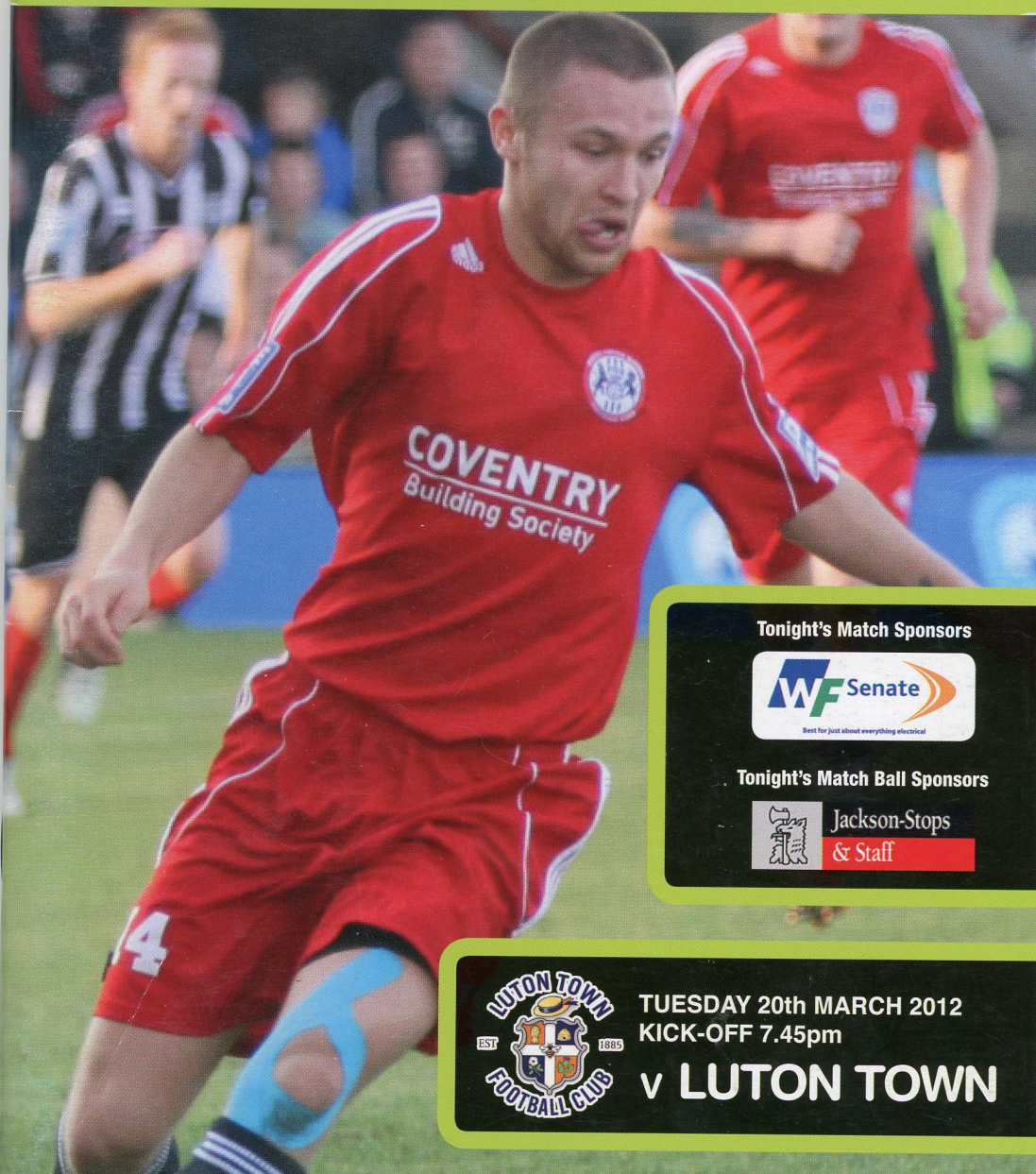


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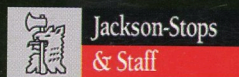
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FROM THE DUGOUT



May I first take this opportunity to welcome Gary Brabin, his players, staff and the supporters of Luton Town FC to the New Lawn for this evening's BSBP league clash.

Luton are flying high in the play off places and yet will be smarting after being beaten by York City over two legs in the semi final of the FA Trophy on Saturday. So tonight's encounter will be even more difficult with our visitor's looking to bounce straight back to winning ways.

match and somehow ended up on the end of a frustrating defeat. The football played was impressive at times, some of our defending was uncharacteristically sloppy and our finishing was once again disappointing. And if you don't take your chances you don't win football matches!

Finding players who can put the ball in the back of the net is something we have been working on all season and I am confident this will be sorted for next season. Talking about top strikers, Reece Styche was due to be on the

"If you don't take your chances you don't win football matches!"

Recently we have acquitted ourselves well against the other top two teams, Fleetwood and Wrexham, with fine performances. We will be looking to do the same this evening in our quest to earn as many points as we can this season. Our aim this campaign has been to change the whole culture of the club both on and off the field. To end up in the top half of the league, to make us competitive in every fixture and to get the players and the supporters believing that something special is being built at FGRFC.

Last Saturday saw us both disappointed and frustrated with our home loss to Hayes & Yeading United. I felt we dominated the majority of the first period and yet failed to score from some incredible openings. We then conceded to a poor, scrambled goal from sloppy defending. The second period saw us once again take the game to our opponents and eventually we got our just deserts when Michael Uwezu equalised from a fine, flowing move. Once again we spurned a number of guilt-edged chances to win the

bench last Saturday in the next stage of his rehabilitation from his knee injury. However, his partner Paige gave birth to Carter, a bouncing baby boy in the early hours of Saturday morning. I am sure you will all join me in wishing both Reece and Paige many congratulations and all the best for the future of their new family.

Back to tonight's match where both teams will be looking to get the three points on offer in what I am sure will be an absorbing and entertaining encounter. Get behind the players and cheer us on to a great performance.

DH

Fabrice Muamba. In writing this on Sunday evening may I send all our heartfelt thoughts and best wishes to Fabrice and all his friends and family. Let us all hope and pray that by the time you read this his condition has improved and he is on his way to a full recovery. It really does put everything into perspective

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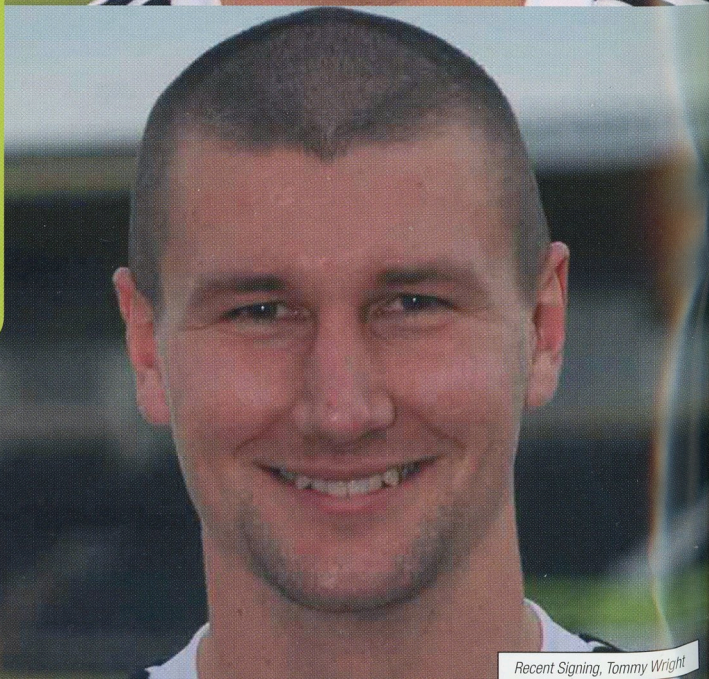


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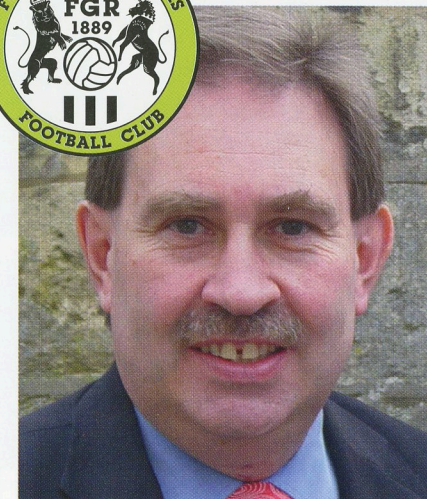
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'Saturday was a big wake-up call. We obviously felt that Hayes & Yeading United were there for the taking and they were just going to roll over.

How wrong we were! Hayes & Yeading out fought and out played us as you would expect from a team fighting for it's lives against relegation.

So hopefully we learned a big lesson - that we are not as good as we think we are and how far we have to go to make the play-offs. Losing six points against Hayes & Yeading is simply just not good enough.

I am sure that Luton Town will be different. We may not be part of the end of season mix but we will certainly decide who will be.

What we must learn is that we have to take the points off the poorer teams as well as the good ones

I am hopeful of a good gate tonight. Of course we lost the Saturday pay day but given Luton's continuing drive to get out of the Division I am sure they will bring a goodly number to the New Lawn this evening.

