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v Luton Town



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# The Gaffer



## Welcome everyone to today's game.



In my notes against Darlington I talked about consistency with my squad of players and also talked about you, the supporters, supporting your squad of players right to the very end even if things don't seem to be going our way. On Tuesday night I thought the performance from my players and from you supporters was exactly what I asked for.

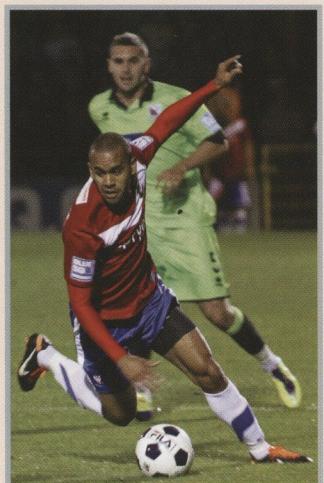
As is often the case in football, sometimes you don't get the rewards you deserve and Tuesday's game, in my opinion, was certainly a case of that. A couple of errors from ourselves ultimately, for me, gifted Darlington a point on the night. What we should never do is underestimate how important a point from a game at this level of football is to us going forward this season.

You will all have looked at the league table after 10 games so the importance of today's game against Luton Town speaks for itself, and the added importance of where a victory would take us at 5 o'clock this evening.

I've been absolutely delighted with the discipline of my players. We've had two or three clubs come to us at Bootham Crescent who have been over-physical at times. When there were so many sendings-off on Tuesday, my players kept their heads, kept their discipline and got on with their jobs.

After today's game we go on the road for two games and to have your vocal support for both of these fixtures would be fantastic for the players and can help us pick up more points away from home.

Enjoy the game.



## Today's other fixtures

Alfreton Town v Ebbsfleet United  
Bath City v Kettering Town  
Cambridge United v Darlington  
Fleetwood Town v AFC Telford United  
Grimsby Town v Wrexham  
Hayes & Yeading United v Gateshead  
Lincoln City v Forest Green Rovers  
Mansfield Town v Kidderminster Harriers  
Newport County v Barrow  
Southport v Braintree Town  
Tamworth v Stockport County



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# Boardroom notes



**Welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of Luton Town FC on their visit north to Bootham Crescent and safe journey home after the game. As one of the main contenders for promotion, Luton games are always well contested and of importance and we look forward to a competitive and rewarding afternoon.**

Full marks to Gary, Darron and the players for the outstanding performances in our last three fixtures, particularly the fine achievement at Wrexham. The superb quality football continued against Darlington and we were unfortunate not to gain maximum points. It has been disappointing that a small minority of fans condemned the team to an early bath after a couple of poor results earlier in the season, particularly after the brilliant start to the campaign. It really does matter that we all get behind the team and your encouragement and vocal support is a tremendous boost to our players and it is pleasing that we are back on target and focussed on quality football performance which we need to maintain on a consistent basis.

What happens on the pitch is of major importance but we are always mindful of off-pitch contribution and modernisation of our administrative structure and getting the right organisation and disciplines in place in readiness for the move to the new

stadium and the opportunities this will present. I am pleased to welcome Ian Robertson our new Commercial Executive, Janice Goodwin to the post of Financial Assistant, and Heather Rogers our new Administrative Assistant, in support of our existing team members Lisa Charlton, Chris Tock, Paula Stainton and Phil Howden. My thanks to all the team for their recent hard work and diligence in reviewing and implementing improved systems and methods for more effective business operations.

York City Football Club is committed to providing a safe, comfortable and enjoyable environment for everyone visiting Bootham Crescent and our Supporters may be aware that over recent months, under the direction of our Safety Officer and in consultation with the Football Association and key public service organisations, we have updated our procedures for matchday supervision, medical plans and risk assessment. It was therefore interesting to note that the Non-League paper, in association with the Football Association "Respect" campaign, are publishing a "Fair Play" League table on a weekly basis highlighting winners and losers with final Club rankings at the end of the season. There is an existing table which simply records yellow and red cards but the new table will be

appropriate to the "Respect" principles and will measure offences like dissent, violent conduct and abusive language. It will be of considerable

interest to see what effect this has, but on a simple premise that footballers are role models for younger supporters, the supporters of the future, it would seem to be no less than an intelligent initiative to improve the beautiful game.

There has been much debate and public comment in recent weeks as we approach the critical planning application stage for the Community Stadium. Overall there is massive support for the stadium but some limited opposition from restricted sources about funding. Suffice to say that York City FC will be a substantial stakeholder in funding commitment. Having lived and breathed the project since 2003, with all the ups and downs all over the place, but with a core of true friends and supporters who will be well remembered, it is immensely rewarding and encouraging to reach this stage of the development. Keep up all the good work in canvassing and promoting the project which is so vital to our future. Thanks for your support this afternoon and enjoy the game.

Rob McGill

## Did you know?

On this date in 1974 City drew 0-0 at Bristol City and were midtable in the Second Division (Championship).



Racism is not tolerated at York City Football Club and racist behaviour of any form at our ground will lead to arrest, with perpetrators receiving a life ban from the club. We want to create a family club, free of racism and with your help we can achieve our goal.

# Fixtures & Stats

Fixtures - Home Away / ● scorer / P penalty /  
subs - 2 off (2 on) ● unused / PSTV - Premier Sports live TV

## DATE 2011 FIXTURE KICK-OFF RES POS ATT. (VIS)

Sat 13th Aug	Ebbsfleet Utd	W 2-1	5	1522	324
Tue 16th Aug	Barrow	W 3-1	2	3075	140
Sat 20th Aug	AFC Telford Utd	L 0-1	5	2723	198
Tue 23rd Aug	Kettering Town	W 5-1	3	1595	
Fri 26th Aug	Fleetwood T PSTV	D 0-0	3	2111	
Mon 29th Aug	Alfreton Town	L 0-1	5	3166	200
Sat 10th Sep	Tamworth	L 1-2	14	1012	365
Tue 13th Sep	Bath City	W 1-0	9	2030	21
Sat 17th Sep	Wrexham	W 3-0	8	3872	266
Tue 20th Sep	Darlington	D 2-2	7	2844	505
Sat 24th Sep	Luton Town	3:00 H			
Tue 27th Sep	Gateshead	7:45 A			
Sat 1st Oct	Stockport County	3:00 A			
Sat 8th Oct	Braintree Town	3:00 H			
Tue 11th Oct	Southport	7:45 A			
Sat 15th Oct	Grimsby Town	3:00 H			
Tue 18th Oct	Cambridge Utd	7:45 H			
Sat 22nd Oct	Hayes & Yeading U3	0:00 A			
Sat 29th Oct	FA Cup 4th Qualifying Rnd				
Sat 5th Nov	Wrexham	3:00 H			
Sat 19th Nov	Barrow	3:00 A			
Sat 26th Nov	Forest Green R	3:00 A			
Tue 29th Nov	Lincoln City	7:45 H			
Sat 3rd Dec	Kettering Town	3:00 H			
Tue 6th Dec	AFC Telford Utd	7:45 A			
Sat 10th Dec	FA Trophy 1st Round				
Sat 17th Dec	Kidderminster H	3:00 H			
Mon 26th Dec	Mansfield Town	3:00 A			

## DATE 2012

Sun 1st Jan	Mansfield Town	3:00 H			
Sat 7th Jan	Lincoln City	3:00 A			
Sat 21st Jan	Ebbsfleet United	3:00 H			
Tue 24th Jan	Kidderminster H	7:45 A			
Sat 28th Jan	Darlington	3:00 A			
Sat 4th Feb	Gateshead	3:00 H			
Sat 11th Feb	Grimsby Town	3:00 A			
Sat 18th Feb	Stockport County	3:00 H			
Sat 25th Feb	Newport County	3:00 A			
Sat 3rd Mar	Hayes & Yeading U3	0:00 H			
Tue 6th Mar	Tamworth	7:45 H			
Sat 10th Mar	Bath City	3:00 A			
Sat 17th Mar	Cambridge Utd	3:00 A			
Sat 24th Mar	Southport	3:00 H			
Sat 31st Mar	Luton Town	3:00 A			
Sat 7th Apr	Fleetwood Town	3:00 H			
Mon 9th Apr	Alfreton Town	3:00 A			
Sat 14th Apr	Newport County	3:00 H			
Sat 21st Apr	Braintree Town	3:00 A			
Sat 28th Apr	Forest Green R	3:00 H			

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## Today's Mascot Ewan Wood

Ewan will be seven on the 22nd September and has lived all his life in Rawcliffe, York with his Mum and Dad, older sister Olivia (9) and younger brother, Joshua (3). He attends Clifton with Rawcliffe School and is in Year Two. Ewan and his friends have celebrated his big day with a York City Matchday party at today's big game.

He likes riding his bike, Lego and playing football. Despite loving football this will be Ewan's first ever game, hopefully the first of many at Bootham Crescent!

## Appearances

	Lge	apps	gls
M Blair	4+2	1	
A Boucaud	9	1	
J Challinor	4+2	-	
A Chambers	10	1	
J Fyfield	3+4	-	
L Henderson	0+2		
M Ingham	10	-	
S Kerr	7+1	-	
P McLaughlin	8+1	2	
D McGurk	10	-	
J Meredith	10	-	
A Moke	7+1	1	
D Parslow	2	-	
D Pilkington	1+2	1	
M Potts	0+2	-	
J Reed	2+6	3	
L Oyebanjo	6	-	
C Smith	7	-	
J Walker	10	7	
Total goals		17	

York City Football Club would like to welcome **Keith Rondeau** to his first York City game and congratulate him on his forthcoming wedding to **Kimberly Powers** on 27th October 2011. We would like to join with their friends and family in wishing them both well for the future.

