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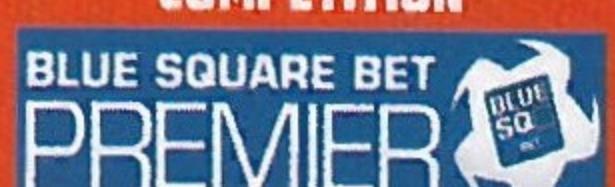
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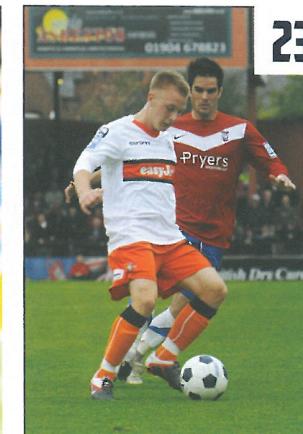
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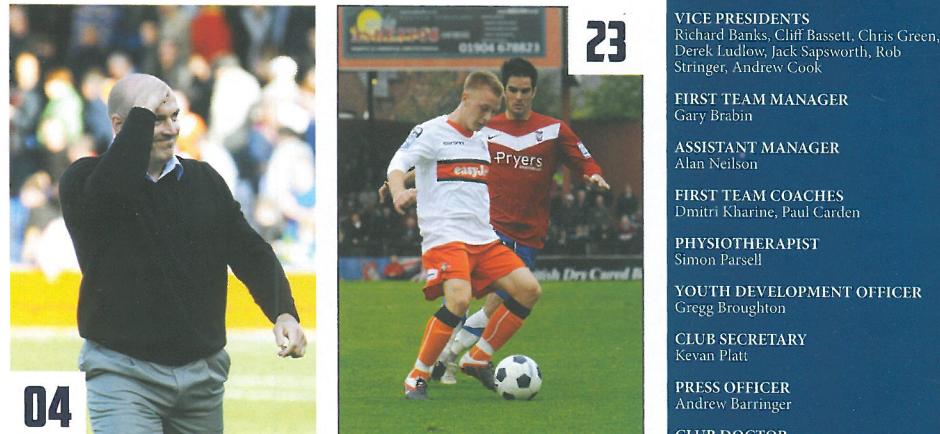
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BRABS



Good afternoon and welcome back to you all for today's Blue Square Bet Premier meeting with Barrow.

I'd like to give a big welcome to Dave Bayliss and Darren Sheridan and his players plus the directors and supporters of the Bluebirds to Kenilworth Road.

Barrow were the visitors here last March in my first game in charge of this great football club and a lot has changed since that Tuesday evening.

Dave and Darren continue to do a great job at Holker Street – promotion, winning the FA Trophy and survival in the Blue Square Bet Premier over the past four years have been magnificent achievements and this season they will be keen to improve further.

That's something which they will be hopeful of doing once more and in this early part of the campaign results would suggest they're on the way to achieving.

They arrive here full of confidence and have already beaten Wrexham and Fleetwood convincingly on their own patch.

Dave and Darren's excellent start to the season is even more remarkable given their crippling injury list. They could only name four substitutes in their midweek win over Lincoln and could be further disadvantaged today due to more injury and suspensions.

The pressure will be off of them and firmly on us, which at Kenilworth Road, is nothing new.

What's more we are under pressure to perform following our last two results with Tuesday night's 1-0 defeat to Cambridge hugely disappointing.

It was very angry and frustrated with our performance and one which I must apologise for, our second half show was not up to standard.

I thought our first half display was encouraging and on another night I thought we could have scored a couple of goals. Our ruthless streak which I was hoping for deserted us and probably the most disappointing thing from the last two games is that we've failed to score in both.

The onus will be on us to win today following the last two matches and we owe you a performance and a result to be proud of because your support has been wonderful, as it always has been.

While Tuesday was disappointing, I did have some good news on Wednesday. George Pilkington and Shane Blackett both played 45 minutes in a behind closed doors match.

To see those two players back on the pitch, together with a number of other players who played for 90 minutes, has given everyone a massive lift around the club following the Cambridge result.

We have only played 12 matches and there is a helluva lot of football still left to be played between now and the end of April.

Points will be won and lost and while I accept that the last two results have been unacceptable I hope you will join me in keeping the faith in this group of players.

Nobody turns into a bad player overnight and I know what the squad of players here are capable of. Yes we're on the back foot but given the competitive nature of this division it's silly to write off our chances at this stage of the season.

Get behind us and act as the 12th man.

Thank you for your support.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DAVID WILKINSON

Hello everyone and once again welcome to Kenilworth Road.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm greeting to David Bayliss and Darren Sheridan and their team. Personally, I have, despite the distance, always enjoyed visiting their friendly ground and meeting with their representatives and fans.

Since my last notes we have had a dramatic and extremely disappointing run of results accompanied by shows of extreme frustration from players, managers and fans alike.

We are all passionate about this club, but we must all try to channel it in a way, which creates positive results.

We were all hurt by the results and performances against York and Cambridge but once we have analysed the causes we have to move on and do whatever is necessary to improve our performances and hopefully our results will follow.

On Wednesday I was encouraged by a behind closed doors friendly at Wycombe in which a number of our injured players took part. It was good to see them all back in action and to

be reminded of the strength and size of our squad when fit.

It was particularly heart warming to see George Pilkington, Shane Blackett and Charlie Henry kicking a football again after such painfully long absences.

We have been unlucky with injuries so far this season and we continue to closely monitor the situation with particular reference to the reasons for, the treatment of and the length of recovery. To that end we have recently brought in a highly regarded physiotherapist, as a consultant, to help Simon Parsell.

Injuries affect the shape of the team and obviously limit the choices available to Brabs as do suspensions.

We have suffered several important suspensions recently due in a lot of cases to indiscipline on the pitch. Silly bookings such as kicking the ball away and arguing with the referee are unnecessary and unacceptable as they can mean the loss of a key player in an important game. I know this is obvious, but it keeps happening. I have never seen a referee change his mind when a player shouts and swears at him.



Finally we all really hope that you enjoy the game. All of us make contributions to keep this club alive. They are all important whether they be time, money or encouragement, but in my view, the first two are nothing without the last.

I know I'm getting old, but in my first 10 years coming to watch the Town we were relegated all the way from the top to the bottom, but I never heard a boo. We didn't always play well, we didn't always score goals and we didn't always excite, but we were Luton Town.

We all have bad days, and when we do we look to our friends and loved ones to get us through. That's what we are to our team. End of lecture.

Have a great afternoon and let's all give a special cheer for the Hatters, because they like us may be a little upset by recent results.

Up the Town.

HONOURS

Littlewoods Challenge Cup:

Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

F.A. Cup:

Runners-up 1959
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

Johnstone's Paint Trophy:

Winners 2009

Simod Cup:

Runners-up 1988

Football League Division Two:

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:

Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

Southern League Division Two:

Runners-up 1913/14

United League:

Champions 1897/98
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance:

Runners-up 1913/14

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Well it's good to be playing football again.

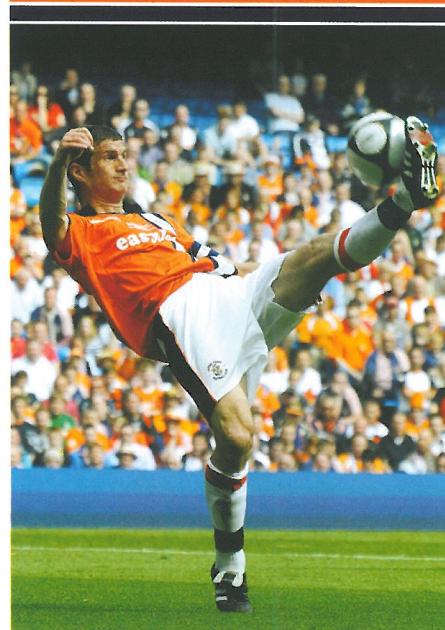
On Wednesday I got my first taste of competitive football again and while it was only 45 and it was only a practise match, it felt great.

The last few months have been a nightmare for me and I'm delighted to have got to this stage, even if it is still very early days in my recovery.

It felt really good and the most pleasing aspect of it was to see so many of the other lads in the team that day against Wycombe that needed match practise, including Shane Blackett and Charlie Henry, who like myself, have been out following injury.

We have another friendly next week against St Neots which I'm looking forward to. As players, sitting in the stands when the first team play is awful – you kick and head every ball as if you were out there.

Slowly but surely I am finding fitness but appreciate I am still a few weeks away from getting fully up to speed. It's hard work and like any footballer I'm impatient and want to get out there and help the lads.



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I've been sitting in the stands watching the home games and some of the away games – other away games have seen me listening at home on the radio which seems a bit strange but I've always kept in touch with how the boys have done if I'm not physically there.

I have loved my time here and obviously can't wait to get out there again. As my last game was the Play-Off final – and my last touch a penalty – I don't think I've ever been so frustrated in my career.

I think frustration is the word on everyone's lips at the minute following the last two matches. It really has been a shock to the system and it's very, very unlike us to lose back-to-back matches. Perhaps the biggest surprise of all is the fact we haven't scored either.

The York game was over at half-time – again, very unusual for us to concede three first half goals. We know York are a threat and a really good side but, for whatever reason, we didn't start well and it was difficult to get back into it.

On Tuesday I thought our first half performance was good. We came close: Danny Crow's header couldn't have been better and their goalkeeper made a really smart save to keep it out. That's the difference sometimes. That goes in and we're flying and back comes the confidence. But it didn't and I think the lads will be first to admit that our second half showing wasn't good enough.

Cambridge are a decent side and, at this early stage of the season, it already looks as though this league is going to be the tightest it's ever been.

It's vitally important we get back to winning ways this afternoon but know that Barrow will want to inflict more frustration on us.

We can't afford to allow that to happen and the lads know they will have to answer a few critics following the last two results.

Get behind us again this afternoon.

AROUND TOWN

FROM NZ TO KR

Season ticket holder Kevin Snoxell is giving his friend Ralph Sheppard a trip home to remember this afternoon.

Ralph is an avid Barrow fan who emigrated to New Zealand 20 years ago and has returned to the UK for the first time since leaving these shores.

With his Bluebirds in town, Kevin and mutual friend and Birmingham City fan John Hanks, thought it would be the ideal opportunity to meet up together again.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

After a low-key 30th birthday, Ben Flack's friends have treated him to a trip to his beloved Kenilworth Road for his 31st.



The father-of-two is a life-long Hatter and counts the last-day-of-the-season 3-2 victory over Derby County in 1989 as one of his most memorable matches.

Ben and his group of friends are present in the Kenilworth Road end this afternoon.

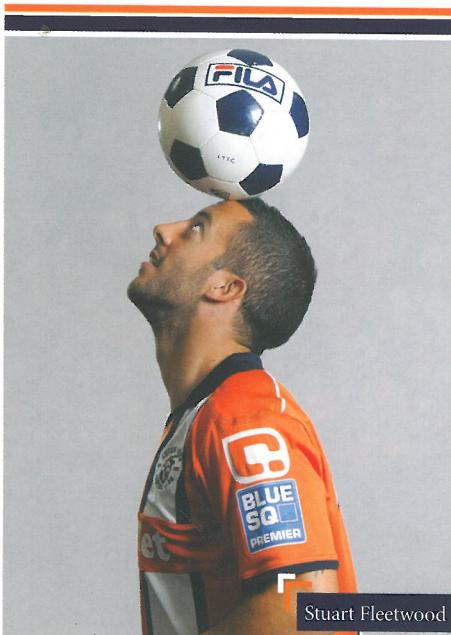
FREDDIE AND FLEETS JOIN SOLYD GIG

Town players Freddie Murray and Stuart Fleetwood will join Mark Joseph at the Hatters' SOLYD concert on Thursday 8th December.

