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# DUGOUT NEWS

with LIAM WATSON

Welcome Back and a special welcome to Luton and in particular Gary Brabin who I and everyone here at Haig Avenue know rather well.

We know we are in for a tough game today and with Moogs suspended and Godfrey back at Luton our midfield is a bit depleted but we also know whichever combination we put out will give 100% as we have seen all season from everyone putting the shirt on.

Since my last programme notes we have had a couple of bad results with the heavy home defeat by Fleetwood and the reverse at Cambridge in the televised game. When you look at the stats from the Fleetwood game and see they scored from their six on target attempts at goal it says it all. We had as many goal attempts throughout the game as they did but couldn't finish. Your support on New Years Day was brilliant. It would have been easy for everyone to turn against the lads but despite things going badly there were very few (well there are always some) moans.

I thought we played well in parts at Cambridge and could easily have gone in all square at half-time but it was not to be and we suffered defeat.

We've had a welcome break since then barring the Liverpool Senior Cup tie at Prescot Cables which we ended up winning 7-6 on penalties after extra time...why on earth do these games have

to go into extra time. It was a dreadful pitch but thankfully we escaped without any injuries and go on to face Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park. We took the same route last season and put in a very impressive display to end up in the Final. On the

player side of things I am pleased to have signed Andy Parry and James Ellison. Andy has made a bright start at the Club with a MOTM performance at Fleetwood. He can play in a variety of positions and gives me increased options.

James is direct, has pace and is strong. We need additions to our squad and James gives us a new dimension. I have been making numerous enquiries and will continue to work hard to bring in the players I see can keep us challenging for a play off spot at the end of the season.

By the time you read this piece I may have been able to make a couple of further additions to the squad and it may be that there will have been a

departure...it's all part of the January wheeler dealing but why we have to have it at this level is beyond my comprehension.

We have a bit of travelling coming up with a midweek trip over to Lincoln followed by a long journey down to Woking where Hayes and Yeading are playing this season. If you are making either of these journeys thank you for your support, I do appreciate the lengths and cost some supporters go to to attend the games.

We are back here in a fortnight (all being well) when troubled Kettering are our guests.

Enjoy the game!

Liam



Liam welcomes James to the Club prior to his debut at Prescot

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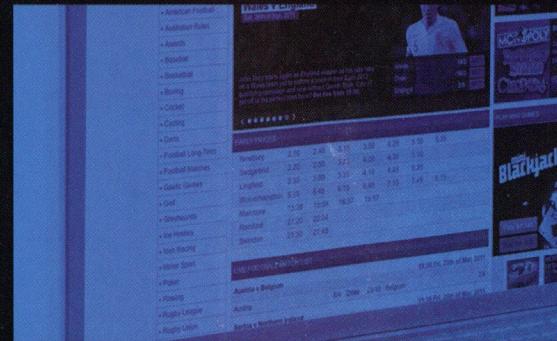
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# FROM THE EDITOR

ROB URWIN



Welcome Back to Haig Avenue after what seems like a very long break with no game here since the one we want to forget on New Years Day.

A special welcome to the supporters, players and officials who have made the trip up from Luton for today's game and an extra special welcome to Brabs who brings his Luton team here for the first time as a manager. A brilliant character who has his Luton team coming here on something of a roll with five wins on the spin. He was here last season as assistant to Richard Money in the game we like to remember. I'm sure given the two recent results at Kenilworth Road the Luton fans will understand why we would prefer to focus on the match here last season!



Jon Brown at least scored our first goal in five visits to Kenilworth Road...who is that number 21 celebrating?!

We are scheduled to be at Lincoln on Tuesday providing their replay at Carshalton went ahead last Tuesday. It will be a first ever visit to Sincil Bank for me so a chance to get ground number 201 having been stuck on 200 for some time.

Our last visit in the 75/76 season was one of four games I didn't attend that season and in front of a gate of 8080 we lost 6-0. It was also a midweek game that season which possibly explains why I didn't go to it.

We then travel to Woking next Saturday to play Hayes & Yeadng...yes it does get a bit confusing.

By the time you read this page we should be aware of what is going on with Darlington. What a mess. With Kettering once again hovering on the brink we could end up with a six point deduction if both clubs cease to exist. Kettering are due to visit us next on February 4th but two days later face yet another winding up order brought by HMRC (nothing to do with me-honest) we could face the scenario of beating Kettering but then just 48 hours later the three points would be taken away. It's this aspect of NL Football that I don't like and it's time for something serious to be done to put it right. It's the true followers of these clubs I feel sorry for. I know how I felt in 1979 when it looked like we wouldn't have a club to support, it isn't a very nice feeling at all. There is an element of hypocrisy in the Darlington situation. None of their supporters were complaining when George Reynolds was building them a stadium that was way too big for their status but now looking back they realise what a massive mistake it was. Filled only once...for an Elton John concert it has been the biggest white elephant of all time.

The big question is what happens to our Club Record eight away wins on the bounce if either of these clubs go pop? Strictly speaking the record will be taken away but I for one will never forget it and in my sentimental eyes that record will still stand. Nobody will take away the feelings we all had at Gateshead, Kettering and Stockport as the record took shape so as far as this writer is concerned even if the games are expunged we broke a club record!!

Finally this afternoon, follow Colin and his run to Grimsby on his excellent blog at [www.southporttogrimsbyultra.blogspot.com/](http://www.southporttogrimsbyultra.blogspot.com/) and even more importantly please sponsor him.

All being well we are back here on February 4th but keep an eye on how things are going at Kettering.

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# CLUB NEWS

with HAYDN PREECE



Welcome to all our friends from Luton Town, manager Gary Brabin, his players, especially Dan Walker, John Paul Kissock and Godfrey Poku, supporters and directors. It seems a long time since our last home match here at Haig Avenue back on New Years Day. Luton have had a very successful recent run and it is likely Luton will loom large as the title rivals to high flying Fleetwood who kicked off 2012 in style here! So we have a big test this afternoon against a club that once they get back into the Football League will I am sure zoom up the divisions.

The second half of the season after our mini break promises to be exciting for everyone involved in the Blue Square Premier Bet and especially here at Haig Avenue. The tremendous work from Liam Watson, his backroom staff, most importantly of all the determination of our playing staff and crucially, backing from our chairman has given us the chance to be competitive at the decisive end of the season. Our support on New Years Day was impressive numerically but much more importantly despite the day not going our way the Jack Carr Stand in particular kept the vocals going and that backing was very meaningful, recognising the great strides everyone has made from August to December 2011.

Having arrived back at a sleepy Haig Avenue from Cambridge at 3.20 am following a 12.45pm departure to the Abbey Stadium, the words of Arsene Wenger at Premiership Arsenal rung out relevantly to all of us who had endured that long day.

As a club we took great pride, being selected as a Premier TV match and we want to support the development of the Premier TV initiative for the Blue Square Bet Premier. Of course it would have been a lot easier to travel to Cambridge on a Saturday but as long as over the season the fixtures screened are shared out and the competition as a whole gains prestigious coverage, then it is a price each club has to pay to promote the Blue Square Bet Premiership as a whole. Let's hope we get a live Blue Square Bet Premier fixture televised by Premier TV at Haig Avenue between now and the end of the season. Watch this space.

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We are also looking to utilise our Haig Avenue Stadium during the week for company meetings, seminars or celebrations. We have the Grandstand Bar, the Corporate Lounge, the Vice Presidents Box and the Boardroom area available. Again please contact me on 07976 555 782 to discuss bookings.

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## EARLY START FOR GRIMSBY

The Football Conference have announced, the Blue Square Bet Premier fixtures scheduled for the final round of matches on Saturday 28th April, will ALL kick off at 1.00pm.

Not only will this ensure fairness that all matches commence at the same time, it will enable Premier Sports Television to select one match for LIVE transmission without affecting other competitions and broadcasters. Importantly it will allow the four clubs who go on to contest the Play Off series of matches maximum time to prepare.

By issuing this statement now, it will enable supporter groups and individuals the opportunity, especially those playing away, to plan with more confidence their usual end of the season celebrations, by being able to book accommodation and make travel arrangements at the best possible rates.

Take advantage of the Trust In Yellow Early Bird Offer on the trip to Grimsby where all TIY members can travel to the game for just £10 as long as you have booked and paid by March 4th. Price after March 4th will be £15. Give Alan Scarisbrick a ring on 07980-911693 for more details. The non members price is £27 in advance or £30 on the day. The coaches will depart at 8am. We want as many supporters as possible at this game to welcome Colin after his run.

## QUIZ RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who entered our quiz in the Fleetwood programme, we had an excellent response with no 100% correct entries. The nearest came from Mac Anderson who takes the Gift Voucher and signed ball.

