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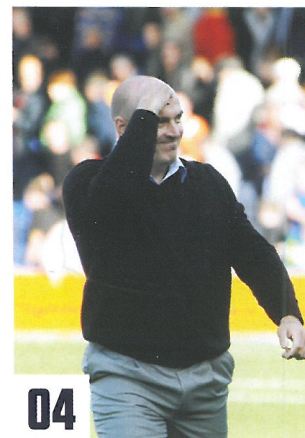
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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for today's massive match with a Gateshead side who have had a fantastic start to the season.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our visitors, manager Ian Bogie and his staff and players plus the directors and supporters who have made the long trip south today.

Today's game is the first of two massive home games for us – it's fantastic for us to be able to play the current top two sides in the division at Kenilworth Road.

Your support has been absolutely superb so far this season and I urge you all to raise the volume this afternoon and on Tuesday. I know teams come here intent on frustrating us which in turns frustrates you but please stick with us and act as our 12th man.

Since we were last at Kenilworth Road we have picked up seven points from the last three matches and it's a measure of our expectations that we are disappointed it wasn't nine points following Tuesday night's 2-2 draw at Ebbsfleet.

Any team two goals up inside the last 15 minutes who harbour hopes of promotion should be expected to see out victory but it wasn't to be and it was a hugely frustrating coach journey home after seeing Ebbsfleet equalise in stoppage time.

That's the second time this season we've dropped points in the final minute when in a winning position away from home and as manager I can only apologise to those supporters who backed us so magnificently at Stonebridge Road for the capitulation in the final 15 minutes.

That's been and gone now – we can't change the result or mope around thinking what might have been, we need to forget about it and focus on today's game.

Football is a funny old game, so they say.

Obviously we targeted six points from the last two away games because as Luton Town that's the minimum requirement each week: to win. Had we drawn at Kidderminster and beat Ebbsfleet then no doubt we would have gone into this afternoon's match in a more positive frame of mind.

At Aggborough last Saturday we played some of our best football of the season and were worthy winners against a side that will be there or thereabout come the end of the season. It's not an easy place to go and to dominate the game in the manner in which we did was massively encouraging.

Another huge positive of last week was the return to first team action of George Pilkington and Shane Blackett. It was like they hadn't been away such were their performances.

Slowly but surely we are getting bodies back but it still seems every time we get two or three players back we lose two or three. Keith Keane, Jake Howells and Alex Lawless all missed Tuesday's game at Ebbsfleet with the first two available for selection again this afternoon.

I have gone on record many times saying that I have every confidence in this squad's chances of success this season and I continue to standby that.

Yes, Tuesday was a set-back – as a group we felt the defeat just as much as you did and we owe you a performance today to make up for two lost points.

Get behind us and keep the faith.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH GARY SWEET

"You're going nowhere with that lot dragging you down. I've never seen that before. How can you play every week in front of that aggression?"

Good afternoon one and all to what promises to be an enthralling encounter between two sides lying in championship chasing positions. A particular warm welcome to the 'Heed Army' who have made the lengthy trip down to Kenilworth Road and who may be modest in number but, without doubt, as loyal and as passionate as football supporters ever come.

I would like to extend a Hatters welcome to Ian Bogie and his squad of players, and to the Club's officials from the north-east too. And a particular personal welcome to Graham Wood, Gateshead's Chairman, whom I have come to know well in recent times.

Other than enjoying conversations of our own Club's aspirations – and perhaps one or two very amicable exchanges over players – Graham now chairs the Football Conference Financial Compliance Board which I have sat on and advised as a member for the last two-plus years.

The financial compliance initiative was set up in the close season of 2009 to establish new rules, regulations and guidance for Conference Clubs to follow which, principally, attempts to ensure that they are operating within their means. One of the first rules we established was to ensure that Clubs cleared their arrears and paid their tax on time; a rule which has resulted in a greater than 80% reduction in debt to HMRC in just 12 months.

The rules regarding player salary capping, loans and benevolent funding are harder to crack but these are being tackled nonetheless in a sound and objective fashion. Of course, at Luton, we are in a shipshape condition financially but support such initiatives in football in order to avoid situations that have recently occurred at Chester, Rushden and, so nearly, Wrexham.

A healthy league leads to a healthy member Club and, as you all know, our primary challenge since becoming custodians has been to establish a financial stability that can springboard us forward to realise our ambitions. On this subject and, as these are my first programme notes since his joining Luton Town, I would like to welcome Roger Bannister, our new Finance Director.

Roger has immense experience in similar roles at Birmingham City and West Ham United and will provide us with an extremely valuable service as we enter a new, more optimistic, chapter in our story.



Along with a few other deeply passionate Luton Town supporters (all directors), Roger sat with me at Tuesday night's disappointing draw at Ebbsfleet.

Results like that hit me hard. It was a game that was never going to be a handsome affair and one of those where we needed to go in, do a job and get on the coach back home, hopefully, having bagged three points. The manner of the performance may not have typified the style of play we have always expected of our team but for this season only, I would rather win ugly than draw pretty.

That's been the brief to Gary Brabin: play Luton football when you're able too but, more importantly, win! Whilst Gary would prefer to have his XI passing to feet at a high tempo, never playing a back pass and moving the ball out wide quickly and accurately every time, he also recognises the vivid reality that opponents know how to break that system down by disruption. Sometimes, not too often I hope, the technical manner in which we play will need to be sacrificed in favour of tactical pragmatism; there will be games this season when ugly will work and let's leave pretty for the games it will. Then, hopefully, we can restore the beauty parade next season in League Two.

There is no doubting that Tuesday night may not have been easy on the eye but for 77 minutes it was intentionally effective. But for a freakishly fluke goal Gary would have achieved exactly what was expected of him and we all recognise that we have to get better at closing games off in the right manner if we are serious about launching an attack on the League title.

But for me, the way in which we dropped two points was not the most disappointing thing about Tuesday night.

I'm sure you have not failed to notice the introduction in my missive today; a serious topic which I'd like to bring to your attention and one which, I know, will be highly controversial, but a debate, nonetheless, that simply must be freely aired.

The quotes at the top of this column refer to the behaviour of elements of our support on Tuesday evening at Ebbsfleet. They are quoted verbatim, as spoken to me during the second half of a game while Luton were still two goals to the good and at the end of the game, by a very respectful Football League manager who happened to be sitting nearby.

His comments referred to the obvious animosity of the Luton supporters towards one Luton Town player in particular and the entire squad at the end of the

game. It was widely acknowledged by many non-Luton supporters as, in their words, discreditable and shameful while, according to some Luton supporters I met afterwards, embarrassing. Most importantly, it was noticed by the Ebbsfleet players, who revelled in the opportunity to use it to their advantage.

For those of you who were not present Paul Carden, a Luton Town player, was astonishingly singled out and was booed by a significant element of Luton Town supporters almost every time he touched the ball. Furthermore, at the end of the match, we witnessed many supporters from behind the goal, gesticulating to our players in a vehemently negative demonstration that I, and others, find simply incomprehensible.

We are all passionate Town fans, all with many years of experiencing the obligatory ups and downs that seem to go with the territory of being a Hatter and I fully understand the frustrations of investing time and money into the devotion of our Club only to be left with a feeling of gut-wrenching disenchantment.

And just to establish a very clear perspective here, I am most certainly not referring to the vast majority of our support, with whom I am in sheer awe at their loyalty, passion and faith and whose support has been colossal this season. Neither am I referring to those who choose to have a good old whinge and moan at the selection and performance which, I confess, I also have a habit of doing at times. I am exclusively referring to those who feel they have a right to abuse players while wearing a Luton Town shirt or who gesticulate to our players after giving 100% commitment to our mutual objective.

Nobody at the Club right now should be held to blame for the lowly position we find ourselves in, none less so than our manager, coaching staff and squad.

There are two particular areas I'd like the opportunity to chiefly address; the abuse of players while wearing Luton colours and the team selection process, both of which I understand to be the sources of frustration the lead to an over-reaction.

Representing a board of equally passionate supporters who have all invested time and money into the Club, I find such behaviour unquestionably unacceptable regardless of whom the player is and any circumstance behind his appointment or selection. Once any player puts on the orange, navy or white and steps over that line, in my opinion, he should be universally and unequivocally supported.

In this particular case, Paul never has been and will never be our enemy. He was not responsible for our last administration or the deduction of our 40 points; was certainly not responsible for the reason why we haven't got promoted in the last two seasons and even wasn't accountable for the loss of two points on Tuesday. Essentially, no Luton Town player should ever be on the receiving end of such targeted bullying, despite how impervious he may be.

I am fully aware that some question Paul's contribution to Luton Town, in particular, the basis behind his appointment as coach/player. Unfortunately, this column doesn't give me sufficient space to fully explain

the value Paul brings – we already receive complaints about the size of the font – needless to say that we are lucky to have someone so dedicated and enthusiastic in helping us achieve our goals and his efforts are making a positive difference.

It would truly delight me, and the Board, if greater respect and compassion was extended to everyone representing this football club. In doing so, I would be happy to bear the brunt of any frustration anyone feels the need to discharge.

Onto my second point – that of team selection.

I am sure that every reader of this article would agree that tactical formation and team selection must always be the absolute exclusive responsibility of the manager, aided of course by his coaching staff. For example, it would be very wrong of me to get involved with footballing matters – perish the thought! And just to ease your minds, I, and the rest of the Board, make it our purpose to ensure that we are kept as far away from team selection as possible.

Therefore, it is equally as inappropriate for supporters to expect to influence team selection also. We all have our favourite players but it would simply be wrong for us to expect we know more than the manager given his experience in the game and especially given that we have made our well thought-out selection of the man to lead us, therefore, we must allow him to carry out his duty.

Gary Brabin thinks deeply and carefully about everything decision he makes and I can assure you that his dedication to Luton and his determination to make us a success simply cannot be questioned. He is also the only person who, without favour or motive, is in a position to calculate and compose the many, many intricacies that create the cohesion of a good team spirit.

It isn't always obvious, for a limitless set of reasons, why certain selections may have been made. For very good tactical reasons, any manager will not wish to reveal a pre-existing medical condition which would inform the opposition of details we wouldn't want to be known. It stands to reason that the psychological and physical make-up of individual players has a major impact as to the appropriateness of a particular tactical plan.

What's unmistakable in this instance is that there are justifiable reasons as to why certain players are selected or not and, whilst we all retain the absolute right to question, debate and complain about the vagaries of decisions made which we would all love to make ourselves we must have the faith and belief that our manager knows better and will represent our demands and wishes with the utmost respect and the desire and commitment we would show ourselves.

Please, get behind each and every one of the lads today and for the rest of the season and spur each and every player on to victory!

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There was a lot of disappointment in the dressing on Tuesday after we were forced to settle for a point against Ebbsfleet United.

We were two goals in front with 15 minutes left and we looked good to take all three points but we were punished by goals scored from outside the area.

Although it wasn't a defeat it certainly felt like one and the manager didn't have to say much to us afterwards. We knew that we'd let him, each other and you, the fans, down. With respect to Ebbsfleet we know we should be beating teams like them. You only need to see the faces on everyone associated with them at the final whistle to realise what it meant to draw with Luton Town.

It was such a shame because up until they scored their first goal we looked so comfortable. Amari scored an absolutely brilliant goal - he's been on fire this season - to make it 1-0 and James Dance did extremely well to fashion a chance to make it 2-0.

With results in the other games favourable - York and Kidderminster drawing, Braintree and Fleetwood losing - it made the journey back to Bedfordshire even more frustrating.

We looked at the games at Kidderminster and Ebbsfleet and knew they would be tough games. Kidderminster are a good side, tough to beat; Ebbsfleet battling at the other end of the table to avoid being sucked into the relegation dogfight.

In some ways we did the hard work on Saturday at Aggborough where we achieved a great result at a ground where we always tend to be successful. Robbie scored twice that day to make it four goals in two games, linking up well with Amari who laid on both.

With those three points in the bag expectation was always going to be high going into Tuesday's game and I can only apologise to the wonderful support we had there for capitulating in the final minutes. It's very unlike us and something we must iron out if we are to be successful this season.

This afternoon we take on a side Gateshead side who currently lie in second place. They are enjoying a fantastic start to the season. Ian Bogie has done an excellent job on Tyneside and we have always found it tough in the games against them over the past two seasons.

In Jon Shaw they have a striker bang in form and we will have to be wary of his threat. However, we fancy our chances against anyone in this league, especially here at Kenilworth Road.