The Hatters duo will be on stage at the event which will help raise money for Supporters of Luton Youth Development.

Joseph has had a number of Top-40 hits including 'Get Through' and 'Lady Lady' as well as his music being featured on TV on programmes such as Match of The Day, Smallville and Grey's Anatomy. He has also made numerous TV appearances himself, including joining one of the teams on Never mind the Buzzcocks.

On top of all of this, Mark is a local musician and Hatters mad. He has just released an official Luton Town song 'These Colours I Wear' which can be heard around the ground just before the game on match days. To show support to his team, Mark has kindly offered to play this gig free of charge to help raise much needed funds.



There will be other acts to be confirmed on the night which will be attended by the whole first team squad and management.

The concert will be held at Venue Central 2, Leagrave Road, Luton, LU3 1RJ. The owners of which are also big Luton Town supporters and have kindly given the venue free of charge in order to help the Youth Development.

Tickets are £5 each, and family tickets for two adults and two children are available for £15. Tickets are available from the Commercial Department on 01582 411622 or commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

Your support at this exciting event would be most welcome and albeit not compulsory, we are asking you to help us help your children in their football development.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Cambridge went home with a tidy £565.

Mr Wilkinson of Harpenden walked away with the prize after his ticket number 07448 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

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

REST IN PEACE

The Hatters are sad to report the death of supporter Julian Healy (pictured top right) at the age of 53.

From the age of eight, when his father first brought him to Kenilworth Road, he had been a regular at home and away matches.

A good sportsman with a black belt in karate, Julian had also run marathons in London, New York and Amsterdam. Last year he climbed Kilimanjaro and was preparing to climb Mont Blanc when he died.

Our thoughts are with Julian's friends and family at this sad time.



BIRTHDAY BOX

Ardent Town fan Shirley Hobbs was treated to a special afternoon in an executive box for our recent home match with Lincoln City.

Shirley was celebrating her 60th year of being a supporter and, as this picture shows, a good time was had by one and all.



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WELCOME BARROW



Cumbrians Barrow visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon in high spirits following a 1-0 win over Lincoln City on Tuesday that has propelled them into mid-table.

The Bluebirds are being ably managed on a shoestring budget by joint-bosses David Bayliss – a member of two Luton Town promotion squads in the last decade – and Darren Sheridan, who remarkably still occasionally turns out in midfield for Barrow's first team at the age of 43.

The duo have been in joint custodianship at Holker Street since November 2007 – a notably long time in the modern game – and their longevity at the helm is testament to the admirable job they are doing in the north west. Promotion to the Conference National in 2007/08 has been followed by three seasons of consolidation and finishes around the 50-point mark, as well as the bonus of winning the FA Trophy at Wembley in 2010.

Only surviving on the final day of last season, and seeing a number of key players depart over the summer, expectations for this term will have been modest, but early indications are that the Bluebirds will fare better in 2011/12 than in recent years. Despite some inconsistency, they have pulled off some highly impressive results, including battering

early-season promotion contenders Fleetwood and Wrexham 4-0 and 3-1 respectively.

Their early season form has been spearheaded by exciting 20-year-old striker Adam Boyes, who has taken the Blue Square Bet Premier by storm with nine goals already this term. Boyes burst onto the scene at this level three years ago as a tall and technically gifted teenager at York City, winning an early call-up with the England C squad before a six-figure bid Scunthorpe United saw him hit the big time in the Football League Championship. Failing to make the grade at the Iron, he drifted down the leagues before, after a short spell at Boston, being snapped up on a free transfer by Sheridan and Bayliss in a move that is showing early signs of paying dividends for all parties.

Elsewhere in the side, the likes of Andy Ferell and Paul Baker provide quality in midfield while Gavin Skelton and former Swindon centre-back Andy Nicholas add experience to a mean defence.

While the team might be short of bona fide big-names, there is a quietly impressive mix of talent, potential and experience in the squad that should serve Bayliss and Sheridan well as they attempt to keep the Cumbrians well away from the danger zone.

THE VISITORS

■ HISTORY

Founded in September 1901, the club began playing competitive football in the Lancashire League at its first home ground the Strawberry.

Their Football League career began with six straight defeats which were representative of many of the struggles to come. Over the seasons up to the Second World War, the club's best finish in the Division Three North was eighth in the 1933/34 season.

Little changed immediately after the Second World War but when the League was reorganised in 1958, the club found itself placed in Division Four.

The club continued to struggle in Division Four. At the end of the 1971/72 season, the club finished third bottom of Division Four and required to make its 11th re-election application.

In June 1972, they were faced in the ballot by Southern League Hereford United. The first ballot saw the votes tied at 26 each. The second ballot saw United collect 29 votes to Barrow's 20 and, after 51 years the club had lost its much-prized Football League status.

The club joined the Northern Premier League in August 1972. In 1979, despite a lack of playing success, the club joined the APL (now the Conference) and the opening home game saw a crowd of 2,027 as the team defeated Yeovil Town 2-0 but in 1983 the club were relegated to the Northern League.

In five years starting in March 1986 the club enjoy unparalleled success. The 1987/88 season saw the club reach the FA Trophy semi-finals where the club lost to Enfield.

However, the following two seasons saw the NPL title captured and with it promotion to the Conference. Then, in May 1990, the club captured the FA Trophy with a 3-0 win over Leek Town at Wembley thanks to two goals from Kenny Gordon and one from club appearance and goalscoring record holder Colin Cowperthwaite.

The Bluebirds' were promoted back to the Conference in 2008/09 when Darren Sheridan and Dave Bayliss masterminded a fantastic

20-match unbeaten run which culminated in a 1-0 Blue Square North Play-Off final victory over Stalybridge Celtic.

In 2009/10, the club's performance surpassed expectations – after further consolidating their place in the Conference and the team reached the FA Cup third round again.

However the season was topped off with a trip to Wembley and 20 years after first lifting the FA Trophy the team repeated the feat by defeating Conference champions Stevenage 2-1 after extra time.

And last season Bayliss and Sheridan oversaw another fine campaign which saw the Bluebirds survive in non-league's top flight.

■ MEET THE MANAGERS

DAVID BAYLISS and DARREN SHERIDAN

The duo were appointed joint-caretaker managers with club skipper Paul Jones in November 2007 before they were appointed on a permanent basis the following month.

Joint-winner of the Blue Square North Manager of the Month award in March 2008, their run of just two defeats in 29 league games took them into the Blue Square North Play-Offs where they won the Final and with it promotion to Blue Square Premier.

In the 2008/09 season, they helped the Bluebirds maintain Blue Square Premier status and reach the FA Cup third round.

In 2009/10 they shared the glory of consolidating a place in Blue Square Bet Premier as well as another trip to the third round of the FA Cup against Premier League opposition and topped it off by winning the FA Trophy at Wembley against Stevenage Borough before staving off the threat of relegation last season.

Midfielder Sheridan continues to feature occasionally as a player whilst defender Bayliss is no stranger to Kenilworth Road having spent four seasons with the Hatters making 37 league appearances.

IN OPPOSITION



Former Town player now joint-Barrow boss Dave Bayliss thought his side's win over Lincoln on Tuesday was their best of the season so far.

The Bluebirds moved up to 12th in the Blue Square Bet Premier table with the narrow victory over the Imps and Bayliss, who played 40 times for the Hatters, was a happy man.

"You talk about the way we beat Fleetwood and Wrexham earlier this season, but that was probably the best performance and result we've had this season," he told the North West Evening Mail.

"I say that because of the team we had out and us going down to 10 men late in the game.

"They are the type of games where you have to defend properly, and, after the first 20/25 minutes, we did that.

"Lincoln are a really good side and probably should have been ahead early on. We rode our luck a little bit but the longer the game went on the more we got into it and looked a decent side.

"We had to dig deep tonight. We did just that and got three massive points."

Bayliss and co-manager Darren Sheridan could only name four substitutes in the midweek win and the former Hatter admitted his squad could be tested even further this afternoon following an injury to Robin Hulbert and news that Andy Cook and Paul Smith will be suspended.

"We'll possibly only have two players on the bench on Saturday but we've just got to get on with it," explained Bayliss.

"Robin fell awkwardly. We're not sure yet what he has done. To be fair, we didn't miss him when he came off because James Owen was absolutely fantastic when he came on.

"James is a player who has been very unlucky not to start the last two games. He never

moaned, he's worked extremely hard in training and on that performance tonight he's won his place back."

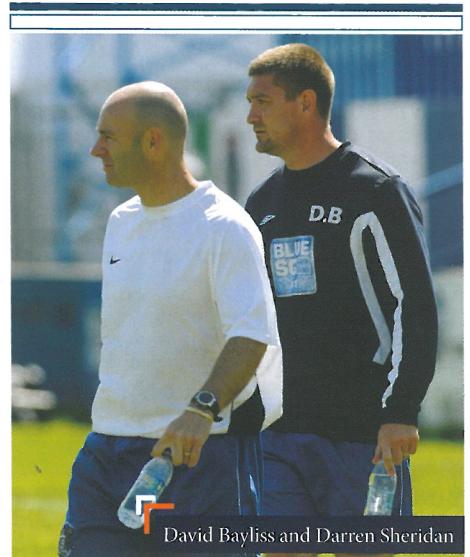
"We're a young squad and have loads of injuries but we'll keep going."

"Win, lose or draw, we ask our lads to give us what they've got. It's really refreshing to see a load of honesty from the kids, who are not on great money, alongside a few experienced lads."

"Adam Quinn, Andy Nicholas and Kelvin Lomax at the back were outstanding, and the young kids going forward were energetic."

"Winger Paul Rutherford was another missing, he will be out for a couple of weeks. Louis Almond played on the left tonight, out of position, and was fantastic."

"We're asking lads to play out of position and they're doing a great job for us."



David Bayliss and Darren Sheridan

IN TOWN

□ GOALKEEPERS

DANNY HURST

Former Bolton junior who had a brief spell with Stockport before joining Radcliffe Borough in 2000. Signed for Fleetwood Town in 2005 where he made 163 appearances before his release at the end of last season. Signed for the Bluebirds this summer and made his debut against Tamworth.



a campaign that saw him pick up an FA Trophy winners' medal.

ADAM QUINN

Currently on-loan from Darlington, Sheffield-born Adam made his debut for Halifax in 2002, making over 200 league and cup appearances for the Shaymen. He then joined Crawley in 2008 and was a regular with the Red Devils before he joined Darlington in January this year.

GAVIN SKELTON

Experienced defender who started his career with Carlisle, Gavin joined the Bluebirds at the start of this season after spending last season with Hamilton Academicals in Scotland. Previously with Workington, Gretna and Kilmarnock.

□ MIDFIELDERS

RICHIE BAKER

Former Manchester United and Preston youngster who clocked up over 100 appearances for Bury before his release at Gigg Lane in 2010. He signed for Oxford at the start of last season but joined Barrow in February this year.

ANDY FERRELL

Midfielder who can count Newcastle, Watford, Hereford, Kidderminster, York and Gateshead amongst his former clubs, Andy was released by the Tynesiders this summer and agreed to sign a one year deal at Holker Street.

ROBIN HULBERT

A winner of the North West Non-League Player of the Year award, Robin joined the Bluebirds in 2009. He began his career at Swindon before

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making the short move to Bristol City, where he made 52 appearances. He later joined Telford, Port Vale and Darlington before his switch to Cumbria.

