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# BRABS

**Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's important Blue Square Bet Premier fixture against Grimsby Town.**

I'd like to welcome our visitors, their management team of Rob Scott and Paul Hurst plus their staff, players and supporters to Kenilworth Road.

Before anything else, I feel the need to open by apologising sincerely for Tuesday night's 3-0 defeat at Forest Green Rovers. It was so bad there are few words to describe how I felt about the performance, other than how ashamed I was. I genuinely didn't think our team was capable of such a lacklustre display.

The last week has been so difficult, painful and tough on so many levels for us all. The hurt of losing to York on aggregate in the manner in which we did, having done so well to restrict them in the first leg, was a bitter pill to swallow, and I had hoped we could use the disappointment and frustration of not going to Wembley as a positive to take into the game at Forest Green - but it was not to be. You, the supporters, especially those loyal 300 who made the trip to the New Lawn, truly deserve better. I genuinely hate letting you down and cannot disagree with many of the comments made after the worst result and performance since I took control at the Club.

Whilst Tuesday was a disaster which we can't hide from we have to use this week as a turning point. We really can't dwell on the disappointment because that won't do us any good at all. So, we have to put it behind us, but we cannot do that without learning from the experience, understanding our mistakes and promising ourselves, and you, that a performance like that will never, ever happen again. For me personally, it was incredibly hard to take, and I felt embarrassed and let down. It was a real low, there's no getting away from that, but I know we have the ability to come back better, stronger and wiser for the experience. If I genuinely didn't believe that I would be here, managing this team today.

We've put in a lot of hard work this week. Much has been said to the players after Tuesday's defeat - they know it was totally unacceptable. I reminded them

how lucky they are to be employed by Luton Town and told them how lucky I felt to represent this Club.

We've had some real soul searching and some heart-to-hearts which have resulted in some constructive action. So let's dust ourselves down and keep positive and go again this afternoon against Grimsby.

We've also had lots of talks with board members this week. I am very grateful for their continued support in allowing me to add, in Andre Gray, another striker who I'd like to welcome into the fold and I am confident that he will give us all a lift.

As it stands we are fourth in the table, in the play-off places with games in hand on some. Promotion is in our grasp. It's that simple, and is something we all need to believe we can achieve.

We are all fighting for our futures and the pressure is on. Today's game is of huge importance and it's at times like these where you really get to know about the character of your players. Are they up for the fight, or will they shirk responsibility? Now is the time for us as a group to go out there and show everyone what we are made of; to prove to people we are a team worthy of success. At times, we've stood up in the face of adversity this season so it's imperative that we don't throw it all away now.

We're fourth in the league because we've shown we're a capable team. Consistency is needed to make us a very capable team. I know we should be higher in the table and playing better but we can't change anything that's happened in the previous 37 games. Now is the time we need to believe in ourselves, to finish the job, get into the play-offs and win promotion.

It's not going to be easy but we need to do this together. We all need to pull in the same direction for the mutual benefit of Luton Town Football Club.

So get behind us; keep believing and, together, we can conquer.

Please support us today and enjoy the game.



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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR GARY SWEET



**Welcome one and all to this afternoon's Blue Square Bet Premier encounter with Grimsby Town.**

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the supporters, players and officials from the Mariners who have enjoyed a remarkable turn in form since our televised evening win up at Blundell Park in October having only lost two league games since. Conversely, we have agonised over a run of poor league form which we are planning to put to a halt today.

These are my first programme notes for a couple of months, for which I apologise, even though I'm sure you have been suitably entertained by the words of my colleagues. I haven't been shirking my responsibilities, of that you can be sure. However, like all of us from time to time, I have had to attend to the kind of personal loss which puts the rest of life into perspective. For this reason I'd like to take this opportunity to apologise to those people who have written to me recently and who have been awaiting a reply.

Just as ever, we all look forward to our team performing on the day (or even the occasional night) to lift our spirits and instil a sense of positivity that no other pursuit or pastime could possibly do, when we need a diversion from life's stresses and strains. Unfortunately, just when I needed something to cheer about I've been left disenchanted and dejected after some dreadful league performances; just as I know you have been too.

I can't remember when I have ever felt embarrassed about my association with this wonderful institution that we are so fanatical about – indeed, come what may, I've always firmly maintained a sense of pride as a supporter of the Hatters, past or present.

Tuesday night, though, at Forest Green, truly dented my pride after witnessing one of the most abject and sterile performances I have ever seen from a Luton team. Earlier displays at Darlington and Wrexham

were only mildly better in patches. If they were retail products all three would be bundled up and returned to the supplier labelled as 'reject'. That's precisely how I felt as a fan.

As a Club official, and as someone who shares the responsibility for the product this company serves you, I feel unreservedly apologetic for letting every one of you down, in particular the 300 travelling Hatters who made the uneasy journey to Gloucestershire.

Ladies and gentlemen, what we have delivered recently has not been acceptable. It is unacceptable to you, to me, to every member of the board and especially by our manager and coaching staff. Ironically, for once, we are united in our opinion! However, the past cannot be changed and what decisions we make from herein are of paramount importance to us all. We are in control and know what needs to be done to ensure that these performances are not repeated.

Regardless of what methods our supporters use to voice their concerns, opinions and suggestions, perhaps contrary to certain belief, we certainly hear everything. Of course, we would prefer that protests are made without personal abuse, aggression and mistruths. It's only human nature to take more heed to points of view that are objectively made.

It would be fair to say that a short while ago we were just about satisfied with our league position – that is to say that we wanted more, anticipated more but given the multitude of challenges that have plagued the squad this season, we felt our status was an inch above acceptable.

Having gained only one point from the last three games you would be safe to assume that we feel that our standing is below the threshold of acceptance. Whilst any club can experience an uncharacteristic slip in football, what I was particularly disheartened by on Tuesday was the apparent lack of fight and drive from almost every member of the team and the evident lack of care and courage from too many.

Like it or not, Luton Town players need to fully embrace the fervent, passionate and sometimes volatile culture of this Club. This Club is clearly not for the faint-hearted. Knowing our squad the way I do, I can say that, although they may well be a very decent bunch of lads, good nature wins nothing out on the pitch.

At this time of year football players and staff all need to impress ahead of pre-season and contract renewal time. Presently, although we know many have ample talent to warrant membership to this Club, very few are demonstrating the required ambition to be rewarded. We have demanded that a substantial improvement is expected from all directly involved – that this ship is placed firmly back on course without delay, starting this afternoon.

At management and board level we remain committed, more than ever before, to achieve success. And even though you may disagree with the decisions we make on occasions, there is no doubt that your desires are wholly aligned with ours. Yes, we have made mistakes. But we learn from them as quickly as we can and, most importantly, we are determined to keep improving time and time again until we get it right.

I hope this has been demonstrated this week by two progressive signings. I'd like you to join me in welcoming striker Andre Gray to the Club and give Lil Fuccillo a warm reception for his return home. We are lucky to have been the Club that appealed to Andre, who joined us from Hinckley on Thursday ahead of numerous other pursuers, including Grimsby. More will follow on Lil's appointment yesterday as Technical Director, but his immense expertise in the game, along with his passion for Luton Town, will add value to the board.

Please be supportive of your team today and enjoy the game! You deserve a great performance.

COYH!

*Gary*



## HONOURS

**Littlewoods Challenge Cup:**

Winners 1988  
Runners-up 1989

**F.A. Cup:**

Runners-up 1959  
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

**Johnstone's Paint Trophy:**

Winners 2009

**Simod Cup:** Runners-up 1988

**Football League Division Two:**

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

**Football League Division Three (South):**

Winners 1936/37  
Runners-up 1935/36

**Football League Division Three:**

Runners-up 1969/70

**League One:** Champions 2004/05

**Football League Division Four:**

Champions 1967/68

**Football League Division Three:**

Runners-up 2001/02

**Blue Square Premier:**

Runners-up 2009/10

**Southern League Division One:**

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

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# PILKS

To say it's been a bad week would be an understatement.

First we had the frustration of Saturday's exit in the FA Trophy and then we had the massive disappointment at Forest Green Rovers on Tuesday night.

Before Tuesday's game we had spoken about taking the pluses from the York game and using that as motivation for the match at the New Lawn.

Against York I thought we were excellent, especially in the first half and for the final 20 minutes. Understandably we were all gutted to concede a last-minute equaliser which denied us a crack at extra-time. The carrot of going to Wembley had been dangled in front of us and it was a case of so near yet so far in that competition for the second year running.

As I said, we attempted to take the positives from the performance against York into the game on Tuesday night but, for whatever reason, we just did not perform anywhere near the standard we are capable of.

I've been involved in only a few exceptionally disappointing matches in my time here at Kenilworth Road but I have to say that Tuesday tops the lot. Ebbsfleet at home in our first season in this division, and Southport away last season come to mind. After those results we realised that we needed to improve. We realised that we weren't good enough and that the performance was unacceptable.

As players we have to accept responsibility because it is us that cross the white line and onto the pitch for 90 minutes. We are the ones that ultimately make the decisions, whether to pass, shoot, head or clear.

Tuesday wasn't 'one of those days'. It wasn't a 'bad day at the office'. It was much worse than that and it's up to us to support each other, the manager and the coaching staff, at this crucial stage of the season. There simply were no excuses on Tuesday and the way in which we capitulated was something I had never thought possible.

As captain, I have to take some responsibility too. But this isn't about me, any particular player, or the manager, or board, or the supporters. It's about all of us, as a collective, as Luton Town Football Club.

As you can imagine the dressing room after the past two games have not been happy places. We need that to change come 5pm today.

Today's game is going to be tough but it's vital – absolutely vital – we all work together as one. Supporting each other on and off the pitch.

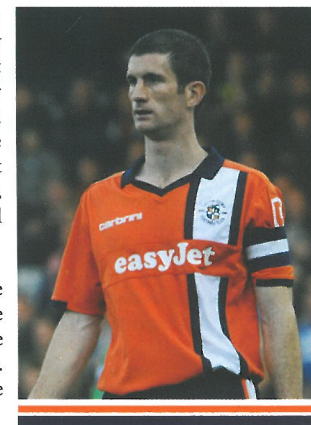
We dug deep to earn an excellent victory at Blundell Park against Grimsby earlier in the season – the same result and same kind of spirit shown that night would be fantastic.

Over the past month a lot has been thrown at us and maybe Tuesday saw all of these things catch up with us?

What I do know is that my team-mates and I need to stand up and be counted for this afternoon and repay you, the manager, and the board for the support you have given us.

Thank you for your backing as ever, especially those at Forest Green. Back us once more today, please, and create the kind of cracking atmosphere that was generated here last Saturday.

