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# BRABS

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the final instalment of home matches this week with Alfreton Town our visitors this afternoon.

I'd like to welcome Nicky Law and his management team and players, plus the directors, staff and supporters of Alfreton on their first visit to Kenilworth Road.

Alfreton have endured a tough ride in their debut season at this level but arrive here full of confidence following their 3-0 victory at Bath City on Tuesday night. Bath may have gone down to nine men at one stage but Nicky's side were full value for the three points.

Between now and the end of the season we will face all sorts of challenges. Whether it's teams chasing promotion, or the play-offs or survival, it is going to be tough.

Alfreton fall into the latter category but I know Nicky believes his side should be higher in the league standings given their encouraging performances this term. Will Alfreton be happy to leave Kenilworth Road with a point today? I would have thought so, which visiting team wouldn't?

Wednesday's game with Mansfield here can be summed up in one word: frustration. It's always difficult to accept a point in a game in which you have dominated but that's the way it goes sometimes.

We were unlucky not to score at least a couple of goals in the first half but overall I thought we lacked that cutting edge, that killer instinct in front of goal, especially in the second half. Having started with three of our top goalscorers in attack the scoreline I wouldn't have predicted beforehand wouldn't have been 0-0.

Mansfield had two decent chances to snatch the points and I must praise George Pilkington for two goal-saving clearances to enable us to keep yet another

clean sheet. By his own admission he has taken time to reach his peak performance after recovering from injury and it's a massive bonus for this football club to see him performing at the top of his game once more.

Our goals against record has been something to cherish over the past month – eight clean sheets out of our last 10 games in all competitions. Given our defensive stability it made it all the more frustrating against Mansfield because we all know the firepower we possess in forward areas.

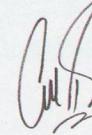
The point, disappointing though it was, stretched our unbeaten league run to 11 games, however and it's vital to have a 'no lose' mentality. We showed that spirit and character at Southport last weekend in difficult conditions and going into the final stretch of the season that kind of attitude is something all managers want from his players.

My programme notes on Wednesday night were written before Monday's FA Trophy tie with Hinckley which we negotiated successfully. It was another great night for the club to see players at the ages of 16, 17, 18 and 19 excel. As I have said in previous programme notes it is a testament to the work Gregg Broughton and his team have done to nurture this talent, and of course to the board and SOLYD who continue to support our great academy.

Today is the final game of a busy week – a fourth match in eight days. I would like to thank each and every one of you who has made it to any of these games during this period. Your support has, and always will be, magnificent.

Please get behind the lads once more this afternoon because your backing really does make a difference.

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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN

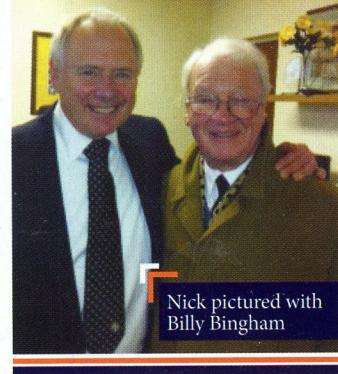
Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our third home game in a very busy week! A special welcome to our visitors from Alfreton, a Derbyshire town that has a special resonance for me. It was there back in the closing weeks of the Second World War that my mother and father met for the very first time.

They were both billeted in the magnificent country house Alfreton Hall, which had been commandeered by the army for the Royal Army Service Corps. My mother Esme, born and bred in Derbyshire, was with the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) and my father Bertie, was a captain with the RASC, a survivor of Dunkirk and later the East Africa campaign.

They met in the crowded officers' mess, fell in love, were engaged in three weeks and married in three months! Only this week, my mother described that first meeting in Alfreton back in 1945 as the "most important date in my life." On reflection, it was fairly pivotal for me!

Bertie then returned to his pre-war teaching job in Berkhamsted with a new wife and a new mission - to get serious about following Luton Town Football Club. In fact, the two of them used to come here and stand in the enclosure. They'd tell me all about it when they got home and it mostly used to sail over my head, until I caught the bug too (said to be incurable!).

So a particularly warm welcome to everyone associated with Alfreton Town. I wish you all the best for the season, but not necessarily today or on 14th



Nick pictured with  
Billy Bingham

While we are wallowing in nostalgia, I must mention the great Luton Town legend Billy Bingham, whom my fellow director David Wilkinson referred to in his notes for the Mansfield game. It was such a privilege to spend time with Billy when he made the short trip from his Southport home to the game at Haig Avenue last Saturday. As with David, Billy was playing in my first match here back in 1958 and it was soon obvious to a starry-eyed youngster like me why he'd been our then record signing at £15,000 from Sunderland. He was very quick, highly skilful and a game-changer. Exhilarating to watch.

He was a goalscorer too...he scored in every round of our FA Cup run in 1959, except in the final itself, including the semi-final replay winner that took us to Wembley. Overall, he scored 33 goals in 97 appearances for us before he joined Everton after our relegation from the top flight in 1960. It was very special for old timers, such as David W and Mike Herrick, and youngsters like myself (!) to reminisce with Billy about our childhood heroes.

The game itself was farcical at times because of the very strong wind. Poor old goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington was completely bamboozled by a tremendous gust for their first goal. He ended up looking like he'd just gone the wrong way facing a penalty! Although there were loads of mistakes because of the conditions, we still played some good stuff at times and showed our excellent spirit to come back from two goals down. In such freakish conditions, I think a draw was OK, even if we are looking to win every game to close the gap on the leaders.



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# PILKS



It was more midweek frustration under the Kenilworth Road floodlights on Wednesday following the goalless draw with Mansfield Town.

In truth, and it pains me to say it, but a draw was a fair result. It was disappointment all round because we know we can and should do better, regardless of the opposition. The point was enough to keep our unbeaten run going but it was of little consolation on the night.

Much was made of my two goal-line clearances but as I told the media afterwards, it's all part of my job. I'm a defender, and my job, primarily is to defend and help the team keep clean sheets – something we've been doing a lot recently.

Both clearances were quite difficult to execute; the first came at pace in the wind as I was peddling nervously backwards and the second I managed to just about reach. I joked with our press officer afterwards that my little legs just about stretched fair enough! It certainly tested my hamstrings anyway.

A lot will be made of our failure to find the net on Wednesday – something that doesn't happen often. We're one of the league's top scorers so it was a surprise not to see at least one of our efforts hit the back of the net. I know Janos, who has been simply fantastic alongside me this season, was disappointed he couldn't score with a couple of headers from set-pieces and the big man even rattled the bar with a shot too.

I'm pleased we've got this home game so quickly after Wednesday. It's a chance for us to put things right. Disappointment irritates me and the lads and the manager and, while today will be no walk in the park given Alfreton's recent results, we will be focused on winning three points this afternoon.

We've seen footage of Alfreton's recent games and know their strengths and weaknesses. They've won their last two away games 3-0 and 6-0 which are great

results in anyone's book, regardless of the opposition.

I remember going to Alfreton in pre-season last season and they played us off the park that afternoon. Nicky Law has done an exceptional job there and it was no surprise that they walked away with the Conference North title last term. He tries to play football the way it should be played, as do we of course, which should make for an exciting, open game.

Alfreton are fighting for their lives in what is a real battle for survival at the bottom of the table. Whether that means teams who need points to stay up come here and go for three points instead of one remains to be seen but all we can do is concentrate on ourselves.

If we keep a clean sheet I'd back us to win 99 times out of 100. Typically that one time had to happen on Wednesday, but we move on. Let's focus at the positives: an unbeaten run, third in the table and 16 games left to play.

We can't afford to be negative. It just doesn't work. Since I have been at this club I have grown to accept that we don't do things the easy way. There's still a long way to go and we still believe we can be successful this season.

Please stay with us and get behind us this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



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# AROUND TOWN

## TROPHY TALES CONTINUE

After beating Hinckley United in Monday night's replay the Town will travel to face Kidderminster Harriers in the last 16 of the FA Trophy.

The third round tie will take place at Aggborough on next Saturday, 4th February 2012, with a 3pm kick-off.

The Hatters' Blue Square Bet Premier fixture away at Barrow - originally scheduled for this date - will require rescheduling with a new date to be announced in due course.

## CLUB SHOP SALE

Our Hatters Shop January sale launched last weekend with various items reduced by 50%.

A whole host of Hatters-related merchandise is available in the sale including coats, scarves and a variety of replica shirts - including our popular 125th anniversary merchandise.

Remember whenever the shop is closed at all the sale items are available to buy 24 hours a day on our online shop at [www.hattersshop.co.uk](http://www.hattersshop.co.uk).

## MANSFIELD GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our golden gamble on Wednesday went home slightly happier following the goalless draw with Mansfield after scooping £455.

Chris Ledgerd was the winner after his number 24013 was plucked from the barrel at half-time.

Remember to look out for sellers once more this afternoon. Tickets cost only a £1. If more people buy a ticket the bigger the prize!

## HOUSEHOLD HELP

Midfield stars Adam Watkins and Keith Keane were on hand at the opening of Household estate agent's new town centre offices last week.

The Luton-born duo cut the ribbon at the new offices in Wellington Street and are here pictured with director and mad Hatters fan Peter Norman.



Town fan Nick Bowman (back row, first left) and his team Hatters FC in Australia

## TOWN DOWN UNDER

The Town's colours and club crest is renowned around the world and now clubs in a local league in Australia are coming face-to-face with the Hatters.

Ardent Town fanatic Nick Bowman has introduced his friends down under to all things Luton before they decided to name their side Hatters FC.

They had been playing in a mixture of old orange Town shirts before Nick purchased a full complement of our navy blue third colours for his team from the club shop, as shown in the photograph.

Nick told Talk of the Town: "We are mainly ex-pats from UK and I am the mad Luton fan. Over the years I have slowly introduced them to the Hatters and they have become honorary supporters, in fact one of them accompanied me to a game in August this season, against Southport.

"I am a lifelong Luton fan and go to games every time I am in the UK and members of my family are still season ticket holders.

"We play in a social competition in the Blue Mountains which are 100Km west of Sydney and are currently top. The name of the team is Hatters FC and until we had organised the kit we played in a mixture of Luton shirts from the early 90s to present day which were owned by myself or donated by family, friends and other supporters."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



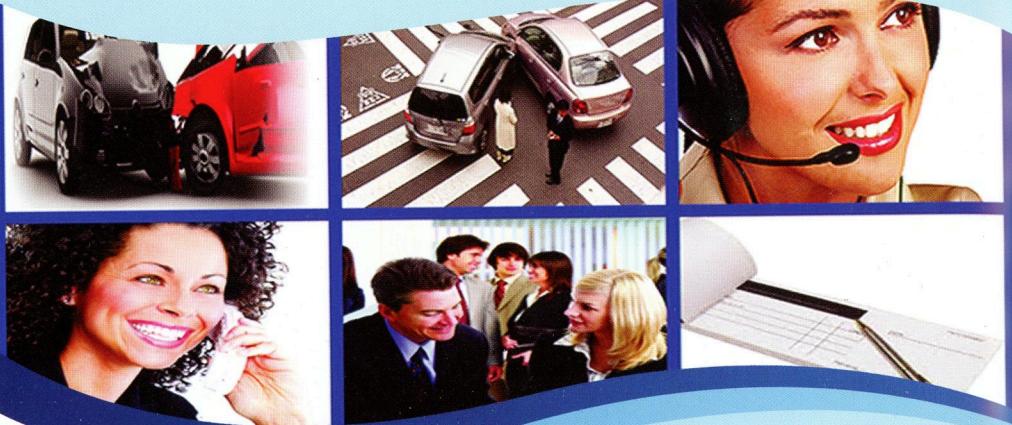
The club would like to wish Hatters fan Simon Parris a very happy 40th birthday.

Simon will be present at Kenilworth Road this afternoon and love and birthday wishes come from mum and Darren.

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# WELCOME ALFRETON TOWN



Alfreton Town arrive at Kenilworth Road in great spirit – who wouldn't after a 3-0 victory away from home?

The Reds' impressive victory at bottom-of-the-table Bath City on Tuesday night lifted Nicky Law's side out of the relegation zone – albeit on goal difference. While Town supporters will be more used to looking at the top half of the table, a glance at the bottom half shows just how tight it is for Blue Square Bet Premier survival.

A win at Kenilworth Road this afternoon could propel the Reds into 17th place as more teams become sucked into a relegation battle. Darlington's off-the-field problems and their deduction of 10 points has given a number of sides hope. Omitting Bath from the calculations, just five points separate Tamworth in 17th and Newport in 23rd.

