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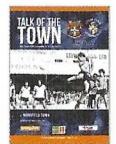
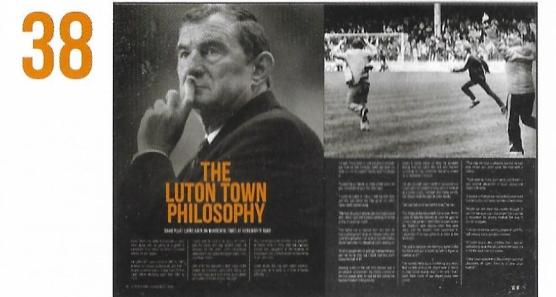
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# MONEY TALK

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's hugely important game against Mansfield Town in the semifinal second leg of the FA Trophy.

I'd like to give a special welcome to Duncan Russell and his team plus the directors, staff and supporters of the Stags.

I have been told they will be filling the away end this afternoon which will make for a fantastic atmosphere.

And so there should be with what's at stake. The winners will be off to Wembley on 7th May - a huge incentive for both teams to play under the arch in front of a big crowd.

Mansfield hold a slender advantage going into this afternoon's game and there's no doubt they will do all they can to ensure they stave off our threat.

The first leg at Field Mill was hugely disappointing. I thought our overall play was poor but that said we created a number of opportunities which would have seen us earn a victory on another day.

Their goalkeeper pulled off four or five terrific saves and George Pilkington hit the crossbar. However, football is all about scoring goals and the fact remains we did not stick the ball in the back of the net and it leaves us in the position of chasing the tie today.

The players were all disappointed we didn't come away with a victory so losing is even more frustrating because Kevin Pilkington barely had a save to make at the other end.

We know it will be tough because this afternoon because we're a goal down but if there's a full

house at Kenilworth Road today who knows what can happen.

It's still all to play for and we're still very much in the tie. It's only halftime and we've got 90 minutes ahead of us.

With our league programme continuing every week it's a difficult balancing act, especially with players ineligible or cup-tied.

I said before the first leg that we're going to have to be very good over the two games to achieve what we want to achieve.

I also said that the first leg is about staying in contention for second leg by putting yourself in the driving seat which would make things a heck of a lot easier.

We might not have done that but we are confident of overturning the deficit. Our form at Kenilworth Road has been fantastic all season and we have scored 45 goals in 18 league games at home in the league.

Mansfield will be in a position of 'stick or twist'. Do they stick with what they've got - knowing it's tough to defend and play for a draw, or twist - going for the jugular but face the possibility of being caught out.

Whatever happens this afternoon we can look back on our run in the competition with pride having given a number of our up-and-coming youngsters their debuts in the earlier rounds.

Welling, Uxbridge, Gloucester and Guiseley have all given us stern tests and further highlights the quality of play in the leagues below ourselves.

I must once again pay tribute and congratulate to work our wonderful youth development

department have done in finding and then nurturing the talent through so we are in a position to blood youngsters in this way and give them valuable first team experience.

The young players that have been involved have all shown the desire, passion and ability to get results and it was fantastic to see so many young players involved in the wins against Welling and Uxbridge, especially.

Should we progress today to a Wembley final their contribution will be recognised and not forgotten.

Our league programme continues unabated and we were unfortunate not pick up all three points at Cambridge on Tuesday night.

It was a valiant effort 48 hours after the first leg against Mansfield where once more we were denied goals by the woodwork and opposition goalkeeper.

While many people will look at the league table and see Crawley 11 points ahead of us there is no reason to panic just yet. With 12 games to go and 36 points to play for anything can happen.

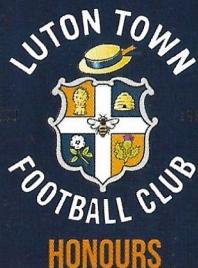
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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be an exciting few hours at our celebrated home.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors Mansfield Town, their manager, players, directors, staff and supporters, who have travelled in large numbers down the M1 in support of their team.

The prize for either side this afternoon is a grand one: a trip to Wembley. We all know all too well the experience of a visit to the national stadium and buzz it not just gives the club but the whole town.

It only seems like yesterday we were celebrating our fantastic Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory in front of 55,000 fans three years ago. I don't think I know any Luton Town supporter who wouldn't want to experience that again.

While the FA Trophy might not be the Littlewoods Cup or the JPT, I'm sure you'll join me in wishing that Richard and the players guide us through to another final. We would be the only team in history to reach Wembley in six different competitions, how's that for a record?

Mansfield stand in our way today and hold a slender advantage following last Sunday's first leg at Field Mill. It was frustrating for us all not to see our chances and dominance count for anything when on another day we'd be starting the game this afternoon with a healthy lead. We're just praying that their goalkeeper doesn't play like that again!

It's our belief that we enter any competition with the intention, desire and absolute commitment to win it. You could argue that Wembley is our second home, in which we all should be privileged, given that many Premier League clubs have failed to visit the nation's ancestral home as much as we have.

The FA Trophy has always been a wonderful

competition and our performances so far have been a delight to watch, especially those where players as young as 16 have represented us.

Cauley Woodrow, Alasan Ann, Adam Watkins, Jordan Patrick, Christian Tavernier, Newman Carney and Alex Lacey will remember this competition for their introduction to the first team squad and all made significant contributions along the way to get us to this stage.

While we know that today's game offers us the opportunity to get to a Wembley final we also know that our absolute priority, without compromise, is to win promotion back to the Football League.

Seeing us drop points, as we did on Tuesday evening, presents all of us in the boardroom with as much disappointment and frustration as any other supporter. I, personally, have felt incredibly dejected after a few recent games that have seen us drift away from challenging for the top spot.

However, I have no option but to rationalise the situation for the good of the team, the club and supporters in order to run the business without (too much) emotional distraction and support the management team to get focused on the next game and the next three points.

The team is underperforming. We should be performing more cohesively. But, we have always acknowledged that this league will not always be pretty and above all, we all have the faith and firm belief that we can and will get much more out of the squad. This is our absolute commitment.

Despite not performing at our peak, we are in a good position to get promoted in the most challenging league at any level but Chris Wilder was under similar pressure from the Oxford supporters this time last season and look where they are now!

I have been questioned by some, since Tuesday, about our performances and the abilities of the manager and his squad.

Anyone wishing for a managerial change will be disappointed; any such decision will not be taken at this stage of the season while we are in strong contention. On the contrary, if we are to succeed, we must all have faith in our management team.

We all know that football a very subjective game with over 6,000 managers casting opinions at every home game. Supporters have always and will always disagree with certain choices their manager makes. We must understand that whilst this is what makes the game engaging for a lot of supporters there are often good, logical and justifiable reasons for some decisions that doesn't always come to light.

Primarily however, stability is key for our success, as is your support and commitment so it is vital that we retain a sense of perspective during our run in.

In any other league second place is an automatic promotion spot and while we know one place was up for grabs at the start it is galling to find ourselves in this position for a second season in succession.

Although it may not feel like it, statistically, we are actually living one of the most successful seasons in our history. Some may say its lower league but our budget is set according to our position.

Despite being 11 points off the league leaders, we lie in third place in the table, second on points per game, averaging around two points per game.

With such results, this would ordinarily be considered as excellent form that would usually see us top of any league. In fact, in any division of the Football League, on average, we would currently be in a clear automatic promotion place, a whopping nine points clear of play-offs.

We are all too aware that this is no ordinary league especially when Luton Town is the biggest scalp, but I can assure you that we are resilient enough to succeed.

Let's celebrate the fact that we are in with an excellent chance of the first climb back to where we belong, with a possible Wembley final to boot.

Greg



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## CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for this FA Trophy semi-final second leg tie against Mansfield Town.

The FA Trophy gives all non-league clubs the opportunity to get to Wembley. A number of us in the squad already know what it's like to appear at the national stadium and - believe me - as players it's something we'd all like to do again.

This season's number one priority has always been success in the league, but as the campaign has unfolded we have been presented with a fantastic opportunity to progress in this competition.

Either ourselves or Mansfield will be walking out on the Wembley turf on 7th May and we want it to be us, but after last Sunday's first leg we know we have to overturn a 1-0 deficit if we are to do so.

That was an incredibly frustrating afternoon for us. To create so many chances and not take one left us in disbelief.

Every team knows that have to take chances to win football matches and the phrase "that's football" sprang to mind when they took the lead with one of their only real chances at goal.

You see it so many times where one team dominates possession and spurns opportunities and then lands up losing the game.

The manager was not happy with us after the result and as players we knew that he had every right to be because we should have come away in a strong position going into today's second leg.

Putting yourself in a good position in the first leg is always paramount in these kind of situations but at least we know we have to go out there this afternoon and win. A draw will not be enough and we as players know what is required.

It's obviously difficult for both teams because tactics and styles of play will always be focused around what the outcome is of the first leg.

That said, we go out to win every game and today will be no different. If we were in

Mansfield's position and a goal up there would be no doubt that we would still go out on the offensive, play football the way we like to and try and win the football match. That's just what we do.

This competition has given a number of players the opportunity and I'd like to thank each and everyone one of them in helping us get this far.

It certainly seems a long time ago that I was watching a young side draw at home to Welling on a cold Sunday afternoon in December.

The manager has used the competition to rest some of the senior players and introduce our up-and-coming youngsters. The performances of everyone have been magnificent and they are a credit to this club.

It means we are in the position to be challenging on two fronts which is fantastic for this club. As players we are well aware of the history and tradition it has for being successful.

Tuesday's draw at Cambridge was another frustrating 90 minutes for us in which we were dominated and had chances to win it.

We dropped points and lost ground on Crawley which is disappointing but in fairness to them they are having an unbelievable season. We need to make sure we are there should they slip up and we still have to play them at their place.

We're not giving up on the title just yet and with so many points left to play for there's no doubt it is still within reach. It will be tough but we are determined. As a group we have always

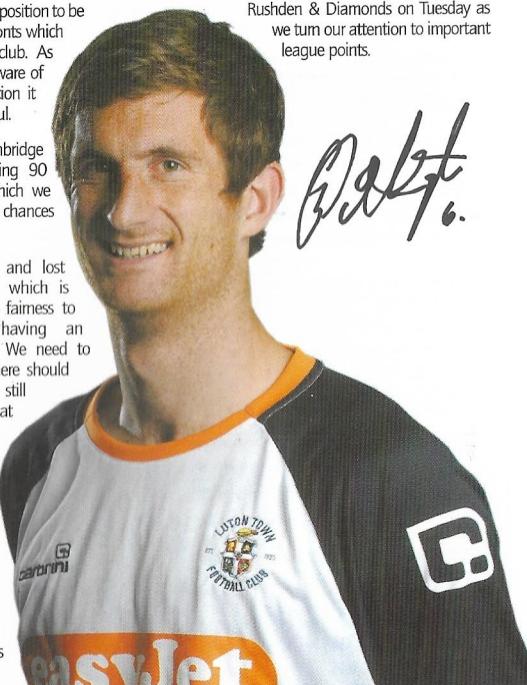
responded well to criticism and disappointment, always bouncing back to prove people wrong.

We're aware that the expectation on us is high and that is something we have to deal with. It's part and parcel of playing for Luton Town.

Your support is the reason we joined this great club. 7000 every week in the fifth level of English football...you wouldn't find that kind of support anywhere else in the world.

This club's history is another reason. We want to make history and be a part of it. This season's 125th anniversary needs to be recognised with success and we're all committed to making sure that happens.

So please, get behind us today and back us to Wembley. I then look forward to seeing you at Rushden & Diamonds on Tuesday as we turn our attention to important league points.



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# HATTERS CHATTER

## ALL TO PLAY FOR

The Town and Mansfield go into this afternoon's game knowing an aggregate success would see them walk out at Wembley in the FA Trophy final on 7th May.

The winners will take on either Darlington or Gateshead in the final. The Quakers currently take a 3-2 lead into today's second leg.

Mansfield lead this tie 1-0 following last Sunday's victory at Field Mill but should the aggregate scores be level at the end of 90 minutes, then a further 30 minutes extra time will be played.

If the sides remain still cannot be separated then the tie will be decided by penalty kicks. Away goals do not count.

## DUO OUT ON LOAN

Town midfields Adam Watkins and JJ O'Donnell have joined Harrow Borough and St Albans City respectively, on loan, for a month.

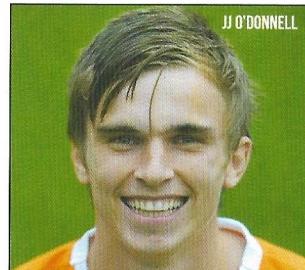
Watkins, 19, joins a Harrow side who lie 11th in the Ryman Premier Division while O'Donnell, also 19, links up with his former club who are currently bottom of the Blue Square Bet South having had 10 points deducted.

Hatters manager Richard Money said: "As we have a number of players back from injury we thought it was best to give both players regular, competitive football."

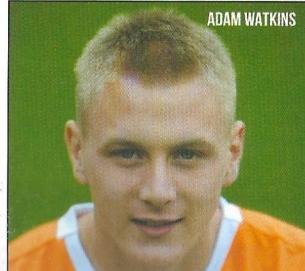
O'Donnell was delighted to help his new side to victory over Staines Town on Saturday.

He made an instant impact on his return to Clarence Park by scoring an acrobatic bicycle kick to secure a 2-0 win.

And O'Donnell, who made his debut for the



JJ O'DONNELL



ADAM WATKINS

Town in November's FA Cup replay win over Corby, was delighted to get on the scoresheet on his second debut:

"It came to me in at the perfect height in the box and thought 'why not?'"

"I was so pleased to see it go in and it was made even sweeter because it was on my first game back playing for St Albans.

"They've had a tough time this season and suffered a points deduction through no fault of their own so I'm just pleased to go back to my former club and help them out.

"There were a couple of other clubs interested in taking me on loan but there was no-one else I'd rather go to because St Albans are my team.

"Hopefully I can help them earn a few more points between now and the end of my loan spell."

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

The Town welcome the Wilks family to Kenilworth Road to celebrate a very special occasion.

Bernard and Dorothy Wilks are here today on their 60th wedding anniversary while Bernard is also celebrating his 83rd birthday.

It will be a family affair with eight of the family

in attendance this afternoon including Bernard's three grandchildren and son Steve who undertakes scouting for the Hatters and was the club's representative to oversee Cauley Woodrow's debut for England Under-17s last month.

## MORE SUPPORT FOR YOUNGSTERS

### First Capital Connect

First Capital Connect is delighted to continue its support of the Town's youth department.

Their partnership is helping young footballers kickstart their careers and we wish them and the club all the best in the future.

The Club will continue to work jointly with them in the coming seasons to ensure supporters are kept up-to-date with the latest news about First Capital Connect, special offers and travel information around matchdays. For further details visit: [firstcapitalconnect.co.uk](http://firstcapitalconnect.co.uk) or [thameslinkprogramme.co.uk](http://thameslinkprogramme.co.uk).



## SoLYD PRIZE DRAW

The Supporters of Youth Development prize draw will take place today at halftime.

At the Kidderminster match there was a donation made from SoLYD of £10,000 to the Youth Development department to cover the club's technical development programme.

This programme not only gives invaluable coaching time for our schoolboy players, but also allows for recruitment programme at the Under-7 and 8 age groups.

Rather than reducing the project since relegation, SoLYD kindly stepped to support the project and we'd like to thank all of the supporters who donate to this scheme.

Thanks for your continued support of SoLYD.



# INTRODUCING MANSFIELD TOWN

## HISTORY

This is the Stags' third season in the Conference this summer, following their relegation from the Football League in 2007/08 which ended their 77-year stay among the 92 clubs.

David Holdsworth - who took over in December 2008 - led the Stags to a ninth place finish in the league, enjoying a fine home record but finding it difficult to earn results on their travels. The club were deducted four points by the Conference the season before last for fielding an ineligible player in their opening two games of the campaign in which they won and drew.

The Field Mill faithful last tasted success when winning promotion along with the Town in 2001/02 finishing in third place earning promotion to the then Division 2.

They only lasted one season in Division 2 before relegation back to the League's basement division - only for them to lose in the PlayOff final at the Millennium Stadium against Huddersfield in 2003/04, their first season back in Division 3.

## LAST TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD

**LUTON TOWN 2-0 MANSFIELD TOWN**  
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On a night of high drama the Hatters missed three penalties but two goals in three minutes kept up their unbeaten home record with a 2-0 victory over 10-man Mansfield.

The night's tension, however, began in a two-minute period when the referee booked two players for either side.

However on 14 minutes, the Town should have had the lead when Claude Gnakpa saw a shot saved by Alan Marriott before hitting the follow-up just past the post.

Danny Crow bundled a shot wide of the upright on 25 minutes before Adam Smith

missed a fine chance for the Stags three minutes later.

The drama started two minutes before the break when Gnakpa missed a penalty after Gary Mills had handled in the box. However the referee had spotted an infringement and the spot-kick was ordered to be retaken.

Crow saw his effort saved which sparked a 19-man brawl which eventually led to Mansfield skipper Steve Foster sent off for a second bookable offence and Stags boss David Holdsworth sent from the dugout.

Then, 13 seconds into the second period, Gnakpa was sent tumbling in the box by Kevin Sandwith to give the Hatters their third chance to net from the spot but Matthew Barnes-Homer sent his kick over the bar.

But on 51 minutes the relief around the ground was lifted when, finally, the Town had the lead when Crow smashed home from close range following Jake Howells' low cross.

There was no let-up in the action and Hatters fans were on their feet three minutes later to celebrate Amari Morgan-Smith's debut goal when he sent an accurate shot past Marriott from the edge of the area.

Morgan-Smith missed an opportunity to put the game beyond doubt when he sent a low shot into the arms of Marriott, after Crow had raced clear before Dan Gleeson, Morgan-Smith, Crow and Zdenek Kroca all came close to extending the Town's lead but in the end 2-0 was enough.

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Gleeson, F. Murray, Keane, G. Pilkington, Morgan-Smith (Newton 81), Barnes-Homer (A. Murray 71), Kroca, Howells, Gnakpa, Crow (Atieno 84). **Subs not used:** Blackett, K. Pilkington.

