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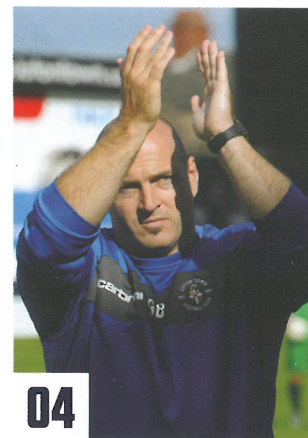
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# BRABS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's game with Wrexham.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Bedfordshire to Andy Morrell and his team, the directors and staff and supporters of the Red Dragons.

This evening promises to be a fantastic spectacle against two sides who, of course, know each other well having met in two big games at the end of last season in the Play-Offs.

A lot has changed since last May. Wrexham no longer have Dean Saunders at the helm and they have overcome a close season of off-the-field problems.

Dean had done a terrific job under difficult circumstances, both this season and last season, and deserves a chance at managing at a higher level.

Their start to this season has been excellent and Andy has taken over the reins and continued their success, as the league table and recent results show.

A 4-0 win over Stockport County on Saturday shows the confidence that is currently running through our visitors' veins and you only have look at their result over Gateshead and Fleetwood in previous weeks to see that they are capable of beating the top sides as well.

After our 3-0 win at the Racecourse in last season's first leg in the Play-Offs they showed character and determination to give is a real fright in the first half of the second leg.

Of course that has been and gone and tonight we focus our attention on an important league game with three points at stake.

Games like these are wonderful occasions, especially under the Kenilworth Road floodlights. There is a really special atmosphere created on nights such as these and hopefully we can make it one of those nights to remember.

It won't be easy, that's for sure but we go into the game on high following Saturday's superb victory over Gateshead.

I know a lot of you were disappointed after the draw with Ebbsfleet and believe me you weren't alone. Myself, the coaching staff and the players

were gutted to leave with just one point that night.

Hopefully Saturday's victory went some way into restoring the faith you might have lost. There is no way I will ever lose faith in my coaching staff or players because I know what they are capable of – and that showed against Gateshead.

That was the kind of result I know we can pull off each week. Gateshead have proven that they are a side which can challenge for promotion and that was evident on Saturday.

Our performance, however, was one to cherish. To score five goals against one of your promotion rivals is fantastic and does wonders for confidence.

In pre-season I talked of substitutes making an impact and again Saturday's performance of our substitutes was another extremely pleasing aspect.

Aaron O'Connor's performances in recent weeks have been brilliant and I was delighted for him to get off the mark. He's worked hard and refused to get down-hearted and it was a great moment for him and the team when he scored.

Jamie Hand was disappointed not to be involved from the start because he's been a vital addition to the squad and done a very important job in the middle of midfield really well. Dropped to the bench he's come on and scored two brilliant goals.

These kinds of performances from my players give me the headaches I want so badly. We still have a number of players unavailable which bodes really well for the rest of the season.

For now, and for tonight, we must kick-on and use the set-back at Ebbsfleet and the success on Saturday as lessons for the future that can make us stronger.

Enjoy the game and thank you for your support.



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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH MIKE HERRICK

Well, it's yet another new face to welcome you all here to Kenilworth Road today. New to the boardroom, that is, though not to the club.

I made my first appearance here in 1957 when Stanley Matthews and Blackpool were the visitors. I'd like to say I actually saw him play, but as a nine-year old halfway up the packed Kenilworth Road terraces I only saw the ball a few times when it was kicked high in the air. (It's a shame we weren't playing Watford - I'd have seen a lot more of the game!)

Like so many others, it was the atmosphere that hooked me. Since then, I've moved round the ground in an anti-clockwise direction - starting in the Kenilworth Road, and now ending up, amazingly, in the Directors' Box. During this journey I had a spell in the Oak Road choir until my voice broke and I was given a free transfer to the enclosure.

I moved up to the North West 10 years ago and found it more difficult to attend games. It was the unbelievable injustice of that minus 30 season, however, that pulled me back. I bought a season ticket, not expecting to use it much, but just to show my support.

Coming to the first game that season though, I soon found myself being drawn back into the fold and have gradually become more and more deeply involved. It was an away game against Chester that year where I helped sponsor the team to stay at a hotel close to where I live. Spending time with the players and the staff was the stuff of dreams. I staggered home from there at 3am (don't worry - players were in bed long before) and insisted on telling my



wife what a great time I'd had. She was not impressed, apparently.

I'll admit that perhaps my timing was not great, but my next suggestion - "I want to invest in Luton Town" - was met with something less than total enthusiasm. Sometimes I feel I don't have the necessary skills to understand women. She's a Scouser, you see, but this has proved very useful - just the once - as she's able to translate Brabs' post-match comments for me perfectly. Not only that, she even understood John Paul Kissock's interview on Hatters Player.

I'm getting ahead of myself now, though, as I should really be extending a warm welcome to the supporters, players and management of Wrexham - which I'm delighted to do. Living only 10 miles from the Racecourse ground I've followed their fortunes with a close eye.

It's testimony to the faith and perseverance of the Wrexham Supporters' Trust - a true fans consortium - that they have now taken over the club and set them on course for a more hopeful future. On the field since Dean Saunders' departure Andy Morrell has taken up the baton superbly, combining both playing and managing - never an easy combination - and they visit us tonight in fine form for what I'm sure will be another closely contested encounter.

A few years ago, I rather cheekily travelled down to Luton on the Wrexham supporters' club coach. We won 5-1 that day and I was the only one singing on the return journey! What really impressed me, though, was the unwavering support of the Wrexham fans that day.

They were doing the conga up and down the Oak Road stand and they celebrated their consolation goal as if they'd just won the Play-Off final. I must be slowly recovering as that's the first time I've been able to bring myself to mention that day last May. Ever since that coach journey, though, I've had renewed respect for Wrexham. I'd even be pleased to see them promoted with us at the end of the season - so I'd still have a nearby 'away' game.

Saturday's game produced a great result against a very good Gateshead side. I'm sure they're still scratching their heads to understand how their performance led to a 5-1 defeat. All credit to our side for reacting so positively after the disappointment of a week ago.

Since joining the board I've been amazed at the tireless work done by so many people who are committed to helping us restore our fortunes.

It's a team effort off the pitch as well as on it and I count it a privilege to be involved in a small way. I know that we will rise back through the leagues soon as long as we keep realising that we all have a part to play. The heart of a club really is only as strong as its supporters. Gary Sweet aired his feelings at length in last Saturday's programme notes, and these are shared, I'm sure, by all right-minded Hatters fans. As we've found out, it's not easy - but then most things in life worth achieving rarely are.

Let's enjoy the game and keep supporting through thick and thicker - as we should all be used to by now.

Bring me sunshine.

Mike



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Runners-up 1989

### F.A. Cup:

Runners-up 1959  
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### Johnstone's Paint Trophy:

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### Simod Cup: Runners-up 1988

### Football League Division Two:

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

### Football League Division Three (South):

Winners 1936/37  
Runners-up 1935/36

### Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

### League One: Champions 2004/05

### Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

### Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

### Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

### Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

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# PILKS

Well, what an excellent and thoroughly deserved three points on Saturday.

For us to bounce back after the disappointment of Tuesday's draw at Ebbsfleet and to score five goals against one of our promotion rivals is absolutely fantastic.

All over the pitch there were superb performances, from Mark Tyler in goal and Jake Howells to the great contributions made from the substitutes' bench from Aaron O'Connor, Jamie Hand and John Paul Kissock.

The displays of those three substitutes alone just goes to show what a great squad we have and the difficult task the manager is going to have when we have a fully-fit squad to pick from as the season progresses. I certainly don't envy him.

Saturday was a strange game in some ways. The first 20 minutes or so in each half were very low key. Both sides feeling each other out, not giving too much away.

It's not often you see the referee give free-kicks for back-passes these days and it was great that we capitalised on situations to take the lead. Even more importantly we got a goal just before half-time to double the lead.

Whenever we concede a goal I'm always frustrated because we want to keep clean sheets. We allowed them to sneak a goal back when the score was 3-0 but in truth our second half dominance meant that we weren't overly disappointed.

So much so that two minutes later we put the result beyond doubt when Jamie scored the first of his two excellent goals to kill off Gateshead's threat.

The dressing room was a great place to be afterwards but the manager was keen to tell us not to get too carried away with the result because there's still a huge chunk of the season left to play. The win showed exactly what we can do to any side in this league and it sends out a massive message to the rest of the division that we fear no-one.

Turning attentions to tonight we welcome the league leaders - what a game to follow Saturday! You can't ask for much more than going into a match with the division's top team off the back of a 5-1 win.

As a player I absolutely love playing in games like these at Kenilworth Road. Big games under the floodlights are great occasions, one that I and the rest of the lads relish.

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Wrexham are flying at the minute - they've already beaten Gateshead and Fleetwood this season - and won handsomely at the weekend. To say tonight is going to be tough is an understatement.

The division this year is shaping up to be one of the tightest, most exciting campaigns since we've been in it with a number of teams challenging for the sole promotion spot and a dozen or so teams chasing a place in the Play-Offs.

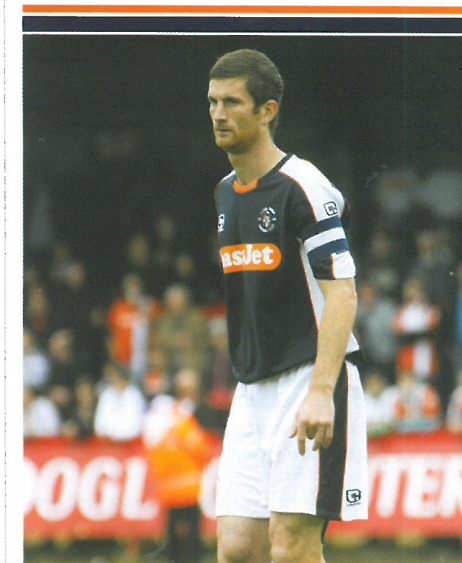
We know that we have the quality in our squad - as highlighted on Saturday - to be successful this season.

Games like tonight are a real test and if we can come through it having won an important three points who knows what we can achieve.

As the manager has said to us, titles are not won or lost in October but by winning games such as these we can go a long way to realising our ambitions.

I know your support will be fantastic, as always tonight, but please raise the decibel level a little higher tonight because it will make a difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to George Pilkington.





# AROUND TOWN



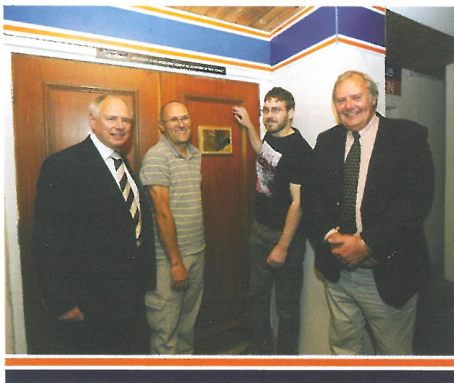
## PEARCEY'S PLAQUE

Everyone at the club was stunned following the death of BBC Three Counties Radio's Ian Pearce last March.

