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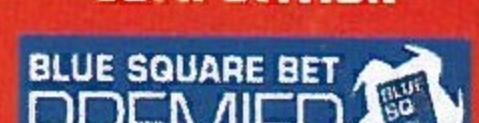
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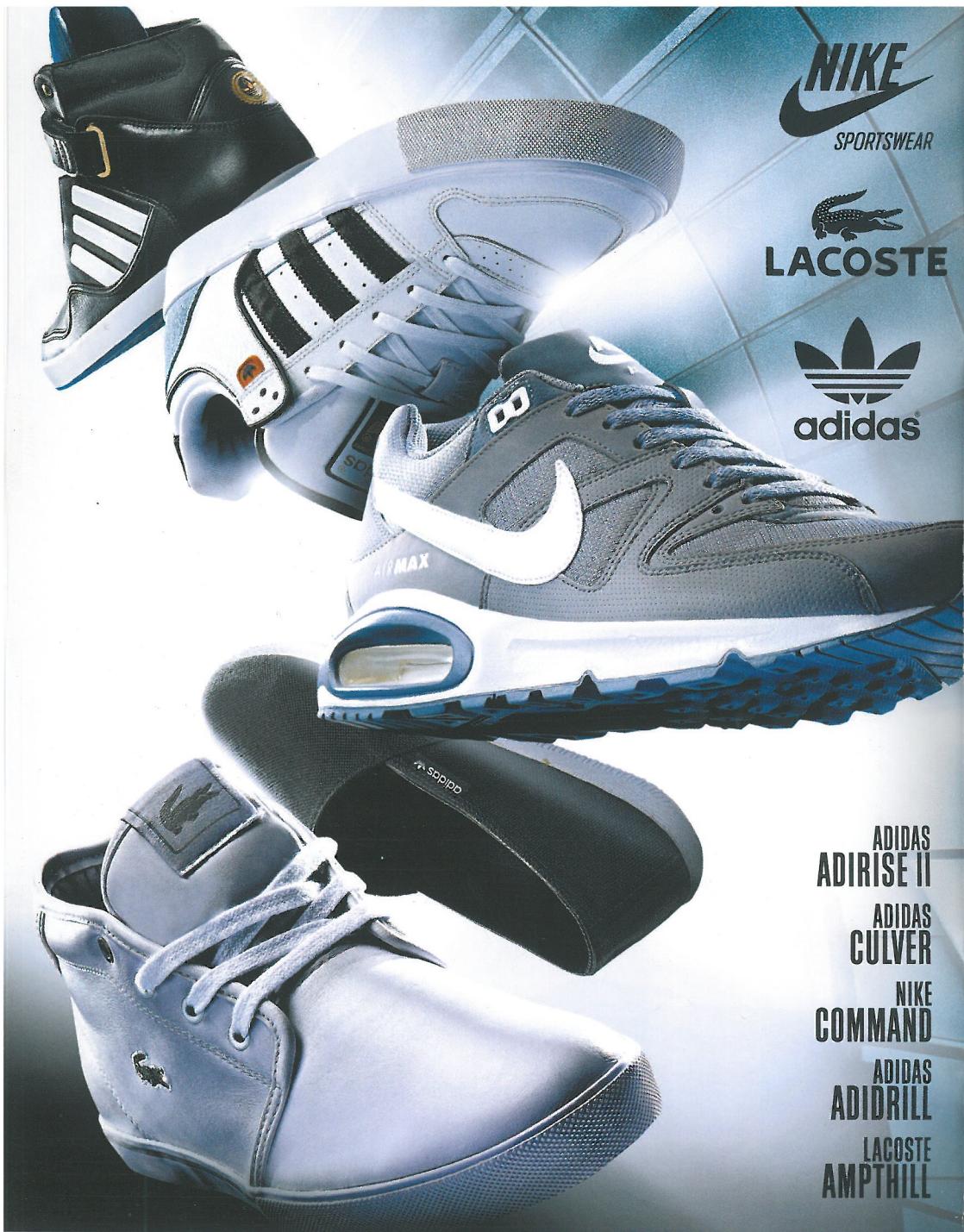


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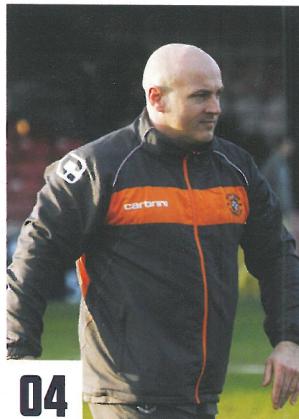


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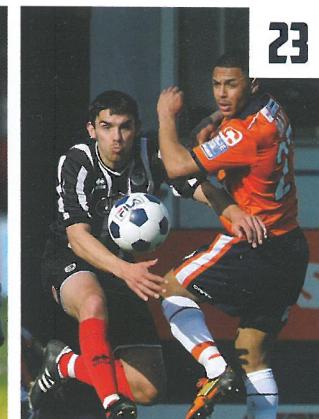
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BRABS

Good evening and welcome back once more to Kenilworth Road for this hugely important Blue Square Bet Premier fixture.

Tonight we are reunited with our friends from York City and I would like to welcome Gary Mills and his players and staff plus the directors and supporters who have made the long trip south on a Friday.

We also have with us the Premier Sports TV cameras for their second visit to Kenilworth Road this season. Their coverage of this division has been excellent once more this term and we hope to see them once more come May.

Tonight is the first of eight games which will decide whether there is an extension to our season. Ever since the Promotion Final defeat to Manchester we have been working exhaustively to ensure we win promotion this season.

Our aim of winning the title has gone - and I wish Fleetwood and Wrexham all the best in their quests to battle it out for the league title - but our dream of winning promotion is well and truly alive.

As I have said in my previous notes it is still in our hands. The same can be said of tonight's visitors and those other teams in and around the top five but I have said throughout this campaign that I am confident that this group of players can achieve promotion.

The last time York were the visitors here we suffered the heartache of conceding a last-minute equaliser which sent Gary's side to Wembley. I wish them well in their meeting with Newport on 12th May. The disappointment of that game still hurts the players and myself but if anything it has made us stronger.

The defeat at Forest Green hurt everyone and I was pleased that I got a reaction from the players in last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Grimsby.

I know it wasn't the result we wanted but after the Forest Green debacle but it was a step in the right

direction. Last Saturday was a testament to the players' spirit and determination. A win would have been fantastic and it was a shame it didn't turn out that way because it would have been deserved.

I was delighted for Andre Gray to score and play so well on his debut. Andre is going to be a fine player for the club and, after overcoming a few nerves - which is understandable - in the first half, his second half performance showed everyone what he is capable of. He has a raw energy, a no fear attitude and I hope his enthusiasm can have a positive effect on the rest of the team.

Tonight will be a different challenge for Andre and for the rest of us. York have been a bit of a nemesis in recent years and like ourselves they are desperate for a place in the top five.

Having slipped up at home to Southport last Saturday I'm sure they will come here looking for all three points.

That will make it for an entertaining game at least. York have some very good players but, like I always say, it's about us. If we do the things I know we are capable of then I am always confident we can get a positive result, no matter who the opposition are.

We respect York. After all they've beaten us twice and drawn with us once already this season. It's time that record changed. Let's hope that's tonight.

Your backing of the players on Saturday was first class. Please raise the decibel levels higher tonight and get behind us.

Together we can conquer.

Enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DAVID WILKINSON



Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for our fourth encounter this season with York City.

We have had a few interesting encounters with York over the last few years, but I would like to extend the hand of friendship today to all supporters, players and officials, who have made the journey south and wish them an enjoyable day at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final. We have both stuttered a bit recently in the League and I hope that we can put our poor run behind us tonight.

When I last wrote these notes I was looking forward to the possibility of two Wembley appearances this year, but this evening's opponents put an end to that with a last minute goal two weeks ago. It's a strange game football - if it wasn't for bad luck we would have had no luck at all this season.

It is peculiar how things happen in phases. We have recently been conceding goals late in games, something I remember us doing a lot in Mike Newell's first season. In the following season, with pretty much the same players, it was the opposite and we won games at the death. Psychology is so important in most sports and it is sometimes difficult to identify the root cause of changes in form individually or collectively.

It is not an easy task for me to follow Gary Sweet's notes of last Saturday. I am sure he wished that he hadn't had to write what he did, but it needed saying. Just like all of you we were ashamed and embarrassed by what we witnessed. It is even harder to take when you think of the considerable amounts of money that have been invested in the playing and coaching staff.

However, we must all accept our share of the blame. Everyone makes mistakes and we are no exception to that rule, but I believe passionately that we are learning from ours.

Most of us on the board are fans with a bit of money and now we have a bit less of it, but as with all fans, we thought we knew it all. Could it really be that difficult to make a football club work? I don't really think we've done too badly. After being almost destroyed by the football powers that be we found ourselves relegated to the Conference for no fault of our own. We bought a League club, but found ourselves owning a non-league club for the same money. We have managed to make the Play-Offs every year since and but for a lick of paint would have made it back into the League last year.

We have realised our lack of football credibility and have strengthened management across the board with people who have years of experience in the game. Roger Bannister, Finance Director, many years at Birmingham followed by a short spell at West Ham, Kevan Platt, Club Secretary, many years at Norwich, and, most recently, Lil Fuccillo, an old boy, who has been at Newcastle, Villa, Swansea, Hull, Charlton and more.

They are all vastly experienced and can only help us get our wonderful football club back where it belongs. We don't deserve to be in the Conference, but we are, and it is not an easy place to be. Just look at all the other former league clubs fighting to get out.

These comments are not defeatist - they are, I believe, realistic. We cannot wave a magic wand and be immediately in the Championship. We would if we could. We need to continue to be patient. As I said earlier, this year we have been beset by injuries to key players so much so that I doubt Gary Brabin has been able to pick his best side all year. At the beginning of the season we had to bring in emergency loans to fill the gaps in defence and when the first choice players came back we lost midfielders and forwards. These are not excuses they are facts and we are still missing at least six players who would be either in the first team or close to it.

One further point I would like to mention is that, if you include Associate Directors, we now have 10 Board Members involved in making all the important decisions at this Club. We are a diverse group with wide experience in business, finance, the law and football. As a group we get on well. That's not to say we always agree with each other, but, to date, I cannot remember an occasion where we have left a meeting without a unanimous decision. Gary is charged with running the club on a day-to-day basis, taking care of the interests of the investors, staff and customers and, from my perspective and that of others on the Board, he does a professional job.

One of the things that make this Club so great is that we, the fans, care so passionately about its fortunes and the internal debates are nothing if not forceful, but I hope everyone can appreciate that it is easier to be a critic than an author.

However, we need all our passion to be funnelled towards the pitch to lift the players for the final run in.

Enjoy the game and hopefully the result.

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Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

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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

Southern League Division Two:

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Okay, so last Saturday's draw with Grimsby Town wasn't the result we wanted but after the 3-0 defeat to Forest Green it was imperative that we didn't lose.

Now that might sound on the negative side because I know how important winning games are but after such a poor display at the New Lawn we knew we couldn't afford to lose.

The most frustrating thing about last Saturday was that we should have won. It was a game we dominated and I don't remember Mark Tyler making any save all game. It's these kinds of results which we know have prevented us challenging for the title.

Draws have been the Achilles heel of our season and, going into the final month of the season, we know we cannot afford to slip up any more if we are to confirm our place in the top five.

Our indifferent run of form has seen others catch up with tonight's visitors, Southport, Kidderminster, Grimsby, Mansfield and Gateshead all harbouring hopes of joining either Fleetwood or Wrexham in the end-of-season lottery.