JACK MACKRETH

Teenage midfielder who began his career as a trainee at Tranmere where he was loaned out to a plethora of non-league sides to gain experience. Released by Rovers in the summer he made his Barrow bow on the opening day of the season.

JAMES OWEN

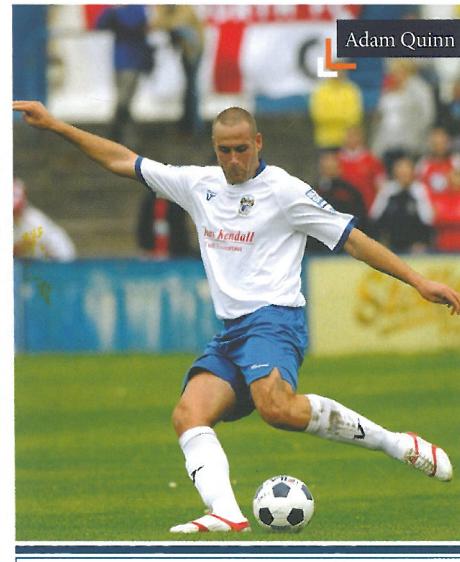
Wales-born James began his career with Chester where he made his debut in the Football League. Released by City he was snapped up by the Bluebirds in January 2010.

PAUL RUTHERFORD

Talented midfielder who joined the Bluebirds from Chester in July 2009. The former Liverpool scholar picked up a whole host of awards last season including the Players' Player of the Year award from his team-mates. Scored his first senior hat-trick last term.

PAUL SMITH

Another former Chester man who made his debut against the Hatters at Kenilworth Road in March this year. Formerly with Rhyl in the League of Wales and Droylsden and Hyde in the Blue Square Bet North.



Adam Quinn

□ STRIKERS

LOUIS ALMOND

Young striker currently in his second loan spell at Holker Street from Blackpool. He began his career in the youth ranks at Blackburn before signing for the Seasiders in 2009, making his debut for the Tangerines in the League Cup.

ADAM BOYES

Highly-rated prolific young forward who made his name with York City before netting a move to Scunthorpe United in 2009. Has since been back on loan at York, and at Kidderminster, but was released this summer by the Iron and was soon snapped up by the Bluebirds.

ANDY COOK

Young Bishop Auckland-born striker who began his career at Carlisle. He joined Barrow initially on-loan in October 2009, scoring five goals in five games. A second loan spell followed in August 2010 before he was released by the Brunton Park club and snapped up by Barrow this summer.



Adam Boyes

KELVIN LOMAX

Bury-born defender who began his career with Oldham, where he made over 80 appearances in a seven-year spell at Boundary Park. Released by the Latics in 2011 he signed for Shrewsbury but just appeared once. He signed for the Bluebirds this summer.

ANDY NICHOLAS

A trainee at Liverpool as a youngster, Andy was released in 2003 and joined Swindon where he made 141 league and cup appearances at the County Ground. He signed for Rotherham in the summer of 2008 before joining Mansfield two years later, going on to play 24 times for the Stags. He then signed for Barrow in January 2010.

MIKE PEARSON

Another former Oldham man, Pearson joined Barrow in July 2008. He broke his leg in the FA Cup defeat to Middlesbrough but bounced back to return on the opening day of the following season,



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1966/67

New signings Fred Else, Eric Harrison and Billy McAdams played a major part as Barrow won promotion for the first time in 1966/67. They were early pace-setters after losing just one of their opening 11 Fourth Division games, culminating in a 5-0 demolition of Exeter City. Don McEvoy's side took top-flight Southampton to an FA Cup third round replay in front of 15,002 at Holker Street and remained in the promotion race throughout the season, clinching third place with a 1-0 victory at home to Brentford watched by 8,769 on the final day. Barrow also reached the Lancashire Cup final for the second year running but lost 2-0 to Oldham Athletic.

□ MANAGING TO SUCCEED

RAY WILKIE

Popular manager Ray Wilkie plotted Barrow's 1990 FA Trophy final triumph. A Geordie bookmaker, he was a successful amateur player in his native North-East, featuring in Crook Town's 1959 Amateur Cup final triumph. He had spells in charge of Durham City, North Shields and Gateshead before becoming Barrow's manager in March 1986, guiding them to the FA Trophy semi-finals in 1986/87, Northern Premier League Cup final in 1987/88 and Northern Premier League title in 1988/89. Ill health forced him to quit in November 1991 and he sadly died a year later. His ashes were scattered on the pitch and a stand at Holker Street named in his memory.

□ FAB FOUR

BILLY GORDON

Centre-forward Billy Gordon set Barrow's goalscoring record in the Football League. Initially with hometown Carlisle United, he failed to secure a regular first-team slot and moved to Holker Street in a multi player exchange deal in October 1949. He was Barrow's top scorer in six successive seasons and netted 145 goals in 302 League outings prior to joining Workington in March 1958. Briefly with Lancaster, he returned to Barrow in October 1959 to assist their reserves and coach the juniors, then was their reserve team trainer. He remained

local until his death in October 1983. His son Kenny played in Barrow's 1990 FA Trophy final triumph.

FRED ELSE

Former England B international goalkeeper Fred Else missed just two matches in Barrow's 1966/67 promotion success. Initially with Wigan Athletic, he moved to Preston in August 1953 and was ever-present three times, starring as they were League Championship runners-up in 1957/58. He joined Blackburn Rovers in August 1961, helping reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1961/62 and ever-present in 1963/64. Moving to Barrow in July 1966, he was a key figure as they took top-flight Southampton to an FA Cup third round replay in 1966/67 and made 148 League appearances while at Holker Street. He is now a retired maths teacher, living in Barrow.

COLIN COWPERTHWAITE

Long-serving striker Colin Cowperthwaite holds Barrow's all-time goalscoring record. Previously with Netherfield, he joined Barrow in December 1977 along with his brother Brian and scored twice on his debut in a 4-2 win at home to South Liverpool. He was their Player of the Year in 1978/79 and netted four times against Kettering in December 1979. Leading marksman on 12 occasions, he starred in Barrow's 1983/84 and 1988/89 Northern Premier League title triumphs and scored in their 1990 FA Trophy final success. He netted 282 goals in a record 696 games while at Holker Street, scoring in his final match against Fleetwood in December 1992.

ALAN KENNEDY

Ex-England international left-back Alan Kennedy ended his player career with Barrow. Starting with Newcastle United, he was an FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League cup finalist in 1976. He moved to Liverpool in August 1978 and starred as they won the League Championship five times and League Cup on four occasions. Scoring the winner in Liverpool's 1981 and 1984 European Cup final triumphs, he joined Sunderland in September 1985, then Hartlepool United, Wigan Athletic, Colne Dynamoes, Wrexham, Morecambe and Netherfield. He moved to Barrow in July 1994 and made 29 Northern Premier League appearances while at Holker Street.



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We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Dinner will be taking place on Thursday 1st December 2011 at the magnificent Luton Hoo Hotel.

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Welcome drinks will be served from 7.30pm followed by a four-course meal served in the exquisite Romanov suite accompanied by a string quartet. An after dinner dance and bar will then be available downstairs in the Faberge Suite until 1.30am.

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LOOK BACK



YORK 3 - 0 TOWN **FIRST DEFEAT**

Gary Brabin cut a figure of unhappiness after seeing his side lose their unbeaten record to York City.

Three first half goals gave the Minstermen all three points - with Jason Walker coming back to haunt his former team-mates after scoring one and laying on another.

But it was the performance of the Town that worried Brabin following their first reverse of the season.

"We've conceded three terrible goals," he said afterwards. "We knew they'd come short for balls and play them into the feet of their front men early but we've backed off and allowed them to score.

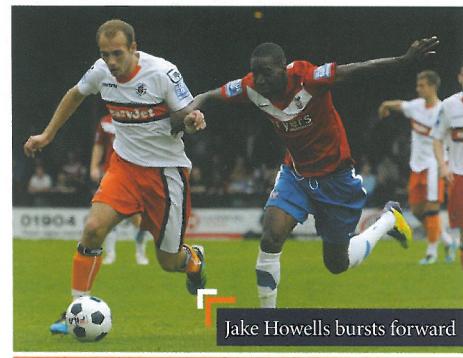
"It was a bad day at the office and we've conceded silly goals - like we have all season - and it's come against a side who were on the front foot and had something to prove.

"I'm really disappointed because we were on the back foot. I didn't think we were brave enough and said to the players I wanted them to be braver in the second half.

"The second half was an improvement but by then the game was up and York had shut up shop.

"I know we are capable of a lot better but we've got to take the positives. That was our first defeat of the season.

"Only a week ago we were playing really well but after two indifferent away



Jake Howells bursts forward

performances we're back on the back foot."

Keith Keane admitted the Town were simply not at the races against the rampant Minstermen.

"We're weren't good enough," said the midfielder, who returned to the side at right-back after missing two games through injury.

"I can't put my finger on why we played so badly. We didn't start right and they hit us with three goals in the first half.

"We tried to get back in it but by then they were making it harder for us, sitting back and not giving anything away. When you're 3-0 down it's very frustrating."

Aaron O'Connor echoed the vice-captain's thoughts. The first-half substitute said: "York is hard place to come but we didn't get off to a great start and we never recovered."



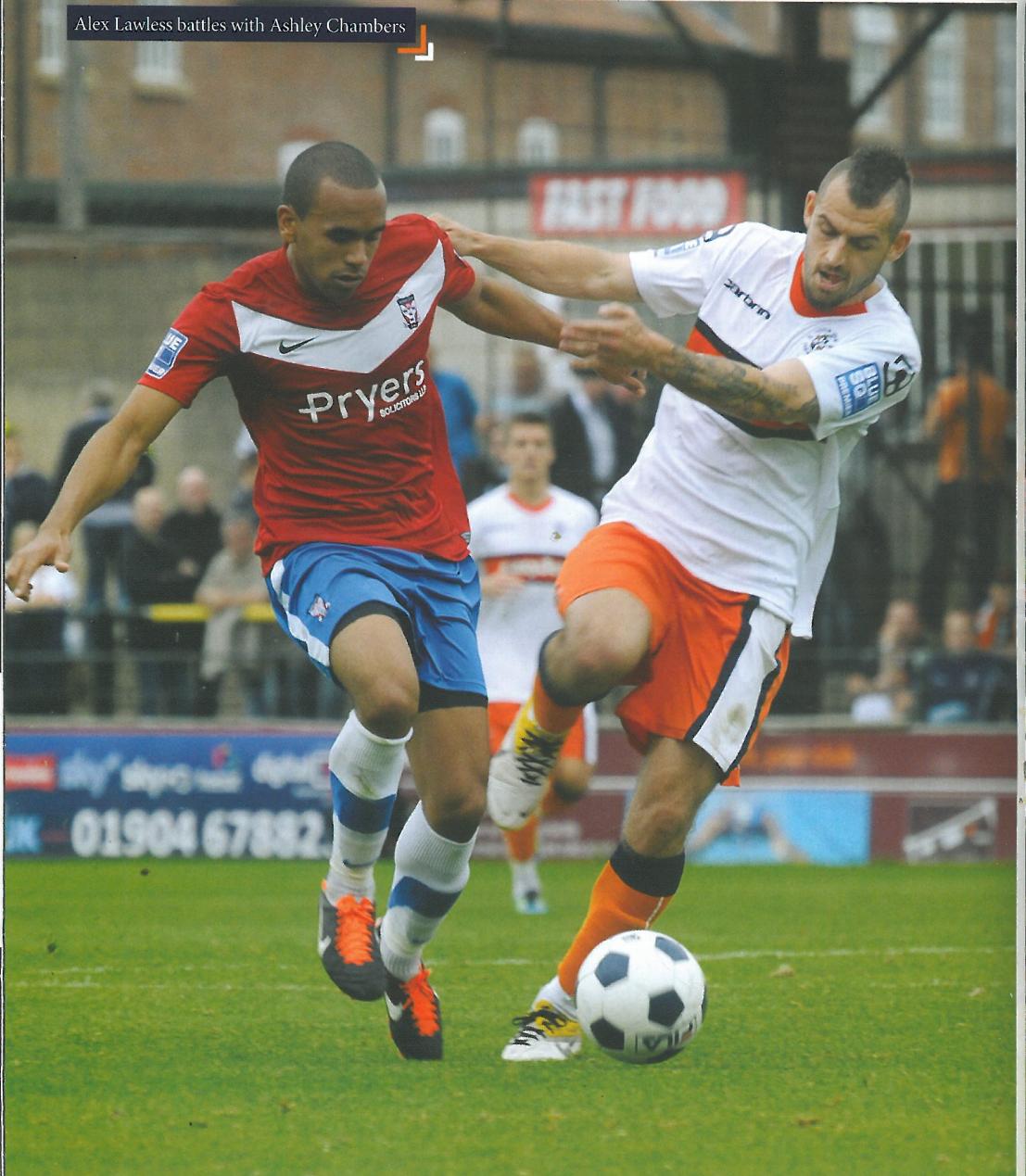


YORK TOWN

Chambers 10, 45, Walker 31

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Alex Lawless battles with Ashley Chambers



