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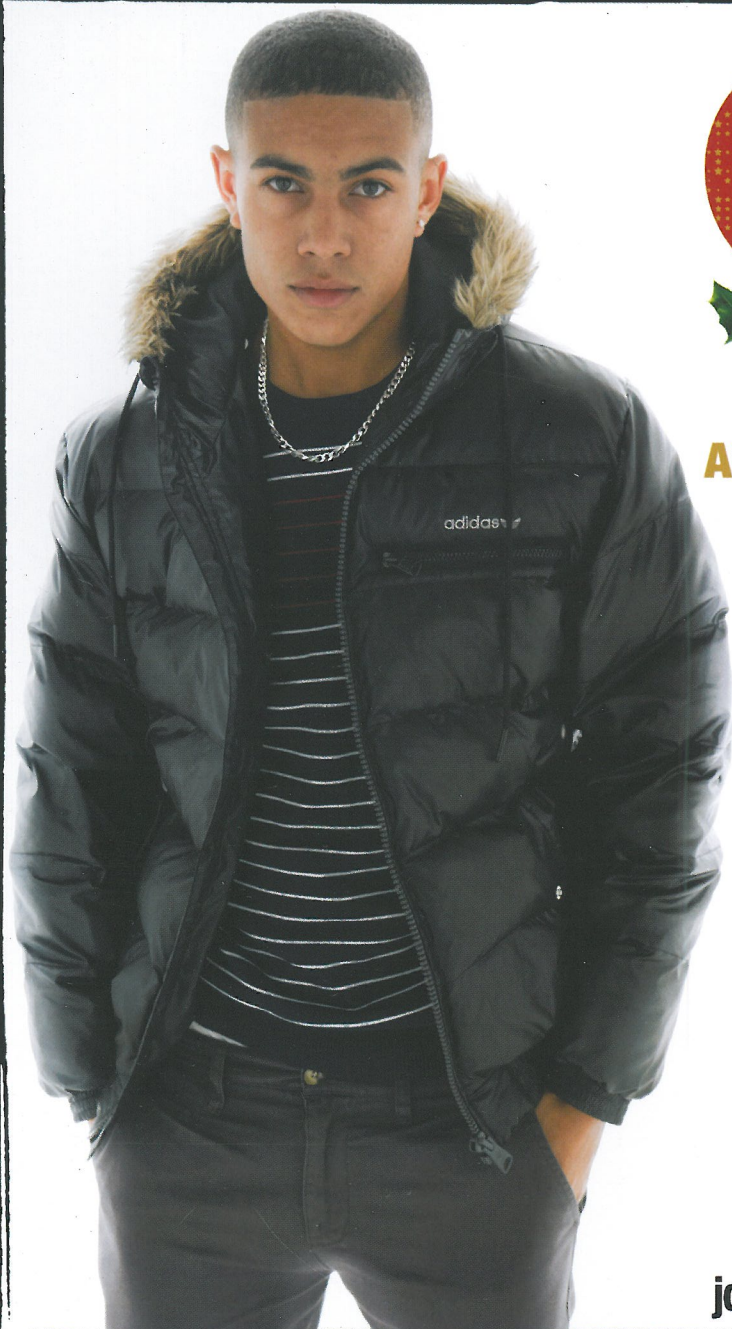
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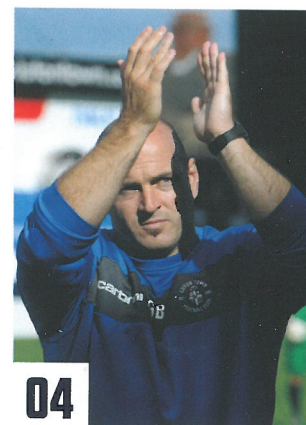


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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's FA Cup second round tie against Cheltenham Town.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today; Mark Yates and his team and staff plus the directors and supporters of the Robins.

Mark has done a terrific job at Whaddon Road and today they come here in search of an eighth away victory in succession which is an absolutely fantastic achievement.

That included a 1-0 win at Tranmere Rovers in the first round which secured their passage to this stage and their victory over a club in a higher division adds weight behind their already superb form.

We showed, however, in our last cup tie that we are more than capable of holding our own against teams from League 2 when we beat Northampton. Even though we only won 1-0 I thought we were full value for the victory that day which of course sets-up today's tie.

Last season we took Charlton to a replay at this very stage and we were all hugely disappointed not to win through and face Tottenham in the third round.

It's for that very reason that today's game is so important. The incentive for everyone connected to both clubs in reaching the third round where the Premier League teams join the party is massive.

For players, for staff, for the supporters and for the town, the FA Cup, in particular the third round, is held in huge regard.

As I have outlined above though we know it's going to be tough. Mark has got our visitors absolutely flying at the moment and we've had them watched since the draw was made and we realise the strength of the challenge we face this afternoon.

I've been told the ITV cameras are here today to capture some extended highlights and last week at Newport I was in conversation with commentator Clive Tylesley, who is here this afternoon. They are here for a reason: because they think we can cause an upset. That's what we hope to achieve and that's what we believe we can do.

While we have been looking forward to this game, I write these notes in frustration at last Tuesday's home draw against AFC Telford.

In my notes for that game I said that we needed to build on last Saturday's 1-0 win at Newport so you can imagine my disappointment that we couldn't hold onto a half-time lead which I thought we richly deserved.

I said afterwards it was a great time to score but ultimately we were punished for our failure to take our chances when Telford equalised.

I knew that it was vital for us to win having done so well to grind out that last-gasp win at Newport and it meant our endeavour and determination in South Wales to keep going counted for nothing.

Naturally given the result against a side struggling for form, I was not surprised by the reaction from the crowd but, as I said afterwards to the press, I must urge you to back the team.

Your support is terrific – most clubs outside the Championship would give their right arm for the amount of support we get through the turnstiles home and away.

So thank you. Your support is appreciated. Please get behind us once more this afternoon.

Keep the faith.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DAVID WILKINSON



Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to Cheltenham Town and their officials, players and supporters.

The second round of the FA Cup is always special with clubs vying for a place in the third round and a potential meeting with a top club.

Cheltenham are in a rich vein of form having won their last seven away games and are sitting nicely in third place in League 2.

A lot of us feel that there is little difference between League 2 and the Blue Square Bet Premier. We saw it with Northampton and we will see more evidence one way or the other this afternoon.

It also gives us a break from the stress and frustration we all regularly experience playing and watching in the League.

On which note I should also mention how disappointed and hugely frustrated we all were by the result on Tuesday night against AFC Telford.

There are now 14 former League Clubs in the Conference, most of which are there for the first time and, with only two promotion places being available, it is getting harder and harder for them to resume what I am sure they all feel are their rightful places in the Football League.

The bigger the Club: the bigger the disappointment.

The quality of this division is shown by the way clubs that do get up do well and often go straight through to League 1. Very few seem to drop back down. "Been there don't want to go back!"

Believe me our frustration is exacerbated by the fact that we have major investments in our great Club

and there is nothing for us without success. So we are fiercely ambitious and we are continually analysing the situation to see what we can do to help us get back to where we belong.

Our responsibility as custodians of the Club is to make decisions based upon all the evidence available to us. We cannot always share that information but we are charged with having to try to achieve a balance and to be as objective as we possibly can. Although the latter, as a true Luton fan, is nigh on impossible.

It is the realisation of a dream to be a director of the club you love, but once you are here comes reality and, surprise, surprise, it's not so much fun anymore. You can't say what you really feel to anyone because it will be misinterpreted or misrepresented, or cause a loss of morale or a drop in the gate or a row with a friend etc, etc. It just goes on and on.

We know we can never please all the people all the time but we do our best and that is what we will continue to do. We are an extremely diverse group of fans and we will never be swayed into doing anything whatsoever which we believe could damage the future of the Club.

We want to keep having the opportunity to play top clubs in the Cup.

We want to be pushing for promotion.

We want to play exciting football and have players who become local heroes.

We want to balance the books.

We want a new Ground.

For me it is 53 years and counting and I would like to think that there will still be a Club here to be passionate about in another 50 years.

We want a future.

We are making significant progress on most fronts and where we are not we are firmly committed to do so.

Meanwhile, away from football for a moment, I would like to thank Loyal Luton for all their fantastic efforts to put on the gig at Charlie Brown's last week in aid of SOLYD. I went along, but my advanced years meant I didn't stay for the headline act, ironically called Missing Andy. However, it was fun and great to meet some of the people behind the event.

On a similar note next Thursday 8th December sees a concert at Venue Central 2, also in support of SOLYD, featuring Mark Joseph with appearances from Stuart Fleetwood and Freddie Murray. This will be another good night at for a very important cause.

