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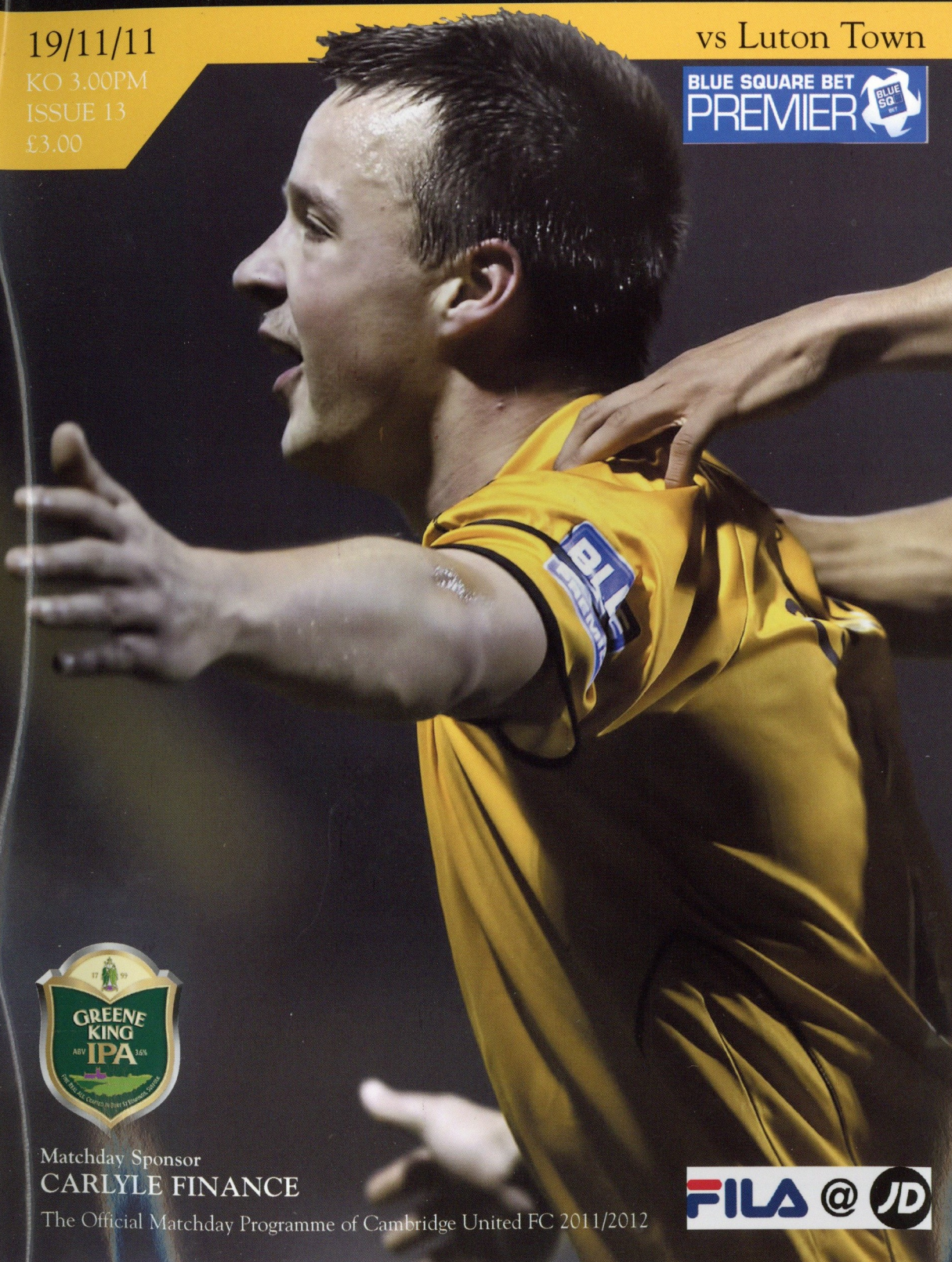
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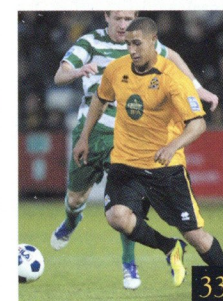
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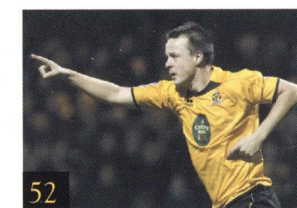
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From the Boardroom

Paul Barry



Good afternoon everyone to the R Costing Abbey Stadium. Our guests today are Luton Town who have recently provided us with a best of the season's derby atmosphere. Added to that with former players and managers now working at Luton, the players and fans know each other really well. Going back in history, our local derby rivalries have changed according to our place in the football pyramid. Whether that was Histon Institute, March Town, Chelmsford City, Cambridge City, Peterborough United, to name a few, each rivalry has had its golden

moments.

Our upcoming season of 2012-13 will mark the 100th anniversary of our first season as a football club, in 1912-13, when we were originally called Abbey United. Playing in different locations around Cambridge, our current home was played on first in the 1930's. After turning professional in 1949, we became Cambridge United in 1951, when Cambridge's largest club, Cambridge Town renamed itself Cambridge City.

The club is in the process of putting together a centenary committee that will arrange and coordinate events

during that season. The goal for the centenary season will be one to not just celebrate our first 100 years, but for the club to embed itself deeper into local community and through that process, gain some new fans. I am certainly looking forward to celebrating our past, and with the continuing growth of the Cambridge region, the club is keen to raise its profile and I'm sure, its league position.

Enjoy the derby atmosphere today and cheer your team on as we look forward to the next 100 years of Cambridge United.

Paul



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone connected with Luton Town FC. This will always be a massive game because of the close proximity of our visitors, especially as we are now starved of "derbies", and the fact that without doubt they are amongst the favourites for promotion. When you then have the added ingredient of all the ex-players and staff from our visitors returning to the R Costings Stadium, it is no wonder why this fixture will attract our biggest crowd of the season.

I know there will be some pantomime villains today but I have nothing but respect for Gary Brabin, Paul Carden, Dan Gleeson, Danny Crow and Robbie Willmott. From my perspective, I remember Dan Gleeson as a 15 year old youngster that joined United and progressed through the ranks much as Josh Coulson has done since, with his hometown club. I signed Robbie

Willmott as a 15 year old from Buntingford and his sale last January became a financial imperative for the club. Those days of overspending are now over so that we can hold onto our best assets and help them develop until its right for all parties for them to progress higher. That means not entering into contracts with daft release clauses and waiting for our best young players to develop to such a level that enables us to sell them to clubs further up the pyramid and for money that can make a difference in helping the club grow.

Gary was at this club at a time that would have tested the sanity of any manager and Paul was also put in the almost untenable position as the incumbent assistant for any future managers. In Paul's case, I feel as though we handled a very difficult situation with respect and honesty back in February and resolved matters in the

summer so that both Paul and the club could move on. It should not be forgotten what a massive contribution he made on the pitch throughout his time as a Cambridge United player and I would ask you to show that appreciation to him today. He deserves a proper reception.

It is fact that we are punching significantly above our weight at the moment and no-one knows how long we can sustain our current run of results. Don't be fooled by the result of our first encounter or our current respective league positions. I believe that if anyone finishes above Luton they will be champions and clubs like York City, Fleetwood, Wrexham and Mansfield Town are far better resourced to challenge them than ourselves. Back in September, I said that even though we had defended superbly to claim an unlikely victory, Luton are the better team. They have a stronger squad and when you look at their strength in depth and options in every position, it is frightening. The fact that our young team is competing at this end of the table after 19 games is fantastic credit to the players.

Whereas Luton have experienced players in every position not even in the team, we have the likes of JT, Blaine, Hughesy, Jack Eades, Maz and JP; all under 21 years old. The one thing this team will do though, is continue to develop and grow. Results and performances may dip from time to time, but the improvement from the end of last season has been dramatic and even if it evens out as the season progresses, we should still end with more points and a better league position than term. That should give everyone some hope for the future. Especially as it will be achieved at a reduced budget that is financially sustainable for the club going into our centenary year. It means that success can be achieved without risking the long term future of the club.

As well as scouting thoroughly and recruiting wisely, this can only be achieved through our youth policy and

continuing our commitment to developing our own young players. With this in mind, it was pleasing that on Tuesday evening Blaine, Jack Eades and James Brighton all impressed for their loan clubs, Rory made his debut for England C and our Under 18's beat Crawley Town in the FA Youth Cup. A good night for youth development! Mark Bonner is doing a fantastic job with the scholars, as I knew he would, and we have now been the better team twice against Football League opposition. They have a third round tie to look forward to, possibly against Charlton Athletic, but Wroxham away this afternoon will be an even bigger test. The FA Youth Cup is a great competition but handling the demands of the Ridgeons League every week is what really sorts the men from the boys.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for the support that you have given the team so far this season. We know that we didn't perform anywhere near the levels that we have set ourselves on Friday but we have come a long way in a very short period of time and sometimes we need to step back and see the big picture. The noise in the stadium after Josh's second equaliser and the atmosphere at the end was something that we must aim to create more often. If this club is to be successful in the future, we all have a part to play. We know that it will have to be achieved against the odds but this club has a history of doing just that. From the directors to the staff to the players to the fans we all want the same thing and it feels like EVERYONE is pulling in the same direction to make it

happen. There will be disappointments, frustrations and set-backs but as long as we stay "United in Endeavour" then we will continue to move forward.

Let's see if you can match the noise our away fans generated at Kenilworth Road. Your fantastic support helps the players more than you can imagine. The character the players have shown in coming from behind comes from the never say die attitude on the terraces. You never give up on us and that is so important. Someone once said about their fans "don't support us when we are winning if you can't support us when we are losing". We are grateful that you understand the true meaning of "support" and that is why we are so proud to play for you.

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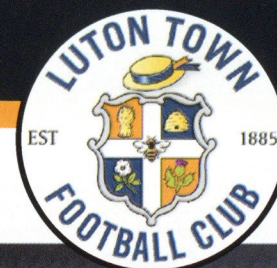
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Having played five of their last six games at home, a return to league action sees Luton travel to the R Costings Abbey Stadium following last weekend's FA Cup exploits. Whilst the U's were holding Wrexham, Gary Brabin's men claimed the League Two scalp of Northampton thanks to a 1-0 victory at Kenilworth Road. Therefore, the seventh-placed Hatters will arrive full of confidence today as they aim to climb back into the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off places.

Now enduring their third season at non-league level following relegation in 2009, albeit after suffering a 30-point deduction due to financial irregularities, they will be targeting no less than promotion this year. The Bedfordshire club lost out to York in the 2009/10 play-offs and, worse was to follow last season when, after reaching the showpiece final, they were defeated by AFC Wimbledon courtesy of a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

Previous incumbent Richard Money left by mutual consent in March, with Town attempting to catch league leaders Crawley. Ex-U's boss Brabin guided his men to just one loss in ten games and, although Steve Evan's expensively assembled squad duly cantered to the title, Luton secured their play-off spot with some momentum. However, that loss to AFC Wimbledon has left scars and, although the hierarchy have been financially supportive this season, Brabin will be under no illusion as to his

brief.

Town's home form has undulated to date, with six wins and a draw counter-balanced by three defeats to Wrexham, Fleetwood and the Mighty U's, tellingly the division's top three sides. They are a difficult proposition away from home, though, as just one defeat will testify. That loss came at York in September thanks to a 3-0 reverse but, disappointment is outweighed by five draws and a trio of victories at Telford, Grimsby and Kidderminster.

Doug Shulman

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Drawn 4	Drawn 5
Home Goals 18	Home Goals 13
Away Goals 16	Away Goals 10



The Manager Gary Brabin



Ex-U's boss Gary Brabin was appointed Luton's Chief Scout in October 2009 following his departure from the Abbey. Promoted to Assistant Manager last season, although, with just two months of the campaign remaining and Town struggling to maintain a play-off push, Richard Money was relieved of his duties and Gary stepped up. A tortuous play-off final defeat to AFC Wimbledon dampened spirits, but the 40-year old remains determined to lead Town back into the Football League.

That loss brought back memories of his time at United, who he led to Wembley in the same showpiece final two years previous, only for black & amber hearts to be broken. Collecting the BSP Manager of the Season award, he guided the U's to a runners-up spot in his only season at the Abbey after arriving from Southport in June 2008.

A non-nonsense midfielder in his playing days, Gary boasted a 300-plus game career that started at Stockport and also saw him emblazoned in the colours of, amongst others, Runcorn, Doncaster, Blackpool, Hull, Chester, Burscough and Welsh outfit The New Saints.

Gary is assisted at Town by former Newcastle and Southampton defender Alan Neilson, whilst ex-U's Captain Paul Carden provides coaching support.

Presenting The Players

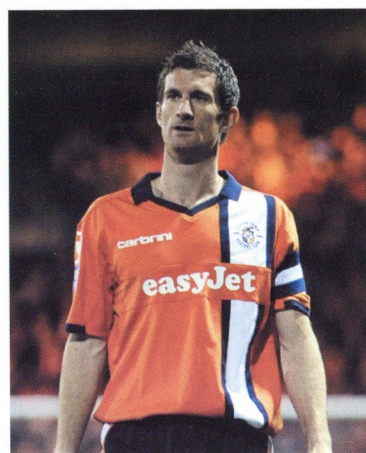
Kevin Pilkington Goalkeeper

An experienced stopper, Kevin was recalled for last Saturday's FA Cup win over Northampton; just his second appearance of the season. Joining the club from Notts County in May 2010, the 37-year old kick-started his career with Manchester United, played six times in the Premier League before moving to Port Vale via loan spells with Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic. His 423-game journey has been complimented by stints at Aberystwyth, Wigan and Mansfield.

Mark Tyler Goalkeeper

Another Town keeper with plenty of know-how, 34-year old Mark was first-choice between the sticks until being dropped to the bench for last weekend's FA Cup clash with Northampton. Snapped up from Peterborough in 2009, where he played 483 times, Mark was also loaned to League Two side Bury before arriving at Kenilworth Road.

George Pilkington Defender



A former Everton trainee, George is now enjoying his fourth season with the Hatters. An imposing centre-half, he left the Premiership club for Port Vale in June 2003, has also seen service at Exeter and, since signing for Town has collected several Player of the Year awards. Missed the first two months of this season, but he has returned to stabilise the rearguard.