Pearcey was a Hatter at heart and the response to his passing was met with real emotion from all Town supporters.

So much so that the messageboard Luton Outlaws raised a magnificent total of £724.33 in donations that will be split between Marie Curie and St Luke's Parish Church in Leagrave.

The club welcomed Ian's son and brother to our home game with Barrow as the unveiling of a plaque which has been erected outside the press room underneath the main stand. Here they are pictured with chairman Nick Owen and director David Wilkinson before the game.



## REST IN PEACE

Former Town player Andy Burgess contacted the club over the weekend with some sad news that his grandmother and avid supporter Sonia Hopkins passed away on Saturday.

Sonia was born on Kenilworth Road and was a long time season ticket holder, even had a season ticket this season, but couldn't make a

game due to her illness.

Her last game was the Corby friendly in pre season. Her husband John, who had a season ticket next to her in the Main Stand was at the game on Saturday against Gateshead when he was called back to the Luton & Dunstable Hospital due to her passing, as was her Grandson James who sits in the Main Enclosure.

Sonia was at Wembley for the FA Cup Final in 1959, the World Cup final in 1966 and attended all of Luton's Wembley visits in the 80's and 90's.



In this picture, Sonia prepares for the visit to Wembley for the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea in 1994.

## GATESHEAD GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble against Gateshead went home even happier after the 5-1 win after picking up £595.

Gary Davidson walked away with the prize after his ticket number 11123 was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Look out for our next draw of the season when we entertain Fleetwood Town on Saturday 5th November.

## RESERVE SWITCH

Supporters should note the Town's home reserve game with Stevenage has been brought forward.

The totesport.com Combination clash was due to take place on Tuesday 17th January but will now take place at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 8th November, kick-off 2pm.

## SOLYD RACE NIGHT

Join Supporters of Luton Youth Development on 28th October in the Eric Morecambe Lounge for their second race night for a fun evening of horse racing with the chance to win cash prizes.

Eight races will be shown during the evening giving everyone the chance to back a winner. Tote tickets to bet on the races will be priced at just £1.

If you've always wanted to join the ranks of the Aga Khan and Alex Ferguson then why not be a race horse owner for the evening? For only £10 you'll have access to the Owners' Enclosure and the chance to scoop the owner's prize money. Simply email [racenight@solyd.co.uk](mailto:racenight@solyd.co.uk) with your chosen horse name and once confirmed back to you, use the PayPal link on the SoLYD website to pay for your horse. Please ensure you add your own name when paying. Your horse will be listed on the race card for the evening.

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Tickets for the evening are £5 and include snacks and a race card. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Email [racenight@solyd.co.uk](mailto:racenight@solyd.co.uk) to reserve your entry ticket and receive details on how to pay or simply turn up on the night and pay at the door.

You can also go to the SoLYD website - [www.solyd.co.uk](http://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.

## JAKE'S INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE

Town midfielder Jake Howells picked up two caps for the Wales Under-21s last week. The 20-year-old played the full 90 in both matches as the Welsh beat Montenegro 1-0 last Saturday and lost by the same score to the Czech Republic last Tuesday.

## AMARI'S AWARD

Amari Morgan-Smith's fine form in August saw him awarded the Player of the Month as chosen by our diamond season ticket holders.



Here the Town's top goalscorer is presented with his shield after Saturday's game with Gateshead.

## HOME DRAW IN FA CUP

The Hatters have been handed a home tie in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup to Ryman League side Hendon.

The tie will take place at Kenilworth Road on Saturday 29th October, kick-off 3pm.

The Greens, who currently lie fourth in the Ryman Premier Division, have beaten AFC Hayes, Oxhey Jets and Maldon & Tiptree to progress to this stage.



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# WELCOME WREXHAM



Tonight we welcome league leaders Wrexham to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be a fantastic 90 minutes of football under the famous floodlights here in LU4.

The Red Dragons currently lie four points clear at the top of the Blue Square Bet Premier following Saturday's 4-0 thumping of Stockport County.

The Hatters are five points behind Andy Morrell's side going in to tonight's clash with the prospect that a win tonight and three points at Grimsby could – could – put them top of the league come Friday evening.

That of course depends on the Town winning this evening which will be no easy task given the form of Morrell's side in recent weeks.

The Welsh club have won their last four matches in the Blue Square Bet Premier including victories over Gateshead, Ebbsfleet, Hayes & Yeading and Stockport.

While their form at the Racecourse Ground has been good it's been on their travels that tonight's visitors have excelled, winning six and drawing one of their eight away fixtures.

Their last three away games have all been won, with their one and only defeat away from the

Racecourse coming in a 3-1 defeat at Barrow on 10th September.

The Hatters will need to be wary of the Red Dragons' strike-force which has netted 12 goals this season. Caretaker-player boss Morrell has netted five times whilst Jake Speight has weighed in with seven goals.

Morrell has guided Wrexham to the top of the league following the shock departure of Dean Saunders to Championship side Doncaster at the end of September and the rookie boss has done his chances of landing the role on a full-time basis no harm with a string of impressive results.

The last time the Welsh side visited Kenilworth Road the Town celebrated winning through to last season's Play-Off final with goals from Zdenek Kroca and Jason Walker and a penalty save from Mark Tyler sealing a 2-1 win and 5-1 aggregate triumph.

The last time the Red Dragons celebrated victory at Kenilworth Road was a 4-3 win in October 2000 in an incredible game in which the Hatters led 3-0 only to contrive to capitulate in the second half.

In a game that sees the best home form take on the best away form in the division, expect another helter-skelter 90 minutes tonight.

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# THE VISITORS

## □ HISTORY

Wrexham Football Club was formed in September 1872 when members of the local cricket club met at the Turf Hotel with 'the purpose of starting a football club for the ensuing season.'

Apart from two seasons in the Welsh League, they have always played their league football over the border in England and they were elected into the newly formed Football League Third Division (North) in 1921.

In 1966 Wrexham hit rock bottom finishing 92nd and so had to apply for re-election. This was to prove a turning point. Promotion from the Fourth Division followed in 1970, with the club then constantly near the top of the Third in the race for another step up.

Promotion to Division Two was missed on the last day of 1976/77, but the following season Wrexham bounced back in style. Following four seasons in the Second Division relegation in 1983 heralded a low period for the club, as they then slipped into Division Four 12 months later and struggled for another five years.

Promotion under Dixie McNeil was snatched from their grasp just seven minutes from the end of the Play-Off Final with Orient in 1989. McNeil left six months later and Brian Flynn took over, starting a 12-year reign at the Racecourse, which made him the longest serving of any manager in the club's history.

After a close shave with demotion to the Conference in 1990, famously struck back to beat league champions Arsenal in the FA Cup in January 1992. This was the spark that pointed the club towards promotion in 1993.

Flynn's departure in 2001 paved the way for Denis Smith to take the helm and relegation in 2002 was followed by promotion just 12 months later.

The club became the first Football League side to collect what is now a mandatory 10-point deduction for entering administration but won the LDV Vans Trophy in 2005.

A poor start to last season saw Carey step aside to allow the experienced Brian Little to take charge but he was unable to halt the team's slide and Wrexham finished bottom of the table.

In October 2008, Little parted company with the Dragons with assistant-manager Dean Saunders stepping into the hot seat but Wrexham's first campaign in non-league football for 87 years end in a disappointing 10th place before another mid-table finish.

Last season Saunders' side excelled – finishing fourth in the Blue Square Bet Premier. However, they came up against the Town in the Play-Offs and it was Gary Brabin's side that reached the final after a 5-1 aggregate victory.

## □ MEET THE MANAGER

### ANDY MORRELL

Current caretaker manager who took charge following Dean Saunders' departure to Doncaster Rovers in September.

A striker, Morrell was the Football League's top goalscorer in 2003, when previously at the Racecourse, and as a result moved onto play for Championship club Coventry City. He has also enjoyed spells with both Blackpool and Bury, before returning to Wrexham in the summer of 2010.

Andy scored goals for fun with Newcastle Blue Star, while at University in the city, and then impressed during a trial period at Wrexham to be offered his first professional contract in 1998 at the age of 24.

# IN OPPOSITION



Caretaker Wrexham boss Andy Morrell continues to enhance his chances of getting the manager's job on a permanent basis.

The striker, who scored in the Red Dragons' 4-0 win over Stockport County on Saturday, has hinted that he'd like to continue his position at the helm.

"I haven't spoken to anybody since last weekend, I would have thought we will have a chat later this week with the people that decide, we'll see what the situation is and hopefully sort something out.

"I am happy to extend it if that is the way they want to go, just to keep the momentum and the ball rolling.

"If they want to go a different way then fine, they just need to make the decision and we are all happy with it.

"We will stick together as a group and we will aim to keep winning football matches."

Morrell, who brings his side to Kenilworth Road four points clear at the top of the Blue Square Bet Premier, knows that Saunders' successor will have to be named soon.

"There has to be a point where it is decided on a full-time basis, whether it is me or whoever," he said.

"But that is for the people who make the decisions to make their minds up. When that decision is made we just crack on."

Wins like the one at the weekend over the 'other' Hatters does wonders for confidence and it's something that the caretaker boss is reveling in at the moment.

"It is alright but when you are winning,"

said Morrell. "There is not a lot wrong with this football club and if we have that stability off the pitch, hopefully we can go forward as a whole, as a football club and stay in the top four or five – top one even – to really progress and move the club forward to where everybody wants to be.

"I am happy enough at the minute. The lads are happy, they seem content and they have been fantastic with me.

"I can't moan one bit. As long as that continues then I am happy where I am.

"The matches come thick and fast in this division and you can soon drop out of that top three or four in the space of a week."



Andy Morrell



# IN TOWN

## GOALKEEPER

### JOSLAIN MAYEBI

Joined the Dragons in late December 2010 after a trial period and the departure of Scott Shearer to Crawley Town. Born in the Cameroon, he has also played for the likes of FC Metz, AEK Larnaca, Hakoah Ramat Gan and Maccabi Ahi Nazareth, while owning a French passport. Joslain has been selected for the Cameroon national team at the 2008 Summer Olympics and was also called into their squad for a 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Togo in March 2009.

## DEFENDERS

### NEIL ASHTON

A left back who has totted up some 200 senior appearances while with Tranmere, Shrewsbury, Macclesfield and Chester City. The 25-year-old began training with Wrexham in January 2010, as Chester's demise left him without a club. He played in several reserve team games and signed a one-year contract in the summer of 2010.

### CURTIS OBENG

A product of Manchester City's youth system, Obeng is a highly rated right-sided defender who joined Wrexham on a two-year contract in August 2009. Still only 22, he had a brief trial spell with Celtic before spending part of the 2009 pre-season with Wigan Athletic. Born in Stretford, the England U19 and 'C' international joined City as a ten-year old, despite being a confirmed United fan. Handed his Wrexham debut at Crawley in 2009, he quickly became an established member of the first-team squad.

