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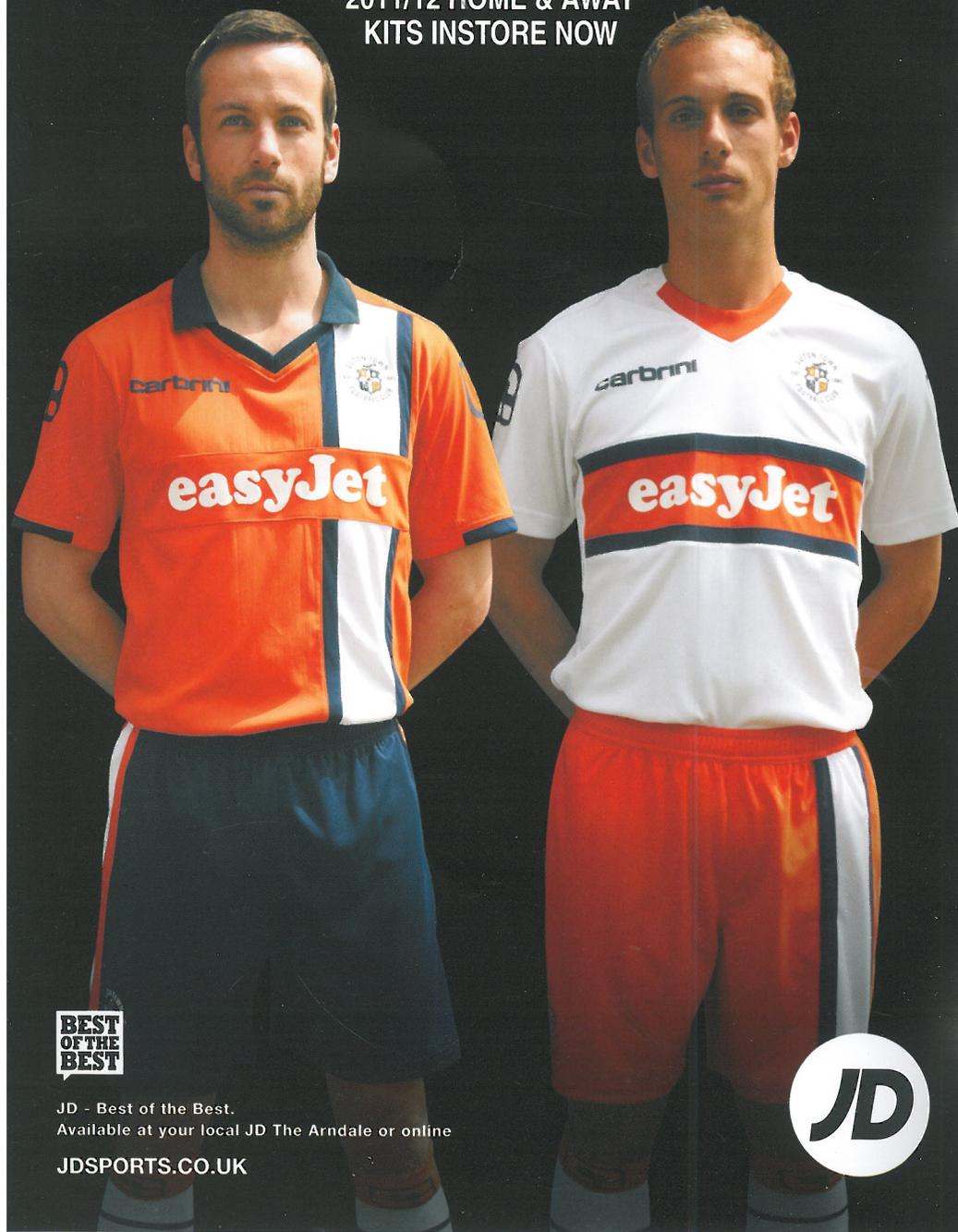
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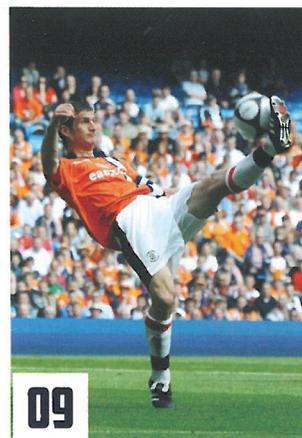
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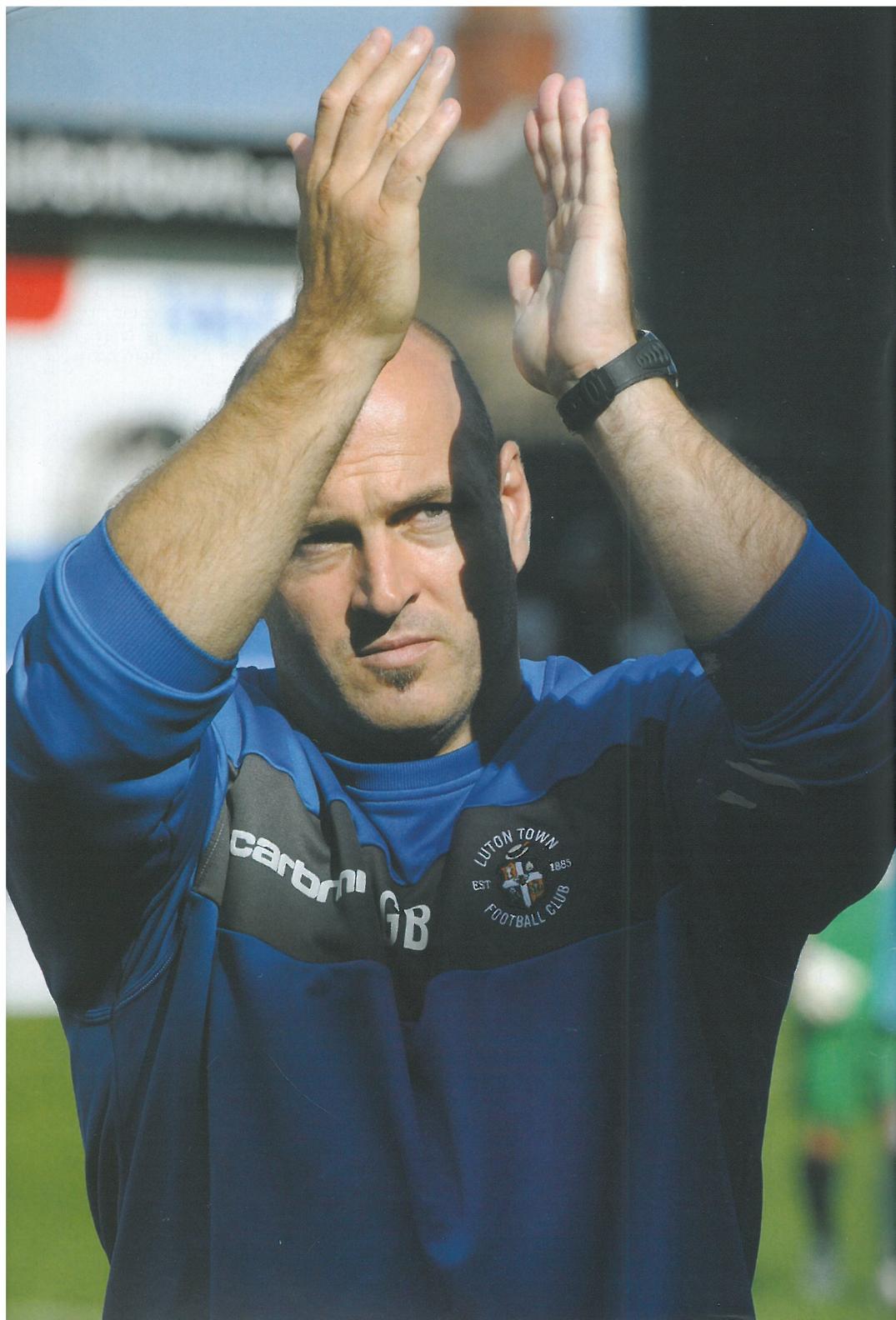
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BRABS



Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters to this afternoon's Blue Square Bet Premier fixture with Braintree Town.

I'd like to give a warm welcome to Alan Devonshire, his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of Braintree to Bedfordshire.

Alan's side have had an excellent start to the season, their first at this level of football. There is an unfair assumption in the game that clubs promoted to this league from the division below will struggle but so far Alan and his players have already proved their critics wrong.

Any team that beats Grimsby 5-0 should be feared and this afternoon we will need to be at our best if we're to earn three points.

Braintree arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon full of confidence having won 2-0 at Forest Green on Tuesday night. Given the game Forest Green gave us in our seasonal opener, that is a terrific result.

We cannot afford to underestimate our visitors today – they are riding the crest of a wave and have a young, talented and confident team that are out to impress.

While we appreciate today's game will not be easy, we are confident that if we play to the best of our ability we can continue from where we left off the last time we played at Kenilworth Road.

It was a relief to get the first three points of the season in the bag and encouraging to see a significant improvement in our second half display following a frustrating first period.

We found ourselves a goal down against the run of play but despite dominating could not find a way through until Adam Watkins netted our equaliser. After their centre-half was sent-off we turned the screw and ran out deserved winners.

Once again we found ourselves trailing on Tuesday but managed to pick up a point at Mansfield. Our record at Field Mill has been well documented and while we could not find that elusive win it was pleasing to see Will Antwi's header nestle in the bottom corner to earn us a draw.

With Robbie Willmott, Alex Lawless and Keith Keane missing through injury I was happy to leave with a point – something I would have taken right from the very start.

However, it was another night where we spurned chances. We created plenty of opportunities and played some slick attacking football but could not score. Until Will's header it looked as though we were going to be punished.

It means we're still unbeaten in the league but it's frustrating that two of the three games have ended in draws.

We all need to remain patient when things aren't going our way. In all of the games we have played so far we have gone a goal down.

I know it can be frustrating but please stick with us. The players and I appreciate your loyal support each week and we know with your backing we can strike fear into the opposition – home and away.

Thank you to those supporters who made the trip to Mansfield in midweek, I'm pleased you finally had a goal to cheer after three goalless visits beforehand.

Enjoy the game.

FROM THE BOARDROOM



Good afternoon and a warm welcome, as always, to Kenilworth Road - particularly to everyone from Braintree Town who are coming here for the first time. Many congratulations on your promotion last season!

Well, we are going into today's match unbeaten after a battling performance at Mansfield and an astonishing turnaround in the game against Southport.

It was a bitter blow to have to leave out Keith Keane, Alex Lawless and Robbie Willmott at Field Mill on Tuesday night, but we came away with a well deserved share of the points, despite going one down fairly early on. It was a fabulous header from Will Antwi to equalise.

As for the Southport game, how can two halves be so different? We just couldn't get it together early on, but, through a combination of circumstances later on, including a sending off, of course, we looked unstoppable. It's not often you score four goals in seven minutes!

I thought some of our play was positively electric, but my abiding memory has to be of Adam Watkins, a lifelong Luton Town fan, scoring a superb goal on his first Blue Square Bet Premier start.

What a moment for him - part of a terrific all round display, as yet another home grown youngster begins to prove his exciting potential.

There is constant talk of new signings, particularly a striker, and I can assure you, amid the rumour and counter rumour, the hunt definitely continues to improve an already impressive squad. It isn't

easy, though, as clubs sometimes quote ridiculous figures, while understandably not being too keen to pass their best players onto a rival.

Let me emphasise, though, that we are not merely out to boost numbers - we are after quality players who will make us markedly better and there will be no compromise.

Of course, something may have happened by the time you read this - dialogue is taking place all the time. It hardly needs saying that all of us behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road are just as passionate about the club as you are and fiercely intent on winning promotion this time around.

The transfer window closes on Wednesday 31st August. There is a seven-day gap after that and then the loan window slides open until the fourth Thursday in November.

I have no doubt that you'll share our frustration about the ever-changing fixture list. The to-ing and fro-ing over the Telford match and its ultimate postponement was infuriating, then the Stockport match was switched to the Friday for television (fair enough) and now Hayes and Yeading away has robbed us of a Bank Holiday excursion by being moved to the Tuesday night.

That means our first standard away match on a Saturday is at York at the back end of September. Bizarre to say the least. Sorry, but it's totally out of our hands.

Many of you will be aware that it's 10 years ago this month that our much loved former goalkeeper Les Sealey died of a heart attack at the tragically early age of 43. What a character he was! I first met him when he was a Coventry player before he joined us.

I watched him in a training session there and I had never heard anyone so vocal... something he took into matches.

His language was quite colourful too, but what a magnificent influence he was at the back! He had six years with us and played more than 200 times during our most successful era before becoming a cult figure at Manchester United. In all, he played for 11 clubs, but his longest spell was with us and he is truly one of the Luton Town greats.

My oldest son Andy has special memories of him. Andy, then aged six, was our mascot for the away game at QPR in February 1986. As a little boy, he remembers the towering figures of Steve Foster, Mick Harford and Mike Newell surrounding him in the dressing room, sitting on Ricky Hill's lap and the huge fuss made of him by dear old Les.

The photo of the two together on the pitch before kick-off at Loftus Road is a treasured possession, all the more poignant because of Les's untimely death.



Football is all about the highs, the lows and shared memories, isn't it, and that's why we love it so much.

Enjoy the game today - let's have a repeat of that marvellous result last weekend. Bye for now.

Nick



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Football League Division Three:
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Southern League Division One:
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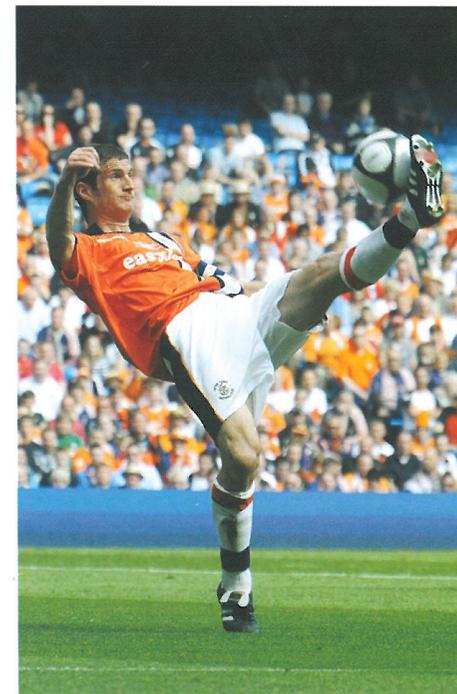
Three games in and we're currently unbeaten in the Blue Square Bet Premier. Like the rest of the squad, the manager and you, the supporters, I am frustrated we haven't taken maximum points.

