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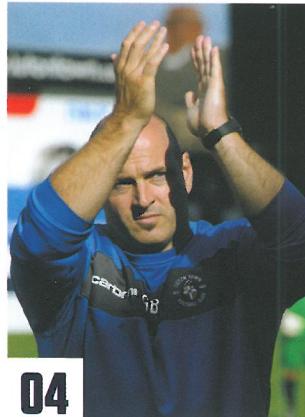
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# BRABS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's important Blue Square Bet Premier match with AFC Telford United.

I'd like to welcome Andy Sinton and his staff and players plus the directors and supporters of the Bucks to Bedfordshire tonight and hope they enjoy their short stay with us.

It will be our second meeting with Andy's side this season following our game earlier in the year that was rearranged after the original date for the game on the opening day of the campaign was postponed.

We left the New Bucks Head on that Tuesday in September with all three points following a hard-fought 2-0 win thanks to two goals from Amari Morgan-Smith. While it's unlikely that Amari will return from injury this evening, we are confident that we can get back to winning ways on home turf.

As I'm sure you are, I am equally disappointed with our recent inconsistent form. Our record in the six league matches, prior to Saturday's determined victory at Newport, read two wins, two draws and two defeats. I know that is unacceptable and it's clear that kind of form will not result us in achieving our goal of winning promotion come the end of the campaign.

At Kenilworth Road we have lost the last two in the Blue Square Bet Premier in games that have affected our position in the table. The matches against Wrexham and Fleetwood have been massive disappointments but all we can do now is forget, move on and learn from those set-backs.

Our visitors tonight will want to make it difficult for us but we need to remain patient. We believe in the way we are trying to play and on Saturday at Newport we were rewarded for our patience with a winner from Danny Crow with virtually the last kick of the game.

I know from my days as a player that wet and windy conditions are the worst kind to play football in. It was

an afternoon for really rolling your sleeves up, keeping concentration and remaining patient to try and make the most of the few chances that arise.

Although it took us until the third minute of stoppage time we had two superb chances to take the lead but on each occasion found their goalkeeper in the way to keep them out. Those opportunities, as did the winner, came about following good, patient football.

All the players on duty deserve a huge amount of credit but in particular James Dance for his sheer determination and skill to run at their defence after 93 minutes on a bog of a pitch to send the cross in that led to Danny's goal.

After the draw at Cambridge, where I thought our first half performance was one of the best of the season, the importance of that winner on Saturday became more apparent when we learned that a number of the sides above us dropped points.

There is still a long way to go but it is results like the one on Saturday that can shape a season and all I hope is that it can kick-start our league campaign into action.

Consistency is the word I have been using an awful lot in recent weeks – and for good reason – I have challenged the players to go and put us in a strong position in the league and only way to do that is to win football matches. Let's hope that continues tonight.

Finally a huge thank you to the support at our last two away games. To have 2,000 and almost half the crowd at Cambridge was fantastic whilst those who made the long journey and sat in the wind and rain – I salute you: I hope the last minute winner made the trip worth it.

Get behind us again tonight.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH NICK OWEN



**Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this Blue Square Bet Premier League match against AFC Telford United.**

A special welcome to all fans, players and directors who've made the journey south from Shropshire, a county to which I have many links and which I know well. It's good to see the club flourishing after the dismay fans must have felt back in 2004 when the old Telford United was forced into administration and then liquidation.

AFC Telford United was created out of the wreckage by supporters who couldn't bear to see such an important focal point of the community consigned to history. I think all of us at Luton know exactly how they must have felt and appreciate what they have achieved in a comparatively short time at their impressive and friendly new stadium. We wish them well for the future.

I am writing these notes in the exuberant after-glow of our result on Saturday at Newport County. It was a grim match, I have to say, not helped by the strong winds and second half rain. I felt we were well below our best for much of the game, but we stuck at it and our commitment was never in doubt.

We created two excellent chances, one in each half, after some terrific build-up play and on another day Alex Lawless and Stuart Fleetwood would have put them away. It looked odds on a goalless draw until a great break by James Dance down the right wing gave Danny Crow the chance to whack it home. 90 plus three!

Bearing in mind how often we have suffered late goals this season, it was a fantastic feeling and a pointer, I hope, to better times ahead. I can assure you the spirit in the squad is superb and the players are as perplexed as the fans about our habit of letting wins become draws so often this season. The delight on their faces

afterwards was so good to see and the coach journey home must have flown by.

While we're talking about journeys, I must pay tribute yet again to our fans. It always gives me a lift to see our dedicated and vocal following at away grounds and Saturday was no exception...a long way to travel and then spend half the match getting steadily soaked in an uncovered stand behind the goal.

I am so glad we were all rewarded with that late winner from Danny. Wherever I go, talking to sports people or not, the first question I get is, "How are things at Luton?" followed by a second line, "Your support is fantastic!" Considering what we have all been through, it is a huge credit to the Luton Town fan-base and, joined together in positive mode, I am convinced it can play a major part in seeing us through to our ultimate target this season, however frustrating some of our results have been so far.

Many of you will know that we're holding a special dinner at Luton Hoo on Thursday in honour of David Moss, one of the heroes of our championship winning side in 1982 that saw us promoted to the old First Division under David Pleat.

For those too young to remember, David Moss was a fast, skilful winger who scored loads of spectacular goals. Two matches he featured in that I particularly remember occurred in the September of our return to the top flight. We drew 4-4 at Stoke City, when Mossy hit the post with a penalty late on, which would have given us a 5-4 victory. And he hit a searing volley at Liverpool when we drew 3-3 in the match where we famously had to use three goalkeepers after Jake Findlay was injured.

I still have what seems these days an astonishing picture in my mind from the Anfield game of Jake puffing on a cigarette on the bench, with physio John Sheridan alongside him smoking a pipe! We scored

18 goals in that month alone, with Moss, Paul Walsh and Brian Stein on fire (nothing to do with the pipe!). There'll be a few of David's old team-mates there and it's bound to be a hugely enjoyable evening with plenty of warm, nostalgic memories.

Finally tonight, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our young work experience striker Ryan Brunt who's joined us from Premier League Stoke City. He's already made two brief appearances for the first team, at Cambridge and Newport - this evening he'll get his first chance to soak up the Kenilworth Road experience! This place on match days, particularly under the lights, is very special. Ryan's already caught the eye with a hat-trick for the reserves at Stevenage when we thumped them 4-1. Lots of luck, Ryan. He told me at the weekend that he's absolutely loving his time here.

Also, lots of luck to our guys who've just gone out on loan, Christian Tavernier, Charlie Henry and Will Antwi. With their moves on deadline day, it brought our total of players out on loan elsewhere to nine. We wish them well and I particularly hope Charlie can fully regain his match fitness after a desperately difficult year and once again show us the player he used to be before his dreadful injuries.

As you know, loan spells are usually designed to give a player more regular matches, to improve their game and help the club they go to. I am slightly concerned that Godfrey Poku and Dan Walker are taking this aspect of it too seriously at Southport!

Enjoy the game tonight and please roar us on to three points. Bye for now.

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Champions 1981/82  
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**Football League Division Three (South):**  
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Runners-up 1935/36

**Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 1969/70

**League One:** Champions 2004/05

**Football League Division Four:**  
Champions 1967/68

**Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 2001/02

**Blue Square Premier:**  
Runners-up 2009/10

**Southern League Division One:**  
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

**Southern League Division Two:**  
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# PILKS



There are matches in a season that can prove to be a real turning point and Saturday's 1-0 victory over Newport County might just be the one to get our season going.

I've played in wet and windy conditions before and know that – apart from being difficult – that if you can get a result, no matter how you do it, does wonders for confidence and belief. It was an afternoon for keeping concentration in the swirling wind because neither side had an advantage – the gusts were unpredictable and as a defender your football instincts kick-in and it's a case of doing anything you can to stop the opposition.

The performance from the whole team was absolutely fantastic and our reward for our endeavour was Danny Crow's last minute winner which could turn out to be a huge goal come the end of the season.

We knew that Newport's position in the league table was slightly false because they have good players but a couple of changes in manager have resulted in a downturn in their fortunes this season. In Justin Edinburgh they have a really good manager as he proved during his time at Rushden & Diamonds.

Our last two home matches in the league we have lost and we have to endure hearing the celebrations in the away team dressing room. At Newport the relief after Danny's goal and the ensuing celebrations after it as well in the dressing room were just reward for our grit and determination in such tricky conditions.

We hope that the result can act as a springboard for a winning run in the league. We haven't had much luck this season with back-to-back wins being few and far between which we know is vital if we're to earn promotion from this division.

If anything we've been consistently inconsistent and a result this evening will go a long way to getting us on our way as the busy Christmas period approaches. Suspensions and injuries have not helped us so far

but there is still half of the campaign left to the play. 24 matches remain after tonight. That's 72 points left to play for. Titles or promotions aren't won or lost in November.

Tonight we welcome an AFC Telford United side to Kenilworth Road who like ourselves were 1-0 winners at the weekend. Having played them already this season we are well aware of the problems that they pose and I thought our 2-0 victory in September was one of our best away performances so far.

Whether Telford come here to play for a point or go for the jugular we know that we have the capability to beat anyone this league, especially here at Kenilworth Road.

Our last two league results here against Wrexham and Fleetwood were massively disappointing in so many ways but we need to take heart from beating Northampton in the FA Cup in our last game here.

We might have to be patient tonight and I urge you all to stay with us and get behind the lads. Telford will want to make it difficult for us but it's up to us to take the game to them. The onus is always well and truly on us and that's the way we like it.

Your support throughout the season so far has been incredible and I must say a huge well done to the fans that made that long journey to Newport on Saturday. Thank you, it was much appreciated.



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# AROUND TOWN



## ■ ROCK ON WITH FREDDIE AND FLEETS!

For one night only Stuart Fleetwood and Freddie Murray will be swapping their football boots for microphones at a special gig in aid of Supporters of Luton Youth Development (SoLYD) on Thursday 8th December.



The duo will be joined by Mark Joseph - the singer/songwriter behind the Hatters' new song These Colours I Wear, as well as Beds, Bucks and Herts Battle of the Band winners Semi Skinned, Ryan Prazer and the Long Riders.

All the acts will be performing to help raise money for SoLYD which was set-up to assist the club's youth development which has in recent years produced such stars as Arsenal's Jack Wilshere, Wolves' Kevin Foley and Stoke's Matthew Upson.

All members of the Hatters' first team squad will be there to support their team-mates and so can you. Tickets for the concert cost just £5 and are available in advance or on the night at Venue Central 2 - a brand new venue opened recently in Leagrave Road.

For further information or to book your place contact the commercial team at Kenilworth Road on 01582 411622 or email [commercial@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk).

## ■ THREE LIONS DEFEATED

Town trio John Paul Kissock, Adam Watkins and Robbie Willmott all earned England C caps on Tuesday 15th October against Gibraltar.

Kissock and Willmott both started the game whilst Watkins came on as a second half substitute to earn his first cap.

England lost the match 3-1 with Stalybridge's Connor Jennings scoring the Three Lions' goal.

## ■ UP FOR THE CUP

The Town's reward for their last victory here at Kenilworth Road - in the FA Cup over Northampton - is another home tie against League 2 opposition.

High-flying Cheltenham Town visit LU4 this coming Saturday. Ticket prices for this tie can be found on page 62.

## ■ HATTERS V HATTERS REARRANGED

Saturday's meeting with Cheltenham Town has meant that the Blue Square Bet Premier meeting with Stockport County has needed rearranging.

Jim Gannon's side will visit Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 10th January with a 7.45pm kick-off.

## ■ INS AND OUTS

Since we were last at Kenilworth Road there has been plenty of player movement in the Town squad.

