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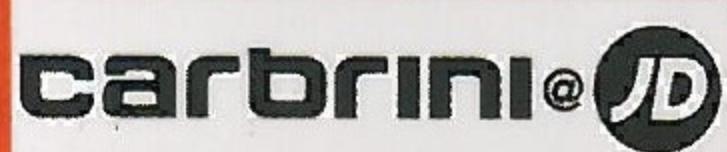


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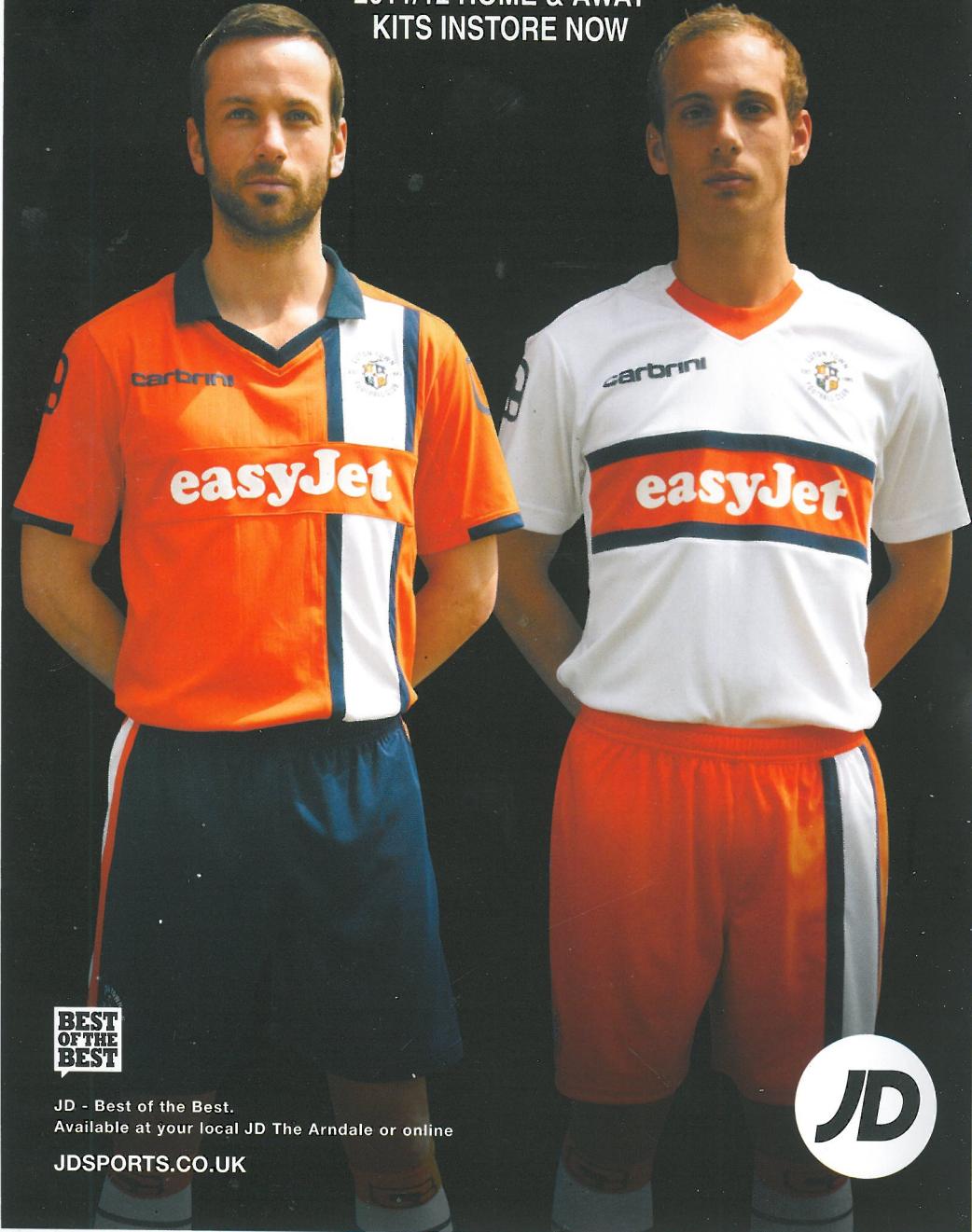
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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's Blue Square Bet Premier fixture with Lincoln City.

I must give a warm welcome to Steve Tilson, his players and staff plus the directors and supporters of Lincoln to Bedfordshire this afternoon.

Lincoln's start to the campaign has been widely documented but we know that football is a funny old game. They will be out to right the wrongs of recent weeks. It is fair to say that with the talent in the squad they are currently lying in a false position in the table.

Like all teams we've had them watched and in those games they have been unlucky not to win matches they've actually gone and lost.

Especially at this early stage of the season it is dangerous to write any team off and you do so at your peril. It only takes a couple of good results to change your season's destiny and I'm sure Steve and his team will be thinking they can kick-start their campaign by winning here today.

Back-to-back wins for ourselves have propelled us into the top five for the very first time this season and it's nice to finally be on an even keel with everyone, having played our game in hand during the week.

It's sometimes difficult not to look at the league table and it did become frustrating sometimes to see us a game behind everyone.

Naturally after our last two results confidence is high but we must guard against complacency, especially against a former League side like Lincoln.

However I am absolutely delighted with the players' performances in the last two matches to record successive 2-0 victories.

I've frequently been telling the players to cut out the silly mistakes that have cost us points when in winning positions and I couldn't be happier with the way they have taken on board what I've asked in the last two fixtures.

Keeping a clean sheet gives us the platform to build on. I know that if we can cut out the mistakes and concentrate on keeping a clean sheet we are

more than capable of scoring the goals at the other end which will win us games.

Against Darlington we were up against a physical side and I thought we were excellent to keep our patience after a goalless half-an-hour. It was a thoroughly deserved three points against a team that will be there or thereabouts come the end of the season.

The game also marked the debut of Jamie Hand, who I'd like to welcome to the club. Jamie has been in impressive form at Hayes & Yeading, playing well against us earlier this season. He gives us added competition for place in the centre of the park and was an excellent calming influence against Darlington.

It was a professional performance at Telford on Tuesday where we took advantage of our game in hand to register our first away win of the season.

In truth we could have scored more goals but after we went down to 10 men it was always going to be backs to the wall stuff but the defence stood firm and to keep another clean sheet was vital.

I had been disappointed in previous away games that we had lost concentration and it's pleasing to see that the players have reacted accordingly.

With the squad stretched as it is at the moment it's encouraging to be unbeaten after eight games but we know there's a long way to go.

Regardless of our record or position in the table teams will always raise their game against us. We've done well so far but there is plenty more to come and there's always room for improvement.

Your support at Telford was absolutely fantastic. To take 500 away on a Tuesday night is terrific and I'm pleased your backing was rewarded with a victory and a fine performance.

Thank you and get behind us again this afternoon.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DAVID BLAKEMAN

Welcome to today's game.

To be writing these notes is an incredible honour for me. I've supported Luton since I was seven (i.e. for the last 44 years) and can honestly say that, for the vast bulk of that time, had anyone told me that one day I might one day be a Director of the Club and writing these notes, I would have laughed!

I think, in retrospect, it is slightly bizarre that I support Luton at all. That is because, although I was born in Luton, I was born to parents who had no real connection to the Town, and who moved away from Luton to Merseyside in 1964, when I was four.

Furthermore, my Dad was not really a football fan and did nothing to encourage any interest in football. Everyone at school was a fan of Liverpool, Everton, Tranmere or Chester. Logically, some might say, I should have supported one of those clubs.

Happily, however, fate played its part. I saw a photograph, in 1968, of the Fourth Division championship winning side, and realised that these magnificent sportsmen represented the town of my birth.

From that point my interest grew and grew. In 1973 when I persuaded my bemused Father to take me on the 400-mile round trip to my first game (against Aston Villa at home, 0-0) I was hooked.

To this day, it is a source of dispute between my brother (also a fanatical Hatter) and myself as to whether it was John Faulkner of Luton, or Alan Little of Aston Villa, who hit the crossbar in what must have been, to those who were seasoned regulars, a desperately boring match. To me, of course, shaking with excitement, it was impossibly exciting.



Since then I've seen vast numbers of games (all of them, I think, in the First Division season following our promotion in 1981/82) and have experienced the ridiculous emotional highs and lows that are an indivisible part of supporting a club that spends so little time in any one division. I've also made lifelong friends, just by virtue of standing in the same place on the old Oak Road home terrace.

The reality is, of course, that by comparison with some of our insanely loyal fans, I'm a part timer.

I think of Keith, from Liverpool, who I see at every game, and who travels down for every single match from Toxteth. For that matter, my managing director, Gary Sweet, who has not missed a single match since 2020 took over, and Mike Herrick, a fellow director, who travels from near Wrexham to just about every game.

For me, being a Luton fan is dealing with the incredible ups and downs that supporting this special club brings. For anyone who stood on the terraces at Maine Road, Derby in 1990, Wembley, for our various appearances there, or, much more distressingly, for the forlorn performance against Notts County in 1992, the agony and ecstasy of supporting Luton is easily understood.

I have been brought in as a director to help with a number of different things. By training, I am a lawyer. I have also got, however, significant experience of property transactions generally.

I hope, accordingly, to push forward, speedily, our proposals for a new stadium. I genuinely think, notwithstanding our current league position and the uncertain economic climate, that now is an excellent time to commence the search for a new ground. Of course, the process

will not be easy and, as a lover of this stadium, we cannot contemplate leaving Kenilworth Road without ensuring that any new ground can create the excitement that this famous old ground generates.

I also hope to improve relations with all members of the remarkable community that is Luton and to encourage as many Lutonians as possible to attend matches. To that end, I'm meeting community leaders and others in order to encourage attendance at games and, as a result, to increase the noise, atmosphere and fervour that I, for one, associate with Luton Town.

To turn to today's match, I have to say that, this season, the team really seems to have turned a corner. The recent acquisitions of Stuart Fleetwood, Jamie Hand, John Paul Kissack and others has really lifted, I feel, our spirits.

Everyone I speak to seems really excited at the prospects of promotion this season. For the first time in a little while, it seems as though we can win those awkward matches at places like Telford.

We didn't play prettily on Tuesday, but we did win comfortably. We're still unbeaten and I really hope we can keep up that record today against a Lincoln side who will be very keen to gain points from today's encounter, to put back on track a disappointing start to the season.

Although their current position is not what they would want, I feel sure that we'll have to battle and show all the determination we've showed in recent games to pick up all three points.

Enjoy the game and let's really cheer on the lads.

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Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):

Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

League One:

Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:

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Football League Division Three:

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Blue Square Premier:

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Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

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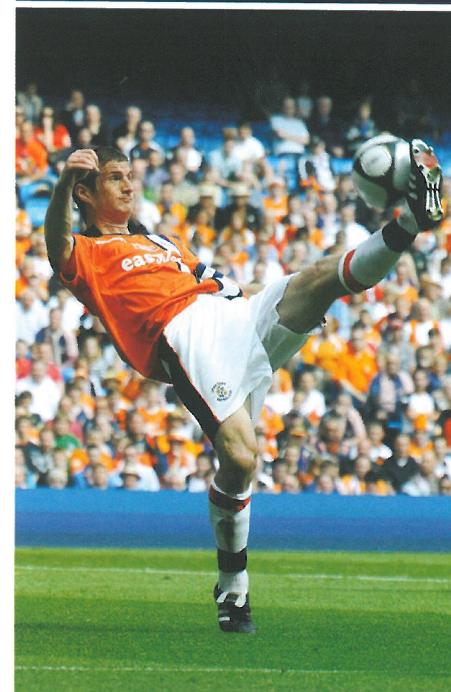
What an thoroughly encouraging week it's been. Two wins, six points and two clean sheets – you can't ask for more than that, can you?

Welcome back to you all to this afternoon's game with Lincoln City. The Imps have had a difficult start to this season but we are well aware of the threat they will pose us.

With the quality of players they have in their ranks I am sure they will improve their current position. Like ourselves, Lincoln are a former Football League side with a rich history and naturally they have ambitions of returning to the League.

As far as we're concerned we are happy with start to the season we've made. Four wins and four draws is a good return – but not great. We know we could – and should – have done better in a number of the games.

However, by the same token we know that you cannot win every game. Football just isn't like that.



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Naturally we're disappointed when we drop points and especially in games in which we have drawn the consensus has been that we should have done better. The manager wants improvement every week and with every game that has been evident.

I can't tell you how pleasing it's been watching the lads perform so far. It can't have been easy, especially for some of the new players, to come straight into the team but they've really hit the ground running. Dean Beckwith and Will Antwi have been immense for us.

