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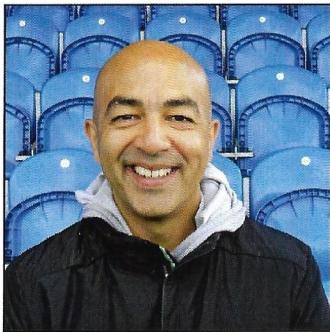
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



I'd like to wish all the Luton Players, Officials and Supporters a warm welcome for this evening's game and wish them a pleasant stay on their visit to Ewen Fields and a safe journey back down south tonight.

Hosting our first home Conference fixture on Tuesday evening was a real privilege and it was extremely satisfying to keep a clean sheet. Two points in our opening two games is a good start but I felt we created enough chances to beat Barrow. Our management, players and coaching staff all worked tirelessly in pre-season and are gaining their just rewards with an unbeaten start to the campaign.

Since our promotion we have had to adapt to the requirements of the Blue Square Premier League and a lot of hard work has been carried out by everyone at the club. Welcoming outfits like our visitors, Luton Town means segregation and extra stewarding is a necessity and it has been a big learning curve. These challenges remind us of the demands of football at this level.

It goes without saying tonight's game is a real turning point in Hyde's 127 year history. It sees our first ever match broadcast live on national television. Premier Sports has a wide audience not just inside the United Kingdom but also overseas and the fact people all over the world could be watching our club is an exciting prospect indeed. But it is important to remember in football terms it's just another game and every game is vital, especially when you're new to the division.

Apart from the first team, our newly formed academy side play their first fixture this weekend and I wish them all the best. Again, a lot of hard work has gone into forming our new reserve and youth set-up. We hope this will act a future feeder system in eventually adding players to our first team squad. At this level, home-grown talent is a valuable resource.

Finally, the support we have received during our opening two games has been phenomenal. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy this evening's historic event in Hyde's history. In a post race interview, Mo Farrah described how the cheers of the crowd inspired his victory.

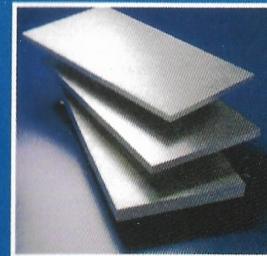
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Come on you Tigers!

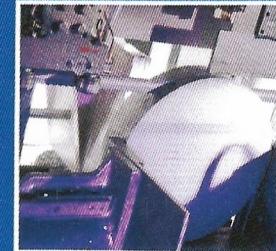
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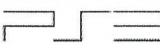
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FROM THE DUGOUT

Good Evening and welcome to everyone on what should be a great occasion tonight as we welcome Paul Buckle and his Luton side to Ewen Fields.



It's fair to say I'm satisfied with our start to life in the Conference Premier. We remain unbeaten which is pleasing but we could be sitting on six points rather than two as we should have won Saturday at Braintree after being in a comfortable position. Then we had Andy's sending off in the tunnel and we were pegged back. On Tuesday against Barrow I felt we could have nicked it as despite it not being the greatest game ever we did have the better chances and people like Scotty, Jevo and Browny know they should have taken their chances. We stressed to the lads in the dressing room afterwards that we have to be more ruthless in front of goal especially at this level as we know we won't get as many chances as we did last season so when they come along we need to take them. I did feel we tired slightly in the second half and the effects of playing in really hot conditions on Saturday with ten men for 45 minutes caught up with us. You have to credit Barrow. They have been at this level for a few seasons so they know how to handle this level of football and they set their stall out and got the point they wanted. A lot of teams will do that as they are full-time so tactically they'll be very good and it's up to us to find a way through but it's a learning curve for all of us.

We started off the season with a small squad but I never thought we'd be down to the bare bones already! We already have Andy's suspension, the 2nd game of which is tonight, but we also have David Poole out for about 4-6 weeks after he picked up an ankle injury within the first half an hour at Braintree. On Tuesday, we also lost Tunji with a nasty gash to the leg, and the wound was that deep that it had to have surgery on it rather than stitches and he will also be out for about four weeks. It's a shame to lose these three as they had been brilliant during pre-season and probably would have started all three games so far. This is a testament to the squad and the spirit within the team that we are still unbeaten. We will be looking to strengthen and hopefully we have signed two or three players in time for tonight's game. We have Michael Cassidy signed on, but we are still waiting for international clearance for him after a spell he had playing in Cyprus last season.

Tonight we have been chosen for the club's first ever live televised game. This a great honour for the club especially when it's against such a great club with a top manager. We know it will be extremely tough as they have so much firepower going forward. We have to limit their opportunities and try and keep the ball and take our chances when they come along.

Once again your support in the first two games has been superb and we will need you to be that 12th man again tonight.