As players we know you have expectations of us but believe me, we have own our high expectations. We want to win every game and are disappointed when we don't. However, one win and two draws from the first three games is far from a disaster.

It's frustrating that we're playing catch-up already having played a game less than everyone else (bar Telford, of course), but that is out of our hands.

At this early stage of the season, however, it's important to not get too influenced by other teams' results or the league standings.

The turnover of players at clubs over the course of the summer means that there might be some so-



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called 'surprise' results. The truth of the matter is, until around Christmas time, you never know the true standings of clubs in the table.

What I do know is that our visitors this afternoon are a team we need to be really wary of. I suspect supporters will expect us to brush Braintree off with minimal fuss – a trap those Grimsby Town supporters probably fell into before they were soundly beaten 5-0.

Alan Devonshire is a well-respected former player and now manager and Braintree's players will take to the field this afternoon brimming with confidence.

That's no surprise given they also won at Forest Green on Tuesday and now they find themselves playing at Kenilworth Road looking to pull off a victory in front of the biggest crowd that some of their players will have played in front of.

We cannot afford to take Braintree lightly. More importantly we need to make sure we start right and take our chances.

In the past three games we have conceded the first goal. That puts pressure on the whole team and that leads to frustration on the pitch, on the bench and in the stands.

But we need to be patient. Braintree are likely to give it a really good go this afternoon and will want to frustrate us.

It's up to us to take the initiative and more importantly, get that first goal. That will relieve the pressure. We know with the quality we have available in our squad that we can beat anyone in this league, especially at Kenilworth Road.

My injury continues to keep me sidelined but hopefully a return to playing is not too far away. In the meantime I hope the lads continue to play good football and earn three points this afternoon.

Enjoy the game and get behind the lads.



AROUND TOWN

NEW DEAL FOR WATKINS

The Hatters were delighted to reveal that midfielder Adam Watkins has signed a new contract to keep him at Kenilworth Road until June 2013 on Monday.

It seals a superb last few days for the 19-year-old who scored his first league goal on his first league start in Saturday's 5-1 victory over Southport.

A self-confessed Hatters' fan, the Luton-born midfielder has risen through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his debut as a substitute in the FA Cup third round tie at Southampton in January 2010.

Last season the youngster scored twice on his first full start in the 4-0 FA Trophy win over Uxbridge.

His performances in pre-season this summer drew praise from manager Gary Brabin who was thrilled to offer Watkins an extended contract.

"Adam was our stand-out player pre-season and has continued that into the season with a terrific goal and performance against Southport," Brabin told Talk of the Town.

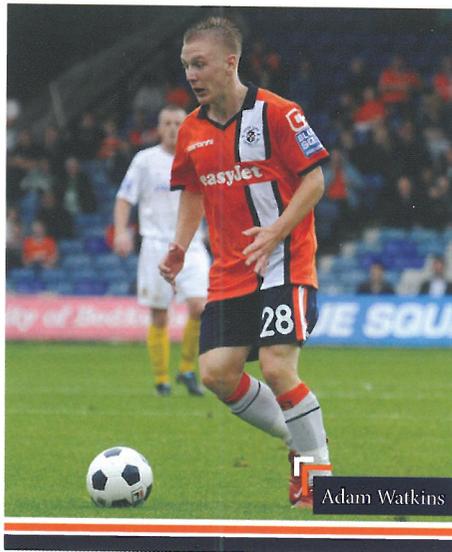
"This club has a fantastic proven track record of developing and nurturing young talent and Adam is another off of our production line.

"I must congratulate Adam - he has deserved this and long may his development continue."

In an exclusive interview, which you can find on pages 38 and 39, Adam said: "I'm obviously delighted. I love this club. I feel I'm playing well but there's more to come."

NEW DATE FOUND FOR TELFORD

The Hatters can confirm that the postponed visit to AFC Telford has been rearranged for Tuesday 13th September, kick-off 7:45pm.



Adam Watkins

Vouchers and receipts previously purchased at the Luton Town Ticket Office will be accepted as tickets for this match. In addition, cash turnstiles will be open on the night at Telford's New Bucks Head stadium.

There will be no special police restrictions on Hatters fans on the day.

AFC Telford have issued the following information for Town fans:

If you have a pre-paid voucher for the original game you will be able to enter the game on production of this voucher at the relevant turnstile. Supporters without the voucher will be able to turn up and pay to enter on the evening. There is no requirement to visit Telford/Shifnal Services or arrive at the ground on official transport.

Luton Town fans will be hosted in the Frank Nagington Stand (enter off Watling Street) admission £13 adults, £10 Concessions, £5 14-18s and £1 Under 14s accompanied by an adult. Further information about the facilities at the New Bucks Head and arrangements for the game will be announced in due course.

If you purchased a voucher for the original game but are now unable to attend the rescheduled game you should contact Luton Town Ticket office.

ASSISTANT PHYSIO REQUIRED

The Club are looking to recruit an ambitious physiotherapist to join our team and assist with medical cover to the youth, reserve and first teams.

The successful candidate will be a Chartered Physiotherapist with HPC registration. It is also a requirement of the position to possess the FA Emergency Aid, FA Sports First Aid and FA Child Protection certification and qualification. The candidate should also have had a minimum of two years experience in football.

The role will involve assessing, treating and rehabilitating injuries sustained by players and trialists.

There will also be responsibility to conduct medical research as required under the medical charter for quality and provide medical related education to players and parents. In addition there will be a requirement to maintain medical records and liaise with the Senior Physiotherapist with reference player's medicals.

Please send your CV and covering letter to: Kevan Platt, Club Secretary, Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW or email to clubsec@lutontown.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd September.

NO GO ON BANK HOLIDAY

The Club were disappointed to learn last week that the away game with Hayes & Yeading United, scheduled for Monday 29th August, has been moved to Tuesday 30th August (kick-off 7.45pm) on police advice.

As the away club, the Hatters have limited say in such decisions and, once again, the Club are disappointed that supporters will be disadvantaged by the change in kick-off time from a Bank Holiday afternoon to a Tuesday night.

The Club would like to apologise to supporters for the inconvenience.

This game will be played at Woking's Kingfield Stadium and ticket details can be found on page 63.



GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Southport last Saturday went home even happier after the 5-1 win after picking up £575.

Paul Peacock from Dunstable walked away with the prize after his ticket number 01444 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

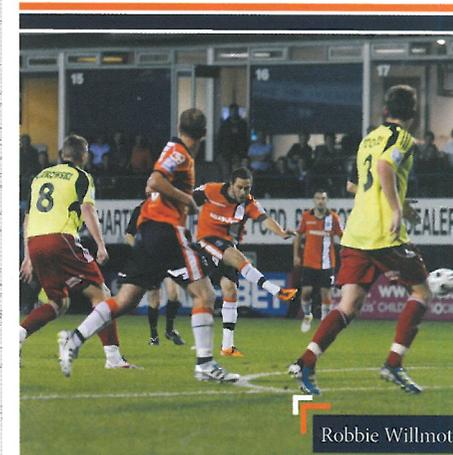
Look out for sellers in and around the ground today and in a fortnight's time for our next draw when we host Darlington.

DUO EARN ENGLAND CALL

Town midfielders Robbie Willmott and Adam Watkins have been called up to the England C squad for the Three Lions' friendly against India on 6th September.

Paul Fairclough's side will take on an Indian side made-up of players under the age of 23 at Dagenham & Redbridge's Victoria Road next month.

Squad: McDonald (Braintree), Farman (Gateshead), Killock (AFC Telford), Law (Alfreton), Turley (Forest Green), Stokes (Forest Green), Pearson (Grimsby), Willmott (Luton), Watkins (Luton), Meikle (Mansfield), McConville (Stockport), Fraughan (Stockport), Boyes (Barrow), West (Ebbsfleet), Styche (Forest Green), Kissock (Southport).



Robbie Willmott

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WELCOME BRAINTREE TOWN



This afternoon we have the pleasure of welcoming Braintree Town to Kenilworth Road for the first ever meeting between the two sides.

If the Blue Square Bet South champions were at all intimidated by a fiendishly tough early-season fixture list in their first season in the top-flight of non-league football, it hasn't shown.

Many would have expected to new boys to struggle in their first three games against former Football League sides Darlington, Grimsby and Mansfield, but with four points under their belts - and a 5-0 thrashing of the Mariners that made the whole division sit up and take notice - the Iron are sitting comfortably in mid-table at the time of writing.

Manager Alan Devonshire has ensured that he has kept together the nucleus of the team that romped to the Conference South title, and supporters of the Essex club will have been delighted to hear that star players Jai Reason, formerly of Crawley, and top scorer Sean Marks have agreed to spend another season at Cressing Road.

Marks has already shown that he is relishing the step-up in playing level, and the man who hit 25 goals last term bagged a brace in that win over Grimsby.

As well as keeping hold of his top players, Devonshire has also made some astute signings.

Former Peterborough and Crawley striker Ben Wright will be familiar to Hatters fans after making five appearances on loan at the Town in 2009. Leon Constantine, singing from York City, brings a wealth of League experience and boasts a fantastic scoring record with the likes of Southend and Port Vale, while former QPR winger Kevin McLeod could be in line for a debut at Kenilworth Road today, after missing the start of the season through injury.

One to watch could be Nigerian forward Chibuzor Chilaka, belatedly embarking upon a senior football career after taking a degree at Hull University. He has a remarkable goalscoring record at amateur level in the Northern Counties leagues, and it will be interesting to see if he can make the step up to national competition at the age of 24.

Still an unknown quantity at this level after only a handful of games in the Blue Square Premier, all eyes will be on Devonshire to see if he can establish his club in the division.

To what extent the Iron can compete with the big boys remains to be seen, but the 103-year-old club is determined to finally make the most of playing in a national division.

As Devonshire says: "It's going to be an adventure whatever happens this season, we're really looking forward to it."

THE VISITORS

HISTORY

The origins of Braintree Town are from 1898 as Manor Works, the works team of the Crittall Window Company.

In 1921 the club switched its name to Crittall Athletic to be more closely identified with their parent company. In 1928 they joined the Spartan League and, in 1935, were founder members of the Eastern Counties League.

They won the league in its second season, but then left to join the newly-established Essex County League. The new league folded after a single season (in which Crittall were runners-up) and the club returned to the Eastern Counties League.

After the Second World War Crittall joined the Eastern Division of the London League. After finishing second in their first season, they were promoted to the Premier Division. They won the League Cup twice before returning to the Eastern Counties League in 1952.

In 1981 all links with Crittall were severed and the club was renamed Braintree FC., before adopting their current name in 1983. They won their second Eastern Counties League title in 1983-84 and retained it the following season.

In 1991 the club stepped up to the Southern Division of the Southern League. The club reached the end of season promotion Play-Offs in the Isthmian League in 2005, but were beaten by Eastleigh in the semi-finals. A year later, 2006, they made no mistake winning the Isthmian League Premier Division championship.

Last season the Iron began the campaign with a seven-match unbeaten run, including 3-0 victories at home to Farnborough, at Maidenhead United and at home to neighbours Chelmsford, but the wicked winter saw them almost caught at the helm of the division.

However, an unbeaten run in April saw them secure the title at Easter and they were crowned champions with two games spare and with it automatic promotion to non-league's top-flight for the first time in their history.

MEET THE MANAGER

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

The Iron appointed Alan Devonshire in May 2011 after spending eight years at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

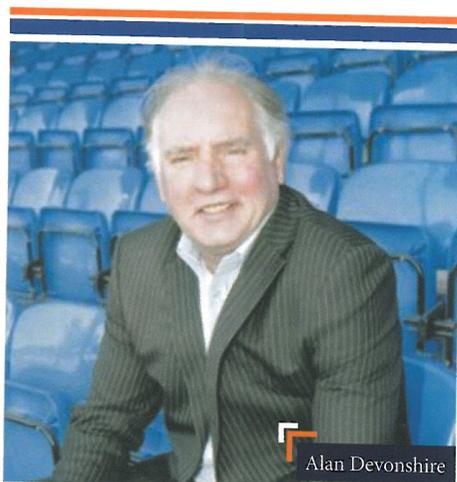
As a player, Alan made 358 appearances for West Ham United, scoring 29 goals, between 1976 and 1990.

He then made a further 25 appearances, scoring once, for Watford until his retirement in 1992.

During his career, Alan made eight appearances for England between 1980 and 1983. He also won an FA Cup winners medal for West Ham United against Arsenal in 1980 and a Division Two championship medal for The Hammers the following year.

Alan started his managerial career in 1996 at Maidenhead United, where he spent seven years - securing promotion to the Ryman League Premier Division in 2000 - before joining Hampton & Richmond Borough in 2003.

In his time at The Beveree, Alan took the club from Ryman Division One South to the Play Off-finals (twice) of the Conference South.



Alan Devonshire

IN OPPOSITION



It's a case of seven down, 43 to go as far as Braintree boss Alan Devonshire is concerned.

The Iron arrive at Kenilworth Road in fourth place in the Blue Square Bet Premier having taken seven points from their opening four games.

Tuesday's 2-0 win over Forest Green Rovers pushed Devonshire's side into the Play-Off places as the Essex outfit added to the points gained from a 5-0 win over Grimsby and a draw with Mansfield.

At the beginning of the campaign Devonshire had earmarked a 50-point plan for the Blue Square Bet South champions following their promotion to non-league's top-flight.

"We're looking for 50 points as quickly as possible, if we can get there in February then fantastic," he said.

"We're part-time, but we're going to enjoy it and have a right old go.

"It's going to be an adventure whatever happens this season, we're really looking forward to it."

Devonshire took over from Rod Stringer in the summer, but has vowed not to make wholesale changes to the squad's routine following their title success last season.

"I don't really want to change anything," he said. "I don't think I need to. It's down to the players if they want to stay."

"I just want to make the players better, that is my ambition."

Following the Iron's impressive start to the season it seems Devonshire's stance has been vindicated.

"I wanted the boys to stay because they won the league last year. I thought it would be fair for them to be given a chance.

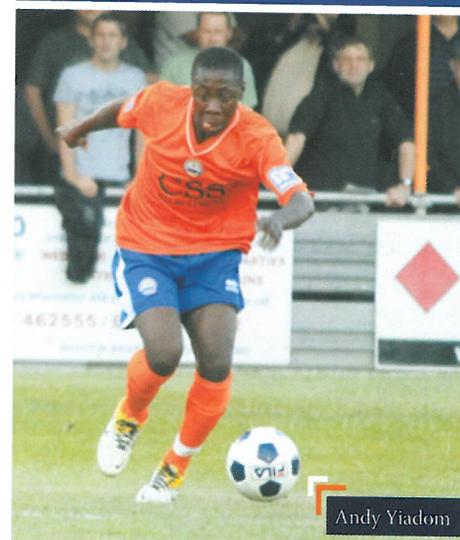
"We'll see how we go in the first month, hopefully it's the right decision to keep them altogether."