The message from the manager has been to stop making silly mistakes and to concentrate on not conceding silly goals. In the past two matches we have kept two clean sheets. Fantastic stuff.

A clean sheet gives us the perfect platform to build on and gives the rest of the team an all-mighty confidence boost. With our attacking threat going forward capable of scoring goals then who knows what we can achieve.

Our second win of the week was record at Telford on Tuesday. It was our first away win of the season and the first time we've recorded back-to-back wins too.

It lifted us into third position in the league table and enabled us to catch-up with all the other teams in the division. It's still early days and it's great that we haven't been beaten yet and we want to keep it that way.

Personally it's been fantastic to see the team playing so well but obviously I have been frustrated with a spell on sidelines.

Thankfully, after numerous scans and visits to specialists, the troublesome injury has been identified and I should be returning to training in the next week. I haven't kicked a football since the Play-Off final and I'm itching to get back.

Your support has been fantastic so far this season, please keep it up and back the boys this afternoon – it really does make a difference.

Enjoy the game.



AROUND TOWN

SOLYD QUIZ NIGHT

Are you the Barcelona or the Barnet of the quiz world? Can you beat the SOLYD committee? Enter a team in the first SOLYD quiz night and demonstrate your knowledge. The winning team will walk away with a cash prize and there will be raffle prizes up for grabs as well.



The event takes place in the Eric Morecambe suite at the club on Thursday 29th September, kicking-off at 7.30pm.

Come along for an evening of fun and show how much you know about LTFC, football, sport and every subject under the sun.

You can have up to eight people in your team. If you would like to join in but do not have a team, register now and we will put you with some fellow Luton fans on the night. Places are limited so why not register your team or as an individual in advance by emailing contactSOLYD@gmail.com.

Entry to the quiz is £5 per person and includes a strip of tickets for the raffle. Free car parking will be available in the Maple Road car park.

All money raised will go to SoLYD to help

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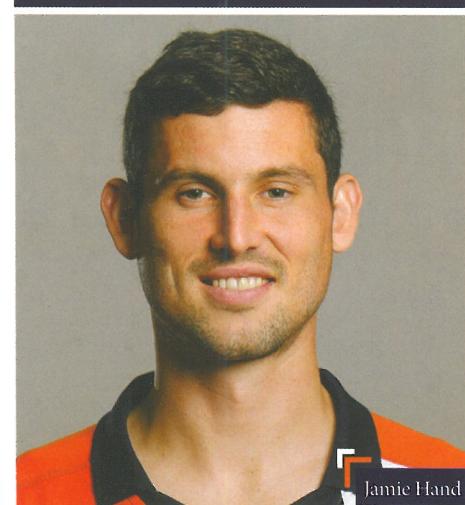
A HELPING HAND

The Hatters would like to welcome another new face to Kenilworth Road - Hayes & Yeading United captain Jamie Hand who has joined on loan until December.

The 27-year-old, 6ft central midfielder moves to Kenilworth Road on loan until December with a view to a permanent move.

It was then Hayes & Yeading boss Gary Haylock who persuaded him to join United in August last year after his form for Woking in the Blue Square Bet South had caught the eye.

Scoring on his debut in a victory at Grimsby Town, Hand settled in quickly to become a vital part of the United squad that avoided relegation last season.



Town boss Gary Brabin told Talk of the Town: "Jamie showed in the game against us last month what a good player he is.

"He is an excellent passer of the ball and can break up play - he's just what we're looking for.

"He's got great pedigree, is only 27 and has experience of playing at a much higher level."

Hand began his career with Watford, making 61 appearances in five years at Vicarage Road having burst on the scene for the Hornets in the Premier League. His performances led to him picking up the Young Player of the Year award in 2002/03.

After several loans spells Uxbridge-born Hand signed for Chester and then Lincoln City.

He moved to Ebbsfleet United in 2008/09 before enjoying spells with Chelmsford, Hemel Hempstead and Woking before moving to Hayes.

You can read an interview with Jamie on pages 46 and 47.

60 YEARS A HATTER

We'd like to welcome Shirley Hobbs to Kenilworth Road this afternoon who is celebrating her 60th year of being a Hatters fan.

A follower home and away, she is here today with her friends and family. Turn to page 31 to read Shirley's memory lane page.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Darlington went home even happier after the 2-0 win after picking up £545.

Stephen Collett of Luton walked away with the prize after his ticket number 05401 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Look out for our next draw of the season when we entertain Lincoln City this coming Saturday.

REST IN PEACE TARA

The Hatters were saddened to hear of the death of avid Town fan Tara Morgan on 4th September aged 20.



Tara Morgan

Tara was a avid Luton supporter and would go to see the hatters home and away and was a regular traveller on the Bobbers coach.

Well known by many supporters and players, she was a diamond season ticket holder in the enclosure with her two brothers, James and Aaron.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tara's family and friends at this difficult time.

LANDMARKS

Two Town players reached significant landmarks since we were last at Kenilworth Road.

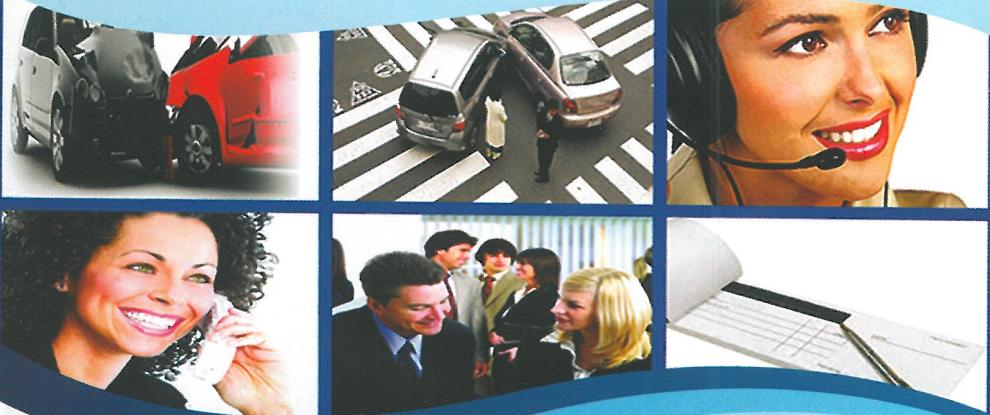
Goalkeeper Mark Tyler played his 100th game in Hatters colours in last Saturday's 2-0 win over Darlington while Keith Keane appeared for the 250th time for his home-town club in Tuesday's 2-0 victory over AFC Telford.

Congratulations to you both.

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WELCOME LINCOLN CITY



We extend a warm welcome to Lincoln City this afternoon, for the first fixture between the two sides at Kenilworth Road since the Town's 3-2 win in December 2008.

Much has changed for both clubs since then, and the Imps are now coming to terms with joining the Hatters in the Blue Square Bet Premier after relegation last season following an end-of-season slump. A run of nine defeats and a draw in the final ten games of the season consigned Lincoln to the drop, and a large-scale squad overhaul followed.

Talented former Rushden and Diamonds duo Alan Power and Sam Smith have joined Steve Tilson's side on one-year deals, while further non-league experience has been added with the acquisition of ex-Eastbourne striker Jamie Taylor – who scored 15 goals in the Blue Square Bet Premier last season – and John Nutter, who has made over 100 appearances at this level with Grays Athletic and Stevenage Borough.

Former Bournemouth, Carlisle and Gillingham centre-back Josh Gowling has been brought in as club captain, and adds experience and quality to the back four.

Though they have found the transition to Conference football a tricky one thus far, currently lying in a relegation position after defeats to the likes of Kettering and Braintree, the Imps will be hoping that their compact, multi-national squad has what it takes to build some momentum and move up the table before too long.

Having a goalscorer in your ranks is a crucial ingredient for success at any level, and Lincoln will be relying on Kyle Perry to hit the back of the net on a regular basis. With 17 goals last term for Tamworth he has a proven pedigree in the Conference, and his brace in the Imps' recent 2-1 win over AFC Telford shows that he has the ability to win crucial points for Tilson's side.



THE VISITORS

HISTORY

Formed in 1884 as an amateur association, Lincoln turned professional in the 1891/92 season. Originally they played at the John O'Gaunts ground, however, in 1895 they moved to their current ground, Sincil Bank.

Their championship honours include three Division 3 (North) championships in 1931/32, 1947/48 and 1951/52, a Division 4 championship in 1975/76.

The Imps' most recent championship was the Conference, in the 1987/88 season. This season saw the club set an all-time record attendance (which has only just been beaten by Oxford United) for a Conference match, attracting 9,432 spectators in a game against Wycombe Wanderers, on 2 May 1988, the last game of the season. The game also decided the championship, as Lincoln had not occupied the top-spot at any point in the season prior to this 2-0 victory.

Their highest ever position achieved came in the 1901/02 season, where they reached fifth place in the English Division 2. The last season that the club spent in this division was in 1960/61, they have never returned since.

In very recent history, the club have also been in the chase for promotion from the fourth tier via the play-offs five times, twice reaching the finals (2002/03 & 2004/05) and three times getting knocked out in the semi-finals (2003/04, 2005/06 & 2006/07), each time under the guidance of Keith Alexander with the exception of the 2006/07 play-offs. The failure to succeed in five successive play-off competitions is a record.

The last time Lincoln were in a higher league than League Two was in the 1998/99 season where they played in the Division 2 (after they had gained automatic promotion via third position the previous season).

Relegation last season means the Imps are back to the Conference after losing nine and drawing one of their final 10 games of the campaign. Relegation was confirmed on the last day of the season – a 3-0 home defeat to Aldershot.

MEET THE MANAGER

STEVE TILSON

Following the departure of Steve Wignall at Southend in November 2003 Steve was named caretaker-manager and not only steered the club to Football League safety, but also led them to their first ever national cup final, losing to Blackpool 2-0 in the Football League Trophy Final.

In March 2004, he accepted the manager's job on a full-time basis and just over 12 months later he saw his side lose to Wrexham in another Football League Trophy Final defeat before leading his team to an extra-time success over the Imps in the League Two Play-Off Final.

The following season Steve was named as the League Manager Association's Manager of the Season for League One having led Southend to the title, the club's first in 25 years, and a subsequent place in The Championship.

Although unable to avoid an immediate return to League One, a 1-0 win over Manchester United in the Carling Cup at Roots Hall brought Steve and his team more national exposure, and more cup heroics came in January 2009 as Southend held Chelsea 1-1 at Stamford Bridge in the third round of The FA Cup.

Relegated back to League Two last season amidst a financial crisis at Roots Hall, Southend placed Steve on gardening leave just five weeks before the current campaign got underway and in joining City in mid-October 2010 he became the 32nd person since the Second World War to occupy the Club's managerial post either permanently or as a caretaker.



IN OPPOSITION



Lincoln arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon in the bottom four following last Saturday's home defeat to Kettering.

After just eight games into the new season boss Steve Tilson has come under pressure from the Imps faithful but confirmed he would never stand down from the Sincil Bank hotseat after their latest setback.

"I will never resign and if the chairman's support wanes for me then so be it," said Tilson.

"Everyone has an opinion, everyone has a different view on what side you should be playing and you won't change them.

"But to the people who want to be patient, that's fantastic because there is no short-term fix at this football club.

"It's been on a downward spiral for some time now and we have to try to stabilise it and build it back up.

"I am still up for the challenge and we can turn it round. Okay we didn't play well against Braintree or Darlington, but outside of those two games we have been in every game we have played."

Tilson knows he's expecting a tough afternoon at Kenilworth Road but is confident his players can turn the corner against Gary Brabin's side – as long as they can be ruthless enough in front of goal.

"We should have won the Kettering game in the first half," he said. "When you are on top like that, you have to take your chances. They have had three and scored twice.

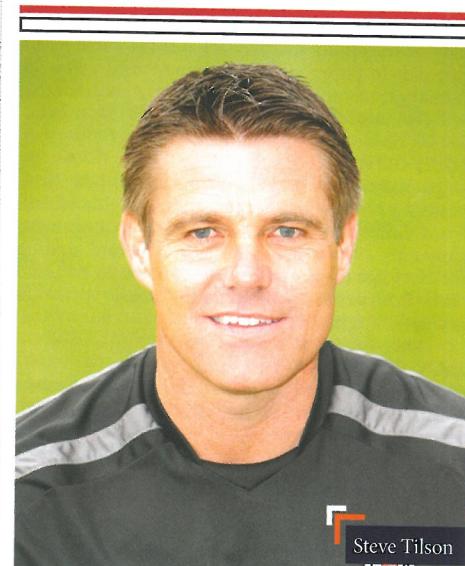
"We have to be more clinical and even before they scored we were the better

team. When they scored, you could see the lads looked as if the world was on their shoulders but that is when you have to show a bit of character and that is what I told the players.

