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In Town Today...

I'd like to welcome the players, management, supporters and Directors of Luton Town to Aggborough this afternoon.

Our good start to the season continued away at Kettering on Saturday - it was great to see the team get their rewards by moving back up into those play-off places. Today's game promises to be a big one - one of the two of us will be in the play-offs come 5pm tonight; let's hope that's us.

This week sees two big home games for us here, with AFC Telford coming on Tuesday. Obviously we're hoping for big turnouts at all areas of the ground for both games - the team deserve your support, and the bigger the crowd, the better the atmosphere. The attendances, without question, have been excellent for our opening six home matches but it really is so important for us that this continues.

I'm actually back here myself after a recent break overseas. It's been nice to see so many good results going our way whilst I've been gone, and hopefully I'm not a jinx!

Mark Serrell
Chairman



Ed said...

When writing programme notes, I find managers like to welcome managers, Chairmen welcome Chairmen... I should welcome Editors!

I should, then, say a big hello to my good mate Andrew Barringer, website, media and editorial supremo from Kenilworth Road. He enjoys a yearly trip to Aggborough; firstly for the food and secondly because he's tended to take points home with him. Those will hopefully be staying put today, though!

A quick word for our chosen charity this year, Mentor Link, before I leave you. Check out pages six and seven today - if you're a gentleman with some time to spare, they need your help!

Matt Wall
Editor

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The Gaffer

We welcome Gary Brabin and Luton Town here today for what will be a great game and a really good atmosphere.

We come into the game on the back of a solid and professional win on the road at Kettering last weekend. When you play teams after they've lost a game heavily like they did against Hayes, there will always be a reaction. We were up against it in that respect but I thought we looked solid and were comfortable at 1-0.

Over the last few weeks, defensively we have looked very good and that has been pleasing. If you look at the changes we made after the Fleetwood game, you have to say that everyone who has come in has done well.

Freshen

I have to reserve an individual word for Tom Sharpe. He's a young lad but is a very good professional. He was probably a little bit unfortunate early on, with his pre-season performances, to have not made the starting eleven. The team that kicked things off went on a good run to get us off to a good start but we needed to freshen it up a little bit after Fleetwood. He got his opportunity and I am delighted for him.

He is a player who gets on with the job and is somebody I've thought very highly of since I've been here and obviously I also worked with him at Stalybridge when I had him on loan as a young kid from Forest. He had a bit of bad luck throughout last season with injuries and one or two things, just as he'd be looking to kick on at stages. The lad needs a bit of fortune but the way he has come in has played has been really pleasing.

Jamille Matt is another one of the squad who has come into the side after waiting for his opportunity and it is important that he, like all of them, continue to improve. Jamma has shown that he is starting to find his feet after coming in from the level he did last season. He always works hard and has established being able to make an impact each time he's come off the bench for us. It's important now

that he influences things when he starts matches and I have to say we're really pleased with what he's produced over the last few weeks – he's caused teams a lot of problems.

Moving on to today's game – I still sometimes find it hard to get my head around the likes of Luton Town being at this level. They have a fantastic fan-base; their home gates of at least 6,000 demonstrate the size of the club and they will bring a big number to Aggborough today. I look forward to games like this because I know the atmosphere will be good and there will be pressure on both teams to win football matches.

Resources

It is fantastic for us to be in a position where we're talking about playing Luton to open the gap between the two of us, being above them in the table. It is a big achievement for us, though we don't want to harp on about what we don't have and the size of our resources compared to many others in the division.

I do feel, however, that over the last couple of years we have reduced the gap on the field. It goes without saying that the further we go, the better we want to keep on doing. We will just concentrate on our players and get the best out of them like we have always tried to do.

Finally I must say how impressed Gary and I were with the performance of the Academy team here in midweek in their FA Youth Cup win. It was a really entertaining game and Jerry Gill has clearly got them set up well and playing with a great deal of confidence. What was also pleasing was seeing so many of the first team lads there on the night – it was a big night for the young boys and it was good for them to have the support of the senior players.

Enjoy today's game and get right behind the squad,

Steve



Injury time

I am pleased to say that we have made some good progress in treating Dave Hankin's injury this week.

Over last weekend, we used a combination of contrast bathing (between hot and cold), some massage and also some acupuncture. It's pleasing for us that the swelling on the ankle has reduced massively.

He met with our orthopaedic specialist Nadim Aslam yesterday and hopefully we'll know very soon a little bit more about where we're going with this one. The swelling has been the main issue over this last couple of weeks though, so as I say I'm glad this is under control.

Danny Lewis missed his first competitive game for a number of years last weekend at Kettering with a knee injury, and unfortunately the news here isn't good. Danny went in for a scan on Wednesday and the radiologist confirmed that there is a significant change within Danny's ACL which would indicate damage.

I would stress that we do need confirmation of this from an orthopaedic specialist – a meeting we're in the process of putting together as quickly as possible. If the damage is confirmed then Danny would eventually need surgery which would keep him out for between six and nine months, which would be a really huge blow for Danny's season and for the whole club.

Since the Kettering game we've had a couple of bits of pieces to deal with. Luke Jones has a bit of a sore Achilles and Mike Williams has some



soreness around the hip, so I'm certainly busier than I'd like at the moment – especially as the Doc has seen fit to swan off to Spain for a mid-season break and put his feet up... though I'm just a bit jealous!

Incidentally our Academy manager, Jerry Gill, also came in for some treatment this week on his knee after playing a pivotal role in a Blues legends game last weekend, though he's keen to point out he apparently scored a hat-trick!

Enjoy the game,

Gavin

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Aggborough News

ALL THE LATEST FROM IN AND AROUND AGGBOROUGH...

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT - ABA

During the 2008/09 season the Club received many complaints about the anti-social behaviour of a small group of our younger supporters at our home and away matches both at the grounds and in the local community.

The activities of this small group have harmed the reputation and good name of the Club and the majority of our supporters who never cause any problems at any of our home or away matches. In order to tackle this problem, in consultation and partnership with West Mercia Police and the club have introduced a procedure known as 'Acceptable Behaviour Agreement' or 'ABA' in short.

The small problem group have been identified and all are being asked to sign the ABA in which they agree that their behaviour at any of our games, either at home or away, will not be such as to damage the good name or reputation of the club or lead to complaints from anyone about their conduct.

If they should breach the agreement then this could lead to them being banned from attending any matches or be used as evidence in any Court proceedings relating to their anti-social behaviour.

The club is confident that the majority of our supporters will welcome this positive move by the Club in taking some pro-active action to prevent the present problem escalating and only further damaging our good name.

The agreement is in effect a 'Yellow Card' which hopefully the supporters concerned will respect and comply with. If they are genuine supporters of the Club, the ABA will hopefully encourage them to continue supporting us, but in a positive as distinct from negative manner.



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email to claire.quinn@mentorlink.org.uk Go on, get in touch, imagine the difference you could make.

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Pictured left is Harriers' Vice Chairman Wayne Allen presenting Andrea Maddocks of MentorLink with a charity donation of £150 from the club.

PITCH BATTLE

Harriers are on the lookout for anyone who may be able to help the groundstaff here at Aggborough maintain the playing surface.

We'd like to hear from any supporters, preferably Season Ticket holders, who may be willing to lend some of their time on home match days to tend to the Aggborough pitch before, during and after fixtures.

Anyone interested is asked to contact the club on 01562 823 931 and leave their details.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE ARMS

Tickets are on sale now for the fantastic entertainment in the Harriers Arms over the festive period. Chris King performs on Christmas Eve (£3.50 admission), whilst Rick Laval joins us on New Year's Eve (£4.50 admission). Ask Arms staff for more details.



will be supported by comedian Gary Marshall.

Tables of ten are available at £350 whilst individual tickets can be booked at £40 each with the event sure to sell out quickly.

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MOLBY RETURNS TO HARRIERS

The newly-formed "Friends of the Harriers 2011" proudly announce their first event; A Sportsman's Dinner with a former Kidderminster Harriers and Liverpool Red returning to the Club in the form of Jan Molby.

The event is to be held in The Academy (formerly The Aggborough Suite) at the Club on Thursday 27th October 2011.

Former Danish international Molby, who had two spells as Harriers boss

ACADEMY... OPEN!

A specially-invited audience attended the official opening night of the Academy here at Aggborough last Friday evening.

The new restaurant facility, an element of our partnership with Stourbridge College, was opened by Mark Garnier, MP for Wyre Forest along with officials from both the club and the college. A demonstration of football skills was also put on out on the pitch by Jerry Gill's Football Academy, also in partnership with Stourbridge College.



ACADEMY FIXTURES

Our Academy side are in action twice more this coming week - on Monday evening there is a game against Stourbridge in the Midland Floodlit Youth League (ko 7:30pm), whilst on Wednesday afternoon there is the trip to Tamworth in the Central Conference Youth League (ko 2:00pm).

BOXING NIGHT

Friends of the Harriers 2011 proudly present an evening of Boxing on Friday 18th November. To be held in The Academy at Kidderminster Harriers FC the evening consists of hospitality meal prior to the boxing.

Tickets are £40 each and tables of 6 or 10 are welcome by contacting Gino Ruffinato on 01562 744735 or by emailing gino@mgsportswear.com.