Turning attentions to today, the Reds' faithful sitting in the Oak Road end will be visiting Kenilworth Road for the first time.

Alfreton are enjoying the best season in their history. Never have the Reds played as a high as the top flight of non-league and their rise to the top of the non-league pyramid in recent years has been well documented. While Fleetwood Town's and AFC Wimbledon's rapid elevation through the leagues has

caught most people's eyes, the Reds have quietly gone about their success.

In 1999/00 the club were plying their trade in the Northern Counties East League – four levels below the Conference. Fast forward 12 seasons and the Impact Arena supporters are enjoying trips to Wrexham, Mansfield, Cambridge and to Kenilworth Road.

This season has been a struggle for the Reds following their promotion as champions from the Blue Square Bet North. Striker Liam Hearn netted 32 goals last season as Nicky Law's side cruised to the title by 10 points but he was sold in the summer to Grimsby. He has continued to find the net with his new club and scored twice for the Mariners against Alfreton earlier this month.

Two weeks ago the Reds had only won once away from the Impact Arena – an impressive 1-0 victory at promotion-chasing York back in August – and Law's side arrive at Kenilworth Road having won their last two away games, scoring nine without reply including a 6-0 win at Weymouth in the FA Trophy.

Confidence is a wonderful thing and, with the race to avoid the drop hotting up as the season enters its final stretch, who would bet against Alfreton lining up for their second successive season in the Blue Square Bet Premier next summer?

# THE VISITORS

## CLUB HISTORY

Alfreton Town were formed in 1959 following the merger of Alfreton Miners Welfare and Alfreton United football clubs.

The club was admitted directly to the Central Alliance Division One (North) and progressed to gain entry to the re-formed Midland Counties League. After holding the wooden spoon in 1961/62 Alfreton seldom looked back and took the Midland League title in 1969/70 after several near misses.

The triumph was repeated three years later and again in 1976/77. Further success came in the Northern Counties East League, they won the League Cup in season 1984/85 and were champions in 1986/87 before accepting a place in the newly formed First Division of the Northern Premier League in 1987/88.

In the 1994/95 season, the Reds missed out on promotion losing three of their last four matches. However the following season they finished runners-up and were promoted to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League for the first time ever.

A two-year tenure proved difficult and after escaping a return to UniBond Division One in the 1996/97 campaign, successive relegations saw the club slip back into the Northern Counties (East) League at the end of the 1998/99 season.

The 2001/02 campaign saw Chris Wilder land unprecedented success as the Reds landed four trophies. Wilder departed in 2002 but, in his first full season in charge, manager Dave Lloyd guided the Reds to a second successive championship winning 2002/03 UniBond League First Division title.

After a great start to the 2004/05 season the Reds led until the turn of the year when a complete reversal in form saw them slide down the table and finish 14th. At the end of the season the club parted company with Lloyd and Gary Mills was installed as the first full time manager in the summer of 2005.

Despite sinking to the foot of the Conference North table a much improved run of form saw the Reds finishing 17th. A 14th place finished followed in 2006/07 that saw Mills and Marcus Ebdon take control. Nicky Law took over in June 2007 and guided the club to a 16th place finish.

In 2008/09 the Reds finished third in Conference North and competed in the play-offs for the first time ever, narrowly losing out in the semi-finals. A third place finish was achieved once more in 2009/10 but after reaching the play-off this time round, Fleetwood were the ones celebrating promotion.

But it was third time lucky last season that saw promotion and the Reds are now competing at the highest level in their history.

## MEET THE MANAGER

### Nicky Law

The Reds' Manager led the club to their biggest achievement in the club's 52-year history when he guided them to the Conference North title by a 10-point margin in the 2010/11 campaign.

Now in his fifth season with Alfreton, he was rewarded with a new three-year deal in May 2011 and is now contracted with the club until the end of 2013/14 season. He was appointed in May 2007, after resigning his post at Buxton the day before, having led the Bucks to promotion after winning the UniBond First Division title.

A professional licence as well as UEFA A and B coaching licence holder, Law is the highest qualified manager ever to have taken charge of the Reds.

He has experience in abundance having also managed Grimsby, Bradford and Chesterfield in the Football League, leading the latter to promotion from the old Third Division in the 2000/01 campaign.

# IN OPPOSITION

## LAW ABIDING REDS

Alfreton manager Nicky Law believes the changes he made to the side to face Bath City on Tuesday helped the Reds to a 3-0 victory.

The victory for the lifted the Derbyshire side out of the bottom four for the first time this season and Law hopes last season's Blue Square Bet North champions can survive in their first ever season at non league's top flight.

Law said: "We made changes which we thought were needed against them away from home. We knew the way they played and what to expect so we went with two more natural defenders.

"Yes we were indebted to Dan Lawson for two fantastic saves which kept us in it in the first half, but for once, things went for us."

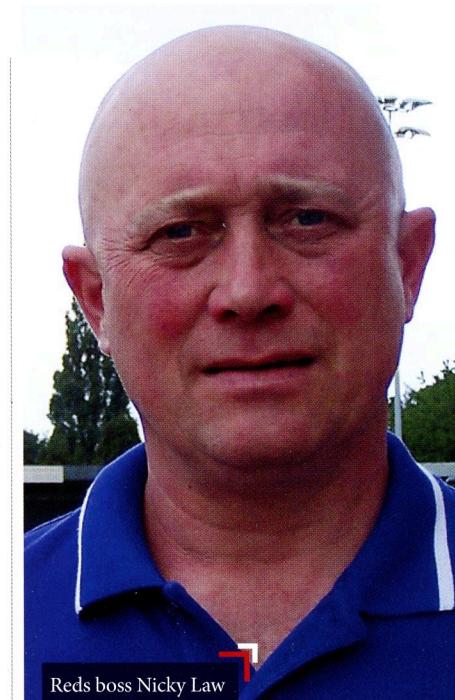
Having noted the Town's busy schedule, Law now believes his side can spring a surprise today in what is the Reds' first ever visit to Kenilworth Road.

"It will be Luton's fourth game in eight days, but they have got a massive squad. They will have rotated players to keep them fresh," he said.

"Nothing is expected of us. All we can do is go there, approach the game in the right way, give it our best shot and see where it gets us."

Law though will have to juggle his squad around once more this afternoon.

Striker Louis Moult will be serving the second of a three-game suspension for his sending off against Kidderminster while keeper Joe Day is still nursing a groin injury back to full fitness.



Reds boss Nicky Law

Central defender Adam Quinn will unavailable as he sits out the first of a two-game suspension for accruing his 10th yellow card of the season in the win at Bath.

And, with 16 league games left to play, Law knows it's going to be tough to keep the Reds up.

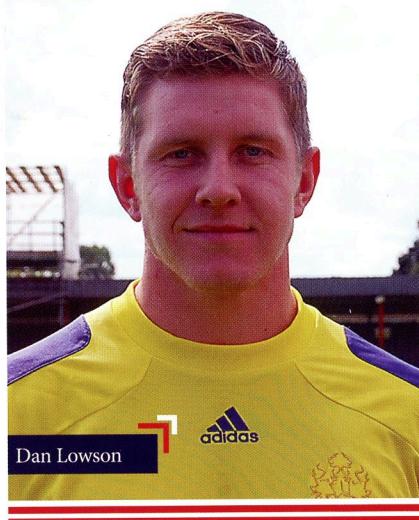
He said: "We just need to win as many games as we can and take each game on its own merit. We will just have to wait and see."

# IN TOWN

## ■ GOALKEEPER

### Dan Lawson

A highly-rated goalkeeper, Dan joined the Reds in June 2011. He was a free agent after being part of the Ilkeston Town squad which was left without a club in the early part of the 2010/11 season and then seeing out the campaign at Blyth Spartans. He is a former England Schoolboy trialist who has also played for Gretna and Newcastle Blue Star.



## ■ DEFENDERS

### Josh Law

Josh played a major part in Alfreton's 2010/11 Blue Square Bet North title-winning side and was named Players' Player of the season. Now in his fifth season with the Reds, Josh initially joined on a three-month long loan term from League Two neighbours Chesterfield in early October, 2007. His loan was extended to the end of the 2007/08 campaign where he continually put in consistent displays on the right side of the Reds midfield. A product of the Spireites' Academy set up, he had featured on the bench for Chesterfield's first team. Son of manager Nicky.

### Connor Frankline

A highly-rated left-sided defender with a long throw in his weaponry who had a string of consistent displays during Alfreton's 2010/11 Blue Square Bet North title-winning campaign rewarded with an England C cap during the International Challenge Trophy Final against Belgium here at Kenilworth Road. Connor joined the Reds from Hinckley United on a two-year deal for an undisclosed four-figure fee. A former Leicester City apprentice, Connor joined Hinckley in May 2008 from Nuneaton Borough.

### Theo Streete

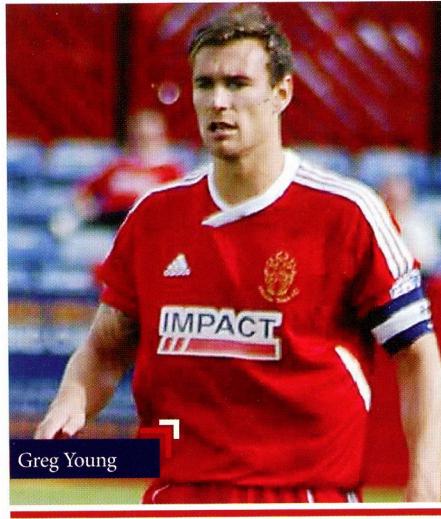
Centre-half who started his career with Derby County, turning professional in August 2006 on a short-term deal. He moved to Doncaster Rovers on loan in September 2006 but returning from his spell on loan, Derby released him. In February 2007 he joined Rotherham United until the end of the season

after which he joined Solihull Moors. He was named Player of the Year for 2009/10 and was captain of the side before his move to the Impact Arena.

## ■ MIDFIELDERS

### Jake Moulton

Now in his third season with Alfreton, Jake was rewarded with a new contract in the summer of 2010. He moved to the Impact Arena from Stafford Rangers. A confident, athletic and mobile central midfield player who has been used to very good effect down the right side of midfield, Jake began his career with Port Vale before moving on to Plymouth Argyle and then spending the back end of the 2007/08 campaign at Kidderminster Harriers. Leek Town became his next port of call before joining Stafford and then Alfreton.



### Jamie Mullan

Wide midfield man who joined Alfreton on a one-year full-time deal from Fleetwood. A versatile, pacy winger in the traditional mould who likes to run at defenders, he began at Notts County where he had two years under Nicky Law before being picked up by Manchester United as an academy scholar aged 14. He had four years at Old Trafford where he played for United's academy and reserve sides then moved to Rochdale for a short spell before switching to Northwich Victoria in 2008. Joining Fleetwood in 2009, he was a member of the 2009/10 promotion winning squad that beat Alfreton in the play-off final.

### Jordan Hall

Now in his fourth full season with the Reds after joining the club in March 2008 following his release by Buxton, Jordan is a hard working and dependable player with bags of stamina, equally at home at right back or in midfield. He started with his home town team Chesterfield before a first spell with Hucknall ended with him moving on to join the Bucks in the summer of 2005.

### Anton Brown

Consistent performer and versatile player who has shown great loyalty and he notched up his 200th appearance for the club during the 2010/11 title-winning season. A very good athlete who is now in his sixth season with Alfreton, the longest serving player at the club. He established himself in the team at left back over his first few seasons but he has also covered in central defence and was moved into a central midfield position two years ago.

## ■ STRIKERS

### Nathan Arnold

Former Mansfield attacker who joined the Reds from Conference North side Hyde in the summer of 2010 and had a great first season with the Reds, playing a key part in Alfreton's Blue Square Bet North 2010/11 title-winning squad. A direct, pacy forward, Nathan had joined Hyde in August 2009 after rejecting a new deal at Field Mill, thus ending a four-year spell with the Stags where he made over 100 league and cup appearances after progressing from the club's Centre of Excellence.

### Louis Moutou

Promising young striker currently on-loan from Premier League side Stoke City. The younger brother of midfielder Jake, Louis played against the Reds in last season's FA Trophy campaign whilst on-loan with Mansfield. A product of Stoke's Academy and after scoring regularly for the Academy and Reserve sides, he made his Premier League debut as a substitute aged just 17 for the Potters in a 1-1 draw at Burnley. He spent six months out on loan at Bradford City at the start of the 2010/11 season, scoring his first senior goal in that spell.