"They looked deflated and the only positive we can take from it is how well we played for the first hour before they scored.

"The players are good enough to be further up the table, but we will come in Monday, work hard and try and get a result at Luton.

"And I've told the players that nothing is going to change because we have not got the finance to change them. They have to get us out of this. I've seen enough and worked with them to know we should not be where we are, but that is our situation."



Steve Tilson

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□ GOALKEEPERS

JOE ANYON

Former England Youth international goalkeeper Joe joined the Imps on a two-year deal in the summer of 2010, having been released by Port Vale following six seasons as a professional at Vale Park. Joe started his career as a youngster with Blackburn Rovers before joining the Valiants in 2004.

□ DEFENDERS

JOHN NUTTER

John, one of eight players released by Gillingham at the end of the 2010/11 season, penned a two-year contract at Sincil Bank. John, who can also operate on the left side of midfield, had spent the past four seasons with Gillingham, making over 150 appearances, having joined the Kent club from Stevenage.

ADAM WATTS

Having initially arrived at Sincil Bank on loan from Premier League side Fulham, becoming former manager Chris Sutton's first acquisition as City manager in the process, centre-back Adam put pen-to-paper on a permanent deal once the January transfer window opened on a contract that will run until the summer of 2012.

JOSH GOWLING

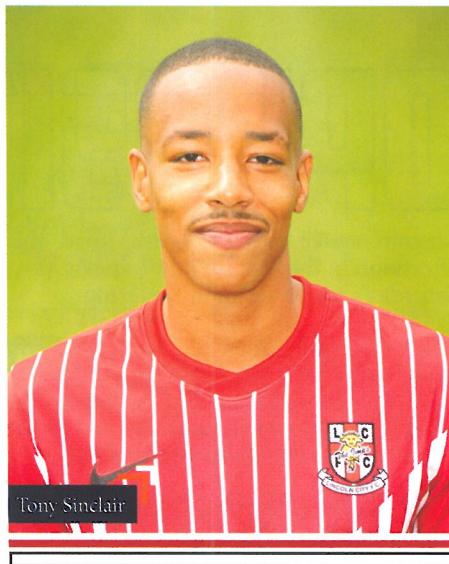
Imps captain who rejoined the club in July 2011, penning a two-year contract following his release from Gillingham. Coventry-born Josh began his career as a trainee at West Brom before signing for Herfolge in Denmark. He returned to England with Bournemouth and then Carlisle prior to going Gillingham in 2009.

DANIEL HONE

Centre-half who has risen through the youth ranks at Sincil Bank. Former captain of the Imps' youth team, signed a professional deal in the 2007/08 campaign. Falling out of favour he was loaned out to Darlington last season but returned in January and signed a one-year contract this summer.

TONY SINCLAIR

Lewisham-born Sinclair, who can operate at right-back or centre-half, was a youth with the Gills but



dropped down to non-League where he played for Beckenham, Fisher Athletic, Welling and Woking before returning to the Priestfield Stadium last summer, having impressed whilst on trial.

□ MIDFIELDERS

NICKY NICOLAU

Former Southend United and Barnet midfielder Nicolau penned a one-year deal with the Imps in July 2011, having been with the Club for the first week of pre-season training. Nicky has also had spells with Dover and Woking.

SIMON RUSSELL

Former Hull and Kidderminster winger Russell signed a one year deal with the Imps in July 2011 having been made available by Cambridge United. Simon joined Cambridge initially on loan from York City in January 2010 before signing a permanent deal the following summer.

JOSH O'KEEFE

Republic of Ireland Under-21 international midfielder Josh joined the Imps in the summer of 2010 following his release by Walsall. Having worked his way through the youth ranks at Blackburn Rovers before becoming a regular in the Premier League side's reserve team, Josh spent 12 months with Walsall, making 13 League appearances in League One for the Saddlers.

FRANCIS LAURENT

Paris-born winger who signed this summer on a one-year contract. He scored 10 goals in 62 games for Southend, leaving Roots Hall in 2010 returning to France with AFC Compiègne. He came back

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to England again last season with Northampton before joining the Imps this summer.

ALI FUSEINI

Former Millwall midfielder Ali joined the Imps on January 31st 2011. Ghanaian Ali was released by the Lions in the summer of 2010 having made 76 senior appearances in four seasons at the New Den and spent the 2010/11 pre-season with Leeds United who were interested in a permanent deal which didn't materialise.

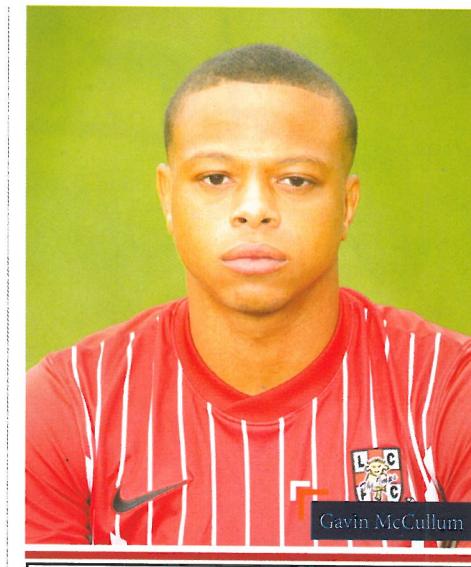
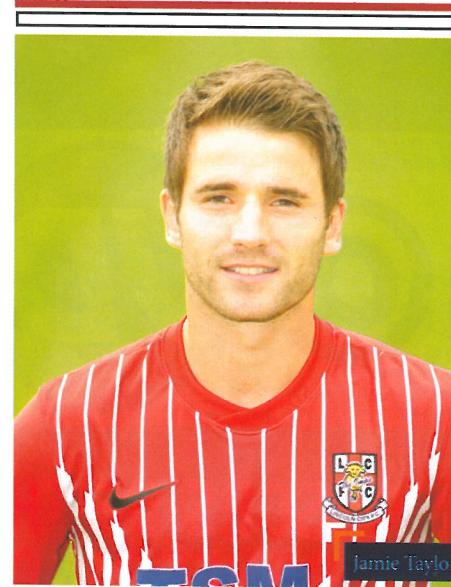
ALAN POWER

Former Republic of Ireland international midfielder who joined the Imps this summer following his release from Rushden & Diamonds. He started his career at Nottingham Forest but signed for Hartlepool in 2008. A regular at Nene Park he was named the Diamonds' Players' Player of the Year last term.

□ STRIKERS

JAMIE TAYLOR

Former Eastbourne Borough striker who became Steve Tilson's first signing of the summer. The Crawley-born frontman netted 25 times in two seasons at Priory Lane and has previously had spells with Horsham, Aldershot, Woking, Grays and Dagenham & Redbridge.



KYLE PERRY

Centre-forward who signed for the Imps this summer, penning a two-year deal after leaving Tamworth, for who he scored 18 goals last season. A former Walsall trainee, Perry has enjoyed spells with various non-league clubs in the West Midlands.

SAM SMITH

A product of the Rushden & Diamonds youth set-up Smith signed for the Imps this summer on a one-year deal. He ended the 2008/09 campaign as the Diamonds' top goalscorer and made over 60 appearances during his time at Nene Park.

GAVIN McCULLUM

Canadian Under-20 international forward who joined the Imps who joined from Hereford United in 2010. He began his career as a youngster with Yeovil before signing for Weymouth. He joined Sutton where his goals caught the attention of Hereford who signed him in 2009.

BRADLEY BARRACLOUGH

A former season ticket holder at Sincil Bank who spent three years in the USA studying for a degree in psychology, Bradley signed after sending the management staff a YouTube clip of his goalscoring exploits whilst playing in the States.



NAMES & GAMES

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS LOOKS AT LINCOLN CITY'S LEADING LIGHTS

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1975/76

Lincoln City stormed to the Fourth Division title with an all-time record 74 points in 1975/76. The only summer signing was John Fleming from Oxford United and Lincoln dropped just two points from nine games to go second in the table, also beating Stoke City in the League Cup second round. Graham Taylor's side bounced back from a 1-0 defeat at rivals Northampton to win 11 consecutive matches, leading the Fourth Division and reaching the FA Cup fourth round. Promotion was secured against Darlington with 11 games left and Lincoln clinched the title with a 5-0 win over Doncaster, scoring 111 League goals overall.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

GRAHAM TAYLOR

Graham Taylor gave Lincoln City fine service as both a player and manager. Previously with Grimsby Town, the full-back moved to Sincil Bank for £4,000 in July 1968 and featured in Lincoln's 1971/72 promotion near-miss. He scored once in 152 League outings for the Imps prior to becoming their manager in December 1972 and plotted the record-breaking 1975/76 Fourth Division title triumph. Taking charge of Watford in June 1977, he guided them from the Fourth Division to First and into Europe. He later managed Aston Villa (twice), England, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Watford again and now works in the media.

FAB FOUR

GLENN COCKERILL

Influential midfielder Glenn Cockerill was voted Lincoln City's 'Player of the Year' in 1982/83. A son of former Grimsby Town stalwart Ron Cockerill, he initially moved to Sincil Bank from Louth United in November 1976 and returned from a spell at Swindon Town in August 1981. He netted 35 goals in 186 League games overall for the Imps prior to joining Sheffield United for £140,000 in March 1984. Sold to Southampton for £225,000 in October 1985, he skippered them to two semi-finals and the ZDS Cup final in 1991/92. He played

for Leyton Orient and Fulham, then coached Brentford, Crystal Palace and Woking.

GARETH AINSWORTH

Skilful winger Gareth Ainsworth was voted Lincoln City's Player of the Year in two successive seasons. A former Blackburn Rovers trainee, he had spells with Northwich Victoria, Preston and Cambridge United prior to rejoining Preston in December 1992. He moved to Sincil Bank for £25,000 in October 1995 and was twice leading marksman, netting 37 goals in 83 League outings for Lincoln before being sold to Port Vale for £500,000 in September 1997. Joining Wimbledon for £2,000,000 in November 1998, he was plagued by injury problems and has since played for Walsall, Cardiff City, QPR and Wycombe Wanderers.

MICK HARFORD

No stranger to Kenilworth Road Mick was Lincoln's leading marksman in 1979/80 and later gained two England caps. Signing professional at Sincil Bank in July 1977, he netted 41 goals in 115 League games for Lincoln before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in December 1980. He moved via Bristol City and Birmingham to the Hatters for £250,000 in December 1984. A key figure in our 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph, he was sold to Derby County for £450,000 in January 1990 and then played for Luton again, Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. He has held various coaching and managerial posts including here at Kenilworth Road where he won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009.

JOHN FASHANU

Striker John Fashanu was capped twice by England after leaving Lincoln City. Initially at Norwich City with his older brother Justin, he joined Lincoln for £15,000 in September 1983 and netted 11 goals in 36 League outings while at Sincil Bank before being sold to Millwall for £55,000 in November 1984. He starred in their 1984/85 promotion success and FA Cup run, then joined Wimbledon for £125,000 in March 1986 and was a key figure in the 1988 FA Cup final triumph. A knee injury ended his career soon after he joined Aston Villa for £1,350,000 in August 1994 and he has since been a TV presenter and businessman.



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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.

Summer seems as though it's been and gone and while it may only be September, soon it will be Christmas.

We're in the midst of planning our Christmas celebration evening where our current management team will be joined by David Moss, who will be reminiscing about his time with the Town. The event will be held at the Luton Hoo and further information will be released in the Barrow programme.

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KEN AND LIANNE RILEY

Ken and Lianne Riley (pictured bottom left) are father and daughter and have been life-long Luton Town supporters. Ken is a local Roofing Contractor and Lianne is an Upper School Teacher in Dunstable.

Their favourite player is Keith Keane, the best game they've seen is the Littlewoods Cup Final win over Arsenal in 1988 while the best goal of all-time is Keith's last-minute winner against Oxford two seasons ago.

Along with Ken's wife Angie and son Marc they have season tickets in the David Preece Stand.

COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Please give a warm welcome to this afternoon's mascot who is seven-year-old Jack Skinner (pictured right) from Borehamwood.

Jack is football mad and his favourite Luton player is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

We'd also like to welcome Alexander Day who is celebrating his eighth birthday today.

Xander (pictured right) is attending today's game with his parents, Charlotte and Liam, his aunt Tracy Dixon, cousin George Dixon and friends Andrew Thomas, Cody Vincent-Jones, James and Luke.



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LOOK BACK



TOWN 2-0 DARLINGTON QUAKERS QUASHED



Town manager Gary Brabin was impressed with his team's performance in their 2-0 win over Darlington, hailing the clean-sheet and error-free performance that built on the improving performances of recent games.