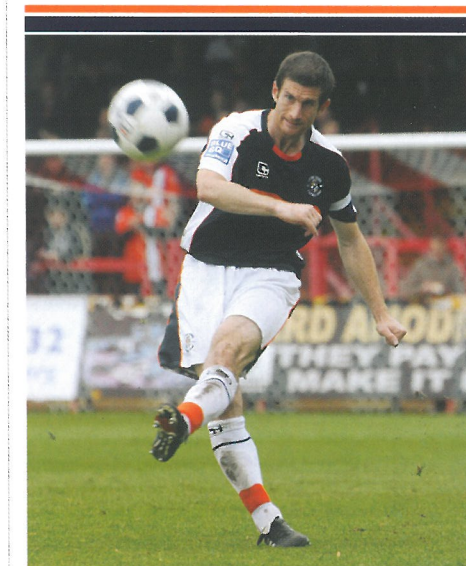
Finally I must say a big thank you to Simon Parsell and the medical staff at the club following my return from injury. I'm delighted to be back playing - it was hard work at Kidderminster and believe me I felt it the next day!

It's always frustrating watching the lads play or to listen on Hatters Player which I have done a few times earlier in the season when we've played away.

It was great to see Shane Blackett back in action last weekend as well. He's had a tough time and it's been a long road back for him. It's incredible to think his last appearance was last November and it's a testament to his determination to get back playing.

Your support at the last two away fixtures has been unbelievable and we'll need your vocal encouragement again this afternoon so please get behind the lads.

Robbie



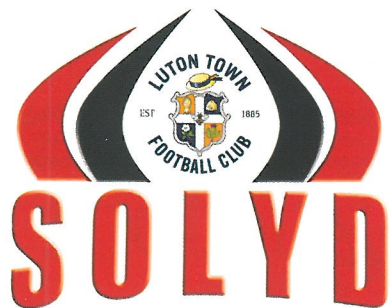
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AROUND TOWN

■ SOLYD RACE NIGHT

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You can also go to the SoLYD website - www.solyd.co.uk to order and pay for your ticket for the event via the PayPal link. Please include your name so that your tickets can be held on the door for collection.

Doors open at 7pm with the first race underway at 8.

■ NORFOLK TRIP FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Hatters' Under-18s face Dereham Town in the third qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup.

Paul Driver's side travel to Norfolk on Friday 21st October (kick-off 7.45pm).

The Town have scored 16 goals in their two ties so far in the competition, beating Rothwell Corinthians 11-1 and Leighton Town 5-1.

■ TICKET DEAL FOR TUESDAY

Season ticket holders can bring a guest to Tuesday night's important home game with Wrexham completely free of charge.

Season ticket holders can simply contact the ticket office up until kick-off on Tuesday for their free ticket.

Those supporters who have already purchased tickets for this game can still receive the same deal - just contact the ticket office.

For our corporate guests, members of the Kenilworth, John Moore and Millennium suites and executive box holders are also entitled to a free ticket to the Wrexham game in the Main

Stand. Should you wish to bring your guest into a lounge, they can have the price of a stand ticket (£18) deducted off the price of a guest ticket.

For further information, or to book your tickets, contact the ticket office on 01582 416976.

■ NEW FD APPOINTED

The Hatters made an important signing on Friday with the appointment of Roger Bannister as finance director.

With almost 20 collective years of expertise in football, Roger brings a wealth of experience and know-how to Kenilworth Road having worked as financial director at Birmingham City for 16 years where he helped float the Blues on the Stock Exchange for the first time.

Most recently Roger oversaw the transaction of the takeover at West Ham United, and he arrives at Kenilworth Road with vast knowledge and experience of the game.

"I'm delighted to be here," Roger told Talk of the Town. "Luton Town is a big club waiting to grow again - in my opinion it's got the potential to be as big as Birmingham.

"The excitement, passion and camaraderie in football is why I love the game so much. Football is unlike any other business - football clubs have always had mutual respect for one another.

"Despite being a frustrated centre-forward whose best record in a season was unfortunately 10 goals, I have always had a deep love for football.

"It wasn't a hard decision to come to Luton because it's a club with so much history and tradition.

"It's an exciting time on and off-the-pitch and it's great to be a part of it."

Managing director Gary Sweet added: "I am

absolutely delighted to welcome Roger to the club. Having known him for a while it's fantastic to have someone like him on board given his capabilities and expertise.

"Over the past three-to-four years we have gone through a massive task of stabilising this club given our league position, and it is Roger's task to help us get to the next stage.

"Like the whole team - the players, management and administrative staff - I would like to welcome Roger to Luton Town."

■ TODAY'S PARTNERSHIP CLUB - BARTON ROVERS UNDER-11S

Please welcome Barton Rovers' Under-11s this afternoon.

Most of the boys have been together for the last six years and have moved from seven-a-side up to 11-a-side football this season.

The team have really taken it in their stride with some great pre-season performances and are currently going through their grading games to qualify for their respective division in the Chiltern Junior 7s league.

Their season kicked off earlier today and all the boys are here at Kenilworth Road today as many of them are Luton Town fans.



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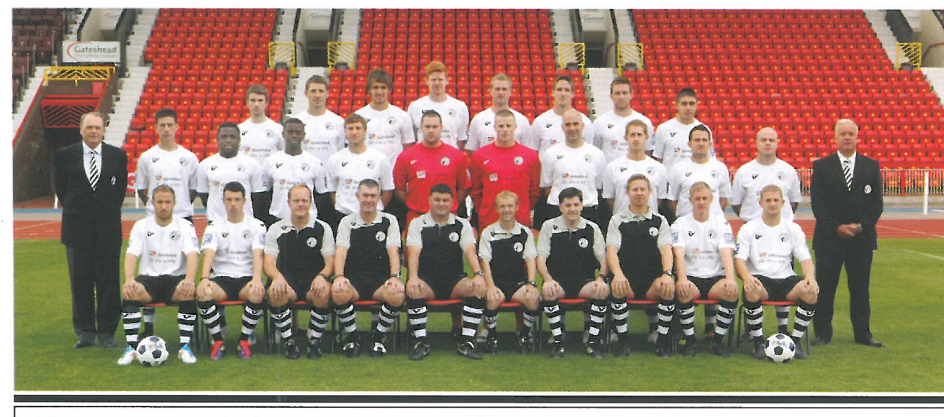
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WELCOME GATESHEAD



Gateshead visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon looking to widen the gap between themselves and the Hatters in the Blue Square Bet Premier table.

Ian Bogie's side have been the season's surprise package having been a mainstay at the head of the league table, swapping places with current leaders Wrexham on several occasions.

The Tynesiders switched to full-time football last season and the transformation was evident in their 14th place finish – a vast improvement on their first campaign back at this level in 2009/10 when they survived relegation on the final day of the season.

With astute summer signings, a squad that has had two seasons used to playing with each other and a striker in Jon Shaw banging in the goals, the Heed have been the team to watch in the first quarter of the campaign.

Currently trailing Wrexham in the table by two points, Bogie and co. will want to build on their impressive form away from the International Stadium this afternoon which has seen them win five of their seven fixtures on the road.

While the Hatters were being held against Ebbsfleet, the Tynesiders had a Tuesday night

off – their last action as also against Ebbsfleet at Stonebridge Road when Newcastle loanee Jeff Henderson scored the only goal of the game.

That laid to rest the poor performance in their previous game when they were beaten 4-1 on their own patch by Wrexham.

This afternoon's game will be the fifth meeting in the Blue Square Bet Premier between the Town and the Tynesiders.

While the Hatters have won two of those meetings, things haven't always been so straight forward. Gateshead took four points off the Town last term: winning 1-0 on Tyneside thanks to a solitary goal from Shaw in a game that saw Taiwo Atieno sent-off in the first half. In the return at Kenilworth Road the Hatters found themselves two goals down but recovered before the break to earn a point with goals from Danny Crow and Claude Gnaka.

There's no doubt Gateshead are a stronger, more confident outfit than they were last season and the Hatters will need to guard against complacency against a team who's expectations are focused on promotion rather than relegation these days.

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THE VISITORS

□ HISTORY

The original Gateshead AFC was formed in 1930 when neighbours South Shields, members of the Football League's old Third Division North, moved to Gateshead's Redheugh Park because of financial difficulties.

The club had applied for re-election only once before in a relatively successful 30-year period, but were nevertheless unceremoniously cast aside in favour of the more geographically acceptable Peterborough United in 1960.

In 1968 Gateshead became founder members of the Northern Premier League but their stay in the new competition lasted only two years.

Finishing as runners-up the Tynesiders then spent a season in the Midland League until in 1973, seven leagues and 43 years after its inception, Gateshead AFC ceased to exist.

A new club called Gateshead Town played the following season in the local Northern Combination League but, astonishingly, history was soon to repeat itself.

Renamed Gateshead United the club soon became a force in the Northern Premier League while accounting for Football League clubs Grimsby Town and Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup.

However, in 1977, after only three years of operation, came the shock announcement that United were to disband - the third body blow to hit Gateshead supporters in less than 20 years.

Replacing Gateshead United in the Northern Premier League for the 1977/78 season and after two years in the Conference, the Tynesiders returned to the Northern Premier League and lifted the title for the second time in 1986.

Their second spell in the Conference lasted just one season, though they were quick to bounce back, and reclaimed their place at the top table of non-league football in 1990.

It was Gateshead's most successful period as a non-league club but a productive period ended in 1998 when the club was relegated back to the Northern Premier League after eight consecutive seasons of Conference football.

Relegation to the Northern Premier League first division followed but, after one season, Gateshead were back in the NPL top tier following the introduction of a geographically split first division.

Gateshead finished third in the UniBond Premier division, NPL, in 2007/08, hitting 93 league goals before beating Buxton 2-0 in the Play-Off final.

In the 2008/09 season the rejuvenated Tynesiders claimed runners-up spot in the Blue Square North and a second promotion was clinched after beating Southport in the two-legged semi-final and then AFC Telford United 1-0 in the Play-Off final.

The first campaign back in the Conference Premier, however, proved to be a difficult one with top flight status only retained on the final day of last season on goal difference.

Last season the Tynesiders improved, finished a more than respectable 14th place, taking four points off the Town in the process.

□ MEET THE MANAGER

IAN BOGIE

Now in his fifth season at the International Stadium, Ian had a tremendous start to his managerial career when he guided Gateshead to back-to-back promotions from the UniBond Premier Division to the Blue Square Premier.

He joined Gateshead in the summer of 2006 as assistant manager and took over as caretaker boss before he was given the manager's job on a permanent basis for the start of the 2007/08 season.

Promotion through the Play-Offs was achieved in his first season and this was followed by a second promotion via the Play-Offs to the Blue Square Premier.

Now in his fourth season at the helm he became Gateshead's first full-time manager for half a century when he penned a two-year deal in the summer.

As a player Bogie was a talented midfielder who made over 450 appearances in the professional game taking in spells at Newcastle United, Preston North End, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Port Vale and Kidderminster Harriers.

IN OPPOSITION



It's been an up and down week for Gateshead boss Ian Bogie.

A heavy home defeat to title rivals Wrexham was followed by a crucial 1-0 win at Ebbsfleet United last Saturday.

Football is all about character and the ability to bounce back from disappointment and that delighted the Tynesider's chief.

"We showed a lot of character and determination to put that setback behind us," said Bogie "and we dug in with a gritty display to pick up another away win.

"Responding to adversity is the sign of a good side. We have done just that and to keep a clean sheet is a bonus as we haven't had one for a while.

"Kris Gate gave a really workmanlike display, Craig Baxter grasped his chance on his return to the side and Josh Gillies had a very good game.

"But it was a good all round performance with Jeff Henderson slotting in very well at the back and, of course, scoring the all important goal.

"Ebbsfleet played three central defenders and had five at the back until they switched to 4-4-2.

"They had a big lad up top and we had to be patient at times, even though we played much the better football.

"Their approach was very direct and we had to cope with that, which we did, even though we had to play a total of 15 minutes with 10 men due to James Curtis' injuries.

"He has sustained another cut, this time above his right eye, which required stitches and we had to patch him up.

"It was a courageous display from the big man, but nothing that surprised me.

"We'll now have to assess the damage and, fortunately, we've got a free week ahead of the big game against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road.

"It was long haul to Gravesend but we did a professional job and came back with the three points, which was the objective."

Bogie had had his fair share of injury concerns in defence but today's visitors have been boosted by the return of Curtis.

"Curtis is a big player for Gateshead and having him in the side gives everyone a boost.

"With Ben Clark injured it is even more important Curtis is fit. He is a commanding presence and a great servant to Gateshead where he is approaching 400 games.

"Henderson also did a great job at the back. He has only trained with us a couple of times but he played as if he had been part of the defence for weeks. He was composed on the ball, his distribution was good, and the script couldn't have been written better than for him to score the only goal in his first game."



Ian Bogie



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PAUL FARMAN

Made the number one shirt his own during the 2009/10 campaign playing 41 games. Farman had joined Gateshead during the summer of 2009 from local rivals Blyth Spartans where he had made 17 appearances for the Blue Square North club the previous season. The talented glove man previously played three games for Newcastle United Under-18s in 2007.