Prior to our trip to Cambridge United last Saturday, Gary Brabin signed Stoke City forward Ryan Brunt, 18, on work experience until January.

The striker, who is highly-rated at the Britannia Stadium made his debut in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge. However he netted an impressive hat-trick in for the Town reserves in their 4-1 win over Stevenage at Broadhall Way last week.

Manager Gary Brabin told Talk of the Town: "Ryan is a very promising talent and well thought of by Stoke.

"He may still be young but he's very quick - lightning quick - and strong. Everything about him is impressive and he shows maturity beyond his years.

"I watched him come on as a substitute for Stoke's reserves against Rotherham and he lit the place up, scoring the final goal in a 4-1 win.

"We've taken Ryan on work experience to aid his development and we're grateful to Stoke for their co-operation.

"Let's see where we go from there. It's good to have a talented frontman in our development group and we're hoping his stay could possibly lead to something more long term."

Leaving Kenilworth Road on temporary loan deals are defender Will Antwi, who has joined Grimsby Town, winger Charlie Henry who has joined-up with former boss Dean Holdsworth at Aldershot Town and young central midfielder Christian Tavernier who has joined Tooting and Mitcham United.

## ■ SPECIAL REUNION

We received a fantastic story from Town fan Ian Saunders who managed to track down and meet up with a group of Town supporting friends who he'd lost touch with over the years...

Ian takes up the story: "I recently 'found' my best friend from primary school Damian Lally through the wonders of Facebook. We last saw each other 34 years ago. He left my primary school in Harpenden and we never saw each other again. Why has it taken so long? Not sure really but my current role as a diplomat for the FCO makes it difficult to come back to England.

"I am currently based in Bucharest and I travel all over Europe. After making contact we made a vow to meet - at a Town match.



"Our first and common love. So arrangements were made to meet before the Barrow home game.

"The next person to discuss is Phillip Parker. Phil and I were friends for one year only. His family moved to Houston in Texas. We maintained the friendship by writing letters and then email. I have not seen Phil for five years.

"Thirdly we have Dave Fielder. Dave and I are in regular contact but alas we do not see each other often. Dave lives in Luton.

"So plans were made by myself to all meet up. The Barrow game was pinpointed. Luckily Phil was over in Germany for business and we could all meet up in London and travel together to our favourite place of worship - Kenilworth Road.

"I flew in Friday and met Damian in London where he lives. We stayed up to 6 a.m. the next morning reminiscing and chatting - with Luton Town very much in the conversation.

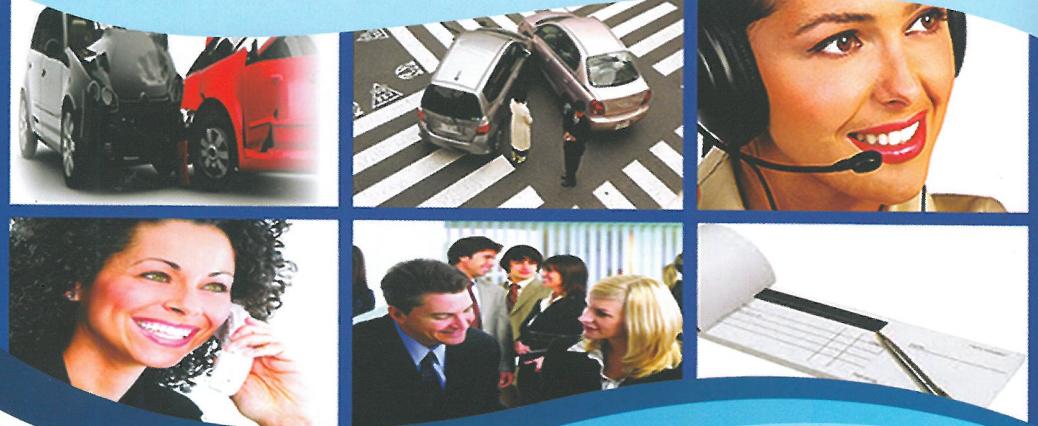
"Saturday morning we met with Phil and we drove to Luton. We met Dave outside the ground before the game. He brought his two sons - a new generation of Hatters.

"Myself, Phil, Damian and Shasha then sat together and enjoyed the afternoon as we thrashed Barrow. It was a perfect day."

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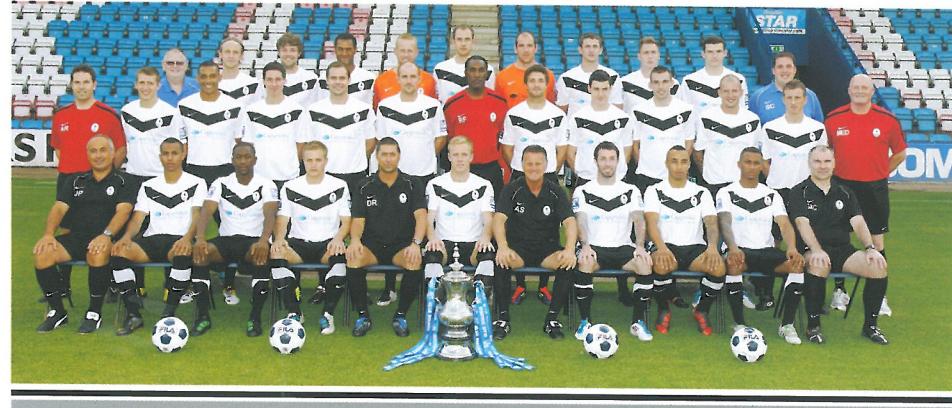
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# WELCOME AFC TELFORD



Like the Hatters, tonight's visitors AFC Telford United – who make their first ever appearance at Kenilworth Road – breathed a huge sigh of relief after earning a 1-0 victory on Saturday.

Whilst the Town captured all three points at Newport County, the Bucks were busy seeing off Barrow with ten men to record their first victory since 27th September.

With former England international winger Andy Sinton at the helm the Bucks made a steady if unspectacular return to non-league's top-flight – their first under their new guise following the liquidation of the former Telford United.

The club have made their way up through the pyramid over the past six years culminating in last season's Blue Square Bet North Play-Off final triumph over Guiseley.

Of course the two clubs are no strangers to one another having already met earlier this season.

The fixture at the New Bucks Head was originally meant to take place on the opening day of the season but due to Police advice the game was eventually rescheduled for September.

That night the Hatters ran out comfortable 2-0 winners thanks to a goal in each half from top goalscorer Amari Morgan-Smith and even though Ed Asafu-Adjaye's dismissal for a second bookable offence put Gary Brabin's men under pressure, the Hatters held on.

This evening the Shropshire side arrive at Kenilworth Road in 17th place in the Blue Square Bet Premier having taken 22 points from 21 games. While their home form is better than their form away from the New Bucks Head – the visitors' sole away victory was an impressive one – a 1-0 win against high-flying York City at Bootham Crescent back in August.

However Sinton's side have gone eight games away from home without a win – nine if you include their 4-0 hammering at Blue Square Bet South side Chelmsford City in the FA Cup first round two weeks ago.

With the Bucks' slide from midway towards the drop-zone, Sinton has added to his squad by snapping up midfielders Ashley Cain and Jay Smith from Tamworth and veteran striker Steve Jones – a former Northern Ireland international – from Droylsden. Jones hit the Bucks' winner in the weekend win over Barrow and Sinton and co. will be hoping – just like the Hatters – to build on those three points this evening.



# THE VISITORS

## ■ HISTORY

The story of AFC Telford United was born in 2004 following the liquidation of the former Telford United when the Supporters Trust (Telford United Supporters Ltd) was created, and became the sole owners of a new football club.

In the close season, manager Bernard McNally was appointed and a new squad assembled, the ground lease and assets were secured and the new club was placed in the UniBond Northern Premier Division 1 by the Football Association

In their first season, 2004/05, AFC Telford United smashed the UniBond Northern Premier Division 1 attendance record a number of times and gained promotion at their first attempt.

In the 2005/06 season, and facing a relegation battle after Christmas, McNally and AFC Telford United parted company. Rob Smith and Larry Chambers were appointed in February 2006 and the team went unbeaten for the remainder of the season. In their first full season, they took the team to their second promotion in three years, following the Play-Off Final victory at Witton Albion. Crowds continued to rise, culminating in 5,710 spectators, for the final league fixture against Burscough.

The 2007/08 season saw AFC Telford United in the Blue Square North, where they finished second, and lost out on promotion to the Conference National in the Play-Offs.

In 2008/09, the club won the Setanta Shield beating Forest Green Rovers in a penalty shoot out; and reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy.

At the close of the 2009/10 Season, Smith and Chambers parted company with the club. During the close season AFC Telford United appointed former

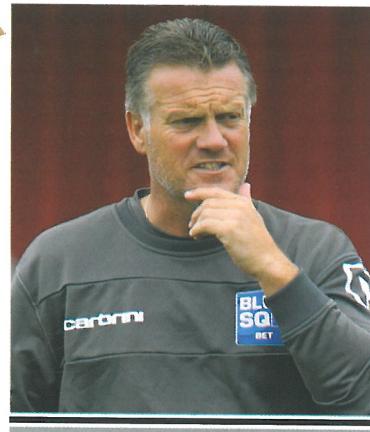
England International winger Andy Sinton, who brought in Darren Read as Assistant Manager from Stafford Rangers.

Last season the club won promotion back to non-league's top flight after winning the Blue Square Bet North Play-Offs with a final victory over Guiseley at the New Bucks Head.

## ■ MEET THE MANAGER

### Andy Sinton

Andy enjoyed an illustrious playing career as a left-winger at clubs including Brentford, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday, Tottenham Hotspur and Wolverhampton Wanderers and won 12 caps for England.



As a manager Andy enjoyed a successful spell at Isthmian League Division One side Fleet Town before joining Telford in June 2010, guiding the club to promotion in his first season in charge.

# IN OPPOSITION



**Visiting boss Andy Sinton was delighted and relieved to see his Bucks side end their eight-match winless streak with a 1-0 victory over Barrow on Saturday.**

It was substitute Steve Jones' header that helped the 10-man Bucks all three points against the Bluebirds.

Barrow twice hit the post, first Phil Bolland hit the bar and then Paul Smith's free-kick kissed the post before Chris Sharp – who scored twice for TNS against the Hatters this pre-season – saw red for a foul on Danny Hone.

And former England international Sinton admitted afterwards his side rode their luck at times but had nothing but praise for his side's effort to bring to an end a sequence of results that had dragged his side towards the relegation zone.

"For the first time in 21 games we've had Lady Luck on our side and it's not before time," he told AFC Telford's official website afterwards.

"In the fixture at their place I thought we were robbed by two poor decisions. We got our rewards today and we'll take everything we can.

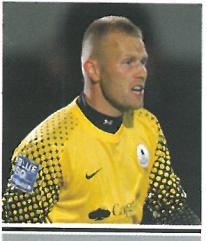
"For spirit, endeavour and commitment I've got to give my players every ounce of credit. We've played a lot better this season and lost. I'm delighted with the players and delighted for them. We put in an abject performance two weeks ago but since then we've had two gritty, dogged performances and that epitomises this football club.

"We've had a poor run and it's something which is new to me and to this club because we had things all our own way last year. We're not the most flamboyant at this level and we're not the biggest spenders. We're going to have to work hard for every success we have this season.

"We've got to be a bit better in certain areas and certainly need to look after the ball better, but for spirit and doggedness it was probably our finest performance of the season."

# IN TOWN

## ■ GOALKEEPER



### Ryan Young

Ryan took three of the club's player of the year awards in 2008/09 after a series of outstanding displays, most notably in the Setanta Shield Final when his three penalty shoot-out saves in front of the live television cameras helped the club to victory.

