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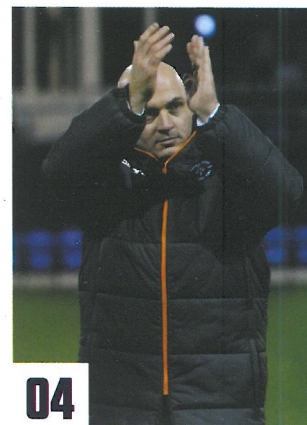
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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in the Blue Square Bet Premier against Tamworth.

A big welcome to Marcus Law and his Tamworth management team and players, plus their directors, staff and supporters.

Tamworth are enjoying another fine season in this league and Marcus has done a terrific job. I know he probably would like his side higher in the table, but they have achieved great things this season following their FA Cup run, which culminated in a trip to face Premier League Everton. By all accounts they were unlucky to lose.

In this game we love so much we know that any team can beat anyone on their day. It goes without saying that I hope we win today but the simple fact is we just don't know. If we turned up every week knowing the outcome of a football match I'm sure we'd all get bored after a while. Results haven't always gone for us this season but it's not for the want of trying.

Our last home fixture here produced three points after we beat Alfreton. That was a really tough game. I knew Alfreton were going to come and play some eye-catching football and make it tough for us and so it proved. Yes, we only won 1-0 courtesy of a penalty, but had we taken our chances, especially towards the end of the game, then we would have been celebrating a comfortable four or five-goal win.

It was a game which I believe will psychologically stand us in good stead for the rest of the season. We had to work hard and we had to grind out the result, and that may well be the case in a lot of matches between now and the end of April.

We know we can't have it our own way all the time but, as I keep insisting, if we play the way we know we can then we are more than confident we can end this season successfully.

It's been well documented that we need to catch the top two but I for one am happy that those two battle it out at the top for the time being. There's always pressure on us because we are Luton Town, but given Wrexham and Fleetwood's lead ahead of us it enables the focus on the title race to be firmly on those two – but, as I say, we just need to keep winning and keep the pressure on should they slip up.

Today Tamworth represent a tough challenge. They earned a point at Fleetwood a fortnight ago which is a fantastic result. They played most of the second half with 10 men and hung on for a point and that speaks for itself.

Our last meeting with Marcus' team before Christmas was a real turning point because it was a game in which everything came together. It was one of our best performances of the season and hopefully we can repeat that performance this afternoon.

As I write these notes it looks as though we're going to have a game which is a relief in itself. It's been three weeks since our last league fixture which has been hugely frustrating. During that time we have, of course, booked our place in the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy and we'll be facing Gateshead next Saturday here at Kenilworth Road.

Our victory at Kidderminster was another excellent result – our performances away from home have been incredibly pleasing and it's even more heartening to take on a team of Kidderminster's quality and boss the game like we did. In truth the scoreline could have been greater but come the final whistle we weren't complaining.

Thanks for your support, get behind us once more and enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our first league game in three weeks. Don't you just hate it when games are called off? We've now had three Saturdays wiped out in about a month - Hinckley and Kidderminster in the FA Trophy, plus Forest Green in the Blue Square Bet Premier last weekend.

It just makes me realise how empty Saturdays can be without a Luton match. There can be a full programme elsewhere with some sensational results and amazing goals, but it's all peripheral as far as I am concerned if the mighty Hatters are sitting it out.

It makes me appreciate how important it is to me that Luton Town still exists.

I have wondered in the past what I would have done if any of our financial crises had ended in the ultimate cut...the total demise of our beloved club.

I suppose I would go to the occasional game - after all, I live and work within a few miles of Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City, currently a good few divisions above us - but it simply wouldn't be the same, my passions wouldn't be engaged.

In my working life, I have been lucky enough to travel across Europe covering top level football matches for radio and television. I have anchored live international fixtures at Wembley, I've hosted the World Cup for ITV, but nothing, I stress nothing, rivals the excitement, anticipation or commitment I feel when I take my place in the stand to watch Luton Town, whatever division we're playing in.

I can trace my tunnel vision, I think, back to April 1961 when England were due to play Scotland in the old Home International Tournament and Luton were taking on Brighton and Hove Albion in Division

Two at Kenilworth Road. Luton fan as he was, my father was keen for me to see my first international and suggested we headed for Wembley, especially as the Hatters were scratching around in mid-table mediocrity at the time and the result that day would hardly be crucial.

I think he was probably a bit disappointed, but it was no contest for me...we had to be at Luton and I got the nod. We beat Brighton 3-1 and I can still remember our first goal, a glancing header from Alwyn McGuffie at the Kenilworth Road end.

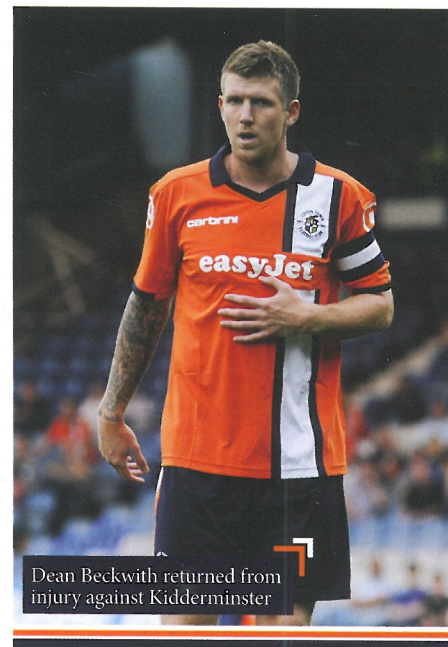
We watched the game from the old Bobbers Stand (now the boxes) and I can picture the old boy (actually he was only in his mid-forties at the time and I was about 13!) with a radio to his ear nearly all match, passing on latest England scores to spectators around us. It was quite busy for him - England won 9-3! Mayhem!

It was one of England's most scintillating performances, with goals from such legendary figures as Johnny Haynes, Bobby Robson, Bobby Smith and Jimmy Greaves, who hit a hat-trick.

Little did I know then that Jimmy would one day become a close work colleague, a regular on my World Cup panel in 1990, and a friend! I still remember my father saying afterwards, somewhat accusingly, "To think, we could have been there!" I suppose he had a point!

It was England's heaviest defeat of Scotland and the Scottish goalkeeper Frank Haffey was reportedly so distraught that he emigrated to Australia. He later became a cabaret singer!

Back to the present day and I must say well done to the lads for their excellent win at Kidderminster in the FA Trophy. I couldn't get there, but my daughter



and three sons went and came away purring over our performance. It's great to see Charlie Henry, Shane Blackett and Dean Beckwith back on the field and doing so well. We should never underestimate how demoralising it is for professional sportsmen to suffer long-term injuries.

Today we meet Tamworth, who did so well to get a 2-2 draw at Fleetwood a fortnight ago. We won at the Lamb just before Christmas, but they'll be full of confidence this afternoon after such a good result on the Lancashire coast. On the other hand, we haven't lost a league match since November 5th.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to Tamworth's directors, officials, players and fans and here's hoping we have an open, entertaining game.

Bye for now.

Nick Owen



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Littlewoods Challenge Cup:

Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

F.A. Cup:

Runners-up 1959
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Johnstone's Paint Trophy:

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Football League Division Two:

Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):

Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

League One: Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:

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Southern League Division Two:

Runners-up 1913/14

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PILKS

It certainly seems a long time since we were last at Kenilworth Road so a huge welcome to you all for this league fixture against Tamworth.

Three weeks is a long time without a league match and it's hugely frustrating that we haven't been able to play due to the snow and the freezing conditions we've had to endure. It's not been easy, but we have been able to train on the 3G pitches in Dunstable which have proved to be a valuable exercise to keep us fit and motivated.

The cold weather meant our game last week at Forest Green was postponed and while it was frustrating the enforced break has enabled some of our injured players time to recover from their bumps and bruises.

The games that need rearranging due to the weather and our progress in the FA Trophy means we will have plenty of games to fit into the schedule between now and the end of the season and with the squad we have at the manager's disposal it gives us a cracking chance of continuing our good run of form in a bid for promotion.

I think the spirit, belief and our squad depth was shown in our last match – at Kidderminster in the Trophy on a freezing night 10 days ago. The manager gave me the night off but I heard our performance was exceptional and that we should have won by more. Naturally the victory was the most important thing but to see Dean Beckwith, Shane Blackett and Charlie Henry in action after their injury problems was a massive bonus.

Having missed a chunk of the season myself I know how disheartening it can be to be out of the team due to injury and all three were buzzing in training this week following the Kidderminster win, and rightly so.

For Charlie especially, it's great to see him back. He's such a great character around the place and he is showing us what a good player he is and why he was brought to the club in the first place.

Our injury problems have been well documented but as I touched on earlier our squad is good enough to cope. Keith Keane, James Dance, Aaron O'Connor, Dan Gleeson and Amari Morgan-Smith all would have missed the Forest Green game and hopefully, touch wood, we will be able to have them fit for today or by next week.

The last time we were at Kenilworth Road we ground out a win against Alfreton. I was delighted to score the goal from the spot – it was about time we hit the target from 12 yards! The last penalty I took was in the Play-Off final at Manchester and I was always confident that I could hit the target. There were a few other players who wanted to take it but I think captain's responsibility took over.

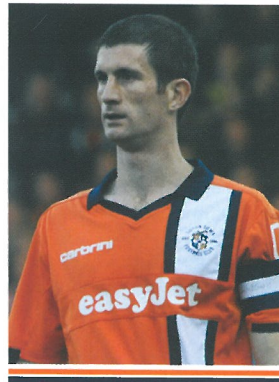
A lot has been made about our failure to score penalties this season but we need to draw a line under it. Unfortunately Stuart Fleetwood missed one at Kidderminster but, having seen his effort on the DVD, it was a fantastic stop from their keeper.

After today's game there are just 14 games left – how time flies. It's the final run in now and it's a time to get excited. We're heading in the right direction and we're determined to finish this season as successful as we possibly can.

We need you stick with us. I know it's been frustrating at times but please, your backing is absolutely key.

Get behind us again this afternoon.

Bob



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AROUND TOWN

■ BRABIN GETS BOUCAUD

Since we were last at Kenilworth Road the Town have secured the signing of midfielder Andre Boucaud from York City for a fee of £25,000 on deadline day.

The Trinidad & Tobago international signed a contract until June 2013 and arrives at Kenilworth Road having appeared 44 times for the Minstermen.

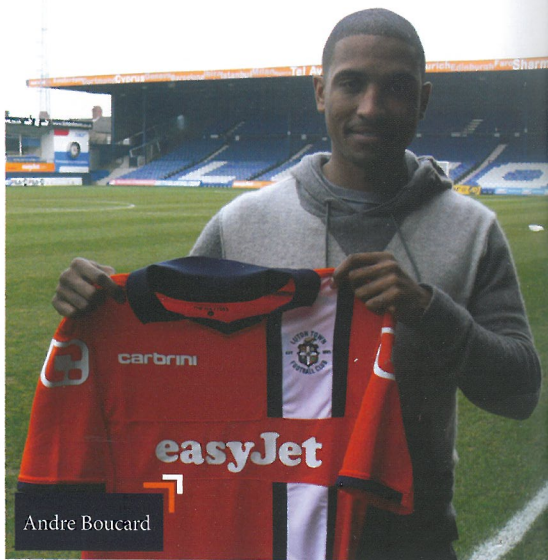
Town manager Gary Brabin's latest capture has been attracting interest from a number of League and Conference clubs over the past 12 months with York rejecting a bid from league leaders Fleetwood Town only two weeks ago.

However, after lengthy, and ultimately successful, negotiations with York regarding his eligibility to face the his former club between now and the rest of the season, the Hatters have been able to prize the highly-rated midfielder away from Bootham Crescent.

And the manager was happy it was the Town, and not another club, that secured the 27-year-old's signature on Tuesday.

Brabin told Talk of the Town: "Andre is player who's been on our radar for a while now, and I'm delighted to be able to welcome him to Kenilworth Road. He is an excellent footballer, a lovely passer of the ball. He will fit into our style of playing good, attractive football. That's the way we like to play here - it's the tradition of this football club.

"He will give us another dimension in midfield: he likes to keep the ball moving and he's always hungry to receive it and make things happen; he can really influence matches. He's a London boy and has always wanted a return down South. He's known that I've always been keen on him so this represents a fantastic opportunity for all parties, especially for Luton Town and Andre Boucaud.



"We know we need to make up ground on the top two and I know that Andre's got all the attributes to be a success here and help us in our quest for promotion."