The answers were: Anagrams 1 Vinny Mukendi 2 Peter Davenport 3 Carl Baker 4 Graham Barrow 5 Steve Holden

Cryptics 1 Ian Warburton, 2 Carl Baker, 3 Ian Blackstone, 4 Tony McMillan 5 Karl Ledsham

Quiz: 1 Andy Mutch, 2 Steve Dickinson, Paul Evans, Paul Moore, Billy Stewart & Tony McMillan. 3 Ciaran Kilheeney 4, Steve Daly 5 York City 6 Matlock 7 Morecambe 8 Tamworth 9 Harry McNally 10 Steve Soley

## TONY GRAY CLOSE TO 50

Tony is now sitting on 49 goals after his brace at Fleetwood on Boxing Day. David Gamble, Steve Daly and Steve Haw with 65, 64 and 63 respectively are the only players ahead in our scoring charts. Current Accy manager John Coleman also notched 49 for The Sandgrounders.



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2 Fleetwood Town	27	7	5	1	27	14	11	1	2	34	17	61	30	60	0-6	2-2	
3 Luton Town	28	9	2	3	32	10	6	7	1	23	14	55	31	54		1-5	
4 Gateshead	28	6	6	2	23	17	8	2	4	21	20	44	7	50	1-3	3-2	
5 York City	28	7	4	3	32	15	6	6	2	24	13	56	28	49	1-1		
6 Kidderminster Harriers	28	7	5	2	29	18	7	2	5	24	22	53	13	49		0-2	
7 Southport	28	6	4	4	19	26	8	2	4	24	22	43	-5	48	**	**	
8 Cambridge United	28	8	4	2	23	9	4	6	4	15	16	38	13	46	1-0	0-3	
9 Grimsby Town	28	8	2	4	35	20	5	3	6	17	22	52	10	44			
10 Mansfield Town	27	6	5	3	25	17	4	7	2	16	15	41	9	42	3-1	3-1	
11 Barrow	28	9	3	2	26	11	3	2	9	17	31	43	1	41	2-1		
12 Forest Green	28	4	5	5	19	17	5	6	3	20	11	39	11	38	1-3	3-2	
13 Braintree Town	28	7	3	4	26	22	4	2	8	21	28	47	-3	38	0-4		
14 Tamworth	26	6	4	3	20	15	3	3	7	13	23	33	-5	34	1-1		
15 Ebbsfleet	27	4	5	5	22	21	3	5	5	17	21	39	-3	31			
16 Darlington*	28	7	3	4	14	10	3	4	7	14	23	28	-5	27		3-0	
17 AFC Telford Utd	28	5	4	5	13	15	1	5	8	15	26	28	-13	27	3-2		
18 Lincoln City	28	4	4	6	15	17	3	1	10	11	24	26	-15	26	2-2		
19 Stockport County	29	3	4	7	17	21	1	7	7	12	27	29	-19	23		1-0	
20 Newport County	27	3	3	7	13	16	2	4	8	19	26	32	-10	22		3-0	
21 Alfreton Town	28	4	4	6	23	34	1	3	10	12	30	35	-29	22	2-1	0-0	
22 Kettering Town	28	2	4	8	17	32	3	3	8	11	31	28	-35	22		3-2	
23 Hayes & Yeading Utd	27	3	3	7	17	26	2	3	9	20	32	37	-21	21			
24 Bath City	27	3	4	7	17	22	0	5	8	11	28	28	-22	18	2-1	2-1	

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## TOM BROWELL

TALKS TO AARON TURNER



2011 will go down as one of the most eventful years in the history of Southport Football Club and within 15 hours of this year the roller-coaster has well and truly not been derailed.

There wasn't too much for the home fans to cheer about here on New Years Day but maybe the brightest note was before the match with the return to pre-match training for Aaron Turner. You may be forgiven to think 'Aaron who?' after everything that has happened since he was carried off late on the final day of the season at Kettering with anterior cruciate ligament damage to his right knee.

At half time against Fleetwood Town I had a chat with the Yorkshireman. "That was my first training before the match. I've been doing it (training) over the last couple of weeks, it's going slow but it's getting there." Anyone that

witnessed the midfielder train that day would have noticed it's still very early days in Aaron's rehabilitation. "It's only light running at the moment, the basic stuff, just to get the knee back working again and all the muscles around it."

We then remembered what happened at Rockingham Road. "I thought I had just gone over on my leg, I didn't think I had done anything to my knee. Then the physio came on and said it's worse than you think, I got into the dressing room and that was it; my knee was like a big balloon."

The 27-year-old made a big impact at the end of last season, making 19 starts despite only making his debut in February. He ended it in the worst of fashion but now targets the summer to be ready for selection again.



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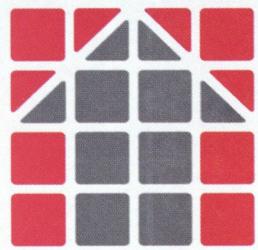
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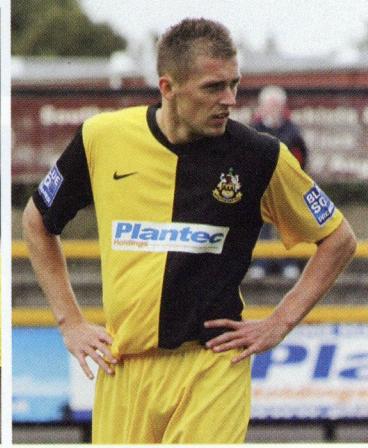
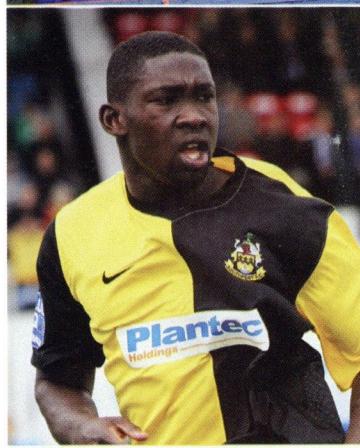
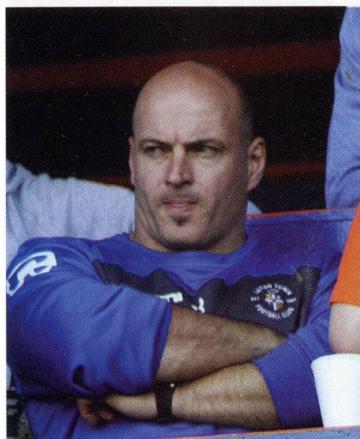
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## LUTON TOWN



Gary Brabin, John-Paul Kissack, Godfrey Poku and Dan Walker all currently with Luton have all had an influence at Haig Avenue this season.

### RECENT HISTORY Compiled by Andrew Barringer

Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion back to the Championship.

During the first month of the season it seemed that the Hatters stood a decent chance of doing so, after four wins from their first five league and cup fixtures including a 3-0 victory over Premier League Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

However form began to tail off and had yet to win away from home but worse news was to follow when the club were deducted 10 points for falling to administration in November.

From being in a comfortable mid-table position the Hatters found themselves deep in a relegation battle but the first match following the points deduction the team rallied themselves to beat Southend 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Results began to pick-up in December and a FA Cup second round replay victory over Nottingham Forest ensured the Hatters faced another cup clash with Liverpool at Kenilworth Road.

On Boxing Day the Hatters were involved in a highly-controversial match at Bristol Rovers where incredibly they held out to record a 1-1 draw despite having to play half the match with nine men and the last 13 minutes with only eight men on the pitch following three sending offs.

And in the last match of 2007 we saw the first away win of the campaign recorded courtesy of a last-minute strike from Matthew Spring.

With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season.

But firstly the small matter of a game against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the FA Cup had to be settled and after going behind to a Peter Crouch goal, a John Arne Riise own goal 13 minutes from the end earned the Hatters a much needed money-spinning replay at Anfield.

At this point the administrator had been working on cutting the spiralling wage bill at the club and as a result club captain Chris Coyne was sold to Colchester United and midfielder David Edwards - only signed by Blackwell in the summer - was sold to Wolves.

Colossal Polish centre-half Jaroslaw Fojut returned to Bolton after his loan spell expired and would not return as the Hatters were unable to sign anybody while still in administration, which left the squad decimated, especially in defence.

Blackwell then decided to call it quits by saying he would quit the club following the replay at Liverpool.

Before the cup replay at Anfield it was announced that the administrator had chosen Luton Town 2020 Ltd as the preferred bidders to take over the club.

The consortium and was headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen and included former Hatters legends Steve Foster and Godfrey Ingram as well as other influential businessman all of which were Town supporters.

Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the

famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game.

The team held on until the final minute of added on time in the first half before Ryan Babel struck the opening goal of the game to break the Hatters' hearts.

A Steven Gerrard hat-trick and a goal from Sami Hyppia in the second half cumulated in a 5-0 defeat but despite the scoreline the Hatters performance was far from embarrassing.

That was to be manager Kevin Blackwell's last match in charge of the Town as the administrator moved quickly to install legend Mick Harford as his replacement but despite a spirited display the team lost 1-0 in his first game in charge away to Leyton Orient on 19th January.

With the team struggling to find any form and with young players low on confidence, the side failed to win again until a 3-0 home victory over Oldham Athletic on 15th March, by which time they were already 12 points from safety.

But after picking five points from the following three games to give them hope the Town went onto lose all of their final six matches and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April.

