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the chairman

aside at such time as these matters are satisfactorily resolved and an appointment is possible. However, as a Board member, he also understands in detail the issues within the Club, both on and off the field, which we believe puts him in a unique situation to help the Club in this difficult time.

Jez and Nolan will continue to have a very hands on role with the scholars and development players, including the important process of recruiting new scholars for next season so there is no detrimental effect to the Club.

Whilst we have seen a recent upturn in our results it's clear we still require additional points to ensure we finish the season in mid table. The vocal backing and encouragement from supporters since Jez took over the caretaker role has been superb and we urge that level of positive support to continue between now and the end of the season. I am sure this will be especially evident for tonight's match against one of the sides hoping to achieve promotion to the Football League come the end of the season.



Good evening and welcome to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for tonight's match against Luton Town. We welcome the players, officials and supporters from our visitors who have made the short trip for the game.

As confirmed by the Club last week, the Board met recently to consider the shortlist of applications for the managers position, which was drawn up by Jez in the last month. We have this role to Jez, as Director of Football, and it was completed in a timely fashion which gave us the option of an

immediate appointment. ▶

We agreed an appointment was not in the long term interests of the Club and asked Jez and Nolan to continue in their roles until the end of the season. We arrived at this decision for a number of reasons, among which is the unresolved contract positions with the previous management team and the financial constraints within which we are currently operating.

Jez, to his credit, has agreed to this request in the interest of the Club. He has made it clear he wishes to step

We extend a warm welcome back to a number of familiar faces in the form of Gary Brabin who led the U's to Wembley the season before last, along with players Dan Gleeson, Robbie Willmott and Danny Crow. We also welcome back Paul Carden, currently on loan with the Hatters.

Let's enjoy the match, create a fantastic atmosphere and get behind the team from the first minute to the last.

All the best,
Paul

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jez george



We welcome Luton Town for tonight's game and obviously our visitors have a number of familiar faces who have all, in one way or another, been fantastic servants to Cambridge United in the recent past.

A lot of things have happened since the last minute gut-wrenching goal by Kidderminster in our last home game. That night we put on a decent performance in front of the cameras and worked really hard for an equaliser that almost took the roof off the stadium, only to concede 82 seconds later. The support the fans gave us that night was fantastic and with six of our last nine games at home we need them now more than ever before.

The first of the four away games that we faced in the last two weeks felt like we were at home thanks to be unbelievable numbers that turned out at Histon. That night we got what we deserved in terms of result which we knew was crucial in both our league position and the fact it was a local derby. I appreciate it has been a

difficult season and a frustrating one for all the fans so the most pleasing aspect of that night apart from the three points was giving you all something to cheer about.

The dedication, commitment and passion of our supporters is incredible and the biggest asset we have at this Club. I would personally like to thank every one of you that travelled hundreds of miles to Newport, Darlington and Southport. We are all aware of the financial climate and the effort and time taken in travelling to these clubs, so to see and hear you in such numbers gives the players a massive lift. I hope that you can see from their reaction to you that we all truly value your support.

Our return of two points from the last three games has been frustrating. The first half at Newport we probably created more chances from open play than in any other fixture, but we're not clinical enough in front of goal and regretted our misses when the home team put us under pressure in the

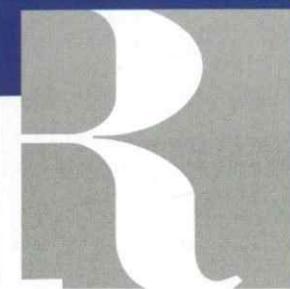
second half. That said, we hit the post twice and were denied a penalty in the last minute when the referee overruled the linesman.

At Darlington, whilst we defended resolutely and showed great discipline in frustrating the home team for three-quarters of the match, one lapse of concentration cost us dearly and in all honesty we didn't pose enough threat going forward to force an equaliser. That said we missed a gilt edge chance on the stroke of half time which could have changed everything. Whilst we'd love to be able to turn things around by outplaying teams, scoring goals and dominating matches, we have to be realistic as to where we are. Therefore a scrappy 1-0 away win or a goalless draw which we were close to achieving would have been a great result.

Southport proved to be the biggest frustration because a refereeing decision meant that for one hour we had to play with ten men which obviously changed the entire complexion of the game. We felt it was a game we would have taken maximum points from but in the end we were grateful to Luke Berry's late goal to gain a hard earned point. The spirit, commitment and work rate of the team in adversity will serve us well in the next crucial nine games and is something we must build on. We need to add quality and improve our forward play and that was the disappointment about Saturday that we were denied the opportunity to do just that by a poor decision. Unfortunately having reviewed the DVD for Adam Marriott's sending off we cannot make an appeal due to a player obstructing the incident. It is disappointing as Maz now misses the next three games but we cannot afford to dwell on that. What we have to do is continue to work hard, stick together, believe in ourselves and strive to improve.

Please stick with us because you all have a massive part to play. Thanks for your invaluable support.

Jez



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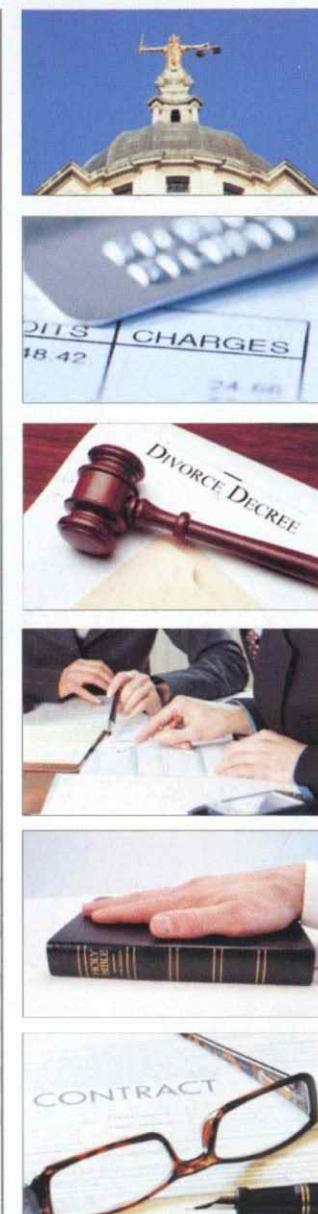
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today's opposition



Tonight's visitors to the Abbey could secure two trips to Wembley this season, with a place in the Blue Square Bet Premier Play-off and FA Trophy showpiece finals up for grabs. Nevertheless, the Hatters still harbour dreams of clinching automatic promotion and, prior to last Saturday, were sat comfortably in third spot. Without a league game, Town travelled to Mansfield on Sunday for the first leg of their Trophy semi-final, so will hope to have one foot in the national stadium.

Despite clinching the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in March 2009 Luton were relegated at the end of the season after failing to recover from a thirty point deduction imposed due to financial irregularities. Town's debut campaign at this level then proved a tumultuous one. Firstly, they disposed of Manager Mick Harford three months in, despite the Hatters holding eighth place. However, they slowly climbed the table under current boss Richard Money, and a nine-match winning streak towards the end of the season clinched their play-off berth. York stood between Town and a place in the final, but City proved too strong as a brace of single goal victories consigned the Hertfordshire club to another year of non-league football.

Thanks to a healthy budget the Hatters have maintained their challenge this year. Losing just six games, they have a strong

home record of twelve wins and four draws from 18 games, with only Crawley and Fleetwood upsetting the faithful. Victories in front of an average gate of 6,326 are headlined by the 6-1 thumping of Forest Green, 4-0 defeat of Darlington, five-goal hauls against both Histon and York and, markedly, a 3-0 win over then leaders Wimbledon.

U's boss Jez George will look closely at their statistics on the road, though, where Town have recorded seven wins, four draws and four losses. Omnipotently, they have not been defeated away from home since mid-November, when Wrexham inflicted a 1-0 reverse. Therefore, fruitless trips to Tamworth, Grimsby and Gateshead are now a distant memory, with the Hatters winning three and drawing a trio of their last six games. Growing stronger away from Kenilworth Road, Town have collected maximum points from Hayes & Yeading, Altrincham and Forest Green, with stubborn points pocketed from Newport, Bath and fortress Wimbledon.

Overall, United look to have a tough job ahead of them, with Town losing just one of their last 18 games in all competition and a plethora of former United men looking to upset the applecart upon their return.

manager richard money

Appointed in October 2009, Richard Money

is charged with guiding Town back into the Football League. A former Hatters defender, he also appeared for Scunthorpe, Fulham, Liverpool, Derby, and Portsmouth. Made the bench for Liverpool when they lifted the 1981 European Cup, before cutting his managerial teeth with Scunthorpe. Coaching spells in Sweden and Australia preceded his arrival at Walsall, whom he steered to the League Two title in 2007. Richard left the Saddlers in 2008, then became Academy Director at Newcastle prior to his recruitment as Town boss. Richard is assisted by former U's Manager Gary Brabin, whose presence kick-starts several connections to United.

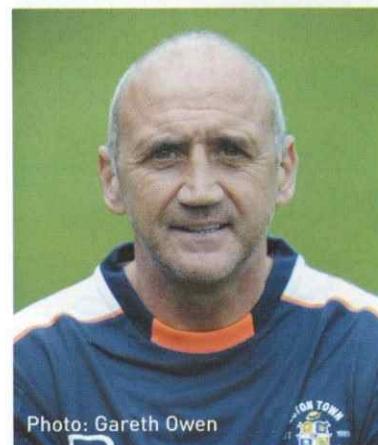


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presenting the players

Mark Tyler - Goalkeeper

Signed from Peterborough in June 2009, Mark brings a wealth of experience to the Hatters squad. Spent an impressive 15 years at London Road, making nearly 500 appearances. Fell out of favour during the 2008/09 season and was loaned to Bury, where he played 11 times prior to arriving at Kenilworth Road.

Kevin Pilkington - Goalkeeper

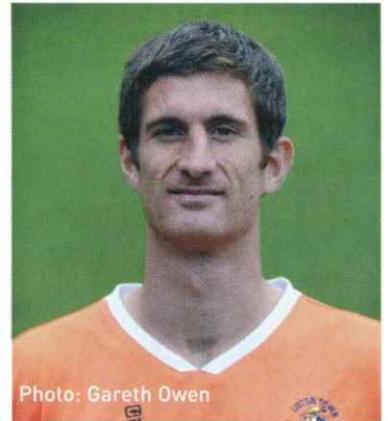
This experienced stopper returned to Luton at the end of January following a loan spell with Mansfield. Support for Mark Tyler, he has made 400 plus appearances in a career starting at Manchester United. Played six times for the Premiership giants, and has also seen service at Rochdale, Rotherham, Celtic, Port Vale, Aberystwyth, Wigan, Mansfield, [twice] and Notts County.

Luke Graham - Defender

Centre-half Luke was recruited during the January transfer window, but remains a loanee from Kettering. Started out at Northampton before a first spell with the Poppies and has since played for both Mansfield and York. Helped the latter reach the 2010 BSP Play-off Final, but opted to rejoin the Northamptonshire club last summer. 24-year old Luke made twenty plus appearances for Kettering prior to moving to Kenilworth Road.

Zdenek Kroca - Defender

Czech born central defender Zdenek was one of Richard Money's first summer signings following a career-changing move from hometown club Tescoma Zlin. The 29-year old, who made 169 appearances in the Czech Second Division, is a threat from set-pieces, as his five goals this term will testify.



George Pilkington - Defender (above)

A regular central defensive partner for Zdenek, George has been with the Hatters since August 2008. A trainee with Everton, he joined Port Vale in 2003 via a loan spell

at Exeter, and progressed to make 253 appearances for the Staffordshire club. Has just passed the 100 game mark for Town and, like Zdenek, his four goal-haul this term, including the second in Town's 2-0 win over United earlier this season, dictates that he should be monitored at set-pieces.

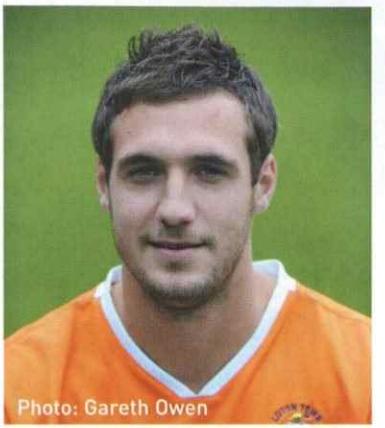


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Dan Gleeson - Defender (above)

Glees needs no introduction, having enjoyed two spells here at the Abbey. Born and still living in his hometown, he debuted in November 2003 and made 66 appearances before being released in the 2006. Nevertheless, within seven months of arriving at Notts County he was back to the Abbey, and Dan went on to play a further 132 games in black and amber as United reached successive Wembley Play-off Finals. Decided on a change of direction and joined Town last summer, but will be assured of a warm reception this evening. An accomplished right-back, he has several England C caps.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye - Defender

A Hatters youth product, Ed slots in anywhere across the back four. After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham he broke into the first-team but, with the managerial door revolving, he found it difficult to nail a regular spot. Shipped out on loan again, this time to Salisbury, he returned full of confidence, re-established himself in the starting eleven and played in the Town side lifting the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Injury has curtailed Ed's appearances this term and he may miss out at the Abbey tonight.

Shane Blackett - Defender

Signed from Peterborough in June 2009, Shane plays at either left-back or centre-half. Starting out at Dunstable Town then Arlesey, he was snapped up by Dagenham & Redbridge in 2004 and was a member of their Conference title-winning side of 2006/07.

83 impressive appearances prompted Posh to sign him in January 2007, although, he struggled to settle at London Road. Emblazoned in a Town shirt

fleetingly this season, and is another who may miss tonight's trip to the Abbey through injury.

Freddie Murray - Defender

Another in the list of ex-United personnel at Kenilworth Road, left-back Freddie was adorned in a black and amber shirt between December 2001 and May 2004 following a loan spell from Blackburn. Tipperary born, this affable Irishman made 102 appearances for the U's prior to joining Northampton. Suffered two career threatening achilles tendon injuries whilst at Sixfields and, after being released in 2007, had spells with Stafford Rangers, Stevenage, Exeter and Grays before arriving at Luton in August 2009.

Robbie Willmott - Midfielder

Continuing with the ex-United theme, Town captured Robbie for £50,000 during the recent January transfer window. A product of Jez George's successful youth set-up, he made his U's debut in September 2007 and scored a first goal in our 3-2 FA Trophy win at Histon in December 2008. Causing havoc on both flanks, Robbie made a total of 123 appearances in black and amber, scoring 20 goals, and had already bagged ten this season upon leaving. The 20-year old opened his Hatters account in the 1-1 draw at Newport, but U's fans may be spared the odd sight of him in an opposition shirt this evening courtesy of a thigh injury.

Paul Carden - Midfielder

Equally as strange as seeing Robbie Willmott in a Town shirt will be the presence of 'Cards' in the Hatters engine room. Currently on loan from United, the 31-year old has been a magnificent servant to the U's, having been Club Captain and both Assistant and Caretaker Manager during his time here. It still remains uncertain as to whether Paul will return to the fold at United, but all will hope that he can add to his 138 appearances and continue terrorising the opposition whilst donning a black and amber shirt.

Jake Howells - Midfielder

A Hatters graduate, Jake can operate on the left-wing as well as full back. Made his Town debut in 2008, with some eye-catching performances earning him several England C caps. Bagged six goals last term, including the third in Luton's barnstorming 4-3 win here at the Abbey, and has since established himself in the starting eleven.

Godfrey Poku - Midfielder

A defensive midfielder, Godfrey was snapped up from St Albans City in January 2010 after being scouted by a plethora of clubs. Appeared regularly for the reserves before making his Hatters bow

last October, but has predominantly warmed the bench this season.

Jonathan O'Donnell

Joining Town from St Albans along with Godfrey Poku, quick-footed winger Jonathan featured for both the Youth and Reserve sides following his arrival. Debuted for the first eleven in October's FA Cup clash with Corby but, has still to appear in a league game, despite being a regular substitute.

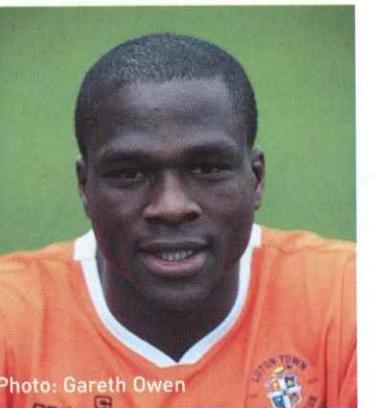


Photo: Gareth Owen

Claude Gnakpa - Midfielder (above)

An imposing sight on the right-flank, Claude brings experience from several European clubs to the squad. Started out in France with Montpellier HSC, before strutting his stuff in Spain with Racing Santander and Deportivo Alaves. Moving to FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein prior to arriving in the UK with Swindon then Peterborough, the powerfully built 27-year old picked up a League Two winners medal with Posh in 2007/08 but opted to join Luton shortly after. A menace for any defence, he has bagged ten goals this season.