HALF TIME QUIZ

TEST YOUR FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE

1. Against which club have Luton Town played in both F.A Cup and League Cup Finals?
2. Against which team, who also play in orange, did Luton have their highest ground attendance en route to that F.A. Cup Final?
3. Who scored 2 goals for the Hatters in their famous 3-2 victory over Arsenal in the 1988 League Cup Final?
4. And who scored for them in the 1989 Final and later went on to manage them?
5. Who presented 'Morning shows' on TV -am and BBC One with Anne Diamond in the 80's and 90's?
6. In which two countries were the African Cup of Nations recently staged?
7. Which Spanish 3rd Division club reached the Copa del Rey semi-finals?
8. Which television pundit has made a recent appearance for Welshpool some 17 years after retiring?
9. Which current Premiership manager managed his country at World Cup Finals?
10. Which are the most northern, southern, eastern and western clubs to win the Champions League since 1994?

Keith Weyman

ANSWERS 1) Nottingham Forest, 2) Blackpool, 6th Round Replay, 3) Brian Stein, 4) Mick Harford, 5), Luton Chairman, Nick Owen, 6) Gabon & Equatorial Guinea, 7) Mirandes, 8) Chris Kamara, 9) Martin O'Neill 10) Manchester United, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Porto



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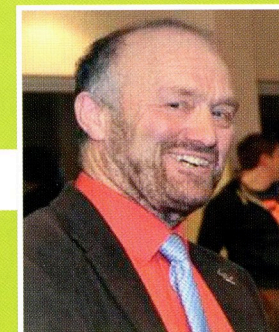
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RICHARD JOYCE

VIEWS FROM THE AWAY END



Tonight, our regular correspondent talks to a Hatters fan, who lives on the doorstep of The New Lawn

Luton Town season ticket holder Bill Church has been a devoted Hatters fan all his life.

Just like many football fans he has watched his team enjoy highs and lows and has spent a lot of time in the early hours of the morning, after an evening game, clocking up the miles in a bid to get home – so he can watch his beloved Luton team.

Tonight though Bill won't have to worry too much about the long trudge home as he lives just a few miles from the ground here at The New Lawn in the picturesque Gloucestershire village of Frampton-on-Severn, famously known to be the home of the country's longest village green.

Bill retired after many years of service as the Headteacher of nearby Dursley Primary School in December 2011 and will no doubt be one of the few individuals in the ground today who can tell you all you need to know about both teams. Not only does Bill commit himself to many hours watching Luton but he can also often be found on the terraces here at Forest Green, no doubt doing a bit of scouting on future Luton opposition!

A keen cricketer at Slimbridge Cricket Club and well known for the many years he has spent in the local Stroud District League, Richard Joyce spoke to Bill to see what he makes of the current set up at Luton and who Forest Green fans should be looking out for:

RJ: 3rd in the league but quite a distance behind leaders Fleetwood – do you think Luton will end up having to settle for a play-off place for this season?

BC: I think we'll certainly get into the play-offs. We can only keep winning but we've had far too many draws this season.

RJ: You've got two former FGR players in the shape of Alex Lawless and Stuart Fleetwood at Luton at the moment. How have they been?

BC: When Lawless came to us he looked really good but has been in a bit of a lull recently but he has just been coming back in to form. We have been playing him a lot deeper. Fleetwood has been in and out of the team and really needs a regular run of games to build up some confidence. He looked really sharp at Kidderminster in the Trophy.

RJ: Robbie Willmott was linked with a move to FGR a few months ago. What do you make of him as a player?

BC: In the earlier part of the season he was the first player you would put in the team but he has been struggling a bit at the moment but again he just needs some confidence.

RJ: In the few years Luton have been in the Conference, has this season been the toughest one so far?

BC: They've all been tough. We still feel bitter about being in this league after the 30 points deduction we had. I can remember when we were playing in the Championship not too long ago. We're still averaging over 6000 at home so it just goes to show the interest is still there.

RJ: If you were to select a few Luton players that Forest Green should look out for tonight. Who would you choose?

BC: Mark Tyler has been excellent. From what I've seen I would say he is probably the best goalkeeper in the league. Jake Howells has been really good on the left and is destined for higher things. Alan O'Connor who is ex-Rushden has been really quite effective.

RJ: Is this current Forest Green side one of the strongest you've seen?

BC: When Jim Harvey was manager I thought the football was excellent with the likes of Fleetwood and Lawless and was really good to watch. Things have got better this season and the Kidderminster game I went to recently was a great game to watch.

RJ: If you were to pick a name out of the current Rovers squad who you think is quite impressive – who would you choose?

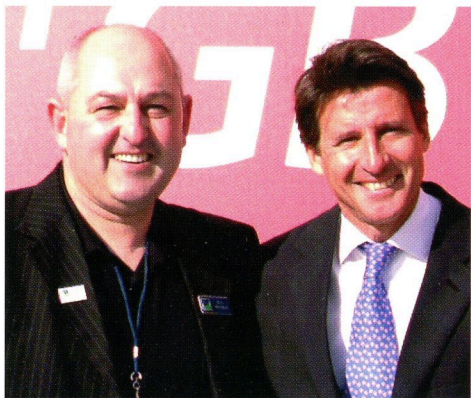
BC: I like Matty Taylor and his work rate is phenomenal. It will be interesting now you've got Tommy Wright to see how they work together. Chris Stokes at left back is very classy and Jake Thomson in the middle has a lot to do with how you play.

Let's hope Bill enjoys his evening in the away end at The New Lawn watching his beloved Luton Town.

ERIC WHITLOCK

TO BE INVOLVED IN THE 2012 OLYMPICS

Personal details: Eric Whitlock, Aged 50 brought up in Wotton under Edge married and now living near Pontypool in Wales. Runs his own business called "Severnside First Aid Training and Consultancy".



He works as part of the pitch side medical team for Bristol Rovers and Newport Gwent Dragons Rugby club. He is however a season ticket holder at FGR and gets to about half of FGR's home games as well as a few away every season.

He has followed Forest Green since 11/10/1975 when his Uncle brought him to see the famous 5-5 draw against Blyth Spartans in the Rothmans cup. The first time many of us saw a penalty shoot out which Forest Green lost 3-2. Blyth Spartans were probably the best non-league team in the country at the time and had recently knocked league teams Crewe, Stockport and Reading out of the FA Cup. Not long after Blyth reached the 5th round of the FA cup beating Chesterfield and most notably Stoke City away 3-2 so FGR's draw with them was absolutely remarkable since they had only just been promoted from the Gloucestershire County League to the Hellenic.

Claims to fame:

- In 2001 he ran out of the tunnel at Bristol Rovers Memorial stadium at half time wearing Brian Tinnion's Bristol City Shirt to be booed by the Gasheads and thus raised

£5000 pounds for charity.

- In April he will visit the Amex arena in Brighton and thus complete a game at all current 92 grounds. He has seen a game at 177 grounds in total including ex-league clubs, non league and foreign stadia.
- Former Forest Green Loanee Sean Rigg, now at Port Vale, is his cousin.
- First to buy at 10 year season ticket at the Lawn when club was struggling financially last year.



Because of his voluntary contribution to his local community Eric was nominated to carry the Olympic torch as part of the torch relay around the country. He recently heard, much to his surprise, that his nomination had been approved by the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG). "I will be running (fast walk in my case) for 300 to 400 meters near my home in Pontypool on the 25th of May". The Relay will be run from Taunton to Bristol on the 22nd of May, Stroud to Cheltenham on the 23rd of May, Gloucester to Worcester on the 24th and then Worcester to Cardiff on the 25th days so there are plenty of opportunities to see it pass by. Sadly I am not allowed to wear my Forest Green shirt when carrying the torch since I have to wear Kit provided by (LOCOG) but I will try to wear a FGR baseball cap if I can.

The Citation accompanying Eric's notification of approval read:

Olympic Torchbearer citation for Eric Whitlock



Two or three days a week Eric logs on as a volunteer Community First Responder with the Welsh Ambulance Service during which time he is on call with a defibrillator and Oxygen and other equipment ready to respond quickly to any heart attack or any other serious illness or situation that may happen within a ten mile radius of his home. He is a founder member of the Torfaen Community First responder group. The group is a vital link in responding quickly to emergencies and providing life saving treatment until Paramedics arrive on scene.

Eric is also a very active as a St John ambulance volunteer and most weekends he volunteers his time to cover duties ranging from village fetes to large International sporting events including Wembley and the Millennium stadium.

Eric has recently been accepted as a Games maker for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He will work as a medical volunteer throughout both events thus sacrificing practically all his annual leave to do so.

As a fully qualified instructor Eric also gives much of his time freely to teach first aid to others. This includes teaching children in local schools, adults with learning difficulties at various centres, members of St John Ambulance and various Jehovah's Witness construction and convention teams across South Wales

and the West Country.

Eric has also given of his time freely to train several of FGR's stadium and medical staff in first aid and the use of defibrillators and Oxygen.

"It is a once in a life time experience to be asked to take part in the torch relay and I feel a little unworthy since so many people in our communities across the UK do more than me in my opinion but it is an honour to represent the 100's of volunteers and fund raisers from various clubs and charities who do so much good work in the Torfaen area. As far as I understand about 8000 people across the UK have been chosen from hundreds of thousands of nominees. Most have been chosen for their exceptional services to their community others because of being former Olympians etc.

Because of my involvement in the games I have had an opportunity to meet some interesting people in recent months including the Prime Minister David Cameron, the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, the Mayor of London Boris Johnson, the head of LOCOG Lord Coe and several Olympic medal winners including Jonathan Edwards, Sharon Davies and Sir Steve Redgrave. (see attached photos).