### Nathan Jarman

A highly-rated striker with plenty of mobility, Nathan moved to the Impact Arena from Corby Town for an undisclosed fee in March 2011. He joined Corby after being released from his contract with Grimsby Town in May 2010 after making 53 appearances for the Mariners. Prior to moving to Blundell Park he was with Barnsley where he made 21 league and cup appearances. A quick, hard working and athletic player with a good eye for goal, Nathan can also play out wide as well as up front.

### Anthony Wilson

An old fashioned centre-forward who settled quickly and hit 10 goals in his first season at Conference level during Alfreton's Blue Square Bet North title success. He joined Alfreton for an undisclosed fee from Northern Premier League first division south neighbours Belper Town. He scored 37 goals in 118 appearances for the Naiers.



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## **□ CLASSIC CAMPAIGN**

**1969/70**

Alfreton achieved a Midland League title and Derbyshire Senior Cup double in 1969/70. The Reds won the Midland League by 14 points and swept to a record 15-0 win over Loughborough. They beat Gresley Rovers in the two-legged Derbyshire Senior Cup final. Alfreton also created a record by taking Barrow to an FA Cup first round third replay before losing 2-0 at Deepdale, the longest a League club has ever taken to knock out non-league opposition from the competition. Key figures that season included record goalscorer and appearance holder John Harrison, Dick Bate who later managed Southend United and Alan Woodward who joined Grimsby.

## **□ MANAGING TO SUCCEED**

### **Jimmy Bullions**

Long-serving manager Jimmy Bullions plotted the Reds' 1961 Derbyshire Senior Cup final triumph. A former wing-half, he turned professional with Derby County in 1944 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup final success. He joined Leeds United in 1947 and reunited with Sammy Crooks at Shrewsbury Town in 1950. Ever-present in 1951/52, he moved to Worksop in August 1955, then Gresley, Sutton Town and Matlock, becoming Alfreton's player-boss in September 1960. He led the Reds to the Derbyshire Senior Cup final again in 1963 and 1965, also Central Alliance runners-up in 1963/64, leaving in September 1968.

## **□ FAB FOUR**

### **Leo Fortune-West**

Striker Leo Fortune-West was an experienced figure as Alfreton qualified for the Blue Square North play-offs in 2008/09. He had spells with Tiptree, Bishop's Stortford and Stevenage prior to joining Gillingham in 1995. Top scorer in their 1995/96 promotion success, he moved via Lincoln and Brentford to Rotherham in 1999. He helped them win promotion in 1999/00, then joined Cardiff in 2000 and won promotion twice more. Later with Doncaster, Rushden & Diamonds, Shrewsbury, Cambridge United and Goole, he joined

Alfreton in 2008 and netted eight goals in 21 games, moving to North Ferriby in 2009.

### **Andy Kowalski**

Versatile midfielder Andy Kowalski is widely regarded as the Reds' finest post-war discovery. He represented England Boys Clubs and starred for Alfreton in the Midland League before joining Chesterfield in 1973. After featuring in their 1979/80 promotion near-miss and 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final triumph, he moved to Doncaster Rovers in 1983 and helped them win promotion in 1983/84. He spent a season at Peterborough United before rejoining Chesterfield in 1986. Making over 450 League appearances overall, he moved to Boston United in 1987, then was player-coach at Matlock and Shepshed Charterhouse.

### **Ryan France**

Versatile winger Ryan France starred in Alfreton Town's 2002/03 UniBond League First Division title triumph. A former Sheffield Wednesday junior, he joined Alfreton in 1999 whilst studying at Nottingham Trent University. He helped the Reds to win the Northern Counties East League Premier Division title in 2001/02 and netted 45 goals in 199 games before joining Hull City for £15,000 in 2003. He scored on his Football League debut and featured as the Tigers won promotion in two consecutive seasons, then reached the Premier League in 2007/08 and FA Cup sixth round in 2008/09, before moving to Sheffield United in 2009.

### **Aiden Flint**

Central defender Aiden Flint is Alfreton's record transfer. Initially with hometown Pinxton, he joined Alfreton in 2008 and made a significant contribution as they qualified for the Blue Square North play-offs in 2008/09. He also starred as the Reds reached the Blue Square North play-off final in 2009/10 then featured in their 2010/11 promotion campaign. His solitary goal in 65 Blue Square North games came in their 3-2 win over Northwich Victoria in April 2010 and he moved to Swindon Town for a club record £150,000 in 2011.

# COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters and our sponsors and corporate guests to today's game with Alfreton Town.

As I mentioned in our previous programme with Mansfield we have been busy in the commercial department taking bookings for corporate hospitality and I expect that to increase as the season continues. Especially if the team keep performing like they have done in recent weeks.

Some of our high-profile fixtures against the likes of Kidderminster, York and Grimsby have proved to be incredibly popular with match sponsor, ball sponsor and other commercial opportunities snapped up already.

We have also been busy taking enquiries for the kit sponsors – a number of which are still available for players' home and away shirts. Turn to page 37 of today's programme to find out whose shirts are still available to sponsor and remember if you're under 16 and want to sponsor your favourite player's boots then please get in touch. Just contact us on the number and email address on the opposite page for further information.

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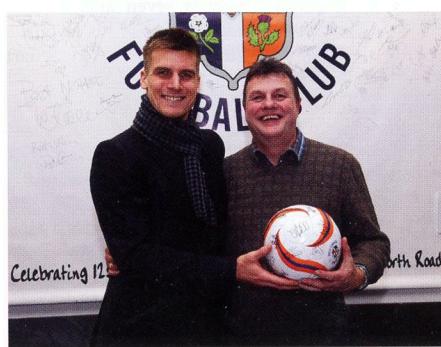
Harry is seven and lives in Caddington and his favourite Town player is striker Stuart Fleetwood.

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# LOOK BACK



## TOWN 3-0 HINCKLEY TROPHY TALES CONTINUE



Gary Brabin thought his side's ruthlessness in the box was the difference as the Town progressed to the last 16 of the FA Trophy with a 3-0 win over Hinckley United.

An own goal and strikes from strikers Amari Morgan-Smith and Stuart Fleetwood put the Hatters in control but a string of fine saves from goalkeeper Mark Tyler kept the visitors at bay.

And Brabin hailed his goalkeeper's efforts that prevented the Knitters from causing a cup shock at Kenilworth Road.

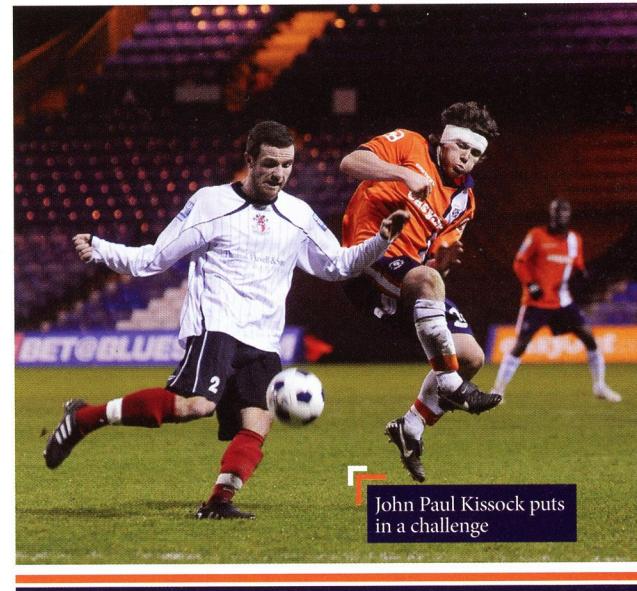
"I wouldn't say it was comfortable," he said afterwards. "The scoreline suggests so but it's taken three or four fantastic saves from Mark tonight to keep them out.

"I thought at times our defending was really poor but given the amount of chances both teams created it could have easily been six or seven all. The difference was our finishing and Mark Tyler."

But after making 10 changes to the side that drew with Southport on Saturday, the Town boss was less than happy with the performances of some of the players given the chance to shine against the Blue Square Bet North strugglers.

"There were some pleasing performances but there were one or two players who need to be pushing for a place in the first team who let themselves down," Brabin said.

"One or two were given the opportunity to stake a claim tonight and I know they are better than what they've shown me."



John Paul Kissock puts in a challenge

Goalscorer Morgan-Smith bagged his 10th goal of the season to restore his place at the top of the Town's leading goalscorers chart, before being withdrawn as a precaution at half-time.

And the boss was delighted with his striker's contribution in 45 minutes of action.

"We need to be careful with Amari, we need to manage him right," Brabin said. "We decided to give him 45 minutes tonight and he's really enjoyed it and got a goal. There were patches of the real Amari there."

"We'll get him in early on Tuesday and we'll see how he feels for the Mansfield game."

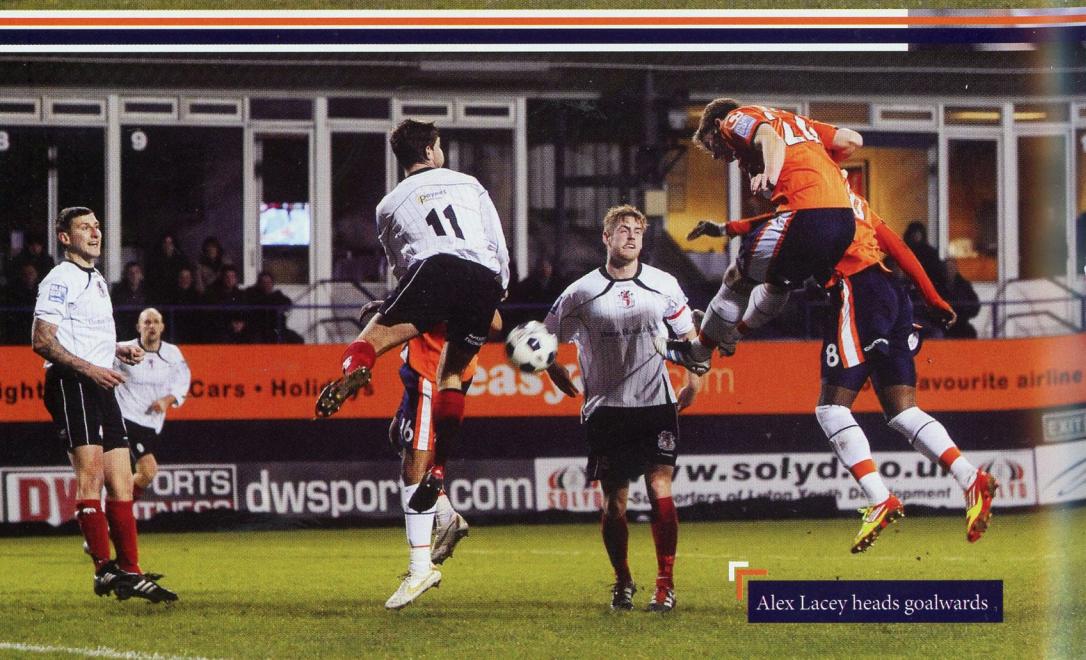


# TOWN 3 HINCKLEY 0

Bragoli (og) 14, Morgan-Smith 44, Fleetwood 65



Charlie Smith goes for goal



Alex Lacey heads goalwards

**TOWN:** Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams (sub Smith 74), Kissock, Willmott, Morgan-Smith (sub Woolley 46), Fleetwood (sub Longden 81). Subs not used: Kidd, Maguraushe.

**HINCKLEY:** Hinds, Belcher, Dudley, Bragoli, Lister, Flanagan, Kerry, Holt (sub Hicks 84), Farrell, Gray (sub Canovan 70), Newton (sub Byrne 63). Subs not used: Oddy.

ATTENDANCE: 1,004

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## TOWN 0-0 MANSFIELD STAGS STALEMATE



Boss Gary Brabin felt his side lacked the quality when it counted as the Hatters were held to a goalless draw against Mansfield.

The Town failed to break down a resolute Stags defence on a frustrating night at Kenilworth Road which disappointed the manager. "Frustration is the word that sums it up for me," Brabin told Hatters Player afterwards. "We started the game with three of our leading goalscorers up front and the one thing I was confident in was that we'd score goals.

"As we haven't that's hugely disappointing, and the fact is we didn't create enough. I thought we played some nice football but we fell short in the final third.

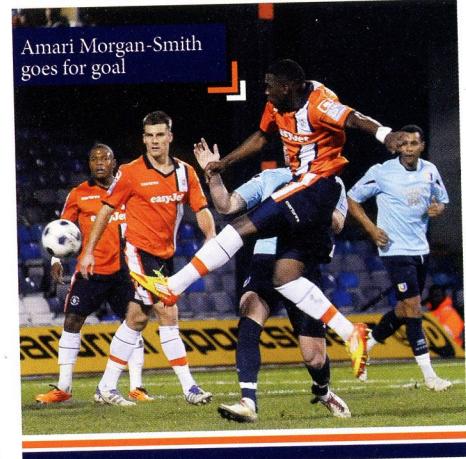
"There was plenty of effort and commitment from the lads and we did try to play football the right way, but it's in the final third where it counts and where we lacked a bit of quality.