Welcome Andre!

■ ALFRETON GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our golden gamble against Alfreton went home with a delightful £660. Lee Anderton, of Stevenage, collected the prize after his ticket, number 24472, was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Remember tickets only cost £1 and sellers will be inside and outside the ground before half-time today so keep your eyes peeled for them and the chance to win big!

■ JAKE'S A DIAMOND IN DECEMBER

Jake Howells has won the diamond season ticket holder player of the month award for December.

Jake came out on top in December's poll after another fine month for the Hatters which included a goal in the 5-0 victory over Kettering on Boxing Day.

He received his award from diamond season ticket holder Emma Gale after our 1-0 win over Alfreton Town and he joins Amari Morgan-Smith and Janos Kovacs on the list of winners this term.

■ REARRANGEMENT RECAP

The 2-1 victory over Kidderminster in the FA Trophy on 7th February put the Town in the quarter-finals of the competition - and means further rescheduling in our fixture list.

The Hatters now meet Gateshead at Kenilworth Road a week today in the quarter-finals which means our proposed fixture at Darlington needs a new date.

The third round tie against Harriers had already meant the Blue Square Bet Premier fixture at Barrow was postponed and that game will now take place this coming Tuesday, 21st February.

Last Saturday's postponed match with Forest Green also needs rescheduling. Turn to pages 65 and 66 for the full fixture list. We'll keep you informed of any new dates that arise over the coming weeks.

■ SENIOR CUP SUCCESS

Two goals from teenage forward Jake Woolley gave the Hatters a 2-0 win over Bedford Town in the second round of the Beds Senior Cup on 31st January

Defenders Curtis Osano, Shane Blackett and Dean Beckwith joined midfielders Charlie Henry, Godfrey Poku and John Paul Kissock in the starting XI.

With the game heading to extra-time Woolley struck twice in the final 20 minutes to earn the Hatters a place in the semi-finals of the competition where the Town will meet Biggleswade Town. The game will be played week commencing 19th March.

Town starting XI: Kidd, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Asafu-Adjaye, Henry, Poku, Nash, O'Donnell, Woolley, Kissock. Subs: Magaraushe, Longden, Smith, Carpenter.

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROGER!



Happy Birthday to our club historian Roger Wash who is celebrating his 60th birthday at Kenilworth Road today. Enjoy the game old boy. Lots of love from all your family and friends, especially your two one-year-old grandchildren, who are enjoying their first game with Grandad.

■ ..AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERNARD!

Life-long Town fan Bernard Jones turns 70 this coming Tuesday and today he is celebrating in style at Kenilworth Road surrounded by friends and family.

His daughters Alison and Claire emailed the media department ahead of today's game and next Tuesday's big day.

Alison told Talk of the Town: "Some of Dad's best moments have been thanks to his passion for Luton Town and he remains a staunch supporter to this day. We think he must be one of Luton's longest serving supporters, having been introduced to Luton Town by his Dad at the tender age of seven. He clearly remembers his first game on a foggy Saturday 10th November in 1949. Luton played Hull that day and he also remembers that, unfortunately, Luton lost 3-0!

"This didn't put him off though and Dad has continued to support Luton through thick and thin. He has been a season ticket holder for years, getting his first not long after that Hull game, and has never, ever wavered in his faith in the club."

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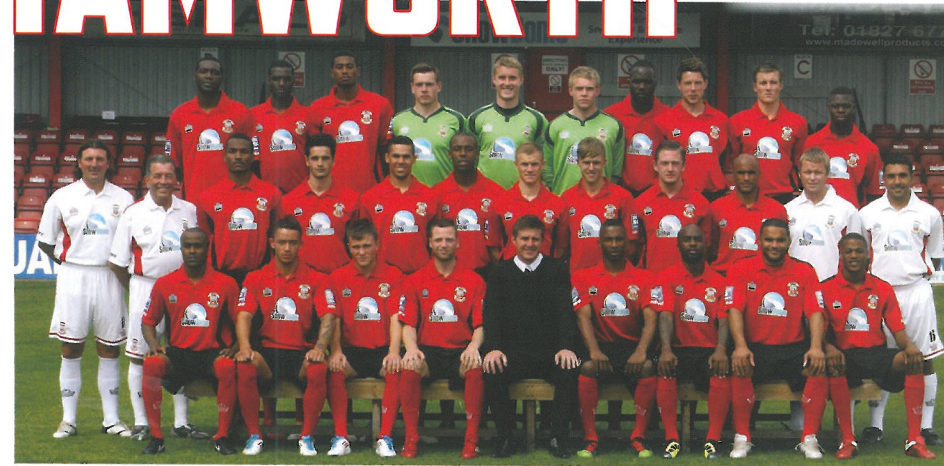
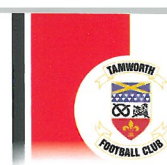
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WELCOME TAMWORTH



Having taken four points from their last two away games, confidence is sky high at the Lamb.

Marcus Law's Tamworth go in search of a third fine result away from home this afternoon having won 1-0 at Cambridge and, most recently, recorded a 2-2 draw with league leaders Fleetwood in what was their last match, a fortnight ago.

If you had asked any Lambs fan that they would take four points from those two games they would have bitten your hand off for this afternoon's visitors' form had been less than impressive.

After the Hatters' victory at the Lamb on 17th December, Law's side were handed a 5-2 defeat by Alfreton on Boxing Day, drew the return game on New Year's Day before losing at home to Wrexham and Barrow before slipping to another defeat, 3-0 at Ebbsfleet on 24th January. But no sooner were the Lambs disappointed by that reverse at Stonebridge Road than they were celebrating at the Abbey Stadium thanks to Liam McDonald's goal shortly after half-time.

And then, a week later, in the only game played in the Blue Square Bet Premier on a bitterly cold weekend,

the Lambs came close to earning all three points at Fleetwood. Andy Mangan's goal in the opening 60 seconds gave the Cod Army the perfect start.

The turning point came on five minutes when Lambs goalkeeper Jonathan Hedge kept out Magno Vieira's penalty before goals from Kyle Patterson and Scott Barrow put Law's side into the lead before the break.

Jamie Vardy netted Fleetwood's equaliser 10 minutes after half-time and after, Sam Oji was sent-off on 65 minutes, it looked as though the hosts would go on and make their numerical advantage count by Law's side clung on to a point.

Having had their games called off – their match at home to Kidderminster fell foul of the weather last Saturday – the Lambs lie 10 points clear off the relegation places.

It's a fantastic improvement on last season's campaign which saw them survive on the final day of the season.

Law has high expectations and hopes are high for a mid-table finish. After a third round exit in the FA Cup after a creditable 2-0 defeat at Premier League Everton, and given their recent results, the Lambs future looks bright for Staffordshire club.



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THE VISITORS

CLUB HISTORY

Now in the 79th year since formation, a place in the top flight of non-league football is a far cry from the humble beginnings of Tamworth.

The demise of Tamworth Castle Football Club in 1933 left the town with no senior level football club, but a campaign involving a town businessman and the local newspaper duly set the wheels in motion to form another club, and so Tamworth was born.

Despite gaining entry to the Southern League in 1972, the club's fortunes went on a dramatic slide as the 1970s proved to be as cruel to Tamworth as the 1960s were kind.

The club returned to the West Midlands League and gradually found their feet again, eventually winning the Championship in 1988 and regaining their Southern League status after a gap of four years. The following season however saw Tamworth go on to even greater things. The club reached the final of the FA Vase, and, on 6th May 1989 in front of a Wembley crowd of 26,487 they played out a 1-1 draw with Sudbury Town. A replay at Peterborough followed four days later, and the Lambs won 3-0.

In February 1995 Paul Hendrie was appointed to the managerial hot seat. He guided the Lambs to within a point of promotion. Things were suddenly looking more promising again, and in 1996/97 the Southern League Midland Division Championship that the Tamworth fans so craved was won by the remarkable margin of 26 points.

However, the seeds of more recent success were sown in January 2001, when former European Cup winner Gary Mills was appointed manager. The Lambs were languishing in the bottom four of the Dr Martens Premier Division at the time but in the space of just over a year he turned the club around, firstly by saving the club from the drop, and then by masterminding a fantastic Championship challenge in the 2001/02

season, which unfortunately ended in heartbreaking fashion on the final day.

However, just a few weeks later, Gary left Tamworth to take up the post of first team coach at Coventry City, and Tamworth moved swiftly to appoint his former assistant, Darron Gee, in the hot seat.

Gee guided the Lambs to the Southern League Championship with three weeks left of the season and also reached the final of the FA Trophy taking 12,000 fans to Villa Park in the process. After a hard fought season in the Conference Gee resigned and joined Mills at Notts County and the club was quick to appoint former Birmingham City player Mark Cooper as the new manager.

However, the lack of progress in the league saw the duo leave The Lamb in January 2007. Their replacements were not unknown to Tamworth as Gary Mills was welcomed back to The Lamb, six years and seven days since he last took charge. After a season of rebuilding, 2008/09 reaped the rewards with promotion to the back Conference National achieved with a game to spare.

Mills and Gee departed for York City in October 2010 and after a few games as caretaker manager, former Nottingham Forest defender Des Lyttle was officially handed the reins as manager before Marcus Law's appointment at the end of last season.

MEET THE MANAGER

Marcus Law

Young manager who was appointed manager of the Lambs in May 2011 after leaving Kettering Town who he'd only taken over in October of 2010.

The 36-year-old former Bristol Rovers and Stafford Rangers goalkeeper was a highly successful manager of Barwell, leading the Leicestershire club to an amazing 61 game unbeaten run, prior to his switch to Rockingham Road.

IN OPPOSITION



They say it's good to talk and that's precisely what Lambs manager Marcus Law did last week as he spoke at a 'Meet the Manager' evening with the club's supporters.

Members of the Tamworth faithful put Law under the microscope at the club's clubhouse last Thursday after watching a re-run of their FA Cup with Everton in January.

And Law, who brings his side to Kenilworth Road having taken four points from their last two away games - impressively at Cambridge and Fleetwood - admitted the Q&A session was his idea.

He told the Tamworth Herald: "I actually requested that we hold another Meet the Manager night.

"It's okay holding these kind of nights when everything is rosy but the run has not been that good of late and I wanted to hear the views of the fans.

"Supporters watch games and leave the ground with opinions. Sometimes they make assumptions and don't get to ask questions.

"So I want people to understand their Manager and understand why I make the decisions that I do.



Lambs boss Marcus Law

"I won't shy away from the questions that I am asked as people are entitled to air their views.

"I want to bring all four stands of the Lamb together. The decisions we are making are for the longevity of the club at the end of the day."

Meanwhile the Lambs boss believes the recent signings of Jean Paul Marna, from Kettering, and Charlie Reece, who arrives on-loan from Bristol Rovers, will enhance his side's chances of another mid-table finish come the end of the campaign.

"JP's a proven goalscorer at this level," Law said. "We have some good strikers at this club in Kyle Patterson, Kieron St Aimie and

Ilyseden Christie but, as a squad, we haven't always been clinical enough.

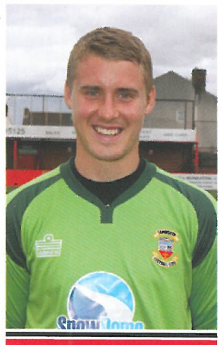
"JP gives us that, plus he's combative and when we have all four strikers fit I think we'll be very strong in that department.

"Charlie wants to get his career on track and show what he is capable of and playing at this level will help him to do so.

"He's willing and eager to do well and we are glad to have him on board."

IN TOWN

GOALKEEPERS



Jonathan Hedge

A former Rotherham trainee goalkeeper, Jonathon signed for Tamworth from FC Halifax in the summer of 2011 where he had gained England C honours. Prior to Halifax, he had also played at Harrogate Town. Recently played the opening 45 minutes of England C's international friendly in Gibraltar.

Sam Andrew

Commanding young keeper who made several starts for the Sheffield United Under-18 side in 2010/11. Is currently enjoying a successful loan spell at EvoStik First Division South, Shepshed Dynamo.

DEFENDERS

Paul Green

Right back Paul started his career at Aston Villa and was part of the Youth Cup Final side in 2003/04, but was released in the summer of 2006. Following a long spell at Lincoln City, where he made over 100 appearances, he was released in the summer of 2011 and signed for the Lambs.

Richard Tait

A right back, Richard initially signed on loan for The Lambs from Nottingham Forest at the end of March 2009 before signing a more permanent deal. He had joined the league side from non-league Curzon Ashton in January 2008 and impressed in the Academy and reserve sides at Forest.