AWAY TRAVEL

117 of you roared the boys on to the big win at Mansfield whilst almost 150 made the trek to Kettering Town - it's a great time to be showing your support on the road for happy travellers Harriers.

Our next two games are away at Darlington and Barrow - full details of tickets and travel can be found on page 31 of today's programme.

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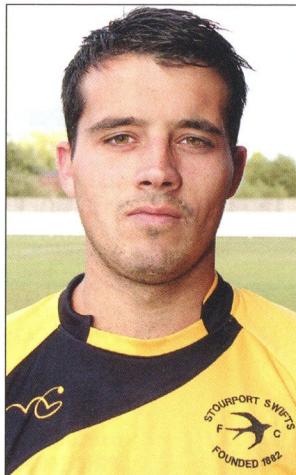
The Locals... Stourport Swifts

Good afternoon,

So Swifts' season so far hasn't quite gone as expected. After ten games they find themselves at the bottom of the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South & West table having won once and drawn once. However, Rod Brown is still not panicking too much yet. He has revised his original aim of getting the club in or around the play-offs and has now stated that the club are in for a tough season, but one he is confident they can rescue.

As has been reported before in this column, Swifts are operating with a very small budget. To try and put this into context; Swifts' entire weekly budget is probably that of one of Harriers' less experienced player's weekly wage. So they have to use a lot of younger players who are finding it hard to step up to the rigours of the Southern League.

A big loss for Swifts off the pitch recently was that of striker, and club top scorer, John Griffin (pictured). "Griff" has joined Southern League Premier Division side Stourbridge Town. The step up in quality doesn't seem to have fazed the diminutive forward as he already has a couple of goals to his name for the Glassboys. Everyone at Swifts would like to wish



"Griff" the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Whilst Harriers are playing Luton today, Swifts are at home to Daventry Town in the preliminary round of the FA Trophy. After the disappointment in this year's FA Cup, they will be hoping to get through this tricky tie against their Central League counterparts. Prize money for winning this tie is £2,000 and that kind of money could really help Swifts in their current predicament.

With an average home gate of 75 over the last two seasons at Walshes Meadow it doesn't take a qualified accountant to work out that revenues from other streams are a necessity. Last Friday saw Swifts' Second Annual Sportsman's

Dinner evening held at The Stourport Manor Hotel. The evening, which featured an after dinner chat with "Big Ron" Atkinson, as well as entertainment from J. P. James, was a great success. I was lucky enough to be there and had a brilliant night, and I am pretty sure everyone else that attended also had a similarly enjoyable evening whilst also raising a significant sum to aid the running of the football club. The evening was organised by Swifts commercial department members Richard Mander

and, former Harriers Chairman, Lionel Newton. These two gentleman give up a lot of their free time to help out the Swifts and the Chairman, Chris Reynolds, has asked me to pass on his and the club's appreciation for their efforts.

Swifts manager Rod Brown has been tinkering with his squad over the last few weeks so hopefully the club can begin to put some results together. If you get the chance pop down and cheer them on some time.

Enjoy the game,

Mike Cooper
Programme Editor
Stourport Swifts FC

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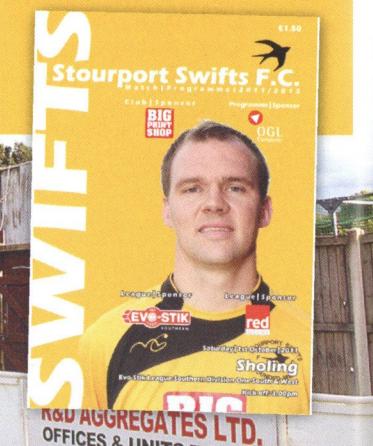
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Familiar scene:
empty terracing

Radio Waves

Harriers remain right in the leading pack at the top of the Blue Square Bet Premier after they picked up another three points in what was reportedly a solid showing at Kettering Town.

I say 'reportedly' as I have been on holiday for a week or so and had to undertake some clandestine enquiries to find out how our local sides had got on.

Mrs O had put her foot down with a firm hand - 'There is to be no working on your week off', but what she didn't know wasn't going to hurt her and so I managed to glean the basic information needed.

Uppermost among this was that it was one of the hottest days anyone playing in any of our local games could recall - bad enough watching if you were unlucky enough to be standing in the full glare of the sun, but what must it have been like to play in those conditions?

I am on the committee of my local football club and - as I had a couple of Saturdays off - on the first of these I volunteered to go on the gate for a reserve-team home match - I know, there is 'keeping it real' and then there is being a martyr to the cause.

I was just preparing to head down to our own particular theatre of dreams to relieve the loyal punters of their hard-earned when the Chairman phoned to tell me our scheduled opponents had called off the game as they were unable to raise a side.

This was at 1.20pm for a 2.30pm kick off, so they had taken their time in reaching this earth-shattering conclusion. Inevitably, this led to a mad rush round cancelling post-match food, officials and, of course, letting our own players know they now had to come up with a more original excuse

for not spending the afternoon shopping with their loved one.

It now looks as though the club in question are going to pull out of the league which is a great shame as they are a decent bunch with a hard-working core of people who have kept things going. This might well strike a chord with many in the crowd today who will be aware of similar small clubs in either the Wyre Forest or Luton areas where the few do most of the work while the majority moan endlessly about their efforts.

Problems

Sadly, it is symptomatic of problems the country over - the game at grassroots club level appears to be struggling. The back pages of the Non League paper last season showed lots of league tables with a club at the bottom that had 'record expunged' alongside its name after committees and clubs had finally admitted they could no longer make it pay or - even more worryingly - there was no longer the interest locally to justify the cost.

Part of the reason is that there are now many more calls on the leisure pound than there ever used to be. Football is not that cheap when compared to, say, the cinema or renting a DVD or a computer game and crowds are showing signs of dropping off at an alarming rate. A look through the Non League paper last week illustrated this point. The FA Cup meant the Southern League Premier - so two levels below the Blue Square Bet Premier - had only two matches

scheduled and neither of these attracted a crowd of 200. In Division One South and West it was even more alarming - two of the seven games at this level had gates of fewer than 80 paying customers. How clubs can continue at that level on such attendances is beyond me.

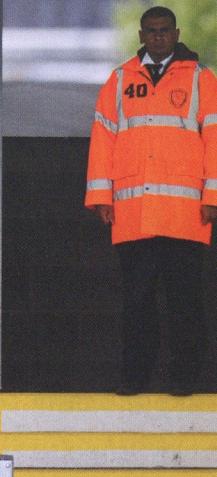
The obvious answer is more regionalisation, less travelling and more derbies and if I were a club Chairman at, say, Stourport Swifts' level, then I would be banging on the door of the FA until they came round to that way of thinking. Those clubs looking to progress through into the Blue Square Bet North or South should have to come up with viable financial plans that are properly scrutinised - no more budgetary projections that could be shortlisted for the Booker Prize for fiction.

Fortunately for Luton Town, they don't appear to have any problem in pulling in the punters. Even after a slower-than-expected start to the season, they still attracted 5,613 to Kenilworth Road last weekend where the faithful were duly rewarded with a 5-1 stuffing of Barrow. With the sides next-to-next in the table, today's game has the ingredients for a highly entertaining afternoon. Harriers have so far drawn three of their six home games while the Hatters have finished all square in four of their six away games, so what price it finishing honours even this afternoon?

Enjoy the game..

Trevor Owens

BBC Hereford and Worcester





Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy

The Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy in partnership with Stourbridge College has kicked off to a great start and aims to help young people with an interest in football achieve their goals.

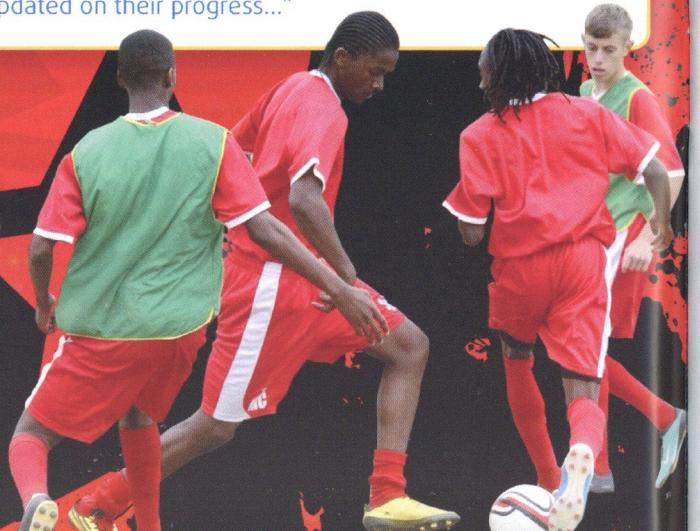


A recruitment campaign earlier this year saw over 200 young hopefuls take part in the selection process which included showing off their skills at a series of trials – 70 of which were chosen for the Football Academy, an incredible pool of talent which will make up the new Kidderminster Harriers Youth Team.

The unique partnership means that the students study for sport related academic courses or working at the football club as apprentices so they gain real, hands on work experience as well as honing their football skills through a professional coaching and games programme.