With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points

deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement).

However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them further by deducting a further five points.

But worse news followed.

The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities that had been made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously.

As a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty.

Both Bournemouth and Rotherham suffered a similar fate for recent spells in administration and were hit with 17 point deductions by the Football League.

Once the club was officially taken over a week before the season started, the club only had six professionals on the books leading up to the home game with Port Vale.

Harford though pulled off one of the biggest transfer coups in the club's history when it was announced that former club captain Kevin Nicholls was resigning for the club.

Nicholls was joined by 10 other new faces either signed on a free transfer or brought in on-loan, as the manager pieced together a team fit for the campaign ahead.

Despite a slow and inconsistent beginning to the season the Hatters ended 2008 just one point away from wiping out the 30 point deficit and were only 15 points away from safety.

The season was also brought to life by the club's run in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy which was won in superb style at Wembley with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April.

However, the burden of the points deductions proved too much to shoulder and relegation out of the Football League was confirmed following a goalless draw against Chesterfield on Easter Monday.

It means the club will start life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League.

In their first season in non-league football the Town finished second behind champions Stevenage but lost in the Play-Offs at the semi-final stage to York City.

During that campaign Richard Money took over from Mick Harford where the Town also reached the third round of the FA Cup.

The Hatters again suffered Play-Off heartache in 2010/11 and again there was a change in manager - Gary Brabin taking over from Money in March.

After finishing third this time around and beating Wrexham in the semi-finals the Town lost on penalties to AFC Wimbledon in the Promotion Final at the City of Manchester Stadium after the game ended goalless after 120 minutes.



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# PLAYER PROFILES

## MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007.

After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers.

A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

After a hugely successful two years between the sticks at Kenilworth Road, Mark signed a new contract in the summer of 2011.

## KEVIN PILKINGTON

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in May 2010 after his release from Notts County.

Pilkington began his career with Manchester United playing six times in the Premier League under Sir Alex Ferguson.

During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port Vale. After 23 league appearances for the Valiants, he was on the move once more, with Aberystwyth Town and Wigan Athletic his next two ports of call. However, he found stability at his next club, Mansfield, joining the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167 times in league action over the next five years.

In 2005 the Hitchin-born stopper made the short hop down the M1 to sign for Notts County and another five year stay resulted in him making 141 appearances at Meadow Lane.

However, Notts began flashing the cash at the start of the 2009/10 campaign with goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel one of many high-profile arrivals.

Frozen out of the County team, and with Mark Tyler injured, Pilkington joined the Hatters on-loan in November and went onto make 11 appearances between the sticks whilst at Kenilworth Road before injury curtailed his stay.

But when the Magpies released him in the summer of 2010, Money was quick to snap up the veteran permanently, giving the Town the choice of two excellent goalkeepers.

## GEORGE PILKINGTON

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice.

Injury frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal.

Pilkington hit the headlines for his goalscoring exploits in the Town's first season in the Conference, twice scoring braces in early season victories over Mansfield and Crawley.

His impeccable form on the pitch led to him winning a string of end-of-season awards and underlined his loyalty to the Hatters by signing a new contract at the end of the 2009/10 campaign.

## DAN GLEESON

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United. A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006.

Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007. Recognised as one of the best right-backs outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

## GREG TAYLOR



Left-back signed from Darlington in November 2011 who made his Town debut in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge United. Started his career as a junior with Northampton before he signed for Kettering Town. He then joined Darlo, linking up with boss Mark Cooper at the Darlington Arena.

## ALEX LACEY

Up-and-coming centre-half who made his first team debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling, earning the man-of-the-match award for an excellent performance. Signed a professional contract to remain at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2011/12 season.

## ROBBIE WILLMOTT

Harlow-born winger who penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting 10 goals for Cambridge United. Capable of playing on either wing or behind the front two, Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium and wowed the home faithful with his pace, dribbling, close control and eye for goal. His performances for the U's youth team saw him break into the senior squad, making his debut as a 17-year-old in September 2007. After signing his first professional contract two months later, the midfielder was mainly used as an impact substitute during 2007/08 but continued to impress: eight goals in his first season as a pro followed in 2008/09 while his level of performance and his assist tally soared last season as the U's finished in mid-table. But the youngster's talents during this campaign have really come to fore. Weighing in with 10 goals and eight assists from just 29 starts for Martin Ling's side, Willmott's turn of foot and delivery from set-pieces has also become a highly sought-after commodity.

## JAKE HOWELLS

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008.

After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals, including his first senior goal in the incredible 4-3 win over Cambridge in September 2009.

## GODFREY POKU

A player we know all about! Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed together with JJ O'Donnell from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010 on an 18-month contract.

A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature.

He featured and impressed in the Hatters' reserves in 2009/10 and was an unused substitute in the Blue Square Premier but made his debut as a substitute in the 1-0 win at Barrow in October 2010.

## ADAM WATKINS

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He broke into the first team squad during 2010/11 campaign scoring twice on his full debut in the 4-0 FA Trophy win over Uxbridge. Watkins then scored his first league goal on his first league start in the 3-1 win over Braintree in August 2011.

## ALEX LAWLESS

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. A star of the Minstermen's campaign last season which saw them lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United, Lawless featured prominently in all four of the meetings with the Hatters last term at the heart of midfield. He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions - in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league



football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference. Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case, and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the next.

## JAMES DANCE

Energetic, tricky winger who joined the Hatters from Crawley Town in July 2011. Able to play on either flank or as a central striker, Dance began his career as a trainee at Birmingham City but, after being released, he made his name in non-league circles in the West Midlands before catching the eye of Kettering Town in 2009. After a string of fine performances on the wing for the Poppies - including a man-of-the-match performance against the Town in August 2009 - he signed for Crawley in January 2011. However, after picking up a Blue Square Bet Premier winners' medal last term, Dance found himself out of the Red Devils' starting XI and, after the Hatters' bid was accepted by the League 2 club, the Coleshill-born man was quick to agree a two-year deal.

## JOHN PAUL KISSOCK

Creative attacking midfielder John Paul signed a two-year contract for an undisclosed fee joining from Southport in August 2011. The former England Under-16 and Under-18 international began his career as a trainee at Premier League Everton. He was a regular in the Toffees' youth and reserve teams where he surpassed Wayne Rooney's record as the youngest ever player to feature for their second-string. In January 2008, he signed on loan for then Scottish Premier League Gretna, earning rave reviews before he returned to Goodison Park. With first team opportunities limited - despite being named as an unused substitute nine times in the Premier League - he was released at the end of the 2008/09 campaign before he signed Hamilton Academical. A short spell with Accies followed and, after attempting to find a new club, he dropped down to Cheshire county league level in a bid to resurrect his career. His performances for firstly Newton, and then Formby, alerted the attention of Southport manager Liam Watson who signed the Liverpudlian in December 2010, where he had an immediate effect for the Yellows. He scored his first goal for the club in a 5-1 win over Gateshead in January and his dynamic performances continued to catch the eye, none more so than in two appearances against the Hatters, especially in Port's 2-1 win at Haig Avenue in March. He started the 2011/12 campaign where he left off last season, scoring a fantastic free-kick in the Sandgrounders' 2-2 draw with Lincoln City on the opening day which remains a contender for the Southport Goal Of The Season, then having a hand in the Southport goal at Kenilworth Road and set-up Tony Gray's goal in the Yellows' 3-1 defeat to Gateshead before his move to LU4 three days later.



## DANNY CROW

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008.

The energetic forward's strike-rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers and his 19 goals during 2009/10 saw him scoop the U's online Player of the Year award.

## AMARI MORGAN-SMITH

Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town. He put pen to paper on a two-year deal after two years with the Blue Square Bet North side in which he scored 34 goals in 77 starts. The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season, earning his first cap against the Republic of Ireland in May. Wolverhampton-born Morgan-Smith started his career as a trainee with Wolves. He then signed for Crewe and then Stockport where he made one Football League appearance before moving to Ilkeston. Before the 2009/10 season began the striker impressed in a trial for Championship side Derby County and has since gone on to score three goals in seven appearances for Ilkeston. Earlier this season his former boss Kevin Wilson hailed the striker, who scored 23 goals last season, as the "hottest property in non-league football". With huge interest in the forward, Town boss Richard Money was delighted to beat off competition from a number of Championship and League One sides for Morgan-Smith's signature. And, hours after completing the paperwork, Morgan-Smith was thrust into action for his debut against Mansfield and scored in the 2-0 victory.

## AARON O'CONNOR

Striker, who picked up a plethora of end-of-season awards at Nene Park, arrived at Kenilworth Road after signing a two-year contact following the expiry of his deal with Rushden & Diamonds. He scored 27 times in two seasons at Nene Park after arriving from Mansfield Town and went onto be a huge favourite at the Northamptonshire club. Aaron started his career on YTS forms with Derby County before moving to Ilkeston Town. He then had spells at Scunthorpe United and Nuneaton Borough before returning to Ilkeston. He then joined Gresley Rovers where between 2004 and 2007 he scored 80 goals in 127 games which saw him pick up the Player of the Year awards two seasons in succession. O'Connor nearly signed for Rushden in 2006 when Paul Hart was in charge, however, after playing in pre-season friendlies, he returned to Gresley, later moving to Grays Athletic, where he played under Justin Edinburgh. Aaron went from Grays to Mansfield in 2008 where he scored eight times in 39 games at Field Mill prior to his switch to Rushden in the summer of 2009. Known for his strength and turn of pace the Nottingham-born front man can also play wide.