Sam Habergam

Sam spent two years as a professional at Norwich City but was released at the end of the 2010/11 season and signed for The Lambs shortly afterwards.

Scott Barrow

Welsh Under-23 international who signed for the Lambs from Port Talbot Town after relocating to the Midlands. He had been with Port Talbot since the age of 16 and was voted by his peers in the 2009/10 Team of the Season.

Callum Reynolds

Luton-born Callum made his debut for Rushden and Diamonds at 16 years old before but was released in 2007. He joined Portsmouth as an Academy player and came on loan here at Kenilworth Road at the start of the 2009/10 season before signing for Basingstoke Town where he finished the 2010/11 season. He then signed for Tamworth in the summer of 2011.

Connor Gudgeon

A product of the Coventry City academy, Connor signed for the Lambs in the Summer of 2011. He was previously with Hinckley United on loan from the Sky Blues.



Duane Courtney

Duane started his career at Derby County as a schoolboy and later played for Birmingham City as a trainee. He played for AFC Telford in 2004/05 season and after being named their Player of the Season he joined Burnley. He made appearances in one season but was released and joined Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints in 2006.

After three seasons he returned to England with Kidderminster in 2009, left Aggborough after one season for York City from where he joined The Lambs in February 2011.

Francine Francis

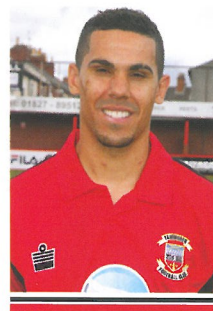
After initially joining Stoke City, Francis moved into Watford's academy in July 2005 and made a couple of appearances for the first team. In 2006, he went to Kidderminster Harriers on work experience but was released by Watford before joining Halesowen Town, Willenhall Town and Barwell before rejoining his previous manager Marcus Law in the summer of 2011.

MIDFIELDERS

Danny Thomas

Danny came to Tamworth from Kettering Town in the summer of 2010 with over 200 Football League appearances at Bournemouth, Boston United and Macclesfield Town amongst his previous clubs.

Liam McDonald



Signed for The Lambs in the summer of 2011/12 joining up with previous boss Marcus Law. Liam was previously with Kettering Town, Stafford Rangers and Barwell.

Charlie Reece

Midfielder who started his career as a youngster at Aston Villa before his release in 2006. He signed on youth forms at Bristol Rovers in 2007, and has since made 29 league appearances for the Pirates. Currently on loan from the Memorial Ground, Reece has also spent time on loan at Solihull and Gloucester.

Chez Isaac

Young midfielder currently on loan from Championship side Watford. Chez was handed a six-month professional deal with the Hornets after impressing in his central midfield role, particularly when skipping the Under-18 team on their FA Youth Cup run to the 2011 competition's quarter-finals. An industrious and tenacious operator in the engine room, he capped a season of consistent performances at both Academy and reserve team level by taking his place on the first-team bench for two matches in March 2011.

Luke Hubbins

Right-sided midfielder currently on loan from Birmingham City. A product of the Blues' Academy, Luke Hubbins has been at St Andrews since 2003. Hubbins, who hails from Weoley Castle, scored the winning goal in the FA Youth Cup quarter-final against Watford in 2009 and was short listed for the club's Young Player of the Year award in 2010. The former Cadburys Athletic junior had a loan spell with Notts County in the 2010/11 season and although he didn't make a league appearance, he did make his full senior debut for County in the Carling Cup at Watford.

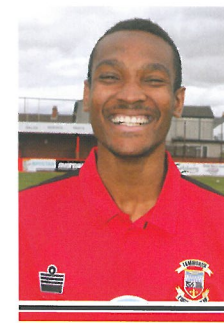
STRIKERS

Kyle Patterson

Kyle spent five years with West Bromwich Albion in his youth before moving to the US where he played a three MLS games for LA Galaxy. On his return to the UK he played for Hednesford Town and joined Tamworth in the summer of 2011.

Kieron St Aimee

Striker who ended the 2010/11 season on the books of Kettering Town. He began his career at QPR and has also played for Oxford United, Grays, Stevenage, Thurrock, Hitchin but mainly with Barnet and Maidstone United.



Nabil Shariff

Forward who joined the Rushden and Diamonds Centre of Excellence and made his senior debut aged just 16. He spent the next three years at Nene Park and on loan at Banbury United and Nuneaton Town before joining the Lambs in the summer of 2011.

Iyseden Christie

Iyseden started his career with Coventry City in 1995 before moving to Mansfield Town, Leyton Orient, Kidderminster Harriers, Rochdale and Kettering town amongst others. He had a spell with the Lambs in 2009/10 and re-signed in the summer of 2011.



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CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

2002/03

Tamworth won the Southern League title and were FA Trophy finalists in 2002/03. Having just missed out on promotion on the final day of the previous season, Darren Gee's team made an inconsistent start to the campaign but a run of 38 points from a possible 42 took them into a strong position by Christmas. Skipper Mark Cooper was top scorer as they won the championship by a 13-point margin. In the FA Trophy they beat Accrington Stanley 4-1, Nuneaton Borough 3-0, Stevenage Borough 3-0, Margate 2-0, Farnborough Town 2-1 and Havant & Waterlooville 2-1 before losing 2-1 to Burscough in the final at Villa Park.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Mark Cooper

Player-boss Mark Cooper guided Tamworth to the FA Cup third round in 2005/06. Initially with Bristol City, he followed his father Terry to Exeter City in 1989, then Birmingham in 1991. He had spells with Fulham, Huddersfield and Wycombe prior to joining his father at Exeter in 1994, then played for Hartlepool, Macclesfield, Leyton Orient, Rushden & Diamonds, Hednesford and Forest Green Rovers before moving to Tamworth in 2002. Starring as they won the Southern League title and were FA Trophy finalists in 2002/03, he has since managed Kettering, Peterborough and Darlington.

FAB FOUR

Steve Fox

Skilful winger Steve Fox had two spells with hometown club. At 15 he played for the Lambs in the Southern League, turning professional with Birmingham City in 1976, appearing in the top-flight before moving to Wrexham for £95,000 in 1978. Voted their 'Player of the Year' in 1980/81, he featured in two Welsh Cup finals and successive Cup runs. He joined Port Vale in 1982 and starred in their 1982/83 promotion triumph. Reuniting with John McGrath at Chester in 1984, he later played for Rhyl, Llangollen and Tamworth again. He has become a gardener in Tamworth.

Colin Green

Former Welsh international left-back Colin Green was capped 15 times before joining Tamworth for two seasons. Signing professional for Everton in February 1959, he marked Stanley Matthews on his First Division debut against Blackpool in September 1960 and moved to Birmingham City in December 1962. He helped them win the League Cup that season and reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1967/68. Following a loan spell at Wrexham, he joined Tamworth in May 1971 and was an experienced figure as they won the West Midlands League and Cup 'double' in 1971/72. He later played for Rhyl and settled in Wrexham.

Ian Moores

Former England Under-23 striker Ian Moores scored in the Lambs' 1989 FA Vase final triumph. Signing professional for Stoke City in June 1972, he was joint leading marksman in 1975/76 and moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £90,000 in August 1976. He helped them regain top-flight status in 1977/78, joining Orient with Ralph Coates for £55,000 in September 1978. Moving to Bolton Wanderers in July 1982, he joined Apoel in June 1983 and was an experienced figure as they won the Cypriot League and Cup. He later played for Tamworth and Swedish side Landskrona Bols but tragically died in January 1998.

Bob Taylor

Experienced striker Bob Taylor was Tamworth's leading marksman in 2004/05. Initially with Horden Colliery, he joined Leeds United in January 1986 and was swapped for Bristol City's Carl Shutt in March 1989. He was top scorer in their 1989/90 promotion success, moving to West Brom in January 1992 and starring in the 1992/93 Second Division play-off final triumph. Joining Bolton Wanderers in January 1998, he returned to West Brom in March 2000 and helped win promotion in 2001/02. He moved via Cheltenham Town to Tamworth in August 2004 and scored 19 goals in 35 Conference games in his first season.



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WITH DAVID HOSKINS

A warm welcome to our corporate guests and sponsors this afternoon for our first home game in February.

It's certainly been a busy period in the season recently having had three home matches in a week last month.

We've been planning our end-of-season celebrations recently and soon we will have exciting news on our end-of-season dinner. Keep your eyes peeled in forthcoming programmes.

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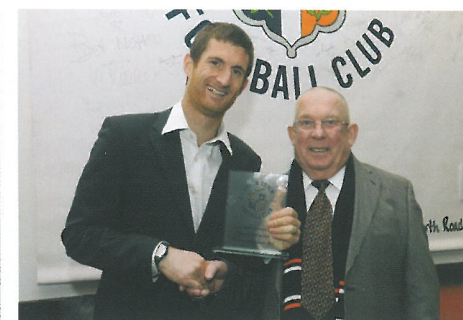


Kyle comes to matches at Kenilworth Road with his granddad and his favourite Hatters player is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

Paige's favourite players is striker Danny Crow and she comes to Kenilworth Road with her dad and sister – all three are season ticket holders.

Both Kyle and Paige will get to meet all of the players prior to the game before leading to the team out onto the pitch. We hope you both have a great day with us.

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LOOK BACK



TOWN 1-0 ALFRETON PILKS' PERFECT PENALTY



Boss Gary Brabin thought nerves almost got the better of his side as the Town ground out a professional 1-0 victory over Alfreton to extend their unbeaten league run to 12 games.

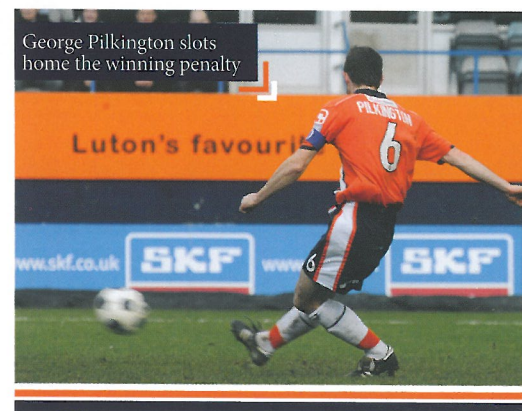
George Pilkington's 38th-minute penalty – after Robbie Willmott had been fouled in the box – gave the Hatters all three points and Brabin hopes the manner of victory can stand his team in good stead for the challenges that await between now and the end of the season.

"It was a tough game and we expected that," Brabin said afterwards. "I thought for the first 30 minutes and, if I'm being honest the whole 90, there was a nervousness about our game. We looked very nervy and we've just got to overcome that. There's a lot riding on us getting promotion and now that it's crunch time we've got to stand up to that and be brave and be positive.

"It was a great test of character to earn all three points today and it's fantastic to be able to come through it. We can use this game as a great experience into every game. Teams aren't going to lie down and let them streamroller them, there are always going to be elements of frustration and desperation in the air and we've just got to overcome that.

"There's a lot of tension and expectancy on us but we've got to believe. The whole club, from me and players, the staff, supporters and everyone behind the scenes. We're still in a decent position - we know we've got to wait for the top two to slip up but we did what we had to today - get three points."

It was a steady if unspectacular victory and after Pilkington's goal it wasn't until the 64th minute that the Hatters forged a chance to double their lead. On his home debut Craig McAllister raced down the right wing to cross deep for Willmott alone in the penalty



area. The winger caught the ball on the volley with a sweet effort that was heading in until an Alfreton defender's block spared Dan Lawson from springing into action.

Godfrey Poku replaced Adam Watkins as Brabin pushed Alex Lawless into a more attacking midfield role but it was the visitors that came closest next on 70 minutes when Jake Moults flashed an effort inches past the post from the edge of the box.

McAllister headed over on 83 minutes after good work from Dan Gleeson as the Town pushed for a second goal and having been pushed further forward Lawless was unlucky not to tee up Jake Howells for a goal with five minutes later following some fancy footwork tight on the byeline.

Alfreton spurned a great chance with three minutes left to find an equaliser when Josh Law, son of manager Nicky, fluffed a free-kick from the edge of the box that hit the Town wall but following that let-off the Hatters then contrived to miss a host of chances in dying minutes with Fleetwood and McAllister twice having efforts that were either saved or flew off target.