He has made more than 200 appearances for the club and was voted in the Non-League Paper's top-20 goalkeepers for the 2010/11 season.

## ■ DEFENDERS

### Shane Killock

Club captain Shane initially signed for the Bucks in November 2009 following a hugely impressive loan-spell. A solid six-foot centre-back with an "old head on young shoulders," Shane has won many plaudits for his performances at the heart of the Bucks' defence and seems certain to have a bright future in the game.



### Sean Newton

Sean joined the club in August 2009. A left-back who is equally comfortable playing down the left-wing, Sean is also a set-piece specialist. He scored his first Telford goal direct from a free-kick at Harrogate Town in February 2010 and also netted from the penalty spot in last season's Blue Square Bet North Play-Off Final.

## Dan Preston

A centre half, Dan made his debut for Birmingham City in the League Cup in September 2009, his first appearance in the Football League was while on loan to Hereford United in February 2010. He joined the Bucks after being released by Birmingham at the end of the 2010-11 season.

## Will Salmon

Will is a highly-rated right-back who has previously played in the Blue Square Bet Premier for Ebbsfleet United. After signing at the start of the 2010/11 season, Will's reliable performances have ensured that he has made the right-back position his own and he is now one of the first names on the team sheet.

## Ryan Valentine

Ryan is a respected defender with significant experience in the Football League. After an injury-hit season last year which kept him out of action for five months, Ryan was told that his Hereford contract would not be renewed and Andy Sinton acted quickly to sign him on a one-year deal in the summer. Ryan has also made eight appearances for Wales' under-21s.

## Stuart Whitehead

Having previously played for the former Telford United, Stuart returned to the New Bucks Head in 2008 and became club captain. Having played more than 200 games in the Football League the experienced centre-back quickly established himself as a key figure on his return and he was a regular in the Bucks' defence during last season's promotion campaign.

## ■ MIDFIELDERS

### Jon Adams

Jon earned the 'FA Cup Player of the Round' award for his performance against Southend in 2008/09, scoring the two goals which so nearly knocked the Shrimpers out of the competition. A creative midfielder, Jon - who also plays for the England futsal team - has become a regular in the Telford line-up.



### Richard Davies

Richard is a product of the Walsall youth team, making his Saddlers' debut in January 2009. The younger brother of Bolton Wanderers' midfielder Mark, Richard was released by Walsall in May 2010 and signed for the Bucks following a trial. He spent much of last season playing for Chasetown but made his Telford debut in the play-off win over Nuneaton.

## Jay Smith

30 year-old Jay Smith joins the Bucks on emergency-loan from Tamworth where he was club captain, having started his career at Aston Villa before moving to Southend United, Notts County and also having a spell on loan at Oxford United. Jay brings a wealth of experience at Conference Premier Level and was part of the caretaker manager team that helped steer Tamworth away from relegation at the end of the 2010/11 campaign.

## Ashley Cain

20 year-old Ashley Cain joins the Bucks on emergency-loan from Tamworth is a firebrand winger who impressed against the Bucks in the 2-2 draw at the Lamb earlier this season. Cain began his career at Coventry City and made his full professional debut in 2008/09, before going on to enjoy spells at Luton Town and Oxford United.

## ■ STRIKERS

### Craig Farrell

Following spells with Carlisle United and Exeter City, Craig joined York in June 2006 where he scored 21 goals in 91 appearances. After joining Rushden in June 2009 as part of an exchange deal Craig featured

prominently for the Diamonds before their financial problems forced his release in May 2011. He has also played for England at under-16 level.

### Craig King

Craig came through the youth ranks at Leicester City, signing a two-year professional contract in September 2008. A year later he joined Hereford United on-loan, scoring within six minutes on his debut. A further loan spell followed at Northampton Town last season before Craig was released by Leicester in May and signed a one-year deal with the Bucks.



### Chris Sharp

In August 2011 AFC Telford United completed the signing of The New Saints striker Chris Sharp for an undisclosed fee. The former prolific Bangor City and Rhyl front man joined the club on a two year-deal and has made an immediate impact.

### Steve Jones

The Bucks recently completed the signing of Steve the who hails from Londonderry, Northern Ireland and began his career with Blackpool before returning across the water to Sligo Rovers where he made 46 appearances. Jones starred at Leigh RMI as he hit 37 goals in 82 appearances for Leigh in the Nationwide Conference. His success at conference level saw him move into professional football with Crewe, where he scored 39 goals before moving to Burnley and later on Bradford, Huddersfield, Walsall and Motherwell. Steven also boasts 29 senior international caps for Northern Ireland, and notched an international goal against St Kitts and Nevis in 2004. His last cap was a substitute appearance in the 2-1 away defeat against Iceland during Euro 2008. Jones completed last season by appearing in the Scottish cup final for Motherwell.





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## □ CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

**1984/85**

Telford United made national headlines as they beat four Football League clubs on route to the FA Cup fifth round in 1984/85. They defeated Lincoln City 2-1, Preston 4-1, Bradford City 2-1 and Darlington 3-0 before losing 3-0 to eventual finalists Everton in front of 47,402 at Goodison Park. Such performances in the FA Cup took their toll on Conference results and Stan Storton's side never seriously challenged for the title, finishing in a disappointing 10th position.

## □ MANAGING TO SUCCEED

### Stan Storton

Stan Storton managed Telford United's 1983 FA Trophy final triumph. A former defender with Bradford City, Darlington, Hartlepool and Tranmere, helping win promotion in 1966/67, he played over 300 League games in total. He achieved managerial success with several clubs before taking charge of Telford in January 1981. He guided them to the FA Cup fourth round in 1983/84 and fifth round in 1984/85, plotting 10 FA Cup wins over Football League clubs, as well as two more FA Trophy finals, including the Bucks' 1989 Wembley triumph. He resigned in December 1989.

## □ FAB FOUR

### Jack Bentley

Striker Jack Bentley holds Telford's goal scoring record. He began with Everton and made his top-flight debut against Bolton in February 1961. Moving to Stockport County in May 1961, he joined Wellington Town (as Telford were then known) in July 1963. He was top scorer in successive seasons, a key figure in Telford's FA Trophy final in 1970, and scored in their 1971 FA Trophy final triumph. Helping win the Southern League Cup in 1970, he netted 431 goals in 835 games before retiring in May 1977. He died in May 2007. His son Jim is Morecambe's player-manager.

### Kevin Charlton

England Semi-Pro goalkeeper Kevin Charlton holds Telford's appearance record in the Conference. Initially with Wolves, he joined AFC Bournemouth in December 1973 and moved to Hereford United in June 1975. He was a key figure in their 1975/76 Third Division title triumph and had a spell with Bangor City before joining Telford in February 1980. Starring in their 1983 and 1989 FA Trophy final successes as well as consecutive FA Cup runs, he was ever-present three times and made 396 Conference appearances while at Buck's Head. He briefly played for Scarborough and has since been a book salesman in Menai Bridge.

### Ron Flowers

Ex-England international central defender Ron Flowers captained Telford United in the 1970 FA Trophy final. Signing professional for Wolves in August 1951, he featured prominently as they were League Champions three times, were runners-up on two other occasions and lifted the FA Cup in 1960. He gained 49 England caps and represented the Football League thirteen times before joining Northampton Town as player-coach in September 1967, then became Telford's player-manager in June 1969. Plotting their 1971 FA Trophy and Southern League Cup 'double' success, he resigned in October 1971 and has since run his own sports shop in Wolverhampton.

### Jimmy Murray

Former England Under-23 centre-forward Jimmy Murray featured in Telford United's 1971 FA Trophy final success. Signing professional for Wolves in November 1953, he was leading marksman as they won the League Championship in 1957/58 and 1958/59, then the FA Cup in 1960. He joined Manchester City in November 1963 and appeared in their 1965/66 Second Division title campaign, moving to Walsall in May 1967. Reuniting with Ron Flowers at Telford in July 1969, he also played for them in the 1970 FA Trophy final and helped win the Southern League Cup in 1971. He later became a greengrocer in Tamworth and died in September 2008.



# COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to the first of two important home matches this week.

We still have a number of spaces available for Saturday's FA Cup second round tie with Cheltenham Town.

The department has been busy in recent weeks. Only last week we had our third Business Breakfast Club meeting of the season.

For those of you who don't know about the club, the meetings are held on a monthly basis in the newly refurbished Eric Morecambe Lounge. They have a wide variety of benefits and are a great way to enhance and promote business to other local establishments.

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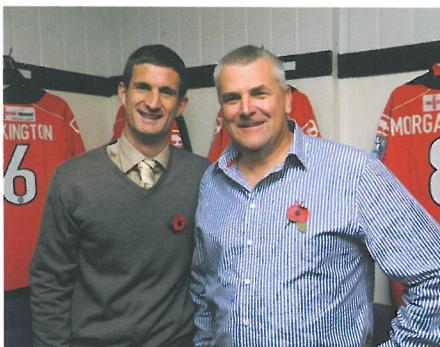
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On Thursday we will host our Christmas Dinner at Luton Hoo with special guest David Moss. The interest from supporters has been superb and it was fantastic to sell the final ticket last week.

This week our attentions also turn to the SOLYD concert with Mark Joseph, Freddie Murray, Stuart Fleetwood and supporting acts on 8th December.

For more information on this event turn to page 10 or log on to our official website.

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# LOOK BACK



## TOWN 1 - 0 NORTHAMPTON SUPER SUB!



Town boss Gary Brabin thought his side thoroughly deserved their place in the second round of the FA Cup following their 1-0 win over League 2 Northampton.

Substitute Adam Watkins' goal ten minutes from time sealed the Hatters' place in Sunday's draw and the manager paid tribute to his players for knocking out Football League opposition.

"I thought it was a fantastic, spirited performance," he said. "We worked our nuts off."

"As the game was progressing you did think it might be 0-0 but we kept going and Adam's popped up with the winner which I thought we fully deserved."

The Town's victory was marred by first-half injuries to Keith Keane and Amari Morgan-Smith but Brabin refused to get downbeat.

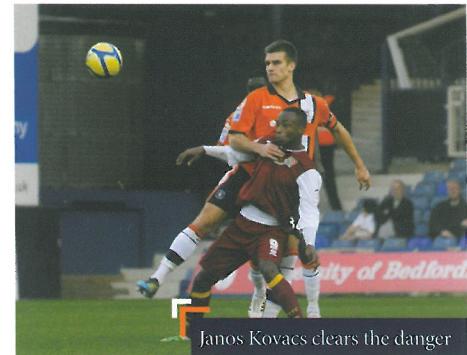
"It's disappointing, obviously but I look at the bench and you see that we're slowly getting players back," he said.

"Amari was struggling and Keano was feeling his hamstring so we had to take them off but it's great to see Danny Crow and Robbie Willmott come on. JP Kissock was feeling tired so we're able to bring on Adam.

"I think we're always going to get the odd knock here and there but slowly players are coming back. Dan Gleeson was on the bench today and James Dance really wanted to play. It's very refreshing to see."

"I said to the boys afterwards that I can't doubt that they can produce that kind of performance."

"We've got the players and we know we can do it. We just need to do it on a more consistent basis."



Janos Kovacs clears the danger

"It helps when you play the better teams who come and play football like Northampton did today."

The Town also kept only their second clean sheet in 12 matches and the boss had nothing but praise for his back four and goalkeeper.

"Mark Tyler was struggling a bit after last week's game with Fleetwood and he missed the first part of the week," admitted Brabin.

"Kevin Pilkington, what can I say? He just never lets you down. He's a superb professional and I am so lucky to have two goalkeepers of their calibre at this club."

"He made some excellent saves - I have never had any qualms about putting him in because he's so reliable."

"I thought George and Janos were excellent at the back. We wanted to be careful with George - that's why we rested him in the last round - but both of them defended ever so well against two really good forwards."

