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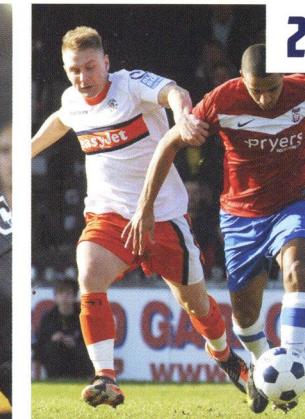
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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be an exciting and tense semi-final second leg tie against York City.

I'd like to give a warm welcome to Gary Mills and his players and staff plus the directors and supporters of the Minstermen to Bedfordshire and wish them a safe journey home.

We go into the game today aiming to overturn a one-goal deficit following last Saturday's first leg defeat at Bootham Crescent. It's not often you walk off the pitch happy in defeat but we were delighted with the players' efforts when down to nine men in the second half.

Naturally there was disappointment with the result and the fact we had two men sent-off but the determination and endeavour could not be faulted.

We know how tough York will make it for us this afternoon. I'm sure Gary wasn't too disheartened with last weekend's result. At the end of the day it is our visitors who start the match today with their noses in front and the expectancy will be on us to turn that around today.

On Tuesday we had to show more battling qualities to make sure we earned a point at Darlington. For the third match running we had a man sent-off when Janos Kovacs was dismissed for a straight red card. It was a disappointing decision and we felt it necessary to appeal it. The verdict was due on Thursday evening. Hopefully we will have Janos available this afternoon because he has been in imperious form for us this season.

It was well and truly a dramatic final eight minutes in the north east and after they were awarded a penalty four minutes from the end it looked as though we were down and out. Once again, though, we dug

deep and two substitutes – Stuart Fleetwood and Jake Woolley – combined to see Stuart net a deserved equaliser in the 90th-minute.

Then, with the last kick of the game Darlington had the chance to win it with another penalty but Mark Tyler – who had done so well for us at York – saved the spot-kick and we were able to breathe a sigh of relief once more when a point seemed unlikely.

At the moment we seem to be making hard work for ourselves but at Darlington I thought after a mediocre first-half display we were excellent in the second half and, on another night, we could have won by two or three goals. It was a tale of two excellent goalkeeping displays with both sides grateful for a series of fine saves.

Since we were last at Kenilworth Road we have clocked up a lot of miles and I'd like to thank those supporters who backed us at Wrexham, York and Darlington. It was hugely appreciated by everyone at the club, especially the players.

The atmosphere should be red-hot again today and all I ask is that you get behind the lads once more. It's often said and I often think that supporters don't believe it, but your noise and enthusiasm really does make a difference.

A place at Wembley is at stake so what better incentive for us all? Management, staff, players and supporters.

Together we can make this a season to remember so please stand up and back the boys.

Keep the faith.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

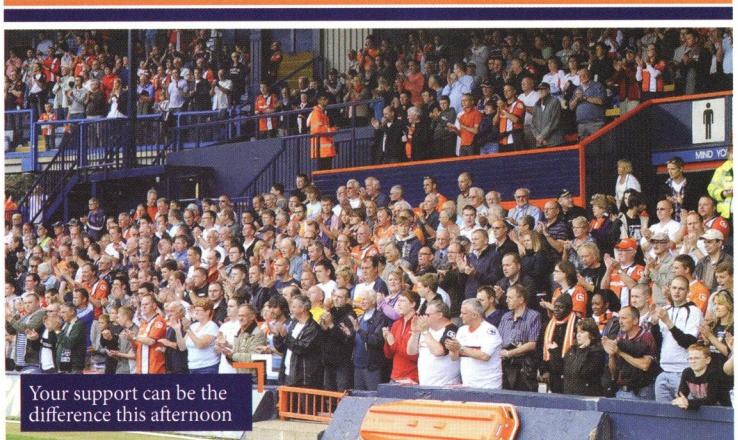
WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR ROGER BANNISTER

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the players, directors, officials and particularly the fans of York City to Kenilworth Road today. Let's hope for an exciting, feisty, passionate game of football played in the right spirit with the prospect of a trip down Wembley Way for the winners.

I'm the new kid on the block having joined the club in October last year having served time at West Ham United and a lot of time at Birmingham City.

My passion has always been football, firstly standing on the Popular Terrace at Filbert Street supporting my home town team Leicester City, then playing as a flying right winger (although not particularly well) in parks football, then coaching youngsters and eventually helping in the takeover of Birmingham City in the mid-1990's and being involved in looking after the financial side of the business as Financial Director.

The advantage of being involved with a number of clubs over the years means that the results on Sports Report on a Saturday afternoon usually contain some good news as at least one of them will be successful.



And if it does conspire that all my teams have a poor result I can always fall back on Leicester Tigers - the Manchester United of Rugby Union.

Working for a football club is like working for no other type of business with feelings of exultation, closely followed by abject depression, never far away. The business of football is often described as being on a rollercoaster ride. In my time at Birmingham we were relegated four times, twice from the Premier League, promoted three times, enjoyed successful and unsuccessful Cup Finals and Play-Off finals at Cardiff and Wembley.

These promotions and relegations can make a difference of many millions of pounds to a club's revenues for the following seasons and this is where the challenge for the management of the club begins. It is vital that any club's finances are carefully controlled with the balance between buying possible future success without over stretching a club's resources requiring a degree in tightrope walking as well as financial management. It's exciting, exhilarating and, at times, very difficult and can weigh heavily on players and management.

From a financial perspective, a run through to Wembley in the FA Trophy can give a tremendous boost to the Club's finances to the tune of £250,000 in additional turnover which lends a further important aspect to this afternoon's game.

I have been very impressed with the experienced, close-knit team working for your club as well as the

organisational structure which would be the envy of many clubs playing at a far higher level. I think that fans can rest assured that they have in place a team of committed individuals who are doing everything possible to return Luton Town to the Football League.

Although I didn't attend the game at York from conversations with colleagues who were there, and from reading newspaper reports, the team put in a dogged, determined performance in the first leg which sets up today's game perfectly. To keep the team in the tie, having gone a goal down and being reduced to nine men, shows not only tremendous commitment but also great strength of character on the part of the players. They demonstrated that they were willing to give their all for the club and its management.

In many ways the fans of Luton Town are similar to those at West Ham - there is almost a requirement that the team play open, skilful, fast flowing football, particularly in home games, and this can cause difficulties as often the opposition will work hard to nullify this. This may lead to the players feeling a genuine pressure of expectancy from the fans and can result in them feeling nervous playing at home.

The tremendous vocal support at York last weekend by the ever-enthusiastic Luton away support was stupendous and drew admiring comments from opposition fans and staff. It is vital that this vocal support is replicated this afternoon throughout the ground to provide that extra impetus to the players.

I am certain that the players selected and the management team will go all out to win the second leg today, so please give them your total committed support and I am sure we will be successful.

And then on to Wembley!

Best wishes

Roger

HONOURS

Littlewoods Challenge Cup:

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Runners-up 1989

F.A.Cup:

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Winners 2009

Simod Cup:

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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:

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PILKS

Well we've certainly had an interesting and dramatic few matches since the last time we played here at Kenilworth Road.

After a comfortable victory over Bath we have had our fair share of ups and downs in the following three away matches at Wrexham, York and Darlington.

We had no excuses for the defeat at Wrexham. We knew our first half performance was not good enough and we were punished for making a sloppy start by going a goal down inside the first six minutes. We did not help ourselves and despite an improved second half show we couldn't get back into the game.

At York four days later we went into the game having spoken about not giving them an advantage going into the this afternoon's second leg. After 14 minutes and a goal and a man down we did fear the worst, especially given the way York had beaten us in the league back in September. The red card was harsh on Jake because it was an instinctive reaction and there wasn't much he could do given how quick the ball shot towards him.

However, we re-grouped, and got to half-time and discussed how to keep York at bay whilst trying to get a goal ourselves. Obviously 10 minutes into the second half we had to reassess once more when Keith was dismissed for his second yellow card. From that point on, with 35 minutes left to play, we battled superbly against the inevitable York onslaught and we defended manfully in a battling defensive display.

It was a dogged, determined showing and it reminded me of last season's semi-final against Mansfield when we played the whole of extra-time with nine men. By keeping York at bay last week we have worked hard to give ourselves a shot at reaching Wembley in May. We must make sure that last week's endeavour is for nothing, that the last 35 minutes effort does not go to waste.

There was no rest for the wicked as we were once more on the road on Tuesday when we travelled to Darlington. A lot was made beforehand of the troubles

Darlington were going through but if anything their off-the-field problems have galvanised them in recent weeks.

Our first half display was okay, not great but the second half was better and we were unlucky not to find ourselves in front before the breathless final 10 minutes. We were shocked when we saw Janos sent-off and we all thought

'here we go again,' especially after they took the lead. But we battled back, again, and it was brilliant to see Stuart Fleetwood level things up for us in the final minute. Typical of our luck of late though, another penalty went Darlington's way in the 95th minute. However, Mark Tyler did the business making the save and we could celebrate what seemed an unlikely point.

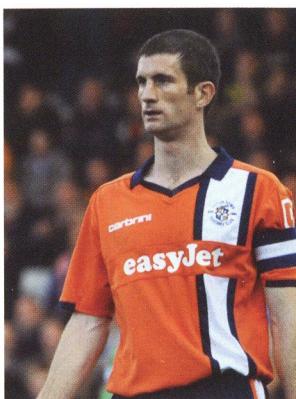
All this drama is strengthening our character with each game. With a lot of important matches between now and the end of the season, including today's, we feel that our spirit and determination has never been higher. If there was anything I think we're lacking at the minute then that would be luck. Throughout the season it has eluded us. Maybe the gods will start to shine on us, beginning this afternoon.

Since the Darlington game we've been itching to get this game started. It's a huge game with a big incentive.

Please get behind us and help get us Wembley! Enjoy the game.



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AROUND TOWN

■ SEMI-FINAL BOUND

The Town's prize for beating Gateshead last Saturday is two-legged semi-final tie with York City in the FA Trophy semi-finals for a place in the final at Wembley in May.

■ NEW DATE FOR EBBSFLEET



The Town's Blue Square Bet Premier meeting with Ebbsfleet United will take place on Tuesday 17th April at Kenilworth Road (kick-off 7.45pm).

The game was due to be played last weekend but was rearranged due to our progress in the FA Trophy.

■ KIDS FOR A QUID NEXT WEEK

As the race for promotion hots up and excitement builds as the season reaches its climax, the Town's crucial game with Grimsby Town at Kenilworth Road has been designated a Kids Day. Anyone* can bring a supporter under the age of 17 to Kenilworth Road for just £1 for the match in the Blue Square Bet Premier against the Mariners on Saturday 24th March.

Supporters must buy their tickets before 1.30pm on the day of the game and there will be no discounted tickets available on the turnstiles. All we ask for fans for is to fill out a form with the child's name, address

and email address before purchasing tickets - and this can be done this over the phone, via email or in the ticket office.

On the day of the match all the entertainment will kick-off at 1.30pm so get down to Kenilworth Road early! There will be discounts on children sizes shirts in the Club Shop and a packed Junior Stall on the day. There will also be a penalty shootout on the pitch at half-time featuring junior diamond season ticket holders as well as face painting for kids and adults before the game. What's more you'll also get the chance to meet and have photographs taken with Happy Harry and members of the Hatters' first team squad.

Fans are also encouraged to arrive early on the day to receive either a free cheering horn or free foam finger whilst stocks last. There will be plenty of competitions taking place too, which will appear in the matchday programme and on Facebook and Twitter.

It promises to be a fantastic day's entertainment at Kenilworth Road and, with more activities planned between now and the game, make sure you book your tickets now.

*The ticket is available to all season ticket holders and all matchday ticket holders (except matchday youth and junior ticket holders). Supporters who have already purchased junior and youth tickets for this match should contact the ticket office to arrange a refund in conjunction with this offer.



■ GREG'S A DIAMOND

Flying left-back Greg Taylor has won the diamond season ticket holder player of the month award for January.

The 22-year-old came out on top in January's poll after another fine month for the Hatters which included a goal in the 5-0 win on New Year's Day at Kettering. He also helped the Hatters keep five clean sheets during that time. He received his award from diamond season ticket holder Andy Smith after our 2-0 win over Bath City and he joins Amari Morgan-Smith, Janos Kovacs and Jake Howells on the list of winners this term.