I now know that my Olympic Games Maker role will be as a Medical Emergency First Responder in the Olympic Park at London and to cover the Men's and Woman's Hockey games there. This isn't too bad since I guess Hockey has some similarity to football. I really dreaded being assigned to sailing or equestrian events.

I am also covering some of the Olympic football matches at the Millennium Stadium and at Wembley. Most male volunteers it seems wanted to cover the Ladies Beach Volleyball at Horse Guards Parade (I wonder why?) but I left that off of my choices of event since the wife would have slapped me. Only joking!. I have been told that each relay runner gets to keep their torch after the event. If that is so I would be happy to put it on display at the New Lawn next season for everyone to see up close".



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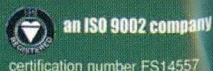
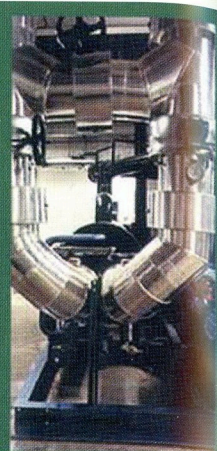
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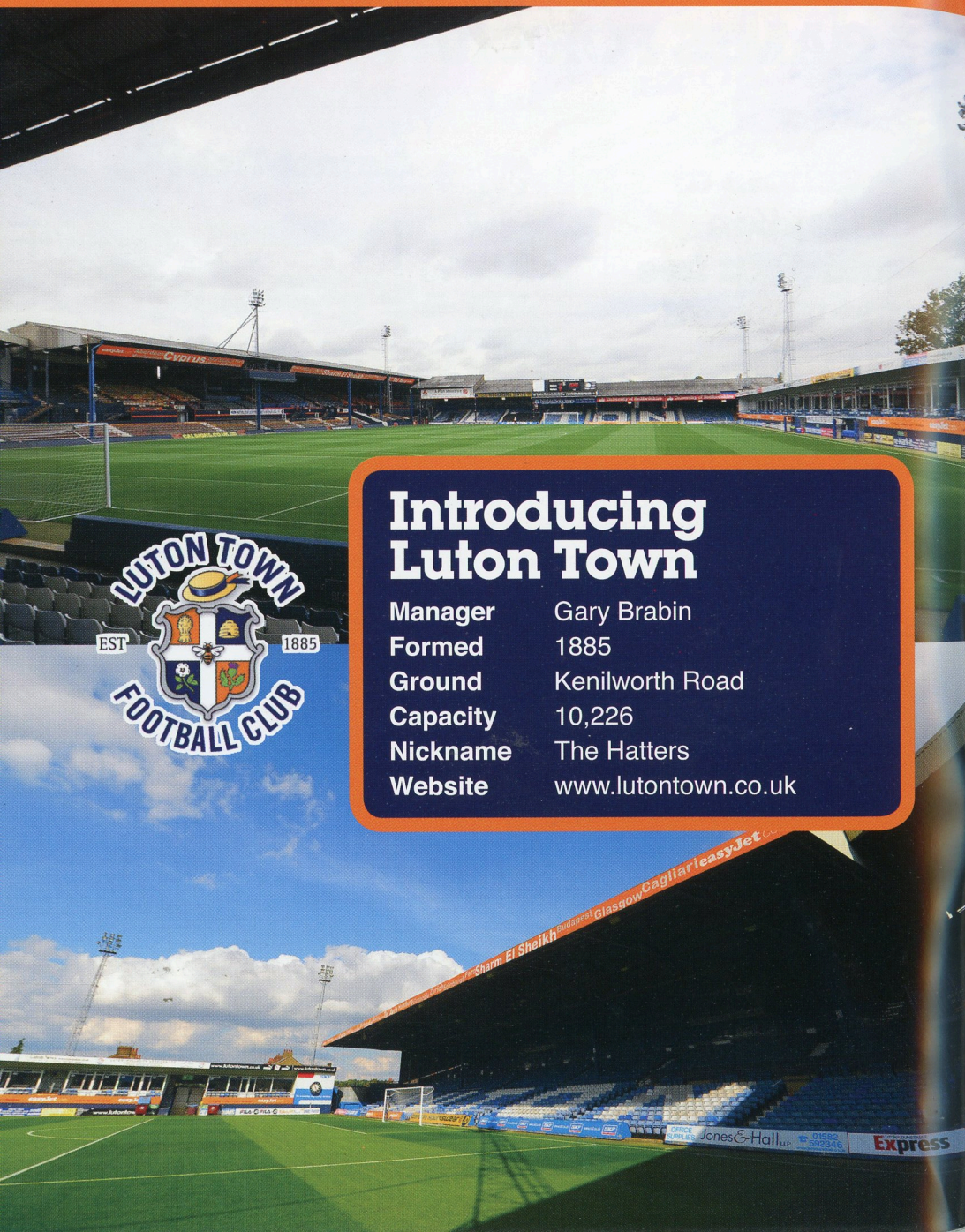
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A LOOK AT THE HATTERS RECENT HISTORY

The Town then failed to hit the heights for several seasons and even suffered two periods in the hands of receivers as well as a season in the football basement. Thankfully, that period came to end in the summer of 2004 and with the new owners in place; the club celebrated one of their greatest achievements in recent years when they won the League One Championship. After a prestigious friendly with Dutch giants Ajax at Kenilworth Road, which the visitors won 4-0, the Town players certainly showed they were capable of promotion when they surprised the whole football world – and perhaps even the Hatters supporters – by winning their opening six matches – seeing off Oldham, Swindon, Barnsley, Torquay, Blackpool and Bournemouth.

In fact, it was still a further seven matches before Luton lost for the first time during the season, when Huddersfield Town inflicted a 2-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road. When the Town lost their next two matches at Walsall and fellow promotion-chasers Hull City, many people were quick to point out that it was the beginning of the freefall down the table. However, the players disagreed and bounced back by thumping Bradford City and Wrexham 4-0 and 5-1 respectively and then winning 4-1 at new rivals and much-despised Milton Keynes Dons – Steve Howard continuing his excellent goal scoring form by netting a hat-trick against the MK Dons.

The Christmas period saw wins at Bristol City – the first for 30 years – and at Chesterfield on Boxing Day as Enoch Showunmi, in for the suspended Howard, netted two late winners. If anyone had any fears that the Town were a one-man team, then this surely put them to rest. However, six draws from the next seven matches had a few Town fans wondering if Luton had

begun to slip a little – after all, this was Luton Town and even the most optimistic of supporters are programmed to expect the worst!

The visit of second-placed Hull City on February 12th saw a sell-out Kenilworth Road crowd witness the most memorable match at Kenilworth Road for a few years as Ahmet Brkovic netted an 89th minute winner to seal all three points for Luton and increase the lead at the top. Brkovic had been a revelation, netting goals from midfield at a canter and he was already into double figures for the season.

Wins at Hartlepool United and Bradford City and a midweek home victory over Walsall tightened Luton's grip on a promotion place and along with Hull City, they were beginning to open up a gap over third and fourth-placed sides Tranmere Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday.

Further good news came as manager Mike Newell and assistant manager Brian Stein signed new two-year deals, along with the highly impressive Sol Davis, Kevin Nicholls, Ahmet Brkovic and Curtis Davies.

The Luton Town Board of Directors then showed their commitment to the club by splashing out £150,000 on transfer deadline day to secure the signing of Stockport County's Northern Ireland international striker Warren Feeney – the first fee paid for a player by Luton Town since 1998 – some seven years previously!

A 1-3 home defeat to Barnsley on Good Friday in front of the television cameras was only a brief blip as a 4-1 win at

ONE TO WATCH

KEITH KEANE

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured.

Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with 14 appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship.

Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action.

Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front. Out of contract at the end of the 2009/10 campaign the winner of the Hatters' Goal of the Season award delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road by penning a two-year deal to keep him at the club until 2012.

maintaining a top five place during the opening months of the season including victories in the opening to matches against Crystal Palace and Southampton, both of whom were relegated from the Premier League the previous season.

However, the success of the team was always under scrutiny from rival managers and it wasn't long before the club was receiving substantial bids for the team's top performers.

A £3m bid from West Bromwich Albion for centre-back Curtis Davies was too good to turn down in August, joining shortly after scoring against Millwall which turned out to be the defender's last



Torquay United saw normality return, and consecutive 1-0 victories over Blackpool and AFC Bournemouth put the Hatters on the brink of promotion to the Championship. This was secured on Tuesday, April 12th 2005 when 3rd-placed Tranmere Rovers were beaten 1-0 at Brentford, meaning that Luton Town could not mathematically finish any lower than 2nd in the table, thus ensuring promotion to the Championship after 10 years in the bottom two Divisions of the Football League.

The League One Championship was sealed a fortnight later when, on April 23rd 2005, the Hatters - after seeing off Milton Keynes Dons 1-0 at Kenilworth Road the previous week - claimed a 2-1 victory at Wrexham, coming from a goal behind to seal the Championship on St. George's Day in Wales. It was the second time in three years that the Hatters had joy in Wales after sealing promotion from Division Three at Swansea City in 2002. Over 2,000 travelling Luton Town fans were at the Racecourse Ground to see the Hatters claim the Championship - the first silverware the club had won since lifting the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley against Arsenal in 1988. The Championship trophy was paraded at Kenilworth Road in front of a jubilant sell-out crowd in the final home match of the season against Brentford and an open top bus parade in Luton town centre on May 8th 2005 was the icing on the cake of what was undoubtedly the best season the club had enjoyed for years.