## STUART FLEETWOOD

Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. The Gloucester-born frontman, who scored 28 goals the last time he played at Conference level whilst with Forest Green Rovers, signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road. He began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, making the grade to feature eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006. In January 2006, Fleetwood signed for Hereford for the first time scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007. And it was his spell with Rovers that saw people sit up and take notice after plundering 32 league and cup goals in a season that saw the Gloucestershire side earn their highest league placing. The Wales Under-21 international turned down a new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out to Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton. Fleetwood returned to Edgar Street last summer and scored 18 goals as he helped the Bulls avoid the drop in League 2. After hitting the post on his debut against Stockport, Fleetwood scored on his full debut in the win over Darlington.



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# MATCH REVIEW

## FLEETWOOD TOWN V SOUTHPORT

BY JASON MOBBS

DATE: Monday 26th December

RESULT: FTFC 2-2 SFC

MATCH MARK (OUT OF TEN): 9

**MATCH HIGHLIGHTS:** Southport have put in a series of memorable away day victories this season, and if it hadn't been for a cruel late equalizer, this would have risen straight to the top of the list. A point, nonetheless a good reward for a battling and largely resolute display. As you would expect Fleetwood settled the quicker, and playing four strikers in an almost 4-2-4 shape were keen to get off to a good start. The much talked about Jamie Vardy saw much of the ball down the right in the opening minutes and it was his cross which flew across the Port penalty box and out for a goal kick, begging for a touch to divert it past McMillan. Another of Fleetwood's front four Gareth Seddon had the next chance, his well hit shot fizzed just past the far post. It was with their first meaningful attack of the game that Southport opened the scoring. A fantastic freekick from Shaun Whalley was met by the head of Tony Gray, and as ever this season Gray was in lethal form. An expertly directed header put the ball out of reach of Fleetwood keeper Scott Davies. The referee then took centre stage as he awarded Fleetwood a hotly disputed penalty. Magno Viera was allowed to run all of 30 yards into the heart of the penalty area. He ran into Chris Lever before falling in a heap a couple of yards inside the box. The linesman who was nearer to the incident didn't flinch, however the referee deemed it a penalty. Former Wrexham star Andy Mangan sent McMillan the wrong way with his spot kick. Southport had the next major chance of the afternoon, Andy Parry who was starting in place of the injured Karl Ledsham hit a shot a yard over after good work from Gray and Whalley down the left. If Parry's chance was only a sniff, then Tony Gray's next chance was a nailed on goal. A short back pass let Gray in, and he attempted to chip the keeper, only for Davies to get a hand to it. The ball

came back to Gray, and with Davies marooned on the floor he had the simple job of placing it either side of him. Gray's effort however clipped the post and bounced wide. The game started for the second half in a similar vein. Southport were applying all the pressure and a shaky Fleetwood defence was this time exploited by Whalley. Another short back pass this time by veteran McNulty was picked up by the Port winger, he rounded the keeper and tried to find Gray to the right of him. However Fleetwood recovered and the ball was smashed out towards the halfway line. As expected Southport regained the lead. A long throw by Owens eventually found its way to Gray at the back post who smashed the



ball home from a tight angle. Gray had a chance for his hat trick not long after, with a sight of goal he knocked the ball past Davies, however defender Nathan Pond cleared off the line to stop Port going further ahead. Things should have been a whole lot easier for Southport when Fleetwood were reduced to ten men. McGuire received his marching orders for a second bookable offence. This time he slid in late on Moogan to earn himself an early bath. Magno Viera was the first to test McMillan in the second period, after a 20 yard shot had been parried into the path of the Brazilian, McMillan made a fantastic save to deny the on rushing

**SOUTHPORT MAN OF THE MATCH:** Alan Moogan- The midfielder epitomized the Port's performance with an all action display. Putting out fires all over the pitch as well as distributing the ball forward and keeping the team ticking. He also showed a more disciplined side and despite being on the end of some rough tackles, he kept his head to outshine his opposing centre midfielders.

**FLEETWOOD MAN OF THE MATCH:** Shaun Beeley- Put in a good display at right back, and helped out his defence well. When other Fleetwood defenders faltered on the day he was always a calming influence.

**LINE UP:** McMillan, Lever, Davis, Grand, Smith, Parry, Poku, Moogan (C), Whalley, Gray (Guthrie), Owens. Subs not used: Nemes, Carden, Benjamin, Brown.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,029 with 341 Sandgrounders travelling up the coast.

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As for the game, I think most of us felt that the 3-0 scoreline wasn't a true reflection of the game. We had some good chances to get back in the game but the shooting boots were missing. It's a strange experience seeing your team on TV. I suppose when you are on every week you get used to it but the novelty for us was quite apparent. It is a totally different feeling to watching a game when you are a neutral. I would have preferred to have been there but the next best thing was a good substitute.

We had an official following of 49 and fair play to those who had travelled from Southport out of that 49. I believe there were a few exiles in the 49 but still a decent midweek turnout.

The main talking point was the penalty that never was. The Ref gave it but the far too alert linesman spotted that the "foul" had taken place outside the area and TV proved him to be correct. It was outside the area but wrong in that it wasn't even a foul. Just shows how hard officiating is.

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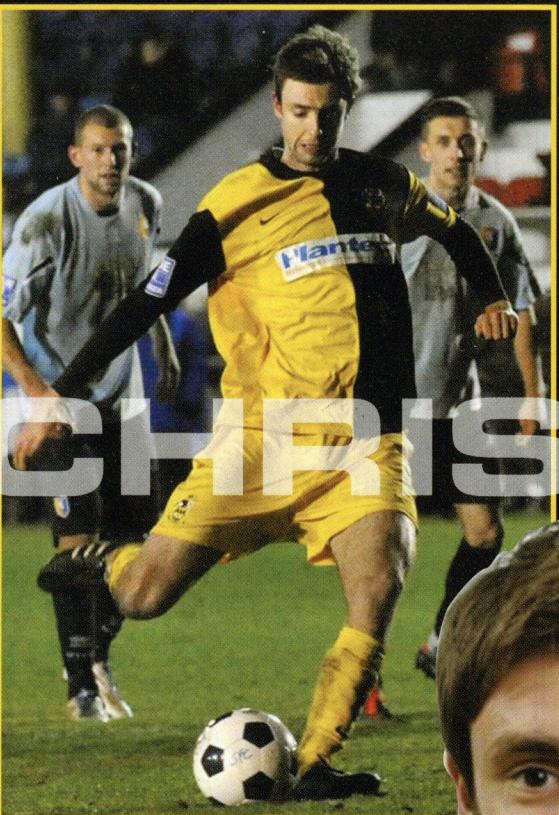
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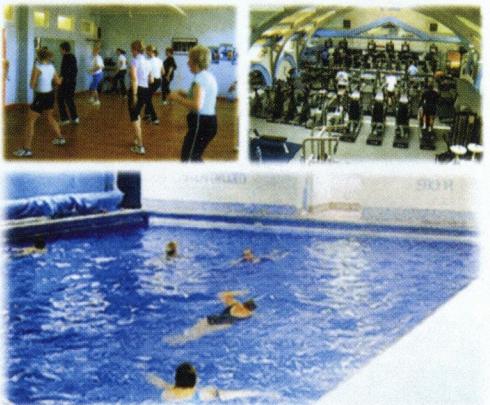
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On Saturday 28th April 2012, Southport FC are scheduled to play Grimsby Town in their final Blue Square Premier game of the season.

On Wednesday 25th April at 8am Colin Aindow will leave Haig Avenue, Southport and run to Blundell Park, Grimsby with the intention of arriving in time for kick-off at 1:00pm. Thank you Conference for making it even harder by bringing the kick off forward!

The run is approximately 160 miles (250 km). This will be a solo, unaided run i.e no pacemakers, support crew, luxury winnebagoes, masseurs, tv crews, cheering crowds etc etc although I am sure Colin would welcome some support en route.

He will be carrying all of his own supplies (change of clothes, food, water, navigational aids, first aid kit, vaselinel) and a variety of other things he probably hasn't even thought of yet.

Along the way Colin will also be visiting any other football grounds that are in close proximity of his proposed route. They include Premiership, Football League, non-league, and county and district league clubs. He will be taking photos and posting them on-line and hopefully he will be able to pick up a souvenir or two along the way.