ALSO

Congratulations to **Robert Burcher** and **Emma Farrington**. Love and best wishes for your future together from your friends, family and everyone at York City Football Club.

# Conference Round Up



## Watts Admits City Shame

Lincoln City defender Adam Watts has admitted the Imps poor start to the season has left him to ashamed to be seen in public.

The Red Imps slumped to a fourth straight defeat at the hands of tonight's visitors last Saturday, heaping further pressure on manager Steve Tilson. To add insult to injury, Gary Brabin's side managed to snatch all three points despite being reduced to ten men in the first half. A despondent Watts told *This is Lincolnshire*:

"I am so angry, I am passionate and I am a proud man. It has been such a poor start and I feel so sorry for the fans because they deserve better. It is just too embarrassing for me to go out full-stop. Sometimes the fans will want a reaction from us when they see us out and about, but it won't be me."

## Bluebirds Bolster Defence

Barrow have acquired the services of Notts County defender Haydn Hollis on a one month loan to help fill their backline in the absence of defensive duo Phil Bolland and Mike Pearson.

The 6'4" centre-half penned a one-year professional contract at the start of the 2011/12 campaign after progressing through the Magpies youth system but has now been given the opportunity to gain much needed first team experience. Commenting on the deal, Barrow joint manager Dave Bayliss told *BBC Radio Cumbria*:

"He comes with a good reputation and is one for the future. He's got a physical presence, which is what we need at this level, and we're delighted. We've got six big competitive matches coming up in this league so it'll do the kid a world of good."

## Kovacs Makes Hatters Return

Today's visitors have strengthened their squad further with the signing of defender Janos Kovacs on a one-month emergency loan from League Two side Hereford United.

The 26-year-old, who had a loan spell at City in 2007, first arrived at Kenilworth Road in January 2010 and went on to make 16 appearances for the club before joining Hereford in the summer of that year. He was placed on the transfer list at Edgar Street at the end of last season and has now joined Gary Brabin's side to bolster their threadbare backline.

Speaking about the return of Kovacs, Brabin told the club's website:

"It's been well documented that we need more cover in defence and I'm delighted that we've been able to bring in Janos. He is a commanding, vocal defender who has vast experience and was the Hereford captain last season."

## Cox Hails Futcher Impact

Mansfield Town manager Paul Cox has hailed the impact on-loan defender Ben Futcher has made to his side after the player agreed a two month extension to his loan deal from Bury.

Futcher, 30, has helped the Stags to fourth in the table and scored his first goal for the club during last weekend's hard earned 3-2 win at Barrow.

Commenting on the giant defenders first month at Field Mill, Cox said:

"Ben's not just been a good player for us on the field; he's been a great lad in the dressing room. He's brought stability to our back four and it's no coincidence that we haven't conceded many goals since he's been here."

## Blue Square Bet Premier Table

AS AT 20th SEPTEMBER 2011

TEAM	PD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Luton Town	10	5	5	0	19	8	11	20
2 Wrexham	10	6	2	2	17	9	8	20
3 Gateshead	10	6	2	2	17	10	7	20
4 Fleetwood Town	10	6	2	2	17	12	5	20
5 Mansfield Town	10	5	4	1	18	9	9	19
6 Braintree Town	10	6	1	3	16	9	7	19
7 YORK CITY	10	5	2	3	17	9	8	17
8 Kidderminster H	10	5	2	3	18	16	2	17
9 Tamworth	10	5	2	3	11	9	2	17
10 Cambridge United	10	4	4	2	11	8	3	16
11 Southport	10	4	3	3	14	18	-4	15
12 Forest Green R	10	3	4	3	16	11	5	13
13 Barrow	10	4	1	5	17	15	2	13
14 Stockport County	10	2	7	1	10	8	2	13
15 Darlington	10	3	4	3	10	11	-1	13
16 Grimsby Town	10	4	1	5	9	14	-5	13
17 AFC Telford U	10	3	3	4	12	14	-2	12
18 Hayes & Yeading U10	2	3	5	10	17	-7	9	
19 Lincoln City	10	2	2	6	8	14	-6	8
20 Kettering Town	10	2	2	6	10	19	-9	8
21 Alfreton Town	10	2	2	6	8	21	-13	8
22 Ebbsfleet United	10	1	4	5	11	17	-6	7
23 Newport County	10	1	3	6	10	17	-7	6
24 Bath City	10	0	3	7	5	16	-11	3

## Platt Loan Moves Fall Through

Cambridge United manager Jez George has revealed that Conal Platt will only leave on loan if an interested club can come close to matching his wages.

The attacking midfielder, who joined the U's at the start of the 10/11 season, has attracted interest from a number of clubs, however, none have so far come up with a package that suits United – the only reason why the club's top earner has not yet left the Abbey Stadium according to George.

"We just need them to get somewhere close to his wages, but talks are ongoing through this," George told *Cambridge News*.

Conal was not one of the top-earners in the squad last year, but he has now become that, following the wage cuts. If you're one of the top-earners in the club, you have to be one of the most influential players in every game in the first 11 rather than being on the periphery of it."

by James Wright

# Minstermen Media Centre

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to another big game here at Bootham Crescent. Luton have got off to a great start and are currently top of the league so it should be a match of really high quality which wouldn't be out of place in a division or two higher than this.

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Our last home game was really enjoyable despite dropping two points. We started precisely where we left off against Wrexham and it was a great strike by Jamie Reed to put us in front. I thought Darlington's penalty was a bit soft but we were well worth at least a point and put in a good performance. What a tremendous equalising goal from Jason Walker, who showed what a quality player he is at this level. I hope you enjoyed the footage of the goal on YCTV, I certainly enjoyed editing it!

Today we are up against a strong side in Luton Town and the division is starting to take shape. Apparently the current points total of the league leaders is one of the lowest it's been for a few years, which illustrates how tight the league is going to be this

## Did you know?

On this date in 1938 City beat Wrexham at Bootham Crescent 1-0 and were midtable in Division Three North. Bob Mortimer was the scorer and the attendance was 6,018.

year with any team capable of taking points off another. We have had points taken off us by Alfreton and Tamworth, for example, and our visitors have done likewise with Hayes & Yeading and on Tuesday night away at Bath City. So, every game is a challenge and no opposition can be taken lightly.

The last time I saw Luton Town was at the Blue Square Premier Promotion Play-Off Final at the City of Manchester Stadium. It was a day of heartbreak for the Hatters as they came so close to getting back into the League where they clearly belong. To see the look of despair on Alex Lawless' face when he came up to receive his runners-up medal was awful as he was a cracking player for us in his time here. I am sure he will want to impress this afternoon if he's in the Luton line-up.

I wonder what the Luton fans thought of having the Promotion Final away from Wembley? Many of you will disagree with me, the players in

particular, but I think the Final should be held in a smaller ground than the national stadium. It makes for a better atmosphere in my opinion. Our two trips to Wembley have been absolutely dreadful from a spectator point of view, although it doesn't help being on the losing side both times! This year it seems we are back at Wembley again and I'm sure both managers of today's sides would much prefer to have secured the title rather than having the "day out" in the capital.

With Luton today and Gateshead away on Tuesday evening, the games against the pacesetters are coming thick and fast. But, with so many quality players in our squad, there is no-one to fear and if we show what we can do we can get three points from both these games, just as we did last season.

Enjoy the game.

Phil Howden  
York City Media Centre



Jason Walker is seen here with the various sponsors of last Tuesday's game collecting his Man of the Match award, following his performance and equalising goal against Darlington – surely an early contender for goal of the season. This game attracted comfortably the biggest crowd of the night in the BSB Premier.

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## Welcome to Luton Town Lookback

Since LUTON TOWN dropped out of the Football League in 2009 the clubs have met six times and City have a good record over the Hatters winning three times and drawing twice.

In 2009/10 both league games were drawn and the clubs met in the promotion play offs. City won both legs 1-0 in the semi-finals with Richard Brodie the scorer at Bootham Crescent and Chris Carruthers at Kenilworth Road. Last season City lost 5-0 at Luton after the early dismissal of Michael Ingham but won the return fixture 1-0 with Jamie Reed on target.

City's Football League record against Luton is not so good and in 14 meetings (1967-2001) managed just one win and three draws all at Bootham Crescent.

The solitary success was when the clubs first met in March 1967 when Andy Provan (2), Les Collinson, Tommy Spencer and John Goodchild netted in a 5-1 scoreline. On the last day of that season City lost 5-1 at Luton and suffered defeat in each of the six subsequent trips to Bedfordshire.

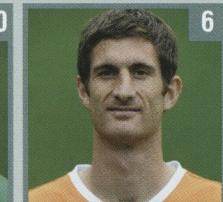
Players who have appeared for both clubs over the years include Reg Stockill who scored City's first ever goal in the Football League in August 1929 at Wigan Borough. He was 15 years 281 days old and remains the youngest player to appear for City. Reg went on to play for Arsenal, Derby County and joined Luton in August 1939 just prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Others include Jimmy Weir, Jim Goldie, Viv Busby, Rob Matthews, Lee Nogan, Liam George, Janos Kovacs, Luke Graham and currently Alex Lawless and Jason Walker. Sam Bartram the former Charlton Athletic goalkeeper managed both clubs (City 1956-1960) and Town (1960-1962).

**LUTON TOWN** were formed in 1885 and were members of the Football League from 1920 until 2009 and operated in all four divisions. In 1959 they were FA Cup runners up to Nottingham Forest and won the FL (Littlewoods) Cup in 1988 and runners up the following campaign. In their last season in the Football League they won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in April 2009.