TOWN

Pilkington 38 (pen)



ALFRETON

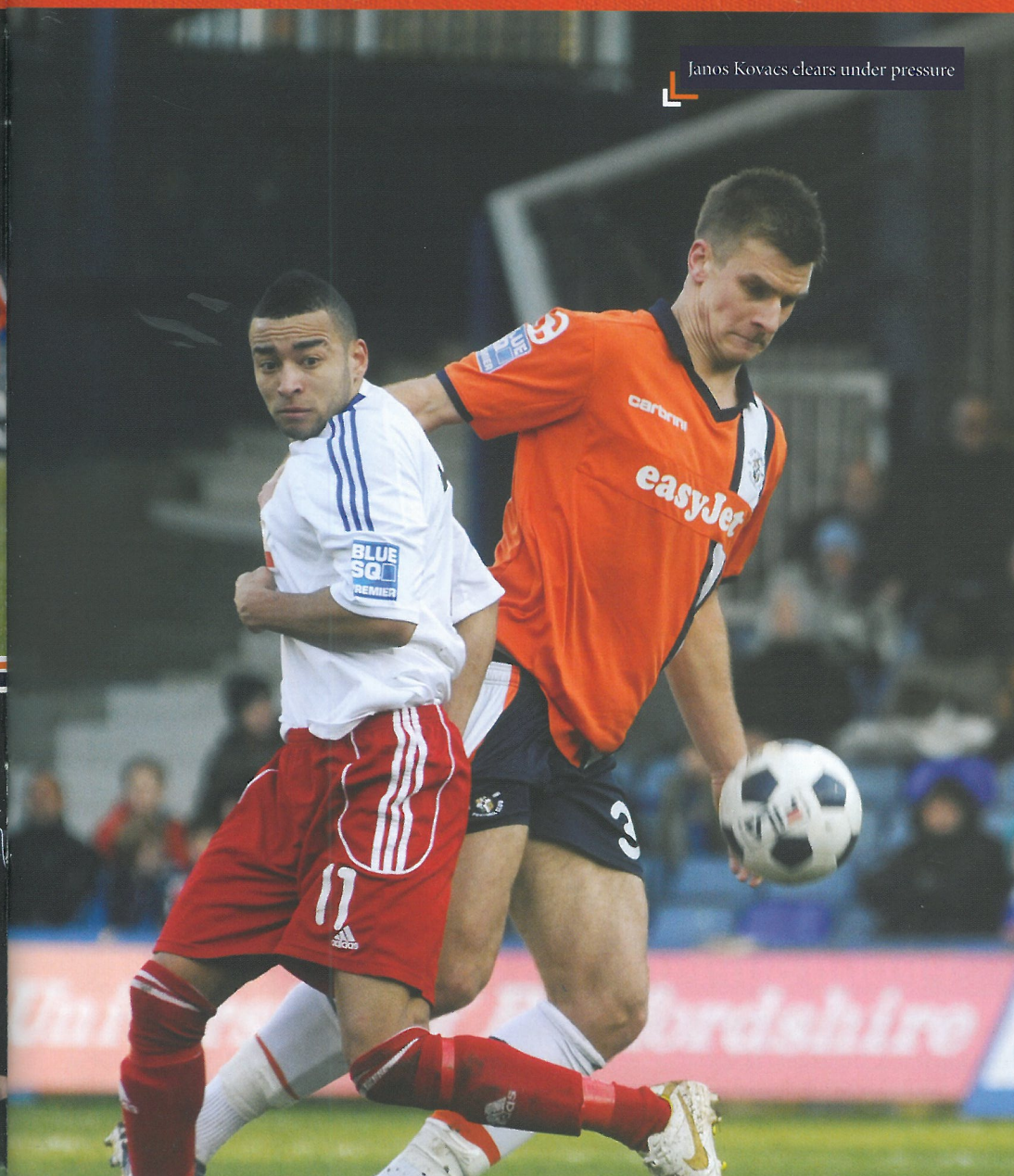
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Craig McAllister battles for possession



Janos Kovacs clears under pressure



Janos Kovacs heads at goal

TOWN: Tyler, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Willmott (sub O'Connor 72), Lawless, Watkins (sub Poku 64), Howells, McAllister, Crow (sub Fleetwood 65). Subs not used: Kissock, G. Pilkington.

ALFRETON: Lowson, Streete, Franks (sub Franklin 46), Kempson, Young, Mullan (sub Law 84), Brown, Moul, Clay, Arnold (sub Clayton 55), Jarman. Subs not used: A. Wilson, M. Wilson.

ATTENDANCE: 5,658

POSSESSION

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LOOK BACK



KIDDERMINSTER 1-2 TOWN LAST EIGHT BOUND



The Hatters earned their place in the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy with a fine win at Kidderminster.

The Town's first sight of goal came when Robbie Willmott blasted over from the edge of the box but Harriers almost stole the lead on 14 minutes - Mark Tyler produced a fine save diving to his right to keep out Kyle Storer's curling free-kick.

Jake Howells was impressing in an attacking role down the left and it was his goal that fired the Hatters ahead on 24 minutes. Greg Taylor's pass down the wing found Stuart Fleetwood who beat home right-back Lee Vaughan brilliantly to surge into the box and cut the ball back for Howells who smashed home a fine first-time finish.

Harriers almost levelled on 27 minutes when Jamille Matt's goal-bound header was deflected over by Shane Blackett before Storer blazed over from the resultant corner. The hosts thought they should have had a penalty on 29 minutes when Bradley stumbled in the box under pressure from Blackett, but Harriers didn't have long to wait to level things up when, on 35 minutes, they equalised. Matt's presence in attack was causing all sorts of problems for the Town and it was his pass that fed Bradley into the box and the young midfielder finished well past Tyler to make it 1-1.

It was breathless stuff as the game swung from end to end and within 60 seconds of being pegged back the Town had a great chance to restore the lead when Taylor was brought down in the box by Luke Jones. Referee Bratt pointed to the spot but, as has happened so often this season, the Hatters contrived to miss from 12 yards. Fleetwood's kick was saved superbly by Lyness, diving to his left to make it seven missed penalties this season for the Hatters.

Kidderminster almost made the Town pay for that miss twice in the space of 30 seconds on 38 minutes



Shane Blackett
heads clear

when Callum Gittings' header was cleared off the line before Matt somehow headed wide when well placed in the six yard box to meet a right-wing cross from Gittings. However it was the Town that led at the break when in first half stoppage time, Fleetwood capitalised on a woeful back-pass from Mike Williams to bear down on goal, round Lyness and tuck home.

After the restart Williams, trying to make amends for his error in the first half, almost came close to making it two apiece on 53 minutes with Tyler diving to his left to keep out the home skipper's 25-yard effort. Howells saw an effort stopped by Lyness on 58 minutes before Willmott and Kissock both missed chances on the hour mark as the Town went in search of a third goal.

Just like in the first half, both sides were creating chances with the Town making the most of them, Curtis Osano, Henry and Taylor - all going close to extending the lead. With 10 minutes left Howells headed inches wide from a Taylor cross before Taylor sent a lovely curling effort just over the crossbar a minute later.

As time ticked into injury time Harriers thought they'd earned a replay when Wright crashed home a shot at the back post but to the relief of the Town support of 111 the goal was chalked off for offside.

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KIDDERMINSTER

Bradley 35



TOWN

Howells 24, Fleetwood 45

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Stuart Fleetwood is about to make it 2-1



Charlie Henry enjoyed 86 minutes of action

KIDDERMINSTER: Lyness, Vaughan, Mike Williams, Jones, Guinan (sub McQuilken 54), Wright, Gittings (sub Vincent 60), Matt, Demetriou, Storer (sub Marc Williams 85), Bradley. Subs not used: Hankin, Briscoe.

TOWN: Tyler, Osano, Taylor, Beckwith, Blackett, Lawless, Henry (sub O'Donnell 86), Willmott, Kissock (sub Watkins 74), Fleetwood (sub Woolley), Howells. Subs not used: Kovacs, K. Pilkington.

ATTENDANCE: 1,186

POSSESSION

45% 55%

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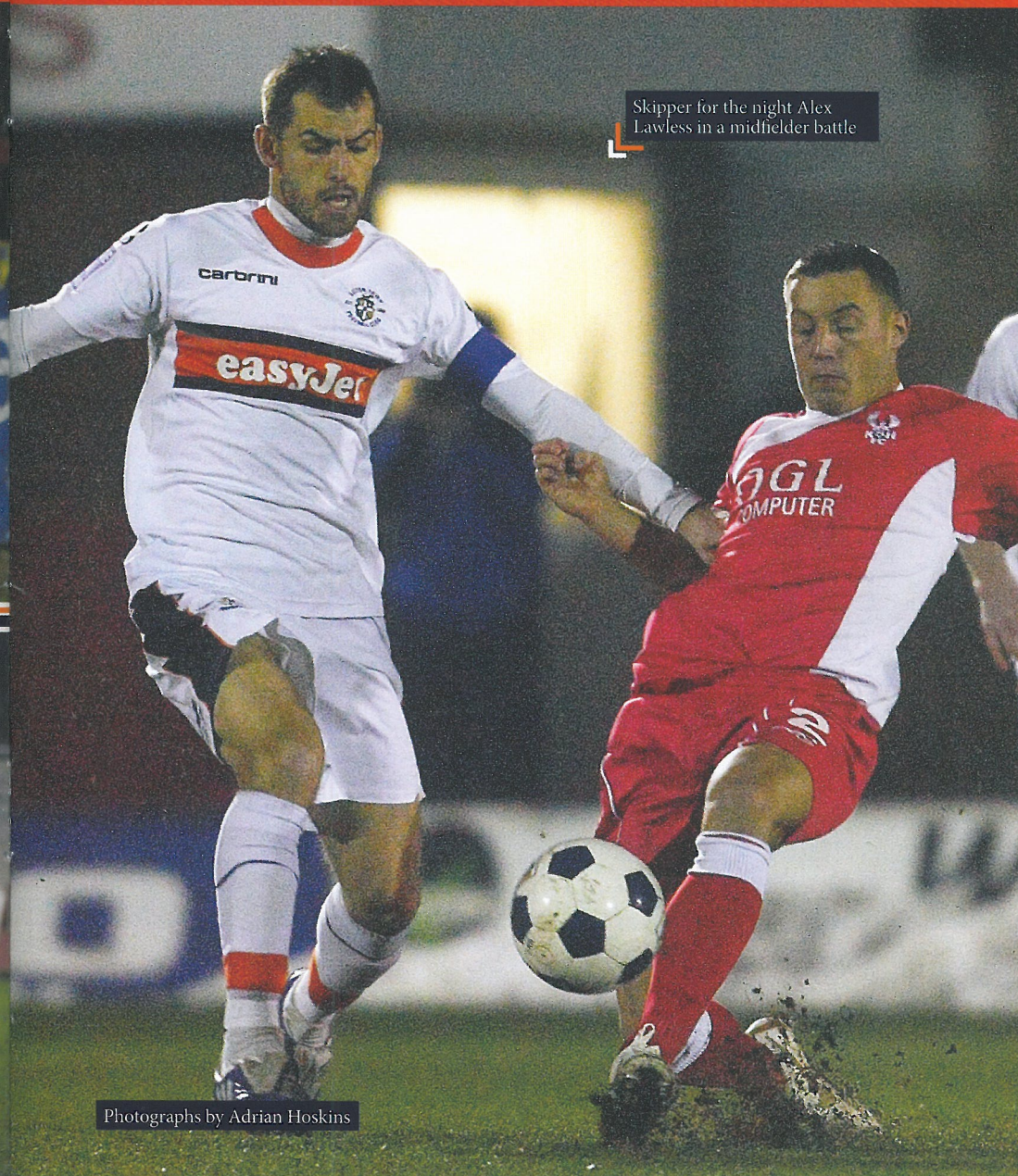
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Skipper for the night Alex Lawless in a midfielder battle

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ON THIS DAY

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

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The number of games played previously at Kenilworth Road on this date, with Luton winning three and drawing once. The Hatters have scored eight goals and not conceded any.

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The number of away games on this date, with Luton winning twice, drawing twice and losing eight times. The Hatters have scored 13 goals and conceded 23.

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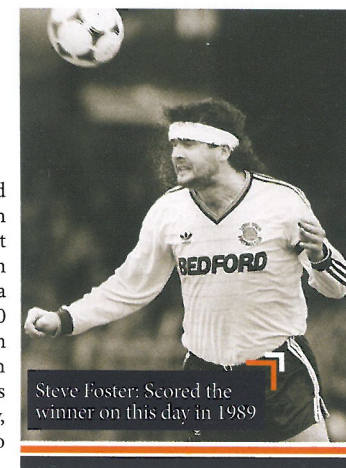
Both of the away victories were by the same scoreline, of 2-0. The first of these came in 1922 when Luton travelled to Brentford for a Division Three (South) match, which they won courtesy of goals from Ted Bassett and Ernie Simms. This scoreline was repeated in 1933 when Halifax Town were beaten in an FA Cup fifth round tie. Arthur Nelson, with his only FA Cup goal for Luton, and Tommy Tait were the goalscorers.