### MARK CREIGHTON

Towering centre half who started his career as a youngster with Kidderminster Harriers before playing with a number of local sides in the Birmingham area. It was from Redditch United that the Harriers picked him up again and he became a regular in their line-up for several seasons. A move to Oxford United followed in 2009 and he was part of the team that returned the U's to the Football League in the summer of 2010. Mark played a number of times for United in 2010/11, but joined Wrexham on loan in November. That deal was turned permanent in early January 2011, as he signed an 18-month contract after performing so impressively at the heart of the Dragons' defence.



Curtis Obeng

### JOHNNY HUNT

Usually playing at left back, this young Scouser has progressed through the ranks at the Racecourse and is captain of the Reserves, leading them to the Central League title in 2010. He has featured in the first team, but after signing a new contract in 2011, will be looking to pick up more playing time during the next nine months.

## MIDFIELDERS

### DEAN KEATES

A vastly experienced midfielder, who has won promotion six times with three different clubs. Beginning his career with his hometown club Walsall, Keates made his professional debut as a substitute in October 1996, playing 150 times before later settling in with Hull City, Kidderminster, Lincoln City, Walsall (again), Peterborough and finally Wycombe. His career to date has seen him make over 500 senior appearances and score over 50 goals. Leaving the Chairboys in the summer of 2010, he accepted an offer from Wrexham to switch to the Racecourse.

### NATHANIEL KNIGHT-PERCIVAL

Picked up from Conference rivals Histon, after his contract expired in May 2010. Nathaniel was a key member of the Stutes squad, having made his way through the youth ranks at the club and played as a virtual ever present since they joined the BSP in 2007, but was a first team regular with them since 2005. His performances were also recognised by Paul Fairclough, the England non-league team manager, who awarded Nat with his first England C call up.

# WREXHAM

### ADRIAN CIESLEWICZ

A Polish U19 international, Adrian spent nearly three years at Manchester City before his release in 2009. Primarily a right-sided midfielder with lightning pace, he can also operate as a second striker and has a good goalscoring record with the Blues' reserve side. Although Polish by birth, Adrian grew up in the Faroe Islands, where his father was a professional footballer. He made his first start for the Dragons in the 2009/10 season opener with Eastbourne, winning a vital penalty to help secure the points.

### JAMIE TOLLEY

Tolley began his career as a trainee with Shrewsbury Town, and made his debut for the club on 20 November 1999. Aged just 16 years and 193 days, he became the youngest player in Shrews history. By the end of 2005/06 Jamie had allowed his contract to expire. After failing to receive the interest he had hoped for, he eventually joined Macclesfield, a week into the 2006/07 season. He made his Macclesfield debut in their 2-1 defeat at home to Milton Keynes Dons on August 12, 2006, having signed for the club two days earlier. At the end of the 2007/08 season, Tolley rejected the offer of a new contract with the Silkmen, trialled with Luton Town, but returned to Macclesfield later that summer. However, further injuries and ineffective performances in the period resulted in him being released by manager Keith Alexander at the end of 2008/09. At the start of the 2009/10 season, Tolley signed a year's contract at Second Division Hereford United, however, a disappointing spell



Jamie Tolley

saw him make only 10 appearances and ended with his contract termination by mutual consent in March 2010. In July 2010, Jamie joined Wrexham on trial, featuring in several pre-season friendlies before signing a short-term deal with the club, in an attempt to prove his match fitness to manager Dean Saunders. He signed a new contract in 2011.

### GLEN LITTLE

The Wimbledon-born player started out with Crystal Palace and made his debut on loan at Derry City in November 1994. While back in Ulster at Irish Premier League club Glentoran, Little gained cult hero status. One of the top footballers to play in the League in the 1990s, he scored a memorable goal to win the 1996 Irish Cup for the Glens. He moved from Glentoran to Burnley in November 1996 for a £100,000 fee and went on to become a fixture on their right-wing, linking up especially well with full-back Dean West. Later he has also appeared in the Premier League for Bolton Wanderers, Reading and Portsmouth, before joining Sheffield United in 2009. In July 2010, Little signed for Aldershot Town on a one-year deal, but was released by new manager Dean Holdsworth in January 2011. He ended the season training at Colliers Park and also played a handful of games for the reserves. Invited back again in the summer, Glen once again showed his abilities as a player and signed a contract.

## STRIKERS

### JAKE SPEIGHT

Starting his career working through the Sheffield United youth team, in 2005 he signed with Scarborough, and later Bury. He dropped down to Conference football between 2007 and 2010, playing for Northwich Victoria, Farsley Celtic, Droylsden, and Mansfield Town. In 2010 he was signed by Bradford City, but was sent out on loan to Port Vale, before signing permanently for Wrexham in 2011. An undisclosed fee securing his services with a year still remaining on his deal at Valley Parade. It was his 17 goals in 33 games for Mansfield in 2009/10 that persuaded Dean Saunders to bring the striker to the Racecourse.

### MATHIAS POGBA

Joined the club from a lower league side in France, after serving his time with Celta Vigo in Spain. A 20-year-old bustling centre forward, who has made his mark in the reserves and is now looking to do the same in the first team. Scored his first senior goal when wrapping up a 2-0 win over Bath City in January 2011.





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## CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

**1977/78**

New player-manager Arfon Griffiths guided Wrexham to the Third Division title in 1977/78. Replacing John Neal in charge, he signed Dixie McNeil to replace Bill Ashcroft and also recruited Les Cartwright and Dai Davies. Wrexham won only one of their opening seven League games but soared to the top of the table with a 13-match unbeaten run, also reaching the League Cup quarter-finals before losing 3-1 to Liverpool and FA Cup quarter-finals before losing 3-2 to Arsenal. Graham Whittle, Bobby Shinton and Dixie McNeil starred as Wrexham clinched promotion with a 7-1 victory over Rotherham and also won the Welsh Cup.

## MANAGING TO SUCCEED

**ARFON GRIFFITHS**

Welsh international midfielder Arfon Griffiths managed Wrexham to the Third Division title in 1977/78. Signing professional at the Racecourse Ground in May 1959, he featured in Wrexham's 1960 Welsh Cup final triumph and moved to Arsenal in February 1961. He rejoined Wrexham in September 1962 and was a key figure in their 1962/63 and 1969/70 promotion campaigns. Also starring in successive Cup runs, he became player-boss in May 1977 and guided Wrexham to the FA Cup sixth round in 1977/78. He netted 120 goals in a record 592 League games before resigning in June 1981, then managed Crewe Alexandra.

## FAB FOUR

**BARRY HORNE**

Influential midfielder Barry Horne was capped 59 times by Wales after leaving Wrexham. A latecomer to professional football, he played for Rhyl while completing chemistry and engineering degrees at Liverpool University and joined Wrexham in June 1984. He was twice ever-present and starred in the 1986 Welsh Cup final triumph, netting 16 goals in 136 League games before moving to Portsmouth in July 1987. Sold to Southampton for £700,000 in March 1989, he joined Everton in July 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995. He later played for



Birmingham, Huddersfield, Sheffield Wednesday, Kidderminster and Walsall.

**JOEY JONES**

Welsh international full-back Joey Jones gained a club record 29 caps during three spells at the Racecourse Ground. Signing professional for Wrexham in January 1973, he starred in the 1973/74 FA Cup run and 1975 Welsh Cup final success. He moved to Liverpool for £110,000 in July 1975 and featured in their 1976/77 League Championship and European Cup 'double', rejoining Wrexham for £210,000 in October 1978. Reunited with John Neal at Chelsea in October 1982, he moved via Huddersfield Town back to Wrexham in August 1987 and netted 19 goals in 375 League games before joining their coaching staff.

**IAN RUSH**

Legendary Welsh international striker Ian Rush played for Wrexham during the 1998/99 season. A former Chester apprentice, he turned professional in September 1979 and was sold to Liverpool for £300,000 in April 1980. He was leading marksman in successive seasons and amassed a vast collection of honours, moving to Juventus for £3,200,000 in June 1987. Returning to Anfield a year later, he joined Leeds United in May 1996 and had a spell with Newcastle United before joining Wrexham in August 1998. He made 17 League appearances while at the Racecourse Ground, since holding various coaching and managerial posts.

**MICKY THOMAS**

Welsh international midfielder Mickey Thomas was capped 11 times while at the Racecourse Ground. Signing professional for Wrexham in April 1972, he starred in successive Cup runs and was an important figure in the 1977/78 Third Division title triumph. He moved to Manchester United for £300,000 in November 1978 and featured in the 1979 FA Cup final, joining Everton in August 1991. Following spells at Brighton, Stoke, Chelsea, West Brom, Shrewsbury, Leeds and Stoke again, he rejoined Wrexham in July 1991 and scored in the 1991-92 FA Cup defeat of Arsenal. He has since worked as a match summariser.



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# COMMERCIAL BREAK

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As I mentioned in Saturday's programme we have had our foot flat to the floor in the commercial department taking bookings for corporate hospitality and I expect that to increase as the season continues.

Some of our high-profile fixtures have proved to be incredibly popular with match sponsor, ball sponsor and other commercial opportunities snapped up quickly and that is sure to be the case as the season continues.

With a number of new players signed by Gary Brabin over the summer we have also been busy taking enquiries for the kit sponsors - a number of which are still available for players' home and away shirts.

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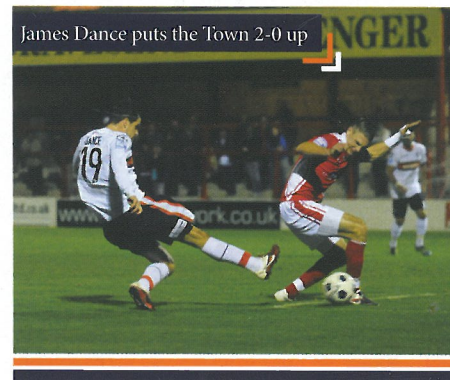
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# LOOK BACK



## EBBSFLEET 2-2 TOWN INJURY TIME FRUSTRATION



James Dance puts the Town 2-0 up

Town boss Gary Brabin cut a frustrated figure after Michael West's injury time equaliser denied his side all three points at Ebbsfleet.

The Hatters looked to be cruising when James Dance fired the visitors 2-0 ahead with 19 minutes left, adding to Amari Morgan-Smith's sensational first-half strike.

But West began the Fleet comeback on 76 minutes before his late leveller broke Hatters hearts and left the manager hugely frustrated.

"I'm disappointed because we've gone 2-0 up and they've scored two goals from outside the box which is disappointing," Brabin said afterwards.

"I'm gutted we've thrown away a two-goal lead. We don't want to make excuses but Pilks and Shane were tired.

"I felt we got sucked back a little bit and looked a little bit deep. It takes its toll on you a little bit.