All proceeds raised will go to Trust in Yellow <http://www.trustinyellow.com/> and Help for Heroes <http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/>

The intention is to leave Haig Avenue at 8.00am on Wednesday 25th April and as many people as can make it are encouraged to wave him off. Colin will then head towards Burscough, go over Parbold Hill (ouch) to Standish, then run south of Bolton and Bury. The aim is to get as near to Oldham as possible on the first day so that he can tackle the remoteness of Saddleworth Moor on the Thursday morning.

It's then on through Holmfirth, across to Barnsley, continuing eastward to Doncaster. The profile of the land should get flatter as he continues on to Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire and then it's the last leg on to Grimsby and Blundell Park just in time for kick-off!

Please give generously in support of Colin, it is an amazing feat.

If any businesses want to support him, get in touch with

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Liam and the players are all backing Colin and Colin went down to training last Saturday to show them what a real run is all about.



# PRESS CUTTINGS

by ALAN JONES



Despite finishing last season in the bottom four, Southport registered a respectable nine home wins during the course of the campaign.

Among the teams beaten at Haig Avenue were Fleetwood Town and York City - the latter of whom suffered a 4-0 hiding - but arguably the most memorable home win was against today's opponents Luton Town.

Trailing to Matthew Barnes-Homer's goal midway through the second half, the Sandgrounders hit back with two goals in the closing eight minutes to claim the points on a memorable afternoon.

Luton's visit last season was their first to Haig Avenue in over 40 years. At the time, they were still chasing the runner's-up spot in the Blue Square Bet Premier and arrived here on the back of a good unbeaten run.

In the relegation zone at the start of play, Southport produced one of their best all-round performances of the season, with the quality of the display belying their lowly league position.

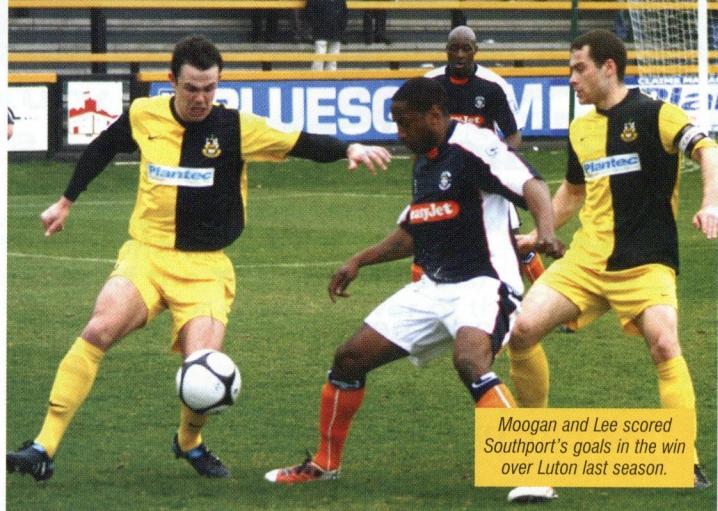
Having been the more productive side for a large part of the afternoon without capitalising on their superiority, the Sandgrounders' good work looked to have been undone as the visitors edged in front with the closing stages approaching.

But going behind served only to galvanise Liam Watson's side, as they continued their impressive work to finish with a real flourish.

Having been the game's outstanding player in the centre of midfield, Alan Moogan drew Southport level by nodding in a Shaun Whalley cross.

And it was with another headed goal that the Sandgrounders completed the turnaround, Kevin Lee converting Paul Barratt's free-kick with two minutes remaining.

While Southport looked on the win as being a major boost in their quest for safety, the result ended up having bigger implications for Luton, prompting the departure of Richard Money, with Gary Brabin stepping up to become manager.



Moogan and Lee scored Southport's goals in the win over Luton last season.

With the season entering the final month, Luton got their revenge a fortnight later as they rattled in six goals to win the reverse fixture, yet the campaign ended in disappointment for both. While Southport were unsuccessful in their battle to finish outside the bottom four, Luton were pipped to a place in League Two by AFC Wimbledon.

Since then, the two clubs have got to know each other well. While Luton captured John Paul Kissock at a time when his performances for Southport were attracting plenty of interest, the arrival of Godfrey Poku in the opposite direction proved more successful than anyone at Haig Avenue could have expected.

Brabin, of course, is someone who needs no introduction here, and with Poku having now returned to his parent club, the Luton squad list features some familiar names.

Unlike last season, Southport's home record has not been a stand-out feature so far this campaign.

But as with the win over Luton, late goals have been a regular thing, and with Brabin's team the visitors again today, the Sandgrounders will be hoping for a repeat of one of last season's highlights this afternoon.

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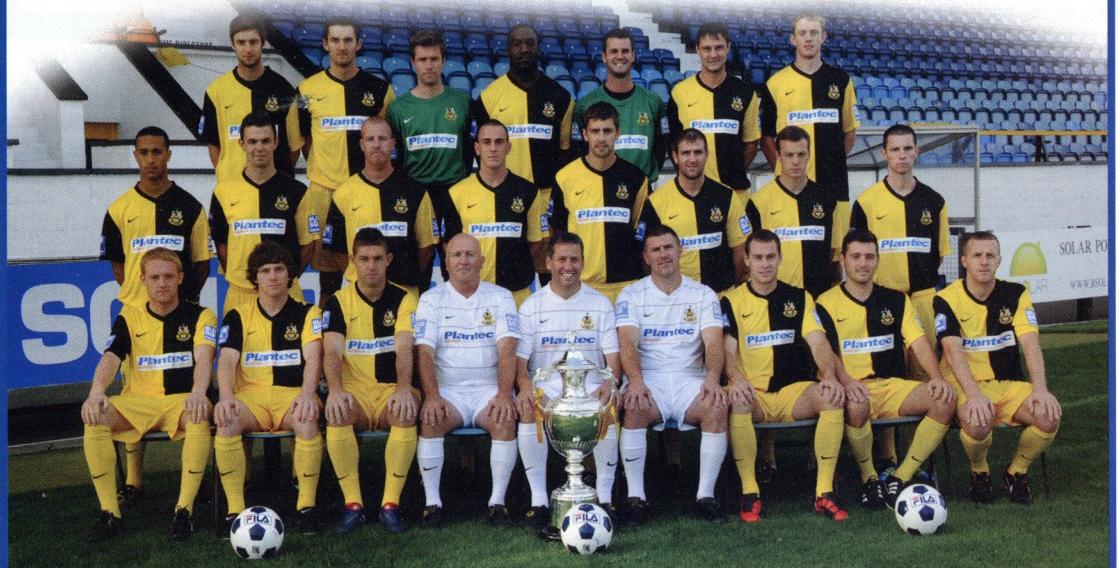


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# HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

by DAVE GOSTELOW



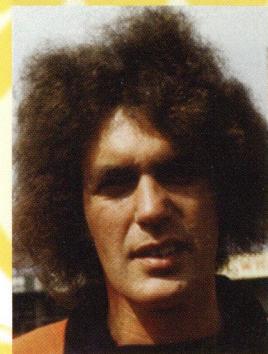
Despite both clubs being formed in the 1880's Southport and Luton Town never played each other competitively until September 1962 when Luton, then a Division 2 side, visited Haig Avenue and won a Football League Cup tie 3-1.

The first ever league meetings between the teams were played over the Christmas period of 1965, with Southport winning 3-2 at Haig Avenue on December 27 but losing 2-0 at Kenilworth Road the following day.

For our look back today we go to the following season, 1966/67. By the time of Luton's visit on October 8, we had slipped out of the promotion places following three successive defeats, into 7th place. Luton were eight places but only three points lower, and had a game in hand. They had lost their opening four away games but won four times out of five at home. Southport were of course managed by Billy Bingham, who represented Luton in the 1959 cup final whilst Luton included winger Graham French, who played a couple of football league games for us (as Graham Lafite) a decade later.

#### From The Guardian

Luton Town's infamous Graham French aka Graham Lafite, a former England youth international. "In 1970 he got a three-year prison term for firing a shotgun inside a pub," writes Mark Francome. "After serving his sentence he returned to Kenilworth Road but failed to hold down a regular place in the team and he drifted out of the game. That was assumed to be the end of his career." However in 1976 my family relocated from Luton to Southport. To be fair to Mr French he probably did not expect to find too many ardent Luton fans in the stand at Haig Avenue, but my father watched Southport's new signing, Graham Lafite, and knew there was something very familiar about the way he skipped down the wing and turned the full-back inside out. After a couple of matches my father approached the player as he walked towards the tunnel and said 'Well played, you remind me of Graham French, the Luton winger.' Mr Lafite was never seen again."



Graham French



Billy Bingham

Luton also had full back Bobby Thomson in their ranks. Thomson had suffered a broken leg playing in a Senior Cup game for Liverpool at Haig Avenue some years earlier. And their goalkeeper Tony Read doubled up as a centre forward and had scored 12 goals for Luton the previous season. Future manager David Pleat was on the bench. Southport handed a football league debut to 17 year old right winger Ian McKinlay.