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There was actually one other game played on this date, against Brentford in 1952, which was held at the neutral venue of Highbury, the former home of Arsenal. It was an FA Cup fourth round tie that had gone to a second replay after 2-2 and 0-0 draws. At the third attempt of asking the Town won 3-2 with goals from Jack Taylor, Bernard Moore and Bob Morton. The attendance at Highbury was 37,269, just six more than the previous record for a Luton match on this date, which had been set at Leeds two years earlier.

9

The number of away games before the first game at Kenilworth Road on this date. Southampton were the visitors in 1959 for a Southern Professional Floodlit



Steve Foster: Scored the winner on this day in 1989

Cup second round tie. In front of an attendance of just 2,803, the Town progressed with a comfortable 4-0 win. Bob Morton netted twice, with George Cummins and Tony Gregory, with a penalty, also on the scoresheet.

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The only goalless game came in 1984 when Liverpool were the opponents for a top flight fixture in front of a crowd of 14,877 at Kenilworth Road.

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The number of years since Steve Foster scored the only goal of the game to beat Middlesbrough 1-0 in 1989.

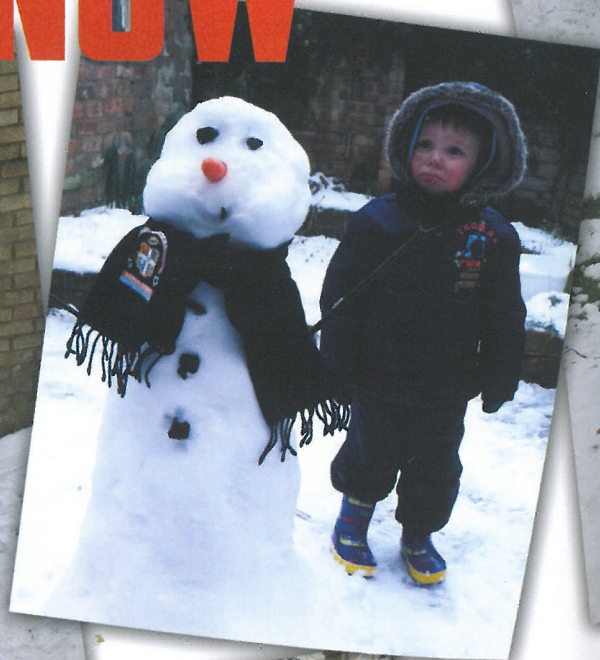
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The number of goals scored in 1995, the last time a fixture was played on this date at Kenilworth Road. Swindon Town were the visitors when the Hatters won 3-0, courtesy of a brace from Dwight Marshall and an own goal by Kevin Horlock.

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The number of years since the Town last played on this date, in a 1-1 draw at Newport County. Robbie Willmott had opened the scoring in the first half, but the Hatters were denied the victory with an injury time penalty converted by Jamie Collins.

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George Pilkington challenges Alfreton goalkeeper Dan Lowson during our last match at Kenilworth Road



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CHARLIE'S NEW CHAPTER

MIDFIELDER CHARLIE HENRY IS THRILLED TO BE BACK IN TOWN COLOURS

For one Town player the 2-1 FA Trophy victory at Kidderminster was extra special.

Not only did the Hatters book their place in the quarter-finals of the competition but midfielder Charlie Henry completed 86 minutes – the most he's managed in competitive football in Luton colours since joining from Newport County in November 2010.

After arriving back from a loan spell with League 2 Aldershot, the 25-year-old was a revelation in centre of the Town's midfield against Harriers and afterwards he thanked the Hatters for standing by him after a freak foot injury had almost made him retire from the game.

"Being out for over a year, it was touch and go I might have to hang my boots up, it was such a bad injury," admitted Henry. "But I've come back and I've come back stronger, willing to prove a point.

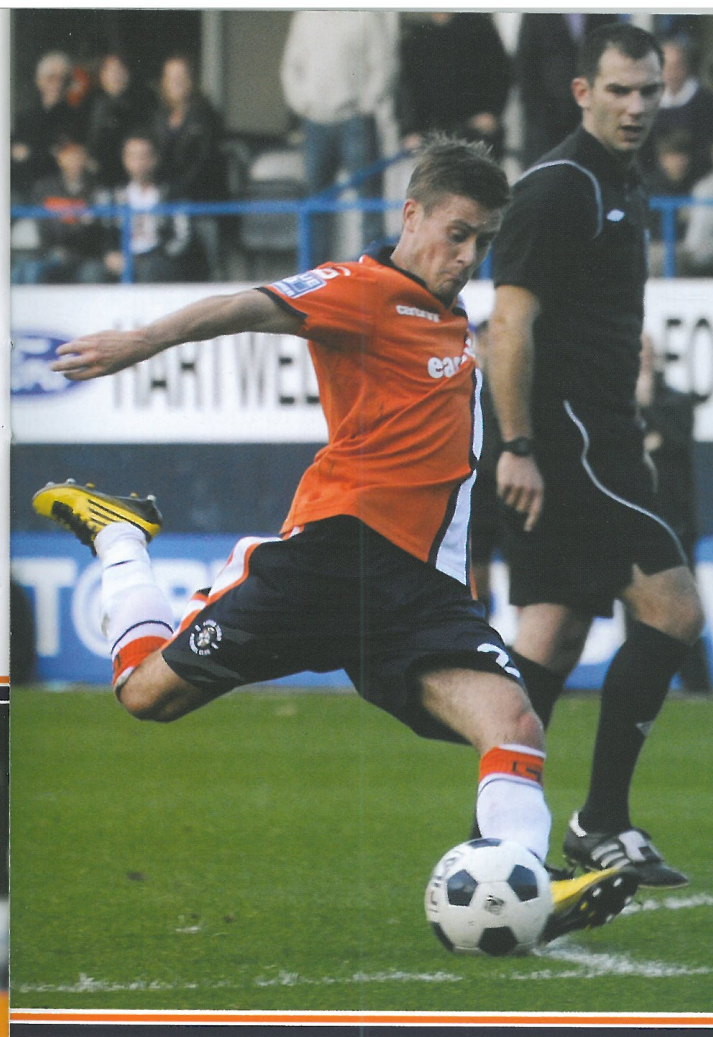
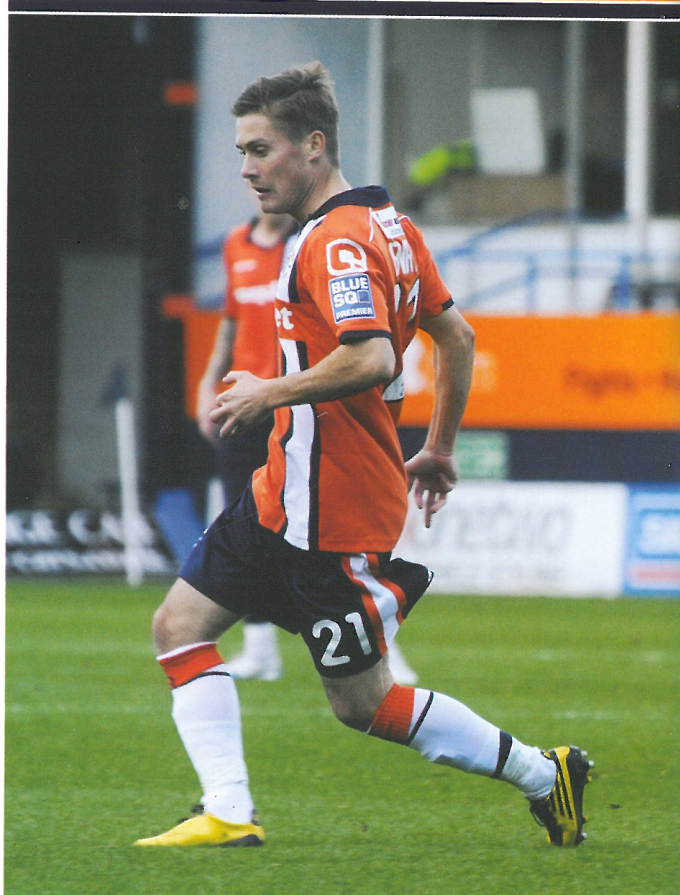
"I owe the club and the fans, because they brought me into the club, and I just want to pay them back with 110 per cent workrate and hopefully to get them promoted.

"It's great to be back playing for Luton. I went on loan for two months and it's great to be back playing.

"I enjoyed it. The first few games at Aldershot I was on the bench and coming on but I started the last three and did really well.

"I feel my fitness is back up and I'm just raring to go. Not playing for a year almost killed me, but I'm back into the swing of things and I just want to play football. I want to get my head down and work hard."

There was a moment of concern in the first half at Aggborough after he picked up a knock but the winger was able to continue and, in the second half, he wasn't far away from netting his first goal for the club.



"I thought we did that, I felt I worked hard and got on the ball quite a lot. The front three, they started off the hard work and we worked all over the pitch.

"Hopefully the fans might have been a bit impressed.

"It was a hard-fought victory, a good professional performance from the lads.

They had a few chances but we could have had more.

"I had a couple of chances. A good one in the first half, a good one in the second half, but hopefully a goal will come.

"Because it's so cold out there, the ball seemed as if it was light, but it was rock solid and you couldn't catch hold of the ball well.

"The main thing was that we won and are in the next round.

"The injury's been fine. I got a kick in the first half and I've got a big bruise, but that was fine and I played through it," Henry said.

"It didn't half hurt. But I wanted to play on. I had a couple of pain killers at half time and carried on.

"It's stiffened up now but it will be fine, it's just a knock.

"The gaffer said he thinks I will do well in there. Not a free role, but me and JP (Kissock) just to get on the ball.

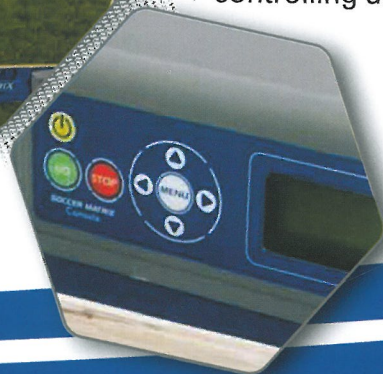
"It would have been nice to get on the scoresheet but it was a good result.

"When we got hold of the ball I didn't think they could live with us when we started passing and moving.

"The conditions weren't too good, the pitch wasn't great, it's freezing cold. It's one of them we could have turned up and we could half put it to the back of our minds and not tried as hard.

"But we gave a really professional performance and worked our socks off."

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MEMORY LANE



Happy Birthday Bernard!

- **NAME:** Bernard Jones
- **AGE:** 69 (70 on Tuesday 21st February)
- **LOCATION:** Kettering
- **WHERE WATCH GAMES FROM:** I'm a season ticket holder and attend home games, as well as some away.
- **FIRST GAME AND MEMORY:** I was introduced to Luton Town by my Dad at the tender age of seven. I can clearly remember the first game on a foggy Saturday 10th November 1949. We played Hull that day and I also remember that, unfortunately, Luton lost 3-0!
- **BEST GOAL:** Graham French's wonder goal against Mansfield in 1968.
- **BEST MATCH:** Our Littlewoods Cup Final triumph in 1988 against Arsenal (what else?!).
- **WORST MATCH:** A Boxing day match in the early 1980s against Sheffield United.
- **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Bob Morton in the 1950s when we beat Wolves, who were, at the time, the best team in England. We won 5-1 and Morton scored four of the goals.
- **FAVOURITE HATTERS KIT:** The early 1970s away kit, which was a white shirt with a blue stripe and black shorts.
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Gordon Turner
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:** David Pleat
- **ALL-TIME TOWN XI:** The 1987/88 team which featured Brian Stein and Mick Harford.
- **I LOVE LUTON TOWN BECAUSE...** I've been supporting them since I was a little boy.

Would you like to appear on this page in the future?
Email your Hatters memories to andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk

PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



Jesse Pye (9) is congratulated after setting up Gordon Turner for one of his hat-trick goals in the 5-1 FA Cup win over Manchester City in 1953. City's Don Revie (right) does not look best pleased!