The addition of a couple of fresh faces saw the squad emulate their start to the previous campaign and take the Championship by storm,

ONE TO WATCH

AARON O'CONNOR

Striker, who picked up a plethora of end-of-season awards at Nene Park, arrived at Kenilworth Road after signing a two-year contract following the expiry of his deal with Rushden & Diamonds.

He scored 27 times in two seasons at Nene Park after arriving from Mansfield Town and went onto be a huge favourite at the Northamptonshire club.

Aaron started his career on YTS forms with Derby County before moving to Ilkeston Town. He then had spells at Scunthorpe United and Nuneaton Borough before returning to Ilkeston.

He then joined Gresley Rovers where between 2004 and 2007 he scored 80 goals in 127 games which saw him pick up the Player's Player of the Year, Manager's Player of the Year and Supporter's Player of the Year awards two seasons in succession.

O'Connor nearly signed for Rushden in 2006 when Paul Hart was in charge, however, after playing in pre-season friendlies, he returned to Gresley, later moving to Grays Athletic, where he played under Justin Edinburgh.

Aaron went from Grays to Mansfield in 2008 where he scored eight times in 39 games at Field Mill prior to his switch to Rushden in the summer of 2009.

Known for his strength and turn of pace the Nottingham-born front man can also play wide.

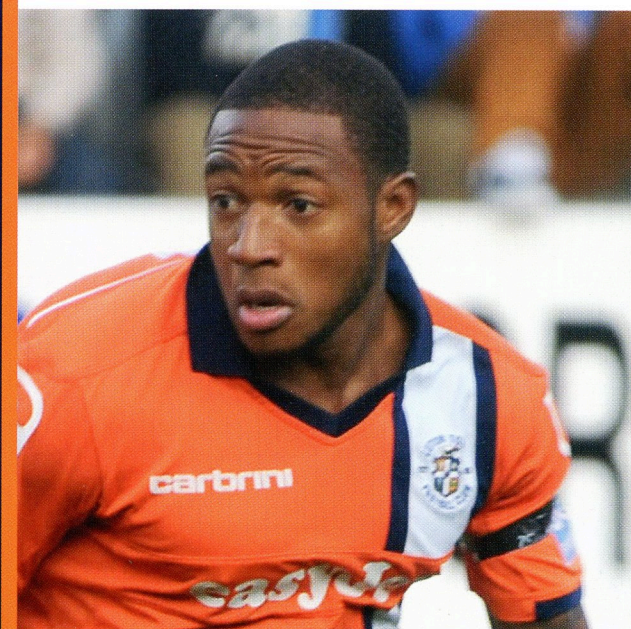
appearance in a Town shirt.

The team could not maintain their good start to the season but at the turn of the year, after a disappointing derby defeat to Watford, the Hatters were in ninth position and only three points off the playoff places.

Five days after the Watford defeat Liverpool visited Kenilworth Road for an FA Cup tie and the match, televised on the BBC, will be remembered

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by all those who witnessed it as a cup classic.

After Steven Gerrard had given the Reds the lead with a sumptuous strike after 16 minutes everyone inside Kenilworth Road believed the visitors would cost to an easy victory.

But that was far the case when 15 minutes later Steve Howard equalised and two minutes before half time the Hatters to the disbelief of Rafa Benitez and his team, took the lead when Steve Robinson turned to shoot beyond Scott Carson to give the Town the lead.

The Kenilworth Road crowd were probably still catching their breath, even eight minutes into the second half, when Carson brought down Rowan Vine which gave Kevin Nicholls the opportunity to blast home the Hatters' third from the penalty spot.

With his team 3-1 Benitez introduced substitute Florent Sinama-Pongolle on 57 minutes and five minutes the Frenchman pulled a goal back for Liverpool.

Unbelievably, seven minutes later Xavi Alonso crashed in the Reds' equaliser with a volley from the edge of the area and five minutes later Liverpool completed an amazing turnaround when Sinama-Pongolle headed home the visitors' fourth goal of the evening.

As the Hatters pushed in search of an equaliser, and with goalkeeper Marlon Beresford up in a Hatters attack, Alonso capped an incredible comeback with by lofting a shot from his own half into the empty net for Liverpool's fifth goal and the eighth goal of a breathtaking game.

The spectacular performance despite the defeat to their illustrious

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visitors eventually began to take its toll on the team as the Town only managed six more victories in the 18 league fixtures that followed.

However the team could take heart from a fantastic season and a top 10 finish was achieved with a 1-1 draw at Burnley in the final game of the campaign.

The 2006-2007 season was largely dominated by the Hatters' off-the-field problems which begun with manager Mike Newell blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity that he knew of within the game.

With the first game of the season at home to Leicester City being screened live on television, the early kick-off and subsequent 2-0 victory ensured the Town sat top of the table after their first match albeit for a couple of hours.

However the season took a dramatic turn for the worse following a thumping 5-1 home victory over Leeds United which had seen the club cement it's position in fifth place in the table.

A 4-0 thrashing at Everton in the second round of the League Cup bringing everyone back down to earth with a bump.

But worse news was to follow.

Prior to the trip to face Ipswich Town at Portman Road, defender Sol Davis suffered a stroke on the team coach on the way to hotel leaving the whole club in shock and it was no surprise the following day that – with minds elsewhere – the Hatters were on the receiving end of a 5-0 defeat.

The Hatters then went onto equal their all time record of eight consecutive defeats by losing the following six matches which sent them plummeting down the table with a 2-0 victory over Preston North End at Kenilworth Road stopping the rot.

Following a fifth straight defeat to Hull City on 13th March manager Mike Newell was dismissed after becoming increasingly frustrated with the Hatters board and Brian Stein was placed in temporary charge for the next match against Ipswich Town which the team also lost amid angry demonstrations by sections of the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Former Barton Rovers goalkeeper and Leeds United manager Kevin Blackwell was named as Newell's permanent successor.

But despite gaining a gritty point during a 0-0 draw at Burnley in Blackwell's first match in charge, the side only won of their remaining six games and relegation to League One was confirmed during a gutsy 1-0 defeat at Derby County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And in the last match of 2007 we saw the first away win of the campaign recorded courtesy of a last-minute strike from Matthew Spring. With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season.

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

At this point the administrator had been

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

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

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

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

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

Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game.

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

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

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

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

But after picking five points from the following three games to give them hope the

Town went onto lose all of their final six matches and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April.

With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement).

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

But worse news followed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

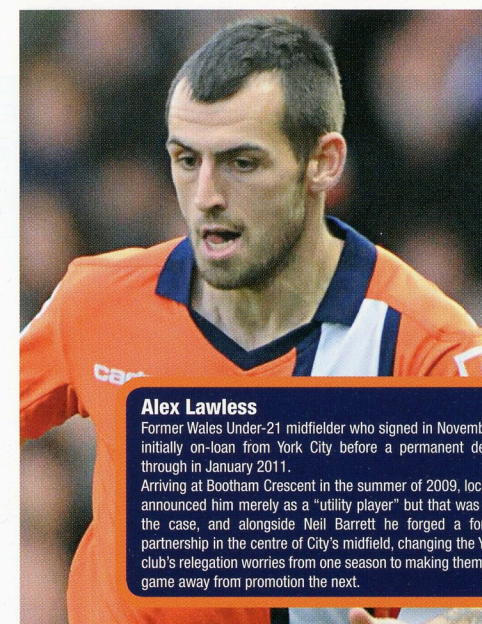
It meant the club will start life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League.

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

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

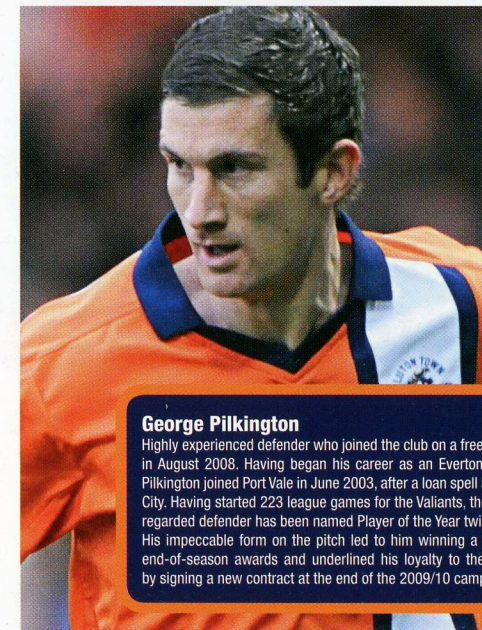
The Hatters again suffered Play-Off heartache in 2010/11 and again there was a change in manager - Gary Brabin taking over from Money in March.

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



Alex Lawless

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case, and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the next.



George Pilkington

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice. His impeccable form on the pitch led to him winning a string of end-of-season awards and underlined his loyalty to the Hatters by signing a new contract at the end of the 2009/10 campaign.

STAR GRADUATE

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Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players

Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak.

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.



Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison and had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.