### GOALKEEPERS

#### 1 / Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007.



#### 30 / Kevin Pilkington

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in May 2010 after his release from Notts County. Pilkington began his career with Manchester United. During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-

year stay at Port Vale. He found stability at Mansfield, joining the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167 times in league action over the next five years. In 2005 the Hitchin-born stopper made the short hop down the M1 to sign for Notts County and another five year stay resulted in him making 141 appearances at Meadow Lane.

### DEFENDERS

#### 6 / George Pilkington

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender was named Player of the Year twice.

## 2 / Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010

from his home town club Cambridge United. Recognised as one of the best right-backs outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

## 16 / Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

## 12 / Shane Blackett

Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6'3" defender in May 2004. He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07. His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up in January 2007. He went on to make 38 appearances during his time at London Road.

## 3 / Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and the deal was made permanent in January 2010.



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## 5 / Dean Beckwith

Centre-back Beckwith became the Hatters' second signing of the summer of 2011 following his release from League 2 side Northampton Town. The 27-year-old, who signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road, was a key member of the Cobblers' squad in 2010/11 which reached the fourth round of the League Cup following wins over Brighton, Reading and Liverpool.

The commanding 6'3" defender has experienced promotion from the Blue Square Bet Premier before having been part of the Hereford United side that won the Play-Off final against Halifax Town in 2008.

## 18 / Curtis Osano

Lightening quick attacking defender who signed a six-month contract at Kenilworth Road following his departure from Rushden & Diamonds in July 2011. Able to play anywhere along the backline, the strong Kenyan-born defender began his career at Reading as a youngster.

## 17 / Will Antwi

Ashford-born centre-half who signed a six-month contract in July 2011 following his release from Dagenham & Redbridge. Capped once by Ghana, Antwi began his career as a scholar at Crystal Palace, before moving to Aldershot in 2004. After one season at the Rec, Antwi joined Wycombe Wanderers where he made 42 league appearances between 2005 and 2009.

## MIDFIELDERS

### 27 / Jamie Hand

Central midfielder who moved to Kenilworth Road on loan in September 2011 from Hayes & Yeading United. 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. 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.

### 11 / Robbie Willmott

Harlow-born winger who penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting 10 goals for Cambridge United. Capable of playing on either wing or behind the front two, Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium. His performances for the U's youth team saw him break into the senior squad, making his debut as a 17-year-old in September 2007.

### 15 / Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut in May 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract.

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### 4 / Keith Keane

Made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003. Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt.

### 28 / Adam Watkins

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He broke into the first team squad during 2010/11 campaign scoring twice on his full debut in the 4-0 FA Trophy win over Uxbridge.

### 7 / Alex Lawless

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. A star of the Minstermen's campaign in 2009/10 which saw City lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United. He joined City in the summer of 2009 impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions – in defence and across midfield – had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar

he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference.

### 21 / Charlie Henry

Winger Henry signed from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Newport County in November 2010, signing initially on-loan until January when the England C international will complete a permanent switch. Henry is no stranger to Kenilworth Road as he came through the youth ranks at the Club but was told he was too small to continue his scholarship and left when he was 15. From South Wales via after spells with a host of non-league sides since leaving Kenilworth Road he's back when it all began and ready to help the Town back into the Football League.

### 19 / James Dance

Energetic, tricky winger who joined the Hatters from Crawley Town in

his name in non-league circles in the West Midlands before catching the eye of Kettering Town in 2009. After a string of fine performances on the wing for the Poppies, he signed for Crawley in January 2011. Picked up a Blue Square Bet Premier winners' medal last term.

## 20 / John Paul Kissock

Creative attacking midfielder John Paul signed a two-year contract for an undisclosed fee joining from Southport in August 2011. The former England Under-16 and Under-18 international began his career as a trainee at Premier League Everton. He was a regular in the Toffees' youth and reserve teams where he surpassed Wayne Rooney's record as the youngest ever player to feature for their second-string. In January 2008, he signed on loan for then Scottish Premier League Gretna, earning rave reviews before he returned to Goodison Park. With first team opportunities limited – despite being named as an unused substitute nine times in the Premier League – he was released at the end of the 2008/09 campaign before he signed Hamilton Academical. A short spell with Accies followed and, after attempting to find a new club, he

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dropped down to Cheshire county league level in a bid to resurrect his career. His performances for firstly Newton, and then Formby, alerted the attention of Southport manager Liam Watson who signed the Liverpudlian in December 2010.

## FORWARDS

### 10 / Danny Crow

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008.

### 8 / Amari Morgan-Smith

Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town. He put pen to paper on a two-year deal after two years with the Blue Square Bet North side in which he scored 34 goals in 77 starts. The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season, earning his first cap against the Republic of Ireland in May. Wolverhampton-born Morgan-Smith started his career as a trainee with Wolves. He then signed for Crewe and then Stockport where he made

one Football League appearance before moving to Ilkeston.

### 14 / Aaron O'Connor

Striker, who picked up a plethora of end-of-season awards at Nene Park, arrived at Kenilworth Road after signing a two-year contact following the expiry of his deal with Rushden & Diamonds. He scored 27 times in two seasons at Nene Park after arriving from Mansfield Town and went onto be a huge favourite at the Northamptonshire club. Aaron started his career on YTS forms with Derby County before moving to Ilkeston Town. He then had spells at Scunthorpe United and Nuneaton Borough before returning to Ilkeston. He then joined Gresley Rovers where between 2004 and 2007 he scored 80 goals in 127 games. Aaron went from Grays to Mansfield in 2008 where he scored eight times in 39 games at Field Mill prior to his switch to Rushden in the summer of 2009. Known for his strength and turn of pace the Nottingham-born front man can also play wide.

### 13 / Stuart Fleetwood

Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. The Gloucester-born frontman, who scored 28 goals the last time he played at Conference level whilst with Forest Green Rovers, signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road. He began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, making the grade to feature eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006. In January 2006, Fleetwood signed for Hereford for the first time scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007. The Wales Under-21

international turned down a new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out to Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton. Fleetwood returned to Edgar Street last summer and scored 18 goals as he helped the Bulls avoid the drop in League 2.

## MANAGER

### Gary Brabin

Originally brought to the club as Chief Scout at the time Richard Money was appointed manager in October 2009, Brabin was reassigned in the new role as assistant manager in the summer of 2010. Following the departure of Richard Money in March 2011, Brabin took control of the Hatters until the end of the 2010/11 season. After playing over 275 times in League football as a tough-tackling midfielder, Brabin moved into management firstly with Southport – guiding them to the Conference North Play-offs – before moving south to manage Cambridge United in 2008. In his first – and eventually only – season at the Abbey Stadium he guided the U's to the Blue Square Premier Play-off final after finishing runners-up to champions Burton Albion, but lost to Torquay United at Wembley. Despite that set-back Brabin was awarded the BSP Manager of the Year award before behind the scenes differences at the Abbey led to him leaving the club in July 2009 before arriving at Kenilworth Road.

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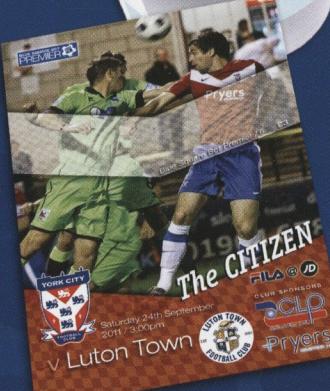
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New FA rules mean that, from next season, any club that is re-formed from the ashes of a liquidated club will have to re-start their campaign at Step Five level in the football pyramid. The move has been made because it's thought that it is too easy for financially-failing teams to cast off their debts, drop down a couple of divisions, and – Hey Presto! – they can be back at the same level as they were a short time earlier, but without the debts.

The move has been greeted with fairly widespread support. For a start, it's fairer on the teams who balance their books. Harrogate Town, who pride themselves on not owing anyone a penny, will have mixed feelings about playing AFC Halifax, who went out of business not long ago but are up to Step Two in next to no time. The FA also feel that it's unfair that the traders who suffer most from folded clubs are often local ones, the printers, catering suppliers, etc. who cannot afford to write off bad debts.

For my part, I have two reservations. If clubs are forced into Step Five, it's tough on the people who are rescuing the club, which usually means the fans. Usually the culprits who got the club into the mess have severed their links with it, leaving fan-based rescuers to suffer the FA's wrath. Ironically, many of the traders who are left out of pocket from the original club's demise will also be working to revive the club, so additional

punishments from the FA constitute a double whammy. I wonder how many people who lost money during Scarborough's demise are now supporting the new Scarborough Athletic in some shape or form? My second reservation comes from a chat with officials at Tadcaster Albion, who play in – yes, you've guessed – Step Five. How do THEY feel about being used as a dumping ground (my term) for reborn liquidated clubs? On the plus side, there's a financial windfall every time such a club comes to their little ground. On the minus side, it's inevitable that the reborn big club will, sooner rather than later, win



promotion, and there's only one promotion place from Step Five. Last season AFC Farsley won that division, denying Parkgate (average crowd around 70) the chance of what they would regard as glory. Promotion for Tadcaster would make history for them, and their manager Paul Marshall has taken other clubs into Step Four, so it seems unfair to deny them at the expense of a re-formed club placed for policy reasons in their division. The test, of course, will come if a REALLY big club goes under. If Leeds United went under (as they nearly did a few years ago), would the FA seriously make them start again in Step Five?



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Gary will be answering your questions and listening to your opinions from 7:30pm, but the bar is open from 7pm and we suggest you arrive as early as you can to secure the best seats!