The Division Two (now Championship) Hatters had started their 1952/53 Cup run in dramatic fashion when Arthur Taylor, on his debut, scored in the first minute in a third round home tie against Blackburn. Taylor scored again, to add to a hat-trick from Jesse Pye, as the Town won 6-1 and set up a visit to top-flight Manchester City.

More than 5,000 Luton fans made the trip to Maine Road to see the Hatters battle out an eye-catching 1-1 draw.

The replay, the following Wednesday afternoon (no floodlights in those days), saw the Town repeat the blitz tactics that had sunk Blackburn and go ahead through Gordon Turner in the second minute.

By half-time the Hatters were 3-1 ahead and soon after the interval winger Bert Mitchell banged in number four to virtually settle the tie. Turner netted his third goal and the Town's fifth just before the end to leave reporters dashing back to Fleet Street to set up the back page giant-killing

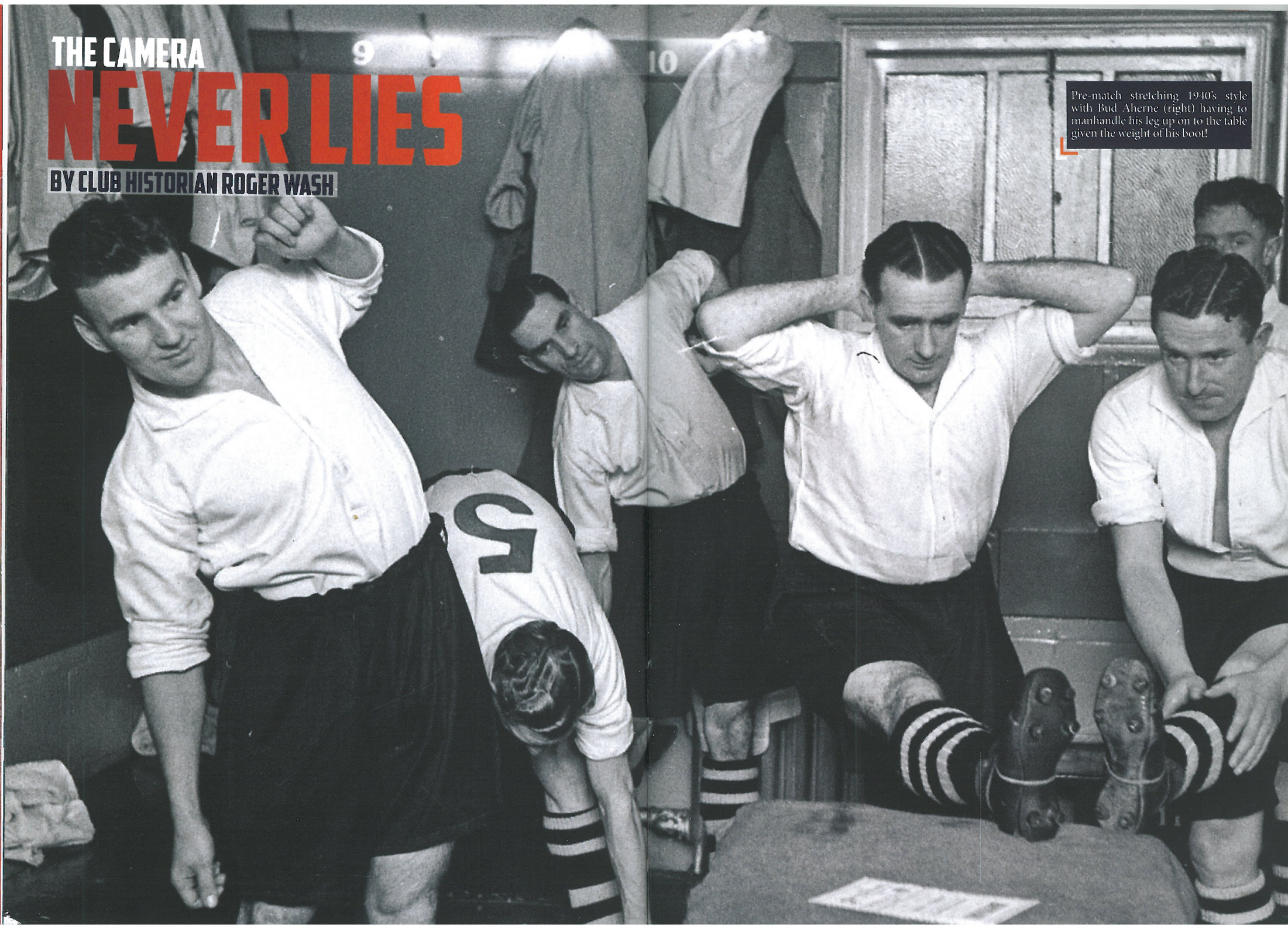
headlines for the following morning's newspapers. Sadly, the Town could not repeat their goalscoring feats in the next round as eventual finalists Bolton won 1-0 in a tough contest on a bog of a Kenilworth Road pitch.

THE CAMERA

NEVER LIES

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Pre-match stretching 1940's style with Bud Aherne (right) having to manhandle his leg up on to the table given the weight of his boot!



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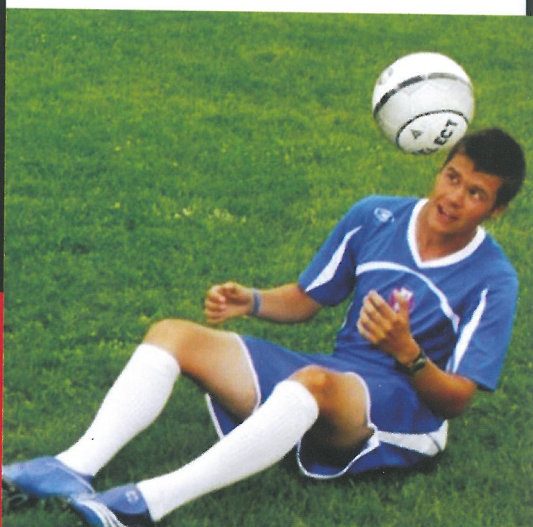
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Profile:

Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



LEAGUE NEWS

MARK YOUNG ROUNDS-UP THE LATEST IN THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



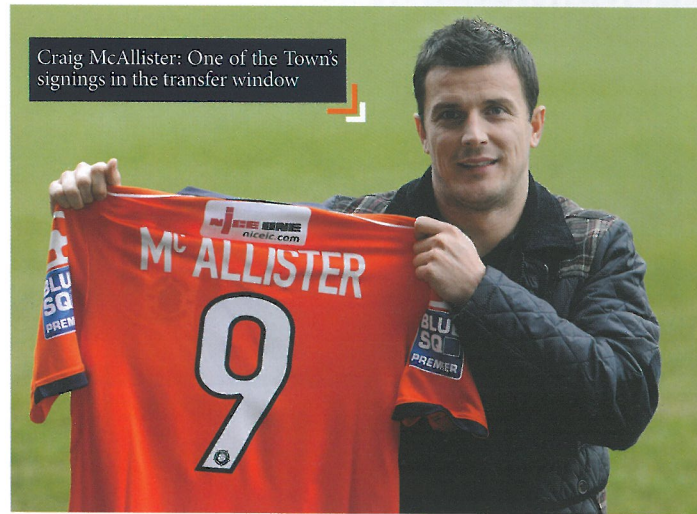
It has been a tough couple of weeks in the Blue Square Bet Premier with freezing temperatures covering most of England meaning that a lot of games were stopped before they could even get going.

Since the Hatters' last league outing at home to Alfreton, Gary Brabin's men have not been able to compete in league action. In fact, only two games have been played throughout the entire league in the past fortnight as the weather defeated most clubs.

League leaders, Fleetwood Town had a great opportunity on the 4th February to open up a gap at the top of the table ahead of the hopeful chasing pack. They hosted today visitors to Kenilworth Road, Tamworth, and it started well for the home side as they were ahead after one minute through Andy Mangan. It got even better at the Highbury Stadium a few minutes later as Fleetwood were awarded a penalty. Magno Vieira stepped up but the goalkeeper saved.

But it would eventually be a chance that home team wish they would have taken as Kyle Patterson levelled affairs two minutes later. The away side took the lead through a Scott Barrow goal to round off a rollercoaster ride of a first half. The much sought after Jamie Vardy grabbed his obligatory goal after the break to level things up and put Fleetwood in a strong position to gain all three points. That aim looked even more hopeful on 65 minutes when the away side were reduced to 10 men. Fleetwood piled on the pressure but were eventually frustrated and will see a 2-2 draw at home as dropped points.

Craig McAllister: One of the Town's signings in the transfer window



There was only one game to have survived the freezing conditions a week later that also finished in a 2-2 draw. Stockport County hosted Newport County and it was the home side that took the lead, early on through Danny Rowe but as the second half started, Newport found an equaliser through Andy Sandell but was then sent off later on. From the resulting free-kick, Rowe scored and Stockport looked comfortable until Jake Harris equalised three minutes from time.

With the January transfer window now shut, the 24 Blue Square Bet Premier sides will be looking towards the home stretch and what can be achieved with the Hatters new acquisitions of Andre Boucaud, Craig McAllister and Greg Taylor plus the permanent signing of Janos Kovacs strengthening Brabin's squad further in the final push for promotion.

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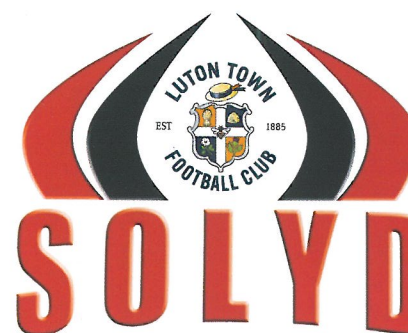
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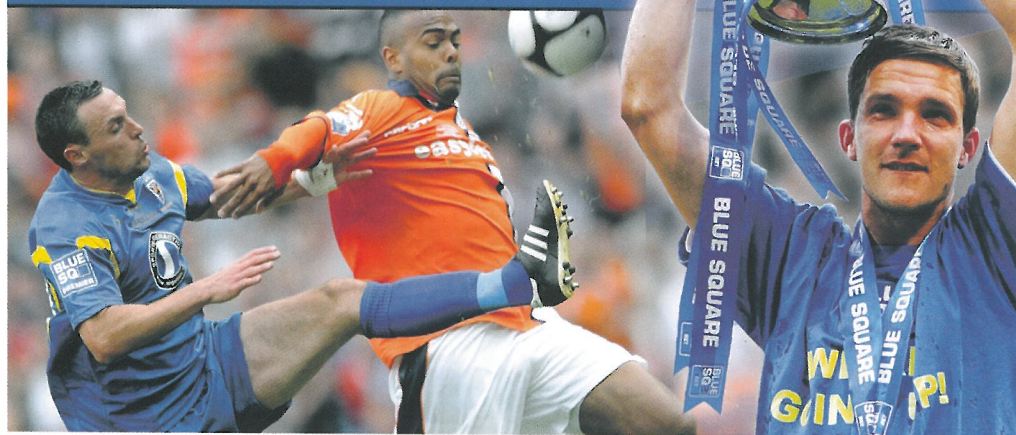
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YOUNG HATTERS

UNDER-18S

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE
 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 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2-1

SEPTEMBER

3 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (H) 2-0
 10 - BRENTFORD (A) L 0-1
 17 - STEVENAGE (H) W 4-1

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

24 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H) D 1-1

OCTOBER

5 - LEIGHTON TOWN (H) FAYC W 5-1
 8 - BARNET (H) PYC D 1-1

15 - STEVENAGE (H) PYC W 4-1
 21 - DERHAM TOWN (A) FAYC L 1-2

29 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H) PYC W 5-2

NOVEMBER

5 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A) PYC L 2-3

8 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) PYC W 2-1

12 - WYCOMBE WANDERERS (H) L 1-4

19 - NORTHAMPTON TOWN (A) W 1-0

3 - LEYTON ORIENT (A) L 0-3

JANUARY

7 - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (A) D 1-1

FEBRUARY

11 - BARNET (A) L 0-4

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)

The Town's Under-18s went down 4-0 to Barnet in only their second competitive game in over two months.

Hatters boss Paul Driver named a very young side for the clash with four Under-16s in the starting XI and a further four on the bench and, in the end, the age gap was a bit too much and Barnet ran out comfortable winners.