Enjoy the game.



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# AROUND TOWN

## WELCOME ANDRE!

The Hatters were delighted to welcome a new face to Kenilworth Road on Thursday following the capture of Hinckley United striker Andre Gray on loan until the end of the season.

The prolific forward arrives for a fee of £30,000 in a deal that will become permanent in the summer with the Town beating off stiff competition from a host of Football League sides for his signature.

Only 20, Gray impressed against the Hatters in two games in the FA Trophy this term and has bagged 23 goals in all competitions for the Knitters, including strikes against Blue Square Bet Premier opposition in Wrexham, Tamworth and Darlington.

The Wolverhampton-born striker began his career at Shrewsbury Town and made four appearances in League 2 before signing for Hinckley in June 2010. Last season he hit 16 goals in 39 games.

His good form in front of goal has continued this season and, having been unlucky not to score against the Town this season, his performances in the two games were enough for several Hatters scouting and coaching representatives to monitor his progress several times over the past two months.

Suitably impressed, the Hatters were quick to jump the queue in the long line of clubs interested after he scored in Hinckley's 5-0 win at Colwyn Bay on Saturday and their only goal in a 2-1 loss against Solihull Moors on Monday.

Manager Gary Brabin told Talk of the Town: "Andre is just what we're looking for. He showed us in the two games against us what he's all about: he's quick, strong and direct.

"He gives us exactly what we are lacking right now; a real goal threat, and has proved that, despite Hinckley position in their league, he can still score goals.

"He's just 20 and while he's ready now he's got an enormous amount of potential to be a very good player in the future.

"He was released by Shrewsbury and has bounced back to be an important part of the team at Hinckley. He's hungry to do well for us and test himself at a higher level.

"Along with our scouts, Alan Neilson, Paul Carden and myself have watched him several times since we played Hinckley in the Trophy and on numerous occasions we've all been incredibly impressed with him.

"It's not just his goal record and speed that stands out but also his work-rate: he never gives the defences a moment's rest."



## SENIOR CUP SUCCESS

A superb seventh-minute strike from midfielder Charlie Henry won the Town a place in the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup after victory over Biggleswade Town on Wednesday night.

The winger drilled home an unstoppable effort from the edge of the area having cut inside and, having bossed the majority of the 90 minutes, the Hatters held on to record a place in the final where they will meet Dunstable Town at Kenilworth Road on 8th May.

The Town named a strong side for the tie with Shane Blackett, John Paul Kissock and Godfrey Poku all playing 90 minutes. Craig McAllister featured for 65 minutes whilst attacker Dan Walker played his first 45 minutes in five months having recovered from an injury sustained while on loan at Southport.

Starting XI: Kidd, Nash, Jibodu, Ferguson, Blackett, Henry, Kissock, Poku, Walker, McAllister, Woolley. Subs: Barnes, Ann, Magaraushe, McKenzie-Lowe, Burtenshaw.

## ONLINE PLAYER OF THE YEAR VOTE

The time has come for readers of our official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk), to cast their votes for the 2011/12 Website Player of the Season.

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler won the award last season and we are now looking for supporters to help us crown a this season's Website Player of the Season.

To vote simply send an email [andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk). All you need to do is include the surname of the player you wish to win the award in the subject line. The voting will close at 5pm on Tuesday 10th April and the winner will be announced at the Luton Town Supporters' Club's Player of the Season Presentation Evening.

Players still contracted to the club, who have played more than 20 games this season are eligible for voting.

## YORK GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our golden gamble last Saturday went home with a very nice £565.

Chris Fox of Luton, collected the prize after his ticket, number 29771, was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Expect another big payout this afternoon so please look out for our sellers around the ground. Tickets only cost £1.

## MATCHDAY CLUB

A big welcome this afternoon to FC Comets Hitchin who are our Matchday Club guests today.

FC Comets Hitchin are a Charter Standard Youth Football Club for children of mixed ability, who were first formed in 2002.

The club has grown from once a mini-soccer team of 8 boys, to the point today where they are able to offer weekly football to over 120 children ranging from the ages of seven up to 14, which has in part been due to the generous support we have received from our principle backers the Hitchin Youth Trust.

Going forward the club now have plans for further expansion in the summer of 2012, when it is hoped to be able to provide weekly opportunities for up to 150 children.

Any interested parents or players can visit their website at [www.fccomets.org.uk](http://www.fccomets.org.uk) for further details about joining.

Here at Kenilworth Road today are their Under-13s team, who play in Division 1 of the Royston Crow Football League, and who are proudly Comets' most successful team to date, which includes winning a League and League Cup double in 2010. Their finest hour being their crushing cup final win over Stevenage Borough.





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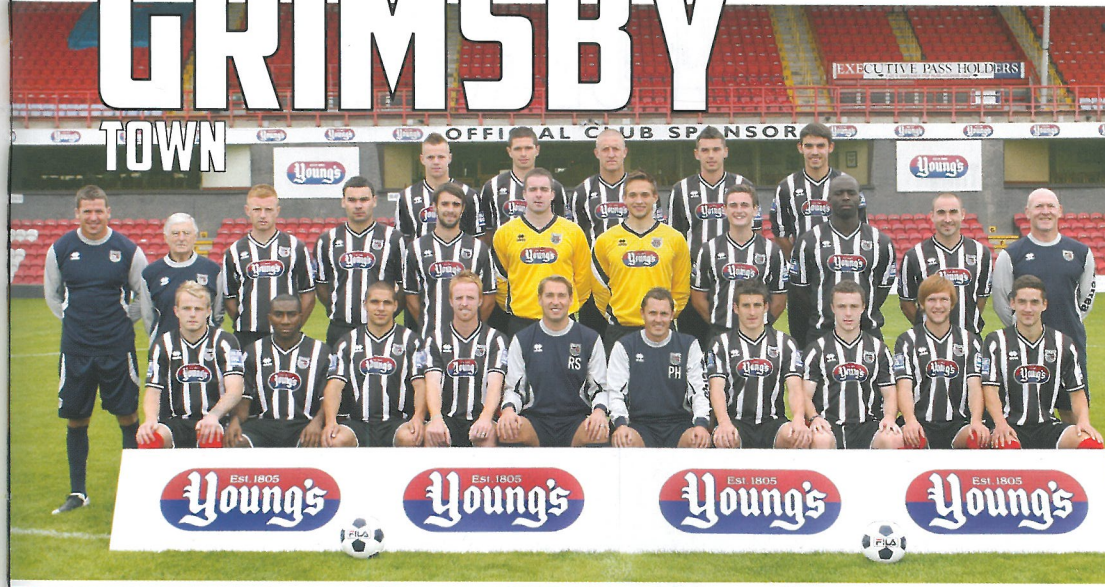
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# WELCOME GRIMSBY TOWN



Grimsby Town come to Kenilworth Road this afternoon off the back of taking maximum points at Hayes and Yeading on Tuesday night.

After some impressive form at the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012, Rob Scott and Paul Hurst's men have been propelled into major candidates for an end-of-season Play-Off push.

From the beginning of November until the end of February, the Mariners went 14 games without defeat in the league and, although there has been a recent stumble, they will take confidence from not only Tuesday's away victory but the Town's defeat at Forest Green.

The Mariners could go within a point of the Hatters with victory this afternoon. There are only five points currently separating the Hatters and ninth-placed Kidderminster and, as Mansfield have seen recently, a decent run could propel any one of the play-off chasing teams right into the fray.

The reverse fixture at Blundell Park saw the Hatters walk away with all three points with a solid 1-0 victory

and that is the same score that Luton won by last time these two met at Kenilworth Road in January last year.

This Friday sees the first anniversary since the managerial team at Grimsby took control at Blundell Park and they will be looking to acquire another three points to maintain their push and gain revenge for the defeat in the reverse fixture this season.

Grimsby have in Liam Hearn a player most clubs in the Blue Square Bet Premier would like in their ranks and he has been attracting interest from higher up the leagues this season and it is no surprise that with a 26 goal haul teams are interested. Hearn missed Tuesday night's win at Hayes through injury but the Hatters' defence will have to keep him quiet if selected.

Since their relegation to the Blue Square Bet Premier in 2010 Grimsby have finally found some form after a comfortable yet inconsistent season last year. This included a 1-0 victory at Crawley on the opening day.

With nine games remaining it would not be a surprise to see this as a potential dress rehearsal for the Play-Offs in May.



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# THE VISITORS

## HISTORY

The club was formed in 1878 after a meeting held at the Wellington Arms public house in Freeman Street. Several attendees included members of the local Worsley Cricket Club who wanted to form a football club to occupy the empty winter evenings after the cricket season had finished.

The club was originally called Grimsby Pelham, this being the family name of the Earl of Yarborough, a significant landowner in the area.

The name was changed the following year to Grimsby Town. In 1880 the club purchased land at Clee Park which was to become their ground until 1889 when they relocated to Abbey Park, before moving again in 1899 to their present home, Blundell Park - named after Peter Blundell, whose money enabled Sidney Sussex College to buy the land in 1616. The club brought two stands with them from Abbey Park, although the players had to change at the Imperial Hotel.

Last season was the club's first outside the Football League following their relegation from League 2.

The Mariners' history is crammed with success: twice champions of Division 2 (now Championship), two Division Three (North) champions, once Division 4 (now League 2) champions as well as FA Cup semi-finals on two occasions, in 1936 and 1939.

## MEET THE MANAGERS

### Rob Scott and Paul Hurst

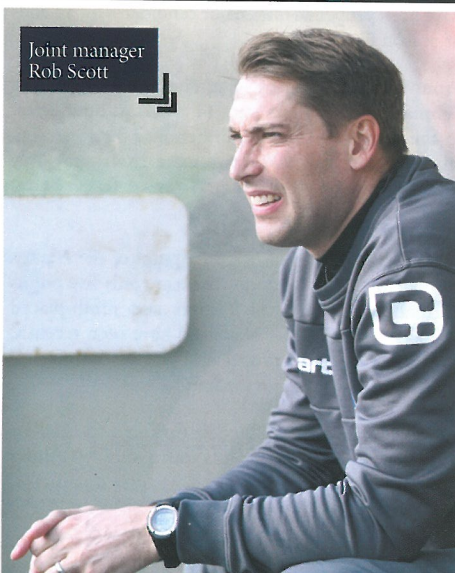
Former Sheffield United and Rotherham defender Rob Scott became the Mariners' joint manager, alongside former Millers' team-mate Paul Hurst, in 2011. The duo's first taste of management came at Ilkeston Town in January 2009 where they immediately made an impact on the Derbyshire outfit, leading them to ninth in the league to promotion to the Conference North through the Northern Premier League Play-Offs.