YORK: Ingham, Challinor, Fyfield, McGurk, Meredith, McLaughlin, Boucaud, Kerr, Reed (sub Moke 66), Walker (sub Henderson 90), Chambers (sub Blair 75). Subs not used: Parslow, Smith.

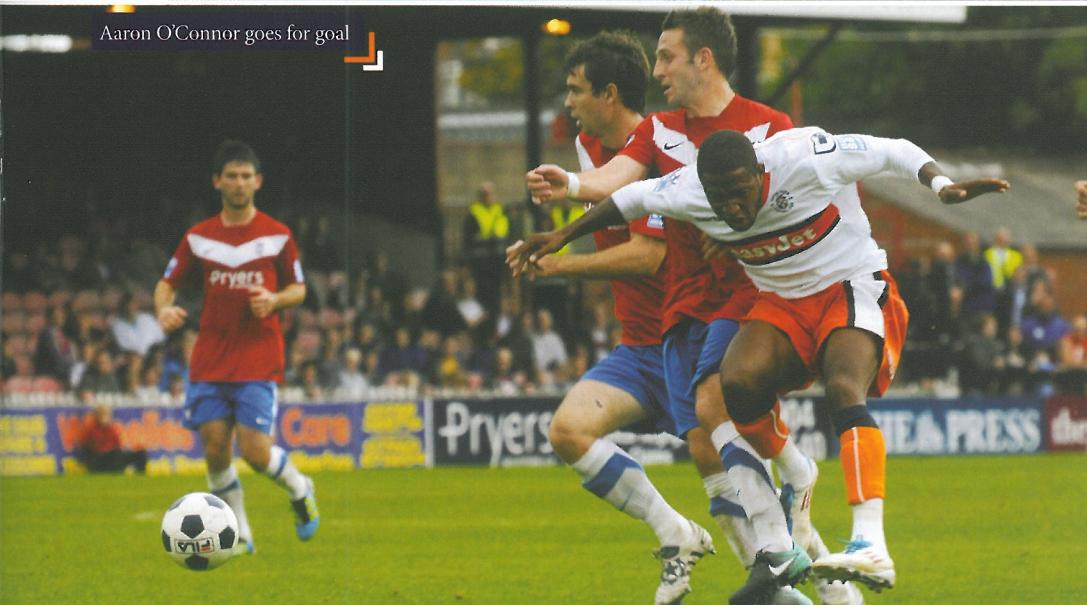
TOWN: Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Kovacs, Howells, Kissock (sub O'Connor 45), Lawless (sub Watkins 46), Hand, Willmott, Fleetwood (sub Crow 80). Subs not used: Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington.

ATTENDANCE: 3,570

POSSESSION	49%
SHOTS ON TARGET	4
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LOOK BACK



TOWN 0-1 CAMBRIDGE HOME FRUSTRATION



Disappointed, frustrated and angry was the way boss Gary Brabin described his feelings after seeing his side suffer their first home defeat of the season against his former club Cambridge on Tuesday night.

Rory McAuley's 60th minute header was the difference at Kenilworth Road as the U's took all three points to leave Brabin contemplating back-to-back defeats.

"I don't want to hide behind it, but it is early stages," he said afterwards.

"But looking around at the rest of the result all the top sides seem to be getting momentum.

"We've got to keep believing in what we are doing. That lads are in good spirits day in, day out, but that's taken a bit of a knock tonight. I want to lift the lads.

"There are a few heads down at the moment and we are all disappointed with two defeats on the bounce, but they haven't become bad players overnight.

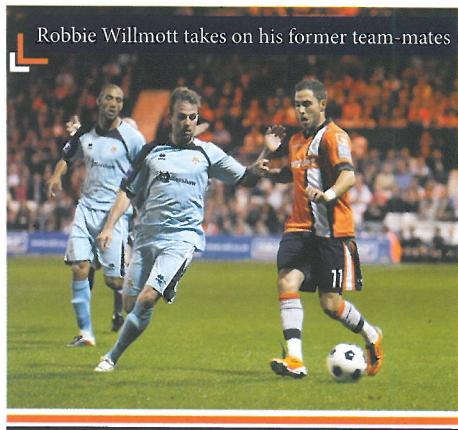
"A week ago we were top of the league and the league is wide open at the moment."

The result was difficult to comprehend by the home support who sounded their dissatisfaction at the final whistle, something the boss wasn't surprised by.

"I can totally understand it because there is a big expectancy," Brabin said.

"With any job worth its weight in gold, there is going to be expectancy and this club demands success."

"At the moment they are not seeing it. All I can say is, it is a long season. Keep supporting the boys and if they want to aim their frustrations at anyone then I'm thick skinned enough to take that."



"All I would ask is a small favour, to keep encouraging the lads."

"On Saturday away at York I felt like booing us in the first half but the supporters were fantastic from minute one until the end."

"I think that really is important because they are the 12th man."

Jake Howells was just a disappointed with the result.

He said: "It was just one of those nights. We didn't play too badly in the first half but they got a goal early in the second half and we found it difficult to get back."

"We're all disappointed, we know we should have scored when we were on top in the first half but it wasn't to be."

"The work starts again in training and we'll look to put it right on Saturday against Barrow."



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McAuley 60

Janos Kovacs heads goalwards as the Town try to find an equaliser

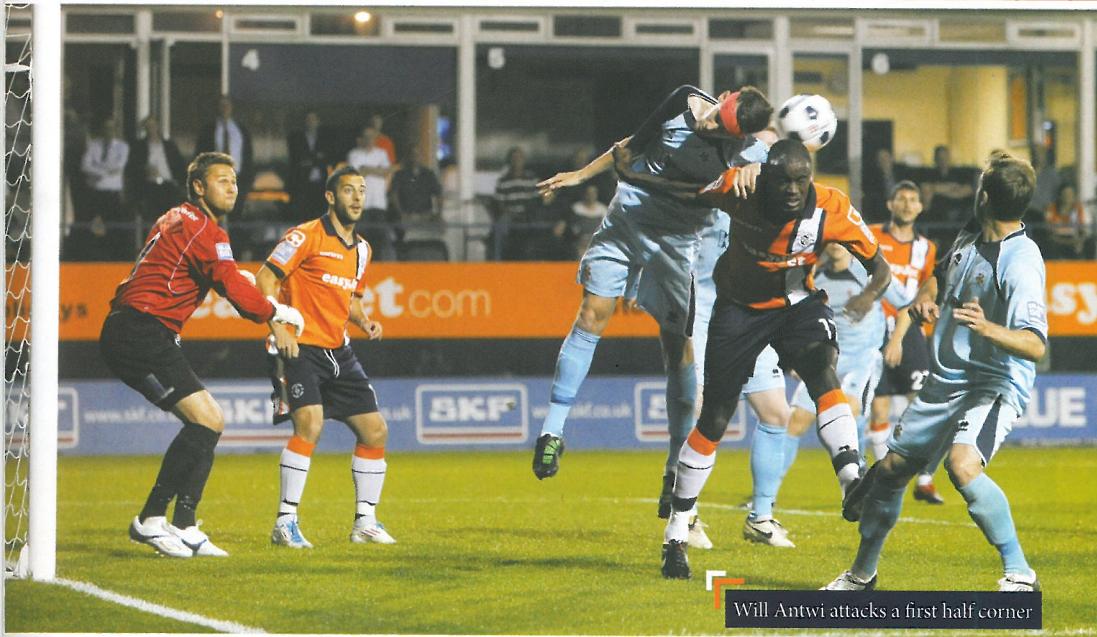


TOWN: Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Keane, Hand (sub Watkins 84), Willmott (sub Kissock 77), Crow (sub O'Connor 58), Fleetwood. Subs not used: Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington.

CAMBRIDGE: Naisbitt, Roberts, Coulson, Winn (sub Dunk 77), Jennings, Carew, Berry, Jarvis, Shaw, Cash (sub Charles 59), McAuley. Subs not used: Murtagh, Yakubu, Patrick.

ATTENDANCE: 6,274

POSSESSION	49%	51%
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	8
SHOTS OFF TARGET	6	2
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Will Antwi attacks a first half corner



Antwi saw this header clear the crossbar



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MEMORY LANE

■ **NAME:** Richard King. ■ **AGE:** 68. ■ **LOCATION:** Broadstairs, Kent.

■ **WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM:** The David Preece stand but previously in the enclosure.

■ **FIRST GAME:** 5th November 1955 Luton 5-1 Wolves. Wolves were the current First Division champions, supplying half the England side with players like Billy Wright, Johnny Hancocks and Ron Flowers. Down they came to Kenilworth Road and we murdered them, following this up at the next home game by beating Sunderland 8-2.

■ **FIRST MEMORY:** Sitting on the grass just behind the touch line at the Wolves game, with 28,000 in the ground.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:** Luton v Crewe in 1968. Bruce Rioch scored two in a 4-0 win to clinch promotion. The first was a 30-yard rocket. I have never seen anybody consistently hit the ball harder before or since.

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** The Littlewoods Cup win at Wembley in 1988. I watch it over and over again because I still can't believe we won it.

■ **WORST MATCH:** Its never a bad game watching the Town, just some weeks we don't play quite as well as previous!

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** I can't single out one individual performance but any game when Ricky Hill was firing has to be a contender. Surely game for game, season for season, the best player we have ever had.

■ **FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT:** Sorry to sound old fashioned but the Cup Final kit of 1959 is great. White shirt with the town badge, black shorts, white socks with black hoops at the top. Simple. No sponsorship. Great.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Ricky Hill.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL TIME MANAGER:** David Pleat. He bought something special to Luton Town. Who knows how the club fortunes would have turned out if we could have kept him here.

■ **ALL-TIME TOWN XI:** Baynham, Shanks, Breaker, Pacey, Owen, Preece, Bingham, Cummins, Macdonald, Rioch, Black.

■ **I LOVE LUTON TOWN BECAUSE...** Luton is where I was born. I could see and hear the ground from my house in Leagrave Road. My dad and mum supported them as does my son! Who else could I possibly support?