JAK ALNWICK

Newcastle United goalkeeper and England Under-18 international, Alnwick is on a six-week loan at the International Stadium. Teenager Alnwick, the younger brother of Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Ben, was originally with Newcastle's arch rivals Sunderland. The Hexham-born shot-stopper was called into the England Under-20 squad for the FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Colombia in July having previously been capped at Under-16 and Under-17 level.

DEFENDERS

EDDIE ODHIAMBO

A summer signing from Newport County, Odhiambo's career started as a trainee at Southampton. He then moved to Oxford United in 2006 and played 79 games during two seasons at the Kassam Stadium. Odhiambo then joined Stevenage where he made 40 appearances in a two-year stay, including the 2009/10 Conference Premier championship campaign. A versatile player Odhiambo played at Wembley in the FA Trophy final while at Broadhall Way before joining Newport and then Gateshead.

SAM RENTS

Signed for Gateshead in May 2011 from Conference Premier champions Crawley Town where he had spent the last three years. He was the Red Devils' regular left-back until he suffered a fractured cheekbone and he made 87 appearances for the West Sussex club. A defender who can also play in midfield Rents was originally with home town club Brighton & Hove Albion where he made 35 appearances.

CHRIS CARRUTHERS

Experienced left-sided player Carruthers joined Gateshead in July 2011 after a two-year spell at York City. Capped by England at Under-20 level



the 28-year-old played 201 games for Bristol Rovers and local club Northampton where he made his debut at the age of 17. He won the 2007 League 2 Play-Off final with Bristol Rovers in front of a 60,000 Wembley crowd. Carruthers joined Oxford a year later and had loan spells at Crawley Town and York before he joined the Minstermen on a permanent basis.

BEN CLARK

Former England Youth international Clark was a major signing for Gateshead in 2010 from Hartlepool United where he made 181 appearances in six years. Originally with Sunderland, the central defender played 14 games for the Black Cats before he joined Hartlepool in 2004. The 28-year-old, who captained England at five youth levels, can also play in midfield. Club captain at Gateshead, Clark picked up the Player of the Year accolade after his first season on Tyneside.

JAMES CURTIS

The longest serving player at the club, Curtis joined Gateshead in the summer of 2003 from Northern League side Washington. The towering central defender is a firm fans' favourite and his impressive performances have brought several awards including Player of the Year on three occasions. The 29-year-old Wearsider has remained loyal to Gateshead and has racked up over 380 appearances during his eight years at the club. Curtis has played in four different leagues for Gateshead and penned a two-year professional deal during the summer of 2010.

JEFF HENDERSON

Highly-rated central defender Henderson joined Gateshead on loan from Premier League neighbours Newcastle United in October. The teenager marked his Heed debut with the

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matchwinning goal at Ebbsfleet United. Played for Newcastle in a pre-season friendly at Darlington and was on the bench for the Magpies' Carling Cup win at Nottingham Forest in September.

MIDFIELDERS

KRIS GATE

Joined Gateshead in September 2007 after he was released from home town club Newcastle United and played a major role in Gateshead's two promotion campaigns and subsequent two Conference campaigns. The 26-year-old is a former captain of Newcastle reserves and went on to make the substitutes' bench in the Premier League having made senior appearances for the Magpies in friendlies against Rangers and Malaga. A box-to-box player, Gate has captained Gateshead for three years and is now vice-captain at the club.

PHIL TURNBULL

Turnbull joined Gateshead for a second spell in February 2008 when he signed on-loan from York City and the deal was made permanent in March that year. He had previously made five appearances on loan for Gateshead during the 2005/06 season from Hartlepool United. After leaving Victoria Park the playmaker moved on to York where injury hampered his progress. A skilful central midfielder player and a good passer of the ball, he has been a regular in the Gateshead engine room for the past three seasons.

MICKY CUMMINS

Former Republic of Ireland Under-21 midfielder, Cummins signed for Gateshead from Grimsby Town during the close season. The 33-year-old racked up 287 games for Port Vale during a six-year stay in the Potteries having began his career at Middlesbrough. After leaving Port Vale, where he played in the 2001 LDV Vans final win over Brentford at the Millennium Stadium, Cummins had two year spells at both Darlington and Rotherham United before he linked up with Grimsby and then Gateshead.

MARTIN BRITTAIN

Ruled out for the majority of his first season at Gateshead after suffering a double leg break in September 2009, wide man Brittain scored nine goals in 47 games last season. Signed from Kidderminster Harriers the right-sided midfielder made one full appearance for Newcastle United and six off the bench before he spent a short period at Ipswich Town. A loan spell at Yeovil Town saw Brittain make 15 appearances for the Glovers, followed by brief stays at Carlisle United and Walsall, before the 26-year-old moved into non-league football with Kidderminster, and subsequently Gateshead.

STRIKERS

JON SHAW

An experienced striker who linked up with Gateshead in the summer of 2010 and was top scorer last season with 21 goals. Previously with Mansfield Town the 27-year-old's career began at hometown club Sheffield Wednesday where he made 21 appearances. Moving into non-league football, Shaw played over a century of games for Burton Albion scoring 26 goals. The England C international then scored 20 goals in 37 games for Halifax Town in the during 2007/08 which secured a £50,000 move to Rochdale where opportunities were limited. Shaw had loan spells at Barrow and Gateshead before joining Mansfield and then Gateshead permanently.

YEMI ODUBADE

A summer signing from Stevenage, pacey front runner Odubade ended last season on loan at Newport County. He started out at local club Eastbourne Town as a teenager where he scored an impressive 64 goals in 85 games. A short spell at Yeovil Town was followed by a productive two seasons at Eastbourne Borough. A £25,000 move to Oxford United saw him score 31 goals in 143 games for the U's and Odubade was then top scorer at Stevenage when the club won promotion to the Football League in 2010. He featured in the FA Trophy final at Wembley that year and last season played 20 league and cup games for Stevenage before joining Newport on loan and then Gateshead.



NATHAN FISHER

Former Middlesbrough academy striker who signed for Gateshead for a £3,000 fee in the 2010 close season after a prolific season at County Durham club Chester-le-Street Town. In a relegation campaign for the Cestrians, Fisher hit a phenomenal 44 goals in 49 games to win the Northern League Golden Boot and Player of the Year awards.





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Gateshead made national headlines by reaching the FA Cup sixth round in 1952/53 and were the North-East's last representatives in the competition that season. Bill Tulip's side beat Crewe Alexandra 2-0, Bradford Park Avenue 2-1, Liverpool 1-0, Hull City 2-1 and Plymouth Argyle 1-0 in the FA Cup before losing 1-0 to Bolton Wanderers in front of 17,692 at Redheugh Park. Notable players included the Callender brothers, Tom and Jack, also Bobby Cairns, Johnny Ingham, Ken Smith, Ian Winters and goalkeeper Bobby Gray. Gateshead hammered Crewe 6-1, Darlington 5-1 and Accrington 5-0 as they finished in ninth position in the Third Division (North).

☐ MANAGING TO SUCCEED

BILL TULIP

Bill Tulip was honorary secretary-manager of Gateshead for 23 years. A wealthy businessman, he became a director when South Shields moved to Gateshead in 1930 and became secretary-manager in May 1933. He left his trainer Bob Keen in charge of the team but carried out many of the administrative duties at the club. Just before the war he signed Hughie Gallacher and Gateshead were Third Division (North) runners-up in 1949/50, also twice reaching the FA Cup fourth round and the sixth round in 1952/53. He was 77 when he stepped down as Gateshead's manager in June 1956, remaining as chairman and president until his death in September 1961.

☐ FAB FOUR

BILLY ASKEW

One-time Gateshead midfielder Billy Askew featured in two promotion campaigns with Hull City. He turned professional with Middlesbrough in October 1977 and appeared in the top-flight before joining Hull City in August 1982. Starring in their rise under Brian Horton, he moved to Newcastle United for £150,000 in March 1990 and joined Gateshead in July 1992 after a loan spell. He netted three goals in 44 Conference games prior to joining Whitley Bay in October 1994, then played for Spennymoor United and Workington.



Following a spell in the licensed trade, he has scouted for several clubs including Darlington and lives in Pitington, Co Durham.

SHAUN ELLIOTT

Former England B international central defender Shaun Elliott played for Gateshead during the 1992/93 campaign. Signing professional for Sunderland in January 1975, he featured prominently as they won promotion in 1979/80 and were Milk Cup finalists in 1985. He joined Norwich City for £140,000 in August 1986 and moved to Blackpool in August 1988. Featuring in their 1989/90 FA Cup run, he was reunited with Ian Atkins at Colchester United in December 1990. He joined Gateshead in August 1992 and made 32 Conference appearances, then played for Bishop Auckland and Whitley Bay. Now living and working back in Norwich.

GERRY FORREST

Right-back Gerry Forrest gained considerable top-flight experience before playing for Gateshead. Initially with Billingham Town and South Bank, he joined Rotherham United in February 1977 and starred in their 1980/81 Third Division title triumph. He moved to Southampton for £100,000 in December 1985, replacing Mick Mills in their defence and featuring prominently as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1986/87. Returning to Rotherham in August 1990, he moved to Gateshead in July 1991 and scored once in 33 Conference games. He later played for Billingham again, Norton & Stockton Ancients, Peterlee, Newtown and Brandon United.

TERRY HIBBITT

Experienced midfielder Terry Hibbitt starred in Gateshead's 1982/83 Northern Premier League title triumph. Signing professional for Leeds United in December 1964, he helped them win the Fairs Cup in 1968 and League Championship in 1968/69, moving to Newcastle United in August 1971. He was an FA Cup finalist in 1974 and joined Birmingham City for £100,000 in September 1975. Returning to Newcastle in exchange for Stewart Barrowclough in April 1978, he joined Gateshead in July 1981 and had a spell as player-coach before becoming their manager in April 1986. He later ran a pub in Ponteland but tragically died in August 1994.



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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to today's big game against a Gateshead side currently lying in second place in the league table. It promises to be an exciting afternoon.

As I mentioned in my last programme notes we announced that our annual Christmas Dinner will be taking place on Thursday 1st December 2011 at the magnificent Luton Hoo Hotel.

The black tie event will be hosted by David Moss, hero of the Town's 1982 Championship winning side, scoring 94 goals from the wing during an illustrious and successful career at Kenilworth Road.

As well as members of management and coaching staff, a number of David's old teammates will also be joining in the celebrations on the evening.

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.

The dress code for the evening is black tie and tickets for the evening are £99 and tables of 10 are available. Numbers for the evening are limited, so if you would to join us for what promises to be a fantastic evening, please contact the commercial department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk at your earliest convenience.

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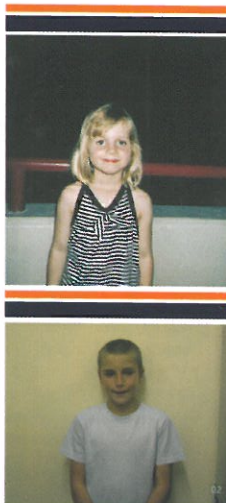
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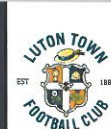
We have the pleasure to welcome two mascots this afternoon.

First up is Emma Sanders from Wootton who comes to matches at Kenilworth Road with her dad. Emma's favourite player is Keith Keane.

Our second lucky mascot is Ryan Bennett from Luton. Ryan's favourite player is Robbie Willmott and apart from watching the Hatters play he enjoys swimming, dodgeball and running.



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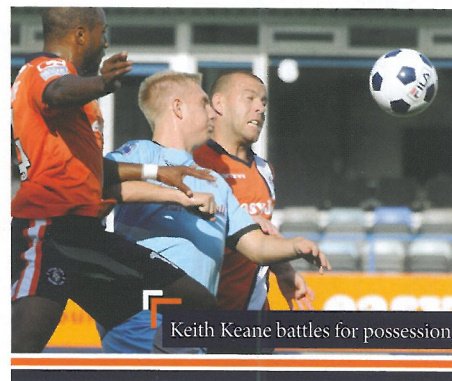
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LOOK BACK



TOWN 5-1 BARROW BACK WITH A BANG



Keith Keane battles for possession

After a week that saw back-to-back defeats Gary Brabin was delighted it ended with a 5-1 hammering of Barrow.

The manager admitted it was "one of those weeks" in his press conference on Friday before the game and his players responded magnificently to their recent poor form by bouncing back with a bang in a five star show.

After falling behind inside the first two minutes the Town blitzed the Bluebirds with two from Robbie Willmott and one a piece from Adam Watkins, Amari Morgan-Smith and James Dance.

"It's a relief, I'm happy," the boss said afterwards. "I can't explain in words how tough this week's been.

"Everyone around the club will tell you I've been a bit of a grouch of late - I don't like losing and getting beaten.