Financial uncertainty at the New Manor Ground led to Hurst and Scott's departure from the club, dropping back down to the Northern Premier League with former Football League side Boston United.

Again the managerial pair obtained instant success, a second successive Northern Premier League Play-Off Final win, along with victories in the Northern Premier League Challenge Cup and the Lincolnshire County Shield. Hurst and Scott led the Pilgrims into the Conference North where the side spent the majority of the season in the Play-Off places.

After Neil Woods' departure from Blundell Park in February 2011, Scott and Hurst were named the new managers of the Mariners following their resignation from their York Street posts.

The duo have used their vast knowledge of the lower leagues to assemble a squad capable of restoring the Mariners' Football League status at the end of the season.



Joint manager  
Rob Scott

# IN OPPOSITION

## MIXED WEEK FOR MARINERS



### Joint Grimsby boss Rob Scott was frustrated with his side's failure to beat Tamworth last Saturday.

The Mariners were held to a goalless draw against the Lambs and Scott was critical of prolific front pair Anthony Elding and Liam Hearn after firing blanks at Blundell Park.

"I'm disappointed with our lads," the joint manager said afterwards. "It might sound harsh, and it's the first time in a while we have pointed the finger, but I question whether they wanted to win the game enough."

"I was disappointed with the front two that started the game; I thought they were both off their usual standards. I told them afterwards and am not saying anything different to the press."

"Too many players we ask to be our match-winners were not at it, and that's the pressure that goes with their positions. They are the go-to players and they weren't at it. I don't think people wanted to get in the positions to get hurt enough to try and score."

"We put plenty of crosses into the box - the stats show 22. We also had around 57 per cent possession, but that's no good if you don't put the ball in the back of the net. We hit the post but most of the time we waited for things to fall to us rather than make it happen."

"It was almost like no-one wanted to make a mistake. You have to want it if you want to achieve things in your career. We didn't do that in offensive areas."

The draw against Tamworth was quickly forgotten, however, when the Mariners beat Hayes & Yeading 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Joint boss Paul Hurst said: "I'm pleased with that. Hayes have picked up of late and were only in the bottom four on goal difference."



Joint manager  
Paul Hurst

"It's a long way to come on a Tuesday evening so credit to the players because I thought we deserved it."

The Mariners held on at the death after having Anthony Church red carded in the final minutes in an incident that led to Hayes pulling one back from the penalty spot from former Town loanee Jamie Hand.

Hurst said: "The lads have said that it probably was a penalty. A sending off? I'm not too sure. I couldn't see clearly what had happened. There seemed to be a lot of bodies around there, but it is one that you've got to live with."



# IN TOWN

## GOALKEEPER

### James McKeown

Stopper who made the switch to Blundell Park after a short spell in Dutch football with RSKV Leonidas. A former Coventry trainee, the 22-year-old was on the books of Peterborough where he gained rave reviews but found first team opportunities hard to come by. Playing under Rob Scott and Paul Hurst last season at Boston, McKeown had a tremendous record of 14 clean sheets in his 17 outings for the Pilgrims.

## DEFENDERS

### Shaun Pearson

Highly-rated defender who followed managers Rob Scott and Paul Hurst to Blundell Park from Boston in 2011. The York-born defender made his name in the lower leagues of Lincolnshire and impressed at York Street in the past two seasons with his leadership qualities and attacking prowess from set pieces.

### Bradley Wood

Versatile defender who joined at Under-16 level from Leicester City. The teenager has impressed at youth level with his ability to slot in across the midfield or defence. The teenager was rewarded with a four-year contract after impressing whilst deputising for Robbie Stockdale. Bradley was awarded the club's Young Player of the Year Award for 2009/10.

### Conor Townsend

Young left-back who joined the Mariners on loan from Hull City in October 2011. A calm and cultured defender for such a young age, Conor has impressed with his performances at full back and his link-up play down the flank.

### Ian Miller

Experienced defender who joined on New Year's Day 2012, in time to lead the side to victory over local rivals Lincoln City. The 28-year-old centre half played 150 league games for previous club Darlington, having joined the Quakers from Ipswich, and led the North

East outfit to the 2011 FA Trophy. A commanding presence at the heart of the defence, Ian is a real leader on the field.

### Gary Silk

Right back who joined the Mariners from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Mansfield Town in the summer of 2011. The 26-year-old came through the ranks at Portsmouth, enjoying loan spells at Barnet, Wycombe and Boston during his time at Fratton Park. Joining Notts County in June 2006, Gary enjoyed two seasons at Meadow Lane before making the short switch to Field Mill. He was a regular in his three seasons with the Stags, amassing over 100 league appearances, and is noted for his good positioning and excellent tackling.

## MIDFIELDERS

### Michael Coulson

Hard-working midfielder who joined the Mariners from Barnsley in May 2010. The 23-year-old settled quickly on his Mariners' debut at Lincoln during his initial loan spell in Cleethorpes. The former Scarborough man is comfortable up front or on either wing and netted some spectacular goals last term.

### Craig Disley



Experienced midfielder who joined the Mariners from Shrewsbury in summer 2011. Coming through the ranks at Mansfield, the 29-year-old saw his career nurtured by former Mariners' caretaker boss Stuart Watkiss, winning promotion with the Stags in 2001/02. A stalwart

over five seasons for Bristol Rovers, Craig helped the Pirates to League One in 2007 before joining the Shrews two seasons ago. An excellent passer of the ball, Craig is good in the air and is also noted for weighing in with important goals.

### Peter Winn

Midfielder finally making the loan switch to Blundell Park from Stevenage in March 2012. The 23-year-old was born in Cleethorpes but came through the ranks at Scunthorpe, making four league appearances for the Iron. He has plenty of experience in the Blue Square Bet Premier following loan spells with Barrow, Gateshead and Cambridge, and he is comfortable on either wing or in a more advanced role.

### Louie Soares

Barbadian international who joined the Mariners from Hayes & Yeading United in January. The 27-year-old came through the ranks at hometown club Reading but is best remembered for a spell with Aldershot, whom he helped to the Conference title in 2008. Comfortable on either wing, Louie has a real eye for goal, hitting 15 league strikes for his previous club Hayes & Yeading already this season.

## STRIKERS

### Kiernan Hughes-Mason

Exciting young forward who rejoined the Mariners in January, having previously undertaken a trial spell in pre-season. The former Millwall man came through the ranks at Arsenal and Tottenham, before making his bow for the Lions in the Football League. He caught the eye at Tooting & Mitcham on loan and later joined the club after his release from the New Den. A long-term deal at Kettering never materialised and he was free to join the Mariners, scoring for the club on his home debut in a 6-0 win over Bath.

### Anthony Elding



Experienced striker who joined the Mariners from Rochdale in July 2011. The former Boston man has scored goals regularly at this level before for both the Pilgrims and Stevenage. A tall and powerful forward with an eye for a spectacular goal, Anthony hit a rich vein of form around the turn of the year and became a popular figure with the Mariners' fans.

### Liam Hearn



Prolific striker Liam Hearn joined the Mariners from Conference North Champions Alfreton in June 2011 for an undisclosed five-figure fee. The Mariners fended off interest from a number of Blue Square Bet Premier and Football League sides to capture the player who netted 32 times for the Reds last season. Has hit 26 goals so far this season.

### Rob Duffy

Welsh Under-21 international striker who arrived at Blundell Park in 2011 from Mansfield Town. Rob made a dream start to his Blundell Park career with strikes in his opening two games for the Mariners. The Swansea-born frontman has tremendous experience in the Conference thanks to a number of spells, most notably with Oxford and Newport. The 28-year-old is renowned for his strength in the air and his accuracy from the penalty spot.







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# NAMES & GAMES

**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS LOOKS AT GRIMSBY'S LEADING LIGHTS**



## CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

**1997/98**

Grimsby Town achieved a memorable Wembley 'double' success in 1997/98. Grimsby defeated Chesterfield, Hull City, Scunthorpe, Blackpool and Burnley en route to the Auto Windscreens Shield final, beating AFC Bournemouth 2-1 with an extra-time golden goal. They returned to Wembley in the Second Division play-off final and regained First Division status at the first attempt with a 1-0 win over Northampton Town.

## MANAGING TO SUCCEED

**Lawrie McMenemy**

Lawrie McMenemy managed Grimsby Town to the Fourth Division title in 1971/72. A former guardsman, he played for Gateshead before managing Bishop Auckland, then coached Sheffield Wednesday and became Doncaster Rovers' boss in December 1968. He took them to the Fourth Division title in 1968/69, then managed Grimsby from May 1971 until joining Southampton in July 1973. Plotting Saints' 1976 FA Cup final triumph, he led them to promotion in 1977/78 and the League Cup final in 1979. He managed Sunderland, then was England's assistant-boss, Saints' director of football and Northern Ireland manager.

## FAB FOUR

**Kevin Drinkell**

Striker Kevin Drinkell was leading marksman in the Mariners' 1979/80 Third Division title triumph. Signing professional at Blundell Park in June 1978, he also starred in the Mariners' 1978/79 promotion campaign and successive cup runs. He netted 89 goals in 272 League games for Grimsby prior to joining Norwich City for £105,000 in June 1985 and was top scorer and Player of the Year in their 1985/86 Second Division title triumph. Joining Glasgow Rangers in July 1988, he moved to Coventry City for £800,000 in October 1989 and later played for Falkirk. He subsequently managed Stirling Albion and Montrose.

**Tony Ford**

England B international winger Tony Ford was a favourite during two spells at Blundell Park. He was the Mariners' youngest League player at 16 years 143 days against Walsall in October 1975 and starred in their meteoric rise from the Fourth Division to Second. Ever-present as Grimsby reached the Milk Cup fifth round in 1984/85, he joined Stoke City in July 1986 and moved via West Brom back to Grimsby in November 1991. He netted 58 goals in 423 League games overall before joining Scunthorpe United in August 1994, then assisted Steve Parkin at Mansfield Town, Rochdale, Barnsley and Rochdale again.

**John McDermott**

Long-serving right-back John McDermott holds Grimsby Town's all-time appearance record. Initially a trainee at Blundell Park, he made his League debut in Grimsby's 4-2 defeat at Bradford City four months before turning professional in June 1987. He featured prominently as the Mariners reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1988/89, 1992/93 and 1995/96, also winning promotion in two consecutive seasons under Alan Buckley. An experienced figure in the 1997/98 Wembley 'double' success, he became club captain and netted 11 goals in 647 League games before retiring in May 2007. He became their Academy director.