Despite the Iron's fine beginning to life in the Blue Square Bet Premier, Devonshire is under no illusions how tough it will be for his side to compete with full-time sides.

"Whatever league you're in it's going to be tough, especially at this level," he said. "We've got a young side and we're always learning.

"We're coming up against full-time sides but we've got games Saturday-Tuesday for the first month so the fitness levels won't be a problem.

"Against Mansfield the players were mentally and physically tired in the last 20 minutes - the start to the season and results we've achieved might have taken it out of a few of them."



Andy Yiadom

IN TOWN

GOALKEEPERS

NATHAN McDONALD

Goalkeeper who joined the club during the summer of 2009 from League One side Southend. Made an impressive 23 clean sheets from 46 appearances last season.

ASHLEE JONES

The 24-year old goalkeeper has played for Rushden, PotTERS Bar Town, Fisher Athletic, Crawley and Wycombe. In 2009 Jones joined Darlington but left in February 2010, spending last season with Billericay Town in the Ryman League's Premier Division.

DEFENDERS

RYAN PETERS

Defender who joined Braintree from Margate in the summer of 2009 having previously played for Brentford. Made 41 appearances in his first season and followed it up with another 26 during an injury-hit campaign last term.

PAT O'CONNOR

21-year-old defender who came through Millwall's youth system and signed his first professional contract with the club in July 2008. During his time at The New Den he enjoyed loan spells at Tooting & Mitcham, Hampton and Lewes before being released this summer.

SEAN FRANCIS

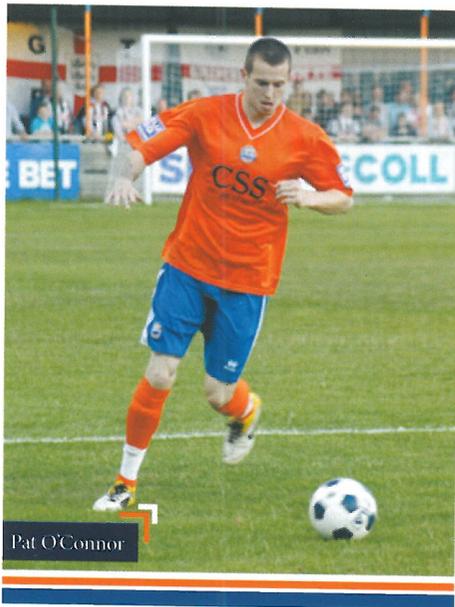
Joined the Cressing Road club from Ryman League outfit Aveley in the summer. Performed superbly to help them earn promotion to Ryman Premier in 2008/09.

DAVE STEVENS

The 23-year-old defender, who joined the Cressing Road club from Hampton & Richmond Borough is an imposing centre back, and was part of the Uxbridge side that reached the Middlesex Senior Cup Final.

ASWAD THOMAS

22-year-old defender who started his career at Charlton before a brief loan spell at Accrington in 2008. Also played twice in the Football League on loan at Barnet during the 2008/09 season, before



Pat O'Connor

joining Woking in 2009.

ADAM BAILEY-DENNIS

The 20-year-old joined Braintree from Colchester in 2009. Spent much of 2009/10 out on loan but returned to the club to force his way into the starting line-up and made 45 appearances last season.

MATT PAINE

Signed from Thurrock in July 2010. Paine started his career at Colchester before moving on to Thurrock in 2007 and played over 100 games for the Ship Lane club.

MARK JONES

Previously with Romford, Southend and Billericay Town, Jones is in his second spell with the Iron after returning from business commitments. Jones has now played 478 games for the club and was rewarded with a testimonial in 2008.

MIDFIELDERS

JAI REASON

The 21-year-old midfielder graduated through the Ipswich academy and initially joined Cambridge on loan in February 2009. Released by Ipswich in May 2009, Reason signed for Cambridge on a permanent deal before switching to Crawley.

NICKY SYMONS

The strong midfield player joined Braintree from Ryman League Premier Division side Aveley last summer. The 26-year-old playmaker has also played for West Ham and Tilbury.

BRAINTREE TOWN



STRIKERS

SEAN MARKS

A commanding presence up front, Marks has played 120 games for Braintree and scored a stunning 25 goals in just 37 games last season.

BEN WRIGHT

After scoring prolifically for Hampton & Richmond Borough in 2008, Wright attracted attention from Fulham, where he passed a medical. However the proposed transfer was not completed and he joined Peterborough in January 2009. Has played for Grimsby and Crawley as well as loan spells with Kettering and here at Kenilworth Road in October 2009.

JAMIE GUY

23-year old striker who joined Braintree from former Blue Square Premier side Grays. Guy began his career as a trainee at Colchester in 2005 and played 70 games for the Weston Homes Community Stadium club, before switching to Grays in 2010.

CHIB CHILAKA

25-year-old striker who began his football career as a youngster at Notts County. A spell out of the game studying was followed by a season at Bridlington Town during the 2008/09 season, and Leeds Carnegie in 2009/10. Spent last year with Bradford City in League 2.



Jai Reason

KENNY DAVIS

The 23-year-old midfielder who joined Braintree from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic, once represented the Chelsea youth team before spells at both Redbridge and Harlow.

BRAD QUINTON

Quinton made his debut for Braintree in January 2000 and is the club's current longest serving player. Previously with Aveley, Romford and Bishop's Stortford, Quinton has now played 480 games for the club, scoring 63 goals.

ANDY YIADOM

19-year-old midfielder who made 36 appearances for Hayes & Yeading in the Conference Premier last season. He joined the Church Road club in the summer of 2010, having come through the youth system at Watford. Switched to Cressing Road after doing well in pre-season.

SAM LECHMERE

21-year-old winger who played for both Yeovil and Grays before joining Braintree at the beginning of last season. Also part of the Nike football academy, Lechmere impressed with his pace and guile on the flanks and is another to have previously represented Thurrock and Aveley.



Sean Marks



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CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

2010/11

Sean Marks was top scorer as Braintree Town stormed to the Blue Square South title in 2010/11. Rod Stringer's side began with a 3-0 victory at Maidenhead and were unbeaten in their opening six games before losing 2-1 at home to Dover. The Iron then won six consecutive matches without conceding a goal until their only other home defeat, 2-0 to Bromley. Following a 4-4 draw at Staines, they gained another six straight wins and remained in pole position after November. Braintree lost 2-1 at rivals Farnborough in March but eventually won the title by a seven point margin, with 89 points.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

RICHIE POWLING

Former England Youth central defender Richie Powling had a spell as Braintree Town's manager. Signing professional for Arsenal in July 1973, he made his League debut in the Gunners' 2-0 defeat at QPR three months later and contested a first-team slot with Peter Simpson, Terry Mancini and David O'Leary. He played over 50 First Division games before suffering a knee injury against Nottingham Forest in September 1977 that curtailed his top-flight career in June 1981. Later with Barnet and Grays Athletic, he has since been manager of Tiptree, Sudbury, Harwich & Parkeston, Braintree from April 1999 until December 1999 and Clacton Town.

FAB FOUR

JOHN DICK

Inside-forward John Dick gained Scotland international recognition after leaving Braintree Town. Initially with Maryhill, he played for Crittall Athletic (as Braintree were then known) during his National Service in the REME at Colchester. He turned professional with West Ham in June 1953 and was top scorer on four occasions, including their 1957/58 Second Division title triumph. Capped against England in April 1959, he moved to Brentford in September 1962 and starred in their 1962/63 Fourth Division title success. He was later Gravesend & Northfleet's player-boss, then

worked for the Inner London Education Authority and died in September 2000.

GARY BENNETT

Striker Gary Bennett scored a club record 57 goals for Braintree Town in 1997/98. Signing professional for Colchester United in November 1988, he featured prominently in their 1991/92 Conference title and FA Trophy double triumph and moved to Woking in July 1993. He then played for Dagenham & Redbridge before joining Braintree in December 1995 and was leading marksman in consecutive seasons. Moving to Sudbury in July 1999, he joined Chelmsford City in February 2000 and was Player of the Year prior to rejoining Sudbury in July 2001. He appeared in three FA Vase finals and later played for Witham, then coached Ipswich Wanderers.

JOHN CHEESEWRIGHT

Goalkeeper John Cheesewright played League football either side of a spell at Braintree Town. A former Spurs trainee, he had a period with Southend United before moving to Birmingham City in November 1991 and made his League debut in the following month's 2-1 defeat at Bournemouth. He then played for Redbridge Forest and Cobh Ramblers prior to joining Braintree in October 1992. Moving to Colchester United for a record £10,000 in January 1994, he later played for Wycombe Wanderers, Romford, Aldershot, Heybridge Swifts, St Albans City and Leyton Pennant, briefly rejoining Braintree in January 1999, Heybridge again, Eton Manor and Ford United.

ALEX REVELL

Striker Alex Revell was Braintree Town's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons. A former Cambridge United trainee, he turned professional in April 2001 and regularly appeared as a substitute for his hometown club. He joined Braintree in October 2004 and was a key figure as they reached the Ryman League Premier Division Play-Offs in 2004/05, then won the Ryman League Premier Division title in 2005/06, netting 38 goals in 68 games before moving to Brighton in July 2006. Sold to Southend United for £150,000 in January 2008, he helped them qualify for the League 1 Play-Offs that season and moved to Leyton Orient in July 2010.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

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A warm welcome to our corporate guests and sponsors this afternoon for our third home match in 10 days.

It's certainly been a busy and exciting start to the season on and off-the-pitch with the commercial department launching a number of new projects.



One of which was our Hatters Business Breakfast Club - a linking tool for local businesses to meet and establish lasting relationships.

The meetings are held on a monthly basis in the newly refurbished Eric Morecambe Lounge. They have a wide variety of benefits and are a great way to enhance and promote business to other local establishments.

At every meeting there is the opportunity for one local company to hold a session to promote themselves and the benefits they can offer to the other members.

Penalty Kings, who raise money for charitable causes all over the world, held August's guest speaker role, to enable the other members to learn more about their business.

Penalty King's owner Stefan Muzsnyai took all

the members for a charity penalty shootout on the Kenilworth Road pitch. After a hard fought battle of wills, Sanj Chohan from TC Solutions was crowned the winner and presented with a signed Luton Town home shirt (pictured below). The event raised £290 for Keech Cottage Hospice.

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LOOK BACK



TOWN 5-1 SOUTHPORT FIVE STAR COMEBACK



Adam Watkins celebrates making it 1-1

Gary Brabin believed there is room for improvement after seeing his side win their first game of the season in emphatic style with a 5-1 win over Southport.

The boss was delighted that goals from Adam Watkins, Will Antwi, Amari Morgan-Smith, Robbie Willmott and Danny Crow did the damage against 10-man Southport, who had taken an eighth minute lead.

"I'm happy with the first win, the first three points and the second half performance," he said. "I'm delighted - but still think we need to iron out a few things."

"We had to work hard for our goals but when we looked in full flow we looked a really good team."

"There are things we need to work on to improve and there are things we need to work on to make even better."

"We just need to be patient, not just as a team but as a club. It can be frustrating, especially at home. Teams come here to frustrate us, get bodies behind the ball and time-waste."

"They are the kind of things we need to overcome but we'll keep believing, keep working hard and I'm sure performances like that will follow."

After performances from substitutes changed the recent friendly with QPR in their favour, the boss was pleased with the performances of Crow and Morgan-Smith who both notched after coming off the bench.

"I said to players I wanted reactions and that's what I've got. There are going to be people disappointed if they are not playing."

"There are only 11 shirts to play for and it's my job to pick the team. It's difficult. I care about all the players here and, as I said after the QPR game, I want subs coming on and changing things - they are not just the next five players available to me."

Willmott, who scored the Hatters' fourth goal of the afternoon with a thumping first-time shot from 25-yards, revealed that Brabin wasn't in the best of moods after the first half showing.

"At half-time the gaffer told us that we had to improve," said the winger. "We settled down, passed the ball better, and after they had a man sent off we really put them to the sword."

"I was happy to get on the scoresheet after going close a few times. I just put my head down and aimed for the corner. I hope it's the first of many this season!"



TOWN

5

WATKINS 41, ANTWI 71, MORGAN-SMITH 74, WILLMOTT 77, CROW 78



SOUTHPORT 1

BROWN 8

TOWN: Tyler, Howells, Beckwith, Antwi, Osano, Watkins (sub Asafu-Adjaye 79), Keane, Lawless, Willmott, Dance (sub Crow 31), O'Connor (sub Morgan-Smith 60). Subs not used: Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington.

SOUTHPORT: McMillan, Lee, Lever, Akrigg, Grand, Whalley, Gray (sub Osborne 72), Brown (sub Owens 72), Smith, Ledsham, Kissock. Subs not used: Nemes, Benjamin, Ordish.

