4	11	16	38	-19
20	HAYES & YEADING	36	6	2	10	20	31	3	4	11	16	33	-28
21	BARROW	33	6	6	6	23	19	0	6	9	11	32	-17
22	ALTRINCHAM	34	4	6	7	18	27	3	3	11	14	42	-37
23	ESTBOURNE BORO	34	5	4	8	31	32	2	4	11	18	45	-28
24	HISTON	35	4	3	10	16	28	4	5	9	17	34	-29

## PLAYER STATS 2010/11

	THIS SEASON						CAREER		
	LEAGUE	CUP	APP'S	GLS	APP'S	GLS	TOTAL	DISCIPLINARY	CAREER
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALASAN ANN	000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ED AGAFU-ADUYA	101	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	63
TANIO ATENO	607	3	512	4	1109	7	1	1	19
MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER	3103	12	200	3	3709	15	5	0	62
PAMEL BESTA	303	0	310	0	613	0	0	0	19
SHANE BLACKETT	761	0	100	0	761	0	1	1	39
PAUL CARDEN	241	0	0	0	211	0	1	0	0
NEWTON CARNEY	000	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
TOM CRADOCK	103	2	0	0	103	2	1	0	38
DANNY CROW	13101	7	411	1	17111	8	3	0	28
ANDY DRURY	2300	6	310	2	2610	8	3	1	26
EVIN GALLEN	412	0	0	0	412	0	0	0	8
DAN GLESON	2711	0	510	0	3211	0	1	0	33
CLAUDE GNAPKA	2713	9	611	1	3341	10	7	0	119
LUKE GRAHAM	103	0	200	1	313	1	0	0	6
CRIAH HINTON	010	0	200	0	210	0	0	0	2
JAKE HOWELLS	2208	2	810	0	3019	2	1	0	114
KETH KEANE	2800	0	610	0	3409	0	4	1	227
ZDENEK KROCA	3200	4	510	1	3710	5	7	0	5
ALEX LACEY	010	0	310	0	310	0	0	0	3
ALEX LAWLESS	704	2	410	0	1114	2	1	0	15
AMARI MORGAN-SMITH	912	2	510	3	1412	5	0	0	16
ADAM MURRAY	610	0	010	0	610	0	2	0	7
FREDIE MURRAY	2100	0	410	0	2510	0	2	0	7
TANIA MATHIAS	000	0	0	0	010	0	0	0	0
ADAM NEWTON	403	0	0	0	413	0	1	0	1
J C O'DOWD	000	0	321	0	321	0	0	0	51
LLOYD OHUSS	010	5	010	0	801	0	0	0	5
JORDAN PATRICK	000	0	011	0	011	0	0	1	8
GEORGE PILKINGTON	3210	4	610	0	3809	4	2	0	113
KEVIN PILKINGTON	200	0	210	0	410	0	0	0	16
GODFREY POOKU	105	0	415	0	5111	0	2	0	16
CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER	010	0	101	0	101	0	1	0	1
MARK TYLER	3000	0	810	0	3801	0	0	0	78
DAN WALKER	071	1	314	0	3111	1	0	0	14
JASON WALKER	217	1	510	1	717	2	1	0	14
ADAM WATKINS	022	0	111	2	1311	2	0	0	5
ROBBIE WILLMOTT	211	1	010	0	211	1	0	0	3
CAULEY WOODROW	010	0	013	0	013	0	0	0	0

# LAST WORD

• WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

Batten down the hatches, we are now entering what managers up and down to county refer to as the business end of the season.

If the first six months of the season have been a marathon and not a sprint, now the starters' gun has well and truly been fired and the frontrunners are approaching the final bend.

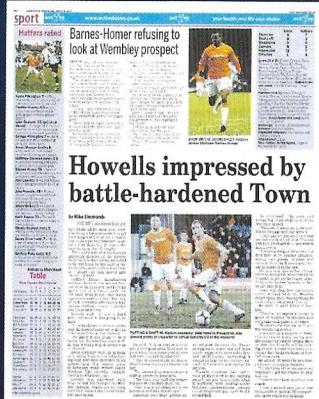
How Richard Money and his side would hope for a run like last season though, starting with tonight's home clash with Tamworth.