**Mansfield Town:** Marriott, Silk, Sandwith, Mills, Foster, C. Smith, Duffy (Medley 52), Nix, A. Smith (Naylor 46), Istead (Briscoe 68), Connor. **Subs not used:** Stonehouse, Collett.



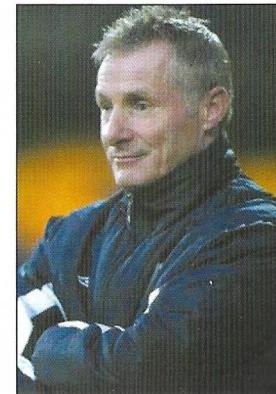
## MEET THE MANAGER:

### DUNCAN RUSSELL

Duncan was appointed manager in December after an impressive three match unbeaten spell as Caretaker Manager. Following former boss David Holdsworth's departure by mutual consent in November, he came out top in an exhaustive interview process which saw over 40 applicants reduced to a four-man shortlist.

Duncan had been Holdsworth's assistant since the beginning of the current season and was handed the job for a number of reasons including his record of working with high quality players at Championship level, his many contacts in the game, the respect he has earned from the playing squad in addition to his unbeaten record in temporary charge.

The former Army officer, 52, a UEFA A Licence holder, has held coaching roles at six different clubs over the last 12 years including Derby County, Walsall, Wolves and MK Dons.



Holding a slender 1-0 advantage from the first leg thanks to Danny Mitchley's goal, Mansfield arrive at Kenilworth Road on the back of a 2-1 defeat at the hands of York City in midweek.

The Stags took the lead in the game through Tom Naylor but went down to two second half goals from Jamie Read.

Mansfield boss Duncan Russell said he felt that his side had done enough to earn at least a point.

"I thought we gifted them two goals. They were sloppy goals to concede," he said. "I was disappointed not to get a point out of that because I thought it was the least we deserved."

"I am a little bit annoyed that we did not make them work for their goals."

"It has to frustrate you as a player. You have to sit down and ask whether you lost the game or whether you gave it away."

"I thought we gave it away, I really did. I do not mind losing a game against a team that deserves it. I will hold my hands up then."

"But they did not deserve to win that, we deserved a point. They had a lucky night."

With the Stags' hopes of a Play-Off place fading, he admitted it does put more emphasis on getting a result at Kenilworth Road to ensure that his side secure a trip to Wembley.

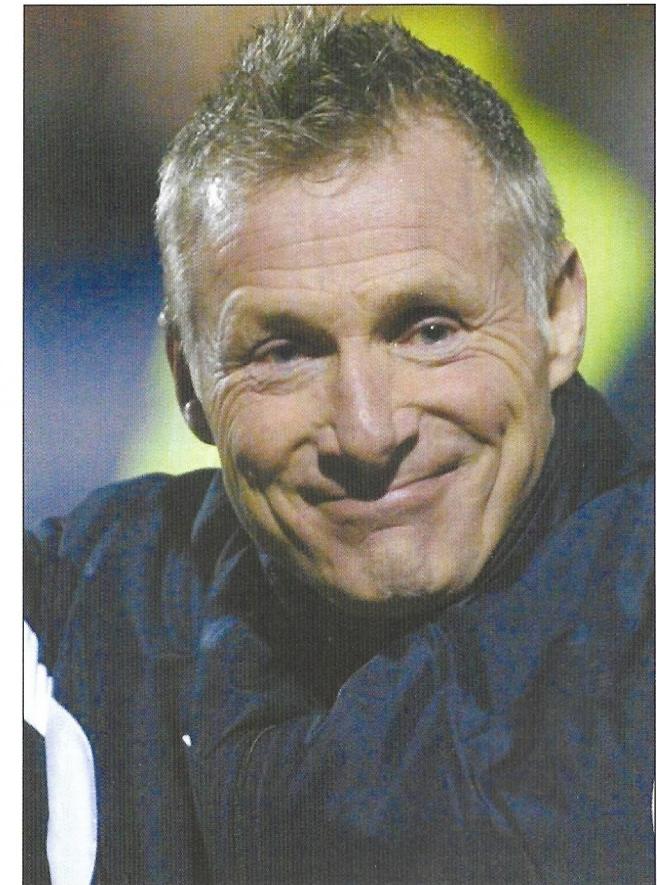
"It is a big ask for us now. If we had kicked on and got three points, we would have been much better off," he said.

"We have lost four games in 20, which is not a bad stat. But I am just disappointed to have lost the game in the manner we did. We did not deserve to lose."

"I can tell you that we will keep fighting for every point. We want to finish as high as we possibly can in the table and see where that takes us."

"But now we can prepare for 90 minutes of football that could take us to a Wembley final."

Speaking after last Sunday's first leg Duncan stressed the importance of taking an advantage it today's game.



# DUNCAN RUSSELL

## WE MUSN'T LOSE, SAYS STAGS BOSS

"It was really important we took a lead, especially with the home tie coming first," he said.

"The job is only halfdone and we now have to

go to Luton and recreate that performance.

"We must go there and make sure we don't lose the game. Even if we draw it we would go through."

## GOALKEEPERS

## DAVID GROF

Notts County goalkeeper David Grof became the third new arrival in January after joining on loan until the end of the current campaign. His arrival at Field Mill came on a busy transfer deadline day with his paperwork being completed shortly before the 11pm cut off.

The 21-year-old comes highly rated at Meadow Lane and is currently the Magpies' third choice shotstopper. Hungarian-born, the promising youngster joined County on a one year deal in July having previously played for Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League. He was sent out on loan to Tamworth earlier this season to pick up some valuable experience before being recalled by Paul Ince following an injury to Rob Burch.

## ALAN MARRIOTT

Alan Marriott is highly regarded as one of the best goalkeepers outside of the Football League. The Bedford-born shotstopper joined the Stags in January 2009 following a 12 game spell at Rushden & Diamonds.

Marratt began his career at Tottenham Hotspur as a trainee but was released in 1999 without making a first team appearance prior to joining Lincoln City.

He went on to make just over 350 appearances for the Imps and featured in all of their five consecutive Play-Off finishes in League 2 between 2003 and 2007.

Marratt broke a number of the club's records including becoming the first goalkeeper to keep 100 clean sheets and play in 140 consecutive games.

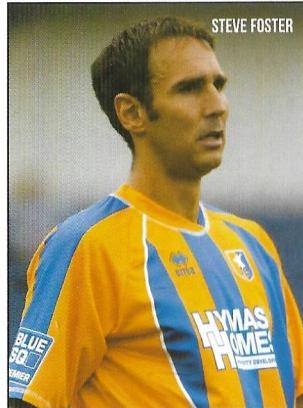
## DEFENDERS

## STEVE FOSTER

Steve Foster, the son of former Mansfield Town defender Colin Foster, began his career at Mansfield Town in 1992, where he made five appearances before being released by the club.

He then furthered his career by playing for such clubs as Scunthorpe United, Bristol Rovers, Doncaster United and Darlington.

Having chalked up 620 appearances in a



STEVE FOSTER

summer and has become one the club's most appeared players this campaign.

## GARY SILK

Gary Silk's impressive displays in 2008/09 earned him several accolades at the Club's awards ceremony including Player of the Season and the Players' Player of the Season awards.

Silk played for Notts County between 2006 and 2008 and is credited with several tremendous performances from a right back position.

Although he began his career at Portsmouth, Silk made his professional debut whilst on a loan spell at Barnet. After that he spent the majority of the 2004/05 season on loan at Wycombe where he featured 22 times.

When his Portsmouth contract expired he joined Notts County where he played 63 times and scored two goals before joining Mansfield Town in 2008. He is held in high regard by supporters and is considered one of Stags' best ever right-backs.

## DAN SPENCE

Manager Duncan Russell added defender Spence to the squad until the end of the season. The 21-year-old former Reading right back came as a free agent and has Conference experience after featuring for Salisbury throughout 2009 prior to a move to Glenn Hoddle's soccer academy in Spain. Russell was impressed by what he saw in a trial organised by Glenn Hoddle and the player's agent George Foster.

## MIDFIELDERS

## LOUIS BRISCOE

Comfortable on either wing or as a central striker, Briscoe began his career as a trainee at Port Vale where he made four appearances for the first team.

After his release from Vale in 2007 he spent the next couple of years playing part-time football, and can list Cresley Rovers, Leek Town, Stafford Rangers and Ilkeston Town amongst his former clubs.

Briscoe was handed a second bite at the professional cherry when David Holdsworth signed him in January 2009.

## ASHLEY CAIN

Fleetfooted winger Cain put pen to paper on a one year deal with the club in July 2010 following a successful pre-season trial.

The 19-year-old came through the youth setup at Coventry before enjoying loan spells with Luton and Oxford last season.

## STEVEN ISTEAD

Midfielder Istead began his career at Newcastle but left to join Hartlepool in 2002 without making a single first team appearance. He played 64 times for Hartlepool and even became the youngest player ever to play for the club before his release in 2006.

Istead then went onto play for non-league clubs Gateshead and Consett before rejoining his old Hartlepool boss Neale Cooper at Peterhead. After 22 appearances in Scotland he returned south of the border to join Ilkeston Town where David Holdsworth was then the manager.

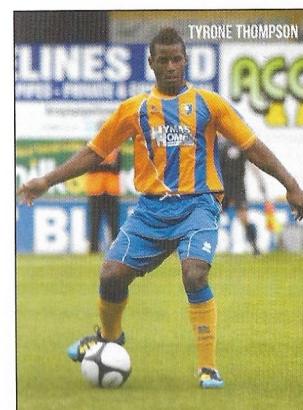
Holdsworth swooped to resign the youngster for the Stags for the 2009 season using him 15 times at Field Mill.

## KYLE NIX

Australian-born Nix began his career as a young professional at both Manchester United and Aston Villa before joining Sheffield United in 2005.

After his stint at Bramall Lane he moved to non-league Buxton where he played six times and in 2007 the left winger was offered a short term contract at Bradford City by manager Stuart McCall - who knew Nix from his time at Sheffield United.

Nix netted on his debut for the Bantams in a Carling Cup tie against Wolverhampton



TYRONNE THOMPSON



PAUL CONNOR

Wanderers and made his league debut three days later at Shrewsbury Town.

## STRIKERS

## PAUL CONNOR

Prolific frontman Paul Connor was signed by Middlesbrough straight after he left school. He has spent all of career in the Football League, scoring 29 goals for Rochdale between 2001-2004. Rochdale paid a sizeable £150,000 for his services, before he joined Swansea City in 2004.

After scoring 16 goals for Swansea City in his two year term, he progressed onto Leyton Orient, Cheltenham, and Lincoln City netting a total of 14 goals.

He was delighted to sign for the Stags this season, putting pen to paper on a one year contract, before extending his deal last month.

## DANNY MITCHELEY

Danny joined the club on non-contract terms in November 2010 after sufficiently impressing manager David Holdsworth during pre-season training and then a trial period here at Field Mill. The 21-year-old frontman was a free agent following his release by Premiership side Blackpool over the summer, a club he originally signed for in 2008.

He starred at both youth and reserve level for the Tangerines but with Blackpool riding high in the Championship, and then pushing towards promotion last season, he was loaned out to Southport, Burscough and finally Wrexham in March 2010 to gain first team experience.

He opened his account in only his second appearances for Stags against Forest Green Rovers less than a week after his arrival.

# COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters and sponsors and corporate guests for today's important game.

The winners of the tie this afternoon will be walking out at Wembley on 7th May in the final of the FA Trophy and the importance of this game has not been lost on our supporters.

Our executive boxes and sponsorship packages were quickly sold out as soon as the draw was made and it was known that the second leg would be at Kenilworth Road.

With just five home league fixtures left we're entering the final two months of the season and an exciting time at Luton Town.

We also have the pleasure of announcing two events that we will be hosting over the next few months.

More details of both will follow over the next few weeks but adverts for both events can be found elsewhere in today's programme.

The first is our annual end-of-season kit sponsors' dinner in which the Hatters coaching staff will be talking about their long and distinguished careers in the game.

Our second event is a 2020 cricket tournament held on the pitch at the end of May. A number of former Hatters stars will be joined by a

plethora of ex-England international cricket players.

It promises to be an enthralling end to the season and how wonderful would it be to reach a second Wembley final in three years.

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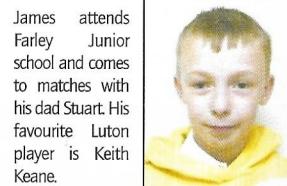
Barry was also the landlord at the Magpies Hotel in Woburn and the family are hoping to toast his life with a victory this afternoon.

**COMMERCIAL MASCOTS:**



Please give a warm welcome to our two mascots today who are 12-year-old Jordan Oliver, from Caddington and 11-year-old James Lydon, from Luton.

Oliver attends Roundwood Park school and comes to matches with his dad Alan and friend Andy Smith. His favourite player is Claude Gnakpa and he enjoys football, swimming and cricket.



James attends Farley Junior school and comes to matches with his dad Stuart. His favourite Luton player is Keith Keane.



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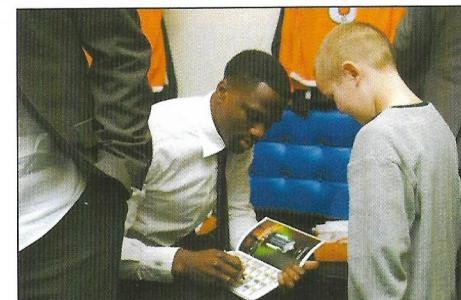
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# SPONSORS' GALLERY

Our game against Tamworth, the last time we were at Kenilworth Road, was popular with a number of guests enjoying our range of hospitality available. Gareth Owen was standing by to capture the fun.



Mascot Mitchell Masters gets Claude Gnakpa's autograph.



Mascots Libby Jay and George Cowley with goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington.



Oliver attends Roundwood Park school and comes to matches with his dad Alan and friend Andy Smith. His favourite player is Claude Gnakpa and he enjoys football, swimming and cricket.



Mitchell meets his favourite player Keith Keane.



Match sponsors named Matthew Barnes-Homer man-of-the-match.



Mascot Mitchell poses with the Hatters' striker post-match.



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# LUTON TOWN 2



# TAMWORTH 0

OWUSU 38, BARNES-HOMER 60

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

KENILWORTH ROAD, TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2011 ATT: 5,737

## MONEY TALK

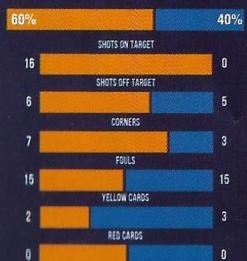
"It was a professional performance, we passed the ball well, created a number of chances and had enough good moments to get the right result. Obviously their goalkeeper situation meant they defended even deeper to protect the new one and fair play they did well until we scored. Naturally there's a temptation for us to just shoot from range but we're not a team that just throws the ball into the box and see what happens, we like to play football the right way by passing the ball."

## LINE-UPS

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Gleeson, Murray, Kroca, G. Pilkington, Gnakpa (sub Morgan-Smith 87), Howells, Lawless, Keane, Owusu (sub J. Walker 89), Barnes-Homer. **Subs not used:** Graham, Carden, K. Pilkington.

**Tamworth:** M. Mitchell (sub Marshall 13), Tait, Courtney, Wyld, Smith (sub Lake-Caskin 73), Perry (sub J. Bradley 52), Thomas, Sheridan, D. Bradley, Barrow, Wilkinson. **Subs not used:** A. Mitchell, Mackenzie.

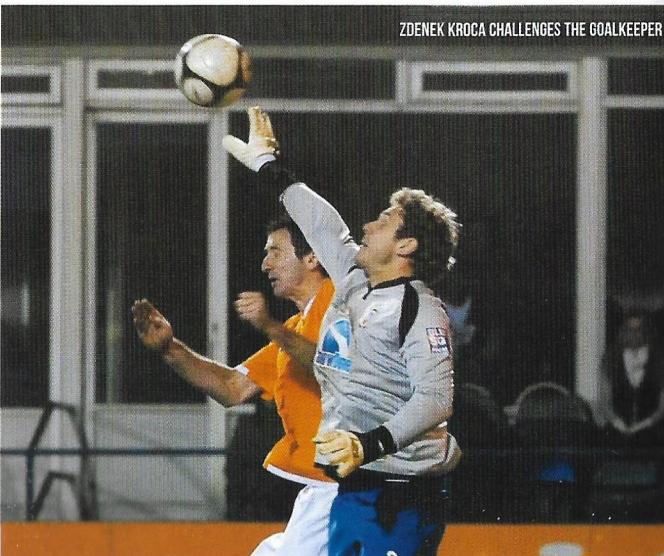
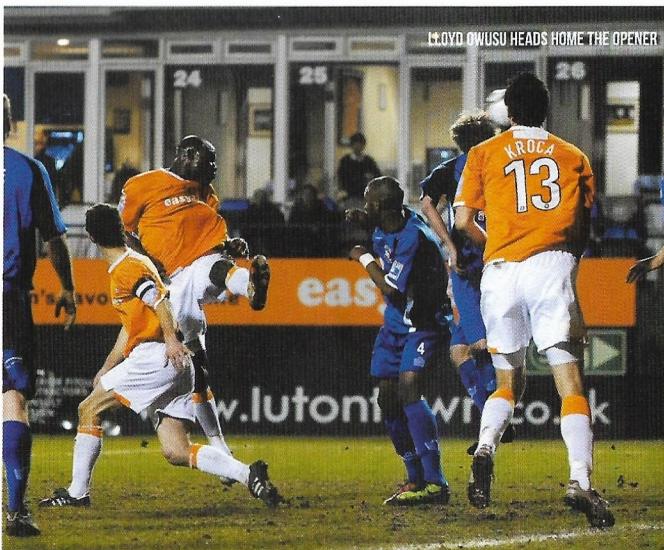
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## SPONSORS' MAN OF THE MATCH MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

For the second home game running the Town's top scorer was awarded the sponsors' award after another all-round performance which was capped with goal.



## MATCH REPORT

The Town scored twice past Tamworth stand-in goalkeeper Tom Marshall to record a comfortable victory.