Jerry Gill, former Birmingham City and Cheltenham Town Football Club player, has been appointed Stourbridge College's Football Academy Manager and said: "I'm really excited about this fantastic opportunity for youngsters who all have ambitions to play football at the highest level. Being part of the academy, we can ensure that all of our students get a qualification as well as nurturing their football talent so that their opportunities for a career in the future aren't limited if they don't make it in football. We have a great variety of talent in our new batch of students, some of whom have travelled a great distance to join the academy, and I'll keep you updated on their progress..."

Anyone interested in joining the Football Academy next year – starting September 2012 – should look out for information about selections and trials. Check out the Stourbridge College and Harriers websites for updates: stourbridge.ac.uk.



KHIST

Harriers fans reading this will know that recent weeks have been all about history and celebrating 125 years of this football club – a milestone which, at points last season, we looked as if we would fall just short of achieving.

This week, however, I would like to turn our attention to geography. Unlike our opponents today, whom we welcome from the south of England, we are based in a very central position within the country.

We are also very fortunate that we are in one of only a few concentrated areas for top-flight football clubs. With three sides in the Premier League and Birmingham City in the Championship, football in the Midlands is in an excellent condition.

One club that has gained its fair share of notoriety throughout the years though is our very own Kidderminster Harriers. A recent sports quiz, hosted at the Academy and organised by KHIST, featured a round on the history of the Harriers. Did you know that the club signed an England International in 1910? Or that the club played the first ever FA Cup match under floodlights? It's not just glories in the dim and distant past that the club continues to thrive on, in more recent memory for most fans, except the very young ones who join us today, will be events such as the 93/94 cup run, which saw us entertain Premier League opposition in the Fifth Round, a feat that still provides us with various mentions in the media to this day.

Also, achievements such as our draw at home to Wolves in 2004, reaching the FA Trophy final several times over, most recently of course in 2007 and not forgetting the time that we spent as a proud member of the Football League.

Far from being a footnote in the tale that is Midlands football, Kidderminster Harriers is a name that is synonymous with over achievement in football, and we can be proud of the place that we take in this rich tapestry of football in the area.

One thing that we can consider as

Harriers fans is: how do we build on that? One thing I would suggest is that rather than seeing the fact that we have three top-flight clubs and one second-tier club on our doorstep as an obstacle to getting people through the turnstiles at Harriers, we see it as an opportunity to get the fans of those clubs, who are obviously already first and foremost fans of the game, to come and watch some football when they are not at those games.



There may be no Premier League games on a weekend due to an International break. Why don't you ask your mate who normally goes to Molineux to come up to Aggborough? No midweek game for in the Championship? How about asking your friend who's a Blues fan to come and watch Harriers play?

As much as there are negative aspects to having large clubs attracting various potential supporters, there are also fans who will come to Harriers for the first time who may be hooked on the social element and camaraderie of standing on the terraces with familiar faces from their hometown and enjoy the unique atmosphere of non-league football.



It is sometimes difficult to find a large club that will run a full schedule of social events, they may enjoy being a member of KHIST and attending events such as quiz nights, dinners, fundraising events and perhaps participating in the fans' team. So why not see if we can take advantage of our location? That way, with the help of more people through the gate participating in this club, we can become an even more established name in the thriving scene of Midlands football.

Jon Smith

● Harriers average home attendances are up 11% so far this season to 1803 which bucks the national trend and with today's opponents and AFC Telford visiting on Tuesday we should hopefully see a further increase.

BOARD REPRESENTATION UPDATE

The AGM of the Society will be held in the Harriers Social and Supporters Club after today's game and all Harriers supporters are cordially invited to attend this event.

We can assure you that the support, views and suggestions will be more than welcome. However, you should be aware that, according to the Society's rules, if you were not a paid up member before 31st July this year you will not be entitled to vote on any of the resolutions tabled.

Please note that copies of the agenda for the meeting and of two of the resolutions to be tabled, have been emailed to KHIST members, together with the minutes from last year's AGM. These papers will also be available immediately before the meeting.

We hope to see you after today's game.

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TEAM CHECK:

Kidderminster Harriers: Lewis; Vaughan; Mike Williams; Jones; Sharpe; Byrne; Wright (Phelan, 84); Medley (Marc Williams, 59); Storer; Gittings; Matt (Tommy Wright, 74).

Unused subs:

Lyness; Briscoe.

Grimsby Town: McKeown; L'Anson (Silk, 84); Pearson; Kempson; Ridley; Church; Disley; Artus (Elding, 74); Coulson; Makofa; Duffy.

Unused subs: Silk; Garner; Thanoj; Elding.

Referee: Graham Horwood (Bedfordshire).

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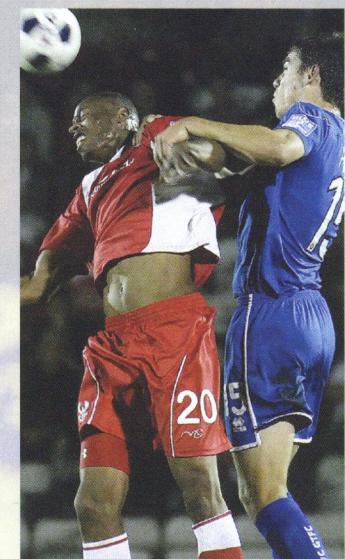
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"Sometimes you don't always get what you want and when we lost Kyle Storer with about ten minutes to go we had to do a lot of re-arranging.

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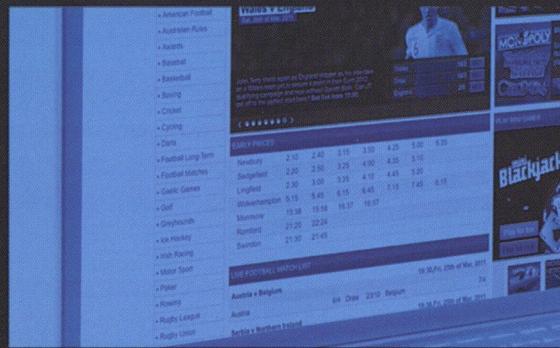


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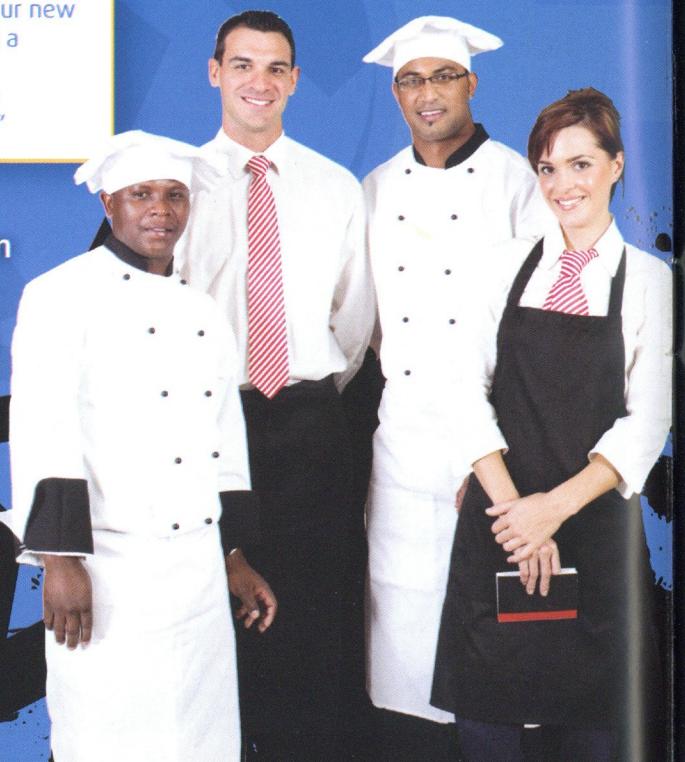
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1983	Gateshead 1-0 Harriers	Alliance Premier League
1977	Highgate United 0-2 Harriers	FA Cup
1973	Harriers 4-1 Cheltenham Town	Border Counties League Cup
1966	Tamworth 0-2 Harriers	Birmingham Senior Cup
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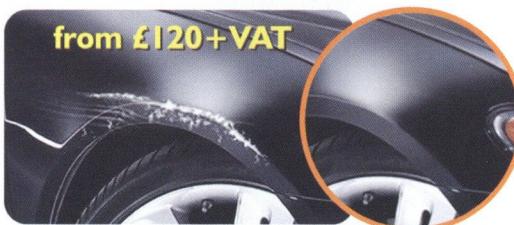
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Dan Machin looks back at two of the club's most successful and memorable campaigns...

1937-38 SEASON REVIEW

In the years following the First World War, the club found itself in something of a transitional period as it looked to rebuild. It wasn't until the 1930s, over a decade later, that the glory days returned to Aggborough.

1932 saw the club win its first piece of silverware for eleven years, the Worcester Senior Cup. After this, the Harriers went on to enjoy one of the most successful periods in their history.

The 1937-38 campaign was perhaps the pinnacle of all this, culminating with the club winning the Birmingham League for the very first time. Perhaps the crowning glory was the fact they did it without losing a game and remained unbeaten in the league for the entire season.