It has been hugely disappointing that we have drawn so many matches from winning positions and the same happened last week against Grimsby. It looked as though we were going to pick up a vital three points until they equalised with three minutes left.

It was a bitter pill to swallow conceding so late, and it was typical of our luck in recent weeks. We haven't had much of it this season with injuries, suspensions and players being cup-tied. It sounds as though I'm starting to make excuses, but it's true. In the last two games Ed Asafu-Adjaye and Greg Taylor have joined the list of players visiting our physio Simon Parsell.

Our luck must change. But given the supposed 'bad' luck we've had we have a big chance of promotion. So it might not be as champions, which we all wanted, but in the Play-Off it's anyone's.

Of course we still have to get their first with eight games left to fight it out in a bid for a place in the top five. It won't be easy and tonight we welcome a York side who will fancy their chances of putting another one over us.

Forget the FA Trophy this is the important game. I think if you had asked any of the lads what they would prefer: getting into the Play-Offs with a shot at promotion, or getting to the FA Trophy final, everyone single one of them would have said the first choice. It's a no brainer.

With that in mind, given how tight the Play-Off pack is, tonight's match could have huge significant on who finishes in those Play-Off places and who doesn't.

It would be an absolute travesty if we did not finish in the top five and we, as players, have a responsibility to get us over the line. Whether we finish third, fourth or fifth, we need to be there and we are confident that we can.

We all need to pull together to ensure we get there. From us, the players, to the management and coaching staff; to you the fans and everyone associated with the club.

Don't desert us – get behind us.

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AROUND TOWN

LIL BACK IN TOWN



A week ago the Club was delighted to announce that Lil Fuccillo had accepted the role of Technical Director and will join the board of Luton Town Football Club 2020 as an associate.

Fuccillo has most recently been working at Hull City, and has previously held

positions at Swansea City, Aston Villa, Newcastle United, and Charlton Athletic over the past decade where his roles have encompassed scouting and football recruitment having had a major impact in player talent identification. He joins the Hatters during a turbulent and important part of the season, ending a search that has been under way for some time.

Fuccillo's role will be as an advisor to the Board on football matters, to assist in the strategic development at all levels, including revitalising the 'Luton trademark', and to establish protocols for talent acquisitions and disposals.

Many Hatters will know Lil from his playing time at Kenilworth Road from 1974 to 1983 where he made 160 appearances scoring 24 goals, winning the Second Division in 1982. His second spell at the Club was short, as circumstances led to him managing the first team for a short spell within weeks of him arriving as a scout.

On the appointment Lil said: "I loved my days here as a player but I can honestly say I certainly don't want to be manager and I don't think the typical role of director of football works! I'm here because I was born in Bedfordshire, the Club have been fantastic to me in the past, and in return I know I can put the experience I have gained over the last 10-15 years to

excellent use here at a strategic level.

"I'm Luton through and through and I've been given the chance to come in and be part of the future by helping the board. I can't wait to get started and I'm looking forward to providing all the support I can to help us regain rightful League status."

Town managing director Gary Sweet added: "I've known Lil for some time, as have a number of board members, and have always enjoyed his company. Lil is a proper football man with a real passion for our club - he's one of us - and I know he'll play a vital role in providing some real football expertise at board level which we've never been able to integrate as a permanent function before."

Talk of the Town caught up with Lil earlier this week. Turn to pages 32 and 33.

JANOS IS A DIAMOND – AGAIN!



Janos Kovacs has won the diamond season ticket holder Player of the Month award for February - the third time the defender has topped the diamonds' poll. The giant Hungarian came out on top in February's voting after another fine month for the

Hatters which included a goal in the 2-0 home victory over Tamworth on the 18th.

He received his award from diamond season ticket holder Jake Hill after our 1-1 draw at home to Grimsby Town.

Remember one of the benefits of being a diamond season ticket holder at Kenilworth Road is being able to vote for your Player of the Month. The voting for March's award is now open until 9th April. To cast your vote simply email diamond@lutontown.co.uk. The player with the most votes wins, obviously. But

those supporters who have voted for that particular player go into a draw, and one lucky supporter will get the chance to present the trophy to the winner after a home game in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

Remember if you'd like to become a diamond season ticket holder there are plenty of exciting benefits each season, including: two tickets into an executive box, five adult guest tickets, five junior guest tickets, a first team shirt and, for children, and a matchday experience.

Our young diamond season ticket holders also get their own day, which includes a day at the training ground with the players, and a penalty shootout on the Kenilworth Road pitch at a home game. This took place at our last home match with Grimsby.

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

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our golden gamble last Saturday against Grimsby Town went home with a cool £655. Michael Smith of Dunstable, collected the prize after his ticket, number 30586, was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Expect another big payout tonight. Look for sellers inside and outside the ground.

PLAY-OFF DATES CONFIRMED

The Football Conference have confirmed the details for the staging and live screening of all Blue Square Bet Premier Play-Off Semi-Final games and the Promotion Final.

All the final round of matches in the Premier Division will kick off at 1pm, with one to be chosen to be screened live by Premier Sports Television (Channel 433), who are here this evening of course.

The first game in the Play-Off Semi-Finals will feature the fourth placed team hosting the third placed team on Wednesday 2nd May with a 7.30pm kick-off. The second game will feature the fifth placed team hosting the second placed team on Thursday 3rd May again with a 7.30pm kick-off.

Both second leg Semi-Final games, with reverse



fixtures, will take place on Monday (Bank Holiday) 7th May.

The game between the clubs finishing in third and fourth place will kick-off at 2pm while the game between the clubs finishing in second and fifth place will kick off at 4.30pm.

The Promotion Final itself will be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 20th May at 3pm.

GET HOME SAFE

Supporters are reminded that both Telford Way AND Hatters Way are both closed after this evening's match and will be closed throughout the weekend, re-opening early on Monday morning.

This is due to the on-going construction of the Luton-Dunstable Busway. The Club would like to apologise for any inconvenience this causes and hope you all get home safely after tonight's game.

CLUB PARTNER

Tonight we give a warm welcome to our club partners AFC Sundon.

Formed by parents in 2007, AFC Sundon is a family friendly football club that play in the Under-13s section of the Chiltern Youth League on Sunday mornings.

Whilst they have a number of players on the radar of established football clubs including the Hatters, their ethos remains the same as it did in 2007: that fun be at the heart of everything.

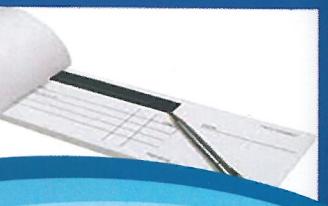
The club have a fantastic sponsor in Sunrealm Heating and thank them for making it possible for them to maintain their low fee policy.

Their current squad consists of, Lewis Stearne, Mitchell Howe, Luke Williams, Finlay Lamb, Armando Calvano, Ben Whalley, Niall Abraham, Andrew Round, Lee Houghton, Will Coote, James Purdon, Ben Scott, Will Molloy, Lewis Pennant, Archie Nelson-Ashlee and Christopher O'Connor.

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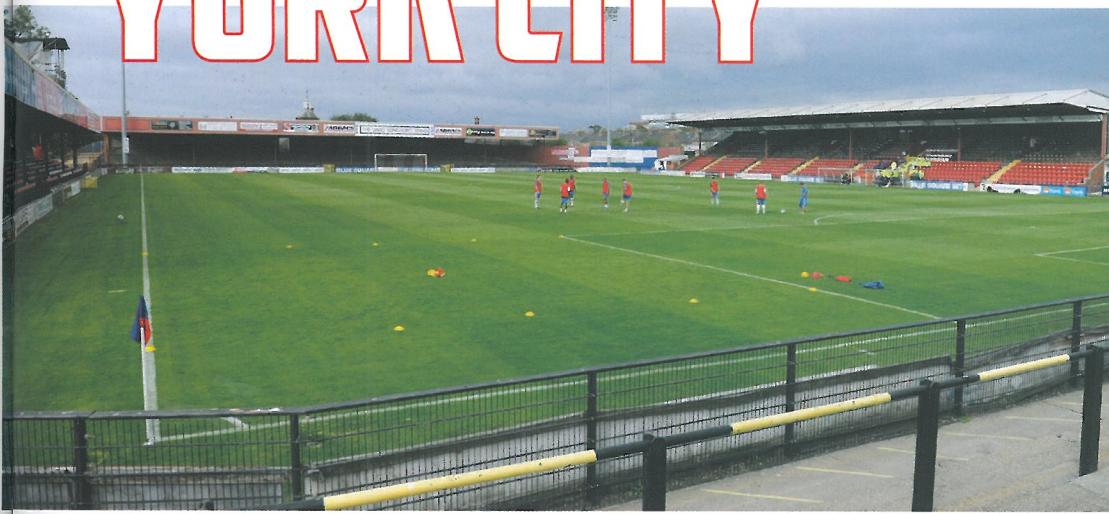
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WELCOME YORK CITY



This weekend will prove to be another tense affair at Kenilworth Road as York City visit Kenilworth Road, level on points just a fortnight after their dramatic draw in the FA Trophy which sent York to Wembley.

The Minstermen have started 2012 really well only suffering two defeats since the turn of the year, at home to Gateshead and Southport, and they have not suffered a league defeat away from home in the league since September when they lost at Gateshead 3-2.

After Matty Blair's last-gasp equaliser two weeks ago, City are now dreaming of Wembley and the Town will have to hope that they are distracted in a bid to get back on track for the Play-Offs.

Former Hatters striker Jason Walker was back at his old stomping ground for the FA Trophy second leg but despite only lasting the first half after picking up an injury, he could be back in contention today as York look to put daylight between themselves and the Town. Walker has struck 16 times in the Blue Square Bet Premier this season and is their top scorer.

The Minstermen, who triumphed 3-0 in the reverse fixture in the League back in September, have

everything to play for in the last part of the season and would be one of the form teams going into the Play-Offs after their magnificent run of form that has seen them just about clinging onto fifth spot.

After last Saturday's 2-1 home defeat by promotion rivals Southport, Mills' side bounced back with a narrow victory at bottom-of-the-table Bath City on Tuesday.

With both sides gunning for what looks like three of the four spaces in the end-of-season lottery, they could land up meeting each other once or twice more come May.

The last time York visited Kenilworth Road for a league encounter the Town hit five goals following the sending off of City goalkeeper Michael Ingham.

After tonight both sides have just seven games left to secure their place in the top five. This evening is the fourth time the sides have met this season and there would be no surprises if it didn't turn out to be the last.



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THE VISITORS

■ HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ MEET THE MANAGER

Gary Mills

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

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

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

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

IN OPPOSITION

CITY BOSS EYEING PLAY-OFF PLACE

It's been a mixed week for York boss Gary Mills.

The Minstermen fell to defeat against promotion rivals Southport last Saturday but recovered to take all three points at bottom-of-the-table Bath City on Tuesday night.

Those three points lifted City above the Hatters into fifth place in the Play-Off places going into tonight's game.

Just like the Town, Mills' side have destiny of qualifying for the Play-Offs in their own hands.

"My lads never give up. We've won so many points late on and, at two goals down on Saturday, we nearly did it again and should have done it again," Mills said after the defeat to Southport.

"It's disappointing that we didn't but it's not the end of the world and it won't stop us getting in the Play-Offs. The situation is still in our hands if we win our games in hand.

"We are gutted and the result will have given Southport a lift but we've got to take it on the chin.

"I'm disappointed to lose a big game but, having said that, I thought we were the better side. I couldn't see them scoring but they did and then the second goal looked a bit sloppy to be honest.