"But I keep saying - we've got a good squad with good players. I'm not concentrating on us being top of the league right now. If we keep picking up points and performances like we did today and stay in and around the pack, I'm more than confident of what we can achieve when we get even more bodies back.

"No leagues are won or lost at this stage, we just need to keep going. We feel as though we're

getting strong and better and when some of our big players are back there will be even more competition for places but I'm delighted with the progress we've made.

"It was disappointing to lose the last two games - it was hard to stomach - and I can't express how bad that week was.

"But we've bounced back well and I'm thrilled for everyone involved because it has been tough."

It may have finished 5-1 but things didn't exactly go to plan for his side at Kenilworth Road after falling a goal behind inside two minutes.

But Brabin believed the Barrow goal was a blessing in disguise.

He said: "We went into the game confident but I thought when we went a goal down 'what will our reaction be?' because when Barrow have gone a goal up against teams this season they've made it very tough - especially for some of the top teams.

"But we had a game plan and I think it suited us and I'm glad to say we finished the job."

While the goalscorers will take the plaudits for their work in front of goal, the manager paid tribute to the efforts of Aaron O'Connor who started his first game since the 1-1 draw at Mansfield back in August.

"I want to pay special tribute to Aaron," he said. "He was outstanding in pre-season and by his own standards it's not gone as well during the season. That could be a confidence thing and I know not everyone's taken to him, but you couldn't get a more honest lad than Aaron.

"I thought he was outstanding today. He was a real threat in the first half and worked his socks off from minute one and won the penalty.

"That's what we want from all our players but as the game progressed a lot of them grew and got stronger, and it was Aaron set the tempo for the rest of the players."



TOWN

Willmott 12, 46, Watkins 55, Dance 61, Morgan-Smith 75



BARROW

Mackreth 2

5

1

Aaron O'Connor's performance drew praise from his manager



TOWN: Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Watkins (sub Kissock 67), Hand, Dance, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor (sub Crow 64). Subs not used: Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, K. Pilkington.

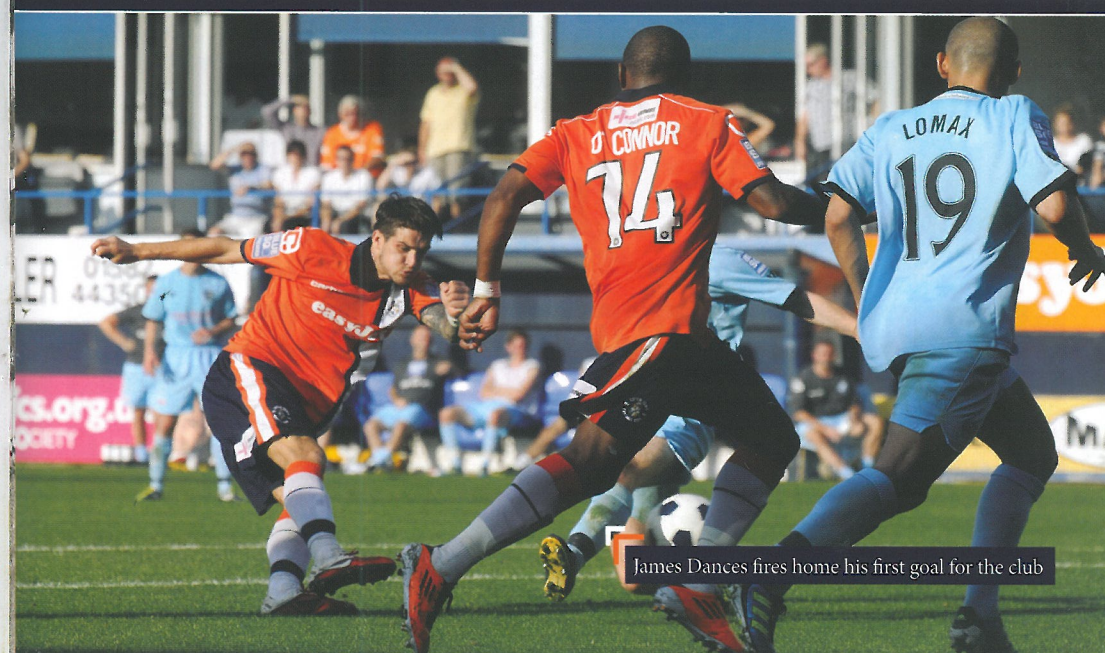
BARROW: Hurst, Nicholas, Baker, Boyes, Owen, Mackreth, Quinn, Almond (sub Rowe 48), Lomax, Moyo, Brooke (sub Ferrell 58). Subs not used: Clancy.

ATTENDANCE: 5,613

POSSESSION	
61%	39%
SHOTS ON TARGET	
11	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
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CORNERS	
10	0
FOULS	
6	7



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KIDDERMINSTER 1-2 TOWN WILLMOTT AT THE DOUBLE



Town boss Gary Brabin was a happy man after seeing his side earn their second away win of the season with a 2-1 win at Kidderminster Harriers.

Two goals from Robbie Willmott put the Town in control and 2-0 up before Harriers staged a late fight-back but the manager was delighted to leave Aggborough with all three points.

"It was a great result which was thoroughly deserved," the boss said. "It was two good sides and end-to-end."

"I was disappointed that we couldn't keep a clean sheet, conceding the goal put us under a bit of pressure in the last six minutes but I was delighted we've come through with all three points as it's a really difficult place to come."

The Hatters were boosted by the return of defenders George Pilkington and Shane Blackett who both completed 90 minutes in their first game back from groin injuries.

Both came through unscathed and their performances thrilled Brabin.

"We've had our problems defensively this season so to have them back is fantastic and I thought they were both excellent," said the manager.

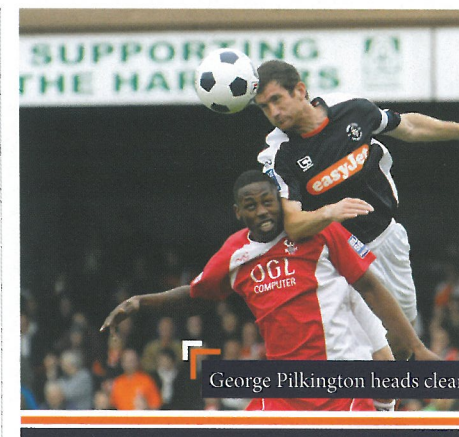
"We were bold and brave to throw them in, especially Shane as he hasn't played for so long but I'm delighted for them both."

"George is annoyed with himself because we haven't kept a clean sheet: he's his own biggest critic."

"I'm sure they'll both be a bit stiff in the morning but their performances today were fantastic."

Both of Willmott's goals came after terrific approach play from Amari Morgan-Smith and the on-form duo also came in for praise from their boss.

"I've spoken to both players about their game in recent weeks," said Brabin. "I've said to Amari



George Pilkington heads clear

his game needs to have a bit of everything in that forward role: scoring goals and creating them - and he's set two up today.

"And for Robbie, he's got four goals in two games now. I was telling him to get forward more and he's managed to get on the end of two today."

"It's what we've wanted and I'm delighted."

With Pilkington and Blackett fit the manager admitted he had the rare dilemma of telling fit players that had travelled to Kidderminster that they weren't going to be involved in the squad.

"It's the first time we've had two fit players in Dean Beckwith and John Paul Kissock sit in the stands when they're actually available," he said.

"It was hard for me to tell them but it's a good thing to have."

"Centre half is a position we seem to have got covered now but it seems every time we get a player or two back, one or two drop out - we don't have Keith Keane available on Tuesday as he's now suspended."



KIDDERMINSTER

Sharpe 87



TOWN

Willmott 39,82

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Robbie Willmott celebrates



KIDDERMINSTER: Lyness, Vaughan, Mike Williams (sub Phelan 45), Jones (sub Briscoe 36), Sharpe, Vincent, Storer, Medley (sub Marc Williams 59), Gittings, Matt, Wright. Subs not used: Wright, Guinan.

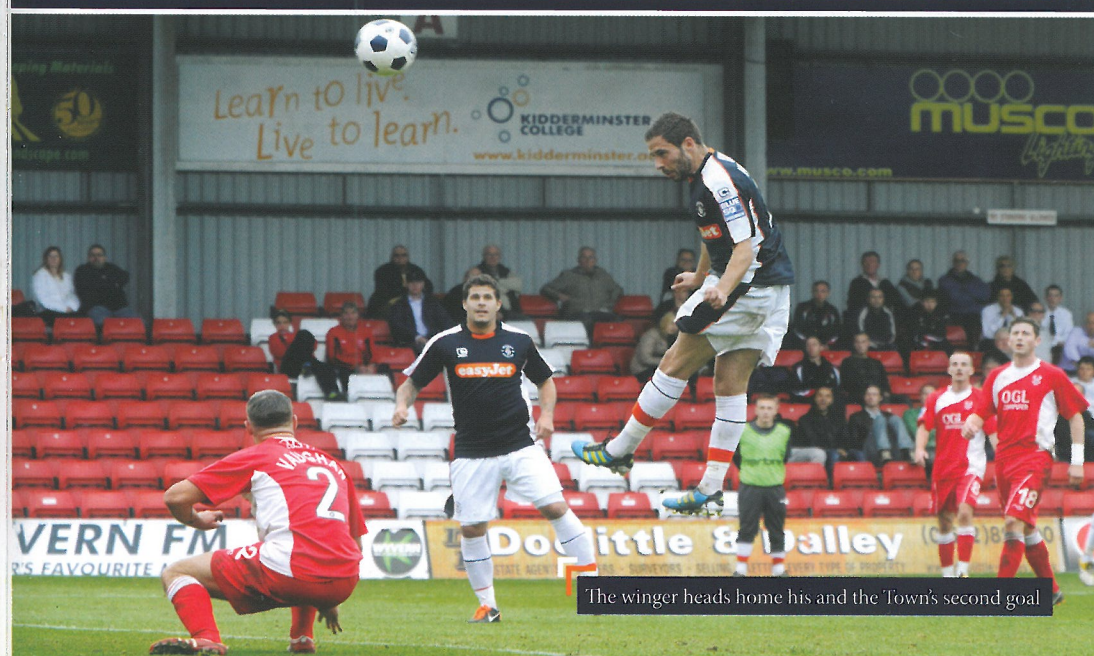
TOWN: Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett; Hand, Keane, Dance (sub Crow 75); Willmott, O'Connor (sub Fleetwood 63); Morgan-Smith. Subs not used: Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington.

ATTENDANCE: 3,332

POSSESSION	56%	44%
SHOTS ON TARGET	3	10
SHOTS OFF TARGET	7	4
CORNERS	3	3
FOULS	7	6



Willmott taps home to make it 1-0



The winger heads home his and the Town's second goal



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MEMORY LANE

NAME: Conor Fensome **AGE:** 15 **LOCATION:** Norwich

WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM: Usually I sit in block D in the Kenilworth Road upper tier.

FIRST GAME: My first ever Luton Town match was when I was eight-years-old and we played Peterborough United away in the 2003/04 season. We won 2-1 that day with Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic on the scoresheet.

FIRST MEMORY: My first ever real memory was when we played Hull City at home in the 2004/05 League 1 Championship season when, in a frustrating match, Berko scored a memorable header in the 88th minute which nearly lifted the roof off Kenilworth Road.

BEST GOAL SEEN: Now for me this has to be without a doubt Carlos Edwards' cross-cum-shot against Norwich City in the 2005/06 season, it was a fantastic lob right over England goalkeeper Robert Green and I was able to wind up many Norwich fans the next day back at home seeing as we won that match 4-2 as well!

BEST MATCH WITNESSED: My best match witnessed so far is obviously a no-contender and this is Luton versus Scunthorpe in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final at Wembley. There were so many up and downs in that match but when Claude Gnakpa scored in extra-time, it really led to a feel-good factor in the Hatters crowd.

WORST MATCH: I think this is when the Hatters drew 0-0 at home to Chesterfield in the 2008/09 season and meant we were relegated from the Football League. It was a very sad time but I felt within the crowd there was such a loyal feeling that day towards Mick Harford and the players.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER: Without a doubt this is definitely Kevin Nicholls at Wembley against Scunthorpe. When the Town were 1-0 down and he cleared the ball of the line with that diving header he somehow then epitomised a captain's spirit into the team which led the Town to a 3-2 victory.

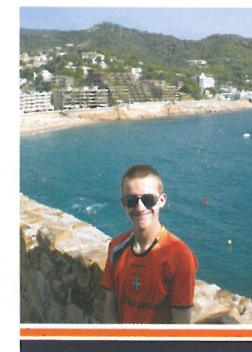
FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT: For me this is probably the return of the home retro kit that has been re-introduced this season and out of all the kits I've seen since I was young, this is my favourite.

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Kevin Nicholls because within his time at the club he was really an inspiration for everyone around him and this is one of the reasons why I feel there was such a camaraderie within the club between 2002-2006.