During the summer months, the club set about strengthening the squad in an effort to make the team more competitive on the pitch. The signings of Bob Langford, from Wellington Town, Stacey, from Sheffield United, Hales, from Burton, and Johnny Dent, a centre forward from Huddersfield Town, signalled the clubs' ambitions. Dent, in particular, would prove to be a brilliant buy as he went on to score an

1937-38 FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
HARRIERS	26	17	9	0	60	22	43
Stourbridge	26	18	2	6	64	37	38
Brierley Hill	26	17	2	7	72	34	36
Oswestry Town	26	16	2	8	65	46	34
Wellington Town	26	12	6	8	55	41	30
Cardiff City Res	26	13	3	10	62	48	29
Worcester City	26	11	3	12	50	53	25
Bangor City	26	10	5	11	42	57	25
Hereford United	26	8	7	11	40	44	23
Oakengates Town	26	8	6	12	41	59	22
Dudley Town	26	8	2	16	44	66	18
Wrexham Res	26	6	6	14	38	64	18
Stafford Rangers	26	5	5	16	41	58	15
Cradley Heath	26	2	4	20	29	78	8

incredible tally of 93 goals during his two seasons at Aggborough.

There was great optimism within the club at the time, with a genuine belief that the team could succeed on the pitch. At the Harriers Annual Meeting, just before the start of the campaign, Councillor E.G. Eddy conveyed this mood when he announced that there was every chance the league championship could be won, after 40 years of trying. How right he was proved to be.

That year the League also inaugurated a new cup, known as the League Challenge Cup. The club duly

won this, too. After defeating Wrexham 7-0 in the semi-final they beat Hereford United 2-1 in the final at Worcester after extra-time. The team that day was: Walton, Wannacott, Talbot, Stacey, Watson, Birch, Lapworth, Salters, Dent, Ferraday, Hales.

Harriers' midfield dominance, coupled with the scoring exploits of Dent, proved to be a lethal combination. More success was soon to come as they also won the Birmingham Senior Cup, with a 2-1 victory over Burton Albion.

In doing so they also became only the second club to win the trophy on three occasions.

The club also enjoyed a good run in the FA Cup, reaching the First Round proper. En route they defeated Worcester City, Moor Green, Oakengates, Stourbridge and Witton Albion.

Against Newport County in the First Round, Harriers appeared to be on the cusp of victory but were cruelly denied when Newport equalised in the final minutes of play to snatch a 2-2 draw. The replay was not such a tight affair as Newport ran out comfortable 4-1 winners.

Nevertheless, it was a tremendous landmark season for the club. A haul of three trophies, and firsts in the Birmingham League and League Challenge Cup, meant it went down in the record books.

1938-39 SEASON REVIEW

The following year, Midland non-league football went through a stage of influx and change as many clubs swapped leagues in order to boost interest and reduce costs.

Teams such as Bristol Rovers and Colwyn Bay left the Birmingham League in order to join other leagues that would reduce their travelling expenses. Harriers' rivals, Worcester City, had decided to join the Southern League.

After a number of meetings to discuss the subject, the Harriers Committee eventually opted to stay in the Birmingham League, as they feared the club could not afford such a move.

Due to the lack of fixtures, the Birmingham League decided that there would be a double round of games with the champions of the first round of matches to receive the Keys Cup, and the winners of the second round of matches to receive the League Cup. The Championship would go to the club with the best record of the combined 36 matches.

Harriers picked up where they left off from the previous season and began well, immediately setting the standard. George Mountford, a young local player, was particularly impressive, showing great early promise. As a consequence, he was quickly snapped up by Stoke City. Despite the board wanting a high price for him, the club could only receive a small goodwill gesture of £25, due to the fact that the player was still an amateur.

On the pitch, the team looked the definition of Champions. It wasn't until in the New Year that the Harriers conceded their first league goals of the

1938-39 LEAGUE CUP COMPLETE RECORD						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
HARRIERS	18	14	2	2	57	18
Stourbridge	18	13	3	2	65	28
Oswestry Town	18	11	6	1	42	43
Shrewsbury Town	18	9	6	3	47	28

1938-39 'KEYS' CUP COMPLETE RECORD						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
HARRIERS	18	16	1	1	70	33
Stourbridge	18	10	2	6	60	34
Oswestry Town	18	10	9	0	46	43
Revo Sports	18	8	9	1	42	40

season at Aggborough. Stafford Rangers managed to find the net twice but Harriers eventually ran out 7-2 winners.

Such fine form in the league was carried over into the FA Cup where the club again reached the First Round proper for the fourth consecutive season, a feat never previously achieved by a Birmingham League team. A 4-0 defeat away to Chelmsford City unfortunately ended this particular cup run.

On the 4th January, the Harriers tasted defeat in a Birmingham League game for the first time since 17th April 1937, when Oswestry Town came to Aggborough and won 3-2 after trailing 2-0 at half-time.

However, such success on the field was proving costly. The club reported an overdraft of £136.3s.11d at the bank - with total liabilities of £350.

Other clubs were also feeling the strain, too. In January, Brierley Hill Alliance were the first side to be forced to withdraw from the league due to financial difficulties. Dudley Town also later followed suit.

That year, Harriers accepted invitations to play in the Bass Charity Vase and the Staffordshire Senior Cup and reached the final of both. They secured the Vase with a magnificent 3-1 win over Chesterfield but ended up as losing finalists to Stoke in the Staffordshire Senior Cup.

In addition, the club won all three Birmingham League trophies, surpassing the haul of the previous campaign. Their total record that season was: Played 55; Won 41; Drew 6; Lost 8; F 189; A 66.

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Harriers skipper Harold Watson shakes hands with the Newport County captain prior to FA Cup First Round in 1937

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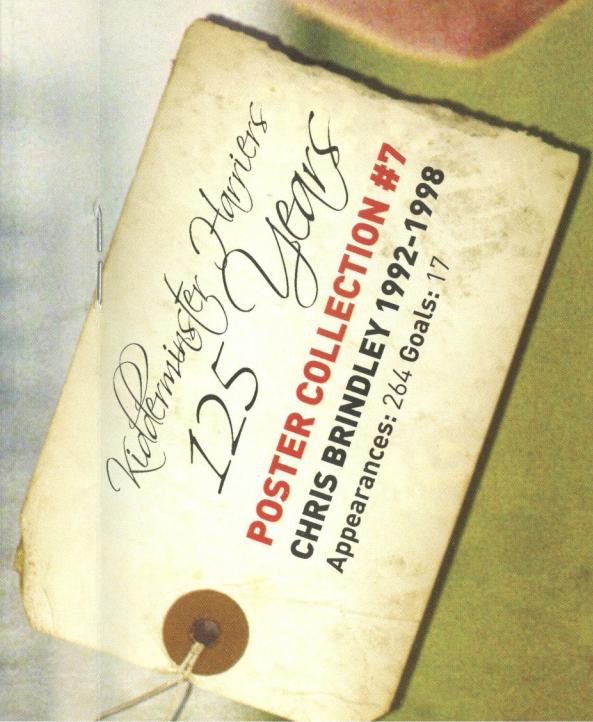


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Above: Harriers and Luton battle it out at Kenilworth Road last season. Pic - Gareth Owen

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FLASHBAX

Luton Town 1-1 Kidderminster Harriers Saturday, 5 March 2011

Chris McPhee marked his 100th appearance in a Harriers shirt with his fifteenth goal of the season, earning Harriers their first ever point against Luton.

An absorbing, often tense, match between two of the Conference's inform teams saw The Hatters take the lead through former Harrier Matt Barnes-Homer before Harriers' never-say-die attitude saw them come back to take a share of the points.

The early stages of the game were even, the home team probably just about edging the possession. The Hatters almost got off to the perfect start, Barnes-Homer and Lloyd Owusu combining inside the first minute with the latter breaking into the penalty area before crashing to the ground; the referee wasn't fooled, though, and instead of awarding a penalty he showed Owusu the yellow card for diving.

Chances were missed at both ends; Fred Murray made a good break on the left midway through the half, crossing to the near post for Owusu who should

have done better than fire wide of the upright.

At the other end Matt Blair did well on the right, lofting the ball into the centre of the penalty area onto the head of Callum Gittings but he headed tamely straight at Mark Tyler in the home goal.

Luton took the lead moments later; Barnes-Homer bustling his way into the Harriers penalty area, holding off the challenge of Michael Briscoe before a lucky bounce off the defender put him in position to score from a narrow angle, although there was confusion for a short while until the officials decided to let the goal stand after the ball had cannoned off both posts and back into play.

Before the break Harriers could have equalised; Gittings' corner from the right was not cleared and fell to Mark Albrighton who worked himself into a shooting position, his shot then turned onto the crossbar by Sean Canham.

Harriers came out stronger in the early stages of the second half and drew level on 52 minutes, McPhee

getting up at the far post to head in Gittings' free-kick from the left. Luton pressed forward and Harriers had to absorb a lot of pressure once again, but Town didn't really look like scoring again; the best chance came midway through the half, Town's man-of-the-match Barnes-Homer held up the ball well before teeing up a shooting opportunity for Keith Keane who blasted over the bar from 20 yards out. Shortly afterwards Zdenek Kroca headed at Danny Lewis at a free-kick, the keeper parried the ball back into play and Howells' follow-up shot was headed away by Keith Briggs.

Harriers were forced to try and attack on the counter, the midfield not really keeping hold of the ball long enough to take the pressure off the backline.

Blair could have won the game late on, breaking clear through the middle but he was denied by a well-timed tackle by Murray before he could get a shot away. Harriers were able to soak up the pressure and hold out to take a point.