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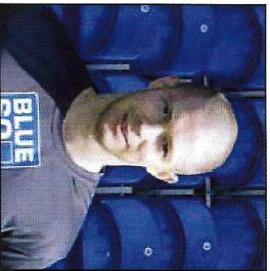
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Hi All

Welcome back to Ewen Fields for our second game in three days.

It's been a great week at the club with our first ever Conference home game. I felt we played extremely well against Barrow, especially in the first half and should have been two or three nil up. In the second half, we took our foot off the gas a little and tiredness from playing for so long with ten men last Saturday took its toll.

The support we've received has been brilliant and all the lads and management are delighted. It really does spur you on. I am thoroughly enjoying my role as captain. Although I may not be as vocal as other players, it is a great honour to lead the team out in this historic season for the Tigers!

Tonight, Luton are expected to bring a large following and that will boost our atmosphere even more. As much as I'm excited about tonight, I can't wait to visit some of the bigger grounds in the Conference. I have had the privilege of playing in front of some big crowds during my time at Stockport and Oldham and there's nothing better than hearing the opposition support as well as your fans as you walk out of the tunnel. The whole matchday experience is more enjoyable and I know a lot of the lads can't wait for some of our trips this season.

Our game is being broadcast on Premier Sports tonight and there's been a real buzz at training. After the game against Barrow, the focus shifted to the Luton game. A lot of the lads haven't played on television before so it will be a brand new experience. Everyone is hoping we can put on a good show and I'm sure we will.

Thanks again for your support!

Griff

Message from your Chief Executive

I had previously heard how good the ground was looking after the recent work that has been carried out. But I was still overwhelmed at just how fantastic a job had been made of it. I can't thank everyone enough for all their wonderful efforts.

On an aside, I apologise for any disruption caused by the segregation measures at the ground. Paul is doing a great job in difficult circumstances. We have to be guided by the GMP's advice and we need to get the first few games out of the way and then discuss how we proceed for the rest of the season.

It is difficult to make any clear club statement at the moment as it is all a work in progress so please be patient and we will keep you informed.

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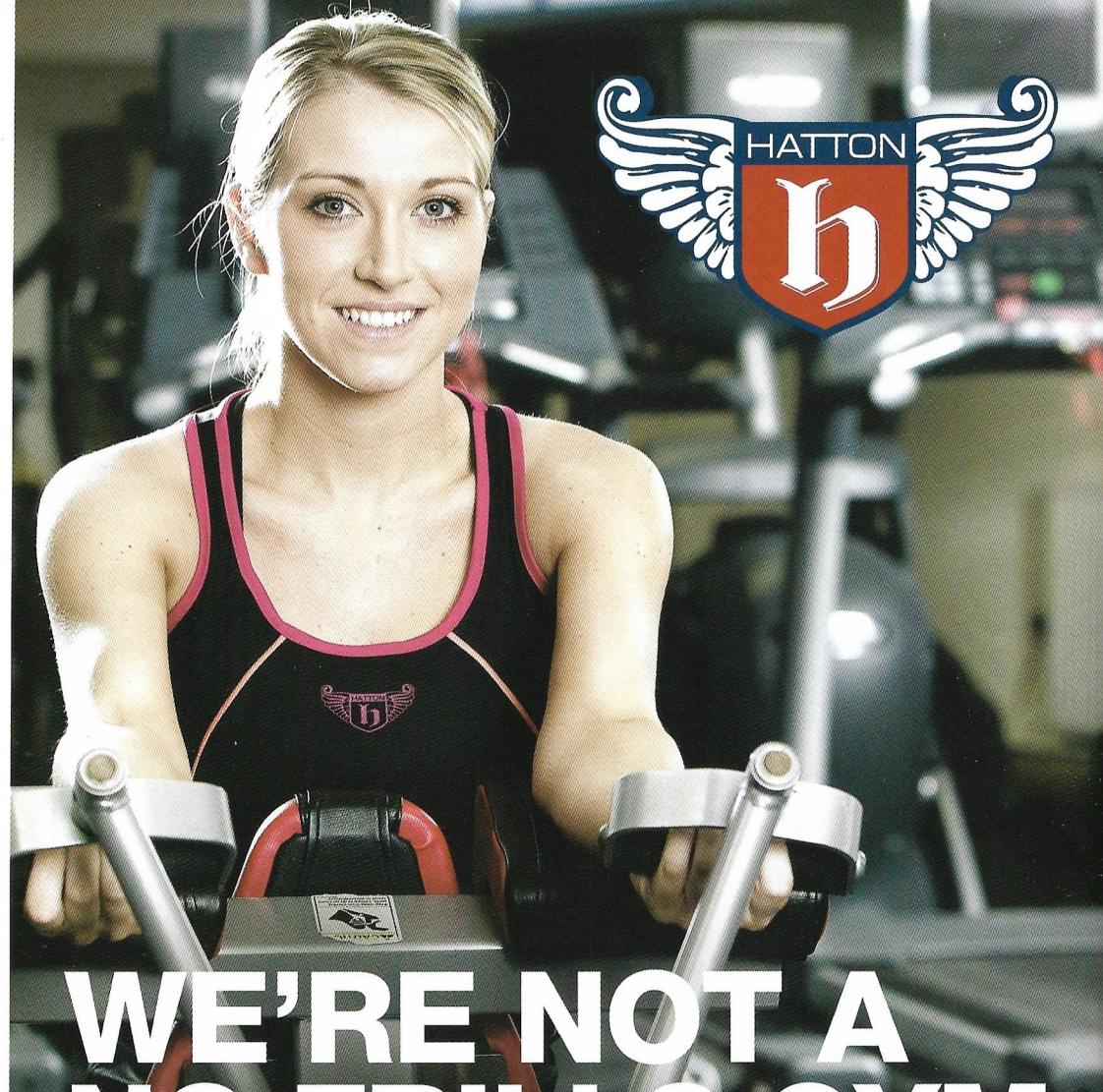