There'll also be a raffle in which you can win a famous YMM Navvy's Breakfast, match tickets, and other excellent prizes.

As ever, everyone is welcome, although under-18s **must** be accompanied by a responsible adult family member.

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We'll be hosting our October General Knowledge Quiz in Pitchside Bar, on Thursday 6th October. Doors open at 7pm, and the quiz commences at 8:30pm. This month's host is Frank Ormston. Entry is £1 per person for teams of up to four people. As usual, there will be a raffle for the navvy's breakfast, a bottle of wine, and City match tickets.

You can join York Minstermen on the night, if you want to be entered into the FREE monthly draw for a cash prize.

### 2011 TREASURE HUNT NEARLY FINISHED!

There are just six days left to complete this year's Treasure Hunt! The closing date for entries is next Friday, 30th September and today is your last chance to buy a copy from the Supporters' Office next to the club shop.

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## Pocklington Minstermen

### COMMITTEE

Its nomination time, all positions are now up for a members vote, if you would like to get involved with the running of PMM and want more information, check out our website or contact me by the details below.

We are still taking memberships, the fees are £5 Adults £2 Children, family £10. If you would like to join us or want any further details on the group then contact me.

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## Supporters Club

A very good afternoon to you all.

The Supporters Club have members all over the world and we established strong support in the Republic of Ireland.

I'm sure many of us have fond memories of our pre-season tour in 1995, and our great defeat of Manchester United is around this time of year.

Our lucky member today is Colin Fawcett, one of our Vice-Presidents, now living in Perth, where he supports St Johnstone, membership No. 206.

Raymond Wynn (01904-797578)

## York City South SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS

If you are 'down south' then please come along and join York City South – your subscriptions include your membership of the York City AFC 1922 Supporters Club and also help York City South to fund sponsorships plus contributions to the club. Lots of information on our website.

We are planning our programme of social evenings – details to be announced soon!

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## Harrogate Minstermen

Good afternoon

A warm welcome to everyone for today's game. Let us hope that our fine win at Wrexham continued with the Darlington home fixture.

One thing I find irritating is reading the endless forums criticising the Club on and off the pitch. These are usually made by an anonymous idiot who seeks pleasure in seeing our beloved team fail. They are very quiet when we are doing well.

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We all have our right to say what we want but hiding behind a phone and computer is pathetic!

Anyway, just a reminder that details of our next two Branch Meetings are listed below.

**Thursday, 29th September /**  
Harrogate Conservative Club /  
7:30pm start – guests TBA

**Thursday 27th October /**  
Harrogate Conservative Club /  
7:30pm – guest Gary Mills  
Everyone is welcome. There will be a raffle and a question and answer session with our guests.  
Please come along and support the branch.

Finally, we will be running the Minibus to the forthcoming Away games at Gateshead and Stockport County. Departure times and details are as follows:



## YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' TRUST

During the summer the annual York City Supporters' Trust Golf Day was held with proceeds going towards the Youth Team, this year the competition, played at Pike Hills Golf Club, was fought between 19 teams which included current and former players. Six Minstermen first-teamers – captain Chris Smith, goalkeeper Michael Ingham, with Scott Kerr, Ashley Chambers, Matty Blair and Jason Walker and ex-players Darren Kelly, Dave Dunmore, Dale Banton and Joe Neenan – joined with fans and keen golfers who turned out to take on the 18 hole challenge. Ashley Chambers and Gerry Baker played with one of the competition sponsors and were able to claim a second place award with Team Space Creative.

But it was long-time York City supporter, Robin Langhamer, along with team-mates, John Smith, Mark Smith and Steve Knowles who ran-out winners of the stableford competition.

Prizes of golf carry bags, trolleys, caps and towels were won by the winners and runners up and were kindly donated to Pike Hills their St Leonards Hospice Day the following week.

Youth Team manager Steve Torpey who was busy during the day steering the Youth Team to a 2-0 victory joined

**Gateshead** (away) / Tuesday 27th September – depart Harrogate Odeon 4pm, Starbeck 4:05pm, Knaresborough Marquis 4:15pm. Fare: £12 members, £17 non members.

**Stockport County** (away) / Saturday 1st October – depart Harrogate Odeon 11:00am, Starbeck 11:05am, Knaresborough Marquis 11:15am, Wetherby 11:30am, Ferrybridge Services 11:45am. Fare: £11 members, £16 non members.

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with the competitors for the Presentation Dinner in the evening said it was a "fantastic effort to raise such a good amount of cash (£2,800)

towards the Youth Team Fund".  
Organiser Graham Bradbury said the day had been a tremendous success.

"It was an absolutely fantastic day. We raised £2,800 and the generosity of the players has been brilliant. The donations given by some of the City players and sponsors was also a magnificent gesture.

"We know we have been so close to the youth team folding in the past few years and any little amount will help but I would hope this money will make a big inroad to supporting them for next season."

York City Supporters Trust would like to thank Graham Bradbury for organising the event, Pike Hills for hosting it and for the players, ex-players and all those taking part for giving up their time to support a very worthy cause.

by Mark Woodhouse / YCST

Above: York City Supporters' Trust golf day tournament winners at Pike Hills GC, from left: Steve Knowles, Robin Langhamer, Neil Smith and John Smith

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The Community Team offer a range of children's birthday parties for boys and girls aged 5 to 14 years old. Prices start from just £135 for a maximum of 16 children.

A member of the York City in the Community team is allocated to host each party. Midweek parties are offered from 4:30-6:30pm or 5-7pm. The parties usually begin with a half hour ground tour, giving the participants a chance to see behind the scenes at Bootham Crescent – in the changing rooms, the tunnel and on pitchside.

Our professional coaches then run an hour's football activity in the indoor gym facility – so our parties are ideal no matter what the weather. All our coaches are FA qualified, are first aid trained, and hold safeguarding children certificates and Enhanced CRB disclosures.

Our aim is to offer the children taking part in each party the chance to warm up, learn a few new skills with some fun ball games and soccer drills, before we break them down into small teams to play a mini tournament, so that they also get to play matches. We change the activities regularly to ensure that all children remain engaged in the activity, and adapt the sessions to suit the age and ability of each group.

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Matchday parties, like Ewan has had, are offered on selected home league fixtures from 11am to 1pm. In addition to the above, the birthday child receives a full York City home kit and the fantastic opportunity to be a mascot for the day's game which enables them to meet the players in the changing rooms; meet the Management team; warm up on the pitch with the players; run out at kick off; be included in the official match photograph; have their details mentioned in the match programme and receive a signed copy.

The party of up to 16 children and two adults are provided tickets to stay and watch the mascot perform their duties from 1:45pm and to watch the match from kick off at 3pm.

Parties are very popular with all young football fans, and matchday dates book up well in advance. If you are interested in finding out more visit <http://www.yorkcityfootballclub.co.uk/childrens-parties-in-york.php> or contact the community office on 01904 624447 (ext 7) or

community@yorkcityfootballclub.co.uk. We would be delighted to answer any queries you may have or check availability.

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Playing position: Striker  
Year joined YCFC: May 2005  
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Favourite music: Pop  
Favourite food: Parmo  
Favourite films: Ali G indahouse  
Favourite car: BMW X5  
Team you support: Newcastle  
Favourite player / manager: Scott Parker / Harry Rednapp  
Previous clubs: Middleton Ranger-Darlington  
Biggest influence to date: Mam  
Any pre match superstitions: No

Anyone you would like to thank: I would like to thank all my family, York city coaches and scout Mick Malcolm for their help support, **my sponsor for this season, David Nicholls from Tall Tree Stables.**

## Centre of Excellence Under 16's

The teams who represent the club from under 11yrs to the under 16yrs age groups are now a couple of weeks into their fixtures and so far have returned a mixture of results. The teams are not in any leagues, so no points are awarded,\* but the one thing that they do play for is pride! The matches are highly competitive and the status of the opposition's first team often adds a little extra spice to the fixture. One good example is when we played Hull City a couple of weeks ago and our under 16's team, which is arguably the COE most senior side, defeated their Hull counterparts by one goal to nil. Obviously at first team level, some people would say, we are miles apart but as the result shows at Under 16yrs we are competing and we are competing well. What also makes this result more interesting is that we lost our Keeper early on in the match through injury and, therefore, had to call upon the services of one of

our under 14 year old Keepers who were also playing, and beating, Hull on an adjacent pitch.

Another perspective where we can take positives from the above result is that, at the moment, our coaches are trying to produce players who will progress through the Youth Team and then into the Conference, compare this to the Hull Coaches who are trying to produce Championship players makes the result even more encouraging!

We often loose players, tempted by bigger clubs, and the prospect of richer pickings, but as the above result shows the playing standards are not necessarily higher but the expectations regarding the end product can vary enormously.