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LIVE ONLINE

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

However, it made for uncomfortable viewing for Town fans following the back-to-back defeats against York City last Saturday and Cambridge United here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night.

At York the Hatters found themselves three goals down at half-time and manager Gary Brabin was disappointed with his side's performance against a team who he believes will be involved in the shake-up at the end of the season.

Keith Keane and Aaron O'Connor braved the Player cameras following the reverse at Bootham Crescent with both speaking of their frustration.

For Keane he couldn't put into words how the team had played in an honest assessment of the defeat; while O'Connor was frustrated that he couldn't make an impact against a strong York side.

It was another defeat on Tuesday night for the Town – their first at home – and Brabin pulled

no punches afterwards, explaining to Player that he was angry, frustrated and disappointed with the manner of the 1-0 defeat.

Jake Howells said it was "just one of those nights" after the defeat to the U's. The young midfielder was, however, pleased to get a call-up to the Wales Under-21 squad and hopes he can continue in form to stay in the Dragons squad.

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

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

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CENTRE SPOT



Jake Howells in action against York. The youngster celebrated a call-up to the Wales Under-21s last week

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SAFE HANDS

Mark Tyler joined an exclusive club following the 2-0 victory over Darlington early this month for it was the goalkeeper's 100th appearance in Town colours.

More importantly for the 34-year-old it was his – and the Hatters' first clean sheet of the season.

"It's always nice to get milestones and it was even better to celebrate with a clean sheet," he told Talk of the Town. "We had been trying to get one in the previous six games and we came so close at Stockport.

"At my age, though, I just want to play every game if possible. I'm a bit frustrated it's taken a bit longer to reach 100 games because I had an injury in my first year here.

"But I'm happy with my consistency and happy to have got there."

Goalkeepers naturally love keeping clean sheets now and with that monkey off his back the Town number one believes that shut-outs can only breed confidence.

"It has been a bit difficult this year," he says. "If you look at the first game of the season our regular back five from last season was missing.

"The manager has brought in a new defence and it's taken us time to gel and that's natural. Keeping clean sheets breeds confidence – the attacking players can play with more confidence knowing the back four can deal with anything thrown at them."

Tyler has seen managers come and go since his arrival in the summer of 2009 and subsequent debut against AFC Wimbledon.

With all the changes in personnel over the past two years, the goalkeeper thinks this could be the best squad the club has had in that time.

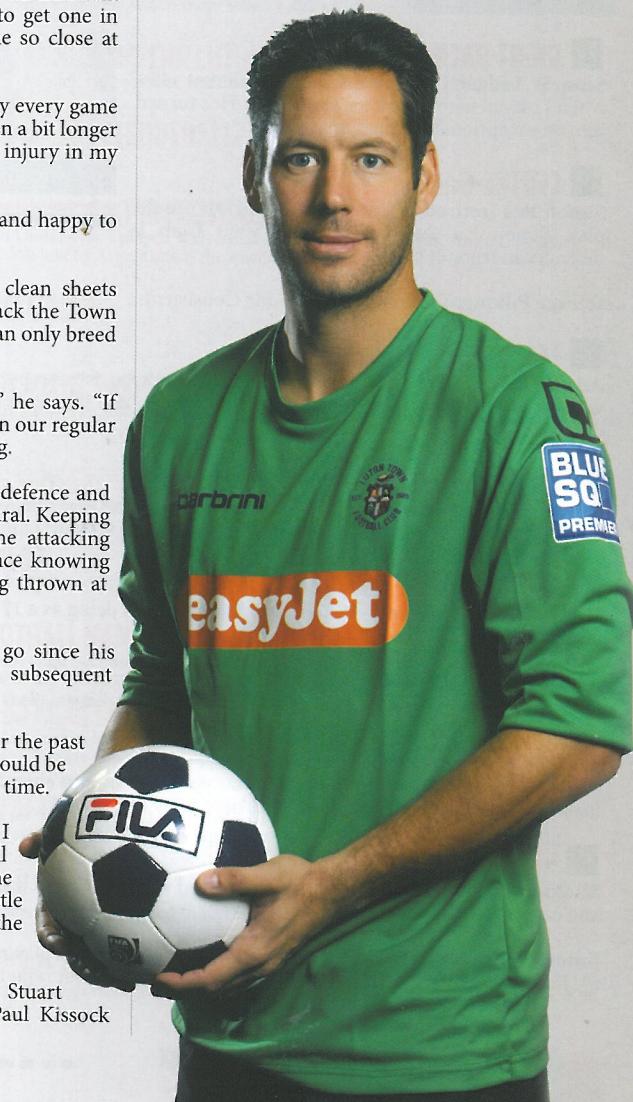
"It was a good squad last year and I think this squad can be better. It will take time because the new lads the gaffer has brought in need time to settle in...we've only had pre-season and the first two months of the season.

"Since the season has started Stuart Fleetwood, Jamie Hand and John Paul Kissack

have come in so the quality is definitely there.

"The manager is excited about the quality on the bench which wasn't always the case last year, so that will stand in that case.

"Then we've got George Pilkington, Dan Gleeson, Shane Blackett and Freddie Murray to come back so we have the basis of a great squad."

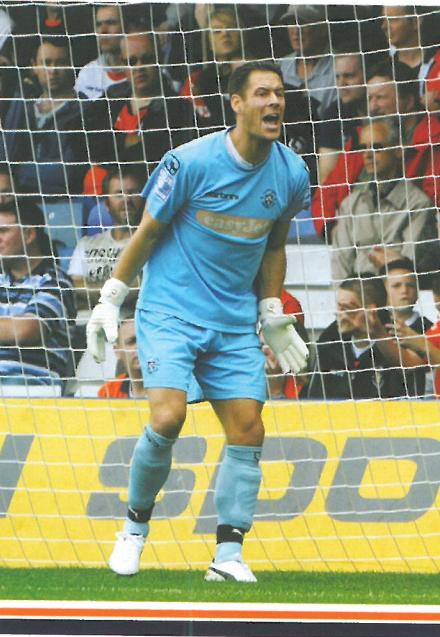


DREAM TEAM

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler chooses his favourite XI made up from players he's played with in his football career.

■ GOALKEEPER

Mark Tyler (Luton Town) – Simply the best goalkeeper in the world.



■ RIGHT-BACK

Sean St Ledger (Leicester City) – Different class when I played with him at Peterborough. He's turned into an exceptional international player.

■ CENTRE-BACKS

Simon Rea (retired) – Brave centre-half who could play, Simon had everything you'd want from a defender in front of you.

George Pilkington (Luton Town) – Mr Consistent.

■ LEFT-BACK

Adam Drury (Norwich City) – My best friend who is now performing well in the Premier League with Norwich. Was a great servant to Peterborough and now is doing the same at Carrow Road. A class defender.

■ RIGHT MIDFIELD

Dave Farrell (retired) – He scored the best hat-trick I've ever seen in a Play-Off semi-final that saw us win through to Wembley. The third goal was an audacious 40-yard chip. Incredible.

■ CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

Simon Davies (Fulham) – When I saw him make his debut as a 17-year-old I knew instantly that he'd go on and become an exceptional player.

Jimmy Bullard (Ipswich Town) – Enthusiastic and great to have around the place, Jimmy always wants the ball, can see a pass and shoot from distance. Great player, class act.

■ LEFT MIDFIELD

Matthew Etherington (Stoke City) – Has pace and skill in abundance and another who I knew would make a great career for himself the first time I saw him play.

■ STRIKERS

Michael Owen (Manchester United) – I played with Michael in the England Under-20s squad. His record and career speak for themselves.

Jimmy Quinn (manager of Nantwich Town) – When he was playing at the age of 39 it was like he was still 21. Jimmy was unbelievable for his age. Another with a great reputation for scoring goals.



GETTING TO KNOW...

MARK TYLER

■ WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL?

Adam Drury at Norwich City, who I played with at Peterborough.

■ WHAT TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT?

Norwich City. That's where I'm from and I used to go and watch them when I was a kid.

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

Playing in front of a passionate crowd. It's a club full of tradition, and I want to be a part of that.

■ WHAT AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE LEFT IN FOOTBALL?

To win as many games and promotions as possible.

■ WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOTBALL?

Playing for England from the Under-18s to Under-20s. I played with Michael Owen, Kieron Dyer, Jamie Carragher and Danny Murphy, we had a good squad. We lost to Argentina in the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

■ WHO IS YOUR FUNNIEST TEAM MATE?

Dan Gleeson's got a great sense of humour.

■ WHICH PLAYER HAS THE BEST MUSIC TASTE?

Crowy and Keano play the music before games in the changing room but I normally miss it as I'm out on the pitch warming up – maybe that's just as well!

■ WHO HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE?

James Dance. He's got shoes that look like space aliens or something!

■ WHO'S THE HARDEST WORKER?

The goalkeepers. Kevin and I are always the first in and the last out of the training ground.

■ WHAT'S YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY?

Watching Norwich whilst standing on a milk crate because I wasn't tall enough to see.

■ WHO HAS BEEN YOUR MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT?

Jermaine Defoe. Whenever I've played against him, when he was at Bournemouth or in friendlies, he has always scored against me. Even if he's done nothing all game he's popped up with a goal.

■ WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER YOU STOP PLAYING?

I'd like to run my own goalkeeper coaching school in the Peterborough area where I live. Oh, and play lots of golf!

■ WHO IS YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL?

Bryan Gunn. He was the first goalkeeper I saw in action – I used to just watch him, not the game.

■ AND WHO IS YOUR HERO OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL?

All of my family. They're always there for me through thick and thin and they remind me that there's more to life than football.

PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Steve Foster smacks a shot against the Kop End bar as the Hatters attempt to get back on terms at Anfield in 1985



The 1985/86 campaign had started in a blaze of publicity as the Town became only the second League club to install an artificial surface.

All the great and good from Fleet Street were present on the opening day to see the Hatters take on Nottingham Forest on the new £335,000 pitch which did not appear to have properly bedded down as small spirals of sand rose in the air every time a ball was kicked.

Everyone went away fairly contented with the pitch though after a closely fought 1-1 draw – Brian Stein holding the honour of christening the surface with a well struck shot before Forest's Neil Webb levelled for the away side.

This draw set up a pattern for the early part of the

season with the Town having to wait until their fourth home game before recording a victory on their new pitch but on 19th October everything clicked into place when Southampton were thrashed 7-0 in a devastating performance.

Brian Stein was beginning to relish the new surface and bagged a hat-trick against an outclassed Saints side in which only England international goalkeeper Peter Shilton came out with any credit.

It was therefore a happy band of supporters who travelled to Anfield the following week to see if the form could be continued against a rampant Liverpool side who were destined to win the title at the season's end.

The Hatters had never won at Anfield and that record

seemed likely to continue as the Reds took a 2-0 half-time lead with former Luton hero Paul Walsh scoring both goals.

At the interval Luton manager David Pleat accused his players of stage fright (amongst other things) and challenged them to up their game in the second period otherwise they would be on the end of a thrashing similar to the fate of Southampton the previous week.

With Pleat's words echoing in their ears, the players went out and within a minute had reduced the arrears with skipper Steve Foster netting from close range after goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar had fumbled a corner.

Only two visiting teams had managed to score at

Anfield that season and nerves began to jangle in the Liverpool defence as the Town hit the woodwork twice and then saw an effort from Meka Nwajiobi ruled out for a dubious offside decision.

Considering that the Town were without the injured Mitchell Thomas and Peter Nicholas it was a remarkable turnaround but sadly it was ruined when Walsh, on a rare Liverpool break, went to ground on the edge of the area leaving Jan Molby to curl a brilliant free-kick around the wall and into the net.