Dan Gleeson - Defender

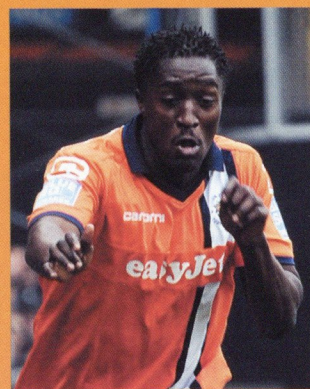
One of several ex-United men returning to the Abbey, right-back Dan was named in the Hatters squad for last Saturday's

FA Cup fixture following three months on the sidelines with a back injury. An accomplished defender, he graduated from the U's Youth Academy, debuted in 2003 before being released in 2006, but rejoined the club from Notts County seven months later. Nevertheless, following 198 appearances and two Wembley Play-off finals Dan opted to leave his hometown club in June for a new challenge.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye Defender

Versatile in defence, Ed progressed through the Hatters youth set-up and, following loan spells with Walton & Hersham and Salisbury during 2007/08, stepped up to first-team duties. Unfortunately appearances have been fleeting this season and, despite warming the bench, Ed has not pulled on a Town shirt since mid-September. May miss today's trip to the Abbey after picking up a foot injury.

One to Watch



Curtis Osano Defender

One of several former Rushden players in the squad, this quick-footed defender is capable of playing at left-back or centre-half. Kenyan-born, Curtis was a youth with Reading but, despite career-building loan spells with Aldershot, Woking and Rushden did not make a first-team appearance for the Royals so opted to join the latter in 2008. Nevertheless, Diamonds' collapse prompted his July switch to Luton following 150-plus games at Nene Park.

One to Watch



Jamie Hand Midfielder

Currently on loan from Hayes & Yeading, Jamie is a popular figure at Kenilworth Road thanks to his battling central midfield performances. Gary Brabin is keen to sign the 27-year old permanently in January and has boldly predicted that he "will be part of the side that gets us promoted". Jamie played Premiership football with Watford in 2000/01 and has also served Oxford, Peterborough, Northampton, Chester, Huddersfield, Lincoln, Ebbsfleet and Woking.

Shane Blackett - Defender

Arriving at Kenilworth Road during the summer of 2009, left-sided defender Shane began his career with Dunstable then Arlesey Town prior to being snapped up by Dagenham & Redbridge in 2004. He helped the Daggers win Football League promotion in 2007 before Peterborough swooped in early 2007. Shane, who made 38 appearances at London Road, will probably be amongst the substitutes today.

Dean Beckwith Defender

A regular in the starting line-up during August and September following his summer move from Northampton, Dean has recently returned to the squad after a spell away from action. A former Gillingham scholar, this commanding centre-half won Football League promotion with Hereford in 2006 and boasts a 250-plus game career.

Janos Kovacs Defender

Currently enjoying his second spell on loan from Hereford, central defender Janos has recently extended his stay with a view to a permanent deal being agreed. Previously with Chesterfield and Lincoln, he played several games in a Town shirt last season, opted for a summer switch to the Bulls, but found it difficult to stay away.

Will Antwi Defender

Signed in July after being released by Dagenham & Redbridge, Will started his career with Crystal Palace but, following just four appearances moved to Wycombe after spending the 2004/05 season with Aldershot. Appearances were limited at Adams Park, though, so he made a 2009 switch to the Daggers. The 29-year old centre-half has not been seen in a Town shirt since late September.

Greg Taylor Defender

Signed on loan from Darlington last week, although, left-back Greg will make his temporary move a permanent one in January. An ever-present for Darlo this season this England C international, previously on the books of Northampton and Kettering, will probably make his Hatters debut at the Abbey this afternoon.

Robbie Willmott Midfielder

Town captured Robbie from the U's for a £50,000 fee in January. A product of Jez George's successful youth team, he debuted for United in September 2007 and progressed to make 123 appearances in black and amber, scoring 20 goals. The 21-year old flying winger, who has bulged the onion bag five times in 16 games this season, was dropped to the bench for last Saturday's visit of Northampton, but did appear for England C on Tuesday as the Three Lions 3-1 lost to Gibraltar.

Jake Howells - Midfielder

A Hatters graduate, Jake can operate on the left-wing as well as full-back. Made his Town debut in 2008, with some eye-catching performances earning him several England C caps. Bagged six goals during 2009/10, including the third in Luton's barnstorming 4-3 win here at the Abbey, and has since established himself in the starting eleven.

Keith Keane Midfielder

Highly-rated at Kenilworth Road, Keith

On the Park

Luton Town

is another product of the Hatters academy. An established member of the squad since 2003, he has passed the 250 appearance mark for Town and is a good bet to partner Jamie Hand in central midfield today, although, capable of playing anywhere across the park if required.

Adam Watkins Midfielder

An attacking midfielder who can also operate in attack, Adam climbed off the bench to score the winner in last Saturday's 1-0 FA Cup victory over Northampton. A product of the Hatters youth system, he signed a professional deal in June 2010 and, despite starting just five games this term, has popped up with three goals and made his England C debut against Gibraltar on Tuesday.

Charlie Henry Midfielder

Signed from Newport in November 2010, winger Charlie actually started out as a youth with Luton but, after being released by the Hatters, moved south to Havant & Waterlooville before pitching up at County, where he won a BSBS Championship medal. Charlie is yet to appear for Town this season.

Alex Lawless Midfielder



Central midfielder Alex was signed from York last November. A former Welsh U21 international, he suffered Play-off Final heartache with City in 2010 and again with Town last season. A Cardiff scholar, he moved to Fulham in 2003 via the Welsh lower leagues, but failed to make the grade at Craven Cottage so joined Torquay then Forest Green. Made→

One The Park

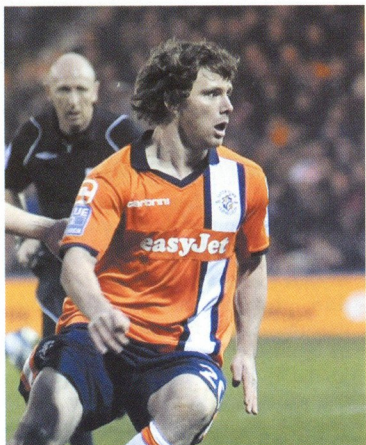
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121 appearances for FGR before joining York in June 2009. Alex returned to the Hatters squad for the recent home defeat to Fleetwood following a six-week absence.

James Dance **Midfielder**

Competition on the flanks is provided by this 24-year old who joined the Hatters from Crawley in July. James began his career with Birmingham then toured the Midlands non-league circuit before being snapped up by Kettering during 2009. Steve Evans' money-bags Town then swooped but, after pocketing a BSBP winners medal last season, he opted to stay in the Conference with Luton. Will miss today's game after undergoing a cheekbone operation.

John-Paul Kissock **Midfielder**



A third member of the squad on midweek England C duty, John-Paul made a summer move from Southport. Also appearing for his country at U16 and U18 level, this 21-year old attacking midfielder started out with Everton, was an unused substitute in nine Premiership games, but departed for Hamilton Academicals via a loan spell with Gretna. Dropped a level with Newton then Formby prior to joining Southport last December and is now a regular in the Hatters matchday squad.

Tommy Wright **Forward**

A recent signing, this experienced centre-forward saw service at Leicester, Brentford, Blackpool, Barnsley and Darlington before Aberdeen paid £75,000 for him in 2008. Tommy then moved south to Grimsby prior to a second spell with Grimsby, for whom he bagged four goals in 22 games as well as

collecting a FA Trophy winners medal. The 27-year old scored the winner in Town's 1-0 victory at Grimsby last month, but is doubtful for today's game thanks to an ankle knock.

Amari Morgan-Smith **Forward**

Captured from Ilkeston Town last year, Amari amassed an eye-catching 34 goals in 77 starts for the Derbyshire club. Boasting bags of pace, he was called into the England C squad in May following some impressive performances. The 22-year old, a trainee with Wolves, has also sported the colours of Stockport and is Luton's top scorer this season with nine goals from 15 starts.

Danny Crow **Forward**

After a fine 23-goal campaign in black and amber Danny left the Abbey in May



2010. The 24-year old started out with Norwich and also appeared for Northampton, Notts County and Peterborough before arriving in CB5 during September 2008. Danny's debut season ended with an appearance in our unsuccessful BSBP Play-off Final; a trick he repeated with Town last season. Has popped up with three goals this term, but has not found the net since early September.

Aaron O'Connor **Forward**

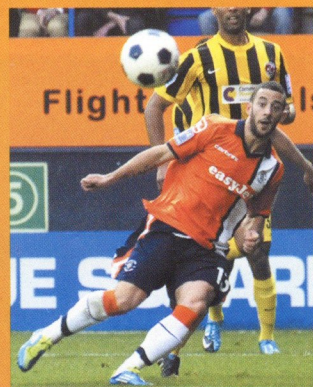
A possible strike partner for Amari Morgan-Smith today, Aaron can also operate on the flanks due to his enviable pace. Formerly a Player of the Year with Rushden, he bagged 27 goals across two seasons at Nene Park before Luton swooped in July. Beginning his career with Derby, Aaron relocated to Ilkeston before packing his bags again for stints with Scunthorpe, Gresley Rovers, where he notched 80 goals in 127 matches, Grays Athletic and Mansfield prior to moving to Rushden. The 28-year old will be disappointed with his tally of just one goal this term.

Ryan Brunt **Forward**

Captured on a short-term deal from Stoke on Wednesday, Ryan could be in the frame to face United today. The 18-year old, a lightning-quick striker, has been playing reserve team football regularly at the Britannia Stadium, but will benefit from a taste of first-team action with the Hatters.

Doug Shulman

One to Watch



Stuart Fleetwood **Forward**

This 25-year old made his name after netting 34 goals for Forest Green during the 2007/08 season. Stuart also enjoyed three spells with Hereford and, despite scoring 18 League Two goals last term, they allowed him to join the Hatters in August. Starting out at Cardiff, this former Welsh U21 international also donned the shirt for Charlton, Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton, whilst his record for Town reads two goals from 13 games.



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attending the match with Wimbledon in 1988 – the lowest ever for FA cup semi-final

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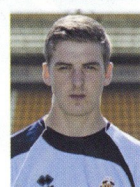
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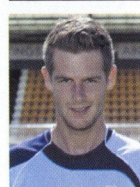
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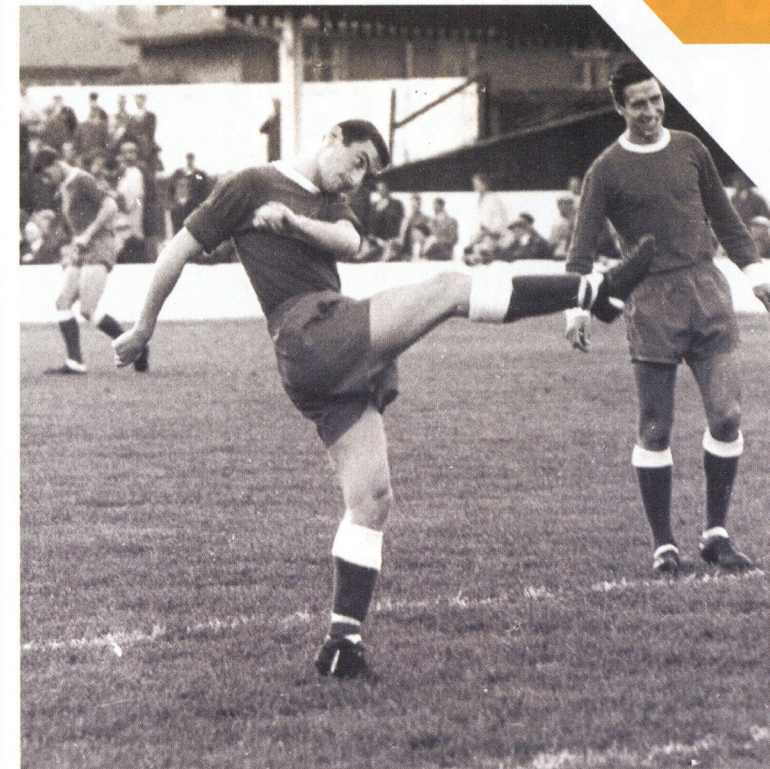
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Leading Lights

Luton Town



Football historian Leigh Edwards looks at Luton Town's leading lights

Classic Campaign – 1987-88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

Managing To Succeed – David Pleat

Articulate manager David Pleat (pictured) guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined

Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

Fab Four

Bruce Rioch

Influential midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay,

since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

Ricky Hill

England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

Brian Stein

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined French side Caen in July 1988 and moved via Anancy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

Malcolm Macdonald

Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and has since worked in the media.

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Ghosts of Programmes Past

1983

United enjoyed five successful seasons in Division Two (now "The Championship") from 1978-1983, but a change in rules to allow home clubs to keep all of their gate money instead of sharing it with their visitors worked badly against smaller clubs such as the U's in competition with the likes of Chelsea, Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester City. On this day in 1983 United were on a run of seven consecutive defeats when this message from the Boardroom appeared in the matchday programme:

The Club at present, as far as playing results are concerned, is going through a difficult period. This has been mainly due to the drastic playing staff cuts that unfortunately had to be made during the close season in an attempt to live within our means as far as income and expenditure are concerned. These essential cuts have, to say the least, left us depleted in playing members, particularly with the cruel injury list and sickness that has hit the club.

It is hoped therefore that we have now reached the bottom of the trough with regard to injuries and playing results and that both these aspects will improve dramatically in the weeks to come.

On our recent visit to Cardiff, we noticed their programme contained an article by the Club manager, of which a great deal could so easily be redirected to ourselves, and for the record we give below extracts of the views that were expressed.

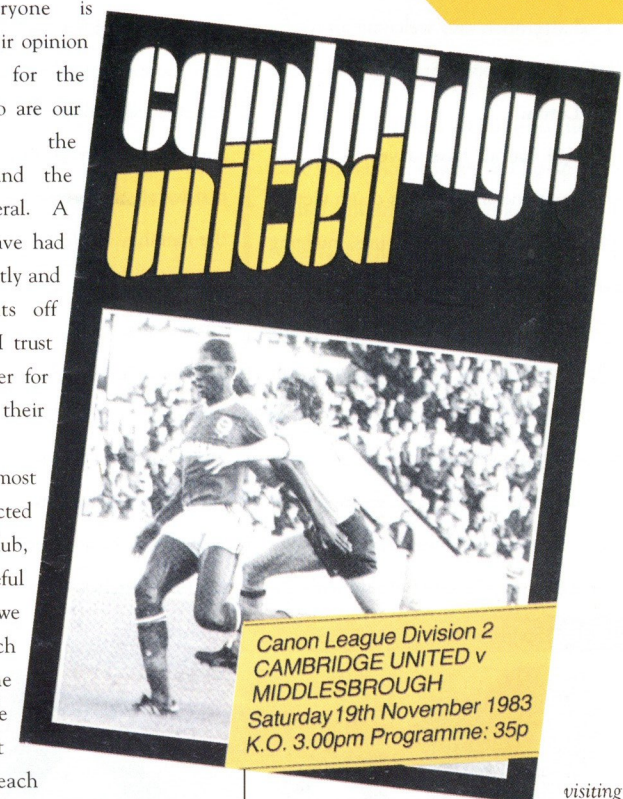
"In recent weeks the Club, the Management and the Directors have taken 'stick' in both the Press and in the letters we have all received. That's part of football and it has to be accepted

because everyone is entitled to their opinion – that goes for the supporters who are our life-blood, the newspapers and the media in general. A lot of folks have had their say recently and got complaints off their chest – I trust they feel better for having made their points.