FAVOURITE ALL TIME MANAGER: Mike Newell.

ALL-TIME TOWN XI: Marlon Beresford, Sol Davis, Markus Heikkinen, Curtis Davies, Kevin Foley, Keith Keane, Kevin Nicholls, Ahmet Brkovic, Carlos Edwards, Steve Howard, Rowan Vine.

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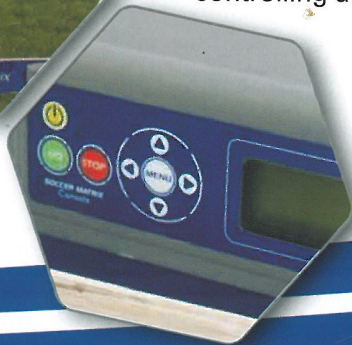
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Hatters Player subscribers had plenty to sit back and watch since we were last at Kenilworth Road.

The Town saw off Barrow 5-1 after going a goal down inside the first two minutes to come back and hit the Bluebirds for five – four goals coming in the second half.

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

The manager thought it was an excellent performance and was proud of his side's character as they picked themselves up from going a goal down.

Two-goal hero Robbie Willmott was delighted to get on the scoresheet. He was disappointed that he missed a penalty but was happy to knock home the rebound and get his second a minute into the second period.

Player also caught up with Amari Morgan-Smith after his excellent performance leading the line. The frontman capped a wonderful display by scoring the Town's fifth goal.

Adam Watkins was also in front of the Player cameras after his goal put the Hatters 3-1 to the good with a lovely finish after unselfish play from Morgan-Smith.

The young midfielder revealed that he had to come off because he lost a contact lens when celebrating James Dance's goal!

A week later the Town picked up their second successive victory with an excellent 2-1 win at Kidderminster on Saturday.

The big news of the day was the reappearance of captain George Pilkington and fellow defender Shane Blackett.

For Pilks it was his first game since the Play-Off final whilst for Blackett it was his first game since November last year.

Both were understandably in demand from the local press to speak with and the Player cameras were there to film the duo's post-match thoughts.

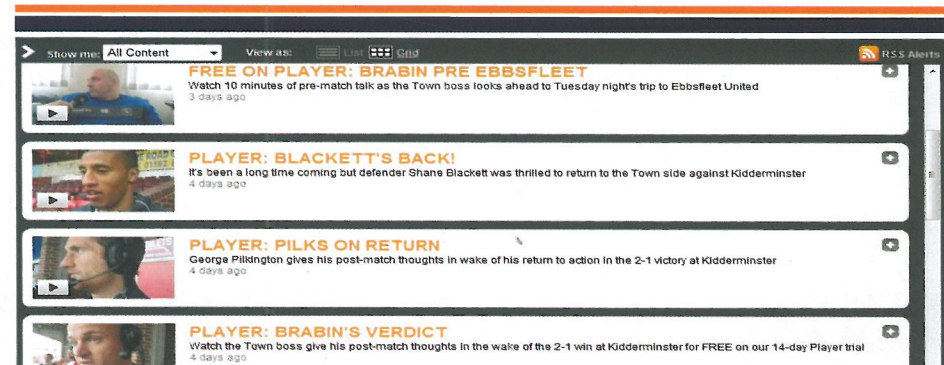
And both revealed that they were a bit sore in their first competitive action this season. As defenders both were disappointed that the chance of a clean sheet was scuppered three minutes from time but were delighted to pick up three points at Aggborough.

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

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CENTRE SPOT



Adam Watkins is about to roll home the Town's third goal against Barrow

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BLACKETT'S BACK!

Out of all the people that travelled home from Kidderminster last Saturday I doubt there was a happier person than Shane Blackett.

For the defender it wasn't just the 2-1 victory that left him smiling but the completion of his first 90 minutes of league action for a year.

A lot has changed since then but the 29-year-old was surprised and delighted to be involved after a number of setbacks in his recovery from a persistent groin injury.

"I played half a game at Wycombe and a full game at St Neots and I thought I'd maybe get another week of training but the gaffer called me up and I said I'd love to play, it's what I love doing," he told Talk of the Town.

"We have got a bit of an injury crisis at the moment. Jake Howells was away so the left-back slot was there for me. I had to make myself available and get myself right for the weekend because it's been a long time. I've had to wait patiently so it was nice to get out there in the Luton shirt again which is what I love doing and getting the win as a huge bonus."

And the former Dagenham and Peterborough admitted it was an emotional return to action for him at Aggborough.

He said: "It was lovely, a bit emotional too. It was nice to get out there and be in front of people you know and love. To get a win was brilliant and it was a great day for everybody."

"It's been frustrating, the toughest time for me, not just football-wise but in life. You think you're nearly there and get you a setback and you're back six weeks and before you know it, it's eight weeks and 12 weeks."

"It's been terrible. Hopefully I'm past it now. Fingers crossed I just want to enjoy my football again."

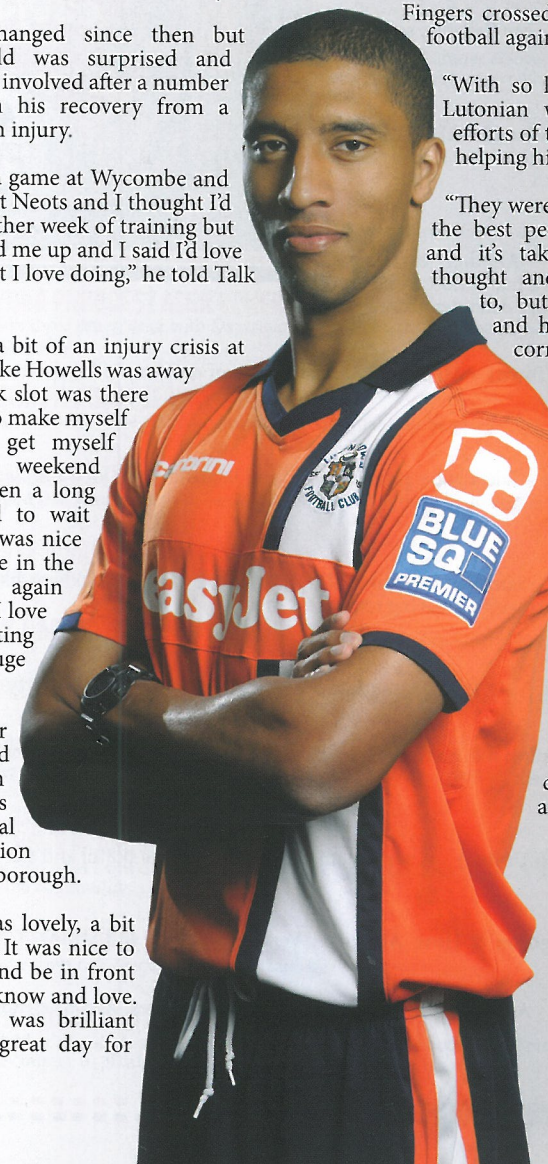
"With so long on the sidelines the Lutonian was quick to praise the efforts of the Town's medical staff in helping him in his recuperation."

"They were brilliant. They sent me to the best people, numerous surgeons and it's taken time, longer than I thought and longer than I wanted to, but I'm back playing again and hopefully have turned the corner."

So what now for the Dunstable and Arseley defender?

"I'll need a couple of days rest as I'm feeling pretty stiff! I can't imagine what I'm going to feel like in the morning, but we'll see what happens."

"I've been training for two weeks now so I've been trying to put myself about a bit to rest it as I can't pull out of a challenge and let the team down."



DREAM TEAM

Defender Shane Blackett chooses his favourite XI made up from players he's played with in his football career.

GOALKEEPER

Mark Tyler (Luton Town) – Mr Reliable, solid and safe hands.

RIGHT-BACK

Danny Foster (Wycombe Wanderers) – I played with Danny at Dagenham and he was a really solid full-back, a real Steady Eddy.

CENTRE-BACKS

Anwar Uddin (Barnet) – Another ex-Dagger, Anwar is a big, strong centre half who can head it and kick it – a real no-nonsense defender and a great leader.

George Pilkington (Luton Town) – Mr Reliable in the centre of defence, Pilks' positional awareness is fantastic.

LEFT-BACK

Jake Howells (Luton Town) – Jake's got a great left foot, and is great going forward. A really intelligent footballer.

RIGHT MIDFIELD

Sam Saunders (Brentford) – Sam's got a wonderful right-foot, very David Beckham-like in that he can bend in a great first time cross without having to beat his man.

CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

Keith Keane (Luton Town) – My fellow Lutonian, an ugly player who does the dirty work in central midfield, breaking up play.

Micah Hyde (Aveley) – Comfortable on the ball, Michah was a great passer of the ball who could dictate the pace of the game really well.

LEFT MIDFIELD

George Boyd (Peterborough United) – A very talented player, George is skilful and can score goals.

STRIKERS

Craig Mackail-Smith (Brighton & Hove Albion) – Very, very quick and strong, Craig is a natural goalscorer.

Aaron McLean (Hull City) – Another of my ex-Peterborough team-mates, Aaron's strong and quick and a great finisher.



GETTING TO KNOW...

SHANE BLACKETT

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL? Craig Mackail-Smith. We started together at Arlesey before signing for Dagenham & Redbridge together. From there we signed for Peterborough.

WHAT TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT? Arsenal and Luton Town. I always enjoyed watching Arsenal and have always dreamed of playing for Luton, my home-town club.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR LUTON TOWN? Realising my boyhood dream for playing for my home-town club.

WHAT AMBITIONS DO YOU HAVE LEFT IN FOOTBALL? To be promoted again – with Luton. I've been promoted three times before but if we win promotion it will be the biggest and most important to me.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOTBALL? Winning promotion three times, once with Dagenham and twice with Peterborough that took me from the Conference to the Championship.

WHO IS YOUR FUNNIEST TEAM MATE? JJ O'Donnell comes out with some ridiculous comments that make me laugh.

WHICH PLAYER HAS THE BEST MUSIC TASTE? Me. Well, it's my ipod that always seems to be the one that's used in the dressing room and at the training ground!

WHO HAS THE WORST DRESS SENSE? Godfrey Poku. His gear is outrageous. He thinks he's living in the Bronx!

WHO'S THE HARDEST WORKER? At the moment I have to say Amari Morgan-Smith.

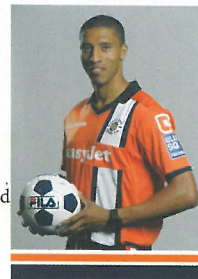
WHAT'S YOUR EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY? Playing for Sacred Heart Under-9s.

WHO HAS BEEN YOUR MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT? Either Carlos Tevez, when he was Manchester United, or Craig Bellamy, when he was at West Ham. They were very tough to mark.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER YOU STOP PLAYING? I think I'll go back into what I was doing before I became a footballer: a surveyor. I'll also do a bit of part-time coaching on the side in the community.

WHO IS YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL? Ian Wright. He came from non-league football at a late age.

AND WHO IS YOUR HERO OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? My mum and dad. My dad got me started in football but together they both helped me when I needed it, giving me lifts all around the country to play football.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Scott Oakes about to send the Hatters fans into raptures as he nets the opening goal for the Town in the 4-2 win at Watford in September 1994.

Six games into the 1994/95 campaign it looked as though the Town were about to reward their long suffering supporters with yet another frustrating season, with a mediocre mid-table position at best and relegation at worst.

Only one win had been recorded in this opening period leaving manager David Pleat scratching his head. Supporters knew where the problem lay though – a lack of goals.

The normally free-scoring Kerry Dixon had yet to score, the promising but raw teenager John Hartson was not yet the finished product and close season signing from Plymouth, Dwight Marshall, was still finding his feet.

Next up was a trip to Watford but losing two home games in four days was not the ideal preparation despite having all the play in both matches. A 3-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road at the hands of Bolton had been pretty hard to stomach but Pleat had seen something on the pitch and was prepared to persevere with a new three at the back system with loanee Gary Waddock sitting in front of them.

Watford were unbeaten at home and had 17-year-old Gary Fitzgerald making his League debut in central defence. Fitzgerald had little to do early on as his forwards peppered Juergen Sommer in the Luton goal leading to Tommy Mooney slipping the ball through to Jamie Moralee to open the scoring after 20 minutes.

The Hornets were then stung by two goals in three minutes by the Town with Andy Hessenthaler, the man all Luton supporters loved to hate, laying them on a plate with poor clearances.

Firstly, he presented the ball to Scott Oakes who needed little encouragement to send a 25-yard shot past Perry Digweed in the Watford goal, and then shortly after Dixon took advantage of another slip to net his first goal of the season.