ATTENDANCE: 5,681

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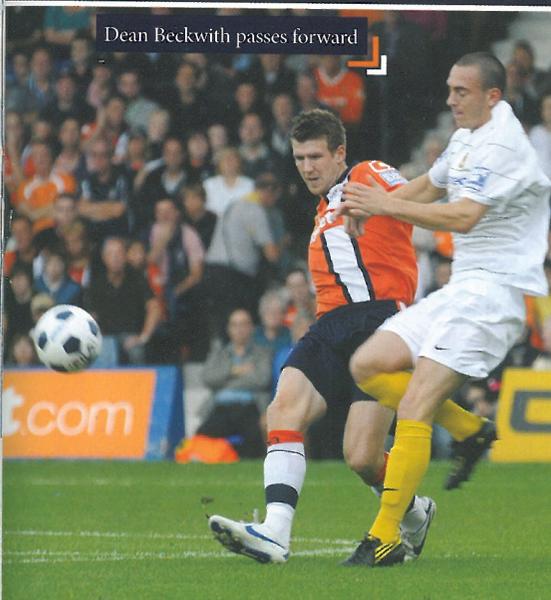
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Aaron O'Connor sandwiched between two Southport defenders

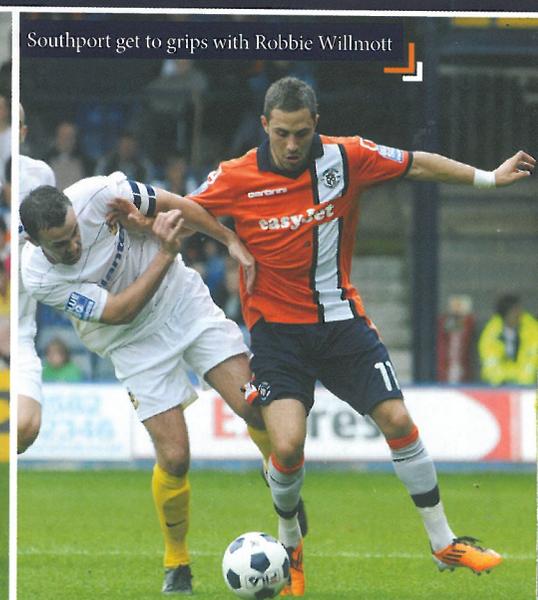


Danny Crow heads home the Hatters' fifth goal

Dean Beckwith passes forward



Southport get to grips with Robbie Willmott



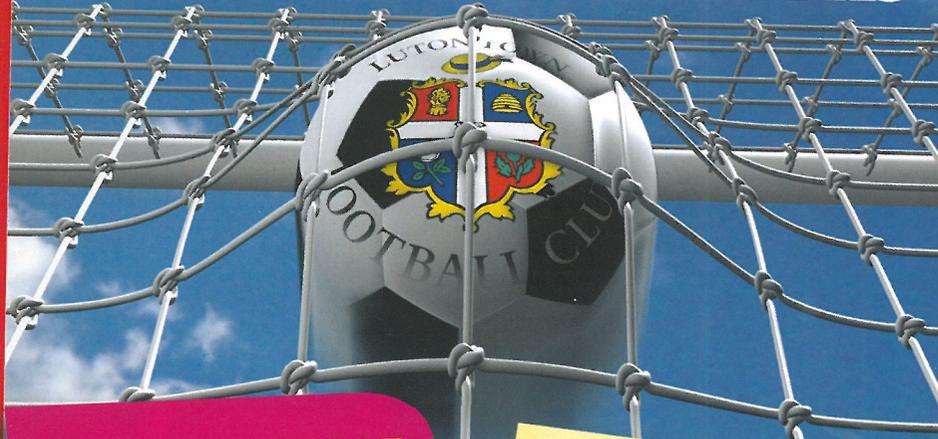


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LOOK BACK



MANSFIELD 1-1 TOWN POINT GAINED



Robbed of three senior players prior to kick-off through injury, Town boss Gary Brabin was pleased to pick-up a point at Mansfield Town.

Will Antwi's header 12 minutes from time kept up the Hatters' unbeaten start to the season and the manager admitted afterwards that he would have taken a point at the start having selected a side minus Robbie Willmott, Alex Lawless and Keith Keane due to injury.

"We've come here, against one of the other fancied teams this season, and got a deserved draw," Brabin said afterwards.

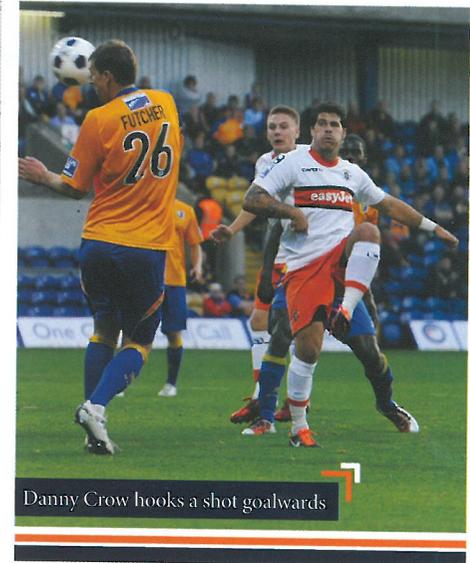
"I would have taken a point at the start tonight with the squad we had available. Keith got a dead leg on Saturday, Alex is suffering from a virus and strained a hamstring while Robbie was feeling his groin again.

"We were down to bare bones but I'm pleased for the group because we knew it wasn't going to be easy. Mansfield were looking for their first win and were always going to be up for it."

However happy the manager was with a point he knew his side should have done better given their dominance in a first half in which they left the field at the break trailing after Matt Green's superb strike in the 27th-minute.

"I was disappointed that we failed to turn our possession into goals," said Brabin. "We played some good football and created some great chances but we found ourselves a goal down.

"At half-time we could have been two or three goals up. We know that's something we need to look at but we showed character in the second half to keep going."



Danny Crow hooks a shot goalwards

Captain for the night and goalscorer Antwi was frustrated the Town failed to pick up all three points at Field Mill.

"We're Luton Town and we should be coming to places like Mansfield and winning," he said. "We dominated possession but missed chances again.

"It's was a well earned point and it keeps us unbeaten but we need to be winning games. We're disappointed but we're improving with every game.

"It takes time for a team to gel and defensively we're getting better. There's not a lot you can do when an opposition player strikes a shot as well as he did."



MANSFIELD 1

GREEN 27



TOWN 1

ANTWI 78

MANSFIELD: Marriott, Kendrick, Riley, Briscoe, Green, Murray, Dyer, O'Neill, Howell, Meikle, Fitcher. Subs not used: Redmond, Worthington, Stevenson, Connor, Wood.

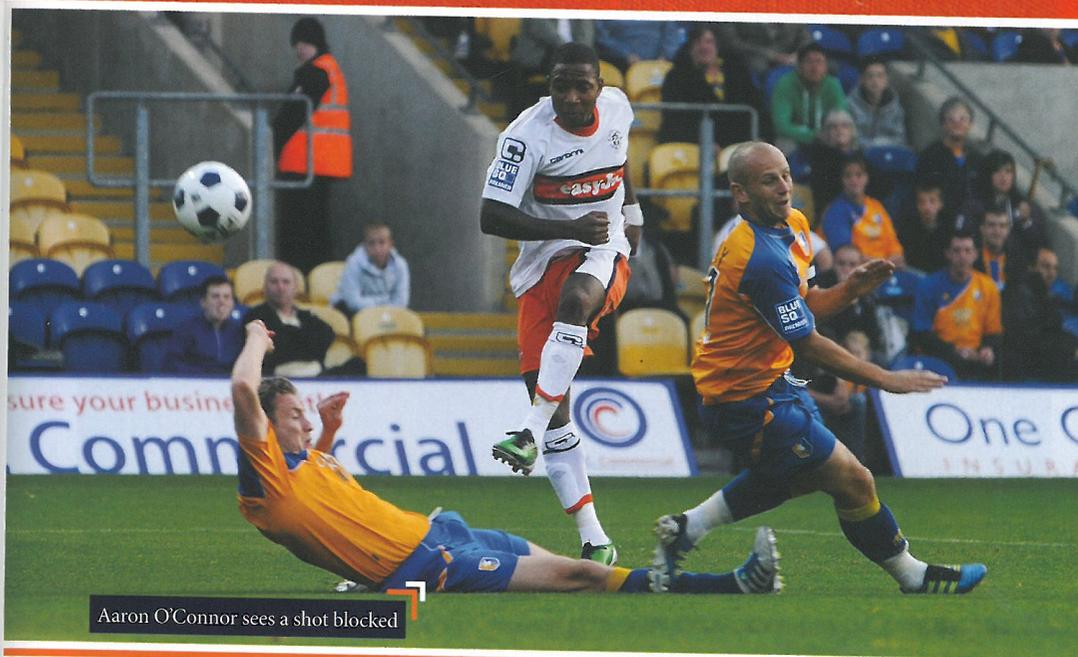
TOWN: Tyler, Beckwith, Antwi, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye (sub Gleeson 56), Watkins, Dance, Howells, O'Connor (sub Walker 61), Morgan-Smith, Crow. Subs not used: K. Pilkington, Barnes-Homer, Poku.

ATTENDANCE: 2,592

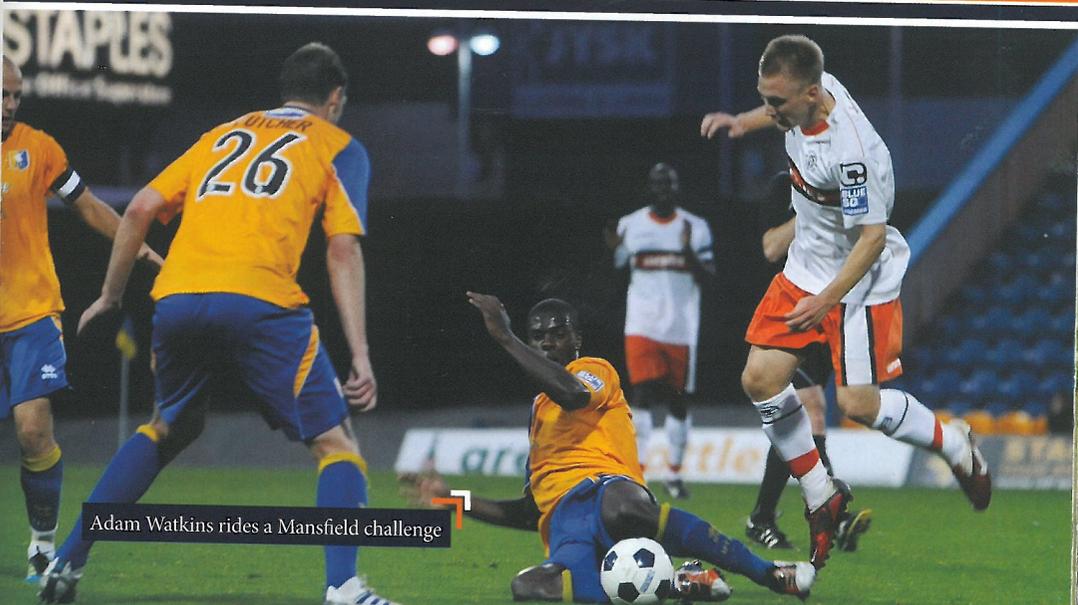
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Will Antwi heads the Town's equaliser



Aaron O'Connor sees a shot blocked



Adam Watkins rides a Mansfield challenge



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MEMORY LANE



NAME: Julian O'Dell **AGE:** 49 **LOCATION:** Milton Keynes

FIRST MATCH:
Home v Barrow - March 1968 - we won 3-1.

FIRST MEMORY:
Being upset that we sold Malcolm MacDonald.

BEST GOAL SEEN:
Brian Stein's Littlewoods Cup Wembley winner in 1988.

BEST MATCH WITNESSED:
Too many to mention but the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final is probably still top of the list followed by the 2-1 win over Leeds at home in 1974.

WORST MATCH:
Losing at home to Accrington Stanley in October 2008 was probably my lowest point as a supporter.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE:
Jean Louis Valois' debut was special, plus Big Mick's return when he scored twice against Oldham in 1991.

BEST KIT:
The classic orange, black and white kit of 1973/74 without doubt, and it's great to see this season's kit following a similar design.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:
Paul Futcher.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:
David Pleat.

ALL-TIME TOWN XI:
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LIVE ONLINE



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

The Town thumped Southport 5-1 with a fine comeback in our last home game where four goals in a seven-minute spell did the damage in the second half.

Hatters Player was there to get the reaction and a delighted Gary Brabin spoke to the cameras giving subscribers his account of what he thought was a deserved display.

The manager though was still frustrated with certain aspects of the Town's game, having gone a goal down and spurned a number of chances in a first-half in which the visitors took the lead.

With five different goalscorers on target there was no shortage of potential interviewees with Robbie Willmott – the scorer of a fantastic 25-yard drive – and Danny Crow – with a superb close-range header – quick to point out how important the victory was to kick-start the Town's season.

On Monday the official website released news that Adam Watkins agreed a new two-year contract and the young midfielder spoke to the Player cameras after win over Southport revealing his

delight at scoring his first league goal and penning his new deal.

After Tuesday night's 1-1 draw at Mansfield, Player caught up with the manager and talked to skipper for the night – and goalscorer – Will Antwi and right-back Dan Gleeson who made his first appearance of the season as a second-half substitute.

Remember it will be the same once again after this afternoon's game when we'll have video reaction from all concerned from the dressing room.

Remember if you can't get to a game, home or away, the official website at www.lutontown.co.uk has it covered.

The Hatters' official website will provide you with the players' and management's pre-game views and post-match reaction, photographs, commentary, text commentary, news and plenty more.

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The screenshot shows the Luton Town Player website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Latest news", "Next match", "Last match", "Live matches", and "Hatters Archive". Below these, there are search and view options: "Show me: All Content" and "View as: List Grid". The main content area displays three video highlights:

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Will Antwi was pleased to net the equaliser but disappointed not to win after his goal earned a point
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- PLAYER: BRABIN'S VERDICT**
The Town boss talks to the Luton Town show's Simon Pitts in the wake of the 1-1 draw with Mansfield Town
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Defender Dan Gleeson was pleased to get his first appearance as a substitute in Tuesday's 1-1 draw at Mansfield
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GOAL! Will Antwi has just put the Town 2-1 up against Southport



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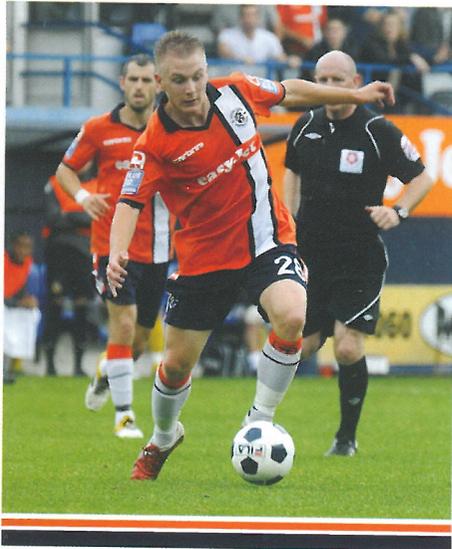
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THE LITTLE MAGICIAN

MIDFIELDER ADAM WATKINS HAS HAD A LOT TO SMILE ABOUT THIS WEEK, AS HE REVEALS TO TALK OF THE TOWN



A first league start, a first league goal, a brand new contract and a call-up to the England C squad, it's fair to say it's been a great week for the Hatters' latest star, midfielder Adam Watkins.

The 19-year-old self-confessed Town fan has had praised heaped on him by his manager after a pre-season of full of stylish displays, guile and energy which has continued in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

So first things first; a new contract was offered by boss Gary Brabin that was snapped up and he's here until 2013.

"I'm delighted, obviously," Watkins says, all smiles. "It's the club I love, there was no hesitation in signing and I'm looking forward to continuing my development.

"The club means so much to mean it's a pleasure and honour to pull on the shirt and run out and

perform at Kenilworth Road where I grew up supporting as a boy."

An unused substitute in the Town's opening fixture against Forest Green, the midfielder, dubbed the 'Little Magician' by the public address announcer in recent weeks, was thrust into his first start against Southport.