The game turned in the 10th minute when the Lambs' number one stopper Liam Mitchell was forced off with a hand injury.

With no substitute goalkeeper on the bench the visitors had to rely on centre-half Marshall to keep the Hatters at bay.

It took the Town until the 18th minute to test the rookie goalkeeper when Claude Gnakpa rode a cynical challenge to continue running into the penalty area and blast a low shot at the near post that Marshall kicked away.

The Frenchman looked like a man on a mission and five minutes later his back post header was tipped away by Marshall as the Town hunted the opening goal.

Tamworth's need to protect their goalkeeper in search of a point meant the Hatters dominated possession but the home crowd began to get restless when Marshall again came to the Lambs' rescue on 35 minutes when he did well to stop Zdenek Kroca's near post header from finding the back of the net.

However the tension inside Kenilworth Road was lifted seven minutes before half-time when Matthew Barnes-Homer won a freekick 20 yards from goal.

The freekick, floated in superbly by Jake Howells was met by Lloyd Owusu who directed a header beyond Marshall.

The Town, and Freddie Murray in particular, thought they should have had a penalty a minute before the break when the left-back was upended but the hosts almost made it 2-0 four minutes into the second half when a Howells header was caught by Marshall.

Gnakpa poked a ball over the bar following fine football in the 56th minute before the Hatters made the points safe on the hour when Gnakpa laid off the ball in a crowded penalty box to Barnes-Homer who hammered home his second goal in as many games.

Shots continued to rain down on the visitors' goal with Howells dragging a shot wide and Barnes-Homer rifling a shot inches wide of the post on 74 minutes.

The Town continued to press looking for a third but Tamworth were able to keep them to just two to move them two points clearer to Crawley at the top following their draw with Kidderminster.



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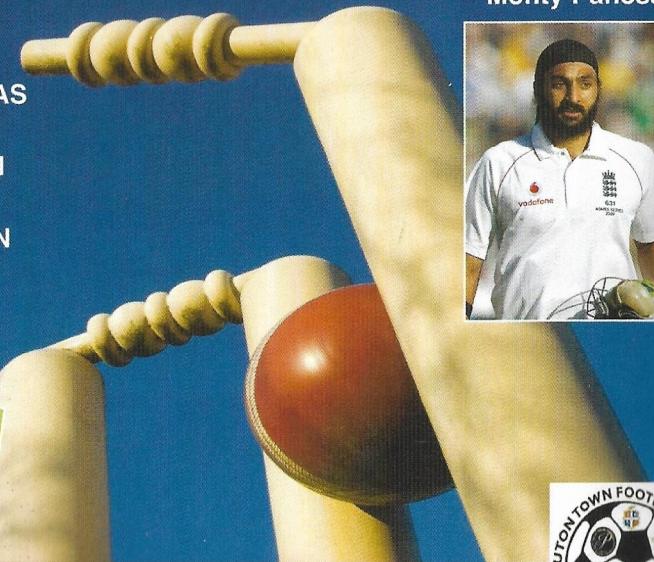
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## POST-MATCH REACTION

Last time out at Kenilworth Road the Hatters ran out as comfortable 2-0 winners over Tamworth thanks to a goal in each half from Lloyd Owusu and Matthew Barnes-Homer.

The game presented the chance for Alex Lawless to get 90 minutes under his belt as the midfielder topped up his match fitness following his recent absence.

Boosted by the run out the former Wales Under-21 man told *Talk of the Town*: "I haven't played for the last couple of weeks, the last full game I played was Fleetwood, and it was frustrating coming off so early in the Guiseley game. It was quite tiring today but I think the adrenaline got me through in the end.

"As the days were going by it was proving challenging for me because it was getting better but I still couldn't do what I needed to and then I had a good session with the physio and since then I have felt fine.

"I was pleased to get the nod to start, it was a bit of a surprise so I was delighted.

Having come off against Guiseley and then not been able to play for a couple of weeks it was quite frustrating so I was really up for it."

Lawless was forced off after just 12 minutes of the 1-0 win at Guiseley at the end of February. Reflecting on the

disappointment of the incident that forced him off, the former York man said: "I was running down the line to chase one of their players and one of them tried to be clever and block me, but I think he's done it a little bit unfairly to be honest with you which was even more annoying really because it could have been avoided.

"I didn't anticipate it so I couldn't protect myself and he just caught me in the hip with his knee; I thought I could carry on but I wasn't able to."

The victory over the Lambs, avenged the Hatters away defeat earlier in the season and Lawless was pleased that Luton were able to extend their unbeaten run to five games with the win.

"We have got such a strong team and a good mentality that we are always confident that we are going to win, sometimes it takes a bit longer but we got there in the end.

"I think in most of our home games, like Gateshead, we have created chances - we slipped up there a little bit - but we have improved in the last couple of months since that match.

"We were patient and kept plugging away. Ideally we always want to score more than we do, our expectations are really high but you know sometimes it doesn't work like that and, having got in front, it is just good to make sure we don't concede."





# MANSFIELD TOWN 1



# LUTON TOWN 0

MITCHLEY 62

FA TROPHY SEMI-FINAL FIRST LEG

FIELD MILL, SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2011 ATT: 3,208

## GARY BRABIN

"Their goalkeeper's put in a man-of-the-match performance which sums it up, we've hit the bar and their goalkeeper's made five or six excellent saves. The players are all disappointed but we're still very much in the tie and it's only half-time, yes we've lost but there's plenty of positives to take out of the game, on another day we come off the pitch as winners."

## LINE-UPS

**Mansfield Town:** Grof, Silk, Sandwich, Briscoe (sub Istead 85), Thompson, Nix, Naylor, Spence, Connor, Cain (sub Smith 75), Mitchley. **Subs not used:** Mamrott, Foster, Stonehouse.

**Luton Town:** K. Pilkington, Graham, G. Pilkington, Kroca, Murray (sub Poku 75), Howells, Keane, Lawless, Gnaka (sub Morgan-Smith 69), Barnes-Homer, Owusu (sub Crow 55). **Subs not used:** Tyler, Asafa-Adjaye.

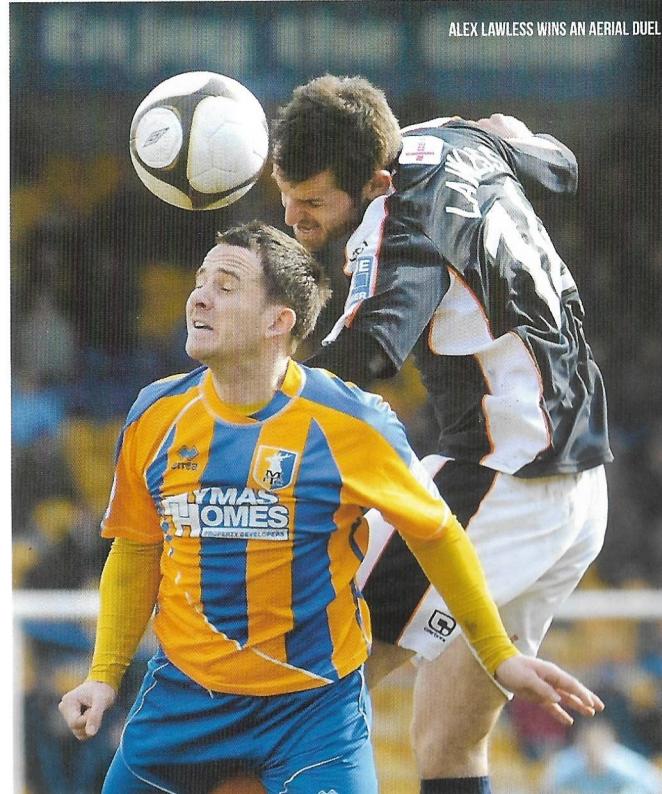
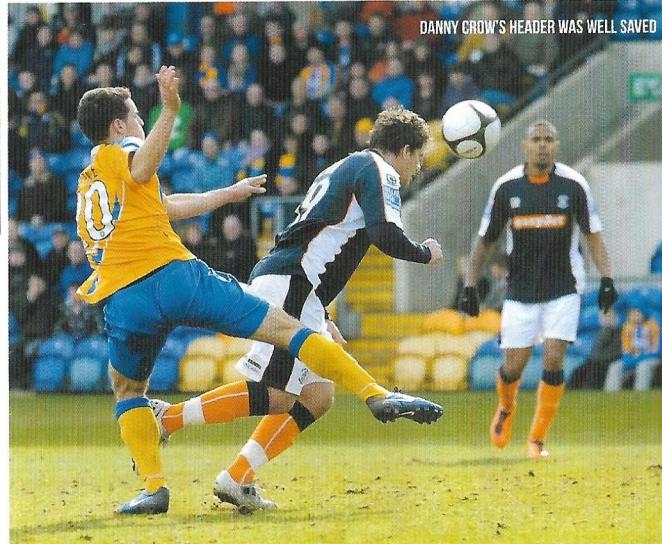
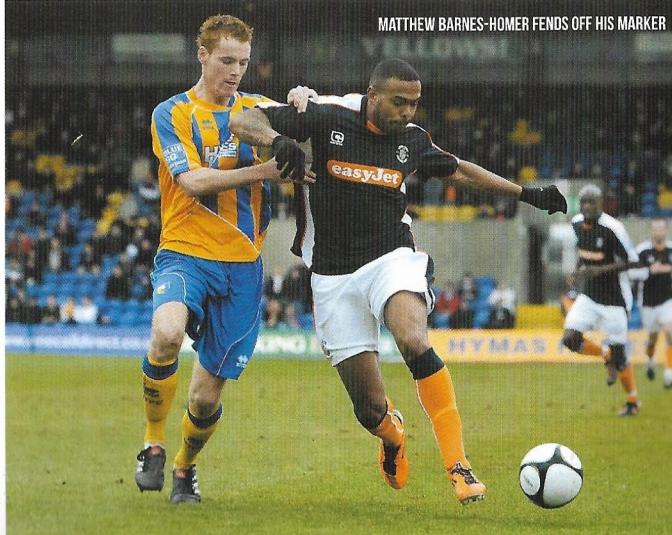
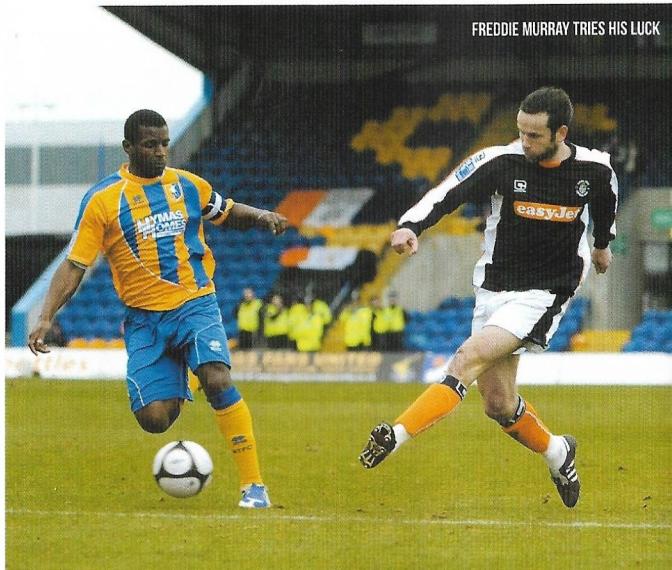
### POSSESSION



## MAN OF THE MATCH

### ALEX LAWLESS

The midfielder was unlucky not to score twice with two efforts in the second half superbly stopped by Mansfield goalkeeper David Grof on a day when the Hatters deserved better.



## MATCH REPORT

An inspired display from Mansfield goalkeeper David Grof meant the Town go into this afternoon's second leg a goal down in their FA Trophy semi-final.

The home stopper made six superb saves to thwart the Hatters and they were made to pay for those misses on 62 minutes when Danny Mitchley's turn and shot beat Kevin Pilkington and went in off the post to give the Stags the lead.

The Town came close to taking the lead in the 12th minute when a super move down the left saw Freddie Murray cut the ball back for Lloyd Owusu whose lay-off to Matthew Barnes-Homer saw the striker fire over the crossbar.

Murray tried his luck with a firsttime shot from the edge of the area that flashed wide on 19 minutes before Grof pulled off his first save of the afternoon to keep out Jake Howells' deflected shot.

George Pilkington had to be at his best to deny Kyle Nix a shot on goal on 31 minutes after Mitchley had gone down in the box looking for a penalty while Connor also had the ball in the net only to be denied by an offside flag.

However, back came the Hatters and it was Grof's agility that kept out a goalbound header from Owusu on 43 minutes following Keith Keane's deep cross.

The Town almost took the lead on 54 minutes when Barnes-Homer brushed off his marker to put the ball on a plate for the on-rushing Alex Lawless but from 12-yards his side foot effort was parried away spectacularly by Grof.

Still the Town pressed but still found the Mansfield goal impossible to breach: Grof denied Lawless again on 61 minutes and seconds later Pilkington's back post header hit the crossbar.

Breathing a sigh of relief, Mansfield broke forward immediately and after finding time to hold the ball up Mitchley turned Pilkington to find the smallest of gaps to stroke home the opening goal against the run of play.

The Town's response was good and it should have been 1-1 on 73 minutes but substitute Danny Crow saw his close range header from a Howells cross saved again by that man Grof.

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## POST-MATCH REACTION

Despite not having as much to do as his opposite number David Grof, goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington ended up on the losing side as the Town went down 1-0 to Mansfield in the first leg of their FA Trophy semi-final.

"We haven't been able to get the ball down and pass it as well as we could have so it is disappointing in that aspect but it's only halftime in the tie. We have got next week to come and hopefully we will turn it around then," Pilkington said afterwards.

"The Gaffer has said we can't play any worse than that so we can come out next week and put on a performance and hopefully we can get back into the match and go on and get to Wembley."

"We've created chances without even playing well and we have to look at the positives after a loss like this. Their goalkeeper has made three or four really good saves and you can see why he got man of the match."

"It is very frustrating when I'm not that busy yet we end up coming away having lost 1-0."

The goal that beat him arrived just after the hour mark, courtesy of Danny Mitchley and it was one that Pilkington was disappointed to concede.

He said: "It has gone through Pilk's legs and then he got a nice little turn on it and got a good

connection to it. I got a little touch onto the post with it but unfortunately it has gone the wrong side of the post for my liking and it ended up dribbling in."

Pilkington, who spent five years at Field Mill between 2000 and 2005, making over 160 appearances, had a three-month loan spell earlier this season with the Stags.

His last appearances for Mansfield was in early January and he was surprised to receive a mixed reaction on his return.

He explained: "I was a bit surprised and disappointed with that; I came here for three months and I felt I had done well for them, the reception I got wasn't one I was expecting.

"Some fans have got short memories. I got promoted here, got to the Play-Off final here and had five good years with them so it was disappointing to get booed by a minority of their supporters but that's football fans for you."

"I'm a Luton Town player now and my focus is in doing well for the club."





# CAMBRIDGE UNITED 0



# LUTON TOWN 0

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

ABBEY STADIUM, TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2011 ATT: 2,831

## MONEY TALK

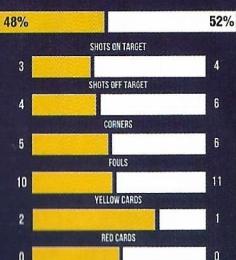
"We've been the length of the crossbar again and a few good saves from their goalkeeper away from winning the game but who knows how important that point may be at the end of it. We stood up to their approach and at times I thought we moved the ball around pretty well and created opportunities but we just couldn't take one."

## LINE-UPS

**Cambridge United:** Brown, Roberts, Jennings, Saah, Partridge, Wright, Wellard (sub Platt 80), Patrick, Bentley, Berry, Hughes (sub Hudson 90). **Subs not used:** Naismith, McAuley, Jeffers.

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Graham, G, Pilkington, Kroca, Howells, Newton (sub Gnaka 46), Keane, Carden (sub Lawless 46), Willmott, Crow (sub Barnes-Homer 61), Owusu. **Subs not used:** K. Pilkington, J. Walker.

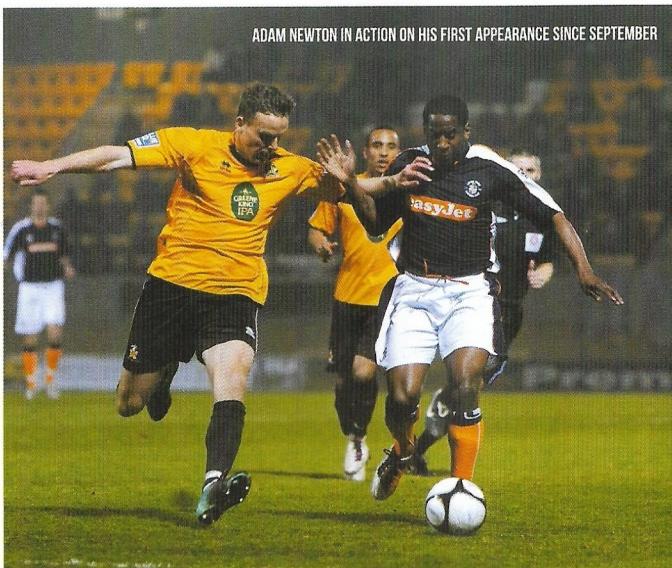
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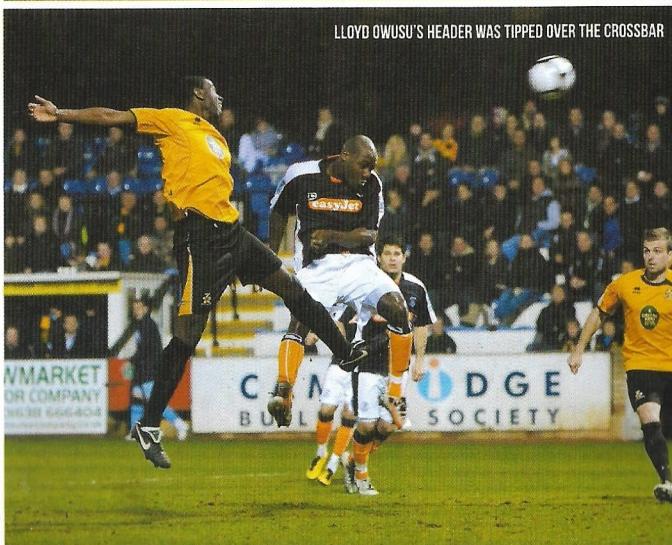
## MAN OF THE MATCH

### ZDENEK KROC

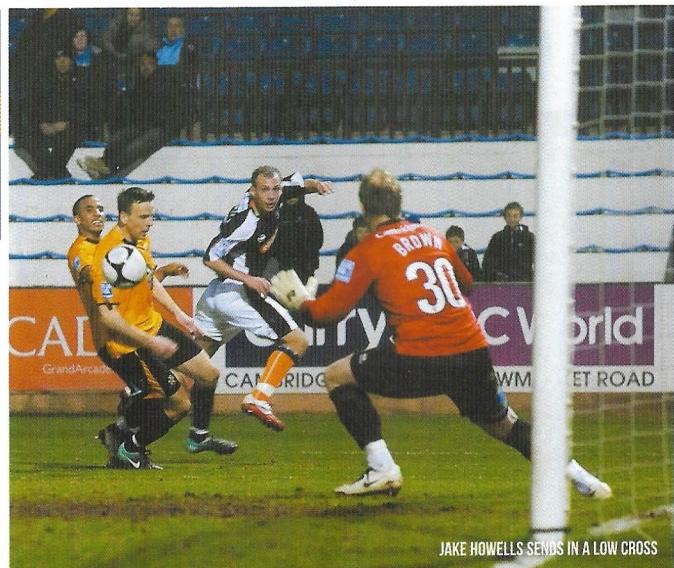
The Czech centre-half has been a model of consistency for the Town in recent weeks and he was denied a match-winner by the crossbar with a bullet header in the first half.