**Clive Mendonca**

Popular striker Clive Mendonca twice topped Grimsby's goalscoring charts. Signing professional for Sheffield United in September 1986, he moved to Rotherham United in March 1988 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1988/89. He rejoined Sheffield United in August 1991 and moved to Grimsby in August 1992, finishing top scorer in 1993/94 and 1996/97. Netting 60 goals in 166 League games for the Mariners, he joined Charlton Athletic for a record £700,000 in May 1997 and starred in their 1997/98 First Division play-off final success and 1999/00 First Division title triumph before injury ended his career.



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# COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another important match in the Blue Square Bet Premier

Last week we announced details of our end-of-season dinner where our former England striker Paul Walsh will 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, will be reminiscing about his time at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 9th May. The celebration takes place at 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 will also include an auction, raffle and a disco. 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](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk). Only a limited number of tickets are available and, with demand high, make sure you book your place at this special end-of-season bash.

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## MASCOTS



We're pleased to welcome three mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

First up is 11-year-old Alex Browne from Luton. Alex attends Chantry Primary School and his favourite player is Greg Taylor. We're delighted to welcome one-year-old Alfie Robinson who is attending his first ever match today. Alfie is from Milton Keynes and his favourite players are George Pilkington and Keith Keane. Last but by no means least we have six-year-old Mitchell Bailey from Tingrith. Mitchell's favourite player is also George Pilkington.



We hope you all have a great afternoon with us today.

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# LOOK BACK



## DARLINGTON 1-1 TOWN LATE DRAMA



Mark Tyler and Stuart Fleetwood were the heroes as 10-man Town earned a point in a dramatic finish at Darlington.

For the third game running the Hatters had a man sent-off when Janos Kovacs was red-carded for a professional foul with eight minutes left.

Four minutes later the hosts took the lead from the penalty spot through Ryan Bowman following Godfrey Poku's foul and at that point the Town's chances of a point looked slim.

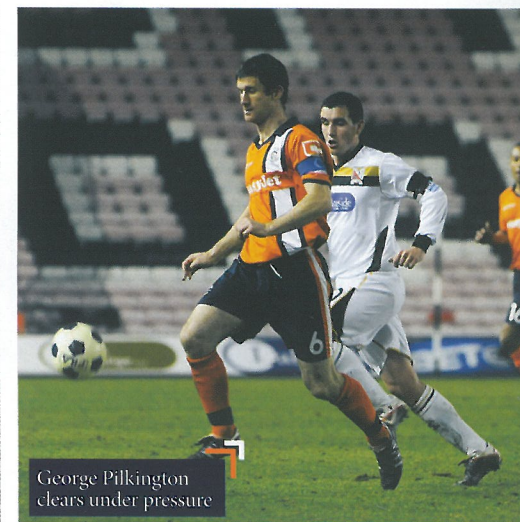
However, Fleetwood popped up in the 90th-minute to bring the Town level following Jake Woolley's cross and it seemed it would finish all square.

But struggling Darlington, without a win in 10 games, were cursing the excellence of Tyler in the fifth minute of stoppage time when he stopped Bowman's penalty to deny them all three points and complete a whirlwind ending to an open and entertaining game.

Having had his goalkeeper to thank to earn a point, Gary Brabin was disappointed with some of referee Richard Wigglesworth's decisions at the Arena.

"The sending off of Janos is one of the decisions that baffled me. Ed was clearly behind him and he's got sent off," the boss said afterwards. "We've got a chance to appeal the Janos sending off. We are going to look at it again because from where we were it didn't look a sending off."

"The second penalty is another decision that baffles us all but Ed's foul before the goal was one that probably could have been given. It was a game packed with incidents and talking to their staff, they're not happy with things either. It's probably worked in both favours, so I'm not going to moan and groan. There's a lot to pick out of it but the fact that we haven't been beaten is a big plus."



George Pilkington  
clears under pressure

After the match, Brabin made sure his players paid tribute to the 123 travelling Town fans, by going to greet them.

He said: "I totally understand every emotion they're going through at the moment. We are at the business end now and it's important that we keep believing."

"The support that we've had in the last two games has been fantastic. It was great that we all connected and got together."

"Even today, through all the incidents, I thought they were very positive and kept supporting us."

"I thought it was the right thing that we went over and got a little bit closer to the fans, after all the travelling they've done of late, to show them how much it does matter to us."





# DARLINGTON

Bowman 86 (pen)

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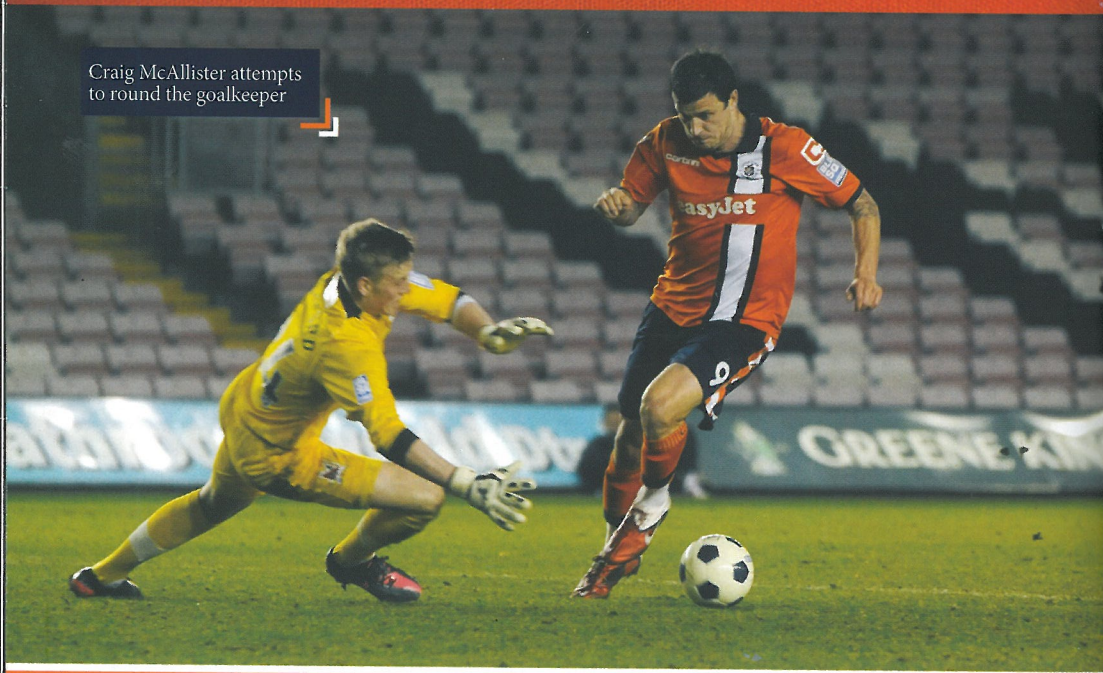


# TOWN

Fleetwood 90

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Craig McAllister attempts to round the goalkeeper



Adam Watkins is denied by a fantastic save



**DARLINGTON:** Pickford, Arnison, Brown, Taylor, Keltie, Broughton, Bowman, McReady, Rundle, Wainright, Hopson (sub Lambert 65). Subs not used: Nixon, Ferguson.

**TOWN:** Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Poku, Watkins (sub Henry 73), Willmott, Lawless, Crow (sub Fleetwood 46), McAllister (sub Woolley 89). Subs not used: Osano, Boucaud.

ATTENDANCE: 1,382

## POSSESSION

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Greg Taylor hurdles a Darlington tackle





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# LOOK BACK



## TOWN 1-1 YORK TROPHY DREAM OVER



Disappointed Town boss Gary Brabin tried to take the positives after he saw his side cruelly denied a place in the final of the FA Trophy.

Having led through Robbie Willmott's first-half goal – tucking home Danny Crow's square pass in the 43rd minute, the Hatters were downed when Matty Blair's last-gasp equaliser sent York through to Wembley to leave the manager hugely frustrated.

"We've had an opportunity to reach Wembley which we haven't taken - but it wasn't through a lack of effort," Brabin told Hatters Player afterwards. "The first half performance was tremendous, and when we took the lead I thought we would go on and win the tie.

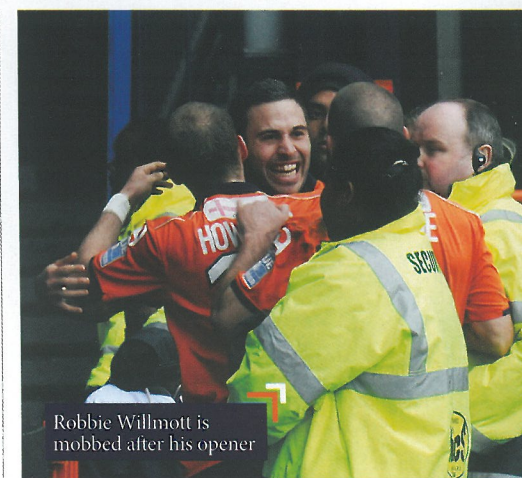
"If anything half-time came at the wrong time because we were playing so well. We said to the players at half-time that we had to keep doing what we had been doing in the first half because we knew York would come out and attack us and for the first 15 minutes we found it hard to get out of our half.

"We weathered that and got back into the game and had enough chances to win the game but Greg Taylor's lost his man at the back stick and ultimately it means we're not going to Wembley.

"It's been a hard week. Going to York and losing was disappointing, even though we showed spirit having been down to nine men. But that's where we've lost the game, by losing the first leg."

The manager now has to raise his players for the final 10 games of the season in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

With Mansfield, Southport and Kidderminster all winning in league action, the Town need to dust themselves down and put the disappointment behind them.



Robbie Willmott is mobbed after his opener

"The players are down - there's no getting away from that," Brabin said. "Everyone was singing about going to Wembley beforehand.

"It was a great chance for us to get there and any trip to Wembley can't be taken lightly.

"But the lads gave it a good shot and while it's hard to take any positives from the game as we've gone out, it was, I thought, one of our best performances in a few weeks.

"We have to build on that now and bounce back stronger. It was a good performance. We need to lift the lads - they know they've missed an opportunity but we've now got to concentrate on the last 10 games and go a run.

"At the end of the day we'll be stronger as a result of today's disappointment."





# TOWN

Willmott 43



# YORK

Blair 90

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**TOWN:** Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Keane, Lawless, Howells, Willmott, Crow, Fleetwood (sub Watkins 65). Subs not used: Blackett, O'Connor, Henry, Woolley.

**YORK:** Ingham, Meredith, Smith, Parslow, Reed (sub Blinkhorn 90), Kerr (sub Kerr 24), Walker (sub Chambers 46), Fyfield, Blair, Challinor, McLaughlin. Subs not used: Musselwhite, Doig.