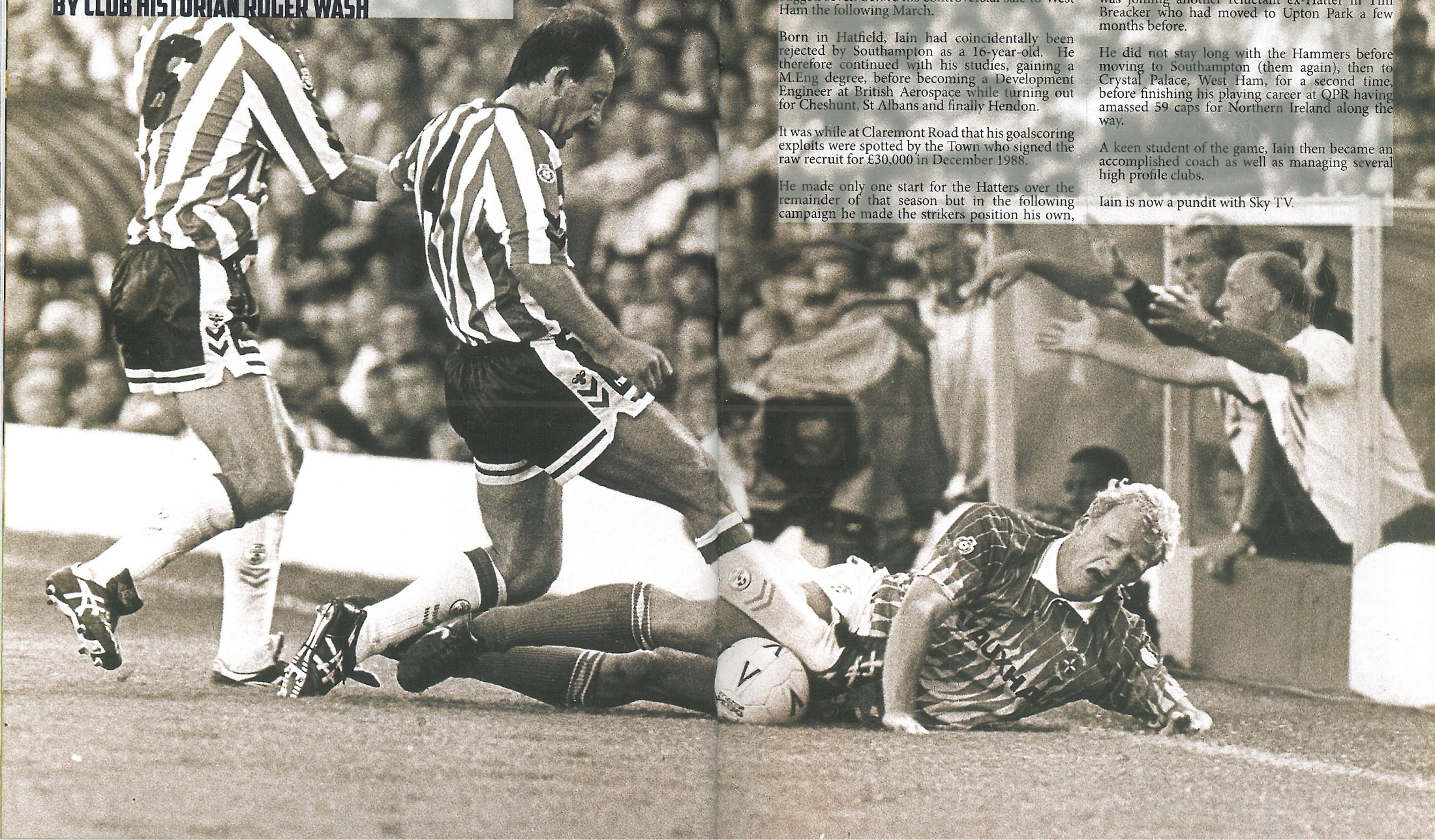
Joy knew no bounds amongst the Luton faithful when, three minutes from the interval, tiny David Preece set up Paul Telfer who cut in from the right, beat two opponents and buried a shot between Digweed and the near post.

At 3-1 most supporters thought the game was over but a minute before the break Hessenthaler set up Mooney to make amends for his earlier blunders.

Poor Fitzgerald was moved out of the firing line at the interval, never to make another League appearance, and Watford's pleasure at pulling back to 3-2 was short lived as in the 54th minute Telfer struck again, beating his marker for pace to meet a low cross from the speedy and tricky Marshall.

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



Iain Dowie grimaces following a kick by Southampton hard man Jimmy Case with Russell Osman appearing to wait his turn. John Faulkner, who would never have done such a thing in his playing days, looks suitably aggrieved on the Luton bench!

Dowie had the last laugh though as the Hatters ran out 2-1 winners in this September 1990 top flight clash at the Dell. He did not score that day but had bagged seven before his controversial sale to West Ham the following March.

Born in Hatfield, Iain had coincidentally been rejected by Southampton as a 16-year-old. He therefore continued with his studies, gaining a M.Eng degree, before becoming a Development Engineer at British Aerospace while turning out for Cheshunt, St Albans and finally Hendon.

It was while at Clarendon Road that his goalscoring exploits were spotted by the Town who signed the raw recruit for £30,000 in December 1988.

He made only one start for the Hatters over the remainder of that season but in the following campaign he made the strikers position his own,

scoring eight goals including the last gasp winner at home to Crystal Palace in April 1990 which gave the Town a fighting chance of avoiding the drop – which they took with a never to be forgotten 3-2 victory at Derby the following week.

The sale of Iain to Second Division (now Championship) West Ham in March 1991 for £480,000 was controversial in as much that he did not particularly want to go even though he was joining another reluctant ex-Hatter in Tim Breacker who had moved to Upton Park a few months before.

He did not stay long with the Hammers before moving to Southampton (them again), then to Crystal Palace, West Ham, for a second time, before finishing his playing career at QPR having amassed 59 caps for Northern Ireland along the way.

A keen student of the game, Iain then became an accomplished coach as well as managing several high profile clubs.

Iain is now a pundit with Sky TV.

HATTERS HISTORY

WEMBLEY DREAMS SHATTERED



Luton players line up during the FA Cup run of 1932/33. Left to right: Harford, Mackey, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Nelson, Tait, Brown, Alderson, Roberts

It is a pity that very little film footage remains of the Town's first big run in the FA Cup which took them through to the quarter-finals in 1933 and quite rightly earned them the tag of 'giant killers.'

The Hatters were, at the time, a middle of the road team in Division Three (South) which had never progressed beyond the third round of the competition and it would be fair to say that the first round pairing with Kingstonian of the Isthmian League hardly caused a ripple of excitement in the environs of Kenilworth Road.

Kingstonian were, however, just about the strongest non-league outfit around, as proved by their lifting of the Amateur Cup at the season's end and the championship the following year. A crowd of 7,701 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the Town lucky to escape with a 2-2 draw and the replay was no easier, watched by a then record crowd at Richmond Road, but this time they scraped through 3-2.

It was off to uncharted territory in the next round with the club's first ever meeting with Stockport County of Division Three (North). Although the

final scoreline of 3-2 in the Town's favour looked

close, a 3-1 lead had been built up only for the other Hatters to net a consolation in the final minute. Stockport goalkeeper, Thomas Gale, was blamed for two of the goals including one from the Town's Fred Kean which he thought was drifting wide and therefore made no attempt at saving.

A hard fought 0-0 draw at Barnsley, again of Division Three (North), brought the Tykes back to Luton and following a 2-0 win in the replay, with prolific marksman Andy Rennie bagging both goals, FA Cup euphoria at last swept through the streets of the town.

The reason for the euphoria was plain to see as the mighty Tottenham were to be the visitors to Kenilworth Road for the fourth round tie. Although 'only' a Division Two side, Spurs were on their way to promotion at the season's end and boasted a proud FA Cup pedigree having won the trophy in both 1901 and 1921.

Tottenham supporters, confident after their teams 6-0 win at Oldham in the previous round, started

arriving at Luton very early on the day of the game having caught the first available trains out of London and by 7.30 were staging an impromptu kickabout on the Moor. By mid-day queues stretched all the way down Hazelbury Crescent and two hours later the gates were closed with 17,213 in the ground.

Some 21 coaches from London were parked along Dunstable Road and the site of the old Town ground was used as an overspill car park.

The pitch was hard and icy and would doubtless be regarded as unplayable today but the Town's groundstaff had used a steam roller on the morning of the game to iron out the ruts and at least make the playing area flat.

The Luton players were definitely up for the game and adapted far better to the conditions for within 20 minutes they were two goals to the good courtesy of strikes from Tom Alderson and Tommy Tait with both efforts being set up by Arthur Mills, deputising for the injured Rennie. Spurs huffed and puffed in an effort to get back into the match but the Luton defence held firm and at the final whistle thousands of supporters surged on to the pitch to chair off their heroes.

For those of you with the good fortune to have recorded the TV series 'Kicking and Screaming' look out for footage of this game. It may have escaped your attention due to the fact that the Town were playing in a change strip of striped shirts and the ground bears little resemblance to what you see today.

Enthusiasm waned slightly when it was learned that the Town's 'reward' was a trip to Halifax but by the time of the game over 2,000 supporters had travelled to the Shay to swell the crowd to a record 29,235. Halifax, another team the Hatters had never met before, had seen off Darwen, Workington, Doncaster and Chester in the earlier rounds and were supremely confident of progressing to the quarter-finals for the first time in their history.

When they reached Halifax, the Town supporters were greeted by a snowstorm and a snow covered pitch. After the touchlines were cleared, the game finally kicked off with the Town again the quicker to adapt to the treacherous conditions. With the snow beginning to fall once more, Tait fired the Town into the lead after 20 minutes but, soon after, the referee called the players off as the blizzard obscured the touchlines.

The players were off the field for 30 minutes while the storm passed and as floodlights were not around in those days there was a danger that the game would not finish. As such, the referee made

the players change round at half-time without leaving the field and as the snow started to fall once more Alan Nelson made the game safe by tapping in after a shot from Rennie was parried by the goalkeeper.

By now all Luton supporters felt that the Town could go all the way and even when it was announced that Everton at Goodison Park were to be their opponents in the quarter-final it was seen as merely a stepping stone on the inevitable march to Wembley.

Three special trains, one of which had a huge boater mounted on the front of the engine, and countless coaches carried several thousand Luton supporters to Liverpool on the big day and when the turnstiles stopped clicking 55,431 spectators were present generating receipts of £4,143-6-4 which was a huge amount of money at the time.

With Alderson failing to recover from an injured shoulder, Mills returned to the side but commentators did not feel that this would affect the shape of the team over much. The choice of Rennie to play at inside-forward rather than central striker did, however, cause a few eyebrows to be raised but everyone assumed that manager Harold Wightman knew what he was doing.

As it turned out Rennie was clattered early on and spent the majority of the game as a limping passenger on the wing in those far off days before substitutes. By the time Rennie was injured Everton were already one goal to the good as the Town found difficulty in adapting to the wide open spaces of Goodison Park. If the game had been staged at Kenilworth Road, doubtless Everton would have struggled within its cramped confines as did Tottenham earlier.

Although Kean, who wished to add to the Cup winners medal he earned with Bolton in 1929, was everywhere trying to bolster up his overworked defence the clever Everton forwards seemed to find the back of the net with increasing regularity. When the score reached 3-0 the game became a virtual walkover and finished in a disappointing 0-6 defeat.

It was scant consolation to the Town that they received a large share of the massive gate, that they restricted the great Dixie Dean to only one goal and that their cup exploits would mean exemption to the third round in the following season's competition. They truly felt that they would win it.

Everton, of course, did go on to lift the trophy, overcoming Manchester City 3-0 in the final!

Roger Wash.

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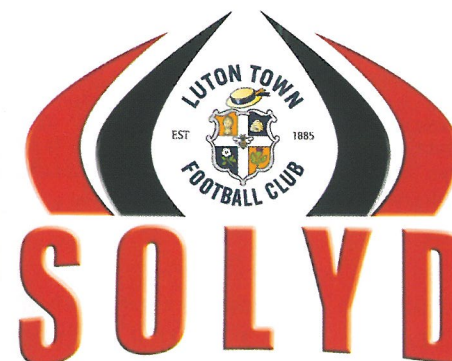
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TUE 22 - SOUTHEND UNITED H 2PM
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DECEMBER

TUE 13 - COLCHESTER UNITED A 2PM

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

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LATEST NEWS

Charlie Henry and Shane Blackett completed 90 minutes for the Town in a 4-2 friendly defeat to St Neots last week.

Captain George Pilkington, fellow defender Dean Beckwith and forwards John Paul Kissock and Collin Samuel also featured for the Town at Rowley Park.

The Hatters started the brighter of the two sides with Kissock shooting wide after good play from Henry.

St Neots came close on a number of occasions in the run up to half-time before they took the lead early in the second half when Lewis Hilliard beat Lewis Kidd.