Things looked decidedly difficult for Watkins and co. as the visitors stole an eighth minute lead.

But it was the Lutonian who came to the rescue four minutes before half-time when his low shot found the smallest of gaps in the bottom corner to equalise and breath fresh life into an otherwise anxious atmosphere at Kenilworth Road.

It was a goal that meant a lot to the level-headed youngster, and not just for personal reasons.

"The most important thing was it came at such a crucial time and helped the team out and get us back in the game" he says. "I just remember cutting inside, I got half a yard on the man marking me and hit it.

"The rain that fell in the first half helped me as it really zipped off the grass and it was past the goalkeeper before he knew it. The pitch is lovely and it's great to play on, to pass on."

The midfield dynamo was involved in the game's turning point when he raced through on goal before being upended by Southport's Steve Akrigg who was sent-off for a second bookable offence.

"I said to the lads afterwards that I didn't know if I was clean through or not," he explains. "All I knew was that I was clattered from behind! But we made our man advantage count and went onto win convincingly.

"It was frustrating earlier in the game but we knew we had to be patient. We know teams will come to Kenilworth Road and make it hard for us. We don't have a divine right to play, we have to earn it.

"As long as we work hard and keep doing the things we're good at then we're confident and that's what we did in the second half."

A new deal and a place in the heart of the Town midfield is something Watkins is relishing.

After making his debut as a substitute in the FA Cup tie at Southampton back in January 2010, the midfielder spent last season out on loan at Arlesey in between appearances in the FA Trophy for the Hatters - scoring two on his full debut in the 4-0 win over Uxbridge.

Now he's worked his way into Brabin's plans, Watkins is hoping to repay the faith show by the Town boss in his performances.

So much so the number 28 believes there's more to come from him in the Hatters' engine room.

"I'm still 19 and hopefully I can continue to impress the manager and stay in the team," he says. "I'm always learning and looking to improve, I'm still young and still got a lot to learn.

"I need to work on my fitness, that's no quite there yet but hopefully with a run of games that can only help.

"I was a little surprised that I started against Southport but hopefully I've given the manager something to think about. I was a little bit nervous.

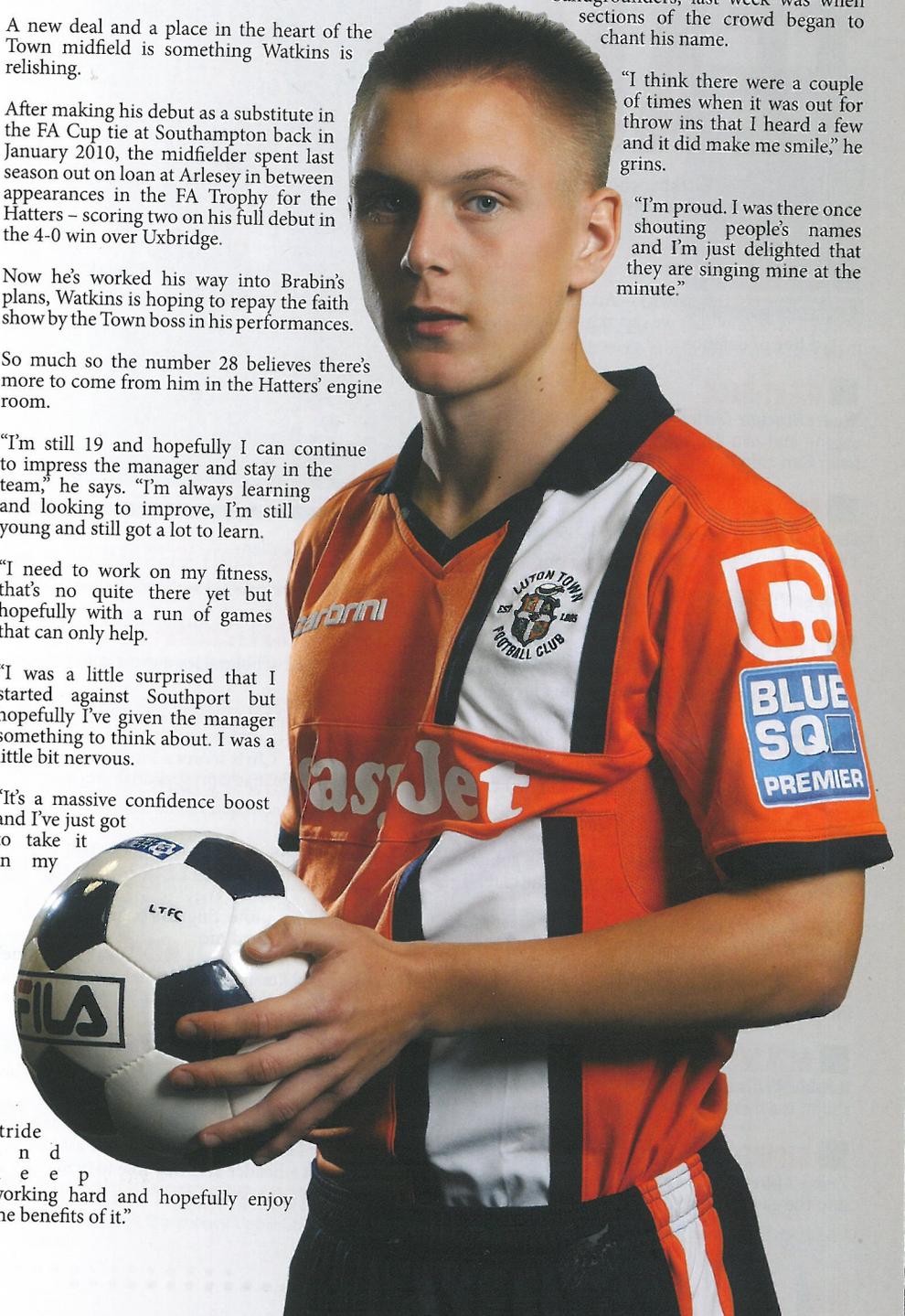
"It's a massive confidence boost and I've just got to take it in my

stride
and
keep
working hard and hopefully enjoy
the benefits of it."

Being a Luton fan though perhaps the best thing about scoring the equaliser against the Sandgrounders, last week was when sections of the crowd began to chant his name.

"I think there were a couple of times when it was out for throw ins that I heard a few and it did make me smile," he grins.

"I'm proud. I was there once shouting people's names and I'm just delighted that they are singing mine at the minute."



DREAM TEAM

Midfielder Adam Watkins chooses his favourite XI made up of players he's played with in his football career.

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RIGHT-BACK

Stuart Sinclair (Arlesey Town) – Stuart's got a great engine and can get up and down the pitch all day long. Can chip in with his fair share of goals too.

CENTRE-BACKS

Derek Brown (Arlesey Town) – The scariest player I've ever played with or against! He never lost a header and is a great leader.

George Pilkington (Luton Town) – The most consistent player I've ever played with. Mr Reliable.

LEFT-BACK

Jake Howells (Luton Town) – I've known Jake when I was a first year scholar. He's a great attacking left-back and I'm sure he'll play at a higher level.

ATTACKING RIGHT MIDFIELDER

Chris Marsh (Arlesey Town) – Quick, direct and good with both feet, Chris scores a lot of goals and creates plenty of chances for his team-mates. I can't believe he hasn't made it as a professional yet.

CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

Alex Lawless (Luton Town) – Alex has got an unbelievable work ethic. He's great with the ball and has helped me out a lot since he's been at the club.

Keith Keane (Luton Town) – Keano's great at what he does. Holding, protecting and passing the ball in midfield. He always gives 100 per cent and is another player who has helped me.

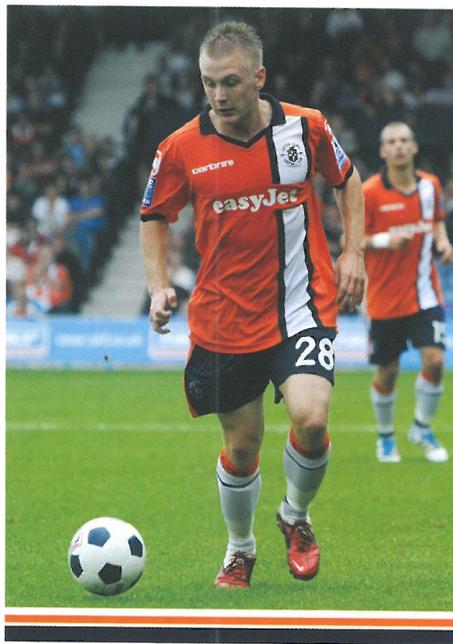
Kevin Nicholls (retired) – What can you say, a Luton Town legend. Nico had amazing technique and was the scariest midfielder I've played against in training!

ATTACKING LEFT MIDFIELDER

Robbie Willmott (Luton Town) – Never seen someone who can strike a ball so well. He can dribble, shoot, is a danger from dead ball situations and can score goals.

STRIKER

Zema Abbey (Arlesey Town) – A great target man who rarely lost a header and was able to bring others into the game. Chips in with his fair share of goals, too.



GETTING TO KNOW...

ADAM WATKINS

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL?

JJ O'Donnell probably. He's about the same age as me and we get on well.

WHAT TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A CHILD?

Luton. The 2003/04 campaign was my first season coming to the ground with friends, the year before we won League 1. Kevin Nicholls was my favourite player – I got to play with him in first team which was weird! It was a great experience though.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR LUTON TOWN SO FAR?

Playing for the club you support – it's amazing.

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS IN FOOTBALL?

Just to make a living out of the game, and then if I manage to do that, then to play at as high a level as possible.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Scoring two goals in my debut at Kenilworth Road against Uxbridge last season.

WHO IS THE FUNNIEST PLAYER AT THE CLUB?

Dan Gleeson. He hammers people! I've been on the receiving end of his banter a few times.

WHO HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE?

JJ O'Donnell - his gear's horrendous.

WHO IS THE HARDEST WORKER AT THE CLUB?

Alex Lawless. He just doesn't stop running in training, and he puts that into games too. He's got an unbelievable engine.

WHAT'S YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY?

Starting my first game for Markyate Youth at left-back and scoring three goals.

WHO HAS BEEN YOUR MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT?

Fabian Delph for Aston Villa in the FA Youth Cup was unbelievable. I was playing in the age group ahead of me – and I was marking him, unfortunately.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL?

I'd like to get involved in part-time coaching and get a trade under my belt. Something in the building industry maybe.

WHO IS YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL?

Paul Scholes. I love the way he played and I try and do the things he did on the pitch.

AND WHO IS YOUR NON-FOOTBALLING HERO?

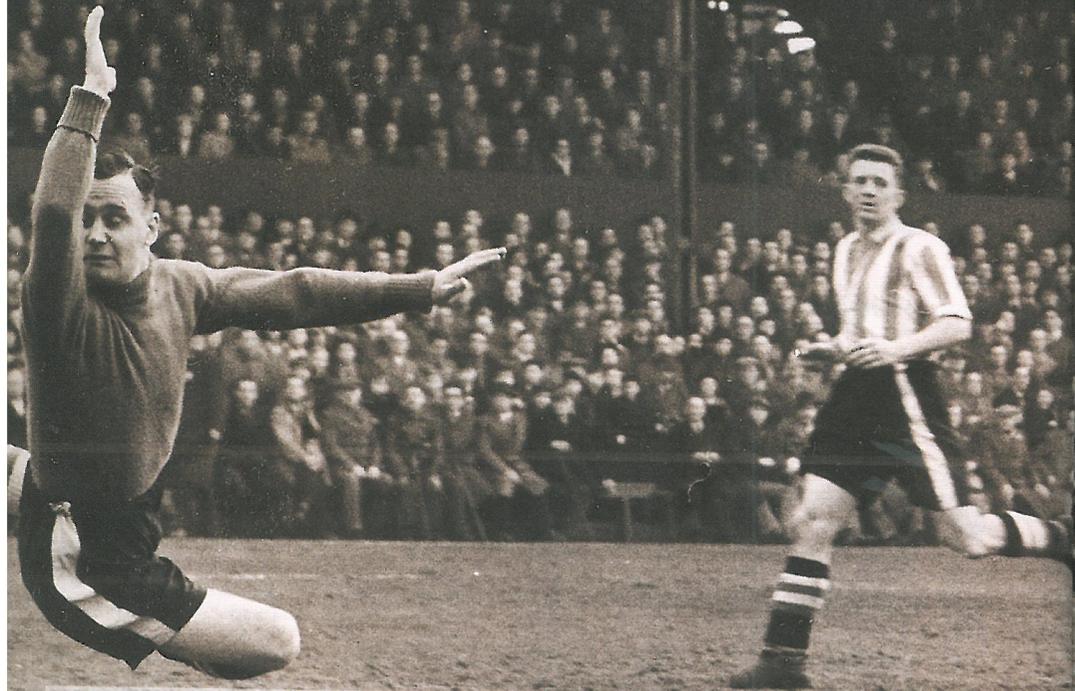
My old PE teacher at Queenbury Upper School in Dunstable, Mr Birch. He gave me good advice and taught me to be disciplined.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



After a couple of seasons of struggle, Luton manager Dally Duncan was now finally seeing his side of youth and experience come good.

The 1951/52 FA Cup campaign saw the Town beat a succession of sides who played in red – Charlton, Brentford and Swindon – and go all the way to the sixth round for only the second time in their history where they unluckily lost to Arsenal (who also played in red!) before a then record crowd at Kenilworth Road.

They also finished a creditable eighth in the old Division Two, their highest placing since the war.

Jack Taylor had been signed from Stockton in February 1949 after being spotted by Hatters scout Dick Trembath. With other clubs tracking the powerful inside forward the Town were forced to act swiftly and made to pay out £2,100, a lot of money for an unproven 24-year-old.

Although scoring on his League debut for the Town in a 6-0 hammering of Lincoln at Kenilworth Road in April 1949, a succession of knee injuries hampered his progress but aided by goalscoring winger Bert Mitchell, a fully fit Taylor came into his own in 1951/52 and top scored with

20 goals. Mitchell weighed in with 16 goals with George Stobbart netting 12.

It was no doubt in Duncan's mind that with a young Gordon Turner, destined to become the club's record League goalscorer, waiting in the wings for his chance that a record bid of £16,000 from mighty Wolves was accepted for Taylor in June 1952.

The Luton supporters were not impressed with the sale just as the team seemed to have turned a corner, but a month later the Hatters signed

Jesse Pye from Wolves and his combination with Turner proved the catalyst for the club's eventual promotion to Division One in 1955.

For Taylor, the move to Molineux was not a success as he became a reserve in what was, admittedly, a very strong and settled Wolves side.