For further information on diamond season tickets please contact the ticket office.

■ MONEY UP FOR GRABS

One supporter is missing out on £650 after our Golden Gamble against Bath has still not been claimed. The ticket number you need to look for is 28635. If you have the number please contact the commercial department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY 1

Congratulations to Town fan Grahame Cowley on his 50th birthday. Grahame is the fifth in line of a family full of life long Hatters fans, which started back in the 1940's.

Lots of love from mum, Christine, Robert, Pauline, Janet, Karen, Angela and everyone at Luton Town.

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2

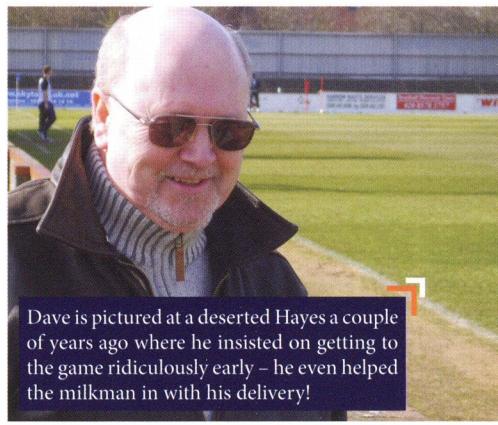
Happy 70th birthday to ardent Town fan Malcolm Lane.

Malcolm goes to all the games at home and travels away with the Bobbers Travel Club; he was one of the hardy souls who travelled to Barrow, Wrexham,

York and Darlington in the last month. He has been supporting the Hatters since a small boy. After the 1959 final at Wembley he chucked his straw boater in the bin at the train station, so had to buy a new one for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final!

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY 3

Enjoying his 60th birthday celebrations with his family and friends at Kenilworth Road this afternoon is Dave Cockfield.



Dave started watching the Town in the 1950's, became a founder member of the Oak Road choir a few years later (although singing was never his forte) before being thrown out of some of the better grounds in the country as a teenager.

Calming down considerably since his boisterous days of the late 1960's, Dave has travelled the length and breadth of the country following his beloved team - sometimes travelling more miles than he needed to as his sense of direction was never the best, with arriving at half-time becoming a speciality when going to games without the assistance of his more geographically aware friends.

Have a great day, Dave.

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WELCOME YORK CITY



This afternoon we welcome York City to Kenilworth Road for the first of two matches here in the next fortnight.

The two sides reacquaint themselves after last Saturday's first leg at Bootham Crescent and, after today's second leg, the Minstermen make the journey south once more a week on Friday for a Blue Square Bet Premier clash live on Premier Sports.

The Town's overall record against City is good but in recent times our visitors have enjoyed the upper hand. Last weekend's win was their fourth in succession on their own turf, all without conceding. The last time the two sides met in a two-legged affair was at the end of the 2009/10 season where the Minstermen triumphed 2-0 on aggregate in the play-offs, winning both legs 1-0.

Gary Mills' side will want to avenge the defeat they suffered on their last visit in January 2011 when the Town romped to a 5-0 victory at Kenilworth Road. City goalkeeper Michael Ingham was red-carded in the first half and the Hatters punished the visitors, who had no recognised keeper on the bench.

York are gunning for their second FA Trophy appearance in four years. The Minstermen were

runners-up in the 2009 final, going down to Stevenage at Wembley.

Victories over Solihull Moors, Salisbury City, Ebbsfleet United and Grimsby Town have got City this far and Mills will hope that their victory last weekend is enough to get them to Wembley.

Like the Hatters, our visitors come into the game having been in action in midweek, and Mills' side continued their good form in the Blue Square Bet Premier by beating Grimsby 3-2 at Blundell Park to move back into the play-off places and two points behind the Town in the table.

Away from home Mills' side have only lost twice in the league all season, winning seven and drawing eight of their 17 fixtures.

The Hatters will be wary that York are more than capable of turning on the style, as their impressive 3-0 win at Bootham Crescent in September showed.

That day former Hatter Jason Walker put in a man-of-the-match performance and the striker, who is hoping to fit for today's clash after recovering from a hamstring injury, will be want to add to his tally of 16 goals this term.

THE VISITORS

■ HISTORY

After being founded in 1922 York joined the Football League seven years later, where they remained until the Minstermen finally lost their status as a League club following relegation from League 2 in 2003/04.

Their relegation that season was down in no small part to the fact they failed to win a league game in their final 20 matches of the campaign.

After a 17th place finish in their first season in the Conference they missed out on the Play-Offs by three places in 2005/06. The following season, however, the Minstermen did make the end-of-season lottery but lost at the semi-final stage to Morecambe, who went on to win promotion themselves.

In 2007/08 City failed to replicate the form of the previous campaign and ended up marooned in mid-table, eventually finishing 14th. The following season saw another frustrating league campaign in the Conference for the Bootham Crescent faithful when they finished in 17th place, narrowly avoiding the drop with a late resurgence in form, towards the tail end of the season, helping them survive.

It was a different matter in the cup competitions, and Manager Martin Foyle guided the club to Wembley in the FA Trophy, but the Minstermen lost 2-0 in the Final to Stevenage Borough.

After the traumas of the previous campaign 2009/10 was a much better season for the club after they narrowly missed out on returning to the Football League. They lost to Oxford United in the Promotion Play-Off Final at Wembley.

A rather disappointing start was made with just one win in the opening five games but an unbeaten run of nine matches lifted City into the top five. A club record of eight successive league wins sent Play-Off hopes soaring but a lean spell in February of two draws and four defeats caused them to slip to sixth.

The Minstermen got back on track with a vital win at Mansfield Town and in the closing weeks secured their top five position. Convincing victories in the final run in included a 5-0 home crushing of AFC Wimbledon and 4-0 at Grays Athletic. The Hatters were beaten twice in the Play-Off semi-final by York, only for the club to fall at the final hurdle.

Richard Brodie was the top scorer with 34 goals – the third best tally in the club's history and City also reached the third round of the FA Cup for the first time since 2001/02, losing at that stage to Premier League Stoke City and they progressed to the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy.

■ MEET THE MANAGER

Gary Mills

Appointed manager in succession to Martin Foyle in mid-October 2010, Gary had a distinguished playing career and as an 18-year-old played in the 1980 European Cup final for Nottingham Forest when they beat SV Hamburg to lift the trophy.

A midfielder he was capped for England at Under-21 level and went on to play for Derby County, Notts County and Leicester City as well as a spell in the USA with Seattle Sounders.

His first managerial appointment was with Grantham whom he led to the Southern League (Midland) title in 1998. He then moved to Kings Lynn before joining Tamworth for his first spell as manager of the Lambs in 2001. A period as first-team coach at Coventry City followed before his appointment as boss of Notts County in 2004 and then after managing Alfreton Town he returned to Tamworth in January 2007.

He was unable to save the club from relegation that season but in 2009 he guided the Lambs back to the top tier of non-league football when they were Blue Square North Champions.

IN OPPOSITION

BOOING BAFFLES CITY BOSS



Much was said of the Town's valiant effort to restrict York to a one-goal advantage going into today's game after last Saturday's first leg.

Having played the final 35 minutes with nine men, strange as it sounds the Hatters clung on grimly to a 1-0 defeat.

York's winner came as a result of a 14th-minute penalty from striker Jamie Reed after his original shot was handled on the line by Jake Howells.

But despite bossing large periods of the second half against the Town's strong defence the hosts failed to make their numerical advantage count.

And while City boss Gary Mills was happy to get through he was disappointed with a small section of the home faithful who booed his team off at the final whistle.

"I thought we started the game superbly and deserved to take the lead," Mills told BBC York.

"We've had four clean sheets now and if we get another next Saturday we go to Wembley, as simple as that.

"Of course we want a little bit better when we get into the last third and in the box, of course we do, but it's the semi-final of a cup."

"I wouldn't like to think if we went down to nine men that we'd allow the opposition to score two or three goals."

"They haven't, so we get on with it and enjoy this 1-0."

"We haven't taken two or three chances that we had. The pleasing thing is we got a clean sheet, got our noses in front and we get ready for Tuesday, a big league game then we'll go and try and get ourselves to Wembley next Saturday."



City boss Gary Mills

"We've worked hard and got a one-nil lead in the semi-final and we're getting booed."

"If I put nine men behind the ball in a training session on Monday, we'll see how many times we score."

"I can't believe what I'm hearing. Fair play to Luton. They've defended well."

"We could have done better in situations, of course we know that but to get booed is beyond me."



IN TOWN

□ GOALKEEPER

Michael Ingham

Now in his fourth season at York having joined the club from Hereford United in 2008. Capped twice for Northern Ireland he had a spell on loan with City from Sunderland in 2002/03 making 17 Football League appearances. Loan spells with Carlisle United, Darlington and Doncaster Rovers followed before joining Wrexham prior to his move to Edgar Street. Ever present in the last three seasons he started this campaign with over 150 appearances to his credit. He captained the side in the closing weeks of 2009/10 leading the side out at Wembley in the play-off final. He kept 25 clean sheets that season and last term was unbeaten on 22 occasions.

□ DEFENDERS

Lanre Oyebajo

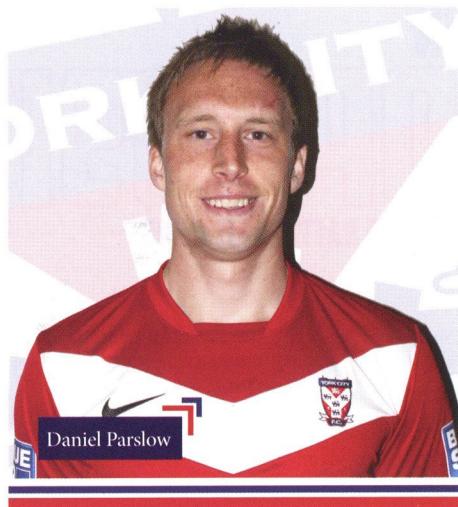
A summer signing from Histon with whom he spent the last three seasons. He had previously been on the books of Brentford. The son of an Nigerian father and Irish mother he has represented the Republic of Ireland at Under-19 and Under-21 level.

David McGurk

The club's longest serving player having first appeared for City on loan from Darlington in 2004/05. The following campaign he had a full season on loan from the Quakers before signing a permanent deal in August 2006. He has twice has helped the club reach the promotion play-offs plus the FA Trophy final. At the start of this season he had 273 League and Cup appearances under his belt for City.

Daniel Parslow

A former Wales Under-21 international this is his sixth season at Bootham Crescent having joined the club from Cardiff City in 2006. Figured in two promotion play-off campaigns for the club and captained the side when they reached the FA Trophy final in 2008/09. Whilst with City he has captained the Wales non-league side and at the start of this season had 211 senior appearances to his credit.



Chris Smith

Re-joined City in October 2010 initially on loan from Mansfield Town and appointed captain. Started his career as a trainee at Leeds United and then Reading and first moved to Bootham Crescent in 2001. In three seasons with the club he made 88 League and Cup appearances before leaving City when they dropped out of the Football League in 2004.

James Meredith

Left-sided defender who has made over 100 senior appearances since signing from Shrewsbury Town in the summer of 2009. Equally at home in the centre of defence when called upon, he won the Players' Player of the Year award last term. Born in Australia he started his career as a youngster with Derby County. After a loan period at Chesterfield and a spell with Irish club Sligo Rovers he joined the Shrews in 2007.

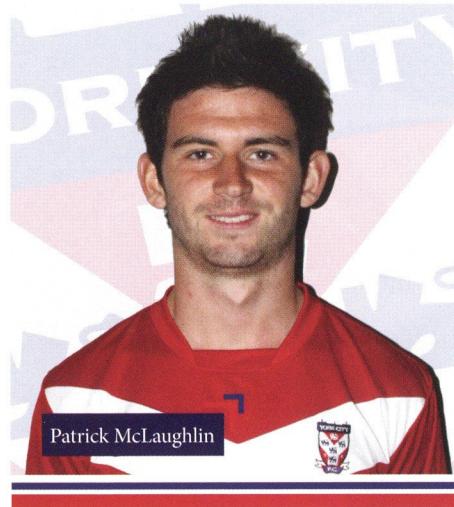
□ MIDFIELDERS

Jamal Fyfield

A utility player operating at either full back or left wing he joined City from Conference South club Maidenhead United in September 2010 and scored on his debut. He later went back on loan to Maidenhead but returned to Bootham Crescent in the closing weeks of the season when he impressed at centre back.