"We were on the front foot but Mansfield made it hard for us, getting men behind the ball to frustrate us, but when they had chances they caused us problems.

"It's disappointing, but we'll be in for training on Thursday and regroup and focus on improving on tonight's performance ready for Saturday and Alfreton."

The manager started with Amari Morgan-Smith after his goal against Hinckley in Monday's FA Trophy tie but the forward lasted 57 minutes before being replaced by Stuart Fleetwood.

"Amari felt his hamstring again," Brabin revealed. "We'll see how he is but it's a concern, obviously. He had 30 minutes on Saturday and 45 minutes on Monday and after scoring a goal he'd felt good so we decided to give him a start again.



"We'll monitor the situation and hopefully he'll be okay for Saturday."

Captain George Pilkington, who made two fine clearances off the line to keep the visitors at bay admitted he was doing what defenders do.

"I was just doing my job," the skipper said afterwards. "The first was one was difficult because I was running backwards, it took me by a surprise and the wind got hold of it. The second one I really stretched for but while it was pleasing that we kept another clean sheet it was frustrating not to get the win."

"We defended better than we did at Southport where the front players enjoyed more success but tonight it was roles reversed. "We knew it wouldn't be easy but it's always tough to accept a draw when you feel you've done enough to take all three points. It just wasn't our night."



# TOWN

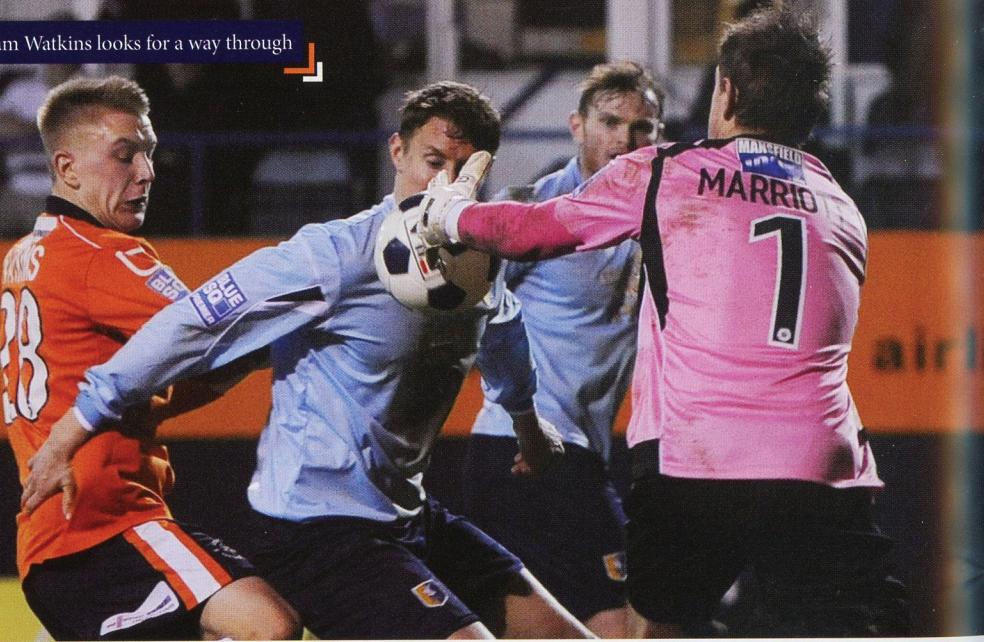
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# MANSFIELD

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Adam Watkins looks for a way through



Craig McAllister tries to find a winner



**TOWN:** K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith (sub Fleetwood 57), O'Connor, Crow (sub McAllister 67). Subs not used: Dance, Poku, Tyler.

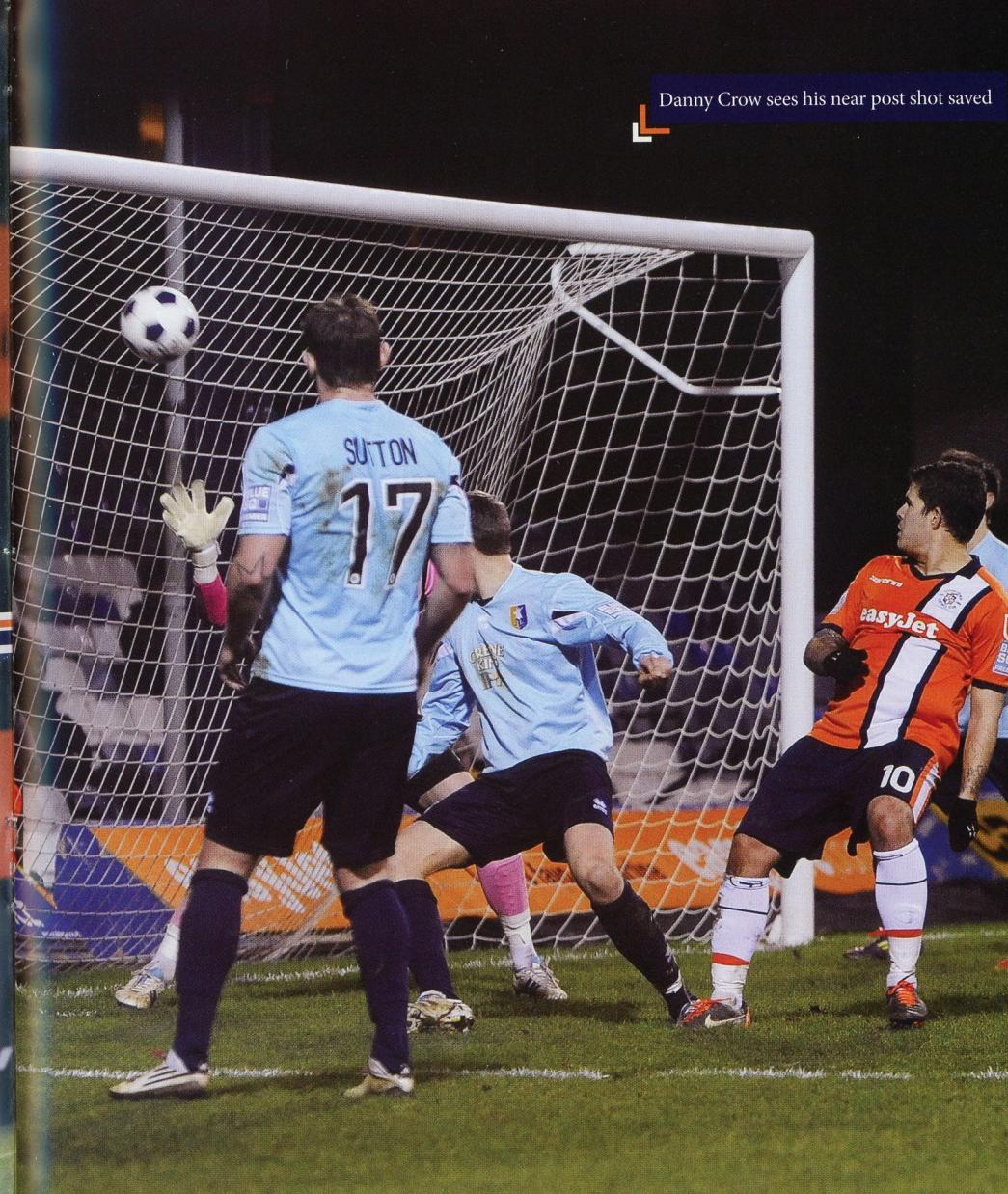
**MANSFIELD:** Marriott, Riley, Green, Murray, Dyer, O'Neill, Sutton, Smith (sub Meikle 76), Hutchinson (sub Briscoe 82), Dempster, Roberts. Subs not used: Worthington, Howell, Redmond.

ATTENDANCE: 5,261

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Danny Crow sees his near post shot saved





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# MEMORY LANE



■ **NAME:** Peter Wright

■ **AGE:** 80

■ **WHERE DO YOU WATCH THE GAME:** Main Stand

■ **FIRST GAME:** Luton 1-0 Bury

■ **FIRST MEMORY:**

The atmosphere of the Kenilworth Road crowd.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:**

I remember Billy Bingham scoring a great goal but I'm not sure who it was against.

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:**

Luton 3-2 Arsenal in Littlewoods Cup Final in 1988.

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:**

Billy Bingham.

■ **FAVOURITE HATTERS KIT:** This season's.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Billy Bingham.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:** Dally Duncan.

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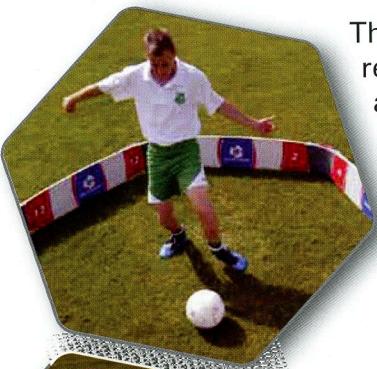


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# LIVE ONLINE

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

It's been a busy week as the Town enjoyed a comfortable victory over Hinckley United in Monday's FA Trophy replay and drew 0-0 with Mansfield in the Blue Square Bet Premier on Wednesday night.

Hatters Player spoke to those involved after the final whistle including Town boss Gary Brabin who revealed his disappointment after the Hinckley tie that a number of players didn't perform to the level he expects from them. But he was happy that his side progressed in the competition and he was even more impressed by the performances of the young players who had been given their chance to shine against the Knitters.

Striker Stuart Fleetwood scored the third goal and he was happy to hit the target as he bids to hold down a starting place in the Blue Square Bet Premier. Player subscribers also got to watch exclusive highlights from the victory 24 hours afterwards.

Back at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, boss Brabin was left hugely frustrated by the goalless draw and lamented his side's inability to make their dominance count in the final third. It was two defenders that earned the plaudits after the stalemate with Janos

Kovacs and George Pilkington the disappointed faces that stood in front of our cameras. For George he believed his two vital goal-line clearances – that saved the Hatters from going behind – were just part of his job, whilst Janos was cursing his luck at the other end after he'd hit the crossbar and headed over twice from good positions in the first half.

Remember it will be the same once again after this afternoon's game when we'll have video reaction from all concerned from the dressing room. Remember if you can't get to a game, home or away, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) has it covered.

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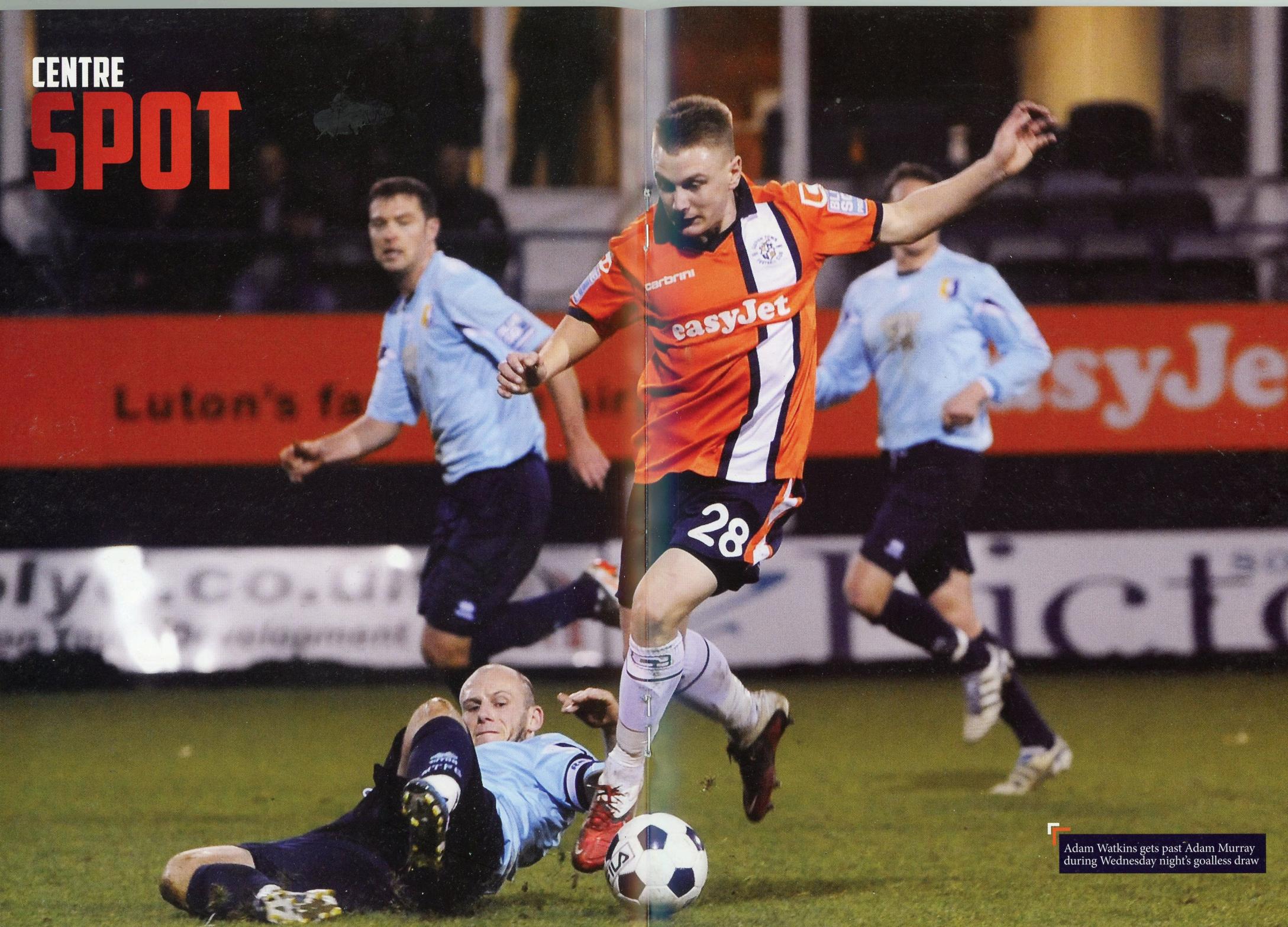
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Adam Watkins gets past Adam Murray during Wednesday night's goalless draw