"I've made the two substitutions of Aaron

O'Connor and Amari Morgan-Smith because they were both struggling for injury reasons.

"They've thrown everything at us and it's hard to take. We were 2-0 up and should have been good enough to deal with that. We are absolutely disappointed with the goals we've conceded.

"I thought a little bit of tiredness set-in in the back four and we had some big players missing in midfield.

"Our whole midfield three were out and the excuses can go on and on. We were sitting a little bit deep and inviting things on.

"Attacking-wise I think we created enough chances. We've scored two goals which should be enough away from home and all the guys are gutted."

Naturally having been in such a commanding position, Brabin admitted the draw felt like a defeat.

He said: "We wanted six points from the last two away games but have ended up with four and we've got to look at it from a positive point of view.

"We are disappointed but we just want to keep with the pack. Leagues aren't won and lost just yet. We need to trust in what we are doing.

"Ebbsfleet have thrown everything at us and in the end had nothing to lose. We've gone 2-0 up and thought we would have been good enough to hold on to that."





# EBBSFLEET 2

West 76, 90



# TOWN 2

Morgan-Smith 44, Dance 71

**EBBSFLEET:** Edwards, Stone, Lorraine, Mambo, Howe, Phipp, Fakinos (sub Stavirnou 30), Marwa (sub Azeez 85), Darvill (sub Ginty 74), West, Willock. Subs not used: Simpemba, Welch.

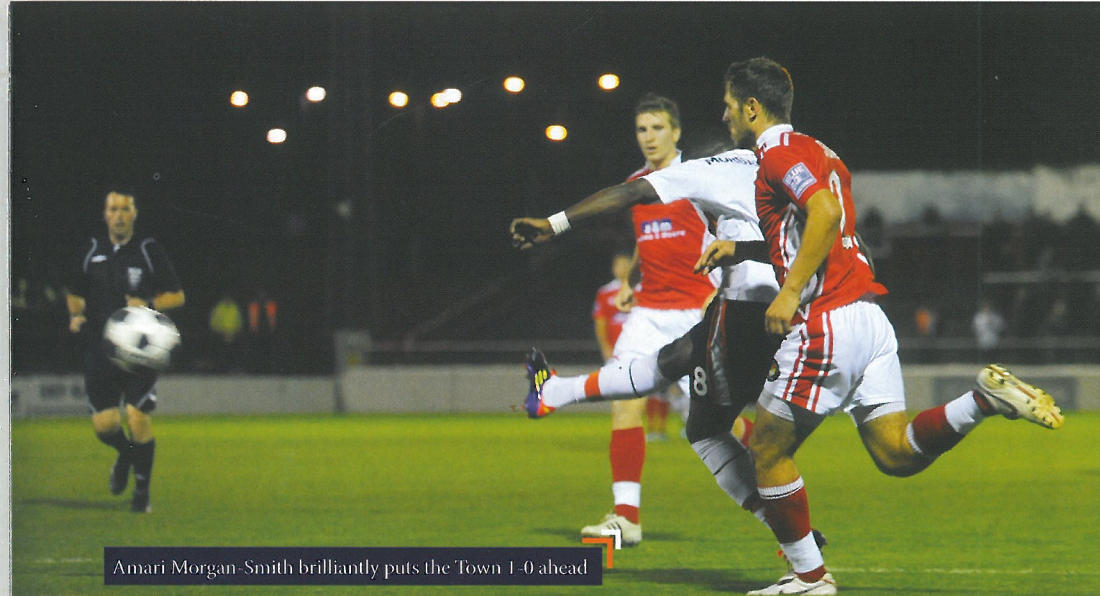
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ATTENDANCE: 1,651

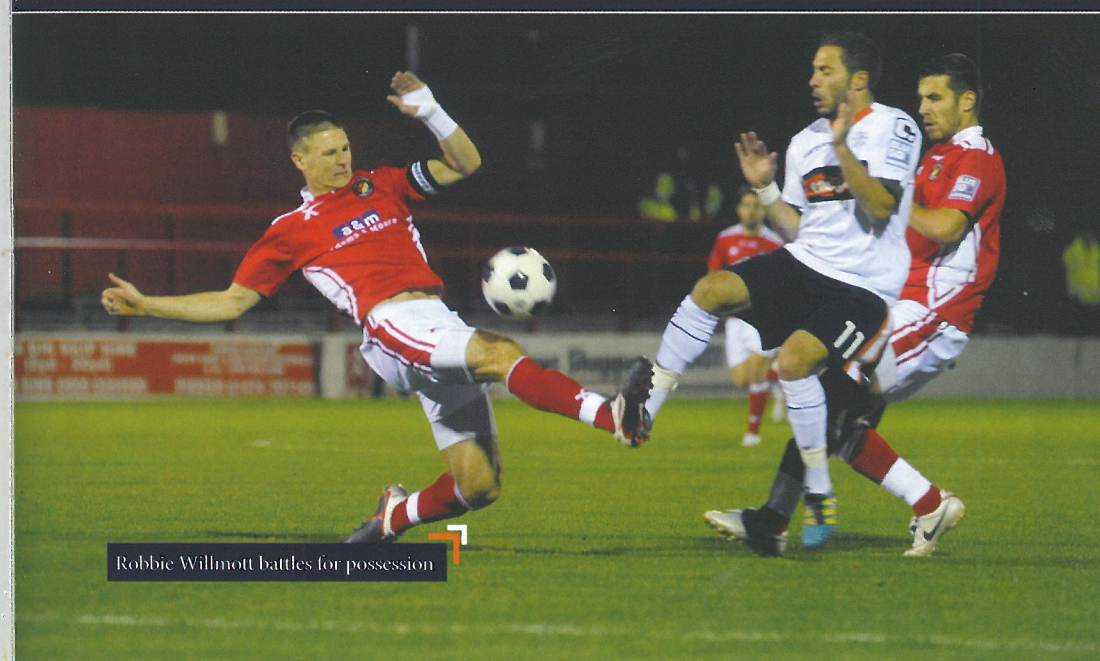
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# LOOK BACK



## TOWN 5-1 GATESHEAD FIVE STAR - AGAIN!



Town boss Gary Brabin was naturally thrilled with the 5-1 win over Gateshead but refused to get too carried away with the fine victory.

Two goals apiece from Jake Howells and Jamie Hand and one from Aaron O'Connor sealed the Hatters' sixth home win of the season and the second game running in which Brabin's side have scored five at home.

"We know we're capable of that kind of performance," the delighted manager said afterwards. "It was a great performance and thoroughly deserved."

"We'll try not to get too excited, just like we don't get too despondent if we draw or lose. There's a still a long way to go and we're gathering momentum and that result can do us the world of good going into Tuesday's game with Wrexham."

"We've got to kick on now and we feel we're heading in the right direction. Slowly but surely we're getting players back to full fitness and there's good competition for places."

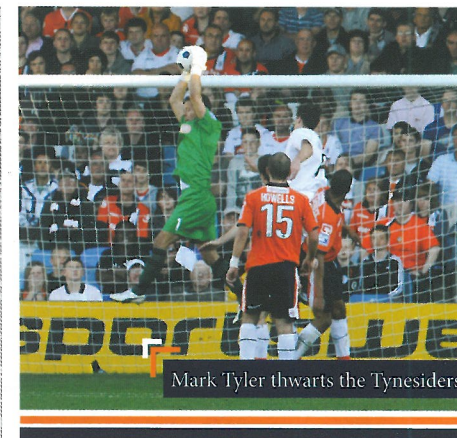
"Jamie Hand has come on and reacted in the right way by scoring two goals and Aaron O'Connor scored his first for the club. If anyone deserved a goal today it was Azza."

"It was important we got the win and it shows how good we can be."

Midfielder and two-goal hero Hand was pleased to come off the substitutes bench and influence the game.

He said: "It's a squad game, we're in this together. I was put on the bench and obviously I disappointed when I saw that I wasn't starting."

"Maybe in my younger days I might have kicked up a fuss about it but I'm mature enough to know that the manager's decision is in the best interests of the team."



Mark Tyler thwarts the Tynesiders

"It's a fantastic result for us and I'm even more delighted to have contributed when I came off the pitch."

"To score two goals is great - I was saying to the lads I normally have one worldy in me a season - hopefully there will be a few more now!"

Howells, who also notched a brace, was equally pleased.

"To come back into the team after I've been away and score twice is perfect," he said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game because Gateshead have had a really good start to the season."

"We know we're a match for anyone in this league, especially at home and we're all delighted to have won."

"Every time I go away with the Welsh Under-21s I am learning even more and adding more to my game."





# TOWN

Howells 34, 43, O'Connor 70, Hand 79, 90

# GATESHEAD

Shaw 77

# 5

# 1

**TOWN:** Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott (sub Kissock 61), Keane, Dance, Howells, Morgan-Smith (sub O'Connor 11 (sub Hand 76)), Fleetwood. Subs not used: Watkins, K. Pilkington.

**GATESHEAD:** Farman, Baxter, Curtis, Henederson, Carruthers, Cummins (sub Brittain 66), Turnbull, Gate, Odubade (sub Nix 83), Shaw, Gillies (sub Fisher 58).

ATTENDANCE: 6,285

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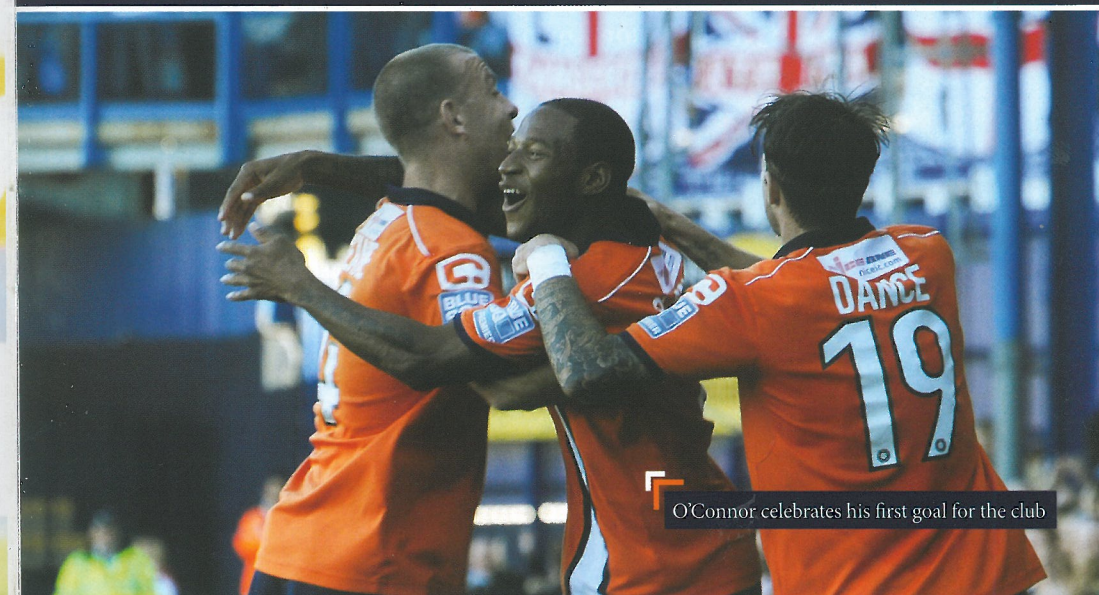
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Jamie Hand celebrates



Aaron O'Connor heads home



O'Connor celebrates his first goal for the club





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■ **WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES FROM:** The David Preece Stand.