Keith Keane - Midfielder

Highly-rated at Kenilworth Road, Keith is another product of the Hatters academy. An established member of the squad since 2003, he has passed the 225 appearance mark for Town and is a good bet to partner Paul Carden in central midfield tonight, although, capable of playing anywhere across the park or in defence.

Adam Newton - Midfielder

Captured from Brentford in July 2009, Adam is another squad member adept at playing down the flanks. Right-footed, the 30-year old was schooled in the West Ham Academy but moved to Peterborough in 2002. A former England U21 international, he clocked up 249 games for Posh and collected a League Two winners medal in 2008, as he did with the Bees in 2009. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he also enjoyed loan spells with Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton

Orient. May miss this evening's game through injury.

Adam Watkins - Midfielder

Luton born Adam signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road last summer, but has made just two substitute appearances. An attacking threat from midfield, he has also spent time on loan at Arlesey Town.

Alex Lawless - Midfielder

A central midfielder, Alex signed from York in November. A former Welsh U21 international, he suffered play-off heartache last season as City were defeated in the BSP Play-off Final, so will hope to go one better this year. A Cardiff scholar, he moved to Fulham in 2003 via a tour of the Welsh lower leagues, before being snapped up by Fulham in 2003. Failed to make the grade at Craven Cottage so, joined Torquay for the 2005/06 campaign, and then relocated to FGR. Made his name at the New Lawn, with 121 appearances prompting York to swoop in June 2009.

Matthew Barnes-Homer - Forward

Top scorer with 15 goals, including the second in Town's 2-0 win over Tamworth last Tuesday, Matthew will keep the United defence on their toes. A trainee with Wolves, he moved to the US in 2004 and played for the excellently named Syracuse Salty Dogs, Rochester Rhinos and Virginia Beach Mariners. Returned later that year and toured the lower leagues with Aldershot, Hednesford, Bromsgrove, Tividale and Willenhall before arriving at Kiddy in 2007 via a solitary appearance for Wycombe. Netted 35 times in 100 games for Harriers, but now hopes to propel Town towards the Football League.



Photo: Gareth Owen

Danny Crow - Forward (above)

Completing the roll call of United old boys, Danny left the Abbey last summer after a prolific season in black and amber. As

most of us know, the 24-year old started out with Norwich and also appeared for Northampton, Notts County and Peterborough before arriving in CB5 during September 2008. Danny's debut season ended with an appearance in the BSP Play-off Final, but he found his feet last term with 23 goals. Approachable and well respected by colleagues and United fans alike, his departure came as a disappointment to all. Seven goals from 25 games this term, prior to Sunday's FA Trophy trip to Mansfield.

Amari Morgan-Smith - Forward

A close-season capture from Ilkeston, Amari was hunted by several clubs prior to his arrival at Kenilworth Road. The scorer of 23 Blue Square North goals last year, he has disappointed this term and, prior to Sunday's FA Trophy clash with Mansfield, had netted just twice in 14 games. A youngster with Wolves, he moved on to Crewe then Stockport but, after a handful of appearances, departed for Ilkeston.

Jason Walker - Forward

Town fought off a clutch of clubs to secure Jason's signature last November. Another England C international, the ex-Barrow man pocketed 11 goals in 18 games at the start of this season but, after three years with the Bluebirds his head was turned. Although Barrow born, Jason began his career with Dundee prior to spells with Greenock Morton and Morecambe but, less than prolific, he returned to Cumbria in 2007, where 51 goals in 107 starts caught the eye as Barrow secured BSP promotion. Jason also scored the Bluebirds' Wembley winner as they defeated Stevenage in the 2010 FA Trophy Final. Has one Hatters goal from ten games.

Lloyd Owusu - Forward

Adding experience to the squad at a vital stage of the season, Lloyd joined Town in January and, prior to Sunday's trip to Mansfield, had impressed with 6 goals in 9 games, including the opener in last Tuesday 2-0 victory over Tamworth. A Ghanaian international, his career started at Slough Town before Brentford snapped him up in 1998. Netted 64 times in 148 games for the Bees, including 25 during the 1998/99 season when United were pipped to the Third Division Championship. Moved on to Sheffield Wednesday in 2004 and subsequently turned out for Reading, Brentford, (again) Yeovil, Cheltenham and Brighton; increasing his tally of league goals to 144. A change in direction saw him relocate to Australia in 2009 for a stint with Adelaide United, but he returned to Blighty late last year.

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doug shulman looks at previous meetings with luton town

Labelled as a geographical derby, meetings between United and Luton have produced plenty of closely fought, exciting matches whilst goals are never in short supply. With supporters of both clubs usually travelling in decent numbers and on-pitch bragging rights there to claim, it is no surprise to discover very little separating the U's and the Hatters in the overall head count. Town currently lead the way with seven victories, United sit just behind on six, whilst eight draws have been played out in games dating back to the late 70s.

The 1978/79 season marked our inaugural clash, with John Docherty's U's travelling to Kenilworth Road for a Division Two, (now Championship) encounter on 23 September. David Pleat's men went into the match against a backdrop of some sizzling home form, having defeated Cardiff City 7-1 the previous week, which took their tally of goals to 16 from their opening three matches in Hertfordshire. Oldham had also been thumped 6-1, Charlton got away lightly with a 3-0 loss, whilst Town had also ended Wigan's League Cup hopes courtesy of a 2-0 success. In contrast, United had scored just six goals from their first six league games and were yet to record victory.

However, the men in black and amber refused to follow the script. All looked rosy when Brian Stein, scoring just one of the 127 goals he bagged in ten years with Town, popped up after two minutes to give the Hatters an early advantage. Roared on by a whopping crowd of close to 11,000 Pleat's charges hunted a killer second killer, but the U's hung on until the interval.

Town's uncertainty continued after the break as Alan Biley, Tom Finney, and the irrepressible Steve Spriggs all probed the backline. The latter tested keeper Milija Alekovic with a stinging drive, but United were handed a golden opportunity to draw level shortly after. Making a foray

into the penalty area, Spriggs was brought down and referee Mr Bune pointed to the spot. Alan Biley thumped the resultant spot kick high into the net but, with the man in the middle claiming he was not ready, the King of the Mullets was ordered to retake. Biley again buried his shot from twelve yards, the third of 22 goals that season but, although, both sides searched for a winner, matters concluded 1-1. United ended the season in mid-table whilst Town avoided relegation by just two points.

Luton have claimed four wins at Kenilworth Road, with the U's twice recording victory. The last of these triumphs came in December 2002 when Luke Guttridge (pictured) bagged an LDV Vans Trophy golden goal winner. At the Abbey United head the way with four wins, whilst Town have emerged victorious on three occasions, including last season's eventful 4-3 success. Three draws have been played out in CB5, with the most memorable being United's fightback from three goals down to claim a point in our



head 2 head

| | Home Wins | Away Wins | Draws | Home Goals | Away Goals |
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programmes past

The Abbey has seen its fair share of 'characters' over the years, and there were few more popular than Willy Wordsworth, former chief scout then assistant to Jimmy Quinn. The programme from this day in 2008 carried a question and answer session with the great man:

Matt Ramsay kicked off by asking Willy: "Are you planning on being at the club for the long haul?"

WW: "Yes, if the Gaffer wants me, that's exactly what I'd like to do. We'll have to sit down at the end of the season and see what league we're in but if everything works out I'd love to, yes."

Matt also asks: "What level can the club find itself in the next few years, on and off the pitch?"

WW: We've already done a business plan and first of all we've got to get out of this league, which is not the easiest league to get out of, but the plan is to get ourselves into League Two by 2009/10 and then consolidate and push on to League One, and we're aiming for the Championship in eight to ten years."

Matt's final question: "You got the players bouncing back at us at Halifax; have you got any more banter lined up for us?"

WW: "Yes, I've got a string of banter lined up, but we haven't won anything yet and that's the first thing everyone needs to remember. We need you to keep supporting us and if and when we get into the playoffs - if we don't win the league - there's loads more to come from me and the players and the Gaffer. Everyone loves a laugh but it's serious stuff at the moment because we're into the business end of the season now."

Daniel Lowe asks: "As you have been a scout and obviously seen our signings beforehand, have you been pleased with the way they've come together now that you're assistant manager?"

WW: "That's the most pleasing thing, that they all hit the ground running. The likes of Paul Carden and Lee McEvilly and Wayne Hatwell and Mark Beesley - and even young Ben Farrell who came from two leagues below us - they've all fitted right in. We've made them welcome and we work hard at training and everything is geared to getting them playing straight away.

"The days are gone now where you sign a player and they sit around for a year; we can't afford to do that here or at any other Conference club, so they come in and play and it's pleasing that they've all come in and hit their stride straight away."

Mark in Liverpool asks: "What did you make of Alan Lewer's departure and did you lose any respect for him when he left?"

WW: "I've known Alan for about 15-20 years and always trusted him, but from what I've found out since he's gone, I'm not surprised at all that he left."

Mark also asks: "Are you enjoying your greater involvement with the squad on a day-to-day basis? You seem pretty enthusiastic and loving it when you are



on the pitch before and after the game."

WW: "I've known the boys all season and when Alan decided to desert us it was an easy decision because of Jim and the size of the club and because of the players. We can have a laugh together at the right time and be serious at the right time."

Mark's final question: "Is Jimmy a hard man to work for?"

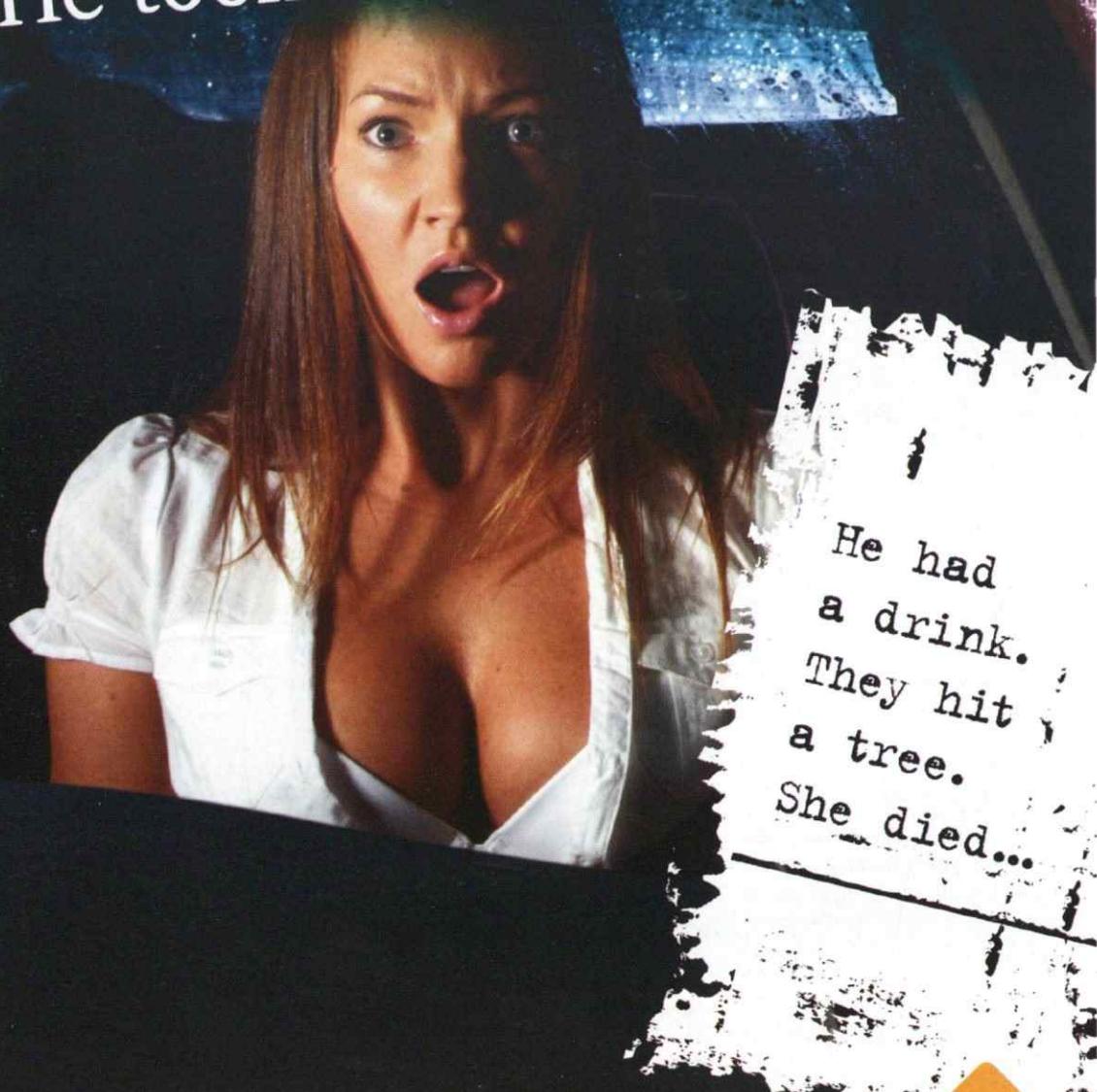
WW: "Yes he can be, but he's professional and to the point and that's how you have to be to have a career like his, and that professionalism rubs off on everybody else."

This was all just three short years ago. Sometimes it seems more like thirty...



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In the early to mid 1980's Cambridge United were in the Second Division and enjoying the life of the big time. The fans were treated week in week out with the likes of some England's biggest names including Newcastle and Chelsea. However, within a couple of seasons the club would find itself back where it started, in the Fourth Division. A player who would shine out of that squad was a young Scottish player who joined Cambridge from Glasgow Celtic and who not only went on to make over 500 league appearances in his career, but has also gone onto become one of the Premier League's most established and respected manager, David Moyes.

David Moyes arrived from Glasgow Celtic in the summer of 1983. He arrived with a lot of expectation having not only come through the Celtic youth ranks to the first team, but also Cambridge had held off other bigger clubs for his signature.

"I had the chance to go to Arsenal on loan at the time, and Sunderland as well but it was Cambridge who said they would do the deal permanently. I think the attraction was that I felt I

could come to Cambridge and start regularly and get the games that I wanted. And that was the case.

"Cambridge were a small club, but they were in a big league. They had had the success of getting there, good players had recently played there and moved on. I think when I came they were starting to slip a bit and head back down, and that proved to be the case over the course of the next couple of seasons."

The 1983/84 season began with such hope, but ultimately the club struggled badly and was relegated to the Third Division. Unfortunately the following season the same thing happened; with no end to the rot the club was relegated once again back to the Fourth Division. For the team and the players it was hard to take.

"It was soul destroying. Nobody wants to be involved in teams that are losing. But to be in football you have to understand that hopefully the losing makes the winning feel even better, and then pushes you on for more victories. But at that time it was a difficult time to be a player at the club because we were just struggling to find

any wins. And it wasn't through the lack of trying, I just think that at that time Cambridge was starting to become a small club in the league they were in."

David Moyes made a total of 79 league starts and scored one goal in just under two years at Cambridge. However he still looks back at his time here as a happy one. "I look back on it with fond memories because I meet some great people. I think maybe as a young man I never fully appreciated how beautiful Cambridge and Cambridgeshire is. I have been back many times since and I really enjoy it.

"I look back at my time there as a time of development, especially the first season or so after I came down. Newcastle were in the division at the time, Portsmouth were a very strong team, Derby County, Chelsea were in that division as well and all the players who played for them were terrific so it was a really strong league with a brilliant quality of player in it. We were just at that time the poorest of them all unfortunately."

Chris O'Donnell

businessmatters

Good evening and welcome to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for tonight's exciting clash with Luton. It's the first home match for us in what seems like an age and we are all looking forward to a great game of football. In only four days' time we are staging the R Costings Day, which is the first of its kind, whereby our stadium sponsors are marking the renewal of their deal with Cambridge United with the entire day sponsored by them - come along and take part.