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Talking to... Dean Lyness

SIGNED from Hearts in the SPL back in the summer, the 20 year-old has waited patiently whilst watching Danny Lewis start the first 12 games of this new season.

Indeed since his return to Aggborough in 2010, Lewis had played 60 competitive fixtures on the bounce – some may have expected the newer arrival to be taking things easy on the approach to a match day, but the ever-professional Lyness insists that's never been the case.

Just as well, too; a knee injury picked up last Friday ruled Lewis out of Saturday's trip to Kettering, the decision not to play him made as late as you'd expect. So the former Birmingham academy prospect was thrust into the mix at short notice – ready and raring to go. A clean sheet and an assured performance followed; Matt Wall catching up with the player to run through an eventful weekend for today's BIC Interview.

Given the way events unfolded around Saturday you must have had to rely on instinct mainly but that can sometimes be a good thing – were you pleased with how it went?

I think so, yeah. Danny picked up a little knock on Friday but it looked like it he was going to be okay. But it's not like you don't prepare to play – you're ready anyway as you know you're part of the squad. You prepare properly mentally so that if you are called upon you are 100% ready. It all happened a bit quick but sometimes it's good like that.

Some may not assume it's the case given how many games Danny has played consecutively but, as you say, everyone always has to prepare the right way?

That's right – you just never know what is going to happen in football. Danny has played a lot of games on

It's the same from primary school classrooms all the way up to the Premier League – failing to prepare is preparing to fail – Dean Lyness knows clichés are clichés for a reason...

the bounce, and played well, but as a goalkeeper you know that any little injury or any sending off can bring you straight in. It's unpredictable, so you have to always make sure you're doing the right.

How did you feel the game went? The sweltering heat wasn't easy...

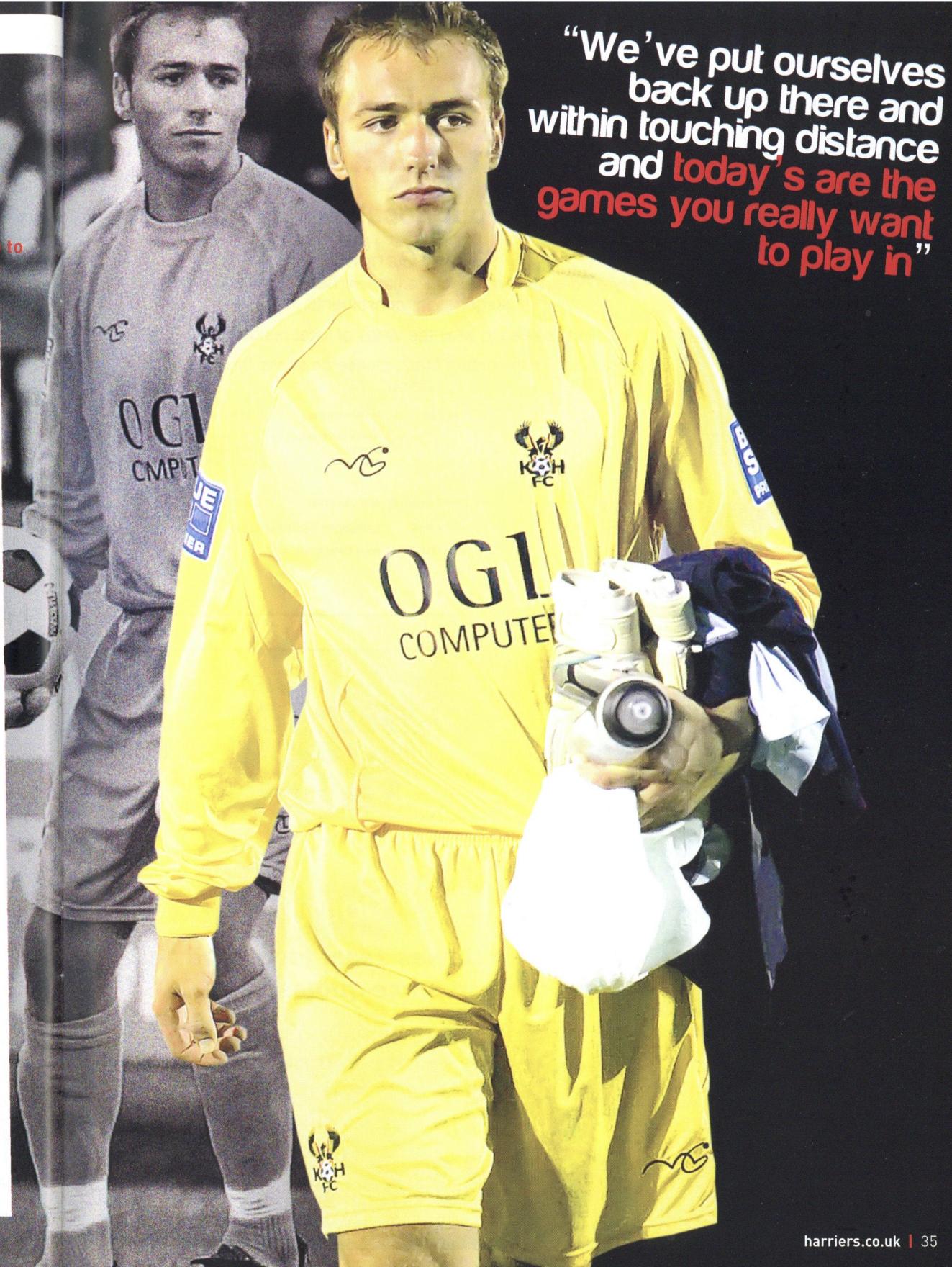
Well as you say it was horribly hot and we had the sun right in our eye line for most of the first half. At the end of the day, though, it comes down to preparation and we knew the weather forecast and what to expect. We made sure we had a lot of water and stayed hydrated.

And the chances came early during the game at both ends?

That's right – you have the warm up to help get your eye in and make sure you're sharp ready for kick-off. It helps to get an early touch of the ball and a good catch or something can set you up for the rest of the game so I was fairly happy with how it went. As a squad we feel we could have performed a bit better but we worked very hard as a unit.

Your opposite number had a slightly busier afternoon – did you wince for him at the start of the second half when we almost had that own goal?

[smiles] Well to be honest I didn't have my eyes on him as I was expecting him to re-start play as normal and I was focusing on making sure our shape was right. All of a sudden I heard the crowd gasp and looked up to see we had a corner! He did make a few good saves though, really, and we could perhaps have put the game to bed but then again you have to say that's good goalkeeping rather than poor finishing.



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Luton Town

Ollie Williams looks at the men from Kenilworth Road

IN GOAL

MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 following his release from Peterborough United. A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed a new two-year contract in the summer of 2011.

IN DEFENCE

DAN GLEESON

Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United. A product of the U's academy, Gleeson became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006.



THE GAFFER GARY BRABIN

In his first - and eventually only - season at Cambridge, Brabin guided the U's to the play-off final after finishing runners-up to Champions Burton Albion, but lost to Torquay. Despite that setback 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 and, following the departure of Richard Money, in March 2011 Brabin took control of the Hatters.



CURTIS OSANO

Lightning quick attacking defender who signed a six-month contract at Kenilworth Road following his departure from Rushden & Diamonds in July 2011 where he made over 150 appearances and enjoyed loan spells at Aldershot and Woking.

DEAN BECKWITH

Beckwith became the Hatters' second signing of the summer of 2011 following his release from Northampton Town. With almost 250 senior appearances to his name after starting his career as a junior at Gillingham, he will bring experience to the Hatters backline.

ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, Ed made his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra and has gone from strength to strength, including being part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

WILL ANTWI

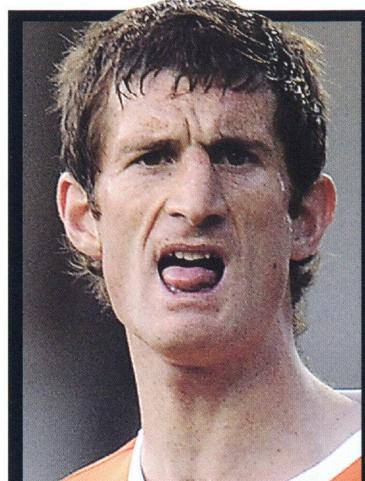
Capped once by Ghana, Antwi began his career as a scholar at Crystal Palace, before moving to Aldershot in 2004. Antwi joined Wycombe Wanderers but with first-team opportunities limited at Adams Park joined Dagenham on loan before making the switch permanent in July 2009 until he was released following the Daggers' relegation.

JANOS KOVACS

Hungarian defender who signed on-loan for his second spell at the club in September 2011. Formerly with Chesterfield and Lincoln, Kovacs first signed in January 2010 before signing for Hereford in the summer of that year.