Jon Challinor

Joined City shortly after the start of the season from Kettering Town. An experienced midfielder he has played in the top tier of non-league football for a number of years helping three clubs reach the promotion play-off final.



Scott Kerr

Signed from Lincoln City in January 2011 just before the transfer window closed. An experienced midfielder he started his career on the YTS with Bradford City and turned professional for the Bantams, who were then in the Premier League, in 2000. He later played for Hull City and Scarborough and then in 2005 joined Lincoln City with whom he made 249 appearances.

Patrick McLaughlin

Moved to Bootham Crescent in the summer having spent the last four years with Newcastle United. During this time was a regular in the Magpies reserve side. Born in Larne he is a Northern Ireland Under-21 international.

Michael Potts

Another newcomer this season he was snapped up after been released from Blackburn Rovers. A first year professional at Ewood Park last season he was a regular in Rovers' reserve side and was a member of their Under-18 team that reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup in 2009/10. Before joining Blackburn he spent nine years as a member of the Manchester United's school of excellence.

Matty Blair

Joined City from Kidderminster Harriers in the close season. He can play on either flank and netted 11 goals for the Aggborough club last season. Has had spells with Stratford, Redditch and AFC Telford along with Bedworth Town for whom he played against City in the FA Cup in October 2009.

Danny Pilkington

Joined City early this season and scored on his debut when coming on a substitute at Kettering. Made his Football League debut for Stockport in 2008/09 and made a total of 38 League appearances for County before his release in 2011.

Ashley Chambers

Joined the club on-loan from Leicester City in 2010. He made his senior debut for the Foxes at the age of 15 and has represented England at Under-17, 18 and 19 level. In 2009/10 he had loan spells with Wycombe Wanderers and Grimsby Town before signing a permanent deal with City during the close season after he was released by Leicester.

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Liam Henderson

Another newcomer this season after spending the last five years at Watford. He made several substitute appearances for the Hornets in the Championship and also had loan spells with Hartlepool United, Colchester United, Aldershot Town and Rotherham United.

Jamie Reed

Joined City in 2011 from Bangor City. He went on to finish second top marksman last season with nine goals in 24 appearances. Formerly with Wrexham he was a prolific scorer while at Bangor and at the time of his move to Bootham Crescent had notched 17 goals for them that season. Had a loan spell at Tamworth when Gary Mills was manager and in the summer of 2010 was in Australia where he played for Melbourne based club Dandenong Thunder.

Jason Walker

Signed from the Hatters in 2011. Born in Barrow, he spent four seasons at Dundee and then moved to Greenock Morton in 2004. After a short spell with Morecambe he joined his home town club in 2007 helping Barrow win promotion from Blue Square North the following year. He netted the winning goal for Barrow in the FA Trophy final against Stevenage in 2010. He moved to Kenilworth Road in 2010 and helped the Town reach the promotion play-off final.





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SOME HISTORIC SEASONS IN YORK'S HISTORY

1958/59

Sam Bartram managed York City to promotion in 1958/59. They won their first three games in the new Fourth Division without conceding a goal and went top of the table with a 4-0 win at home to Crewe in September. Skipper Peter Wragg grabbed a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory at Hartlepools and York returned to the promotion frame with 3-2 win at Watford in mid-February. They lost just one of their last 20 League games, winning 2-0 at rivals Exeter and clinching promotion with a 1-0 victory at Aldershot. Goalkeeper Tommy Forgan was ever-present, while George Howe and Barry Jackson also starred in a strong defence.

1964/65

Paul Aimson was top scorer with 26 goals as York City won promotion in 1964/65. Other newcomers included wingers Derek Weddle and Andy Provan as York remained unbeaten in their opening six Fourth Division games. After a poor spell, they surged up to second place with ten wins in 11 games, trouncing Chesterfield 7-1 on Boxing Day. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat at leaders Tranmere but York hammered Newport County 5-1 and went top as Derek Weddle grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-0 win over Tranmere in late March. Skipper Billy Rudd, Tommy Heron and Andy Provan were ever-present as York finished third.

1973/74

Chris Jones and Jimmy Seal scored 34 goals between them as York City won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1973/74. The Minstermen kicked off with a 4-2 win at Charlton and went 21 League games without defeat until Charlton gained revenge with a 1-0 victory at York. They equalled the Football League record by going 11 matches without conceding a goal. York were never out of the top three after mid-November and clinched promotion with a 1-1 draw against champions Oldham in the final home match. The players who formed the magnificent defence missed only six games between them.

1983/84

John Byrne and Keith Walwyn netted 52 goals between them as York City stormed to the Fourth Division title in 1983/84. The Minstermen started with a three straight wins, then regained top spot with a 2-1 win at Northampton in late October and were never again headed. Denis Smith's side lost just twice in 29 games and the 1-1 draw at home to rivals Doncaster attracted 11,297. Promotion was clinched with a 1-1 draw at Chester in mid-April and York won the title with a club record 101 points. John MacPhail, John Byrne and Gary Ford were ever-present, while other stars included captain Roger Jones, Alan Hay and Ricky Sbragia.

1984/85

York City made headlines as they defeated Arsenal in the 1984/85 FA Cup fourth round. Newly promoted York were early pace-setters, winning six of their first eight League matches. John Byrne moved to QPR in October and Dale Banton was signed as his replacement shortly after York won 7-1 at home to Gillingham. In the FA Cup, Denis Smith's team defeated Blue Star 2-0, Hartlepool 2-0 and Walsall 3-0 before Keith Houchen's late penalty clinched a 1-0 fourth round win at home to Arsenal. They drew 1-1 with Liverpool in the fifth round before losing 7-0 in the Anfield replay and finished eighth in the Third Division.

1992/93

Alan Little plotted York City's 1992/93 Third Division play-off final triumph. The Minstermen raced to the top of the table, losing just one of their opening 14 League matches and slamming four goals past Wrexham and Hereford. A mid-season run of six successive draws saw York lose pole position but they maintained their promotion challenge as leading marksman Paul Barnes netted four goals in a 5-1 victory at home to Scunthorpe, then grabbed a hat-trick in a 5-1 win at Barnet. They finished fourth, despite winning five of their last seven games, beating Crewe 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the play-off final at Wembley.

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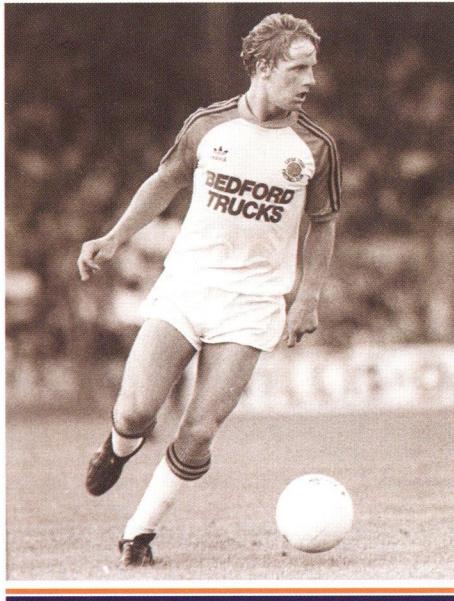
COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. One step from Wembley, everyone has their fingers crossed for a positive result this afternoon.

After months of preparation, last week we were delighted to announce details of our end-of-season dinner. This season we will welcome back our former England striker Paul Walsh to be our special guest speaker at the event sponsored by A-Plan Insurance on Wednesday 9th May 2012.

Walsh, who is now a fixture on Sky Sports' Soccer Saturday show, netted 24 goals in Town colours and he'll be reminiscing about his time at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 9th May.



The celebration takes place at the wonderful new Venue Central and will be compered by ITV Sport commentator Peter Drury and a whole host of Town legends from the past and present - including the management and squad from this season - will be in attendance.

Tickets cost just £40 which includes a two-course buffet meal and together with Paul's memories, entertainment on the night will also include an auction, raffle and a disco until the small hours.

The night kicks-off at 7.30pm and if you wish to purchase tickets please contact the Commercial Department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

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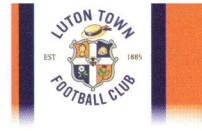
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LOOK BACK



TOWN 2-0 BATH
BATH BEATEN



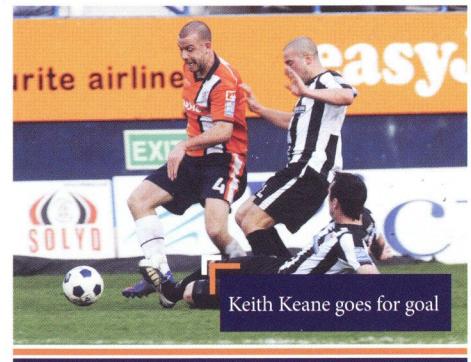
Town boss Gary Brabin wasn't entirely happy with the performance his side gave as they further cemented their place in the top five with a 2-0 win over bottom-of-the-table Bath City.

Janos Kovacs' goal put the Hatters in front on 17 minutes but it wasn't until nine minutes from time that the Town made sure of the points when Adam Watkins fired home.

And the manager was disappointed that his side failed to build on the earlier goal scored by the Hungarian. "I thought we started brightly and took a deserved lead, and for the first 20 minutes I thought things were looking quite good," Brabin told Hatters Player afterwards. "But as soon as we scored we took our foot off the gas and we started doing things that we've told the lads to stamp out. We were doing things we shouldn't be doing and it turned in fantasy football at times: making strange decisions, over-playing it in areas we shouldn't and misplacing passes.

"It was really sloppy going into half-time. I was so disappointed with us when we had the ball because I thought we were doing well and working really hard without it. I said to the lads at half-time what I thought and I gave it seven or eight minutes into the second half but nothing changed and I always had in mind what changes we would make it needed. If anything the thing I was pleased with was the reaction of those who came on. Adam got his goal, Andre Boucaud got on the ball well and Stuart Fleetwood was unlucky with a header at the back stick at the end.

"The positives are there. We've done what we've had to do - get three points and keep another clean sheet. The lads are enthusiastic and there's nothing wrong with that, but sometimes we've got to do the simple things. We don't want our striker or left winger going to right-back to get the ball off of our centre-half. That's when it becomes like fantasy football.



Keith Keane goes for goal

"We've got a gameplan and it's important the players play to it. As long as we remain patient and play football we'll be okay but patience is something we need to get better at."

Kovacs felt it was vital the Town bounced back to form following the end of their 13-match unbeaten run against Barrow. "After the disappointing result at Barrow it was important that we got three points and that's what we did," the Hungarian told Player. "The way we played wasn't the best but all good teams need to win these kind of games so we're happy that we got three points because it wasn't easy."

Brabin revealed after the victory that he had told Kovacs to start making his presence felt in the opposition penalty area and, after working on his heading after training on Friday, the hard work paid off when his bullet header put the Town in front in the 17th-minute.

"I'd really like to thank Curtis Osano because he stayed out on Friday after training to put balls in the box for me to head and I'm delighted it's paid off," explained Kovacs. "In the last 10-15 matches we've had some great deliveries from both sides and Jake Howells' corner was perfect."