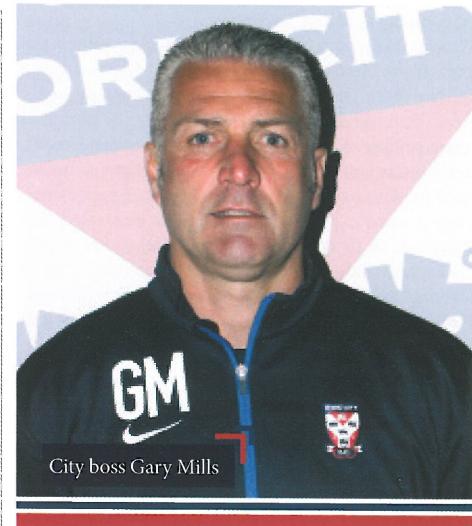
"Southport are Southport. They do what they do well and deserve credit for that.

"It's not down to luck that they are where they are in the table. You have to break them down and, when we did, we didn't take our chances."

A solitary strike from Patrick McLaughlin gave the Minstermen the points at Twerton Park.

"We have nudged back into the top five and that's where we want to finish," Mills said after the 1-0 win against Bath.

"Mathematically, it's still in our hands to finish third and we want to do that as well but I will take whatever comes along, whether that be third, fourth or fifth place."



City boss Gary Mills

"It shows how capable and hungry we are. It's important not to lose against those teams in and around the top five and we want that record to continue until the end of the season."

Mills also praised McLaughlin on his winner.

"Paddy got in areas that he did regularly for us earlier in the season and scored a great goal which he did regularly for us earlier in the season as well," said Mills.

"He needed that and I needed to see that from him too because we've missed it. It's a big season for Paddy and a big ask from him."

"He's still learning to win football matches and it's been a long time since he scored so that strike will do him the world of good. He's come out of the side a couple of times recently but, when I do that, I always explain why. Sometimes you need to rest the body and come back firing on all cylinders."



IN TOWN

■ GOALKEEPER

Michael Ingham

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

■ DEFENDERS

Lanre Oyebanjo

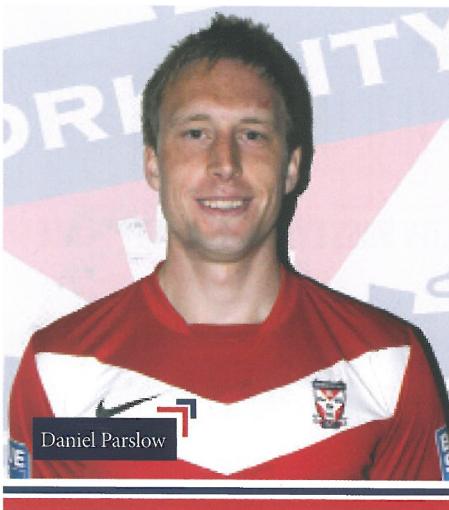
A summer signing from Histon with whom he spent the last three seasons. He had previously been on the books of Brentford. The son of an Nigerian father and Irish mother he has represented the Republic of Ireland at Under-19 and Under-21 level.

David McGurk

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

Daniel Parslow

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



Chris Smith

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

James Meredith

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

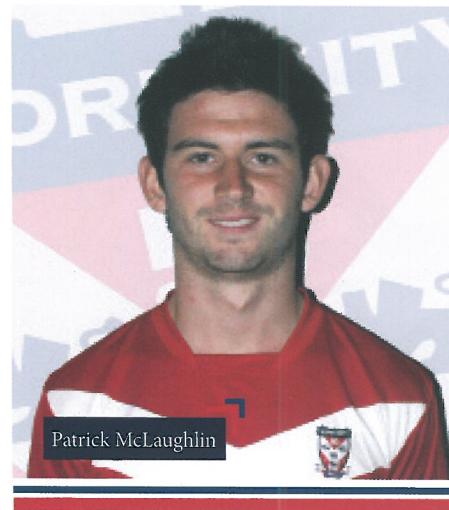
■ MIDFIELDERS

Jamal Fyfield

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

Jon Challinor

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



Scott Kerr

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

Patrick McLaughlin

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

Michael Potts

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

Matty Blair

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

■ STRIKERS

Liam Henderson

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

Jamie Reed

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

Jason Walker

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





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CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1954/55

York City took eventual winners Newcastle United to an FA Cup semi-final replay in 1954/55. Arthur Bottom grabbed a hat-trick as City began with a 6-2 win at Wrexham but Jimmy McCormick resigned as manager in September. Tom Lockie and Billy Sherrington took charge, with a 10-match unbeaten run including five-goal wins over Carlisle and Chester. In the FA Cup, York beat Scarborough 3-2, Dorchester 5-2, Blackpool 2-0, Bishop Auckland 3-1, Spurs 3-1 and Notts County 1-0 before drawing 1-1 with Newcastle in the semi-finals. They lost the replay 2-0 but finished fourth in the Third Division (North).

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Denis Smith

Denis Smith managed York City's 1983/84 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional for Stoke City in 1966, the central defender starred as they won the League Cup in 1972 and were twice FA Cup semi-finalists. He became York's player-boss in 1982, guiding them to the FA Cup fifth round in consecutive years. Appointed Sunderland's manager in 1987, he led them to the Third Division title in 1987/88 and Second Division Play-Off final in 1989/90. He has since had spells in charge of Bristol City, Oxford United, West Brom and Wrexham.

FAB FOUR

Dean Kiely

Goalkeeper Dean Kiely has gained 11 Republic of Ireland caps since leaving York City. Unable to secure a first-team slot at Coventry City, he moved to Bootham Crescent in 1990 and starred in York's 1992/93 Third Division Play-Off final triumph. He was ever-present as York qualified for the Second Division Play-Offs in 1993/94 and made 210 League appearances prior to joining Bury in 1996. Helping to win the Second Division title in 1996/97, he joined Charlton Athletic for £1,000,000 in 1999 and has also played for Portsmouth and West Brom and has a short spell on loan here at Kenilworth Road in 2006/07.

Ted MacDougall

Goalscoring favourite Ted MacDougall was capped seven times by Scotland after leaving York City. Previously a Liverpool reserve, he joined York in 1967 and was leading marksman in two consecutive seasons. He netted 34 goals in 84 League games before moving to Bournemouth in 1969 and starred in their 1970/71 promotion success. Sold to Manchester United for £220,000 in 1972, he then played for West Ham, Norwich City and Southampton where he partnered Phil Boyer for the fourth time. He later had spells with Bournemouth again and Blackpool and has since coached in the United States.

John Byrne

Skilful striker John Byrne was ever-present and leading marksman in York City's record-breaking 1983/84 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional at Bootham Crescent in 1979, he netted 55 goals in 175 League outings for York prior to joining QPR for £100,000 in 1984. The Republic of Ireland international was an important figure as they were Milk Cup finalists in 1985/86, then moved via Le Havre to Brighton in 1990. Joining Sunderland in October 1991, he was an FA Cup finalist that season and later played for Millwall, Oxford United, Brighton again, Crawley Town and Shoreham.

Jonathan Greening

Winger Jonathan Greening has gained 18 England Under-21 caps since leaving York City. A former trainee at Bootham Crescent, he turned professional in 1996, scoring twice in 25 Second Division games for York before being sold to Manchester United for a club record £1,000,000 in 1998. He was a member of their 1998/99 treble-winning squad and gained a European Cup winners' medal before joining Middlesbrough for £2,000,000 in 2001. Ever-present in 2002/03, he joined West Brom for £2,500,000 in 2004, moving to Fulham in 2009. He reunited with Steve McClaren at Nottingham Forest in 2011.



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MASCOTS

Tonight we have the pleasure of welcoming not one but seven mascots to this evening's games.

First up are three brothers: Edward, Jack and Oliver Blair from Redbourn. Jack's favourite player is Janos Kovays, Edward's is Mark Tyler and John Paul Kissock is Oliver's favourite.

Next up is Grace Stewart from Luton. She comes to matches at Kenilworth Road with her dad and her favourite player is also Mark Tyler.

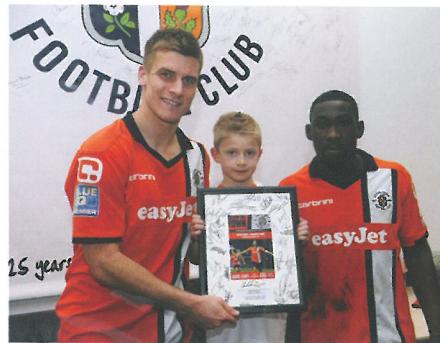
Thirteen-year-old Ben Weeedon, from Luton, is our fifth mascot. He attends Barnfield West Academy and his favourite player is John Paul Kissock.

Danielle Folland from Houghton Regis is our sixth mascot. She comes to every home match with her dad and nan and her favourite player is Jake Howells.

Last, and by no means least, we have Molly Allsop from Caddington. Molly attends Manshead Upper School and her favourite player is Greg Taylor.

We hope all of you have a night to remember at Kenilworth Road!

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LOOK BACK



FOREST GREEN 1-1 TOWN APOLOGIES ALL-ROUND



The Town's fell to a disappointing defeat at Forest Green – their joint-worst in their time in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Stuart Fleetwood spurned a great chance to put the Hatters ahead inside the first 15 minutes against his old club but saw his effort stopped by Sam Russell.

That was the catalyst for Rovers to get on top and Yan Klukowski put the hosts ahead 10 minutes before half-time.

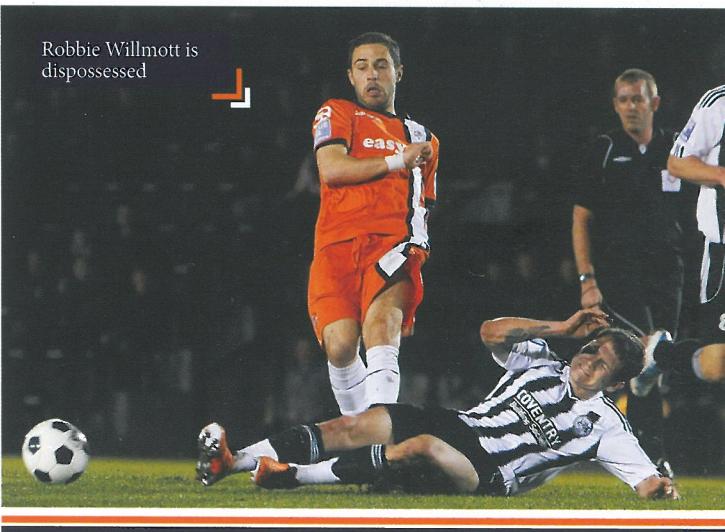
The Town pushed for an equaliser early in the second half before two goals in the second half from striker Matty Taylor sealed victory for Dave Hockaday's side.

Boss Gary Brabin spoke of his huge disappointment which left the Hatters without an away win in the Blue Square Bet Premier since New Year's Day. "First of all I'd like to apologise to the fans because I'm sure, like me, they feel embarrassed and let down," Brabin told Hatters Player. Sometimes as a manager you come off the pitch thinking that at least the players dug in but they certainly didn't do that.

"I honestly don't know how that's happened. I feel devastated and really let down. I didn't think we had a performance like that in us."

The result once again highlighted the Town's struggle to find the back of the net and the boss was frustrated with their profligacy in front of goal. "We're going

Robbie Willmott is dispossessed



through a mini-slump of late where we don't look like scoring goals," Brabin said. "There is the effort there but it seems we're having to work harder for our goals.

"We had a great opportunity after 15 minutes when Stuart's gone through but the disappointing thing is after that miss our heads went down. From that moment is was as though that knocked the stuffing out of us, and we never picked ourselves up from that.

"Scoring goals has been a problem since the start of the season. We just don't take our chances. It's not through a lack of trying. At the minute though we don't look confident in the final third.