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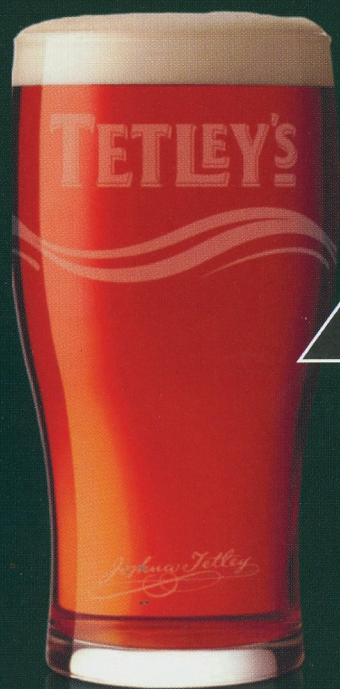
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JAMES ROWE HITS SECOND HALF GOAL TO EARN A POINT

Since our last look back at Forest Green Rovers Reserves we have played two games, winning one at Torquay United and then drawing against AFC Bournemouth, a point which maintained our position at the top of the division.

Tuesday 31st January 2012

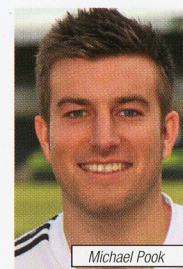
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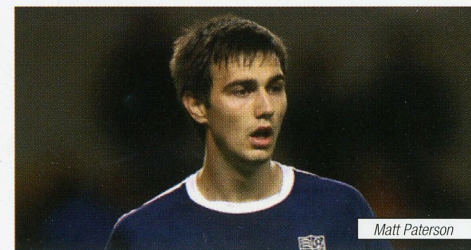
The final day of January saw Forest Green Rovers Reserves travel down to the seaside to take on Torquay United at

Plainmoor in the Southern Division of the Football Combination.

New signings Michael Pook and Tommy Wright were included in the starting line-up along with Matt Paterson and ex Plymouth Argyle striker Danny Smith. It was Rovers who were the quickest out of the blocks



Michael Pook



Matt Paterson

by scoring the goals but ten minutes before the break Ed Palmer pulled one back for the home side. However, on the stroke of half time, Rovers restored their two goal advantage when Danny Smith made it 3-1.

In the second half Rovers increased their lead thanks to a super Chris Allen goal but Chris McPhee completed the scoring by pulling one back for the home side.

All in all this was an excellent victory for Rovers who went top of the table following the win, and there was more good news for Manager Dave Hockaday with Chris Todd enjoying a forty five minute run-out.

Rovers Team Bulman, Imudia, Graham, Todd (Allen 45 mts), Uwezu (Williams 79 mts), Henry (Harvey 90 mts), Pook, Smith, Wright,, Brown, Paterson

Tuesday 13th March

AFC Bournemouth Reserves 1
Forest Green Rovers Reserves 1

Top of the Table Forest Green Rovers Reserves travelled to New Milton for the latest Reserve team and despite falling behind hit back through James Rowe to earn a valuable point from a 1-1 draw.

It was a fairly strong team that turned out for Rovers and included Curtis McDonald, Chris Todd, James Rowe and striker Reece Styche who played for eighty eight minutes of the game. All of course were returning from injury

The point gained keeps Rovers a point clear at the top of the table ahead of second placed Brighton & Hove Albion.

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Brighton & Hove Albion	8	4	2	2	15	13	14
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Crawley Town	8	3	1	4	22	21	10
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establishing a two goal lead inside the opening twenty minutes. It was new signings Pook and Wright who soon made their mark on the game

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Trivia

Saturday's 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Hayes & Yeading United was only the second time all season that we had conceded more than two goals in a game. The only other time that this happened was back in September when Southport visited the New Lawn and returned North 3-2 winners. Hayes also became only the second team to complete a league double over us this season, Grimsby Town being the only other side to do so.



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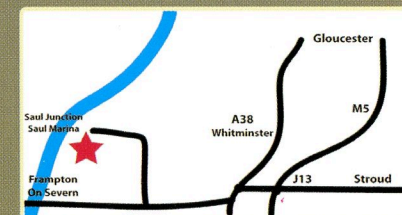
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Last Saturday proved to be a disappointing day for Forest Green Rovers when we went down to a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Hayes & Yeading United, who completed a league double over us. Bruce Fenn captured just a little of the action

TEAM LINE-UPS

Forest Green Rovers

Russell
Hodgkiss
Stokes
Turley
Norwood
Klukowski (Wright 75mins)
Forbes
Taylor (Uwezu 56mins)
Thomson (Pook 64mins)
Oshodi
Henderson

UNUSED SUBS

Todd
Graham

Hayes & Yeading United

Arnold
Moutaouakil
Hand
Cadmore
Wilson (Collins 84mins)
Bentley
Pele (Lee 75mins)
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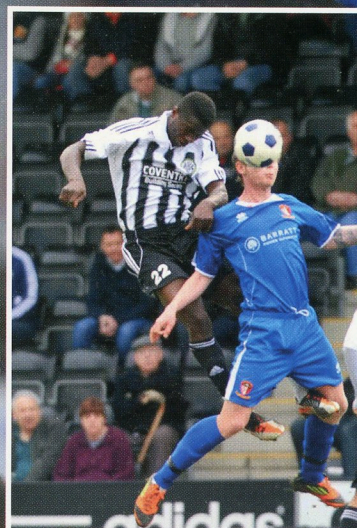
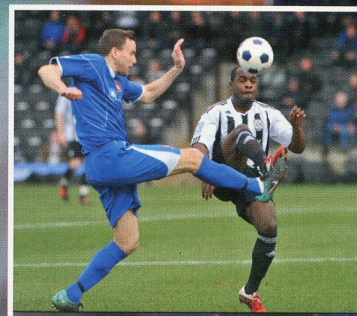
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1-1 63 mins Michael Uwezu
1-2 68 mins Michael Thalassitis
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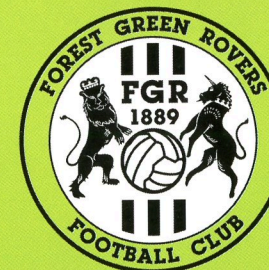
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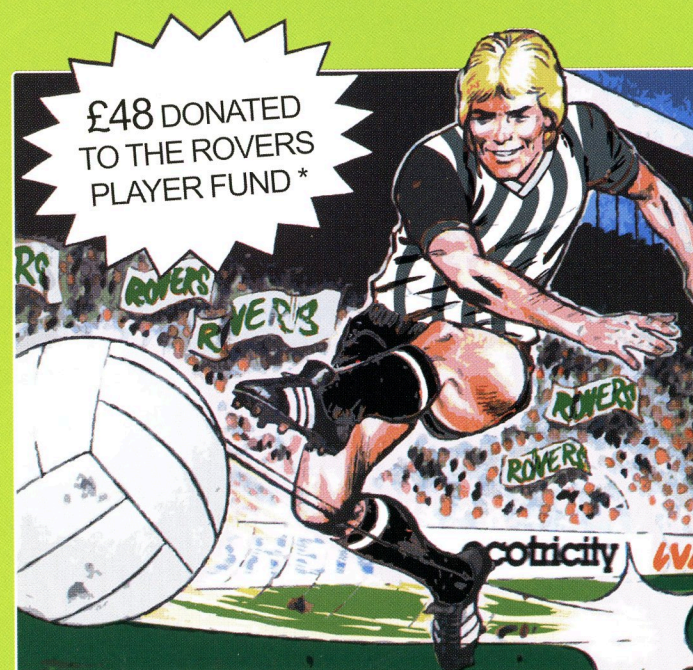
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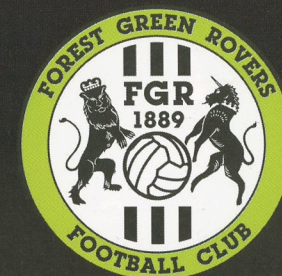
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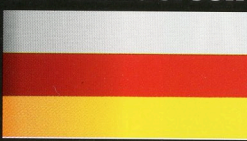


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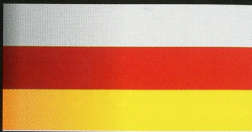


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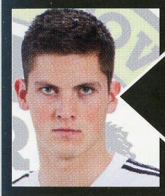
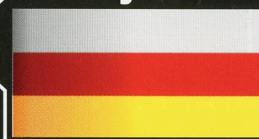


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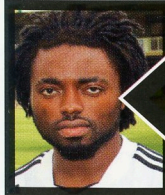
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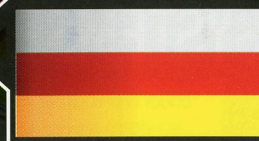
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BACK IN TIME

WITH ANDY WHITING

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**Programme Columnist Andy Whiting
continues his look back**

After the previous home win over high flying, Hereford United, Rovers travelled to the 'San Siro' the home of the famous Welling United close to the M25 corridor. Well, that's what is said on the Fiat garage at the road end of the ground. A crowd of 743 crammed into the old style ground to witness a very rare Rovers away win with centre half, Mike Kilgour, heading home Jason Drysdale's corner after thirteen minutes. Welling posed little threat in the first half except for Stafford Browne's volley just missing Justin Shuttlewood's crossbar. Rovers second goal came courtesy of Marc McGregor on fifty six minutes after good work from Paul Hunt and Chris Honor. Striker, David Mehew, came on for his 'Green' debut in the sixtieth minute for 'Oggie' Hunt and looked very impressive.