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# ON TARGET

STRIKER HOPEFUL GOAL CAN KICK-START LEAGUE RUN

Town striker Stuart Fleetwood hopes that his goalscoring exploits in the FA Trophy can land him a starting place in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

The former Hereford frontman scored his eighth goal of the season in Monday's 3-0 win over Hinckley United with a well-taken goal from the edge of the penalty area.

Fleetwood has only started once in the league since the end of November but the 25-year-old has no complaints about the manager's selection policy.

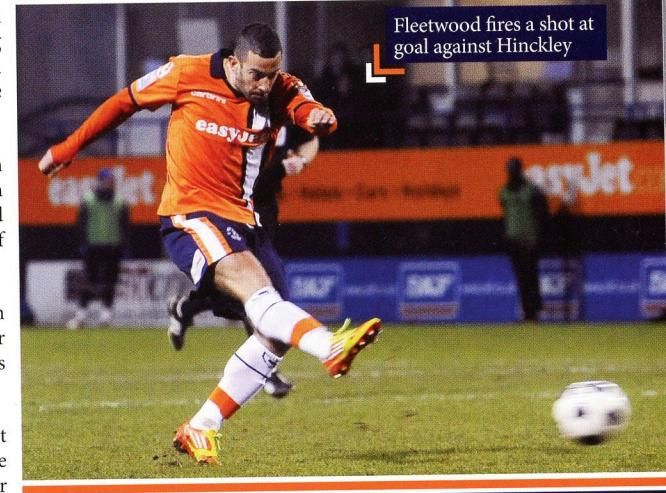
"I've got no complaints about not having a starting place because the lads in front of me, Aaron O'Connor and Danny Crow, are on fire. They are scoring in every game they play in," he said after Monday's win.

"It was nice to get another goal and I've scored in every round of the Trophy so far so it's ideal to keep knocking on the manager's door and keep making a claim for my place in the first team.

"I'm striving to get back into the first team and though my mates are in front of me, they know that I'm trying to get that shirt and their starting position.

"I'm still frustrated that I'm not playing because I'm a professional. I'll keep working hard and I can only play in the games I'm selected for. If I can score then it's even better."

"We've all been working hard in training and the manager does see that. He sometimes picks people on form rather than what his ideal 11 is, which is ideal for me."



Fleetwood fires a shot at goal against Hinckley

The striker, who signed on deadline day in August, now has added competition for a starting berth following the Town's capture of Craig McAllister – a player he knows well from their time together at Exeter.

"I know him well and he's actually staying with me at the minute – I've given him a place to lay his head," said Fleetwood.

"I know him from my Exeter days, we know each other's game inside out. He complements me because he's a big target man who can bully the defenders and I can get in behind. I'm sure he's desperate to get on the pitch and show how good he is."

"He knows how big the club is and scored here for Crawley, but he's been in football a long time so didn't take much persuading."

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## MEMORY LANE

■ **NAME:** Peter Dilly

■ **AGE:** 79

■ **WHERE DO YOU WATCH THE GAME:** Kenilworth Road end, lower tier, block D

■ **FIRST GAME:** A 2-2 draw at home to West Ham United in August 1949.

■ **FIRST MEMORY:** The time we trailed 3-0 at half-time to Newcastle before we came back and won 4-3.

■ **BEST GOAL SEEN:** I remember Graham French's wonder goal against Mansfield at Kenilworth Road in 1968 when he collected the ball in his own area, dribbling the ball the length of the pitch before scoring.

■ **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** Luton 3-2 Wolves in December 1974 when Ron Futcher scored a hat-trick.

■ **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Malcolm Macdonald's hat-trick against Cardiff in his last appearance before he was transferred to Newcastle.

■ **FAVOURITE HATTERS KIT:** The first time we had orange shirts when they were matched with black shorts.

■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Syd Owen. 388 League appearances, Footballer of the Year in 1958/59 and three England caps. Says it all.

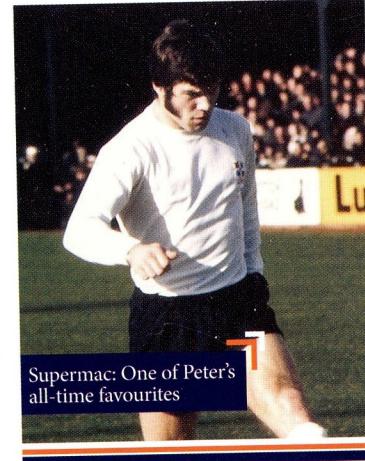
■ **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:** David Pleat. He got the team playing fast, free-flowing football.

■ **ALL-TIME TOWN XI:** Sealey, Pacey, Hill, Turner, Brian Stein, Macdonald, Owen, Horton, West, Preece, Riach.

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Supermac: One of Peter's all-time favourites

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# THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



After the Town won at Norwich over Christmas 1981 they found themselves seven points clear at the top of Division Two (now the Championship) and seemed set fair for promotion back to the top flight for the first time since 1975.

By the time of the return, on Easter Monday, the lead had been cut drastically due, in the main, to the failure to win an away game in the intervening period. Norwich were making their own late run for promotion and had won four on the spin leading up to the Kenilworth Road clash and started the game in devastating fashion but were guilty of spurning several gilt-edged opportunities.



The Hatters were therefore grateful to get to half-time with the score still level and whatever manager David Pleat said to the players at the interval certainly worked as it was the home side who dominated in the second period. The breakthrough came on 57 minutes when Brian Stein volleyed home

and three minutes later substitute Billy Jennings lashed in number two. The win set the Town up for an unbeaten end to the season and the inevitable championship while Norwich won their next six matches to secure a promotion slot behind second placed Watford.

Brian Stein slams in the Town's opener against Norwich on the way back to the top flight in 1982

# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



**In a few days time comes the 60th anniversary of the death of King George VI.**

The Town were due to be playing an FA Cup fourth round replay at Brentford on the day the King's death was announced, and only frantic phone calls to the FA confirmed that the match should take place. Quite naturally a minute's silence was observed before the start of the game and in this picture the

Town players are shown standing to attention along with the weekday afternoon Griffin Park crowd of 31,143.

The game finished goalless after extra time and, in those days before penalty shoot-outs, a second replay was arranged at neutral Highbury. This time the Town won through 3-2, again after extra time, to set up a fifth round home tie with Swindon.



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### 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.



# LEAGUE ROUND-UP

MARK YOUNG REVIEWS THE MIDWEEK FIXTURES

A 3-1 victory over Braintree Town sent Fleetwood Town to the top of the Blue Square Bet Premier on Tuesday night.

Magno Vieira bagged a brace, including a penalty, either side of a Jamie Vardy strike to send the Cod Army leapfrogging over Wrexham. Andy Morrell's side were defeated 1-0 away at Forest Green thanks to a goal from Matty Taylor just after half time and they now trail Fleetwood by a single point.

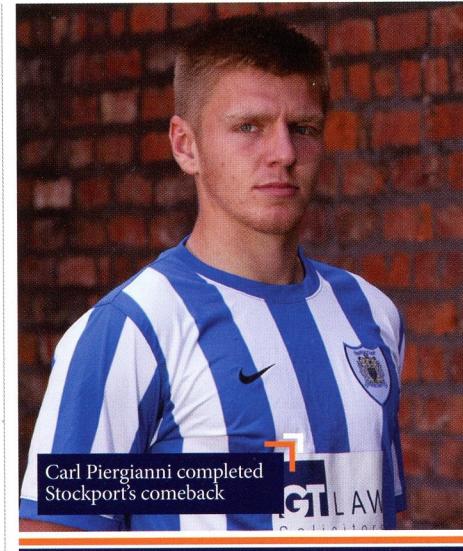
Fresh from winning 6-0 at the weekend, Grimsby Town travelled to Barrow but could only pick up a solitary point thanks to a 90th-minute equaliser by Joe Jackson. Grimsby had gone ahead through the much-coveted Liam Hearn early on before swiftly conceding an equaliser from Adam Boyes. The Mariners once again went ahead in the 73rd minute but eventually travelled home wondering what could have been.

Troubled Darlington didn't get off to the best of starts at Hayes and Yeading after going two goals down in the opening six minutes. And it didn't get any better after half-time when Tom Collins netted a third. Darlington did fight back with two goals within the last 10 minutes but it was too little too late.

The Hatters' opponents today, Alfreton Town, comprehensively beat bottom club Bath City 3-0 at Twerton Park. A late Nathan Jarman penalty and an even later strike from Craig Clay added to an early own goal when Adam Connolly put through his own net. Bath are now five points adrift at the foot of the table.

Ebbsfleet United were another side that ran out comfortable 3-0 winners as a Nathaniel Pinney brace helped them defeat Tamworth. Liam Enver-Marum put United one up within the opening hour.

Promotion chasing Gateshead played relegation threatened Kettering. Danny Mills and Aman Verma put the strugglers 2-0 up before an 89th minute reply



from striker Jon Shaw. The defeat leaves Gateshead just outside the play-off positions.

Stockport County produced a comeback to earn a 2-2 draw at home to AFC Telford United. Telford went ahead through Chris Sharp and Steve Jones before a second half revival from County. Danny O'Donnell scored after the hour and Carl Piergiani netted an 82nd minute equaliser.

Lincoln City defeated Southport by two goals to nil. Goals from Francois Christophe and Richard Pacquette gave the home fans an easy three points to celebrate.

On a night that proved to be one for late goals, James McQuilken scored five minutes from time for Kidderminster in their home game against York City. In a tightly contested affair Chris Smith put City 1-0 up and seemingly heading for three points before the dramatic equaliser.