"We have pressed the self-destruct button and have made it hard for ourselves but we still believe as a group that tonight wasn't good enough and that we can do better and finish the season with success."



FOREST GREEN

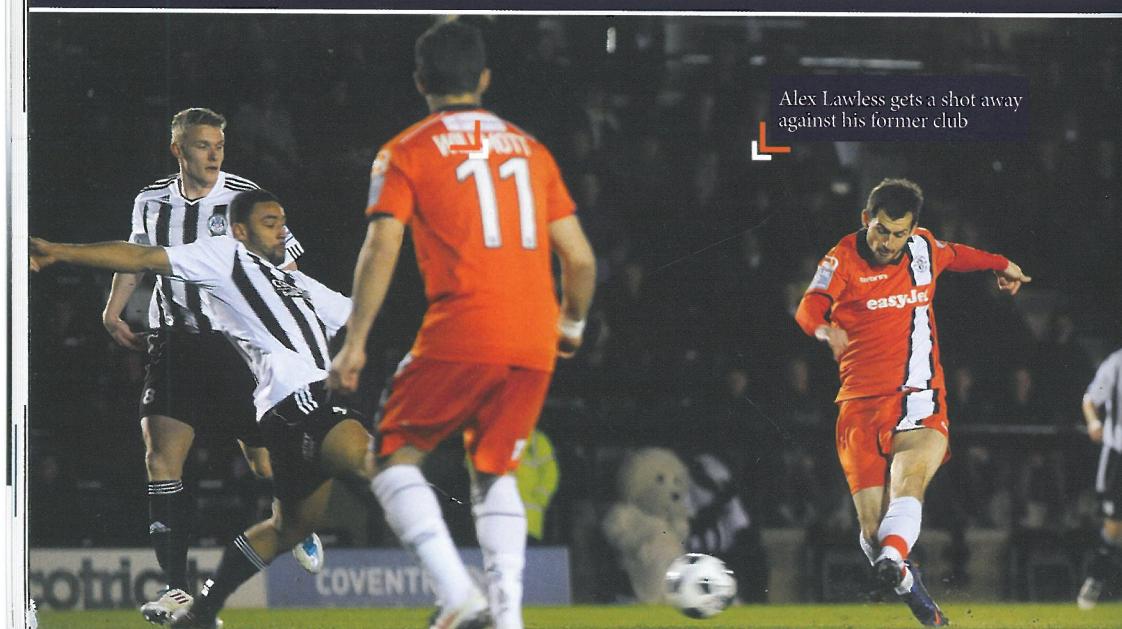
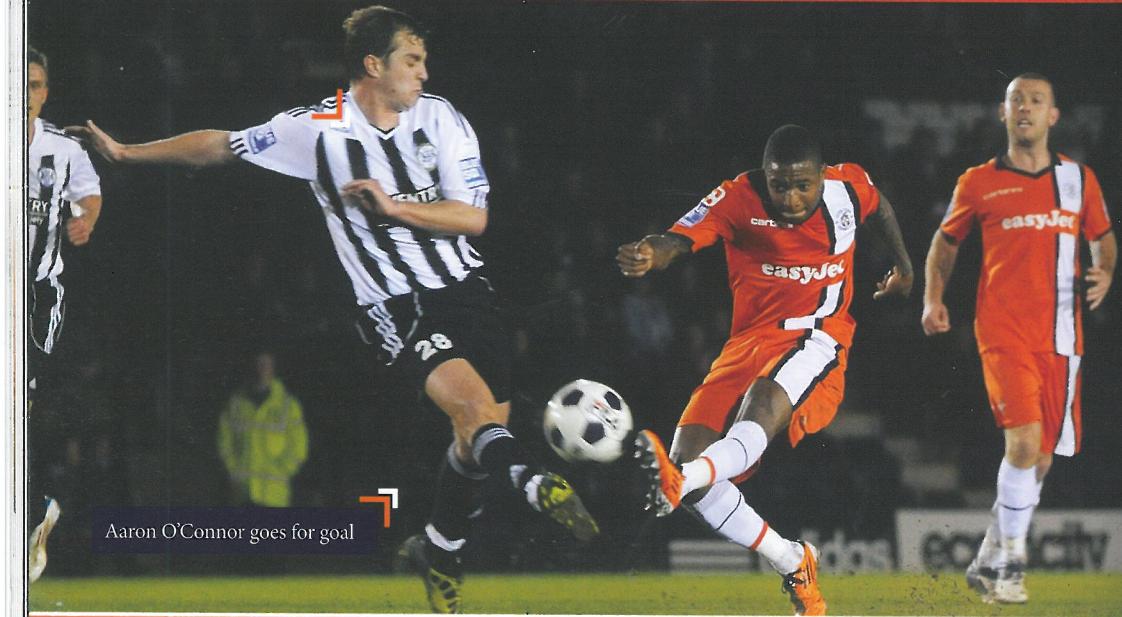
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Klukowski 35, Taylor 74, 90



TOWN

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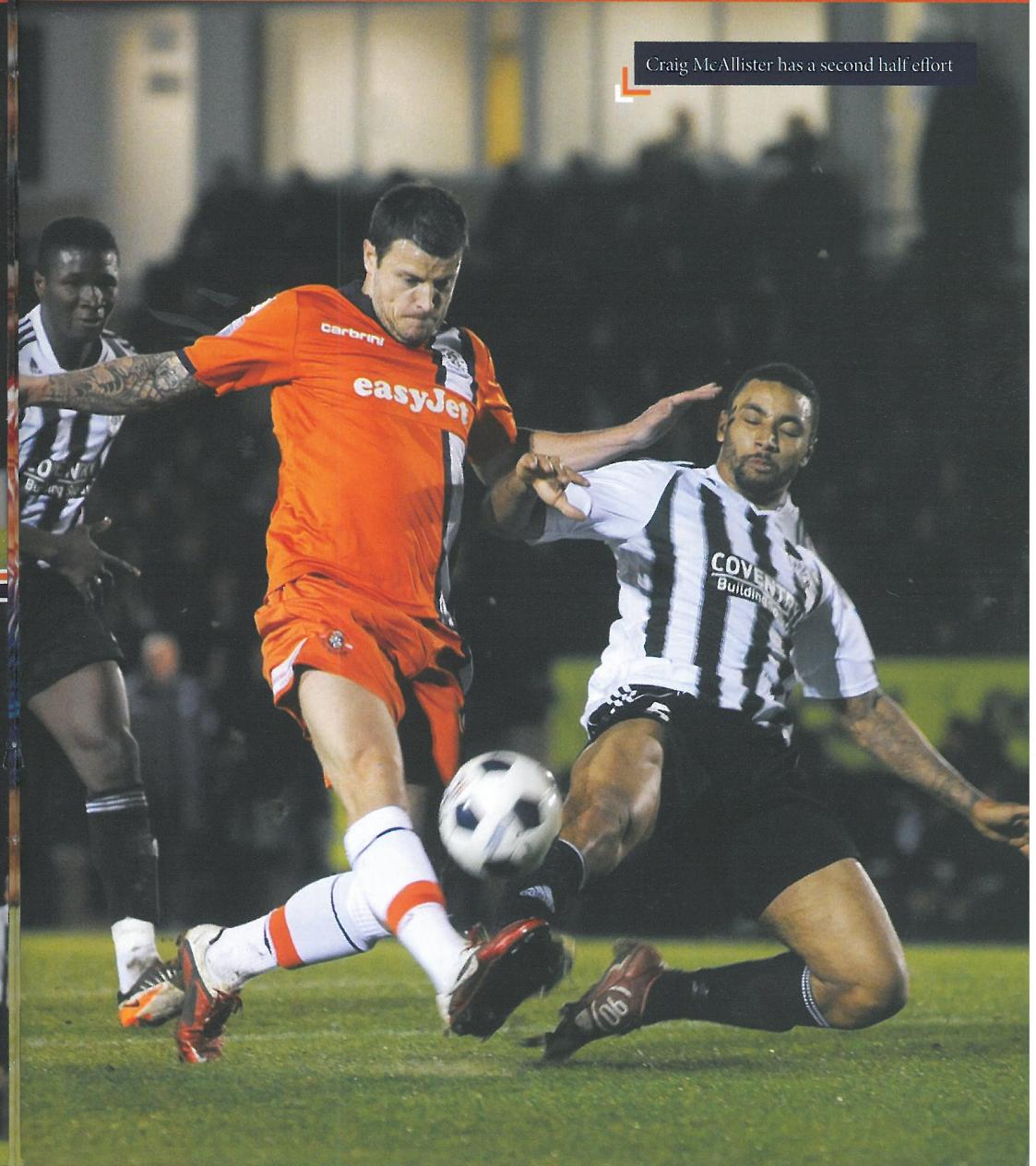
TOWN: Tyler, Howells, Pilkington, Kovacs, Osano, Lawless (sub Henry 70), Keane, Watkins (sub Boucaud 46), O'Connor (sub McAllister 61), Willmott, Fleetwood. Subs not used: Poku, Crow.

ATTENDANCE: 975

POSSESSION

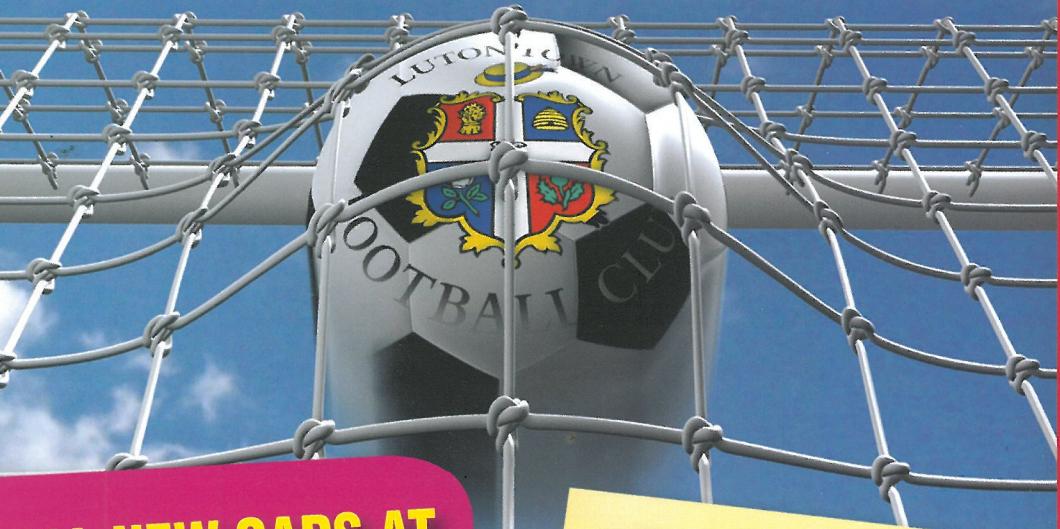
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LOOK BACK

**TOWN 1-1 GRIMSBY
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A debut goal from striker Andre Gray wasn't enough as a goal three minutes from time denied the Town all three points against Grimsby.