David Pleat



Ian McKinlay

The game kicked off with a flurry of Luton attacks that came to nought and Southport took the lead in their first real raid. A Ron Smith throw was worked back to Kevin Cairns who fed Alan Spence. Spence cleverly pushed the ball into the area, where Colin Alty timed his run perfectly to fire home his first goal of the season. Shortly afterwards, Spence was again the provider as his centre from the left was met first time by Jim Fryatt but his shot hit the advancing 'keeper Read and was cleared. At the other end, Ray Whittaker came close to an equaliser with a first time shot that Brian Reeves brilliantly turned onto the post.

Fryatt limped out of the action on 16 minutes with a groin strain and was replaced by John Price. McKinlay slowly came into the game and from one inch-perfect cross Spence headed narrowly wide before Price missed a great chance when through on goal only to shoot tamely at Read. Luton were deploying an offside trap to quell the Southport attacks but it was breached again by Alty just before the break. This time his shot just missed the target and crashed into the Blowick end wall.

#### Half Time Southport 1 Luton Town 0

A quiet opening to the second half burst into life as Southport increased the lead in the 51st minute. Cairns' free kick was headed out of the goalmouth to McKinlay who controlled the ball instantly and found the unmarked Alty, allowing him all the time in the world to pick his spot with a cool finish. The attacks were now relentless and another strong run by Alty was halted by a rash challenge on the edge of the box. Russell dummied the resultant free kick that was hammered goalwards by Alty. Read made a splendid save but was unable to gather the ball and the ever-alert Spence snaffled away the rebound for number three on 53 minutes. Southport's all out attacking continued despite their increased lead and in the next minute full back Alex Parker charged forward and attempted a 1:2 with Russell. The pass was intercepted by Freddie Jardine and hoisted into the space vacated by Parker where Bruce Rioch advanced on goal and squeezed his shot home as Reeves came out to narrow the angle. One minute later the three goal advantage was restored as Russell picked up a loose ball in midfield and made ground before unleashing an unstoppable left-foot shot past Read from 20 yards. The four goals in six minute burst concluded the scoring but the game continued to entertain the crowd as McKinlay and Russell both went close, as did Spence, whose spectacular scissors kick was

superbly turned around the post by an overworked Read.

#### Saturday October 8 1966

#### Football League Division Four

#### Southport 5 Fleetwood Town 0

**Southport:** Reeves, Parker, Cairns; Peat, Molyneux, Alty; McKinlay, Russell, Fryatt (Price), Spence, Smith.

**Luton Town:** Read, Thomson, Jardine; Slough, Riddick, Moore; French, Whittaker, Thear, Rioch, King. Sub: David Pleat

**Referee** Mr D W G Brady

**Attendance** 4384

**Receipts** £761

Southport followed this splendid win with another 4-1 home success, just two days later, against Barrow. Alty added another goal to his tally and McKinlay netted his only ever goal in the Monday evening encounter. Smith and a recalled Eric Redrose, fresh from a four goal haul for the reserves against Clitheroe, completed the scoring. The Barrow win lifted Southport into third place and we remained in the top four for much of the season, dipping out briefly in February (which included a goalless draw in the return game at Luton) and early March. We eventually finished as runners up to Stockport County and were promoted for the very first time in our history, 46 years after being elected to the league. The icing on the cake was a final day home game against Southend United, where a crowd of 8,999 saw George Andrews strike the only goal of the game and lift us into second place. Luton finished a disappointing 17th.

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Russell (7)	
Fryatt	(9)
Spence	(10)
Alty	(6)
Smith	(11)

**Referee:**  
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(11)	King	(10)	Rioch	(9)	Thear	(8)	Whittaker	(7)	French
(6)	Moore	(5)	Riddick	(4)	Slough	(3)	Jardine	(2)	Thompson
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Line ups from the game (note misspelling of Luton full back Thomson and the absence of any name checks for the substitutes!)

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR - FINAL TABLE 1966/67

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1 Stockport County	46	26	12	8	69	42	1,643	64
2 Southport	46	23	13	10	69	42	1,643	59
3 Barrow	46	24	11	11	76	54	1,407	59
4 Tranmere Rovers	46	22	14	10	66	43	1,535	58
5 Crewe Alexandra	46	21	12	13	70	55	1,273	54
6 Southend United	46	22	9	15	70	49	1,429	53
7 Wrexham	46	16	20	10	76	62	1,226	52
8 Hartlepools United	46	22	7	17	66	64	1,031	51
9 Brentford	46	18	13	15	58	56	1,036	49
10 Aldershot	46	18	12	16	72	57	1,263	48
11 Bradford City	46	19	10	17	74	62	1,194	48
12 Halifax Town	46	15	14	17	59	68	0,868	44
13 Port Vale	46	14	15	17	55	58	0,948	43
14 Exeter City	46	14	15	17	50	60	0,833	43
15 Chesterfield	46	17	8	21	60	63	0,952	42
16 Barnsley	46	13	15	18	60	64	0,938	41
17 Luton Town	46	9	21	59	73	808	41	
18 Newport County	46	12	16	18	56	63	0,889	40
19 Chester	46	10	21	54	78	692	40	
20 Notts County	46	13	11	22	53	72	0,736	37
21 Rochdale	46	13	11	22	53	75	0,707	37
22 York City	46	12	11	23	65	79	0,823	35
23 Bradford Park Avenue	46	11	13	22	52	79	0,658	35
24 Lincoln City	46	9	13	24	58	82	0,707	31



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With the kick off at Grimsby now having been brought forward to 1.00pm someone is going to have to tell Colin he is going to have to run faster on the Saturday morning!

In a similar way Stockport County supporters are having a sponsored bike ride from Stockport to Southport for the match in March. They are raising money for their local hospice and for their supporters co-operative. They have invited any Southport Supporters who would like to join them and raise money for our own charities to get in touch. You can do so by leaving your name at the Trust In Yellow office.

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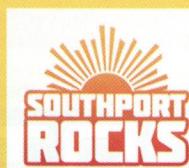
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DATE	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	ATT	Away	PTS	POS	1	2	3	4	5
July 23	Everton (LSC Final 10/11)	H 2-0	Ledsham, Kissock	538	**	**	**	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Akrigg	Grand
<b>AUGUST</b>												
Sat 13	Lincoln City	H 2-2	Kissock, Whalley	1687	578	1	8	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Akrigg	Grand
Tue 16	Alfreton Town	A 0-0		777	81	2	15	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Akrigg	Grand
Sat 20	Luton Town	A 1-5	Brown	5681	78	2	19	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Akrigg	Grand
Tue 23	Gateshead	H 1-3	Gray	957	45	2	23	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Davis	Grand
Sat 27	Kidderminster Harriers	A 0-2		1763	89	2	23	Nemes	Lee	Lever	Davis	Grand
Mon 29	Barrow	H 2-1	Gray, Lee	1204	327	5	19	Nemes	Lee	Owens	Davis	Akrigg
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>												
Sat 3	AFC Telford United	H 3-2	Whalley, Walker, Lee	1123	221	8	14	Nemes	Lee	Owens	Davis	Akrigg
Sat 10	Bath City	A 2-1	Walker, Gray	663	57	11	12	McMillan	Lee	Owens	Davis	Akrigg
Sat 17	Forest Green Rovers	A 3-2	Davis, Grand, Whalley	873	57	14	10	McMillan	Lee	Lever	Davis	Grand
Tue 20	Wrexham	H 0-0		1710	664	15	11	McMillan	Lee	Lever	Davis	Grand
Sat 24	Braintree	H 0-4		938	47	15	11	McMillan	Smith	Grand	Davis	Akrigg
Tue 27	Darlington	A 3-0	Grand, Lee, Gray	1637	38	18	11	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
<b>OCTOBER</b>												
Sat 1	Cambridge United	H 1-0	Owens	1104	190	21	10	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 8	Newport County	A 3-0	Grand, Ledsham, Gray	1576	62	24	9	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Tue 11	York City	H 1-1	Mukendi	1107	230	25	10	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 15	Mansfield Town	A 3-1	og, Whalley, Gray	2406	114	28	7	McMillan	Lee	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Tue 18	Gateshead	A 3-2	Whalley(2), Mukendi	737	57	31	4	McMillan	Lee	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 22	Tamworth	H 1-1	Gray	1310	113	32	7	McMillan	Lever	Aley	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 29	Stockport County(FAC 4Q)	H 1-0	Owens	1358	412	**	**	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Davis	Akrigg
<b>NOVEMBER</b>												
Sat 5	Kettering Town	A 3-2	Grand, Gray(2,1 pen)	1368	109	35	5	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 12	Barnet (FAC1)	H 1-2	Akrigg	1939	112	**	**	McMillan	Lever	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Tue 15	Lancaster City (LJC2)	A 1-2	Brown	108	37	**	**	Nemes	Lever	Owens	Davis	Akrigg
Sat 19	Bath City	H 2-1	Gray(2)	1021	50	38	3	McMillan	Smith	Owens	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 26	Stockport County	A 1-0	Ledsham	4540	406	41	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
Tue 29	Forest Green Rovers	H 1-3	Owens	978	6	41	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
<b>DECEMBER</b>												
Sat 3	Alfreton Town	H 2-1	Guthrie, Gray	1061	49	44	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
Tue 6	Wrexham	A 0-2		3256	156	44	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 10	Alfreton (FAT1)	A 0-4		394	29	**	**	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
Sat 17	Mansfield Town	H 3-1	Lever(2, 1pen), Brown	1006	98	47	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Akrigg
Mon 26	Fleetwood Town	A 2-2	Gray(2)	3029	341	48	3	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Davis
<b>JANUARY</b>												
Sun 1	Fleetwood Town	H 0-6		2589	648	48	4	McMillan	Smith	Grand	Akrigg	Davis
Thu 5	Cambridge United	A 0-3		1840	49	48	4	McMillan	Smith	Lever	Grand	Davis
Tue 10	Prescot Cables(LSC2)	A 2-2*	Owens, Brown	201	**	**	**	Nemes	Carden	Parry	Owens	Lever
Sat 21	Luton Town	H										
Tue 24	Lincoln City	A										
Sat 28	Hayes & Yeading Utd	A										
<b>FEBRUARY</b>												
Sat 4	Kettering Town (FAT 3)	H										
Sat 11	Braintree	A										
Tue 14	Darlington	H										
Fri 17th	Grimsby Town(TV)	H										
Sat 25	Ebbsfleet United(FAT QF)	A										
<b>MARCH</b>												
Sat 3	Newport County	H										
Sat 10	AFC Telford(FAT SF)	A										
Sat 17	Stockport County(FAT SF)	H										
Sat 24	York City	A										
Sat 31	Hayes & Yeading Utd	H										
<b>APRIL</b>												
Sat 7	Kidderminster Harriers	H										
Mon 9	Barrow	A										
Sat 14	Tamworth	A										
Sat 21	Ebbsfleet United	H										
Sat 28	Grimsby Town	A										
tba	Tranmere Rovers(LSCSF)	A										