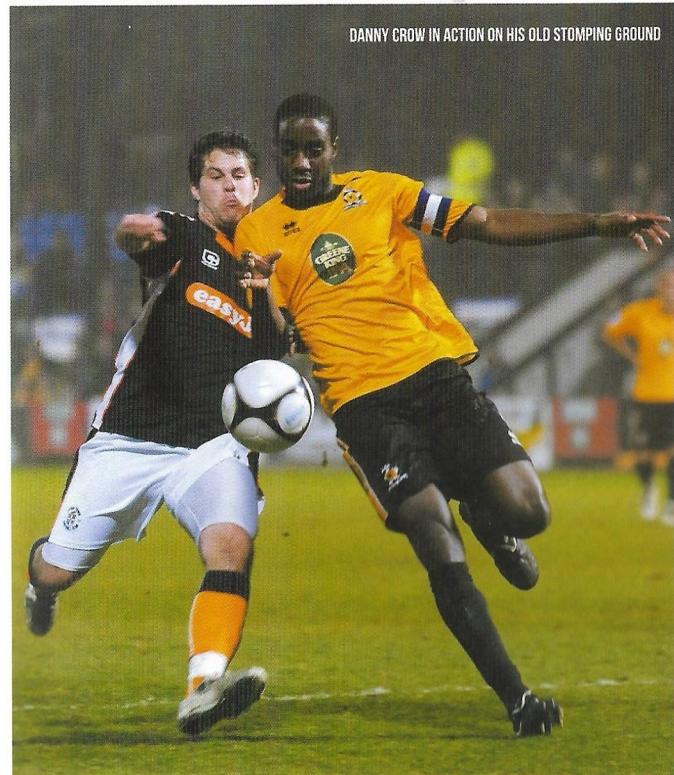
ADAM NEWTON IN ACTION ON HIS FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER



LLOYD OWUSU'S HEADER WAS TIPPED OVER THE CROSSBAR



JAKE HOWELLS SENDS IN A LOW CROSS



DANNY CROW IN ACTION ON HIS OLD STOMPING GROUND

## MATCH REPORT

The Hatters hit the woodwork in the first half and forced Cambridge goalkeeper Simon Brown into three vital saves in the second but could not break down their struggling hosts.

It took until the 28th minute for either side to create a worthwhile chance and it almost saw the visitors take the lead.

Robbie Willmott, whipped in a dangerous free-kick from the left that Zdenek Kroca met with a bullet header but the centre-half's effort cannoned off the underside of the crossbar.

Cambridge slowly but surely worked their way back into the game and after Danny Crow headed wide on 33 minutes, Liam Hughes' daisy cutter from the edge of the box two minutes later was saved by Mark Tyler.

Willmott's pace down both flanks was causing the hosts problems and he almost broke the deadlock on 38 minutes when good work from Adam Newton, Crow and Lloyd Owusu set the winger up to flash a shot just wide of the post.

On 41 minutes Danny Wright's header at the backpost rebounded off the crossbar and from five yards David Partridge slammed the ball over the crossbar with the goal gaping.

Two minutes later the U's should have been ahead when Wright strode clear of the Hatters defence but the home striker fluffed his lines when one-on-one with Tyler, with a shot that bounced well wide.

Cambridge had the ball in the net in first half injury time but Luke Berry's stunning acrobatic overhead kick was disallowed for handball.

Three minutes after the restart the Hatters were denied the lead by a fingertip save by Brown. He stopped Owusu's towering header from finding the net before Cambridge had the ball in the net for a second time on 55 minutes but Wright's tap-in was ruled out for a foul on Claude Gnaka.

Wright hit the sidenetting on 74 minutes after a nice flowing move for the U's but the Town hit back with 15 minutes left on the clock when Brown saved Gnaka's fierce shot.

Both sides went for the jugular in an end-to-end final 10 minutes but it was the Hatters who came the closest to finding a late winner when Keith Kean's drive from 12-yards, with two minutes left was well saved.



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# POST-MATCH REACTION

Winger Robbie Willmott was left frustrated as he returned to former club Cambridge on Tuesday night.

The ex U's man played his part in the closest either side came to a goal as his free kick was smashed against the bar by Zdenek Kroca in the first half and Robbie felt it was the Hatters who had the best of a tough encounter.

"I just whipped in the free kick and it came down so quickly off the bar," he said. "It's always hard to judge what has happened. But over all I think we were a little bit unlucky. We created a couple of chances but they didn't go in tonight. We defended well and restricted them to half chances most of the night.

"I thought we dug in very well in what was a tough game. They fought hard and all credit to them because for a side down at the bottom of the table they showed a lot of heart.

"Their fans got behind them which I know they can do and they have some very good players on their day. We wanted to come here and get three points to try and keep the pressure on Crawley but fair play to Cambridge, they played very well and earned their point as well.

"For the lads at Cambridge this was a massive game. From our point of view you don't want to concede and give them something to hang on to.

"We got a clean sheet which is always a

good thing but it was frustrating at the other end. The way they celebrated at the end it was like they'd won the league!"

Robbie was given a mixed reaction on his return to the Abbey Stadium after joining the Town earlier this year.

"I don't mind that. They pay their money and can say what they want," he said.

"I was hoping for a little bit better reception if I'm honest because I was there for five years and gave everything for them.

"There were a few boos and cheers when you go close to the fans but that's all part of the game and I'm old enough and big enough to not let that affect me.

"I am a Luton town player now so they can say whatever they want. I have moved on from Cambridge, made a career choice, and I know I have made the right one.

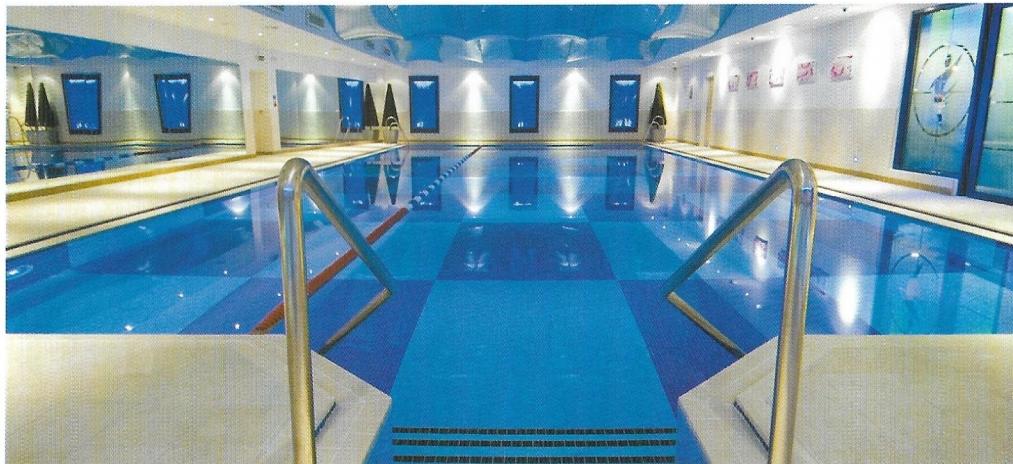
"I am at a team that is pushing for the league rather than one fighting relegation. Career wise it was right for me and Luton is a great club to be at right now."

To add to his frustration Robbie now sits out today's game, although he will be right behind the team as they strive for that Final place.

"I am right behind the lads 100%. I have played at Wembley and it is a great experience, and a great day out for the fans so I am right behind them and would love to have another day out there again."

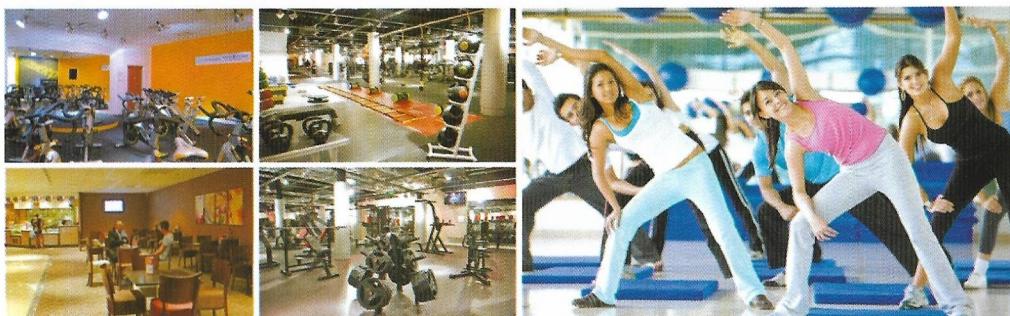


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## LIVE ONLINE

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

Win, lose or draw Hatters Player is there to get the reaction and Richard Money, Gary Brabin and several members of the Town squad spoke to the cameras giving subscribers their account of the games with Tamworth, Mansfield and Cambridge United.

The Town boss was pleased with the way his side ground out a 2-0 victory against a Tamworth side who played almost 80 minutes with an outfield player in goal.

Claude Gnakpa told Player of his frustration at not finding a goal against the rookie goalkeeper who had denied the Frenchman with two decent saves before halftime.

However, the former Peterborough man was pleased to play a role in a comfortable home victory and vowed to hit target of 20 goals before the end of the season.

Fellow midfielder Alex Lawless was surprised to be included, making his first start since the 1-0 victory against Guiseley having been sidelined with a hip injury.

The former York playmaker admitted the injury was an innocuous one but despite being thrown back into the action against the Lambs he was happy to help the Hatters record all three points.

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At Mansfield last Sunday, Brabin was disappointed the Town failed to turn their dominance and chances into goals but reminded everyone that despite being a goal behind the tie is only at the halfway point and there's still 90 minutes to play.

Former Stag Kevin Pilkington could not believe he landed up on the losing side while striker Danny Crow, who came close with a second half header, admitted that the Town should have left Field Mill with a first leg advantage.

Money believed the point earned at Cambridge on Tuesday could turn out to be a vital one come the end of the season and praised his players for their performance 48 hours after coming through their Trophy semifinal with Mansfield.

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The Hatters had three former Cambridge men in the side for the trip to the Abbey and one of those, Robbie Willmott, was left frustrated after the goalless draw.

The winger also explained to the Player cameras that he knows he's made the right career move by joining the Town and hailed the 900 Hatters fans that made the midweek trip.

Player subscribers got to watch all of the above plus highlights of the victory over Tamworth and remember after today's game you can get all the coverage for free on a 14-day trial basis.

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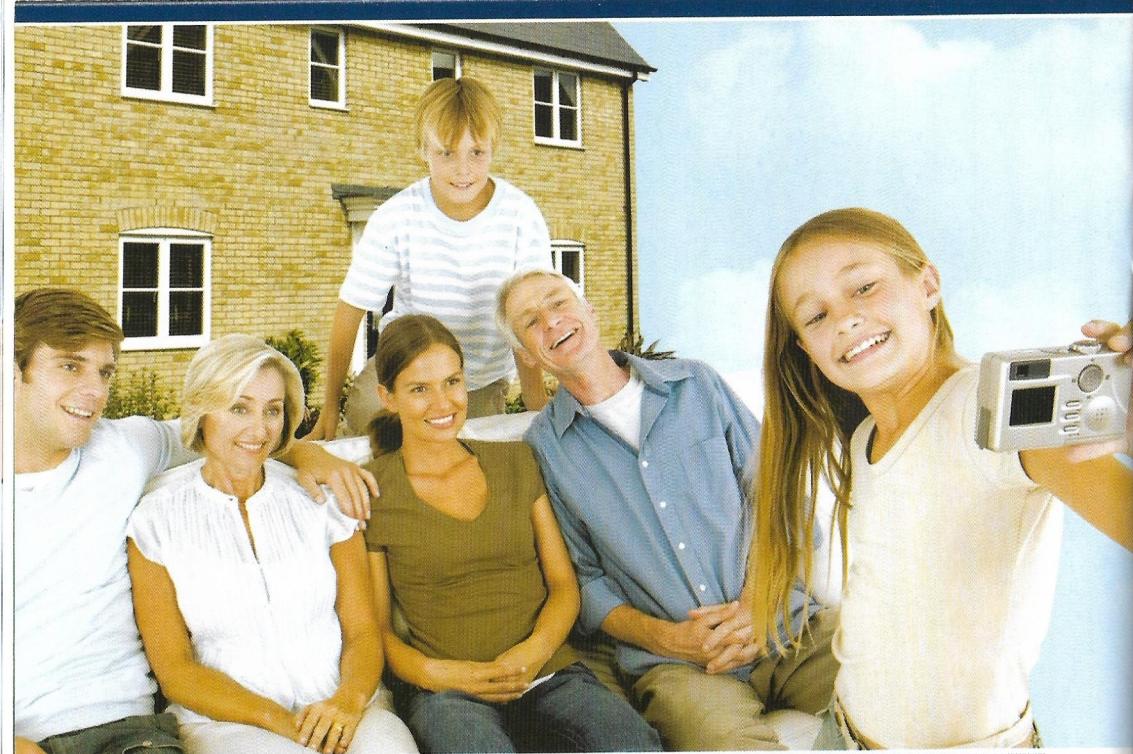
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It promises to be an exciting end to the season and with plenty of points to play for in the race for the title look no further than a subscription to Hatters Player to get closer to the action. Log on to [www.hattersplayer.co.uk](http://www.hattersplayer.co.uk) to find out more.

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## NUMBERS GAME

**8** The number of home games previously played on this date, with Luton winning five and there have been three draws. The Hatters have scored 19 goals and conceded just six.

**1** Only one of these home games hasn't been played at Kenilworth Road, and that was back in 1898 when Burnley were the visitors to the Hatters' Dunstable Road ground. Luton won 2-0 courtesy of goals from Robert Donaldson and William Gallacher.

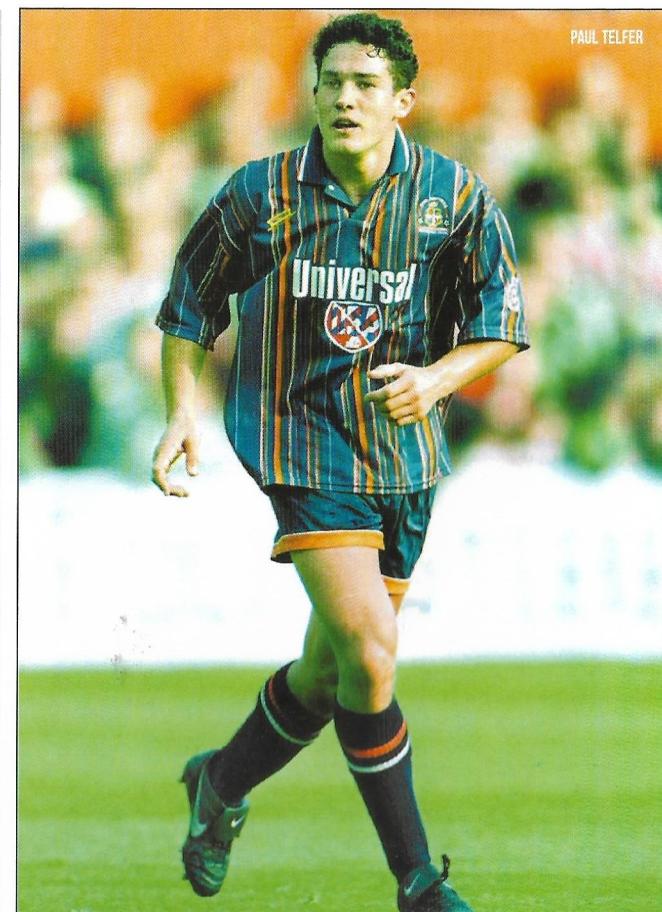
**3** It was a Division Three match that saw Luton entertain Plymouth Argyle in 1921, with the sides sharing a point in a 1-1 draw, Ernie Simms scored for the Hatters.

**4** The number of goals shared by the sides when local rivals Watford were the visitors to Kenilworth Road in 1927 for a Division Three (South) fixture. John Black and Jimmy Thompson were the scorers for Luton in the 2-2 draw.

**2** The number of goals scored, and points won as Luton beat Northampton 2-0 in 1928 for another Division Three (South) match, with Jimmy Yardley and Harry Woods netting the goals.

**3** The biggest margin of victory is by three goals, and this happened in three consecutive home matches on this date, starting in 1932. Queens Park Rangers were the visitors and they were beaten 4-1 courtesy of a brace from Tommy Tait, and goals from Harry Loasby and Robert Bryce. This was in front of the lowest crowd, 5,768, on this date at Kenilworth Road.