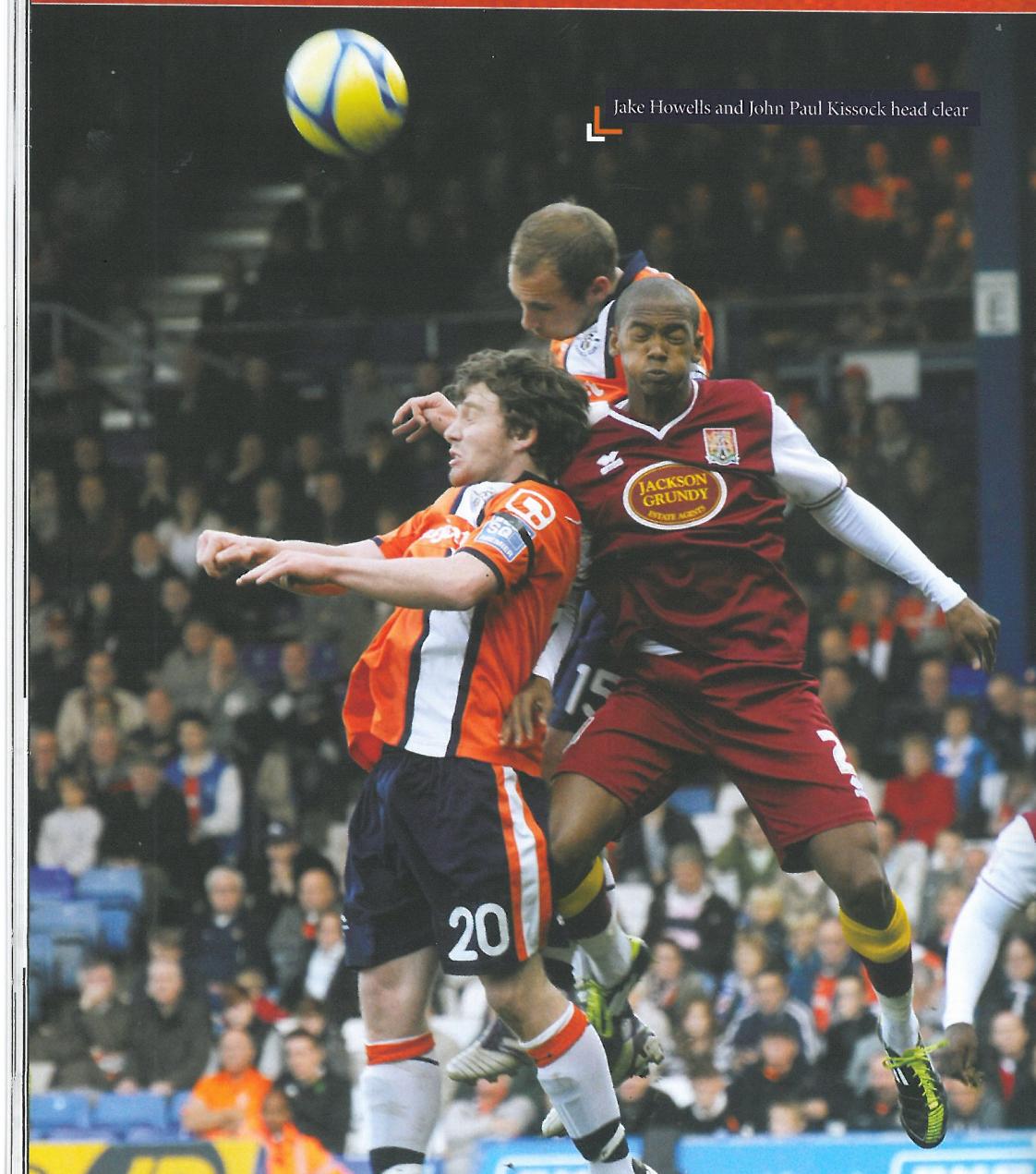


# TOWN

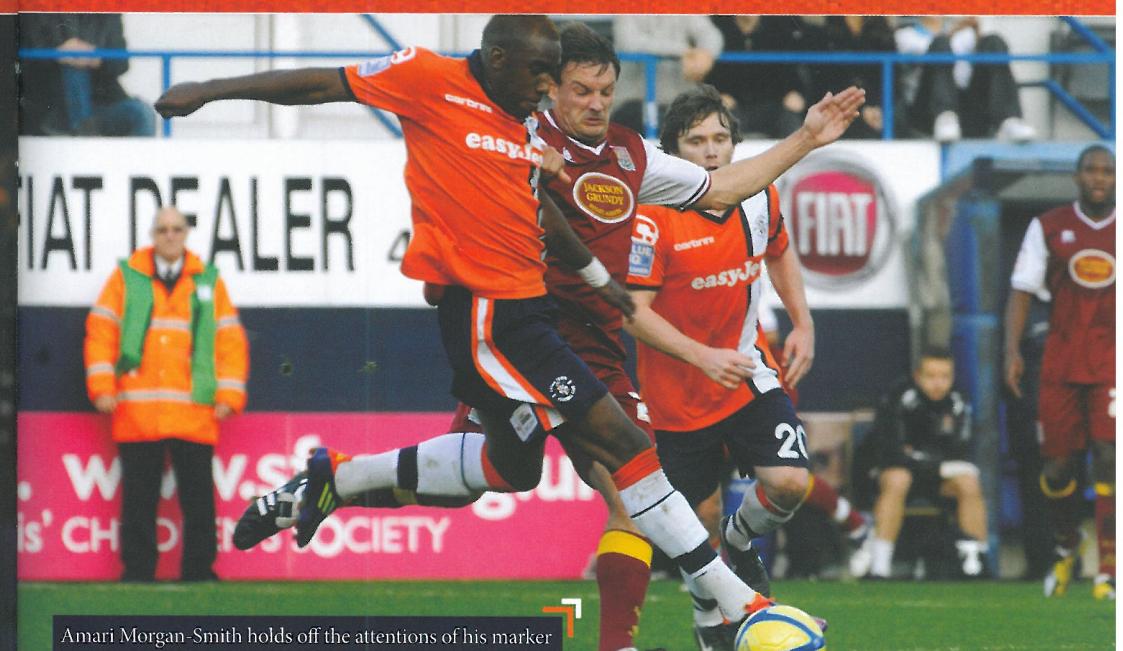
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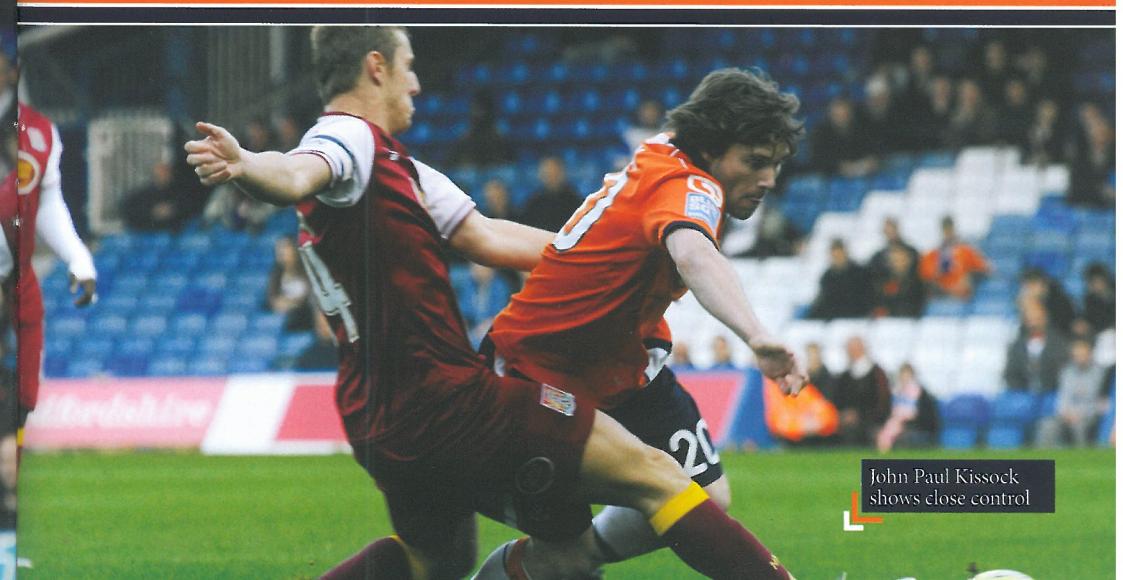
# NORTHAMPTON

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Jake Howells and John Paul Kissock head clear



Amari Morgan-Smith holds off the attentions of his marker



John Paul Kissock shows close control

**TOWN:** K. Pilkington, Osano, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane (sub Crow 43), Kissock (sub Watkins 75), Morgan-Smith (sub Willmott 43), O'Connor. Subs not used: Tyler, Beckwith, Blackett.

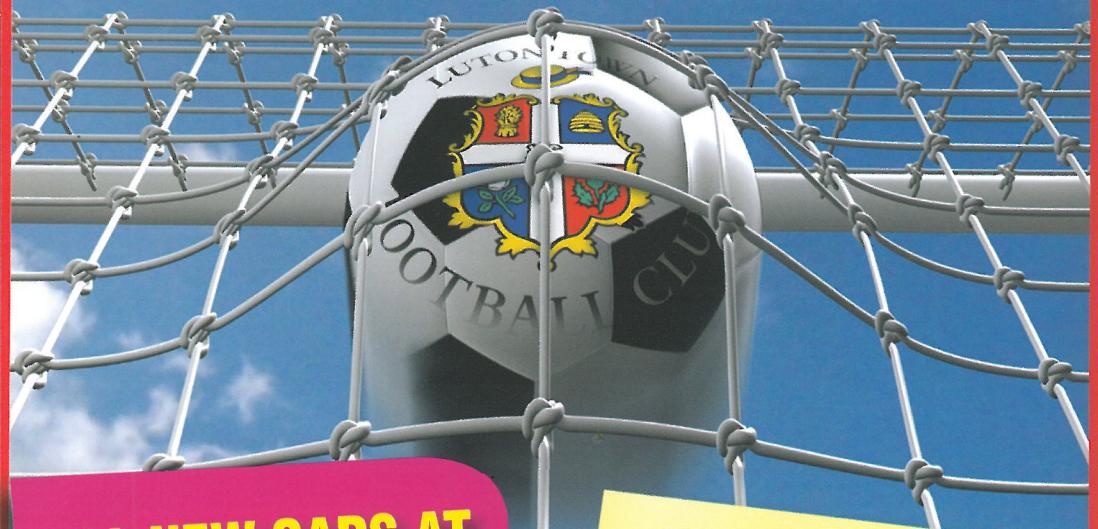
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# LOOK BACK



## CAMBRIDGE 1-1 TOWN TWO POINTS DROPPED



Boss Gary Brabin was disappointed with his side's second half performance that saw the Hatters held to a 1-1 draw with his former employers Cambridge.

Stuart Fleetwood's first-half goal was cancelled out 13 minutes from time by the U's Liam Hughes and the manager admitted the draw felt like a defeat having seen his team dominate for a good hour at the Abbey Stadium.

"It feels like a defeat because for the first 60 minutes and especially in the first half we've played some excellent football - some of our best of the season.

"But they've pushed us back and deservedly equalised which is very frustrating.

"The first half I was really pleased with the way we were passing the ball and perhaps the only thing we went in at the break disappointed with was that we couldn't extend the lead.

"We're disappointed we haven't won the game because we dominated the first hour and had some really good chances - they came into it in the second half more but they didn't really test us up until the goal.

"I want us to consistently win football matches but at the moment we don't seem to be able to get that kind of consistency where we are winning a sequence of games."