Town tried to fight back as Kissock's free kick

was palmed away by Michael Duggan, while Ryan Dasilva couldn't connect with another chance at the far post.

On 69 minutes St Neots doubled their lead when Pearson Mwanyongo's neat footwork in the box saw him crash home a glorious drive into the top corner.

The home side by now were full of confidence and Rodney Sno burst clear of the Town defence to make it 3-0 despite the best efforts of Kidd.

However back came the Town and on 81 minutes Samuel was fouled in the box and Henry converted the resultant penalty.

By now both Pilkington and Beckwith had been substituted for James Ferguson and Ian Rees, while Arel Amu replaced Dasilva.

St Neots made it 4-1 before sub Amu scored a consolation for the Town just before the end.

Assistant boss Alan Neilson said: "It was a game to get the lads playing time and 90 minutes. For Shane, 90 minutes for Charlie, 70 for Pilks, Dean Beckwith 75 minutes after suspension - it was a good work out.

"It's just getting more training into them, more game time, that's why this is a great place to come.

"The pitch is good, they're a good non-league side and they've got some decent players.

"We will look to arrange another game maybe next week or the week after to keep them ticking along and hopefully push them along to push the first team players to getting back in the side."

Team: Kidd, Asafu-Adjaye (sub Terry 46), Pilkington (sub Ferguson 70), Beckwith (sub Rees 78), Blackett, Henry, Carden, Kissock, Dasilva (sub Amu 70), Tavernier, Samuel.

LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Colchester United	3	2	0	1	7	6
2 Oxford United	2	1	1	0	1	4
3 Stevenage	4	1	1	2	-7	4
4 LUTON TOWN	1	1	0	0	1	3
5 Southend United	4	1	0	3	-2	3

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 (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 W 5-1

8 - BARNET (H) PYC D 1-1

15 - STEVENAGE (H) PYC

21 - DEREHAM TOWN (A) FAYC

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) L 0-5

28 - TAMWORTH (H) D 2-2

OCTOBER

12 - CORBY TOWN (A)

26 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (H)

NOVEMBER

2 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (H)

9 - OXFORD CITY (A)

16 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (H)

23 - CHASETOWN (A)

30 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (H)

DECEMBER

7 - HITCHIN TOWN (A)

JANUARY

11 - KETTERING TOWN (H)

25 - KETTERING TOWN (A)

FEBRUARY

1 - ST ALBANS CITY (H)

8 - TAMWORTH (A)

22 - CORBY TOWN (H)

29 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (A)

MARCH

14 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (A)

21 - OXFORD CITY (H)

28 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (A)

APRIL

4 - CHASETOWN (H)

18 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (A)

25 - HITCHIN TOWN (H)

SOUTHERN COUNTIES
FLOODIT YOUTH LEAGUE
CORINTHIAN DIVISION

AUGUST

29 - NEWPORT PAGNELL D 1-1

SEPTEMBER

5 - CHESHAM UNITED (H) L 0-3

12 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H)

26 - BOREHAM WOOD (A)

OCTOBER

3 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (H)

17 - CHESHAM UNITED (A)

24 - NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN (H)

NOVEMBER

7 - LEIGHTON TOWN (A)

21 - BOREHAM WOOD (H)

28 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (A)

MATCH DIGEST

■ **FIXTURE** Barnet
■ **COMPETITION** Youth Alliance Cup
■ **RESULT** 1-1
■ **GOALSCORERS** Stephens
■ **TEAM**

Barnes, Longden, Jibodu, Mirzai (sub Rees 77), Stephens, Ferguson, McAdams, Burtenshaw, Ann, Kaddu (sub Blake 71), Davis (sub Woolley 69). Subs not used: Ekins, Nash

COACH'S COMMENTS

"I'm pleased for the boys that they've plugged away to the end and got a late goal to give them something out of the game after the disappointment of how we went behind. A draw was definitely the fair result so, as ever in these games, we look to the positives. I thought our back four and goalkeeper were excellent against a very lively Barnet attack. We're not sure why Zac Stephens ended up where he did to get the equaliser but he took it well so we'll let him off for being out of position!"

YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	PTS
1 Brighton & Hove Albion	8	6	15	19
2 Queens Park Rangers	7	5	9	17
3 Crawley Town FC	8	5	2	17
4 Gillingham	7	5	8	16
5 Brentford	7	5	5	15
6 LUTON TOWN	8	4	6	14
7 Southend United	8	4	5	13
8 Leyton Orient	7	4	3	12
9 Northampton Town	8	3	0	10
10 Peterborough United	8	2	-2	10
11 Wycombe Wanderers	8	3	-5	10
12 Colchester United	7	3	-1	9
13 Millwall	8	2	1	8
14 Barnet	8	2	-3	7
15 Dagenham & Redbridge	8	2	-7	7
16 Stevenage	7	1	-9	4
17 Aldershot Town	7	1	-10	3
18 AFC Wimbledon	7	1	-17	3

Sizzling summer

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ACADEMY UPDATE



The Hatters can confirm that Paul Driver (pictured right) has been given the role as youth team manager on a permanent basis.

The former assistant manager at Rushden & Diamonds originally joined the club full-time in the summer to help develop a number of the club's youth age groups, which included the management of the Under-18s.

Since Paul's arrival the youth team have lost just twice in 10 games, reaching the third qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup following 11-1 and 5-1 victories.

Town youth development officer Gregg Broughton was delighted to welcome Driver to the club.

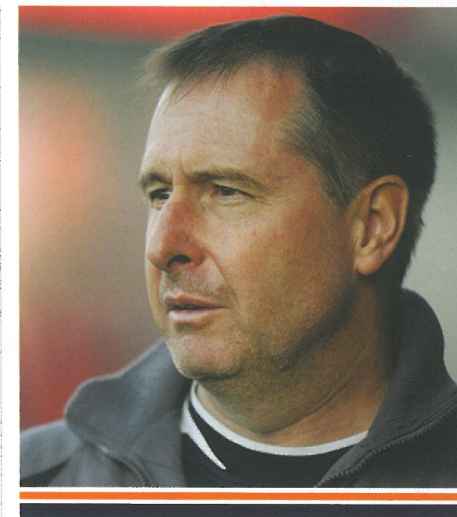
He said: "Paul came to us in a turbulent time in the summer where there as a great deal of uncertainty concerning Luton's ability to retain players' registrations.

"His experience of a similar situation at Rushden & Diamonds, along with the knowledge and expertise he gained as a assistant first team manager there last season, has added to our youth department's ability to achieve its targets.

"We are delighted that we can formalise Paul's situation with Luton Town and look forward to seeing the success of his work over the coming years."

Driver, who's side entertain Stevenage in the Youth Alliance league cup today, is hoping to follow a long line of coaches who have nurtured young, precocious talent at Kenilworth Road and stressed how important it is for the club to return to the Football League, given their funding to youth development.

He said: "I'm going to bang the drum that you're better being at a well run Conference set-up if you're looking to develop as a first team player.



"From their potential to move on, they've got a better chance of playing in Luton's first team than they have in a Championship first team.

"The Football League funding is vital. I had the issue at Rushden where we were in the same position as Luton and the Football League didn't take the same view and we lost players.

"The really big clubs would help. Liverpool gave us decent money for a lad called Aaron King, whereas the not so big clubs – and I won't mention them because I'll get in trouble – would just take them and none of them have made it.

"It is vital to be able to keep what we've got going here at Luton. With all due respect to Rushden, this is a proper football club, set up as a football club. The medical and scientific support is much better and the crowd support is much better.

"Five and six thousand crowd was never heard of at Rushden. I don't want to belittle what we did because it was a great little club but this is set up as a football club."

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IN THE COMMUNITY



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMPS

Monday to Friday 24th to 28th October 10am to 3pm each day.

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LUTON

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DUNSTABLE

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BARTON LE CLAY

Arnold Middle School, Hexton Road, 26th to 28th October.

SHEFFORD

Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road, 26th to 28th October.

BIGGLESWADE

Edward Peake Middle School, Potton Road, 24th to 26th October.

BEDFORD

Newnham Middle School, Polhill Avenue, 26th to 28th October.

FLITWICK/AMPTHILL

Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingly Road, 24th to 26th October.

LINSLADE

Cedars Academy, Mentmore Road, 24th to 26th October.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Gilbert Ingklefield Middle School, Vandyke Road, 27th and 28th October.

HARPENDEN

Sir John Lawes School, Manland Way, 26th to 28th October.

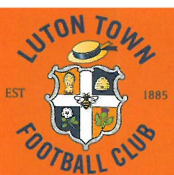
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HATTERS SCHOOL VISIT PROJECT

The School Visit project aims to help schools with the provision of PE lessons during curriculum time with the aid of funding from the Blue Square Bet Premier, Premier League and Professional Footballers' Association.

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HEATS

HARPENDEN

Venue: Sir John Lawes, Manland Way
Dates: Mon 24th to Wed 26th October

BARTON

Venue: Arnold Middle School, Hexton Road
Dates: Wed 26th to Fri 28th October

BEDFORD

Venue: Newnham Middle School, Polhill Avenue
Dates: Wed 26th to Fri 28th October

BIGGLESWADE

Venue: Edward Peake Middle School, Potton Road
Dates: Mon 24th to Wed 26th October

CADDINGTON

Venue: Caddington F.C., Clifford Crescent
Dates: Thurs 27th to Fri 28th October

DUNSTABLE

Venue: Dunstable Town F.C., Creasley Park
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LUTON & BEDS

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LUTON

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Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road
Dates: Mon 24th to Fri 28th October

SHEFFORD / CLIFTON

Venue: Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road
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LUTON LADIES



The Town Ladies moved into the South East Combination Women's League Cup quarter-final with a 4-0 away win at Tooting & Mitcham United.

Luton made hard work of their opponents in the incredibly hot conditions and it took until the 23rd minute for the Hatters to take the lead when Jodie Whitford-Stark curled in a cross for Jess McKay to sweep home on the volley to make it 1-0.

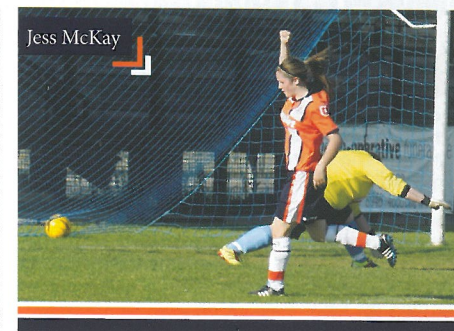
Tooting rarely threatened the Town goal and Laura Day, Randi Reynolds and Whitford-Stark all came close to extending the lead.

However, it was not until the 83rd minute that the Hatters finally put the tie to bed when Clare Howe's pinpoint pass was well held up by Day who set the ball back for McKay to blast home her second high into the far corner of the net.

Day then scored herself racing clear of the defence before rounding the goalkeeper to score the third.

An injury time header from Michelle Byrne completed the scoring and the Town now entertain Brentwood in the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile the Under-13s beat EB Lions 6-2 to remain unbeaten with



goals coming from an Aimee Esser hat-trick, a brace from Chloe Fitzsimmons and one from Phoebe Brown.

The Under-12s made it four wins out of four to lead their table crushing Crawley Green 12-0. Molly McClelland bagged a hat-trick, Taylor Worrell, Charlotte Motto and Chloe Gisborne all scored twice with Chloe Jenkins, Morgan Gilling and Natalie Case completing the scoring.

ON THIS DAY

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

10

The number of home games previously played on this date. Luton have won five, drawn three and lost two. The Hatters have scored 26 goals and conceded 17.

1

The first of these fixtures, and the only one in the FA Cup, came back in 1892 when Luton beat Old St. Marks 4-0 in a first qualifying round tie. The Hatters goals came courtesy of four different scorers, John Julian, William "Roland" Brown, Frank and Harry Whitby.

0

Luton have never failed to score in a home game on this day, but, although they scored against Bristol Rovers in 1904, the visitors took the points as Luton lost 2-1. Davie Ross scored for the Hatters.

3

The third home game on this date was also the first of these fixtures to be played at Kenilworth Road, and in 1910 West Ham United were the visitors for a Southern League match. John Smith scored for Luton, but the visitors took a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

7

The most number of goals scored on this day, and the first time this happened was in 1913 when Luton beat Portsmouth 4-3 in a Southern Alliance fixture. Robert Brewis, Arthur "Jimmy" Durrant, Bob Hawkes and Frank Rollinson were all on target for the Hatters.

2

The next two fixtures on this date both ended in 2-2 draws. In 1932 Newport County were the

opponents for a Division Three (South) fixture, with Fred Kean and Arthur Nelson scoring for Luton. Six years later Bradford Park Avenue were the visitors for a Second Division match, and in front of the highest attendance for a home match this date, of 14,955, Eddie Connelly scored a brace.