"It was definitely an improvement because we got a clean sheet and I'm delighted with that," he said afterwards.

"I think our performances have been there so far, it's just a case of doing all the right things and I thought we thoroughly deserved the win today. It could have been even more and I thought it was a good solid team performance."

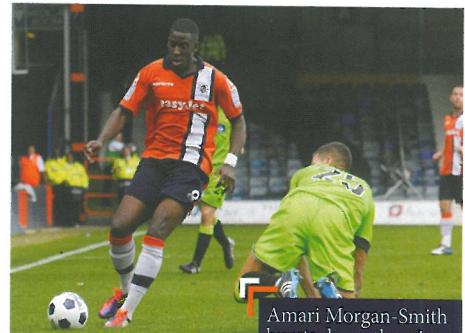
Goals from strikers Danny Crow – his third goal of the season – and home debutant Stuart Fleetwood were enough to see off the Quakers but it was the first clean sheet of the campaign that pleased the boss most.

"I thought Keane Keith was outstanding at centre-half last week at Stockport and probably would have kept his position there today," explained Brabin. "But Curtis Osano stubbed his toe last week and although we were hoping he'd be alright for today I just decided to stick Keith at right-back and bring Dean back – and I thought he was outstanding today as well."

"I'm delighted we've got our first clean sheet and I hope we go from strength to strength now. But I think that should be the standard and I'd like to see us get more clean sheets and hopefully that gives us a platform to build on."

Fleetwood, whose header 20 minutes from time from Robbie Willmott's corner sealed victory, was delighted to get off the mark on his home bow.

"For a striker you always want to score as soon



Amari Morgan-Smith
bursts down the wing

as you join a new club," he said. "I'm happy with my performance, a goal and assist, the team won and kept a clean sheet, you can't get much better than that, especially on your home debut."

"I had a few chances and their goalkeeper made some good saves but it's a good, solid start for me."

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler, on his 100th game of the club, had very little to do and praised the back four for helping him earn his first shut-out of the season.

"The defence have been great all season, we just needed to cut out the silly mistakes," said the Town number one. "Dean Beckwith's come back in and Keano's dropped to right back and the whole back four were excellent."

"We know if we can keep a clean sheet we'll always back ourselves to score at the other end. It's the platform you need to build on and hopefully we can take confidence from this."



TOWN

Crow 31, Fleetwood 71

DARLINGTON

2
0

Stuart Fleetwood is denied



TOWN: Tyler, Keane, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith (sub Dance 61), Crow (sub Kissack 85), Fleetwood. Subs not used: O'Connor, Watkins, K. Pilkinson.

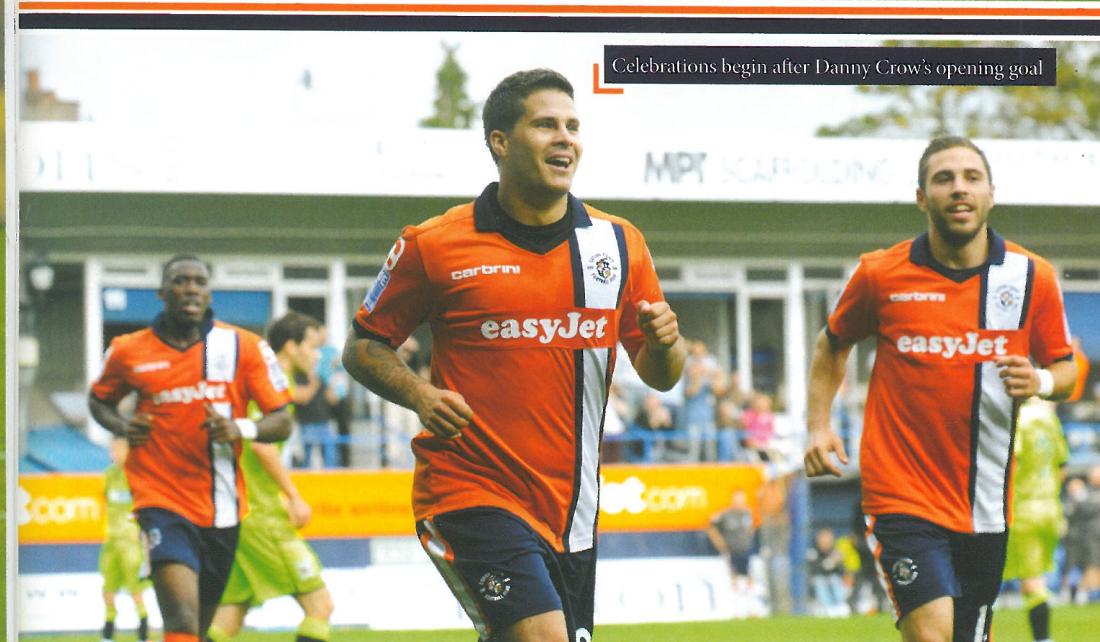
DARLINGTON: Russell, Purkiss, Lee, Miller, G. Taylor, Atkinson, Sanchez-Munoz, Rundle (sub Bridge-Wilkinson 64), Hatch (sub Campbell 76), Walshaw (sub Bowman 28). Subs not used: K. Taylor, Chandler.

ATTENDANCE: 5,962

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61%	39%
SHOTS ON TARGET	
6	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
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6	10



Mark Tyler punches clear



Celebrations begin after Danny Crow's opening goal



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LOOK BACK



AFC TELFORD 0-2 TOWN BUCKS BEATEN



"A really good, spirited performance" Gary Brabin described his side's 2-0 victory over AFC Telford United on Tuesday night, and he wasn't wrong.

Two goals from Amari Morgan-Smith did the damage, either side of half-time to take the former Ilkeston's man tally for the season to six goals, and ensure the Hatters clocked up their first back-to-back wins of the season.

And despite being reduced to 10 men midway through the second half following the dismissal of Ed Asafu-Adjaye the boss was thrilled with the way his team performed at the New Bucks Head.

"I thought it was a really good, spirited performance. We started well in the first 20 minutes and went 1-0 up but then possibly dropped a little too deep and invited them on and made it hard," he said afterwards.

"We still had some good chances to make it 2-0 in the first half. We addressed that at half time and I didn't even have to say too much - I think the lads knew.

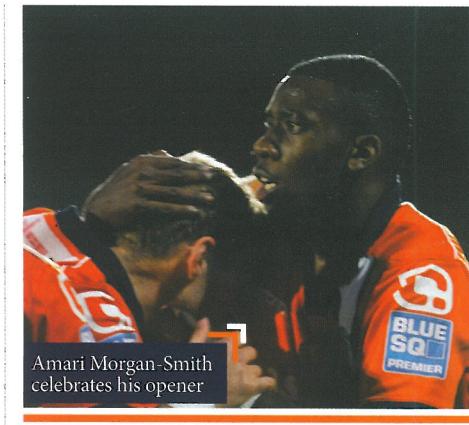
"We came out, scored a second, started brightly and played some good football. From that point I'd have liked to have thought we could go on from strength to strength but the sending off put us under a bit of pressure.

"I'm proud of the fact that not only have we won two games back-to-back, but we've kept two clean sheets.

"We've showed a lot of character in the last two games.

"It is hard when we are down to ten men but we defended fantastically."

"If we could have taken 60 per cent of that game, there was some fantastic football played by us, but the other 40 per cent, and certainly in the first half, we did the things which we've been punished for



Amari Morgan-Smith
celebrates his opener

"I was delighted that we were still 1-0 up with some of the mistakes that we made in the first half. We responded in the second half and were fantastic."

Morgan-Smith, who netted from close range in the first half after eight minutes before blasting his second home 19 seconds into the second half was thrilled to add to his season's tally.

"The manager's asked me to improve and I hope I'm repaying the faith he's shown in me," said the former Ilkeston forward. "I'm enjoying my football again and every time I step out onto the pitch I feel confident and feel as though I'm going to score."

"We've got a lot of competition for places all over the pitch and we know that if we don't perform we could be out of the side of the next game."

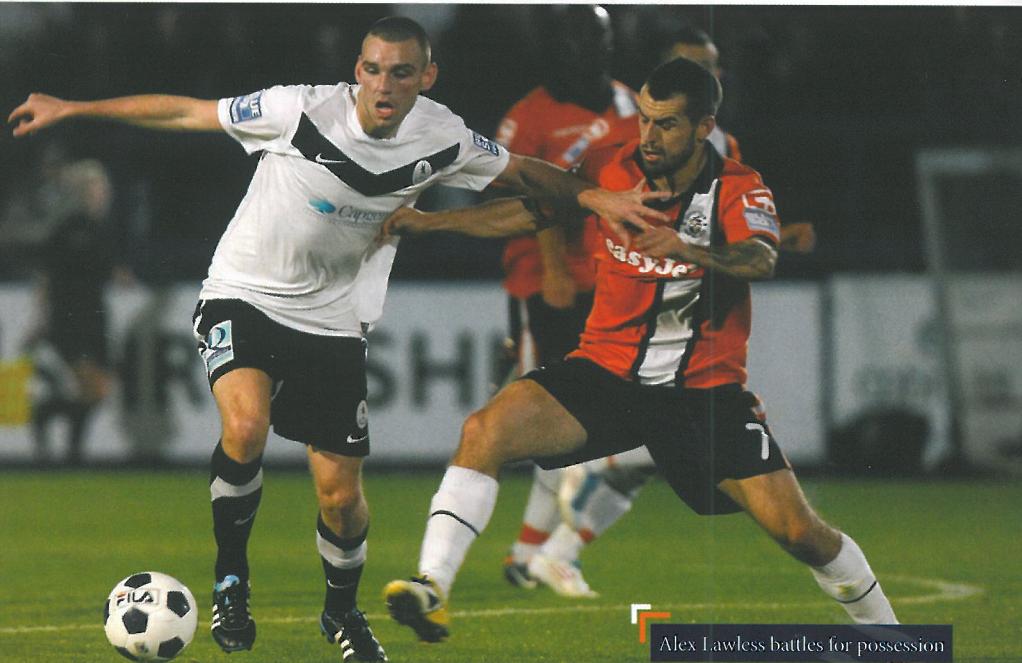
"The squad is really taking shape and while we'll be doing well at the moment we know there's plenty more to come."



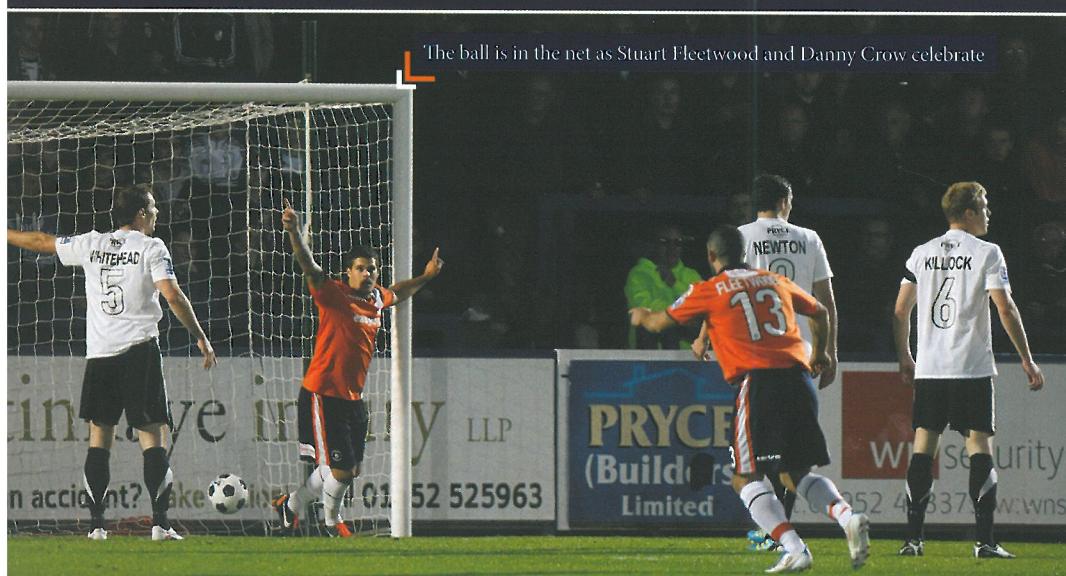
AFC TELFORD TOWN

Morgan-Smith 8, 46

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Alex Lawless battles for possession