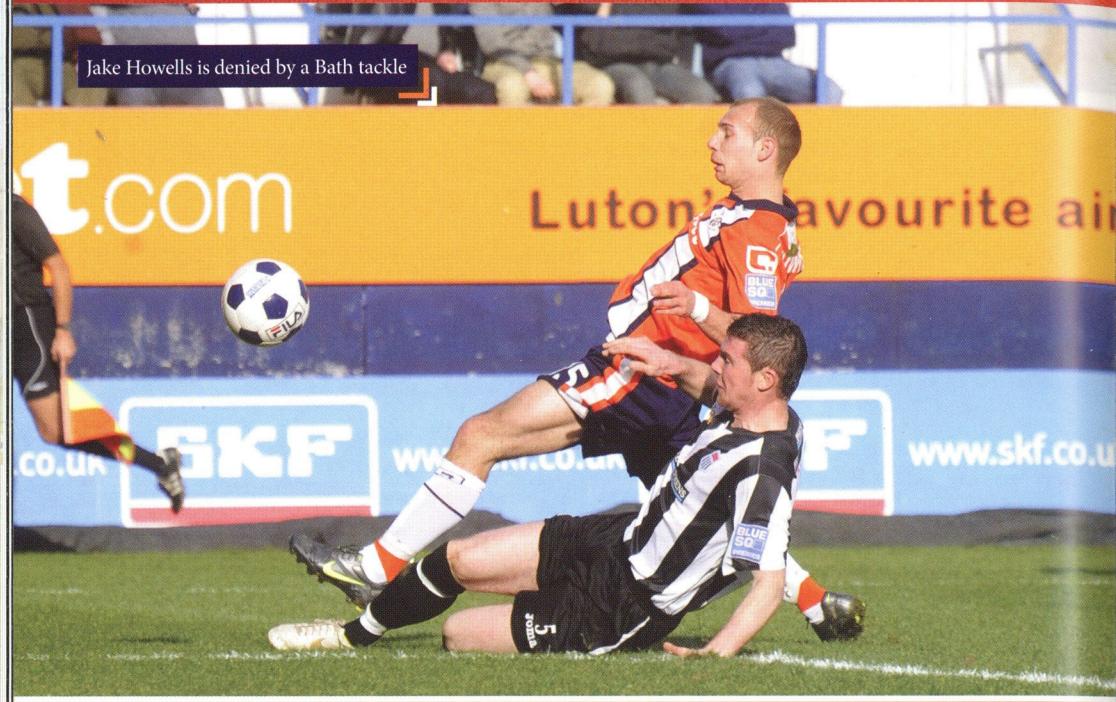


TOWN
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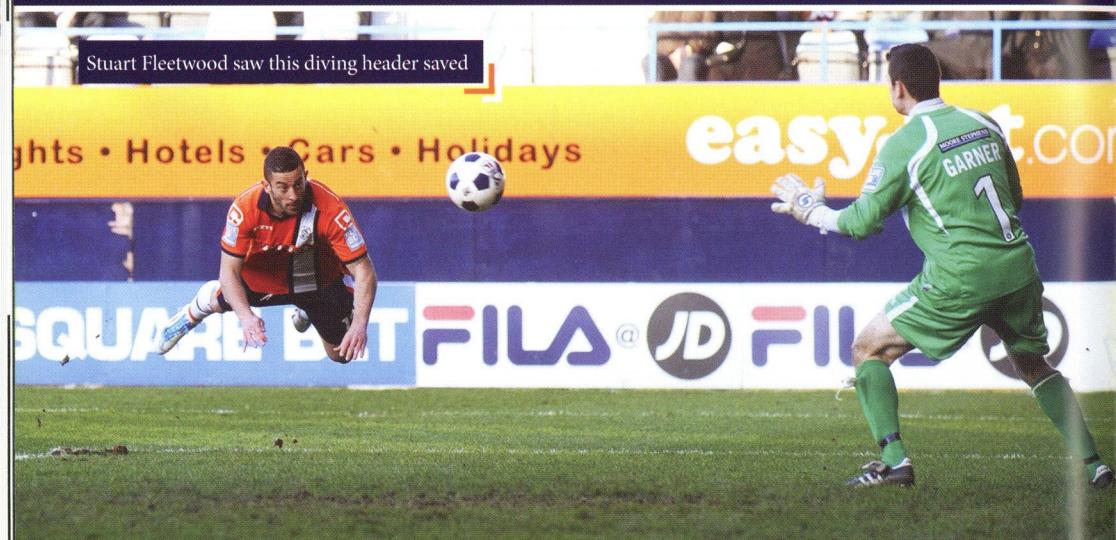
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BATH

Jake Howells is denied by a Bath tackle



Stuart Fleetwood saw this diving header saved

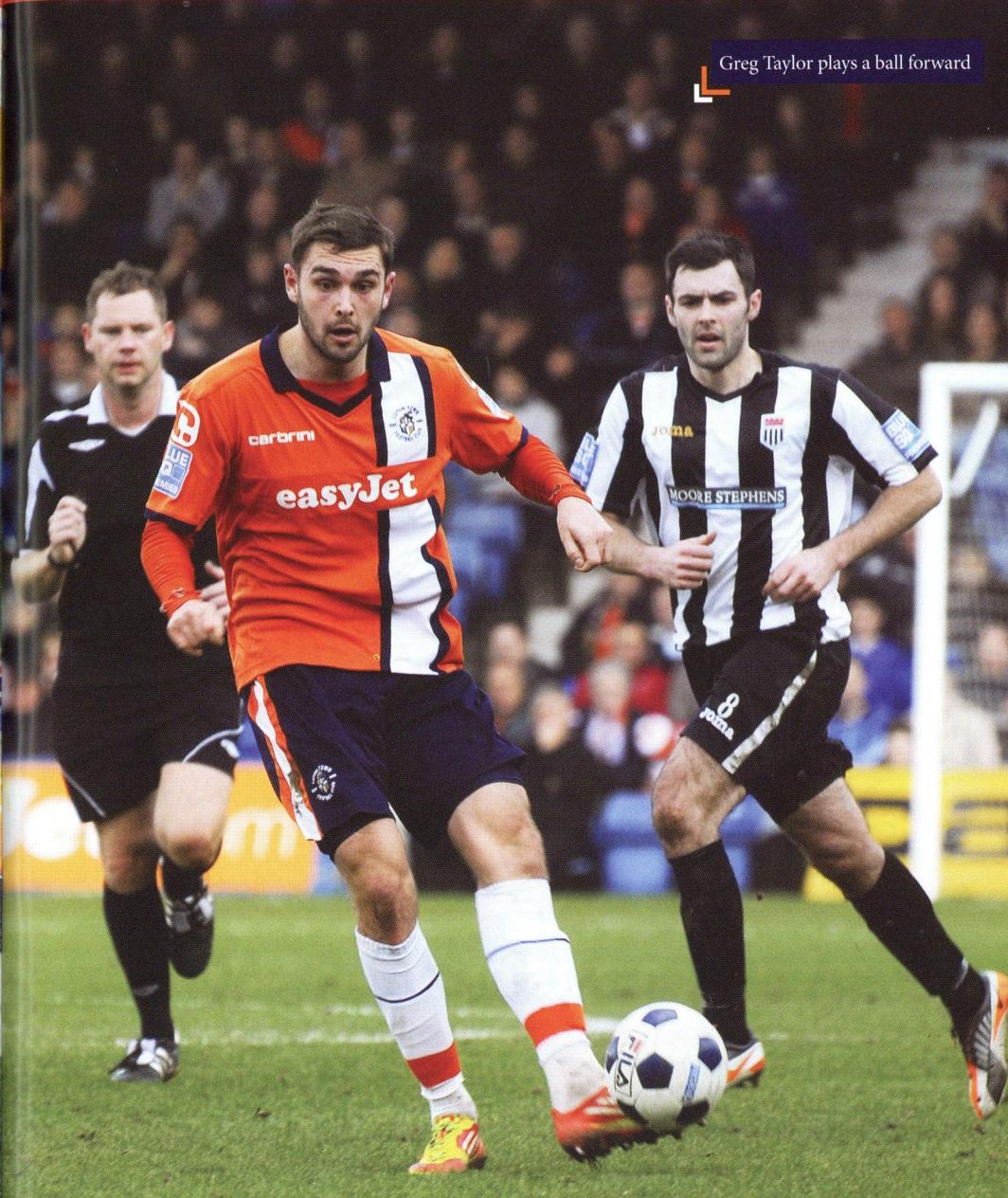


TOWN: Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Keane (sub Boucaud 66), Kissock (sub Watkins 55), Willmott, Howells (sub Fleetwood 83), Crow. Subs not used: McAllister, O'Connor.

BATH: Garner, Stonehouse, Jones, Connolly, Hogg (sub Shephard), Preece, M. Canham, Watkins (sub Murray 67), Burnell, Gallinagh, S. Canham. Subs not used: Rollo, Cook, Doherty.

ATTENDANCE: 5,745

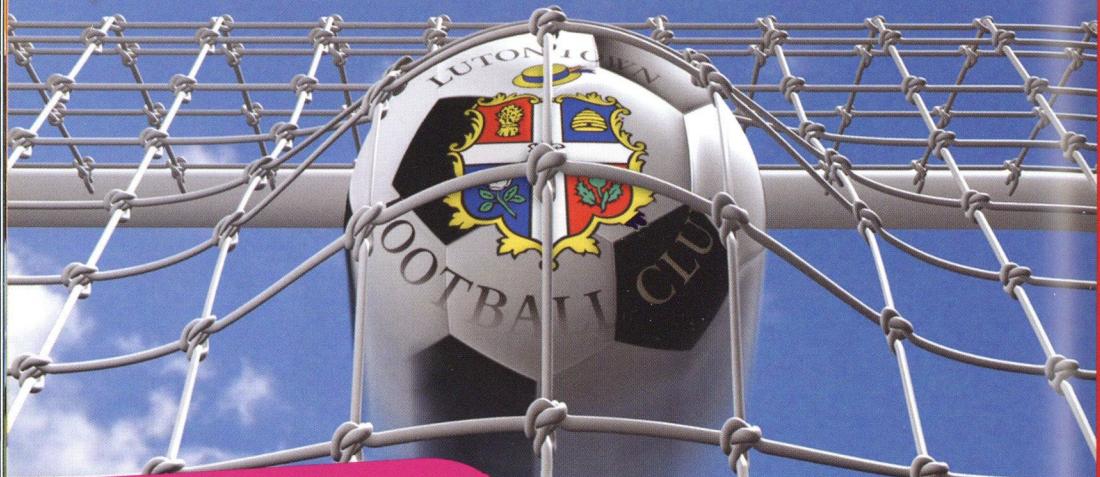
Greg Taylor plays a ball forward



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LOOK BACK



**WREXHAM 2-0 TOWN
DRAGONS ROAR**



Disappointment was an understatement for Town boss Gary Brabin as he reflected on the 2-0 defeat at Wrexham.

First half goals from Danny Wright and captain Dean Keates gave the Dragons all three points and the Town manager simply said his side weren't good enough at the Racecourse. "Some of the decisions we made defensively were not good enough and the Wrexham front three out-muscled us, certainly in the first half," Brabin admitted afterwards. We haven't been able to say that too often this season but that was the case.

"I call it fantasy football. At the end of the day it's about defending properly and threatening the goal and I don't think we did enough in either box. Yes, we played some nice, pretty football in patches but we need some end product and it wasn't good enough.

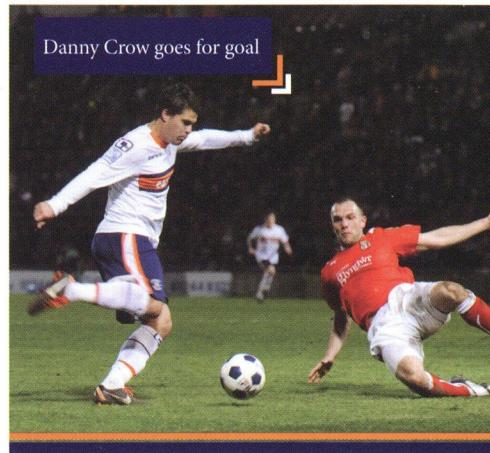
"At half-time I could have taken seven or eight of them off and the second half was a slight improvement but I thought the only shining light was the performance of Robbie Willmott in the second half. "But after tonight's result it's made it more certain that we are going to be in the Play-Offs and we've got to use the squad right, get back to form and add another string to our bow.

"The fans have again made a long journey and will go home disappointed and I apologise to them."

Jake Howells, who had represented the Wales Under-21s at the Racecourse the previous week, was disappointed with the result but looked ahead to the final, crucial stage of the campaign on two fronts.

"Every game is a big game for us and we are just two games from Wembley in the FA Trophy, which is where everybody wants to play."

"I am no different and if we beat York over the two legs then hopefully that can happen."



Danny Crow goes for goal

"To do that with Luton would be amazing because I am really proud to have come through the ranks at the club."

"The goals we gave away were a bit sloppy which was disappointing as we wanted to keep it tight, but Wrexham took their chances well."

"Wrexham are a good side and once they get ahead they are hard to break down, especially at the Racecourse."

"The Play-Offs are a completely different ball game though, so if we do meet them at that stage again then this result won't mean much, and we will set our stall out and be up for it."

"We have reached the Play-Offs for the last two seasons and if we maintain our form we can give ourselves another chance of promotion."

"We have fallen at the last hurdle both times but with that experience hopefully we can go one step further."