The York City Centre of Excellence provides our players with the opportunity to get their foot onto the Professional ladder, it is my opinion that individual skills will then determine how far up the ladder that player will progress.

by Graham Kilby

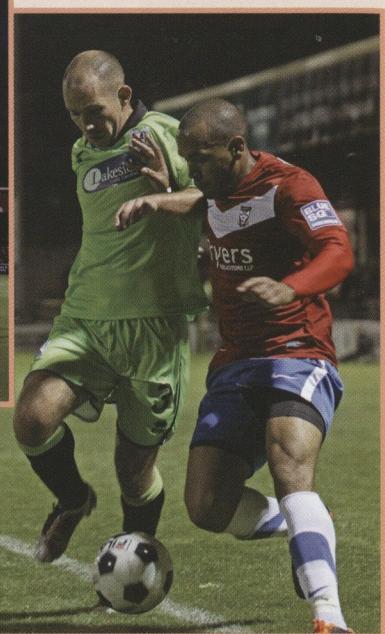
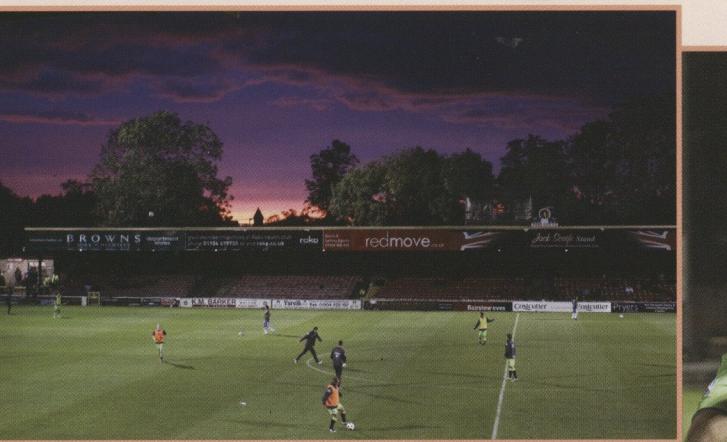


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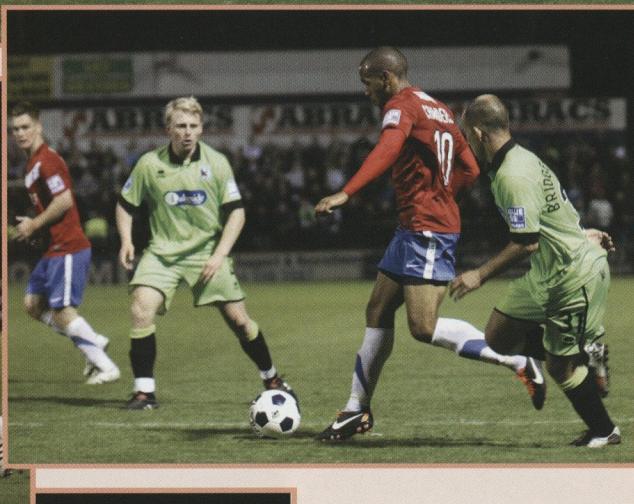
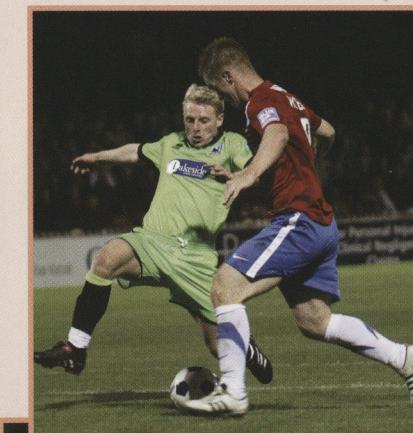
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# CITY CORNER

by Jamie Crane



**A few weeks ago, when England faced Bulgaria and Wales in the Euro 2012 qualifiers, an initiative to introduce more people to non-league football took place across the country.**

'Non-League Day' aims to encourage the 500,000 supporters who visit, Premiership and Championship stadiums each week to go and watch their local teams play while the big clubs have a week off. The day, this year held on the third of September, increases football's awareness of the standard of the lower tiers, as well as providing much welcome, and much needed, extra income to the sides involved. This year, however, we missed out on these benefits.

With three of our squad gracing the international stage, we were eligible to request the postponement of our league tie against Bath, and as our side would have been considerably weakened had the game gone ahead, we rightly did so. As fantastic as it is to have York players representing their country, it certainly has an effect on the club when international fixtures are played mid-season, whether it means missing out on a potential bumper Saturday attendance or having players absent.

## Did you know?

51 years ago today Colin Addison hit a **hat trick** in a 4-0 home win over Workington watched by 6,104. City were in the top half of the Fourth Division.

Lanre Oyebanjo was certainly missed in our home tie against Alfreton.

So when should internationals be played? If they take place during the summer break, then they interrupt the players' only holiday period and pre-season training, but clubs might prefer that to having the matches interrupt their league campaign.

The Bath game was rearranged for a Tuesday night, and the crowd attendance was over a thousand less than the home fixture preceding the date the tie was originally meant to be played on. That's well over £10,000 the club might have missed out on, a highly significant sum at our level, and one that could have been even greater because of 'Non-League Day'.

attracting more supporters. Last year, our crowd on the day rose by 300 from the home game before it, and this season, with the event bigger than ever, the attendance increase could have been even larger. The organisers recruited an official partner charity in MacMillan Cancer Support, and former England winger Chris Waddle as the day's ambassador, and built on the success of the year before.

York are one of the few Blue Square Premier teams able to boast multiple internationals within their ranks, and as proud as I am that this is the case, it is a shame that we missed out on such an inspiring event as 'Non-League Day'.

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## York City Youth v Darlington Youth

**York City 0-2 Darlington**



**This week saw the Youth Team face Darlington in what would definitely be another tough game.**

Mike Atkinson and Ben Weir made their first league starts of the season with the Youth Team looking for a good performance to get back to winning ways after last week's defeat at Bradford. York started very brightly with the first chance of the match coming when some good closing down from Rob Moncur forced the Darlington defender to give the ball to Charlie Binns. A perfectly weighted pass from Binns to Tom Platt gave him the chance to shoot. However the shot was deflected and the keeper saved well.

The game was fairly even in the first half with both sides creating chances. Darlington had a free header in the box which was headed over the bar. The left midfielder then had a shot from close range saved well by keeper Ben White.

York's next chance came when Vinnie Dhesi collected the ball from Binns and played Tom Owen in behind the defence. Owen did well to keep the ball in and found Dhesi with the return pass, but an awkward bounce meant

Dhesi had to stretch and the ball looped over the cross bar. The first half came to an end at 0-0 with both sides having their fair share of chances.



minutes from another throw which this time found the striker's feet inside the box. He did well to gain a yard and fire into the bottom corner, leaving White no chance in the York goal.

York pressed to get back into the game but could not penetrate the well-drilled Darlington defence, and they held onto their two goal lead. A disappointing defeat on the day but this will be put out of our minds as we prepare for the Youth Cup game on Wednesday.

**TEAM:** White, Atkinson, Newbould, Allan, Weir, Binns, Platt, Dhesi (sub D Middleton), Kelly, Moncur, Owen. Subs not used: Guildford, Foster-Vigors, H Coates

### Did you know?

On this date in 1988 City won 1-0 at Peterborough United to move off the bottom of the Fourth Division. Ian Helliwell was the scorer.



# Away days



Two away games in the BSBP for the Minstermen this coming week ...

Firstly, on Tuesday evening, a rare trip north as we travel to **GATESHEAD**, who have made an impressive start to the campaign, to defy the bookies pre-season title odds of 100-1 (now down to 16-1).

Since the beginning of last season, when the club turned full-time, manager Ian Bogie has been quietly building a squad containing plenty of Conference know how – this summer's signings have included Yemi Odubade, Eddie Odhiambo and Sam Rents, each of whom has been part of a previous Conference title winning squad.

Former one time City loanee, Jon Shaw, is leading scorer with seven goals, whilst Chris Carruthers, released by Gary Mills in the summer, is another familiar face in the home ranks. Their coaching staff includes ex City goalkeeper Chris Porter.

Always regarded as a difficult place for visiting sides to go and gain a positive result, City will be looking to continue their fine recent record at the International Stadium. The Heed however, inspired by their early season form, will pose a greater challenge this term, and with a continued upturn in results they will be looking to come out of the shadows cast by their close Premier League neighbours.

City supporters will again be seated in the 4,000 capacity East Stand, a large covered stand, well set back from the pitch by an eight lane athletics track, which runs along the touch line opposite to the Main Stand. The bar at the stadium is restricted to home supporters only, so visiting fans should try the Schooner (located on South Shore Road – about a 10-15 minute walk away).

Another club living in the shadows of Premier League neighbours are **STOCKPORT COUNTY**, who we visit next Saturday.

Instability on and off the pitch led Stockport to relegation from the Football League – after 106 years – at the end of last season.

Like us, County are managed by a European Cup (Champions League) medal winner. The appointment of novice manager Dietmar Hamann, who had no previous experience at all of football at this level, raised a few eyebrows amongst fellow Conference clubs. The former Liverpool and Germany international inherited a total of only nine full-time contracted players on his arrival. He has since managed to assemble a squad including the youthful talents of Sean McConvile (ex Accrington) and Tom Elliott (ex Leeds), together with the experience of Martin Gritten (Yeovil), Nick Chadwick (Barrow) and Chris Blackburn (Wrexham).

Stockport have made a steady, but unspectacular start to life in the BSBP, drawing six of their opening nine games to sit mid-table after last weekend's round of matches.

Since our last visit to Edgeley Park in 1997 the ground has become all-seater, with visiting supporters housed in the uncovered Railway End – a great place for plane spotting, with the ground being located directly under the flight path of Manchester Airport!

Several pubs are located on nearby Castle Street which welcomes away fans, including the Royal Oak and the Sir Robert Peel.

The Minstermen will be wearing their red/white strip for both games.

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**Tuesday, 27th September 2011**

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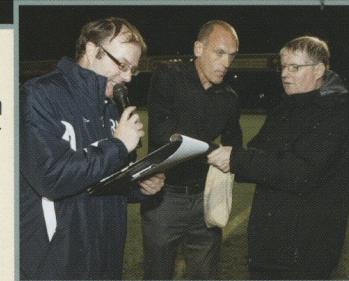


## 50/50 Cash Draw City v Darlington

Former York City and Darlington defender Steve Tutill, who was a guest at the game, came down to pitchside at half time to draw the winning 50/50 tickets. Exactly 16 years earlier, Steve was leading the Minstermen to a famous 3-0 victory against Manchester United at Old Trafford.