The ball is in the net as Stuart Fleetwood and Danny Crow celebrate

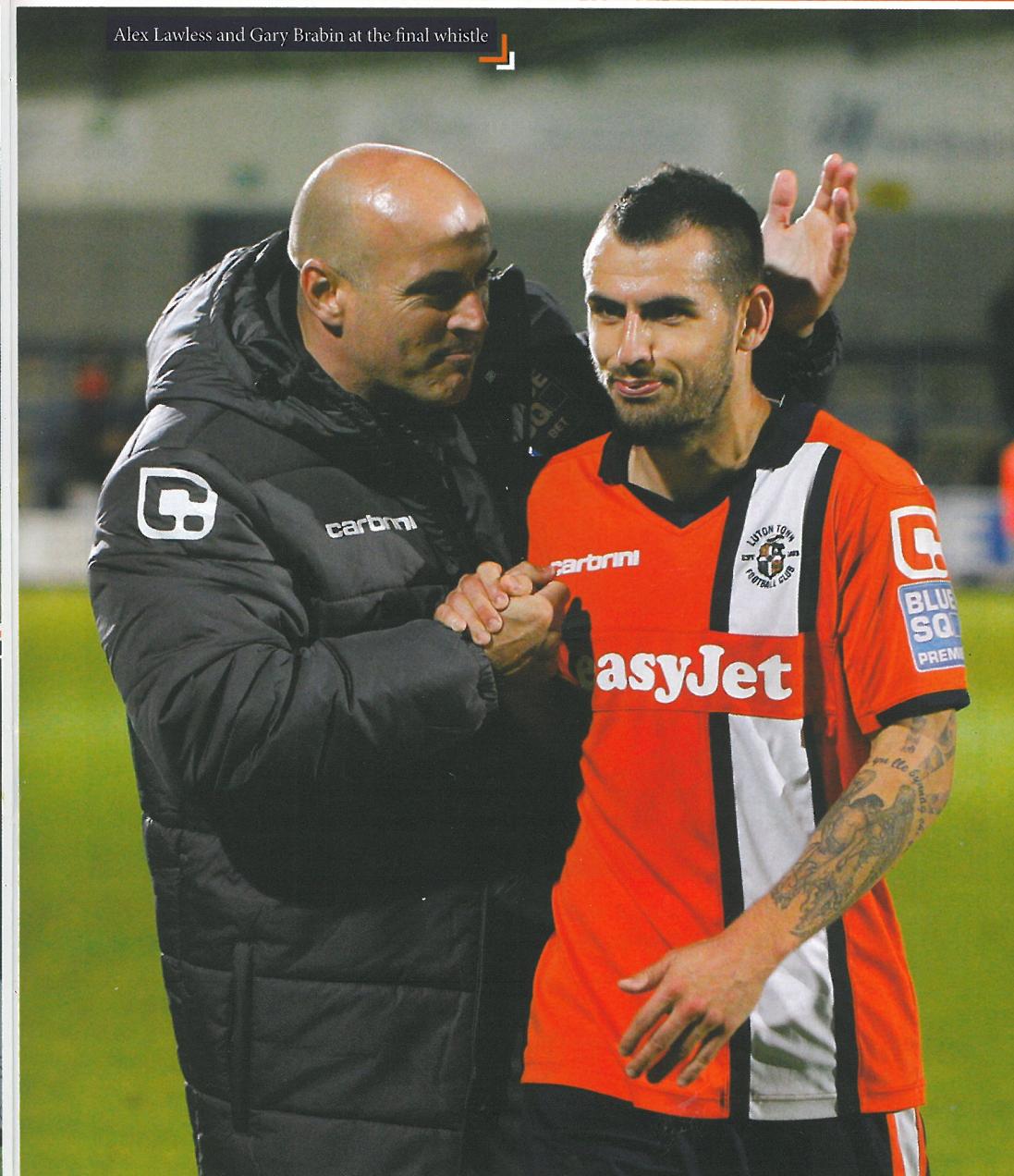
AFC TELFORD: Young, Salmon (sub Farrell 85), Newton, Rodgers (sub Adams 69), Whitehead, Killock, Trainer, Samuels, Davies (sub Brown 46), Mill, Sharp. Subs not used: Valentine, Robinson.

TOWN: Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Willmott (sub Watkins 90), Keane, Lawless, Fleetwood (sub O'Connor 82), Crow (sub Dance 71). Subs not used: Kissock, K. Pilkington.

ATTENDANCE: 2,640

POSSESSION	46%	54%
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SHOTS OFF TARGET	3	2
CORNERS	5	4
FOULS	9	15

Alex Lawless and Gary Brabin at the final whistle





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■ **FIRST GAME:**

Town versus Notts County on 8th September 1951, 60 years ago.

■ **FIRST MEMORY:**

My first game when we beat Notts County 6-0.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:**

Brian Stein's winner in the Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley in 1988 Luton 3-2 Arsenal!

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:**

It has to be the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final victory over Arsenal.

■ **WORST MATCH:**

A 7-1 defeat away to Grimsby Town in the third round of the FA Cup in 1996.

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:**

Claude Gnakpa in Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final at Wembley in 2009.

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■ **FAVOURITE ALL TIME MANAGER:** David Pleat.

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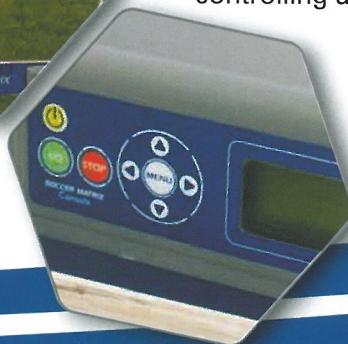
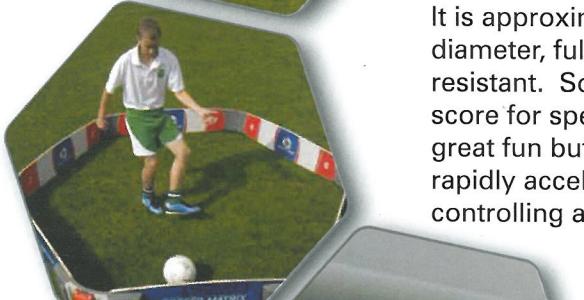
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LIVE ONLINE

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

The Town eased past Darlington last Saturday with a 2-0 victory with goals in each half from Danny Crow and new signing Stuart Fleetwood.

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 victory against the Quakers.

The manager though was most happy with the first clean sheet of the campaign which gave his side the perfect platform to build from against a physical Darlington side.

With so many encouraging performances there was no shortage of potential interviewees with Mark Tyler and Fleetwood facing the Player cameras alongside the boss in the interview room.

For Tyler the game not only marked his first clean sheet of the campaign but also his 100th appearance for the club.

Striker Fleetwood, meanwhile, was thrilled to get off the mark in Town colours, especially after he'd gone so close when hitting the post against Stockport on his debut.

The day before the win over Darlo, Player gave subscribers an exclusive interview with new signing

Jamie Hand who joined on-loan from Hayes & Yeading United.

Following Tuesday night's 2-0 win over AFC Telford United Player caught up with Keith Keane after the Lutonian made his 250th appearance for the club.

He was naturally delighted to reach the landmark and even more happy following the result.

Likewise Amari Morgan-Smith who was the Hatters' two-goal hero with a goal in each half that took his tally to six goals for the season.

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.

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Hatters Player caught up with goal hero Amari Morgan-Smith after his two goals sunk AFC Telford on Tuesday night 1 day ago

PLAYER: BRABIN DELIGHTED
The Town boss was overjoyed at seeing his side keep a second successive clean sheet and earn another victory 1 day ago

PLAYER: KEANO 250 NOT OUT
The Town midfielder was pleased that his 250th game was marked with three points and another clean sheet 1 day ago

CENTRE SPOT



Stuart Fleetwood has just headed home his first goal for the club against Darlington

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THERE'S ONLY ONE KEANO

THERE WERE SMILES ALL ROUND AT TELFORD ON TUESDAY AFTER THE TOWN'S 2-0 WIN WAS MARKED BY KEITH KEANE'S 250TH APPEARANCE FOR THE CLUB

It was November 2003 when Keith Keane, a fresh-faced 16-year-old, first broke into the Hatters first team.

The 24-year-old has come a long way since a 2-1 win in the LDV Vans Trophy against Rushden & Diamonds that cold November night.

249 games later and the Lutonian celebrated joining an elite group to reach 250 appearances for the Hatters following Tuesday's 2-0 victory over AFC Telford at the New Bucks Head.

"I must be getting old!" he joked afterwards. "It's great to reach 250 games, I love the club and I love Luton and to get three points and another clean sheet is fantastic for the manager and the squad."

The Luton-born man has played in a variety of positions down the years for the Town, having made his league debut in a goalless draw at Wycombe Wanderers on Valentine's Day in 2004.

Many of his goals have been memorable efforts.

His first for the club was a last minute winner in a 3-2 victory over Bristol City at Kenilworth Road in April 2004, while his strike against West Bromwich Albion in the Championship was awarded goal of the season in 2006/07.

And who can forget his injury-time corner against Oxford United two seasons ago?

"It's nice to get the three points to start with and a nice achievement to have played so many games. Hopefully I can play many more," said the former Ireland Under-21 international.

"I remember the first one. Mike Newell put me on the right wing. My full debut was against Wycombe away and I started at right back and played there for a couple of years."

The victory over Telford saw Keane back in the middle of midfield, the third successive

game he'd been used by manager Gary Brabin in a different position following injury and suspension.

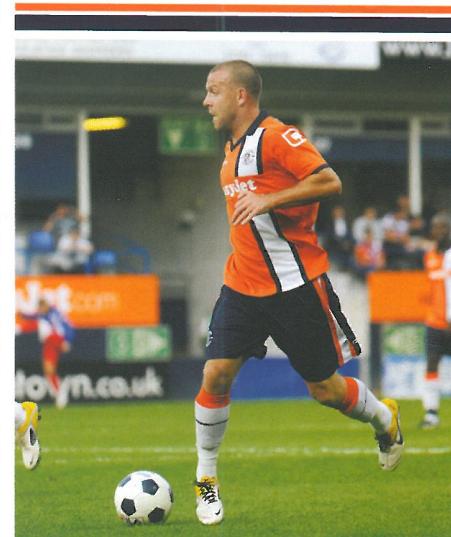
After an accomplished performance at the heart of the Town defence in the 1-1 draw with Stockport County, Keane believes his best position lies at centre-back.

"My favourite position is centre back, even though I've been playing in centre mid for the last couple of years," he said.

"Hopefully, when everyone is fit I'll get a chance to play there. I've spoke to the gaffer about it and I've told him I want to prove myself.

"I'm training in one position all week and I turn up on a Saturday or a Tuesday and I'm playing in another one! It's a bit of a lottery pick at the minute, but while there are injuries I'm happy to fill in.

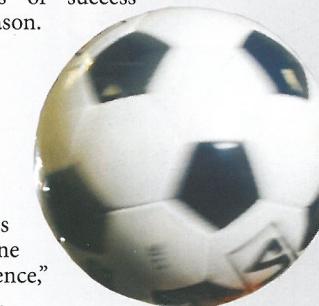
"The main thing was a win and we're back in contention now after the Telford game.



"We've played the same amount of games as everyone else and we're not too many points of the top two teams."

It was another fine display from the Hatters who kept their second successive clean sheet following last Saturday's 2-0 win over Darlington.

And Keane believes the confidence taken from the two shutouts can only enhance the Town's chances of success this season.



"It gives everyone confidence," he said.

"We've got a lot of good players; the goalkeeper, defence, midfielders and attackers can all gain confidence from a solid defence.

"The most momentum has come from the fact we've kept two clean sheets – it gives everyone that belief.

"The Telford game was massive – we knew we had to win because it was our game in hand and we were very happy to come away with all three points.

"We can take the positives from the last two games into the Lincoln match. As for me, with Jamie Hand back and maybe Curtis

Osano back I'm not sure where I'll be playing!

"I'm just happy to be here and to help the team out, as long as we're doing well I don't care where I play."

His boss, Brabin, praised the vice-captain for his commitment and loyalty to the club after reaching his milestone.

"It's not often you get players who reach this kind of appearance tally for one club," he said.

"Keith is a credit to the club and a vitally important player for us. He's played in three positions for us in the past three matches which demonstrates his ability and versatility and he just gets on with it."



DREAM TEAM

Keith Keane chooses his favourite XI made up of players he's played with in his football career.

■ GOALKEEPER

Marlon Beresford (retired) – Simply the best goalkeeper I've played with. His presence always filled the defence with confidence and it was no surprise we won the League in 2005 with him between the sticks.

■ RIGHT-BACK

Kevin Foley (Wolverhampton Wanderers) – I've known Kevin since I was 14 and I always knew he'd go on and do very well for himself. Calm and assured he'll never let you down.