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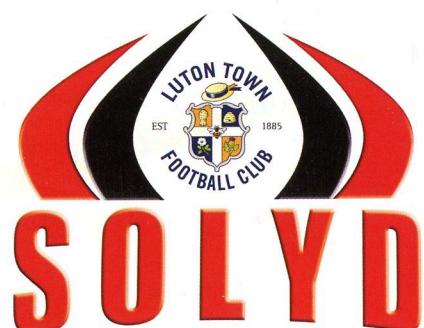


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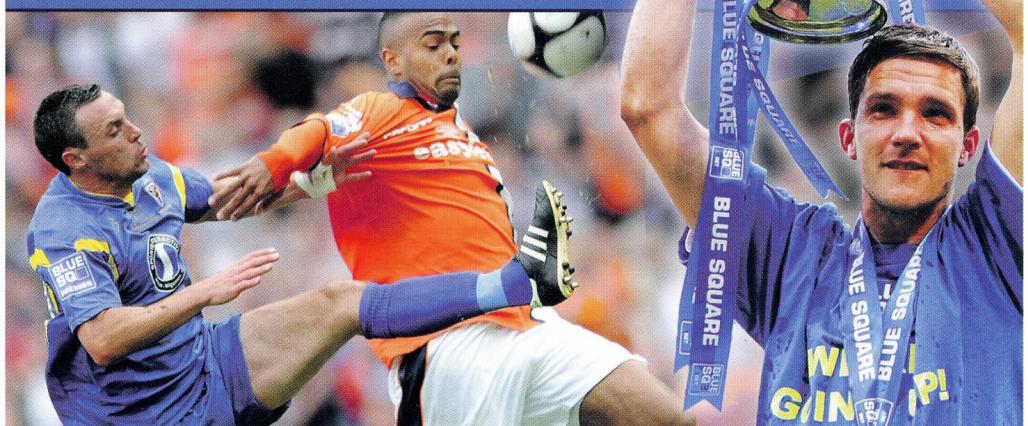
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## UNDER-185

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UNDER-18  
SOUTH-EAST DIVISION

### AUGUST

6 - COLCHESTER UNITED (H) L 0-1  
13 - QUEENS PARK RANGERS (A)  
D 2-2

20 - BARNET (H) W 3-1

27 - WYCOME WANDERERS 2-1

### SEPTEMBER

3 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (H) 2-0

10 - BRENTFORD (A) L 0-1

17 - STEVENAGE (H) W 4-1

19 - ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS (H)  
FAYC W 11-2

24 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H)

D 1-1

### OCTOBER

5 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H) FAYC W 5-1

8 - BARNET (H) PYC D 1-1

15 - STEVENAGE (H) PYC W 4-1

21 - DEREHAM TOWN (A) FAYC L 1-2

29 - WYCOME WANDERERS (H)

PYC W 5-2

### NOVEMBER

5 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A) PYC

L 2-3

8 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) PYC

W 2-1

12 - WYCOME WANDERERS (H)

L 1-4

19 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A)

W 1-0

### DECEMBER

3 - LEYTON ORIENT (A) L 0-3

### JANUARY

7 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A)

D 1-1

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 - CHASETOWN (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 - CHASETOWN (H)

18 - FOOTBALLCV REDS (A)

25 - HITCHIN TOWN (H)

Jake Woolley



## YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

| TEAM                     | P  | W  | GD  | PTS |
|--------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 Gillingham             | 13 | 10 | 25  | 31  |
| 2 Brighton & Hove Albion | 11 | 8  | 23  | 26  |
| 3 Queens Park Rangers    | 10 | 7  | 12  | 24  |
| 4 Southend United        | 13 | 6  | 9   | 22  |
| 5 Crawley Town           | 12 | 6  | 1   | 22  |
| 6 LUTON TOWN             | 12 | 6  | 5   | 21  |
| 7 Leyton Orient          | 14 | 7  | -3  | 21  |
| 8 Brentford              | 11 | 6  | 2   | 19  |
| 9 Millwall               | 13 | 5  | 9   | 18  |
| 10 Colchester United     | 13 | 6  | 4   | 18  |
| 11 Barnet                | 12 | 5  | 2   | 16  |
| 12 Wycombe Wanderers     | 12 | 5  | -7  | 16  |
| 13 Peterborough United   | 12 | 3  | -5  | 14  |
| 14 Northampton Town      | 12 | 4  | -3  | 13  |
| 15 AFC Wimbledon         | 13 | 3  | -24 | 9   |
| 16 Aldershot Town        | 12 | 2  | -11 | 8   |
| 17 Dagenham & Redbridge  | 14 | 2  | -26 | 8   |
| 18 Stevenage             | 11 | 1  | -13 | 6   |

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# ACADEMY UPDATE

## YOUNGSTERS MAKE FIRST TEAM BREAKTHROUGH



The two FA Trophy games against Hinckley United gave six of the current youth players the opportunity to get their first taste of first team football.

Against an well-organised, physical opposition this was an ideal opportunity to assess their progress so far this season. In addition there were chances for Alasan Ann, 18, Lewis Kidd, 19, and Alex Lacey also 19, to get further experience at this level.

In the first game Alasan Ann and 18-year-old Colby McAdams started the game, and Alasan was unlucky to be substituted after picking up an injury whilst trying to block a clearance from the goalkeeper in only the fourth minute. His misfortune, however, gave another youngster an opportunity after Jake Woolley, 18, was brought on to replace him. In the second half 17-year-old Jerry Nash was also given his debut in the centre of midfield. Colby was able to provide several excellent crosses in the first-half from the right-wing, while Jake led the line against two experienced defenders. At a stage of the game when Hinckley were getting the upper hand, Jerry was able to go into the centre of midfield and kept possession well whilst also screening the back four.

In the replay, Nash was repaid for his performance with a starting berth in midfield whilst McAdams was again selected on the wing. It was McAdams' passes that set-up both Amari Morgan-Smith and Stuart Fleetwood's goals.

During the second-half there were further debuts for Charlie Smith, 16, and Brett Longden, 17. Smith showed great maturity with his passing from the of left midfield and was unlucky to see his late shot go over the crossbar. Brett was able to make several surging runs down the right wing after coming on in a more advanced position than his normal role at right-back.

Leeory Magurause, 16, was unlucky to miss out after being named 17th man for the first tie and an unused substitute for the replay, but he was still able to impress all of the first team staff during the training sessions and warm-ups with his range of passing and clever movement.

Manager Gary Brabin added: "The way I manage, I want to play football the right way, I want a good work ethic throughout the club and I want to bring young players on.

"I think it is important you bridge the gap between being an apprentice and being a pro. It is a big gap and there's got to be some way of bridging it and these games certainly help that along.

"It's good for the youngsters. We keep forgetting that Alex Lacey and JJ O'Donnell are only young lads so it was a good experience for those lads too.

"It was a blow to lose Alasan so early on, but young Jake has come on and worked his socks off."



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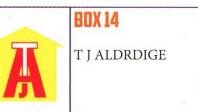
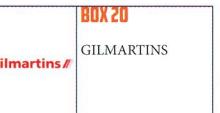
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### CADDINGTON

Venue: Caddington Village School, Five Oaks  
Dates: Mon & Tues 13th & 14th Feb

### DUNSTABLE

Venue: Dunstable Town FC, Creasey Park  
Dates: Wed to Fri 15th to 17th Feb

### FLITWICK / AMPHILL

Venue: Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingley Road  
Dates: Mon to Wed 13th to 15th Feb

### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Venue: Gilbert Inglefield Middle School, Vandyke Road  
Dates: Thurs & Fri 16th & 17th Feb

### LINSLADE

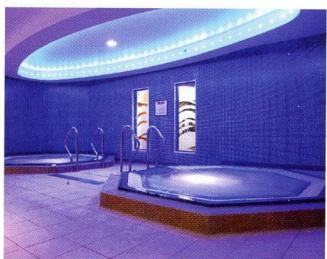
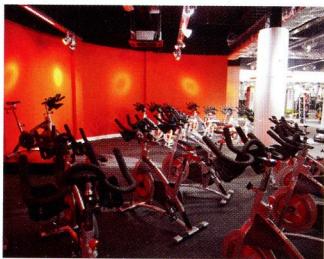
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Dates: Mon to Wed 13th to 15th Feb

### LUTON

Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road  
Dates: Wed to Fri 15th to 17th Feb  
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# CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

## Skipper's two clearances save Town

Captain George Pilkington played his 150th game in Town colours in Wednesday's goalless draw with Mansfield and helped his side earn a point with two goal-bound clearances.

The point meant the Hatters failed to take advantage of those teams around them in the table who had slipped up on Tuesday, and the skipper believes his side just need to concentrate on cementing their place in the play-off pack rather than worry too much about Fleetwood and Wrexham above them.

"We've got to almost forget about the top two now and just consolidate our position in the play-offs," he told Hatters Player after the draw with the Stags.

"It feels like a loss because you know you've got to keep winning, chasing and putting some sort of pressure on.

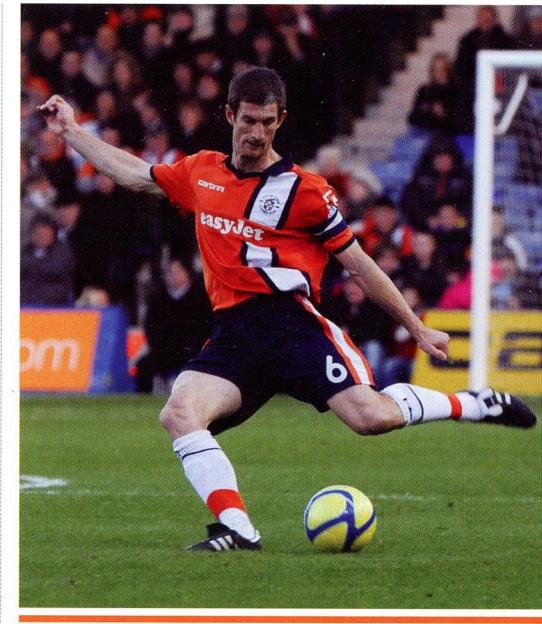
"It was one of those games that the top two may have nicked a goal and got three points.

"That is what we've got to try and instil in ourselves, get that siege or winning mentality – whatever it is – and turn those 0-0 draws into three points.

"Wrexham have been relentless and Fleetwood are chasing them. They are both strong squads and when games are tight they seem to be able to battle their way out of it and find a goal from somewhere.

"We persist with our football and we want to do things the right way but sometimes you've got to be a little bit more direct and ruthless. I don't know what it is. It's an ingredient that we are probably lacking a bit but the fans demand we play the right way."

But it was those two goal-line clearances from the skipper that were the main talking point afterwards and confirmed that the second from Matt Green's header five minutes from time wasn't over the line.



"You get an instinctive feeling about whether it is in or not and it didn't feel like it was in when I cleared it," he said. "The angle that the ball came out reiterated that."

"The ball was in the air for a long time with the first one. I was back-pedalling but it was windier out there than it probably appeared from the stands. I got it away but that's my job, it was just unfortunate that we couldn't go down the other end and get a goal."

And on his landmark appearance the 30-year-old added: "It's a nice achievement in my fourth season here and something to be proud of."

"Here's to the next 50 games or however many I get out of these legs of mine."

# ON THIS DAY

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

**7**

The number of games played at Kenilworth Road on this date. The Hatters have played eight times at home but their first fixture on this date – against Gainsborough Trinity in 1899 – came before the Town moved to Kenilworth Road in 1905.

**1**

The Hatters are yet to lose at home on this date from the seven games played. The Town have scored 21 goals and have conceded five.

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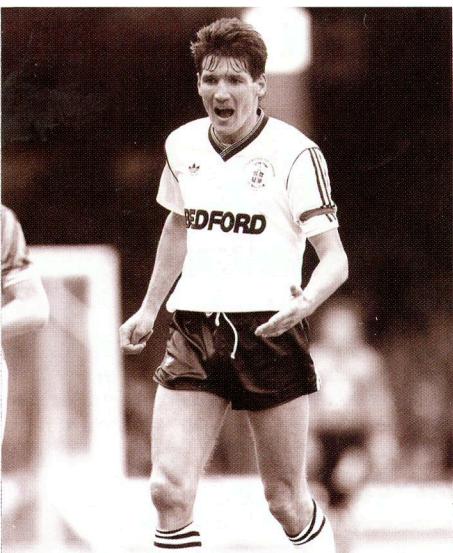
The only time the Hatters have failed to win at home on this date was also the last time a match was played at home on this date. Southampton were the visitors for a fourth round FA Cup tie in 1995 when a Wayne Biggins strike earned the Town a 1-1 draw. The replay at the Dell ended with a Matthew Le Tissier-inspired Saints winning 6-0.

**3**

The number of goals scored by Allan Brown in the 4-1 FA fourth replay victory over Leicester City in 1959. Tony Gregory also found the target in the win that secured a fifth round tie with Ipswich Town. This game also saw the highest attendance at Kenilworth Road on this date of a 27,277.

**2**

In the days before penalty shootouts FA Cup ties went to second replays and it was an FA Cup third round second replay that the Town recorded a famous 3-0



Mick Harford: Netted against Liverpool on this day in 1987

victory over Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in 1987. Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Mike Newell were on target before a crowd of 14,678.

**33**

In 1933 Tottenham Hotspur were seen off 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in a FA Cup fourth round tie. 17,213 witness the Hatters triumph with Tom Alderson and Tommy Tait on target which set-up a fifth round tie with Halifax Town.

**4**

The number of goals put past local rivals Watford at Kenilworth Road on this day in 1931. Just 3,603 witness the Hatters beat the Hornets 4-1 with Andy Rennie, Robert Bryce, George McNestry and Jimmy Yardly on target.