The Hatters would not give up though and with 15 minutes to go Mick Harford fired in a shot from 25 yards which went in off a post leaving the Anfield faithful to watch the remainder of the game through their fingers. So near yet so far!

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BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

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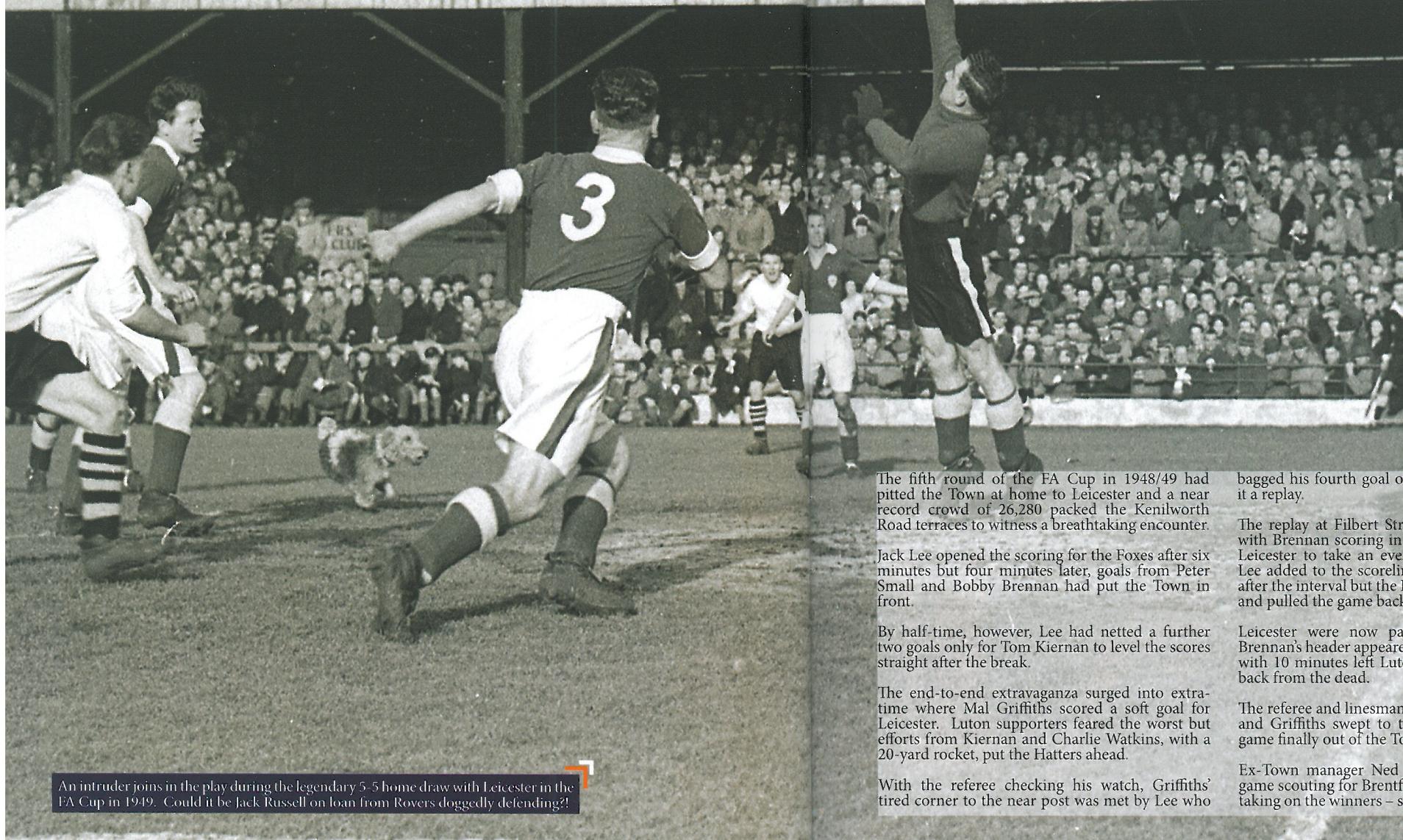
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An intruder joins in the play during the legendary 5-5 home draw with Leicester in the FA Cup in 1949. Could it be Jack Russell on loan from Rovers doggedly defending?!

The fifth round of the FA Cup in 1948/49 had pitted the Town at home to Leicester and a near record crowd of 26,280 packed the Kenilworth Road terraces to witness a breathtaking encounter.

Jack Lee opened the scoring for the Foxes after six minutes but four minutes later, goals from Peter Small and Bobby Brennan had put the Town in front.

By half-time, however, Lee had netted a further two goals only for Tom Kiernan to level the scores straight after the break.

The end-to-end extravaganza surged into extra-time where Mal Griffiths scored a soft goal for Leicester. Luton supporters feared the worst but efforts from Kiernan and Charlie Watkins, with a 20-yard rocket, put the Hatters ahead.

With the referee checking his watch, Griffiths' tired corner to the near post was met by Lee who

bagged his fourth goal of the afternoon and with it a replay.

The replay at Filbert Street was no less exciting, with Brennan scoring in the first minute only for Leicester to take an eventual 3-1 half-time lead. Lee added to the scoreline with a penalty shortly after the interval but the Hatters would not give up and pulled the game back to 4-3.

Leicester were now panic stricken and when Brennan's header appeared to have crossed the line with 10 minutes left Luton seemed to have come back from the dead.

The referee and linesman waved play on, however, and Griffiths swept to the other end to put the game finally out of the Town's reach.

Ex-Town manager Ned Liddell, who was at the game scouting for Brentford - who were due to be taking on the winners - said "The better team lost".



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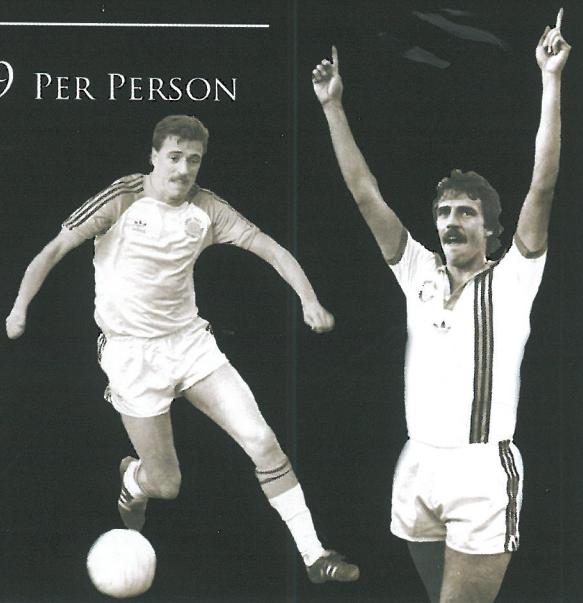
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BACK **AGAIN**

Defenders George Pilkington and Shane Blackett both played 45 minutes in a behind closed doors fixture against Wycombe Wanderers on Wednesday morning.

An experienced Hatters side went down to a goal seven minutes from time in sweltering conditions at the Chairboys' training ground.

Manager Gary Brabin fielded a very experienced side: Kevin Pilkington played the full 90 minutes as did Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Curtis Osano, JP Kissock, Adam Watkins and Paul Carden.

Pilkington, playing his first football since last May's Promotion Final, started the game before being subbed at the break for Blackett, whilst there were 45 minutes for Dean Beckwith, 55 minutes for Charlie Henry and 65 minutes for Collin Samuel.

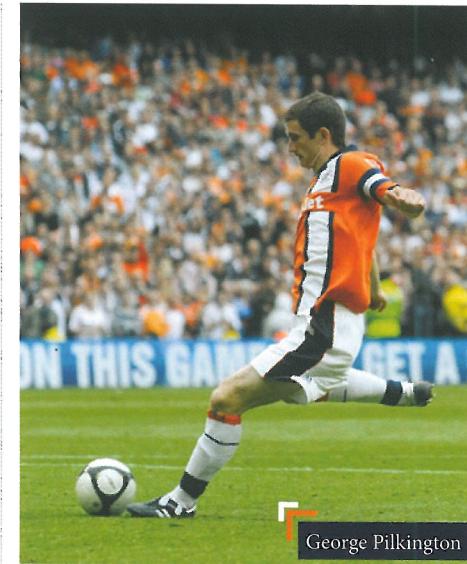
The Hatters impressed against a similarly strong Wanderers side who included a number of squad players used a day after their first team's 4-3 home defeat to Preston.

However the hosts won the game when Max Kretzschmar's header beat Kevin Pilkington – who had earlier kept the Chairboys at bay with a string of fine saves.

The result was immaterial, though as Gary Brabin was delighted to see some of his senior players return to match action.

The boss told Talk of the Town: "It was a fantastic work-out and a good standard. Wycombe played the night before and fielded a number of the players who were on their bench against Preston.

"We're trying to get everyone match fit as there aren't too many reserve team games this season. "It was a really hot day but the quality of football was really good and obviously I was delighted to see so many of our players get some game-time under their belts.



George Pilkington

"Our injury situation has been well documented and I've never used that as an excuse - all we want is to try and get over it and get everyone back fit.

"By the end we had a very young side on the pitch but it was an excellent work-out for all involved."

Team: K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington (sub Blackett), Beckwith (sub Carney), Carden, Kissock, Watkins, O'Connor (sub Dasilva), Henry (sub Tavernier), Samuel (sub Ann).

The Hatters will be playing a friendly against St Neots Town next Tuesday night at Rowley Park (kick-off 7.30pm) with the same squad likely to be involved. Admission prices are £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

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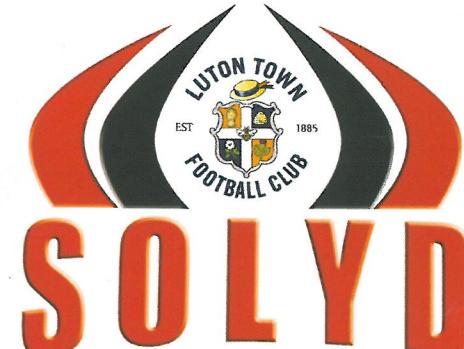


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Football studies student

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)

W 4-1

19 - ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS (H)
FAYC W 11-2

24 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H)
D 1-1

OCTOBER

5 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H) FAYC
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)

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■ MATCH DIGEST

■ FIXTURE Peterborough United)

■ COMPETITION Youth Alliance

■ RESULT 1-1

■ GOALSCORERS Woolley

■ TEAM

Barnes, Longden, Jibodu, Mirza (sub Nash 69), Ekins, Stephens, McAdams, Carney, Ann, Davis (sub Smith 45), Woolley. Subs not used: Ferguson, Kadu, Burtenshaw.

■ COACH'S COMMENTS

"I'm pleased with where we have got to so far in the season now that we have completed the first set of league fixtures and we go into the league cup competition for six weeks - we have got ourselves 14 points from those eight games and should be in the top six as the league programme closes for a while. I have rotated the team from week to week and we have always been competitive in every game and the two defeats have both been 1-0's which we could easily have got deserved draws from on another day."

■ YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

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



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ACADEMY UPDATE



This afternoon we welcome our Under-9 squad to Kenilworth Road. The side will be introduced to the crowd today so please give our stars of the future a huge round of applause.

Avan Jones – An explosive and adventurous defender with an eye for goal.

Ben Jacobs – A fast and tricky left-sided midfield player who is always a threat going forwards.

Ben Woodland-Challis – An excellent shot stopper playing in goal for the team.

Jack Smith – A cool, calm and collected central midfield player who is excellent both on and off the ball.

James Redmond – A tenacious midfield player, superb and adventurous when attacking in one-versus-one situations.