FREDDIE MURRAY

Left-footed versatile defender who



ONE TO WATCH 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, injury frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal and the highly-regarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice.

first joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009. Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United the Irishman began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

IN MIDFIELD

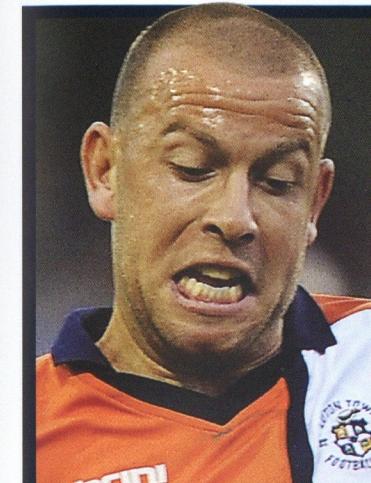
ROBBIE WILLMOTT

Harlow-born winger who penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting ten goals for

Cambridge United. Capable of playing on either wing or behind the front two, Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium and wowed the home faithful with his pace, dribbling, close control and eye for goal.

JAMES DANCE

Energetic, tricky winger who joined the Hatters from Crawley Town in July 2011. Able to play on either flank or as a central striker, Dance began his career as a trainee at Birmingham City but made his name in non-league circles in the West Midlands before catching the eye of Kettering Town in 2009.



ONE TO WATCH KEITH KEANE

Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. 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.

CHARLIE HENRY

Winger Henry signed from 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 but left when he was 15.

ALEX LAWLESS

Former Wales U21 midfielder who signed for the club from York City in January 2011. He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers.

JOHN PAUL KISSOCK

Creative attacking midfielder John Paul joined from Southport in August 2011. The former England U16 and U18 international began his career as a trainee at Everton.

JAMIE HAND

Central midfielder who moved to Kenilworth Road on loan in September from Hayes & Yeading United. Hand began his career with Watford, making 61 appearances at Vicarage Road having burst on the scene for the Hornets in the Premier League.

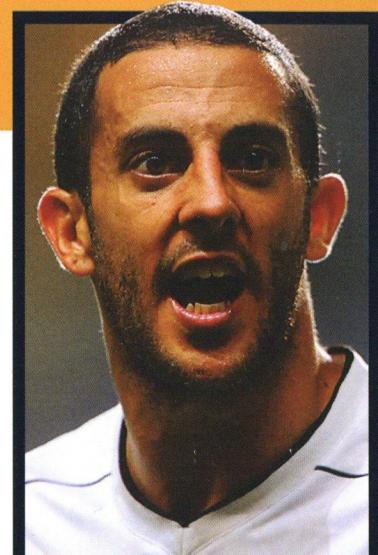
JAKE HOWELLS

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 as a second half substitute in May 2008.

IN ATTACK

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH

Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town. 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.



ONE TO WATCH 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. After hitting the post on his debut against Stockport, Fleetwood scored on his full debut in the win over Darlington.

DANNY CROW

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 where the energetic forward's strike-rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers and his 19 goals during 2009/10 saw him scoop the U's online Player of the Year award.

ARON O'CONNOR

Striker, who 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 on to be a huge favourite at the Northamptonshire club.

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Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players



Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak.

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run

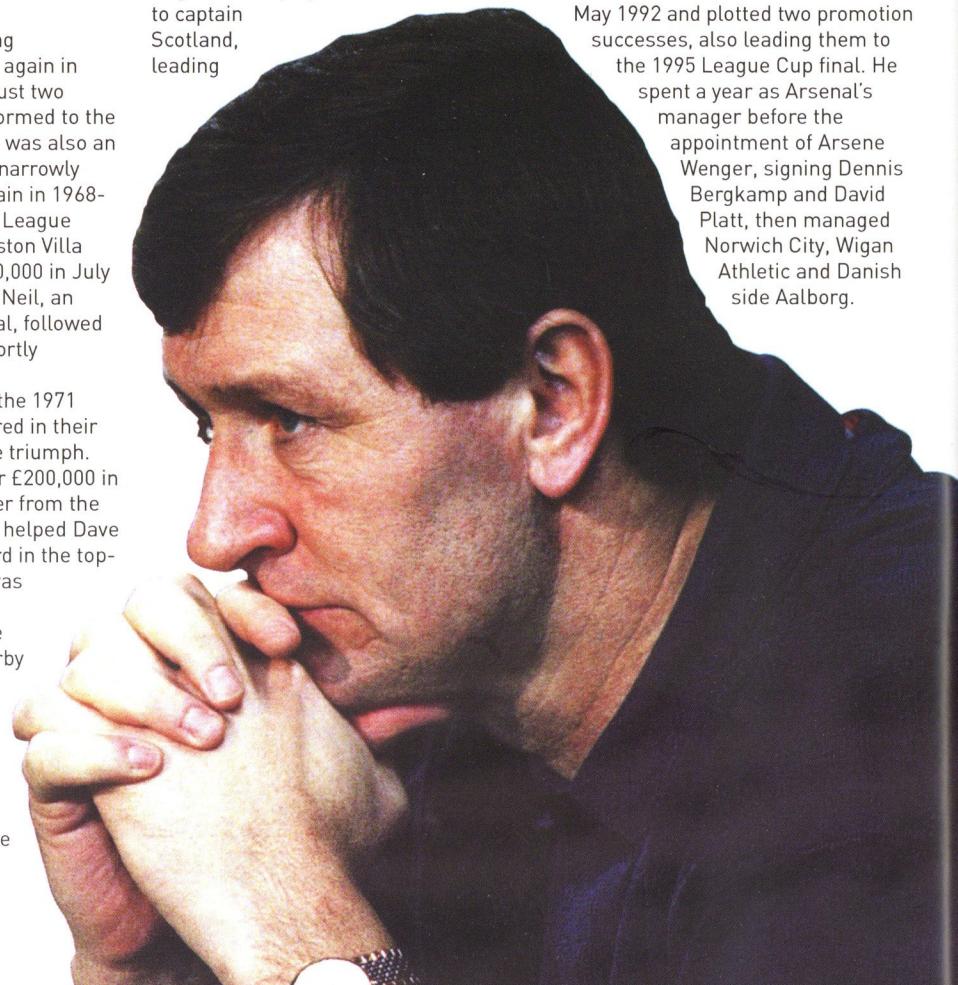
from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading

them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison and had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.



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COOOOOOOOME OOOOOOON YOOOOOOOU REEEEEEADS!

COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations are in order for eight year-old Joshua Wardlaw (member number 33) for winning the West Midlands Safari Park tickets. He used my Facebook page to tell the world why he supports the Harriers – well, his Dad did anyway:

He wrote: "I wanted him to enjoy watching football so I took him to the Wolves to watch a game but he said 'I don't like dogs' (the wolf).

"Then I took him to the Baggies and he said I don't like shopping (Tesco carrier bags) and then I took him to the Aggborough and he said 'this is where I want to be on a Saturday afternoon' ... and the rest is history. COYR!"

ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN!

Answer these questions for your chance to win Severn Railway Tickets for you and your family. Email your answers (or ask someone at home to) to these simple Harriers related questions for your chance to win. Email to jono@khst.org.uk

- Q1. In Which year were Kidderminster Harriers formed?
- Q2. Who scored Harriers goal against Kettering in our last away game?
- Q3. Which Harriers player has squad number 18?
- Q4. What colour(s) is Harriers' away kit?
- Q5. Which club did we sign Kyle Storer from?

TODAY'S MASCOT

A big hello goes to six year-old James Southall-Clee today – James is our mascot for the day as a member of the Junior Supporters' Club. Be sure to give him a big wave!

MCDONALDS PRIZE WINNERS

This weeks' winners of the McDonalds extra value meal vouchers are **Callum Price** of Worcester and **Josh Addison** of Stanklyn. Well done lads!

NIGHTMARE KITS PART 7

I've picked a terrible kit from our visitors' past today. This Luton Town home kit from 1991-92 features the club's traditional colours of blue, white and orange but I'm not quite sure what the idea was behind the random shapes and wonky white panel!



MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

I've finally had the Junior Supporters' Birthday cards delivered by pigeon mail and the first batch will be winging their way to members with October birthdays. If your birthday was in August or September don't worry – you'll be remembered next year! Member Birthdays in October:

- Owen Matthews – age 9 ● Jack Edge – age 7
- Jake Causer – age 13 ● Chad Wood – age 15
- Billy Adkins – age 9 ● Alex Gardiner – age 13
- Cameron Adams – age 12 ● Scott Slater – age 12

CONTACT US!

If you have any queries about the Junior Supporters Club please contact jono@khst.org.uk

Collectors Tales

The founder of "Programme Monthly" magazine describes programmes, and the stories that lie behind them.

It's not just programmes and enamel badges that collectors accumulate in their travels around the country; a significant number of football fans class themselves as "groundhoppers", seeking to visit and attend a match at as many different grounds as possible. The League tables are their check-lists, providing them with identifiable targets and "sets" to "collect". As they expand into non-league football, they will come across a fascinating sub-set of former Football League members, some recently relegated, but many who populated the lower divisions of the Football League around a century ago.

Stuart Mackrell of Burnley wrote in issue 256 of "Programme Monthly" of his hometown team, Nelson, who played for one season in the Second Division (now known as the Championship). Surviving programmes from their Football League days are very scarce, and consequently extremely expensive. Stuart was a spectator at many of their games in the Lancashire Combination in the post war years to the mid-1960s, and wrote of their (often turbulent) history.

Nelson were formed around 1890 and had several grounds before settling at Seedhill in 1892. They won the Lancashire League Championship in 1895-96. Later they joined the Lancashire Combination, winning the Lancashire Junior Cup in 1907.