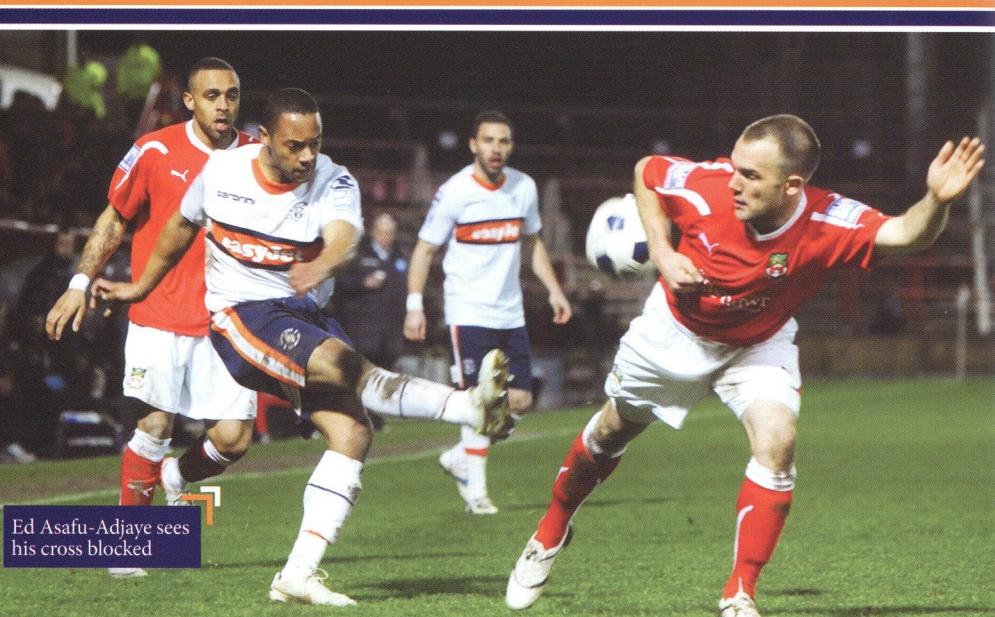
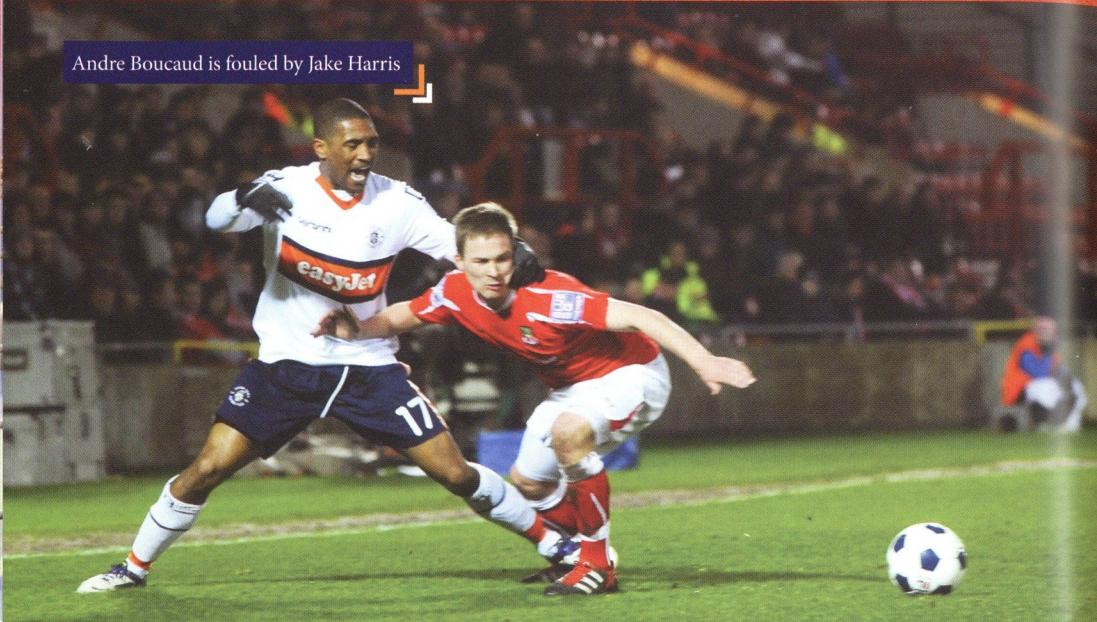
WREXHAM

Wright 6, Keates 39

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Andre Boucaud is fouled by Jake Harris



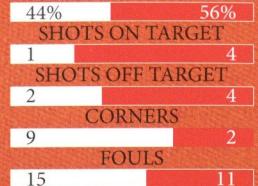
Ed Asafu-Adjaye sees his cross blocked

WREXHAM: Mayebi, Ashton, Harris, Wright, Speight (sub Cieslewicz 71), Keates, Tolley, Knight-Percival, Westwood, Pogba (sub Morrell 85), Wright. Subs not used: Maxwell, Clarke, Leslie.

TOWN: Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor (sub Kissack 69), Lawless, Keane, Boucaud (sub McAllister 46), O'Connor (sub Willmott 46), Howells, Crow. Subs not used: McAllister, Willmott, Watkins, Kissack, Poku.

ATTENDANCE: 4,206

POSSESSION



Wrexham get to grips with Robbie Willmott





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LOOK BACK



YORK 1-0 TOWN ALL TO PLAY FOR



Boss Gary Brabin was proud of his players' efforts as they restricted York City to just a 1-0 first leg lead having had two men sent-off at Bootham Crescent.

It seemed the Town were in for a long second half when Keith Keane joined Jake Howells in the dressing room 10 minutes into the second half.

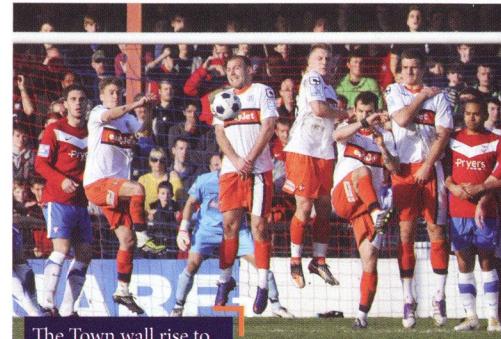
But the Hatters kept the Minstermen at bay with a superb defensive display when two men light to still give them a chance of reaching Wembley.

"I'm proud of them all, from Mark Tyler right the way through to Danny Crow who had the thankless task up front," a delighted Brabin said. "At half-time when we were one man down I still didn't want us to sit back but that changed when Keith was sent-off. We had to change our formation around but we still managed one or two half chances in the second half.

"Keith's experienced enough to know he shouldn't be making the same tackle twice minutes after he's been booked but it was frustrating because at the time we were just about to make a change.

"The second half was all about us containing the scoreline, frustrating York and not allowing them a chance to score a second goal. It was hard work but the players were terrific and Mark Tyler was superb. He made countless saves and the one near the end when he's had to react was fantastic.

"The only problem we had with Mark was him kicking the ball out too quickly! We needed him to keep hold of it for a bit longer and slow things down, and obviously that's something we don't usually do. But to come here with the squad we had available - the players we had here was all we had - and to leave with a 1-0 defeat having played so long with 10 and then nine men, is great.



The Town wall rise to charge a York free-kick

"Yes it's a defeat but it's only half-time. We've got the second leg next Saturday and I hope the fans can come out and get behind us at Kenilworth Road."

Tyler's display between the sticks was another plus but the goalkeeper was keen to praise his team-mates for their efforts in front of him to keep York at bay. "The lads put in a great shift," he said. "It's a funny feeling because we're not happy with the result but we're delighted that we're still in the tie. "The lads stuck to the gameplan, let them have the ball in their own half and when they crossed the half-way line we worked hard to make it hard for them.

"We showed what we need for the rest of the season - to come to places like this and dig in when we're under pressure. We know that the previous two away games at Barrow and Wrexham weren't good enough so to come here and defend like we have in the circumstances is great.

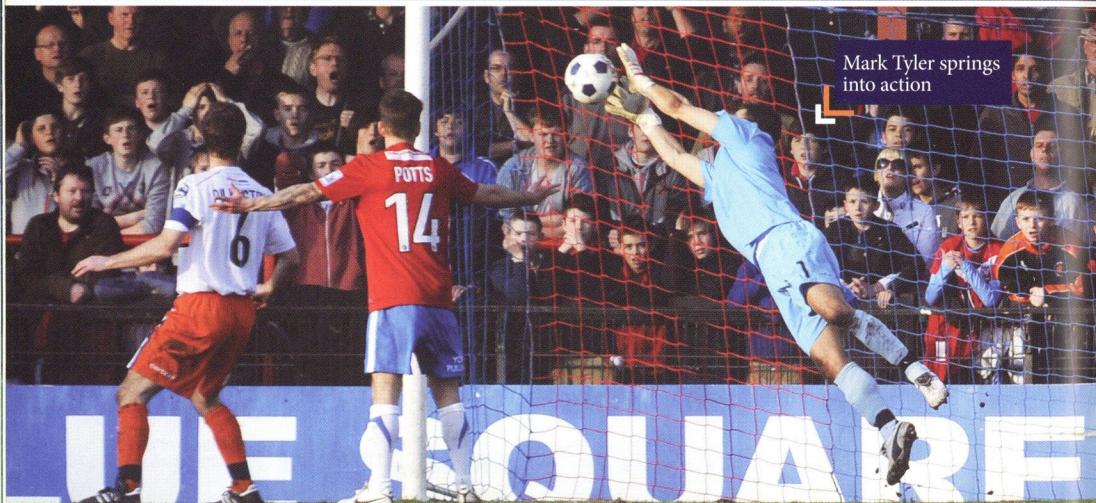
"It's the bit of luck we needed. We stood firm, we're still in the tie and we're looking forward to next Saturday."



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YORK: Ingham, Oyebanjo (sub Potts 53), Meredith, Smith, Parslow, Reed, Kerr, Fyfield (sub Pilkington 62), Challinor, Blinkhorn, Ashikodi (sub Chambers 48). Subs not used: Blair, McLaughlin.

TOWN: Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins (sub Osano 82), Keane, Henry (sub Blackett 58), Howells, Crow (sub Woolley 87). Subs not used: Kidd, O'Donnell.

ATTENDANCE: 3,365

POSSESSION	30%	70%
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Charlie Henry goes for goal



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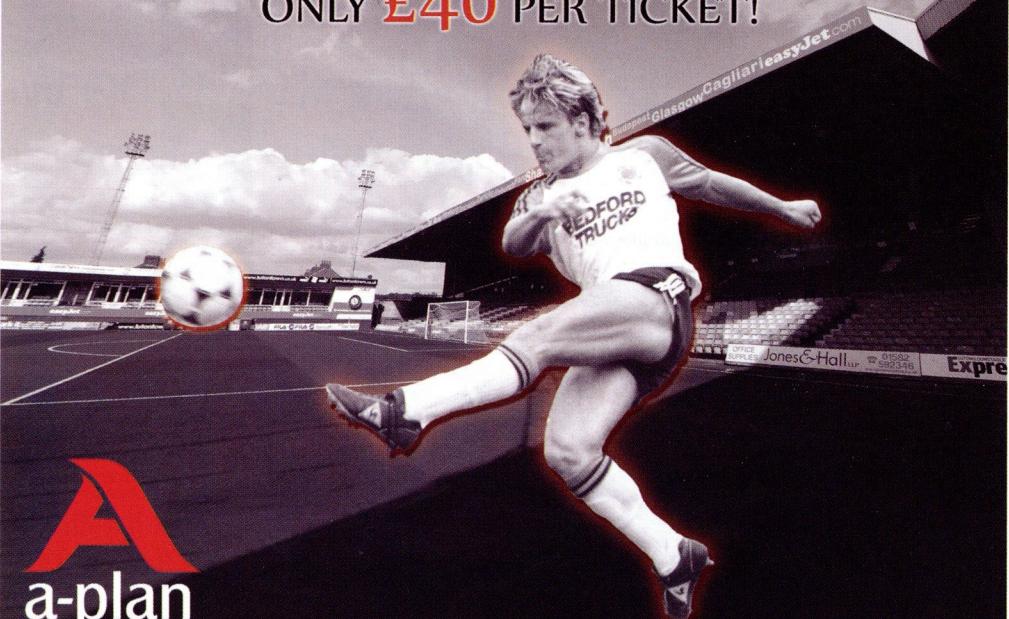
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Goalkeeper Mark Tyler hailed the determination of his team-mates after a 1-0 defeat at York kept the Town in hunt for a place in the FA Trophy final despite playing the final 35 minutes with just nine men.