**ATTENDANCE:** 5,796

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Alex Lawless battles for possession



Robbie Willmott puts the Town in front



Adam Watkins challenges Jamal Fyfield





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# WING WONDER

**ROBBIE WILLMOTT IS HOPING HIS NEW FOUND FORM  
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**It had been a long time coming but Robbie Willmott was relieved to score his first goal of 2012 in last Saturday's 1-1 draw with York City.**

The flying winger hadn't found the net for the Town since the 5-0 thumping of Kettering Town on Boxing Day.

And the 21-year-old believes he can now build on the confidence gained from his 43rd-minute goal last weekend. "I started the season off well and grabbed a couple of goals but then I had a few personal problems away from football and lost a bit of confidence going in towards Christmas time," Willmott told Talk of the Town. I was very frustrated with myself and people were getting frustrated at me and it wasn't helping.

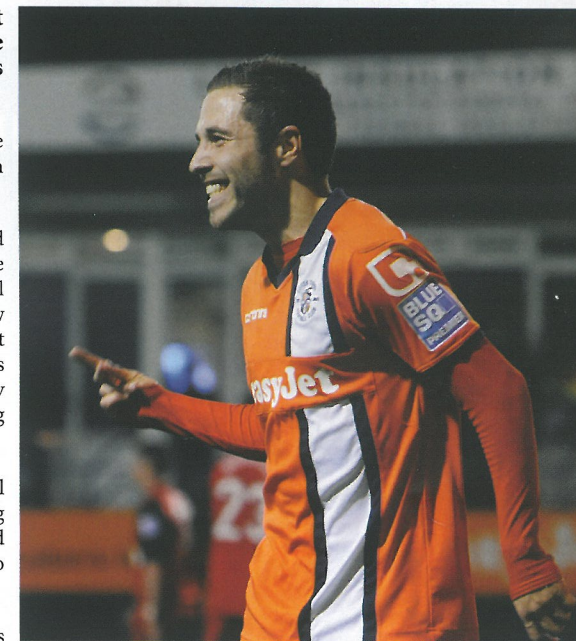
"But now I've found a new confidence and I feel like I'm getting back to my best now. I'm beating players, I'm shooting more often. I'm on good form at the moment and I think this is going to be me now.

"When I signed for the club I was beating players and I just want to get back to how I was and this is going to be how I'm playing from now on.

"I'm a bit disappointed with how many goals I've got this season so I just want to make up for it and score as many as possible. I've just got to try and cement my place in the team.

"I've hit a good run of form coming towards the end of the season and the Play-Offs are around the corner."

The former Cambridge man believes last weekend's exit from the FA Trophy could turn out to be a blessing in disguise as the Town turn their attention to promotion from the Blue Square Bet Premier.



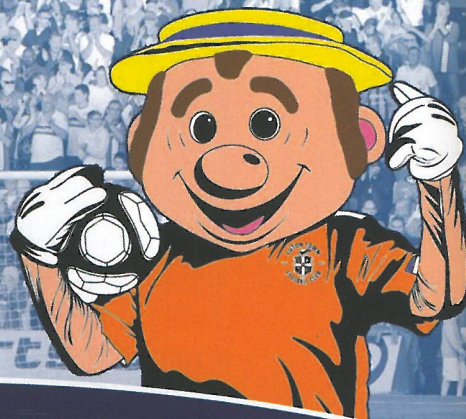
"Now we are out of the trophy our minds are now focused on the Play-Offs. We have to secure that Play-Off spot. No matter who we get in the Play-Offs I feel we can beat any side in this league on our day. Hopefully we can secure our place as soon as possible and then bring them on.

"I think every player would trade a day out at Wembley in the Trophy, for a day out at Wembley in the Play-Offs.

"Now let's just secure a Play-Off place and hopefully we'll have a great day out at Wembley at the end of the season."



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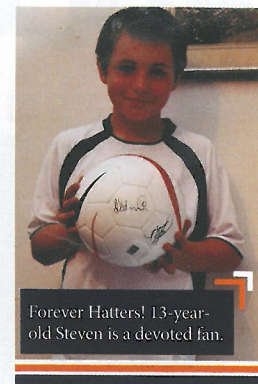
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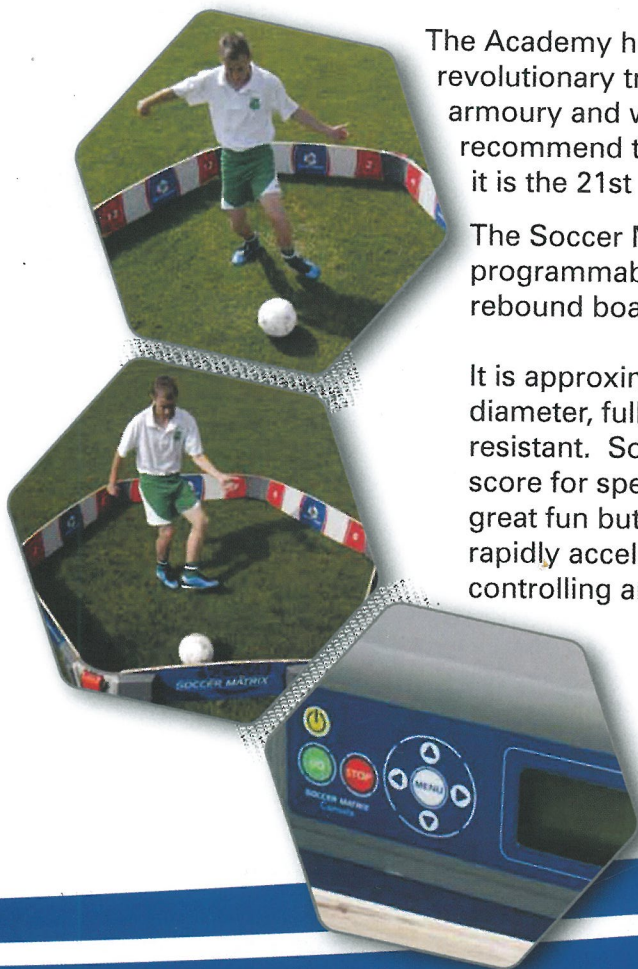
## MEMORY LANE

- **NAME:** Steven Day
- **AGE:** 13
- **WHERE DO YOU WATCH THE GAME:** Ashwell, North Hertfordshire
- **FIRST GAME:** My first game was a friendly against Hitchin and we won 3-0.
- **FIRST MEMORY:** Being mascot against Carlisle United in November 2008
- **BEST GOAL SEEN:** It has to be Keith Keane's spectacular goal from a corner in the 96th minute to win the game against Oxford United. It was a magnificent goal from a magnificent player.
- **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** Without a doubt the Johnstone's Paint-Trophy against Scunthorpe in 2009. Nobody could have asked for a better performance from the team that day. No Luton fan will ever forget that day, it was truly remarkable.
- **WORTH MATCH WITNESSED:** There isn't a day where Luton haven't played well, but the most disappointing loss was against Wrexham away this season.
- **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Kevin Nicholls in the JPT final, he didn't stop running the whole 120 minutes. He was just amazing that day.
- **FAVOURITE HATTERS' KIT:** This season's.
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Keith Keane. He's a one man club and I love that, he's stuck with us for almost 10 years since his first game, I don't know if there is a player that's stuck with a club longer than Keith has.
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:** Mick Harford. The first season he was in charge was great. Even though we went down, he had a great season, almost keeping us up and taking us to Wembley. If we had stayed up he would probably still be in charge now. It was unlucky for us to go down after such a hard fight for survival.
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## ON THIS DAY

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

**12**

The number of matches previously played at home on this date. Luton have won nine, drawn once and lost twice. The Hatters have scored 25 goals and conceded 10.

**1**

Only one of these games wasn't played at Kenilworth Road. In 1900 Loughborough were the visitors for a Division Two match at our then home in Dunstable Road. The Hatters won 4-0 courtesy of a brace from John Brock and further goals from John Dow and Fred Hawkes.

**2**

The number of goals scored by Alexander Brown in 1906 when the Hatters beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in a Southern League match.

**3**

The first and only hat-trick scored on this date came in 1913 when Arthur Wileman netted all the goals in a 3-1 victory over Aberdare in a Southern League Second Division match.

**10**

It was a further 10 years before the Hatters played again on this date when, in 1923, Merthyr Town were beaten 2-1 in a Division Three (South) match. Ralph Hoten and Syd Reid were the goalscorers for the Town.

**5**

The fifth consecutive home victory on this date came in 1928 when Coventry City were defeated 3-1 in a Division Three (South) match. Andy Rennie, Jimmy Yardley and Alf Nunn, with his last of three goals for Luton, were the scorers.

**8**

A run of eight consecutive home victories on this date came in 1956 when Aston Villa were the visitor. A highest recorded attendance for a home match on this date, of 17,126, saw Reg Pearce score twice in a 2-1 victory in the top-flight. Pearce became the sixth player to have netted at least two goals, in just eight home games played on this day.

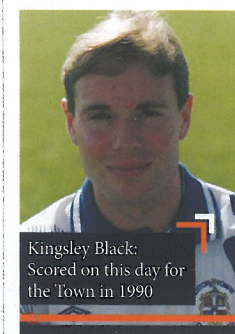
**2**

It was a Second Division match in 1973 that saw the first home defeat on this day. Bristol City won 3-1 after the Hatters had taken a first half lead through Alan Garner.

**0**

The first time that the Hatters failed to score on this date came in 1979 when Crystal Palace were victorious by a solitary goal in the Second Division match. Luton also failed to score five years later when Leicester City were the visitors in a First Division match that ended 0-0.

**22**



Kingsley Black:  
Scored on this day for the Town in 1990

The number of years since the last fixture played at Kenilworth Road on this date, back in 1990. Millwall's Mick McCarthy netted an own goal in the first half to give the Hatters the lead, before Kingsley Black made it 2-0 in the second half. Millwall immediately pulled a goal back but the Town held on for the 2-1 win.



# PICTURE THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH



Malcolm Macdonald celebrates with the crowd after scoring the Town's final goal in a 4-0 thrashing of Orient in September 1970. Orient's Terry Mancini (6) is just about to talk his way into the referee's notebook, appealing for offside.

After a slow start to life in Division Two (now the Championship) the Hatters had now won three games out of four leading up to the clash with Orient, who had won promotion along with the Town the previous season.

A crowd of 16,711 turned up to see left-back Alan Slough pop up out of nowhere to hammer home two goals in just over a minute during the first half and when Malcolm Macdonald smacked in number three immediately after the interval the game was as good as over. This made Terry Mancini's rant at the referee completely pointless when Macdonald slotted in number four, as the goal was not crucial on an afternoon when Orient were made to look second best in all departments.





# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Liverpool's Nicky Tanner (6) has just turned Kurt Nogan's cross into his own net to give the Town the lead against the run of play at Anfield in January 1992. Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar looks aghast at his defender while Hatters' Mark Pembroke celebrates in front of the Kop.

The Town had enjoyed a remarkable upsurge in form over Christmas and New Year 1991, beating Coventry, Arsenal and Chelsea at Kenilworth Road without conceding a goal before drawing 1-1 at Nottingham Forest.

Sadly, this mini run was to end at Anfield with Steve McManaman levelling the scores on 85 minutes and our old friend Dean Saunders netting the winner in the final minute.





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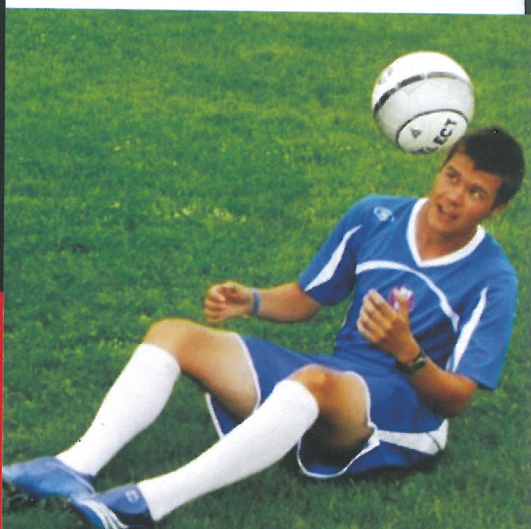
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## Profile:

### Michael Sup

Football studies student

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



# LEAGUE LOOK

MARK YOUNG REVIEWS THE LATEST IN THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

A disappointing week for the Hatters has turned into a dream week for Mansfield Town who, within two matches scored an incredible 13 goals and moved up to third in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

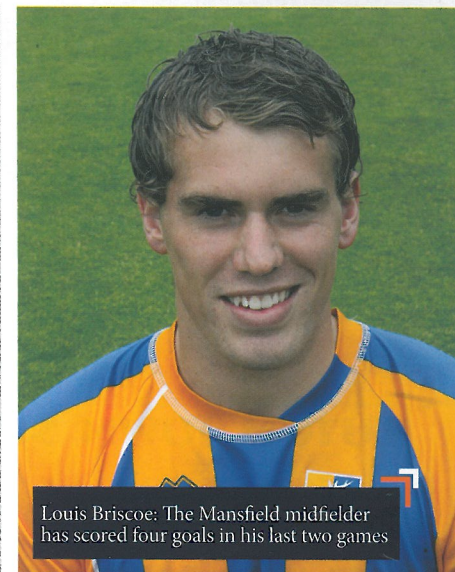
The goalscoring started on Saturday afternoon. Whilst Luton were battling for a place at Wembley in the FA Trophy, the Stags scored seven at home to Barrow with Louis Briscoe netting a hat trick to add to goals from Anthony Howell, Lindon Meikle, Matt Green and Matt Rhead. They followed that up by knocking six past Alfreton at the Impact Arena. Jake Moulton put Alfreton ahead early on. Anthony Howell equalised but Alfreton took the lead again through Nathan Jarman. This wasn't to last as Briscoe, Green and a second goal from Howell had the Stags 4-2 up. Anton Brown reduced the Alfreton arrears before the break and it looked like it would finish that way but Exodus Geohagbon and Green made the result look comfortable in the last two minutes.

Fleetwood notched another three points on Saturday and scored four times in the process. A 4-1 victory at mid-table Telford raised the Cod Army's points tally to 92 with only seven games left of the season. The victory included two braces, one from the impressive Jamie Vardy and another from Andy Mangan.

Southport moved up to fifth place with more goals flying in. Liam Watson's men beat Stockport 5-0 after netting four times against the ten men of County in the second half.

It was a mixed week for relegation threatened Bath City as they recorded a 2-1 victory at home to Lincoln City on Saturday but lost by a solitary goal away at Gateshead to leave them five points from safety.

Gateshead grabbed six points in four days with another 1-0 victory away at Cambridge on Saturday along with the Bath win, leaving them three points from a play-off place.



Louis Briscoe: The Mansfield midfielder has scored four goals in his last two games

Cambridge may now find the play-offs out of their reach after a period that yielded one point from two home games and left them 10 points off the pace. The loss at home to Gateshead was followed up by a draw with Newport.

Kidderminster remain dark horses for the play-offs as they recorded four points this week. They were another team to score four as they won 4-1 at Braintree but will be disappointed to only follow that up with a point in a stalemate at Tamworth on Tuesday.

Today's visitors will also count themselves as play-off contenders and were another team to pick up four points. A 0-0 home draw with Tamworth will be disappointing but a 2-1 win at Hayes and Yeading on Tuesday will have them in confident mood as they travel to Kenilworth Road.



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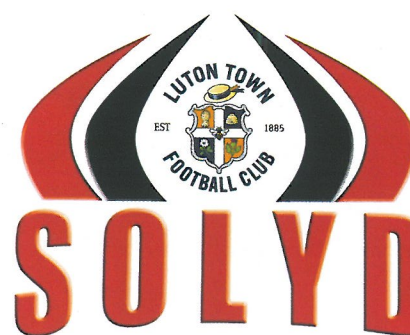
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# YOUNG HATTERS

Paul Driver told Talk of the Town: "After the excellent point against Brighton and the win over Aldershot, I'm disappointed to follow up the defeat to Millwall with another loss. We lost the game in the early exchanges in the second half where they took their two best chances.

"We created a decent few opportunities ourselves but failed to convert them with is also disappointing. On the up side, Alasan and Ian Rees have completed full games for the first time in a number of weeks and I'm very pleased with how young Ollie Cole has progressed over the last three games and his performance was probably the biggest plus point from the game".

**Team:** Barnes, Feltwell (Triallist), Jibodu (c) (sub Stanley 68) Ferguson, Chabata, Cole, Nash, Burtenshaw (sub McKenzie-Lowe 61), Rees, Maguraushe, Ann. Subs not used: Stephens, Terry.

**Two second half goals condemned the Town's Under-18s to defeat against AFC Wimbledon on Saturday in the Youth Alliance.**

After his return as a substitute in midweek, Alasan Ann started his first game since the injury sustained in the FA Trophy tie at Hinckley and Under-16 Ian Rees came into midfield for his first start of 2012 following an ankle injury.

Slight concerns over Zac Stephens and Jemale McKenzie-Lowe saw them begin amongst the substitutes.

In wet conditions which gave both sides problems in settling into their passing games, the best chances for the Hatters came from shots from just outside the penalty box from Rees and Leeroy Maguraushe.

Both sides forced a number of corners but could not use them to open the scoring in an evenly matched contest which went into the break goalless.

The Wombles started the second half well and put pressure on the Hatters' defence. Their endeavour led to them taking the lead in the 59th-minute and a second quickly followed before the Hatters could respond.

The introduction of McKenzie-Lowe into the attack with Maguraushe moving into midfield seemed to have a positive effect for the home side and it was McKenzie-Lowe who had the best chance of reducing the deficit as he broke through the heart of the Wimbledon defence but he was denied by a smart save from the visitors' keeper.

The Hatters' youngsters continued their improved showing as the game progressed but were not able to get the first goal that would have put pressure on their opponents and the game finished with no further addition to the scoring.

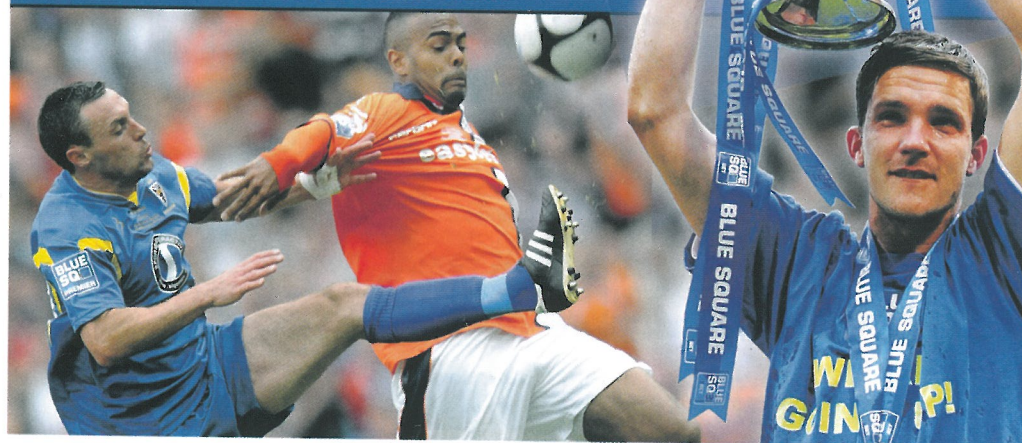
## YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Brighton & Hove Albion	17	12	29	39
2 Southend United	21	11	15	38
3 Barnet	20	12	21	37
4 Gillingham	20	12	20	37
5 Queens Park Rangers	18	11	18	37
6 Millwall	20	10	17	34
7 Brentford	19	11	5	34
8 Crawley Town	19	8	2	31
9 Leyton Orient	21	9	1	30
10 <b>LUTON TOWN</b>	19	7	-6	25
11 Colchester United	18	7	5	24
12 Peterborough United	19	6	-6	24
13 Northampton Town	21	7	-4	23
14 Wycombe Wanderers	20	6	-10	23
15 AFC Wimbledon	20	5	-33	17
16 Stevenage	19	3	-15	15
17 Dagenham & Redbridge	20	3	-30	13
18 Aldershot Town	19	3	-29	12

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### Ayman Darbouche

A technically gifted midfielder from Bedford.

### Cameron McJannet

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### Connor Rimell

A quick, left-sided midfielder from Luton.

### Ergyst Stafa

A quick and skilful winger from Luton.

### Erin Amu

A quick, powerful striker from Luton.

### Freddie Hinds

A clever and instinctive striker from Potton.

### George Murray

A great passer of the ball from Ampthill.

### Harry Bean

A quick no-nonsense defender from Biggleswade.

### Jack Snelus

A creative, clever striker from Milton Keynes.

### Joe Hankins

A quick goal-scorer from Luton.

### Josh Ellis

A hard-working full-back who loves to join in attacks from Luton.

### Joshua Brown

A technical midfielder, comfortable in possession from Bedford.

### Kavan Cotter

A midfielder, very comfortable in possession from Harrow.