There were several periods of financial hardship but they remained ambitious and in 1913 applied for admission to the Second Division of the Football League. They were unsuccessful and with the outbreak of the First World War they closed down at the end of the 1914-15 season. There was great enthusiasm in the town to revive the club when the war ended and they were admitted to the Central League for the 1919-20 season, playing the reserve teams of the English League First and Second Division clubs.

They were then elected to the newly formed English League Division Three North for season 1921/22, finishing a modest sixteenth. The next season was their most successful when they won the Championship and were promoted to the



Second Division. However they finished next to bottom and were relegated. The next three seasons saw them finish second, eighth and fifth, but the club had financial problems and sank into the bottom half of the Division. By 1930 the financial crisis had worsened and they only managed to complete the season due to a Mayor's Appeal Fund and loans from the Town Council and directors. They finished bottom of the League and were not re-elected.

They rejoined the Lancashire Combination for the next five seasons but again financial problems forced them to withdraw from that League in 1936 and they played in local amateur football until they disbanded again at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Once again at the end of that war the club was re-formed and they were admitted to the Lancashire Combination for the 1946-47 season. At the time this league was one of the strongest in the North of England including several reserve teams of the Third Division clubs.

For this season they produced a four page programme (8 1/2" x 5 1/2"). The top part of the front cover had the club name and ground, date, price 2d and a lucky programme number. Fixtures and results occupied the bottom section. Page two was a page of club notes and forthcoming games and page three contained the team line ups. These two pages also had adverts for Hayhurst "your Chemist", and Wesley Clegg for removals. The back page was taken up with four adverts, one of which was by the local council urging you to dispose of your programme in the waste paper for salvage collection. This ad remained in their programme for several years and one wonders how many programmes were destroyed in this manner. Although the price of 2d was rather expensive for a four page programme, the price remained the same for the next eighteen years.

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The Beautiful Game: False Stimulants?

For fans, looking forward to 90 minutes of absolute football wizardry out there on the turf is enough to get them through the week at work; it's the very best stimulant available!

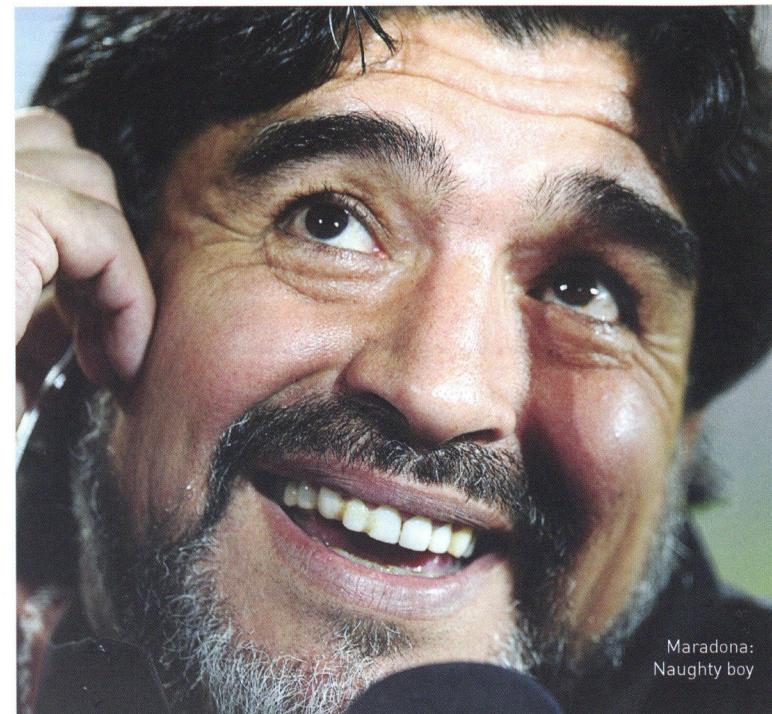
Whatever the result of the previous match, even if it was a complete trouncing, we continue to believe that the next game will be the one where we bounce back, win convincingly and gain three points that will springboard us up the league table.

Recently there has been news of increased drug testing within football after a number of alleged incidents involving players. Why would they feel the need for false stimulants, we ask? These guys actually get paid to play the beautiful game we all love, they are entertainers, athletes and in some cases idols to youngsters, surely they wouldn't put that in jeopardy; I know I wouldn't!

There just seems to be too many of these drug tests that end with players being banned when at worst the 'positive result' was simply an accident or an oversight on the player's behalf.

The Football Association has the right to keep the names of players anonymous if they have failed drugs tests for using only recreational substances. If the substances found are used for enhancing performance then that's a different story. Hibernian's Garry O'Connor has been banned previously for failing a drugs test and was in the news again recently for alleged misuse but was it intentional or accidental? O'Connor was allowed to serve his first ban in secret so perhaps, back then, there was nothing conclusive.

Whatever the circumstances in the recent case, there have been incidents in the past involving football players where a failed drug test has turned out to be totally innocent and accidental. The majority of players are clean (as they should be) and there is no major drug problem in football here in the



UK according to information compiled by 'Sporting Intelligence'.

Even the government have got involved and stated that there should be a zero tolerance to drugs, even if found to be recreational rather than performance-enhancing but the questionable 'positive' test results in the past from football players raise a serious doubt to a zero-tolerance approach.

In 2009 whilst with Sheffield United, the current QPR shot-stopper Paddy Kenny received a nine-month ban after a drugs test taken prior to the play-off game against Preston came back positive. He had taken an over-the-

counter medication for a chest infection containing the stimulant.

Although at his hearing they agreed he had not taken the substance to enhance performance, they still banned him for nine months for 'negligence' which does seem very harsh.

Even the great Maradona himself has failed drug tests in the past- what a daft lad! Surely, the simple love of the game along with our magnificent vocals will be the only stimulants the lads out there need today to get a victory - now, let's get behind them!

Ade Roberts



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Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th & Friday 28th

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Thursday 27th & Friday 28th October

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As always, courses will run 10am-3pm, cost will be £9 per day. Further details will be available from the Community Scheme.



AFTERSCHOOLS

As part of our Community School's Programme, our Community Coaches are often out in local schools delivering a structured afterschool programme.

From November to Christmas there are places available for any interested local schools.

An afterschools programme generally runs over six weeks for one hour directly afterschool. Any school interested in booking should contact Nick or Becky on 01562 863821.

HALF TIME

At half time today we welcome members of our Minikickers club which meets regularly on Saturday mornings 10.30 - 11.45am and on Wednesdays 4.45 - 5.45pm.

These training and coaching sessions operate throughout the year during term time. Cost is just £3.00 per session with discounts for advanced payment. Children aged 5-9 years old develop their skills and play matches, giving them the skills to move on to competitive football at the right age.

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Harriers Stats 2011/12

Date	Kick-Off	V	Opposition	Score	Att	Pos	Team				
AUGUST											
Sat 13	15:00	H	Gateshead	L2-3	1,636 [53]	19	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Vincent
Tue 16	19:45	A	Lincoln City	W1-0	2,448 [84]	12	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Vincent
Sat 20	15:00	A	Cambridge United	W2-1	2,171 [127]	6	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Vincent
Tue 23	19:45	H	Stockport County	D1-1	1,886 (333)	6	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Vincent
Sat 27	15:00	H	Southport	W2-0	1,763 (89)	4	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Vincent
Mon 29	15:00	A	Newport County	OGW3-1	1,672 (181)	3	Lewis	Vaughan	Jones	Marshall	Mi.Williams Phelan

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

Sat 5	15:00	H	Tamworth
Sat 19	15:00	A	Hayes & Yeading United
Sat 26	15:00	H	Cambridge United
Tue 29	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United

Harriers Stats 2011/2012

MINUTES PLAYED		GOALS (GOALS PER GAME)	
Mike Williams	1170	Luke Jones	3.00
Luke Jones	1170	Nick Wright	5.25
Lee Vaughan	1160	Steve Guinan	5.33
ASSISTS			
Lee Vaughan		Lee Vaughan	4
Callum Gittings		Callum Gittings	4
Jamille Matt		Jamille Matt	3
Marc Williams	20	Marc Williams	3
Mike Williams	15	Nick Wright	2
Luke Jones	15	6 players	1
FREE-KICKS CONCEDED		GOALS (GOALS PER GAME)	
Luke Jones	18	Nick Wright	4 (0.36)
Callum Gittings	17	Steve Guinan	3 (0.33)
Jamille Matt	16	Jack Byrne	2 (0.22)
Kyle Storer	16	Marc Williams	2 (0.17)
OFFSIDES AGAINST		GOALS (GOALS PER GAME)	
Steve Guinan	13	Jamille Matt	2 (0.17)
Jamille Matt	7	Kyle Storer	2 (0.17)
Mike Williams	5	Lee Vaughan	2 (0.15)
SHOTS ON TARGET		GOALS (GOALS PER GAME)	
Marc Williams	12	Luke Jones	2 (0.15)
Steve Guinan	11	Callum Gittings	1 (0.10)
Nick Wright	10	Scott Phelan	1 (0.08)
MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED			
Jamille Matt	72.73%	Danny Lewis	63.53
Steve Guinan	68.75%	Opponents	50.87
Luke Jones	66.67%	Qualification for averages: must have played in 20% of matches	