Taylor moved on to Notts County and Bradford Park Avenue ahead of returning to Luton where he ran a General Stores in Beechwood Road before sadly passing away in 1970 while still in his forties.



Jack Taylor scores a stunning goal for the Town during the 3-3 League draw at Brentford in March 1952, leaving future England manager Ron Greenwood (right) in his wake.

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27 SEP KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS V GRIMSBY TOWN

06 OCT CAMBRIDGE UNITED V STOCKPORT COUNTY

14 OCT LINCOLN CITY V FLEETWOOD TOWN

21 OCT GRIMSBY TOWN V LUTON TOWN

03 NOV MANSFIELD TOWN V CAMBRIDGE UNITED

19 NOV FLEETWOOD TOWN V STOCKPORT COUNTY

24 NOV KETTERING TOWN V GRIMSBY TOWN

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



The look on the faces of the Watford defenders says it all. Kirk Stephens has scored in the very last minute at Vicarage Road on Boxing Day 1979 to secure a famous 1-0 win and set up a song that still finds air time at Kenilworth Road – even from supporters who were not even born then!

The Division Two meeting at Vicarage Road had been eagerly awaited since the summer after Watford had gained the second of back to back promotions.

The clash of styles between Graham Taylor's long ball game and David Pleat's pure football was about to be put to the

test and a crowd of 20,187 gathered for the festive conflict.

I was high up on the Vicarage Road terrace so probably had a better view than those Luton supporters on the shallow steps of the Rookery end and can still picture Bob Hatton's cross from the left wing arrow on to the head of full-back Stephens who had, for reasons best known to himself, thundered up on the blind side of the Watford defence.

Although it must have been tremendous to be in the Rookery end, the Luton supporters would not have heard grown men sobbing as I did!

THE WINNING TOUCH

FORMER TOWN DEFENDER-TURNED-PHYSIO CLIVE GOODYEAR LOOKS BACK ON HIS CAREER

Clive Goodyear had a knack for winning throughout his remarkably successful career, gaining honours and trophies everywhere he went.

Making his first-team breakthrough in the Hatters' 1981/82 promotion season, he left the Town for Plymouth in 1984, where he was part of another promotion-winning team, before winning the FA Cup with Wimbledon in 1988. He even won another couple of domestic cups during a spell in Asia at the end of his career, with Ernest Borel of Hong Kong.



So what's the secret of success? The former centre back, who broke into David Pleat's Division Two promotion-winning team when first choice Mike

Saxby was injured in late 1981, is unequivocal about what's needed for victory: "To win promotion, you must be well organised," he says.

"You need to set your base out defensively and build from there – although probably in our day at Luton that wasn't so much the case as David Pleat loved attacking! But still, you can't beat organisation. Without that, you won't get anywhere."

And looking back over all the success in his career, Lincoln-born Goodyear, maintains that his happiest memories come from his time spent playing at Kenilworth Road.

"I won promotion with Plymouth and had a good experience playing there, and winning the FA Cup with Wimbledon was obviously the highlight of my career, but actually I enjoyed my time at Luton more because of the style of football we played," he explained.

"My first full season was a championship-winning year – to play 35 times and only lose twice that season was fantastic. We were always on TV, putting on great entertainment for the fans."

He considers it a privilege to have entered such a talented team with a perfect mix of youthful peers and experienced heads to learn from, and recalls his illustrious colleagues with affection.

"We had Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, very skilful young players like that. Then Paul Walsh and Paul Elliot joined and they were excellent, very talent players too," he says. "But then there was your leader, Brian Horton, and my favourite team-mate, my defensive partner Mal Donaghy. He was a good man, he looked after me."

Goodyear still has warm feelings for the Hatters, and describes the special feeling at the Bedfordshire club that so many former players appreciate: "From the day I signed at Luton it has always been a very friendly, family club – right the way

through from the groundsman to the boardroom," says Goodyear, who last made an appearance at Kenilworth Road for the 125th anniversary match against Bath last October.

"It has always been an enjoyable place to be. I'm not the only one who thinks that either; the number of people who turn up for club reunions is incredible.

"It doesn't matter what people have done since, played for England, won trophies, they all remember their time at Luton fondly and that's why we all come back so often."

He was a guest of the club at last season's Play-Off final defeat to AFC Wimbledon – "a good day apart from the result" – and stresses that he was backing the Town all the way despite having played for the old Wimbledon.

However, he did feel some satisfaction at seeing the phoenix club reach the Football League, as he explains: "I do sympathise with AFC Wimbledon and I see that as the club I played for. More so than MK Dons, certainly – I haven't even been to their stadium despite living nearby."

Whilst with Wimbledon, Goodyear suffered a major knee injury, which effectively called time on his ability to play at the highest level.

After a brief spell with Brentford and a couple of

years playing in the lower intensity Hong Kong league – an opportunity that came about through a chance meeting with a club official in a Chinese restaurant in South London – Goodyear qualified as a physiotherapist, and returned to Luton in 1993 for another seven-year spell.

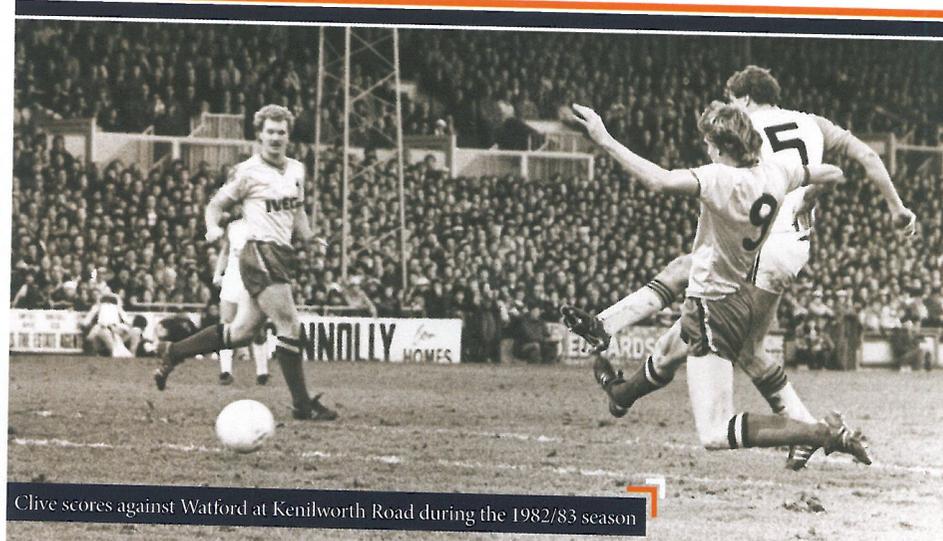
Also enjoying time in the treatment rooms of Chester City and Cardiff before establishing his own private practice in Milton Keynes, Goodyear is glad he made the decision to swap football boots for the magic sponge, treading a path that has since been followed by his former team-mates Rob Johnson and Mark Stein.

"Working as a physio gave me another 13 years in the game after I stopped playing, until I decided it was time for a move away from football," he says.

Now enjoying running his own business, Goodyear still treasure his time as a young star at the Town, and says that the club continues to offer a unique opportunity for up-and-coming players.

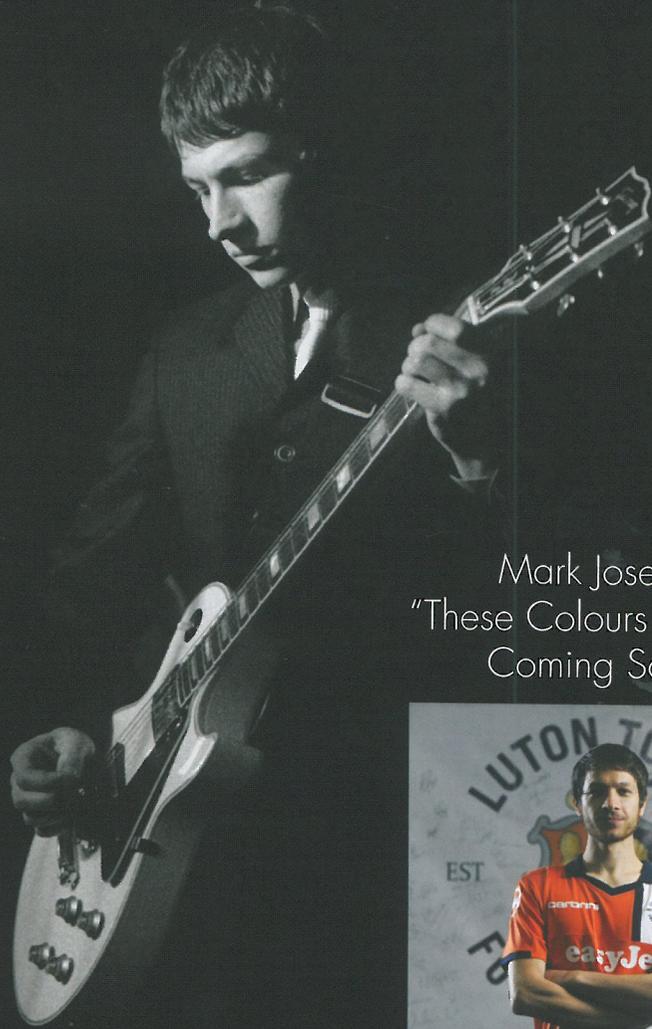
"The club has always brought youngsters through, and with a bit of ability, hard work and dedication, a young player can make it at Luton," he says.

Goodyear had those attributes in hatfuls, as his well-filled trophy cabinet testifies.



Clive scores against Watford at Kenilworth Road during the 1982/83 season

MARK JOSEPH



Mark Joseph
 "These Colours I Wear"
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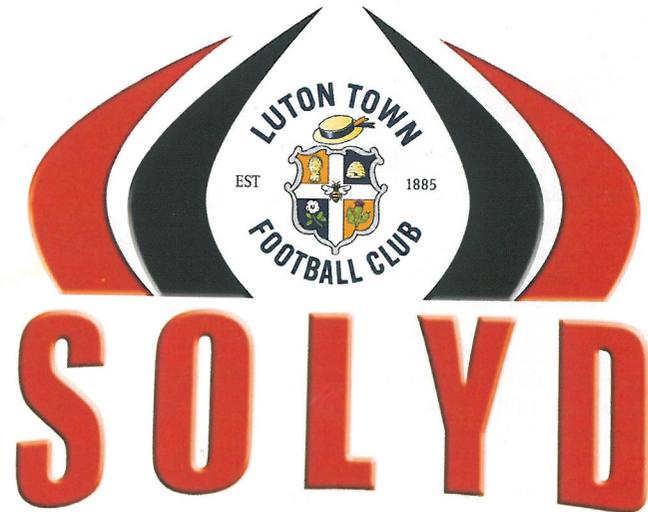
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WED 30 - STEVENAGE BOROUGH A 2PM

DECEMBER

TUE 13 - COLCHESTER UNITED A 2PM

JANUARY

TUE 10 - OXFORD UNITED H 2PM
TUE 17 - STEVENAGE BOROUGH H 2PM
WED 25 - OXFORD UNITED A 7PM
TUE 31 - COLCHESTER UNITED H 2PM

Home games to be played at Kenilworth Road

LATEST NEWS

JJ O'Donnell and Alex Lacey have joined Southern League Cambridge City on a month's loan.

The pair made their debuts for the Lilywhites in a 2-1 victory over Weymouth in the opening fixture of the season.

City manager Gary Roberts said after win: "The two lads started off a little shakily, but they grew into the game."

"They're good lads and good players, and I was pleased with the way they dealt with the physical side of things."

Lacey, 18, earned his first a professional contract at Kenilworth Road last season and made his debut against Welling last year.

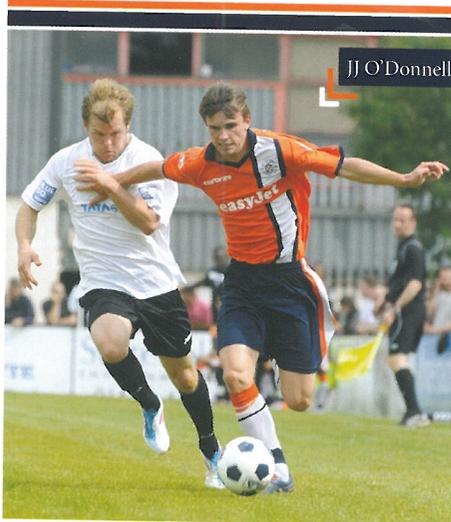
O'Donnell, 19, who penned a new one-year deal this summer, also made his debut last term, in the FA Cup tie with Corby.

Assistant manager Alan Neilson said: "We think very highly of both players, they've come on leaps and bounds over the past 12 months.

"They're still young, hungry and possess a lot of ability and sending them out on-loan will give them experience of playing football with three points at stake every week.

"Cambridge have started their season well and we know Gary will look after them there. It's a good grounding which will stand them both in good stead.

"I don't think there's a doubt that they will come back better players for this experience."



JJ O'Donnell

YOUNG HATTERS



UNDER-18S

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 SOUTH-EAST DIVISION

AUGUST

6 - COLCHESTER UNITED (H) L0-1
13 - QUEENS PARK RANGERS (A) D2-2

20 - BARNET (H) W3-1

27 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (A)

SEPTEMBER

3 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (H)

10 - BRENTFORD (A)

17 - STEVENAGE BOROUGH (H)

19 - ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS (H)

FAYC

24 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H)

OCTOBER

8 - BARNET (H) PYC

15 - STEVENAGE (H) PYC

22 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) PYC

29 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H)

PYC

NOVEMBER

5 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A) PYC

12 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H)

19 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A)

DECEMBER

10 - BRENTFORD (H)

17 - STEVENAGE A

JANUARY

7 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A)

28 - COLCHESTER UNITED (A)

FEBRUARY

4 - QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H)

11 - BARNET (A)

18 - MILLWALL (H)

25 - SOUTHEND UNITED (A)

MARCH

3 - BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (H)

10 - ALDERSHOT TOWN (A)

17 - AFC WIMBLEDON (H)

24 - DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE (A)

31 - CRAWLEY TOWN (A)

APRIL

SAT - 14 LEYTON ORIENT (H)

SAT - 21 GILLINGHAM (H)

SHADOW SQUADS

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH ALLIANCE CENTRAL DIVISION

SEPTEMBER

14 - ST ALBANS CITY (A)

28 - TAMWORTH (H)

OCTOBER

12 - CORBY TOWN (A)

26 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (H)

NOVEMBER

2 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (H)

9 - OXFORD CITY (A)

16 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (H)

23 - CHASETOWN (A)

30 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (H)

DECEMBER

7 - HITCHIN TOWN (A)

JANUARY

11 - KETTERING TOWN (H)

25 - KETTERING TOWN (A)

FEBRUARY

1 - ST ALBANS CITY (H)

8 - TAMWORTH (A)

22 - CORBY TOWN (H)

29 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (A)

MARCH

14 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (A)

21 - OXFORD CITY (H)

28 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (A)

APRIL

4 - CHASETOWN (H)

18 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (A)

25 - HITCHIN TOWN (H)

SOUTHERN COUNTIES FLOODIT YOUTH LEAGUE CORINTHIAN DIVISION

AUGUST

29 - NEWPORT PAGNELL (A)

SEPTEMBER

5 - CHESHAM UNITED (H)

12 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H)

26 - BOREHAM WOOD (A)

OCTOBER

3 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (H)

17 - CHESHAM UNITED (A)

24 - NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN (H)

NOVEMBER

7 - LEIGHTON TOWN (A)

21 - BOREHAM WOOD (H)

28 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (A)

MATCH DIGEST

FIXTURE Barnet (A)

COMPETITION Youth Alliance

RESULT 3-1

GOALSCORERS

TEAM

Woolley, Ann, Mirzai

TEAM

Carpenter, Longden, Jibodu, Burtenshaw (sub Mirzai), Ferguson, Stephens, McAdams, Nash, Ann, Blake (sub Rees), Woolley (sub Davis).