Meanwhile midfielder James Dance - who played a magnificent pass for Fleetwood's strike - was also frustrated by the Hatters' failure to take all three points having been in front.

He said afterwards: "If we had got three points today, it would have been massive. Cambridge are doing really well, I think I read somewhere that they haven't lost in 17 games, so at half time we were pleased with



Greg Taylor on his Town debut

how we played and were hoping that we could carry it on until the end, but it wasn't to be.

"Ideally, we would like to be taking points off the teams around us but it's a long old season. Form dips and returns for certain teams. Some teams haven't had a dip yet and it has to come sooner or later because that's football, so we just hope to be in and around it when that happens.

"If we could put our finger on why we drop points away from home when in winning positions then we wouldn't be playing at this level.

"The manager has his views on it which, again, we've been over. It's us out there and I don't know the answer but after an hour, the onus was on them."

Apart from one time where we did deal with it comfortably, they've managed to take two points off us."



# CAMBRIDGE

# 1

Hughes 77



# TOWN

# 1

Fleetwood 17

Janos Kovacs keeps his eyes on the ball



**CAMBRIDGE:** Naisbitt, Roberts, Coulson, Wylde, Jennings, Carew, Shaw, Jarvis, Winn (sub Patrick 63), Berry (sub Hughes 74), Gash. Subs not used: Marriott, Hudson, Thorpe.

**TOWN:** K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance (sub Brunt 78), Lawless, Hand (sub Watkins 84), Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor. Subs not used: Tyler, Willmott, Kissock.

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Stuart Fleetwood fires the Hatters in front



Kevin Pilkington punches clear



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■ **NAME:** Martin Parson

■ **AGE:** 52

■ **LOCATION:** Northampton/Guildford/Johannesburg/Luton

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

■ **FIRST GAME:** Luton Town v Barnsley at Kenilworth Road in 1968.

■ **FIRST MEMORY:** The Fourth Division trophy being paraded by Terry Branston in 1968.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:** There have been too many to mention!

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** The Littlewoods Cup final against Arsenal...or the 3-3 draw in the snow against Carlisle! (We were 3-0 down at half time - My brother and I were about the only two left on the Kenilworth as the snow came down).

■ **WORST MATCH WITNESSED:** An FA Cup defeat to Sunderland in 1973 - we just didn't compete that day.

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Graham French - a genius with the ball.

■ **FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT:** The 70s orange shirt with blue and white stripes and this season's current kit.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Malcolm Macdonald.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGERS:** David Pleat and Harry Haslam

■ **ALL-TIME TOWN XI:** Tony Read, Bobby Thompson, Kirk Stephens, Alan Slough, John Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Graham French, Brian Stein, Malcolm Macdonald, Alan West, Adrian Alston.

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# LIVE ONLINE

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

The Town saw off Northampton 1-0 thanks to Adam Watkins' winning goal which earned a place in the second round of the FA Cup.

Hatters Player was there to get the reaction and a delighted Gary Brabin spoke to the cameras giving subscribers his account of what he thought was a deserved victory. The manager thought it was an excellent performance and was proud of his side's character as they remained patient and waited for their moment to see off their League 2 opponents.

Goal hero Watkins was thrilled to score the winning goal whilst goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington put things into perspective on remembrance weekend and you can read more of that interview on page 41.

The Town signed left-back Greg Taylor prior to the trip to Cambridge United and the defender spoke of his elation at joining the Kenilworth Road dressing room. After the 1-1 draw with Cambridge, James Dance - who made his first appearance since breaking his eye socket in the win over Hendon - told Player of

his frustration as he and his team-mates had to settle for a point against the U's.

Player also caught up with new work experience signing Ryan Brunt following his arrival from Stoke City while after Saturday's win over Newport, goal hero Danny Crow gave his verdict on the 1-0 while defender Janos Kovacs spoke of his relief at earning all three points in spite of such difficult weather conditions.

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

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Adam Watkins is somewhere underneath this pile as his team-mates congratulate him on his winning goal against Northampton

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# TAYLOR MADE

NEW LEFT-BACK GREG TAYLOR CAN'T WAIT TO HELP THE HATTERS PROMOTION BID

The draw of playing in front of bigger crowds and the chance to play for a club challenging for promotion who are nearer to his home was just a too good an opportunity or new signing Greg Taylor to turn down.

And the 21-year-old, whose only taste of action at Kenilworth Road prior to signing on the dotted line was out of position with former club Darlington earlier this season in a 2-0 win for the Hatters, can't wait to help his new side move back into the promotion picture.

"It's great to be here – it's a big boost when a club like Luton come in for you," the former Northampton trainee told Talk of the Town.

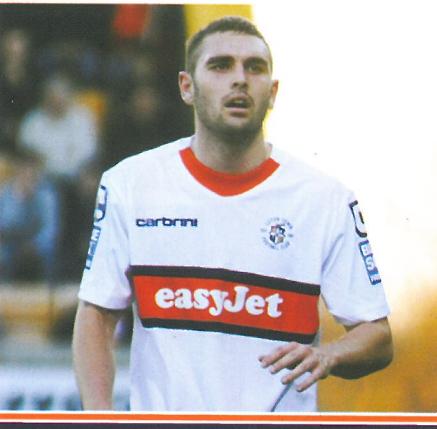
"Obviously coming to a club such as this is the pressure but I'm the kind of player who thrives on pressure and I really can't wait to kick-on and get stuck in."

Town boss Gary Brabin was so impressed with Taylor's performance in central midfield for the Quakers that day that he knew he could rely on him to become his first choice left-back after it was revealed that Freddie Murray was likely to miss a big chunk of the campaign through injury.

"It's nice to be wanted," continued Taylor. "I'm a full-back but can play in any position really but I like to get forward and join in attack. I scored twice for Darlington this season but in all honesty I was in the right place at the right time!"

Hailing from Bedford, Taylor was eager to move back closer to home – as were his family who had to drive to and from Darlington twice a month to see him in action for Darlo.

But it was the difference in the size of Town's and Darlington's respective crowds that made the move a no brainer.



"Luton's got such a big fanbase - 6,000 a week and that's a lot of fans for this level," he says.

"I like the atmosphere they create, and even if they're giving me a roasting, it will bring out the best in me!"

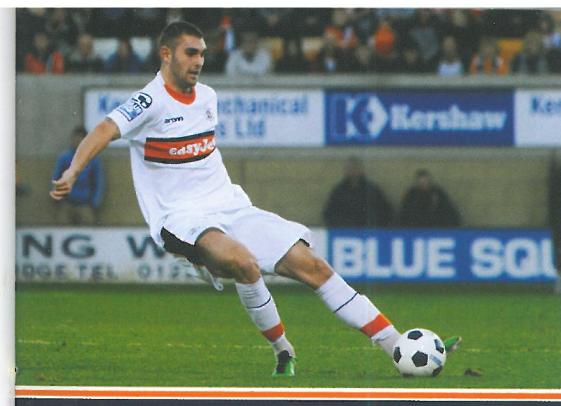
"At Darlington I was playing in a 27,000-seater stadium with just 2,000 people in it. There was no atmosphere at all."

The deal – which sees Taylor arrive on loan before the permanent transfer goes through in January – was completed prior to the FA Cup tie with former club Northampton that he was cup-tied for.

But how did the move come about?

"Luton made a bid on Tuesday but the Darlington chairman wasn't really happy with it, so he stalled for a while and made it difficult," he said.

"I had a few clubs looking at me and made inquiries. But when they heard that Luton wanted me, everyone knew I'm a local boy so I'd come here."



"I only had six months left on my deal before I was a free agent so that helped me complete this move. It all got sorted quickly and I moved down on Wednesday. I needed to either complete it in a few days or Luton would look for someone else."

Despite earning himself a move down south, the new boy is still keen to improve on his performances.

"I'd like to get a bit of consistency with my position because I've been moved about recently," he said.

"The last couple of years I've been played everywhere. I played central midfield against Luton this season. I used to get asked to play there and I'd do it, but I'm really a full-back."

"Right or left isn't a problem for me. I like to get forward and help attack."

With the Hatters vying for a place in the top five come the end of the season Taylor believes his chances of playing at a higher level have risen considerably following his switch to Bedfordshire.

"I think I stand more of a chance of playing at a higher level with Luton than I did for Darlington," he says. Gary Brabin has made me feel welcome so now I have to show everyone what I can do."

Taylor moved to Darlington with manager Mark Cooper with whom he'd played under at Kettering.

But with the financial upheaval at the Darlington Arena having a direct impact on performances, Cooper was soon shown the door. Weeks later it was Taylor who also saying his goodbyes.

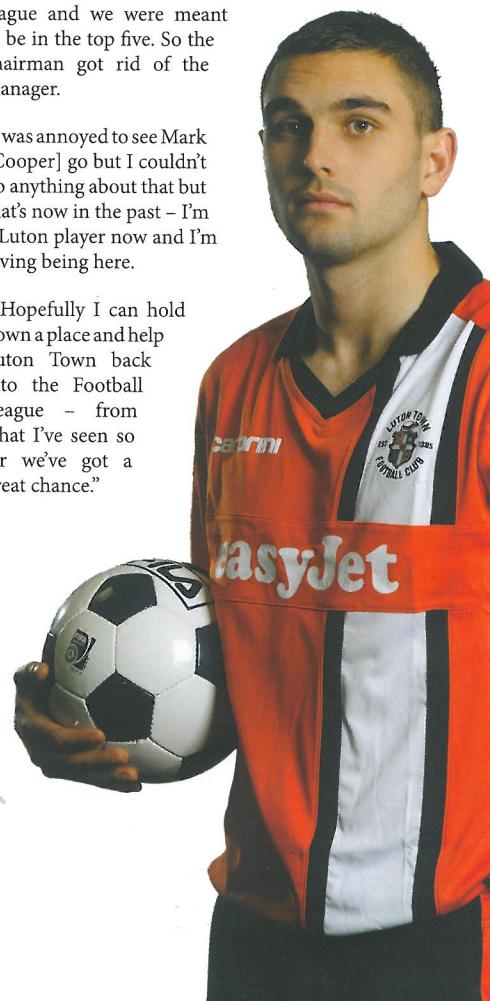
"They were struggling for money," Taylor says. "The chairman put it in the papers that he was offering all the players out to other clubs and it started to circulate which players would be available."

"They were asking everybody to take pay cuts and the chairman kept saying that we might not get our wages at the end of the month, so the best thing for me to do was to get out of that situation."

He added: "We were 14th in the league and we were meant to be in the top five. So the chairman got rid of the manager.

"I was annoyed to see Mark [Cooper] go but I couldn't do anything about that but that's now in the past – I'm a Luton player now and I'm loving being here."

"Hopefully I can hold down a place and help Luton Town back into the Football League – from what I've seen so far we've got a great chance."



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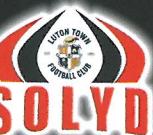
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# POPPIES WITH PRIDE



Goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington paid tribute to soldiers past and present as the Town marked remembrance weekend with a 1-0 FA Cup first round victory over Northampton Town.

The 37-year-old pulled off a number of fine saves to ensure the Hatters' progress to round two and when asked if he was concerned about being the back-up stopper at Kenilworth Road, he put things into perspective.

"I'm a lucky fella, I play professional football for a living," he told Hatters Player. "Earlier this week I went to a dinner and there were 500 soldiers in there.

"I got to see what they do and they were showing videos on the walls and there was one man who was lucky to be alive. You see that, and it brings a lump to my throat. All I have to do is kick or catch ball for 90 minutes; it pales into significance.

"I'm all for the black armbands we wore today, because they've done everything for us, I'm so grateful for what they do for us and what the soldiers in the past have done, so for me to go round and give everything I can on a football pitch is not a hard job to do.