Southport Football Club are honoured this afternoon to have as our guests the Mayor and Mayoress of Sefton, Paul Cummins and Mrs Carol Cummins.

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6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5	REF
Moogan	Whalley	Ledsham	Gray	Kissock	Brown	Spencer(10)	McGinn(6)	Lever(3)	Davis	Williams	J Johnson
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Lee	Whalley	Ledsham	Gray	Kissock	Brown	Benjamin(10)	Owens(9)	Osborne(11)	Ordish	Nemes	A Davies
Lee	Whalley	Moogan	Gray	Ledsham	Brown	Benjamin (2)	Brown (11)	Osborne (9)	Owens	Nemes	K Evans
Benjamin	Whalley	Moogan	Gray	Osborne	Ledsham	Akrigg(5)	Walker(10)	Poku(9)	Brown	McMillan	S Stockbridge
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Poku	Whalley	Moogan	Gray	Walker	Brown	Daly(10)	Brown(7)	Carden(9)	Akrigg	Nemes	G Horwood
Poku	Whalley	Moogan	Gray	Walker	Brown	Akrigg (3)	Ledsham(10)	Daly (9)	Carden	Nemes	J Simpson
Lee	Whalley	Ledsham	Gray	Walker	Brown	Owens(11)	Daly(9)	Mukendi (10)	Carden	Nemes	S Martin
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Lee	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Mukendi	Ledsham	Walker(10)	Moogan(8)	Carden(7)	Brown	Nemes	T Harrington
Lee	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Mukendi	Ledsham	Brown(7)	Walker(9)	Carden(10)	Moogan	Nemes	J Amey
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Walker	Ledsham	Lever(10)	Mukendi(9)	Brown	Carden	Nemes	R Merchant
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Mukendi	Ledsham	Walker(9)	Lever	Carden	Brown	Nemes	S Smith
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Mukendi	Ledsham	Lever (6)	Carden (9)	Brown	Walker	Nemes	R Joyce
Lee	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Mukendi	Ledsham	Brown(6)	Davis(5)	Carden(9)	Carden	Nemes	S Duncan
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Walker	Aley	Carden(10)	Brown(7)	Lever(9)	Ordish	Nemes	R Clark
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Guthrie	Owens	Ledsham	Lever(2)	Brown	Carden	Nemes	T Robinson
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Guthrie	Owens	Leisham	Davis(2)	Carden(10)	Brown(3)	Smith	A Madley
Moogan	Carden	Benjamin	Gray	Brown	Aley	Ordish	Grand(5)	Ledsham(11)	Gray(8)	Whalley	McMillan
Benjamin	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Brown	Ledsham	Aley(6)	Lever(10)	Carden(7)	Davis	Nemes	S Bratt
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Ledsham	Parry(9)	Carden(8)	Brown(10)	Davis	Nemes	K Evans
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Parry(2)	Carden(9)	Brown(11)	Parry(7)	Benjamin(7)	D McDonald
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Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Davis(5)	Brown(10)	Carden(11)	Parry(6)	Davis	Nemes
Moogan	Carden	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Guthrie(8)	Brown(11)	Parry(5)	Benjamin	Nemes	R Whitton
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Guthrie(10)	Brown	Carden	Parry	Benjamin	S Stockbridge
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Brown(5)	Carden(10)	Benjamin(8)	Guthrie	Nemes	D Bond
Moogan	Whalley	Poku	Gray	Owens	Parry	Akrigg(5)	Brown(11)	Benjamin(3)	Carden	Nemes	J Hopkins
Moogan	Whalley	Benjamin	Gray	Brown	Parry	Adamson(7)	Akrigg	Smith	Ledsham	McMillan	D McDonald

Today we are holding a One Minutes Applause for Anita Shaw who died suddenly on Monday evening. Anita served local football in many capacities over many years especially the Craven Minor League with distinction and was an outstanding Child Welfare Officer. Anita has been a regular here as a first aider and was one of the volunteers who has made our May junior tournament at Haig Avenue such a success. The club's condolences are

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Mon. 29 Aug	BARROW	KEITH MITCHELL	RICHARD HUGHES	KEITH MITCHELL	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Sat. 3 Sep	AFC TELFORD	LANSING LINDE	NATWEST	DAVE PENNINGTON	PREMIER WEALTH
Tues. 20 Sep	WREXHAM	MERSEYRAIL	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS DSG	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	JULIAN TITTERSHILL/SCOTT BADER
Sat. 24 Sep	BRAINTREE	CBS	DAVE PENNINGTON	OAKMERE TECH SERVICES	HEINEKEN
Sat. 1 Oct	CAMBRIDGE	HSBC	DEANE MOTORS	PREMIER WEALTH	ROGER BACKHOUSE SPONSORLINK
Tues. 11 Oct	YORK CITY	MERSEYRAIL	VEHICLE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	KARL PRICE	NATWEST/SPORTS 360
Sat. 22 Oct	TAMWORTH	PLANTEC	GAIL HEYES	ANTIQUES ROADSHOW	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Sat. 29 Oct	STOCKPORT F.A. CUP	SOUTHPORT BUSINESS NETWORKING	RIMMERS SCAFFOLDING	GRANT GIBSON	DAVE PENNINGTON/SANDY TITTERSHILL
Sat. 12 Nov	BARNET F.A. CUP	MERSEYRAIL	DAVE PENNINGTON /PREMIER WEALTH	JONATHAN SMYTHE-RENSHAW	MOORE & SMALLEY/PETER MURPHY
Sat. 19 Nov	BATH CITY	ALEX RUSSELL/RED INSURE	KATHRYN FISHER/GWYN THOMAS	DAVE PENNINGTON/ MOORE & SMALLEY	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Tues. 29 Nov	FOREST GREEN	HATFIELDS / DSG	ASSASSINS CLUB C/O MICHAEL BRAHAM	ASSASSINS CLUB C/O DR CHARLIE SCOTT	QPAC/SPORTS 360
Sat. 3 Dec	ALFRETON	BASF	CS DIGITAL	BIRTHDAY BOYS	KARL PRICE
Sat. 17 Dec	MANSFIELD	FLAVOUR FRESH	PREMIER WEALTH/GWYN THOMAS	JACKSON CANTER SOLICITORS	DAVE PENNINGTON /DICKINSON PARKER & HILL
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Sat. 21 Jan	LUTON	COOPERS OF FRESHFIELD/ MERSEYRAIL	DAVE JELLEYMAN/ANTHONY'S TRAVEL	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	NORTHERN PACKAGING
Sat. 4 Feb	KETTERING	NORTHERN PACKAGING	LES DODD/BORNEO BACKPACKERS ASS (5)	DUNE 107.9FM/GWYN THOMAS	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Tues. 14 Feb	DARLINGTON	MERSEYRAIL	3663/ANDY HUNTER (10)	VICTORIA LEISURE	LANSING LINDE/TONY LEE
Sat. 18 Feb	GRIMSBY	PLANTEC	ALAN & BEN TAYLOR MOOK GARDENS	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS/GASKELLS WASTE
Sat. 3 Mar	NEWPORT	NATWEST	MARTYN O'HARA (8)/GWYN THOMAS	BRIAN SUTTON/DAVE PENNINGTON	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Sat. 17 Mar	STOCKPORT	MOORE AND SMALLEY/BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	COOPERS OF FRESHFIELD/GWYN THOMAS	DAVID RIMMER (5)	MOISTERS FUNERAL SERVICES
Sat. 31 Mar	HAYES & YEADING	HATFIELDS	JEWSONS (10) (SOUTHPORT)	JEWSONS (10) (ORMSKIRK)	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Sat. 7 Apr	KIDDERMINSTER	LYNBOOK REPROGRAPHICS VISITER	BLACKBURN CHEMICALS	GWYN THOMAS/SOUTHPORT VISITER (10)	BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
Sat. 21 Apr	EBBSFLEET	HARRIS BALCOMBE/BARRON FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS	PLANTEC/DOUG HARRISON	TOMMY FOY	SANDY TITTERSHILL/DAVE PENNINGTON

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# AN INTERVIEW WITH GODFREY POKU

**by CHRIS MCKERNAN**



At the time of writing this it is still uncertain which side Poku will be representing today. Of course, all associated with Southport hope it will be for the Yellows as they continue their push for a finishing place in the playoffs. I took the chance to ask Godfrey a few questions after the disappointing result against Fleetwood on New Years Day.