COACH'S COMMENTS

"From my point of view I was impressed with the excellent start we made and our general play throughout the first half. We lost our way a bit in terms of possession and quality in the second half but Barnet have started the season well with an emphatic win at Peterborough and made things very difficult for us as the game progressed. At any level of football it is good to secure your first win of the season and we did that which was another positive from the day."

YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Southend United	3	2	8	7
2 Gillingham	3	2	2	7
3 Brighton & Hove Albion	3	2	6	6
4 LUTON TOWN	3	1	1	4
5 Queens Park Rangers	2	1	1	4
6 Wycombe Wanderers	2	1	1	4
7 Peterborough United	3	1	-2	4
8 Crawley Town	3	1	-3	4
9 Barnet	2	1	2	3
10 Stevenage	2	1	2	3
11 Leyton Orient	2	1	1	3
12 Northampton Town	2	1	0	3
13 Colchester United	2	1	-2	3
14 Dagenham & Redbridge	2	1	-3	3
15 Millwall	2	0	-2	1
16 Aldershot Town	2	0	-3	0
17 Brentford	2	0	-3	0
18 AFC Wimbledon	2	0	-6	0

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ACADEMY UPDATE

1ST Team

U21 Development Squad

U18 Youth Team

U18 Academy
BTEC

U18 Academy
A Level

U9-16 Academy

U9-16 Centre of Excellence Beds

U9-16 Centre of Excellence Herts

U9-16 Performance Centre

Bedford Centre	Harpenden Centre	Dunstable Centre	Luton Centre	Flitwick Centre	Amphill Centre	Shefford Centre	Hitchin Centre	LBuzzard Centre	Bigglesw Centre
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It was a summer of success for the Hatters following excellent performances from the Under-9 and Under-10 teams in two seven-a-side outdoor tournaments held in Dortmund, Germany.

On the first day the Under-9s finished third in their eight-team group behind Schalke and FC Koln before winning through their second group by beating MSV Duisburg 2-1, drawing with VfB Kirchellen 1-1 and scoring a last-minute winner to beat Fortuna Koln 1-0 to qualify for the quarter-finals.

There they defeated unbeaten Schalke 1-0 before losing their semi-final match 2-1 to FC Koln and the third/fourth Play-Off to Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 to finish fourth out of 32 teams and above the likes of Southend, Dinamo Kiev, Schalke and Dusseldorf.

Stefan Vukoje, pictured, was named the Town's player of the tour and football development officer Gregg Broughton said: "It was a great achievement in only their second tournament at that age group. They were a real credit to themselves and the

football club."

The Under-10s competed in the 60-team Sportlife Junior Cup in Verl. They won their group on the first day and came second in their group on the second day to qualify for the last 16 where nine of the teams represented play in the Champions League and four in the Europa League.

There they drew 0-0 with Schalke as Drew Richardson netted the winning penalty to earn Town a quarter-final tie against Copenhagen that finished 1-1 before the Hatters then lost in the shoot-out.

The young Hatters beat Dusseldorf 2-0 to finish sixth with Corey Panter named their player of the tour.

Broughton added: "To finish in the top eight teams in such a big tournament is an amazing achievement. The boys played great football throughout, showing what a depth of quality that age group has."

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5 STEPS TO EXCELLENCE



With grass roots youth football leagues soon to get under way after the summer break our 10 Football Development Centres programme based in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire start up again from Monday 12th September.

The purpose of our talent identification programme is to provide high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers whether they are ambitious players wanting to progress towards becoming a professional or a newcomer wanting to develop the basic skills.

The list of venues and term dates are all listed overleaf and each term cost £45, which includes nine practical sessions and a trial match.

All players receive an end-of-term report on their development, and for those players who the coaches feel have shown the right level of ability and attitude during the term, the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/Centre of Excellence or Academy. This is offered to players who display talent and can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

Our successful TIPS Development programme is now in its sixth year of operation and the Club's youth section prides itself on the high calibre of its

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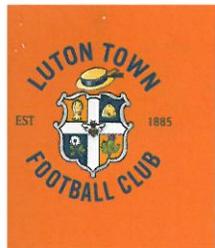
To enrol on our TIPS programme for this term is really easy: you can download our application form at www.ltyd.co.uk, email us at tips.ltfc@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01582 583618 for further information and to register a place.

Players need to be in at least school year 2 from September to be eligible for a place and up to school year 11.

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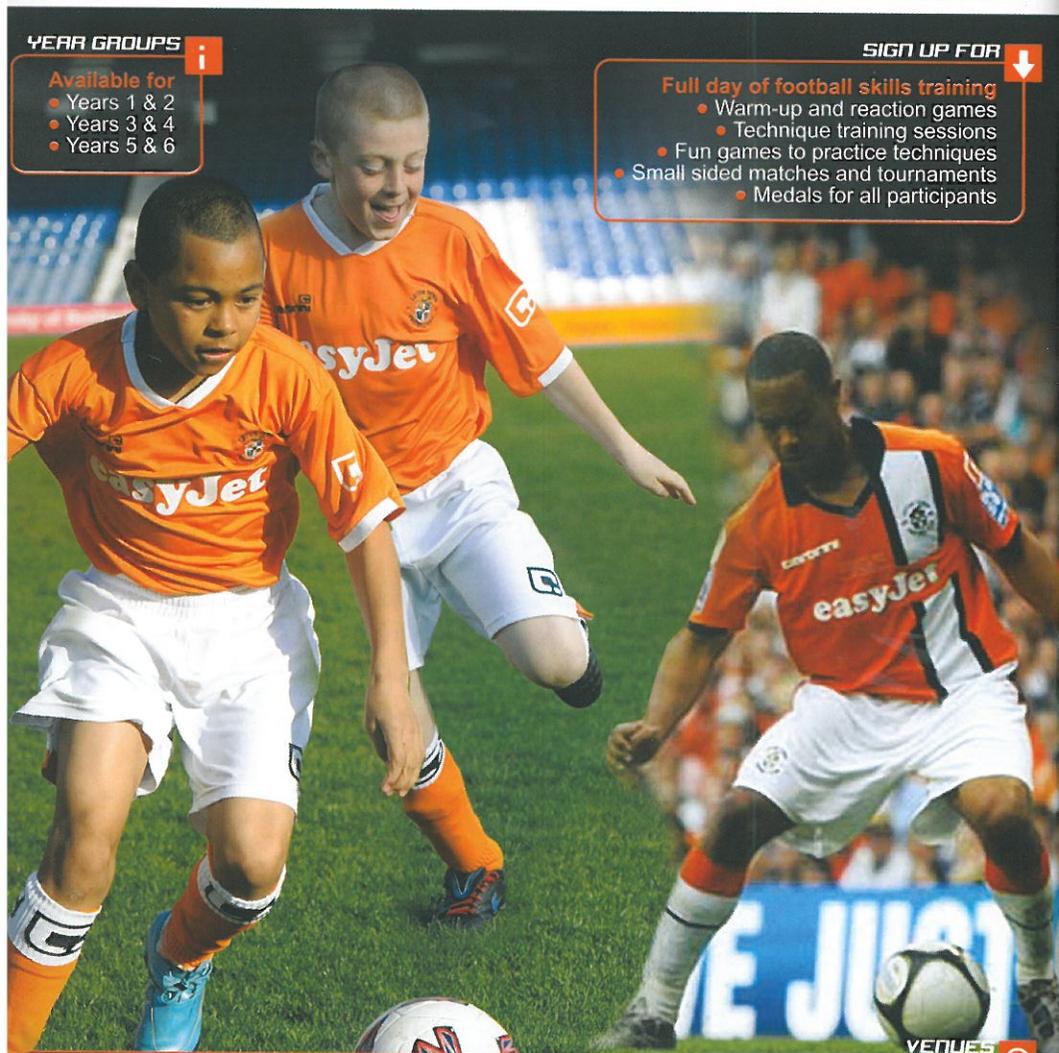
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HEATS

HARPENDEN

Venue: Sir John Lawes School, Manland Way
 Dates: Mon 25th to Fri 29th July
 Tues 30th & Wed 31st August

HITCHIN

Venue: Hitchin Boys School, Grammar School Walk
 Dates: Mon 1st to Wed 3rd August
 Mon 15th to Wed 17th August

PITSTONE

Venue: Memorial Playing Fields
 Dates: Tues 2nd to Thurs 4th August

BARTON

Venue: Arnold Middle School, Hexton Road
 Dates: Wed 3rd to Fri 5th August
 Wed 24th to Fri 26th August

BEDFORD

Venue: Newnham Middle School, Polhill Avenue
 Dates: Wed 3rd to Fri 5th August
 Wed 31st August to Fri 2nd September*
 Venue: Harrowden Middle School, Oak Road
 Dates: Wed 17th to Fri 19th August

BIGGLESWADE

Venue: Edward Peake Middle School, Potton Road
 Dates: Mon 1st to Wed 3rd August

BROMHAM

Venue: Bromham Lower School, Grange Lane
 Dates: Mon 25th to Wed 27th July

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 Mon 8th to Wed 10th August
 Tues 30th August to Fri 2nd September

FLITWICK / AMPHILL

Venue: Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingly Road
 Dates: Mon 25th to Wed 27th July
 Mon 8th to Wed 10th August*
 Tues 30th August to Thurs 1st September

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Venue: Daubeney Middle School, Orchard Street
 Dates: Mon 8th to Wed 10th August

LUTON & BEDS

HOUGHTON REGIS

Venue: Thomas Whithead Lower School, Angels Lane
 Dates: Tues 23rd to Thurs 25th August

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 Mon 22nd to Wed 24th August

LUTON

Venue: Playfootball.net, Stopsley, St Thomas's Road
 Dates: Mon 1st to Wed 3rd August
 Mon 15th to Wed 17th August*
 Tues 30th August to Fri 2nd September
 Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road
 Dates: Mon 25th to Fri 29th July
 Mon 8th to Friday 12th August
 Mon 22nd to Fri 26th August*

POTTON

Venue: Burgoyne Middle School, Mill Lane
 Dates: Mon 1st & Tues 2nd August

SANDY

Venue: Robert Peel Lower School, Dapifer Drive
 Dates: Tues 9th to Thurs 11st August

SHEFFORD / HENLOW

Venue: Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road
 Dates: Wed 27th to Fri 29th July
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LUTON LADIES

A new-look Town Ladies side gained their second win of the season with a 1-0 away win at Crystal Palace last week.

The vast stands of the National Athletics Stadium proved inspirational for the Hatters and clever close control from Lydia Radley saw her break into the box but her shot was smothered by the Palace goalkeeper.

Neither side seemed able to gain the ascendancy in a closely contested first half although the Town were grateful to goalkeeper Hollie Staples who pulled off a good save from a cross-cum-shot.

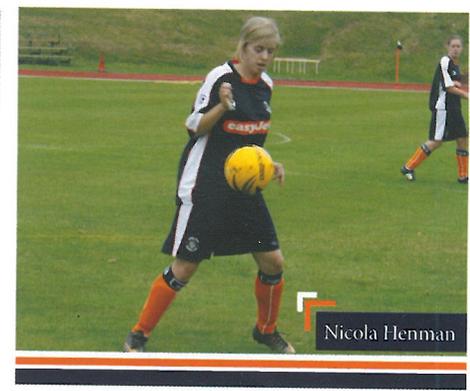
The second half began far more brightly as Luton began to take control by winning the ball back in the attacking third.

The introduction of Rebecca Scott down the left flank seemed to act as a catalyst, and her neat cross was fired narrowly wide by Jess McKay.

Laura Day then tested the Palace goalkeeper with a 20-yard dipping shot that was pushed over the crossbar.

The Town continued to hit their hosts on the counter attack and took the lead following a crude professional foul 25-yards from goal.

The home defence were slow to organise and Nicola Henman had the presence of mind to take a quick free-kick which flew into the net off the underside of the bar.



Nicola Henman

Just five minutes later an almost identical free-kick from Henman again crashed against the bar but this time the ball bounced to safety.

The Hatters then survived the Eagles only worthwhile attack of the second half when Staples did enough to force the Palace striker to shoot against the outside of the post.

Manager Dave Baker was pleased with the display against the Eagles: "This was a fine battling performance where the players followed a game plan and, although it is nice to play flowing football at times, we are playing to win and winning ugly is sometimes necessary.

"The upcoming fixtures will be a tough test for an inexperienced squad but their team spirit is as good as I have known."

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ON THIS DAY

WITH SIMON PITTS

8

The number of matches previously played at Kenilworth on this date, with Luton winning three, losing one and drawing four times. The Hatters have scored 14 goals and conceded 11.

88

The number of years since the first match on this date and Northampton Town were the visitors for a Division Three (South) match. The match finished 1-1 with John Green scoring for the Hatters.

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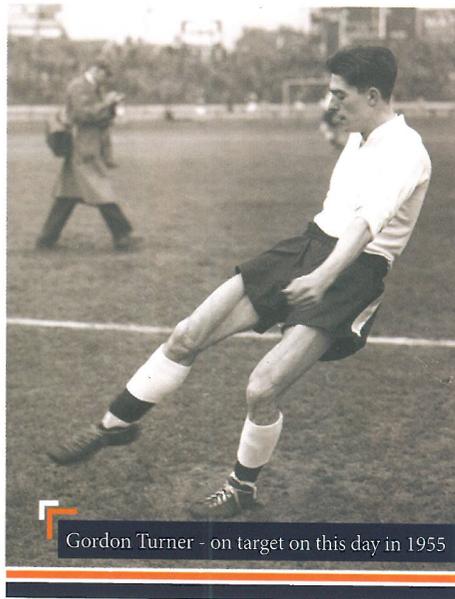
The number of years between home fixtures on this date, and Northampton were the opponents once again. Arthur Mills, on his Luton debut and Doug Rowe were the scorers as the Hatters won 2-1.