The following weekend saw Witney travel to the Lawn for a rare Sunday encounter in the FA Trophy, Third Round. It was a crisp and cold winters day, where a good crowd of 806, were soon warmed up by Forest Green's sizzling start with Alex Sykes sending temperatures soaring with a hat-trick in the first twenty six minutes. This was after he was presented with a trophy before the match to mark 100 appearances for the club. A much more even second half but Witney keeper, Alder, made a mistake wanting too much time clearing a back pass and Paul Hunt took the opportunity to nip in and round the keeper walking the ball into the empty net. After the game, Manager Frank Gegan, commented the pitch to be the worst he had ever known it, due to the horrendous weather we had all witnessed, and looked forward to the next round of the Trophy where we would visit Weymouth from the Dr. Martens Premier Division.



Rovers put on Sunday best to romp through in Trophy **Witney walloped by lethal Sykes**

Forest Green Rovers 4,
Witney Town 0
by Alastair Downey

THE RESULT was every bit as emphatic as the scoreline suggests. Forest Green Rovers progressed smoothly into the FA Trophy fourth round after an assured, if unspectacular, demolition of Witney Town. Alex Sykes led the charge, grabbing a hat-trick inside 25 minutes, as Rovers' superior finishing power made their mark.

Paul Hunt sealed the win with a second-half goal, but Witney can take heart from an excellent attacking performance where only their lack of a cutting edge cost them dear.

The home side were quick to settle and adjusted well to the conditions. Chris Honor arrived early to have a deflected shot taken away for a corner.

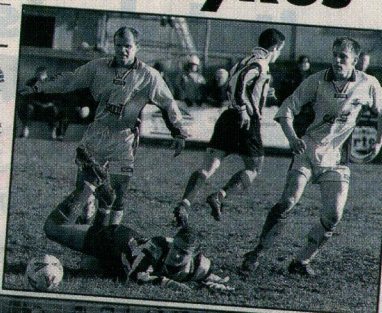
It took Rovers just eight minutes to make their first incursion. Judges clipped past down their right corner, unopposed, between honest goalkeeper Kevin Alder and Steve Tarrant, and Sykes stepped in to grab possession and score from a tight angle.

Witney responded immediately and from their first wide attack, Steve Owen, slotted the ball just before the quarter-hour mark.

Andy Martin headed back infield and Sykes again reacted quickest to slide through Witney's defence and round Alder to score his second.

For all their defensive valour, Witney carried a dangerous attacking threat. Kenney Clarke found room down their left and his cross was met by Darren Taggart at the near post when the slightest of touches would have resulted in a goal.

But Rovers' correction in form of goal





PLAYER STATS

FIXTURES AND LEAGUE TABLE



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER DIVISION

TONIGHT

Alfreton Town	v	Mansfield Town
Cambridge United	v	Newport County
Forest Green Rovers	v	Luton Town
Gateshead	v	Bath City
Hayes & Yeading United	v	Grimsby Town
Kettering Town	v	AFC Telford United
Tamworth	v	Kidderminster Harriers

SATURDAY 24 MARCH

Alfreton Town	v	Cambridge United
Barrow	v	Braintree Town
Ebbsfleet United	v	Kettering Town
Fleetwood Town	v	Mansfield Town
Hayes & Yeading United	v	AFC Telford United
Kidderminster Harriers	v	Darlington
Lincoln City	v	Newport County
Luton Town	v	Grimsby Town
Stockport County	v	Bath City
Tamworth	v	Gateshead
Wrexham	v	Forest Green Rovers
York City	v	Southport

TUESDAY 27 MARCH

AFC Telford United	v	Forest Green Rovers
Bath City	v	York City
Braintree Town	v	Southport
Darlington	v	Wrexham
Ebbsfleet United	v	Alfreton Town
Hayes & Yeading United	v	Lincoln City
Tamworth	v	Grimsby Town

FRIDAY 30 MARCH

Luton Town	v	York City
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HOT-SHOTS	Home Goals	Away Goals	First Half	Second Half	Pens	Total
Yan Klukowski	4	8	7	5	3	12
Charlie Griffin	3	4	4	3		7
Reece Styche	3	3	3	3		6
Matt Taylor	5	1	2	4		6
James Norwood	2	1	1	2		3
Chris Stokes	2		1	1		2
Jamie Turley		2	2			2
Liam Henderson	1	1		2		2
Jamie Collins	2		2			2
Tommy Wright	2		1	1		2
Michael Uwezu	2			2		2
Kieron Forbes	1		1			1
Jake Thomson	1		1			1
Curtis McDonald		1	1			1
Jared Hodgkiss		1		1		1
Own goals	1	1		2		2

APPEARANCES 2011/12

	Lge	FAC	FAT	Mins	Total
Matthew Bulman	5	1		480	6
Jared Hodgkiss	37	1	2	3555	40
Chris Stokes	36	1	2	3505	39
James Turley	31 (1)	1	2	2942	34 (1)
Chris Todd	1			68	1
James Norwood	27 (4)		- (2)	2349	27 (6)
Reece Styche	9			743	9
Charlie Griffin	19 (8)	- (1)	- (2)	1779	19 (11)
Kieron Forbes	31 (1)	1	2	3048	34 (1)
Jeffrey Imudia	1 (1)		- (1)	140	1 (2)
Luke Graham	19 (4)		1	1841	20 (4)
Chris Allen	10 (6)			783	10 (6)
James Rowe	21 (3)	1	2	1949	24 (3)
Wayne Turk	2 (10)	- (1)		408	2 (11)
Yan Klukowski	29 (8)	1	2	2955	32 (8)
Callum Henry	- (1)			7	- (1)
Curtis McDonald	6 (5)			541	6 (5)
Robbie Matthews	- (3)			38	- (3)
James Bittner	19 (1)	- (1)	2	1974	21 (2)
Matt Taylor	18 (2)	1	2	1811	21 (2)
Al Bangura	11 (1)	1		1029	12 (1)
Jake Thomson	18 (5)	1	2	1902	21 (5)
Eddie Oshodi	22	1	1	2153	24
Andy Sandell	3			242	3
Jonathan Bond	4			360	4
Michael Uwezu	3 (13)		2	586	5 (13)
Liam Henderson	10 (5)			879	10 (5)
Mark Paterson	- (1)			12	- (1)
Sam Russell	9			786	9
Michael Pook	- (7)			104	- (76)
Jamie Collins	3			221	3
Tommy Wright	2 (4)			225	2(4)

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Fleetwood Town	39	28	8	3	92	40	92
2 Wrexham	37	27	5	5	70	21	86
3 Mansfield Town	38	18	14	6	67	41	68
4 Luton Town	36	18	12	6	65	31	66
5 Southport	38	19	9	10	60	57	66
6 York City	36	17	13	6	70	38	64
7 Kidderminster Harriers	38	17	9	12	66	53	60
8 Gateshead	37	17	9	11	59	54	60
9 Grimsby Town	37	17	8	12	70	52	59
10 Cambridge United	36	15	10	11	44	33	55
11 Barrow	39	16	7	16	55	60	55
12 Braintree Town	38	15	8	15	65	69	53
13 Forest Green Rovers	37	13	13	11	51	39	52
14 Ebbsfleet United	37	12	10	15	57	66	46
15 Tamworth	37	11	10	16	41	56	43
16 Alfreton Town	37	10	8	19	50	73	38
17 AFC Telford United	37	8	12	17	36	54	36
18 Stockport County	39	7	14	18	41	69	35
19 Newport County	35	8	10	17	44	53	34
20 Lincoln City	37	8	9	20	38	55	33
21 Hayes & Yeading United	37	9	6	22	49	76	33
22 Darlington *	37	10	9	18	36	53	29
23 Kettering Town **	38	7	8	23	34	80	26
24 Bath City	37	5	9	23	34	71	24

* Darlington -10 pts deducted ** Kettering -3pts deducted
Up to and including Saturday 17th March 2012

FANS PROFILE

NUMBER 21 SHANE HEALEY



Best Rovers XI

Danny Ireland, Kevin Nicholson, Anthony Tonking, Eddie Oshodi, Darren Jones, Lee Fowler, Michael Brough, Alex Lawless, Mark Beesley, Stuart Fleetwood, Andy Mangan, Sub - Bob Peachey(My grandfather)

Hobbies

Photography

Funny Football Story

On arriving at Hereford in the 2nd leg of the FA Trophy semi-final to find they were already making their arrangements for the big day at Wembley only for Forest Green to beat them 4-1 and truly ruin their plans.

Favourite Music

Madness

Favourite Food

Sam Reid's barbecues

Prediction for the season

10th. And a big push for the playoffs next season.

Each week in your new look Matchday Programme we hope to profile a Forest Green Rovers supporter. In this issue we speak to Shane Healey.

Name Shane Healey

Occupation Train Driver

Age 45

Home Ebley, Stroud

First Ever Match

Cannot recall the opposition, but would have been around 1970

Rovers Best Game

1982 FA Vase Final at Wembley Stadium

Rovers Worst Game

Grays Athletic away 2009/10 season

Where do you normally watch home games from?