The 34-year-old stopper produced a string of fine saves to thwart the Minstermen and restrict them to just a one-goal advantage going into next Saturday's second leg at Kenilworth Road after the Hatters had Jake Howells and Keith Keane sent-off at Bootham Crescent.

"The lads put in a great shift," the goalkeeper said afterwards. "It's a funny feeling because we're not happy with the result but we're delighted that we're still in the tie. The lads stuck to the gameplan, let them have the ball in their own half and when they crossed the half-way line we worked hard to make it hard for them.

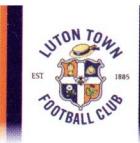
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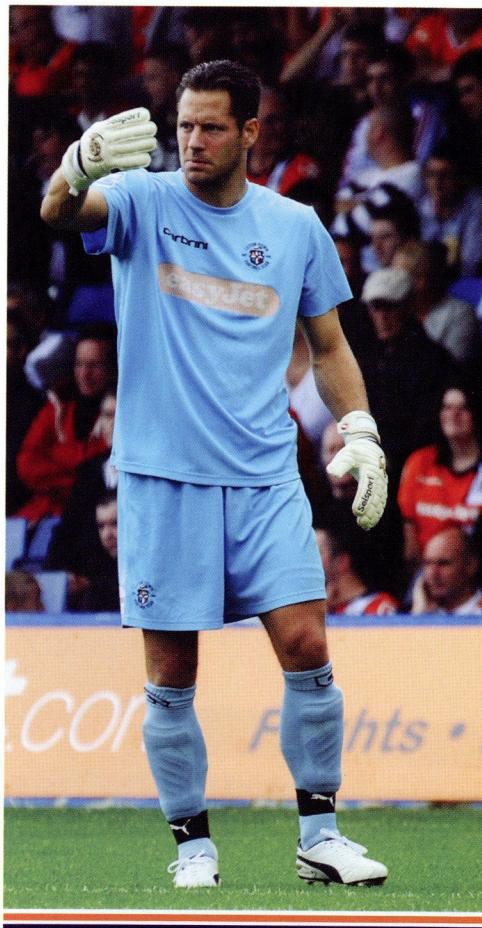
"We'll hope that a big crowd can come out on to cheer us on because we know we can turn the tie around."

The Town stopper also admitted that he hadn't been in his best form this season and that would one of the reasons why Kevin Pilkinson was preferred by Gary Brabin earlier in the campaign.

"I started the season, but probably by my own standards I was a little bit complacent, and Pilks did terrific when he was in.

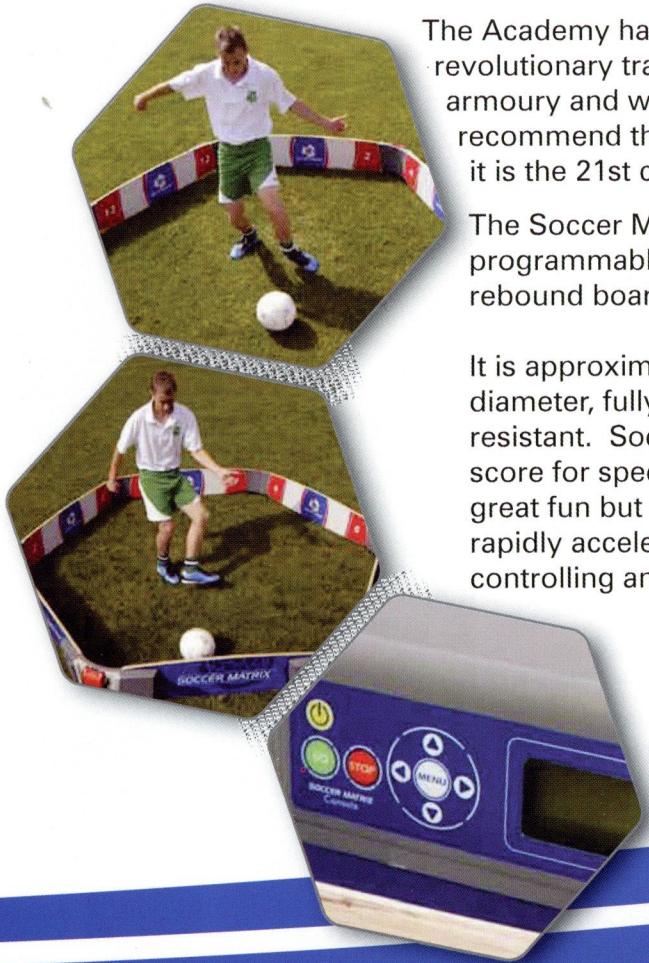


"I fought hard and played well when my opportunity came again and I wanted to cement my place back in the team. Hopefully I've done that and long may it continue."





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The most goals scored in one game on this date came in 1951, and was also the first of these matches, when Bury were the visitors for a Second Division fixture. Bernard Moore scored twice, with Charlie Watkins and Pat McAuley also on the scoresheet. This was McAuley's only goal for Luton in eight appearances.

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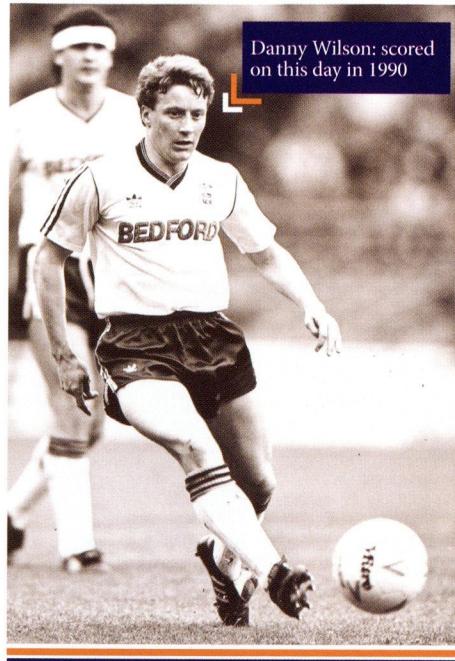
The number of years since Norwich visited Kenilworth Road for a Second Division match in 1962. The visitors won 2-1 with Tommy McKechnie scoring the Hatters' goal.

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The most common scoreline is a goalless draw. The first of the two came in 1970 when the highest crowd for this date, 12,751, witnessed the Third Division game between the Town and Bury. It was 23 years later when Swindon Town were the opponents that saw another goalless draw in 1993.

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In between these goalless draws there was a match in 1990, when Manchester City were the visitors. Danny Wilson gave the Hatters the lead from the penalty spot after Paul Gray was brought down in the penalty area. The lead was short lived though, as City hit back with a penalty of their own after Richard Harvey was penalised for pulling back David White. Clive Allen converted the spot kick as the sides shared the points in the only top flight game on this date.



Danny Wilson: scored on this day in 1990

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The second defeat came in 2007 when the Town were in the Championship. Ipswich were the visitors and they won 2-0 courtesy of goals from Alan Lee and Matt Richards either side of half time.

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The number of years since the last fixture here on 17th March 2009 when Grimsby Town were beaten 2-1. Ryan Bennett had given the visitors the lead just before half-time, but there was still time for Mark Bower to net an equaliser before the break. This was Bower's only goal in 16 appearances for the Town whilst on loan from Bradford. Asa Hall netted a last minute winner for the Hatters in their final season in the Football League.

PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

TEK POWER TOOLS



Back in the top flight for the first time in seven years, everyone at Kenilworth Road felt that the Town side that had walked the championship of the old Division Two in 1981/82 was well equipped to handle life amongst the elite.

An opening day draw at the home of FA Cup holders Tottenham gave increased cause for optimism but in our first home game three days

later it was back to the drawing board as West Ham showed the Hatters strikers the art of lethal finishing and ended 2-0 victors.

Little had been seen of new summer signing Paul Walsh but he certainly announced his arrival with a bang in the next game - at home to Notts County. In an amazing contest that could have finished 10-10, Walsh netted a hat-trick in the 5-3 win and immediately elevated himself to hero status.



Paul Walsh heads home his first goal for the club during the 5-3 win over Notts County at Kenilworth Road in 1982



Walsh opened the scoring with a header from Ricky Hill's pinpoint cross in the 16th minute before County scored twice and Richard Money had to leave the field with a broken nose. Before substitute Mike Small could be introduced, Hill netted an equaliser.

The second half produced more end to end football with Walsh stealing the show with two further goals

after David Moss had made the score 3-2 just after the break. County were not finished though and pulled the score back to 5-3 and battered the Town defence until the end of the game. The fact the game was televised made the Hatters the darlings of the media for the rest of that season and they sure did not disappoint with 149 goals flying in at both ends over the course of the campaign!



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

As part of the Town's centenary celebrations in 1985, a friendly game against old rivals Watford was organised which finished 1-1 in a feisty affair.

Included in the evening's entertainment were games between a Junior Hatters side and their Hornets counterparts, Luton Ladies versus Watford Ladies and the one we all wanted to see – Old Luton against Old Watford. Rolling back the years, the Town side adjusted well to the new Kenilworth Road artificial surface to show that ingrained talent is a habit even

Back row (left to right): John Aston, Jim Ryan, John Faulkner, Tony Read, Gordon Riddick, Fred Jardine, Mike Cullen. Front row (left to right): Mike Harrison, Jack Bannister, David Court, Jim Husband, John O'Rourke.

if the legs slow down with age. John O'Rourke hit a post, Mike Harrison floated a 30 yard equaliser to Martin Patching's Watford opener while John Aston gave a masterclass in wing play.

With Watford's 'old' players being a good deal younger than our own veterans it was left to Ross Jenkins to score the winner for the Hornets in the last minute, but overall it was a moral victory for the Town who were carrying more years (and weight) than the opposition!

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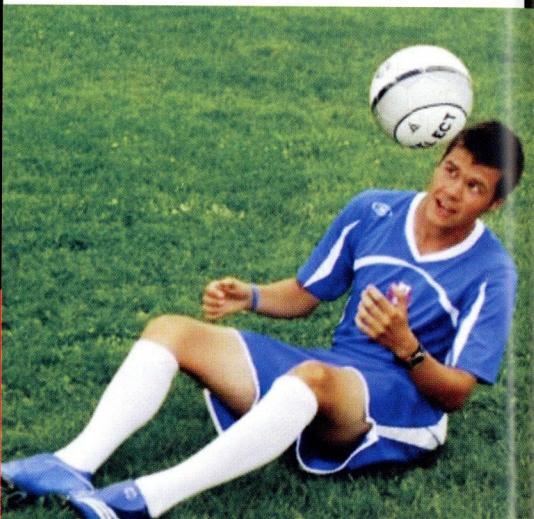
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Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



LEAGUE LOOK

MARK YOUNG ROUNDS UP THE LATEST NEWS
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Andy Morrell's Wrexham are a side on the up and are going to push Fleetwood all the way in the race for the title. They are now three points behind the leaders after a 5-0 win against Ebbsfleet on Tuesday and a 2-0 win over Barrow on Saturday.

It was also a good week for Grimsby Town who did their play-off hopes no harm at all with a 2-1 victory over Forest Green on Saturday. Liam Hearn opened the scoring and Conor Townsend netted the winning goal in the last minute. They were unfortunate to lose to York on Tuesday after coming from two goals down to level the game with the Hatters' FA Trophy opponents only to concede late on and lose the by the odd goal in five.

Southport netted four points without conceding in the past week as Liam Watson's men beat Telford 1-0 on Saturday with a Karl Ledsham goal before being held at home to Kettering on Tuesday.

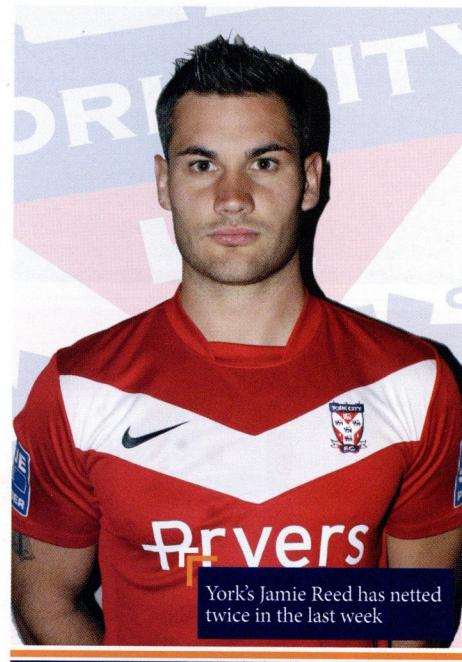
Telford bounced back from their weekend defeat with a 2-1 win over Kidderminster Harriers. Phil Trainer and Chris Blackburn found the net either side of Anthony Malbon's goal.