Many thanks to all those that came to our sporting dinner at the Crowne Plaza, Cambridge recently. The evening was a huge success raising much needed funds for Cambridge United and having an absolutely super evening. John Motson and Ricky George were a delight to work with and provided funny moments throughout the evening which was brilliant. They really engaged with our sponsors and the banter which was flying around made the whole evening thoroughly enjoyable. Thanks to all those that took part in the auction - Bill King from Cheffins donated his time to us and

made the auction extra special. I have no doubt that when we release details of the next one tickets will fly - it's always great to be part of a fantastic event.

The FOCU'sT quiz night a couple of weeks ago, organised by Claire Osbourn also was a resounding success. The winning table all received a bottle of wine each and the losers - our caterers got doughnuts! We all enjoyed the evening and every single penny of the money raised from these events goes to the Youth Development. We would love to get more support for anything FOCU'sT orientated - so if you see an event please come along and support us. The Steve Kindon night is the next one on the 31 March. This will be a night of listening to the ex-Burnley and England player regale us with tales of how the beautiful game used to be and the merriment that went with it. Food is included in the £20 ticket so come along and enjoy yourselves. It is a casual evening - you don't need to dress up - just turn up!

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welcome you back to the R Costings Abbey Stadium.

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Welcome to Julia Gray and her party from BAM Nuttal who managed to get everyone rearranged after the match changed from the 26 February to tonight.

Alan Smith, Antony Gallacher and their respective parties, the VP club who are using the raffle prizes from the Sporting Dinner - welcome Duncan from Ashcourt Rowan and the other members who are so supportive of CUFC. Mick Donohue and his party are dining and as they are Luton

fans you may be in the minority but we hope that you all enjoy the experience whatever the match result.

Keep checking our web site and following us on Twitter as it's amazing what happens out there in twitter world! @cambridgeutdfc is our twitter and join in! CBS are the lucky programme sponsors so check your programme number when it's announced and you could be leaving the ground the proud owner of a new Nokia handset. Bar Menzies are the new sponsors of the second prize for the Golden Gamble and now the weather seems to be warming up what a great prize a four ball plus lunch would make. Check your tickets at half time.

All that remains is for me to say thank you to the fans for your continued support and have a safe journey home!

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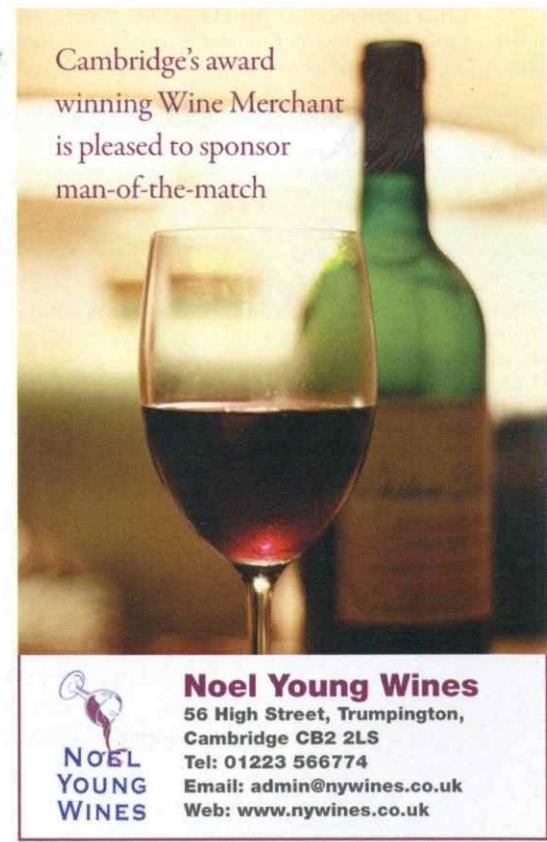
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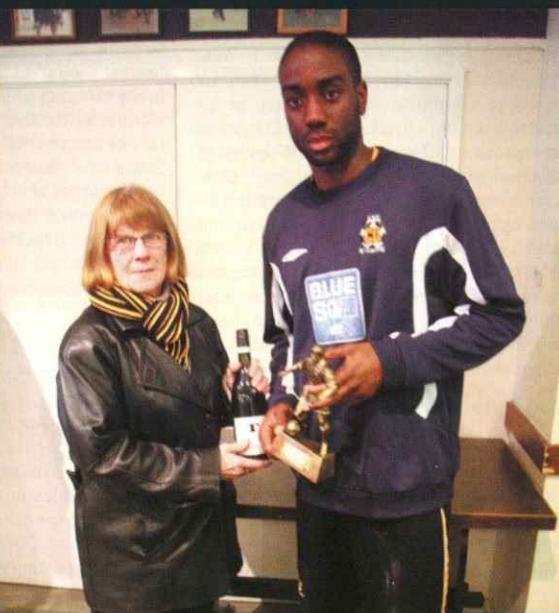
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Daniel, who is eight years old, is a keen Cambridge United fan and currently plays in the Youth Development Squad as Under 9's. His dream is to reach the Centre of Excellence and one day play for the first team.

Daniel's favourite Cambridge United player is Danny Wright.

We welcome Daniel and his guests to the R Costings Abbey Stadium and hope that they enjoy their afternoon.

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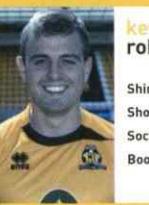
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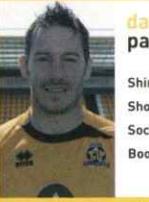
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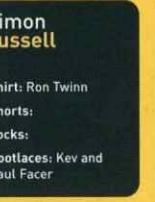
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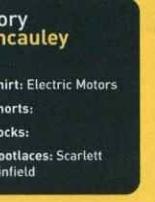
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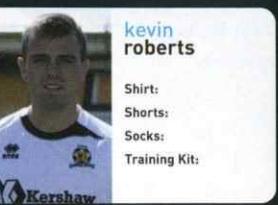
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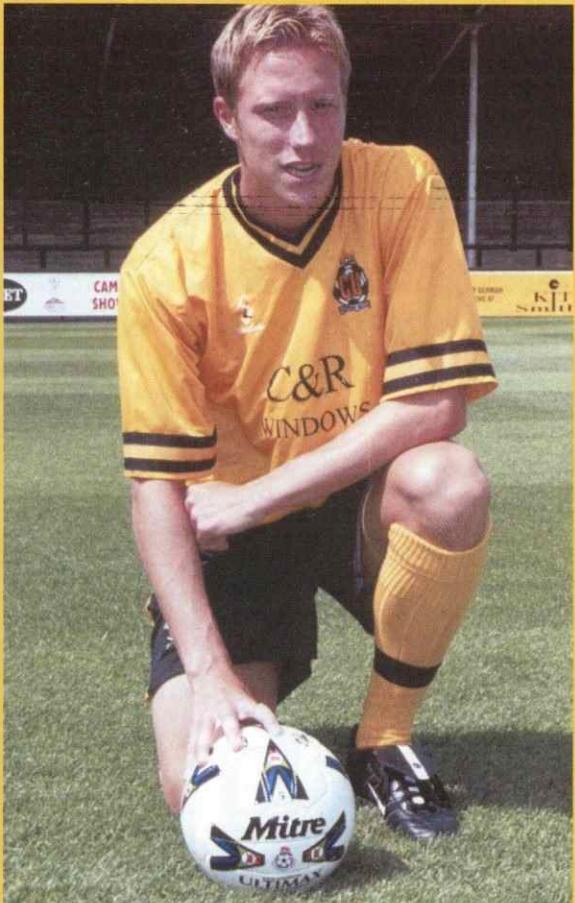
marathon effort

Former Cambridge United midfielder Neil Mackenzie (below left) would like your support as he prepares to run a marathon for charity. He explains why.

"I have chosen to run a marathon for this charity, CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) as it is a condition that has deeply affected me during my football career, having lost a couple of close friends, both of whom were in their mid-late 20's, far too young to die.

"I feel the awareness could be raised for this condition, and more footballers, and indeed sports people in general should be screened more often to try and prevent this happening as often as it does.

"A shocking a saddening statistic from the CRY website states that around 12 apparently young and healthy people



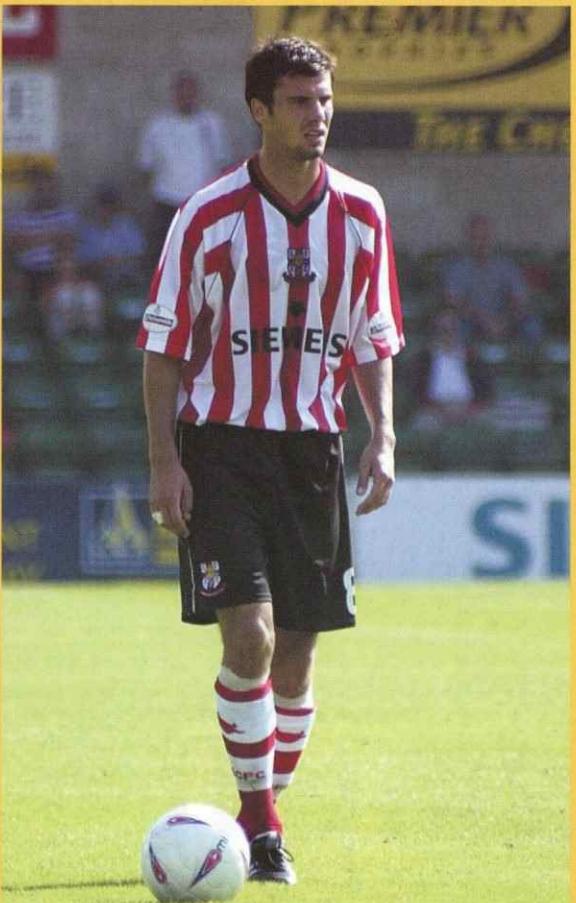
die EVERY WEEK with this condition, suddenly, whether it be in their sleep or during activity.

"Let's hope we can raise some funds to help this process and also help awareness in an area of growing concern.

"In memory of Richard Butcher (below right) and Matthew Gadsby, gone but not forgotten."

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The cause is close to all in the game as the recent untimely deaths to Matthew Gadsby (Hinckley Town and more recently Richard Butcher (Macclesfield Town, Lincoln City and Notts County).



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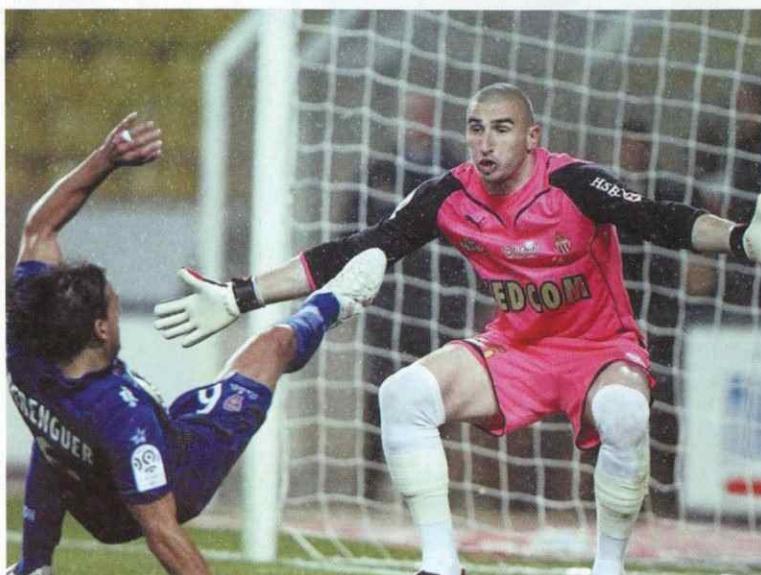
mikebarnes

The second smallest country in the world has a reputation for fast cars and tax incentives and as a playground for the rich and famous. Its idyllic Mediterranean location features an old city on a rocky outcrop, a royal palace and the world's most famous casino. Welcome to the Principality of Monaco.

The Principality itself is not a UEFA member and, with a population of only 32,000 and an area slightly larger than the Vatican, Monaco's connection to the football world has always been via France. Its football club, Association Sportive de Monaco, counts Arsene Wenger and Didier Deschamps among its former coaches.

With seven league titles and five French cups to their name, Monaco have historically been among France's most successful club sides, but the red and whites last won Le Championnat in 2000 and Le Coupe de France has not been seen in the Principality since 1991. Monaco won the league in 1988, Wenger's first season in charge, and the cup in 1989 and 1991 and were consistent contenders in Europe during the Professor's eight-year reign.

Only seven years ago, under Deschamps, Monaco reached the final of the Champions League, eliminating



Real Madrid - Zidane, Raul, Figo, Ronaldo and all - and Chelsea along the way. Fernando Morientes, on loan from the Spanish giants, could not stop scoring - a habit he was later cured of at Liverpool. The Monaco line-up also featured Ludovic Giuly en route to Barcelona, but Porto eventually did for them 3-0 in the final in Gelsenkirchen.

Cambridge-based Nathalie Collomb grew up in the south of France and has fond memories of watching football from her grandfather's house perched on the Rock of Monaco above the original stadium. "It was a great place to watch football, high up on the cliff top," she recalls.

Now, on return visits to her homeland, Nathalie likes to treat her family to the Monaco football experience from the comfort of the rebuilt arena. "It's a lovely new stadium and there's a real sense of community at the matches. It's easy to get good seats, it's very safe and there's a family atmosphere," she says.

In contrast to its romantic setting, the present Monaco team is devoid of celebrity sparkle and is fighting to stave off relegation. In truth, Laurent Banide's (left) men have drawn too many matches, but a record of only three wins in thirteen home games

speaks for itself. Banide became Monaco's sixth manager since Deschamps' departure in 2005, replacing Guy Lacombe, who was sacked in January after a cup-tie defeat to fifth-tier Chambery.

Some French football observers point to a lack of atmosphere at the 18,500-capacity Stade Louis II and the increasing antagonism between players and supporters to explain the team's poor home performances, although only one win on the road, 4-0 at fellow strugglers Nancy, is scarcely a better return.

Club captain and goalkeeper Stephane Ruffier (above) criticised the fans after their goalless draw at home to basement club Arles earlier in the season. "They just do not stop insulting and criticising us. They'd be better off not coming to the stadium and insulting us from in front of their TV. It is insufferable."

The reality may be that, without international superstars, Monaco are a club in transition. Experienced South Korean winger Park Chu-Young and Romanian striker Daniele Niculae are its latest relatively unheralded heroes and former Liverpool defender Djimi Traore is the closest to a household name among the current crop.

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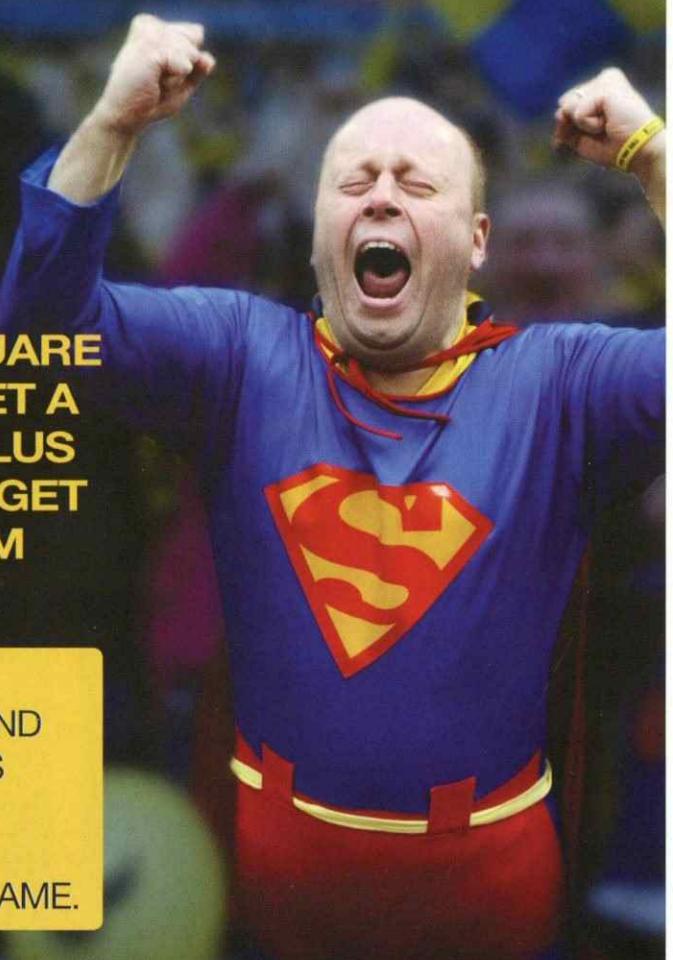


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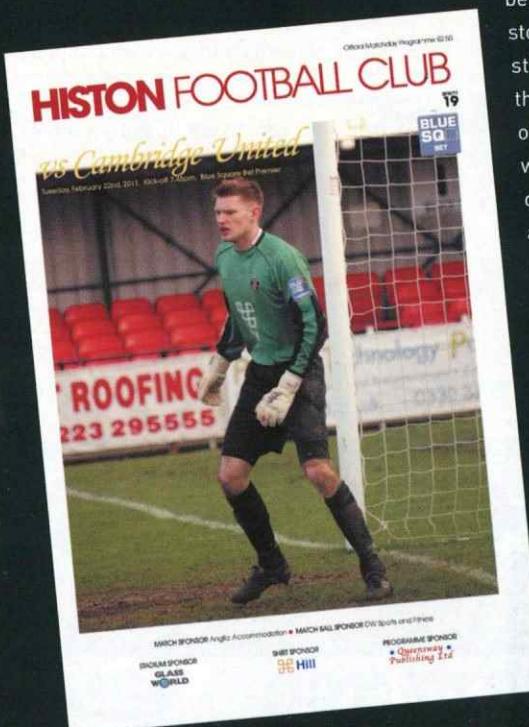
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The Journey

Departure Time: 5.15pm

Arrival at Ground: Traffic on the A14 wasn't too bad considering the time of day, although I was a little disappointed by the dearth of service stations along the route should an emergency coffee be required! But if the A14 was behaving reasonably, traffic at the Histon roundabout was as stodgy as a treacle pudding and not helped by the alarming number of drivers that treated a red traffic light as a suggestion. Nevertheless, I still managed to get to the ground a little after 5.40pm.