"What we, most closely connected with the club, have to be careful about is that we do not rip each apart in the process. We must not destroy each other's enthusiasm and ambitions, because those are exactly the qualities needed to put both the team and the club itself in a respectable position during the coming months. This is the time to pull together, to look at each other and be counted."

These views could apply to Cambridge United and although further difficult and unpopular decisions may have to be made in the future, we trust that in the long term they will be for the benefit of the club.

The U's stopped the rot with a goalless draw, but after a long, record-breaking run, had to wait until 28th April 1984 for their next League win on the way to ignominious relegation. On a lighter note, the programme carried more comments from



visiting

schoolchildren,
this time from Isleham:

It was the coldest day of my life. By the time they scored I was frozen. In the second half I felt like ice. I will never forget that day. (Robert Unwin)

Even though Cambridge lost, it was the best day of my life. (Simon Hatson)

At half-time Dad bought me a can of coke. I kept on trying to open it and couldn't. I got really angry and shook the can angrily. Then I remembered Dad was next to me so I gave him the can. When he opened it, it fizzled all over him. Cambridge lost. (Peter Doe)

I'm taking my football horn to Wembley. (Martin Rutherford)

I had fish and chips for tea. (Jason Bird)

Andrew Bennett

Claudine Bone

Good afternoon and welcome all to the R Costings Abbey Stadium where we face Luton.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable afternoon and that the U's claim victory and add another three points, nudging ever upwards.

What a smashing game last Friday night was! A real come back from our perspective resulting in the replay over at the Wrexham ground.

It was great to see so many supporters enjoying the curry and lasagne in the Dublin Suite. We sold out and with the

introduction of real ale this week I hope that more of you will go to get your pre match food, half time homemade soup and a victory pint post match where you can watch the presentations to man of the match.

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Welcome once more to Carlyle Finance who are sponsoring the match this afternoon. Their second season supporting the U's via sponsorship the guys from Carlyle often team up with Newmarket Motor Company and jointly sponsor marches. There are twelve of

them here today and I know Justin and his guests will make the most of the afternoon. He likes to say a few words on the mic too - always very entertaining.

Welcome once more and enjoy the afternoon.

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Zach Ware is in the dugout today with eleven members of his friends and family. It's a very special birthday for Zach as he is eighteen!

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Enjoy the afternoon and I hope you are looking forward to Boxing Day!

The new Directors Lounge has been completed and with the addition of some

of our now familiar canvasses it looks amazing; exactly the type of room for our directors to welcome our visiting directors with pride. It's a really welcoming and modern room which gives a positive vibe when you enter it. It is professional and in so many ways represents the club - working as one in all areas, a young team, directional and with a purpose. A good job!

The VP Club have moved into the old boardroom and have made this room look quite exceptional. They have made superb use of the space and it really has

the air of a private members club. There has been some new addition to the VP Club this season - Janet and David Mills from Cambridge Gas Services and they have said what a great place it is to be part of. If you would like details of joining this club please get in touch with me at the club or see Pete Cousins directly.

Enjoy the afternoon and have a very safe journey home

Up the U's!

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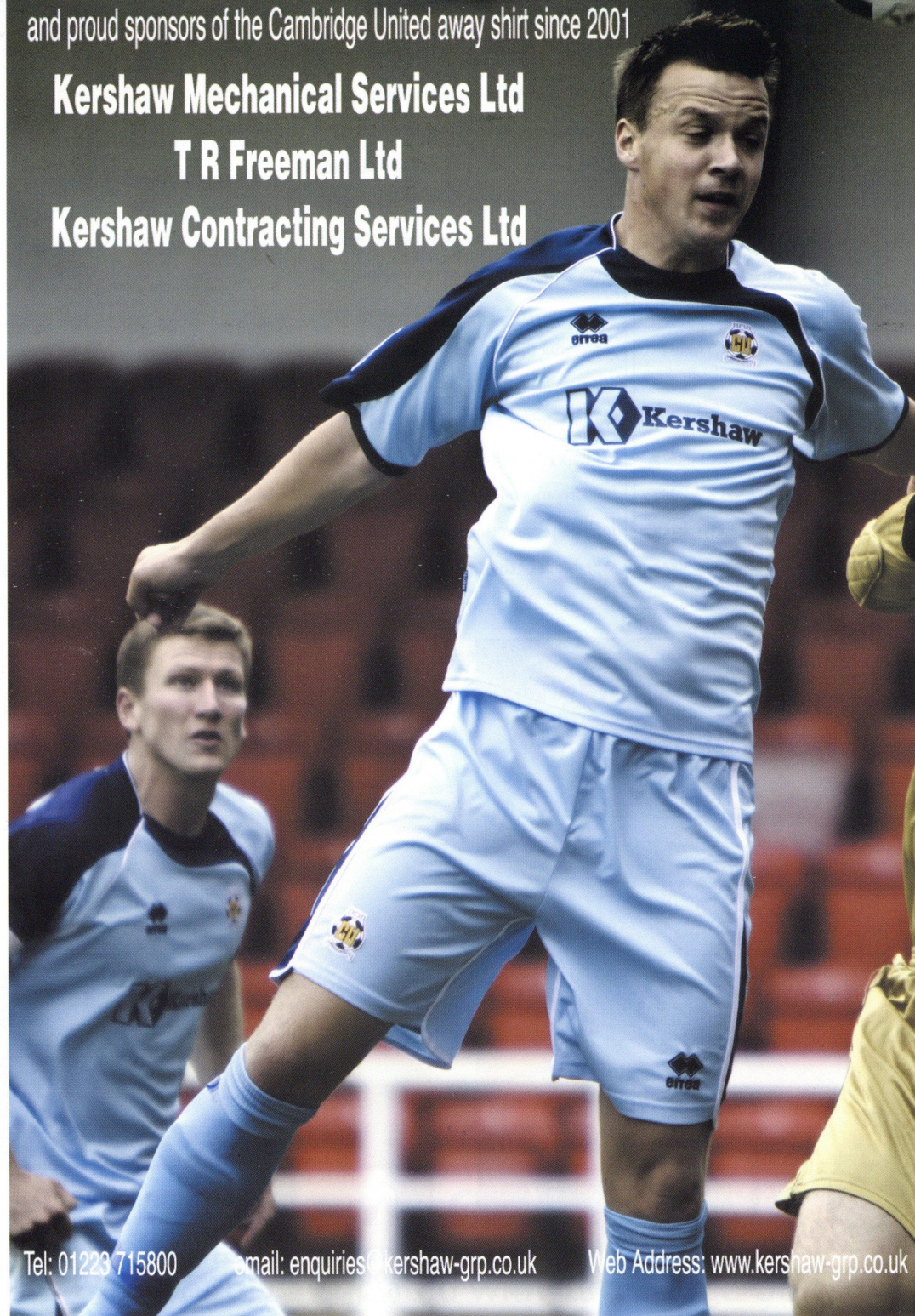
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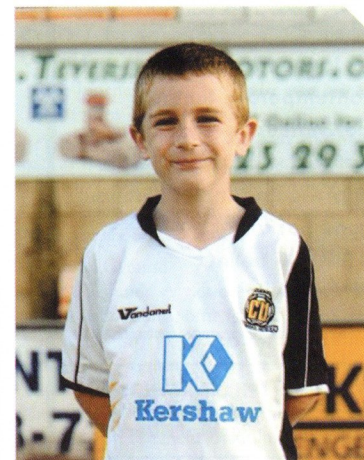


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Today's Mascots



Our mascots today are Kieran Morton, Elisha Hockham and Nathan Harvey.

Kieran, who comes from South Wootton, plays for Wootton U7's and trains with the Cambridge United RDC in King's Lynn. A Chelsea fan, Kieran also enjoys playing Xbox. He is celebrating his seventh birthday - happy birthday Kieran.

Elisha was born with spinal dysraphism with distematomyelia L1-L3 (a form of spinal bifida), Left thoraco lumber scoliosis (curvature of the spine), Neuropathic bowel and bladder (she has little control over bladder and bowel).

Elisha, who is six years old, has had two major surgeries on her spine since she was born the first one was in March 2006 and that was diastem surgery for aspiration of syrinx, and her second lot of surgery was in March 2009 and that was spinal bone graphing T7-L2, to try and slow the spine from curving as much as it was.

She is booked in to have the life

changing operation on 29th November and her family hopes to have her home in time for Christmas.

Hopefully once the surgery has taken place it will give her a much more comfortable life without having to wear a cast all the time, and will be able to do things she like to do, and will stop all the chest infections she gets due to her lungs being crushed by the spine and she won't be so out of breath either.

Nathan is five years old and supports Cambridge United and Liverpool. He loves playing football at school and practicing his skills with his Dad and Uncle at the weekend. He also enjoys swimming and playing football on the wii.

Nathan's favourite Cambridge United player is Luke Berry.

We hope all our mascots enjoy their afternoon with us here at the R Costings Abbey Stadium.

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Mike Barnes



"We have no infrastructure here. Our pitches are in a very bad state, and children find it difficult to master the right techniques. We need proper pitches, basic kit and equipment. We need good coaches. We live in the 21st century, but unfortunately, we don't have these things."

These are the words of Oraz Nazarov, coach of the Tajikistan Under-19 football team. He was speaking in Doha last month, during qualifying for the 2012 Asian Under-19 Championship, where his players were paired with their counterparts from Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, Bhutan and the host country, Qatar.

Tajikistan is an unfamiliar country to most westerners. It has had a difficult beginning as an independent state, even by the standards of other post-Soviet republics. After independence, Tajikistan suffered a devastating five-year civil war that lasted until 1997, since when a degree of political stability and foreign aid have allowed the country's economy to start to grow.

The Tajik football federation was admitted to FIFA in 1994, with the first official game the same year, a 1-0 defeat to Kazakhstan in a Central Asian tournament held in Uzbekistan. Successive attempts at World Cup

qualification, beginning with the 1998 tournament, have been brief, with the highlight a record 16-0 win over Guam in the qualifiers for the 2006 championship.

Asian qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil is already under way. A two-legged tie with Syria saw the Tajiks lose 2-1 away and 4-0 at home, only to see their 6-1 aggregate defeat turned into a 6-0 aggregate win as FIFA disqualified the Syrians for fielding an ineligible player. With defeats against Japan (8-0 - below, right), North Korea (1-0) and Uzbekistan (1-0), Tajikistan's continued interest seems limited.

Tajik President Emomali Rahmon recently appointed his eldest son, 23-year-old Rustam Emomali, as deputy head of the country's football federation. Rustam also owns and regularly turns out for one of Tajikistan's leading club sides, Istiqlol (pictured above). Just to show there isn't really any favouritism as far as the family is concerned, Rustam's eldest sister, Ozoda Rahmonova, is deputy foreign minister.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter opened the federation's new headquarters in 2004, but with seemingly limited funds available to develop Tajikistan's football infrastructure, and with costs for travel

and accommodation for international matches prohibitively high, it is difficult for the national team at all levels to gain experience, apart from in official competitions.

This is why the Under-19s' experience in tournaments like the one in Qatar is so important. Despite two wins, 6-0 against Bhutan and 3-2 over the hosts, however, Tajikistan failed to advance beyond the qualifiers, and Oraz Nazarov remains depressingly downbeat.

"I don't think there is any future, either for our youth team or our Under-19s," he says. "Yes, they have played five games and yes, they have gained some experience, but all this needs to be built on and developed. The more games they can play at that level, the more the players will advance and grow, but otherwise we will remain in the same place."

It sounds like a cry for help and it is. "I would like to attract the attention of the President of FIFA, so that more attention can be given to the development of football in our country," he says. "Our country is not in a position to think about football, but we must attract investment for building stadiums, to supply equipment and to encourage children, because it matters."



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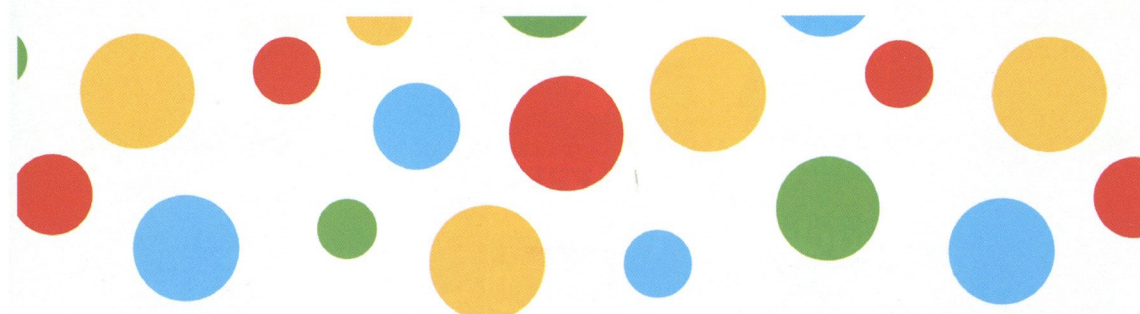
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Matt Gooding

Much as we've all wanted to do so at one point or another, assaulting a referee is never a good idea.

Striker Josh McKenzie discovered this to his cost last week when he was slapped (not literally) with a three-year ban from all football for striking referee Chris Wicks.

McKenzie was playing for Evo-Stick (Southern) Premier at the time, and reacted angrily after he was dismissed in a match against Chesham United on October 15. The 28-year-old has accepted his punishment, which included a £250 fine, and has since been sacked by Redditch chairman Chris Swan.

An FA spokesman said: "Any abuse of a referee should be considered seriously and any physical contact against a referee, if prove, should carry a considerable sporting sanction."

No one would argue that the punishment doesn't fit the crime in this

instance, but problems have arisen with the news that the Southern League want the match replayed.

Chesham were leading 1-0 at the time of the assault, and following the incident Mr Wicks decided to abandon play.

Understandably, the Hertfordshire side are a bit marked at having to start again at 0-0.

In a statement they said: "We are awaiting clarification as to the league rules or precedents that led to the decision to replay the match.

"The board will be discussing match arrangements over the next couple of days, including decisions about admission fees for the game, understanding that supporters have already paid to watch this match,

"We must overcome this feeling of frustration and disappointment, put this whole situation behind and focus on our quest for promotion."

Redditch might argue that they

shouldn't be punished as a club for the actions of one idiotic player, but in my view it doesn't seem very just that Chesham and their supporters should be penalised for an incident that was nothing to do with them.

Thankfully assaults on match officials are few and far between, but referees are routinely subjected to verbal abuse and physical intimidation which usually goes unpunished.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for the FA to put a rule in place whereby if something like this happens again that the perpetrator and his club are automatically sanctioned.

Not only would it mean innocent teams like Chesham don't get unfairly targeted, but maybe managers would drum the much talked about - but rarely implemented - respect message into their teams.



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In Focus

Ryan Charles



If Ryan Charles' goal tally was as high as his words-per-minute ratio, Cambridge United would probably be out of sight at the top of the league by now already.