The game got off to a bad start for the Town when, within a minute, Zak Stephens headed the ball out for a corner only for the referee to decide he had handballed the cross and awarded a penalty. The spot kick was duly converted to give the hosts the lead. Undeterred, the Hatters knuckled down and looked dangerous when they got the ball forward to Jake Woolley and Arel Amu in attack. A foul on Woolley just outside the box bought a free kick which Charlie Smith put just wide and the hosts' keeper pushed a Woolley shot over the bar. Barnet went into the break two goals to the good with a superb long range into the top of Josh Carpenter's goal.

In the second half both sides looked to be on the attack at every opportunity but it was Barnet's ability to put pressure on the Hatters in and around their own box that was the difference between the sides. The scoreline became 3-0 in the 72nd minute when Stephens headed a low cross into his own goal and it became 4-0 in the 81st minute when a Barnet striker rounded Carpenter to complete the scoring.

Afterwards, Driver said: "Firstly, we are extremely thankful to Barnet for the time and effort they put in to get this game ahead because we certainly needed to be getting competitive matches again. We put out a very young side with the second year boys either injured or out on work experience in senior football. To put some perspective on it, the entire squad for today's game can play in the Football League Youth Alliance next season and the experiences they get in this and the upcoming games will be invaluable to them in their development."

TEAM: Carpenter, Longden, Jibodu, Nash, Stephens, Chabata, Burtenshaw (sub Rees 75, (sub McKenzie-Lowe 86)), Amu (sub Davis 60), Woolley, Magaurushe, Smith. Subs not used: Barnes, Banton.

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

This afternoon we welcome the players and parents from our current Under-8 squad, who will be signing their first contract to join Luton Town's academy for the 2012/13 season.

These boys have been training as part of our development squad this season whilst continuing to play for their local club sides.

Ross O'Kane and Scott Smith have worked tirelessly to ensure that they have watched all of the local club teams throughout Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and North Bucks to ensure that Luton Town have identified and coached the best young players in the area.

This season saw Charlie Smith make his first team debut after joining Luton Town at a similar age eight years ago, hopefully many of these players will follow in his footsteps.

Coach Scott guides us through the seven players signing this afternoon:

Dylan: From Kempston, a technically excellent footballer who never gives the ball away. He is comfortable, calm and strong on the ball.

Eddie: The Welwyn-based player has the ability to control a game due to his excellent technical attributes allowing him to both take on opposition players or



Jack: A great character on and off the pitch, the Luton-based defender organises the back line well and loves a tackle.

Jaden: Luton-based defender, who is great defending one-versus-one situations, possesses skill and has an excellent range of pass, Jaden is always relaxed in possession.

Raul: A powerful player from Cambridge with great dribbling skills, there's never a dull moment with Raul!

Ronan: A strong marauding midfielder with a great engine. Ronan, another Luton-based player, can pass and strike a ball excellently.

Tyrell: Tyrell, based in Houghton Regis has great feet and is full of tricks with an eye for goal; he is always a handful for opposition defenders with a dangerous change of pace.

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TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME - FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Term 4 20th February to 4th May and trial game on Saturday 21st April

Next week we begin term four of our all year round Talent Identification Programme with two new centres being added to the programme in Leighton Buzzard and Sundon Park in Luton.

The purpose of our talent identification programme is to provide high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers whether they are ambitious players wanting to progress towards becoming a professional or a newcomer wanting to develop the basic skills.

The list of venues and term dates are all listed overleaf and each term costs £45 which includes nine practical sessions and a trial match. All players receive an end of term report on their development and for those players who the coaches feel have shown the right level of ability and attitude during the term the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/Centre of Excellence or Academy is offered. players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

Our successful TIPS development programme is now in its sixth year of operation and the Club's youth section prides itself on the high calibre of its coaching team.

Any youngster signing up to TIPS will receive the same standard of coaching that has helped produce players such as Curtis Davis, Matthew Upson,

Matthew Taylor, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley and Jack Wilshire.

No other football club in our region can claim the same level of success in terms of youth development with two England youth internationals in the last two seasons in Dave Moli (now at Liverpool) and Cauley Woodrow (now at Fulham). In addition, over

65 players have been signed by our youth academy through our TIPS programme.

To enrol on our TIPS programme for this term is really easy: you can download our application form at www.ltyd.co.uk or either email us at tips.ltf@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01582 583618 for further information and to register a place.

Players need to be in at least school year 2 to be eligible for a place and up to school year 11. We also run three specialist goalkeeping sessions in Luton, Hitchin and Dunstable and you can use the same application form for these centres which is overleaf.

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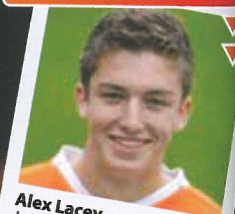
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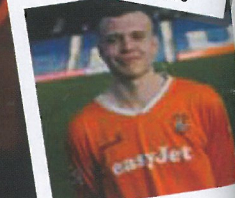
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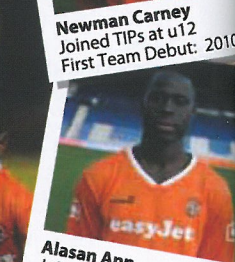
TIPS GRADUATES



Alex Lacey
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TIPS TIMETABLE

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Term 2

Sept 12th - Nov 18th 2011

Term 3

Nov 21st 2011 - Feb 10th 2012

Term 4

Feb 20th - May 4th 2012

Term 5

May 7th - July 20 2012

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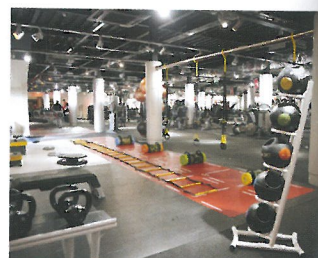
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Luton Boys was formed in 2005 originally as 61 FC, then Brache Sparta, and now in its current form. The club began with a couple of under-8 teams in 2005, and now has 14 teams for the 2011/12 season, ranging from Under-7s to Under-15 and a senior Saturday team.

Luton Boys is a Chartered Standard Club, which they were awarded in 2008, all of their coaches are minimum FA Level 1 and all hold enhanced CRB, an Emergency Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates. Over half of their coaches now hold an FA Level 2 coaching badge or working towards this level.

Their philosophy is towards developing the young player and to have a diverse membership of all abilities, and they always welcome new players.

The Club has a partnership agreement with Luton Town Football Club, and have a number of players in the Performance Centre.

In the past two seasons two players have gone on to sign for the Town's Centre of Excellence, while two former players have also signed centre of excellence contracts at Kenilworth Road and at League 2 side Barnet.

The club is as strong now as it has ever been and the management are confident that the current crop of youngsters coming through the ranks will go on to emulate the success of their predecessors.



LUTON BOYS

Their teams have also had the following success in recent seasons:

2008/9 Under-10 Chiltern Junior Sevens' Division 5 Champions

2008/9 Under-11 Chiltern Youth League Division 4 Runners-up

2010/11 Under-10 Beds Mini Soccer League Division 2 Champions

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NLP VIEW WITH STUART HAMMONDS

There can't be too many fans out there who can, hand on heart, say they don't like a good penalty shoot-out.

Phrases that have entered football lexicon in recent years, such as 'horrible way to lose' and 'there has to be a villain', suggest they are as welcome as simulation and imaginary card waving.

But for me, they add that extra drama in the same way that we're always fascinated to see how an outfield player performs in goal when there is no sub keeper.

I've been involved in a few penalty competitions in my time as a semi-professional footballer.

The one that sticks in my memory most was an FA Cup third qualifying tie for Arnold Town in 1997/98. The first game, at Winsford United, was memorable enough for our coach being impounded at Keele Services, meaning we had to complete the journey in taxis.

We arrived at the Barton Stadium at 2.55pm and kicked off 35 minutes later. We left with a deserved 1-1 draw after going down to ten men early in the game. The replay finished goalless and we eventually lost 7-6 on penalties, yours truly blasting the sixth straight into the roof of the net before my sixth form pal, Jon Boulter, missed the seventh.

Winsford, of the North West Counties, went on to beat Penrith to book a first round proper trip to then-Football League club Chester City.

Even as a player defeated, it was better to have penalties rather than go to multiple replays, as was the case before the introduction of shoot-outs.

Of course, there are some penalty contests that can also go on...and on... and on. I was reminded of one in a

book I received at Christmas, with Andrew Ward detailing many of 'Football's Strangest Matches' since 1879.

One chapter is devoted to 'The 28-penalty shoot-out' from 1975, when North Korea and Hong Kong's Asia Cup semi-final was settled 11-10 on the 28th kick.

There are also mentions of the Derby Community Cup tie in 1998 where two under-10 teams battled through a 66-penalty shoot-out before one won 2-1 – the first 60 were missed!

And the FA Cup record set by Forest Green and Macclesfield, when Rovers triumphed 11-10 in a 24-shot competition in 2001 – though this has been superseded by Tunbridge Wells beating Littlehampton 17-16 in a 40-penalty shoot-out in 2005.

The book repeats a story we ran in this paper in late 2001, which pours cold water over Wikipedia's claims that Leyton Orient and Dagenham & Redbridge's Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie earlier this season contained a 'world record' 27 consecutive successful kicks.

West Riding County Amateur League sides Littleton and Storthes Hall entered the Guinness Book of Records for scoring 34 consecutive shoot-out goals in December that year.

And we can't even say 'at the end of their League Cup tie', because with no floodlights at the Heckmondwike ground – save for spectators' car headlamps and nearby street lights – referee Bob Hargreaves had to abandon proceedings at 17-17!

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SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale from the ticket office, online and are available on the day.
Prices: Adults £10, 65-75 and 17-21-year-olds £6, 10-16 and over-75s £4, under-10s FREE.



LUTON TOWN v BATH CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

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ALL AREAS

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
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Adult (Age 22-64)	£18
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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.

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BARROW v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

This match is pay on the night for Town supporters with seating and terracing available.

Prices: Terracing: £14 adults, £11 concessions (over 65s), £6 under 16s, £3 under 7s.

Seats: £15 adults, £12 concessions



WREXHAM v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.30PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.

Information will be included in forthcoming programmes, online and in the local press.



DARLINGTON v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.

Information will be included in forthcoming programmes, online and in the local press.



GETTING TO...BARROW - HOLKER STREET

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £27 adults, £24 concessions. Departure: 1pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £30 adults, £28 concessions. Departure: tbc.

Car: M1 north, M6, leaving the M6 at Junction 36. Take the A590 towards Barrow-in-Furness. As you enter the outskirts of Barrow you will pass a fire station on your right. You should be able to see the floodlights of the stadium over on your left. Turn left into Wilkie Road and then right into Holker Street. Plenty of street parking is available.

For the sat-nav: LA14 5UW

By train: Barrow-in-Furness railway station is located just under a mile away from the ground. It is served by trains from Lancaster & Carlisle.

GETTING TO...WREXHAM - THE RACECOURSE

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £20 adults, £17 concessions. Departure: 2.30pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £21 adults, £19 concessions. Departure: tbc.

Car: M1 north, M6, taking the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 with at the junction of the A541 Mold road. The ground is 300 yards from this junction (on the A541) towards Wrexham town centre.

For the sat-nav: LL11 2AH

By train: Wrexham General train station is located next to the ground.