"All week I've been banging on at the lads to make sure they were their poppies. It really does mean something to me.

"Like Frank Lampard said, we've got to go and play football, they've got go out and to fight for their lives."

It was the goalkeeper's third appearance of the

season and former Manchester United stopper paid tribute to his team-mates for securing a second round spot.

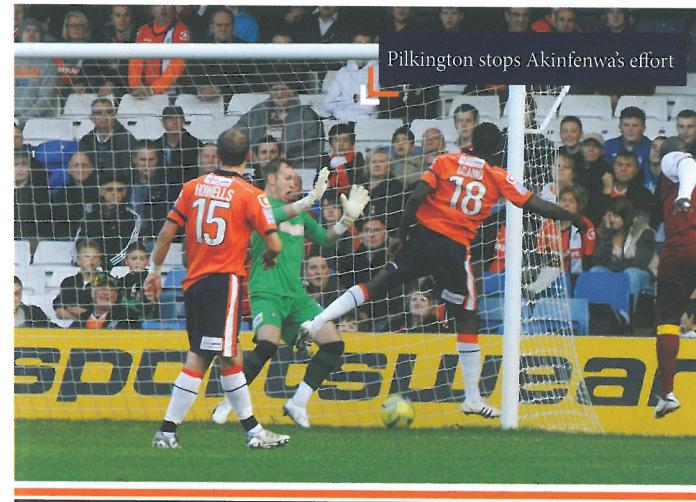
"I thought we really deserved it," he said. "We were patient and had to wait for our chance which Adam took really, really well.

"Northampton haven't been in the best form but all of that goes out of the window in an one-off cup tie.

"It means everything to us to get as far as we can in the competition. A lot of people will look at this result and say it's a cup shock but we don't. There is so much quality in the squad here."

And on his own performance, that saw one first half save from the Cobblers' forward Adebayo Akinfenwa drawing in particular praise from his manager.

"It was a reaction, it just hit me," added Pilkington. "You have to be aware but it's not about me, I thought we defended magnificently and in particular George and Janos were brilliant."



PICTURE

# THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

David Moss slams home a typical picture book goal to wrap up the points at Leicester in September 1979



After dicing with relegation from Division Two (now the Championship) in 1978/79 manager David Pleat was hoping for an injury-free campaign as he entered year two of his three year plan to bring top-flight football back to Kenilworth Road.

After a summer of wheeling and dealing which saw centre-half Mike Saxby arrive from Mansfield for £200,000 and Eire international midfielder Tony

Grealish come from Orient for a tribunal fixed fee of £150,000, Pleat was now happy with his team.

Unfortunately, an early League Cup defeat at the hands of Gillingham, a boring home draw against Cambridge in the opening League fixture and then a reversal at Bristol Rovers did not set the pulses racing. The Hatters managed to overcome Orient after a struggle in the next game before the visit to Filbert Street, Leicester one of our bogey grounds. The Match of the Day cameras were present to see

the unbeaten Foxes – with their much talked about exciting young side – cruise to another victory over the hapless Hatters.

The Town players, however, had not read the script and took an early lead via a spot-kick from David Moss after Leicester defender Gregor Stevens had needlessly handled. The Hatters went two in front after 30 minutes when Ricky Hill headed home unchallenged and although Leicester laid siege around the Luton goal, big Scottish goalkeeper Jake

Findlay pulled off a series of brilliant stops aided by woeful finishing by the Foxes' forwards.

With 15 minutes to go, when the Town had seemingly weathered the storm, centre-half Larry May fired in a 25 yard shot which went in off the bar.

The scene was now set for a grandstand finale but it was the Town who netted the final goal when Brian Stein, on a break away, set up Moss for an explosive finish in the last minute.

# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Croda for a good finish

Apart from John Aston and the linesman there appears to be a distinct lack of sympathy for referee Tom Reynolds who had been poleaxed by the ball during a game against Millwall at Kenilworth Road in 1974



After a poor Easter, the promotion chasing Hatters needed to up their game and, having invested the huge sum of £1,000 on new-fangled videotape equipment, manager Harry Haslam and the team spent many a long hour viewing the Easter home defeat by Oxford

United to try to fathom out what they were doing wrong.

All out attack with less emphasis on high balls into the area was decided on as the answer and with Millwall the next visitors to Kenilworth Road it was time to try out the new tactics.

The Lions were unbeaten in seven games and were therefore no mugs but the Hatters tore into them from the off, switching the means of attack and were soon two goals to the good through centre-half John Faulkner and midfielder Peter Anderson.

Substitute Gordon Hindson ran through to net the third to secure a comprehensive victory leaving the

crowd of 15,740 to wonder why the team had not been playing like that all season.

A perfect afternoon was made even better when news came through of rivals stumbling elsewhere. The Town now needed only one more point to realise their dream of promotion back to the top flight.



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## Profile:

### Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



# WATKINS' WINNING FEELING

Adam Watkins is hoping that his winning goal against Northampton that sealed the Town's place in the second round of the FA Cup with Budweiser can help him earn a regular spot in Gary Brabin's midfield.

The Hatters fan notched 10 minutes from time with a fantastic strike from the edge of the box but has found Keith Keane, Alex Lawless, Jamie Hand and James Dance all occupy the coveted central midfield position so far this term.

But that isn't bothering the 20-year-old who is just intent on impressing his boss every time he steps on the pitch.

"The gaffer puts me on to try and make an impact," said Watkins. "I was disappointed not to get the start, but I've got to keep doing that and working hard."

"I don't mind coming off the bench trying to score goals and making an impact."

"I played against Grimsby away and I thought that was my best game for the club, and then I got a little bit of an injury and that set me back."

"Hopefully it might give me a start now, but it's entirely up to the gaffer. It's just down to competition and what he thinks is best for the team."

"I'm just going to keep working hard and with Keano injured now anything could happen. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that in the next game I might be able to play a little bit more."

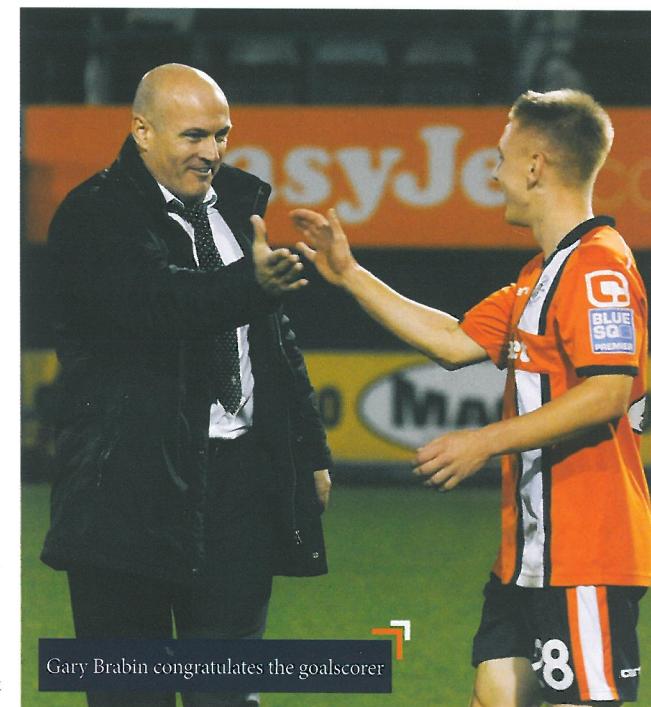
"If he picks me then I'll play my heart out for the club, but if I come off the bench I'll try and make the impact I did today."

On his goal – his third of the season – Watkins said: "I was only in the stands three years ago so it's a great feeling."

"I know what the fans want, I know what they like and hopefully I can give a little bit of that."

"I was delighted just to get the win for the boys – that's the main thing – but it's great to come on, score the winner and cause a bit of an upset."

"I think it was the most difficult finish I've had. It was on my weaker foot as well, but I'm delighted just to score and get the boys through to the second round."



Gary Brabin congratulates the goalscorer



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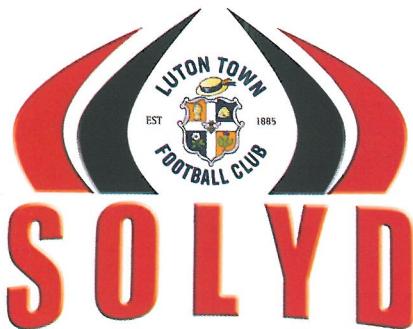
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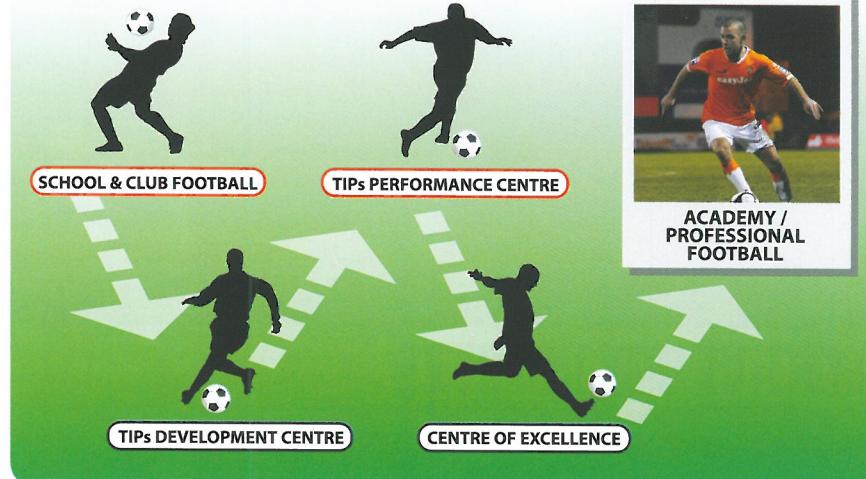
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# ACADEMY UPDATE



## 5 STEPS TO EXCELLENCE



Please give a warm welcome this evening to our Under-7 and Under-8 development groups.

The groups are accompanied by Ross O'Kane, who is our Head Coach at Under-8 and Scott Smith, our Technical Development Analyst who oversees the management of this programme.

Both Ross and Scott work tirelessly on behalf of Luton Town to identify and coach the best young players in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and their input is vital to the future success of the club's youth programme.

We have development groups based in Luton, Ampthill serving Bedford and Mid Beds, Dunstable serving Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable, and Baldock serving Hertfordshire. The groups train

weekly and play both internal and external games versus professional opposition.

The coaching syllabus is very technical, working on one-versus-one skills, passing and receiving to ensure that any players who are part of it are given the basic foundations that underpin a career in professional football.

Since we introduced groups at this age group we have now seen a number of players develop into scholars at the club with Mason Blake, Jerome Jibodu, Charlie Smith, Josh Terry and Tyler Reading all being at Luton Town since the age of seven.

All of the players will appear on the pitch at half-time, please make them feel welcome on their big occasion!

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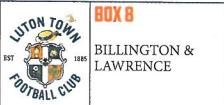
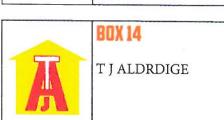
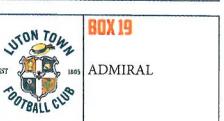
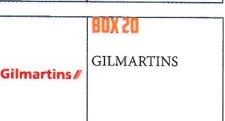
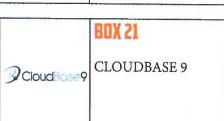
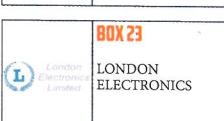
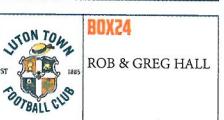


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Tonight the grant will be 'matched' by our main club sponsor, Easyjet, and also McDonalds and will be used to help towards funding. The Hatters recently launched 'School's Visit Project' which aims to provide free curriculum time Football coaching and PE lessons to all primary schools within Luton, Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire.