The £335 cash prize was picked up from the Supporters Office after the game by **Jeremy Gibson** from York. Jeremy's lucky ticket, number **004988**, was sold by John in the Pitchside Bar.



The one hour pitch hire at **PlayFootball** was not claimed by the owner of ticket number **004376**. However, **Ron Smith** from Marton Le Moor, Ripon did come forward to collect the £10 voucher for **Stonigate Yard Bar & Brasserie**. Ron's winning ticket was number **004366**. Both consolation prize winning tickets were sold by Frank in the car park.

If you have ticket number 004376, please contact me to arrange to receive your prize. It's not too late.

Good luck this afternoon!

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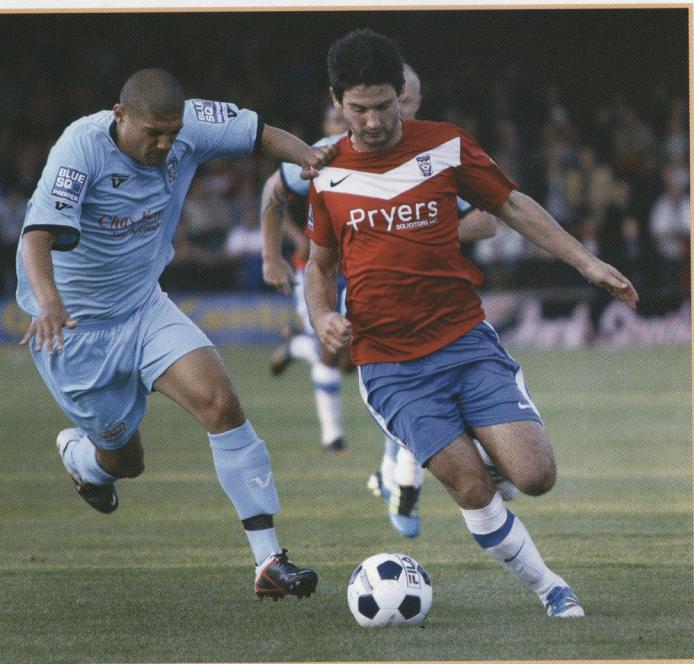
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# Me And The Game



It's often said that one of the worst aspects of being a professional footballer is training. *The Citizen* asked young City midfielder PATRICK McLAUGHLIN for his thoughts on pre-match preparations.



**Paddy, some players say that training is the worst part of their job, would you agree with that?**

No, I wouldn't say it's the worst part. Obviously playing games is better, but I think everyone enjoys training and gets a buzz from training. But playing games is always a lot better. Like in pre-season, playing games was far

better than training every day. There is no substitute for the real game.

**What do you think the balance should be between ball work and fitness?**

I think it's different nowadays. The modern thing is that there's not as much straight running as there maybe was years ago. A lot of the fitness work is done with

the ball. You have to do little bits of running but a lot of the fitness work is done in game situations, small-sided games in training all with the ball. So I think that's better. I wasn't around during the "bad" pre-seasons long ago and I don't think I'd like to go back to those days!

**You've had different types of training because you've played at Newcastle, here at York and with Northern Ireland. How has your experience of training differed in those environments?**

I don't think there's much difference between Newcastle and here. It's a lot of the same sort of stuff, a lot of small-sided games, possession, crossing and finishing, just general stuff I think like most clubs. The international thing is a little bit different because you're going away maybe on a Tuesday for a Friday night for an important qualifier so you need to do a lot of work on getting the team together. You do set pieces, back four work, work on the shape of the team so that

everyone knows their own jobs and how we're going to play. Because sometimes managers at clubs do different stuff to what your international manager wants you to do and you've got to adapt to that. But it's making sure everyone's on the same wavelength when we get together. It can be quite boring sometimes to be honest because sometimes at the end of a session

you just want to smash balls around, but it's part of the game and you have to deal with it.

**For you is training about learning new things or developing the skills you've already got?**

Both. You're always still learning and you can always pick new things up from different coaches. You never stop learning but then doing the same things every day, the technique you've already got is only going to get better from doing it all the time. I think it's a bit of both really.

**Some footballers go to the gym in their free time and do extra work, is that something you do? Do you do training on your own?**

Little bits, yes. Little bits in the gym. I like to stay behind and maybe do a bit of finishing, shooting or something. You can always improve in all areas and when you've got that free time you may as well use it.

**Do you think people can train too much?**

I think you probably can. It's just getting the balance right and knowing the days of the week. You're not going to do a leg weights session on a Friday because then you'd be knackered for the Saturday. So it's about having your head screwed on and knowing when to train hard and when to ease off. The plans of the sessions are always set out to accommodate that.

**You're at the beginning of your career now but could you see yourself in the future being the coach and taking training sessions yourself?**

I can and that's one thing I have thought about. I've done a bit of coaching at Whitley Bay with the Under 17 team. I coached them for a year and a half when I was playing for Newcastle. Before I started doing that I wasn't really sure. I'd done the odd bits of coaching with little five and six year olds and you look round and their building sandcastles in the goalmouth! And I thought "I haven't got the patience for this" but once I got in with the lads at Whitley Bay, they were a great set of lads and I really enjoyed doing it. I think it will definitely be something I would look to do in the future.

## Did you know?

On this day in 1955 City drew 0-0 at Workington and were **fourth in the Northern Section**.



# Captain's column

On Tuesday night I thought we were unlucky not to win. The lads were pleased with the game. We should have got the three points but we gave them both goals from mistakes, which we seem to have made too often so far this season. We need to iron out those mistakes. I thought we dominated Darlington and pinned them back but the equalising goal probably came a bit late for us to go on and win the game.

We had Wednesday off then came back into training where there has been a good, chirpy atmosphere as we prepared for today's game. Bring on Luton!

Annoyingly for myself, I was suffering from a sore groin in the warm-up before Tuesday's game. To be honest I had first felt it in the running after the Wrexham game. It was hard to accept because I've gone from playing to being on the bench to sitting the game out. But I think it was the right decision because I could have needed to go on, could have damaged my groin and been out for 6 weeks. It was the best decision for the team and after few days rest and a bit of treatment and I'll be back in training.

As we know, Luton are top of the league and we have a bit of a rivalry with them, but we'll treat it like any other game. They are in good form but we are in good form too. If the crowd gets behind us, and with the way we've been playing, we can do the business today. Luton will be full of confidence but that's how we like it and hopefully we can knock that confidence out of them.

Chris Smith

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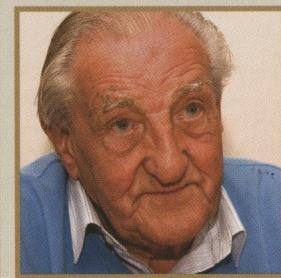
A very special tribute to one of the club's most popular and best loved players **ALF PATRICK** who tomorrow – 25th September – celebrates his 90th birthday.

Born in York Alf is 4th in City's all time scoring list with 117 goals in 241 League and Cup appearances. He signed professional terms for City in 1946 after serving in the Second World War in the Royal Engineers and after a prolific scoring spell in the second team netted on his senior debut against Stockport County on 2nd November 1946. From then until April 1953 he was the leading figure in City's attack and during this post war boom time for football Alf thrilled the big crowds with his scoring feats, pace and tremendous wholehearted enthusiasm.

In the first four post war seasons he was top scorer and in 1948/49 he chalked up 27 goals including five in a memorable 6-1 win over then Division Three North league leaders Rotherham United. Over 19,000 packed into Bootham Crescent that day and it is the only time a City player has achieved that five goal feat in the Football League. Alf recalls, however, that the game which gave him the most pleasure was later that season when City won away to Northern Section champions elect Hull City 3-2 in front of over 40,000 at Boothferry Park when he scored twice.

He scored four times in a 6-0 win over Halifax Town in 1947/48 and hit three goals on four other occasions thus equalling Reg Baines' club record tally of six Football League hat tricks.

Alf (on ground) scoring against Accrington Stanley in October 1949.



Alf always gave 100% for his local club and, without doubt, is one of the most popular players to have worn the number 9 shirt for City.

All connected with the club will wish Alf a very happy birthday and say thanks for so much pleasure he gave to the City fans who flocked to Bootham Crescent in those post war years.

by David Batters

## Appearances

Season	League apps	FA Cup gls	Total apps	Total gls
1946/47	23	17	1	0
1947/48	27	19	0	0
1948/49	41	26	3	1
1949/50	37	14	1	0
1950/51	33	9	4	4
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# All our yesterdays



Bill Porritt (left foreground) in a heading duel with a New Brighton defender in a Division Three North game at Bootham Crescent in February 1939.

## 75 Years Ago

Following the good start to the campaign a 3-0 defeat at bottom of the table Rochdale on 26th September 1936 extended City's run of games without a win to 5 matches and the club slipped to 10th in Division Three North.

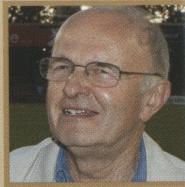
For the match at Spotland manager Jock Collier made his first two team changes of the season. Replacing Alf Agar and Jim Nicol in attack were debutants Bill Porritt and Bill Hewitson. The former was a diminutive right winger who had joined the club from Huddersfield Town in August 1936. Including wartime he spent 11 years with the club making his final appearance at the end of the 1946/47 season. In total Porritt played in 42 League and Cup games for the club and scored five goals and also made 46 wartime appearances with nine goals.