FIXTURES & RESULTS



DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

August

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

September

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

October

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

November

Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor*, Fleetwood, Morgan-Smith
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)	1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kisscock***, M-Smith*, O'Connor
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand**, Howells, Fleetwood 1, O'Connor
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County	1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor*, Dance, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Fleetwood***, O'Connor*
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United	1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow***, Fleetwood**

December

Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC2)	2-4	4,516	478	-	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Keane*, Howells, Lawless/O'Connor 2, Crow
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City	1-1	2,049	327	7	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington*, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Howells, Lawless/O'Connor***, Crow 1
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swindon S (FAT1)	2-0	1,298	55	-	Tyler, Gleeson*, Beckwith, Lacey, Taylor, Kisscock**, Watkins, Keane, Osano, Brunt**, Fleetwood 1
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth	3-1	1,467	622	5	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins*, Dance***, Howells, Crow** 2
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town	5-0	7,164	205	5	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless 1, Watkins, Keane, Howells/O'Connor 1**, Crow***

January

Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town	5-0	3,247	2,018	3	K. Pilkington, Osano, 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	3	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	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Dance*, Watkins, Lawless, Howells, Fleetwood*, Crow
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)	0-0	754	tbc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kisscock, Willmott, Fleetwood, Ann*
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport	3-3	1,665	540	3	K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kisscock*, O'Connor*, Howells, Crow 1
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FAT2)	3-0*	1,004	81	-	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams*, Willmott, Kisscock, Fleetwood 1**, Morgan-Smith 1**
Wed 25	19:30	H	Mansfield Town	0-0	5,261	111	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow**
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	1-0	5,658	89	3	Tyler, Gleeson, G. Pilkington 1, Kovacs, Taylor, Willmott*, Watkins**, Lawless, Howells, Wood*, McAllister

February

Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)	2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kisscock, Willmott, Howells, Fleetwood 1
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth					
Tue 21	19:45	A	Barrow					
Sat 25	15:00	H	Gateshead (FATQF)					

March

Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City					
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham					
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbw Vale United					
Tue 13	19:45	A	Darlington					
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead					
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimbsby Town					
Fri 30	19:30	H	York City					

April

Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town					
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United					
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town					
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers					
Sat 28	13:00	A	Fleetwood Town					
tbc		A	Forest Green Rovers					

*Scoreline includes own goal

SUBS

Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd
M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye***, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kisscock***, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Watkins*, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor***, Kisscock, K. Pilkington
Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Carden, K. Pilkington
Dance*, Kisscock*, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington
Dance*, Kisscock, Watkins***, O'Connor**, K. Pilkington
Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kisscock***, Samuel, K. Pilkington
O'Connor*, Samuel***, Willmott*, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Crow**, Watkins*, O'Connor*, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
O'Connor*, Kisscock*, Watkins***, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Crow*, Kisscock**, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Fleetwood*, Crow**, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Fleetwood*, Watkins**, Antwi, Kisscock, K. Pilkington
O'Connor 1***, Hand 2**, Watkins, Kisscock*, K. Pilkington
Wright*, Kisscock**, Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Crow***, O'Connor*, Kisscock*, Beckwith, K. Pilkington
Crow*, Henry***, Tavernier**, Willmott, Samuel, Carden, Tyler
Kisscock*, Watkins***, Hand, Wright*, K. Pilkington
Tyler, Willmott**, Gleeson, Beckwith, Crow*, Blackett, Watkins***
Tyler, Watkins**, Willmott, Kisscock, Brunt*
Tyler, Crow 1**, Willmott*, Brunt*, Keane
Watkins***, Brunt*, O'Connor*, Tyler, Taylor
Kisscock*, Beckwith, Fleetwood, Dance, Hand, Wright, Tyler
Hand*, Dance**, Brunt**, Fleetwood, Tyler
Kidd, McAdams***, Smith, Wright*, O'Donnell**, Kidd
Tyler, Wright***, Willmott, Fleetwood**, Kisscock*, Willmott
Tyler, Fleetwood 1**, Kisscock, Willmott 1**, Wright
Brunt*, Fleetwood 1**, Willmott*, Kisscock, Tyler
Willmott***, Fleetwood**, Dance*, Kisscock, Tyler
O'Connor 1**, Willmott*, Kisscock, Lacey, Tyler
Woolley*, Nash**, Longden, Smith, Kidd
Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood, McAllister, Poku, Tyler
Smith**, Longden***, Woolley*, Magauraushe, Kidd
Fleetwood*, McAllister*, Dance, Poku, Tyler
Fleetwood*, Poku**, O'Connor***, Kisscock, K. Pilkington
O'Donnell**, Watkins**, Woolley*, Kovacs, K. Pilkington

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Fleetwood Town	31	21	7	3	69	35	34	70
2	Wrexham	30	21	5	4	55	19	36	68
3	LUTON TOWN	31	16	11	4	59	27	32	59
4	Southport	32	16	7	9	50	53	-3	55
5	York City	31	14	12	5	62	33	29	54
6	Kidderminster Harriers	31	15	8	8	57	43	14	53
7	Grimbsby Town	31	15	6	10	62	44	18	51
8	Gateshead	31	14	9	8	50	45	5	51
9	Mansfield Town	30	12	13	5	47	34	13	49
10	Cambridge United	30	13	10	7	40	27	13	49
11	Barrow	31	13	6	12	48	47	1	45
12	Braintree Town	32	12	7	13	54	58	-4	43
13	Forest Green Rovers	31	10	12	9	41	30	11	42
14	Tamworth	30	10	8	12	38	46	-8	38
15	Ebbw Vale United	31	9	10	12	46	49	-3	37
16	Lincoln City	32	8	7	17	34	48	-14	31
17	Newport County	31	7	9	15	38	46	-8	30
18	Stockport County	33	5	14	14	37	55	-18	29
19	Darlington	32	10	8	14	32	41	-9	28
20	AFC Telford United	31	6	10	15	31	47	-16	28
21	Kettering Town	31	7	7	17	32	68	-36	28
22	Alfreton Town	31	6	7	18	38	67	-29	25
23	Hayes & Yeading	31	6	6	19	43	67	-24	24
24	Bath City	31	3	9	19	28	62	-34	18

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON				CUP				TOTAL				DISCIPL				CAREER TOTAL			
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIPL		TOTAL		DISCIPL		TOTAL							
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R				
Alasan ANN	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0						
Will ANTWEI	12	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	2	0	0	0	13	2						
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	0	1	77	1					
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	81	23						
Dean BECKWITH	8	(0)	1	3	(0)	0	11	(0)	1	2	1	1	11	1						
Shane BLACKETT	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	0	44	1						
Ryan BRUNT	0	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(5)	0	0	0	0	6	0						
Paul CARDEN	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	11	0						
Danny CROW	18	(6)	9	1	(2)	0	19	(8)	9	3	0	0	62	17						
James DANCE	21	(5)	3	2	(0)	1	23	(5)	4	3	0	0	28	4						
Stuart FLEETWOOD	14	(9)	5	5	(0)	4	19	(9)	9	3	0	0	28	9						
Dan GLEESON	8	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	1	0	0	53	0						
Jamie HAND	11	(2)	2	2	(0)	0	13	(2)	2	4	1	5	15	2						
Charlie HENRY	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	2	0						
Jake HOWELLS	28	(0)	5	4	(0)	1	32	(0)	6	2	0	0	163	15						
Keith KEANE	20	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	23	(0)	0	5	0	0	266	6						
John-Paul KISSOCK	4	(11)	0	6	(1)	0	10	(12)	0	0	0	0	22	0						
Janos KOVACS	22	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	24	(0)	2	2	0	0	41	3						
Alex LACEY	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	0	7	0						
Alex LAWLESS	23	(0)	2	3	(0)	0	26	(0)	2	6	1	55	7							
Brett LONGDEN	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0							
Colby McADAMS	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	3	0							
Craig MCALLISTER	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	2	0						
Amari MORGAN-SMITH	15	(2)	9	2	(0)	1	17	(2)	10	6	0	46	18							
Freddie MURRAY	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	79	1						
Jerry NASH	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	2	0						
Aaron O'CONNOR	16	(12)	5	3	(0)	4	19	(12)	9	2	0	31	9							
JJ O'DONNELL	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	0	9	0						
Curtis OSANO	17	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	23	(0)	0	3	0	23	0							
George PILKINGTON	18	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	20	(0)	1	2	0	15	11	11						
Kevin PILKINGTON	12	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	15	(0)	0	0	0	33	0							
Godfrey POKU	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	1	0	20	0							
Collin SAMUEL	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0							
Charlie SMITH	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0							
Christian TAVERNIER	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0							
Greg TAYLOR	10	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	12	(0)	0	1	0	1	0							
Mark TYLER	19	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	23	(0)	0	0	0	117	0							
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	21	1						
Adam WATKINS	14	(0)	4	2	(2)	0	16	(12)	5	4	0	34	7							
Robbie WILLIMOTT	19	(7)	7	4	(1)	0	23	(8)	7	2	0	49	13							
Jake WOOLLEY	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0							
Tommy WRIGHT	1	(3)	1	1	(1)	2	2	(4)	3	0	0	6	3							

LAST WORD

WITH FORMER LUTON NEWS SPORTS
EDITOR BRIAN SWAIN

When I retired and moved to Falmouth, there wasn't much about Luton that I really missed.

The town is not like the place where I grew up. But I still love the Hatters.

I was a fan from boyhood, then extremely lucky to be paid to report on Town matches and chronicle events at Kenilworth Road for nearly 40 years.

The other great bonus from my journalism was that I made a huge number of friends. Now, living in a town I have known all my life, more new friendships have been forged, and one in particular gives me a lot of pleasure.

First, let me take you back to the highlights among my Luton Town memories: promotion to the old First Division in 1955; John Moore and co. winning the Fourth Division championship in 1968; David Pleat's fabulous Second Division title-winners in 1982 to begin a decade at football's top table; Raddy Antic and Maine Road, in the final game of 1982/83; Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup final five years later.

I still have many friends in Luton which is why today, nearly seven years after I retired and left, I am (I hope!) back on a swift day-trip. Four times a season I return to meet old friends and to watch my beloved Hatters.

They include John Moore, and I well remember the team he helped to the Fourth Division championship. Another outstanding player in that squad was powerhouse midfielder Bruce Rioch.

He and Alan Slough had been the two apprentices taken on in 1964 when they left Stopsley School. I used to stand on the Kenilworth Road terrace – no seats and no roof in those days – and as Rioch



ramped around midfield and regularly smashed in stunning goals from long range, I joined the inevitable chant: "Rioch for England..."

It was some months later when we discovered that although he was born to a soldier's wife in Aldershot, his father was Scottish, and Bruce opted to play for Scotland. Tommy Docherty paid £100,000 to take him to Aston Villa in 1969, and the young midfielder developed into an outstanding talent.

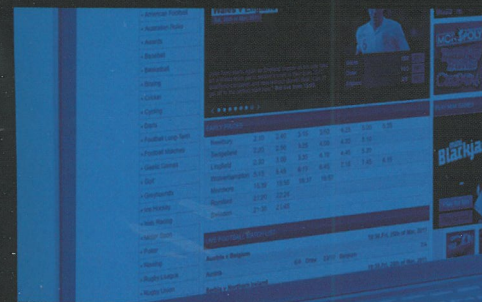
He became the first English-born player to skipper Scotland when he led their unsuccessful 1974 World Cup campaign. Eventually he made well over 500 Football League appearances as he moved on to Derby, Everton and Torquay.

Then came management, at Torquay, Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton, Arsenal, Norwich and two Danish clubs, Odense and Aalborg.

I have somehow become General Secretary of Falmouth Town, and one day last year we were amazed and delighted to get a phone call from the man himself. Retired, Bruce was living 10 minutes away, wanted to maintain his coaching skills, and wondered if we would like him to take a training session or two. Not half! He impressed everyone with his knowledge and demeanour. The team looks all the better for it, and I, once the teenager who cheered his every step on the pitch, have had the great pleasure of getting to know him personally. Lucky me!

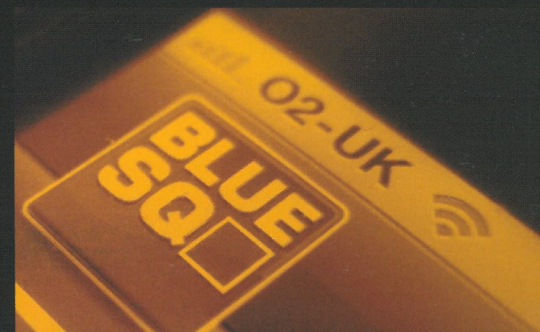
Greetings to all my old football friends here today.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN 2:0 **TAMWORTH**

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	✓
Andre Boucaud	17	✓
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	✓

✓ 1	Jonathan Hedge
✓ 2	Richard Tait
■ 3	Sam Habergham
✗ 4	Duane Courtney
✓ 5	Francino Francis
■ 6	Sam Oji
✓ 7	Jean-Paul Marna
✓ 8	Charlie Reece
✓ 10	Kieron St Aimie
✓ 11	Danny Thomas
✓ 12	Liam McDonald
✓ 14	Kyle Patterson
✓ 16	Paul Green
✗ 17	Connor Gudger
✓ 18	Chez Isaac
✓ 19	Scott Barrow
■ 20	Callum Reynolds
■ 22	Nabil Shariff
✓ 23	Iyseden Christie
■ 27	Troy Wallen
■ 28	Luke Bottomer
■ 29	Les Weemes
■ 30	Dale Belford
■ 31	Jake Healy
✓ 33	Nick McKoy
■ 34	Luke Hubbins
■ 35	Harvey Headley

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Merchant
 Assistant: P. Harris
 Assistant: S. Franklin
 Fourth official: A. Mead

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Saturday 25th February 2012 3pm
 FA Trophy quarter-final