■ **FIRST GAME:** At home to Hull City on 25th February 2005.

■ **FIRST MEMORY:** When we beat Hull 1-0 with an 89th minute winner from Ahmet Brkovic.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:** Carlos Edwards' goal against Norwich City in 4-2 win, scored from the halfway line in October 2005.

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** The 4-3 away win against Cambridge United in September 2009.

■ **WORST MATCH:** I have not seen any bad matches yet which is good.

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Claude Gnaka always impressed me with his skills.

■ **FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT:** Traditional Black and white kit.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Claude Gnaka.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL TIME MANAGER:** Mick Harford.

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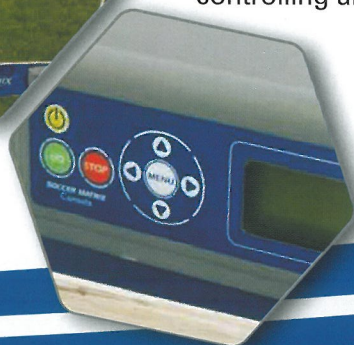
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Manager Gary Brabin was in front of the cameras within five minutes of the final whistle and the boss was delighted with the win over Ian Bogie's side.

He felt it was a thoroughly deserved win against a team that have been in good form all season but Brabin refused to get too carried away – especially with Wrexham in town tonight.

Player grabbed a word with three Town players afterwards too and they were all quick to heap praise on an excellent team performance.

Jake Howells, fresh from two Under-21 caps with Wales, was delighted to return to the side and help the team to victory.

The Hatters youngster was deployed in two positions on Saturday – in central midfield and on the left flank, having been used to playing at left-back for the Town this term.

"I don't mind where I play," he told Player. "As long as we're winning and I am contributing to the team I'm happy."

Aaron O'Connor was a happy man after the five-star show as the summer signing from Rushden & Diamonds celebrated his first goal in Luton colours when heading home John Paul Kissock's corner in the 70th-minute.

The forward admitted it was a long time coming following his switch to Kenilworth Road an hoped it was the first of many.

Jamie Hand also scored his first goals for the club – notching two superb goals against the Tynesiders. His first was a fabulous finish after a lovely intricate passing move whilst this second was a looping first-time left-foot volley.

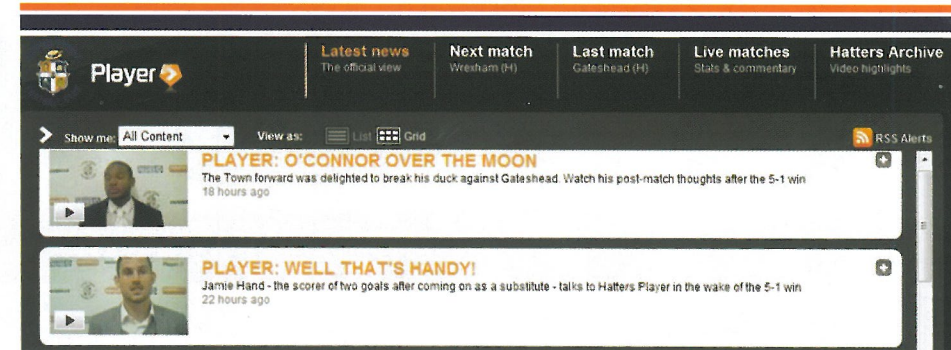
"I'm pleased to score as I don't get too many," he said afterwards. "The second one just sat up and was there to hit and it was great to see it hit the back of the net."

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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### Profile:

#### Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



# O'CONNOR OFF THE MARK

Out of all the positives to come out of Saturday's 5-1 win over Gateshead, perhaps the most pleasing was the 70th-minute goal from Aaron O'Connor.

The forward's goal not only put the Town 3-0 up against their promotion rivals but, most importantly, it was the 28-year-old's first for in Luton colours.

Understandably the former Rushden & Diamonds front-man was delighted to get off the mark when heading home John Paul Kissock's left-wing corner and it capped a fine performance in which he also set-up Jake Howell's second goal two minutes before half-time.

"It was good to get a goal and mostly importantly to get a result against a good side like Gateshead," O'Connor said afterwards.

"We do work on set-pieces and usually I'm out wide with the corner taker but this time I was on the near post and I managed to come off the post, wasn't picked up and just flicked it in.

"I think people underestimate my ability in the air. I'm not the tallest but I've got a good leap on me and if I can time my jumping I can be very good – last season I scored five goals with my head for Rushden so I am, and always have been, confident in the air.

"For Jake's goal my first reaction was to get in the box and get a shot away. But I've seen him out of the corner of my eye and thought he'd be in a better position to have a shot at goal and so it proved."

O'Connor began the game on the bench and eventually landed back on the bench when substituted as a precaution

having taken a slight knock in training on Friday.

And the front-man knows that given the squad's depth only good performances can keep you in the side.

"The manager could have easily left me out altogether and said beforehand that he would only use me if necessary and that's how it turned out when Amari had to go off.

"Every player knows that if they don't play well then that can make up his mind. He has plenty of headaches because he can only pick 11 to start and five subs."

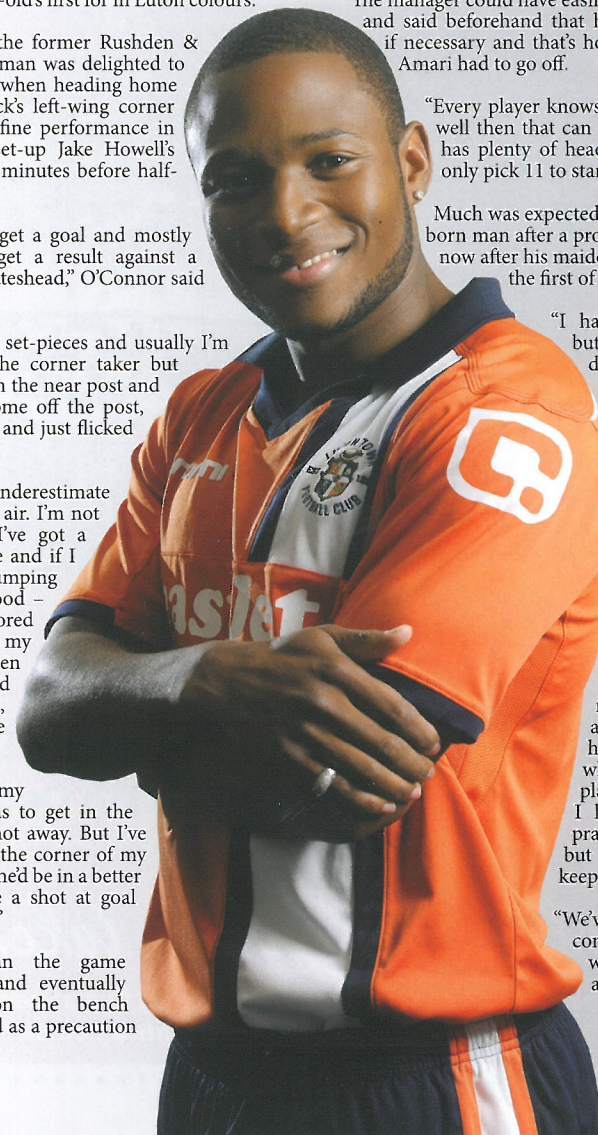
Much was expected from the Nottingham-born man after a productive pre-season but now after his maiden he hopes that will be the first of many.

"I had a good pre-season but I was playing in a different role, more central," he said. "That said, playing out wide as part of three forwards you still have plenty of opportunities.

"I just hope I can keep my place in the squad and hopefully the goals will start to come now.

"The support the manager has given me has been great. As a footballer I know you have to take criticism when it comes. I'm not a player that goes hiding; I know when I deserve praise or to get criticised but it's important to just keep going.

"We've got some big games coming up and as a group we believe we can beat anyone on this league."





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## DREAM TEAM

Forward Aaron O'Connor chooses his favourite XI made up from players he's played with in his football career.

### GOALKEEPER

**Dale Roberts** – He commanded his area well and his distribution from kicking was unbelievably accurate. His communication was excellent – he'd never stop talking.

### CENTRE-BACKS

**Simon Downer (Sutton United)** – Simon is always one step ahead of you, he has great pace for a centre-half.

**Curtis Osano (Luton Town)** – Curtis has pace, strength and can turn defence into attack within the blink of an eye.

**Jon Ashton (Stevenage)** – Strong, fast and good in the air, Jon reads the game well, can score and can play anywhere. A great asset.

### RIGHT MIDFIELD

**Jermaine Pennant (Stoke City)** – The only player that is quicker with the ball at his feet than without it. The quickest man I've played with.

### CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS

**Mark Byrne (Barnet)** – Mark can do everything and anything. He loves a tackle and never stops working is good on the ball and can pop up with important goals.

**Stuart Thurgood (Grays Athletic)** – Stuart's art is keeping the ball. He will always pass to a team-mate and never let you down. If it wasn't for injuries there's no doubt he would have played a higher level.

**Alan Power (Lincoln City)** – A tough tackler, hard-working and good on the ball he's a great player to play with because you know he will always pick out a pass. Capable of scoring the spectacular from long distance, too.

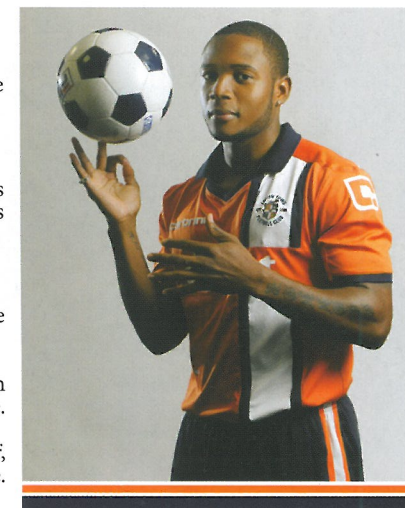
### LEFT MIDFIELD

**Lee Tomlin (Peterborough United)** – Lee has natural ability. Can score, create, has two good feet. Loves a nutmeg.

### STRIKERS

**Danny Kedwell (Gillingham)** – Strong and a hard-worker, he knows where the goals is and is a great player to play alongside in attack. He has great awareness, holding the ball up or flicking the ball on for his team-mates.

**Paul Hayes (Charlton Athletic)** – A great target man who also holds the ball up really well. Paul is a good goalscorer, is good in the air and brings midfielders in to play with ease.