Also coming up soon is an event which is particular favourite of mine, the LTSC Quiz Night, and having been part of the winning team twice (with Leon Barnett and Liam Hatch), it shows anyone can do it. It is on 14th December at the club in the Eric Morecambe lounge.

Finally, we are all passionate in the extreme about our Club. Our positions sometimes make it difficult to demonstrate that passion publicly, but that doesn't make it any less intense. We need everyone's help at all levels to make it work and to restore the pride in this great Club that it so richly deserves.

Enjoy the game.

Come on Town.



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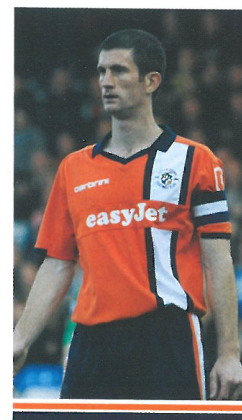
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PILKS



Make no bones about it, we were all hugely disappointed to come off the field on Tuesday having taken just one point and not all three.

Our form at Kenilworth Road in the league has been incredibly frustrating and it was summed up by the fact we hit the post twice and created chance after chance but come the final whistle all we have to show for our efforts is a point.

We knew that winning at Newport in the manner in which we did was important and we knew that it would all be in vain had we not secured another three points. However, we can't get down about it. We are a positive bunch and the fact remains we know we are capable of better.

We've shown that in flashes this season and that has been half of our trouble. The manager has been drumming into us that we need to be more consistent and we thought after Robbie's goal before half-time on Tuesday that we were well on the way to achieving a vital victory.

After every win we think we've turned the corner but more often than not this season we have disappointed, not built on results, and drawn or lost. It's up to us, the players, to rectify that. We are good enough, I know we are.

What I also know is that there's a long way to go this season. Half of the campaign left. In previous seasons in this league teams have often build-up a significant points advantage and been hauled back. We almost did

it to Stevenage the season before last. It might take a run like that to reel in somebody this season – you just don't know, especially with 24 league matches to play.

This afternoon gives us the perfect opportunity to banish the Tuesday's disappointment. The FA Cup holds a place in every player's heart. As a boy I dreamt of playing in the cup final and lifting the cup. The famous cup was with us at the training before the Northampton game and that's the closest I've come to it!

A win – or a draw, of course – today would put us in the hat for the third round where the big boys come in.

Last season we had the opportunity to meet Spurs at White Hart Lane but were denied by a strong second half performance against Charlton after we'd taken the lead. After missing out on the chance last season and following Tuesday's disappointment we are determined to make it through this afternoon.

The third round weekend is such a special one in the football calendar and to see Luton Town's name in the fixtures would give myself, the manager and the rest of the lads so much pride.

However before we start dreaming of ties against the likes of Manchester United, Manchester City and Chelsea we have to beat Cheltenham – and that isn't going to be easy.

I think it's fair to say it's our biggest test of the season. They are playing very well at the moment and from the footage we've been shown and the reports we've read we know we're in for a real game today.

It's going to be exciting for you, I'm sure, but we are confident – after all we've already beaten a side from League 2 this season.

Enjoy it and get behind us once more.

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AROUND TOWN

■ NOVEMBER MEN

Our match sponsors for our home game with AFC Telford United on Tuesday, NICEIC – our back of shirt and shorts sponsors – we keen to meet two Town players in particular after the 1-1 draw.



Right-back Curtis Osano and striker Ryan Brunt have been growing moustaches this month to raise money for charity as are NICEIC's Ralf Dekker and Oscar Foster. The quartet were caught on camera with their furry upper lips in the Eric Morecambe suite by club photographer Gareth Owen.

■ NEW KIT ON THE BLOCK!

On Wednesday the Hatters were delighted to receive their first new batch of home and away replica kit from manufacturers Carbrini – just in time for the Christmas rush! All sizes are available as the new kits join new stock that includes winter warmers of hats, scarves and gloves. Pay the club shop a visit or log on to our online shop at www.hattersshop.co.uk.

■ RIP ALAN PRICE

It is with sadness to report the death of staunch Town supporter Alan Price who passed away on Monday 14th November at the age of 44 following a long battle with cancer. Alan was a season ticket holder for many years, sat in the Kenilworth Road end and absolutely loved the club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan's family and friends at this sad time.

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE!



Celebrating his 60th birthday here today, along with his family, is long standing Hatters fan George Rankin.

George started to watch the Town in the 1960's and has avidly followed the team through thick and thin, and although exiled to Swindon

for many years still gets to see the Hatters whenever anyone will take him.

This happened last Saturday when he was 'treated' to the game at wet and windy Newport!

Happy birthday George.

■ 50 YEARS A HATTER

Town supporter Nigel Holland recently surpassed 50 years of following the Hatters. Well done from Jan and all at Luton Town.

■ HOME DRAW IN TROPHY

The Hatters have been handed a home tie against Southern League Swindon Supermarine in first round of the FA Trophy.

The match will take place at Kenilworth Road on Saturday 10th December 2011 with a 3pm kick-off.

Marine booked their place in the first round following a 1-0 victory over Tiverton Town in the third qualifying round.

Ticket prices have been reduced for this tie, turn to page 42.

■ WELCOME ST JOSEPH'S

Today we welcome to the game the Under-8s team from St Joseph's Youth FC. The team are here celebrating the birthday of their centre back Bobby Wilkinson (pictured with captain's armband).

Bobby has a rich Hatters heritage - his grandfather, the late John Wilkinson, was the former club secretary, and also player and coach for the Town during a 40 year spell at the club.



Happy birthday Bobby, we hope you all have a great day!

■ 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.

■ COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT GIVEN BOOST

Last Tuesday night the community department were pleased to welcome Hugh Aitken, UK Commercial manager of Easyjet, to present a cheque to our finance director Roger Bannister for £12,000 matched funding which will be used to help towards funding the club's recently launched Schools Visit Project which aims to provide free curriculum time Football coaching and PE lessons to all primary schools within Luton, Bedfordshire and North Herts.

The Football Conference Community Club Development Fund is designed to encourage member clubs to develop their work in their local communities. With £12,000 promised from the Conference Fund the Club'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.



Football Development Officer, James Hatch, who runs the schools visit project on behalf of the Community Trust told Talk of the Town: "We have already had a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help. 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."

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WELCOME CHELTENHAM TOWN



The Robins are flying high. And at Christmas, you'd expect nothing less.

The Town's opponents this afternoon are chasing an eighth successive victory away from Whaddon Road which has catapulted them into the automatic promotion places in League 2 and seen them beat League 1 Tranmere to set-up today's tie.

But despite their fantastic form of late, boss Mark Yates – who knows the Blue Square Bet Premier well having previously managed Kidderminster – believes his side are in for a difficult 90 minutes this afternoon.

He told the Robins' official website: "We were the underdogs against Tranmere but we deservedly went through. The good thing about this game is that the players understand the task ahead and the size of Luton Town.

"I've tried to emphasise that they are a massive club because I went the other day and they had 5,000 people there for a league game. They are a big club and it'll be a tough game. I watched them on Tuesday and I've come away with a lot of clues but I don't know what team Gary Brabin will play because he's changed it around. We have an idea of what they may do but

the main thing on Saturday is our attitude. If we go there with the right attitude then we'll give ourselves a better chance but if that attitude is wrong then there is always a chance we'll come unstuck. I don't anticipate that happening and losing to a team in a lower league is not what we want this weekend.

"They are well supported and they'll want to get behind their players. If we do what we do best then hopefully our fans will have something to sing about. The cup is almost like a separate entity and it can give a team new life and we don't want that to happen Saturday. We don't want to give Luton anything to cling onto and we can do that with our energy and performance.

"I do know the situation of our loan players this weekend but I'm not going to say just yet. I know where I am going this weekend and I don't really want to give anything away. It'll be a surprise for everybody.

"Of course the main aim is to get into the third round but to do that you need to win in the second round. It's a tough tie but one that we are ready for. If we can get past Luton then that is the time we can start thinking about the third round. All our focus is on the next two days and ensuring we are ready for the weekend."



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IN OPPOSITION

SECONDS OUT, ROUND TWO! WRITES DAVE PEACEY

Incentive – a factor (financial or non-financial) that enables or motivates a particular course of action.

A word that is used often at this stage of the FA Cup, it is in itself something of a truism that a club would wish to progress as far as possible in any competition let alone the most famous football knock-out competition in the world. Add to the mix a few other compelling ingredients and this stage of the competition takes on an importance that, temporarily at least, transcends what has occurred so far in the respective clubs' league campaigns. All things are possible and if the opposition is from a higher division then what's to lose?