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Subs						
Storer	Gittings	N.Wright	Guinan	Ma.Williams	Phelan [18], Sharpe, Medley [10], Matt [9], Lyness	
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Storer	Phelan*	Matt	Medley	Ma.Williams	Hankin [20], Byrne [8], N. Wright [17], Sharpe, Lyness	
Storer	Byrne	Hankin	Guinan	Ma.Williams	Sharpe [2], Medley [10], Gittings [5], Matt, Lyness	
Storer	Byrne	Hankin	Guinan	Medley	Ma. Williams [24], Sharpe, Gittings [17], Matt [9], Lyness	
Storer	Byrne*	N.Wright	Guinan	Gittings	Hankin [18], Vincent [11], Sharpe, Matt [9], Lyness	
Storer*	Byrne*	N. Wright	Guinan	Ma.Williams	Hankin, Vincent [5], Sharpe, Matt [9], Lyness	
Storer	Vincent	Hankin	Guinan	Ma.Williams	Byrne [8], N. Wright [7], Sharpe, Matt [10], Lyness	
Storer	Byrne	N.Wright	Medley	Matt	Phelan [18], Ma. Williams [17], Briscoe, Demetriou [20], Lyness	
Storer*	Byrne	N.Wright	Medley	Matt	Phelan [14], Ma. Williams [17], Briscoe, T. Wright [9], Lyness	
Gittings	Byrne	N. Wright	Medley	Matt	Vincent [5], Ma. Williams [14], Briscoe, Demetriou, T. Wright [9]	

Blue Square Bet Premier Latest League table

As at 5/10/11	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	G	Ag	Pt
Wrexham	14	4	1	210	7	5	1	116	7	1229			
Fleetwood Tn	13	3	3	0	111	5	5	0	214	12	827		
Gateshead	14	4	3	113	9	4	0	2	1210	6	627		
Braintree Tn	13	4	1	214	7	4	0	2	10	5	1225		
Harriers	13	2	3	111	8	5	0	212	9	624			
Luton Tn	13	5	1	117	5	1	4	1	7	81123			
York City	13	3	1	2	9	5	4	1	215	8111			
Mansfield Tn	13	2	3	111	6	4	0	1	117	8	823		
Cambridge U	13	4	1	1	9	4	2	3	2	5	55		
Southport	13	3	2	2	912	3	1	2	910	4	621		
Tamworth	13	3	2	1	7	5	2	2	3	7	9	619	
Barrow	13	3	1	212	7	2	1	4	915	-17			
AFC Telford U	13	3	2	2	8	8	1	3	2	8	9	-117	
Grimbsy Tr	13	4	0	3114	11	1	2	3	2	9	4	-17	
Forest Green	13	1	3	3	8	9	2	4	011	5	56		
Darlington	13	3	2	2	8	8	1	2	3	4	8	-16	
Stockport	13	2	2	3	8	9	0	6	0	6	6	-14	
Hayes & Yding	13	2	2	2	210	9	1	2	4	815	-613		
Lincoln City	13	2	2	3	6	7	1	1	4	5	9	-17	
Ebbfts Felt	13	1	2	3	8	9	1	3	8	11	-411		
Kettering Tn	13	1	1	5	918	2	1	3	5	7	1111		
Alfreton Tn	13	1	2	3	614	1	1	5	615	17	9		
Newport Cty	13	1	3	2	8	7	0	2	5	515	-8		
Bath City	13	0	1	5	2	9	0	2	5	313	-17		

Kidderminster Harriers 2011/2012 Roll Call

Player	11/12		KHFC	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Michael Briscoe	-	-	45+2	1
Jack Byrne	7+2	2	50+9	10
Jack Cresswell	-	-	-	-
Mickey Demetriou	0+1	-	0+1	-
Callum Gittings	8+2	1	35+21	5
Steve Guinan	9	3	9	3
Dave Hankin	3+2	-	21+13	-
Luke Jones	13	2	45+10	4
Danny Lewis	12	-	81	-
Dean Lyness	1	-	1	-
Tom Marshall	10	-	10	-
Jamille Matt	4+8	2	12+22	5
Luke Medley	5+5	-	5+5	-
Scott Phelan	6+6	1	6+6	1
Tom Sharpe	3+1	-	28+7	-
Kyle Storer	12	2	12	2
Robert Thompson-Brown	-	-	0+1	-
Lee Vaughan	13	2(2)	48+1	2(2)
James Vincent	7+3	1	7+3	1
Marc Williams	8+4	2	15+14	5
Mike Williams	13	-	55+1	1
Nick Wright	9+2	4	33+18	12
Tommy Wright	0+2	-	0+2	-
Own Goals	-	1	-	-

Blue Square Bet Premier Today's other fixtures

Alfreton Town v Kettering, 15:00
Barrow v AFC Telford, 15:00
Bath City v Darlington, 15:00
Ebbsfleet United v Gateshead, 15:00
Fleetwood Town v Forest Green, 15:00
Mansfield v Grimsby, 15:00
Newport County v Southport, 15:00
Tamworth v Lincoln City, 15:00
York v Braintree Town, 15:00
Tomorrow
Hayes & Yeading v Wrexham, 15:00

Next at Aggborough

AFC Telford will make the short journey down the A442 when they visit us at Aggborough next time out.

Having won promotion from the Blue Square Bet North in the summer, the Bucks are back the Blue Square Bet Premier after a few years away. Finishing in second place, ten points behind runaway leaders Alfreton, Telford were forced into the play-offs - something they had managed two years earlier, losing out to Gateshead in the final. But, after disposing of Nuneaton, the Bucks went on to beat Guiseley 3-2 in the final this time around - thanks to an injury-time winner from Phil Trainer.

Despite it being their first season back in the division, Telford have settled in well. A stumbling start, which saw them struggle for consistency, has been followed by a steadier feel about the side. Currently on an unbeaten run of five games, the Bucks have already beaten the likes of York and Newport this season - showing they are more than capable of competing at this level.

The Manager, former England International, Andy Sinton, has only been in charge for around 18 months. However, he has used his time at the



club wisely - having won promotion in his first season. In a playing career that saw him become a regular both in the Premier League and at International level, Sinton has the experience needed to lead his squad.

Sinton was also keen on strengthening his squad, and is continuing to do so with loan signings. Winger Conal Platt (above) joined on a one-month loan deal from Cambridge United just last week and could provide that extra quality that the side needs to move up the table. Young midfielder, Nathan Rooney, also joined on a free transfer from Wolves in the

Rob Fletcher

summer and great things are expected of the Irishman.

Taking a look at the squad as a whole, there are a number of names that stand out. Striker Adam Proudlock, also ex-Wolves, has played as high as the Championship and was a regular goal scorer in his day. Defender and Captain, Shane Killock, was voted the club's Player of the Season last year and is a confident leader, despite his young age of just 22. Former Nottingham Forest youngster, James Reid, has represented England at youth level and could prove a tricky customer in midfield.

The Bucks are looking like a settled side in the division and, if they carry on the way they are playing, then they could finish as high as the top-half. But, it is important to keep the momentum flowing from promotion if they are to avoid getting sucked into a relegation battle. An immediate return to the Blue Square North is the last thing the Bucks would want.



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the squads

Kidderminster Harriers

MANAGER: STEVE BURR

1	DANIEL LEWIS
2	LEE VAUGHAN
3	MIKE WILLIAMS
4	LUKE JONES
5	SCOTT PHELAN
6	TOM MARSHALL
7	DAVE HANKIN
8	JAMES VINCENT
9	STEVE GUINAN
10	MARC WILLIAMS
11	JACK BYRNE
12	PETE KEARNS
13	ROBERT THOMPSON-BROWN
14	NICK WRIGHT
15	TOM SHARPE
16	MICHAEL BRISCOE
17	LUKE MEDLEY
18	CALLUM GITTINGS
19	JACK CRESSWELL
20	JAMILLE MATT
21	DEAN LYNESS
22	MICKEY DEMETRIOU
24	KYLE STORER
25	TOMMY WRIGHT

Luton Town

MANAGER: GARY BRABIN

1	MARK TYLER
2	DAN GLEESON
3	FREDDIE MURRAY
4	KEITH KEANE
5	DEAN BECKWITH
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
7	ALEX LAWLESS
8	AMARI MORGAN-SMITH
9	MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
10	DANNY CROW
11	ROBBIE WILLMOTT
12	SHANE BLACKETT
13	STUART FLEETWOOD
14	AARON O'CONNOR
15	JAKE HOWELLS
16	ED ASAFAU-ADJAYE
17	WILL ANTWI
18	CURTIS OSANO
19	JAMES DANCE
20	JOHN PAUL KISSOCK
21	CHARLIE HENRY
22	PAUL CARDEN
23	COLLIN SAMUEL
24	ALEX LACEY
25	GODFREY POKU
26	JJ O'DONNELL
27	JAMIE HAND
28	ADAM WATKINS
29	DAN WALKER
30	KEVIN PILKINGTON
31	LEWIS KIDD
32	ASH DEENEY
33	RYAN DASILVA
34	JANOS KOVACS
36	CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER

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Assistant Referee:

Thomas Harty

Assistant Referee:

Dragan Kuzmanovic

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Next at Aggborough:

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