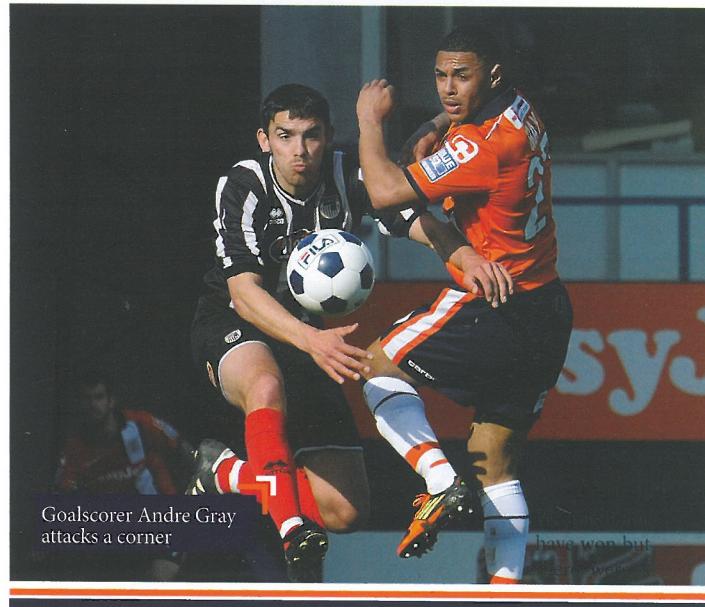
The Hatters' new signing fired home with a fine effort on the hour to break the deadlock and that point there looked to be only one winner. But the Mariners, themselves chasing a Play-Off spot, netted a late point when Kiernan Hughes-Mason equalised when firing past Mark Tyler.

It was harsh on the Town who had bossed the game for long spells but a series of saves from Grimsby goalkeeper James McKeown kept them at bay but the point wasn't enough and saw them drop to fifth in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

And Gary Brabin was understandably frustrated after he saw his side held to a point by their promotion rivals. While victory would have brought closure on the disastrous defeat at Forest Green, Brabin was not too down-hearted despite dropping two points.

"I wanted a reaction and got a reaction," the boss told Hatters Player afterwards. "Forest Green was disappointing but I've just seen they've gone and won at Wrexham. I thought we dominated and when it was 1-0 it looked like there was only one team in it. Grimsby hadn't threatened us throughout the game but we've fallen for the sucker punch at the end again.

"We're still upbeat though, and I urge everyone to stay with us and follow us for the next eight games.



Goalscorer Andre Gray
attacks a corner

lot of pluses, including Andre who took his goal really well. He has shown signs he'll get better and better.

"Yes, we know it's not going well, but I can assure everyone behind the scenes is working hard to achieve our goal. I've got every faith we'll get into the Play-Offs and win promotion. We don't want any unrest because, to press the self-destruct button at this stage of the season, would be foolish.

"It would have been ideal to have won, but we've gained a point on York and Mansfield. It's not all doom and gloom.

"We've got eight games left to find a little bit of lady luck and finish the season strongly."



TOWN

Gray 60



GRIMSBY

Hughes-Mason 87

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TOWN: Tyler, Osano, Kovacs, Pilkington, Howells (sub Fleetwood 90), Willmott (sub Blackett 80), Lawless, Poku, Keane, Crow, Gray. Subs not used: Boucaud, Watkins, McAllister.

YORK: McKeown, Silk, Coulson, Disley, Duffy (sub Elding 62), Pearson, Wood (sub Hughes-Mason 72), Townsend, Miller, Wright, Winn (sub Soares 63). Subs not used: Thanoj, I'Anson.

ATTENDANCE: 6,419

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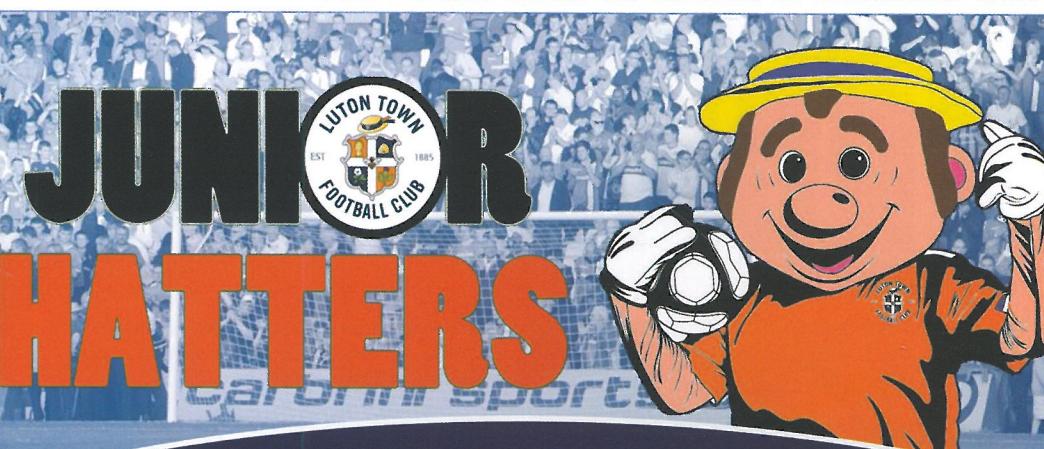
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LEARNING FROM

LIL FUCCILLO



Last week the Hatters announced the arrival of Lil Fuccillo as Technical Director. The 55-year-old made 160 appearances for the Town, scoring 24 goals between 1974 and 1983.

Lil made his Hatters debut against tonight's opponents York City (more of which you can read about on page 42), and he's now back at Kenilworth Road for the third time, having also worked at the Club as scout and caretaker manager.

Talk of the Town caught up with the man tasked with by the board to advise on football matters and help revitalise the 'Luton Way'.

TOT: How does it feel to be back?

LF: Absolutely fantastic. The role I've been given by Gary Sweet and the board is very appreciative. There's

a lot of work to be done on and off the pitch but the one thing we need to do now is support everyone associated with this football club.

TOT: How long has the appointment been in the pipeline?

LF: For about two months. I'd watched a game and caught up with Gary Sweet and after having a chat about what both of us wanted from each other we discussed how we could take the club forward and use my 40 years of football knowledge to good effect. Luton is the biggest part of my life and I want to help Gary Brabin and the team back to the Football League.

TOT: What have you been tasked to do?

LF: The biggest, most important part of football is recruitment. Big clubs have an army of scouts and they will always tend to pick up the best players. We're at a different level and we need players who are right for Luton Town, enjoy playing for Luton Town and know what's expected of them.

Luton's still a big pull. There were the glory days of winning the Littlewoods Cup and championships and playing in the top flight but now we're in the Conference we need to realise that we are where we are. We've got to stop shouting and bickering because that's when outsiders start laughing at us and use that against us.

TOT: What's your message to the fans?

LF: You've got to say well done to the supporters because they've remained loyal and pay good money. I know everyone wants us to play attractive football but you've got to earn the right to be in the Football League. We've gone close in the last two seasons, losing in the Play-Off final last year, and from that I'm sure we can learn a lot and put that into practise in the last month of the season. The fans need to be an extra player on the pitch for the players. The crowd can act as a 12th man like the Kop did for Liverpool.

TOT: What are your best memories as a player?

LF: I came through as a 14-year-old, training Tuesday and Thursday nights for a couple of hours a night which was fantastic. We all wanted to be professionals and I was there at a time when Harry Haslam's team of Jimmy Ryan and Peter Anderson was promoted to the First Division. I made my debut against York, scoring and making the second for Ron Futcher. I was ecstatic and was smiling from ear to ear for 48 hours. Those days were fantastic. We were playing great football and under David Pleat there was a tremendous togetherness. I enjoyed my 10 years at the club immensely. It was a good time but we can't keep harping on about our the glory days it's today that matters.

TOT: What was life after football like?

LF: I always wanted to be a coach and after I'd played professional football and after I'd had two years in non-league as a player with Kettering and Wivenhoe I had a call from Peterborough to be assistant manager and coach under Chris Turner. We had success really quickly, winning Division Four and then going up again the following season via the Play-Offs. In 2000 I was brought to Luton as Chief Scout while Ricky Hill was here and then I was caretaker manager before I reverted back to the scouting role which I enjoyed a lot. Then I went to Everton where I learned my trade, before going to Leicester and then Newcastle – which was an eye opener – they had four different managers during the time I was there – and then Swansea and then Aston Villa last year until the new manager came in and brought in his own staff.

TOT: How will you help Luton Town again?

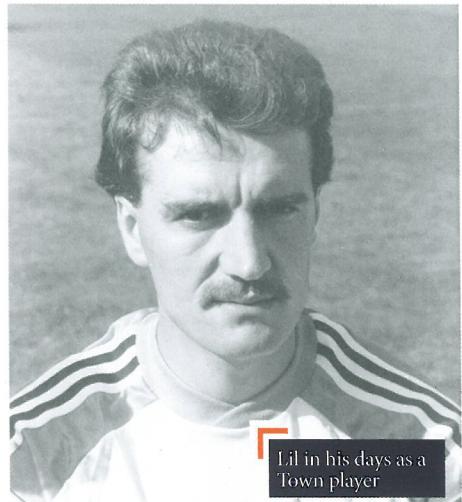
LF: I will work hard with the Board to help them achieve what we all want: promotion back to the Football League. We've got still got a good chance to doing that this season and once the summer comes and we know what division we're in we can sit down

and address what we need. I think as far as the playing side is concerned it's quality not quantity.

TOT: Playing the Luton Way isn't as easy in the Blue Square Bet Premier, is it?

LF: You've always got to be aware of where you are and what you want to achieve. Swansea won't change their philosophy, they'd rather change their manager. The way Luton played in the past was great and I'd love us to play like that again. Sometimes the division you are in dictates the way you play. Possession is nine tenths of the law but what we need is to get a team that the manager, the board, myself and the supporters can be proud of and can clap off the pitch at the end of matches. We will try and play football but if we need to go long we will if we need to.

When you look at teams and players it's not always about the Rooneys and Gerrards, it's the jigsaw that gives you everything you need: players who are mentally and physically able to do their jobs.



Lil in his days as a Town player

CENTRE SPOT



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Andre Gray hooks home to score on his debut against Grimsby last Saturday

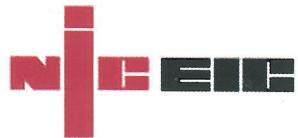
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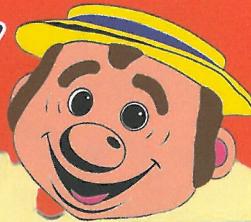


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SIMON PITTS LOOKS BACK ON GAMES PLAYED AT HOME ON THIS DAY

16

The number of home games previously played on this date. The Town have won 10, drawn twice and lost on four occasions. The Hatters have netted 36 times and conceded 20.

5

The Hatters won their opening five fixtures on this date, starting in 1901 with a 2-0 victory over Millwall, courtesy of goals from William "Roland" Brown and Arthur "Jimmy" Durrant. Two 3-1 victories followed, in 1907 and 1912 against Portsmouth and Bristol Rovers respectively. All three of these matches were Southern League fixtures.

8

The most number of goals in one fixture on this date came in 1929 when Swindon Town were the visitors in a Division Three (South) fixture. Jimmy Yardley and Andy Rennie both netted twice with Arthur Roe also scoring as Luton recorded a 5-3 win.

4

Jack Ball became the fourth player to have netted a brace on this day after he scored twice against Clapton Orient in 1935. George Stephenson also scored in a 3-0 victory.

1

The first match played in the top flight came in 1956, when the Town and Chelsea shared the points after a 2-2 draw. The highest attendance on this day, 24,276, saw Roy Davies and Tony Gregory score for the Hatters. A year later and Chelsea were the visitors again, but still time the Blues won 4-0.

29

The number of years between victories as, after the win in 1935, it wasn't until 1964 that the Hatters won again. It was a 2-0 victory over Notts County in the Third Division, with John O'Rourke netting both goals. A further victory was recorded four years later in the Fourth Division when Aldershot were beaten 3-1 courtesy of goals from Bruce Riach, with two, and Mick Brown, who scored his second, and last goal for the Club.

12

David Moss scored the only recorded penalty on this day in a 2-0 win over Orient in 1982. Ricky Hill netted the other goal.