Today's visitors found themselves in the 'giant killer' role in round one with a visit to the Wirral and a fixture against a Tranmere Rovers side that boasted a home record of just one league defeat in nine games. However, those nine games had seen a combined total of just 12 goals scored so it was always going to be tight and, more importantly, winnable especially as half of Cheltenham's points in moving them up to third in League 2 had come away from home. As so it proved, a Darryl Duffy penalty sufficient to set up today's meeting as, meanwhile, here at Kenilworth Road, a match with a more local flavour to it saw the Hatters pull off a killing of their own in putting paid to Northampton Town's ambitions for another year.

Another round, another home fixture, another opponent from League 2 – déjà vu? The jury's out on that one, as regards the result at least, but both sides will be approaching the game in a positive manner especially as one of those 'compelling ingredients' (mentioned previously) centres on prospective next opponents.

Yes, we all know the mantra 'each game as it comes', and 'one game at a time' but, as much as the first round

is THE round for the minor clubs and the third gets media overkill because the major players join the party, the second round provides all of the motivation necessary to be in that velvet bag rubbing shoulders with consistent major trophy winners.

And yes, finance is a big factor too. With clubs having to re-visit and scrutinise budgets more than ever at this level who wouldn't opt for an away fixture at, say, Old Trafford or the Emirates and all the spin-offs that would come with it? You only have to look back to last season and the Blue Square Bet Play-Offs to see the interest that these type of knock out and one-off games can generate.

As a Cheltenham supporter of more years than I care to remember, back in 1998 I thought that we'd had our 15 minutes of fame as Conference runners-up and FA Trophy winners. We've had a few more 15 minutes since then with a Conference championship and a couple of (successful) trips to the Millennium Stadium for Play-Off finals and wow did they generate interest and create a buzz around the place. Similarly, back in 2006 we were paired with Newcastle United in a televised game in the third round. For a brief moment, it wasn't just the home of National Hunt racing that the town was synonymous with!

So it's all to play for today with the added bonus of an early Christmas present for supporters of the winning side. They say that in the last decade or so there were times when the cup had lost its appeal, its magic. At this stage of the competition I don't believe that this is ever the case. Although the major players have yet to take part, we're already eight rounds in to a tournament that started back in August, barely three months after Manchester City lifted the trophy.

No-one is expecting either of today's sides to progress to the latter stages but, for the moment, the limelight is theirs.

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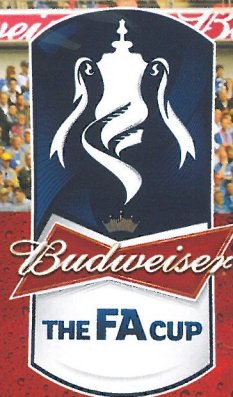
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IN TOWN



GOALKEEPER



Scott Brown

Young goalkeeper with a growing reputation, Scott spent his early career on the books of his hometown club Wolverhampton Wanderers, leaving in 2003 and playing briefly in the Welsh Premier League for Welshpool Town before spending six months with Bristol City. He joined Cheltenham in July 2004.

DEFENDERS

Steve Elliott

Powerful centre back signed in the summer of 2010 on a two-year contract. Elliott moved to Bristol Rovers in the summer of 2004 after graduating through the ranks at Derby. He made a total of 72 appearances for the Rams before joining Blackpool on loan in November 2003, a move that was later made permanent.



Alan Bennett

Former Reading and Wycombe defender who signed an initial one-year contract with the Robins in the summer of 2011. Cork-born Bennett began his career with local side Richmond before linking up with Cork City. He made over 150 appearances for Cork before joining Reading

in 2007 for an undisclosed fee. He was loaned to Southampton in July 2007 before returning to Reading ready for a loan spell with Brentford. Bennett then re-joined the club for the entire 2008/09 campaign and made over 50 appearances for Brentford before joining Wycombe on an emergency loan in 2010.

Luke Garbutt

Highly rated defender currently on-loan from Everton. Garbutt joined Everton from Leeds in the summer of 2009 and the left-sided defender switched from the Yorkshire side's academy to sign on as a scholar with the Blues, who paid a tribunal-set initial fee of £600,000 to sign him. Garbutt has played for England's Under-16s and Under-17. In February 2011 Garbutt made his debut for the England Under-19s featuring as a substitute in the 1-0 defeat to Germany.

Sido Jombati

The Robins signed former Sporting Clube de Portugal youth in July 2011 from Bath City. Sido was born in Lisbon and played for Sporting as a youngster but has also played for clubs in England including Basingstoke and Weymouth. The 23-year-old had been with Bath for two years and played a major role in helping them win promotion to the Blue Square Premier.

MIDFIELDERS

Marlon Pack

Former Portsmouth midfielder Pack signed for the Robins in May 2011 following a successful season-long loan with the club during 2010/11. Portsmouth-born Marlon signed scholarship forms with his hometown club in 2007. Has previously had loan spells with Wycombe Wanderers in League 1 and Dagenham & Redbridge. Marlon, signed a two-year deal with the Robins in the summer.

Russell Penn

Combative midfielder who signed for the Robins in the summer of 2011 after turning down the opportunity of a new contract with Burton Albion. Originally a trainee with Birmingham City and later Kidderminster, Penn moved to Scunthorpe United in search of first team football but soon returned to the Harriers where he became an integral part of their midfield, making 178 appearances and scoring 26 goals during his time at Aggborough.

Brian Smikle

Speedy winger signed from Kidderminster Harriers. The 24-year-old was a free agent this summer and penned an initial one-year contract with the Robins. A former West Bromwich Albion trainee, Brian also had loan spells with Hereford United and Halifax Town prior to joining Kidderminster.



Luke Summerfield

Midfielder who signed a one-year deal in August after impressing on trial in previous games. The central midfielder began his career rising through the ranks at Plymouth Argyle. He was sent on loan to Bournemouth in 2007 and a later loan spell

with Leyton Orient followed before he returned to Home Park a much-improved player. However, two medial ligament injuries halted Luke's rising career and he found himself a free agent this summer.

Josh Low

Former Wales Under-21 international who joined the Robins from Peterborough United during the 2008 August transfer window. The former Cardiff City midfielder began as a trainee with Bristol Rovers before moving to Leyton Orient in 1999. He then joined Cardiff City and spent three years with the Bluebirds. His next stop was Oldham Athletic for a year before a £165,000 move to Northampton Town. After a short spell at Leicester City, he joined Peterborough United in January 2007 before his switch to Whaddon Road.

STRIKERS

Darryl Duffy

Scottish striker who signed for the Robins in July 2011 following his release from Bristol Rovers. Darryl started his career with Scottish Premier League giants Rangers. He moved to Falkirk in 2004 making

57 appearances, scoring 27 goals before heading to England with Hull City for a reported £250,000 fee. The striker had loan spells with both Hartlepool and Swansea before joining the Swans on a permanent basis in 2007. Duffy, who has two appearances for the Scotland B team, made 20 appearances for Swansea before signing for Bristol Rovers in 2008.

James Spencer

Striker currently on-loan from League 1 side Huddersfield. Jimmy, a graduate from the academy at the Galpharm Stadium, is a clever striker and was once the subject of a six-figure bid from Manchester City back in his academy days. He joined Morecambe on loan for the entire 2010/11 season and scored eight goals in 32 appearances for the Shrimps.



Kaid Mohamed

Pacey forward who joined the Robins in the summer from AFC Wimbledon. The 27-year-old spent the early years of his career with Welsh Premier League clubs such as Cwmbran Town, Llanelli and Carmarthen before joining Swindon Town in 2007. Mohamed

moved to Forest Green in 2008 after spending a period on loan with Torquay United and a handful of appearances at Swindon. Another loan switch to Newport County followed before Kaid linked up with Bath City before joining the Wombles.

Jeff Goulding

Goulding moved to Cheltenham Town during the summer of 2010 but started his career as a youth player with Reading and Crystal Palace before signing for Hayes in 2005. He moved to their local rivals Fisher Athletic for the 2007/08 and then signed for AFC Bournemouth in 2008.