Braintree Town made it four games unbeaten on Saturday with a 3-1 victory over Gateshead with Watford loanee Britt Assombalonga netting a brace.

Currently sitting in the play-off positions, Mansfield have also enjoyed a fine week with four points from six. They held league leaders Fleetwood to a 1-1 draw on Tuesday to add to their 1-0 away win at Tamworth from the weekend. Matt Green netted at the weekend to consolidate that top five place.

It was a case of two 1-0 victories on the bounce for Cambridge United after four consecutive defeats. Mustafa Tiryaki netted at Stockport at the weekend

and an 88th-minute winner from Andy Pugh against Barrow on Tuesday helped Jez George's side to six points this week.



York's Jamie Reed has netted twice in the last week

Relegation threatened Hayes and Yeading United defeated Kettering Town 1-0 last weekend thanks to a Daniel Wishart strike late on leaving them 21st in the table, two places above Kettering.

Alfreton Town are another team hovering above the relegation zone but they have now gone five points clear of relegation after a Jake Moult goal defeated Lincoln City at Sincil Bank.

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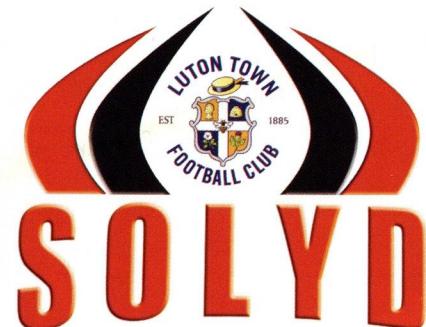
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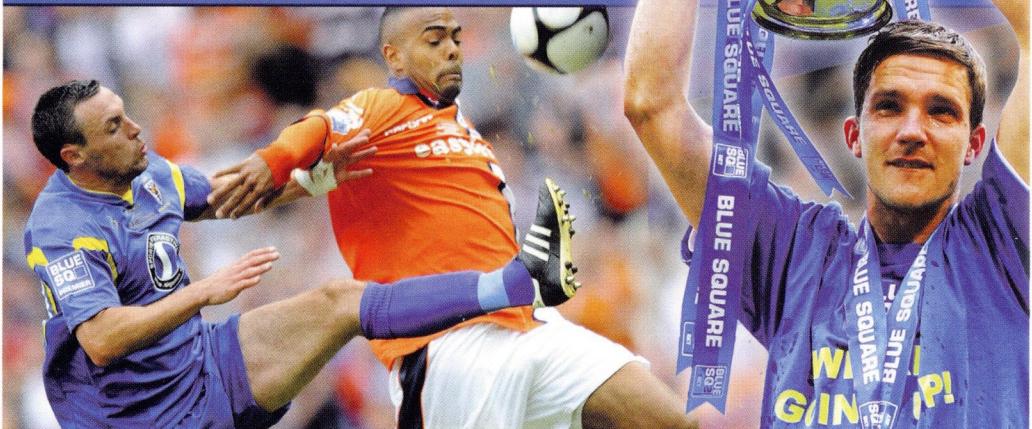
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YOUNG HATTERS

HATTERS PROFIT FROM LATE DRAMA

A goal four minutes into injury time from Zak Stephens gave the Hatters' Under-18s a dramatic 3-2 win over Aldershot on Saturday.

With Jake Woolley and Jerry Nash involved in the FA Trophy semi final squad at York, Mason Blake injured and the release of Colby McAdams, Paul Driver made a number of changes from the previous week's encouraging performance against Brighton. A switch to a 3-5-2 system saw Jerome Jibodu and Arel Amu as wing backs with Jemale McKenzie-Lowe and Jordan Davis (returning from a hip injury) in attack. Zane Banton was rewarded for his second half showing against Brighton with a start in midfield.

Early exchanges were fairly even as the Hatters took time to adapt to the new system and they were just starting to look settled when the hosts took the lead from a well struck free-kick midway through the half. The Hatters continued to improve and created some good chances with Amu shooting just wide, Davis lofting the ball just over the bar when put through and a Leeroy Maguraushe strike from distance going just over as well. The equaliser their efforts deserved came 10 minutes from the break when Amu burst into the box and appeared to be fouled but before the ref could give a decision either way, Banton drilled the ball into the net from 15 yards.

The Hatters continued the good work in the second half with McKenzie-Lowe and Davis working hard and causing the hosts problems in attack and the defence, well protected by the hard working Nick Burtenshaw in midfield, held firm against the hosts efforts to draw level. The Hatters took the lead in the 62nd minute when Jibodu burst into the box and drew the keeper before holding his composure and placing the ball into the net for his third goal in four games since assuming the captaincy.

A switch to a back four halfway through the second period saw the introduction of Under-15 players

Daryl Ngwala and Ollie Cole for Davis and Amu bring a number of chances for the Hatters and both substitutes could have opened a two-goal advantage but had efforts denied by blocks and a neat save by the Aldershot goalkeeper.

A third Under-15 player, Isaac Galliford, entered the fray for McKenzie-Lowe in the 85th minute then, as the game entered injury time, Aldershot looked to have snatched a point when their centre half burst forward and his shot deflected up and over Ben Barnes in the Hatters goal. But the drama was not over and, four minutes into injury time the Hatters got a free kick on halfway and sent the centre halves forward in search of the winner. The Shots goalkeeper came out for the ball and, under pressure, dropped it at the feet of three Hatters players and it was Stephens who got to the ball first and blasted it into the net past three defenders on the line.

An agonising extra couple of minutes passed without further problems and the Hatters held on for the victory. Afterwards, a delighted Paul Driver said: 'I've told all of the players they can be very pleased with their efforts. Like us, Aldershot were playing without the majority of their second year scholars so this was a good game to introduce the Under-15 boys to this level and Daryl and Ollie who had decent time on the pitch, did well and looked dangerous.'

"Zane Banton gets better every week and I'm glad for him that he got his first goal at Under-18 level while Nick Burtenshaw improves with every game in whichever position he plays in, and his attitude and application is something I hope the younger kids coming into the squad see and try to copy both on and off the pitch because this will give them the best chance of progressing at the football club."

Team: Barnes, Stephens, Ferguson, Chabata, Burtenshaw, Maguraushe, Banton, Jibodu, Amu (sub Ngwala 67), Davis (sub Cole 69), McKenzie-Lowe (sub Galliford 85). Sub not used: King.



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WITH HEAD OF YOUTH GREGG BROUGHTON



It's the time of year where scholars at football clubs all round the country are finding out the decisions concerning their future. When players first walk into the training ground on a full-time basis, one of the first things they are told is that the next two years of their life will disappear quicker than they could ever believe.

A scholarship comes at a challenging time in a player's life as they are finished within full-time education and are discovering the freedom of becoming an adult. The players who come through these two years are not always the most talented players, but instead those with the most self-discipline and those who have the mental strength to deal with the ups and downs of full-time football.

Before these decisions are made, we like to send our second year scholars out on work experience. Can they secure a place in a team? How do they deal with an environment where results are put ahead of development? Can they deal mentally and physically with the demands of adult football?

We are delighted that Alasan Ann and Newman Carney have been offered one-year professional deals to start in July 2012. Both players made their first-team debuts last season in the FA Trophy and both have been heavily involved with reserve team football since the age of 16. This season both have suffered freak injuries, with Newman Carney breaking his leg after colliding with the goal post, and Alasan Ann twisting his ankle after blocking a goal-kick. Their injuries have given others the opportunity to shine and we were delighted to again see Jake Woolley make an impact after coming off the bench in the last two first-team games.

Both Alasan and Newman are mentally and physically prepared to deal with first team football, and their next challenge is to make sure they use the summer to properly prepare to come in to pre-season training firing on all cylinders.

Unfortunately, there wasn't a positive outcome for fellow scholars Colby McAdams, Mustafa Murzai and Moses Kadu. Colby joined the club after being released by Aston Villa at the age of 16 and found the move down from the West Midlands difficult to acclimatise to. He started the season very well, and thoroughly deserved his first team debut in the FA Trophy. Although there was no question with his ability on the ball, there were concerns shared by all of the coaching staff with other areas of his game and therefore we felt that he deserved an early opportunity to look at other clubs.

Mustafa and Moses both came to the club as Under-16s and both showed good technical ability during their time at the club. When considering their development we felt both needed to go and play loads of games further down the league pyramid to establish themselves as adult footballers rather than being third or fourth choice in their position at Luton Town.

Our final two second-years that we have to make decisions on are Mason Blake and James Ferguson. Mason's scholarship has been affected by injuries, and therefore we want to give him the full term of his two years to prove his ability and fitness levels to us. James only joined in the summer from our shadow squad in Baldock and we want to give him a full 12 months in the building to assess his progress. We will update you with their decisions.

Releasing players is the hardest part of our jobs in the youth department, and we have found the only way to do this is through an honest face-to-face conversation. This isn't always well-received at the time, but on reflection the players usually realise that this is the best for all parties.

We were delighted to see an ex-scholar, Aidan Quinn, walk into the training ground this week during his lunch break in his new role as an estate agent. Quinny wanted to get back involved with coaching our young teams at Luton Town and we have welcomed him into this role with open arms.



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Luton Town Ladies were unable to make it through to two cup finals this season as they went down 2-1 in a real battle against Cambridge.

The game swung back and forth with both teams having periods of ascendancy and it was Town who started brightly with Nicola Henman's diving header bringing a tremendous save from the Blues' goalkeeper.

But the Town took the lead after 10 minutes when Clare Howe's cross was flicked-on by Jodie Whitford-Stark and Jess McKay nodded the ball in with a glancing header.

The Hatters looked unusually shaky in defence at times but there was lots of determination to maintain a clean sheet at the break.

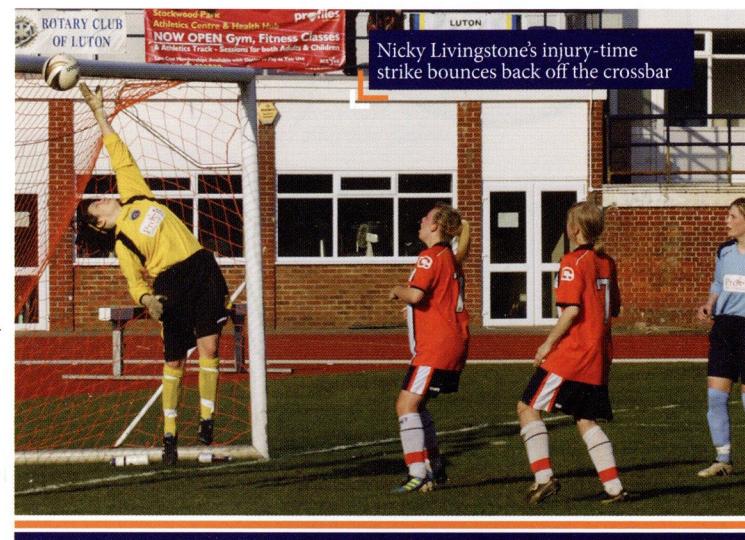
Cambridge came straight at the Town after the restart and equalised albeit in unfortunate circumstances with Hatters' goalkeeper fumbling a high shot into her own net.

The visitors then grabbed a second from an unmarked player at a corner and via a deflection. This caused a real reaction as the Hatters poured forward in search of an equaliser.

Amy Summerfield's towering header was cleared off the line as was another strike from a corner before a powerful header crashed against the bar and broke free. The last five minutes brought similar bad luck as yet

another shot was cleared off the line before Howe's lob over an onrushing goalkeeper rolled agonisingly wide.

The Town kept pushing for a late equaliser but in injury time a thunderous strike from Nicky Livingstone struck the underside of the bar before bouncing on the line and being cleared to safety.



Nicky Livingstone's injury-time strike bounces back off the crossbar

Meanwhile the Reserves earned a point against their Tottenham counterparts having conceded twice in the opening four minutes. A dogged second half comeback brought two cracking goals from Laura Day to earn a 2-2 draw.

Both the Under-12s and Under-13s were involved in goalless draws against Someries Youth and Leighton United respectively. Both teams remain league leaders and take part in their respective League Cup finals in the next fortnight.