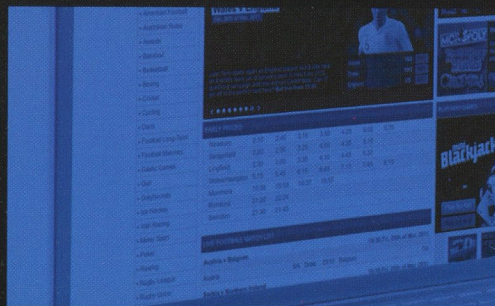
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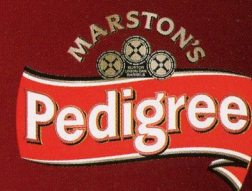
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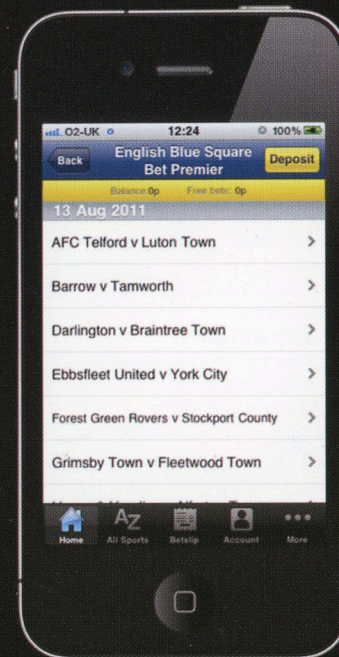


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A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF FOREST GREEN ROVERS PLAYING RECORD DURING 2011-2012



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We now have two more Reserve team games to come to complete the season. On Tuesday 3rd April we are away to Cheltenham Town (kick-off 2.00pm) before completing the season, here at The New Lawn, on Monday 23rd April when we entertain Crawley Town in a 7.00pm kick-off. This game could be the game where we clinch the league title so it would be nice to see a huge crowd would be a tremendous achievement if we can lift the title seeing as we are the Division.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

With just six weeks of the season remaining the race is hotting up for the Championship and for the clubs battling for the play-off places in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division. Tonight we take a look at the clubs competing at the top end of the table and assess their chances. Following the results from last Saturday we are left with nine clubs that we believe will be up there or thereabouts, come the end of the season.

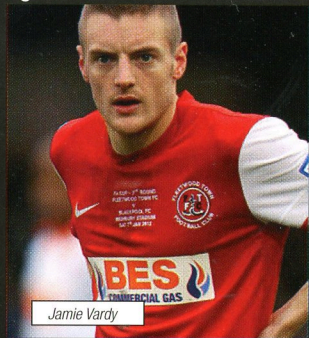
FLEETWOOD TOWN

Current League Position 1st
Games Played 39
Points 92



Since hitting the top of the division at the end of January the Cod Army have had a

series of tough games, which they have come through with flying colours. They still have difficult games ahead of them, against the likes of Mansfield



Jamie Vardy

Town, York City and their nearest title challengers, Wrexham. They certainly have the right set up to cope off the field to cope in the Football League and anyone who can turn down

£1 million pound for a player at this level is in seriously good financial shape. While Mickey Mellon's side have conceded goals of late he will turn to his many goal-getters – Andy Mangan, Jamie Vardy, Richard Brodie, Gareth Seddon, Magno Vieira and Danny Rose – to fire his side over the finishing line. Four more goals last Saturday now takes their combined total to 92 for the season.

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Mansfield Town	Home
31/03/12	Bath City	Away
07/04/12	York City	Away
10/04/12	Wrexham	Home
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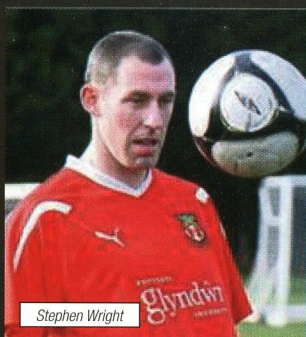
WREXHAM

Current League Position 2nd
Games Played 37
Points 86



Wrexham's season so to date has been built on their solid defensive unit which has been

highlighted by four successive clean sheets in their last four



Stephen Wright

games, all of which have been won. The return of Mark

Creighton, after injury, will be a huge boost and fans will hope that Stephen Wright can fill the right back void left by Curtis Obeng following his move to Swansea City. The defence face some testing times ahead when they travel to Cambridge United, Mansfield Town and leaders Fleetwood Town as well as hosting free scoring Grimsby Town at The Racecourse. If they hold strong Wrexham possess enough options in attack, and they will also be hoping to keep Dean Keates and Jamie Tolley fit to accompany talisman Jay Harris. The away fixture with Fleetwood Town on April 10th could be pivotal as the title race could yet go to the wire

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Forest Green Rovers	Home
27/04/12	Darlington	Away
31/04/12	Cambridge United	Away
06/04/12	Alfreton Town	Home
10/04/12	Fleetwood Town	Away
14/04/12	Grimsby Town	Home
21/04/12	Mansfield Town	Away
24/04/12	Newport County	Away
28/04/12	Braintree Town	Home

MANSFIELD TOWN

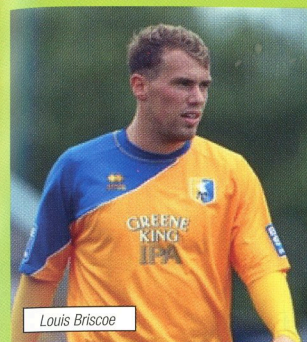
Current League Position 3rd
Games Played 38
Points 68



One of the form teams of the moment. Since New Years Day they have won nine, drew

three and lost just once of their thirteen league games and last Saturday hammered Barrow 7-0 to jump above Luton Town into third spot. Exciting winger, Louis Briscoe, who has missed a large chunk of the season through injury, returned to form with a hat-trick and with the

likes of Matt Green and Ross Dyer proving a real threat up



Louis Briscoe

front the Stags could become a real threat for promotion. They face a local derby this evening, against local rivals and ever improving Alfreton Town, and then this coming Saturday they face a huge, huge game at league leaders Fleetwood Town. The two teams drew 1-1 at Field Mill last Tuesday.

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Fleetwood Town	Away
31/03/12	Ebbfleet United	Home
07/04/12	Kettering Town	Away
09/04/12	Stockport County	Home
14/04/12	Hayes & Yeading Utd	Away
21/04/12	Wrexham	Home
28/04/12	Kidderminster Harriers	Away

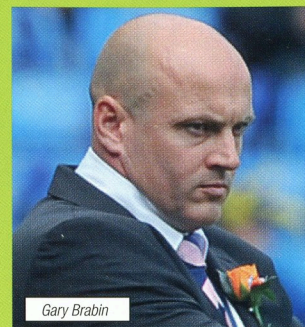
LUTON TOWN

Current League Position 4th
Games Played 36
Points 66



The Hatters suffered the heartbreak of missing out on a Wembley final when they conceded a last minute goal last Saturday to lose 2-1, on aggregate, to York City in the Semi-Final of the FA Trophy. With Mansfield going above them in the league as well Saturday wasn't a good day for Gary Brabin and his team and if they are to make the play-offs then they need to forget about that Trophy exit and get back to winning ways in the league.

Their title dreams appear to have fizzled out again, following their recent televised 2-0 defeat at Wrexham so they must get their show back on the road. Many of the squad that missed out on a return to the Football



Gary Brabin

League last season, after losing a penalty shoot out to AFC Wimbledon, have stuck it out and will have learnt from the experience. If they can find some form, over the last ten games, then what has been an average season could still end on a high.

Remaining Fixtures

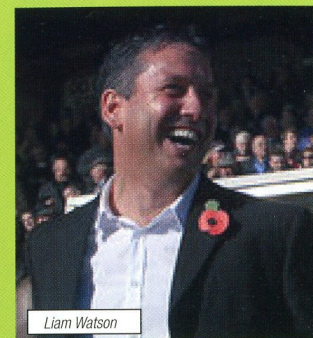
24/03/12	Grimsby Town	Home
30/03/12	York City	Home
03/04/12	Gateshead	Away
07/04/12	Braintree Town	Away
09/04/12	Hayes & Yeading Utd	Home
14/04/12	Alfreton Town	Away
17/04/12	Ebbfleet United	Home
21/04/12	Kidderminster Harriers	Home
28/04/12	Fleetwood Town	Away

SOUTHPORT

Current League Position 5th
Games Played 38
Points 66



The Sandgrounders are only playing at this level after Rushden & Diamonds folded at the end of last season to give them a stay of execution. Liam Watson said his side would learn from last season's struggles and vowed not to flirt with relegation again. A quick glance at the league table will show you they



Liam Watson

have done far more than that and last Saturday's superb 5-0 home win over Stockport County took them back into a play-off place. They could certainly be the surprise team of the season.

Remaining Fixtures

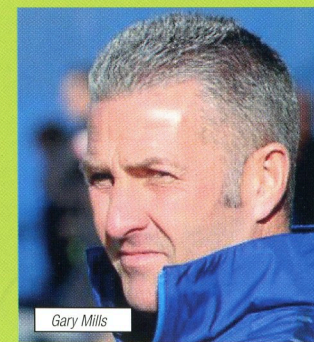
24/03/12	York City	Away
27/03/12	Braintree Town	Away
31/03/12	Hayes & Yeading Utd	Home
07/04/12	Kidderminster Harriers	Home
09/04/12	Barrow	Away
14/04/12	Tamworth	Away
21/04/12	Ebbfleet United	Home
28/04/12	Grimsby Town	Away

YORK CITY

Current League Position 6th
Games Played 36
Points 64



Reached the FA Carlsberg Trophy Final last Saturday thanks to a last gasp aggregate semi-final win over tonight's New Lawn visitors Luton Town. On their day the Minsterns are



Gary Mills

as good, if not better, than any team in this division. Whether the Trophy will be a distraction for them remains to be seen but Gary Mills and his men would love a return back to the Football League.