The Football Conference Community Club Development Fund was launched earlier this year for member clubs of the Blue Square Bet Premier and Blue Square Bet North and South and involves both the Premier league and Professional Footballers' Association committing up to £400,000 each for the next three years and is designed to encourage member clubs to develop their work in their local communities. Luton's Community Department have already contacted almost 100 schools in our catchment area since the start of the term last month with the offer of free coaching and already almost 30 schools are now receiving visits from our coaching staff.

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

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

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# LUTON LADIES



The Ladies first team put in an excellent performance to defeat Cambridge 4-2 at the weekend.

The Hatters took the lead midway through the first half when Nicola Henman smashed in a 20-yard volley from Jodie Whitford-Stark's cross. Lydia Radley was then upended by the Blues' goalkeeper and Henman stepped up to convert the penalty.

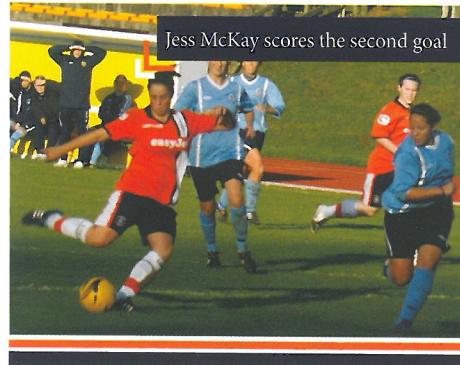
After 59 minutes it was 3-0 when Radley again held the ball well before setting up Amy Summerfield to smash the ball inside the near post. The visitors then reduced the arrears before Radley again surged past her marker into the area and was again brought down. Henman again stepped forward to complete her first senior hat-trick from the resultant penalty. A late Cambridge consolation goal did not take the gloss off another fine performance from the Ladies.

The Town moved into the semi-finals of the South East Combination League Cup defeating Brentwood Town 3-1. Lydia Radley fired Town into a seventh minute lead after the visitors failed to clear a corner and Rebecca Scott slid a neat pass to Jess McKay for the second after just 18 minutes.

Luton were never really in trouble but Brentwood pulled a goal back in the 65th minute to reduce the arrears. The visitors' goalkeeper made a fine save to keep out a volley from Henman but was unable to keep out her powerful near post header from a McKay corner in the 77th minute to wrap the tie up.

The Under-13s' strung together four consecutive wins in November beginning with a fight back from a goal down to Leighton United.

Ella Richards equalised and Chloe Fitzsimmons was on hand to

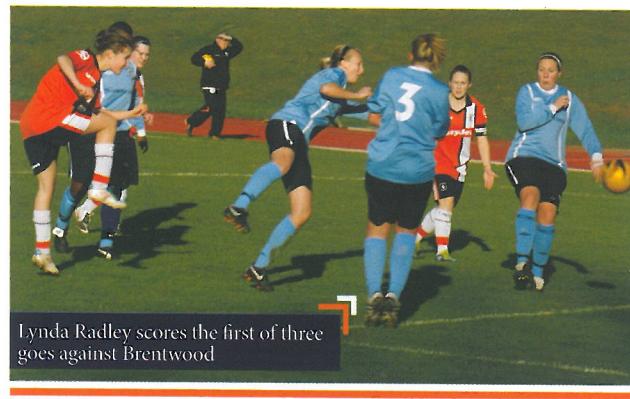


Jess McKay scores the second goal

bag a late winner. Then league leaders Bedford were defeated 4-0 with Lucy Higgs (2), Lilley Coleman and Aimee Esser on target.

The Town then knocked EBE Lions out of the League Cup with a 6-1 win thanks to goals from Esser (2), Richards (2), Phoebe Brown and Joanna Weaver.

Completing the treble of wins was the comprehensive defeat of Langford by a 12-1 margin. Fitzsimmons and Esser both grabbed hat tricks with Brown (2), Richards, Coleman, Weaver and Higgs completing



Lynda Radley scores the first of three goals against Brentwood

# ON THIS DAY

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

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The number of games previously played on this date, with all but the first two at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters have nine victories, two draws, and have suffered just one defeat, scoring 27 goals and conceding ten.

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The number of years before the next match, in 1975, when Luton beat Orient 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Jimmy Husband. This victory brought to a halt Orient's six-match unbeaten run whilst also bringing an end to Luton's run of three consecutive defeats.

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The number of years since Luton beat local rivals Watford 2-0 in a Sunday televised game. Ian Benjamin opened the scoring with an amazing diving header where he was actually diving away from the goal at the time. Scott Oakes doubled the scoring with a fine shot after a solo run.

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The number of draws on this date is also the number of goals scored by each side in the drawn matches. Andy Rennie and Robert Bryce netted against Clapton Orient in the 1930 FA Cup first round tie. It was a further 50 years before the next draw on this date as Ricky Hill and Brian Stein netted against Bolton Wanderers in a Second Division match.

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The only defeat, and also the only time that Luton have failed to score, came in 1958 when Wolverhampton Wanderers won 1-0 in the first top flight match to be played on this date at Kenilworth Road. A highest recorded crowd for the 29th November of 20,648 witnessed this defeat.

1

The first match of 1897 saw Blackpool the visitors for a Second Division match. It finished 3-1 to Luton with two goals from Tommy Little and one from James Coupar.

5

The most goals scored by Luton on this date came in 1902 in an FA Cup fifth qualifying round tie. Fulham were the opponents as Leon Gall netted a hat-trick, with Jimmy Blessington and Herbert Moody also on the scoresheet.

3

The most common score line is a 1-0 Luton win. The second of these three matches came in 1986 when Mark Stein scored the only goal of the game against Charlton Athletic in the top flight.

2

The number of goals scored by Roy Wegerle in a fourth round League Cup tie against Manchester City in 1989. David Oldfield also netted from a Wegerle shot that was blocked by former Luton keeper Andy Dibble.

3

The margin of victory for Luton in 1913, when the Hatters played their first game at Kenilworth Road on this date. Croydon Common were beaten 3-0 courtesy of a brace from Frank Rollinson and a goal from Arthur Wileman.

1

Just the one goal was needed to beat Chesterfield in 2003, the last time a match was played on this date at Kenilworth Road. Steve Howard netted the only goal of the game in the first few minutes.

# NLP VIEW WITH STUART HAMMONDS



When it comes to job security, a Conference football manager has dropped below an X-Factor finalist in time given to get their feet under the judge's table.

All right, Misha B might not get as long as Little B (former Gainsborough Trinity manager Brian Little's stage name). But the stark truth is that she will be given much longer to impress than most of the other managers to have left a Blue Square League club this season.

Ex-Aston Villa boss Little lasted six days short of two years before being voted off by chairman Peter Swan at the Blue Square Bet North club.

Of eleven managers to fail to impress the boardroom versions of Gary Barlow, Kelly Rowland, Tulisa Contostavlos and Louis Walsh up to last weekend, he was by far and away the most successful.

With 19 months and 11 days at Dorchester, Ashley 'Diane' Vickers was the BSB South's longest serving, while Mark Cooper at Darlington – 15 months and 26 days – was the Premier's.

In fact, Marky C's stint at the Northern Echo Arena and Steve 'Amelia Tilly' Tilson's 11 months and 26

days at Lincoln were the only reasons why the eight-month average in the Blue Square Bet Premier is so high. The other three managers lasted just a year and ten days – between them!

'New Vibe' Anthony Hudson, aged 30, was given five months and 28 days to prove himself at Newport County, Dietmar 'Der Risk' Hamann got four months and two days at Stockport and Morell Maison's 'Rhythmix' approach to kamikaze football at Kettering lasted only two months and eleven days. From audition to the current set of live shows, Little Mix have been on the X-Factor stage for at least six months.

Jamie Brough bought Eastwood Town Football Club for himself, but his 'Big Mix' stab at management in partnership with Craig Armstrong didn't last anywhere near that. Armstrong quit just three months and 19 days in, while Brough had enough himself 22 days later.

To the end of the X-Factor finalists' tour, I reckon a half-decent pop wannabe's gig last for around 18 months.

So if Tilly, New Vibe and Der Risk are looking for a career change and a bit of stability, I suggest they check next year's X-Factor calendar and aim for Wembley – Arena!

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## LUTON TOWN v CHELTENHAM TOWN

FA CUP WITH BUDWEISER, SECOND ROUND

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM.



This match is not all-ticket but tickets can be purchased in advance from the ticket office

Prices: Adults £14, Over 65-75 and 17-21 year-olds £9, Over 75s £6, 10-16 year-olds £6 Under-10s £2

Season ticket holders who completed cup authorisation forms will automatically receive their tickets in the post.

Diamond season ticket holders can, as part of their package, claim a free ticket to one home game in each cup competition this season. Those diamond holders who wish to claim their FA Cup ticket for this particular fixture must contact the ticket office on 01582 416976.



## LUTON TOWN v KETTERING TOWN

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM



Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



## LUTON TOWN v NEWPORT COUNTY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM



Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

### ALL AREAS

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

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

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Adult (Age 22-64)	£18
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Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

### BUY TICKETS...

**IN PERSON:** Ticket office, Kenilworth Road. **PHONE:** 01582 416976 **ONLINE:** [www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown](http://www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown)

### SAFETY NOTICE

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

# ON THE ROAD

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## LINCOLN CITY v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 7.45PM



This game is pay on the night for Town supporters but fans can make a saving by purchasing in advance direct from Lincoln. If fans wish to take advantage this supporters can ring Lincoln's ticket office on 01522 563786 during the advertised opening hours. Fans can also book online by from the Lincoln City Website (click in Visitors Section) Town supporters will be seated in the Co op Community Stand which runs along side pitch (Unreserved allocation - 2,012). The Lincoln ticket office is open as follows:

Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm Saturday Home Fixture 10am - 5.15pm  
Midweek Home Fixtures 10am - 10pm Saturday and Sunday Away Fixtures CLOSED

**Prices:** Earlybird: Adults £16, Concessions\* £12, Students# and Juniors £6

On the night: Adults £18, Concessions\* £13, Students# and Juniors £7.

\*60+ / Disabled Supporters (Proof of Medium to High level of Disability Living Allowance to receive concession rate, if the supporter has a high level of DLA they are entitled to a complimentary carers ticket if required, these tickets are only available from LCFC ticket office and proof is always required).

#Price is available for students carrying valid photo ID.



## TAMWORTH v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM



We are still awaiting ticket news from Tamworth for this fixture.

Details will be released in due course on [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) and in the local press.

### GETTING TO...LINCOLN CITY - SINCIL BANK

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £18 adults, £15 concessions. Departure: 3pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £18 adults, £16 concessions. Departure: 3pm.

**Car:** Take the A505 to the A1, travelling north on the A1 and A1(M) to Newark before heading north east along the A46 following signs into Lincoln (which leads onto the High St) and the ground is indicated from there. If you follow the signs for 'away coaches' then this leads you onto the A158 South Park Avenue, where there is plenty of street parking to be found (although it is a 10-minute walk around to the ground).

**For the sat-nav:** LN5 8LD

**By train:** Lincoln Central train station is around a 15-minute walk to the ground. Turn left out of the station and walk up to the traffic lights next to St. Mary's church. Turn left at the lights onto the High Street, walking over the railway level crossing. Walk along the High Street for approx 10 minutes then turn left into Scorer Street. Continue until you come to a bridge across the Sincil Drain river. Turn right immediately after crossing the bridge onto Sincil Bank, the ground is straight ahead.