### Romelle Alomenu

A skilful left-sided player who can play in defence and attack from Hatfield.

### Sam Alexander

A good shot-stopper from Harpenden.

### Tyreeq Bakinson

An athletic, skilful midfielder from Luton.



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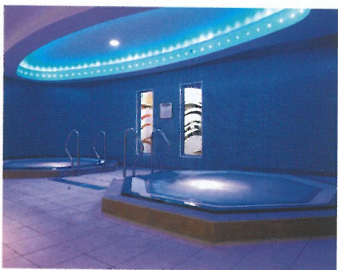
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## LUTON LADIES



The Town Ladies put in a tremendously gutsy performance to return from Ebbsfleet United's Stonebridge Road ground with all three points last weekend.

With the squad seriously stretched due to illness, a reshuffled team were superb throughout and although they were initially troubled in the opening 10 minutes, the defence soon got to grips with a mobile United attack, restricting them to hopeful strikes from distance.

The Hatters built on their good start and took a 19th-minute lead from a route one clearance by goalkeeper Randi Reynolds. Nicola Henman flicked the ball on and Jess McKay seized on the ball to neatly roll the ball under the Fleet keeper into the net.

The Town continued on the front foot and on the stroke of half-time were awarded a penalty after a handball. Henman had scored several spot kicks this season but this time she was foiled by an excellent diving save from the home goalkeeper.

Luton were dominant throughout the second period with Jess McKay having the best strike on goal from a narrow angle, but her powerful drive was pushed around the post by the Fleet keeper.

It was not until the 85th minute that the Town got the second goal after Henman's long diagonal run across the pitch; she was able to pull the ball back to Jodie Whitford-Stark who lost her marker with a neat drop



Celebrations in the dressing room at Ebbsfleet

of the shoulder before firing the ball home. It was indeed a timely strike as somehow the referee found nine minutes of injury time and Fleet reduced the arrears with a neat, far post header.

Manager Nikki Baker was delighted with the performance. "This was a really hard fought victory because we only really had 11 fit players," she said. "One or two of them were struggling towards the end but the girls showed great pride in the shirt to battle on and get all three points against the odds.

"With three league games left we have the opportunity to move up another two places in the table which would be a big achievement."

Tonight the Town Ladies travel to Griffin Park to face Brentford – a full report will be in next Friday's match programme.





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## NLP VIEW WITH STUART HAMMONDS

I'd just finished my report of the Luton v York FA Trophy semi-final second leg when I turned on the car radio to find normally exuberant 6-0-6 host Mark Chapman in sombre tone.

David Pleat was interviewed, then Phil Brown – the ex-Bolton and Hull City manager – came on the line.

They were discussing the shocking events that had unfolded at White Hart Lane less than an hour earlier, when Bolton Wanderers midfielder Fabrice Muamba collapsed with no-one around him.

The fact that a 23-year-old professional footballer – an athletic Premier League and 33-times capped England Under-21 one at that – can suffer a heart attack in front of 35,000 people, not to mention millions watching on TV, is unfathomable to many.

At the time of writing, his condition at the London Chest Hospital thankfully appears to be improving. Whether we are religious or not, everyone in the football family – a phrase that has been brought back into the sport's conscience in recent days – will pray that recovery continues.

Because having seen pictures of Muamba with his fiancée, Shauna, and three-year-old son Joshua in all the papers this week, no-one wants to see another family tragically ripped apart by the loss of a supremely fit young man who went to play football and never came home.

The army of medical staff on hand at Tottenham last Saturday will have hopefully helped ensure that's not the case.

As we delve down into the grass-roots, that isn't always so and we have seen in recent years several collapses just like Muamba's end in tragedy.

In April 2005 Folkestone Invicta striker Paul Sykes, 28, died playing in a cup final against one of his old clubs, Margate, leaving behind wife Carly and nine-month-old son Thomas.

Then in September 2006, ex-Mansfield and Forest Green centre-half Matt Gadsby collapsed soon into a Conference North game for Hinckley at Harrogate and never recovered.

A year on, I interviewed his widow, Sarah, on what would have been the defender's 28th birthday.

"We've just been up to Matthew's grave," said Sarah of her and 20-month-old daughter Amelia's morning trip to the cemetery in the Warwickshire village of Newton Regis. She always kisses his headstone, but out of the blue she said 'Love you Dad' for the first time. It breaks my heart."

Gadsby suffered, unwittingly, with a heart condition known as Dysplasia. Such a defect would be picked up in modern-day scholars, as it was with ex-Stevenage winger Mitchell Cole when he was screened as a teenager at West Ham.

But as Sarah Gadsby told me nearly six years ago, these tests need to be done throughout a player's career "like a car has an MOT", and not just at the very top of the game. The charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) continues to campaign for this end.

As the T-shirts and tweets have said in recent days, we 'Pray4Muamba' – and every other family that's been affected by the strain football can put on seemingly the healthiest of hearts.

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.30 PM

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.



## LUTON TOWN v EBBSFLEET UNITED

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



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Juniors (Under 10)	£5
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### SAFETY NOTICE

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

# ON THE ROAD

SUPPORT THE TOWN ON OUR TRAVELS



## GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Admission will be on the night for Town supporters. We are awaiting prices from Gateshead.



## 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.



## ALFRETON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

We are awaiting ticket details from Alfreton. News will appear in forthcoming programmes.



### GETTING TO...GATESHEAD - THE INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

**Bobbers Travel** (01234 856542): £27 adults, £24 concessions. Departure: tbc.

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

**Car:** Take the A1 north. At the end of the A1(M) Junction 65, take the A194(M) towards South Shields. At the end of the A194(M) take the A184 towards Gateshead. The stadium is situated three miles further along this road on the right hand side.

**For the sat-nav:** NE10 0EF

**By train:** The stadium has its own Metro stop called Gateshead Stadium, which is a five minute walk away. This stop is around a ten minute journey away from Newcastle Central railway station, which is also the nearest mainline station.

### 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



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

## October

Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow		5-1	5,613	115	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers		2-1	3,332	931	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbfleet United		2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith 1**
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead		5-1	6,285	104	3	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham		0-1	7,270	239	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor**
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	TV	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood***, Wright 1
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)		5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1*, Hand***, O'Connor 2 (pen), Kiskock*, 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*, between, Morgan-Smith
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)		1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor, Morgan-Smith
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United		1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand**, Howells, Wood 1, O'Connor
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County		1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Wood***, O'Connor*
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United		1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow**, Fleetwood**

## December

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

## January

Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town		5-0	3,247	2,018	3	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor 1, Lawless***, Keane, Watkins 1, Howells 1, Dance**, O'Connor*
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County		2-0	6,108	228	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington***, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins, Howells, O'Connor 1, Crow 1**
Tues 10	19:45	H	Stockport County		1-0	5,588	78	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Dance*, Watkins, Lawless, Howells, Fleetwood**, Crow
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)		0-0	754	tbc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kiskock, Willmott, Fleetwood, Ann*
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport		3-3	1,665	540	3	K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kiskock*, O'Connor 1, Howells, Crow 1
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FAT2)		3-0*	1,004	81	-	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams*, Willmott, Kiskock, Fleetwood 1**, Morgan-Smith 1**
Wed 25	19:30	H	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, Wood*, McAllister

## February

Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)		2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kiskock, Willmott, Howells, Fleetwood 1
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth		3-0*	5,833	66	3	Tyler, Osano*, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor, Lawless, Kiskock*, 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, Keane 1, Kiskock 1*, Howells, Whitt***, Crow**

## March

Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City		2-0	5,745	80	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs 1, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Keane*, Kiskock*, Willmott, Hells***, Crow
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham	TV	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*, Polu, Willmott, Crow, McAllister***
Sat 17	15:00	H	York City (FATSF2)		1-1	5,796	400	-	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Keane, Lawless, Howells, Willmott 1, Crow, Fleetwood
Tue 20	19:45	A	Forest Green Rovers		0-3	975	297	4	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Lawless*, Keane, O'Connor***, Watkins*, Willmott, Fleetwood
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town						
Fri 30	19:30	H	York City	TV					

## April

Tue 3	19:45	A	Gateshead						
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town						
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United						
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town						
Tue 17	19:45	H	Ebbfleet United						
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers						
Sat 28	13:00	A	Fleetwood Town						

\*Scoreline includes own goal

## SUBS

Willmott\*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd  
M-Smith 1\*\*, Crow 1\*, A-Adjaye\*\*, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington  
Gleeson\*, Walker\*, Polu, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington  
Watkins\*, O'Connor\*, Kiskock\*\*\*, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington  
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Watkins\*, O'Connor\*, Kiskock\*\*\*, Samuel, K. Pilkington  
O'Connor\*, Samuel\*\*, Willmott\*, Watkins, K. Pilkington  
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Crow\*, Kiskock\*\*, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington  
Fleetwood\*, Crow\*\*, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington  
Fleetwood\*, Watkins\*\*, Antwi, Kiskock, K. Pilkington  
O'Connor 1\*\*/Hand 2\*\*\*, Watkins, Kiskock\*, K. Pilkington  
Wright\*, Kiskock\*, Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington  
Crow\*\*\*, O'Connor\*, Kiskock\*, Beckwith, K. Pilkington  
Crow\*, Henry\*\*\*, Tavernier\*\*, Willmott, Samuel, Carden, Tyler

Kiskock\*, Watkins\*\*\*, Hand, Wright\*, K. Pilkington.  
Tyler, Willmott\*, Gleeson, Beckwith, Crow\*, Blackett, Watkins\*\*\*  
Tyler, Watkins\*\*, Willmott, Kiskock, Brunt\*  
Tyler, Crow 1\*\*\*, Willmott\*, Brunt\*, Keane  
Watkins\*\*\*, Brunt\*, O'Connor\*, Tyler, Taylor

Kiskock\*, Beckwith, Fleetwood, Dance, Hand, Wright, Tyler  
Hand\*, Dance\*, Brunt\*\*\*, Fleetwood, Tyler  
Kidd, McAdams\*\*\*, Smith, Wright\* 1, O'Donnell\*, Kidd  
Tyler, Wright\*\*\*, Willmott, Fleetwood\*\*, Kiskock\*, Willmott  
Tyler, Fleetwood 1\*\*\*, Kiskock, Willmott 1\*\*, Wright

Brunt\*, Fleetwood 1\*\*\*, Willmott\*, Kiskock, Tyler  
Willmott\*\*\*, Fleetwood\*\*, Dance\*, Kiskock, Tyler  
O'Connor 1\*\*, Willmott\*, Kiskock, Lacey, Tyler  
Woolley\*, Nash\*\*, Longden, Smith, Kidd  
Morgan-Smith\*, Fleetwood, McAllister, Polu, Tyler  
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Fleetwood\*, McAllister\*\*, Dance, Polu, Tyler  
Fleetwood\*, Polu\*\*, O'Connor\*\*\*, Kiskock, K. Pilkington