5

The most goals conceded came against Notts County in 1966. This was the second game that saw seven goals in total as Luton scored twice, through David Pleat and Tony Thear, in front of the highest Kenilworth Road crowd for a game on this date, 14,955.

1

A solitary goal from John Faulkner was enough for Luton in 1977 as they beat Fulham in a Second Division fixture.

5

The most goals scored by Luton came in 1994 as Middlesbrough were beaten 5-1. An own goal from Paul Wilkinson put the Hatters into the lead, before Dwight Marshall and David Preece made it 3-0 before half-time. Marshall scored his second after the break, before John Hartson made it 5-0. Middlesbrough, who were crowned Champions at the end of the season, scored a late consolation.

4

It's four years since the last game here at Kenilworth Road on this date, and Luton scored four times to beat Northampton 4-1. Darren Currie opened the scoring early in the game before Bradley Johnson equalised. Matthew Spring restored Luton's lead from the penalty spot after the break, and Paul Furlong made it 3-1 soon after the hour. An injury time spot kick, again from Spring, secured a comfortable victory.

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VIEW

STUART HAMMONDS, CHIEF REPORTER, THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

They are the bad luck stories that fascinate the fans and media, but have the managers of the players involved shaking their heads in despair.

I'm talking the type the filtered through to the press box at half-time of the recent Blue Square Bet Premier game between York City and Luton Town.

The Minstermen's doctor had been called to the away dressing room to look at midfielder Alex Lawless' broken hand.

Frustrated by his side being 3-0 down to his old club, and having been shown the yellow card for a late challenge moments earlier, Lawless punched a brick wall and, not surprisingly, lost.

He joined a long list of players who, in my time working on The Non-League Paper, have been left red-faced by the bizarre ways in which they've picked up injuries.

Take my old Ware team-mate Luke Woods, for example. As a Malta Under-21 goalkeeper you'd think he'd do all he could to protect the tools of his trade.

"No 'arm in helping out my pal," thought Luke as he went on a plumbing job in early 2008 with our winger Scott Neilson, now in League 2 with Crawley.

He certainly wasn't saying that a few hours later when, after helping push Scott's broken-down van, the engine clicked into gear and Luke hopped onto the ladder at the rear of the vehicle. As it gathered pace to 30mph, he jumped off – and broke his arm as he fell!

When I was at Hitchin, midfielder Aaran Cavill missed a game because the tattoo he'd had inked on his shoulder in midweek was still too sore!

Full-back Asa Charlton missed the start of AFC Telford's 2008/09 campaign with a broken toe, sustained by dropping a beer barrel on his foot.

Worst thing was, Charlton – now with Leamington – wasn't even drunk. He was doing his day job delivering ale to pubs around the West Midlands!

Former Newport County goalkeeper Tony Pennock was always quick to get down low to keep out shots, but he had no answer when he tripped over a tree walking backwards while mowing his lawn. He could only watch as the blade sliced through his shoe and four toes!

Then there was Swindon Supermarine's former Tamworth midfielder Dave Bampton, who had to pull out of an England C squad after a set of weights rolled off his bed and landed on his foot.

Mind you, at least he didn't injure himself working out playing a boxing game on the Nintendo Wii with his kid cousin, like then-Guiseley striker James Hanson, now with Bradford City.

And what about Truro City manager Lee Hodges, who was playing for Barnet when he wrenched his groin slipping on a bar of soap in the shower?

Or former Stalybridge Celtic keeper Mark Statham, who missed a game in 1999 after trapping his head in his car door!

When it comes to embarrassing injuries, luckless Lawless wasn't the first – and he certainly won't be the last.

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LUTON TOWN v WREXHAM

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



LUTON TOWN v TBC

FA CUP FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2011

The draw for this round of the FA Cup will take place on Monday. See lutontown.co.uk and Tuesday's match programme for further details.



LUTON TOWN v FLEETWOOD TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

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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'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*	Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Lee*, O'Connor**	M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye***, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10 Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow	Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	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. H. 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*, 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	5-1	5,613	115	6 Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith 1	Crow*, Kissock**, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	3,332	931	5 Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith	Fleetwood*, Crow**, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United	2-2	1,651	tbc	5 Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith 1**	Fleetwood*, Watkins**, Antwi, Kissock, K. Pilkington
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	Ebbsfleet United					
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead					
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town					
Sat 31	15:00	H	York City					
April								
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town					
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United					
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town					
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers					
Sat 28	15:00	A	Fleetwood Town					

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	15	10	2	3	28	14	14	32
2 Gateshead	15	9	3	3	26	19	7	30
3 Fleetwood Town	15	8	4	3	26	21	5	28
4 York City	15	8	3	4	31	16	15	27
5 LUTON TOWN	15	7	6	2	28	16	12	27
6 Mansfield Town	14	7	5	2	24	15	9	26
7 Cambridge United	15	7	5	3	20	14	6	26
8 Braintree Town	15	8	1	6	20	7	7	25
9 Kidderminster Harriers	15	7	4	4	26	21	5	25
10 Southport	15	7	4	4	22	23	-1	25
11 Tamworth	14	6	4	4	18	14	4	22
12 Grimsby Town	15	6	2	7	22	24	-2	20
13 Barrow	15	6	2	7	25	28	-3	20
14 Darlington	15	5	4	6	16	21	-5	19
15 AFC Telford United	15	4	6	5	19	21	-2	18
16 Forest Green Rovers	15	3	8	4	19	16	3	17
17 Hayes & Yeading	15	4	4	7	20	26	-6	16
18 Stockport County	15	2	9	4	19	21	-2	15
19 Lincoln City	15	4	3	8	14	21	-7	15
20 Kettering Town	15	4	3	8	17	27	-10	15
21 Ebbsfleet United	15	2	6	7	18	23	-5	12
22 Newport County	15	2	5	8	17	26	-9	11
23 Alfreton Town	15	2	4	9	14	33	-19	10
24 Bath City	15	1	3	11	10	26	-16	6



Adam Watkins celebrates his goal against Barrow

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON				CUP				TOTAL				CAREER			
	LEAGUE	GLS	APPS	PTS	LEAGUE	GLS	APPS	PTS	GLS	APPS	GLS	PTS	DISCIP	GLS	APPS	GLS
Will ANTWI	12	0	2	0	(0)	0	12	0	2	0	0	12	2			
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	0	1	75	1			
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	0	0	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	0	0	81	23			
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	0	(0)	0	8	0	1	0	1	1	8	1		
Shane BLACKETT	2	0	0	0	(0)	0	2	0	0	0	0	41	1			
Paul CARDEN	1	0	0	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2			
Danny CROW	9	(4)	3	0	(0)	0	9	(4)	3	1	0	48	11			
James DANCE	12	(3)	2	0	(0)	0	12	(3)	2	1	0	15	2			
Stuart FLEETWOOD	6	(3)	2	0	(0)	0	6	(3)	2	2	0	9	2			
Dan GLEESON	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	43	0			
Jamie HAND	8	0	0	0	(0)	0	8	0	0	1	0	8	0			
Jake HOWELLS	12	0	1	0	(0)	0	12	0	1	0	0	143	10			
Keith KEANE	11	0	0	0	(0)	0	11	0	0	5	0	254	6			
John-Paul KISSOCK	3	(5)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(5)	0	0	0	8	0			
Janos KOVACS	6	0	0	0	(0)	0	6	0	0	0	0	23	1			
Alex LAWLESS	10	0	1	0	(0)	0	10	0	1	5	0	39	6			
Amari MORGAN-SMITH	12	(1)	8	0	(0)	0	12	(1)	8	5	0	40	16			
Freddie MURRAY	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1			
Aaron O'CONNOR	6	(7)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(7)	0	0	0	79	0			
Curtis OSANO	9	0	0	0	(0)	0	9	0	0	2	0	9	0			
George PILKINGTON	2	0	0	0	(0)	0	2	0	0	0	0	133	10			
Kevin PILKINGTON	1	0	0	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	0			
Godfrey POKU	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0			
Collins SAMUEL	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0			
Mark TYLER	14	0	0	0	(0)	0	14	0	0	0	0	108	0			
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	20	1			
Adam WATKINS	4	(7)	2	0	(0)	0	4	(7)	2	1	0	17	4			
Robbie WILLMOTT	12	(2)	6	0	(0)	0	12	(2)	6	0	0	32	12			

LAST WORD

WITH GRAHAM MILLER

It was a grey April afternoon. And the Hawthorns was a dingy stadium in 1974. But for a young reporter it staged a Luton game that day which lives alongside any of the Wembley highlights.

The score may appear insignificant. It finished West Bromwich Albion 1, the Town 1. But Barry Butlin's second half equaliser secured promotion back to Division 1. And as fans of the time will tell you it ended 15 years of hurt that started with FA Cup Final defeat to Forest.

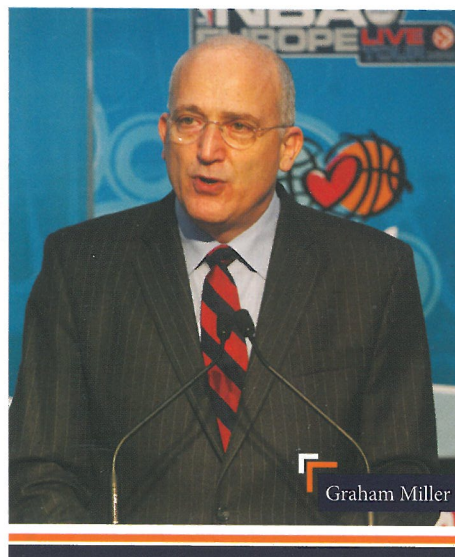
So just six seasons after storming Division 4 the Hatters were back in the top flight. And it was my role to interview Luton manager Harry Haslam. None of my BBC bosses at the time knew I was a Luton fan. It meant my delight had to remain a secret.

I blagged my way into the away dressing room with my tape recorder. It was always the 'Holy of Holies' but I got in and spied the original happy Harry sitting on a bench in a cloud of smoke. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and a cigarette in his hand.

"How does it feel to be a first division team next season?" I asked him thrusting my microphone as close as I could to get good sound. Harry roared with laughter and beamed the widest smile possible. "How does it feel?" he thought for a second or two. "It feels great son," he replied. "It means we're unbeaten at the moment!" And with that he stood up, chuckled some more, and jogged away towards his players.

The interview was over. Professionally I was happy. I had my soundbite. Inwardly I was on cloud nine.

It took me years to come out as a Luton fan! As a reporter who covered football my approach was always to keep my loyalties to myself. I knew it was working when my sports reports on ITV for example would generate mail in equal numbers from both sets of fans accusing me of bias. Nowadays the fashion is for reporters to declare their allegiance to one team or another. But as we all know it's never easy being a Luton supporter.



My dad took me to my first match here in the early 1960's. We lost to Southampton. But despite the upset, or maybe because of it, I was hooked.

I was at school with club historian Roger Wash. And rightly or wrongly we always claim that our school year started the Oak Road 'choir' that sang the team back up the leagues leading to that marvellous Championship run of 1967/8.

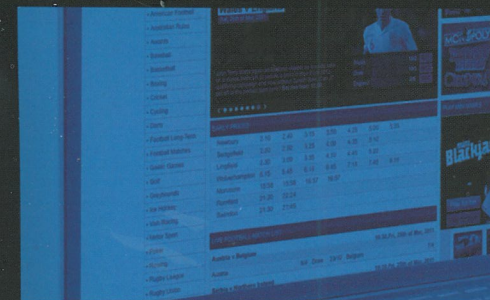
We shared the Oak Road with away supporters in those days. I remember the concrete steps moving underfoot as we bounced up and down in celebration of a vital victory over Southend whose supporters were stood at the back. I hope no-one from health and safety reads this!

We even adopted one song from Corby Town fans after a dismal FA Cup draw there. That was back in 1965 but I still pick up the altered version of Jim Reeve's hit "I hear the sound of distant drums" rolling down from the stands to this day.

Our choir even sang out "Rioch for England" as Bruce blasted in yet another thunderbolt of a goal in that Championship winning season. No-one listened to us and of course Bruce went on to captain Scotland in the World Cup!

I've been privileged throughout my career to have interviewed many of the biggest names in sport. And reported on World Cup finals and Champions League finals from some of the most famous football grounds in the game. But as we all know there's really no place like home. And for all its quirks and foibles for me that will always be here at the top of Kenilworth Road.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN 5:1 GATESHEAD

Mark Tyler	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freddie Murray	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Keane	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Beckwith	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Collin Samuel	23	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Hand	27	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adam Watkins	28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Pilkington	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Janos Kovacs	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Whitton
 Assistant: C. Francis
 Assistant: T. Goddard
 Fourth official: M. Tweed

UP NEXT

v WREXHAM

Tuesday 18th October 2011, 7.45pm
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