At The Ground

The Ground: A compact ground, having been built in two stages the main stand has a rather complicated configuration. The older section runs from about level with a point midway along the half of the pitch at the bridge end of the ground to a similar position over the other side of the halfway line. An extensive skeleton of grey metal barriers and stairways corral a dozen or so rows of red seats under a low roof. Those stairways are at the front, so the first row of seats is raised far over the narrow walkway and dugouts at the front, while at the back curtained windows of the bar cut into the white painted wall.

The cramped press area at the back of this older section of the main stand is made even cosier by the drop-down benches that poke into the stomach of all but the most stick-thin reporter behind the bench and into the back of the person in front. Just wide for anyone to sit comfortably behind, they are also not quite big enough for broadcasting kit or an open laptop.

To the left of this stand, the red seats of the newer construction are equally penned in by metalwork. Surprisingly, the rear of the stand is set back a fraction from the older stand so the view from the back couple of rows is partly blocked by its older neighbour.

The remaining three sides of the ground are covered by a continuous low roof. Terracing is behind other goals, while half a dozen rows of those ubiquitous red seats fill the side opposite the main stand. About half of the seats, and the terrace to their left, were allocated to United fans on the evening of our visit.

The remaining section of the ground, between the older main stand and the visitors terrace, consists of a concrete area with a double set of those grey metal fences positioned to act as segregation.

United Fans: U's fans 'livened' up proceedings just before kick off when they let off a smoke bomb. Its acrid outpourings were spread far and wide when a steward walked it half way around the pitch before disappearing with it down the tunnel, trailing smoke behind him like a downed fighter plane.

View from Away End: The low roof over the away terrace doesn't make for great viewing when it's occupied by the number of fans United take across the A14.

Home Fans: Perhaps because both sets of supporters were nervous of the result, they were quiet for long periods. While U's fans didn't really find their voices until the second goal, Histon fans only discovered theirs when their side was awarded a penalty – and quickly lost them again afterwards.

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Mark Johnson

chaplain's corner



Family tradition dictates that it is my job to cook the pancakes. I don't know about you, but in our family Shrove Tuesday is one of the highlights of the year - we all love pancakes - with a combination of lemon, sugar, banana and maple syrup, and for some of the boys, all of the above plus Chocolate and Toffee syrup topping!

Shrove Tuesday used to be a very significant day in the calendar, and for some it still is - as it marks the day before lent begins, and certainly historically, with it a 40-day fast. Shrove Tuesday was the opportunity to clear out the larder in preparation for the fast. There are some who still do practice the fast - going without food for 40 days, although it is less strictly adhered to than it used to be.

Lent is an important season for the Christian - but in truth, the significance of lent is not just for Christians. Lent is the period of six and a half weeks leading up to Easter (Sunday's aren't included in the 40 day calculation, if you were trying to do the maths!). Easter is the most significant of all the Christian festivals. Some Christian traditions make more of

lent than others do, and so even within the Christian Church there will be different emphasis and practices associated with this season.

But what is lent - apart from a few weeks running up to Easter and being a time when people didn't used to eat (apart from on Sunday's!) and why is it so important?

Lent provides an opportunity for reflection - it is a time when, as we lead in to the Easter celebration, we remember the path Jesus began to take that led him first to go to Jerusalem, and then to end up being betrayed, tried, flogged and brutally killed, but miraculously coming back to life three days later. We remember why he took that particular path - because of us.

And in the light of that, lent lends itself to responding by acknowledging we have got it wrong and seeking God's forgiveness and help. Mind you, it shouldn't be the only time this happens in the year.

There are still some today who give up chocolate for lent, others may give up alcohol, doner kebabs or sweets, while others may think about how they are spending their money ... some even see it as a good time to give up the cigarettes and save a bit of money. While it may be important to physically make a sacrifice of something along these lines, it is far more important that we recognise that what Jesus did for us, requires a response from us that goes deeper than just denying ourselves for a few weeks something we enjoy.

So while pancakes may be something that some of us have to wait 48 weeks for (Shrove Tuesday is three weeks earlier in 2012!); others may be off to the shops to get their lemons, flour, eggs and milk because they missed it; and yet others haven't got a clue what I'm talking about ... at least let us, as we approach Easter, not simply start to think about Chocolate Eggs, Bunnies and a nice long weekend, but the real reason behind Easter - Jesus.

And perhaps as we reflect on Him, we might find lent becomes a time when we receive so much that we hadn't bargained for.

By the way, personally, I don't think I can wait another 48 weeks - where are the lemons?

with stuart wood club chaplain

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first thoughts

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Football managers are an optimistic bunch.

Given their lack of job security this probably isn't a big surprise; after all, who but the most positive of individuals could take on a role which is most likely going to end in their untimely sacking?

This hopeful outlook which lurks within most gaffers often surfaces when trying to convince their club's supporters that they can still avoid relegation despite being bottom of the table with two games left. Or when trying to persuade their chairman to stretch their budget to allow for that extra loan signing that will make all the difference to their squad.

It also tends to come to fore when purchasing new players, particularly strikers who have been round the block a few times.

Of course, the phenomenon of the journey-man centre-forward isn't a purely non-league concept, but it does become more prevalent in the lower reaches of the pyramid, where the

saying "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus" can easily be applied to most footballers.

Indeed a couple of U's strikers past and present come to mind. Lee McEvilly, who recently joined Droylsden from Burscough, has played for three clubs this season, and 11 in total, including an impressive three spells at Rochdale.

And our very own Daryl Clare isn't far behind, with his current loan spell at Alfreton being the 12th stop in his goal-packed career.

One of my favourites is Jefferson Louis (pictured), or J-Lou to his friends, who has served an astonishing 20 teams at Blue Square Bet Premier level or below since starting his career at Oxford United in 2002.

He began this season at Blue Square North outfit Gainsborough Trinity, where his signing was heralded as something of a coup by manager Brian Little.

"I don't think I have seen anyone like Jefferson in the league," said Little. "He will give me options too as he can

play up front with one partner or in a three and I would like to think he will have a big season for us."

Four months and two goals later, he was on the move again, back up a level to the Blue Square Bet Premier for a loan spell with Darlington. He has since been back to Gainsborough, before moving on to Hayes and Yeading in January.

Quite what inspires so many managers to take a punt on J-Lou is unclear, given that his best return over a season in terms of goals is a hardly-prolific 15 from 42 games for Wrexham in 2008/09. One can only assume he benefits from some kind of Emporers New Clothes syndrome, whereby teams assume he must be decent because so many of their rivals are interested in him.

Or perhaps it is a bit of professional arrogance – managers think they can be the one to help Louis and others like him to settle down and harness the talent they evidently possess. In Louis' case, perhaps Missioners manager Garry Haylock will be the man to do it.





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For any young hopeful, the road to becoming a professional footballer is a long and difficult one. There are a fair few highs and lows along the way, with a few bumps from 'the school of hard knocks' thrown in for good measure.

Unfortunately, all of the awful clichés proved a bit too real for up-and-coming centre-back Blaine Hudson, whose 2010/11 season was literally thrown off-track when he was involved in a road accident on Halloween night last October when he lost control of his car.

The crash just outside Cambridge saw him knocked unconscious, dislocate his shoulder and suffer severe cuts to his arms and hands after fighting his way out of the wreckage. He was later taken to hospital and, fortunately for his football career, his legs only showed signs of just a few bumps and bruises.

Four months on and Blaine is finally back involved in training, and he's just now making his first matchday strides with the youth team, CRC. Understandably, it's the first subject of conversation in our interview.

"Yeah, it was hard," he says, matter-of-factly. "It was hard for me to go through but also my family too. They were obviously really worried, but everyone's been great.

“Things could have been so different for me so I want to make the absolute most of the opportunity I've got. ”

"I've had emails from fans who I don't know wishing me well, and that sort of thing really brightens you up if things aren't going so well."

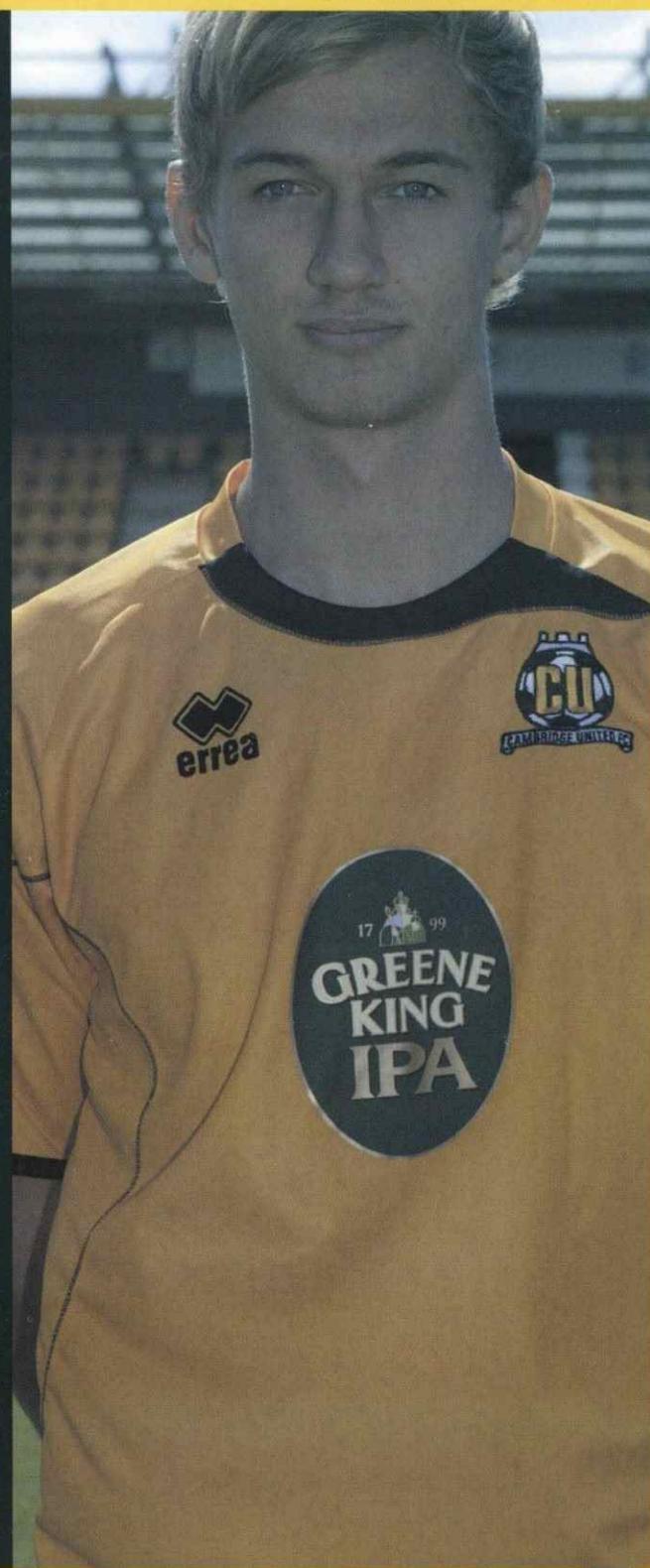
"It's nice to know everyone's thinking about you because rehab can get quite lonely."

Blaine also praised his Cambridge United teammates for the way they stood by him through the ordeal: "When I was in and out of the club the lads were brilliant.

"I kept in really close contact with most of them, especially the younger ones, and in some ways that's been the most important part because it means they don't feel awkward about the whole thing even though I was away for a while."

He smiles, before adding: "That shows now I'm back in regularly - I get a lot of jokes about how good a ▶

blaine hudson





blaine hudson

driver I am, that's for sure!"

In amongst his immediate support base of his family, close friends, and team-mates, Blaine is quick to point to the influence of club physio Greg Reid and a few of the other unsung heroes that define the spirit of the club.

"Greg was really good with me," he recalls.

"I had the accident on the Sunday and got taken into hospital but then I was released on the Monday without an operation. I was a bit unsure what was going to happen and I was still in quite a bit of pain so I phoned Greg.

"I went in for an assessment at the hospital and some scans a bit later and Greg came in with me.

"He was great. I didn't really know what was going on so I would have gone with whatever the doctor told me was best but Greg was obviously coming at it from a different view in terms of looking after me as a footballer so he pushed the issue a bit, saying I had to have the shoulder wired so it wouldn't cause me any problems in the future.

"I really appreciated what he did for me but there were others, too, who kept me going.

"All the people who work at the club in the top office, like Will Jones and Claire Osbourn, were really good to me with cards and things. And when I was still getting better everyone clubbed together to buy me a signed Norwich City shirt, which was really nice." (We'll forgive Blaine that indiscretion, he is from Norfolk after all)

Following the all-clear from the hospital and Greg, 19-year-old Blaine resumed full training with the squad in late February. And although he promises he kept up with a stringent fitness regime while still injured, the centre-half admits he found it tough in the early stages of his comeback at the club.

"I was doing a bit of work with Greg, and it was good that it was just my shoulder because it meant I could run

and still keep fit," he says.

"But it was still a bit of a shock when I came back. I was thinking I'd be fine after all the cardio work I'd done but then as soon as I started training it was like 'wow'.

"When you have all the bodies around you it's so different, then I played my first game back for CRC against Norwich United on a Saturday. I stayed out for the whole game because I really wanted to play 90 minutes, but by the end I just couldn't run!

"We played again the following Tuesday and it was the same, but then I had a week off until the next match and I felt a bit more up to speed."

"I've had another game since and I don't think I'm far off being back to my normal self now. But while I'd love to be able to push for a first-team place now I know I still need to improve my levels of fitness."

Blaine's description of the accident itself, it is a wonder how relaxed he is about discussing it. But the teenager, who admits he still gets flashbacks from time to time, seems happy enough to indulge anyone's curiosity, including ours.

"At the time it felt like I wasn't really there. I lost control of the car and suddenly felt myself floating," he explains.

"It must have flipped a couple of times and I think I lost consciousness because I woke up all groggy and my window was badly cracked.

"My first thought was to get out so I had to push, claw and punch my way out - that's how I got the injuries on my arms and hands. I had to have plastic surgery to reconstruct the ligaments and tendons.

"Luckily my legs were fine, a few bruises but nothing else, and that was massive because later in your career that can cause real problems - if you break a bone then it's got more risk of being re-broken, or if you suffer other injuries then it can give you arthritis."

"Regardless of what happens later, at the moment the young lads are more

involved and they're being encouraged to take more responsibility" he reveals.

"I think that'll make them more comfortable doing that in the future too. They'll feel more part of the team this way.

"I've played four games for CRC since and I'm confident with it."

Trying to get away from the subject of car accidents, we move on to football - and Blaine, like most of the other younger players, is quick to wax lyrical about the impact of caretaker-manager Jez George on a number of factors around the club.

The youngster also offers an interesting insight into how the Director of Youth Football's influence on the first-team has drawn some of the younger players out of their shells in a way that could have a bearing on the regime of the next manager, whoever that may be.

"It feels like everyone is pulling together and we realise what we need to do to be successful," he says.