Jamie Gill – An excellent technical defender cool in possession and fearless when defending.

Jamie-Lee Ashton – A superb attacking midfield player with a never say die attitude on the pitch.

Nathan O'Donnell – A no-nonsense defender who is always calm under pressure.

Samuel Beckwith – A left-footed striker with a tireless work ethic to win the ball for his team-mates.

Stefan Vukojec – A wonderfully spirited midfield player who is a great passer of the ball.



Thomas Palmer – A brave and courageous goalkeeper in between the posts.

Tyler Fry – An inventive and skilful attacker capable of scoring wonder goals.

Jonas Kalonda – An exciting and skilful wide midfielder with a great work ethic to defend.

Corree Wilson – A brave and strong striker with a powerful determination to score goals for the team.

Mattie Richardson – A courageous and intelligent defender who shows great quality when on the ball.

Jack Woolley – An athletic midfielder/defender who is excellent defending in one-versus-one situations and is always a threat going forwards.

Dan Woolley – A bright and bubbly midfield player who shows great energy and enthusiasm when on the pitch.

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IN THE COMMUNITY



At Tuesday night's game with Cambridge, Luton Town and the Club's Community Trust were pleased to welcome Lord Faulkner of Worcester to present the Trust with a grant cheque of £12,000 from the the Football Conference Community Club Development Fund supported by the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association.

The grant will be matched by our main Club sponsor, Easyjet, and McDonalds and will be used to fund the Club's recently launched Schools Visit Project which aims to provide free curriculum time, football coaching and PE lessons to all primary schools within Luton, Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire.

The Football Conference Community Club Development Fund was launched earlier this year for member clubs of the Blue Square Bet Premier and Blue Square Bet North and South and involves both the Premier league and Professional Footballers' Association committing up to £400,000 each for the next three years and is designed to encourage member Clubs to develop their work in their local communities.

Lord Faulkner, who acts as independent advisor to the Conference grant fund, presented the cheque at half-time to Bob Curson, a trustee of the Community Trust and main board director at the Club and our Football development Officer, James Hatch. Also involved in the presentation were our Under-9, 10 and 11 Performance Squad boys, as

well as members from Houghton Regis Youth girls teams.

With the backing of the Conference Development fund, the Club's Community Department have already contacted almost 100 schools in our catchment area since the start of the term last month with the offer of free coaching and already almost 20 schools are now receiving visits from our coaching staff.

James, who runs the Schools Visit Project on behalf of the Community Trust, said: "We have already had a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests from running lunch time clubs to coaching the schools' football teams.

"The funding is great because for the first time in quite a while we can now get all of our local schools involved with the club at no cost to them. We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons but also by getting the children involved with Luton Town provide future supporters of the club."

For any schools looking to be involved in the project you can contact James at the club on 01582 583618 or via email on james.luton@live.co.uk.



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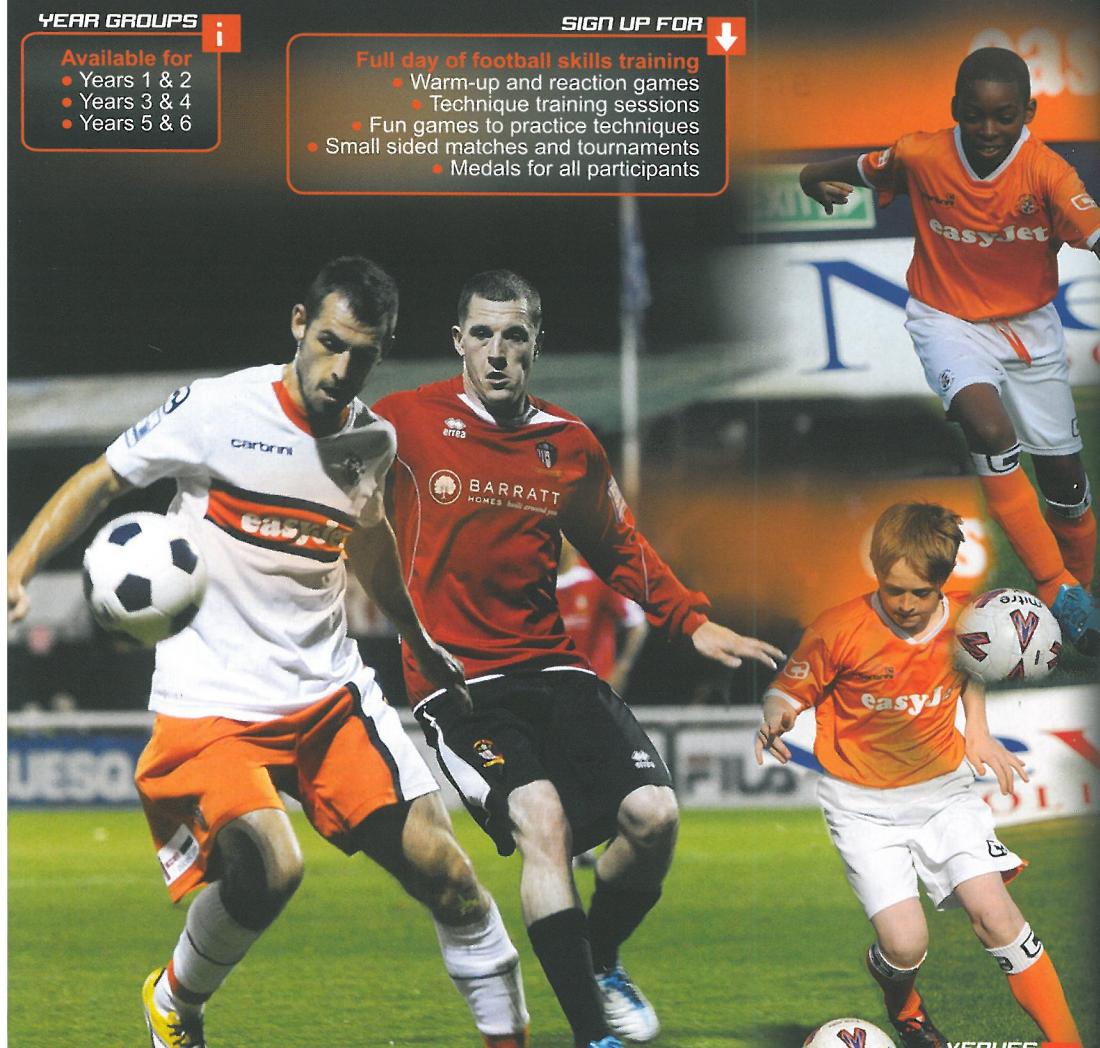
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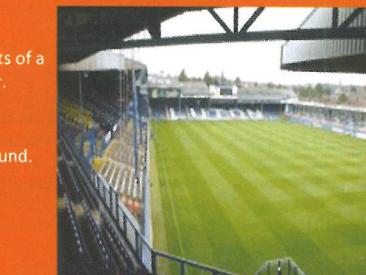
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13:00 Small Sided Games – 8 v 8	12.30 Match 1 Feedback
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15:30 Finish	15.00 Match 2 Feedback
	15:30 Finish



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ON THIS DAY

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

8

The number of games previously played at home on this date. The Town have won five, drawn one and lost twice. It's not exactly been a high scoring date though, as the Hatters have only netted seven goals and conceded four.

0

On each occasion that Luton have failed to score, they've also failed to earn a point. The opening game in 1904 saw West Ham win a Southern League tie 2-0 and Bristol City were victorious in 1994 by a 1-0 scoreline.

4

The most common scoreline of 1-0 to Luton has occurred four times, with the first occasion coming in 1910. Millwall were the visitors then, with Herbert Moody scoring the only goal of the game.

39

The number of years between the 1-0 victories, as it wasn't until 1949 before the Hatters played host on this date. Jack Taylor scored the only goal of the game to beat Leeds United in a Division Two match. This game also saw the highest attendance for a match at Kenilworth Road on this date, with 15,291 watching the Hatters victory.

1

The only draw came in 1964 and that was a 1-1 draw. John O'Rourke scored for Luton as Carlisle United were the opponents for a Division Three fixture.

2

The biggest margin of victory is by just two goals, a 2-0 victory over Notts County in a Division Two

fixture in 1977. Lil Fuccillo opened the scoring soon after the break and Phil Boersma netted a second just a few minutes later.

1

The first match in Division One was settled by just one goal as David Moss netted a second half penalty to secure the points against Aston Villa.

3

It was Emeka Nwajiobi's third League goal of the season that settled the tie against Ipswich Town in 1985, as the Hatters won their third match from the opening 10 games in Division One.

6

The number of fixtures previously against Barrow at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters have won five and there has been one draw. The Town have scored 15 goals and conceded four.

5

The most goals scored in this fixture came in 1969 when Luton won 5-1 courtesy of goals from Alan Slough, Keith Allen, Bruce Rioch and a brace from Brian Lewis.

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It was a goal-less draw the last time the sides met, on 29th March 2011, the first time the visitors had won a point at Kenilworth Road. Adam Newton had scored the only goal of the game the previous season as Luton won 1-0, in the first non-league fixture between the sides on 12th September 2009.

NLP VIEW WITH STUART HAMMONDS

FAIR PLAY MEANS WIPE OUT 'ACCIDENTS'

The time has come for one of English football's clearest acts of the Corinthian spirit to be wiped out.

I'm talking about the scenario where a player goes down injured and the ball is either put out of play for a throw-in, with the opposition then expected to return it to the team that conceded possession, or we have an uncontested drop ball.

It's a fantastic gesture when it works. But too often in the instant-gratification game of today, it doesn't because individuals see an opportunity to make a quick profit.

There is nothing that goes against the spirit of the football more than the 'free' goal. A whole XI standing with their hands on their hips to allow someone to walk through and plant the ball into an empty net is simply wrong, but is obviously commendable in the circumstances.

Ian Allinson, the Boreham Wood manager, quite rightly won the Fair Play award at The NLP's National Game Awards last season for allowing Havant & Waterlooville the opportunity to score a freebie after an overhit return sailed over the keeper and into the net.

But all too regularly are we seeing the 'accident' goal occur, only for the beneficiaries not to grant the refund.

It happened twice a couple of Saturdays ago. The high-profile one was in League 1 at Yeovil Town versus Sheffield Wednesday, but lower down it also happened in the Evo-Stik NPL Division One South game between Goole and Shepshed Dynamo.

The Shepshed website says Dynamo midfielder Ricky Law put the ball out of play after a home player went down in a clash of heads. "Play started with a drop ball and an unopposed Goole player kicked the ball towards Shepshed keeper Ayden Duffy only for Goole striker Aaron Martin to intercept it and score," the report continued.

Our NLP correspondent at the game, Graeme Wilson, wrote that the goal "came from a drop-ball incident in centre field where the visitors clearly felt the ball should have been kicked out, but Goole played to the whistle and Martin duly scored".

Currently there aren't any rules that say a referee has to disallow such a goal, or that a team has to return the ball or the give the opportunity to even things up.

So I'll repeat what I asked for in April 2009 after Bromley midfielder Ryan Hall lobbed AFC Wimbledon keeper James Pullen, and a 'free' goal wasn't forthcoming.

I'd like to see a directive so that whenever the ball is put out of play or the referee stops the game mid-flow to allow treatment, the game automatically restarts with an old-fashioned, contested drop ball on the centre-spot.

OK, we won't see the great acts of sportsmanship from men like Allinson.

But we also won't get the unsightly show of disrespect an 'accidental' goal, or even a blatant long ball out for a throw by the corner flag (as I saw recently at Wrexham versus Kidderminster), can trigger.