Rewind 12 months and Town went into a midweek clash with Forest Green Rovers having just ended a four-game winless run by winning 3-2 at Hayes & Yeading thanks to goals from Liam Hatch, Claude Gnakpa and Tom Craddock.

That result saw them occupy the final Play-Off spot, with 58 points to their name from 32 games and the Town then went on to win eight games in a row, but as we all know, ultimately just miss out on promotion to Stevenage Borough.

After Saturday's 1-1 draw with Kidderminster Harriers, the Hatters find themselves just off the leading pack in third, but handily placed and are actually two places and four points better off.

Unfortunately, last season there was no club lurking with the financial firepower of Crawley Town looking to make it into the big time either.



There is no magic number in terms to aim to secure the title too as Stevenage were crowned champions with 99 points.

Before that Burton took the top spot with just 88 points, while looking even further back, Aldershot topped the hundred mark on their way to glory, romping to 101 points.

With 14 games left, the Hatters could still reach 104 points, unlikely I know, but it's starting to get to the point where every match represents a must-win affair.

"There will be plenty of twists and turns," mused Money to the press on Saturday after hearing about Crawley hammering Histon 5-0, and he is right about that.

It looks like the team who can keep their nerve away from home will be lifting the silverware come May as Hatters have to travel to York, Kidderminster and Rushden, while Crawley visit Fleetwood, Gateshead and Newport County before the campaign ends.

While there is also that intriguing clash at the Broadfield Stadium on Tuesday 12th April in front of the TV cameras which could well decide the destination of the title.

Another cliché that is regularly banded about is likening the last few months to a rollercoaster.

Well, I for one am going to strap myself in and see just where this ride will take us!

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## FIXTURES

BARROW	v	ALTRINCHAM
GATESHEAD	v	DARLINGTON
KIDDERMINSTER	v	CRAWLEY TOWN
MANSFIELD TOWN	v	GRIMSBY TOWN
RUSHDEN & D	v	FOREST GREEN
WREXHAM	v	EASTBOURNE B

## MATCH CENTRE

HALF-TIME SCORE

FULL-TIME SCORE

ATTENDANCE

SCORERS

## UP NEXT

**MANSFIELD OR  
CHASETOWN**

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2011 3PM



# THE TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

- 01 MARK TYLER
- 02 DAN GLEESON
- 03 FREDDIE MURRAY
- 04 KEITH KEANE
- 05 LUKE GRAHAM
- 06 GEORGE PILKINGTON
- 07 ADAM NEWTON
- 08 AMARI MORGAN-SMITH
- 09 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 11 ROBBIE WILLMOTT
- 12 SHANE BLACKETT
- 13 ZDENEK KROCA
- 14 ALEX LAWLESS
- 15 JAKE HOWELLS
- 16 ED ASAFAU-ADJAYE
- 17 PAUL CARDEN
- 18 CLAUDE GNAKPA
- 19 DANNY CROW
- 21 CHARLIE HENRY
- 23 JASON WALKER
- 24 ALEX LACEY
- 25 GODFREY POKU
- 26 JJ O'DONNELL
- 28 ADAM WATKINS
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 30 KEVIN PILKINGTON
- 34 LLOYD OWUSU

## TAMWORTH

MANAGER: DES LYTTLE

- 02 RICHARD TAIT
- 03 TOM MARSHALL
- 04 DUANE COURTNEY
- 05 MICHAEL WYLDE
- 06 AARON MITCHELL
- 07 JAY SMITH
- 08 NEIL MACKENZIE
- 09 KYLE PERRY
- 10 JEVaise CHRISTIE
- 11 DANNY THOMAS
- 12 SEB LAKE-GASKIN
- 14 JAKE SHERIDAN
- 15 DES LYTTLE
- 16 JASON BRADLEY
- 17 DANIEL BRADLEY
- 19 SCOTT BARROW
- 20 BEN WILKINSON
- 21 LOUIS CONNOR
- 24 ADI YUSUF
- 25 MALVIN KAMARA
- 26 AARON FARRELL