PICTURE

# THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



Paul Walsh had been coveted by a whole host of clubs over the summer of 1982. His goalscoring prowess in a mediocre Charlton side had attracted many scouts but it was Luton manager David Pleat, with his persuasive tongue, who finally won the day.

The signing of Walsh came at a cost though as Charlton wanted Hatters striker Steve White as part of the deal. Quite rightly, White was not best pleased as he had been ever present for the Town in the previous season, and had banged in 18 goals as the team walked away with the championship of Division Two (now the Championship). He wanted

a taste of top flight football but Pleat wanted Walsh more.

The £400,000 deal brought together Walsh and Brian Stein, who were both forwards of pace and skill with the ability to turn defenders and score goals. Pleat had decided that he would do without a big man up front and would go for a short passing style to unlock Division One defences.

Walsh was a revelation in Luton Town colours and Pleat's plan of combining him with Stein worked perfectly as the Hatters became the darlings of the

television companies as a result of the number of high scoring games they were involved in.

Goals flowed in at both ends of the pitch but Pleat's philosophy of attacking at all costs as long as his team scored one more than the opposition worked well in the early part of the 1982/83 campaign.

The loss of Stein to long term injury in December broke up the partnership but they were together again for the final game showdown at Manchester City which saw the Town preserve their Division One status at the expense of the home side.

Paul Walsh nets a spectacular goal during the 4-3 win at Wolves in a pre-season friendly in August 1982



In 1983/84 the partnership continued with Walsh finishing as top scorer, but by this time even bigger clubs were sniffing around and Liverpool, mindful of some brilliant displays against them, won the battle for the striker but were made to pay £763,000 for the privilege.

Walsh, by now an England international, went on to win a League Championship medal at Anfield before enjoying stints with Tottenham, Portsmouth and Manchester City.



# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



Ian Feuer connects with a corner as the Town press against Wimbledon

Newly relegated to Division Two (now League 1) the Town had started the new 1996/97 season disastrously but after finding out what it took to compete at that level soon found themselves up with the front runners.

The Coca-Cola Cup had started out with an aggregate Round One win over Bristol Rovers to set up a plum two-legged tie with Premier League Derby.

In the first leg, at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters outplayed the Rams but

had only Julian James' 25th minute strike to show for their efforts.

In the second leg Kim Grant opened the scoring for the Town only for Derby to level the score on aggregate through Dean Sturridge and Paul Simpson. It was left to Tony Thorpe to poach a goal with 20 minutes left to secure a well-earned victory.

Next up were Wimbledon who sat in third spot in the Premier League having won seven league games in a row. The Dons were then playing at Selhurst Park in front of poor crowds but well over 2,000 Luton supporters made it a carnival atmosphere as Luton took on their illustrious opponents.

Welsh international Ceri Hughes had the game of his life, netting the Town's equaliser on the night and generally running the show. The performance eventually earned him a move to Wimbledon the following summer.

In the replay at Kenilworth Road a crowd of 8,076 watched as the Hatters turned on another sparkling performance and led through Dean Blackwell's headed own goal until a

minute past the 90th minute.

With the referee looking at his watch, and with every Wimbledon player in the Luton box challenging a corner, Stewart Castledine managed to level the scores and send the game into extra-time.

Wimbledon were the stronger side in extra-time and went ahead through Peter Fear on 98 minutes, leaving the Hatters to rue many earlier missed chances especially in the first half of normal time.

With the final seconds ticking away the Town earned a corner and, hoping to replicate Castledine's earlier effort, sent everybody up including the 6ft 7in goalkeeper Ian Feuer who managed to clatter his opposite number Neil Sullivan rather than put the ball in the net! The whistle sounded soon after but the high flying Dons certainly knew that they had been in a game.





# HATTERS HISTORY

## HATTERS SINK THE MANCHESTER UNITED BOGEY



Mick Harford nets the winning goal against Manchester United in 1985

With the Hatters languishing at the wrong end of the old Division One during the last months of 1984, Kenilworth Road was not a happy place to be.

The team was woefully short of experience and although the youngsters were trying their hardest they were being found out all too easily, leaving manager David Pleat, with no money to spend, tearing his hair out.

The problems, though, were not all on the field and in the boardroom there was a great deal of unrest leading to chairman Denis Mortimer resigning. His replacement, David Evans, set about reorganising the club's finances in a bid to make some money available to Pleat. "Come what may, we will not be relegated," was the new chairman's brave promise.

Pleat, freed of the shackles of working from hand to mouth, did not need to be told twice and immediately went out to sign ex-England

centre-half Steve Foster from Aston Villa quickly followed by the tiny left sided midfielder, David Preece, who came from Walsall in a £150,000 package.

This second signing coincided with the Town's first win in seven games, with Aston Villa seen off 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Preece netted the winner in that match but he had not been brought in as a goalscorer and with only four wins to their name and 21 goals scored the Hatter's need for a proven marksman was obvious.

Pleat admitted afterwards that the £250,000 spent on Mick Harford caused him some sleepless nights due to the size of the fee but the big centre-forward immediately repaid a big slice when he became the second player to score on his debut in successive weeks when he netted a late equaliser in a 2-2 draw at Leicester. Only a midfield anchorman was needed to complete the rebuilding of the spine of the side

and Peter Nicholas from Crystal Palace was the chosen player but the Town still had a lot of catching up to do if they were to avoid the drop.

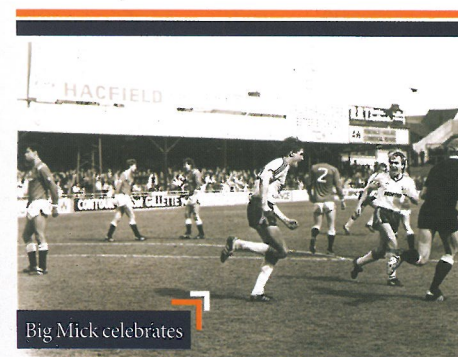
Unfortunately, a good run in the FA Cup, which eventually ended in semi-final defeat against Everton at Villa Park, was getting in the way of league games and by the end of March the Town were still in a relegation position.

Two home wins in successive weeks against QPR and fellow strugglers Ipswich allowed some breathing space but a solitary goal defeat at Southampton opened up the gap again. But by the time of the visit of Manchester United on 21st April 1985, the Town had lifted themselves to just outside the bottom three by dint of a very important 4-0 win at bottom club Stoke and an equally vital 3-1 home victory over Norwich immediately after the FA Cup semi-final.

Although a highly attractive fixture, the game against Manchester United was not one that Luton supporters looked forward to due to the fact that the Town had never beaten them at Kenilworth Road in a Division One clash.

The game was scheduled to be televised live and the watching millions were doubtless hoping for a repeat of the previous season's meeting in front of the cameras, when the Town capitulated to a rampant United who won all too easily 5-0.

The match had added spice as United were hot on the heels of Everton at the top of the table, but it was the Town that made the early running, and in the first half Gary Bailey was certainly



Big Mick celebrates

the busier of the two goalkeepers, making smart saves from both Preece and Brian Stein.

The second half began as the first had ended, with the Town surging forward, and after Bailey did well to tip over a 30 yard drive from Nicholas he was left hopelessly exposed in the 68th minute. Stein was sent clear by Foster and a desperate attempt at a back-pass by Graham Hogg fell short, leaving Bailey with little option but to up-end the striker.

Harford converted the penalty but the goal stung United into life and only three minutes later they equalised when Norman Whiteside netted from close range, with the Hatters' defenders complaining that Les Sealey in the Luton goal had been fouled in the build up.

It was at this point that Luton supporters realised they were watching a Luton side with rather more steel and backbone than that of the previous season because, after playing so well and suffering such a setback, the old team would have probably wilted and conceded another goal.

Instead of sitting back and feeling sorry for themselves, this time the players attacked in waves in search of the winner until, with only a minute to go, Preece was brought down on the edge of the area by Bryan Robson. The resulting free-kick was smacked against the bar by Foster and with a dozen players waiting for the ball to drop, Harford launched himself over friend and foe to bravely glance home the winner with his head.

There was hardly time for the restart and with the dejected United players trooping off the pitch the supporters savoured the moment when the Red Devils were finally beaten, avenging the embarrassing defeat of the previous campaign and pushing the team up to 17th spot to boot.

Four wins from the remaining eight games eventually enabled the Hatters to finish mid-table, a position that could have only been dreamed of in those dark days prior to Christmas.

Roger Wash





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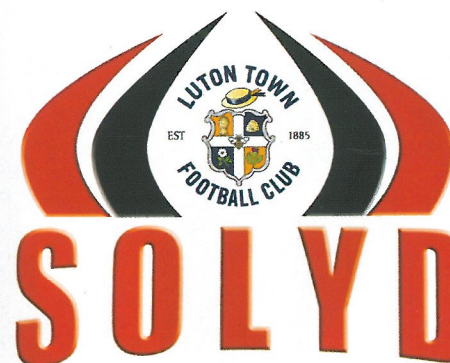
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# YOUNG HATTERS



## ■ 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 W 4-1  
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 - CHASE TOWN (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)  
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28 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (A)

### APRIL

4 - CHASE TOWN (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** Stevenage  
■ **COMPETITION** Youth Alliance Cup  
■ **RESULT** 4-1  
■ **GOALSCORERS** Ferguson, Blake,

Davis, Ann

### ■ TEAM

Reading, Jibodu, Carney, Nash,  
Ferguson, Ekins, McAdams,  
Blake (sub Davis 62), Ann (sub  
Kaddu 82), Smith (sub Mirzai  
75), Woolley. Subs not used:  
Stephens, Burtenshaw.

### ■ COACH'S COMMENTS

I'm very pleased with the victory.  
Stevenage gave us something to think  
about by setting up 3-5-2 to start with  
and getting an early goal, but we didn't  
panic and were well worth our equaliser  
just before half-time. In the second half  
we were excellent all over the pitch and  
pressed our advantage home well. That  
sets us up nicely for the FA Youth Cup  
game on Friday and hopefully we can  
put in the same level of performance and  
progress to the first round proper."

## 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	8	5	2	17
4 Gillingham	7	5	8	16
5 Brentford	7	5	5	15
6 <b>LUTON TOWN</b>	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



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## ACADEMY UPDATE



On Saturday at our game with Gateshead we were delighted to welcome seven players and their parents from our Under-15 and 16 squads who have committed their long-term future to Luton Town by signing scholarship agreements until the end of their Under 18 seasons.

Youth development office Gregg Broughton guides us through the new recruits:

### Ben McFarlane-Barnes

Ben is our Under-16 goalkeeper from Hemel Hempstead. He was sent in as a Under-12 by Mark Sellers, the same scout who identified Jake Howells. Ben has shown good progress since the turn of the year, and is currently in goal for the youth team despite still only being 15-years-old.

### Daril Ngwala

Daril moved to Letchworth last season from with West Midlands where he had been training with West Bromwich Albion. Daril, 14, can play in a variety of attacking positions showing good technical and tactical understanding.