**101**

The numbers of years since the Town beat New Brompton at Kenilworth Road in the Southern League. 5,000 saw the Hatters record a 3-0 victory with Thomas Quinn, John Smith and Harold Stansfield giving the Hatters the points.

## NLP VIEW WITH MATT BADCOCK

How exciting is the Blue Square Bet Premier title race? Fleetwood, Wrexham, Luton and York are all in with a great chance – but don't take your eyes off Chelsea B coming up on the rails!

That's what it could be like in the future if the concept of having Premier League reserve teams in the lower leagues is ever given the green light. The idea being that young players can gain valuable experience in a competitive league so when the first team come calling they are ready to hit the ground running.

It basically boils down to the fact that the reserve leagues in this country don't offer regular games. Clubs can wait for weeks between matches and young players are desperately short of meaningful action. But to shoehorn new clubs into the system is not the right way to go about it. Not that it stops certain Premier League managers putting the idea out there.

First we had Chelsea's Andre Villas-Boas preaching the merits of introducing a similar system as they have in Spain where B teams play in the league underneath their top tier. Then when David Moyes was asked for his views he revealed that he had tried to get an Everton B team into the Conference.

Moyes said: "Four or five years ago I would have liked to have put an Everton reserve team into the Conference because it would have been better football for them. That was my long (term) idea because I thought the games would have been better, more competitive and more realistic for the players. But we would have had to have gone into Division Nine of the North-West Outer Counties or whatever you want to call it, and it would have taken 10 or 11 years to get through. I would have been happy just to be in the Conference – no promotion, not involved in cups or anything – just so I could have got a good reserve team and given young players a game against the men.

"If clubs had the right facilities to play on a Saturday I thought it might have helped the Conference as



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well. We have the North and South conferences so it would have been ideal if we had had two or three clubs who had wanted to go into it and it would have maybe boosted the Conference a little bit as well. But I think it would be unfair for any team to go into the Championship, the tradition in this country would see that not as the right thing to do."

Now this isn't meant to be a dig at Moyes. He is a fantastic manager and the job he has done at Everton is up there with the best. It can only be a matter of time before he gets one of the so-called 'big' jobs.

But there is no difference in fairness between inserting a club into the Championship or the top of Non-League. The beauty of English football is that a club can go from effectively kicking around in parks all the way up to the top of the tree and beyond. It is unique in the world over.

And support in this country is fiercely passionate and loyal. Arsene Wenger has it right when he says: "It is an idea we have heard before many times and it suits the bigger clubs, but it does not necessarily fit with the culture of English football. Why? Because everybody is supporting a club."

The thought that reserve teams would in some way benefit the Non-League game is typical of the arrogance shown towards this level of the football. If the elite levels were really that concerned with helping out maybe they could get an envelope, put some cash in it and send it 'For the Attention of Underfunded Non-League clubs'.

Clubs are desperately fighting to get into the Football League, into the Conference leagues, into Step 4, into Step 5 and so on. Adding reserve clubs that can't get promoted distorts the integrity – a loose term considering the amount of points expunged each season when clubs go to the wall – of the competition.

So, thanks for the offer, but we'll just stick to our genuine title races.

# HOME COMFORTS

FOLLOW THE HATTERS AT KENILWORTH ROAD



## LUTON TOWN v TAMWORTH

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



## LUTON TOWN v BATH CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



## LUTON TOWN v EBBSFLEET UNITED

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 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](http://www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown)

### SAFETY NOTICE

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

# ON THE ROAD

SUPPORT THE TOWN ON OUR TRAVELS



## KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS v LUTON TOWN

FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

This match is pay on the day for Town supporters with terracing and seating available at Aggborough.

Prices: Adults: £10, concessions: £5, under-16s: £2.



## FOREST GREEN ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.



## DARLINGTON v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.

### GETTING TO... KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS - AGGBOROUGH

**Bobbers Travel (01234 856542):** £17 adults, £14 concessions. Departure: 11am.

**Town on Tour (07960 567465):** £19 adults, £17 concessions. Departure: 11.30am.

**Car:** Leave M5 at junction 4 (signposted A491 Stourbridge). After approximately five miles, turn left onto A456 and follow towards Kidderminster. At roundabout on Kidderminster Ring Road, take first exit (signposted A451 Stourport). At next roundabout, take first exit (signposted A448 Bromsgrove), then take first turning on right into Hoo Road for the ground.

**For the sat-nav:** DY10 1NB

**By train:** The ground is a 10 minute walk from Kidderminster railway station, which is served by trains from Birmingham Snow Hill. Just come straight out of the station and go past the Severn Valley Railway station on your left. Go down the hill and turn left into Hoo Road and the ground is up this road on the left.

### GETTING TO... FOREST GREEN ROVERS - THE NEW LAWN

**Bobbers Travel (01234 856542):** £18 adults, £15 concessions. Departure: 10am.

**Town on Tour (07960 567465):** £18 adults, £16 concessions. Departure: 11.30am.

**Car:** When planning a trip here, don't try and find Forest Green on your road map, look up Nailsworth, south of Stroud in Gloucestershire. The best way to approach is from the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud turn onto the A46 towards Nailsworth. This will bring you into the centre of the town, when you reach the Information Centre take the first right at the mini roundabout which goes up a steep hill sign posted Forest Green. The Lawn is at the top of this hill. Turn left at the roundabout at the summit into the Club car park.

**For the sat-nav:** GL6 0ET

**By train:** There is no railway station in Nailsworth itself. The nearest is in Stroud which is three miles away.



# FIXTURES & RESULTS



| DATE               | TIME  | H/A | OPPOSITION              | SCORE | ATT   | AWAY POS | STARTING XI  |  |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--|--|
| <b>■ August</b>    |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Tue 16             | 19:45 | H   | Forest Green Rovers     | 1-1   | 6,061 | 60       | K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Barnes-Homer*                |  |
| Sat 20             | 15:00 | H   | Southport               | 5-1   | 5,681 | 64       | Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dance, O'Connor**, Crow            |  |
| Tue 23             | 19:45 | A   | Mansfield Town          | 1-1   | 2,592 | 437      | Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Connor**, Crow                  |  |
| Sat 27             | 15:00 | H   | Brantree Town           | 3-1   | 5,703 | 110      | Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance**, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow*, Smith 2                            |  |
| Tue 30             | 19:45 | A   | Hayes & Yeading United  | 2-2   | 1,015 | 727      | Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance**, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1**, Smith 1                          |  |
| <b>■ September</b> |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Fri 2              | 19:45 | A   | Stockport County        | TV    | 1-1   | 3,389    | 321  |  |
| Sat 10             | 15:00 | H   | Darlington              | 2-0   | 5,952 | 151      | Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow, Fleetwood 1                      |  |
| Tue 13             | 19:45 | A   | AFC Telford United      | 2-0   | 2,640 | 502      | 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      | Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**, Fleetwood 1, Crow*                 |  |
| Tue 20             | 19:45 | A   | Bath City               | 1-1   | 1,158 | 442      | 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      | Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock*, Willmott, Fleetwood***                         |  |
| Tue 27             | 19:45 | H   | Cambridge United        | 0-1   | 6,274 | 522      | Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand**, Keane, Willmott*, Fleetwood, Crow                          |  |
| <b>■ October</b>   |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 1              | 15:00 | H   | Barrow                  | 5-1   | 5,613 | 115      | 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      | Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith                |  |
| Tue 11             | 19:45 | A   | Ebbesbury United        | 2-2   | 1,651 | 722      | 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      | Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**, Fleetwood 1, Crow*          |  |
| Tue 18             | 19:45 | H   | Wrexham                 | 0-1   | 7,270 | 239      | Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor**                  |  |
| Fri 21             | 19:45 | A   | Grimsby Town            | TV    | 1-0   | 3,239    | 186  | Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor**            |
| Sat 29             | 15:00 | H   | Hendon (FAC 4Q)         | 5-1   | 2,329 | 193      | K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1*, Hand**, O'Connor 2 (pen), Jussok, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1      |  |
| <b>■ November</b>  |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 5              | 15:00 | H   | Fleetwood Town          | 1-2   | 6,361 | 83       | 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-Smit*, O'Connor.                     |  |
| Sat 19             | 15:00 | A   | Cambridge United        | 1-1   | 4,796 | 1,754    | K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1**     |  |
| Sat 26             | 15:00 | A   | Newport County          | 1-0   | 1,511 | 273      | K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1**     |  |
| Tue 29             | 19:45 | H   | AFC Telford United      | 1-1   | 5,399 | 106      | K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow***, Fleetwood |  |
| <b>■ December</b>  |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 3              | 15:00 | H   | Cheltenham Town (FAC2)  | 2-4   | 4,516 | 478      | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor, Fleetwood, Morgan-Smith. |  |
| Tue 6              | 19:45 | A   | Lincoln City            | 1-1   | 2,049 | 327      | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock**, M-Smit*, O'Connor.                   |  |
| Sat 10             | 15:00 | H   | Swindon S (FAT1)        | 2-0   | 1,298 | 55       | Tyler, Gleeson*, Beckwith, Lacey, Taylor, Kissock**, Watkins, Keane, Osano, Brunet*, Fleetwood 1                       |  |
| Sat 17             | 15:00 | A   | Tamworth                | 3-1   | 1,467 | 622      | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Fleetwood***, O'Connor*         |  |
| Mon 26             | 15:00 | H   | Kettering Town          | 5-0   | 7,164 | 205      | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless 1, Watkins, Keane, Howells*, O'Connor 1**, Crow***      |  |
| <b>■ January</b>   |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sun 1              | 15:00 | A   | Kettering Town          | 5-0   | 3,247 | 2,018    | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor 1, Lawless**, Keane, Watkins 1, Howells 1, Dance**, O'Connor*  |  |
| Sat 7              | 15:00 | H   | Newport County          | 2-0   | 6,108 | 228      | K. Pilkington, Gleeson*, G. Pilkington**, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins, Howells, O'Connor 1, Crow 1**       |  |
| Tues 10            | 19:45 | H   | Stockport County        | 1-0   | 5,588 | 78       | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Dance*, Watkins, Lawless, Howells, O'Connor, Crow.              |  |
| Wed 18             | 19:45 | A   | Hinckley United (FAT2)  | 0-0   | 754   | tbc      | Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kissock, Willmott, Fleetwood, Ann*                      |  |
| Sat 21             | 15:00 | A   | Southport               | 3-3   | 1,665 | 540      | K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kissock*, O'Connor, Howells, Crow 1          |  |
| Mon 23             | 19:30 | H   | Hinckley United (FATR2) | 3-0*  | 1,004 | 81       | Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams*, Willmott, Kissock, Fleetwood 1***, Morgan-Smith 1*       |  |
| Wed 25             | 19:30 | H   | Mansfield Town          | TV    | 0-0   | 5,261    | 111  | K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor, Crow** |
| Sat 28             | 15:00 | H   | Alfreton Town           |       |       |          |  |  |
| <b>■ February</b>  |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 4              | 15:00 | A   | Kidderminster H (FAT3)  |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 11             | 15:00 | A   | Forest Green Rovers     |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 18             | 15:00 | H   | Tamworth                |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 25             | 15:00 | A   | Darlington              |       |       |          |  |  |
| <b>■ March</b>     |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 3              | 15:00 | H   | Bath City               |       |       |          |  |  |
| Wed 7              | 19:30 | A   | Wrexham                 |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 10             | 15:00 | H   | Ebbesfleet United       | TV    |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 17             | 15:00 | A   | Gateshead               |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 24             | 15:00 | H   | Grimsby Town            |       |       |          |  |  |
| Fri 30             | 19:30 | H   | York City               |       |       |          |  |  |
| <b>■ April</b>     |       |     |                         |       |       |          |  |  |
| Sat 7              | 15:00 | A   | Brantree 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             | 13:00 | A   | Fleetwood Town          |       |       |          |  |  |
| tbc                | tbc   | A   | Barrow                  |       |       |          |  |  |