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NAMES & GAMES

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS LOOKS AT CHELTENHAM'S LEADING LIGHTS

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

2001/02

Cheltenham Town achieved Third Division Play-Off final glory in 2001/02. The Robins failed to win any of their opening six games before Steve Book returned from injury, but soared up the table after Lee Williams arrived from Mansfield. A 16-match unbeaten run catapulted the Robins into the promotion race and Steve Cotterill's side defeated Kettering 6-1, Hinckley 2-0, Oldham 2-1 and Burnley 2-1 in the FA Cup before losing 1-0 at West Brom in the fifth round. Julian Alsop was leading marksman as the Robins were pipped to promotion by Mansfield on the last day but beat Rushden & Diamonds 3-1 in the Play-Off final.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Steve Cotterill

Steve Cotterill plotted Cheltenham Town's 1988/89 Conference title triumph. A former striker, he helped Cheltenham win the Southern League title in 1984/85, then played for Alvechurch and Burton Albion prior to joining Wimbledon in February 1989. He moved to AFC Bournemouth in August 1993 and was leading marksman in 1993/94. He took charge of Cheltenham in February 1997 and plotted the 1998 FA Trophy final success as well as their 2001/02 promotion and FA Cup run. Leaving in May 2002 to manage Stoke, he has since managed Burnley, Notts County, Portsmouth and Nottingham Forest.

FAB FOUR

Michael Duff

Northern Ireland international central defender Michael Duff was capped three times while at Cheltenham Town. A former trainee at Whaddon Road, he turned professional in August 1996 and helped Cheltenham win the FA Trophy in 1998 and Conference title in 1998/99. He missed just one match as the Robins won promotion and reached the FA Cup fifth round in 2001/02, netting 12 goals in 201 League games before reuniting with Steve Cotterill at Burnley for £30,000 in July 2004. Now a regular member of Northern Ireland's

international squad, he featured in the Clarets' 2008/09 Championship Play-Off final triumph.

Andy Gray

Ex-Scotland international striker Andy Gray played for Cheltenham Town during the 1989/90 season. He impressed with Dundee United prior to joining Aston Villa in October 1975 and was PFA Player of the Year as they won the League Cup in 1977. Moving to Wolves for a British record fee in September 1979, he starred as they won the League Cup in 1980 and promotion in 1982/83. He joined Everton in November 1983, helping win the FA Cup in 1984 and League Championship in 1984/85. Later with Villa again, West Brom and Rangers, he joined Cheltenham in August 1989 and scored five goals in 20 Conference games.

Grant McCann

Northern Ireland international midfielder Grant McCann won a club record four caps while at Whaddon Road. Signing professional for West Ham in July 1998, he was loaned to several clubs including Cheltenham. He rejoined the Robins for £50,000 in October 2002 and was their leading marksman in 2003/04. Starring as they won promotion and reached the FA Cup fourth round in 2005/06, he netted 35 goals in 193 League games before sold to Barnsley for £100,000 in 2006. He joined Scunthorpe United in January 2008 and starred in their 2008/09 Wembley 'double' success, moving to Peterborough United in July 2010.

Jamie Victory

Long-serving England Semi-Pro international left-back Jamie Victory was ever-present as Cheltenham Town won promotion and reached the FA Cup fifth round for the first time in 2001/02. A former West Ham trainee, he turned professional in 1994 but failed to secure a first-team slot and joined AFC Bournemouth in 1995. He moved to Whaddon Road in July 1996 and starred as Cheltenham won the FA Trophy in 1998, then the Conference title in 1998/99. Also helping the Robins win promotion and reach the FA Cup fourth round in 2005/06, he netted 22 goals in 258 League games until leaving in May 2007.



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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome to today's FA Cup with Budweiser tie with Cheltenham Town.

The importance of this afternoon's game has been shown by the amount of interest that we have seen with our corporate hospitality areas almost sold-out. The winners today – or in a replay if required – will find themselves in the hat for the third round alongside the Premier League and Championship clubs. A massive incentive.

On Thursday we held our Christmas Dinner at Luton Hoo where Town legend David Moss reminisced about his career at Kenilworth Road. It was a fantastic evening and an incredible success and we are already busy planning our end-of-season kit sponsors dinner. More details will follow as the season progresses.

Our next big event takes place next Thursday when we hold our eagerly-anticipated concert to help raise funds for Supporters of Luton Youth Development. It's taking place at Venue Central 2 between 7pm-9pm and will feature Town duo Stuart Fleetwood and Freddie Murray. The whole squad will be in attendance and there will also be special performances from Mark Joseph, Semi Skinned, Ryan Prazer and Long Riders. Tickets only cost £5 and you can pay on the door as the venue so why not come along and join the fun.

Once again we have the pleasure of welcoming today's match sponsors as well as four mascots. I hope you all enjoy this afternoon's entertainment.

MATCH SPONSOR – EXTRA-TIME

When the BBC announced the closure of its 606 sports site, a new home had to be found to accommodate the Bobberman Prediction League. That new home was Extra-Time, a new football forum, set up in January 2011. The Hatters enjoy the biggest following with around 450 fans enjoying the discussions and arguments that inevitably surround the club we all love.

Hundreds of fans from all over the UK, Europe, America, the Far East and Australia join in the prediction league, which now has three divisions and is in its fifth year. Each year these fans raise money to sponsor a player and this season we raised enough money to also sponsor today's match and donations have also been made to SoLYD. Our aim is to take the club to all fans, who live and work away from home, and keep them up to-date with all things Luton Town.

MASCOTS



Of our four mascots this afternoon the first two are brothers Ruben and Toby King from Chiswick.

Ruben is eight and Toby is five and attend matches with their Uncle Ian. Ruben's favourite player is goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington whilst Dean Beckwith is Toby's favourite.



Our third mascot is five-year-old Oscar Easterbrook from Pirton. Oscar's great uncle is former Town player John Faulkner and he attends matches at Kenilworth Road with dad. His favourite two players are John Paul Kissock and Amari Morgan-Smith.



Seven-year-old Jamie Doyle is our fourth and final mascot today. Jamie attends matches here with his Dad and Auntie and his Hatters player is Jake Howells.

We hope you all have a great day with us this afternoon.



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LOOK BACK



NEWPORT 0-1 TOWN AWAY DAY DELIGHT



Town boss Gary Brabin could not hide his delight after seeing Danny Crow's last minute winner earn his side a gutsy three points at a wet and windy Newport County.

Brabin introduced the Hatters' match-winner with 13 minutes left when he swept home after a determined right-wing raid from James Dance, and the manager admitted afterwards he felt his side deserved victory after an improved second half performance.

"I said to the players at half-time that we were playing okay in patches but for five or six minutes at a time, and that we needed to sustain that longer if we were to have a chance," Brabin said.

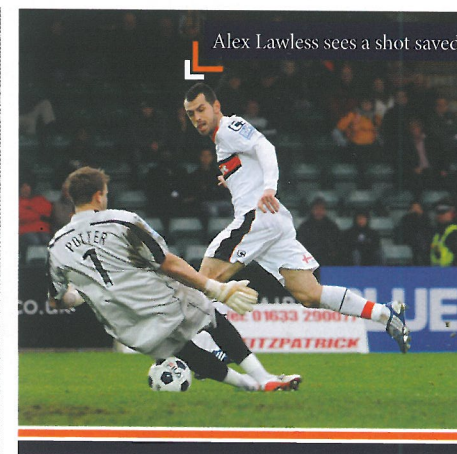
"I thought overall it was a decent game, it was end-to-end at times and we've missed some really good chances. In the first half you fancy Alex Lawless to score and in the second Stuart Fleetwood's had an opportunity which you'd normally back him to put away.

"But we kept going and like I said to the lads at the break, I thought we needed to be more forceful and stronger in the second half.

"We made some changes to pen them back in their half and I always thought we were going to score and so it proved, even if it was a bit late, but it's fantastic."

Meanwhile goal hero Crow recognised the importance of the hard-fought victory in South Wales.

"It's been a long time coming," he told Hatters Player afterwards. "It's a hard place to come and it's a great three points. We've slipped out of where we want to be recently so it was a vital victory - and now we've got to go and kick on.



Alex Lawless sees a shot saved

"In football you've got to keep going - last year Newport equalised in the last minute to deny us a 1-0 win and this time we've scored at the death to win it.

"It shows how far we've come and that's the level we've got to set. That's football though, scoring goals in the dying minutes are special and obviously I was delighted I managed to stick it away.

"James Dance battled away down the right and laid it off to Ryan Brunt. I kind of took it off him - it was instinct, I got around the ball and kept the shot low and it was a lovely feeling to see it go in.

"It's a big win because it's been frustrating in the league recently. The atmosphere in the dressing room afterwards was as though we'd won the league.

"That's where want to be so it's important we use this as a platform to go on an unbeaten run to get us where we want to be."