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The only time that the Town have failed to score on this day also ended in defeat as Birmingham City won 1-0 in a Division Two match in 1952.

1

The first ever top flight game at Kenilworth Road came on this date in 1955 when Tottenham Hotspur were beaten 2-1 courtesy of goals from George Cummins and Gordon Turner. This game also saw the largest attendance for the eight fixtures on 27th August, with 21,143 watching Luton's first win in Division One.



Gordon Turner - on target on this day in 1955

6

The most goals scored on this date came in 1960 when Luton and Sunderland shared six in a Division Two fixture. Dave Pacey, Joe McBride and Billy Bingham scored for the Hatters.

2

The second top flight match on this date at Kenilworth Road was also the second consecutive draw on 27th August. Arsenal were the visitors and they behind to an early goal from Emeka Nwajioji. Mal Donaghy scored an own goal after the break to level before Brian Stein restored the Hatters lead. Arsenal took a share of the points with an equaliser from Tony Woodcock.

10

The number of years since the last home game on this date, and Southend were the visitors once again. Mark Rawle was shown a straight red card for the visitors in the first half, and Luton's keeper Carl Emberson also saved a penalty before the break. It took two goals in the last 10 minutes for the Hatters to win the game, courtesy of Carl Griffiths and Andrew Fotiadis.

NLP VIEW

WITH SAM ELLIOTT

So, how much can you read into the start of a new season?

It's been the rip-roaring opening to the campaign we all hoped for. Goals aplenty, controversy around many corners and – what most won't admit to enjoying – a few surprise names leading the various leagues.

Football is back, and with a typical bang.

The question on the lips of the shock leaders going into this weekend's programme is can they possibly stay the pace?

There's a certain glow about the Blue Square Bet Premier with Gateshead adorning top spot. There was no summer fanfare from manager Ian Bogie so a 10-point return from their first four matches sees the Heed heading in the right direction.

You'll forgive me for avoiding pointing out the similarities with Wrexham.

The only things these clubs have in common is the colour of the seats in their stadium, and the same number of points on the board.

Wrexham's start defies the off-field drama engulfing the club over the summer. Only cleared to play a matter of days before the big-kick off after being issued an ultimatum by the Conference, can Dean Saunders complete a stunning turn around and stay the pace – or will there be yet more chaos around the corner?

Last year it was two of the eventual promotion winners that led the way with Crawley and Wimbledon racing out of the starting blocks. This year's fancied few, Luton and Fleetwood, will be wanting to kick-on. York City with three victories from four are well-placed – Tuesday night's 5-1

hammering of Kettering will not go unnoticed.

Two of the teams that sat in the bottom four at the end of last August went down, and two escaped – so those below that dreaded dotted line come 5pm today shouldn't concern themselves too much just yet.

The Blue Square Bet North has a romantic look to it. Close to closure a matter of months ago, Hyde sit proudly joint top with Jim Harvey's Stalybridge Celtic – the youthful full-timers – also boasting a 100 per cent start.

You already get the feeling the Blue Square Bet South will be one of the best for years. After being dominated by Braintree last season and Newport the year before, it's up for grabs this time.

Dartford and Welling have started like a steam train – title favourites Woking need to start turning draws into wins after being blunted twice in the last seven days by Boreham Wood and Eastleigh.

Chorley are the only 100 per centers in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier while in the newly re-named Evo-Stik Southern, the same can be said of AFC Totton.

Big-bucks Brackley, managed by Jon Brady, will be more confident this time around after their great start. They're second and scoring goals.

The Ryman Premier is still in its fledging stages having begun a week later than the rest. Newcomers Wingate have started where they left off last season and top the table, with Hendon good at both ends of the pitch, just behind.

But as we know, starts mean nothing if you can't follow it up!



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HAYES & YEADING UNITED v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Please note the change in kick-off time for this match.

This game will be played at Kingfield, the home of Woking Football Club.



Allocation: 2,000 seats

Sales plan: This game is pay on the night for Luton supporters via cash turnstiles.

Prices: Adult £12, Over 65/Under 16s £8, Under 7s FREE.



STOCKPORT COUNTY v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Please note the date and time of this game.

The match will be screened live on Premier Sports.



Allocation: 1,200 seats.

Sales plan: This game is pay on the night for Luton Town supporters.

Prices: £16 adults, £11 over 65s and under-21s, £3 under-16s.

GETTING TO...HAYES & YEADING UNITED – KINGFIELD

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £14 adults, £12 concessions. Departure: 4pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £14 adults, £12 concessions. Departure: TBC.

Car: Leave the M25 at junction 11 and take the A317 and then the A320 towards Woking. Continue on the A320 through Woking town centre. After passing a hospital on your left you will come to a fork in the road, where you want to leave the A320 and branch left into Claremont Road towards Old Woking (A247). At the bottom of Claremont Road turn left onto the A247 Kingfield Road and the entrance to the ground is down on the right.

For the sat-nav: GU22 9AA

By train: Woking train station is about a mile away from the ground and is around a 15-20 minute walk. The station is served by trains from London Waterloo.

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Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £20 adults, £17 concessions. Departure: 2pm.

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Car: M1 north, M6 to junction 19. Take the A556 towards Manchester/Altrincham. Then join the M56 towards Manchester Airport. After a few miles leave the M56 and join the M60 towards Stockport. Leave the M60 at Junction 1 and head towards Stockport. Turn right at the second set of traffic lights to go onto the A560 towards Cheadle. Then turn left into Edgeley Road (there is a pub on the left hand corner at the lights at this junction). The ground is down this road on the right.

For the sat-nav: SK3 9DD

By train: Stockport railway station is in walking distance of the ground (around half a mile). Come out of the station and turn left up Station Road, and continue up the hill towards the roundabout. Go straight over the roundabout and turn left into Caroline Street for the ground.

FIXTURES & RESULTS



DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
August									
Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*	Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Duce*, O'Connor**	M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye***, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow	Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town						
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United						

September									
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County						TV
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington						
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United						
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City						
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City						
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City						
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United						

October									
Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow						
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers						
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United						
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead						
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham						TV
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town						

November									
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town						
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United						
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County						
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United						

December									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Stockport County						
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City						
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth						
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town						

January									
Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town						
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County						
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport						
Tue 24	19:45	H	Mansfield Town						
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town						

February									
Sat 4	15:00	A	Barrow						
Sat 11	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers						
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth						
Sat 25	15:00	A	Darlington						

March									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City						
Tue 6	19:45	A	Wrexham						
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbsfleet United						
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead						
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town						
Sat 31	15:00	H	York City						

April									
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town						
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United						
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town						
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers						
Sat 28	15:00	A	Fleetwood Town						



All smiles after Danny Crow's goal against Southport

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Gateshead	4	3	1	0	10	4	6	10
2 Wrexham	4	3	1	0	8	2	6	10
3 York City	4	3	0	1	10	4	6	9
4 Braintree Town	4	2	1	1	8	2	6	7
5 Barrow	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
6 Kidderminster Harriers	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
7 Fleetwood Town	4	2	1	1	3	4	-1	7
8 Tamworth	4	2	1	1	3	4	-1	7
9 Stockport County	4	1	3	0	4	3	1	6
10 LUTON TOWN	3	1	2	0	7	3	4	5
11 Forest Green Rovers	4	1	2	1	8	5	3	5
12 Newport County	4	1	2	1	7	4	3	5
13 Darlington	4	1	2	1	2	2	0	5
14 Lincoln City	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
15 Cambridge United	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
16 Hayes & Yeading	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
17 Kettering Town	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
18 Grimsby Town	4	1	1	2	2	8	-6	4
19 AFC Telford United	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
20 Mansfield Town	4	0	3	1	3	6	-3	3
21 Ebbsfleet United	4	0	2	2	3	5	-2	2
22 Bath City	4	0	2	2	2	5	-3	2
23 Southport	4	0	2	2	4	10	-6	2
24 Alfreton Town	4	0	2	2	3	10	-7	2

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON						CAREER			
	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DISCIP	TOTAL					
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	2(1)	0	0(0)	0	2(1)	0	0	72	72	
Will ANTWI	3(0)	2	0(0)	0	3(0)	2	0	3	3	
Matthew BARNES-										
HOMER	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	0	81	81	
Dean BECKWITH	3(0)	1	0(0)	0	3(0)	1	1	0	3	3
Shane BLACKETT	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	39	39
Danny CROW	1(1)	1	0(0)	0	1(1)	1	1	0	37	37
James DANCE	3(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	0	0	0	3	3
Dan GLEESON	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	43	43
Jake HOWELLS	3(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	0	0	0	134	134
Keith KEANE	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	1	0	245	245
Alex LAWLESS	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	1	0	31	31
Amari MORGAN-										
SMITH	1(1)	1	0(0)	0	1(1)	1	1	0	29	29
Freddie MURRAY	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	79	79
Aaron O'CONNOR	3(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	0	0	0	3	3
Curtis OSANO	3(0)	0	0(0)	0	3(0)	0	1	0	3	3
George PILKINGTON	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	131	131
Kevin PILKINGTON	1(0)	0	0(0)	0	1(0)	0	0	0	19	19
Godfrey POKU	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	19	19
Mark TYLER	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	0	0	96	96
Dan WALKER	0(1)	0	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	20	20
Adam WATKINS	2(0)	1	0(0)	0	2(0)	1	0	0	8	8
Robbie WILLMOTT	1(1)	1	0(0)	0	1(1)	1	0	0	20	20

LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

If all managers the length and breadth of the country stick to their guns, then hardly any of them will have any idea what their respective league tables currently look like.

Hatters boss Gary Brabin has admitted he doesn't view the division until at least the 10-12 game mark, and the well-worn quotes, "it's a marathon not a sprint", "we'll be there or thereabouts" and "nothing is won in August" are bound to have been printed in many a newspaper over the past few weeks.

There's good reason for not getting too carried away with the early results and positions though. A quick glimpse at the Blue Square Bet Premier table sees Gateshead proudly sitting in the number one spot, York City and Wrexham occupying the first two Play-Off spots, with, wait for it, today's opponents Braintree Town and Barrow.

Not many supporters seriously expect the current leaders to be in with a shout come the end of the season, a fact reflected by sponsors Blue Square having them at 33/1 to take the title, while Braintree and Barrow are even less likely to keep up the current success, both way out at 80/1 to lift the trophy.

It is refreshing this season to view a Crawley-free Conference table, as after a few months in last campaign, it became blindingly obvious they were going to steamroller their way to promotion.

This year, a whole host of teams have aspirations of making the Football League, as although the new campaign is just four games in - three in Luton's case - there have been further examples of football for the umpteenth time being a 'funny old game'.

Not many would have picked Barrow to crash four without reply past joint favourites Fleetwood in the week, while York City's 1-0 loss at home to AFC Telford the previous Saturday, as someone in the press box put it, was a real coupon buster.

Supporters on the other hand are a completely different breed when it comes to league tables.

In fact anyone supporting the likes of Arsenal, Barnsley, Bournemouth, Accrington Stanley and AFC Telford positively relish the fact they sit on top before the a ball has even been kicked and from the first game are scanning who is where in the division.

Oh yes and for any fans who are towing the party line and haven't checked the league table yet, turn away now.

At the time of penning this column, which was before the games between Fleetwood and York, along with Stockport's trip to Lincoln on Friday night, Hatters were sitting comfortable in 10th with five points.

If results go their way, a win today could lift them to within two points of top spot, but then again, nothing's won in August is it?

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Antwi strike earns Hatters a late draw

By Mark Wood



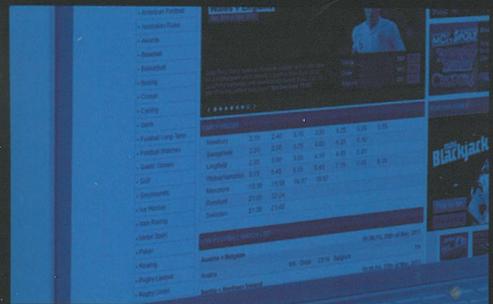
LUIS ALVARO ANTWI earned Luton a late draw against Barnsley on Saturday night as he scored a crucial goal in the 87th minute to level the score at 1-1.

The striker's goal came after a period of intense pressure from the Hatters, who had been unable to break the Barnsley defence for much of the first half. Antwi's strike was the result of a well-worked set-piece, with the ball hitting the back of the net after a header from the Argentine forward.

The draw means Luton remain in 10th place in the Blue Square Bet Premier table, while Barnsley stay in 11th. The match was a tactical battle, with both sides showing defensive solidity.

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LUTON TOWN

BRAINTREE TOWN (1) 1

- Mark Tyler 1
- Dan Gleeson 2
- Freddie Murray 3
- Keith Keane 4
- Dean Beckwith 5
- George Pilkington 6
- Alex Lawless 7
- Amari Morgan-Smith 8
- Matthew Barnes-Homer 9
- Danny Crow 10
- Robbie Willmott 11
- Shane Blackett 12
- Aaron O'Connor 14
- Jake Howells 15
- Ed Asafu-Adjaye 16
- Will Antwi 17
- Curtis Osano 18
- James Dance 19
- Charlie Henry 21
- Alex Lacey 24
- Godfrey Poku 25
- JJ O'Donnell 26
- Adam Watkins 28
- Dan Walker 29
- Kevin Pilkington 30
- Lewis Kidd 31
- Ash Deeney 32
- Ryan Dasilva 33
- Christian Tavernier 36
- Rissock 5

- 1 Nathan McDonald
- 2 Ryan Peters
- 3 Aswad Thomas
- 4 Adam Bailey-Dennis
- 5 Matt Paine
- 6 Jai Reason
- 7 Nicky Symons
- 8 Kenny Davis
- 9 Sean Marks
- 10 Ben Wright
- 11 Jamie Guy
- 12 Mark Jones
- 14 Sean Francis
- 15 Brad Quinton
- 16 Pat O'Connor
- 17 Andrew Yiadom
- 18 Leon Constantine
- 19 Chibuzor Chilaka
- 21 David Stevens
- 22 Ashlee Jones
- 23 Merrick James-Lewis
- 24 Kevin McLeod

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