"There seems to be a better work ethic now and everyone's a bit more bubbly.

"It's nothing against the old manager or the way things were done before but maybe then some of the younger lads would think twice about speaking up, instead of just doing it.

"But now, under Jez and Nolan [Keeley], it's the other way round. We've been trained by them since we were a lot younger so we can help out some of the more senior guys even.

"We know how Jez and Nolan want the team to play, how they go about doing things and the demands they place on the players.

"They can then give us something back in terms of their experience and know-how so I think the balance within the squad is really good."

But does Blaine fear the former CRC stars' first-team progress could go backwards under a new manager who may be less inclined to pick teenagers?

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involved and they're being encouraged to take more responsibility" he reveals.

"I think that'll make them more comfortable doing that in the future too. They'll feel more part of the team this way.

"Besides, in any first-team dressing room I don't think anyone looks at age as a definition. It's all about who you can trust to do a job for you.

"If you're the best player on the pitch and you're only 17, the manager will still pick you. You could be 30 and he'll pick you just the same then.

"I don't think age is a massive thing, as long as you're working hard and are doing your job you'll always have a place in the team."

Blaine appears to have no specific targets in mind for the rest of the season - perhaps just happy to be back playing football.

However, he does admit that he has changed as a player - and as a person - in the last few months since the crash.

"It's made me look at things in a different light. I was lucky that when I was sitting at home doing nothing and recovering, Football Manager had just come out," he laughs, "but I missed it a lot, just being around the lads.

"Things feel a lot clearer to me now too. I think I'm much more lively in myself because I realise what I've got in being a footballer. Before I might wake up feeling achy and not fancy training a whole lot but now it's different.

"It's changed me a bit - and probably in the changing room above everything else.

"I'm a bit more vocal - I find myself looking around and if I see any of the other players looking a bit lethargic or whatever I just think 'what are you doing?'

"Things could have been so different for me so I want to make the absolute most of the opportunity I've got."

Alistair Potter

anyquestions?

What are your best and worst attributes as a player?

I can head a ball so I'd have to say that's my best attribute - although that doesn't help when I get a bit of banter from the lads any time I try a little trick and it doesn't come off! It's all, "oh, Blaine - just head it will you?" My worst attribute, besides that perhaps, is probably my pace. I'm not slow but I'm not quick either!

Who is your footballing idol?

Nemanja Vidic. I like hard centre-halves - even though the lads will tell me I'm a pretty boy, I still like the rougher side of the game too.

Which U's player has the worst dress sense?

I'm going for Dave Patridge. He gets away without getting a lot of stick so I'll say him. He sports some rascal tracksuits - it looks like he's going boxing or something.

If you were stranded on a desert island, which Cambridge player would you least like to be stuck with and why?

I'll go for Conal Platt. He's such a worrier, he'd be fretting about everything and he'd be no help in the survival stakes either. He's just a bit wet really!

Who's the loudest player in training?

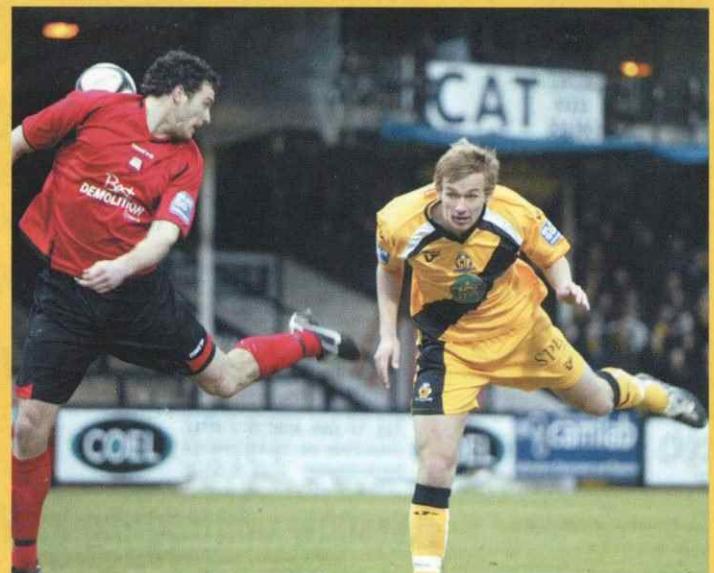
Kevin Roberts. He's got a big gob and he loves to shout.

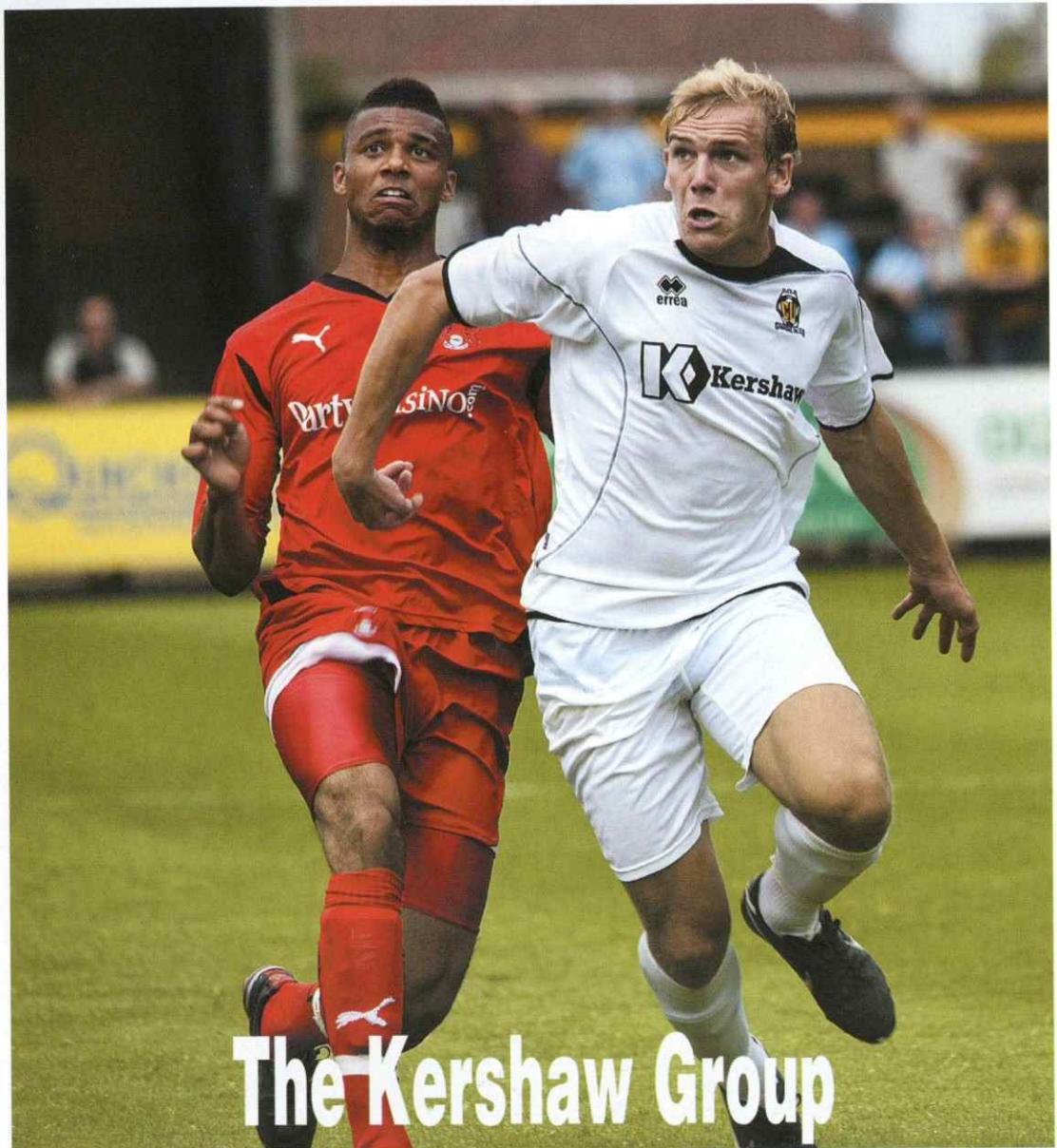
Who's your best friend in football?

I'll probably say Luke Berry. We used to room together at CRC so we're quite tight.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My parents have taken me literally everywhere - all round England, and to France for my trials when I was coming to Cambridge from Norwich, so I'll say my mum and dad. They've stood by me in every decision I've made and I wouldn't be here without them.





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talking point

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Football and athletics have never exactly been soul mates in this country. I guess it's all about the shape of the required arenas: the athletes enjoy long sweeping bends in which to run around without doing their cartilages, while football fans like to be close enough to be able to understand (most of the time) what is going on.

I can easily understand how West Ham and Newham Council's joint bid is acceptable to the wonderfully-named Olympic Park Legacy Company, as it means the stadium won't be bulldozed or become a dustbowl, but I fail to see how the Hammers and their fans find it fits the bill for them. OK, there's always a way of appeasing both sports, after all in this day and age it's all technically possible. Surely, though, in this case, the whole thing is a bit of a fudge. From the athletics point of view, I wonder just how much the track would be able to be used, taking into account the demands of a modern-day football season. Sure, some high-profile summer events will be staged there, but isn't the whole thing about the legacy to the wider athletics family, particularly in a deprived part of inner-city London. A javelin training session while the Hammers are in-situ is only marginally safer than the Chelsea training camp.



To appease Hammers fans, chairman David Gold has announced plans to spend £95 million converting the stadium by adding retractable seating. Presumably that means seats that cover the athletics track, which can be magically tucked away somewhere, when the space is needed. No specific plans have been unveiled as yet, so exactly what the 60,000 capacity stadium will look like is still anyone's guess.

Premier League rules clearly state that clubs moving grounds must not

"adversely affect the clubs having their registered grounds in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location". That's where Leyton Orient and their chairman Barry Hearn come in. Hearn has already threatened legal action over Hammers' plans, but he only wants a slice of the pie for his own club. Orient themselves would like to convert the Olympic hockey stadium into a new ground or build a new stadium in the Eton Manor area of the Olympic site. The Olympic legacy is already having quite an effect.

neilcole

select XI

- 1 How many games has Ryan Giggs played against Luton – 0, 1 or 2?
- 2 Ryan Giggs made his Man Utd debut on 2 March 1991 – against which other northern side?
- 3 Who left his job as Liverpool manager just eight days before Giggs' debut?
- 4 Giggs recently set a new record for league appearances for Man Utd – how many league games has he played – 607, 637 or 657?
- 5 Whose record did he surpass?
- 6 What sport did Giggs' father play professionally?
- 7 What happened to Giggs in 2001/2 for the first and only time in his career?
- 8 How many Premier League titles has Giggs won?
- 9 Only one other player has played in every Premier League season since it began – who is it?
- 10 Giggs was the second midfielder to score 100 Premier league goals for a single club – who was the first?
- 11 What national sporting award did Giggs win in 2009?



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ridgeons roundup

FA Vase quarter-final defeat wasn't good news for Leiston or for the Ridgeons League, but the party who might suffer most from the Blues' last-eight defeat is Dereham Town.

Historically, Ridgeons clubs in cup competitions have often struggled to keep all their plates spinning at once. Needham Market, fighting on four fronts in 2008/9, were pipped to promotion by Lowestoft Town, while Leiston themselves have not found FA Cup progress and league success to be natural bedfellows in the past.

So their defeat last Saturday to Coalville Town could focus minds on the matter of the league title and promotion to step four of the non-league pyramid.

The Suffolk side lead the way in the Premier Division, ahead of Dereham Town who have faltered in recent weeks. Both have applied to make the step up and with only one spot guaranteed, it looks set to go down to the wire.

Crucially, Leiston and Dereham still have to meet twice before the season is up. The Magpies travel to the Leiston Works Athletic Association in mid-April before a mouth-watering final-day clash in Norfolk.

Henry Milward

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| 3 Wroxham | 33 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 72 | 44 | 63 |
| 4 Mildenhall Town | 33 | 17 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 43 | 57 |
| 5 Haverhill Rovers | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 49 | 30 | 56 |
| 6 Norwich United | 31 | 14 | 7 | 10 | 60 | 42 | 49 |
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| 8 Woodbridge Town | 32 | 14 | 6 | 12 | 54 | 59 | 48 |
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| Saturday, 21 | A | Brantham Athletic | W1-0 | | | | |
| Wednesday, 25 | H | Histon Reserves | D1-1 | | | | |
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| Saturday, 11 | H | FC Clacton | D4-4 | | | | |
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| Saturday, 11 | A | FC Clacton | W5-0 | | | | |
| Tuesday, 14 | A | Newmarket Town (RLC 1) | W3-0 | | | | |
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| Monday, 03 | A | Hadleigh United | L2-3 | | | | |
| Tuesday, 11 | A | Cambridge City (CIC QF) | W5-4 (AET) | | | | |
| Saturday, 15 | H | Walsham-le-Willows | W3-0 | | | | |
| february | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday, 19 | H | Brantham Athletic (RLC 2) | W3-1 | | | | |
| Saturday, 22 | A | Mildenhall Town | L0-1 | | | | |
| Wednesday, 26 | A | Stanway Rovers (RLC QF) | D1-1 (W4-1 on pens) | | | | |
| Saturday, 29 | H | Haverhill Rovers | L1-2 | | | | |
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| Wednesday, 02 | H | Wisbech Town | L0-2 | | | | |
| Saturday, 05 | A | Ely City | L1-3 | | | | |
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| Saturday, 19 | A | Norwich United | L0-1 | | | | |
| Tuesday, 22 | A | Mildenhall Town (CIC SF) | L0-1 | | | | |
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| Tuesday, 01 | A | Felixstowe & Walton United | D1-1 | | | | |
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| 20/10/10 QR3 | A | Boreham Wood | W4-0 | | | | |
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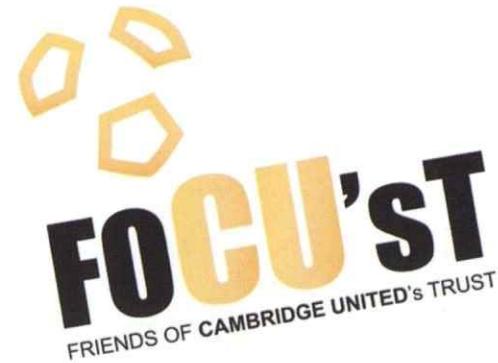
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FOCU'sT update



FOCU'sT is the acronym for Friends of Cambridge United's Trust and is a group of like minded individuals who have formed a group to raise money running various events during the season for Cambridge United's Youth and Community Trust.

The group already contains representatives from the Club, Trust and Club Sponsors Tyrrells & Co and Currys/PC World Cambridge and has also been joined by Amberarmy.net and parent representatives from our Centre of Excellence.

FOCU'sT's first event was the Darts Night in January where supporters were invited to compete against First Team players in a tournament, Paul Carden coming out the victor after some hard fought matches. Following the darts was the first of the planned regular Quiz Nights in February where 12 teams competed in a six round quiz with the added chance to use jokers and mobile phones for a round! The team called Three Year Plan were the eventual winners by just three points over Quizstina Aguilera with the table top round proving to be quite a decisive round for some teams!

FOCU'sT are now pleased to announce their next event which is an Evening with Steve Kindon. Steve is an ex Burnley and England player who is now a very funny and successful after dinner speaker and a good friend of caretaker manager Jez George. He's agreed to come to the R Costings Abbey Stadium on 31 March 2011 to help raise money for the Trust. The cost is just £20 a head to include dinner, a raffle and

auction. Jez commented that if anyone doesn't enjoy the evening, not even one little smirk, he will personally pay for their ticket as he's very confident that everyone who comes will have a fantastic time. Please email julieankers@cambridge-united.co.uk for more information and to book or buy your tickets directly from the Ticket Office, Club Shop or CFU Caravan.

Please come along and have a great night out and also keep an eye out for all the future events to be held and help raise money for Cambridge United's Youth & Community Trust. You can see what the Trust is all about in the newly launched website at www.cambridgeunitedtrust.co.uk.

If you are interested in getting involved with FOCU'sT or have any queries about the group then please email focust@live.co.uk.

FOCU'sT Present
FRIENDS OF CAMBRIDGE UNITED's TRUST

Kindo at the R Costings Abbey
An Evening with Steve Kindon
31 March 2011

FOCU'sT (Friends of Cambridge United's Trust) are at it again, this time they have invited Steve Kindon, ex Burnley and England player, to the R Costings Abbey for an evening of story-telling on how football used to be and all the merriment that went with it. He's a real character and the evening promises to be one full of fun and laughter. So come along for a listen and have a great night out.