NEWPORT

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TOWN

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Crow 90

NEWPORT: Potter, Yakubu, Hughes, Hatswell, Rodgers, Rose, Doherty, Pipe, Buchanan (sub McAllister 73), Foley, Matthews. Subs not used: Warren, Rogers, Thompson, Knights.

TOWN: K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor (sub Willmott 71), Howells, Lawless, Hand, Dance, Fleetwood (sub Crow 77), O'Connor (sub Brunt 59). Subs not used: Tyler, Keane.

ATTENDANCE: 1,511

POSSESSION

47% 53%

SHOTS ON TARGET

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SHOTS OFF TARGET

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CORNERS

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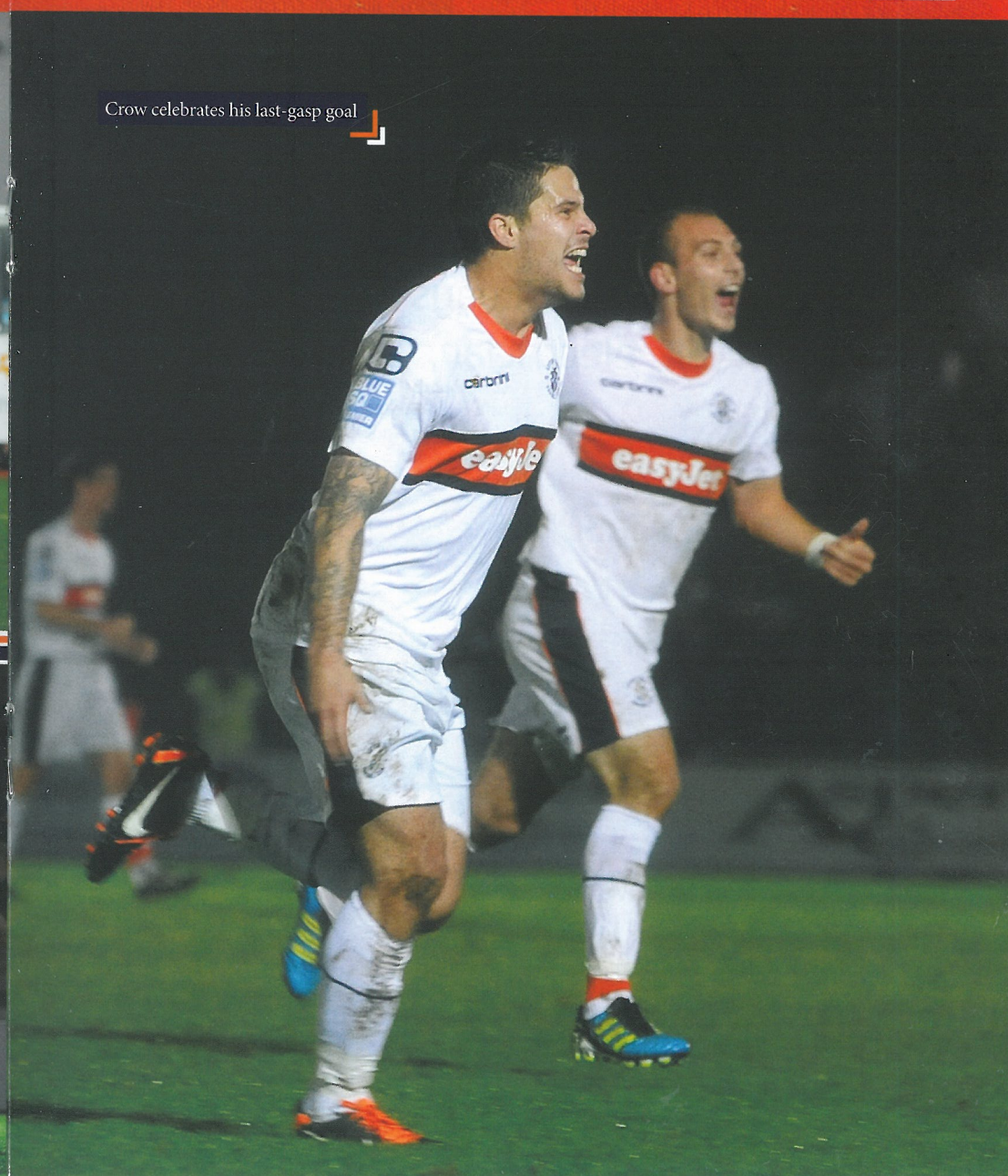
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Jake Howells tries to go between two Newport men



Crow celebrates his last-gasp goal



Danny Crow nets the winner



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ON THIS DAY

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

10

The number of matches previously played on this date, with Luton winning five, drawing two and losing three times. The Hatters have scored 24 goals and conceded 16, an amazing average of four goals per game have therefore been scored on this day.

9

An incredible game in 1994 saw Sheffield United come away with a 6-3 victory. In a first half to forget the Hatters trail 2-0 having lost David Preece to injury and Gary Waddock, who was sent off. United made it 3-0 in the second half before John Hartson pulled one back. The Blades made it 4-1 soon afterwards but an own goal from Brian Gayle made it 4-2. Marvin Johnson netted from the penalty spot, making it four goals in five minutes, to make it 4-3. A great save by visiting keeper Alan Kelly prevented Kerry Dixon from netting an equaliser, before two late goals wrapped up the victory for United.

4

The most goals scored by a Luton player on this date was achieved in 1927 when Merthyr Town were beaten 5-1 in a Division Three (South) match. Syd Reid was the player who netted four times, with George Dennis also on the scoresheet.

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The first clean sheet for Luton came in a 3-0 win against Cardiff City in 1955, the first home top flight match on this date. Gordon Turner, Bob Morton and Jimmy Adam all found the back of the net. This fixture also saw the highest home attendance for 3rd December as 21,827 cheered the Town to victory.

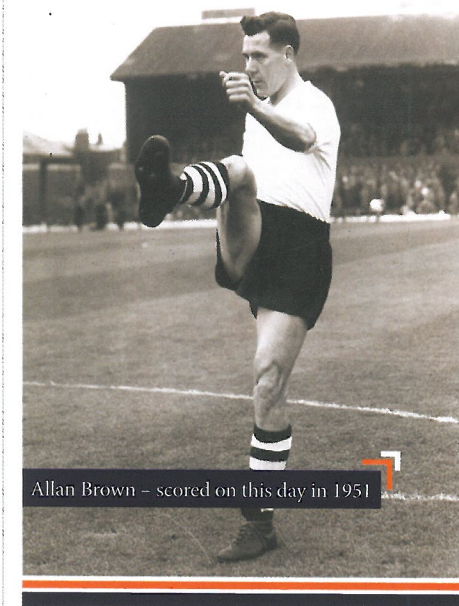
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The number of own goals scored by the opposition on this date. The first of these came in 1983 when Stuart Pearce headed past his own keeper but unfortunately

for the Town visitors Coventry City were already leading 2-0 at the time. It was 3-1 before Trevor Aylott immediately netted but Coventry scored the decisive goal to win 4-2.

51

The number of years since Luton beat Southampton 4-1 in a Second Division match in 1960. Gordon Turner scored a brace and Mike Tracey and Allan Brown also netted.



Allan Brown – scored on this day in 1951

2

It was a Second Division match that saw the first home game on 3rd December which came in 1898 when Grimsby Town were beaten 3-1 courtesy of a brace from Jimmy Durrant and a goal from James Kemplay.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Cheltenham goalkeeper Carl Muggleton grabs the ball before the onrushing Kevin Nicholls during the clash at Kenilworth Road in August 2001

Following relegation at the end of the 2000/01 season, the Town found themselves back in Division Three (now League 2) for the first time since 1970.

Manager Joe Kinnear, appointed too late in the day to halt the slide towards relegation, had realised that the team was the poorest in recent memory and spent the summer having a complete clearout of the playing squad. Several players were given free transfers, others had their contracts paid up, while arriving were seven new players, five of whom made their debuts on the opening day of the new season at Carlisle.

A comfortable 2-0 win at Brunton Park, with over 1,000 Luton supporters making the long journey, was a promising start and a crowd of 6,177 was present at Kenilworth Road the following Saturday to see if the Hatters could maintain the early form against a Cheltenham side making their first ever visit to these parts.

Two more players, Ian Hillier and Adrian Forbes, were making their debuts for the Town and they were soon in the action as the Hatters surged forward before taking a deserved lead on 30 minutes when Carl Griffiths laid off a perfect ball to Paul Hughes who casually side-footed home.

The lead was doubled shortly afterwards when Cheltenham goalkeeper Carl Muggleton threw the ball out to unsuspecting full-back Steve Jones. Jones was dispossessed by the alert Kevin Nicholls who crossed the ball to that ace predator Griffiths who tapped it into the empty net.