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Kiskock\*, Watkins\*, Blackett, Crow, Kidd  
O'Connor\*\*\*, Fleetwood\*\*, Henry\*, Watkins, Kidd

Boucaud\*, McAllister, Fleetwood\*\*\*, O'Connor, Watkins\* 1  
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Kidd, O'Donnell, Blackett\*, Woolley\*\*\*, Osano\*\*  
Henry\*, Fleetwood 1\*, Woolley\*\*\*, Osano, Boucaud  
Blackett, O'Connor, Henry, Watkins\*, Woolley  
Boucaud\*, Henry\*, O'Connor\*\*\*, Polu, Crow

## LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Fleetwood Town	39	28	8	3	92	40	52	92
2	Wrexham	37	27	5	7	70	21	49	86
3	Mansfield Town	39	19	14	6	73	44	29	71
4	LUTON TOWN	37	18	12	7	65	34	31	66
5	Southport	38	19	9	10	60	57	3	66
6	York City	36	17	13	6	70	38	32	64
7	Gateshead	38	18	9	11	60	54	6	63
8	Grimsby Town	38	18	8	12	72	53	19	62
9	Kidderminster Harriers	39	17	10	12	66	53	13	61
10	Cambridge United	37	15	11	11	45	34	11	56
11	Forest Green Rovers	38	14	13	11	54	39	15	55
12	Barrow	39	16	7	16	55	60	-5	55
13	Braintree Town	38	15	8	15	65	69	-4	53
14	Ebbfleet United	37	12	10	15	57	66	-9	46
15	Tamworth	38	11	11	16	41	56	-15	44
16	Alfreton Town	38	10	12	20	53	79	-26	38
17	AFC Telford United	38	8	12	18	37	56	-19	36
18	Newport County	36	8	11	17	45	54	-9	35
19	Stockport County	37	7	14	18	41	69	-28	35
20	Lincoln City	37	8	9	20	38	55	-17	33
21	Hayes & Yeading	38	9	6	23	50	78	-28	33
22	Darlington	37	10	9	18	36	53	-17	29
23	Kettering Town	39	8	8	23	36	81	-45	29
24	Bath City	38	5	9	24	34	72	-38	24

## PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON				CUP				TOTAL				DISCIP				CAREER				
	LEAGUE		GLS		APPS		GLS		TOTAL		GLS		Y		R		APPS		TOTAL		
Alasan ANN	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
WillANTWIT	12	(0)	2	1	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	13	2	0	0	13	2
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	7	(2)	0	4	0	0	11	2	0	11	2	0	0	0	1	82	1	0	0	82	1
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	23	0	0	81	23
Dean BECKWITH	8	(0)	1	3	0	0	11	0	1	11	0	1	2	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	0
Shane BLACKETT	4	(0)	0	2	1	0	6	1	0	6	1	0	1	0	1	46	1	0	0	46	1
Andre BOUCAUD	3	(2)	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Ryan BRUNT	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Paul CARDEN	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0
Danny CROW	21	(6)	9	4	(2)	0	25	8	9	3	0	25	8	9	3	68	17	0	0	68	17
James DANCE	21	(5)	3	2	0	1	23	(5)	4	3	0	28	4	3	0	28	4	0	0	28	4
Stuart FLEETWOOD	17	(11)	7	6	(1)	4	23	(12)	11	4	0	35	11	4	0	35	11	0	0	35	11
Dan GLEESON	8	(1)	0	2	0	0	10	(1)	0	1	0	53	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	53	0
Jamie HAND	11	(2)	2	2	0	0	13	(2)	2	4	1	15	2	4	1	15	2	0	0	15	2
Charlie HENRY	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(4)	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Jake HOWELLS	33	(0)	5	7	0	1	40	(0)	6	2	1	171	15	0	0	171	15	0	0	171	15
Keith KEANE	24	(0)	0	6	0	1	30	(0)	1	6	1	273	7	0	0	273	7	0	0	273	7
John-Paul KISSOCK	6	(13)	0	7	(1)	1	13	(14)	1	0	1	27	1	0	0	27	1	0	0	27	1
Janos KOVACS	28	(0)	4	4	0	0	32	(0)	4	4	1	49	5	0	0	49	5	0	0	49	5
Alex LACEY	0	(0)	0	3	0	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0
Alex LAWLESS	29	(0)	0	2	0	0	35	(0)	2	6	1	64	7	0	0	64	7	0	0	64	7
Brett LONGDEN	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Colby MCADAMS	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Craig McALLISTER	3	(4)	0	0	0	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0
Amari MORGAN-SMITH	15	(2)	9	2	0	1	17	(2)	10	6	0	46	17	0	0	46	17	0	0	46	17
Freddie MURRAY	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	79	1	0	0	79	1	0	0	79	1
Jerry NASH	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Aaron O'CONNOR	20	(12)	5	3	(1)	4	23	(13)	9	2	0	36	9	2	0	36	9	0	0	36	9
JJ O'DONNELL	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	0
Curtis OSANO	19	(0)	0	7	(1)	0	26	(1)	0	4	0	27	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	27	0
George PILKINGTON	24	(0)	1	5	0	0	29	(0)	1	2	0	160	1	0	0	160	1	0	0	160	1
Kevin PILKINGTON	12	(0)	0	3	0	0	15	(0)	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	33	0
Godfrey POKU	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	0	2	0	21	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	0
Collin SAMUEL	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Charlie SOMER	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Christian TAVERNIER	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Greg TAYLOR	15	(0)	1	5	0	0	20	(1)	0	1	0	20	1	0	0	20	1	0	0	20	1
Mark TYLER	25	(0)	0	7	0	0	32	(0)	0	0	0	126	0	0	0	126	0	0	0	126	0
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	20	1	0	0	20	1	0	0	20	1
Adam WATKINS	16	(13)	5	3	(3)	1	19	(16)	6	4	0	41	8	0	0	41	8	0	0	41	8
Robbie WILLMOTT	22	(9)	7	6	(1)	1	28	(10)	8	3	0	56	13	0	0	56	13	0	0	56	13
Jake WOOLLEY	0	(1)	0	0	(4)	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Tommy WRIGHT	1	(3)	1	1	(1)	2	2	(4)	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0



# LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

**How Luton must wish that every match this season took place at 3pm on a Saturday afternoon.**

Before today's clash with Grimsby Town, the Hatters have a tremendous record of 14 wins, two draws and just two losses from their 18 league matches played during that timeslot.

Doing the maths as well, that means 44 points taken out of a possible 54. Not too shabby at all.

However, on the flip side, if you look at the stats for midweek matches, it tells a completely different story.

In the same amount of matches, 18, then Tuesday's night's shock reverse at Forest Green Rovers means Luton have amassed a mere 19 points from a potential 54.

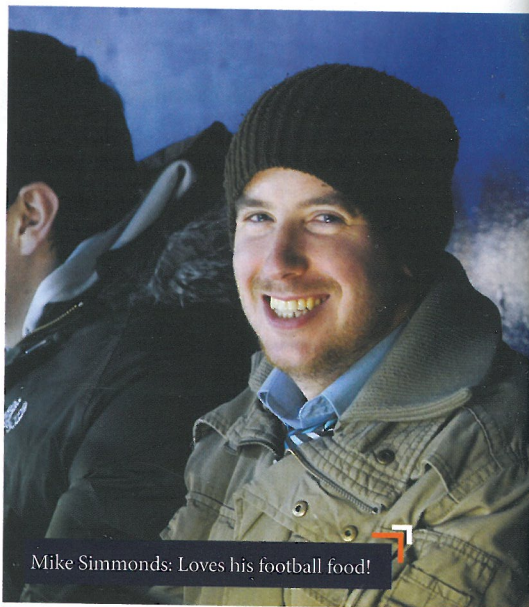
Without being disrespectful to some of the teams that Luton have come up against during that time, then it's fair to say they would have expected to be beating the likes of Bath City, Hayes & Yeading and AFC Telford, but there's something about an evening kick off that seems to be affecting the side.

Draws seem to be plaguing manager Gray Brabin in his time at the club too, as he approaches a year in charge next week.

The Rovers match on Tuesday was the 54th he had been at the helm for, enjoying 23 victories, 21 draws and 10 defeats.

They used to say that if you win your home games and draw your away matches, it would be enough for promotion.

With the Conference getting stronger and stronger these days, that no longer rings true, as if Town abided by that rule, they would be on 73 points by now. Still



Mike Simmonds: Loves his football food!

some way off the likes of Fleetwood and Wrexham, who are both looking pretty unstoppable this season.

Meanwhile, in my self-appointed role of away day food correspondent in the Luton Town press ranks, after putting the miles in to visit Wrexham, Darlington and Forest Green Rovers over the last few weeks, it's time to rate the culinary delights.

Things started off very badly with the trip to Wales as what can only be described as a cold cheese burger was consumed, although Darlington restored my faith in football cuisine, with a very decent attempt at the same recipe served up.

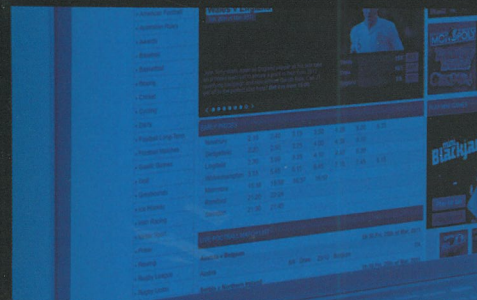
But even the Quakers effort paled into insignificance with Tuesday night's offering, with a wide variety on the menu. It's not often you'll turn up a football ground and find you can order a badger pasty, but I didn't allow curiosity to get the better of me this time and settled for the fish and chips.

It was the right choice too, as the food was cooked pretty much perfectly and could be consumed in the warmth of the clubhouse with a knife and fork too. It's the small things sometimes.

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

## GRIMSBY TOWN

Mark Tyler	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Gleeson	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greg Taylor	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Keane	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dean Beckwith	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
George Pilkington	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alex Lawless	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Danny Crow	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbie Willmott	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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James Dance	19	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Paul Kissock	20	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Andre Gray	27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adam Watkins	28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Janos Kovacs	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 39	Anthony Elding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 40	Louie Soares
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 34	WRIGHT

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: A. Davies  
Assistant: S. Finch  
Assistant: A. Quelch  
Fourth official: P. Lavelle

### UP NEXT

**v YORK CITY**

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