Dublin Suite from 7pm.
Dress Code: Smart Casual.
Dinner included.
Bar will be open.
Raffle with top prize £50 voucher.
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All queries about the evening can be emailed to: julieankers@cambridge-united.co.uk
questions about FOCU'sT can be emailed to: focust@live.co.uk.

"Steve is regarded as probably one of the best football speakers around today."

To book your ticket(s) call into the Cambridge United Ticket Office, Club Shop or Caravan to pay in person.
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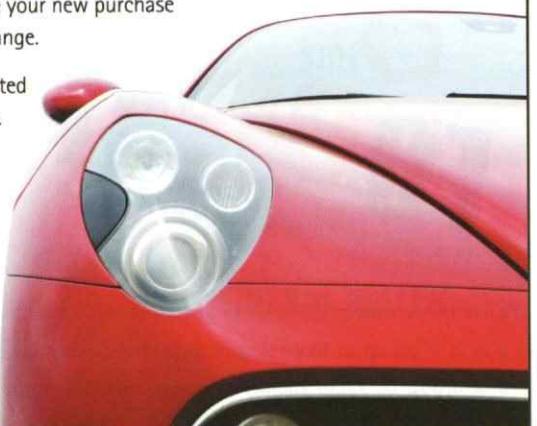
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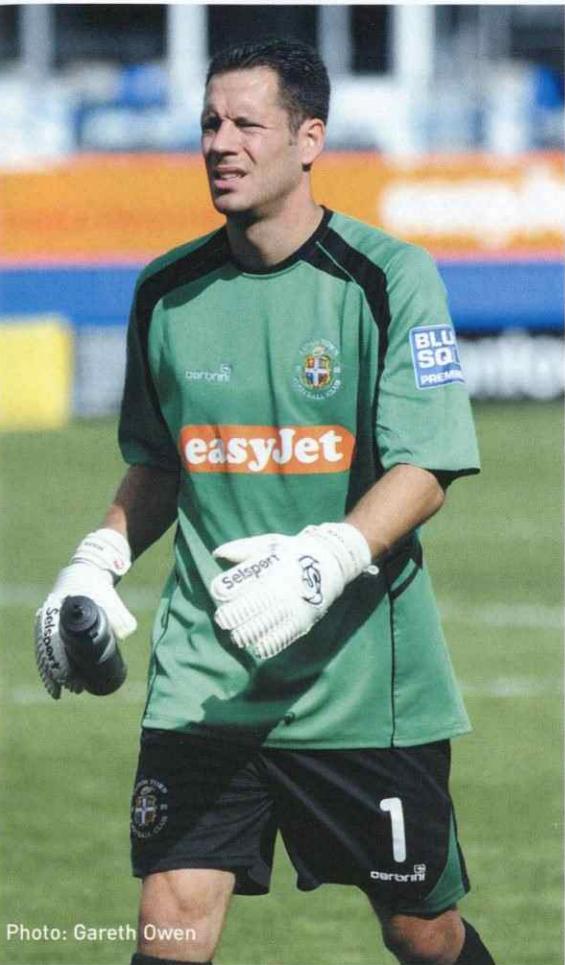


Photo: Gareth Owen

Mark Tyler

Continuing the trend of match day connections, today's near miss is a custodian that could have started his career with Cambridge United, only for the youngster to sell his soul to that club north of the county and enjoy an extensive Football League stint culminating with a move to today's opposition.

Norwich-born shot stopper Mark Tyler was first spotted by his home-town club's scout Kit Carson when playing for a local team as a ten year-old, promptly taking him to Carrow Road. He spent four years with the Canaries before requesting a move to enable first-team opportunities. Carson introduced him to Ipswich and the U's before he joined Peterborough shortly prior to Carson himself arriving at London Road. Says Tyler; "I enjoyed my time at Norwich, it was my home town and they were doing really well at the

time, but after a while, I was going to training sessions and feeling like I wasn't doing too much. Kit got me a trial with Ipswich but the club said I was too short and a visit to Cambridge United didn't go any better. I was delighted Posh gave me the chance and I made my senior debut as a 17 year-old at Birmingham on September 18th 1994. I remember because it was my brother's birthday." He was an instant hit with the fans and manager John Still, and before long Tyler earned himself England Youth honours when he was called up for the Under-20's prior to the Toulon Tournament although he was limited to a substitute role.

Tyler established himself as the club's first-choice goalkeeper at the relatively young age of 20. He played in every game of the 1997/98 campaign, making a massive 56 appearances in all competitions over the course of season and keeping 16 clean sheets. Posh won promotion via the play-offs to the Second Division in a successful 1999/00 season, Tyler keeping a clean sheet in a 1-0 victory over Darlington at Wembley Stadium. By now an ever-present in the Peterborough side, Tyler regularly played in over 40 games per season and was named in the 2001/02 PFA Second Division Team of the Year.

Tyler lost his first-team place to £400,000 record signing Joe Lewis in 2008 and played just 21 times as Peterborough won promotion as runners-up from League Two. Posh won a second consecutive promotion the next season, though Tyler was to play no part as he was rarely even on the substitutes bench. This period was punctuated with loan spells at Watford, Hull and Bury. Over the course of 15 years at London Road, Tyler made 483 appearances in all competitions. His loyal service to Peterborough resulted in a testimonial match organised by the club against Liverpool in July 2007 watched by over 9,000 fans.

Tyler had his contract cancelled by mutual consent in the summer of 2009 and surprisingly dropped out of the League to join Luton in a search for regular action. He swiftly became number one and, to date, has made over 70 appearances for the Hatters.

Tyler may be cast as the villain of the piece today should he keep yet another clean sheet, how galling to think that he could have been our hero rather than a modern day great for our true great rivals!

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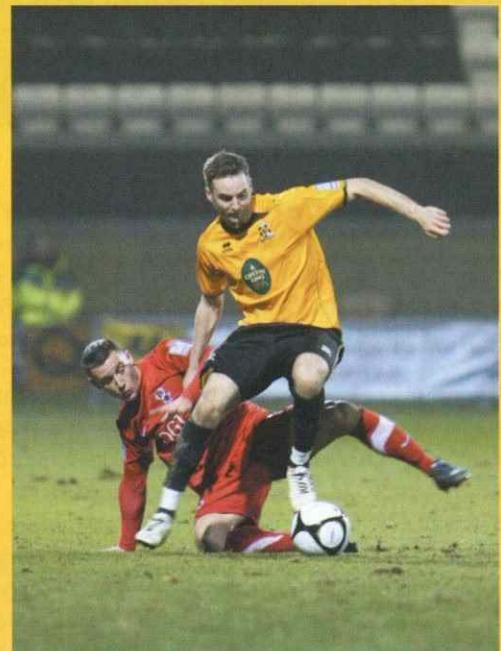
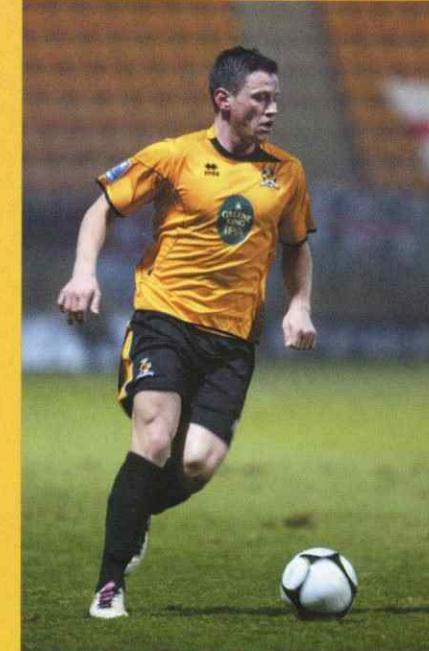
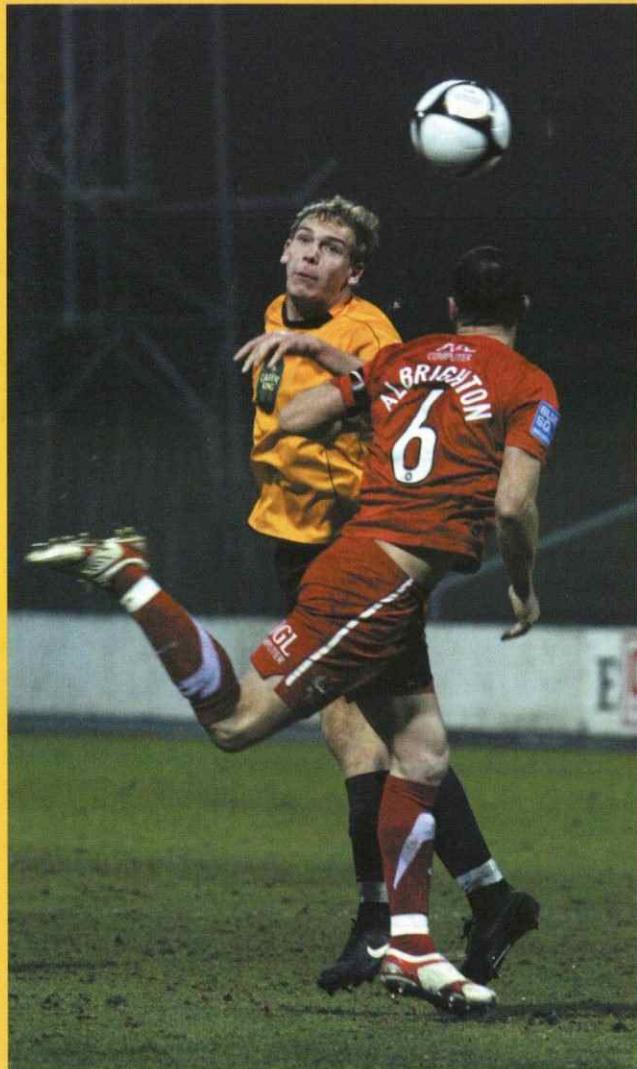
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friday february 18th

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■ FAR LEFT

Danny Wright challenges former U Mark Albrighton in an aerial battle.

■ LEFT

Celebrations after our late equaliser proved premature.

■ BOTTOM LEFT

Conal Platt drifts away from an opponent.

■ BELOW

James Jennings brings the ball out of defence.

■ BOTTOM RIGHT

Adam Marriott wheels away after making it 1-1.



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30. Brown
2. Roberts
3. Jennings
4. Coulson
5. Saah
9. Wright (Hughes)
11. Walker (Jeffers)
14. Platt (Patrick)
16. Wellard
19. Marriott
27. Berry
1. Naismith
6. Partridge



kidderminster

1. Lewis
2. Vaughan
3. Williams
5. Shaw
6. Albrighton
8. Briggs (Blair)
10. McPhee
11. Byrne
14. Wright (Gittings)
16. Briscoe
23. Canham (Matt)
33. Stevens
15. Sharpe



Coffee, bananas, chocolate, even t-shirts and footballs. Fairtrade goods are everywhere, particularly during Fairtrade Fortnight (28 February – 13 March) – and now Fairtrade has come to Cambridge United.

But what does Fairtrade mean for the people who actually produce the Fairtrade goods we buy? How do poor farmers benefit from Fairtrade? And what does all this mean for Cambridge United? Habbin season ticket holder and CFU Trust Board member Tom Taylor recently had the chance to find out when he spent a year working in Guatemala. "I was working with coffee farmers, some of whom sold their coffee as Fairtrade, others who didn't. It gave me a chance to see how Fairtrade works at first hand. One group of farmers had organised themselves into an association, called ADIPSA, so that they could work together, improve the quality of their product and sell it on the Fairtrade market.

"Fairtrade guarantees the farmers a minimum price for their harvest, so that they can at least cover the costs of production. The international price of coffee fluctuates wildly, so poor farmers often have to sell their crop for less than the cost of producing it. Fairtrade offers some security

to them and their families."

However, it is not easy for a farmer to get Fairtrade certification – Tom's colleagues at ADIPSA worked for 5 years to meet the standards demanded by Fairtrade. Producers need to comply with tough requirements to ensure that they don't damage the environment or employ child labour and that they run a good transparent business. The Fairtrade standards are also designed to help farmers grow a high quality product – Tom says that the average Fairtrade coffee farm will produce better beans than most of its non-Fairtrade neighbours. Reaching these standards is not easy, particularly in areas where education levels are very low and many growers have never treated their farm like a business.

It has been a difficult journey, but Tom believes that this is the true value of Fairtrade. "It's not about charity. Fairtrade requires farmers to grow a high quality product, it rewards them for looking after their environment and it encourages them to take control of their business. So they negotiate directly with the big coffee companies, rather than accepting the first price offered to them at the farm gate by a bloke with a truck."

"The ADIPSA farmers are amazing. They grew up in a forgotten corner of Guatemala, isolated from the outside world. Few had any education beyond the age of 12 and some of them can't read or write. But they were convinced that they could get organised, learn how to improve the quality of their coffee, how to manage a business and provide better opportunities for their children, while looking after their beautiful natural environment at the same time. And now, after years of effort, they produce some of the best quality coffee in Central America, they sell it for a good price on the Fairtrade market and they are trying to spread the benefits of their work by incorporating farmers from neighbouring valleys into their association."

Back home, Tom is pleased to see that Cambridge United are supporting Fairtrade in the city of Cambridge. "Hard work, talent and community effort enabled the ADIPSA farmers to achieve amazing results, and those same values are what made our football club great. So I was delighted to learn that United have started serving Fairtrade tea and coffee in the hospitality areas and you can also get Fairtrade coffee and hot chocolate in the tea bars. I'm sure the football fans at ADIPSA – who had to listen to me talking constantly about Cambridge United – would be pleased as well."

For more about Fairtrade in Cambridge, see www.fairtradecambridge.wordpress.com including the chance to win a £100 hamper of Fairtrade goods donated by the Co-op.

Pictured: Tom Taylor, and Favíán Albizures, head of the ADIPSA coffee farmers.

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If you were told something that sounded patently ridiculous, you'd probably dismiss it out of hand. But if you heard that same thing from a few different people, you may begin to wonder if there's some truth in it. And if it were then published by a news provider, you'd probably start to believe it.

It is this way of thinking that allows rumours to spread and take hold with remarkable speed – and it doesn't seem to matter how absurd they may be.

Most unsubstantiated gossip is born of necessity, where an absence of facts forces people to make something up or believe in the unbelievable.

Sometimes, the rumour is so tantalising that people forgo common sense and buy into it simply because they want it to be true.

This willingness to abandon rationality is particularly prevalent in football, which is why some of the very best rumours emanate from this domain.

No matter how questionable the source, there will be people willing to add petrol to the fire if a rumour captures their imagination.

Some bloke on a message board saying that he was told by the ex-chairman's best friend's housekeeper's uncle that his mate's brother's babysitter's girlfriend saw Glen Hoddle going for a meal with the current chairman is sufficient evidence on which to initiate a rumour that he will be the club's next manager.

And from there it can gather pace, acquiring added credibility as it gains more believers, without actually becoming any more true.

But people don't seek absolute truth behind rumours, they just need to know one thing: could it be true? This is what makes rumours so difficult to quash.

There is a saying which states that nobody really believes a rumour until it has been officially denied. This makes life difficult for football clubs who want to dispel any myths which may be circulating.

It is as though acknowledging the existence of a rumour is an admission that it is credible.

There have been many excellent rumours relating to Cambridge which never achieved the accolade of being

met with an official denial.

Jason Donovan was linked with buying the club, but I don't think there were too many broken hearts when that transpired to be nonsense.

Then there was the brief but popular notion that the absurdly handsome Frenchman David Ginola was to strut his stuff in the amber and black, but alas we were denied the pleasure – or was he?

But there is one rumour which emerged only recently that arguably trumps them all, and it has gone far enough to warrant a comment from officialdom.

Roy Keane is buying Cambridge United.

It's got all the hallmarks of a classic rumour – it involves a big name; it's filling the void of well-observed silence on a major issue; it's something many will want to believe; and, above all, it's pretty ridiculous.

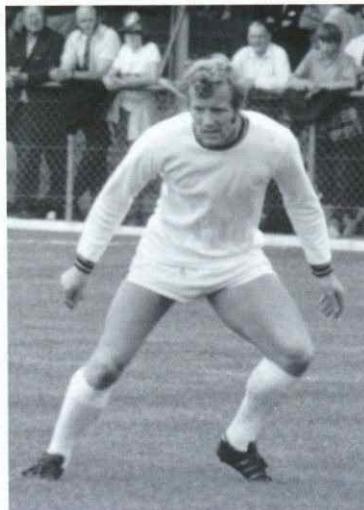
Throw in the official denial and you've got yourself a bona fide, pseudo-credible rumour. Sometimes, truth really is stranger than fiction.



we were the champions

15 March 1977

Although top of the Fourth Division, Cambridge United manager Ron Atkinson knew that his side's position was precarious, with a third of the division's teams queueing up to take advantage of any slip ups.