Cheltenham came more into the game in the second period and only a spectacular goal-line clearance from Matt Taylor prevented Martin Devaney from reducing the arrears.

Substitute Neil Howarth pulled a goal back after 71 minutes when he headed home Russell Milton's right wing free-kick and soon afterwards veteran striker Neil Grayson blazed over from five yards out when it looked easier to score the equaliser.

Matters were made worse for the Town when Nicholls was sent-off with 10 minutes to go and in a nail biting finale Cheltenham's Michael Duff hit a post with Luton goalkeeper Carl Emberson well beaten.

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN
ROGER WASH

Luton skipper Syd Owen plots the downfall of Nottingham Forest before the 1959 FA Cup final

FA Cup fever had hit the streets of Luton as the Hatters had fought their way through to the final for the first time in their history.

Using the same 11 players, the Town had seen off Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich, Blackpool and Norwich in a glorious run and now had the Twin Towers of

Wembley in their sights. Without a manager since the previous October, when Dally Duncan had departed to Blackburn, the team had been picked and trained by a committee which consisted of Chairman Percy Mitchell, directors Tom Hodgson and A.F. England together with captain Syd Owen and trainer Frank King.

The committee saw no reason to change the side as the final approached despite the supporters clamouring for the return of top scorer Gordon Turner and winger Jimmy Adam and this decision probably cost them the game which was lost 2-1. This, and the complete lack of preparation for the big day. A few training sessions on the hockey pitch

at Cedars School at Leighton Buzzard, which was supposed to mirror Wembley's lush surface, was the only change from the norm and as the players of opponents Nottingham Forest were secreted away in the week before the clash the Luton players were told to treat it as just another game. We now know which was the best approach!

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NLP VIEW WITH SAM ELLIOTT

For most, the raw emotion of last Sunday afternoon, the sudden, shocking and devastating death of Premier League legend Gary Speed, was an alien experience.

Not for followers of Conference football.

The news of the 42-year-old's apparent suicide, hours after returning home from a playful BBC Football Focus recording with good friends Gary MacAlliser and Dan Walker, completely froze football.

Disbelieve is an overused word. Though it did not do this development justice. The entire sport fell numb when the grisly news broke. No-one could predict it, and still days on nobody can get their heads around it. Something in the Wales national manager's life had gone horribly wrong.

For friends, family, ex-colleagues and followers of Dale Roberts' career, we were reliving a nightmare nearly a year on.

Rushden & Diamonds' England C goalkeeper took his own life on 14th December last year.

The friendly face of Paul Fairclough's Three Lions didn't turn up prior to departure for Rushden's FA Trophy replay with Eastwood Town. The night

before, he was sent a text message by manager Justin Edinburgh confirming his first game of football for a three months. "Thanks gaffer," he replied. He never did make the Diamonds coach.

Unlike Speed's apparent suicide, there was less mystery surrounding the harrowing death of 24-year-old Roberts. Earlier in the year, the red tops went to town on a story alleging that Roberts was victim of an affair between his fiancée and team-mate Paul Terry.

This was of extra significance for the newspapers of course, with England captain John leading the news agenda - stripped of the armband after tabloid suggestions of a relationship with friend Wayne Bridge's partner Vanessa Perroncel.

The goalkeeper never quite recovered from the public torment. The inquest into his death a fortnight ago heard from Manchester City's Adam Johnson, a close friend.

"I'm not sure he could cope with the embarrassment the story caused him," the England international told Northampton Coroner's Court.

While continuing to pay tribute to Speed this weekend as his former clubs all return to action, take some time out to remember Dale Roberts.

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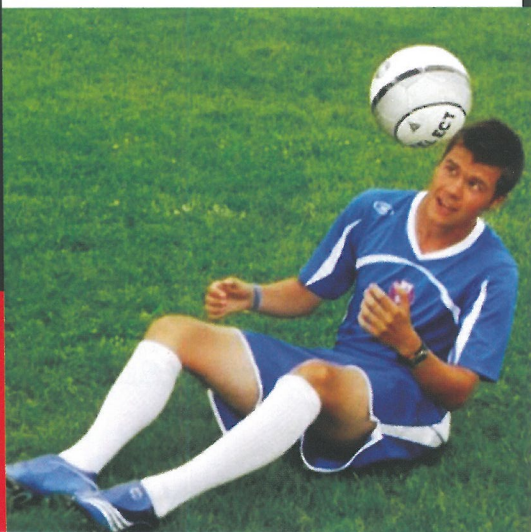
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Profile:

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.



LOOK BACK



TOWN 1-1 TELFORD MISSED OPPORTUNITY



Town boss Gary Brabin cut a frustrated figure as he bemoaned his side's inability to take their chances in the 1-1 draw against AFC Telford.

Striker Stuart Fleetwood and captain George Pilkington both saw efforts hit the post in the first half and the manager was left disappointed that his team could not build on Robbie Willmott's 41st-minute opener.

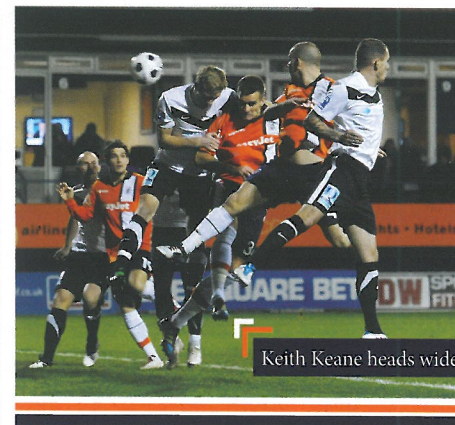
"To drop another two points at home is hugely disappointing and I understand the frustration," he told Hatters Player afterwards. "The fact we haven't won after creating so many chances is the most frustrating thing especially because I thought we scored at a really good time and haven't gone on and build on it.

"In the first five minutes Fleets has hit the post, a few shots have gone over and the goalkeeper's made some saves but after that I sensed a little bit of frustration creeping in that we hadn't scored.

"We scored just before half-time, which is always a good time to take the lead but then give away a silly free-kick 10-yards outside the box and we've been punished.

"I thought we would kick-on after half-time and I fancied us to go and score a few more goals but we couldn't find that second goal. You make your own luck and the fact we missed so many chances gave Telford a lift and towards the end they've defended like their lives depended on it.

"If there's any positive to take out of the game then it's that we haven't been beaten but that's no consolation. It's a results based business and I know we have start winning football matches."



Keith Keane heads wide

Goalscorer Willmott, back in the team for his first start in three matches, was pleased to score but naturally was low after seeing his goal wiped out in the second half.

"Like everyone I'm frustrated," he said. "We just need to start winning football some games.

"Each time we win a game we keep saying 'this will be the turning point' and it seems we can't get that consistency.

"We need to go on a run of winning four, five, six or more games on the bounce. There's still half of the season left to play so it's not over.

"It was disappointing because we wanted to build on the win at Newport and get a result to boost confidence ahead of the Cheltenham game.

"That's a massive game with a place in the third round at stake."



TOWN

Willmott 41

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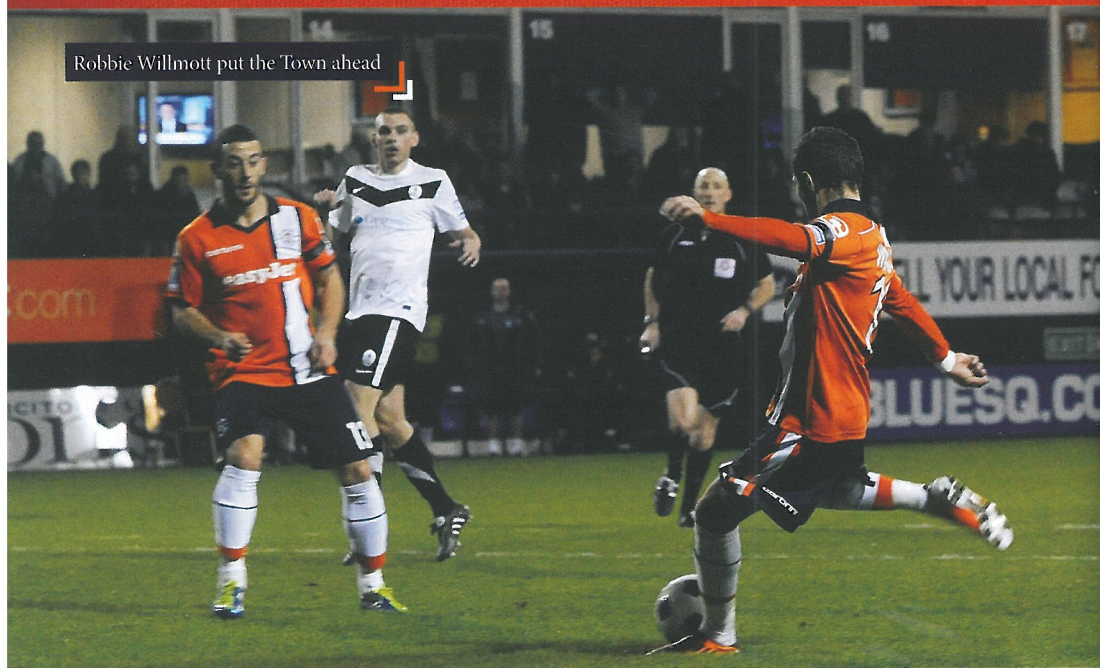


TELFORD

Newton 55

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Robbie Willmott put the Town ahead



George Pilkington saw this header hit the post



TOWN: K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance (sub O'Connor 68), Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow (sub Watkins 81), Fleetwood (sub Brunt 71). Subs not used: Tyler, Taylor.