\*Scoreline includes own goal

# LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

|    |                        | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|----|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1  | Fleetwood Town         | 29 | 20 | 6  | 3  | 65 | 32 | 33  | 66  |
| 2  | Wrexham                | 29 | 20 | 5  | 4  | 53 | 19 | 34  | 65  |
| 3  | <b>LUTON TOWN</b>      | 30 | 15 | 11 | 4  | 58 | 27 | 31  | 56  |
| 4  | York City              | 30 | 14 | 11 | 5  | 60 | 31 | 29  | 53  |
| 5  | Kidderminster Harriers | 30 | 15 | 8  | 7  | 56 | 41 | 15  | 53  |
| 6  | Gateshead              | 30 | 14 | 9  | 7  | 48 | 42 | 6   | 51  |
| 7  | Cambridge United       | 29 | 13 | 10 | 6  | 40 | 26 | 14  | 49  |
| 8  | Southport              | 30 | 14 | 7  | 9  | 46 | 53 | -7  | 49  |
| 9  | Grimsby Town           | 30 | 14 | 6  | 10 | 60 | 44 | 16  | 48  |
| 10 | Mansfield Town         | 29 | 11 | 13 | 5  | 44 | 34 | 10  | 46  |
| 11 | Barrow                 | 30 | 13 | 6  | 11 | 48 | 46 | 2   | 45  |
| 12 | Forest Green Rovers    | 30 | 11 | 12 | 8  | 40 | 28 | 12  | 42  |
| 13 | Braintree Town         | 30 | 11 | 6  | 13 | 50 | 55 | -5  | 39  |
| 14 | Ebbesfleet United      | 30 | 9  | 10 | 11 | 46 | 46 | 0   | 37  |
| 15 | Tamworth               | 28 | 9  | 7  | 12 | 35 | 44 | -9  | 34  |
| 16 | Lincoln City           | 30 | 8  | 6  | 16 | 31 | 44 | -13 | 30  |
| 17 | AFC Telford United     | 30 | 6  | 10 | 14 | 31 | 45 | -14 | 28  |
| 18 | Darlington             | 30 | 10 | 7  | 13 | 30 | 37 | -7  | 27  |
| 19 | Stockport County       | 31 | 4  | 13 | 14 | 33 | 52 | -19 | 25  |
| 20 | Alfreton Town          | 30 | 6  | 7  | 17 | 38 | 66 | -28 | 25  |
| 21 | Kettering Town         | 30 | 6  | 7  | 17 | 31 | 68 | -37 | 25  |
| 22 | Hayes & Yeading        | 30 | 6  | 6  | 18 | 43 | 65 | -22 | 24  |
| 23 | Newport County         | 28 | 5  | 8  | 15 | 32 | 42 | -10 | 23  |
| 24 | Bath City              | 29 | 3  | 9  | 17 | 28 | 59 | -31 | 21  |

# PLAYER STATS 2011/12

|                      | THIS SEASON |     |       | CAREER |      |       |      |     |      |     |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|-------|--------|------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
|                      | LEAGUE      | CUP | TOTAL | DISCIP | R    | TOTAL | APPS | GLS | APPS | GLS |
|                      | APPS        | GLS | APPS  | GLS    | APPS | GLS   | Y    | R   | APPS | GLS |
| Alasan ANN           | 0           | 0   | 1     | 0      | 0    | 1     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1   |
| WILL ANTWI           | 12          | 0   | 2     | 1      | 0    | 13    | 0    | 2   | 0    | 13  |
| ed ASAFAU-ADJAYE     | 4           | 2   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 6     | 2    | 0   | 1    | 77  |
| Matthew BARNES-HOMER | 1           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 1     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 81  |
| Dean BECKWITH        | 8           | 0   | 1     | 2      | 0    | 10    | 0    | 1   | 2    | 1   |
| Shane BLACKETT       | 4           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 4     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 43  |
| RYAN BRUNT           | 0           | 5   | 0     | 1      | 0    | 6     | 1    | 0   | 0    | 6   |
| Paul CARDEN          | 1           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 1     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 11  |
| Danny CROW           | 17          | 6   | 9     | 1      | 2    | 18    | 8    | 9   | 3    | 0   |
| James DANCE          | 21          | 5   | 3     | 2      | 0    | 1     | 23   | 5   | 4    | 3   |
| STUART FLEETWOOD     | 14          | 8   | 5     | 4      | 0    | 13    | 18   | 8   | 3    | 26  |
| Dan GLEESON          | 7           | 1   | 0     | 2      | 0    | 9     | 1    | 0   | 1    | 52  |
| James HANIE          | 11          | 2   | 2     | 2      | 0    | 13    | 2    | 2   | 4    | 15  |
| Charlie HENRY        | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1   |
| fake HOWELLS         | 27          | 0   | 5     | 3      | 0    | 30    | 0    | 5   | 2    | 161 |
| Keith KEANE          | 20          | 0   | 0     | 3      | 0    | 23    | 0    | 0   | 5    | 266 |
| John Paul KISSOCK    | 4           | 11  | 0     | 5      | 1    | 0     | 9    | 12  | 0    | 21  |
| James KOVACS         | 21          | 0   | 2     | 2      | 0    | 23    | 0    | 2   | 2    | 40  |
| Alex LACEY           | 0           | 0   | 0     | 3      | 0    | 0     | 3    | 0   | 0    | 7   |
| Alex LAWLESS         | 22          | 0   | 2     | 2      | 0    | 24    | 0    | 2   | 6    | 1   |
| Brett LONGDEN        | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1   |
| Mcby MCADAMS         | 0           | 0   | 0     | 2      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 2   | 0    | 3   |
| Craig McALLISTER     | 0           | 1   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0    | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| amari MORGAN-SMITH   | 15          | 2   | 9     | 2      | 0    | 17    | 2    | 10  | 6    | 46  |
| Freddie MURRAY       | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 79  |
| Jerry NASH           | 0           | 0   | 0     | 1      | 1    | 0     | 1    | 1   | 0    | 2   |
| Aaron O'CONNOR       | 16          | 11  | 5     | 3      | 0    | 4     | 19   | 11  | 9    | 2   |
| JY O'DONNELL         | 0           | 0   | 0     | 2      | 1    | 0     | 2    | 1   | 0    | 8   |
| Curtis OSANO         | 17          | 0   | 0     | 5      | 0    | 22    | 0    | 0   | 3    | 22  |
| George PILKINGTON    | 17          | 0   | 0     | 2      | 0    | 19    | 0    | 0   | 2    | 150 |
| Kevin PILKINGTON     | 12          | 0   | 0     | 3      | 0    | 0     | 15   | 0   | 0    | 33  |
| Goffrey POKU         | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 19  |
| Collin SAMUEL        | 0           | 1   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0    | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| Charlie SMITH        | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 1   |
| CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER  | 0           | 0   | 0     | 0      | 1    | 0     | 0    | 1   | 0    | 0   |
| Greg TAYLOR          | 9           | 0   | 1     | 1      | 0    | 10    | 0    | 0   | 1    | 1   |
| Mark TYLER           | 18          | 0   | 0     | 3      | 0    | 21    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 115 |
| Dan WALKER           | 0           | 1   | 0     | 0      | 0    | 0     | 1    | 0   | 0    | 20  |
| Adam WATKINS         | 13          | 10  | 4     | 2      | 1    | 1     | 15   | 11  | 5    | 4   |
| Robbie WILMOTT       | 18          | 7   | 7     | 3      | 1    | 0     | 21   | 8   | 7    | 1   |
| Jack WOOLLEY         | 0           | 0   | 0     | 2      | 0    | 0     | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2   |
| Tommy WRIGHT         | 1           | (3) | 1     | 1      | (1)  | 2     | (4)  | 3   | 0    | 6   |



# LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON & DUNSTABLE EXPRESS' JAMES CUNLIFFE

Hallelujah. Video technology is here.

Oh, wait... No it isn't. Not really. Sorry.

I mean, it exists, that part is true. It's just that there was a brief spell where I thought football might finally have seen sense and got with the times.

But it turns out that in the beautiful game, as in life, it is one rule for the rich and another rule for the poor.

This week the Football Association retrospectively disciplined Mario Balotelli for his stamp on Tottenham's Scott Parker, so credit where it's due. But is that it?

What about countless other contraventions of the law book throughout the leagues last weekend alone?

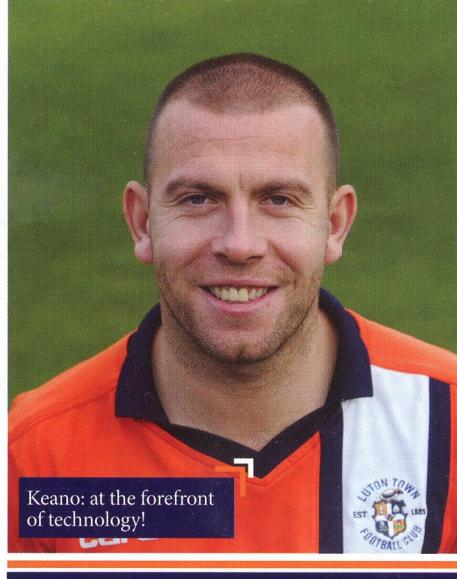
Consistency is the key and in the interests of fairness it must now be enforced across the board. We all want it from our referees but rarely get it - Wednesday night at Kenilworth Road, a case in point.

But now that our game's governing body has drawn a line in the sand over Manchester City's Italian enigma, I'm afraid I damn well expect the same arrangement in terms of post-match punishments across the board.

I suspect, somehow, that I may be piddling in the wind on that one.

But if the authorities can conceive of a Dubious Goals Panel then, first of all that committee should chalk Tony Gray's opener for Southport seven days ago down to Mother Nature breaking her duck for the season, and then a Foul Play Forum should be hastily assembled.

It works in rugby with the citing system and if the RFU can do it then so should the FA.



But it has to go further. There can't be a sane supporter who thinks that video technology in other aspects of the game can be a hindrance.

There was even a strong school of thought that Zinedine Zidane's red card for head butting Marco Materazzi in the 2006 World Cup final was down to the fourth official viewing it on a television screen and relaying the assault to the referee.

Of course, the official lines refute this but it is FIFA we are talking about and I could fill this entire programme with thoughts on them - and that would just be the prologue.

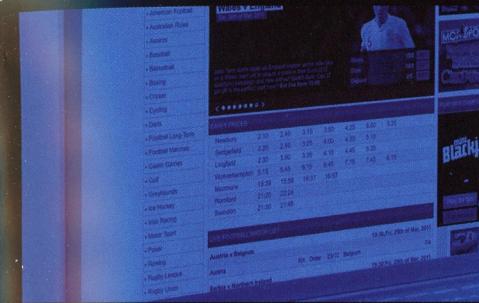
The argument for the use of modern gadgetry is getting boring, quite frankly. Cricket, rugby and tennis have all proved it is a benefit and, above all, quick.

Apply video viewing to Wednesday night and the 'was it, wasn't it' of the Adam Watkins penalty shout and the second George Pilkington goal-line clearance would be settled once and for all.

And if, at half-time in the press room that night, I could enjoy the technological wonder of watching the Liverpool v Manchester City Carling Cup semi-final on Keith Keane's mobile phone, then for heaven's sake football, please join us all in the 21st century.

Read Luton on Sunday in print and online tomorrow for all the action and reaction from today's game against Alfreton.

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Mark Tyler         | 1  |
| Dan Gleeson        | 2  |
| Greg Taylor        | 3  |
| Keith Keane        | 4  |
| Dean Beckwith      | 5  |
| George Pilkington  | 6  |
| Alex Lawless       | 7  |
| Amari Morgan-Smith | 8  |
| Craig McAllister   | 9  |
| Danny Crow         | 10 |
| Robbie Willmott    | 11 |
| Shane Blackett     | 12 |
| Stuart Fleetwood   | 13 |
| Aaron O'Connor     | 14 |
| Jake Howells       | 15 |
| Ed Asafu-Adjaye    | 16 |
| Curtis Osano       | 18 |
| James Dance        | 19 |
| John Paul Kissock  | 20 |
| Charlie Henry      | 21 |
| Godfrey Poku       | 25 |
| Adam Watkins       | 28 |
| Kevin Pilkington   | 30 |
| Janos Kovacs       | 34 |

## ALFRETON TOWN

|    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Daniel Lowson      |
| 2  | Josh Law           |
| 3  | Connor Franklin    |
| 4  | Theo Streete       |
| 5  | Greg Young         |
| 6  | Matt Wilson        |
| 7  | Anton Brown        |
| 8  | Jake Moulton       |
| 9  | Paul Clayton       |
| 11 | Nathan Arnold      |
| 12 | Leigh Franks       |
| 14 | Jordan Hall        |
| 15 | Anthony Wilson     |
| 16 | Nathan Jarman      |
| 17 | Louis Moulton      |
| 18 | Ross Turner        |
| 19 | Jamie Mullan       |
| 21 | Joe Day            |
| 24 | Nikolaus Kudiersky |
| 25 | Adam Quinn         |

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T. Robinson  
Assistant: M. Mellor  
Assistant: A. Gillett  
Fourth official: G. Taylor

## UP NEXT

### v TAMWORTH

Saturday 18th February 2012 3pm  
Blue Square Bet Premier