3

It was three points apiece when the Town played host to Ipswich in consecutive matches on this date in 1985 and 1996. Mick Harford scored twice, the eighth player to have achieved this feat, and Emeka Nwajobi also netted as the Hatters won the first encounter 3-1. Eleven years later and Ipswich took an early lead through Simon Milton, before Kim Grant, on his debut, levelled the scores soon after the break. Within minutes though the visitors lead was restored, with Milton netting his second of the game to make the final score 2-1 to the visitors.

2

The most recent match came two years ago when Salisbury City were the visitors in a game the Hatters won 4-0. Claude Gnakpa opened the scoring and Tom Craddock made it 2-0 just before the break. Jake Howells netted a third after the interval before Simon Heslop ended the scoring with his first, and only, goal for the Club during a loan spell from Barnsley.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Lil Fuccillo scores the Town's third goal during the 3-2 win at York in February 1976



As Lil Fuccillo has returned to the fold, York are our opponents this evening and Lil made his full League debut for the Hatters against the Minstermen in 1976 it seems appropriate to feature that particular game.

A flu bug had swept through Kenilworth Road during the week leading up to the Division Two (now the Championship) game at York in February 1976

which meant that the squad was decimated with several players unable to travel to Bootham Crescent. One man's misfortune is another man's opportunity which meant full League debuts for teenagers Paul Price and Fuccillo who replaced John Faulkner and Jim Husband respectively.

The Town were handily placed in seventh spot, four points behind the promotion places, while York, in their second season in Division Two, had not won since Boxing Day and were heading for relegation.

A crowd of only 3,132 turned up to see the Hatters quickly move into a two-goal lead through Brian Chambers and Ron Futcher before York pulled a goal back from the spot. A goalbound shot hit Luton defender John Ryan on the shoulder but the referee deemed it deliberate handball leaving Ian Holmes to net from the resulting penalty.

However, the Town's two-goal cushion was restored seven minutes after the interval when Fuccillo

robbed Holmes in midfield before running through a retreating defence to slot home a picture goal.

Although York scored again through Brian Pollard with 15 minutes to go, to give the scoreline an unrealistic look, the Town managed to hang on much to the delight of manager Harry Haslam who now had a player selection nightmare looming. As it turned out both Price and Fuccillo soon cemented regular places in the Hatters side.

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Ian Hillier is chased by his team-mates after netting the winner at York with a tremendous strike in September 2001

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Ian Hillier, on loan from Tottenham, should not really have been on the pitch but had come on as substitute for the disgraced Steve Howard who had been hooked off by an angry Luton manager Joe Kinnear.

Striker Howard had demanded to take a penalty awarded during a feisty contest, despite orders from the Luton bench, but had seen his spot-kick saved.

The kick was ordered to be re-taken and this time Howard squared up to his team-mates in his fight to get the ball but then proceeded to see his shot saved once more. Defender Hillier was therefore thrown on to the pitch as a makeshift attacker, but you would not have thought he was playing completely out of position when he rifled home a 20-yard shot into the top corner of York goalkeeper Alan Fettis' goal to secure all three points in a 2-1 win.



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Profile:

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

LEAGUE LOOK

MARK YOUNG ROUNDS-UP THE LAST WEEK IN THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

This week has been another fantastic one for the top-of-the-table Fleetwood Town.

The Cod Army sit top of the Blue Square Bet Premier after their 2-0 win against Mansfield. Shaun Beeley and Jamie Vardy netted the two second half goals on the same day that Wrexham lost ground by losing at home to Forest Green. Wrexham were a goal up but Matty Taylor and a late James Norwood goal settled things.

The Red Dragons did bounce back on Tuesday night as they won at Darlington 4-2. They are five points adrift of Fleetwood at the moment but do have one game in hand.

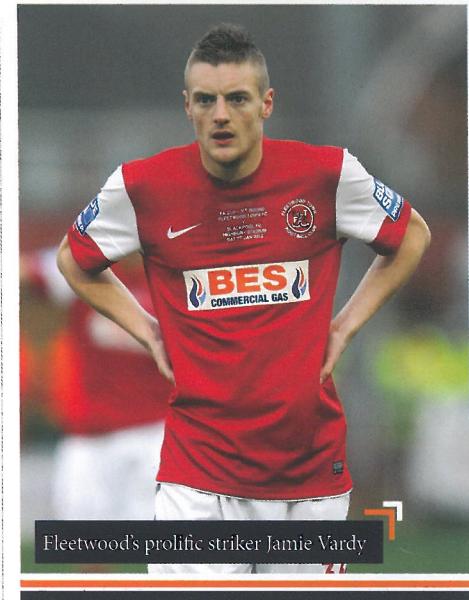
Next Tuesday Fleetwood host Wrexham in a game that could potentially decide which one of these two teams finish the season as champions.

Tonight's visitors York are in fifth place, ahead of the Hatters on goal difference. They lost ground on Saturday as they lost 2-1 at home to Southport but clawed their way back into the Play-Off places with a 1-0 victory against relegation threatened Bath City on Tuesday night.

Kidderminster are closing in on a Play-Off spot after a 3-1 victory at home to Darlington on Saturday.

One team who are in good form and look set to stay out of the relegation dogfight are Alfreton Town. With two 2-1 victories under their belt over the last week they are now sitting pretty in mid-table, 10 points above the dropzone. The two wins came at the expense of Cambridge at home on Saturday and an away win at Ebbsfleet on Tuesday.

Ebbsfleet, who visit Kenilworth Road on 17th April, will be disappointed with the defeat to Alfreton but they did pick up all three points against Kettering at the weekend thanks to a first half goal from Ricky Shakes.



Fleetwood's prolific striker Jamie Vardy

AFC Telford are not quite out of the relegation fight yet but they did manage to acquire an impressive four points from their last two games. They drew 0-0 at Hayes and Yeading on Saturday and followed that up with an impressive 2-0 win at home to Forest Green, who had beaten the Town and Wrexham in their previous two games.

Lincoln City recorded two victories on the bounce and are now out of the relegation places and it's Hayes and Yeading who are now in the bottom four as they lost at home to Imps 2-1 on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, Braintree Town scored four goals, conceded none and won four points this week. A fine 4-0 victory at Barrow was followed by a 0-0 draw at home to promotion chasers Southport on Tuesday.



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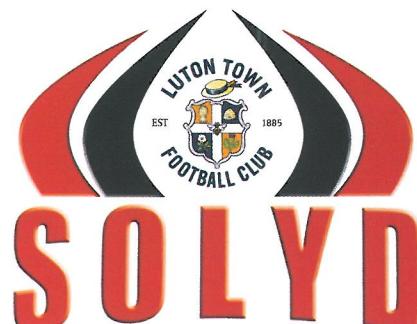
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Home games to be played at Kenilworth Road

The Town's reserves jumped to the top of the totesport.com Combination with a comfortable win over Oxford United at Kenilworth Road.

After a low-key first half-an-hour the Hatters, fielding several senior players with experience this season in the Blue Square Bet Premier, took control against a youthful U's side.

Dan Walker, partnering Aaron O'Connor in attack was fouled in the box by Lewis Alderman and O'Connor fired home the resultant penalty to put the Hatters ahead.

Seconds later O'Connor, who had earlier hit the post, almost grabbed a second when he saw a fierce drive palmed away by Max Crocombe in the U's goal. However, from the resultant corner swung in by Andre Boucaud, Dean Beckwith was on hand to divert the ball over the line to make it 2-0 on 31 minutes.

Two became three for the Town on 34 minutes when Walker bagged his first goal of the afternoon. Initially closing down a pass out of defence by an Oxford defender, the striker finished well past Crocombe after taking O'Connor's square ball.

By the now the Hatters sensed blood and, on 38 minutes, they scored their fourth goal in seven minutes when O'Connor expertly curled a fine looping effort into the top corner from just inside the box for his second on a beautiful March afternoon.



YOUNG HATTERS

Oxford were thankful to hear the half-time whistle but 30 seconds into the second half the Town made it 5-0 when Boucaud slipped Walker in one-on-one with Crocombe to slide the ball confidently home for his second.

Walker came close to grabbing his hat-trick on 54 minutes when his snapshot from 20 yards was beaten away by Crocombe.

But Oxford rallied and reduced the deficit to four on 55 minutes when striker Tyrone Marsh beat Lewis Kidd at his near post.

John Paul Kissock spurned a great chance to make it six just after the hour after a lovely flowing move involving Charlie Henry and O'Connor before Oxford got another one back 20 minutes from time when Nathaniel Redwood forced the ball home from a yard out.

Having had their lead reduced further the Town went in search of more goals in the closing stages. Substitute Alasan Ann fired over with nine minutes left before O'Connor fired straight at Crocombe when meeting Henry's corner at the near post.

Kidd made a routine stop to prevent Callum O'Dowda making it 5-3 with two minutes left but that was the final action as the Town ran out easy winners.

Town assistant boss Alan Neilson told lutontown.co.uk afterwards: "We knew that Oxford were fielding a young side so the key thing was that we needed to be professional and keep things simple.

"We scored some good goals and it was vital that a number of the players got 90 minutes under their belts, especially Dan Walker who has missed a lot of football over the past few months."

Town: Kidd, Burtenshaw, Jibodu (sub Longden 81), Beckwith (sub Stephens 46), Blackett, Henry, Watkins, Walker, Boucaud, O'Connor, Kissock (sub Ann 61). Sub not used: Nash.

Oxford: Crocombe, Nelson-Addy, Lynn, Morris, Alderman, Ekpiteta, Koroma (sub Smith 65), Udumag, Marsh, Redwood (sub Allen 80), Hilaire (sub O'Dowda 37).

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TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
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3 Southend United	6	3	0	3	1	9
4 Oxford United	6	1	2	3	-5	5
5 Stevenage	6	1	2	3	-10	5

The Hatters youngsters made the trip to Romford to play Dagenham & Redbridge and returned with a point following a late Jemalé McKenzie-Lowe header.

Paul Driver continued with the selection of a younger team as the preparation towards next season continued with a total of nine Under-16s and an Under-15 player used in the game on the day.

On a warm day, the game took an early twist with the dismissal of the Dagenham right-back in the first quarter-of-an-hour for comments made to the assistant referee and this was quickly followed by the opening goal for the hosts when a quickly taken central free-kick from 25 yards came down from the underside of the bar and into the net before the wall could be set.

The Hatters had long spells of possession as they tried to make the one man advantage pay and Dagenham happy to sit deep and protect their lead. Brett Longden, on return from a lengthy suspension, caused Dagenham the most problems with bursts into the box and looked to have earned a penalty when he was fouled in the box but the appeals were turned away.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first with plenty of Hatters possession but no cutting edge meant the hosts retained their lead.

Driver introduced Charlie Smith and Arel Amu to the fray and the Hatters had a great chance to equalise when Jerry Nash was upended in the box and a penalty was given. Jerome Jibodu's shot to the keeper's left was well saved and the chance had gone. This spurred Dagenham on and they created a couple of good chances themselves with Ben Barnes producing an excellent save low down to deny them.

Dagenham themselves were then awarded a penalty for a foul by Ian Rees but a fairly straightforward save

by Barnes kept the lead at a single goal. Zane Banton replaced Rees as a formation change saw Alasan Ann join McKenzie-Lowe centrally in attack.

A sharp save by the hosts' keeper from a McKenzie-Lowe effort kept his side in front but he was unable to stop the equaliser which came from a deep Jibodu corner which was met by the big striker who headed the ball firmly into the net.

McKenzie-Lowe then thought he had won the game as a neat finish saw the ball in the net but he was correctly adjudged to be offside.

Despite more pressure in the five minutes of injury time which saw a number of corners and throws delivered into the Dagenham box, the Hatters couldn't conjure up the winner and the game finished all square.