■ CENTRE-BACKS

Curtis Davies (Birmingham City) – Another player I grew up with coming through the ranks, you could see he would become a class act. Quick, strong and a great footballer.

Emmerson Boyce (Wigan Athletic) – Another one of those honest, assured footballers who will never let you down, Boycey was fantastic for us either at right back or at centre-half.

■ LEFT-BACK

Paul Underwood (retired) – A great asset, a great left foot and as consistent as they come. Capable of playing at left-back or left midfield, Unders was brilliant for us in the Championship season.

■ RIGHT MIDFIELD

Carlos Edwards (Ipswich Town) – One of the most skilful players I've played with (and against in training!). Carlos was mesmerising at times, setting up goals left, right and centre.

■ CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

Kevin Nicholls (retired) – A Luton legend. End of the story.

Glenn Whelan (Stoke City) – I played with Glenn when I was in the Ireland Under-21s. A terrific all-round central midfielder capable of putting his foot in as well as scoring and creating goals.

■ LEFT MIDFIELD

Aiden McGeady (Spartak Moscow) – Another tricky, direct winger who I played with when with the Irish Under-21s. He's gone on to prove that at the highest level in Scotland and on the international stage

■ STRIKER

Steve Howard (Leicester City) – Howie scored goals for fun when he came to Kenilworth Road. One big reason for our success that saw us climb from League 2 to the Championship. Brilliant in the air.

Rowan Vine (QPR – on loan at Exeter) – Didn't get enough credit the year we won the league but he was the creator of a lot of goals before filling Howie's boots after he was sold to Derby. Terrific work rate, he never gave up a lost cause.



GETTING TO KNOW...

KEITH KEANE

■ WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL?

I'll say Shane Blackett as he gets bullied a lot so I'll help him out. Why does he get bullied? He's got a big nose!

■ WHO DID YOU SUPPORT AS A BOY?

Liverpool. And Luton of course. I used to come and watch Luton as a kid.

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

I'm proud to play for my home town club. All my family and friends support them.

■ WHAT AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE IN FOOTBALL?

To play as high as I can and get back into the Championship at least.

■ WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOTBALL?

Winning League One. Winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy was a better experience on the day, but winning a league is a bigger achievement overall.

■ WHO IS YOUR FUNNIEST TEAM MATE?

JJ O'Donnell and Godfrey Poku. JJ looks like that guy on The Only Way Is Essex on TV, and Godders just never stops laughing. He's always "cheesing" as he'd say!

■ WHO IS THE WORST-DRESSED PLAYER AT THE CLUB?

There's a few! George Pilkington's probably the worst. Let's just say he wears things I wouldn't wear.

■ WHO IS THE HARDEST WORKER AT THE CLUB?

Adam Watkins. Him and Alex Lawless. Adam's got a great attitude: he's always trying his best, always putting pressure on those of us who are in the first team.

■ WHAT'S YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY?

My first training session for Celtic Youth, the local Sunday League team.

■ WHO HAS BEEN YOUR MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT?

Mikel Arteta for Everton, we played them in the League Cup a few years ago. He was ridiculously good, I couldn't get the ball off him. Xabi Alonso for Liverpool too – actually he was even better. He's unbelievable, he just doesn't lose the ball.

■ WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL?

Me and Danny Crow are going to go around together and maybe work together as labourers on a building site.

■ WHO IS YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL?

Roy Keane. I love the way he ran games. He never lost the ball, and always dictated the game. He was always the best player on the pitch.

■ AND YOUR NON-PLAYING HERO?

Dean Rastrick, my Centre of Excellence coach here. He taught me that you have to be the best player in every game you play. If you weren't the best player on the pitch, then your performance wasn't good enough.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Happy Hatters celebrate winning at Swansea in March 2002 and with it promotion from Division Three (now League Two) with four games still left to play.



After dipping down into the basement division in 2001, for the first time since 1968, manager Joe Kinnear set about having a major re-shuffle over that summer with players leaving or arriving almost on a daily basis.

The new look side started fairly slowly, which was understandable given the number of new faces on show, but the season really took off with the introduction of the mercurial Frenchman, Jean-Louis Valois, towards the end of September.

Before long the Hatters were chasing the runaway leaders Plymouth all the way and everyone keenly

anticipated the clash of the big two at Kenilworth Road in February 2002. The Town eventually won a titanic struggle 2-0 with late goals from Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard and everyone thought that the Town would go on to overtake Argyle to clinch the title.

The victory had the opposite effect though, as the Hatters lost their next two games handing the initiative back to the club from the south-west.

Despite a 14-game unbeaten run from then until the end of the season, the Town could not catch the remarkably consistent Greens.

In any normal season Kinnear's side would have romped to the title having amassed 97 points but the Town just had to settle for new club records for number of wins, the number of away wins, the most away goals, and the most consecutive wins in our history.

The memories of that campaign still seem like yesterday even though it was 10 years ago. The afore-mentioned win over Plymouth, the 4-0 victory at Hull and the 2-1 wins at Oxford and Rushden were obvious high spots as were the skills of Valois, the leadership of Kevin Nicholls, the defensive play of Chris Coyne, the goals of

Steve Howard and the blossoming abilities of the young Matthew Taylor and Emmerson Boyce.

One question remains unanswered, however. That ace predator Carl Griffiths had banged in seven goals in the first 10 games of the season but then went down with a shin injury which kept him out for the rest of the campaign.

No disrespect to his replacement Dean Crowe, but how many goals would we have scored had he remained fit and would we have beaten Plymouth to the title?

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THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



What the well dressed Luton Town player was wearing in 1962. Barry Reed, Fred Jardine, Jack Lornie and Tommy McKechnie line up in all their sartorial elegance before the days of I-Pods and back to front baseball caps.

The sole Englishman in the quartet, Reed made only two first team appearances for the Town but later made a name for himself as manager of Barton Rovers when they fought through to the FA Vase final in 1978.

The others all hailed from Scotland with Lornie having the shortest career of the three at Kenilworth Road although six goals from 19 League appearances was not a bad return in a poor Division Two (now Championship) Luton side.

McKechnie was a rough, tough striker who came straight into the side from Scottish Junior football at the start of the 1961/62 season, banging in ten goals from 33 appearances in his first campaign.

The goals started to dry up as the Town plummeted through the divisions but Tommy could never be faulted for the 100% effort he put into his forward play and his never-say-die attitude.

Lastly, Jardine became a bit of a cult hero at Kenilworth Road due to his expertly timed sliding tackles which occasionally took the opposition player together with the ball over the enclosure railings.

Originally signed as a winger from Dundee in 1961 it was as a left back in the 1967/68 Division Four (now League Two) championship winning side that Fred enjoyed his best days at the club.

Fred later worked for John Pope, the Gents Outfitters in Dunstable Road, for many years which was a natural career progression given his obvious love of clothes!

TOWN'S INSURANCE POLICY

NEW SIGNING JAMIE HAND EXPLAINS HOW HE'LL BE THE HATTERS' DEFENSIVE INSURANCE IN MIDFIELD

When the transfer deadline slammed shut at the end of August, Town manager Gary Brabin had one position still to be ticked off his shopping list.

With something of a defensive crisis on his hands, and knowing that Keith Keane can do a fine job in the back four, the Hatters boss saw a midfield lynchpin as the missing piece of the jigsaw.

When the loan window opened last week, Brabin



moved swiftly to bring in six-foot defensive midfielder Jamie Hand from Hayes & Yeading on a temporary deal.

With a wealth of Football League experience behind him and natural leadership skills, Hand

has already shown that he can add some bite and experience to the Town's youthful, attacking team.

Describing his mission at the club, the 27-year-old said: "The manager just wants a bit of insurance in midfield and a bit more experience - a player who can sit in there and get organised.

"I'm not looking for too many headlines. I just want to win games of football, play well, and show the kind of play that made Luton want to sign me. I like to organise people, I like to get on the ball myself, but also like to get stuck in and get a few tackles in, so I hope I can impress the fans with that."

Brabin is delighted with his new signing, who caught his eye in the Town's recent trip to Hayes.

"Jamie showed in the game last month [at Kingfield] what a good player he is," said the chuffed gaffer. "He is an excellent passer of the ball and can break up play; he's just what we've been looking for.

"I have been after that type for while now, someone capable of doing the ugly side of the game but also someone who is capable of passing as well. Jamie has a great pedigree, is only 27, and has experience of playing at a much higher level."

Hand certainly showed the wealth of that experience in his debut against Darlington last Saturday, serving as a sturdy and disciplined fulcrum around which more nimble players like Robbie Willmott and Amari Morgan-Smith were able to shine. A booking was the only downside for the former Watford man, who had to sit out the trip to Telford with what was in his eyes was an unfair suspension.

"It's the way I play my game," he said, referring to the tackle that was deemed worthy of a yellow by the referee. "I can't hold off from a tackle just

because of the possibility of suspensions. I won the ball cleanly but the ref saw it differently."

But what will stay with Hand from his debut is the Kenilworth Road atmosphere that proved to him that he is back at a big club.

"When the gaffer named the team I was buzzing, I had hairs standing up on the back of my neck and I couldn't wait to get out," he revealed after the 2-0 win over Darlington.

"You go out there and there's six or seven thousand fans screaming and shouting," said the man who has been playing part-time and working in business with his father for the past couple of years. "It's great at Hayes where you've got 300 passionate people but when you're here it feels like you're in a proper game of football."

The Uxbridge-born midfielder, who played 61 times for Watford at the

Vicarage Road to Kenilworth Road has been a long and unusual one, but he was quoted in the local press this week as suggesting that he is now at the biggest club of his career.

After winning the Young Player Of The Year award with the Hornets in 2003, he went out on several loan spells before playing for Chester, Lincoln, Ebbsfleet and Woking.

"I've played for a few clubs over the years, most recently Hayes, so I'm absolutely buzzing to have a massive club like Luton come in and take me," he said.

"No disrespect to Hayes but this is a massive football club, and no disrespect to the league but this is a massive club for this league, so I'm delighted to be here and I can't wait to start playing games," said the ambitious midfielder.

"I started at Watford so I'm sure the jury will be out for a while with a few fans!"

he admitted upon signing. But with consistent displays doing Brabin's "ugly work" at the back of the Town midfield, the Hatters' defensive insurance policy should have little trouble



winning over the Kenilworth Road faithful.

beginning of his career, admits that the path from

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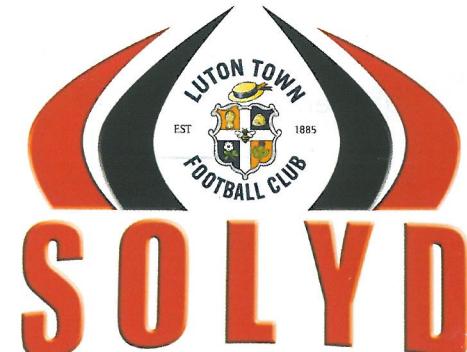
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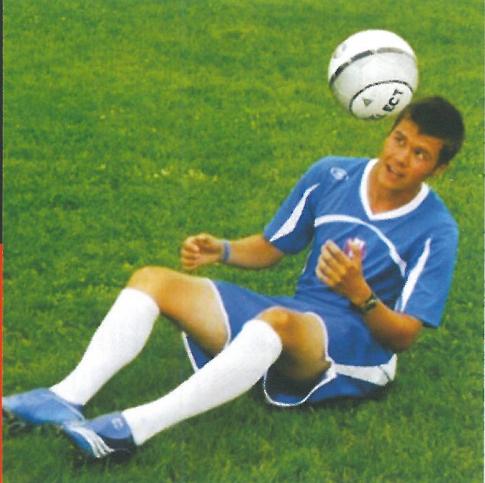
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Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



YOUNG HATTERS



UNDER-18S

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 SOUTH-EAST DIVISION

AUGUST

6 - COLCHESTER UNITED (H) L 0-1
13 - QUEENS PARK RANGERS (A)
D 2-2

20 - BARNET (H) W 3-1 27 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2-1

SEPTEMBER

3 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (H) 2-0
10 - BRENTFORD (A) L 0-1
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)

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)

MATCH DIGEST

Fixture

Brentwood (H)

Competition

Youth Alliance

Result

0-1

Goalscorers

Team

Reading, Longden, Jibodu, Nash (sub Amadi 70), Carney, Stephens, McAdams, Burtenshaw, Ann, Mirzai, Woolley (sub Davis 72). Subs not used: Kaddu, Evans, Ekins.

Coach's comments

"It was disappointing to have the unbeaten run broken but I told the boys that I am pleased with how they have performed against a side who will be one of the strongest in the league this season and who have dominated opponents in games recently. Their coaching staff felt that we were the best side that they had played this season so far, which is testament to the fact that we are going in the right direction as a team and as individuals. When we analyse the DVD of the game I'm sure these will show we had our fair share of possession and chances. Therefore I felt we deserved something from the game – the very fact that we have hit the woodwork three times shows how unlucky we have been." the team."

YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

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

Sizzling summer

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ACADEMY UPDATE



This afternoon the Hatters' Under-16 squad will be introduced to the crowd. Make our stars of the future welcome by giving them a round of applause.

Coach Joe Deeney guides us through his squad:

Ben McFarlane-Barnes – Goalkeeper from Heme Hempstead, who has spent his years with the club mostly playing up a year. A technically good keeper who is an excellent shot stopper. Ben is expected to be a regular with the Under-18s this year.

Ben Roche – A right-back from Irthingborough who is equally as comfortable at centre back. A good reader of the game, he signed in July 2011 and has settled in well at the club, putting in some good performances during his time with the club.

Josh Terry - Centre-back from Stevenage converted to a centre-half from a central midfielder, Josh is an athletic defender with a good range of passing who has already played for the Under-18s this season.

Bradley Johnson – A left-back from Luton with excellent left foot who likes to get forward into the opponents third at every opportunity. Has a good engine with a bright future ahead of him.

Devante Stanley - Right-back or attacking midfielder from Kempston, Devante is well thought of throughout the club for his enthusiasm and energy. Whilst small in stature, he has a big character and is a player who always gives his all.

Zane Banton - An attacking midfielder from Stevenage Zane is a creative player well known for his excellent ability in tight areas, quick feet who enjoys a trick often at the opposition's expense. Zane has been in the youth set-up since Under 11s.

Ian Rees – Combative midfielder from Knebworth. Ian has great energy and an ability to read the game. Is a very consistent performer who has already become an ever present in the Under-18s squad this season.



Chisom Amadi – Centre forward from Bedford, blessed with exceptional pace and power. A proven goalscoring record throughout his time with the club, Chisom is another one of the 16s with Under 18s league experience as well as a goal in the reserves during pre-season.

Lorrell Smith - Winger from Luton who has progressed and signed from the centre of excellence after an impressive pre-season. Possesses great pace and is as an excellent dribbler that makes him a handful for any full-back. Despite being an attacking winger, Lorrell is always willing to track to help the team defensively.

Arel Amu – Another winger from Luton who signed as an Under-13, Arel is one of the top athletes in the country, with terrific speed as well as exceptional strength and a big desire to succeed has all the potential to be a success in the future.

Jordan Kinoshi – A winger from Welwyn Garden City, Jordan was signed as an Under-14 and is an exciting player who has great pace and is very direct. Jordan has a goalscoring pedigree that has seen him score more than 12 goals this season already.

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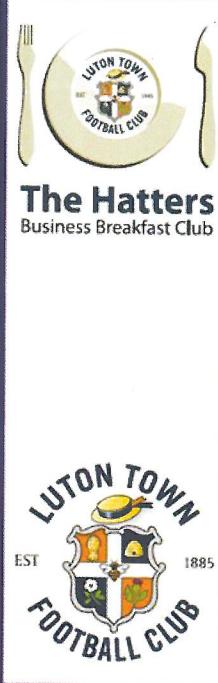
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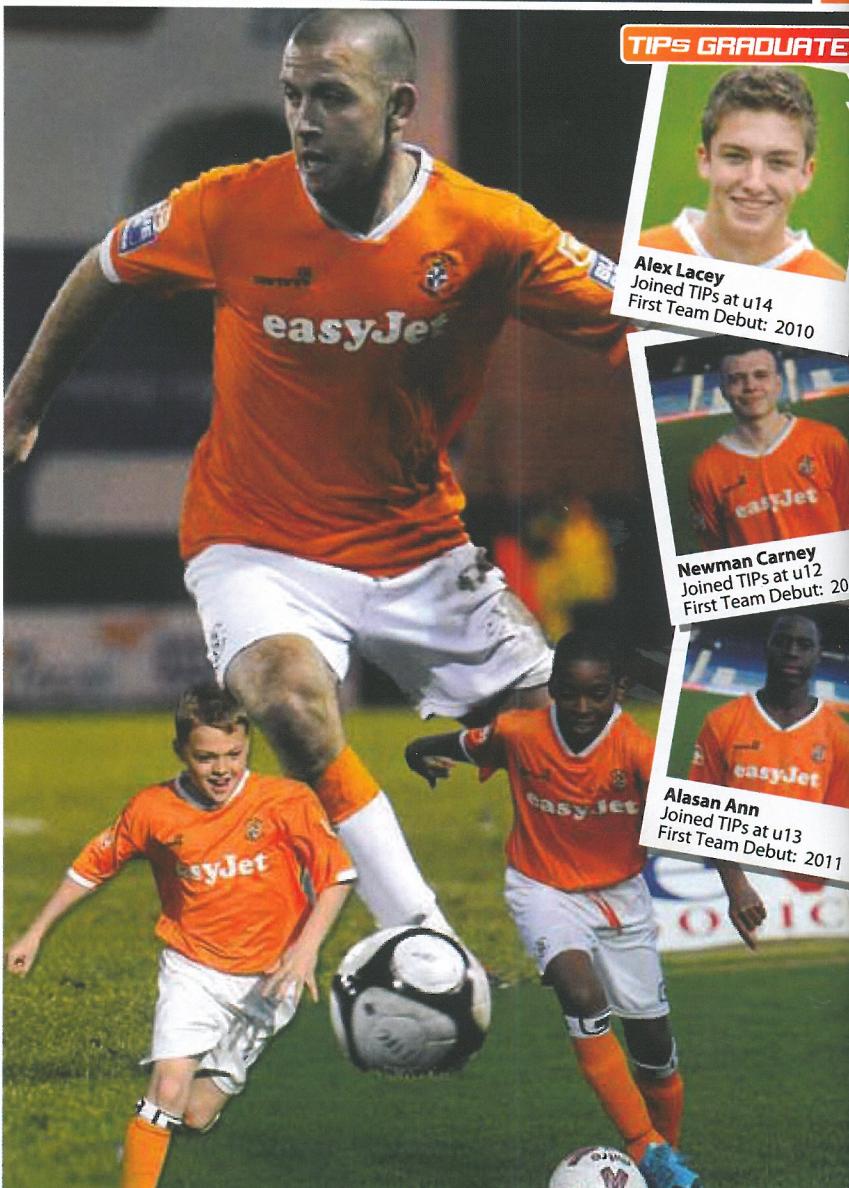
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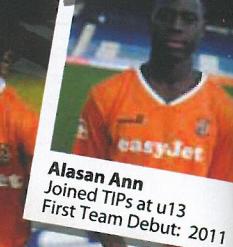
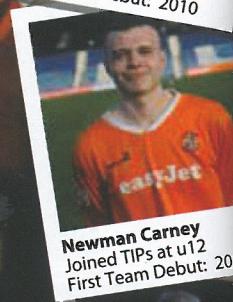
Luton Town FC

Youth Development 2011-12

Football Development for 6 to 16 year olds



TIPS GRADUATES



Soccer Centres in Ampthill, Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Flitwick, Leighton Buzzard, Harpenden, Hitchin, Luton and Shefford

TIPS TIMETABLE

Term 1

June 6th - July 22nd 2011*

Term 2

Sept 12th - Nov 18th 2011

Term 3

Nov 21st 2011 - Feb 10th 2012

Term 4

Feb 20th - May 4th 2012

Term 5

May 7th - July 20 2012

Top five pro clubs in 2010/11 to have produced English players currently playing in Premier League:

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

TRIAL MATCH DATES

Term 1 Saturday 9th July

Term 2 Saturday 5 November

Term 3 Saturday 28 January

Term 4 Saturday 21 April

Term 5 Saturday 7 July

LIST OF VENUES

Ampthill

Alameda Sports Hall, Woburn St
Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2HX
Wednesdays - 17:30 - 18:30

Bedford

Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT
Tuesdays - Yrs 2-5 18:00-19:00
Yrs 6-11 19:00-20:00

Biggleswade

Biggleswade Town FC
The Carlsberg Stadium, Langford Rd
Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9JT
Tuesdays - 18:00 - 19:00

Dunstable

Creasey Park Stadium, Creasey Park Drive,
Dunstable LU6 1BB
Thursdays - 17:30 - 18:30

Flitwick

Flitwick Leisure Centre
Steppington Road, Flitwick, Beds MK45 1TH
Thursdays - 16:45 - 17:45

Harpenden

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

Hitchin

Hitchin Boys School
Grammar School Walk, Hitchin SG5 1JB
Wednesday's - 18:00 - 19:00

Leighton Buzzard

Vandyke Upper School
Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 3DY
Tuesdays - 18:00 - 19:00

Luton

Playfootball.net, Stopsley High
St Thomas's Rd, Luton LU2 7UX
Mondays - Yrs 2-6 17:00 - 18:00
Yrs 7-11 18:00 - 19:00

Shefford

Robert Bloomfield Middle School
Bloomfield Drive, Shefford, Beds SG17 5BU
Wednesdays - 17:00 - 18:00



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CLUB PARTNERSHIPS



This season Luton Town Football Club is again proud to be running its official club partnerships scheme, supporting youth football in Luton and the surrounding area.

In exchange for a talent identification agreement, whereby the junior clubs can receive scouting fees for any boys that Luton Town sign into the Centre of Excellence, the clubs receive in-house professional training from Hatters coaches and free tickets to first team games.

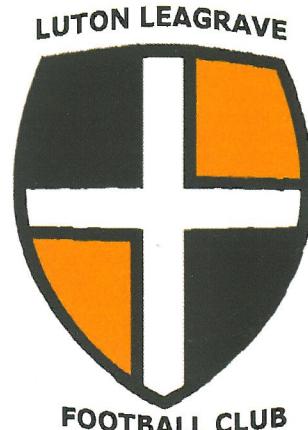
The Hatters are delighted to work towards ensuring that football is healthy in Luton and Bedfordshire, not only at Kenilworth Road but at the grassroots level as well.

Today's club partner, Luton Leagrave, will make a half-time appearance on the pitch.

Luton Leagrave was founded in 2002 with the purpose of providing safe, affordable and accessible football for all in the Leagrave area.

They do not hold trials and never have done; believing that the enjoyment of playing football is more important than football ability alone, with Luton Town providing first class coaching necessary for the elite or aspiring young player.

The club's current 2011/12 CYFL Under-15 squad is run by Jeff Thornton and Chris Chapman.



Both of these two volunteers are valued and loyal members of the club, Jeff alone has been at the club for eight years.

Our Under-12 squad is to take part in the penalty shootout at half-time today, run by Neil Gilmore, Jay James and Darren Foster.

Both sets of players are looking forward to seeing the game, and wish the Hatters well in today's match against Lincoln City.



ON THIS DAY

SIMON PITTS LOOKS BACK ON GAMES PLAYED AT HOME ON THIS DAY

15

The number of home matches previously played on this day, with the Town winning eight, drawing two and losing five times. The Hatters have scored 29 goals and conceded 21, giving an average of over three goals scored between the sides.

1

Only one of these matches was played away from Kenilworth Road, at the previous ground at Dunstable Road. It was a Southern League fixture against local rivals Watford in 1904 which the Hatters won 2-1 courtesy of a brace from Davie Ross.

5

The most goals scored by Luton on this day, and it happened in both 1927 and 1958. Brentford were the visitors for a Division Three (South) match and were beaten 5-2 as Jimmy Yardley netted a hat-trick. Syd Reid and Joe Pointon were also scorers as the Hatters recorded their first win of the season. 31 years later and Manchester City were beaten 5-1 with Gordon Turner and Allan Brown both netting twice, and Jimmy Adam also on the scoresheet.

1949

The year that saw the highest attendance for a fixture at home on this date as 20,135 witnessed a 1-1 draw against Preston North End in Division Two. An own goal was scored by Paddy Waters of Preston.

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The only game without a goal came in 1977 when Blackburn Rovers came to Kenilworth Road for Division Two fixture.

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The biggest margin of victory for the Hatters, and as well as the 5-1 victory in 1958, was when the Town beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 4-0 in

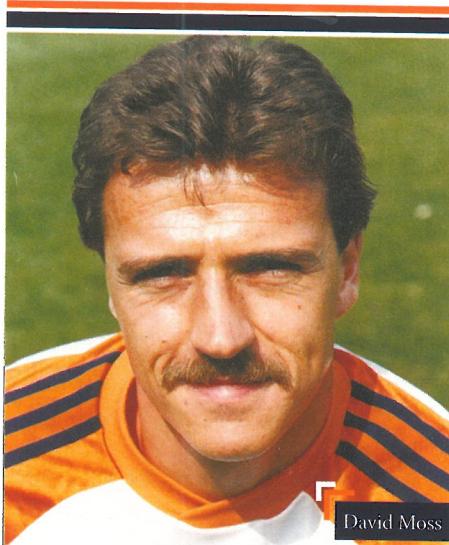
1983. Paul Walsh opened the scoring in the first half before Brian Stein, David Moss and Brian Horton wrapped up the comprehensive victory after the break.