Remaining Fixtures

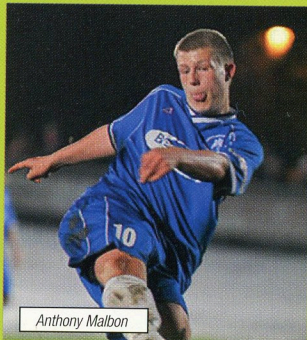
24/03/12	Southport	Home
27/03/12	Bath City	Away
30/03/12	Luton Town	Away
03/04/12	Newport County	Away
07/04/12	Fleetwood Town	Home
09/04/12	Alfreton Town	Away
14/04/12	Newport County	Home
17/04/12	Cambridge United	Away
21/04/12	Braintree Town	Away
28/04/12	Forest Green Rovers	Home

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

Current League Position 7th
Games Played 38
Points 60



The Harriers bounced back to winning ways last Saturday with an excellent 4-1 victory at mid table Braintree Town following just one league win from their previous eight



Anthony Malbon

games. They have proved more than a match for anyone in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division this season. They have a good blend of youth and experience, which always bodes well, but despite losing only four, they have won only five of their nineteen home fixtures this term. If they had turned some of their home draws into victories they would be in a much healthier

position. Steve Burr rang the changes in a mid-season shake up and new striker 21year old Anthony Malbon, signed from Newcastle Town, has made an excellent start to his career at Aggborough. Despite Saturday's win at Braintree they still have it all to do and may well just fall short.

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Darlington	Home
31/03/12	Grimsby Town	Away
07/04/12	Southport	Away
09/04/12	Newport County	Home
14/04/12	Kettering Town	Home
21/04/12	Luton Town	Away
28/04/12	Mansfield Town	Home

GATESHEAD

Current League Position 8th
Games Played 37
Points 60



The Heed are another side who are refusing to give in but now lie six points off

the final play-off position. The early season pacesetters got off to an electric start before finally meeting their match with



Jon Shaw

defeats against Wrexham 4-1 and Luton Town 5-1. Ian Bogie has, however, brought the club on leaps and bounds over the last two seasons and they have since established themselves as serious play-off contenders. Probably got too much to do now this season but any side with Jon Shaw in it is always

capable of scoring goals.

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Tamworth	Away
31/03/12	Newport County	Away
03/04/12	Luton Town	Home
07/04/12	Barrow	Home
09/04/12	Grimsby Town	Away
14/04/12	Forest Green Rovers	Home
21/04/12	Bath City	Away
28/04/12	AFC Telford United	Home

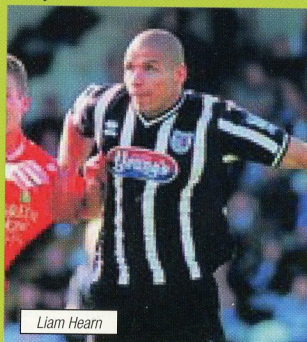
GRIMSBY TOWN

Current League Position 9th
Games Played 37
Points 59



The Mariners were unbeaten in sixteen league games before going down to a recent 2-1 defeat at

leaders Fleetwood Town. The joint-management team of Rob Scott and Paul Hurst were subject to abuse from sections



Liam Hearn

of the Blundell Park crowd earlier in the campaign but they have really turned things around. They do, though, face a stern test if they are to make the play-offs and will be hoping that striker Liam Hearn continues to find the back of the net on a regular basis.

Remaining Fixtures

24/03/12	Luton Town	Away
27/03/12	Tamworth	Away
31/03/12	Kidderminster Harriers	Home
07/04/12	Darlington	Away
09/04/12	Gateshead	Home
14/04/12	Wrexham	Away
21/04/12	AFC Telford United	Away
28/04/12	Southport	Home

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Good evening and welcome to The New Lawn for tonight's encounter against Luton Town. Let's hope we get a game this time following this fixture being postponed due to a frozen pitch in early February!

We would like to welcome everyone making the trip from Luton to The New Lawn today and hope they enjoy their stay. Luton find themselves sitting comfortably in the play-off zone in fourth spot, with a couple of games in hand over some of their nearest rivals. Although automatic promotion is no longer an option, you wouldn't bet against Luton succeeding in achieving a return to the Football League through the play-offs. It is therefore needless to say that we can expect a tough test this evening, even though Luton have failed to record a victory in any of their last four outings.

Just a few days ago we were here at The New Lawn witnessing quite possibly one of our most disappointing performances of the season. We historically have never really performed well against Hayes & Yeading United, but given our relative league positions and our recent form, this defeat was a hard one to take. With the low crowd and subdued atmosphere, the game felt like an end-of-season damp squid with nothing to play for and it was disappointing to hear so many people after the game commenting that if the players aren't going to bother turning up for the rest of the season given we have nothing left to play for, then neither are they. As disappointing as the result was, we don't think that it is an indication of things to come and we are sure DH and the lads will be up for this one; not least because the crowd will probably be around double what it was Saturday and night games always have that added edge. Things will definitely have been learnt from the Hayes & Yeading game (e.g. we now know that Russia is definitely human!!)

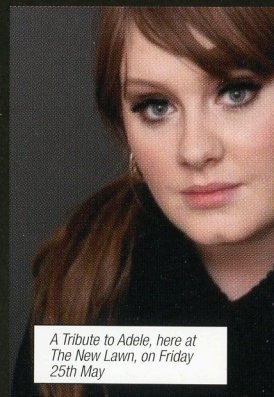
On Saturday we face an interesting trip to Wrexham, who sit in second place. When we played them at home, it was quite possibly our best performance of the season, so why not travel with the Supporter's Club to see whether we can match that level of performance in our third trip



The Racecourse Ground, the scene of our trip this coming Saturday

abroad this season! Give Sam (aka Brendan) a call on 01666 505519 to book your place.

Off the field, we are also delighted to announce that we have booked our first tribute night in the diary and these events will re-emerge as of Friday 25th May. The performing act...a tribute to Adele. Tickets which are pre-ordered will be £10 and any tickets purchased on the evening will be £12. If you are interested in attending please either contact us on 01666 505519 or fggsupportersclub@live.co.uk. A selection of basket meals, freshly prepared on the evening by the Supporters Club, will be available to order on the night, starting at just £4.95.



A Tribute to Adele, here at The New Lawn, on Friday 25th May

Anyway, that's enough from us and here's to a better performance than Saturday. We will be happy to come through this one with a draw - 2-2. Come on Rovers!

Sam+Jamie

THE NEW LAWN

TEAM LINE UPS



FOREST GREEN ROVERS

1	JAMES BITTNER	■ ■
2	JARED HODGKISS	■ ■
3	CHRIS STOKES	■ ■
4	MICHAEL POOK	■ ■
5	JAMIE TURLEY	■ ■
6	CHRIS TODD	■ ■
7	JAMES NORWOOD	■ ■
8	YAN KLUKOWSKI	■ ■
9	REECE STYCHE	■ ■
10	CHARLIE GRIFFIN	■ ■
11	KIERON FORBES	■ ■
12	JEFFREY IMUDIA	■ ■
13	MATT BULMAN	■ ■
14	MATT TAYLOR	■ ■
15	CALLUM HENRY	■ ■
16	LUKE GRAHAM	■ ■
17	CURTIS McDONALD	■ ■
18	CHRIS ALLEN	■ ■
19	JAMES ROWE	■ ■
20	ALHASSAN BANGURA	■ ■
21	JAKE THOMSON	■ ■
22	EDDIE OSHODI	■ ■
23	MICHAEL UWEZU	■ ■
24	LIAM HENDERSON	■ ■
25	ADRIAN HARVEY	■ ■
26	ASHLEY BROWN	■ ■
28	JAMIE COLLINS	■ ■
29	TOMMY WRIGHT	■ ■
30	SAM RUSSELL	■ ■



LUTON TOWN

1	MARK TYLER	■ ■
2	DAN GLEESON	■ ■
3	GREG TAYLOR	■ ■
4	KEITH KEANE	■ ■
5	DEAN BECKWITH	■ ■
6	GOERGE PILKINGTON	■ ■
7	ALEX LAWLESS	■ ■
8	AMARI MORGAN-SMITH	■ ■
9	CRAIG MCALLISTER	■ ■
10	DANNY CROW	■ ■
11	ROBBIE WILLMOTT	■ ■
12	SHANE BLACKETT	■ ■
13	STUART FLEETWOOD	■ ■
14	AARON O'CONNOR	■ ■
15	JAKE HOWELLS	■ ■
16	ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	■ ■
18	CURTIS OSANO	■ ■
19	JAMES DANCE	■ ■
20	JOHN PAUL KISSOCK	■ ■
21	CHARLIE HENRY	■ ■
22	PAUL CARDEN	■ ■
24	ALEX LACEY	■ ■
25	GODFREY POKU	■ ■
26	JJ O'DONNELL	■ ■
28	ADAM WATKINS	■ ■
29	DAN WALKER	■ ■
30	KEVIN PILKINGTON	■ ■
31	LEWIS KIDD	■ ■
33	RYAN DASILVA	■ ■
34	JANOS KOVACS	■ ■
36	CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER	■ ■

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Assistant

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Fourth Official

Grant Taylor

NEXT HOME FIXTURE...

SATURDAY 31st MARCH 2012

KICK-OFF 3.00pm

v BARROW

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER DIVISION