### Isaac Galliford

Isaac has been with Luton Town since the age of eight where he was spotted playing for Crawley Green. Also 14, Isaac plays in the centre of midfield where his range of passing and close control are able to shine. Isaac is our most local player living

on Ely Way, the venue of our training ground.

### Oliver Cole

Ollie joined Luton Town at the age of 11 where he was spotted at our TIPS training centre. Now 14, Ollie plays as a striker where his powerful running style and his ability to finish have allowed him to play in older age groups throughout his time at the club.

### Osamu Allman

Osamu has been with Luton Town since the age of 12 where he was identified by our London scout Jay Marshall. Residing in Wembley and 14-year-old, Osamu is a quick, skilful attacking

player who can play in a number of positions.

### Tejay Duncan-Allen

Tejay has also been with Luton Town since the age of 12 and was spotted by our London scout Jay Marshall. Tejay lives in Harlesden, is 14 years of age, and is a quick, powerful defender who loves to join in an attack.

### Tyler Reading

Tyler joined Luton Town at the age of seven where he was spotted playing in his hometown of Hitchin. Tyler, 14, is an exceptional goalkeeper who has also represented our youth team this season.

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Prices start from only £10 per day and all children attending receive a special Luton Town medal.

### LUTON

Playfootball.net, Stopsley 26th to 28th October  
Barnfield College, New Bedford Road, 24th to 28th October.

### DUNSTABLE

Dunstable Town FC, Creasey Park Stadium, 26th to 28th October.

### 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 Inglefield Middle School, Vandyke Road, 27th and 28th October.

### HARPENDEN

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

To book your place phone or text James Hatch now on 07725 172345.



## 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.

If your school would like a visit from the Hatters' community coaching staff then please contact James Hatch, our Football Development Officer at the Club, on 01582 583618, 07725 172345 or by email at [james.luton@live.co.uk](mailto:james.luton@live.co.uk).





# Luton Town FC

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

### SOCCER SCHOOLS

#### YEAR GROUPS

- Available for
- Years 1 & 2
- Years 3 & 4
- Years 5 & 6

#### SIGN UP FOR

- Full day of football skills training
  - Warm-up and reaction games
  - Technique training sessions
  - Fun games to practice techniques
  - Small sided matches and tournaments
  - Medals for all participants



Barton, Bedford, Biggleswade, Caddington, Dunstable, Flitwick / Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Luton, Harpenden, Shefford / Clifton

Telephone and Credit Card bookings  
**01582 583618 or 07725 172345**

#### HERTS

##### 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 Ctrescent  
Dates: Thurs 27th to Fri 28th October

##### DUNSTABLE

Venue: Dunstable Town F.C., Creasley Park  
Dates: Wed 26th to Fri 28th October

#### LUTON & BEDS

##### FLITWICK / AMPHILL

Venue: Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingly Road  
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Venue: Cedars Academy, Mentmore Road  
Dates: Mon 24th to Wed 26th October

##### LUTON

Venue: Play football.net, Stopsley, St Thomas' Road  
Dates: Wed 26th to Fri 28th October

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

##### SHEFFORD / CLIFTON

Venue: Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road  
Dates: Wed 26th to Fri 28th October

#### PRICES

1 day: £12.50 2 days: £25 3 days: £35 4 days: £45 5 days: £55 All Luton and Dunstable courses £10 per day No Concessions

Half price for brothers & sisters (plus £2.50 per child - min 2 day booking)

Course Times: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Ages: Courses are open to all school children in school year groups 1 to 2 and 3 to 4 and 5 to 7

#### REGISTER NOW

Name:				Any health problems or disabilities:	
Address:					
Email:				School attended:	
Age:	Dob:	M/F:		Course applying for:	
Contact number(s):				Money enclosed:	

#### Cheques made payable to:

Luton Town F.C. Youth Development.

Please ensure that the name of the child, home address, course venue & cheque guarantee card number are written on the back of the cheque. **Return to:** 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW

#### BOOKING PROCEDURE

Applications can be made on the form above or by telephone 01582 583618 or 07725172345, or via email at james.luton@live.co.uk.

**Confirmation of booking:** Postal bookings will be confirmed by email or telephone.

**Refund procedure:** If your child is ill or unable to attend or you phone two days prior to the course start date we offer full refunds. Children should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before start time on the days for which they are registered and must be collected promptly.

**Telephone bookings:** 01582 583618 or 07725172345

**Postal bookings:** 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW

**Email bookings:** james.luton@live.co.uk

**Credit card bookings:** 01582 583618

#### PARENTAL CONSENT

- ☐ Please tick if you have objections to images taken at soccer camps used by Luton Town F.C.
- ☐ Please tick if you do not wish to receive information and promotional offers from Luton Town Football Club. By returning this form you will be indicating your consent to receiving such promotional messages unless you have ticked the box above to indicate an objection.
- ☐ I authorise coaching staff to administer or approve medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree that Luton Town F.C. reserves the right to remove any disruptive children from the course and the Luton Town F.C. do not accept responsibility for loss or damage whether to person or property in connection with these courses.

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# LUTON LADIES



The Town Ladies produced their biggest league win in three years in the South East Combination League crushing Old Actonians 8-1.

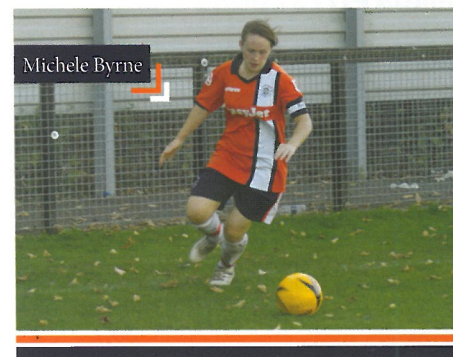
Town produced a really bright start and were ahead within a minute when skipper Michelle Byrne curled a 20-yard shot into the roof of the net after being set up well by Amy Summerfield.

A fine individual run and strike by Nicola Henman made it 2-0 after just five minutes and the visitors had their goalkeeper to thank for a series of saves to keep them in the game.

The Hatters continued to dominate but there was no stopping Jodie Whitford-Stark as she poked the ball home after half-an-hour. Lydia Radley sprung the offside trap to make it 4-0 converting her own rebound just before the interval having been put through via a superb Rachel Kosky pass.

Radley fired home her second within a minute of the restart unselfishly set up by Whitford-Stark before Actonians pulled a goal back converting from a close range rebound after keeper Hollie Staples had saved the initial effort.

The reverse only served to spur Luton on as Jess McKay struck a fierce low shot to make it 6-1. Kosky capped an impressive senior debut with a neat finish and then added her second converting a Henman cross who had run fully 50 yards to get herself into that position.



Manager Dave Baker told Talk of the Town: "This performance was long overdue when the team converted their brand of football into goals and showed little mercy in front of goal. It was especially pleasing to see five of the goals netted by 16 year-old products of the youth system."

The reserves suffered a 4-1 defeat against promotion favourites KIKK in the LSE Regional League with Laura Day netting the Luton consolation goal.

The Under-13s were also in fine form winning 4-0 against Knebworth in the Chiltern Junior Sevens through goals from Phoebe Brown – who scored twice – Aimee Esser and Chloe Fitzsimmons. The Under-12s drew 1-1 with Someries to maintain their challenge.



# 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. The Hatters have won six, drawn two and have suffered just two defeats. The Town have scored 24 goals and conceded 14.

**3**

The number of goals scored by Luton in a United League match against Kettering Town in 1897. Frederick Ekins, Tom McInnes and William Stewart were the scorers in a 3-1 victory.

**2**

The second fixture on this date, also played at their previous home in Dunstable Road, saw Luton beat Queens Park Rangers 4-1 in 1902, the first of three occasions that the Hatters would net four goals on 18th October. Arthur "Jimmy" Durrant, Jimmy Blessington, Thomas Allsopp and Herbert Moody were the names on the scoresheet for this Southern League fixture.

**1**

The first game at Kenilworth Road on this date was a Division Three (South) match against Bournemouth in 1930. Andy Rennie scored twice for the Hatters in a 3-2 defeat.

**4**

The number of goals scored against Sheffield United in 1952 in a Second Division fixture. Bernard Moore, Jesse Pye, Bert Mitchell and Charlie Watkins were the Luton goalscorers.

**1**

The only top flight match from the 10 games played on this date came in 1958 when Chelsea were the visitors. Allan Brown and George Cummins netted in a 2-1 win in front of the highest attendance at Kenilworth Road on this date, 24,864.

**2**

The number of draws previously on this date, and in 1972 Portsmouth were the visitors for a Second Division match. Both teams scored twice as they shared the points. Portsmouth took a 2-0 within 20 minutes but by half time Luton had levelled through Vic Halom and Viv Busby. This was the Hatters third consecutive 2-2 home draw.

**0**

The only time that either side has kept a clean sheet came in 1975 when Fulham were beaten 1-0 in a Second Division game. A great strike from Brian Chambers settled this tie in favour of the Hatters.

**1**

It was a goal and a point apiece in 1980 as Luton ended a run of three consecutive defeats with a draw against Shrewsbury Town. Player-manager Graham Turner opened the scoring for the visitors but Steve White equalised with 15 minutes remaining.

**4**

A stunning first half from the Hatters saw them cruise into a 4-0 lead against Norwich City in 2005. The Championship encounter saw Warren Feeney open the scoring before Carlos Edwards netted from nearly the halfway line to make it 2-0. Peter Holmes made it 3-0 before Steve Howard scored shortly before the break. Norwich hit back in the second half with goals from Dean Ashton and Ryan Jarvis.

**3**

It's three years since the last fixture on this date and it ended in a 2-1 defeat to Accrington Stanley. Asa Hall had equalised for Luton after the visitors took the lead but Stanley weren't to be denied as they won the game in the second half.

**NLP**

# VIEW

**WITH MATT BADCOCK**

Football is cyclical. Fans, managers, players and, dare I say it, journalists will often look at the past and compare it to the present.

We're all familiar with teams at the top of the Premier League tree worried about 'Doing a Leeds' by falling like a stone before struggling to return.

And Non-League is no different.

This season Braintree are currently on a Blue Square Bet Premier journey known as 'Doing a Bath'.

The Iron won the Blue Square Bet South last season with room to spare. Listen to some in the summer and there was no point turning up – they'd be relegated by Christmas we were told.

Thirteen games in and the "Pub team from Essex" – their fans words not mine – were fourth in the league above some pretty big Conference names.

Bath City may have not hit quite the same heights in their first BSBP season, but like Braintree they are part-time with a tiny budget compared to others.

After a slow start they managed to confound their critics with a top 10 finish.

Of course last year the Romans couldn't 'Do a Bath'. Back then it was known as 'Doing a Hayes & Yeading', after their success at staying up

against the odds in 2009/10.

It's the same for the clubs dropping out of the Football League. They want to buck the trend and 'Do a Carlisle' by bouncing straight back up.