The talkative striker, who joined from now-defunct Rushden & Diamonds in the summer, is the U's self-proclaimed "socialite" and seems to have taken on the mantle vacated by Conal Platt, when he was loaned out to Telford and then Lincoln this season, as the joker of the pack.

"I think I get on with everyone," he smiles. "I just hope they get on with me."

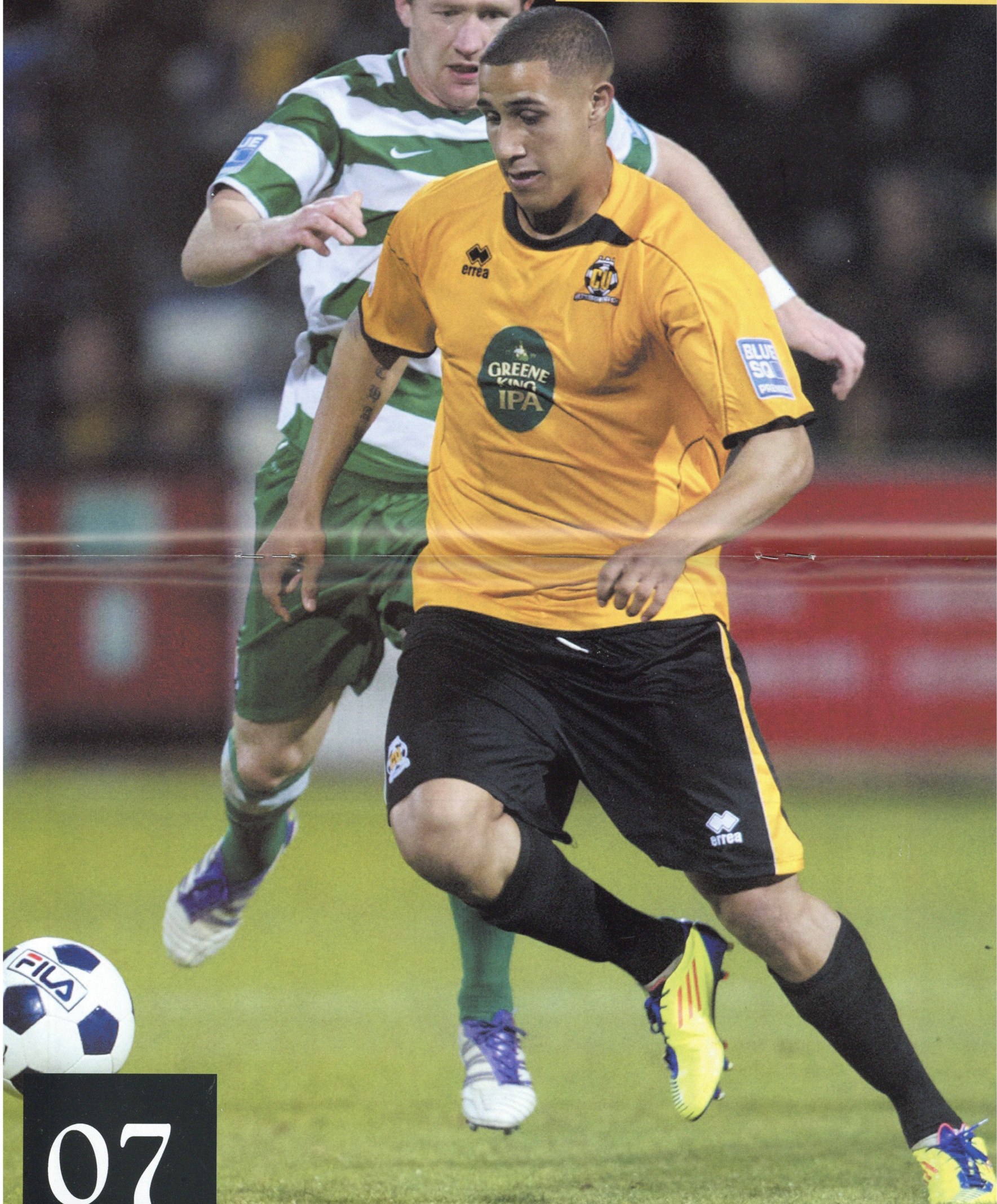
The problem for Charles this season is that he's not had much of a chance to let his feet do the talking. The 22-year-old has only started five times, scoring once, and he says this lack of pitch time is the biggest regret of his short career at the Abbey Stadium so far.

"It's not gone as I'd planned," he admits. "I wanted to be starting a few more games and getting a few more goals but I got injured at the wrong time and because the team have been doing so well recently it's been hard for anyone to get back in once they're out."

"I've come here to play games, score goals, and be the number one striker at the club and obviously at the moment I'm not, which isn't ideal, but football is always about competing for your position so I've got no problem with doing that. At the moment I'm just trying to play my part."

The form to which Charles alludes has been impressive to say the least. Under Jez George in 2011/12, Cambridge have

Ryan Charles



→ been beaten only once in the last 17 matches in all competitions – a run which included arguably their most impressive result so far this season, a 1-0 win at today's visitors Luton.

Despite admitting he's looking to complete a double over his former club, Charles says he still holds the Hatters in high regard – having spent his formative years as a schoolboy and trainee at Kenilworth Road.

"I got the chance to play in League 1 and League 2 and Luton will always be in my heart because they gave me my start in football and the fans were great for my whole time there," he enthuses.

"Despite my history with Luton though, I'm a Cambridge United player now so all I want is to do well for us, go out there on Saturday and beat them."

Although he speaks highly of his former club, Charles admits he does look back on the end of his 12-year association with the Bedfordshire outfit with some regret – especially when it comes to former manager Richard Money, who Charles effectively blames for his ultimate exit.

"I enjoyed myself until he came in, but he wanted his own team," Charles says. "I was confident and flying and he told me I would still be involved, but then he'd change the team around and do completely the opposite of what he'd said to me.

"In the end I asked to leave because I didn't think I was getting a fair crack of the whip. I didn't want to leave but I felt I had to in order to progress my career.

"The thing was, when I did say I wanted to go, he was fine at first but at the end of the season he called me into

his office and said I was silly for requesting a transfer, that he thought I was a good player and why did I want to go?

"You could say myself and the manager parted on bad terms but I don't hold it against him, he was just trying to do his job but it was confusing though. In the end I just wanted to get away, but I never had a problem with the club, the board and the fans and I'll always have time for them."

Charles says he couldn't have a more different mentor these days though, and is quick to extol the virtues of playing for Jez George: "From the minute I met him, he's been honest with me and I really respect that about him.

"He's definitely a people person, knows how to look after you and give you the right confidence when you need it.

"Richard Money was perhaps a bit more old school and wasn't so keen on working with the younger players but Jez is completely the opposite. His background is in youth football and it really shows – in a good way."

Speaking to Charles, his infectious enthusiasm shines through – and, despite being something of a bit-part player so far he waxes lyrical about the football the team are playing, and the results they are producing. So are the players as surprised as the pundits and, to a certain extent, United's own fans as to the success enjoyed so far?

"With the players we've got, who I see in training every day, we're not surprised at all. We believe in ourselves," he says.

"Other teams might be surprised by the form we've showed but we believe the sky's the limit if we keep working hard.

"We're all similar ages, it's one of the youngest teams I've been in but it does mean everyone has got more in common with each other. It's like a big family – and we all want the same thing. We're all trying to get better, improve and get up the leagues and do the best we can for the club.

"We're lacking that bit of experience but a lot of the lads have lots of league games under their belt, so it's not all about how old you are.

"Michael Wylde, James Jennings, and Kevin Roberts have all played a lot of games and they are all good talkers on the pitch, which helps you out. Danny Naisbitt is another old head who talks a lot from the back and he gives us good advice. It's all positive at the moment, we're third in the league and everyone's buzzing around."

Moving onto more sombre matters, Charles suffered tragedy in his private life recently when school friend Billy Dove, 21, was killed in Hemel Hemstead in a stabbing incident that made headlines across the country.

Charles says this has had a profound effect on his life already, calling the entire episode "heart-breaking", but he praises the reaction of those around him, from family and friends to team-mates and fans of Cambridge and Luton.

"I got a phonecall at about 3am from my friend telling me he'd been stabbed and his sister called me after that too," he recalls.

"I'd known him since I was in year seven at school and a bunch of us always used to hang around together and play football in the park. I was in shock at first because to look at him he wouldn't

cause trouble – we'd always call him 'Little Billy' because he was so small and scrawny.

"Jez and the lads have been so supportive. The manager said to me I could do whatever felt right but, looking back even now, I'm glad I kept going, kept busy and got on with my job.

"When Josh scored [against Wrexham] he lifted up his shirt to show his T-shirt underneath and pay his respects to him and that meant a lot. The lads have been brilliant.

"I've also got a tattoo for Billy – I've got an angel on my right arm for my nan, and now I've got one on my left hand for him. I only get tattoos that mean something."

He adds: "The good thing to come out of this is that all our friends have become a lot closer, it's just a shame this has had to happen for us to do that."

So, moving back to football, how does he see himself getting a regular start in the first-team, or is his old Rushden team-mate Michael Gash going to keep him out all season?

"If I was picking the team I'd play up front with Gashy, I think we could be quite effective together. He's a target man and I'm more of a ball at the feet striker," he said.

"We've played together before and it worked well, I'd play off his flick ons and run in behind.

"But that's obviously just me – we're winning games and doing really well. The gaffer's obviously picking the right team and the right formation so I can't complain. I'm still just proud to be involved."

Alistair Potter

Any Questions?

Full Name

Ryan Andrew Charles

Date and place of birth

30/9/1989, Enfield

Position

Winger/Striker

Previous clubs

Luton Town, Hitchin Town (loan), Hinckley United (loan), Kettering (loan), Kidderminster Harriers (loan), Rushden & Diamonds

Nickname

Here it's Charlesy, but back in Luton and Hemel everyone knows me as Rio. Someone thought I looked like Rio Ferdinand and it just stuck.

I play a bit like...

Ian Wright – but with more pace!

Who's your role model?

Ian Wright!

Highlight of your career so far

Making my home debut for Luton in League 1 and scoring. It was against Oldham and I got goal of the season for it as well. I chested it down on the edge of the box, flicked it over a defender's head then volleyed it left-footed into the corner.

Most embarrassing moment

It's one of two. The first one was playing Millwall at the Den and I went to cross the ball while I was down in the corner by the home fans – I completely missed and fell over, and I got a lot of stick for that. The second one was against Kidderminster for Rushden last season – I scored the winner and, as a joke, the lads pushed me back out into the stadium with just my towel on. All the fans were still there.

Best player you've played with

Daniel Sturridge at England U16s. I'm surprised he's not been getting headlines before the last year or so because he's always been a quality player.

Toughest opponent

I've played against Reading centre-half Michael Duberry, and he was tough. Also, the lads will laugh if I also say Mark Creighton, who plays for Wrexham. Against them last week he kept trying to breathe down my neck and they were all taking the mickey out of me, saying I was scared of him. All 6ft 7in of him...

Player you'd love to play alongside

Everyone always says Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo, but I think I'd go with David Beckham just for the type of guy he is. Having said that though, I couldn't turn down a game with Messi!

Best advice you've been given

If you fail to prepare, prepare to fail. I think you've got to do things properly if you're going to do them.

Best friends at the club

If I had to pick out a couple it'd probably be Ashley Carew, Harrison Dunk and JP [Jordan Patrick].

Select XI

Quiz

- 1** Which Football League side did the Hatters dump out of the FA Cup 1st round?
- 2** What was special about England's winning goal against Sweden?
- 3** In which decade did England last beat Sweden?
- 4** Who did Wales thump 4-1 last weekend?
- 5** Which player rejected a request to return to America to play for Ireland against Estonia on Tuesday?
- 6** Which Premier League manager is facing a court trial accused of tax evasion?
- 7** David Ginola is suing which former Liverpool boss for remarks he made in a new book?
- 8** Which BSP side placed the entire first team on the transfer list this week?
- 9** After signing El-Hadj Diouf and Pascal Chimbonda, Doncaster Rovers have failed to land which ex-Arsenal star?
- 10** AFC Totton beat which former Football League side (replaced by Cambridge United!) 8-1 in the first round?
- 11** Which 70-year-old has stepped down as his club's manager after 1,404 games in charge since 1983?

Questions set by Neil Cole
Answers on Page 66

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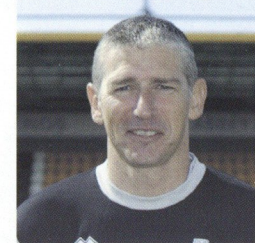
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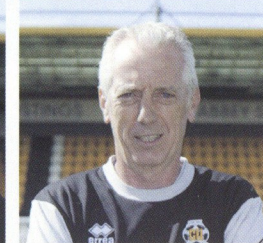
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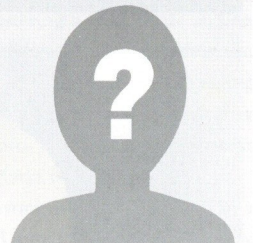
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Arsenal

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Terrace Talk

Henry Milward



I was talking to a Brazilian chap at the weekend. We were introduced by a mutual friend at something which could loosely be described as a party. With a predictability you could almost actually smell, conversation very swiftly turned to football, just after all that tedious what's your name, where are you from business.

There's a very familiar pattern to this, which most of you will recognise. There might even be a diagram somewhere illustrating it. When they ask which team you support the flow can come to a fairly swift halt. 'Oh, Cambridge United,' they smile. 'So what league is that?' You can hear them scratching around in the corners of their head, picking up and putting down grey matter like sofa cushions as they search for a morsel to drag the chat forward. It's not easy; most people are not non-league fans, you see, or even fans of lower

Football League teams.

Still scratching. Aha, they've got something. 'So...do you follow a Premier League side as well?' It's that question which, as far as they're concerned, the conversation is hanging on. This wafer-thin tête-à-tête is drunk and wobbling along a low wall, singing old naval songs. Answer correctly and we're back on, off the wall unscathed, let's get some chips, it's all going to be fine. There'll be some bonding over Chelsea's problems at wing-half or whether Manchester United should play four or five up front. We might even become great mates, arrange to meet at the local wine bar and watch some Prem footy, maybe holding hands.

But answer incorrectly and then, well, it's off the wall face first into a thistle bush. The air flies out of the conversation, soundtracked by the noise of a collapsing helium balloon.

'Nope,' I offer. 'One team's more-than-enough hassle for me.' Bang. Phwaaafffffff.

It's hit the buffers. He's eyeing an exit strategy, mustering a weak smile and an 'ah, that's cool' with all the enthusiasm of a forty-something woman exchanging pleasantries with her ex-husband after bumping into him in the underwear section of Marks & Spencer.