Hi Godfrey, obviously not a given that evident you've made a big impact on the side since your arrival, how easy was it to make the move from Luton and settle in?

It wasn't too easy because I didn't know a lot about the club but I had heard good feedback about the club from Gary Brabin, saying that it's a terrific club to go and play for and I would basically travel anywhere to play first team football.

You've been a clear instant hit with the supporters at Haig Avenue, how do you feel your relationship with the fans is?

Oh, they are great, they're always tweeting me or facebooking me and I try to do my best to reply to each one of them, because they've been fantastic, they're always there cheering and that is all you can ask of fans really.

What were your expectations when you first came to Southport?

Just to get myself fit and play games week in week out to see where it takes me, and people have told me I have done well so I'm just grateful for everything really.

With you due to return to Luton after the Cambridge game and Southport wanting to keep hold of you, what is your plan for the rest of the season?

Ah I still don't know where my future is at, whether it's at Luton or at Southport but wherever it is I just want to play, so we'll have to see after the Cambridge game.

Southport are currently doing very well, what do you think they can achieve this year?

Well they've got terrific players, players who could ea-

be playing higher up, it's a great club with great staff and a great set of fans, this year has been great but we have to keep it going and recover from setbacks like this starting on Thursday.

You mentioned about the staff then, what is your opinion on Liam Watson?

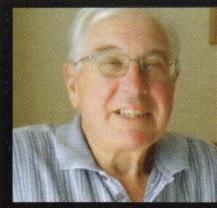
He'd been great, always been looking after me, texting me and making sure I'm ok, the whole backroom staff have been great too, giving me lots of great advice.

You've settled in really well, who have you become close friends with at the club?

They're all a great bunch of lads, but probably Alan {Moogan} because I play alongside him, he's a more experienced lad who's given me a lot of advice. But honestly the whole team have been great and I appreciate it all.

So with the future of Godfrey Poku still unclear, Southport have to contend the near future without his services, and with Alan Moogan suspended today we will see a complete re-shape in the centre of midfield. But myself, like all other Sandgrounders will hope to see Godfrey back in the Yellow shirt before the end of the season as he has been so influential in the rise of Southport.





# FRODSHAM'S THOUGHTS

by DAVID FRODSHAM



## FOOTBALL IN JANUARY

January is my least favourite month of the year. The Christmas and New Year Celebrations are over and three more months of Winter lie ahead. It is invariably cold and dark and the credit card bills start coming through the letter box. Indeed I read somewhere that the third Monday of the month is the most gloomy day of the year. True the holiday period was splendid in our house give or take the odd football result and we went to the Pantomime in Cheltenham. Jack and the Beanstalk since you ask. So, what nice things can we remember from the last few months? Our long run of away wins, I was at Forest Green and Newport County. I also enjoyed the Barnet Cup-tie despite the narrow defeat. Barnet are a better side than many had suggested and we ran them very close indeed. It was one of my regrettably few visits these days to a home game and I confess that it was the first time that I had stood under cover behind the goal since Netherfield on April 14th 1979 when we won. That was the last time I saw a home victory despite a number of visits since when I have either stood at the half way line or sat in the Stand. One of the pleasures of being a Southport fan was being packed under cover at the Scarisbrick New Road End in the 1960's and 70's with the floodlights on, the muddy goalmouth and watching Big Eric, Alan Spence or Jim Fryatt to name just a few smashing the goals in. Anyway on that lovely late Autumn afternoon of November 12th I relived my younger days to a certain extent by standing right at the back of the Jack Carr and enjoying every moment. I was fortunate to have a real Port supporter standing next to me that afternoon. Thank you Mike, your company was appreciated. Thursday September 15th is also a day I remember fondly. I was at Taunton for the final day of the cricket season when Lancashire defeated Somerset for the Championship title. I had waited for that day since 1950 when my unwavering support of the Red Rose began.

January weather can be shocking and over the years often played havoc with my travel plans at work when I was expected to journey all over the Lake District by car. I have never forgotten though a certain late January afternoon in 1958 when snow caused me all sorts of problems getting to an RAF posting at

Valley on Anglesey. There was a great deal of snow and ice and our game at Crewe arranged for January 25th was not played until April. I was on the train from Chester to Holyhead late on a Friday afternoon. In those days the trains to Holyhead stopped at the place with the long Welsh name then Rhosneigr and Valley before they terminated at Holyhead. Of course I left the train at Valley Station in the dark and snow only to be told that I should have got off at Rhosneigr, walked alongside the track and climbed over a wall into the camp well before Valley village. Security non-existent. That is what everyone arriving on foot did. Receiving absolutely no help from the Station staff and fearing a night in the waiting room I managed to hitch a lift from a passing motorist in a jeep and we just about got through to camp. Things did improve greatly though as there were fine beaches nearby for the Summer and interesting shift work in Air Traffic Control. The Airfield was open 24 hours but nothing much ever happened after Midnight so we kept the radio frequencies on under supervision of one airman by rotation throughout the night. Quite often that person fell into a doze and if the Russians had known what was going on they could have easily captured Anglesey.

Our Anniversary game to-day is from January 21st 1967 versus Lincoln City. We were second from top in Division 4. They were rock bottom. This was our first home game since the Boxing Day fire. We had won at Lincoln in the previous September but we had never beaten them twice in one season. At half time we were a goal down. I like to imagine now that for the second half we were packed under cover and willing the lads to come good and send the Imps back to Lincolnshire empty handed, as the rain beat down on the muddy pitch. Whatever the conditions we won the game 2-1 with goals from Dickie Marshall and Alan Spence. The two points for the win kept us tucked in behind Stockport County who would be our opponents here on February 11th 1967 when we absolutely ran all over them with 2 goals each from the above mentioned Alan and Jim. Those goals of Jim Fryatt's were scored on his last appearance for us and he was off on his travels around the Football League again. We were glad to welcome him back in 1971.

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- 3) To enter the playing area.

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- 2) To be drunk whilst attempting to enter the ground.
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Mick Jackson, Safety Officer

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2	Kevin LEE			
3	Chris LEVER			
4	Steve AKRIGG			
5	Earl DAVIS			
6	Simon GRAND			
7	Shaun WHALLEY			
8	Alan MOOGAN			
9	James ELLISON			
10	Tony GRAY			
11	Andy PARRY			
12	Jonathan BROWN			
13	Matt NEMES			
14	James SMITH			
15	Andy OWENS			
16	Aaron TURNER			
17	Karl LEDSHAM			
20	Russell BENJAMIN			
21	Brett ADAMSON			
22	Michael ORDISH			
23	Adam CARDEN			

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Manager Gary BRABIN

Pld		Gls	Y	R
1	Mark TYLER			
2	Daniel GLEESON			
3	Greg TAYLOR			
4	Keith KEANE			
5	Dean BECKWITH			
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18	Curtis OSANO			
19	James DANCE			
20	John Paul KISLOCK			
21	Charlie HENRY			
22	Paul CARDEN			
23	Ryan BRUNT			
24	Alex LACEY			
25	Godfrey POKU			
26	Jonathan O'DONNELL			
28	Adam WATKINS			
29	Dan WALKER			
30	Kevin PILKINGTON			
31	Lewis KIDD			
32	Ash DEENNEY			
33	Ryan DASILVA			
34	Janos KOVAS			
36	Christian TAVERNIER			
39	Tommy WRIGHT			

## LAST TIME OUT ...

Lost 0 - 3 v Cambridge United, A



Won 1 - 0 v Stockport County, H



## COMING UP ...

At Haig Avenue



v Kettering Town

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## TODAY'S FIXTURES



AFC Telford v Cambridge  
Alfreton v Kidderminster  
Braintree v Stockport  
Darlington v Fleetwood  
Gateshead v Lincoln  
Grimsby v Bath  
Mansfield v Hayes & Y  
Newport v Forest Green  
Southport v Luton  
Tamworth v Barrow  
Wrexham v Kettering  
York v Ebbsfleet

All 3pm kick-off