### GETTING TO...TAMWORTH - THE LAMB GROUND

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £17 adults, £14 concessions. Departure: 11.30am.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £15 adults, £13 concessions. Departure: 12 noon

**Car:** M1, M6 and M42, leaving the M42 at junction 10. Take the A5 towards Tamworth. Follow the A5 bypass into the town and take the turn for the town centre. Follow the signs towards the Snow Dome and Glascole/Amington. After passing the Snow Dome on your left, you should see the ground on your right

**For the sat-nav:** B77 1AA

**By train:** The station is a 10-15 minute walk away from the ground. Exit the station and walk down the station approach to the traffic island in front of it. Turn left along the dual carriageway and continue to follow it, bearing around to the left at the next roundabout, which takes you past a garage. The floodlights and the red exterior of the ground can be seen in the distance in front of you.

# FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE TIME H/A OPPONENT SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI SUBS

**■ August**

Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1**, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dan, O'Connor*
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance**, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow*, Smith 2
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance**, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1**, Smith 1

**■ September**

Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County	1-1	3,389	321	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissock*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith 1**
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6	Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow*, Fleetwood 1
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	2-0	2,640	502	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Keane, Willmott**, Morgan-Smith 2, Crow*, Fleetwood**
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2	Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith**, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**, Fleetwood 1, Crow*
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1	Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock**, Fleetwood, Crow**
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless*, Hand, Kissock*, Willmott, Fleetwood**
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United	0-1	6,274	522	9	Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand**, Keane, Willmott**, Fleetwood, Crow

**■ October**

Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow	5-1	5,613	115	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	3,332	931	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1**
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead	5-1	6,285	104	3	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith, Fleetwood
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham	0-1	7,270	239	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith, Fleetwood
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Watkins, Hand, Dance, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)	5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1, Hand**, O'Connor 2 (pen), Kissock, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1**

**■ November**

Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor, Fleetwood, Morgan-Smith.
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC 1)	0-1	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock**, M-Smith, O'Connor.
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand*, Howells, Fleetwood 1, O'Connor
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County	1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor**, Dance, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Fleetwood**, O'Connor
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United					

**■ December**

Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC 2)
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town

**■ January**

Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County
Tues 10	19:45	H	Stockport County
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport
Tue 24	19:45	H	Mansfield Town
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town

**■ February**

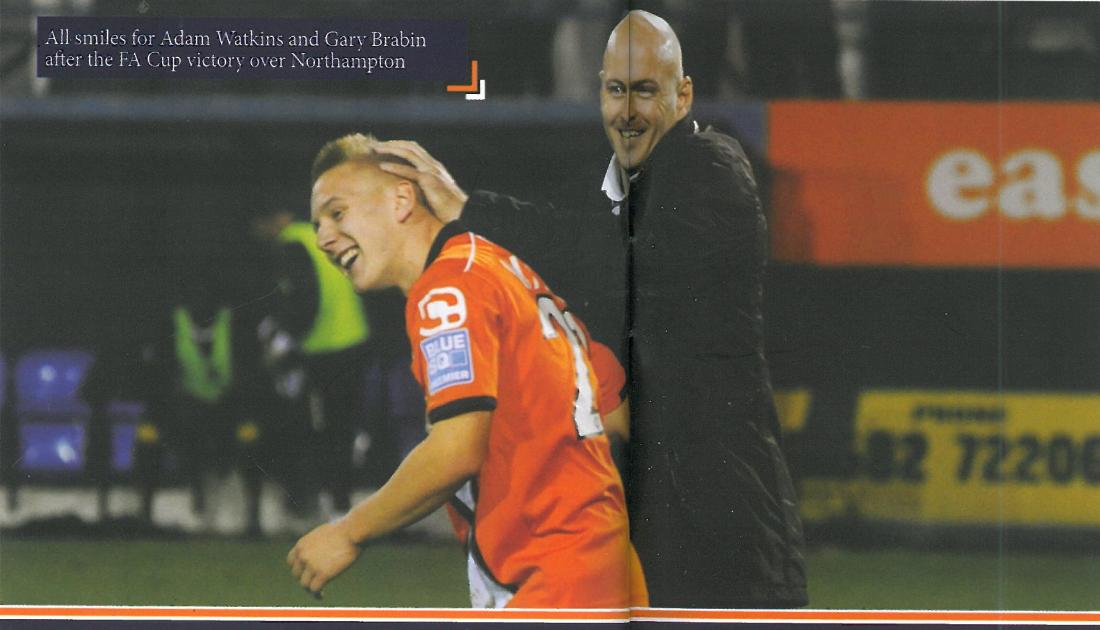
Sat 4	15:00	A	Barrow
Sat 11	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth
Sat 25	15:00	A	Darlington

**■ March**

Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City
Tue 6	19:45	A	Wrexham
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbsfleet United
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town
Sat 31	15:00	H	York City

**■ April**

Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers
Sat 28	15:00	A	Fleetwood Town



## LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	21	13	5	3	35	14	21	44
2	21	13	5	3	42	27	15	44
3	21	12	5	4	35	30	5	41
4	21	10	8	3	30	18	12	38
5	21	10	7	4	40	22	18	37
6	21	10	7	4	37	21	16	37
7	21	10	6	5	35	32	3	36
8	21	10	5	6	37	30	7	35
9	20	8	8	4	31	24	7	32
10	21	9	4	8	40	36	4	31
11	21	9	4	8	24	26	2	31
12	21	7	9	5	32	21	11	30
13	20	8	6	6	25	23	2	30
14	21	9	3	9	33	33	0	30
15	22	6	7	9	29	33	-4	25
16	21	7	4	10	30	35	-5	25
17	21	5	7	9	22	28	-6	22
18	21	6	4	11	21	30	-9	22
19	21	5	5	11	26	39	-13	20
20	22	3	10	9	26	34	-8	19
21	21	4	5	12	30	44	-14	17
22	21	3	7	11	23	33	-10	16
23	21	3	5	13	22	50	-28	14
24	21	1	6	14	18	40	-22	9

## PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON				CAREER			
	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DISCP	APP'S	GLS	APP'S	GLS
WILL ANTWI	12	0	2	1	(0)	0	13	0
Ed ASAFU-ADJATE	4	(2)	0	0	0	4	2	0
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	(0)	0	9	0	1
Shane BLACKETT	4	0	0	0	(0)	4	0	0
Ryan BLUNT	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0	0
Paul CARDEN	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Danny CROW	9	(6)	4	0	2	9	8	4
James DANCE	17	(3)	2	1	(0)	1	18	(3)
Stuart FLEETWOOD	12	3	3	1	(0)	1	13	3
Dan GLEESON	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jamie HAND	11	(1)	2	2	0	13	1	2
Charlie HENRY	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Jake HOWELLS	18	0	3	2	0	20	3	1
Keith KEANE	14	0	0	1	0	15	0	5
John-Paul KISSOCK	3	9	0	2	0	5	(9)	0
Janos KOVACS	12	0	1	1	0	0	13	1
Alex LAWLESS	13	0	1	1	0	0	14	0
Amar MORGAN-SMITH	14	(1)	9	1	0	15	(1)	9
Fredie MURRAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron O'CONNOR	10	(9)	1	2	0	12	(9)	3
Curtis OSANO	15	0	2	0	0	19	0	3
George PILKINGTON	8	0	0	1	0	9	0	2
Kevin PILKINGTON	3	0	0	2	0	5	0	0
Godfrey POKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collin SAMUEL	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0
Christian TAVERNIER	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Greg TAYLOR	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Mark TYLER	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0
Adam WATKINS	5	(9)	2	0	1	5	(10)	3
Robbie WILLMOTT	16	(3)	6	0	1	16	(4)	6
Tommy WRIGHT	1	(2)	1	1	0	1	2	0

# LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

With the midway point of season fast approaching, it's time for a half-term report on just how the Hatters are progressing in their efforts to be top of the class this year.

A brief glance at Town's report card has the three dreaded words staring out at us that every school kid dreads to hand to their parents: Could do better.

Saturday's last-gasp 1-0 victory at Newport County AFC sees Luton sixth in the Blue Square Bet Premier, seven points away from that elusive top spot.

Headteacher Gary Brabin has often mentioned the need to 'whip the horse' in January as that is when he feels the school league tables will start to take shape.

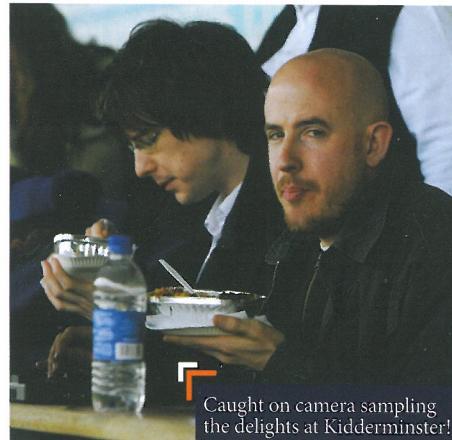
With a number of his class being kept off school by their parents for a variety of ailments in the first part of the term, leading to worrying attendance rates, the boss isn't unduly annoyed by their indifferent exam results so far.

One slight worry for Brabin would be their efforts against the bigger schools from Wrexham, York and Fleetwood, who sent their bully boys round and ended up stealing not only his lads' dinner money but also three points too.

He has had to hand out some detentions too, with Dean Beckwith staying behind after his red card against Lincoln and Alex Lawless handed extra homework due to his half-time incident at York City.

Having said that though, with striker Danny Crow proving that playtime isn't over until the final bell is rung in Newport, there is a renewed confidence approaching lessons this week, especially against another struggling school in AFC Telford tonight.

Although Luton have an awards evening planned at the end of term, were they to hold one now, it could well read something like this:



#### Top pupil:

Amari Morgan-Smith – the striker is the leading candidate for head boy, with nine goals making his enforced absence all the more frustrating.

#### Most improved student:

Aaron O'Connor – by his own teacher's admission, struggled to fit into his new school at the start, but is now showing just why he was signed, with a seemingly endless reserve of energy.

#### Goal of the season:

Jamie Hand. That volley against Gateshead after just coming on. Simply stunning.

#### Save of the season:

Mark Tyler's amazing paw over the bar from Tom Shaw in the 1-0 home defeat against Cambridge. A magnificent stop.

#### Best school dinner:

No contest. Kidderminster away.

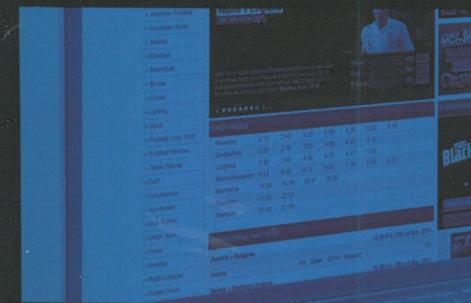
#### Worst school trip:

Stockport away, school bus got stuck in some hideous traffic.

All of which leads to a current mark of C on the report card. Maybe stretching to a C+ after Saturday.

The governors of Kenilworth Road want and expect promotion though, so Brabin and the class of 2011/12 will be hoping once the summer holidays come round in six months time, they will be taking an A grade back to their parents with the two words: Well done.

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# TONIGHT'S TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greg Taylor	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keith Keane	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Beckwith	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
George Pilkington	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alex Lawless	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny Crow	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbie Willmott	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shane Blackett	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stuart Fleetwood	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aaron O'Connor	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jake Howells	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Antwi	17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis Osano	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Dance	19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Paul Kissock	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charlie Henry	21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Brunt	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Hand	27	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adam Watkins	28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Pilkington	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Janos Kovacs	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tommy Wright	39	<input type="checkbox"/>



## AFC TELFORD UNITED

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 32	Ryan Robinson

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W. Barratt

Assistant: S. Plane

Assistant: K. Howick

Fourth official: M. Mellor

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Saturday 3rd December 2011, 3pm

FA Cup with Budweiser second round