I'll tell anyone who'll listen that I'm a Cambridge United fan and that this lady is not for turning but pinning your colours to a lower-league mast can illicit a strange response. Plenty of people just don't know what to say; it's an entirely different world to them, one with which they can't identify. There just aren't enough reference points, not even Sky Sports News could prepare them for this. Meeting a bona fide non-league fan is like coming face to face with a Chinese YouTube sensation whose charming but fatally flawed bedroom cover of Come On Eileen has been viewed by seven million people.

You might get a 'that's nice' - well done for cheering on the little people - and a look which Princess Anne gives to earnest but scruffy skateboarders mistakenly invited to a garden party. (It's not a perception which is helped by an FA Cup first round weekend either. If you watched any of the ITV coverage, you'll understand.)

It didn't take this Brazilian bloke long to escape. 'I'm just going to go and find my cigarettes,' he said. He was free, free of this non-league basket case. Luckily, anticipating awkward situations like this one, I'd brought a book along. I found a quiet corner, sat down and read, waiting for my train home while glasses clinked next door. He's the one missing out, I thought. He's the one missing out.



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Ridgeons Round-Up

Ridgeons League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wroxham	17	13	2	2	41	10	31	41
Brantham Athletic	16	13	1	2	49	16	33	40
Wisbech Town	16	12	1	3	43	24	19	37
Dereham Town	20	12	1	7	41	28	13	37
Ely City	16	10	4	2	39	30	9	34
Stanway Rovers	18	10	3	5	36	24	12	33
Norwich United	20	10	3	7	31	24	7	33
Mildenhall Town	18	9	2	7	41	30	11	29
Gorleston	17	9	2	6	32	27	5	29
CRC	17	8	3	6	37	25	12	27
FC Clacton	14	9	0	5	31	19	12	27
Diss Town	21	6	5	10	21	31	-10	23
Woodbridge Town	16	6	4	6	34	30	4	22
Hadleigh United	17	7	1	9	32	41	-9	22
Haverhill Rovers	16	6	3	7	32	32	0	21
Kirkley & Pakefield	18	4	4	10	27	35	-8	16
Felixstowe & Walton Utd	16	5	1	10	25	36	-11	16
Wivenhoe Town	21	4	1	16	16	46	-30	13
Walsham-le-Willows	15	3	3	9	18	34	-16	12
Newmarket Town	20	2	4	14	22	57	-35	10
Great Yarmouth Town	19	1	2	16	18	67	-49	5

Brantham Athletic might not immediately be considered one of the Eastern Counties big hitters – a Wroxham, Dereham or Wisbech – but what they lack in pedigree they can make up for in ambition.

Athletic are unbeaten in nine league matches, a run which included seven straight victories. Tony Hall's side have racked up 27 goals in that spell, with Ollie Mann continuing to find the target with predictable regularity.

And Hall is convinced his charges can take their form into the New Year. He told the Green'Un: "We could be 12 points clear by the end of the month if everything goes right, and that is what we are looking at.

"I have also said to the players not to tempt fate – in this league you can lose four or five games in a row and all of a sudden you are in the middle of the table."

The next consideration for the Suffolk club, and their rivals, is whether their hopes lie above the Ridgeons Premier Division. Applications for promotion must be made by December 31 and there's every chance Brantham will throw their name into the hat.

Henry Milward

August

Sat 13	H	Diss Town	L0-2
Wed 17	A	Newmarket Town	D0-0
Tue 23	A	Stanway Rovers	W2-1
Sat 27	A	Hadleigh United	W6-0
Wed 31	H	Haverhill Rovers	L2-3

September

Sat 03	H	Norwich United	D2-2
Sat 10	A	Great Yarmouth Town	W2-0
Wed 14	H	Mildenhall Town	L1-3
Sat 17	H	Dereham Town	W3-1
Sun 25	H	Brantham Ath. (FAVQR2)	L0-2
Tue 27	A	Haverhill Rovers (RLCPR)	L0-1

October

Sat 01	H	Gorleston	L0-2
Sat 08	A	Kirkley & Pakefield	W2-0
Wed 12	H	Ely City	D3-3
Sat 15	A	Felixstowe & Walton Utd	W3-1
Sat 22	A	Ely City	L3-4
Sat 29	H	FC Clacton	L0-2

November

Sat 05	H	Wivenhoe Town	W6-0
Wed 09	A	Walsham-le-Willows	W2-1
Sat 19	A	Wroxham	15:00
Sat 26	H	Kirkley & Pakefield	15:00
Tue 29	A	Wisbech Town	19:45

December

Sat 03	A	Dereham Town	15:00
Wed 07	H	Newmarket Town	19:45
Sat 10	H	Hadleigh United	15:00
Sat 17	H	Brantham Athletic	15:00
Sat 31	A	FC Clacton	15:00

January

Mon 02	A	Haverhill Rovers	15:00
Sat 07	A	Mildenhall Town	15:00
Sat 14	A	Woodbridge Town	15:00
Sat 21	H	Great Yarmouth Town	15:00
Sat 28	A	Brantham Athletic	15:00

February

Sat 04	H	Stanway Rovers	15:00
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Sat 11	A	Wivenhoe Town	15:00
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Sat 18	H	Walsham-le-Willows	15:00
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March

Sat 03	H	Felixstowe & Walton Utd	15:00
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Sat 24	H	Wroxham	15:00
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Sat 31	A	Gorleston	15:00
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April

Sat 14	H	Wisbech Town	15:00
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Sat 21	A	Norwich United	15:00
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Sat 28	H	Woodbridge Town	15:00
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TBA	A	Diss Town	TBA
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FA Youth Cup (as Cambridge United)

QR1	H	Norwich United	W9-1
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QR2	A	Thetford Town	W2-0
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QR3	A	Woodford United	W4-0
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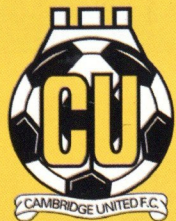
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R2	H	Crawley Town	W3-1
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R3	A	Charlton/Farnborough/Yeovil	
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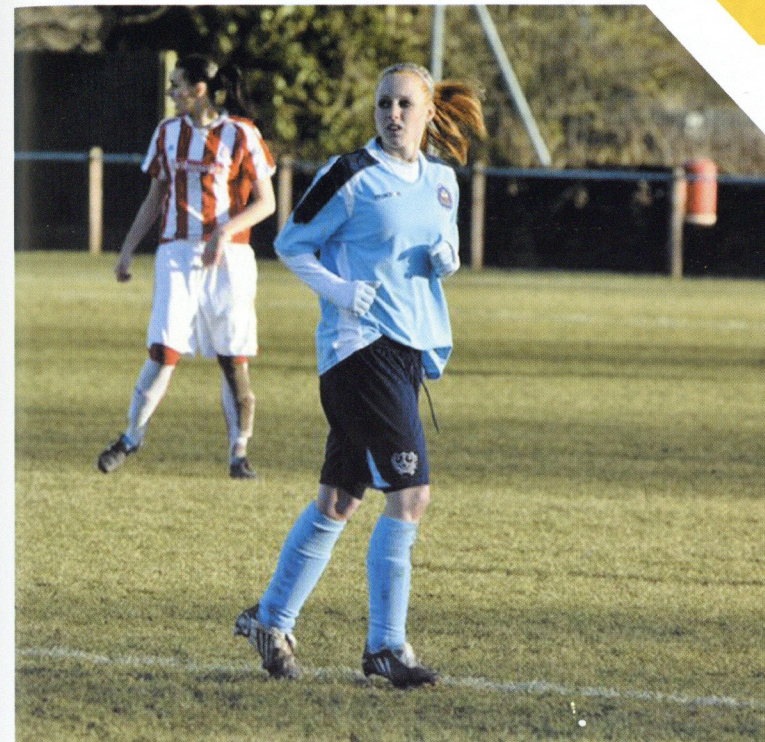
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Women's Football



Since the last post we've played five games, four away and just the one at home.

After our win against MK Dons we travelled to Norwich City for a mid-week game against one of the leading teams in the division. A tense game in which the first half was dominated by Norwich who missed a penalty and the second half was dominated by Cambridge which saw us hit the woodwork courtesy of Nat Richardson. The game finished 0-0 and it was a good point gained away from home.

Next up was a trip to West London to take on Old Actonians who are rooted to the foot of the table. The goals were shared around with Nat Richardson(4), Sophie Thompson(2), Laura Bright, Laura Brown, Laura Baker, Carrie Bennett and Kelly Docwra the scoresheet.

We followed that up with a home draw with Ebbsfleet United, after a goalless first half we soon found ourselves two down within 15 minutes of the restart but goals from Nat Richardson and Hannah Goodchild saw us drab an unlikely point.

Our latest game was an away trip to Luton Town, we were hoping to extend our seven game unbeaten run but by half time our hopes looked slim. 2-0 down and not playing very well, we were soon 3-0 down after the break but managed to pick ourselves up and put up a better fight for the remainder of the game but eventually losing 4-2 with our goals coming from Natalie Richardson and Sophie Thompson.

Next up for us was the start of our FA Cup adventure with an away tie against Hampstead WFC in the Third Qualifying Round. Last year saw us get

to the Third Round proper where we lost to Leeds City Vixens from the Premier League. We managed to edge past Hampstead surroundings that weren't used to and with a well organised Hampstead team determined to pull off a giant killing Sunday was a tough day at the office.

We scored early after Nat Richardson controlled a poor goal kick and shot from long range into an empty net to give us the lead. The game was scrappy and didn't flow at all which suited our hosts and continued to frustrate us. Hampstead equalised shortly before half time after a huge bobble beat our keeper Verity Crook.

The second half was much the same as the first, very scrappy and one of few chances but the game turned when Hampstead were reduced to 10 players after an untidy tackle on Kalyleigh Burt resulted in a second booking. We finally managed to get the ball moving and found some space on a tiny pitch and 15 minutes from the end Hampstead failed to clear a Nat Richardson cross properly which fell to Captain Gemma Clare (pictured) who lashed it in from the edge of the area for her first goal for the club and the winner which sent us through to the 1st round.

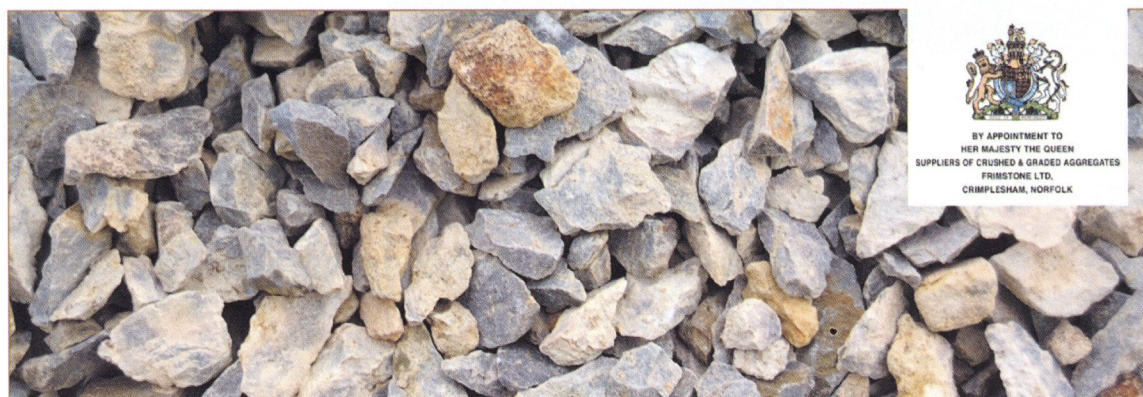
Next up are Oxford United at home and they look to be a good side so our cup adventure doesn't look like getting any easier!!

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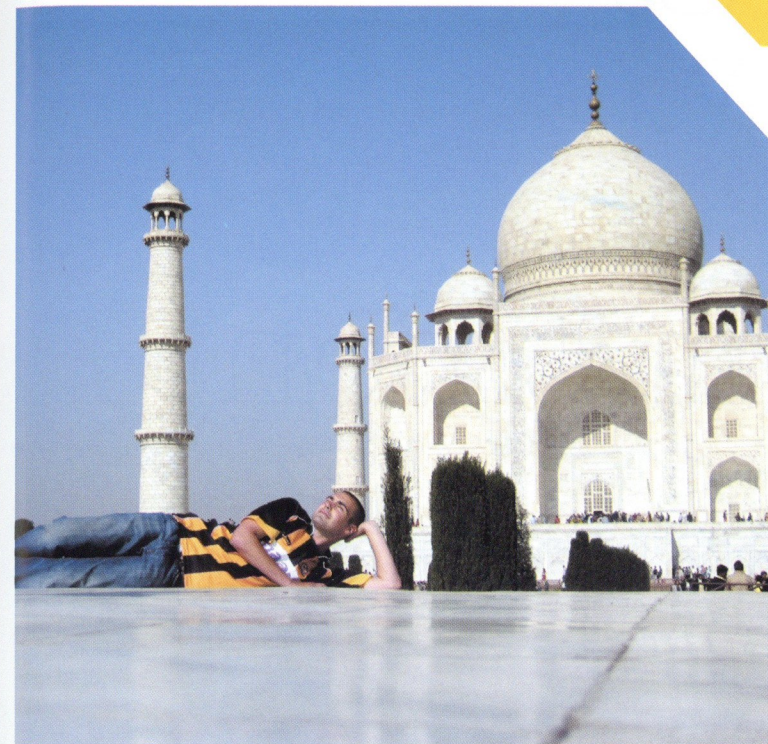
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Last year's sell-out publication
'Cambridge 'til I Die' produced by U's
fans Doug Shulman and Kevin Robson,
provoked a wave of wonderful tales from
the United fan base. The publishers
were inundated with stories and the
book overflowed so, throughout the
season, we publish the ones that got
away...

As the third of three brothers, football
and the U's were ingrained within me
before my conscious mind could even
challenge its relevance.

The beginning...

The end of what proved to be a
successful 1990/91 season was drawing to
its conclusion and the U's were hosting
Preston North End at the Abbey. In the
18 months prior to that game, I had
become increasingly interested in
football on a Saturday afternoon, when
my father and brothers would disappear
for a few hours and return later dressed in
amber, excited, and full of discussion.
What followed was a six-year olds
incessant struggle to convince his Dad to

save him from the retreat of roller-
skating on a Saturday afternoon.

My chance finally arrived on a sunny
afternoon in March 1991, with my rear
firmly attached to a Block A seat at the
front of the family enclosure. My
memory of the game is pretty blank,
other than both goals in a 1-1 draw,
(both of which I enthusiastically
celebrated, not realising that the teams
swap ends at half time).

From the start of the 1991/92 my
attendance at the Abbey was
unwavering, along with my father (who's
worked at the Abbey on match days
since 1982), two brothers, and mother.
Bless her. She didn't have much of a
choice in the end. Attending every
home game I soon became gripped – a
positive start to the season helped to fuel
the fire and desire.