TELFORD: Young, Salmon, Whitehead, Killock, Valentine, Cain (sub Adams 86), Smith, Davies, Newton, Jones (sub Brown 81), Farrell (sub Preston 88). Subs not used: Robinson, Chamberlain.

ATTENDANCE: 5,399

POSSESSION

55% 45%

SHOTS ON TARGET

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SHOTS OFF TARGET

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CORNERS

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FOULS

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Keith Keane drives into the box



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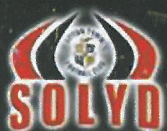
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27 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2-1

SEPTEMBER

3 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (H) 2-0
10 - BRENTFORD (A) L 0-1
17 - STEVENAGE (H) W 4-1
19 - ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS (H) FAYC W 11-2
24 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H) D 1-1

OCTOBER

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8 - BARNET (H) PYC D 1-1
15 - STEVENAGE (H) PYC W 4-1
21 - DEREHAM TOWN (A) FAYC L 1-2
29 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H) PYC W 5-2

NOVEMBER

5 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A) PYC L 2-3
8 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) PYC W 2-1
12 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H) L 1-4
19 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) W 1-0
12 - BRENTFORD W 2-1

DECEMBER

3 - LEYTON ORIENT PYC
10 - BRENTFORD (H)
17 - STEVENAGE (A)

JANUARY

7 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A)
28 - COLCHESTER UNITED (A)

FEBRUARY

4 - QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H)
11 - BARNET (A)
18 - MILLWALL (H)
25 - SOUTHEND UNITED (A)

MARCH

3 - BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (H)
10 - ALDERSHOT TOWN (A)
17 - AFC WIMBLEDON (H)
24 - DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE (A)
31 - CRAWLEY TOWN (A)

APRIL

SAT - 14 LEYTON ORIENT (H)
SAT - 21 GILLINGHAM (H)

SHADOW SQUADS

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
YOUTH ALLIANCE
CENTRAL DIVISION

SEPTEMBER

14 - ST ALBANS CITY (A) L 0-5
28 - TAMWORTH (H) D 2-2

OCTOBER

12 - CORBY TOWN (A)
26 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (H)

NOVEMBER

2 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (H)
9 - OXFORD CITY (A)
16 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (H)
23 - CHASE TOWN (A)
30 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (H)

DECEMBER

7 - HITCHIN TOWN (A)

JANUARY

11 - KETTERING TOWN (H)
25 - KETTERING TOWN (A)

FEBRUARY

1 - ST ALBANS CITY (H)
8 - TAMWORTH (A)
22 - CORBY TOWN (H)
29 - WATFORD HERTSWOOD (A)

MARCH

14 - KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (A)
21 - OXFORD CITY (H)
28 - BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES (A)

APRIL

4 - CHASE TOWN (H)
18 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (A)
25 - HITCHIN TOWN (H)

SOUTHERN COUNTIES
FLOODIT YOUTH LEAGUE
CORINTHIAN DIVISION

AUGUST

29 - NEWPORT PAGNELL D 1-1

SEPTEMBER

5 - CHESHAM UNITED (H) L 0-3
12 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H)
26 - BOREHAM WOOD (A)

OCTOBER

3 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (H)
17 - CHESHAM UNITED (A)
24 - NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN (H)

NOVEMBER

7 - LEIGHTON TOWN (A)
21 - BOREHAM WOOD (H)
28 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN (A)

FIXTURE

Brentford

COMPETITION

Youth Alliance

RESULT

2-1

GOALSCORERS

Davis, Smith

TEAM

Evans, Blake, Longden, Ekins, Ferguson, Burtenshaw, Nash, Smith, McAdams, Davies (sub Amu), Woolley. Subs not used: Kaddu, Stephens, Rees.

COACH'S COMMENTS

"I'm delighted with the way we won against a very strong team. Our work ethic was exceptional and even though they shaded the game in terms of possession we created more chances. Jake Woolley led the line superbly in a very unselfish manner whilst Brett Longden was excellent at right back. Charlie Smith had a role in both goals and made a massive impact, scoring one and help set-up another. The result moves us up the table and gives us confidence going into our League Cup meeting with Leyton Orient."

YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Brighton & Hove Albion	10	8	23	25
2 Queens Park Rangers	10	7	12	24
3 Gillingham	10	7	12	22
4 Crawley Town FC	10	6	3	21
5 LUTON TOWN	11	6	5	20
6 Southend United	10	6	9	19
7 Brentford	10	6	6	17
8 Millwall	10	4	6	14
9 Peterborough United	10	3	-3	13
10 Wycombe Wanderers	10	4	-3	13
11 Colchester United	10	4	1	12
12 Leyton Orient	9	4	-8	12
13 Northampton Town	10	3	-3	10
14 Barnet	10	3	-7	10
15 Aldershot Town	10	2	-9	7
16 Dagenham & Redbridge	10	2	-12	7
17 Stevenage	10	1	-11	6
18 AFC Wimbledon	10	1	-21	3



Luton Town FC

The Hatters Cup

Youth Football Tournament

May 2012

Sponsored by



Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May 2012

Kenilworth Road Stadium, Luton
Tournament for age groups Under 7 to Under 14

Application Form

- Please send application forms to:
James Hatch, Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU4 8AW
- Please make all cheques payable to 'Luton Town Community Trust'

Name of Club	
County of Affiliation	
FA Affiliation Number	
Contact Name and Address	
Email	
Telephone (Daytime)	
Telephone (Mobile)	

Age Group	No of Teams	Managers' Name	Managers' Tel Number
Under 7			
Under 8			
Under 9			
Under 10			
Under 11			
Under 12			
Under 13			
Under 14			

We would like to enter a total of _____ teams at £ _____ per team as entered above and enclose a cheque for a total of £ _____ made payable to 'Luton Town Community Trust'.

We would like to book ____ car / ____ minibus / ____ coach extra parking spaces for our club and have attached another separate cheque for £ _____ made payable to 'Luton Town Community Trust'.

■ Closing date for applications is Sunday 29th April 2012

HOME COMFORTS

FOLLOW THE HATTERS AT KENILWORTH ROAD



LUTON TOWN v SWINDON SUPERMARINE



FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

Buy in advance or pay on the day. This game is not all-ticket.

Unreserved seating will be in force with the Kenilworth Road upper tier and David Preece stand closed for this match.

Prices: £8 Adults, £6 65-75s & 17-21s, £4 Over 75s and 10-16s and FREE for Under 10s

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 Trophy 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

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

BUY TICKETS...