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NLP VIEW

BY SAM ELLIOTT

The countdown to the National Game Awards is well and truly under way – and now is the time to ensure that your club's heroes on and off the pitch are rightly honoured.

Last weekend we announced VIPER 10 Sportswear have come on board as the NGA's title sponsor so with the finishing touches now on the big day, we are inviting you to cast your votes and get involved to make sure the awards don't end up in the wrong hands!

We will again be heading to Chelsea's Stamford Bridge stadium on 23rd May and the lines are now open as we put to our panel the names of the players, managers and clubs that you our readers think mustn't go without credit.

There may still be a fair way to go into the season but we need to hear from you by the middle of next month as on Sunday 15th April we will announce the shortlists after our experts have whittled the submissions for each award down to the final ten.

All our regular gongs are back, including the Premier Sports Goal of the Season.

Are you a super supporter or perhaps you know someone that has gone the extra mile this season? Then the William Hill Fan of the Year award needs you! Get writing in and explain to us why that person needs recognising.

The PFA are once again supporting the Fairplay category while the Football Association are sponsoring the England C Player of the Year. Pro Direct back and fully behind the Golden Boot trophy.

The Mark Harrod Team of the Year award will always be a close call while Dean Holdsworth's NLFA

are supporting the overall Player of the Year accolade, with the sharethematch.com Manager of the Year a matter of pride for Non-League's top boss.

ESPN have given our clubs competing in the FA Cup some great coverage this term so it's no surprise to see the broadcaster throwing their weight behind the Cup Run of the Year award.

The TOFFS Step 3 Player of the Year guarantees involvement for those further down the Pyramid while the Football Foundation are back to make sure the season's hard working community club get the recognition they deserve.

Sportsbeat News Associates – who help shape the minds of future journalists – are fittingly backing the Young Player of the Year NGA, while the Reusch Goalkeeper of the Year makes certain that the glovesmen get their day.

So who are your big winners? Get your nominations to us now!

Four ways to vote:

- Tweet us at @NonLeaguePaper with your nomination, the award and hashtag #NGA
- Write on our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/NonLeaguePaper
- E-mail us your choices to: NGAvotes@hotmail.co.uk
- Post your nominations to NGA Votes, The Non-League Paper, Tuition House, St George's Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4EU

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LUTON TOWN v GRIMSBY TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM



Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

This match has been designated Kids for a Quid. For further details please turn to page 10.



LUTON TOWN v YORK CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.30PM



Please note the change in date and kick-off time for this match.

This game will be screened live by Premier Sports TV.

Tickets for this match are now on sale.



LUTON TOWN v HAYES & YEADING UNITED

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM



Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

ALL AREAS

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
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IN PERSON: Ticket office, Kenilworth Road. **PHONE:** 01582 416976 **ONLINE:** www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown

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FOREST GREEN ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM



This game is pay on the night for Town fans in seating in the EESI Stand. Prices: Seating: £13 adults, £8 concessions (students, over-65s), £3 under-16s (accompanied by a paying adult). Supporters wishing to purchase seating tickets must buy them from the Forest Green reception on the night.



BRAINTREE TOWN v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM



This match is ALL-ticket for Luton Town supporters.

Terracing and a small allocation of seats will be available.

Ticket prices and selling arrangements will be confirmed in due course.

GETTING TO...FOREST GREEN ROVERS – THE NEW LAWNS

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

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

Car: The best way to approach is from the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud turn onto the A46 towards Nailsworth. This will bring you into the centre of the town, when you reach the Information Centre take the first right at the mini roundabout which goes up a steep hill sign posted Forest Green.

For the sat-nav: GL6 0ET

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

GETTING TO...BRAINTREE TOWN – CRESSING ROAD

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

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

Car: Leave the M11 at junction 8 and take the A120 towards Colchester. Follow the A120 for 16 miles until you reach the 'Galley's Corner' roundabout (with McDonalds on your right). Take the first exit into Cressing Road. After three quarters of a mile turn left into Clockhouse Way (signposted Braintree Town FC) and then first left again for the ground.

For the sat-nav: CM7 3RD

By train: Braintree station is situated just under a mile away from the ground. It is served by trains from London Liverpool Street.

FIXTURES & RESULTS



DATE	TIME	H/A	OPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS	
August										
Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*		
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dance, O'Connor*		
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor*, Crow		
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance***, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow, 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	TV	1-1	3,389	321	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissock*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith, Crow, Kidd	
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6	Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow, Fleetwood 1		
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	2-0	2,640	502	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Keane, Willmott***, Morgan-Smith 2, Crow, Fleetwood*		
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2	Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott*, Fleetwood 1, Crow*		
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1	Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock*, Fleetwood, Crow***		
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock*, Willmott, Fleetwood, Crow***		
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United	0-1	6,274	522	9	Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand***, Keane, Willmott***, Fleetwood, Crow		
October										
Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow	5-1	5,613	115	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1		
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	3,332	931	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1		
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbesfleet 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	3	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor**		
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	TV	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood, Wright 1***, Wright 1	
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)	5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1*, Hand***, O'Connor 2 (pen), Kissock, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1**		
November										
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor, Kissock*, Watkins, Hand, Dance, Morgan-Smith.		
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)	1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock***, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor		
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock***, Morgan-Smith, 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, Hand, Kissock*, 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, Kissock***, 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, Crow		
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)	0-0	0,754	tbc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kissock, Willmott, Haywood, Ann*		
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport	3-3	1,665	540	3	K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kissock*, O'Connor, Howells, Crow 1		
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FATR2)	3-0*	1,004	81	-	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams*, Willmott, Kissock, Fleetwood 1***, Morgan-Smith 1**		
Wed 25	19:30	A	Mansfield Town	TV	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, Crow, McAllister*		
February										
Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)	2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kissock, Willmott, Howells 1, Fleetwood 1		
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth	3-0*	5,833	66	3	Tyler, Osano*, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor, Lawless, Kissock**, Howells, Boucaud, O'Connor***, Fleetwood 1		
Tue 21	19:45	A	Barrow	0-1	925	70	3	Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Boucaud*, O'Connor, Fleetwood, McAllister*		
Sat 25	15:00	H	Gateshead (FATQF)	2-0	2,499	88	-	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Blackett, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow**		
March										
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City	2-0	5,745	80	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs 1, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Keane**, Kissock*, Willmott, Howells, Crow		
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham	0-2	4,206	167	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor***, Lawless, Keane, Boucaud*, O'Connor, Howells, Crow		
Sat 10	15:00	A	York City (FATSF1)	0-1	3,365	457	-	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Keane, Henry*, Howells, Crow***		
Tue 13	19:45	A	Darlington	1-1	1,382	123	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 17	15:00	H	York City (FATSF2)	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Tue 20	19:45	A	Forest Green Rovers	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Fri 30	19:30	H	York City	TV	0-0	0,744	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
April										
Tue 3	19:45	A	Gateshead	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Tue 17	19:45	H	Ebbesfleet United	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		
Sat 28	13:00	A	Fleetwood Town	0-0	0,744	0	0	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins*, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow, McAllister***		

*Scoreline includes own goal

Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd	M-Smith 1*, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye**, Barnes-Homer	Dance, Barnes-Homer*	Gleeson*, Walker**, Polu, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington	Watkins*, O'Connor*, Kissock**, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington			
Dance*, Fleetwood*, O'Connor, Carden, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington
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LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Fleetwood Town	38	27	8	3	88	39	49	89
2 Wrexham	37	27	5	6	70	21	49	86
3 LUTON TOWN	36	18	12	6	65	31	34	66
4 Mansfield Town	37	17	14	6	60	41	19	65
5 York City	36	17	13	6	70	38	32	64
6 Southport	37	18	9	10	55	57	-2	63
7 Grimsby Town	36	17	7	12	70	52	18	58
8 Kidderminster Harriers	37	16	9	12	62	52	10	57
9 Gateshead	36	15	10	10	44	32	12	55
10 Cambridge United	35	15	10	10	44	32	12	55
11 Barrow	38	16	7	15	55	53	2	55
12 Braintree Town	37	15	8	14	64	65	-1	53
13 Forest Green Rovers	36	13	10	10	50	36	14	52
14 Ebbsfleet United	36	11	10	15	55	66	-11	43
15 Tamworth	36	11	9	16	41	56	-15	42
16 AFC Telford United	36	8	12	16	35	50	-15	36
17 Stockport County	38	7	14	17	41	64	-23	35
18 Alfreton Town	36	9	8	19	48	73	-25	35
19 Newport County	35	8	10	17	44	53	-9	34
20 Lincoln City	36	8	9	19	37	53	-16	33
21 Hayes & Yeading	36	8	6	22	46	75	-29	30
22 Darlington	36	10	9	17	36	51	-15	29
23 Kettering Town	37	7	8	22	34	78	-44	26
24 Bath City	36	4	9	23	32	70	-38	21

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

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LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MARK WOOD

Two-legged ties haven't been kind to the Hatters in recent years.

We may have finally tasted some success last season when we overcame Wrexham in the play-off semi-finals, but that has been the exception that's proved the rule.

Against the Dragons we led from the off, but once again we find ourselves trailing to the Minstermen.

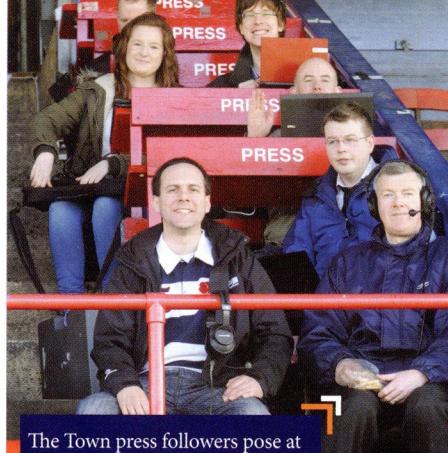
Two seasons ago we were unable to turn around a one-goal deficit from Bootham Crescent in the play-offs and we find ourselves in the same position again, this time in the FA Trophy.

Last year we also had to endure the bitter taste of failure in the same competition when, once again with nine men a la last weekend, we succumbed to Mansfield Town over two legs - their winner again coming from the penalty sport - albeit after the initial effort was saved. And I don't even want to remember our wretched defeat to Crewe many moons ago when we first flirted with the play-offs.

Indeed, these events haven't always been kind. But then of course there are the great two-legged affairs. The ones that we will whisper quietly before this game, hardly daring to speak aloud in case our Wembley dreams should be shattered.

But we have had enough success that we should not be bowed, that we should openly dream about a return to Wembley, not just once but twice this season.

Three years ago we overcame the now resurgent Brighton & Hove Albion in the semi-finals of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Having held them to a goalless draw at their place the return at Kenilworth Road finished with the scores locked at 1-1 and we went on to win the penalty shoot-out 4-3. And we all know how that final ended.



The Town press followers pose at Bootham Crescent last Saturday

Then of course there was our greatest moment back in 1988. After a 1-1 draw at Oxford United in the first leg, we defeated the U's 2-0 at Kenilworth Road before seeing off the Gunners in the greatest of Littlewoods Cup finals. Great moments indeed.

The FA Trophy might seem a world away, but it does end at the home of English football and we should not take that lightly. And if the worst should happen and we find ourselves trailing here this afternoon, I have just two words for you. Marvin Johnson.

Maligned as a youngster, marvellous Marv bloomed into a Luton legend for a myriad of reasons. Some good, some bad, but it was a moment back in September 1998 that epitomised everything about him. Trailing 2-1 to Ipswich in the second round of the Worthington Cup after the first leg, we conceded first at Kenilworth Road to find ourselves 3-1 down on aggregate.

I remember one disgruntled fan nearby me angrily rising from his seat and marching out of the ground. What he missed was a stirring see-saw comeback.

Town fought back to lead 3-1 to take the tie into extra-time. With a minute to go everyone thought we had lost it when talismanic captain Steve Davis put through his own goal - yet there was still one last twist. In stoppage time up popped Marv - the most unlikely of sources - to loop home a tantalising header to win the tie as he wheeled away in sheer delight.

A moment of magic, a fragment from yesteryear, a glimmer of what's to come?

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greg Taylor	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Keane	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Beckwith	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
George Pilkington	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Lawless	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig McAllister	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny Crow	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robbie Willmott	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fourth official: S. Martin

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Saturday 24th March 2012 3pm

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