Fratton Park - 21st September 1991
– Portsmouth 3-0 Cambridge United

After a promising start of five wins in
the first seven games my first away trip
brought a temporary and abrupt halt to

the U's continued charge. A trip on the
old Junior U's coach took us to the game,
the road trip, the mascot raffle on the
coach, the morning football and of
course the match, which opened my eyes
to another level - another level of
support - of experience and excitement.
The 'away day' for me was born.

The excitement rolled on in what
proved to be a compelling campaign; the
excitement of which eventually crashed
and burned, and in some style.

The destination, Filbert Street, date
13th May 1992 – Leicester City 5-0
Cambridge

In my first full season as a Cambridge
fan I'd been riding on the crest of a wave.
One which I only really experienced the
pinnacle of and one, sadly, at the age I
could not fully appreciate. On this night
our hopes of gracing the first year of the
Premiership crashed. By the time
Tommy Wright had chipped John
Vaughan the tears had long been flowing.
For the first time I would experience real
disappointment, real deflation, and real
heartache. This was an experience that,
unfortunately, I have been destined to
relive more times than the successes as a
United fan.

During the 1991/92 season I could, on
reflection, barely comprehend or fully
understand what I'd witnessed. As a
seven-year old kid, I was swept along by
the emotion, ceremony and sense of
theatre, which was seamlessly bound
together by roots of tribal collectiveness
first sown by my brothers and watered,
initially, by General John Beck's charges
and the amber nation.

But, in the 19 year slump that has
followed, I have never lost fascination
with the narrative. Unlike watching
other, non-United football, my
analytical mind switches off, losing
myself in a story over which I have no
control and an absorption in something
beyond my own preoccupations. Not to
mention all that goes with it ... the away
days, the Boro' derbies, the last minute
winners, the sound of 'Coconuts'...

energy knowledge spark commitment

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Terrace Talk

Henry Milward



I was talking to a Brazilian chap at the weekend. We were introduced by a mutual friend at something which could loosely be described as a party. With a predictability you could almost actually smell, conversation very swiftly turned to football, just after all that tedious what's your name, where are you from business.

There's a very familiar pattern to this, which most of you will recognise. There might even be a diagram somewhere illustrating it. When they ask which team you support the flow can come to a fairly swift halt. 'Oh, Cambridge United,' they smile. 'So what league is that?' You can hear them scratching around in the corners of their head, picking up and putting down grey matter like sofa cushions as they search for a morsel to drag the chat forward. It's not easy; most people are not non-league fans, you see, or even fans of lower

Football League teams.

Still scratching. Aha, they've got something. 'So...do you follow a Premier League side as well?' It's that question which, as far as they're concerned, the conversation is hanging on. This wafer-thin tête-à-tête is drunk and wobbling along a low wall, singing old naval songs. Answer correctly and we're back on, off the wall unscathed, let's get some chips, it's all going to be fine. There'll be some bonding over Chelsea's problems at wing-half or whether Manchester United should play four or five up front. We might even become great mates, arrange to meet at the local wine bar and watch some Prem footy, maybe holding hands.

But answer incorrectly and then, well, it's off the wall face first into a thistle bush. The air flies out of the conversation, soundtracked by the noise of a collapsing helium balloon.

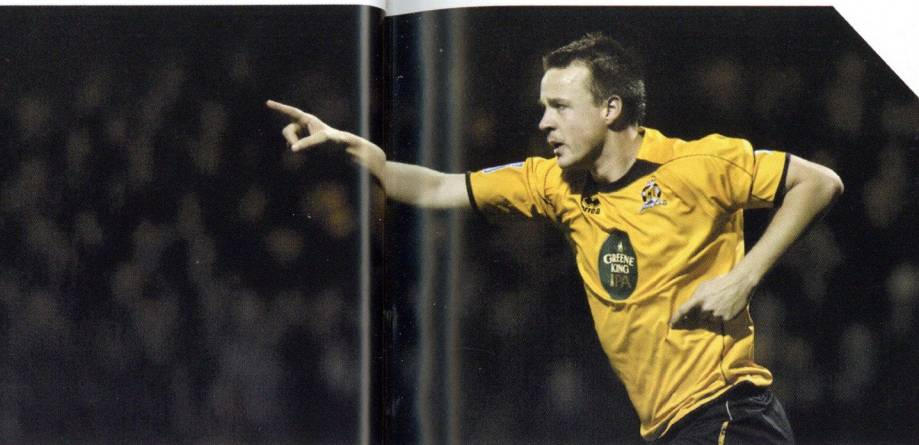
'Nope,' I offer. 'One team's more-than-enough hassle for me.' Bang. Phwaaaffffff.

It's hit the buffers. He's eyeing an exit strategy, mustering a weak smile and an 'ah, that's cool' with all the enthusiasm of a forty-something woman exchanging pleasantries with her ex-husband after bumping into him in the underwear section of Marks & Spencer.

I'll tell anyone who'll listen that I'm a Cambridge United fan and that this lady is not for turning but pinning your colours to a lower-league mast can illicit a strange response. Plenty of people just don't know what to say; it's an entirely different world to them, one with which they can't identify. There just aren't enough reference points, not even Sky Sports News could prepare them for this. Meeting a bona fide non-league fan is like coming face to face with a Chinese YouTube sensation whose charming but fatally flawed bedroom cover of Come On Eileen has been viewed by seven million people.

You might get a 'that's nice' – well done for cheering on the little people – and a look which Princess Anne gives to earnest but scruffy skateboarders mistakenly invited to a garden party. (It's not a perception which is helped by an FA Cup first round weekend either. If you watched any of the ITV coverage, you'll understand.)

It didn't take this Brazilian bloke long to escape. 'I'm just going to go and find my cigarettes,' he said. He was free, free of this non-league basket case. Luckily, anticipating awkward situations like this one, I'd brought a book along. I found a quiet corner, sat down and read, waiting for my train home while glasses clinked next door. He's the one missing out, I thought. He's the one missing out.



Above Josh Coulson nets for the first time to make it 1-1.

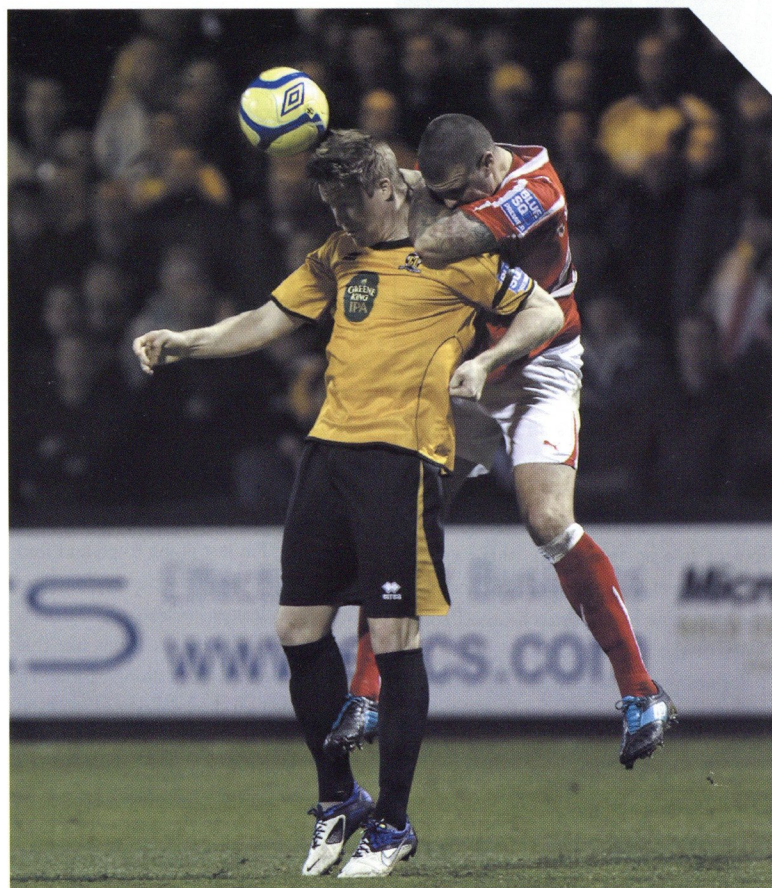
Right Wrexham keeper Joslain Mayebi gets in a bit of a flap.

Below Michael Gash takes on Wrexham skipper Nathaniel Knight-Percival.

Bottom Left Michael Gash withstands a muscular challenge.

Top Left Ryan Charles wins the ball athletically.

Photos: Shaun Brooks



Friday November 11
The FA Cup with Budweiser
First Round Proper

Cambridge 2

Coulson 53, 90

Wrexham 2

Morrell 20, 60

Cambridge United and Wrexham must try again to win a place in the next round after drawing 2-2 at the R Costings Abbey Stadium.

Wrexham took a 20th minute lead when Andy Morrell fired home after seeing his initial header saved by Danny Naisbitt, but United levelled eight minutes after the restart when Josh Coulson got his head to a dangerous free-kick by Ashley Carew.

Morrell swept the visitors back in front on the hour and United looked to be heading out of the cup until Coulson netted his second of the night in stoppage time.

Cambridge

1. Naisbitt
2. Roberts
3. Jennings
4. Coulson
6. Shaw
9. Gash (Charles)
10. Carew (Patrick)
11. Dunk
12. McAuley
16. Jarvis (Marriott)
18. Berry
30. Brown
5. Wylde
17. Hughes
27. Thorpe

Wrexham

25. Mayebi
3. Ashton
4. Creighton (Hunt)
8. Fowler
9. Wright
11. Morrell (Cieslewicz)
18. Tolley
20. Knight-Percival
23. Westwood
24. Pogba (Speight)
26. Clarke
21. Ward
14. Clowes
17. Little
18. Anoruo

Referee: John Hopkins

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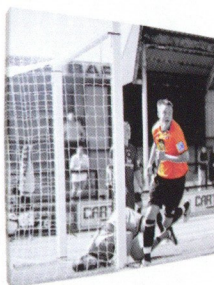
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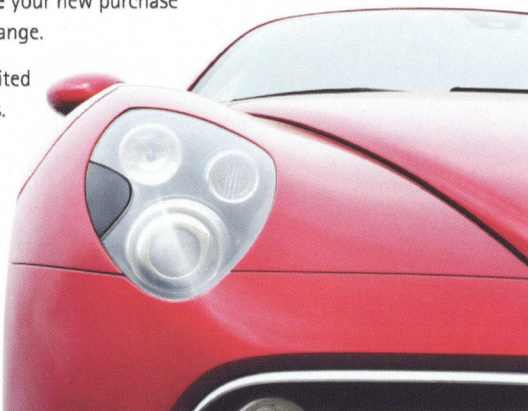
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Match Of The Day

Cambridge United's First Appearance On 'Match Of The Day'

Hereford United 0 Cambridge United 0, Division Three, 13 October 1973

MOTD picked on the Football League's two newest clubs who were both in the Third Division for the first time. Hereford had made the brighter start to the season, but both sides cancelled each other out in front of 8,522 at Edgar Street and it wasn't great viewing for the neutrals. We were wearing a lurid fluorescent orange away strip, which was probably the most entertaining part of the game for those with colour TV sets. Both sides featured MOTD heroes though. Ronnie Radford had scored the thunderbolt equaliser in Hereford's famous FA Cup giantkilling over Newcastle in 1972 and Cambridge's Dave Simmons (pictured) had scored Colchester's third goal when they beat

the almighty Leeds in 1970. It took until March 1990 for the MOTD cameras to visit the Abbey Stadium though, in the 1-0 defeat to Crystal Palace in the FA Cup Quarter-Final.

Luton Town's First Appearance On 'Match Of The Day'

Swindon Town 0 Luton Town 0, Division Three, 18 January 1969

It was a great match to choose, on paper at least, because both sides were sitting just outside the promotion zone at the end of this match with Swindon fifth and Luton eighth. Again, it was a match in which both teams successfully nullified the danger from each other in front of 19,105 at the County Ground. Bruce Rioch was Luton's star player - he was later to play in Derby County's

1974-75 League Championship-winning side. Don Rogers was Swindon's hero. Less than two months after this game he would score twice in their amazing 3-1 League Cup Final victory over Arsenal. Swindon also achieved promotion this season, finishing three points clear of Luton who were denied the honour, because they finished third and only two teams were promoted in those days. The following season they did achieve their goal as they finished runners-up to Orient.

The First-Ever 'Match Of The Day'

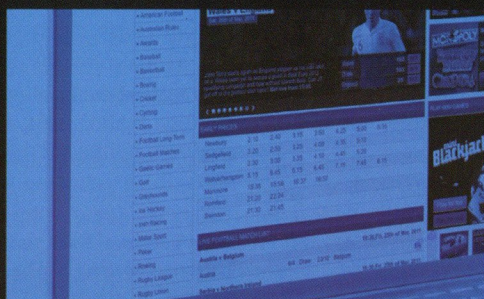
Liverpool 3 Arsenal 2, Division One, 22 August 1964

The FA Cup Final had been broadcast live on TV since 1938 and there had been a Saturday night highlights programme called Sports Special before Match Of The Day made its debut. As part of the new BBC2 television station they scheduled this fresh show at 6.30 in the evening, hosted by commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme. They only showed this one game, but it was a cracker. The home side (who were defending League Champions) went into a two goal lead through Roger Hunt and Gordon Wallace, only for Arsenal to level through Geoff Strong and Joe Baker. Wallace popped up with the winner right at the end. Probably the most memorable image was the sight of a black cat running across the pitch though. The TV audience was estimated to be about 20,000 as BBC2 was only broadcast in the London area at the time, compared to 47,620 who were actually at the game.

Kevin Palmer & Leigh Edwards

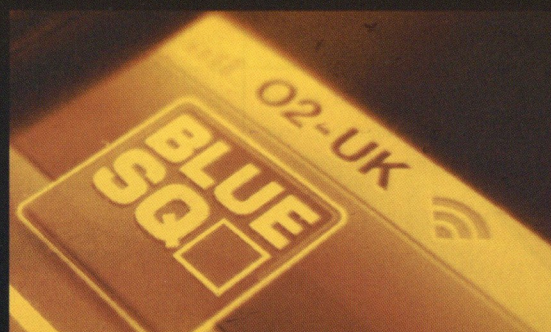


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Press Gang



"Sometimes they shout that I am lazy,
but that doesn't upset me. I am lazy."

Those words could be applied to many
a U's player down the years, but were
uttered by the enigma that is Armand
One (pictured).

And who could forget this marvellous
quote from John Beck when he brought
the 18-year-old across the channel from
Nantes back in 2001:

"It's the coup of the century," said JB.
"We brought him over, had a look at him
and said 'Yes!' He's such an incredible
young man, a nice lad, and he reminds
me of Hightower in the Police Academy
films, he's that tall."

The giant Frenchman showed flashes of
skill during his time at the club, but was
eventually released by the U's due his

constant lack of fitness.

Since then, One has been all over the
place (France, Finland, er, Wales) in a
bid to make a name for himself, and
finally seems to have carved out a niche
in the Scottish lower divisions.