The line up at Rochdale was: Wharton, Wass, Legge, Fox, Duckworth, Hathway, Porritt, Hughes, Hewitson, Comrie, Spooner.



Wally Gould (left) heads just wide in this City attack against Barrow on 23rd September 1961.

by David Batters



Stockill one of their marksman. Bury led the Second Division while Northern Section leaders Chester gained a 4-0 home win over Carlisle United.

## 50 Years Ago

Following successive league defeats City drew at home in front of 8,171 to Carlisle United 1-1 with Peter Wragg scoring from a penalty and then on 23rd September 1961 entertained Barrow. City were generally on top in a rather scrappy first half in which Walter Bingley and John Stainsby along with former City player John Robertson, who was in the visitors' attack, were booked. The best chance before the interval fell to Barrow but Barry Lowes was foiled by a fine save by Tommy Forgan. After the break City got into top gear and netted five goals all scored by different players. Within a minute of the restart Stainsby hit a low shot into the net after a cross by Peter Wragg. Constant pressure was put on the visitors' defence but it was not until

the 69th minute that City increased their lead when Wragg headed home after good work by Jimmy Weir. The third goal was scored three minutes later when Wally Gould crashed in a terrific drive from outside the penalty area which flew past Barrow' keeper Alan Coglan and within a couple of minutes Coglan was beaten again by a long range effort from Alan Woods. The scoring was completed in the last minute when Barry Pierce ran through to net a fine goal from a difficult angle. The attendance was 5,345 and the line up was:

Forgan, Bingley, Heron, Woods, Jackson, Fountain, Weir, Wragg, Stainsby, Pierce, Gould.

City moved up to fifth in Division Four with the following record: P 10, W 5, D 2, L 3, F 19, A 13, Pts 12.

Luton Town that weekend won 1-0 at Charlton Athletic and were 8th in Division Two (Championship).

In the First Burnley beat Everton 2-1 at Turf Moor to stay at the top and the Manchester derby ended 3-3 at Old Trafford. Liverpool defeated Bury 5-0 at home to strengthen their lead to four points at the top of the Second and Reading led the Third. Although Colchester United suffered their first defeat of the season when they lost 3-0 at Southport they remained Fourth Division leaders.



## 25 Years Ago

City were in FL (Littlewoods) Cup action on 23rd September 1986 when they entertained First (Premier) Division Chelsea in a first leg second round tie. A crowd of 7,436 saw City establish a 1-0 lead thanks to a Tony Canham goal in the 50th minute. City had had the better of exchanges in the first half but the visitors piled on the pressure after falling into arrears and Andy Leaning made a number of fine saves with Derek Hood and Mike Pickering outstanding in defence. The teams line up as follows;

CITY: Leaning, MacKenzie, Hood, Sbragia, Pickering, Gabbiadini, Ford, Banton, Walwyn, Mills, Canham.

Mike Pickering and Ricky Sbragia watch as Andy Leaning punches the ball clear under pressure from Chelsea striker Kerry Dixon in September 1986.

**CHELSEA:**  
Niedwiecki, Wood, Rougvie, Pates, McLaughlin, Bumstead, Nevin, Hazard (Jones), Dixon, Speedie, McNaught.

City resumed their league programme at Doncaster Rovers on 27th September when, in a disappointing display, they lost 3-1 after taking an early lead through a Marco Gabbiadini header. Three days later, however, City bounced back when they beat Bournemouth 2-0 at home to leapfrog above the Cherries into second place in Division Three (League

One). Keith Walwyn netted both goals in the 33rd and 87th minutes and outstanding for City was Dale Banton. The attendance was 3,770 and the line up was: Leaning, Senior, Hood, Sbragia, Pickering, Gabbiadini (Murray), Ford, Banton, Walwyn, Mills, Canham.

Middlesbrough were the leaders and City were two points behind with the following record: P 8, D 5, L 1, L 2, F 13, A 10, Pts 16.

Luton Town were 10th in the First Division and that weekend beat Manchester City 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Nottingham Forest beat Arsenal 1-0 with Nigel Clough the scorer and remained top. Oldham Athletic led the Second and Northampton Town were the Fourth Division leaders.

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# City CITIZENS



As we continue our series on people associated with York City Football Club, we talk to someone who is a familiar face to many supporters on a matchday – DAVID ASHFORD, the proprietor of The Pitchside Bar.



**Name:** David Ashford

**Job:** Proprietor, York City Pitchside Bar

**David, how long have you been working in partnership with York City Football Club?**

Approximately 16 months.

**How did your partnership with York City come about?**

My step son Jason was doing the corporate catering for York City. He was then offered the opportunity to take the bar on and I've now taken it over from him. I ran it for him for a year and have now taken it on myself.

**When you took over the bar, what improvements had to be made?**

We refitted the bar out, changed all the beers, put a different core range

in to try to make it a wider range for the fans. We've improved the building and it's about to be repainted inside shortly. We put in a kitchen and kitted that out so we can provide hot meals, sandwiches, pies and pasties on matchdays and I think we've made quite a significant improvement.

**One big change is that you've tried to open The Pitchside more as a pub rather than it being a Social Club only open on a matchday, how has that gone?**

It's gone quite well actually. It took a while to get people to realise that it wasn't a members club and that anyone could come in, and it's now open every weekday at 7 o'clock and also open all day Saturday and Sunday. We're open to anybody.

**Since coming to the club, how have you found the clientele, the York City supporters?**

The York City supporters are quite good actually. It was a bit awkward at the beginning because quite a few of them didn't like change but I think they've gradually seen the change as for the better and I quite like them now. We have a good laugh with most of them anyway.

**What plans do you have for the future of the Pitchside Bar?**

We'd like to stay here but obviously that's not possible with the ground move. We'll be here until it ups sticks and goes. Hopefully we'll try to improve things a bit more as the years go on.

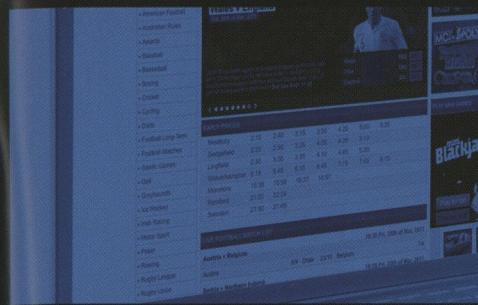
**Are you much of a football fan?**

Being a South Welshman I'm probably more of a Rugby Union man. I have tended to watch a bit more football since I've been involved in the bar.

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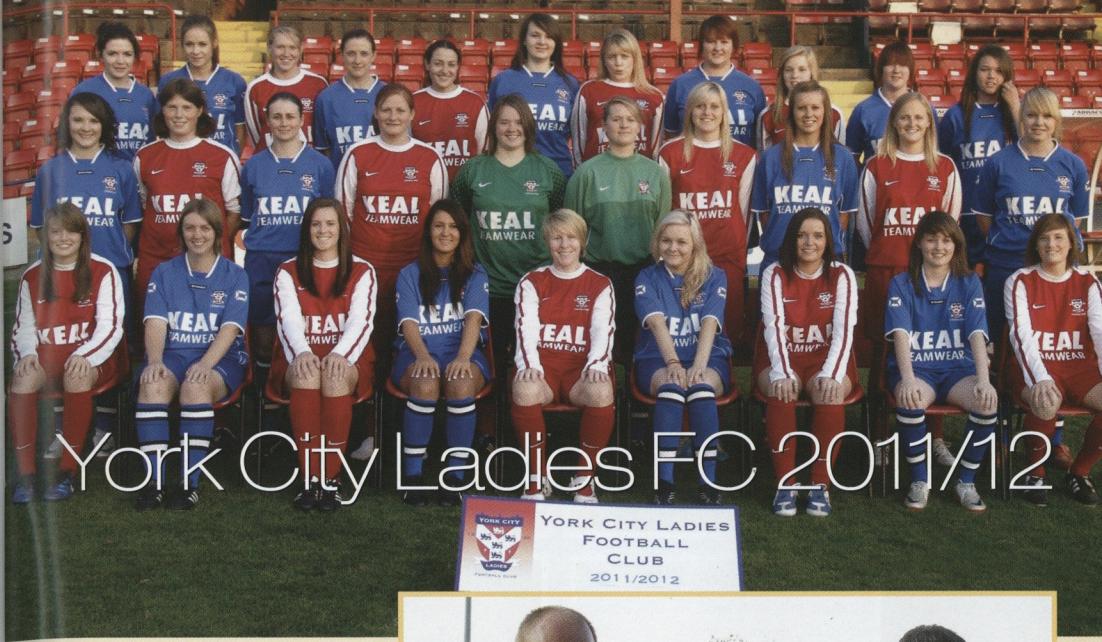
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After a defeat in the North East Regional Women's Cup by Birtley Phoenix, York City fielded a full strength team and the opportunity to be amongst the league leaders after the first month of the season.

York City's next game will be against joint leaders and leading goal scorers Hull City.

Club captain Abbi Webster said "This is the best squad of players we have had for many years. After winning the North Riding Women's Cup two years running we are all desperate for a promotion season. We have noticed a few more



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we aim to entertain"

Webster starts her 21st season with  
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Above: Alan Pearson and Kevin Ellwood directors of Keal Teamwear presents Clubman of the Year Abbi Webster with their Royal Blue kit for the coming season.