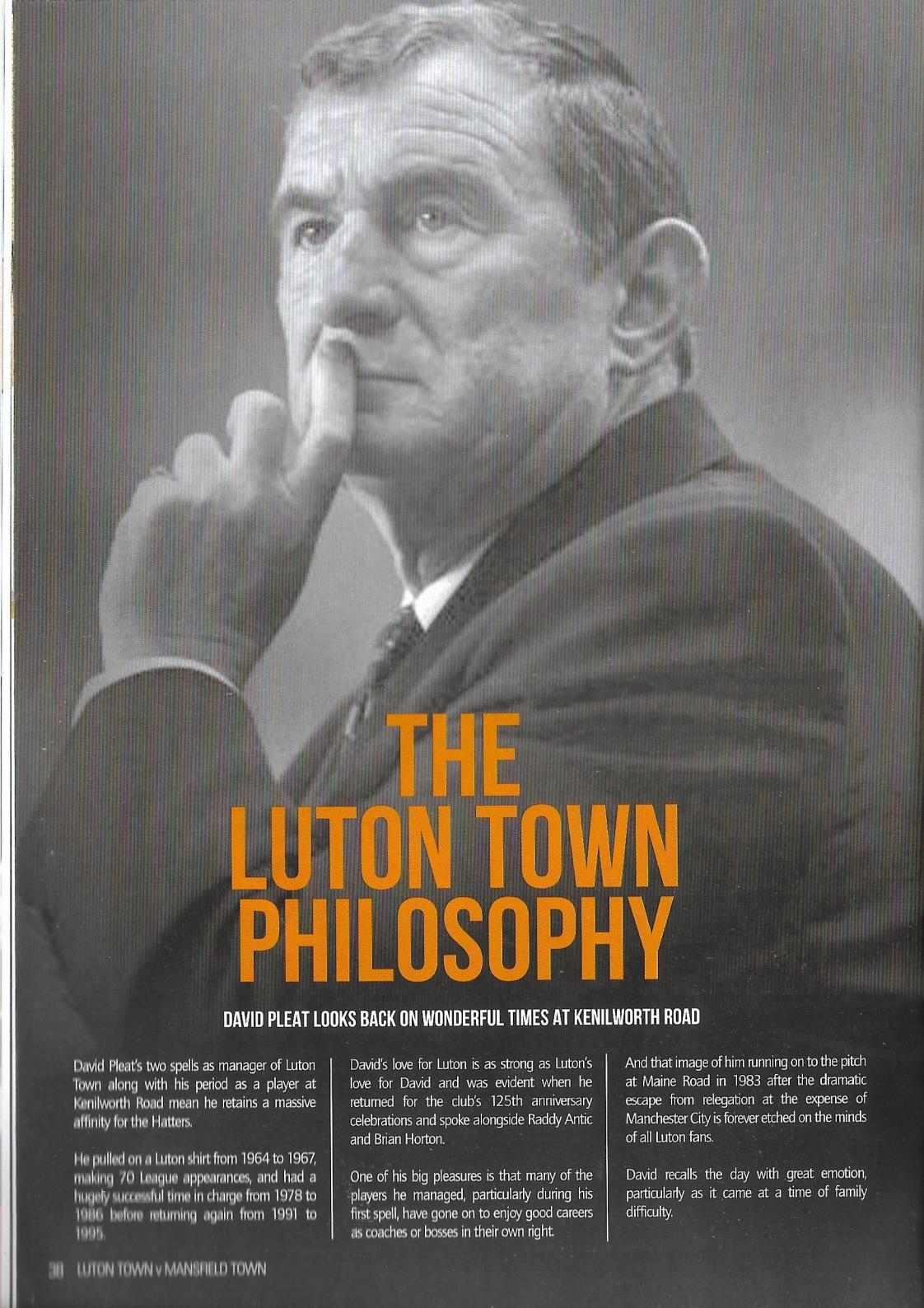
**4** The Hatters also scored four against Rochdale in 1966 in a Division Four match. A hattrick from John O'Rourke and a goal from Gordon Riddick gave Luton maximum points in a 4-1 win.



**3** It was the threes three years later, in 1969, in a Division Three match, when Luton scored three goals without reply against Bristol Rovers. Laurie Sheffield, Keith Allen, and Brian Lewis all netted in front of the largest

attendance at Kenilworth Road on this date, 14,506.

**17** The number of years since the last match on this date, when Paul Telfer scored against Birmingham City in a 1-1 draw.



# THE LUTON TOWN PHILOSOPHY

DAVID PLEAT LOOKS BACK ON WONDERFUL TIMES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

David Pleat's two spells as manager of Luton Town along with his period as a player at Kenilworth Road mean he retains a massive affinity for the Hatters.

He pulled on a Luton shirt from 1964 to 1967, making 70 League appearances, and had a hugely successful time in charge from 1978 to 1986 before returning again from 1991 to 1995.

David's love for Luton is as strong as Luton's love for David and was evident when he returned for the club's 125th anniversary celebrations and spoke alongside Raddy Antic and Brian Horton.

One of his big pleasures is that many of the players he managed, particularly during his first spell, have gone on to enjoy good careers as coaches or bosses in their own right.

And that image of him running on to the pitch at Maine Road in 1983 after the dramatic escape from relegation at the expense of Manchester City is forever etched on the minds of all Luton fans.

David recalls the day with great emotion, particularly as it came at a time of family difficulty.

He said: "I look back on that day and in my brain was that we [the coaching staff] had done our work, it is in the players' hands, which it always is.

"Sometimes someone up there smiles down on you, sometimes it goes the other way.

"I came to Luton in 1963. I met my wife here, and the day before the City game my wife's father sadly passed away.

"We had all sorts of phone calls from back home and I think I just lost it [when running on to the pitch], it meant so much.

"Her father was a Lutonian born and bred, he had a greengrocer's shop on Princess Street, and I just thought when I ran on that my wife's father would have been so pleased at Luton staying up.

"A lot of people see me and say 'I remember you, you ran on at City', but I think that you don't know the half of it!"

Keeping Luton in the old First Division was a remarkable achievement for David, coming in the first season after he had led the club to the Second Division championship.

David is rightly proud of what he achieved during that era, when the club also reached successive FA Cup semi-finals, before he moved on to Tottenham Hotspur.

His second spell wasn't quite so successful but David, who has enjoyed a long career in football as a player, coach, manager and media pundit, will always recall his days at Luton fondly.

"We just had some wonderful times," he said.

"Eric Morecambe was a really funny man. When I used to take the reserves at Luton he used to come to the games - I don't think he knew where the firstteam were playing when they were away, and the reserves were convenient to Harpenden if he was going to a show in the West End!

"He said to me once 'why don't you stand on the touchline and put a board up with a figure or number on it?'

"He wanted me to put a number up and when that number went up the players were so tuned in they'd know exactly what to do next - but I don't think many of our players could even count!"

"That was the kind of pleasant humour he had that meant you could speak like that with a director.

"There were so many good years and there's a very positive perception of Luton across the board in football.

"Everyone in football was sad at the punishment that led to the club being demoted, it was unfair.

"People up and down the country thought 'it can't be' because Luton is a proper club that has a reputation for playing football the way it should be played.

"I always remember wanting players to pass the ball around, not to just kick it forward.

"It might sound very simplistic but I wanted defenders to work the ball out from the back, not to hit the front man too quickly.

"Luton Town represents a philosophy - and that philosophy of Luton Town is to play good football."



## KIT PARADE

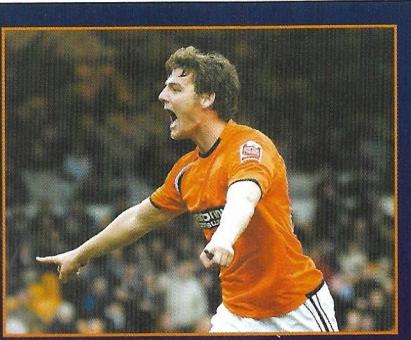
Nothing pulls on the heartstrings like an old Hatter's playing strip...

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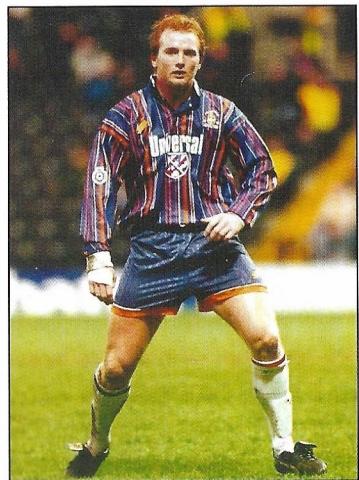
When the Town travelled to Darlington in January they needed to find a shirt that did not clash with the Quakers' black and white hooped shirts.

The Hatters strip of white and their away colours of navy were deemed too close the home club's strip so the quick-thinking staff decided to use an old bright orange effort manufacturer by Puma for the previous season, remove the Electrolux sponsorship logo and replace it with a Carbrini one.

It didn't have the desired effect. The Hatters were beaten 5-1.



## HATTERS HEROES



We stick a random pin into club historian Roger Wash's excellent book *Hatters Heroes* and focus on a player who has featured for the Hatters in the past 125 years.

### John HARTSON

Luton Town scout Cyril Beech recommended several Welsh youngsters to the Hatters with Hartson another one off the conveyor belt, signing professional terms in 1992.

Scoring on his League debut at the start of the following campaign, John's precocious talents came to the fore during the famous televised win over Newcastle in the FA Cup in February 1994.

The big clubs came sniffing around and Arsenal paid a then record fee for a teenage

of £2.5m for the powerful striker in 1995 and since then he has become a regular for Wales and enjoyed several big money moves in both England and Scotland.

John announced his retirement from the game in February 2008 and after overcoming cancer is now a television pundit and part-time coach at Newport County.

**Luton Town career appearances:** 63

**Luton Town career goals:** 13

**Debut** v Cambridge United (h) 24/8/1993

**First goal** v Nottingham Forest (h) 28/8/1993

**Last game** v Bristol Rovers (h) 7/1/1995

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

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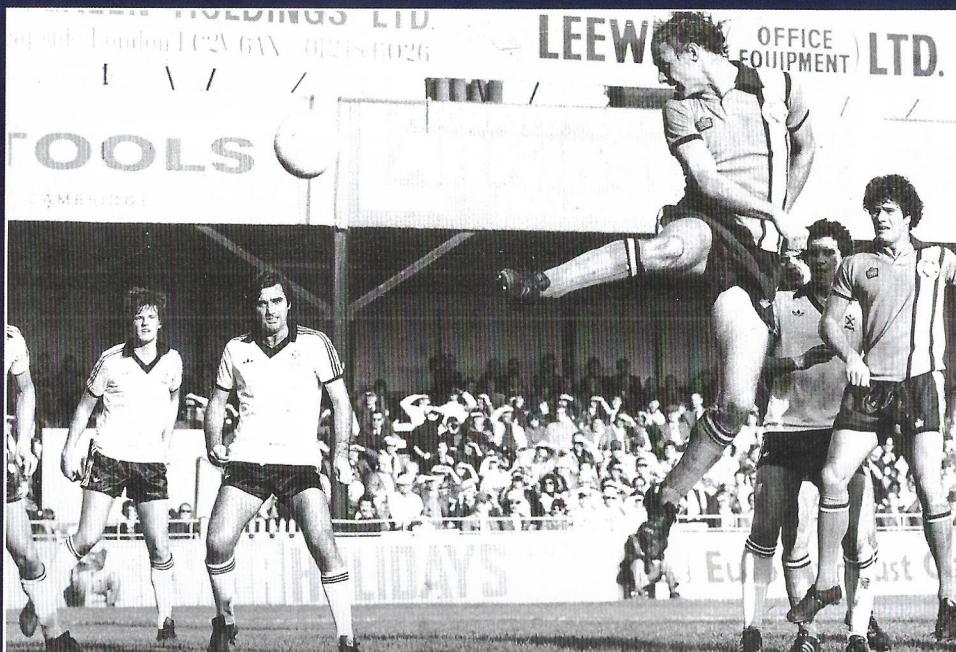


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At halftime you can occasionally see players not involved in the squad on the day loitering with intent outside the kitchen door, looking for some something to eat and drink.

## COVER STORY

George Best looks on helplessly as John Faulkner heads the only goal of the game against Fulham at Kenilworth Road in October 1977.



George Best of Manchester United and Northern Ireland was arguably one of the greatest ever footballers to grace these shores and his fallout with the hierarchy at Old Trafford and his subsequent signing for unfashionable Fulham in September 1976 sent the football press into overdrive.

Crowds at Craven Cottage tripled overnight due to the signing of Best and another footballing legend Rodney Marsh and Fulham became the team everyone wanted to see.

The first away game for this travelling circus was at Luton and 19,929, which was not to be

beaten again in the League for nearly four years, watched as the Cottagers won rather too easily 2-0.

The novelty had worn off by the time of the return and with Best injured the Town, in the middle of a run of nine straight victories, won 2-1 at Craven Cottage in front of only 11,071 which was less than half the crowd that had turned up at the height of the boom.

Best returned to Kenilworth Road the following season, but the furore had completely died down by then and, although Hatters centre-half John Faulkner netted to

secure the two points, it barely attracted anything more than a normal report in the national press.

Best lasted only four more games for Fulham after the Luton defeat before he jumped ship and departed to the United States leaving behind a light that had shone briefly in West London and, of course, at Kenilworth Road.

This victory was ample revenge for the 2-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road a year before just as the Best bandwagon first hit town.

Roger Wash

# AGAINST THE ODDS

● LUTON TOWN 2-0 DERBY COUNTY. 11TH MAY 1991.



The Town's ninth consecutive season in the top flight seemed destined, for two thirds of the campaign, to be their last, but on 9th March 1991 they won away at Aston Villa to record their third win in four games in an amazing upsurge in fortunes and, with 10 games to play, were suddenly pitched into a comfortable 13th spot in the table.

Supporters coming away from Villa Park were now thinking of a possible top 10 position with relegation fears furthest from their thoughts. Unfortunately, the remainder of the season turned into a nightmare.

From the next seven games only two points were won as the Town slipped nearer and nearer the relegation zone again with a young side lacking any real striking power.

Record signing Lars Elstrup, after a bright start to the season, had gone off the boil and was probably dreaming of a return to Denmark while Iain Dowie was sold to West Ham for £480,000, the second reluctant player to become a Hammer in a matter of months.

The Town were ahead at both Coventry and Sheffield United but lost both games, went

down at home to Norwich and Wimbledon after having all the play, drew 0-0 at Kenilworth Road against Tottenham - John Dreyer missing a penalty - and were three up at Chelsea only for the Blues to level the score.

Only two teams were to go down that season, due to restructuring of the top flight, and immediately below the Town were Derby and Sunderland, who had both suffered equally poor runs, and as the fixture list had panned out the Hatters' last two home games were against these two sides.

With three games to go, Sunderland were visitors to Kenilworth Road and a Luton victory would have gone a long way to easing fears of a return to Division Two.

Sunderland had won only one away game that campaign, but they seemed to have more of a will to win that day and took the lead through Gordon Armstrong after 22 minutes, only for the Town's best attacker, centrehalf Graham Rodger, to level the score 10 minutes later.

In the second half there was only going to be one winner, and Colin Pascoe duly obliged for the visitors on the hour, catching the Luton defence on the break.

Manager Jim Ryan kept the players in the changing room for an hour after the game and emerged a bitterly disappointed man due to the fact that the Town had blown their chances of avoiding a last match of the season showdown once again.

The penultimate game of the campaign was away at Everton and the Town put on an ultra defensive performance but still lost out to a second-half strike from Tony Cottee.

Injury problems and suspensions had meant that no recognised central attacker was

included in the line-up, while Ryan was forced to call up and use the previously untried Paul Telfer as substitute.

Since winning at Kenilworth Road, Sunderland had drawn two home games and were now level on points with the Town, with the same goal difference although the Hatters had scored more goals.

The situation was now reasonably simple. The Town had to beat already relegated Derby at Kenilworth Road and hope that Sunderland did not run up a cricket score in their final game at Manchester City.

All very well, but the Hatters had got out of the habit of winning and it was over two months since three points had last been picked up. Also, although Derby were already relegated they could not be expected to allow the Town to win especially with Peter Shilton, Mark Wright, Dean Saunders and Mick Harford still in the side.

A best of the season crowd of 12,889 turned up to see if another great escape could be engineered and they were delighted to see that nerves were not a part of the Town's makeup that afternoon as good football flowed.

A great roar went up when it was learned that Sunderland had gone behind at Maine Road, then the euphoria died down when news came through that the Wearsiders were now 2-1 ahead.

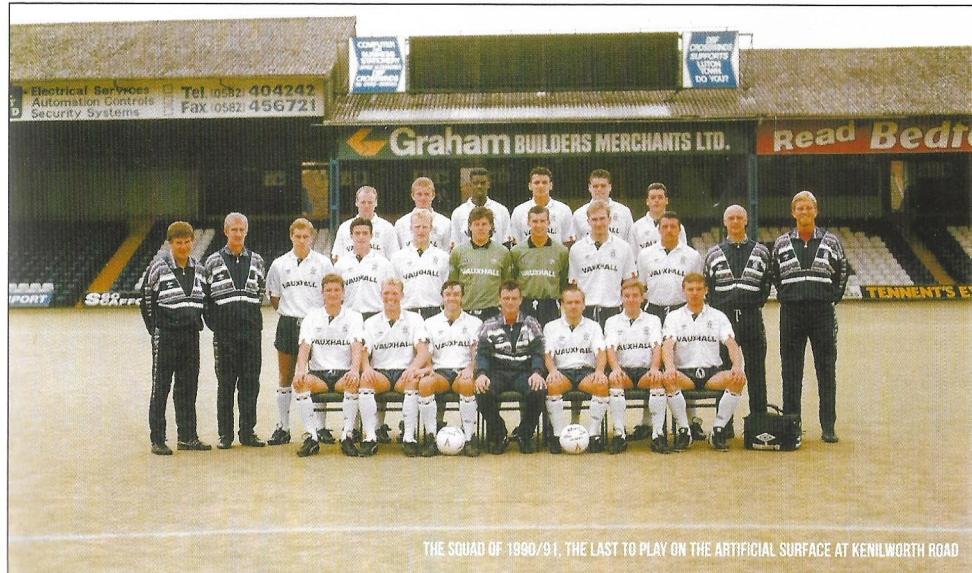
A win was now vital and the breakthrough came just before half-time when a perfectly flighted free-kick from Jason Rees skimmed off the top of Mick Harford's head straight into the net.