Having served the likes of Partick
Thistle, Raith Rovers and Livingston,
One spent last term at Stranraer and
enjoyed the most prolific season of his
career to date, smashing in 25 goals as
the Blues finished fifth in the Scottish
Third Division.

He was on the move again this
summer, joining Alloa, and netted his
first goal for the Wasps on Saturday in a
1-1 draw with Peterhead.

"One used his imposing physique to
out-jump Bavidge at the near post,

turning home Ryan McCord's corner at
the near post with less than 15 minutes
remaining," noted one report, and a
quick glance at the Alloa website
confirms just how imposing Armand is
these days, ahem.

Another ex-U's striker who for whom
the phrase "more clubs than Tiger
Woods" seems wholly appropriate is Lee
McEvelly.

Press Gang reported earlier this season
that Big Evil was at Blue Square North
side Droylsden, but since then he has
moved on to Colwyn Bay and could be
set to up sticks again this week after
being approached by former Bay boss
Dave Challinor, now in charge at AFC
Fylde.

McEvelly could also be in hot water
after allegedly aiming racist abuse at
Blyth Spartans striker Richard Offiong in
a recent Blue Square Bet North clash.

"I pulled the guy aside at the end at the
end of the game and told him if he just
apologised then I wouldn't it any further,
but he denied knowing what I was
talking about.

"The referee did not hear the remarks
but one of team-mates did."

With Bay being based in Wales, the
matter is under investigation by the
Football Association of Wales. A
spokesman for the club told the North
Wales Weekly News that they didn't
respond to "rumours and gossip", while
McEvelly himself declined to comment
when contacted by The Non-League
Paper.

Matt Gooding

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Wrexham AFC

Tuesday November 22
The FA Cup with Budweiser
Kick Off 7.45pm



Directions by car: Exit the M6 at Junction 10A Northbound, onto the M54. Follow the motorway to its end, before joining the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Proceed along the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and join the A483 (the Wrexham by-pass) towards Wrexham. Leave the A483 at the junction with the A541 (Mold Road), heading towards the town centre, and you should find the ground around 300 metres further along the A541. (LL11 2AH)

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Kidderminster Hs

Saturday November 26
Blue Square Bet Premier
Kick Off 3.00pm



Directions by Car: Leave the M5 at junction 4 (signposted A491 Stourbridge), and after approximately five miles turn left onto the A456 and follow it towards Kidderminster. At the roundabout on the Kidderminster ring road, take the first exit – signposted A451 Stourport and at the next roundabout opt for the first exit onto the A448 (signposted Bromsgrove), before taking the first road to the right – Hoo Road. You will find Aggborough a few hundred metres along on the left. (DY10 1NB)

Parking: Available behind the away stand and in some of the surrounding streets.

The Away Travel Coach leaves Ely at 9.45am and the Abbey at 10.30am. £20.50 for non-members, £18 for members, £10 for juniors.

Blue Square Bet Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wrexham	19	5	2	2	14	7	7	2	1	19	7	19	40
Fleetwood Town	19	4	4	1	16	10	8	0	2	23	15	14	40
Cambridge United	19	6	2	1	16	6	4	4	2	13	11	12	36
York City	19	5	3	2	19	10	5	2	2	20	11	18	35
Southport	19	3	4	2	11	14	7	1	2	21	15	3	35
Gateshead	19	4	4	2	17	14	6	0	3	16	16	3	34
Luton Town	19	6	1	3	23	9	3	5	1	12	11	15	33
Kidderminster Harriers	19	4	4	2	21	16	5	0	4	13	13	5	31
Braintree Town	19	5	2	2	20	11	4	1	5	19	20	8	30
Mansfield Town	18	4	3	3	18	14	4	3	1	12	9	7	30
Tamworth	18	5	2	1	13	6	3	3	4	10	13	4	29
Barrow	19	6	1	2	20	10	3	1	6	13	22	1	29
Forest Green Rovers	19	3	3	4	14	12	3	5	1	12	7	7	26
Ebbsfleet United	20	3	3	4	15	14	3	4	3	13	13	1	25
Darlington	19	5	2	3	10	9	2	2	5	9	16	-6	25
Grimsby Town	19	5	0	4	19	14	1	3	6	7	18	-6	21
Stockport County	20	2	3	5	14	17	1	7	2	11	14	-6	19
Lincoln City	19	3	3	4	10	12	2	1	6	8	16	-10	19
Kettering Town	19	2	2	6	15	24	3	2	4	8	11	-12	19
AFC Telford United	19	3	2	4	9	12	1	4	5	12	16	-7	18
Hayes & Yeading United	19	3	2	4	14	15	1	3	6	13	23	-11	17
Newport County	19	2	3	5	12	14	1	3	5	9	16	-9	15
Alfreton Town	19	1	3	5	9	22	1	1	8	9	25	-29	10
Bath City	19	1	2	7	9	17	0	3	6	7	20	-21	8

Blue Square Bet North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hyde FC	19	14	3	2	42	15	27	45
Stalybridge Celtic	17	13	3	1	44	19	25	42
Gainsborough Trinity	17	10	1	6	29	25	4	31
Guisley	15	9	3	3	34	16	18	30
Corby Town	15	8	3	4	28	12	16	27
Nuneaton Town	16	8	3	5	23	15	8	27
Worcester City	17	8	3	6	29	27	2	27
Altrincham	16	7	4	5	36	26	10	25
Droylsden	17	7	4	6	31	26	5	25
Colwyn Bay	17	7	4	6	20	23	-3	25
Boston United	17	7	3	7	19	22	-3	24
FC Halifax Town	15	6	5	4	27	27	0	23
Gloucester City	17	6	4	7	23	20	3	22
Histon	17	5	4	8	25	31	-6	19
Solihull Moors	16	6	1	9	12	19	-7	19
Harrogate Town	18	5	4	9	21	31	-10	19
Vauxhall Motors	18	5	3	10	28	35	-7	18
Hinckley United	15	5	1	9	19	33	-14	16
Workington	17	4	2	11	18	32	-14	14
Bishop's Cleeve	17	4	2	11	24	39	-15	14
Eastwood Town	17	3	4	10	19	38	-19	13
Blyth Spartans	16	2	4	10	16	36	-20	10

Blue Square Bet South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Woking	16	12	3	1	39	13	26	39
Welling United	17	11	3	3	40	25	15	36
Sutton United	16	10	3	3	36	16	17	33
Dartford	16	10	3	3	33	18	15	33
Chelmsford City	16	7	7	2	27	15	12	28
Dover Athletic	17	7	7	3	26	15	11	28
Tonbridge Angels	18	8	3	7	34	35	-1	27
Boreham Wood	17	8	3	6	22	23	-1	27
Basingstoke Town	15	7	5	3	29	20	9	26
Dorchester Town	19	8	1	10	25	30	-5	25
Weston-super-Mare	17	7	3	7	29	29	0	24
Eastleigh	17	7	2	8	22	28	-6	23
Truro City	16	7	1	8	28	31	-3	22
Eastbourne Borough	16	6	3	7	29	27	2	21
Havant & Waterlooville	17	5	4	8	30	30	0	19
Salisbury City	16	5	4	7	23	26	-3	19
Bromley	15	5	3	7	24	28	-4	18
Maidenhead United	15	5	3	7	22	39	-17	18
Hampton & Richmond	17	3	4	10	21	30	-9	13
Farnborough	17	3	4	10	20	42	-22	13
Staines Town	17	2	4	11	18	28	-10	10
Thurrock	16	2	3	11	14	40	-26	9



Despite the majority of the Blue Square Bet leagues taking a welcome break via the F.A. Cup with Budweiser over the past weekend, there has been a flurry of activity off the field. Kettering have become the latest crisis club after it was revealed their players have only been paid "a percentage of their wages" for the month. This was followed by the news that every single player has been placed on the transfer list "in response to recent results and the finances related to that".

This came hot on the news that managerless Darlington chairman Raj Singh has told all of his players they will need to take a wage cut and that sacked manager Mark Cooper (above) and his staff will need to take a fraction of the payout they're entitled to lest they send the club into administration. Quite why a sacked manager deserves any sort of payout after performing so badly is beyond me and Singh's blatant disregard of the fact that he allowed said manager to waste the money in the first place is staggering, but that's football for you!

Stockport have moved quickly to replace the departed Didi Hamann with the return of Jim Gannon. Although he will hold the title of Director of Football,

he will be responsible for all football matters including team selection and transfers.

Meanwhile, Championship Derby County have signed Mansfield defender Tom Naylor on a six-week loan deal with a view to making the move permanent in January. The Rams last week agreed an undisclosed fee for the 20-year-old centre-half following a trial spell. Naylor came through the youth ranks at Field Mill and made his Stags debut as a 17-year-old in April 2009.

Hatters Walk-over Cobblers whilst Cod Unseat Chairboys

As mentioned it was FA Cup with Budweiser weekend and the greatest cup competition on Earth didn't fail to shock and absorb. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the weekend was that of Fleetwood Town who took on League One Wycombe at Highbury. The Cod Army took the lead in the first half through Andy Mangan after Jamie Milligan's wonderful free-kick had already struck the woodwork. Despite the perhaps harsh sending off of Richard Brodie just before half-time the big-spenders were far from overawed and Jamie Vardy notched his 12th goal of the season to set up a Second Round home tie with another League One side in Yeovil.

Bath earned themselves another crack at League Two Dagenham & Redbridge after a draw at Victoria Park. Sean Canham put the visitors ahead after just eleven minutes but Brian Woodall's strike shortly before half-time partially saved the League side's blushes.

Another side earning another crack at League opposition is Grimsby. The trip to League Two promotion-chasers Port Vale failed to provide any goals largely thanks to an inspired performances from Mariners' keeper James McKeown.

Perhaps the least surprising 'shock' of the round was Luton's victory over

League Two near-neighbours Northampton Town at Kenilworth Road. Substitute Adam Watkins got the only goal of the game with ten minutes remaining and this result led to former U Gary Johnson receiving the sack.

Facing League One opposition were lowly Alfreton but the visit of Carlisle failed to provide a shock. Goals from Lee Miller, the brilliantly named Roy Loy (a stunning over-heard kick, no less), James Berrett and Liam Noble before half-time killed the tie. Town striker Chris Senior missed a second half opportunity to add a consolation from the spot.



Newport fell to defeat against League Two Shrewsbury although they far from disgraced themselves. Indeed, Saturday's live televised game saw the Exiles go down to a single Terry Gornell goal shortly before the break. Also proving stern opposition for a League Two side were Barrow who took Rotherham to within minutes of defeat. An early goal from Paul Rutherford (pictured) after hilarious goalkeeping from Conrad Logan looked like being enough until Lewis Grabban popped up with a brace in the final eight minutes to settle it.

Overachieving Southport were many gamblers' tip to upset the balance as they hosted struggling League Two Barnet. Just five places separate the Bees and the Sandgrounders and, after Steve Akrigg (below) had cancelled out Clovis Kamjo's opener, it looked as though the game was heading for a replay. However, Matt Taylor's 93rd-minute header sent Lawrie Sanchez's men through.



Three shocks saw fortunate Tamworth held by BSN Hinckley United. Amidst farcical scenes the game sprang into life shortly before half-time. Kyle Patterson fouled United 'keeper Dan Haystead and a free-kick was given. A bit of handbags resulted in Haystead being sent off but, remarkably, Patterson staying on the field. Even more remarkably the referee then reversed his decision and gave Tamworth a penalty! Believe it or not he then changed his mind AGAIN and gave Hinckley back their free-kick! Anyway, in an incredible final 12 minutes first United's Andre Gray opened the scoring before Iyseden Christie's customary penalty pulled the Lambs level. United re-took the lead through Lloyd Kerry's sublime finish until Patterson broke hearts with a late, late leveller.

Struggling AFC Telford saw their Cup

dreams crushed convincingly by BSN Chelmsford. Goals from Dave Rainford (2), former U Aiden Palmer and Craig Parker contributed to a 4-0 win at Melbourne Stadium.

The other shock (although with the aforementioned off-field problems perhaps it wasn't so much of a shock) saw Kettering defeated by Ryan Premier Division Sutton United. A solitary goal from Craig Watkins was enough.

Easing through to the Second Round, though, were Gateshead as they saw off BSN Blyth thanks to goals from prolific Jon Shaw and Mickey Cummins whilst the U's and Wrexham will, of course, have to go again after a brace apiece for Josh Coulson and Andy Morrell (below).



Of the other Blue Square Bet sides in action South Maidenhead United came closest to a shock as they held League Two Aldershot. Leading through Anthony Thomas' sixth-minute curler, substitute Michael Rankine saved Shots boss Dean Holdsworth's blushes with the equaliser 13 minutes from time.

Last round's giant-killers Corby were brought back down to Earth as they were defeated 3-1 by League Two Bristol Rovers, whilst our potential next

opponents Brentford dispatched Basingstoke 1-0, Bromley fell 3-0 to League One Leyton Orient and Salisbury saw off Arlesey Town 3-1.



The only Blue Square Bet Premier game of last weekend saw Ebbsfleet take on Stockport, under the caretaker stewardship of Willie McStay at Stonebridge Road. County took the lead after 21 minutes, Nick Chadwick confidently slotting home from the penalty spot after Tom Elliott was bundled over by namesake Phipp. However, a disastrous final ten minutes first saw former U Calum Willock (above) get on the end of Joe Howe's cross for his tenth goal of the season and then Nathaniel Pinney fire home a solo effort via the post with just two minutes remaining to seal a vital win for the Fleet. Liam Daish's men moved eight points clear of the drop zone, though County are looking nervously over their shoulders just two points clear with the sides below them all having a game in hand.

Dave Stacey

Claire Osbourn



team produced a 3-1 victory over League Two side Crawley Town in the Second Round Proper of the FA Youth Cup. To reach this stage the team has beaten Norwich United, Thetford Town, Woodford United and more recently Northampton Town. Next they face either Charlton Athletic, Farnborough or Yeovil away in the Third Round. The fixture date will be announced on the website as soon as it has been confirmed.

CRC are next in home action on Saturday 26 November to Kirkley & Pakefield. If you can't travel to Kidderminster on that day then pop down to the R Costings Abbey to watch the youngsters in action. U's season ticket holders can gain entry to the ground for just £2, plus Junior U's get in free!

As Christmas is just around the corner it's the perfect time to be thinking about presents (as much as most of us hate Christmas shopping!). Rather than the traditional socks and smellies why not treat the one(s) you love to a half season ticket? Adult prices start from just £124 and children from £34 and include the Braintree game on Boxing Day. Don't forget that season ticket holders get priority over all-ticket games and FA Cup/Trophy matches where necessary. Call the Ticket Office on 01223 566500 or visit the website and fill out a form.

Finally, Cambridge Fans United have produced a Cambridge United calendar for 2012. Visit the CFU caravan before or after today's game to get hold of your copy.

Enjoy the game.

Claire

Good afternoon and welcome back to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for today's all-ticket fixture with Luton Town. Welcome of course to our visitors today, which include some familiar faces on and off the pitch.