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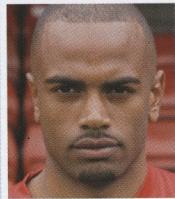
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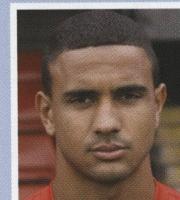
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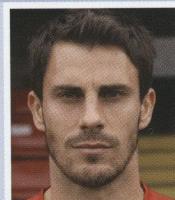
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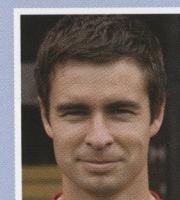
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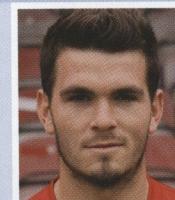
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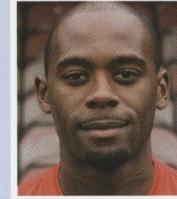
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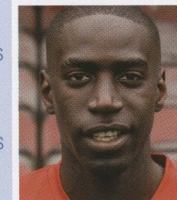


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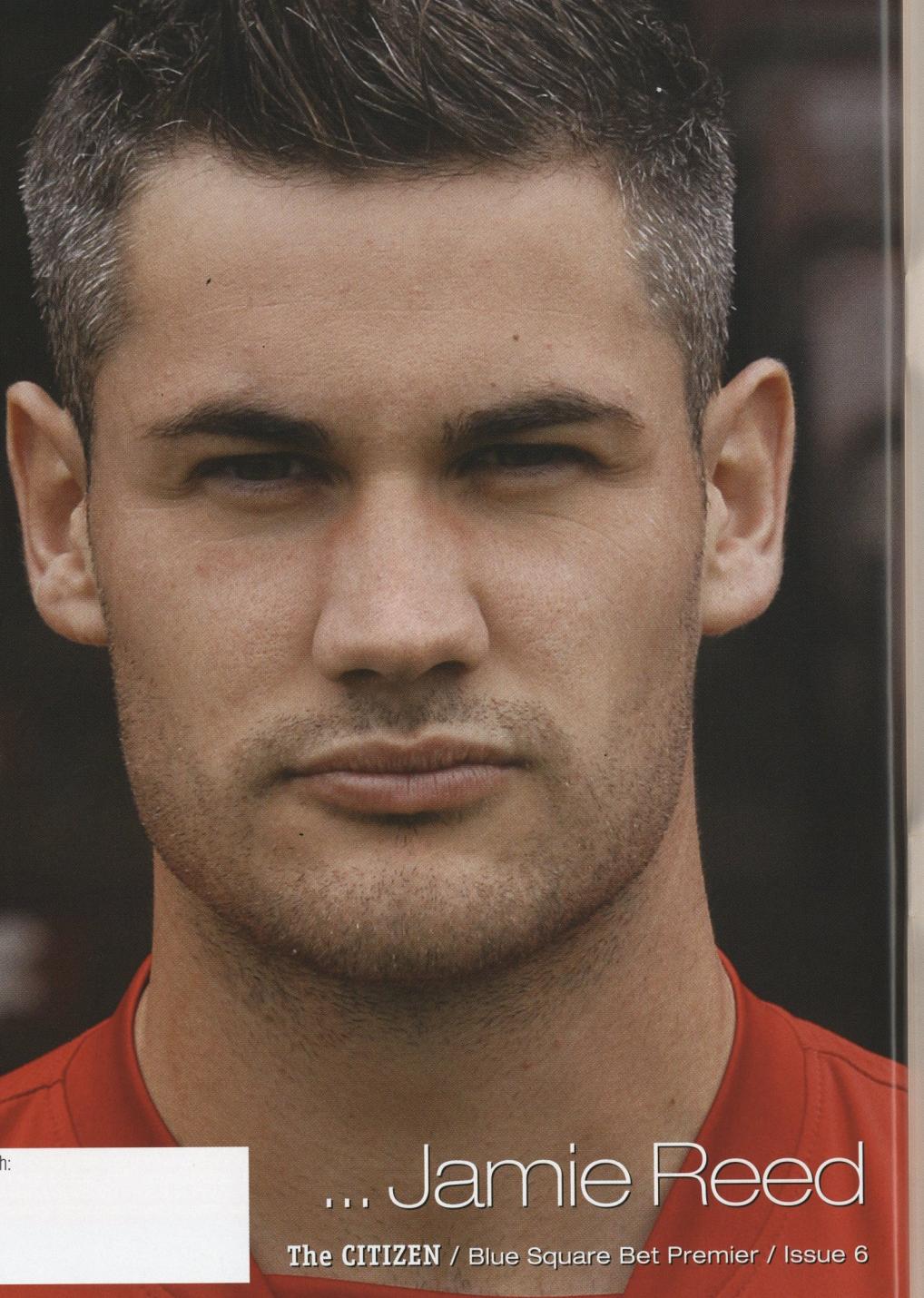
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## City Fans Abroad



Andy Bond has been a City supporter for 32 years. A Somerset Yorkie (seen here with his family), he does not see York play as much as we would wish but catches all games down South and makes the trip to York at least once a season. He has travelled to a night game in York and back on the same day, been to a match in York only for it to be postponed, and taken the children out of school for a day to make sure they got to the play off semi final. Also spent 4 hours stuck in snow arriving at the Stoke match as the game finished.

# An interview with...



... Jamie Reed

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**Come the end of the season there may not be a more important result than last week's 1-0 victory over Bath. With the game nearing its conclusion, The Minstermen looked like they were facing a fourth game without a win until Jamie Reed lashed home the winner minutes after coming off the bench.**

"It was a really good feeling to score the winner because as the match went on it looked as if we'd be picking up one point instead of three. The gaffer put me on with five minutes to go and thankfully I made the most of my time on the pitch and luckily enough I got the winner."

Jamie was rewarded for his contribution in the Bath game with a starting spot for last Saturday's clash at Wrexham. The striker repaid Gary Mills' faith in him as he netted City's third goal in a comprehensive win at his former club.

"The main thing was that we performed well and came away from Wrexham with the three points because it is a tough place to go. I managed to grab another goal and we went on to get the points in a really good performance. It's always nice to score against a former side as well, so it was certainly a good feeling."

Prior to his goals, the striker had cut a frustrating figure at Bootham Crescent after finding himself on the substitutes bench with Jason Walker leading the line.

"Of course it is frustrating, it is never nice to be sat on the pitch watching the team play because you want to be on the field with your teammates. The team have been doing well so I can't really argue that I'm on the bench because you never want to change a winning team. Thankfully, I got the opportunity and I've took it with both hands. I've scored in my past two games now and hopefully I'll just be able to push on from here and get a few more goals."

After helping York push for the play-offs last term with some important goals, the 24-year-old has been used sparingly so far this season which has left him feeling that he has a point to prove.

"I felt I had a point to prove because opportunities have been hard to come across so far this season. I was rewarded with a starting spot in the game at Wrexham and now I'm just focusing on keeping my place in the team."

Following his winner in late victory over Bath, Reed was backed by City goalkeeper Michael Ingham to find the back of the net providing he could force his way into the team.

"It's really nice to hear that your teammates are backing you. We're all a tight bunch of lads here and we all get on very well. One of my main attributes is goal scoring, so it is nice to know that the rest of the team have confidence in you."

The former Bangor man has made the transition from part-time to full-time look straightforward since moving to Bootham Crescent in January.

"I think I've blended in nicely since signing from Bangor and towards the end of last season I was starting games and getting goals, so I feel it has been a smooth transaction. When I was playing part-time football I was training as if I was playing full-time as I always went to the gym to keep my fitness up. In terms of moving to a professional club it has been a big step-up, but I feel that I've coped with it very well."

The striker already looks as if he is benefiting from his first pre-season with the club.

"I feel as though my first pre-season with the club has improved me. I certainly feel a lot fitter and stronger than I was last season and I also feel that my football has improved, so that can only benefit the team."

With chances limited due to the arrival of Jason Walker, the Welshman has

had to play on the flanks instead of his preferred role of through the middle.

"At the end of the day I'll play anywhere the gaffer tells me to. I showed on Saturday that I can play down the flanks and I was rewarded with a goal. At the moment I'm just focusing on keeping my place in the side and helping York climb the table."

The games certainly aren't coming any easier for the club with trips to Gateshead and Stockport following today's game against Luton.

"Every game in this division is hard, but of course it is great to go into the games if you have some momentum behind you. The two wins have given us a really big boost and hopefully we can add a few more wins to that and kick on from here."

Whilst many fans will be looking through the fixture list to see who City have got coming up, all the focus is on Luton today. Wrexham and Gateshead have so far hit the headlines for their positive starts, but The Hatters have gone about their business very quietly and so far remain unbeaten.

"To be honest I don't really know much about them or who they've brought in during the summer. What I do know is that we will be facing a tough test to come away with the three points. At the moment I'm just concentrating on our team. I think when we're on top of our game then I don't think there is any team in this league who can deal with us."

The Chester born player will be looking to repeat his heroics from April where his second half goal saw off Luton at Bootham Crescent.

"More than one goal for me would be nice this time! If we were offered a 1-0 scoreline now then you would certainly take it because they are a strong team. It's going to be a great match and hopefully we can come out with the three points and hopefully I can grab another goal."

by Rob Guest

## Today's Officials

Referee: Tony Harrington  
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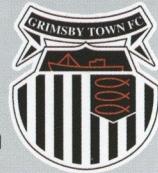
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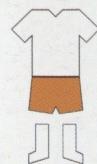
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- 3 James Meredith
- 4 Chris Smith
- 5 David McGurk
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## Luton Town

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- 2 Dan Gleeson
- 3 Freddie Murray
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