A trip to Bournemouth on Saturday 26 February 1977 was just one of those occasions when points could be dropped, as Bournemouth harboured promotion ambitions of their own. Their 18-game unbeaten home run bit the dust when Steve Spriggs took advantage of hesitation in the home defence to crack home the winner. Our new left-back was a 30-year-old borrowed from Ipswich Town for the rest of the season, the experienced and classy Colin Harper, though he wasn't one of the six players booked.

After a tough battle, an easy home game beckoned with the visit of Workington who had lost all 14 away games they had played this season. Tom Finney cracked in a beauty from 25 yards to give us the lead on 15 minutes, but the Reds levelled a minute later. Any thoughts of a shock were killed off by a hat-trick of goals from big Jim Hall (below), who was being fed by the industrious Brendon



Batson. The 4-1 win in front of 3,473 was made sweeter as most of the sides around us dropped points. Incidentally, Workington (in their last-ever League season) were managed by Colin Meldrum (above), the scorer of our first-ever League goal in 1970.

Southend were one of those points-droppers, but like Bournemouth they were fearsome at home, having gone a year unbeaten. They were torn apart by a rampant Cambridge in front of 9,423 at Roots Hall. Southend manager Dave Smith had boasted before the game about how he had the best players, but all he could do afterwards was to rave about us instead, stating that the champions had won. The only disappointment was only converting our superiority into one goal, scored by the irrepressible Hall, this time with his foot.

Talk of the championship was premature, but we led the table by two points from Colchester and were six points clear of fifth-placed Barnsley. Bradford City dropped to third after being thumped 4-0 by Brentford.

Luton Town had been hoping that this season might have heralded a return back to the top flight, but a poor first

half of the season seem to have ended all hopes. A run of six consecutive victories in the League had reawakened the dreams and they continued the run by beating Fulham 2-1 at Craven Cottage with goals from John Aston and Jimmy Husband, despite the presence of George Best and Rodney Marsh in the Fulham side. Win number eight came in a 2-0 home win over rivals Wolves, with Husband and future Cambridge-player Pasquale (Lil) Fuccillo netting in front of 19,200. A 1-0 home win over Oldham followed (Dave Geddis), but the glorious run ended with a shock 1-1 draw at home to Plymouth. Luton were fourth in the table, but sadly missed out on promotion at the end.

15 March 1991

Cambridge's continuing involvement in the FA Cup and the Leyland Daf Cup had meant no Division Three game had been played by them for three weeks. A home game against mid-table Huddersfield on Saturday 23 February 1991 put that right, and we were keen to keep the pressure up on Southend, Bolton and Grimsby above us, who had opened up quite a gap although we now had a few games in hand.

We had won eleven games in a row so were confident, but a strong wind didn't help us turn dominance into goals and we drew 0-0 in front of 5,602. A week later we visited another bogey side, Crewe, and despite taking the lead, we fell apart when goalkeeper John Vaughan was sent off midway through the first half for a foul outside the box. Striker John Taylor donned the green jersey, but was beaten three times as our 17-game unbeaten run ended.

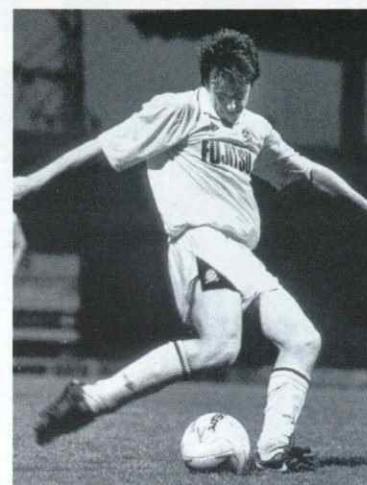
From now on we would play twice a week until the end of the season and in midweek we also lost 3-1, but this time in the Leyland Daf Cup at Birmingham City. Truth be told it was a relief as the fixtures were piling up. On Saturday 9



but for a while we had them on the rack.

Now we only had the League, but after a goalless first half at Orient our fans were getting nervous, but the introduction of supersub Steve Claridge (right) eased our pain and he scored the opener, teed up Michael Cheetah for the second and then saw John Taylor add the third. Despite that 3-0 win we saw ourselves down in tenth place in Division Three, though we had between four and six games in hand over all the teams above us.

Luton were in the bottom half of the old Division One, desperately trying to keep a gap between themselves and the clubs below them, to preserve their top-flight status. A home game against leaders Liverpool was a stern test, but Liverpool were stunned by the resignation of Kenny Dalglish the day before. The Hatters took full advantage and came back from conceding a Jan Molby penalty to win 3-1 with two goals from Ian Dowie and



one from Kingsley Black, 12,032 watched the fun. Luton moved up to 15th, whilst Arsenal's 4-0 win over Crystal Palace put them top. A 1-0 win over Nottingham Forest at home kept the belief alive, but a hefty 3-0 reverse at Manchester City tempered the joy. A fine 2-1 win at Aston Villa was then countered with a 2-1 defeat at Coventry City.



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Cambridge Women have played Ipswich Town for the third and fourth time this season in the past couple of weeks. After beating them at Ipswich in the league and the FA Cup at the end of 2010 it was the turn of two back to back games in Cambridge – firstly the league and then the league cup semi final.

In the league Cambridge took an early lead from Samara Nche and went on to make it two before the break with Sophie Thompson. However, Ipswich came out better after half term and clawed back two goals for a share of the spoils.

Next came the more important cup semi final. Cambridge again went two up but this time were determined to not let it slip and defended diligently in the second half – Ipswich pushed but could only convert one chance and Cambs went through to the final 2-1.

Cambridge look destined to stay at seventh in the league (Luton above by two points but with four games in hand, and Ipswich below, three points adrift having played one more game) so manager Kev Hoover is definitely after some silverware via the Cup

competitions. Cambs not only have a final in the league cup but are still in the Cambs Invitational Cup – Semi final up soon.

Elsewhere in the league Tottenham took three points off Norwich, leaving them second in the table behind Norwich with three games in hand – the league really is theirs to win or lose this season. Newly promoted Braintree Town look like they will only be spending one season in the Combination league, they are now seven points adrift with a -55 goal difference at the bottom with all the teams above them with games in hand.

Cambs women take on Lewes at the Cambridge Football Stadium this Sunday – 2pm Kick Off.

The Cambridge United Girls Centre of Excellence played Ipswich this weekend in a very enjoyable set of fixtures across all age groups. There were some really competitive and physical matches. All teams showed great spirit and there were some great performances. The U14 squad did fantastically well after a few weeks of injuries/illness and holidays. Keeper Beth Davies even pulled out a world

class penalty save in the match.

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Saturday 19th March 3.00pm

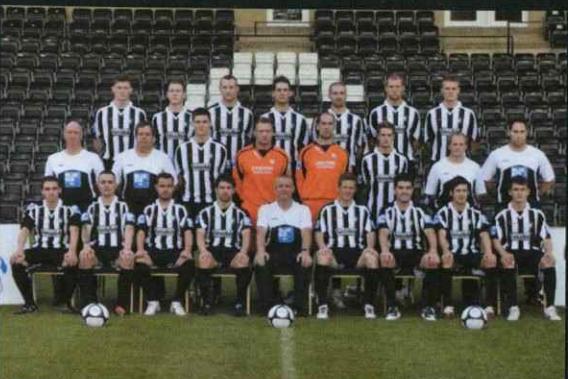
York City's season to date can broadly be split into two parts; disappointing and better. Despite that frayed opening to the campaign under then-boss Martin Foyle, Gary Mills has done enough in his time in charge to put the Minstermen in contention for a place in the play-offs.

They are lingering on the fringes of the top five, imbued with belief and boasting a squad with experience of top-half challenges. Much-travelled striker Leon Constantine singed on in September shortly before Foyle's resignation, and he has managed seven league goals since.

Michael Rankine has also stepped into the limelight after a year in Richard Brodie's shadow. The former Rushden front man, who netted against the U's in the FA Cup last season, has managed 12 goals in all competitions.

Mills has City playing confident football, but there have been occasional blips on the road. They have lost three of their last 10 matches, and all of those came away from Yorkshire - 0-5 at Luton, 0-4 at Southport and 0-1 at Wimbledon.

Perhaps their greatest strength is holding on to leads. City have not lost from a winning position in the Blue Square Bet Premier.



forestgreenrovers

The R Costings Abbey Stadium

Saturday 26th March 3.00pm

Another season, another spring spent glancing nervously backwards, like a high-diver frightened of water, for Forest Green.

A promising opening five matches, which brought just one league defeat, was followed by a dreadful run of 11 winless games. Eastbourne Borough, Histon and Barrow all picked up important wins against Rovers between August and October.

Victory over York City at the New Lawn gave Dave Hockaday's men the lift they needed in October. Scorer of the winner that day was Reece Styche, who went on to find the net in each of his side's next two wins - against Mansfield and Bath. The 21-year-old striker has managed 12 goals in all competitions and has been supported in attack by evergreen one-time U's man Steve Guinan.

And the Northampton loanee is not the only familiar face at the Gloucestershire club. Liam Enver-Marum and Matt Somner have both pitched up in Nailsworth after spells elsewhere in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

That aforementioned victory over Bath was the last time Hockaday's side picked up three points on the road. Only Southport have lost more times away from home.

But Rovers have a reasonable record against the U's - they have won three and lost three of the clubs' 12 meetings.

round the square

It's been a particularly busy period in the Blue Square Bet Premier since our last visit to chez Abbey over three weeks ago, so much so that coverage of all the action will take place in this and Saturday's programmes. With printing deadlines meaning another set of fixtures will have been played by the time you read this, we'll deal mainly with the results as opposed to the permutations for the league.

Gibson puts the Willies up Dons

Budget-busting Crawley, AFC Wimbledon and today's visitors continue to make it a three-way battle for the title, although it is firmly advantage the budget-busters after a patchy spell of form for their nearest rivals Wimbledon. Crawley, meanwhile, continue to be unbeatable, their last league defeat coming way back in October! A pulsating game at Broadfield almost saw lowly Barrow snatch a point. Craig McAllister had opened the scoring as early as the fifth minute before Andy Cook equalised. Richard Brodie's penalty was cancelled out by Paul Rutherford, only for Pablo Mills (below) to head home an 86th minute winner. A return to more convincing form came via the visit of Histon. Matt Tubbs' penalty and strikes from Ben Smith, Josh Simpson, David Hunt and Willie Gibson commanded a 5-0 victory. Kidderminster did manage to take home a point, however, as they held onto a goalless draw at Aggborough last week.



The Dons made easy work of Altrincham at Kingsmeadow, helped by Danny Kedwell's hat-trick and a first

goal from loan-man Drewe Broughton, former U Marc Joseph's late consolation leaving the final score 4-1. There followed a surprise stalemate away to Hayes & Yeading and defeat to Grimsby. Despite Rashid Yusuff opened the scoring after 24 minutes a Michael Coulson brace saw the Mariners record a 2-1 victory.

Our visitor's today Luton have been in fine form of late despite the no doubt unwanted distraction of everybody's favourite fixture-wrecker the F.A. Trophy. In a run of three consecutive home league games, Forest Green were comfortably disposed of at Kenilworth Road, Lloyd Owusu's strike just before half-time the difference maker. There followed a solid draw with promotion-chasing Kidderminster. Matthew Barnes-Homer put the hosts ahead before Kiddy talisman Chris McPhee levelled the scores just before the hour mark. Due to the aforementioned Trophy, Luton's last league game was last Tuesday as Tamworth were the visitors. With just 13 minutes on the clock the Lambs were forced to replace goalkeeper Liam Mitchell with outfield player Tom Marshall for the remainder of the game. Despite this only two goals were forthcoming via Barnes-Homer and the impressive Owusu.

M&M Breathe Fire into Dragon's Promotion Push

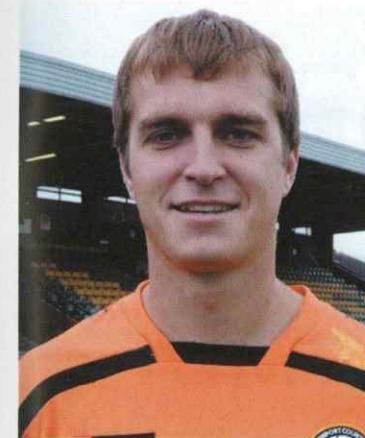
Despite the recent shambles off the field at Wrexham (and the incredible 7-2 home defeat to Gateshead), the Welsh side's play-off push is still very much on course. They suffered a major blow, however, when visiting fellow contenders Kidderminster where Chris McPhee's first-half penalty was enough to put Kiddy up into the play-off places and reduce the gap to their visitors. The wheels were put back on, though, with the visit of Forest Green. The prolific partnership of Andy Morrell and Andy Mangan scored a goal each before half-time, rendering Ross Dyer's strike a mere consolation and they followed this up with a win by the score-line against another struggling side Eastbourne. Despite Jamie Taylor putting the visitors ahead in the eighth minute, Lee Fowler's first for the club and a Jamie Tolley strike before half-time won the game.

Kidderminster's leap into the play-offs comes at the expense of Fleetwood who continue their ridiculously mixed bag of results. Indeed, the Cod Army became Eastbourne's first victims in 19 league games. With the game deadlocked after 83 minutes, Matt Smart stepped up to take a free-kick inside his own half 60-yards from goal. One mighty wallop later and Borough were ahead, Smart becoming a YouTube sensation in the process. Well, they said it would take something special for Eastbourne to win again! Form-side Darlington then proceeded to rip Fleet apart with strikes from Ian Miller, Marc Bridge-Wilkinson (2) and Michael Smith (below) earning a 4-0 win. A return to winning ways came at the expense of crisis club Newport, although they left it late. Gareth Seddon's penalty had put Town ahead before Mark Warren equalised after 74 minutes. Another Seddon strike and an injury-time effort from George Donnelly ensured three points.



Gash's goal glut, King Charles III

Rushden have been goal-crazy in recent weeks personified, bizarrely, by former U Michael Gash. His four goals, along with a Ryan Charles strike, secured a 5-1 victory over Bath before another Gash strike ensured a point from the visit of Hayes & Yeading, Anthony Yiadom having already put H&Y ahead. A Charles brace was somewhat disappointingly cancelled out by Reece Styche and Steve Davies as Forest Green earned a 2-2 draw at Nene Park. Form side Darlington took their unbeaten league run to seven



with the aforementioned drubbing of Fleetwood followed up with a 2-2 draw with Gateshead and a 1-0 victory over the U's courtesy of a Liam Hatch goal. The U's went in to this match on the back of a 1-1 draw with Newport. Having been ahead as early as the tenth minute through Simon Russell's terrific strike, a penalty from Jamie Collins (above) earned a deserved point apiece. Newport were still smarting from their previous result, a 2-0 defeat to Kettering, Jean-Paul Marna and a Mark Warren own goal doing the damage after just ten minutes. York continued their resurgence in form since the appointment of Gary Mills with consecutive 2-1 victories. First up were Hayes & Yeading. Jonathan Smith put the Minstermen ahead before Peter Holmes equalised in the 75th minute. Michael Rankine earned his side victory, however, in the 80th minute. Another Smith goal and a penalty from Leon Constantine saw off Gateshead before a drab goalless draw with Barrow. At the bottom sides continue to take points off each other. Southport were comfortable victors over Histon, Shaun Whalley, Karl Ledsham and Tony Gray on target before Omer Riza's late penalty meant a final score of 3-1. Just a week later, however, Eastbourne comfortably defeated 'Port. Despite Whalley's penalty putting the visitors ahead, strikes from Gary Elphick, George Purcell, Matt Crabb and Jamie Taylor gave the Sports a much needed boost at the foot of the table.