Driver said afterwards: "Hopefully this will be a good learning experience for the young lads out there. We were naive with their goal - someone should stand on the ball until the ref says the kick can be taken on his whistle, but we didn't do that and they scored."

"Then when you are a man up, you need to be good in possession and to let the ball do the work and we took some time to do that effectively. All too often, our passing wasn't effective enough until the last 25 minutes when I thought Arel Amu, Zane Banton and, especially, Charlie Smith all had a positive effect when they came on."

"We certainly deserved at least a point and a win wouldn't have been an unfair result but their goalkeeper has made two great saves from Jemalé in the later stages so credit to him."

Team: Barnes, Longden, Jibodu, Nash, Ferguson, Chabata, Cole (sub Amu 60), Rees (sub Banton 69), McKenzie-Lowe, Maguraushe (sub Smith 60), Ann. Subs not used: Burtenshaw, Stanley.

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BUSY EASTER TO FOLLOW FOR YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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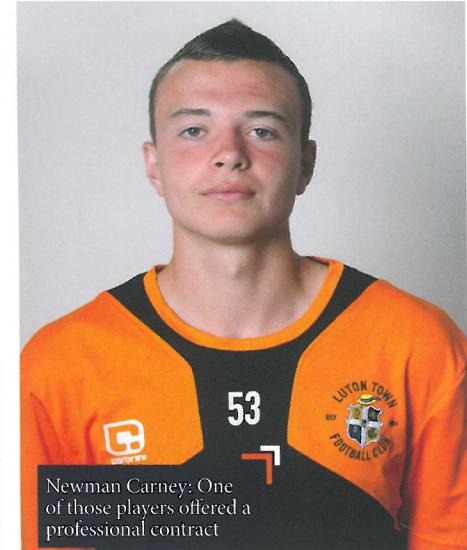
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Following these games we meet as a group of staff to discuss the decisions on player retention for next season. These decisions are always very hard to make, but we must make them as objectively and honestly as possible.

The remainder of the week sees half of our Centre of Excellence players taking part in games away against



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Aldershot Town, whilst the remainder travel to Norwich City.

Once these games have finished it allows us again to use the information gathered from the whole Easter programme to sit down and make decisions concerning the players at this level. We then have the small task of writing and analysing 300 detailed reports in time for the players end of season appraisals in May.

Easter finishes with the Academy teams playing games against Cambridge United, who continue to prove that there are plenty of quality young footballers associated to clubs outside of the Football League.

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 Wed to Fri 11th to 13th April

FLITWICK / AMPHILL

Venue: Flitwick Leisure Centre, Steppingley Road
 Dates: Mon to Wed 2nd to 4th April
 Tues & Wed 10th & 11th April

TODDINGTON

Venue: Toddington Parish Playing Fields, Luton Road
 Dates: Mon & Tues 2nd & 3rd April

LINSLADE / LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Venue: Cedars Academy, Mentmore Road
 Dates: Mon to Wed 2nd to 4th April

LUTON

Venue: Barnfield College, New Bedford Road
 Dates: Tues & Wed 3rd & 4th April
 Wed to Fri 11th to 13th April
 Venue: Stopsley Playfootball net, St Thomas' Road
 Dates: Mon & Tues 2nd & 3rd April
 Tues to Thurs 10th to 12th April

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Venue: Digswell Football Pitches (Next door to sub police station)
 Dates: Wed & Thurs 4th & 5th April
 Wed & Thurs 11th & 12th April

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BOOKING PROCEDURE

Applications can be made on the form above or by telephone 01582 583618 or 07725172345, or via email at james.luton@live.co.uk.

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I authorise coaching staff to administer or approve medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree that Luton Town F.C. reserves the right to remove any disruptive children from the course and the Luton Town F.C. do not accept responsibility for loss or damage whether to person or property in connection with these courses.

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LUTON LADIES



The girls pose for a photograph before their 3-0 victory.

The Luton Town Ladies produced an excellent footballing performance under lights at Griffin Park Brentford to deny the hosts the result they wanted.

Luton dominated possession for long spells during a goalless first half with neither side really maintaining a sustained attack on goal. The closest the Town came to breaking the deadlock was when Michelle Byrne rolled the ball narrowly wide.

However, the second half was a very different story as the Hatters turned their superiority into goals.

On 55 minutes Jodie Whitford-Stark exchanged passes with Byrne which put her through on goal and she opened the scoring with a cool finish into the far corner of the net.

The tempo of the game really changed following the introduction of Shanice Jiminez midway through the half on the right wing. She burst down the wing before cutting the ball back from the bye line into the

path of Jade Doherty who just failed to convert with the goal at her mercy.

Still the Town pressed and after Jess Nash's shot went narrowly wide it was Jiminez who made the points safe.

A fine cross from Nicola Henman gave Jiminez a shooting opportunity which she appeared to have let run too far, but she made no mistake when firing a shot high into the roof of net from an acute angle.

Jiminez then capped a fine second half performance by completed the scoring for the Town.

With 10 minutes left she struck a dipping 25 yard strike to round off a comprehensive and deserved 3-0 win and with it seal a memorable night for the Town's girls.

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NLP VIEW

WITH MATT BADCOCK

We've had some Page 3 corkers in our time and no I'm not talking about a certain solar-based daily newspaper.

The NLP's is more about focussing on the lighter side of the game.

Last week York City's Matty Blair was the star of the show - or rather his 2ft purple statue of a dog was.

Blair's mischievous team-mates managed to steal the dog and it is now embarking on a tour of the country. Through its very own twitter account - @Blairys_dog - can be seen at tourist hotspots.

From outside Leeds United's Elland Road to an Edinburgh bar, it's the talk of the town.

Blair hopes to be reunited with his four-legged friend at the FA Trophy final in May.

It got us thinking about some other page 3 stories we've had over the course of this season.

Here are some of our favourites.

■ When the heavens opened and dumped a whole load of snow back in February most football fans resigned themselves to a weekend in front of the telly.

But Herne Bay first team coach Anthony Deer had big plans.

Getting down to the Kent League side's home he set about building enough snowmen for a game, including officials.

Dressed in full kits and lining up for the Respect handshake, Deer even had manager Simon Halsey in his shirt and tie.

Talk about an eventful day. Chris Morris made his Stafford Rangers debut back in January and, like any striker would want, got off to the perfect start with a goal.

Nothing unusual about that, but Morris couldn't stick around for long. He made a quick dash for the exit at half-time because girlfriend Claire was about to give birth.

Morris arrived at this hospital in full kit just in time to see baby Savannah born.

■ Talking of making a quick dash, Welling's Loick Pires earned himself a bizarre yellow card when he answered a call of nature.



Unable to wait for half-time when the Wings took on Woking, the highly-rated striker hopped over the spectators' barrier to relieve himself in the toilet.

When he returned 40 seconds later it was to the sight of a caution from the referee.

"It's definitely the strangest yellow I've ever received. I don't think I'll ever top that unless I go and streak or something!" Pires joked.

■ Blue Square's PR manager Alan Alger has been the subject of two stories this season - after two predictions backfired.

First he was in an ice bath at Hayes & Yeading on the opening day of the season after forecasting United would be relegated last year.

Manager Garry Haylock laid down the gauntlet that should they survive Alger would take an ice cold dip.

He might get a lot of his predictions spot on, but a few months later he was paying the penalty again.

Alger tipped Blue Square Bet Premier Wrexham to lose out to League One Brentford in this season's FA Cup second round.

Midfielder Lee Fowler took exception and challenged Alger to a forfeit should the Red Dragons win - dress up as mascot Wrex the Dragon in the third round.

Wrexham did win - beating the Bees 1-0 - and Alger kept to his side of the bargain by donning the costume for the 1-1 draw down at Brighton & Hove Albion.

"Being a bookmaker you've always got to keep your side of the bet," said Alger. There's still a few more weeks of the season left and plenty more light-hearted stories for us to cover.

From sponsored beard growing or weight loss, toilet block makeovers, to crossbars too big for the goal in Sunday League there's sure to be plenty more laughs

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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.



LUTON TOWN v KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

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

This game is pay on the night for Town supporters.

Seating only. Prices: £14 adults, £9 over-60s and students, £2 under-16s £2



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. We have received an allocation of 166 seats and 2,000 terrace spaces in the Quag End of the ground. Tickets are on sale now to season ticket holders who will be allowed two per Season Ticket until close of business on Monday 2nd April. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Tuesday 3rd April and remain available until 3pm on Friday 6th April

Prices: Seating tickets are available at £16.00 with no concessions available.

Terrace tickets are priced as follows: Adults £15, Over 65 £10, Under 16s £5.



ALFRETON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM



This match is pay on the day for Town supporters.

We have been given an allocation of over 2,500 terrace places and a very small number of seats which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Prices: £13 adults, £7 concessions.

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



DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	
■ August									
Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkinson, Asafu-Adjaye, Bekwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Homer*	
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Danz, O'Connor**	
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith/O'Connor*, Crow	
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance**, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow**, Smith 2	
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance*, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1***, Smith 1	
■ September									
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County	TV	1-1	3,389	321	6	
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	16	Tyler, Osano, 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 2, Crow *, Fleetwood**	
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2	Tyler, Dance, Bekwith , Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**, Hand 1, Crow *	
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1	Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock **, Fleetwood, Crow ***	
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock *, Willmott, Fleetwood**	
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. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith	
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbesfleet United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkinson, 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. Pilkinson, 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. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Wheeler , Fleetwood/O'Connor**	
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	TV	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood 3***, Wright 1
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)	5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkinson, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1, Hand**, O'Connor 2 (1pen), Kissock , Fleetwood 1, Wright 1**	
■ November									
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor, Fleetwood, Morgan-Smith.	
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)	1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkinson, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock **, Smith 1, O'Connor	
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	-	K. Pilkinson, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance , Lawless, Hand**, Howells 1, O'Connor	
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County	1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkinson, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Wheeler , Fleetwood/O'Connor*	
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United	1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkinson, Osano, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott , Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow**, Fleetwood**	
■ December									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC2)	2-4	4,516	478	-	K. Pilkinson, Gleeson, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Keane*, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor 2, Crow	
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City	1-1	2,049	327	7	K. Pilkinson, Gleeson, G. Pilkinson, Howells, Willmott**, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor**, Crow 1	
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swindon S (FAT1)	2-0	1,298	55	-	Tyler, Gleeson*, Beckwith, Lacey, Taylor, Kissock **, Watkins, Keane, Osano, Brunn *, Fleetwood 1	
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth	3-1	1,467	622	5	K. Pilkinson, Gleeson, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins*, Dance 1, Howells, Crow * 2	
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town	5-0	7,164	205	5	K. Pilkinson, Gleeson, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless 1, Watkins, Keane, Howells 1, O'Connor 1*, Crow**	
■ January									
Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town	5-0	3,247	2,018	3	K. Pilkinson, Osano, G. Pilkinson, 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. Pilkinson, Gleeson*, G. Pilkinson***, 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. Pilkinson, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkinson, Taylor, Dance , Lawless, Howells, Fleetwood *, Crow	
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)	0-0	754	7bc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kissock , Willmott, Hand 1, Wheeler , Ann	
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport	3-3	1,665	540	3	K. Pilkinson, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkinson, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kissock, Willmott, Hand 1, Wheeler 1, Wright 1	
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FATR2)	3-0*	1,004	81	5	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams**, Willmott, Kissock , Fleetwood 1***, Morgan-Smith 1**	
Wed 25	19:30	H	Mansfield Town	TV	0-0	5,261	111	K. Pilkinson, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkinson, 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. Pilkinson 1, Kovacs, Taylor, Willmott**, Watkins*, Lawless, Howells, Crow*, McAllister	
■ February									
Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)	2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kissock , Willmott, Howells 1, Fleetwood 1	
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth	3-0*	5,833	66	3	Tyler, Osano*, G. Pilkinson, Kovacs 1, Taylor, Lawless, Kissock **, Howells, Boucaud, O'Connor*, Fleetwood 1	
Tue 21	19:45	A	Barrow	0-1	925	70	3	Tyler, Keane, Pilkinson, 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, Pilkinson, Taylor, Lawless, Keane 1, Kissock 1*, Howells, Willmott**, Crow*	
■ March									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City	TV	2-0	5,745	80	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs 1, Pilkinson, Taylor, Lawless, Keane**, Kissock *, Willmott, Howells **, Crow
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham	TV	0-2	4,206	167	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkinson, Taylor**, Lawless, Keane, Boucaud*, O'Connor*, Fleetwood 1, Wheeler , Crow
Sat 10	15:00	A	York City (FATSF1)	0-1	3,365	457	-	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkinson, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins**, Keane , Henry***, Howells 1, Crow*	
Tue 13	19:45	A	Darlington	1-1	1,382	123	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs , Pilkinson, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins**, Poku, Willmott, Crow/McAllister**	
Sat 17	15:00	H	York City (FATSF2)	1-1	5,796	400	-	Tyler, Osano, Pilkinson, Kovacs, Taylor, Keane, Lawless, Howells 1, Wheeler 1, Crow , Fleetwood 1*	
Tue 20	19:45	A	Forest Green Rovers	0-3	975	297	4	Tyler, Osano, Pilkinson, Kovacs, Howells, Lawless**, Keane, O'Connor**, Watkins*, Willmott, Fleetwood	
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town	TV	1-1	6,419	484	5	Tyler, Osano, Kovacs, Pilkinson, Howells**, Willmott*, Lawless, Keane, Poku, Crow, Gray