IN PERSON: Ticket office, Kenilworth Road. **PHONE:** 01582 416976 **ONLINE:** 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

SUPPORT THE TOWN ON OUR TRAVELS



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 17TH DECEMBER 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 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 Glascote/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 OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI SUBS

August

Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dance, 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**, M. 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***, M. 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, Crow**
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6	Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow 1*, Fleetwood 1
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*, Retwood 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 1, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbw Vale United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1**
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, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor**
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood***, 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 (1 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 (FAC1)	1-0	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, Retwood 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, Retwood***, O'Connor*
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United	1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow***, Fleetwood**

December

Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC2)					
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swindon Supermarine (FAC1)					
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

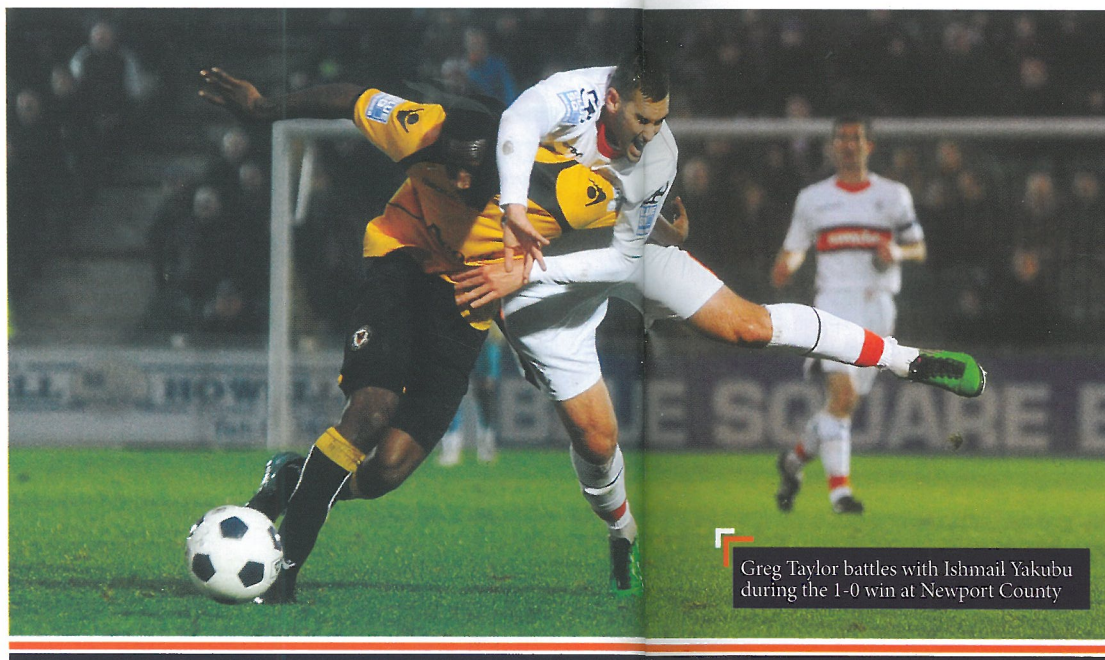
Sat 4	15:00	A	Barrow					
Sat 11	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers					
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth					
Sat 25	15:00	A	Darlington					

March

Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City					
Tue 6	19:45	A	Wrexham					
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbw Vale 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					



Greg Taylor battles with Ishmail Yakubu during the 1-0 win at Newport County

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	22	14	5	3	37	15	22	47
2 Fleetwood Town	22	14	5	3	45	27	18	47
3 Southport	22	12	5	5	36	33	3	41
4 York City	22	11	7	4	42	22	20	40
5 Cambridge United	22	10	9	3	31	19	12	39
6 LUTON TOWN	22	10	8	4	38	22	16	38
7 Gateshead	22	10	7	5	36	33	3	37
8 Kidderminster Harriers	22	10	6	6	40	33	7	36
9 Forest Green Rovers	22	8	9	5	35	22	13	33
10 Mansfield Town	21	8	9	4	32	25	7	33
11 Tamworth	21	9	6	6	26	23	3	33
12 Barrow	22	10	3	9	34	33	1	33
13 Braintree Town	22	9	4	9	40	37	3	31
14 Darlington	22	9	4	9	25	28	-3	31
15 Grimsby Town	22	8	4	10	37	35	2	28
16 Ebbsfleet United	23	6	8	9	32	36	-4	26
17 AFC Telford United	22	5	8	9	23	29	-6	23
18 Lincoln City	22	6	4	12	21	32	-11	22
19 Kettering Town	22	5	12	5	26	42	-16	20
20 Newport County	22	4	7	11	27	33	-6	19
21 Stockport County	23	3	10	10	26	41	-15	19
22 Hayes & Yeading	22	4	5	13	30	48	-18	17
23 Alfreton Town	22	3	5	14	22	51	-29	14
24 Bath City	22	1	7	14	19	41	-22	10

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Will ANTWI	12	0	2	1	0	0	13	0	2	0	13	2	
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	(2)	0	0	0	0	4	(2)	0	0	1	75	1
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	81	23
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	1	0	0	9	0	1	1	9	1	9
Shane BLACKETT	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	43	1
Ryan BRUNT	0	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0
Paul CARDEN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	0
Danny CROW	10	(6)	4	0	2	0	10	(8)	4	2	0	53	12
James DANCE	18	(3)	2	1	1	0	19	(3)	3	2	0	22	3
Stuart FLEETWOOD	13	(3)	3	1	1	0	14	(3)	4	3	0	17	4
Dan GLEESON	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	43	0
Jamie HAND	11	(1)	2	2	0	0	13	(1)	2	4	0	14	2
Charlie HENRY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Jake HOWELLS	19	0	3	2	0	0	21	0	3	1	0	152	12
Keith KEANE	15	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	0	5	0	259	6
John-Paul KISSOCK	3	(9)	0	2	0	0	5	(9)	0	0	0	14	0
Janos KOVACS	13	0	1	1	0	0	14	0	1	1	0	31	2
Alex LAWLESS	14	0	1	1	0	0	15	0	1	6	0	44	6
Amari MORGAN-SMITH	14	(1)	9	1	0	0	15	(1)	9	6	0	43	17
Freddie MURRAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	1
Aaron O'CONNOR	10	(10)	1	2	0	0	12	(10)	3	1	0	22	3
Curtis OSANO	16	0	0	2	0	0	18	0	0	3	0	18	0
George PILKINGTON	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	2	0	141	10
Kevin PILKINGTON	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	24	0
Godfrey POKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
Collin SAMUEL	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Christian TAVERNIER	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Greg TAYLOR	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mark TYLER	18	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	112	0
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	20	1
Adam WATKINS	5	(10)	2	0	1	1	5	(11)	3	2	0	22	5

LAST WORD

WITH FORMER LUTON NEWS
SPORTS EDITOR BRIAN SWAIN

■ SOME SHOCK

Living 300 miles away, I don't often have the luxury of reading Town match reports in the Luton-free newspaper editions that reach the West Country. But we rated a three-line mention in the FA Cup round-up when we beat Northampton. The report called it a shock result. What a load of cobblers! As every Hatters fan knows the Town have always been superior to that lot from Sixfields.

For one of the real cup shocks in my lifetime of following the Hatters I remember with huge pleasure a visit to St. James's Park in February 1973. With Happy Harry Haslam newly installed as manager, we were a middling Second Division team while Newcastle were flying high in the First Division.

We had beaten Fourth Division Crewe 2-0 at home in the third round, and the fourth round tie was made a little tastier because Newcastle's top gun was Malcolm Macdonald, who had been sold by Luton for £180,000 two years earlier.

He was already a local legend, revered as one of the few players worthy of wearing the number 9 shirt which had been filled with distinction by a succession of great strikers, notably Jackie Milburn.

Macdonald played a good game and could talk one too. In the build-up to the match he gave a string of press interviews forecasting a bagful of goals for Newcastle at the expense of his old pals.

Harry Haslam and coach Roy McCrohan had other ideas. They were laying the foundations of a squad which would win promotion two years later. They had done their homework. Alan Garner and John Moore played the game of their lives to shackle "SuperMac"



and Bobby Thomson at left back kept dangerous winger Stewart Barraclough quiet to stop him delivering the crosses on which Macdonald thrived.

But the name that will probably be best remembered from that game is John Aston. He had starred in Manchester United's European Cup triumph at Wembley in 1968 before suffering a broken leg. Haslam's contacts at Old Trafford enabled him to sign a winger with a deadly left foot, and I was many who could hardly believe it when he agreed to join Second Division Luton. Less well known was another winger who came from United with Aston, and also destined to be a Kenilworth Road hero, the redoubtable Jim Ryan.

Both were to play major roles in our promotion a couple of years later, but at St James's Park they really hit the heights, with Ryan creating the first-half openings for Aston to deliver two stunning 20-yard strikes. Newcastle's fans couldn't believe it, roared their team on for most of the second half, then fell into a disbelieving murmur as they saw the Town's magnificent defensive battle carry the day. Macdonald admitted the result was right. Newcastle supporters thought it was a shocker.

Back home tomorrow, I shall peruse the sports pages with interest. I expect the Town to win again today. So whatever the press says, it won't be a shock to me.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN 2:4 CHELTENHAM TOWN

Mark Tyler	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Webster
 Assistant: G. Evetts
 Assistant: O. Sally
 Fourth official: M. Dexter

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Saturday 10th December 2011, 3pm
 FA Trophy first round