The gentleman's agreement is often broken, so let's have it permanently fixed.

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This game is all pay on the day at Kidderminster via cash turnstiles.

Prices: Terrace: Adult £14, Under 16/Over 60 £8.

Seating: Adult £17, Under 16/over 60 £11.



EBBSFLEET UNITED v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We are yet to receive ticket information from Ebbsfleet United for this fixture. Ticket arrangements will be publicised online and in programmes in the lead up to the game.



GETTING TO...KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS - AGGBOROUGH

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £17 adults, £14 concessions. Departure: 11am.

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For the sat-nav: DY10 1NB

By train: The ground is a 10 minute walk from Kidderminster railway station, which is served by trains from Birmingham Snow Hill. Just come straight out of the station and go past the Severn Valley Railway station on your left. Go down the hill and turn left into Hoo Road and the ground is up this road on the left.

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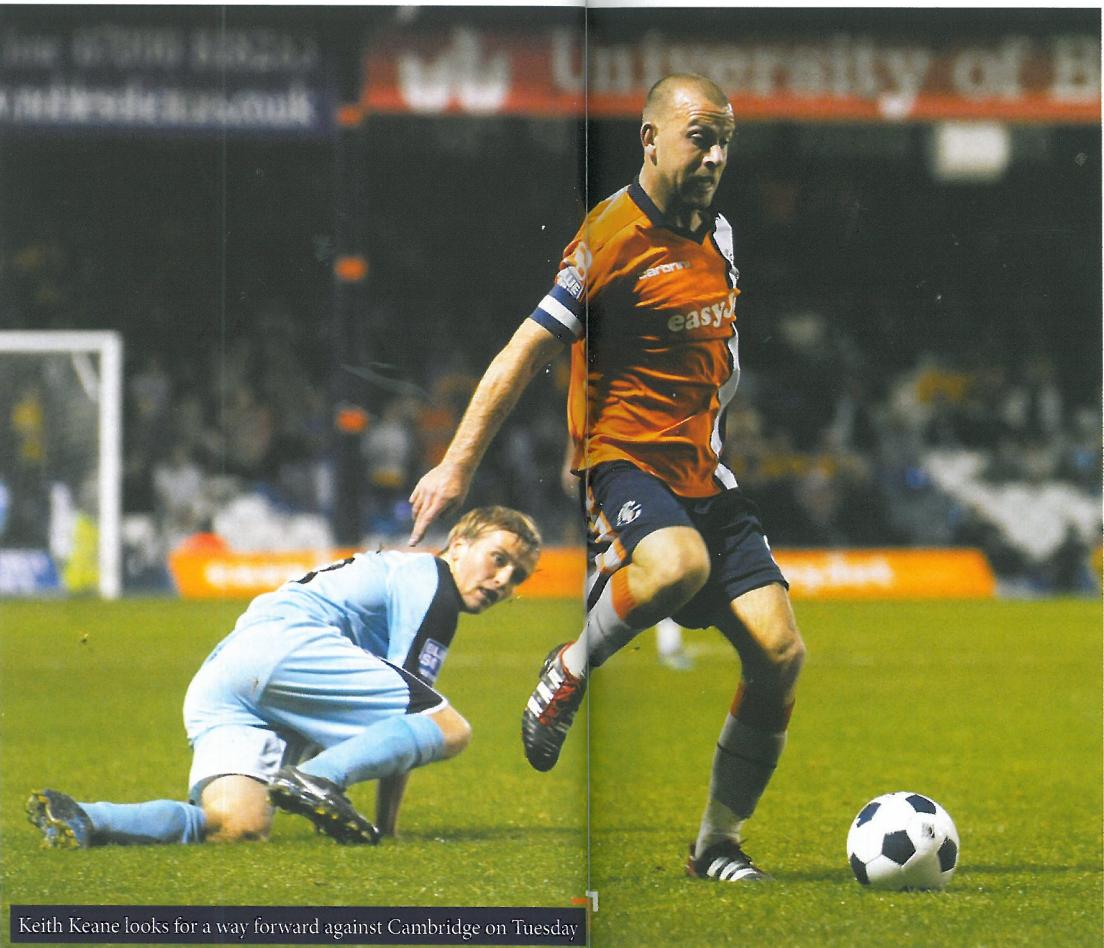
Car: M1, M25, after the Dartford Crossing keep to the left hand lanes and after passing through the toll booths turn left onto the A226, towards Northfleet. Keep on this road until you reach the ground on your left.

For the sat-nav: DA11 9GN

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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'Conor, 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, Dance*, O'Connor**	M-Smith 1*, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye***, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Connor*, Crow	Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, 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**, Kissock***, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance***, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1***, M-Smith 1	Watkins*, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor**, Kissock, K. Pilkington
September								
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County	1-1	3,389	321	6 Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissock*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith, Crow*	Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Carden, 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	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, 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*, Crow*, Fleetwood**	Dance*, Kissock, Watkins**, O'Connor*, K. Pilkington
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2 Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott*, Fleetwood 1, Crow*	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock**, Samuel, K. Pilkington
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1 Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock**, Fleetwood, Crow**	O'Connor*, Samuel**, Willmott**, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6 Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock*, Fleetwood, Willmott, Fleetwood*	Crow**, Watkins**, O'Connor, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United	0-1	6,274	522	9 Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand***, Keane, Willmott*, Fleetwood, Crow*	O'Connor*, Kissock**, Watkins***, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
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					



LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Gateshead	12	8	2	2	23	14	9	26
2	Braintree Town	12	8	1	3	23	10	13	25
3	Fleetwood Town	12	7	3	2	23	16	7	24
4	Wrexham	12	7	2	3	21	13	8	23
5	Mansfield Town	12	6	4	2	21	13	8	22
6	Cambridge United	12	6	4	2	14	8	6	22
7	Kidderminster Harriers	12	6	3	3	22	17	5	21
8	York City	12	6	2	4	22	12	10	20
9	LUTON TOWN	12	5	2	19	12	7	20	
10	Tamworth	12	5	3	4	13	13	0	18
11	Southport	12	5	2	5	20	17	3	17
12	Barrow	12	4	4	15	16	-1	16	
13	AFC Telford United	12	3	6	3	18	13	5	15
14	Forest Green Rovers	12	2	8	2	13	13	0	14
15	Stockport County	12	2	7	3	14	24	-10	11
16	Grimsby Town	12	4	2	6	11	18	-7	14
17	Darlington	12	3	4	5	10	16	-6	13
18	Hayes & Yeading	12	3	3	6	17	23	-6	12
19	Ebbesfleet United	12	2	5	5	16	19	-3	11
20	Kettering Town	12	3	2	7	14	24	-10	11
21	Lincoln City	12	2	3	7	9	16	-7	9
22	Alfreton Town	12	2	3	7	10	24	-14	9
23	Newport County	12	1	5	6	13	20	-7	8
24	Bath City	12	0	3	9	5	20	-15	3

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON						CAREER		
	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL GLS	DISCIP	TOTAL GLS	DISCIP
WILL ANTWI	12 (0)	2	0	0	12 (0)	2 (0)	0	0	12 (2)
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4 (2)	0	0	0	4 (2)	0	0	1	75 (1)
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1 (0)	0	0	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	81 (23)
Dean BECKWITH	8 (0)	1	0	0	8 (0)	1	1	1	8 (1)
Shane BLACKETT	0 (0)	0	0	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	39 (1)
Danny CROW	9 (2)	3	0	0	9 (2)	3	1	0	46 (11)
James DANCE	9 (3)	0	0	0	9 (3)	0	0	0	12 (0)
Stuart FLEETWOOD	6 (1)	2	0	0	6 (1)	2	2	0	7 (2)
Dan GLEESON	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	43 (0)
Jamie HAND	5 (0)	0	0	0	5 (0)	0	1	0	5 (0)
Jake HOWELLS	11 (0)	1	0	0	11 (0)	1	0	0	142 (10)
Keith KEANE	9 (0)	0	0	0	9 (0)	0	4	0	252 (6)
John-Paul KISSOCK	3 (4)	0	0	0	3 (4)	0	0	0	7 (0)
Janos KOVACS	3 (0)	0	0	0	3 (0)	0	0	0	20 (1)
Alex LAWLESS	10 (0)	1	0	0	10 (0)	1	5	0	39 (6)
Amar MORGAN-SMITH	9 (1)	7	0	0	9 (1)	7	5	0	37 (15)
Freddie MURRAY	0 (0)	0	0	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	79 (1)
Aaron O'CONNOR	3 (7)	0	0	0	3 (7)	0	0	0	10 (0)
Curtis OSANO	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)
Collin SAMUEL	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1 (0)
Mark TYLER	11 (0)	0	0	0	11 (0)	0	0	0	105 (0)
Dan WALKER	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	20 (1)
Adam WATKINS	3 (6)	1	0	0	3 (6)	1	1	0	15 (3)
Robbie WILLMOTT	9 (2)	1	0	0	9 (2)	1	0	0	7 (7)

LAST WORD

WITH DIVERSE FM'S STEVE MOORE

Now, this was not in the script was it?

One point from nine and now nearer mid-table than the top. Gary Brabin left angry, disappointed and frustrated. He is not the only one feeling those emotions, I am and I am sure everyone reading this programme is as well.

There is nobody who thinks the last three performances are up to scratch, Gary included. Sometimes though, things are more out of your control than you wish them to be and right now they are. Without asking our commentator, I do not know if this is our worst injury crisis ever at one position (he has stats for everything else, I guessing he has stats for that!) but it must be close to it.

As much as, like Brabin says, we should not use the lack of luck on the injury front as an excuse, having luck on that front can be huge, it won us the title in League 1 not too many years ago.

As a result, I do not think there are too many people who would be outraged if told that we would have our worst injury spell in the first two months and still only sit six points off the top. As long as we sit within striking distance of the top then we can storm through that hole if everything clicks once we get players back, a bit like Chris Froome, Stephen Cummings and co. did for Mark Cavendish in Copenhagen last weekend.

Everyone always talks about striking partnerships, it is important to remember that partnerships are just as important everywhere on the field and that is

especially true at the back, a near telepathic understanding of who will attack which ball does not come quickly and there is no doubt that quite a few of the goals we have conceded have come from this.

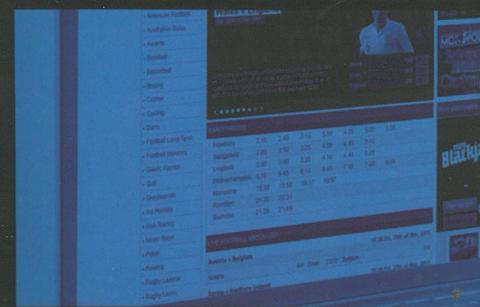
Therefore, it is great to see George Pilkington and Shane Blackett getting some significant game-time against Wycombe on Tuesday and hopefully they should be in contention within the next week or so.

Just remember, sometimes the greatest heights are only reached when things begin to seem impossible.

Keep the faith.



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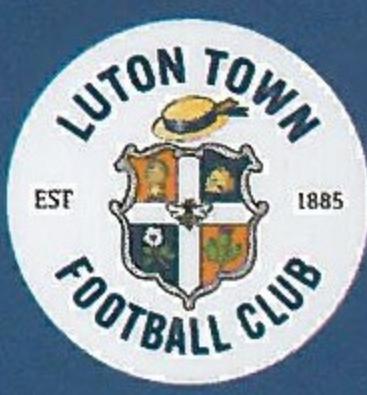


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 Assistant: D. Avent
 Assistant: B. Knight
 Fourth official: K. Howick

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