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LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

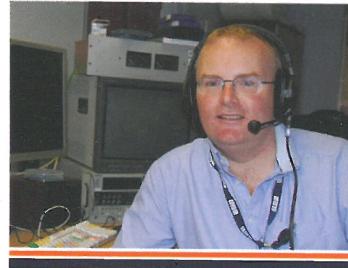
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1	Fleetwood Town	40	29	8	3	94	40	54	95
2	Wrexham	39	28	5	6	75	25	50	89
3	Mansfield Town	40	19	14	7	73	46	27	71
4	Southport	40	20	10	10	62	58	4	70
5	York City	38	18	13	7	72	40	32	67
6	Luton Town	38	18	13	7	66	35	31	67
7	Grimsby Town	40	18	10	12	74	55	19	64
8	Kidderminster Harriers	40	18	10	12	69	54	15	64
9	Gateshead	39	18	10	11	61	55	6	64
10	Forest Green Rovers	40	15	13	12	56	42	14	58
11	Braintree Town	40	16	9	15	69	69	0	57
12	Cambridge United	38	15	11	12	46	36	10	56
13	Barrow	40	16	7	17	55	64	-9	55
14	Ebbesfleet United	39	13	10	16	59	68	-9	49
15	Tamworth	40	11	13	16	43	58	-15	46
16	Alfreton Town	40	12	8	20	57	81	-24	44
17	AFC Telford United	40	9	13	18	39	56	-17	40
18	Lincoln City	39	10	9	20	42	56	-14	39
19	Stockport County	40	8	14	18	45	69	-24	38
20	Newport County	37	8	11	18	45	56	-11	35
21	Hayes & Yeading	40	9	7	24	51	80	-29	34
22	Darlington *	39	10	9	20	39	60	-21	29
23	Kettering Town *	40	8	8	24	36	82	-46	29
24	Bath City	40	5	9	26	34	77	-43	24

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON			CUP			TOTAL			DISCIP			CAREER		
	LEAGUE		APPs	GLS	APPs	GLS	APPs	GLS	Y	APPs	GLS	Y	APPs	GLS	
Alasan ANN	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Will ANTWI	12	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	2	0	0	0	13	1	
Ed ASAFO-ADJAYE	7	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	11	(2)	0	0	1	82	1		
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	81	23	
Dean BECKWITH	8	(0)	1	3	(0)	0	11	(0)	1	2	1	11	1		
Shane BLACKETT	4	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	6	(1)	0	1	0	46	11		
Ugo BOUCAUD	3	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(2)	0	1	0	5	0		
RYAN BRUNT	0	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(5)	0	0	0	6	0		
Paul CARDEN	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	11	0	
Danny CROW	21	(6)	9	4	(2)	0	25	(8)	9	3	0	68	17		
James DANCE	21	(5)	3	2	(0)	1	23	(5)	4	3	0	28	4		
Stuart FLEETWOOD	17	(11)	7	6	(1)	4	23	(12)	11	4	0	35	11		
Dan GLEESON	8	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	1	0	5	0		
Jamie HANDE	11	(2)	2	2	(0)	0	13	(2)	2	4	1	15	2		
Charlie HENRY	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(4)	0	1	0	6	0		
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Keith KEANE	24	(0)	0	6	(0)	1	30	(0)	1	6	1	273	7		
John-Paul KISSOCK	6	(13)	0	7	(1)	1	13	(14)	1	0	1	27	1		
Jonas KOVACS	28	(0)	4	4	(0)	0	32	(0)	4	4	1	49	5		
Alex LACEY	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	7	0		
Alex LAWLESS	29	(0)	2	6	(0)	0	35	(0)	2	6	1	64	7		
Brett LONGDEN	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0		
Colby McDAMAS	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	3	0		
Craig McALLISTER	3	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	7	0		
Amari MORGAN-SMITH	15	(2)	9	2	(0)	1	17	(2)	10	6	0	46	18		
Freddie MURRAY	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	79	1		
Jerry NASH	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0		
Aaron O'CONNOR	20	(12)	5	3	(1)	4	23	(13)	9	2	0	36	9		
JY O'DONNELL	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	9	0		
Curtis OSANO	19	(0)	0	7	(1)	0	26	(1)	0	4	0	27	0		
George PILKINGTON	24	(0)	1	5	(0)	0	29	(0)	1	2	0	160	11		
Kevin PILKINGTON	12	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	15	(0)	0	0	0	33	0		
Godfrey POKU	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	2	0	21	0		
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Charlie SMITH	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0		
Christian TAVERNIER	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0		
Greg TAYLOR	15	(1)	1	5	(0)	0	20	(1)	0	1	0	20	1		
Mark TYLER	25	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	32	(0)	0	0	0	126	0		
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	20	1		
Adam WATKINS	16	(13)	5	3	(3)	1	19	(16)	6	4	0	41	8		
Robbie WILMOTT	22	(9)	7	6	(1)	1	28	(10)	8	3	0	56	14		
Jake WOOLLEY	0	(1)	0	0	(4)	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	5	0		
Tommy WRIGHT	1	(3)	1	1	(1)	2	2	(4)	3	0	0	6	3		

LAST WORD

WITH BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO'S SIMON OXLEY



There really is no science to the Play-Offs is there? But of course many of you are starting to worry about getting there in the first place.

There's no doubting the importance of tonight's game, following Southport's return to form, Mansfield's improvement, and with Kidderminster, Gateshead and Grimsby all in the frame. This latest 90 minutes against York is, in my opinion, hugely more significant than the FA Trophy semi-final earlier this month.

But if, and when, we get there - let's be positive - the Play-Off matches look after themselves.

You may think Wrexham, assuming they finish second, could be the latest side to finish points clear in second and then miss out in the Play-Offs. Maybe, but looking back at Luton's Play-Off history who can tell anything?

In 1997, under Lennie Lawrence in what is now League 1, Luton won only two of their last seven games ahead of the Play-Offs, and lost to Crewe having beaten them 6-0 earlier in the season. In 2010, under Richard Money in this league, the Hatters won 10 and drew three of their last 13, but still lost to tonight's visitors in the Play-Offs.

And last year, who could have predicted that 3-0 first leg win at Wrexham? Let's hope we have that Play-Off puzzle to solve come May. It's unthinkable that we won't.

There has been an interesting debate in the Non-League Paper recently about clubs being placed in the football pyramid based on their size and attendances. It's interesting to note that last Saturday's gate against Grimsby was only beaten by Bradford and Northampton in League 2, and only by Huddersfield in League 1.

But surely only performance on the field can determine where a team plays, and many Luton fans have written to the paper along the same lines. Crawley and now Fleetwood may not have as many fans, but they have won more matches, it's as simple as that.

Nevertheless, it was another impressive turnout last Saturday, despite the best efforts of Luton Borough Council. How many roads can be closed on a Saturday I wonder? Soon we'll have to grow wings to get here.

Anyway moving on, and it's a welcome back to Kenilworth Road to Lil Fuccillo. Many of you will remember him as a player here, but my memories are restricted to his spell as caretaker manager between November 2000 and February 2001 when he bridged the gap between Ricky Hill and Joe Kinnear.

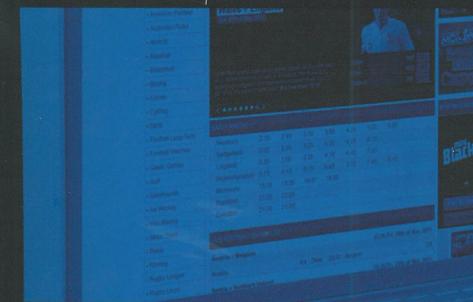
Lil arrived as chief scout but was soon given the manager's job after Hill's departure, and managed to get something out of the much-maligned Peter Thomson who scored twice in a 3-1 win at now Premier League side Stoke.

Overall, league results remained poor though, and my abiding memory of that short tenure was the FA Cup third round replay at QPR.

With a home game against Arsenal the prize, Lee Mansell's debut goal put the Hatters 1-0 up until injury-time. Arsene Wenger had already left when QPR equalised and then won in extra-time. Fuccillo's patched-up team played valiantly with Kent Karlson (remember him?) outstanding at centre-half.

So now Lil returns as Technical Director. What is it about this place that keeps bringing people back? My late colleague Ian Pearce could have told you. Yesterday (Thursday) was the first anniversary of Ian's death. It's scarcely believable that a year has passed.

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Mark Tyler	1	■
Dan Gleeson	2	■
Greg Taylor	3	■
Keith Keane	4	■
Dean Beckwith	5	■
George Pilkington	6	■
Alex Lawless	7	■
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	■
Craig McAllister	9	■
Danny Crow	10	■
Robbie Willmott	11	■
Shane Blackett	12	■
Stuart Fleetwood	13	■
Aaron O'Connor	14	■
Jake Howells	15	■
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	■
Andre Boucaud	17	■
Curtis Osano	18	■
James Dance	19	■
John Paul Kissock	20	■
Charlie Henry	21	■
Godfrey Poku	25	■
Andre Gray	27	■
Adam Watkins	28	■
Janos Kovacs	34	■

■ 1	Paul Musselwhite
■ 2	Lanre Oyebajo
■ 3	James Meredith
■ 4	Chris Smith
■ 5	David McGurk
■ 6	Daniel Parslow
■ 7	Jamie Reed
■ 8	Scott Kerr
■ 9	Jason Walker
■ 10	Ashley Chambers
■ 12	Danny Pilkington
■ 14	Michael Potts
■ 16	Jamal Fyfield
■ 17	Matty Blair
■ 18	Adriano Moke
■ 19	Scott Brown
■ 20	Jon Challinor
■ 21	Matthew Blinkhorn
■ 24	Michael Ingham
■ 26	Patrick McLaughlin
■ 28	Moses Ashikodi

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Assistant: A. Barney
Assistant: G. Taylor
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