As the season is progressing the fixture list is looking more and more busy. This afternoon is our second league meeting with Luton, yet there are some teams we will play twice after Christmas. With our trip to Wrexham for the FA Cup Second Round replay on Tuesday and the FA Trophy pending, the calendar soon starts to fill up.

The draw for the FA Trophy is on Monday 28 November and the tie is due to be played on Saturday 10 December. Our SMS subscribers will get the draw first straight to their mobile phones. For

information on how to subscribe to the U's news please visit www.cambridgeunited.com. Ticket news will also be announced on the website after the draw.

On Tuesday we travel to Wrexham for the FA Cup replay. The winners of that tie will not only receive £18,500, but will play away at Brentford in the Second Round Proper. The FA Cup never fails to excite with surprise victories and always creates a buzz among supporters. We hope to see as many of you at Wrexham as possible to lend our team your support in this competition. There is still space on the Away Travel coach. Please call the Ticket Office on 01223 566500 or Carol on 07749 829883 to book.

On Tuesday this week our Under 18s

Date	H/A	Opponents	Result	Att	Away	PTS	POS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8
August															
Saturday, 13	A	Wrexham	D1-1	4,206	302	1	11	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Kinniburgh	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Tuesday, 16	H	AFC Telford United	W1-0	2,482	172	4	5	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Kinniburgh	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Saturday, 20	H	Kidderminster Harriers	L1-2	2,171	127	4	13	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	McAuley	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Tuesday, 23	A	Grimsby Town	L1-2	2,616	138	4	15	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Jennings	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Saturday, 27	H	Hayes & Yeading Utd	W2-1	1,778	55	7	12	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Jennings	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Monday, 29	A	Kettering Town	D0-0	2,000	748	8	10	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Jennings	Carew	Berry	Shaw
September															
Saturday, 03	A	Newport County	W1-0	1,515	132	11	5	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	Wylde	Jennings	Carew	Berry	Shaw
Saturday, 10	H	Forest Green Rovers	D1-1	2,408	40	12	10	Naisbitt	McAuley	Coulson	Wylde	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Saturday, 17	A	Gateshead	D1-1	904	121	13	12	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Tuesday, 20	H	Ebbsfleet United	W2-0	1,911	85	16	10	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Saturday, 24	H	Darlington	W2-0	2,300	159	19	9	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Tuesday, 27	A	Luton Town	W1-0	6,274	522	22	6	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
October															
Saturday, 01	A	Southport	L0-1	1,104	190	22	9	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Thursday, 06	H	Stockport County	D2-2	2,047	165	23	9	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Marriott
Tuesday, 11	A	Bath City	W4-3	788	144	26	7	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Saturday, 15	H	Alfreton Town	W3-0	2,741	60	29	6	Naisbitt	Roberts	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Tuesday, 18	A	York City	D2-2	2,711	190	30	6	Naisbitt	Thorpe	Coulson	McAuley	Jennings	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Friday, 21	H	Lincoln City	W2-0	2,875	277	33	4	Naisbitt	Thorpe	Coulson	McAuley	Roberts	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Saturday, 29	A	Hayes & Y FACQR4	W6-2	452	TBA			Naisbitt	Jennings	Coulson	McAuley	Roberts	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
November															
Saturday, 05	A	Mansfield Town	W2-1	2,046	237	36	3	Naisbitt	Wylde	Coulson	McAuley	Roberts	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Friday, 11	H	Wrexham (FAC1)	D2-2	2,792	179			Naisbitt	Jennings	Coulson	McAuley	Roberts	Carew	Jarvis	Shaw
Saturday, 19	H	Luton Town	15:00												
Saturday, 22	A	Wrexham (FAC1R)	19:45												
Saturday, 26	A	Kidderminster Harriers	15:00												
Tuesday, 29	H	Bath City	19:45												
December															
Saturday, 03	H	Grimsby Town	15:00 - or FA Cup R2												
Tuesday, 06	A	Ebbsfleet United	19:45												
Saturday, 10	A	FA Trophy R1	15:00												
Saturday, 17	A	Darlington	15:00												
Monday, 26	H	Braintree Town	15:00												
January															
Sunday, 01	A	Braintree Town	15:00												
Saturday, 07	H	Southport	15:00												
Saturday, 14	A	FA Trophy R2	15:00												
Saturday, 21	A	AFC Telford United	15:00												
Tuesday, 24	H	Newport County	19:45												
Saturday, 28	H	Tamworth	15:00												
February															
Saturday, 04	A	Lincoln City	15:00												
Saturday, 11	H	Barrow	15:00												
Saturday, 18	A	Fleetwood Town	15:00												
Saturday, 25	H	Gateshead	15:00												
March															
Saturday, 04	A	Forest Green Rovers	15:00												
Tuesday, 06	H	Mansfield Town	19:45												
Saturday, 10	A	Stockport County	15:00												
Saturday, 17	H	York City	15:00												
Saturday, 24	A	Alfreton Town	15:00												
Saturday, 31	H	Wrexham	15:00												
April															
Saturday, 07	A	Hayes & Yeading Utd	15:00												
Monday, 09	H	Kettering Town	15:00												
Saturday, 14	A	Barrow	15:00												
Saturday, 21	H	Fleetwood Town	15:00												
Saturday, 28	A	Tamworth	15:00												

P9	P10	P11	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB
Dunk	Marriott	Charles	Platt	Gash	Jarvis	Thorpe	Brown		
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Dunk	Jarvis	Gash	Platt	Charles	Kinniburgh	McAuley	Brown		
Platt	Marriott	Gash	Patrick	Jarvis	McAuley	Eades	Brown		
Platt	Jarvis	Eades	Thorpe	Patrick	McAuley	Marriott	Hudson		
Winn	Jarvis	Charles	Thorpe	Patrick	McAuley	Marriott	Platt		
Winn	Gash	Charles	Berry	Patrick	Murtagh	Thorpe	Brown		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Dunk	Murtagh	Patrick	Marriott	Brown		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Charles	Murtagh	Dunk	Patrick	Brown		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Charles	Patrick	Dunk	Murtagh	Brown		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Charles	Dunk	Patrick	Murtagh	Yakubu		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Charles	Patrick	Murtagh	Eades	Yakubu		
Winn	Gash	Berry	Patrick	Charles	Dunk	Thorpe	Hudson		
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Patrick	Charles	Marriott	Wylde	Hughes		
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Charles	Winn	Thorpe	Marriott	Patrick		
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Winn	Wylde	Charles	Murtagh	Patrick		
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Charles	Murtagh	Wylde	Winn	Patrick		
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Charles	Murtagh	Patrick	Wylde	Hughes	Thorpe	Brown
Dunk	Gash	Berry	Charles	Patrick	Marriott	Hudson	Thorpe		

First Team Appearances 11/12

PLAYER	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOT
Luke Allen	0	0	0	0
Luke Berry	18+1	2	0	20+1
James Brighton	0	0	0	0
Simon Brown	0	0	0	0
Ashley Carew	19	2	0	21
Ryan Charles	5+10	0+2	0	5+12
Josh Coulson	19	2	0	21
Harrison Dunk	9+5	2	0	11+5
Jack Eades	1	0	0	1
Michael Gash	14+3	2	0	16+3
Liam Hughes	0	0	0	0
Blaine Hudson	0	0	0	0
Rossi Jarvis	15+3	2	0	17+3
James Jennings	14	2	0	16
Steve Kinniburgh	2+1	0	0	2+1
Adam Marriott	5	0+1	0	5+1
Rory McAuley	13+1	2	0	15+1
Keiran Murtagh	0+5	0+1	0	0+6
Danny Naisbitt	19	2	0	21
Jordan Patrick	0+10	0+2	0	0+12
Conal Platt	2+3	0	0	2+3
Kevin Roberts	17	2	0	19
Tom Shaw	18	2	0	20
Jonathon Thorpe	2+3	0	0	2+3
Peter Winn	8+2	0	0	8+2
Michael Wylde	9+2	0	0	9+2
Ishmail Yakubu	0	0	0	0

First Team Goals 11/12

PLAYER	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOT
Harrison Dunk	6	1	0	7
Ashley Carew	5	2	0	7
Luke Berry	4	1	0	5
Michael Gash	4	0	0	4
Tom Shaw	3	0	0	3
Conal Platt	2	0	0	2
Ryan Charles	1	1	0	2
Jordan Patrick	1	1	0	2
Josh Coulson	0	2	0	2
Rory McAuley	1	0	0	1
Peter Winn	1	0	0	1
Michael Wylde	1	0	0	1

Select Eleven Answers

This afternoon's answers from page 38 are as follows:

1. Northampton Town 2. It was England's 2000th goal 3. 1960s (1968) 4. Norway 5. Robbie Keane 6. Harry Redknapp 7. Gerard Houllier 8. Kettering 9. Robert Pires 10. Bradford Park Avenue 11. Dario Gradi of Crewe

How did you do?

0-3: Mad as a hatter

4-7: Where did you get that hat?

8-11: Hats off to you!

Golden Gamble Winner

The winner of the half time Golden Gamble draw against Wrexham was Carl Badcock who won a cheque for £305.10 with ticket number 197660.

Golden Gamble tickets are available from sellers around the ground on all home match days. They cost just £1 a ticket and the proceeds are split equally between the winner and the club.

Safety Announcements

All safety announcements will be preceded by a 'bing-bong' sound from the tannoy. Please listen carefully to any subsequent information.

Supporters who enter the stadium on a match day should be aware that, prior to each fixture, the teams warm up on the playing surface whilst the stadium is filling with supporters. Footballs are used during this period and there is a low to moderate risk of injury to supporters from footballs at this time. The tannoy will announce the arrival of the players on the pitch for the warm up period.

United in Endeavour

Cambridge United Football Club has a proud history and tradition with its roots in the City and County. We are always striving to make the community feel part of the Football Club and we would, as a result, like

to think that the R Costings Abbey Stadium is a safe and welcoming place for all football fans, whatever their race and colour.

For this reason everyone at this Football Club is committed to helping the campaign to Kick Racism out of Football. Racism of any sort will not be tolerated and we urge anyone hearing racist abuse to report it to a steward or write to Secretary Claire Osbourn at the Club. Anyone using racist abuse or threatening behaviour faces ejection from the R Costings Abbey Stadium and a ban from Cambridge United Football Club.

Ground Regulations

Copies of the ground regulations and conditions of entry to the R Costings Abbey Stadium are posted around the ground. However, we respectfully draw the attention of all supporters to Section 7 of the regulations, which says:

The use of threatening behaviour, foul, abusive or racist language is strictly forbidden and will result in either arrest or ejection from the ground. The following are arrestable offences under the Football (Offences) Act 1991, as amended by the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999:

- the throwing of any object with the ground without lawful authority or excuse
- the chanting of anything indecent or racist in nature
- the entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.

Conviction could result in a Football Banning Order being made for all grounds in the country together with travelling abroad when England play.

Supporters are also reminded that Section 9 of the regulations say that nobody may stand in any seated area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas

is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the ground.

Supporters are reminded that in accordance with the Ground Regulations they should remain seated if in a seated section of the stadium. Guardians are asked to take responsibility for under 14s.

Traffic Management Plan

Please could all supporters be aware of the pedestrian section of the Cambridge United Traffic Management Plan:

Pedestrians will be permitted to access the Stadium site via any of the access points subject to their being open and stewarded. Pedestrians must have the appropriate tickets for the area of the stadium entered.

Cambridge United Football Club has management boards displayed at all exits advising spectators to use the pedestrian crossing on Newmarket Road and Coldhams Lane when leaving the Stadium.

Signage is also displayed on the North Terrace exit roadway directing supporters to the pedestrian crossings.

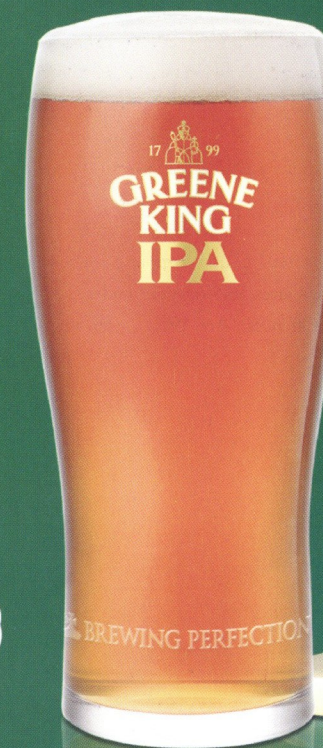
Main Stand Exit Gates

Please could all supporters note that for Health and Safety reasons the Main Stand exit gates at the front of the stand, for exit along the perimeter track, will not be opened until all players and officials have left the field of play.

Matchday Parking

The Club and police have received a number of complaints from residents near the ground regarding the parking of vehicles in the local streets on match days. We ask all of our supporters who park in the local streets close to the ground to be considerate of our neighbours and park without obstructing driveways or access routes for emergency vehicles. The areas will be monitored going forwards.

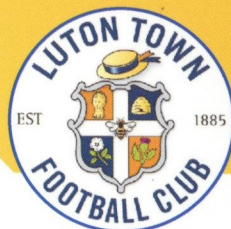
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2	KEVIN ROBERTS	
3	JAMES JENNINGS	
4	JOSH COULSON	
5	MICHAEL WYLDE	
6	TOM SHAW	
7	RYAN CHARLES	
8	KEIRAN MURTAGH	
9	MICHAEL GASH	
10	ASHLEY CAREW	
11	HARRISON DUNK	
12	RORY McAULEY	
16	ROSSI JARVIS	
17	LIAM HUGHES	
18	LUKE BERRY	
19	ADAM MARRIOTT	
20	JORDAN PATRICK	
21	PETER WINN	
25	BLAINE HUDSON	
26	JACK EADES	
27	JONATHON THORPE	
28	LUKE ALLEN	
29	JAMES BRIGHTON	
30	SIMON BROWN	

1	MARK TYLER	
2	DAN GLEESON	
3	GREG TAYLOR	
4	KEITH KEANE	
5	DEAN BECKWITH	
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON	
7	ALEX LAWLESS	
8	AMARI MORGAN-SMITH	
10	DANNY CROW	
11	ROBBIE WILLMOTT	
12	SHANE BLACKETT	
13	STUART FLEETWOOD	
14	AARON O'CONNOR	
15	JAKE HOWELLS	
16	ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	
17	WILL ANTWI	
18	CURTIS OSANO	
19	JAMES DANCE	
20	JOHN PAUL KISSOCK	
21	CHARLIE HENRY	
22	PAUL CARDEN	
27	JAMIE HAND	
28	ADAM WATKINS	
30	KEVIN PILKINGTON	
31	LEWIS KIDD	
33	RYAN DASILVSA	
34	JANOS KOVACS	
36	CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER	
39	TOMMY WRIGHT	

Today's Officials Referee Tony Harrington Assistant 1 Adam Fielding Assistant 2 Adrian Gillett 4th Official Stephen Phipps

Dug Out Sponsor Zach Ware