Dave Stacey

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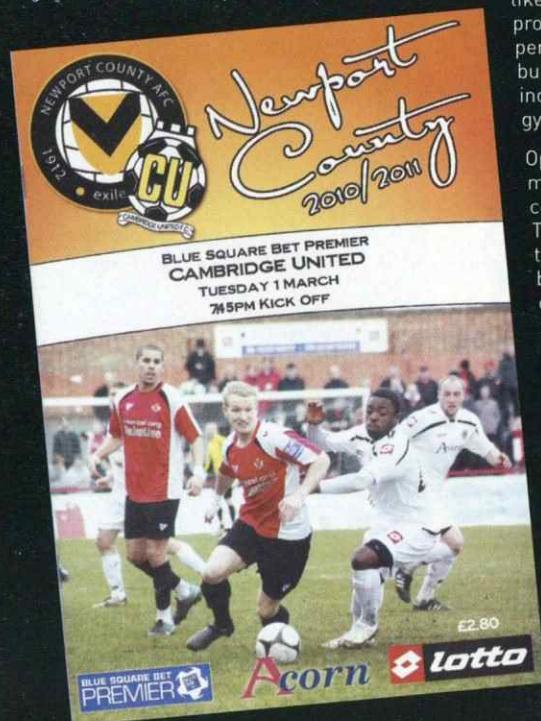
The Journey

Departure Time: 2.30pm

Arrival at Ground: Steve Line and I set off early enough not to be subject to the rush-hour vagaries of capricious motorways and, after a mid-journey coffee break, arrived at the ground at 6pm. There's a large, free car park at the ground and we found space close to a pylon that bestrides the tarmac like a Colossus carrying electricity, rather than the weight of the world on its shoulders.

At The Ground

The Ground: A multi-purpose venue, access to the main stand is via a very smart yellow brick building at one side of the car park. In fact, it's the only building in the car park. Inside, we received a warm welcome and a very helpful press officer who directed me to the broadcast point at the back of the only permanent area of seating at the ground. One of two press



areas, separated by the P.A. box and a corridor, it was just as well he did give me directions; one missed turn would have seen me having to commentate from inside a broom cupboard!

Like a scaled down version of Gateshead's International Stadium, the Newport Stadium is first and foremost an athletics venue with an all-weather 'Tartan' track and with all the usual track and field accoutrements surrounding the pitch.

The main stand runs almost the length of one side of the pitch. With no pillars supporting the roof, the only way you wouldn't get a decent view of the match from the dozen or so rows of green and yellow seats would be to turn your back on the pitch!

A curve of uncovered terrace stands in splendid isolation behind the goal (and the water jump for the steeplechase) to the left of the main stand. This section of the ground was allocated to the travelling U's fans. To the left of this, in a corner of the ground - or perhaps that should be 'on the bend' - the bright lights of what looked like a gym shone out from a large, grey building (although as that's as close as I'm ever likely to get to a gym, I'm probably not the best qualified person to judge it's use!). A burger van had been placed incongruously in front of the gym.

Opposite the main stand, and matching it in length, is a covered area of terracing. This terrace is larger than the open bank for away fans, but the roof only really covers the back two thirds of this area of the ground.

Turning the corner once more, a huge swathe of green mesh covers the hammer cage. Presumably the ball boys would have to apply chalk to their hands if they had to retrieve a ball from the cage, so perhaps the mesh is there to keep the chalk bills down. Completing the scene at this end of the ground is a temporary stand of uncovered green seats.

Perching on the skeletal support of scaffolding poles beside the hammer cage, they are positioned between the pitch side advertising boards and the inside lane of the running track and, as a result, are the closest seats to the action. Unfortunately, they were not in use - but when they are, they will add another 900 to the capacity. A similar 1,200 seat stand is due to be in situ at the opposite end of the ground when next we visit.

United Fans: A long midweek trip didn't encourage too many to make the journey, but those that did managed to make themselves heard from time to time.

View from Away End: Perfect ... as long as you'd remembered to bring your powerful binoculars.

Mascots: Before the match a garishly painted dragon, with an orange body, black wings and black boots above its casters, was wheeled onto the track where it stared menacingly at a couple of policemen who were wandering on what it seemed to think was its territory. The policemen gave it a wide berth, but continued on their way as if dragons (even garishly painted ones) were an everyday occurrence in South Wales. And perhaps they are ... it was St David's Day after all.

If the police (or 'Heddlu' as we should perhaps call them) seemed wary of the dragon, Newport's other mascot - a hyperactive dog called 'Spytty' - was just the opposite. Having started by putting a large pair of headphones on the dragon, Spytty seemed to have a strange fascination with the creature; he kept coming back to it between half-hearted attempts to gee up the crowd - maybe spring was in the air!

Anyway, it emerged that the club had bought the dragon from the local council who had a load of them made up for the Ryder Cup. The dragon's days must surely be numbered though; the club hasn't won since its appearance. I hate to say it, but perhaps they need a dragon slayer ... St George springs to mind for some reason!

Programme: £2.80 for 52 pages. An excellent programme with plenty of well-written articles.

Mark Johnson

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| James Brighton | 0(1) | 0 | 0 | 0(1) |
| Simon Brown | 26 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Paul Carden | 24 | 3 | 3 | 30 |
| Daryl Clare | 10(10) | 0(1) | 1(1) | 11(12) |
| Darryl Coakley | 2(2) | 0 | 1 | 3(2) |
| Josh Coulson | 32(1) | 3 | 3 | 38(1) |
| Jack Eades | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wayne Gray | 14(9) | 3 | 3 | 20(9) |
| Blaine Hudson | 0(1) | 0 | 0 | 0(1) |
| Liam Hughes | 2(7) | 0 | 0 | 2(7) |
| Sam Ives | 3(8) | 0 | 0 | 3(8) |
| Shaun Jeffers | 0(2) | 0 | 0 | 0(2) |
| James Jennings | 30 | 3 | 2 | 35 |
| Adam Marriott | 7(20) | 0 | 0(3) | 7(23) |
| Rory McAuley | 24(4) | 3 | 0 | 27(4) |
| Adam Miller | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Danny Naisbitt | 11 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| David Partridge | 21(2) | 2 | 3 | 26(2) |
| Jordan Patrick | 6(11) | 0(1) | 1 | 7(12) |
| Conal Platt | 13(6) | 0(1) | 0(3) | 13(10) |
| Kevin Roberts | 26(1) | 3 | 3 | 32(1) |
| Simon Russell | 31 | 3 | 3 | 37 |
| Brian Saah | 27(2) | 1 | 2 | 30(2) |
| Alex Stavrinou | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Jonathon Thorpe | 2(2) | 0 | 0 | 2(2) |
| Dan Walker | 4(1) | 0 | 0 | 4(1) |
| Ricky Wellard | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Robbie Willmott | 26(1) | 3 | 3 | 32(1) |
| Danny Wright | 36 | 3 | 2(1) | 41(1) |

FIRST TEAM GOALS 10/11

| PLAYER | LGE | FAC | FAT | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Danny Wright | 8 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Robbie Willmott | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Wayne Gray | 7 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Simon Russell | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Josh Coulson | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Adam Marriott | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Brian Saah | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Luke Berry | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Daryl Clare | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| James Jennings | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jordan Patrick | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Stavrinou | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rory McAuley | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| David Partridge | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kevin Roberts | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Own Goals | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| Date | H/A | Opponents | KO/res | Att | Away | PTS | POS | GK | P 2 | P 3 | P 4 | P 5 | P 6 | P 7 | P 8 | P 9 | P 10 | P 11 | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------|-------|----------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 14 | A | Wrexham | L0-1 | 4,040 | 386 | 0 | 18 | Brown | Roberts | Saah | Partridge | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Miller | Platt | Wright | Willmott | Coulson | Marriott | Gray | Ives | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 17 | H | Crawley Town | D2-2 | 2,558 | 93 | 1 | 18 | Brown | Roberts | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Miller | Platt | Wright | Willmott | Marriott | Thorpe | Gray | Ives | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 21 | H | Southport | D0-0 | 2,506 | 96 | 2 | 21 | Brown | Roberts | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Mariott | Platt | Wright | Willmott | Ives | Clare | Gray | Partridge | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 24 | A | Tamworth | D1-1 | 863 | 260 | 3 | 21 | Brown | Roberts | Saah | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | Carden | Miller | Platt | Wright | Willmott | Clare | Marriott | Ives | Coakley | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 28 | A | Mansfield Town | L0-1 | 2,257 | 307 | 3 | 23 | Brown | Roberts | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Miller | Platt | Wright | Willmott | Ives | Coakley | Clare | Gray | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Monday, 30 | H | Eastbourne Borough | W2-0 | 2,465 | 85 | 6 | 17 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Miller | Platt | Wright | Clare | Willmott | Gray | Marriott | Coakley | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 04 | H | Gateshead | W5-0 | 2,637 | 45 | 9 | 11 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Platt | Wright | Clare | Marriott | Ives | Gray | Partridge | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 11 | A | Luton Town | L0-2 | 6,691 | 628 | 9 | 17 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Platt | Wright | Clare | Ives | Gray | Marriott | Partridge | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 18 | A | Kidderminster Harriers | D0-0 | 1,291 | 204 | 10 | 18 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Clare | Marriott | Gray | Ives | Coakley | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 21 | H | Kettering Town | W3-0 | 2,646 | 156 | 13 | 13 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Clare | Gray | Ives | Marriott | Jennings | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 25 | H | Newport County | L0-1 | 2,648 | 189 | 13 | 15 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Clare | Marriott | Ives | Coakley | Naisbitt | | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday, 29 | A | AFC Wimbledon | L0-3 | 3,119 | 227 | 13 | 16 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Clare | Marriott | Ives | Jennings | Naisbitt | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 02 | H | Bath City | L1-2 | 2,670 | 79 | 13 | 19 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Clare | Marriott | Gray | Partridge | Ives | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 05 | A | Hayes & Yeading United | L0-2 | 362 | 158 | 13 | 21 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Thorpe | Russell | Ives | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Marriott | Partridge | Gray | Clare | Berry | Naisbitt | | | | | | | |
| Sunday, 10 | A | Fleetwood Town | D2-2 | 2,311 | 165 | 14 | 22 | Brown | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Stavrinou | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Platt | Wright | Clare | Patrick | Ives | Thorpe | Naisbitt | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 16 | H | Barrow | W3-1 | 2,726 | 93 | 17 | 18 | Naisbitt | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Stavrinou | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Gray | Roberts | Platt | Clare | Patrick | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 23 | H | Lewes (FA Cup QR4) | W3-0 | 1,626 | 48 | | | Naisbitt | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Gray | Platt | Clare | Patrick | Ives | Brown | Hughes | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 30 | A | Gateshead | W3-2 | 1,083 | 233 | 20 | 14 | Naisbitt | McAuley | Saah | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Stavrinou | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Gray | Platt | Hughes | Patrick | Ives | Brown | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 06 | H | Huddersfield Town (FAC1) | D0-0 | 3,127 | 514 | | | Naisbitt | McAuley | Partridge | Coulson | Roberts | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Jennings | Wright | Gray | Platt | Hughes | Patrick | Ives | Brown | Thorpe | Brighton | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 09 | H | Grimsby Town | D1-1 | 2,303 | 306 | 21 | 14 | Naisbitt | McAuley | Roberts | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Stavrinou | Willmott | Platt | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Hughes | Thorpe | Ives | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 13 | A | Kettering Town | D2-2 | 1,959 | 551 | 22 | 15 | Naisbitt | McAuley | Roberts | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Stavrinou | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Hughes | Marriott | Ives | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 16 | A | Huddersfield Town (FAC1R) | L1-2 | 3,766 | 517 | | | Naisbitt | McAuley | Roberts | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Hughes | Marriott | Ives | Brown | Coakley | Eades | | | | | |
| Saturday, 20 | H | Tamworth | D3-3 | 2,809 | 66 | 23 | 15 | Naisbitt | McAuley | Roberts | Coulson | Jennings | Russell | Stavrinou | Willmott | Partridge | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Marriott | Platt | Ives | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 27 | H | Altrincham | W4-0 | 2,123 | 51 | 26 | 13 | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Patrick | Wright | Gray | McAuley | Marriott | Platt | Stavrinou | Brown | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 11 | H | Forest Green R. (FAT1) | W2-1 | 1,045 | 18 | | | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | Carden | Willmott | Patrick | Wright | Gray | Platt | Marriott | McAuley | Stavrinou | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday, 28 | H | Mansfield Town | L1-5 | 2,505 | 281 | 26 | 13 | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | McAuley | Willmott | Stavrinou | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Marriott | Saah | Platt | Brown | | | | | | | |
| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 01 | H | Histon | D0-0 | 3,225 | 307 | 27 | 14 | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | McAuley | Willmott | Carden | Wright | Gray | Patrick | Clare | Marriott | Saah | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Monday, 03 | A | Eastbourne Borough | W2-0 | 983 | 125(est) | 30 | 12 | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | Saah | Willmott | Carden | Wright | Gray | Clare | Platt | Marriott | McAuley | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, 08 | A | Barrow | W2-1 | 1,015 | 72 | 33 | 10 | Naisbitt | Jennings | Roberts | Coulson | Partridge | Russell | Saah | Willmott | Carden | Wright | Gray | Clare | McAuley | Marriott | Platt | Brown | | | </ | | | | |

Welcome the R Costings Abbey Stadium to all our fans and visiting officials and supporters for tonight's visit of Luton Town.

It is almost a month now since we played our last home game against Kidderminster so let's all hope for an exciting game with a positive result. Luton as we know have a number of ex U's in the side so I am sure this adds extra spice for all players.

As we approach the closing stages of this league campaign we start to think and plan for next year. Clearly, we have not had the season that we all envisaged and hoped for which is disappointing for all of us. However, for all our staff, focusing on this disappointment detracts from the task we have at hand to pick up the pieces and move on in a positive and constructive way. Within the club we take responsibility for our position and the disappointment and frustration that all our fans feel.

In thinking about next year and beyond the club must reflect on its recent past. Not just this year but the past four or five years where we have shown so much promise and at the last hurdle not delivered. What I think we learn from this is that our future requires a significant cultural change and shift in thinking about the business of football. We need to do this to ensure the philosophy and ethos of the club is properly developed and embedded in such a way as to ensure it becomes the constant. Over recent years it seems that the only constant has been change. We do have the makings of a good structure at the club and I think as time passes making appointments within the football department which complement this structure will be crucial to ensure we develop from within.



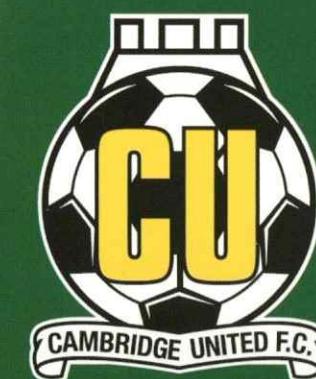
Of course it is much easier to say this and in practice it can be difficult to achieve although I genuinely believe that we are on this journey and with luck (and good management) we just might see the realisation of our vision over the coming years.

It is no secret that financially the club has struggled this year and without major change this struggle will continue. I have said before that it is not about ambition, we are ambitious, but about working within our resources. We are adjusting where and how we spend although in some areas this will take some time to work through to the bottom line. The process also needs to be seen through

to its logical conclusion even in the event that the club attracts new investment as it will ultimately place the club on a stronger footing.

At the last board meeting we considered 2011-12 prices. While VAT and many other costs have risen we recognise many of our supporters have also struggled financially in this downturn. It was resolved to hold all match day and season ticket prices at the current level with the exception of the South Stand where prices will be brought into line with Main Stand prices. Further, for next season all children under five years of age will be admitted free of charge.

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- 2 Kevin Roberts
- 3 James Jennings
- 4 Josh Coulson
- 5 Brian Saah
- 6 David Partridge
- 7 Simon Russell
- 8 Adam Miller
- 9 Danny Wright
- 10 Daryl Clare
- 11 Dan Walker
- 12 Rory McAuley
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- 14 Conal Platt
- 15 Paul Carden
- 16 Ricky Wellard
- 17 Sam Ives
- 18 Darryl Coakley
- 19 Adam Marriott
- 20 Jordan Patrick
- 21 Mark Bentley
- 22 Shaun Jeffers
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- 26 Blaine Hudson
- 27 Luke Berry
- 28 Jack Eades
- 29 Liam Hughes
- 30 Simon Brown
- 31 Jonathon Thorpe
- 32
- 33 James Brighton



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- 2 Dan Gleeson
- 3 Freddie Murray
- 4 Keith Keane
- 5 Luke Graham
- 6 George Pilkington
- 7 Adam Newton
- 8 Amari Morgan-Smith
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- 18 Claude Gnakpa
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- 21 Charlie Henry
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- 24 Alex Lacey
- 25 Godfrey Poku
- 26 JJ O'Donnell
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- 28 Adam Watkins
- 29 Dan Walker
- 30 Kevin Pilkington
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- 34 Lloyd Owusu
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