What turned out to be the deciding goal came almost immediately after the start of the second half when a clever passing movement ended with a corner which was taken by David Prece.

His accurate place-kick found John Dreyer who headed the ball across the box to Kingsley Black who headed it back the opposite way to Lars Elstrup who scored with Shilton wrong-footed.

Derby had a couple of chances after that, but the clearer opportunities came the way of the Town and a 2-0 win was sufficient to ensure Division One football for another season. Sunderland, incidentally, ended up losing 3-2.

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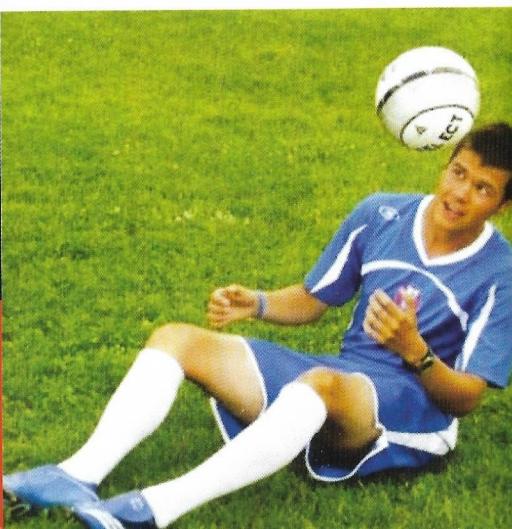
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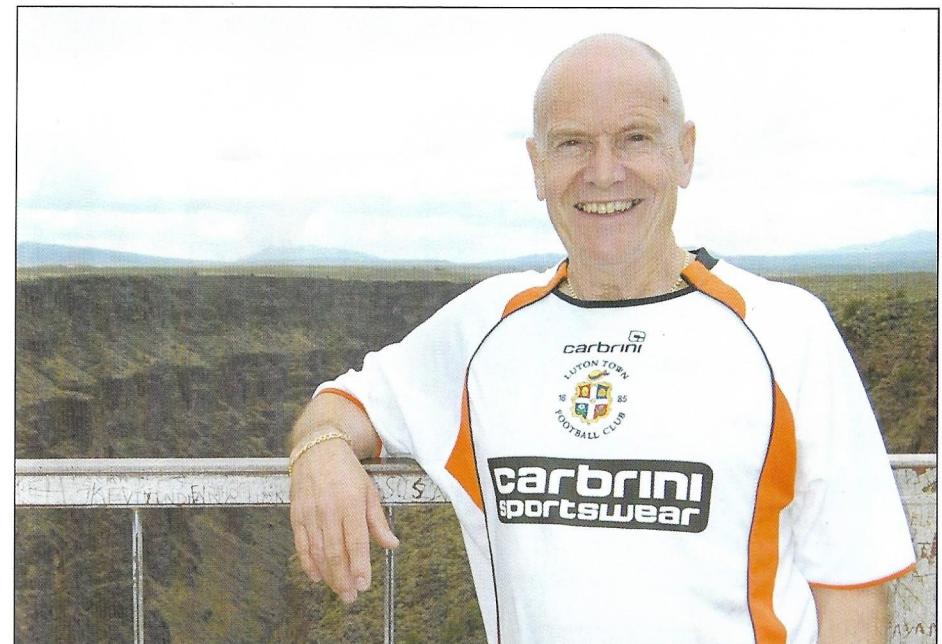
### Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



# MEMORY LANE



**Name:** Dave Boutwood

**Age:** 64

**Location:** Luton

**Where do you watch games from:** Main Stand Enclosure Block E.

**First Game:** Against West Ham United at home in 1949.

**First Memory:** Watching games from the old half time scoreboard because my dad used to put the scores in.

**Best Goal seen:** Graham French against

Mansfield in 1968/69, his solo run from his own half.

**Best Match Witnessed:** Most of the games from the 1967/68 Championship-winning side.

**The worst match:** FA Cup sixth round defeat to Sunderland in 1972. After a good cup run we just did not compete.

**Best individual performance seen by a player:** Andy Dibble in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final win over Arsenal.

**avourite Kit:** The orange away strip in 1997.

**Favourite All-Time Player:** Ricky Hill for his silky skills.

**Favourite All-Time Manager:** David Pleat - he really understands the game.

**All Time Town XI:** Les Sealey, Matt Taylor, Kirk Stephens, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Graham French, Ricky Hill, Gordon Turner, David Moss, Brian Stein, Mick Harford.

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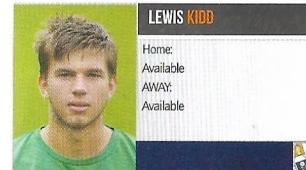
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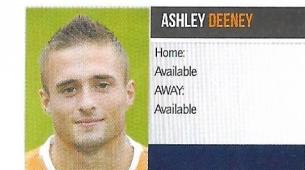


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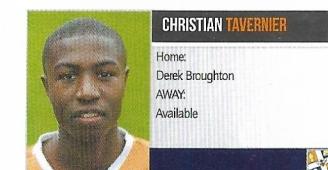
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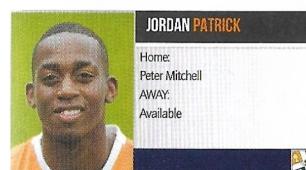
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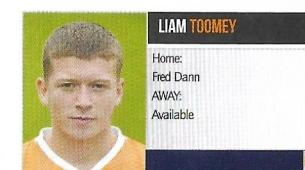
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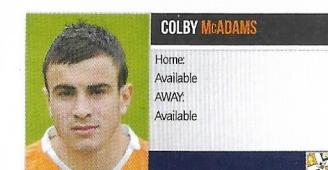
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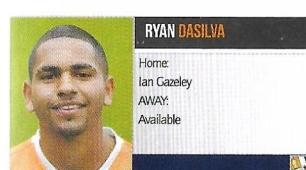
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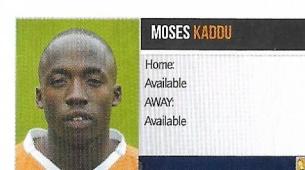
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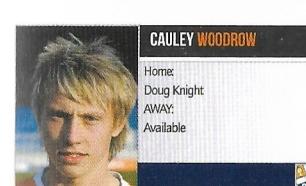
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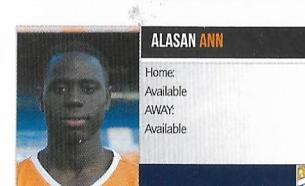
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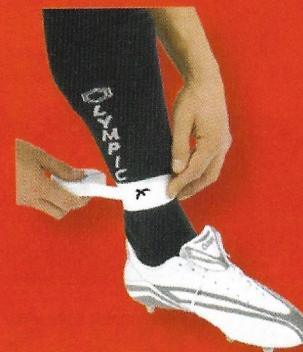


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# YOUTH UPDATE

## MATCH DIGEST

**Fixture:** Leyton Orient **Competition:** Youth Alliance **Result:** 1-3 **Scorer:** Patrick

**Team:** Kidd, Deeney, Jibidu, Carney, Smith, Cain, Tavernier, Dasilva, Patrick (sub Toomey), McAdams (sub Mirza), Ann. **Subs not used:** Nakabaale, Richens, Healy.

### Coach's comments:

"We took the lead in the 20th minute, Jordan Patrick tapping home from close range after good work down the right flank from Newman Carney and Alasan Ann and, at that stage, we looked very comfortable and were playing some good football.

"However, that all changed on 35 minutes when Ryan Dasilva was sent-off. Ryan's dismissal proved costly and effectively killed our chances of taking anything from the game.

"We were dealt another blow shortly before half-time when Orient equalised, in fortuitous

circumstances when a shot from outside the box took two deflections on its way past Lewis Kidd.

"At halftime we told the players what was required from them in the second half knowing Orient had a man advantage. We started well after the break and twice hit the bar but our luck continued to desert us when Orient took the lead on the hour with a good goal.

"Five minutes later it was 3-1 when Kidd dropped a long ball into the box and the O's were able to tap home.

"It was a day when mistakes and ill discipline cost us. Sometimes you come off the pitch and hold your hands up if the opposition were better than you but in this case we were punished by our discipline. While the league table doesn't lie it's our responsibility is to help the football club develop players and turn them into professionals.

"Our results, however, do show that we need to improve and that is part of the players' education. They need to know how to play football the right way but they also need to know how to win.

We have set the team a points target for the rest of the season and we believe that is obtainable given the fact a number of remaining matches are against teams in and around us in the table. Now it's all about producing that."

## GAMES & GOALS

	Appearances	Goals
Ann	9 (2)	1
Ayris	1	2
Blake	8 (2)	0
Buffano	9 (2)	1
Cain	11 (6)	0
Carney	19 (1)	2
Coates	2	0
Dasilva	19	7
Davis	1 (2)	0
Dawkins	0 (1)	0
Debayo	1	0
Deeney	10	0
Fordha	1	0
Irving	1	0
James	15 (1)	2
Jibidu	4 (1)	0
Kempson	0 (1)	0
Kidd	16	0
Kieman	1	0
Lacey	11	1
Longden	3	0
McAdams	7 (10)	3
Millar	1 (1)	0
Mirza	12 (4)	0
Nakabaale	5 (5)	1
Nyarko	0 (1)	0
Patrick	14 (3)	2
Porter	1	0
Richens	3 (2)	0
Smith	1	0
Tavernier	17 (1)	3
Toomey	15 (3)	4
Woodrow	10 (1)	10
Wyer	1	0
Yamfam	2 (2)	1

## LEAGUE TABLE

### Youth Alliance South East Conference

	P	W	GD	Pts
1 Queens Park Rangers	17	13	26	41
2 Millwall	15	11	16	33
3 Wycombe Wanderers	14	9	13	28
4 Peterborough United	17	8	0	27
5 Southend United	13	8	12	26
6 Colchester United	17	8	6	26
7 Brentford	15	7	8	24
8 Aldershot Town	17	7	-6	23
9 Gillingham	17	6	-3	22
10 Barnet	17	6	-14	20
11 Leyton Orient	16	5	6	19
12 Stevenage	13	6	-1	19
13 Brighton & Hove A	15	5	-9	17
14 Dagenham & R	16	4	-17	13
<b>15 Luton Town</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>11</b>
16 Northampton Town	17	3	-28	10



## FIXTURES 2010/11

### August

14	Barnet (a)	W3-2
21	Stevenage (h)	W2-1
28	Northampton Town (a)	LO-1

### September

4	Barnet (a) (FLYALC)	L1-4
11	Stevenage (a) (FLYALC)	D2-2*
18	Northampton Town (h) (FLYALC)	W4-0
22	Cogenhoe United (h) (FAYC)*	W11-2
25	Peterborough United (h) (FLYALC)	D2-2

### October

4	Brackley Town (a) FAYC	W5-1
16	Brentford (a)	L0-2
20	Waltham Abbey (a) FAYC	W3-2
23	Queens Park Rangers (h)	LO-1

### November

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

### January 2011

19	Peterborough United (h)	LO-1
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### February

5	Northampton Town (h)	W3-0
22	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	LO-1

### March

5	Millwall (a)	LO-4
12	Leyton Orient (h)	L1-3

### April

2	Southend United (h)	
9	Aldershot Town (a)	
30	Dagenham and Redbridge (h)	

tbc	Brentford (h)	
tbc	Barnet (h)	
tbc	Stevenage (a)	
tbc	Colchester United (a)	
tbc	Brighton & Hove Albion (h)	

Football League Youth Alliance fixtures unless stated.

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League Cup.

FAYC - FA Youth Cup

\* Kenilworth Road

^ Won 5-4 on penalties

+ After extratime

# YOUNG GUNS

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

**NAME:** Jerome Jibudu

**POSITION:** Full-back

**DATE JOINED:** Aged 8

**2010/11 STATS:**  
Under-18s 5 appearances, 0 goals

**COACHES COMMENTS:**

**Gregg Broughton:** "Jerome Jibudu is a right footed full-back from Cranfield who has been with the club since the age of eight.

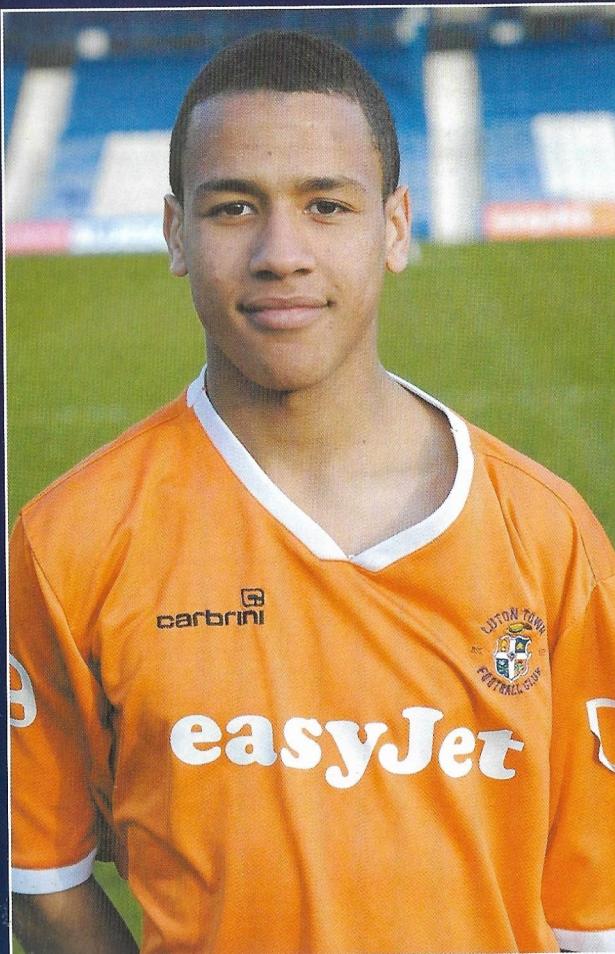
"Currently in his final year of school, Jerome will be joining Luton Town on a full-time basis once he completes his GCSEs this summer.

"He is regularly starting games in the youth team this season and he's impressed the coaching staff with his tenacity, oneversus-one defending and ability to join in attacks from defence.

"Jerome made his debut for the Under-18 team at the age of 15 after regularly starring in the Under-16s at the age of 14. He was also part of the successful touring teams to Bingen in 2010 and 2011 as well as the Norhalne Cup in 2009.

"He has an excellent attitude and workrate, and this will stand him in good stead for the upcoming challenges he will face as an apprentice footballer.

"We are all looking forward to working with him over the next two years and hopefully his progression will continue towards his ultimate goal."



# CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

To be offered a scholarship at a football club is a huge achievement for any aspiring young footballer.

It is a reward for all their efforts throughout their time in youth ranks and it shows that the club has enough belief in their playing ability to support them so they may go on to greater things in the future.

This afternoon six talented individuals have committed their future to Luton Town to stay at the club until they are under-18s and hopefully in that time they will have impressed the manager enough for him to offer them a professional deal.

**FROM THE UNDER-16S:**

**Ian Reece**

A tough tackling, all action midfield player who has impressed at each age level he has been at the football club.



Ian's mains attributes are his desire and energy to get around the pitch, he is strong and fearless in a tackle and breaks play up effectively.

He has developed his passing range over his time at the club and can now hit accurate passes over varying distances off both his left and right foot.

He loves the game, loves to play and is fuelled by his desire to improve his game, a much needed attribute if he is to make it as a professional.

**Chisom Amadi**

Chisom arrived at the club as an under-12 who wasn't overly keen on training in the cold! Since then he has



developed into a powerful, athletic centre forward.

Chisom has an impressive goal scoring record and is very clinical when he gets a one-on-one chance.

He is keen to learn and has developed his movement throughout this last year to become harder to mark and to help him hold the ball up more effectively.

By adding some more aerial power to his game Chisom has a real chance to make an impact at youth team level.

**Jemale McKenzie-Lowe**

Jemale arrived at the club at the beginning of his under-14 season when he moved to the area from north London.



He quickly adopted the nickname 'Big Dawg' on account of his height and his big personality. He is a tall, athletic centre forward who is equally at home receiving the ball on the floor or in the air.

For a tall player he is very comfortable with the ball at his feet and had a range of tricks to turn a defender inside out.

By adding a more clinical streak and aerial ability to his game he has the potential go onto to make an impact at the next level.

**FROM THE UNDER-14S:**

**Luke Trotman**

Luke joined the club as an under-9 and has developed well throughout his time in the centre of excellence.



His athletic attributes have been complimented by a more refined technical side

to his game and he is now able to be an all action box-to-box midfielder.

He has the ability to go past a player and has a good range of pass off either foot. He plays with a smile on his face and has a great determination to succeed.

By improving on his positional play he should be a regular in the under 16's next season, pushing towards the under-18s the following year.

**Lee Hawkes**

Lee joined the club as an Under-13 from Crawley Green and quickly established himself at centre of excellence level.



A left-sided centre back he is an athletic player who reads the game well. Perhaps his biggest attribute is his ability to stay focused no matter what is going on around him in the game.

He has a good level of aerial strength and by adding a more vocal side to his game he should become a regular in the under-16s next season.

**Akene Amadi**

Akene came to the club at performance level as an Under-13 and developed quickly to earn a trial in the centre of excellence at the end of that season.



As a centre forward he has amazing array of tricks to create something out of nothing, pace, power and an eye for goal.

He has good natural movement and can link play effectively in tight areas. By adding more aerial quality he will get more goals from crosses and become even more of a threat in the final third.