15

The number of years since a solitary Julian James goal beat Derby County 1-0 in the first leg of a second round League Cup tie. This match saw the lowest recorded attendance for a game at Kenilworth Road on this day, as just 4,459 witnessed Luton beating the then Premier League Rams.

3

The number of goals, and points, gained by the Hatters just a year ago when AFC Wimbledon were the visitors for a Conference Premier match. George Pilkington opened the scoring before Zdenek Kroca made it 2-0 before half time. Matthew Barnes-Homer confirmed the victory with a goal in the second half.



David Moss

NLP VIEW WITH SAM ELLIOTT



Mending football's bad and broken ways has been top of our agenda this week as we come together with the Football Association to launch a powerful new move in the 'Respect' campaign.

Together with the sport's governing body, we will be highlighting the clubs who are doing their part to make sure our game is heading in the right direction – as well as naming and shaming those that are setting it back.

We feel it's high time the 'Respect' campaign was given the shot in the arm it badly needs – and we will let you know who are the saints and just who are the sinners as we again aim to clean up the game by keeping wrong-doers on their toes.

Our crusade will do just that. Every Sunday we will deliver a breakdown of yellow and red cards that has never before been published with official statistics supplied directly by the FA's disciplinary department.

It will let everyone know which club has received the most yellows for shows of dissent, as well as the reds brandished for foul and abusive language and violent conduct.

In turn, we will reward the good guys with a special tribute at the end of season National Game Awards.

Our table is backed by England C manager Paul Fairclough, a champion of fair play and ethics within football.

He said: "I am delighted to be able to support The NLP with their awards highlighting those clubs that recognise the importance of 'Respect' and fair play.

"These awards concentrate on those offences that can easily be avoided – dissent, abusive language and violent conduct. Every football person would agree that they are the ones that do so much to damage the image of the game.

"I congratulate The NLP on this initiative and look forward to monitoring the table to see who will be the overall outright winner."

It's both the FA and our hope that chairmen, managers, coaches and players will buy into this and instruct everyone associated with their club to behave both on the pitch and off.

But words are not enough – it's down to your club's players to make sure the message gets across. Keep your eyes on our pages and our website www.thenonleaguefootballpaper.com to keep an eye on your club's progress.

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LUTON TOWN v CAMBRIDGE UNITED



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



LUTON TOWN v BARROW



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



LUTON TOWN v GATESHEAD



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

ALL AREAS

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£18
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

UNCOVERED SEATING - MAIN ENCLOSURE BLOCKS A&B

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

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SAFETY NOTICE

In the event of an emergency in the stadium, Luton Town Football Club and the emergency services have agreed on an evacuation procedure which is designed to ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd, and to ensure their safe dispersal from the area, to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks. In the event of an evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to your nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium you will find some roads closed to pedestrians to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.



ON THE ROAD

SUPPORT THE TOWN ON OUR TRAVELS



BATH CITY v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Allocation: We have received an allocation of 230 seats for this fixture. We will not be receiving any terrace tickets as these will be paid on the night only.

Sales Plan: Seating tickets are now on sale at two per Diamond Season ticket holder until close of business on Saturday 10th September. Tickets will then go on sale on Monday 12th September at two tickets per Season ticket holder until close of business on Thursday 15th September.

Any remaining seating tickets will go on general sale from Friday 16th September and will remain on sale until 1pm on Tuesday 20th September.

Anyone who wishes to stand will need to pay via a cash turnstile on the night of the game.

PRICES: Seating: Adult £15, over-65 and students (with valid id) £10, under-16s £5, accompanied under-16s with a full paying adult £3.

Terrace: Adult £14, over-65 and students (with valid id) £9, under-16s £4, accompanied under-16s with a full paying adult £2 (Accompanied under-16 tickets need to be purchased directly from Bath City's ticket office on the night of the game).



YORK CITY v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM



This game is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters.

Allocation: We have 993 terrace tickets and 330 seats for this fixture.

Sales plan: Tickets are now on sale to Season Ticket holders at two per person in person or via the phone until Tuesday 20th September when they are released on general sale until noon on Friday 23rd September.

Prices: Seating Adult - £16, Over 65 £11, Under 16 - £11. Terrace Adult - £15, Over 65 - £10, Under 16 - £10.

Ambulant disabled tickets are available at £16.00 with a carer free of charge. Wheelchair spaces are available for this fixture but supporters should email heather.rogers@yorkcityfootballclub.co.uk to arrange.

GETTING TO...BATH CITY - TWERTON PARK

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £18 adults, £15 concessions. Departure: 2.30pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £20 adults, £18 concessions. Departure: 3.30pm.

Car: M1, M25, M4, leaving the M4 at Junction 19 and go onto the M32. At the end of the M32 head towards Bath (A4). On nearing Bath take the A36 Lower Bristol Road. After one mile turn right under a Railway Bridge (signposted Bath City FC) and into Twerton High Street. Take the second left for the ground entrance.

For the sat-nav: BA2 1DB

By train: The nearest railway station is Oldfield Park Station, which is located just under a mile away. It is served by trains from Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads. Bath Spa has a more regular service from London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads and is located just under two miles away from the ground.

GETTING TO...YORK CITY - BOOTHAM CRESCENT

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £20 adults, £17 concessions. Departure: 9.30am.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £23 adults, £21 concessions. Departure: 10am.

Car: M1, A1 north, take the A64 to Scarborough and York. When you near York, join the A1237 Ring Road and continue on it until you reach the junction with the A19. Turn right at the junction and take the A19 towards York City Centre and keep going until you get to a pub on your left called the Burton Stone Inn, at which point you turn left into Burton Stone Lane. Then take the first right into Grosvenor Road for the ground.

For the sat-nav: YO30 7AQ

By train: York mainline train station is a good 15-20 minute walk away from 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'G; 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*, O'Connor**	M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye**, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington, Gleeson*, Walker*, Poku, 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, (nor**), Crow	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissick**, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance**, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow, M-Smith 2	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissick**, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance**, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1**, Mai	Watkins**, A-Adjaye, O'Connor**, Kissick, K. Pilkington
■ September								
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County	1-1	3,389	321	6 Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissick*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith, G	Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Garden, K. Pilkington
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6 Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow 1*, Fleetwood 1	M-Smith 1*, Walker*, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	2-0	2,640	502	3 Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Keane, Willmott***, Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood**	Dance*, Kissick, Watkins***, O'Connor**, K. Pilkington
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	Ebbesfleet United					
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead					
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham					
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	Ebbesfleet 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					



Stuart Fleetwood celebrates his goal against Darlington

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

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

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON						CAREER					
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		TOTAL		CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	R	Y	APPS	GLS	R	Y
Will ANTWI	8	0	2	0	0	8	0	2	0	0	8	2
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	(2)	0	0	0	4	(2)	0	1	1	75	1
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	81	23
Dean BECKWITH	7	(0)	1	0	0	7	(0)	1	1	0	7	1
Shane BLACKETT	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	39	1
Danny CROW	6	(1)	3	0	0	6	(1)	3	1	0	42	11
James DANCE	5	(3)	0	0	0	5	(3)	0	0	0	8	0
Sarah FLEETWOOD	2	(1)	1	0	0	2	(1)	1	0	0	3	1
Dan GLEESON	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	43	0
Jamie HAND	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	(0)	0	1	0	1	1
Jake HOWELLS	7	(0)	1	0	0	7	(0)	1	0	0	138	10
Keith KEANE	7	(0)	0	0	0	7	(0)	0	2	0	250	6
John-Paul KISSOCK	1	(2)	0	0	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	3	0
Alex LAWLESS	7	(0)	1	0	0	7	(0)	1	3	0	36	6
Amarai MORGAN-SMITH	6	(1)	6	0	0	6	(1)	6	4	0	34	14
Freddie MURRAY	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	79	1
Aaron O'CONNOR	3	(3)	0	0	0	3	(3)	0	0	0	6	0
Curtis OSBURN	6	(0)	0	0	0	6	(0)	0	2	0	6	0
George PILKINGTON	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	131	10
Kevin PILKINGTON	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	19	0
Godfrey POKU	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	19	0
Mark TYLER	7	(0)	0	0	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	101	0
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	20	1
Adam WATKINS	3	(3)	1	0	0	3	(3)	1	0	0	12	3
Robbie WILMOTT	6	(1)	1	0	0	6	(1)	1	0	0	25	7

LAST WORD

WITH LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR MARK WOOD

Loyalty in the modern game has become a rare commodity.

Long gone are the times of one-club players, testimonials and players' names becoming synonymous with the clubs which they play for.

But maybe, just maybe, in the form of Keith Keane the Hatters may have the rarest of species – a one club player.

Keano celebrated his 250th Hatters appearance in the 2-0 win at AFC Telford United on Tuesday night, and that at the tender age of just 24.

There can be few players in the history of the club that have made so many appearances in so short a space of time. In the past, most would have been sold a long time ago!

But with Keano this is not the case, and the talismanic Hatter seems to be cut in a similar mould to former crowd favourite Marvin Johnson.

Marvellous Marv made a total of 439 appearances in all competitions during his long and illustrious tenure at the club.

He struggled to establish himself in the side as he emerged with the Hatters in the top flight, but as Luton fell through the leagues his qualities began to shine through, his importance to the team became greater and greater. And never once did it appear he had any desire to leave Kenilworth Road. Such was his attachment to the club, he later coached the youths and can still be seen in the press box to this day.

The chants of "Marvin for England" were heartfelt by the supporters and few will forget his marauding runs from the back or his last-gasp winner against Ipswich Town in the second leg of a League Cup tie in September 1998.

The similarities to Keano are stark. He struggled to break into Town's side as a youngster when they were in the Championship, but as we've fallen through the leagues his importance to the cause has grown and, despite the overtures of League 1 neighbours Stevenage, he has no desire to leave.

Right-back, centre-half, central midfield, there are few positions you wouldn't want a Keano in your team at – well apart from up front...in fact the Kop's song for Liverpool favourite Jamie Carragher, "We all dream of a team of Carraghers" to the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine" would seem apt.

And who will ever forget his winner straight from a corner in injury time against leaders Oxford just a few years ago – his celebrations subsequently earning him a red card.

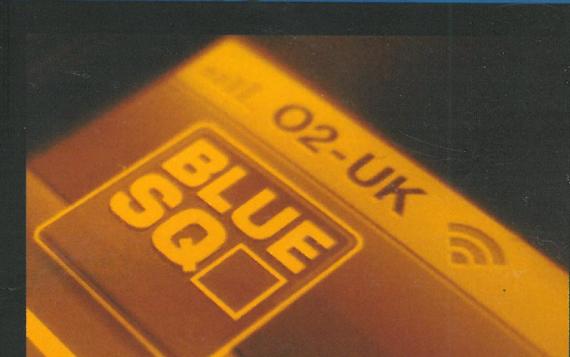
Aged just 24, he has years ahead of him to cement himself in the history annals at Kenilworth Road. Keano truly has the potential to become one of the Luton greats, and who would rule out the possibility of surpassing the all-time appearance records held by the likes of Gordon Turner (450), Mal Donaghy (488), Brian Stein (496), Ricky Hill (508), Bob Morton (562) and even Fred Hawkes (625)?

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LUTON TOWN 1 - 0 LINCOLN CITY

Mark Tyler	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freddie Murray	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Keane	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Beckwith	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
George Pilkington	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Lawless	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danny Crow	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbie Willmott	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shane Blackett	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stuart Fleetwood	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aaron O'Connor	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Howells	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Antwi	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis Osano	18	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Dance	19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Paul Kissock	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charlie Henry	21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collin Samuel	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Hand	27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adam Watkins	28	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Pilkington	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2	Joe Anyon
3	John Nutter
4	Adam Watts
5	Josh Gowling
6	Danny Hone
7	Jamie Taylor
8	Alan Power
9	Kyle Perry
10	Ali Fuseini
11	Francis Laurent
13	Tony Sinclair
14	Sam Smith
15	Simon Russell
16	Mitchell Nelson
17	Nicky Nicolau
19	Bradley Barracough
20	Doug Lindberg
22	Andy Hutchinson
23	Josh O'Keefe
24	James Wilson
27	Jean Francois Christophe
30	Gavin McCallum

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Referee: S. Martin
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