If they could then 'Do a Donny' and follow in the footsteps of Doncaster Rovers by using promotion from the doldrums of the Conference to propel them to the Championship, even better.

The one thing clubs falling into the life-sapping Conference don't want to 'Do is a York, Cambridge United, Wrexham, Kidderminster, Mansfield, Grimsby or Darlington'.

It also works coming up the pyramid. Lots want to 'Do a Truro' and rocket up from Step 5, via an FA Vase win at Wembley.

There is always the option of 'Doing a Crawley', by getting big money backers in to help deliver promotion. But having money is frowned upon, especially in Non-League.

It goes against all our ideals you see. It's not the romantic way. Unless it happens to your team and then everyone else is jealous.

But when it you get down to the nitty gritty. No one wants to 'Do a Rushden'.

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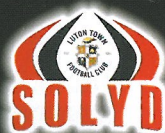
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# JUST THE TICKET



## GRIMSBY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

This game will be televised live on Premier Sports TV.

This game is pay on the night at Blundell Park but supporters can make a saving when buying directly from Grimsby.

We have been allocated 1,800 seats for this fixture.

PRICES IN ADVANCE: Adults £16, young adults (15-18), OAPs, students £10, juniors (14 and under) £6. PRICES ON THE NIGHT: Adults £18, young adults (15-18), OAPs, students £12, juniors (14 and under) £8.

Any supporters who would like to book tickets at the pre-match prices can ring the Grimsby Town ticket office on (01472) 60802. There is no charge to book tickets.



## LUTON TOWN v HENDON

FA CUP FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER, KICK-OFF 3PM

Ticket details for this match will be released in due course.



## LUTON TOWN v FLEETWOOD TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

### ALL AREAS

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

### BUY TICKETS...

#### IN PERSON:

At the ticket office, Kenilworth Road.

#### BY PHONE:

Call 01582 416976

#### ONLINE:

Visit [www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown](http://www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown)

### UNCOVERED SEATING - MAIN ENCLOSURE BLOCKS A&B

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Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
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### SAFETY NOTICE

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

Your co-operation will be most appreciated.





# FIXTURES & RESULTS



DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
<b>August</b>								
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***, Mh 1	Watkins*, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor***, Kissock, K. Pilkington
<b>September</b>								
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, Curden, 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
<b>October</b>								
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	Ebbw Vale United	2-2	1,651	722	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	5-1	6,285	104	3 Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood	O'Connor 1***, Hand 2***, Watkins, Kissock*, K. Pilkington
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham					
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town					
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)					
<b>November</b>								
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					
<b>December</b>								
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					
<b>January</b>								
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					
<b>February</b>								
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					
<b>March</b>								
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City					
Tue 6	19:45	A	Wrexham					
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbw Vale United					
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead					
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town					
Sat 31	15:00	H	York City					
<b>April</b>								
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					



Players and supporters celebrate Jake Howells' opening goal against Gateshead

## LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	16	11	2	3	32	14	18	35
2 Fleetwood Town	16	9	4	3	29	22	7	31
3 <b>LUTON TOWN</b>	16	8	6	2	33	17	16	30
4 York City	16	9	3	4	33	17	16	30
5 Gateshead	16	9	3	4	27	24	3	30
6 Cambridge United	16	8	5	3	23	14	9	29
7 Southport	16	8	4	4	25	24	1	28
8 Braintree Town	16	8	2	6	30	23	7	26
9 Mansfield Town	15	7	5	3	25	18	7	26
10 Tamworth	15	7	4	4	20	15	5	25
11 Kidderminster Harriers	16	7	4	5	26	22	4	25
12 Barrow	16	7	2	7	28	29	-1	23
13 Darlington	16	6	4	6	17	21	-4	22
14 Grimsby Town	16	6	2	8	23	26	-3	20
15 AFC Telford United	16	4	6	6	19	23	-4	18
16 Kettering Town	16	5	3	8	18	27	-9	18
17 Forest Green Rovers	16	3	8	5	19	17	2	17
18 Hayes & Yeading	16	4	4	8	21	29	-8	16
19 Ebbw Vale United	16	3	6	7	20	23	-3	15
20 Stockport County	16	2	9	5	19	25	-6	15
21 Lincoln City	16	4	3	9	15	24	-9	15
22 Newport County	16	2	5	9	18	28	-10	11
23 Alfreton Town	16	2	4	10	14	36	-22	10
24 Bath City	16	1	4	11	13	29	-16	7

## PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON LEAGUE APPS	CUP APPS	TOTAL APPS	GLS	DISCIP	CAREER TOTAL APPS	GLS
Will Antwi	12	0	2	0	0	12	0
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	4	(2)	0	0	0	4	(2)
Matthew Barnes-Homer	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dean Beckwith	8	0	1	0	0	8	0
Shane Blackett	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Paul Carden	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Danny Crow	9	(4)	3	0	0	9	(4)
James Dance	13	(3)	2	0	0	13	(3)
Stuart Fleetwood	7	(3)	2	0	0	7	(3)
Dan Gleeson	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)
Jamie Hand	8	(1)	0	0	0	8	(1)
Jake Howells	13	0	1	0	0	13	0
Keith Keane	12	0	0	0	0	12	0
John-Paul Kissock	3	(6)	0	0	0	3	(6)
Janos Kovacs	7	0	0	0	0	7	0
Alex Lawless	10	0	1	0	0	10	0
Amari Morgan-Smith	13	(1)	8	0	0	13	(1)
Freddie Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron O'Connor	6	(8)	0	0	0	6	(8)
Curtis Osano	10	0	0	0	0	10	0
George Pilkington	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Kevin Pilkington	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Godfrey Poku	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collin Samuel	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)
Mark Tyler	15	0	0	0	0	15	0
Dan Walker	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)
Adam Watkins	4	(7)	2	0	0	4	(7)
Robbie Willmott	13	(2)	6	0	0	13	(2)



# LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

There's a common misconception that when attending football matches, journalists like nothing better than to sit there gorging on tea and cakes, barely looking up from wolfing down their food long enough to catch the odd goal flying in.

Although that is somewhat of an exaggeration, there's no doubt that a good meal does stick in the Hatters press core's mind, and so far in the Conference, we have seen a marked improvement from last season.

Just a few weeks ago, Town were at Kidderminster Harriers, a particular favourite from recent campaigns and they surpassed themselves once more.

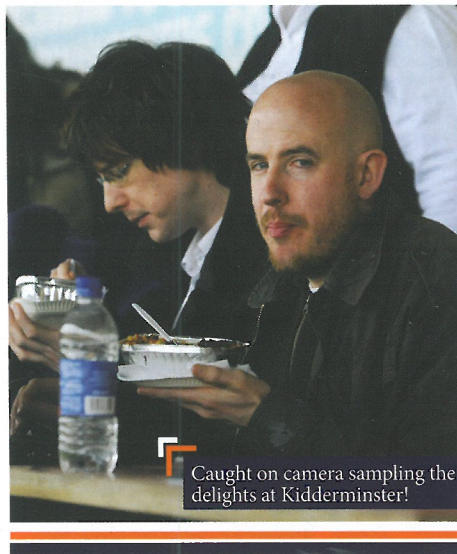
There is a sign amongst the advertising hoardings at Aggborough, that boasts they serve the best food in football and they are not far wrong on that front.

A trip to one of the outlets in the ground allows you to purchase a chunk of home-made cottage pie for a mere £4, while you are even dished up a healthy dollop of gravy too.

While the food was available for the punters as well, the Harriers staff looked after the press too, with not just one, but two tea rounds during the game too.

It's those sort of touches that mean I'll be more than happy if Town come up against Kiddie again next season, in the Football League of course though.

Meanwhile, at Edgeley Park, home of Stockport County, there were pies for the assembled journo's prior to kick-off, though unfortunately yours truly had already made the mistake of purchasing a burger before finding out this piece of information.



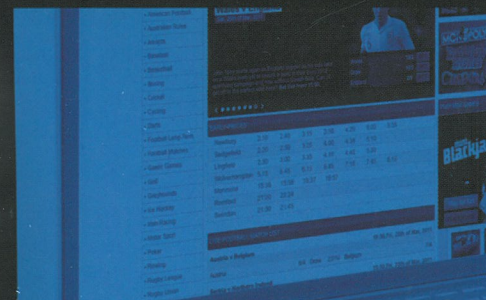
While at AFC Telford, tea and coffee orders were taken during the first half and then dished out, as the action was underway. Sterling service is always remembered.

Unfortunately there was nothing to really write home about at either York City or Bath City, on the pitch or in the stands.

Back at Luton this evening – you know what you're going to get which is half time coffee and tea and sandwiches. More importantly you get enjoy it in the warmth too, which is very rarely the case at most grounds the length and breadth of the country in this division.

Coming up soon are away journeys to the likes of Grimsby Town, Cambridge United and Newport County, who will now have to go quite a way to live up to the standards that have been set. I'm starting to feel peckish already!

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# TONIGHT'S TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

## WREXHAM

Mark Tyler 1 ☒  
 Dan Gleeson 2 ☐  
 Freddie Murray 3 ☐  
 Keith Keane 4 ☒  
 Dean Beckwith 5 ☐  
 George Pilkington 6 ☒  
 Alex Lawless 7 ☐  
 Amari Morgan-Smith 8 ☐  
 Danny Crow 10 ☐  
 Robbie Willmott 11 ☒  
 Shane Blackett 12 ☒  
 Stuart Fleetwood 13 ☒  
 Aaron O'Connor 14 ☒  
 Jake Howells 15 ☒  
 Ed Asafu-Adjaye 16 ☐  
 Will Antwi 17 ☐  
 Curtis Osano 18 ☒  
 James Dance 19 ☒  
 John Paul Kissock 20 ☒  
 Charlie Henry 21 ☐  
 Collin Samuel 23 ☐  
 Jamie Hand 27 ☒  
 Adam Watkins 28 ☒  
 Kevin Pilkington 30 ☒  
 Janos Kovacs 34 ☒

☒ 2 Curtis Obeng  
☒ 3 Neil Ashton  
☒ 4 Mark Creighton  
☒ 6 Jay Harris  
☒ 7 Adrian Cieslewicz  
☐ 8 Lee Fowler  
☒ 9 Danny Wright  
☒ 10 Jake Speight  
☒ 11 Andy Morrell  
☒ 12 Dean Keates  
☐ 15 Steve Tomassen  
☒ 16 Johnny Hunt  
☐ 17 Glen Little  
☒ 18 James Tolley  
☐ 19 Obi Anoruo  
☒ 20 Nat Knight-Percival  
☒ 21 Chris Maxwell  
☐ 23 Chris Westwood  
☒ 24 Mathias Pogba  
☒ 25 Joslain Mayebi  
☒ 26 Joe Clarke

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W. Barratt  
 Assistant: D. Richardson  
 Assistant: S. Pawley  
 Fourth official: A. Serrano

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