# CLUB PARTNERS

## IN SERVICE - PASSING WITH A PURPOSE

Luton Town Football Club are once again opening their doors for a coaches InService training session hosted by Under-18 coach Jon De Souza.

Coaches from local clubs are invited in to Luton Town's Centre of Excellence training facility, Baldock Arena on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 to observe the coaching session based on Passing with a Purpose.

Jon told Talk of the Town: "Passing is often worked on by coaches at varying levels, but

the point of having possession of the ball can become lost.

"It is easy to put a session on based on just keeping the ball, but this is not the difficult part of passing.

"The difficult bit is being able to pass with pace, tempo and with the view to hurt the opposition.

"Possession is at best only a potential advantage as so many goals are scored by regaining the ball from the opposition.

Therefore when your team has the ball, it is important that their passing has an attacking

purpose."

Clubs who are currently involved with the club partnership scheme have been afforded the opportunity of bringing as many of their staff along as they like.

All other local clubs can send two members of staff to the session and we can look to pursue a closer link for the future.

If you would like to speak to Luton Town about creating a partnership link with the club, and therefore be able to send all coaches to events like these, please contact Dan Walder on dan.ltfc@live.com.



## Crawley Green Youth FC Development Centre

In Partnership with Luton Town Football Club

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Below are a list of our venues and dates for the courses.



**DUNSTABLE**  
Venue: Ardley Hill Lower School, Lowther Road.  
**Dates:** Monday to Wednesday 11th to 13th April. Monday to Wednesday 18th to 21st April.

**HITCHIN**  
Venue: Hitchin Boys School, Grammar School Walk.  
**Dates:** Monday to Wednesday 18th to 20th April.

**BARTON**  
Venue: Arnold Middle School, Hexton Road.  
**Dates:** Thursday to Friday 14th and 15th April.

**BIGGLESWADE/SANDY**  
Venue: Edward Peake Middle School, Potton Road.  
**Dates:** Monday to Wednesday 18th to 20th April.

**SHEFFORD/HENLOW**  
Venue: Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road.  
**Dates:** Wed to Fri 13th to 15th April. Tues to Thurs 19th to 21st April.

**BROMHAM**  
Venue: Bromham Lower School, Grange Lane.  
**Dates:** Monday to Tuesday 11th to 12th April.

**BEDFORD**  
Venue: Brickhill Lower School, Dove Road.  
**Dates:** Monday to Thursday 18th to 21st April.

**PRICES PER COURSE**  
1 day = £12.50  
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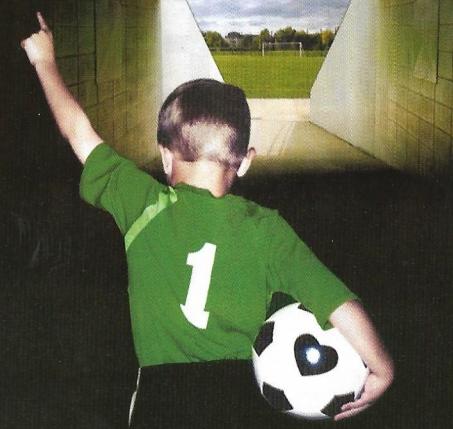
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# LUTON LADIES



The Ladies at last returned to league action  
entertaining an inform Crystal Palace side.

Palace had obviously decided pre-match that a  
point would be their objective as they allowed the  
Town completely dominate possession and  
sat deep inviting pressure.

They defended well for the first 30 minutes but  
a break down the right by Michelle Byrne saw  
her pull her cross back for Nicola Henman to  
smash a volley into the top corner from 20-yards  
to break the deadlock.

Soon it was 2-0 when a half-cleared corner was  
returned with interest by Amy Summerfield and  
her strike took a deflection and flew into the  
corner of the net.

The Eagles briefly threatened after the interval

and could have pulled a goal back but a smart  
low save by Sian Hall maintained a clean sheet.

A Henman corner was then flicked on at the  
near post and Nicky Livingstone met the ball on  
the volley, to find the top corner above the  
despairing defender's head. With the score 3-0  
the points were safe and a solid defensive  
performance after made sure.

The reserves were in London Cup action away to  
league leaders KIKK. Louise Scott gave the Town  
the lead in the second half only for the home  
side to equalise and take the game into extra  
time.

The tie was a great advert for women's football  
with action at both ends as Luton struck the  
crossbar on no less than three occasions but had  
goalkeeper Hollie Staples to thank at the other

end, who was in outstanding form to keep the  
score level.

Extra time brought joy and a quarter-final to the  
Town when Louise Scott added her second and  
a Laura Day effort sealed a hard-fought 3-1  
victory.

Both senior squads remain in contention for  
honours with the first team meeting Tottenham  
Hotspur in the League Cup semi-final having  
already reached the County Cup final where  
they will meet Aylesbury Town.

The reserves are still challenging for their league  
title and of course remain in their own league  
cup so in spite of an injury ravaged season the  
Ladies have managed to maintain  
performances on both levels which is a real  
credit to the players involved.

# THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

● WE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW BOTH SIDES GOT THIS FAR IN FA TROPHY

## FIRST ROUND

### Worksop 0-5 Mansfield

After three weeks without a game, an away derby against EvoStik Premier Worksop could have looked like a classic 'banana skin' fixture for the managerless (and potentially homeless) Stags.

Any fears of rustiness or complacency were put to bed with an assured performance, as five goals from five different players blew Mansfield's lowerleague neighbours away.

### Luton 0-0 Welling Welling 1-2 Luton (replay)

Weary from an epic cup encounter with Charlton that had gone to a replay, most of Luton's first team were rested for this encounter with another southeast London club, this time Welling.

Debuts were handed to 33yearold loanee Craig Hinton and 17yearold youth product Alex Lacey, while Godfrey Poku was handed his first senior start.

Lacey was superb at the back but the Hatters couldn't find a goal and had to settle for a replay.

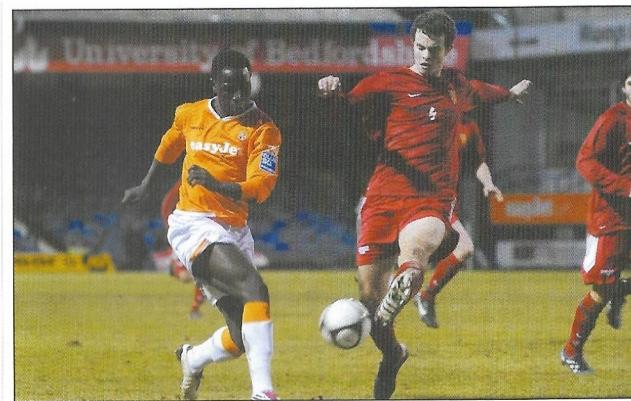
A similar Hatters side lined up at Park View Road a few days later, and it looked like Town were heading for an unexpected defeat when Luis Cumbers put the home side in front.

But a late strike from Jason Walker levelled the tie before a stunning effort from Alex Lawless won the game, in stoppage time, and saw Luton through to the next round.

## SECOND ROUND

### Mansfield 4-2 Newport

A tough draw pitched the Stags against high-



flying Blue Square Bet Premier side Newport County for the second round.

County, however, were not at their best; manager Dean Holdsworth had recently departed for Aldershot, and the Exiles had lost two games on the bounce since his exit.

Two goals from Paul Connor and one from Keigan Parker put Mansfield in the driving seat in the first half, before a late Newport fightback was snuffed out when Louis Briscoe added a late fourth to send the Nottinghamshire outfit into the third round.

### Luton 4-0 Uxbridge

The visit of a side languishing three divisions below the Hatters gave Richard Money the ideal opportunity to shuffle his pack and field an even younger team than in the first round.

Surprise starts were handed to JJ O'Donnell at left back, Adam Watkins on the wing, and the unheralded Christian Tavernier in midfield.

An impressive display from the youngsters brought two goals apiece for Taiwo Ateino and localboy Watkins, and there was further

cause for optimism as teenagers Alasan Ann, Newman Camey and Cauley Woodrow came on as second half substitutes.

## THIRD ROUND

### Mansfield 1-1 Alfreton Alfreton 1-2 Mansfield (replay)

Another midlands derby, this time plucky Blue Square North Alfreton were the visitors to Field Mill for what was to be a turgid game in miserable weather conditions.

The derby tension got the better of Mansfield left-back Kevin Sandwith, who lunged in on Alfreton's Clayton and was promptly dismissed.

Ten-man Stags then went 1-0 down before Paul Connor popped up again to secure a second chance.

The replay saw Alfreton again take the lead, before Connor once more emerged as the saviour on the hour-mark with an equaliser before Keigan Parker made sure of the team's passage to the next round.

## Luton 1-0 Gloucester

There was an unusual feel to this game as it was staged on a Friday night on police advice, and the Hatters seemed to take a while to adjust their body clocks in a largely forgettable first half.

Money fielded a slightly more experienced team this time out, with firstteam regulars like Zdenek Kroca and Danny Crow blended with youngsters Poku and O'Donnell and fringe seniors like Kevin Pilkington, and new signing Luke Graham.

The visiting Tigers were tenacious, though, and proved a tough nut to crack. The professionalism of the Hatters won through eventually, noting that Gloucester rushed out to spring an offside trap for every set piece, Graham watched the line on a free kick and timed his run to find himself with the freedom of an empty penalty area.

The centre-back composed himself and finished like a striker to leave an embarrassed Gloucester raging at the linesman, and send a relieved Town into the next round.

## QUARTER-FINAL

### Chasetown 2-2 Mansfield Mansfield 3-1 Chasetown (replay)

A capacity 2,000 crowd squeezed into the Scholars' Ground as Northern Premier Division Chasetown hosted higher league opposition in a salivating cup tie.

The Stags opened both barrels in an all-out assault on the Staffordshire side's goal, but they couldn't find a way through until Paul Connor struck a 25-yard thunderbolt to break the deadlock on 35 minutes.

The visitors then squandered a host of chances before Chasetown equalised on the hour mark.

Louis Briscoe restored the lead for the Blue Square Bet Premier outfit with another long-range strike, but the underdogs levelled in dramatic fashion when Mansfield goalkeeper David Grof spilled a last-minute corner into his own net.

The replay was a more straightforward affair as goals from Adam Murray, Louis Briscoe and Danny Mitchley saw the Stags through, after a

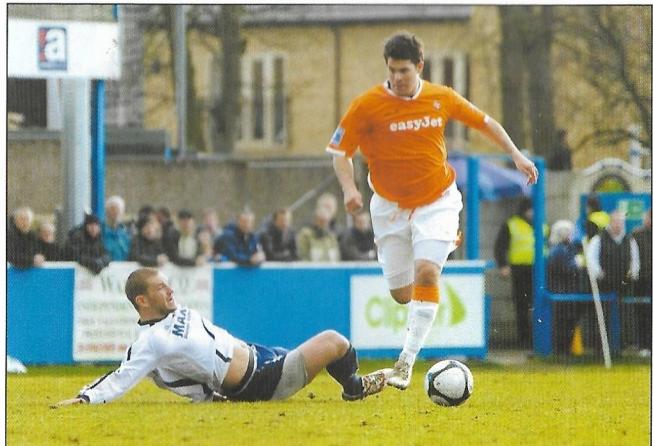


second-half scare when the Chase had drawn the tie level.

## Guiseley 0-1 Luton

Hatters boss Richard Money was under no illusions that this trip to Yorkshire would be a stroll in the park, as the Conference North underdogs had already dumped two Blue Square Premier clubs out of the competition enroute to the quarter final.

Money named his strongest side so far in the competition, with the first team spine of George Pilkington, Keith Keane and Matthew Barnes-Homer all making their first appearances of the Trophy campaign, but the passage into the semi-final was far from plain-



sailing for the Hatters.

The hosts sent the Hatters a warning sign as early as the second minute when Warren Payton came close with a chipped effort that dropped marginally over Kevin Pilkington's crossbar. The Town did find some joy on the counter-attack though as the Lions struggled to cope with the pace of Amari Morgan-Smith, Matthew Barnes-Homer and Claude Gnakpa.

Spotting this weakness, the canny Money introduced the nippy Danny Crow at half-time, and the breakthrough was almost instant as Crow raised clear of the midfield before poking a through-ball into Barnes-Homer's path, who got in behind the Guiseley defence and clipped the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

A professional display for the remainder of the game saw the Hatters keep a clean sheet for the third round in succession, and find themselves – after initially treating the tournament as an opportunity to rest players and blood youngsters – just one round from Wembley.

## SEMI-FINAL

### Mansfield 1-0 Luton (first leg)

Last Sunday's first leg saw the Stags take a slender one goal advantage into the return fixture thanks to a Danny Mitchley's neat turn-and-finish, but with 90 minutes to go at Kenilworth Road it is all still to play for.

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## LEAGUE ROUND-UP



WREXHAM STILL RUDDERLESS

The takeover saga at Wrexham took yet more twists this week as millionaire hotelier Stephanie Booth at one stage appeared to be out of the running to gain control of the club, but has since joined forces with Wrexham Supporters Trust to launch a joint bid.

Former Dragons striker Ashley Ward has now withdrawn his takeover attempt, just days after a statement on the club's website implied that the ex-Blackburn and Barnsley man's consortium had made the most financially-viable proposal.

Meanwhile, controversial businessman and UKIP candidate Stephen Cleve has also announced his intention to bid for the Welsh club.

### FOYLE PERFECT FOR GRIMSBY?

As Grimsby's search for a new manager continues, Martin Foyle has reemerged as a possible target.

The 47-year-old former York City boss had previously turned down the chance to speak to the Mariners out of loyalty to Bristol Rovers, where he was working as a coach, but he has since become a free agent after departing along with manager Dave Penney, who was sacked last week.

Ian Sampson and Mark Stimson, formerly of Northampton and Barnet respectively, are also being touted as potential successors to Grimsby's

previous manager Neil Woods, but Martin Ling appears to be unavailable while he resolves contractual issues with his former employers Cambridge.

### US REINFORCE MIDFIELD

Cambridge caretaker-manager Jez George has moved to bolster his team's midfield options with the loan signing of Mark Bentley on a month's loan from League 2 Gillingham.

The 33-year-old has turned out 22 times for the Kent side this season, but has recently suffered from injury and Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler has allowed him to move temporarily to regain form and fitness.

Meanwhile 23-year-old Ricky Wellard, also a midfielder, has extended his loan from AFC Wimbledon, keeping him at the Abbey stadium for another month.

### CRAWLEY SIGN ANOTHER

Blue Square Bet Premier leaders Crawley Town have made yet another signing, bringing in Hayes and Yeading defender Charlie Wassmer on loan for the rest of the season, when the deal will be made permanent.

The 19-year-old has been a regular for United this season and has agreed a two-year deal with the Sussex outfit. The fee has not been disclosed.

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

Tubbs (Crawley)	29
Kedwell (AFC Wimbledon)	20
Connell (Grimsby)	20
Vieira (Fleetwood)	18
Mama (Kettering)	17
McPhee (Kidderminster)	15
Shaw (Gateshead)	14
Perry (Tamworth)	14
Styche (Forest Green)	14
Mohamed (Bath)	13
Matthew Barnes-Homer (Luton)	13

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton	6,325
AFC Wimbledon	3,435
Grimsby	3,208
Wrexham	2,921
Cambridge	2,499
York	2,399
Mansfield	2,300
Newport	2,271
Crawley	2,245
Darlington	1,825
Fleetwood	1,672
Kidderminster	1,520
Kettering Town	1,393
Barnet	1,214
Rushden & Diamonds	1,188
Lastbourne Borough	1,121
Southport	1,107
Bath	1,054
Tamworth	1,040
Altrincham	1,002
Forest Green Rovers	875
Gateshead	787
Histon	636
Hayes & Yeading	389

# HOME COMFORTS



## LUTON TOWN v BARROW

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

Please note the change in date for this match

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices

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



## LUTON TOWN v KETTERING TOWN

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

Please note the change in date for this match

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices



## LUTON TOWN v SOUTHPORT

Blue Square Bet Premier **Saturday 9th April 2011**, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices



## MATCHDAY PRICES

### ALL AREAS

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

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

**IN PERSON:** At the ticket office, Kenilworth Road.

**BY PHONE:** Call 01582 416976

**ONLINE:** Visit [www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown](http://www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown)

## BUY TICKETS

# ON THE ROAD



## RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS v LUTON TOWN

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

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

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

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



## SOUTHPORT v LUTON TOWN

Blue Square Bet Premier **Saturday 26th March 2011**, kick-off 3pm

**This match is pay on the day only for Town supporters.**



We have been allocated 1,100 uncovered terrace spaces and 200 seats in the main stand.

**Prices - Seats:** £14 adults, £10 concessions. **Terrace:** £12.50 adults, £9 concessions, £5 12-18 year olds, 0-11 years free with a paying adult.



## THE ROAD TO RUSHDEN

**Address:** Nene Park, Irthlingborough, Northants, NN9 5QF

**Directions:** Leave the M1 at Junction 15 and take the A508 towards Northampton. At the junction with the A45 turn right towards Wellingborough. Follow the A45 past Wellingborough and then towards Rushden. At the junction with the A6 turn left towards Irthlingborough. You will come to the ground on your right.

**Go by coach:** The Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are both running coaches to Nene Park. The Bobbers leave the Maple Road car park at 4.30pm and prices are £13 for adults and £11 for concessions.

Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 5pm and their prices are £12 for adults and £10 for concessions.

## SIGNPOSTS TO SOUTHPORT

**Address:** Haig Avenue, Southport, PR8 6JZ

**Directions:** M1, M6, leave the M6 at Junction 26 and take the M58 towards Southport. Leave the M58 at Junction 3 and take the A570 towards Ormskirk. Follow the A570 around Ormskirk Town Centre towards Southport. On entering Southport you will come to a large roundabout with Tesco's & McDonald's outlets. Take the third exit onto Scarisbrick New Road (A570). You should now be able to catch sight of the ground over on your right. Pass the Richmond pub on your left and then turn right into Haig Avenue. The ground is down on the right.

**Go by coach:** The Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are both running coaches to Haig Avenue. The Bobbers leave the Maple Road car park at 8.30am and prices are £24 for adults and £21 for concessions. Town on Tour depart the Maple Road car park at 9.30am and their prices are £23 for adults and £21 for concessions.

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# STUDY CENTRE

Funding for our project is shared between the Department for Children, Schools and Families and Luton Borough Council.

Our other key partner is, of course, Luton Town Football Club. Without the help of our three key partners we would not be able to deliver the after school support programmes we deliver each week.

However, after 31st March the funding given from the Department for Education will cease and we are currently looking to fund the centre through other means, so that we can continue to give the children of Luton these exciting opportunities, to improve their futures.

We have delivered afterschool study programmes, curriculum time support programmes, as well as weekend holiday courses to more than 500 local youngsters.

We have also supported local schools in the delivery of reading programmes in which more than a thousand local youngsters have benefitted.

We are now working closely with Luton Town Community Trust to deliver an exciting new programme called Double Club, which I have mentioned before in previous articles.

This term we are delivering after school study support to just two schools, Wigmore Primary School and Beech Hill Primary School. They attend after school on Wednesday and Thursday's for two hours.

In last week's programme I mentioned why the children enjoy the sessions so much.

Having a low pupil-to-adult ratio helps enormously. Another key factor has been the varied nature of the activities the children get to participate in.

The pupils have:  
Written their own player profile

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Measured the Kenilworth Road pitch

Estimated the seating capacity in the Kenilworth Road Stand

Designed Luton Town's playing kit for next season

Produced a visual report of their tour of Kenilworth Road

Created a power point with many of the activities they have completed saved on the slide show

This is by no means a comprehensive list of all the activities they have taken part in.

Developing confidence in the use of ICT skills is one of the key objectives of the programme.

Through the use of the apple Mac books, the pupils from Downside have learnt a wide variety of new skills from adding transitions in their slide show right through to creating a cartoon.



# STATS 2010/11

DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST							
Sat 14	Altrincham	H	BSBP	2-1	6,665	101	6 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Drury A.Murray Keane Howells** Gallen* B.Homer 1 ***
Tue 17	Kettering Town	A	BSBP	3-1	2,906	1,664	1 K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka** A.Murray*** Keane Drury Gallen* B.Homer 3
Sat 21	Fleetwood Town	A	BSBP	2-0	2,831	715	1 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka 1 Besta Keane Drury Crow** B.Homer 1
<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>Newport C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka* Besta Keane Drury Gallen* B.Homer***</b>
Sat 28	Tamworth	A	BSBP	1-3	1,694	976	2 K.Pilkington Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka* A.Murray Besta*** Drury Craddock 1 B.Homer**
Mon 30	Hayes & Y	H	BSBP	1-1	6,354	80	4 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Blackett Drury 1 Keane A.Murray Howells** Crow B.Homer*
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 04	Grimbsy Town	A	BSBP	0-2	3,822	348	6 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Blackett Gnaka*** Keane* A.Murray Newton Gallen* B.Homer
Sat 11	Cambridge Utd	H	BSBP	2-0	6,691	628	6 Tyler Gleeson Blackett Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka*** G.Pilkington 1 A.Murray Drury 1 Atieno*** B.Homer
<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>2 Tyler Newton Blackett Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka 1 Howells 1 G.Pilkington Drury 1 Atieno*** B.Homer 1*</b>
Tue 21	Darlington	A	BSBP	2-2	1,665	227	5 Tyler Newton Blackett* Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka 1 Howells 1 G.Pilkington Drury 1 Atieno*** B.Homer
Sat 25	Gateshead	A	BSBP	0-1	1,075	334	7 Tyler Gleeson Blackett Koca* F.Murray Gnaka** Keane G.Pilkington Newton Atieno B.Homer***
<b>Tue 28</b>	<b>Mansfield Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>6 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca F.Murray Gnaka Howells Keane M-Smith 1* Crow 1*** B.Homer*</b>
OCTOBER							
Sat 02	Barrow	A	BSBP	1-0	1,416	228	4 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca FMurray Gnaka** Howells Keane Drury Crow* B.Homer 1***
<b>Tue 05</b>	<b>Crawley Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>6,895</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4 Tyler Gleeson Blackett Koca 1 FMurray Gnaka* Atieno*** B.Homer</b>
Sat 16	Eastbourne B.	A	BSBP	4-2	2,518	923	4 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington 1 Koca FMurray Keane Howells M-Smith* Drury* Crow 2 B.Homer 1
<b>Tue 19</b>	<b>Forest Green R.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca FMurray Keane Howells* M-Smith 1 Drury 1* Crow 2*** B.Homer 1</b>
Sat 23	St Albans City	H	FAC4Q	4-0	4,144	537	- Tyler Gleeson* G.Pilkington Koca FMurray Keane Howells M-Smith 3 Gnaka Crow 1*** B.Homer**
Sat 30	Bath City	H	BSBP	3-1	7,003	166	3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington 1 Koca 1 FMurray Keane Howells Atieno* Drury Crow 1*** B.Homer
NOVEMBER							
Sat 06	Corby Town	A	FAC1	1-1	2,000	455	- Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington A.Adjaye FMurray Keane Howells Atieno Gnaka Walker* B.Homer 1
Thu 11	Wrexham	A	BSBP	0-1	2,733	200	3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca FMurray Keane Howells* Lawless Gnaka* Drury B.Homer
Sat 13	Altrincham	A	BSBP	1-0	1,416	559	3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 FMurray Keane Drury Lawless Gnaka* Crow* B.Homer
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>Corby Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAC1R</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>- Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington A.Adjaye FMurray*** Keane Howells Drury* Gnaka 1 Atieno 2 B.Homer 1*</b>
Sat 20	Histon	H	BSBP	5-1	5,963	53	2 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca FMurray* Keane Howells Drury 1 Lawless*** J.Walker 1 B.Homer**
Sat 27	Charlton Athletic	A	FAC2	2-2	8,682	2,870	- Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells Keane M-Smith* Drury 2 Gnaka Crow* B.Homer
DECEMBER							
<b>Thu 06</b>	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAC2R</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>5,914</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>- Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 Howells Keane M-Smith* Drury Gnaka Crow* B.Homer</b>
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>Welling United</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAT1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>- Tyler A.Adjaye Hinton Lacey Lawless 1 Hinton Lacey A.Adjaye O'Donnell Besta Poku D.Walker J.Walker 1 Atieno</b>
<b>Tue 14</b>	<b>Welling United</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>FAT1R</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>- Tyler Lawless 1 Hinton Lacey A.Adjaye O'Donnell Besta Poku D.Walker J.Walker 1 Atieno</b>
JANUARY							
<b>Sat 01</b>	<b>Rushden &amp; D.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 Howells Gnaka 1*** Keane Drury M-Smith** Crow* B.Homer 2</b>
Tue 04	Hayes & Yeading	A	BSBP	1-0	801	tbc	3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells Gnaka 1 Keane Drury M-Smith* Crow* B.Homer**
Sat 08	Bath City	A	BSBP	0-0	2,301	965	3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells Gnaka** Keane Drury M-Smith* Crow* B.Homer*
Wed 12	AFC Wimbledon	A	BSBP	0-0	4,287	727	2 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells Gnaka Keane Drury M-Smith* Crow* B.Homer*
<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>Uxbridge</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAT2</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>- Tyler Lawless Lacey* A.Adjaye O'Donnell Keane Tavernier*** Besta Watkins 2 Atieno 2 J.Walker***</b>
<b>Tue 18</b>	<b>York City</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 Howells Poku Drury 1*** Gnaka 1 Owusu 1 B.Homer***</b>
Sat 22	Gateshead	H	BSBP	2-2	5,958	30	3 Tyler A.Adjaye*** G.Pilkington Koca Howells Gnaka 1 Keane Lawless Drury 1 Owusu* B.Homer**
<b>Tue 25</b>	<b>Grimbsy Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells Gnaka 1 Keane Lawless Drury Owusu B.Homer*</b>
FEBRUARY							
<b>Tue 1</b>	<b>Darlington</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca 1 Howells Gnaka 1 Keane Lawless 1 M-Smith** Owusu 2*** B.Homer*</b>
<b>Fri 04</b>	<b>Gloucester City</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAT3</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>- K.Pilkington A.Adjaye Graham 1 Koca O'Donnell Gnaka Poku* Howells M-Smith* Crow* J.Walker***</b>
<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>Fleetwood Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>6,227</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Howells** Gnaka*** Keane Lawless M-Smith* Owusu 1 B.Homer</b>
Fri 18	Newport County	A	BSBP	1-1	2,834	424	3 Tyler Gleeson* G.Pilkington Koca Murray Gnaka Keane Willmott 1 Carden Owusu J.Walker**
Sat 26	Guiseley	A	FAT4	1-0	1,152	250	- K.Pilkington Graham Keane Koca Murray Howells Keane Lawless* M-Smith*** J.Walker** B.Homer 1
MARCH							
Tue 01	Forest Green R.	A	BSBP	1-0	1,015	359	3 Tyler Graham G.Pilkington Koca Murray Gnaka Keane Willmott* Howells Owusu 1 B.Homer**
<b>Sat 05</b>	<b>Kidderminster H.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>6,108</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Murray Gnaka Keane Carden Howells* Owusu B.Homer 1</b>
<b>Tue 08</b>	<b>Tamworth</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>5,737</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3 Tyler Gleeson G.Pilkington Koca Murray Gnaka Keane Lawless Howells Owusu B.Homer 1</b>
Sat 12	Mansfield Town	A	FAT SF1	0-1	3,208	422	- K.Pilkington Graham G.Pilkington Koca Murray*** Gnaka** Keane Lawless Howells Owusu B.Homer
Tue 15	Cambridge Utd	A	BSBP	0-0	2,831	893	3 Tyler Graham G.Pilkington Koca Newton* Willmott Keane Carden** Howells Owusu Crow***
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Mansfield Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>FAT SF2</b>				
Tue 22	Rushden & D.	A	BSBP				
Sat 26	Southport	A	BSBP				
<b>Tue 29</b>	<b>Barrow</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>				
APRIL							
Sat 02	Kidderminster H.	A	BSBP				
<b>Tue 05</b>	<b>Kettering Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>				
<b>Sat 09</b>	<b>Southport</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>				
Tue 12	Crawley Town	A	BSBP				
Sat 16	Mansfield Town	A	BSBP				
Tue 19	York City	A	BSBP				
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Eastbourne B.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>				
Mon 25	Histon	A	BSBP				
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BSBP</b>				

## SUBSTITUTES

Crow*	Gnaka**	Craddock***	K.Pilkington	Blackett
Crow*	Howells**	Besta***	Tyler	Newton
Howells*	<b>Craddock**</b>	<b>1</b> Newton	K.Pilkington	A.Murray
Howells*	Crow**	Craddock***	K.Pilkington	Newton
Howells*	Gallen**	Newton***	Tyler	Blackett
Gallen*	Gnaka**	Newton	K.Pilkington	Craddock

## LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

		HOME						AWAY					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD
1	<b>CRAWLEY TOWN</b>	34	14	1	2	45	16	9	7	1	25	9	45
2	AFC WIMBLEDON	38	13	3	3	39	13	8	5	6	30	28	71
3	<b>LUTON</b>	34	12	4	2	45	14	7	5	4	18	13	36
4	WREXHAM	37	10	7	2	29	20	8	5	5	26	20	66
5	KIDDERMINSTER	38	12	4	3	32	19	6	9	4	27	26	42
6	<b>YORK</b>	36	11	4	2	25	9	5	6	8	20	31	58
7	FLEETWOOD TOWN	38	8	3	28	17	7	4	8	23	20	4	57
8	RUSHDEN & DINDSAY	35	9	4	3	31	21	5	6	5	22	23	52
9	DARLINGTON	34	10	5	3	29	10	2	10	4	16	20	51
10	GRIMSBY	34	7	2	27	16	6	5	7	28	28	11	51
11	NEWPORT COUNTY	36	7	7	4	33	25	5	7	6	23	26	50
12	GATESHEAD	34	6	6	4	19	17	6	5	7	31	29	47
13	MANSFIELD	33	6	3	6	29	27	7	4	7	29	26	54
14	BATH CITY	36	6	3	11	31	25	3	10	4	14	24	46
15	KETTERING	37	6	7	7	27	29	6	3	8	23	29	86
16	TAMWORTH	37	5	7	7	31	35	5	4	9	21	31	41
17	CAMBRIDGE UTD	38	5	6	2	27	23	4	7	9	18	30	80
18	BARROW	36	7	6	6	24	19	2	6	9	18	36	13
19	SOUTHPORT	38	5	8	2	26	24	1	12	10	30	9	36
20	FOREST GREEN	38	6	7	6	26	24	2	5	12	19	42	21
21	HAYES & YEADING	38	6	2	10	21	31	4	4	12	21	40	36
22	ALTRINCHAM	37	5	6	7	20	28	3	3	13	15	45	33
23	EASTBOURNE BORO	36	5	4	8	31	32	2	14	13	19	48	39
24	HISTON	36	4	3	10	16	28	4	5	10	20	38	30

		THIS SEASON						CAREER					
		LEAGUE	CUP	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	YEL	RED	APPS	GLS
ALAN ANN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ED ASAFU-ADJAYE		101	0	610	0	721	0	1	0	0	0	63	0
TAUFI ATIEHO		671	3	502	4	1109	7	1	1	0	0	20	7
MATTHEW DARNES-HOMER		38/13	13	704	3	3010							

# LAST WORD

• WITH SKY NEWS PRESENTER JON DESBOROUGH

So then. Here we are. The business end of the season. The part of the year Sir Alex Ferguson has described as "the squeaky bum" bit. And he should know.

And, as an old mate of mine in Ireland would warn people, "having got this far, let's not mess it up right at the end". Although perhaps he didn't quite use the word, "mess".

And our chairman has reacted to the arrival of the squeaky bum time with an unbridled outburst of optimism.

"Let's try and win promotion and the FA trophy," Nick Owen told BBC Three Counties recently. So, that'll be the double that the chairman's after, will it?

It must be something in the warm spring air.

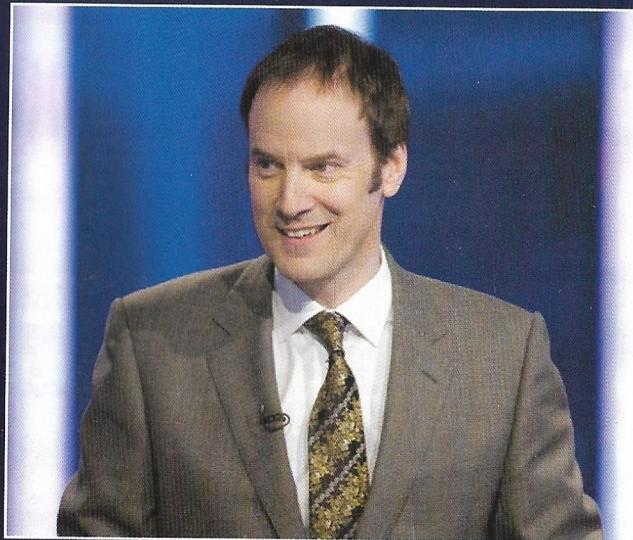
I bet our manager, Mr Money, was thrilled with that! Don't think of the pressure, Richard.

Mind you, Luton fans of a certain age can remember when their team was chasing a treble. It might have been a tad optimistic (more even than Nick's current mood) but it was a treble that a bookmaker was prepared to offer me odds on.

Wasn't it that season once again? 1987/88. The Treble? A league and cup double one; that's the division one title plus the League Cup and FA Cup.

Ray Harford's Luton were seventh in Division One and in both cup semifinals. Just like now, the season was a rollercoaster ride of raw nerves and adrenaline. By March, there was so much going on.

The longer it went on the more it tested the



fan's loyalty, the team's fitness and the wife's patience.

Even the fairweather fans like me were tested. Family appointments were cancelled, sickies thrown, diaries cleared for the semis, replays and rearranged midweek games.

How do you diehard regulars do it now? Where do you find the determination? And there's that obvious dilemma. Yes, a day at Wembley would be great. But promotion from the Conference has to be the team's priority.

There, I've gone and said it. Even though the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final day was utterly brilliant - thank you Claude - the games that followed weren't. We didn't enjoy a

moment of that, did we?

Now, the treble in '88 was a long shot. I'll give you that. But two cup finals? And it was the FA Cup semi, not the trophy. It was a possibility.

So, I took the bet from the Ladbrokes specialist bet expert. "What are the odds?", I asked him, "that Luton Town will win the league, the FA cup and the league cup?"

"20,000/1", he said.

"Well, in that case, I'll have a quid on that please!", I replied.

Enjoy the game and the squeaky bum bit.

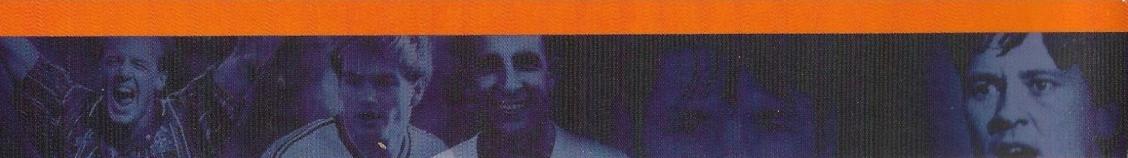
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TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011 3PM



# THE TEAMS

## LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

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

## MANSFIELD TOWN

MANAGER: DUNCAN RUSSELL

- 01 ALAN MARRIOTT
- 02 GARY SILK
- 03 KEVIN SANDWITH
- 05 STEVE FOSTER
- 07 LOUIS BRISCOE
- 08 TYRONE THOMPSON
- 10 KYLE NIX
- 11 ADAM SMITH
- 14 LOUIS MOULT
- 16 TOM NAYLOR
- 17 PAUL STONEHOUSE
- 18 MARK PREECE
- 19 STEVEN ISTEAD
- 20 DANIEL SPENCE
- 21 KEIGAN PARKER
- 22 LUKE MEDLEY
- 23 PAUL CONNOR
- 24 CONOR HIGGINSON
- 26 NEIL COLLETT
- 26 ASHLEY CAIN
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