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PLAYER PROFILES

One of the key successes to The Tigers winning the league was their water-tight defence, 20 clean sheets bore that out, one man who was integral part of that success was **Andy Pearson**. After leaving Rhyl he wrote in for a trial last pre-season and never looked back....



Andy, First of all tell us how it felt last year to be part of a championship winning side?

It was the best feeling ever and something I'll never forget. To do it the way we did made it even more special and to get our hands on that trophy is something that will live with all of us for the rest of our lives.

Then you were named in the Blue Square Bet North team of the year...

To be honest I didn't even know these awards existed until someone posted a picture on Twitter! But in all seriousness, it's great for any footballer to get recognition and shows all the hard work pays off.

You played in nearly every position last season even in goal at one stage, you obviously thrived at Centre-half would you say that's your favourite position?

I'd definitely say it's the position I feel most comfortable in. I like playing in midfield but yes my most natural position is in the heart of defence.

You've had some knockbacks in your career has that made you a stronger person?

Certainly. No-one wants suffer knockbacks but it's life and it happens. Although I don't believe it has affected me in anyway.

And then you were one of the first to re-sign was it an easy decision with the manager going over the summer and Scott coming in?

It was a no brainer. Football is all about challenges and I want to challenge myself in this league at a higher level.

How are Scott and Gavin compared to Gary and Martyn?

They're good. All the lads really enjoy playing under Scott and Gavin. Their style is different to Gary and Martyn's but everyone has adapted well and there's a good atmosphere at the club.

Your first game at this level didn't go as well as you would have liked? Tell us what happened?

It was just a bit of arguing in the tunnel, a little push. I got called out by the referee for head-butting but I feel slightly hard done by as I'm not entirely sure how much of the incident was seen. I am gutted to be missing tonight's game but am just looking forward to my next game and cheering the lads on from the stands this evening.

How well can the team do this season? I think we can finish top ten or around mid-table. It goes without saying, we don't want to be in a relegation battle and if we keep picking up points, they'll go along way to ensuring this doesn't happen.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to Ewen Fields for tonight's historic match in Blue Square Bet Premier, where we welcome the cameras of Premier Sports as we are being broadcast live on TV for the first time. It is our pleasure to welcome the Directors, Players and Supporters of Luton Town to Hyde this evening, and we hope that everyone connected with the Hatters enjoy their brief stay with us. We also offer a cordial welcome to the match referee, Mr Darren Handley and his assistants.



It's been a solid start from the Tigers with two draws from the first two matches, where on different days we could now be sitting pretty with at least one win after Phil Jevons came oh so close by clipping the underside of the crossbar. It leaves us 16th in the table, but there's still a long way to go...44 games to be exact! I'm sure you will continue your fantastic support on from those matches.

Tuesday was our first home match and there were some pretty big changes at the club over the summer, and having viewed the forum, there are some unhappy people out there. We don't want to alienate anyone as we become more professional as a club to suit our new status in Blue Square Bet Premier, so please bear with us while everyone gets used to the alterations.

Also, thank you to all those who have helped finish off the painting over the last few days. I'm sure you will all agree that the hard work has paid off. I won't mention names, but you all know who you are, and I can only thank you so much for making Ewen Fields look so much better for this coming season.

We also like to welcome Luton Town legend Alan West, who is now the Club Chaplain at Luton. It's not every day we welcome a man who has played in the same side as Pele, Gordon Banks, Franz Beckenbauer and George Best which he did as part of the NASL's 1977 all-star team following a cracking season for Minnesota Kicks. Alan was originally a Hyde lad (as you will see later in the programme), and we would like to wish him and all his friends a great day and time at Ewen Fields.

Just a quick mention of our next match away to Mansfield Town a week tomorrow, the coach is £12 and see Phil Chadwick if you wish to book a space. Please check the website for departure.

Thank you all for your support this evening and enjoy the match.

Andy

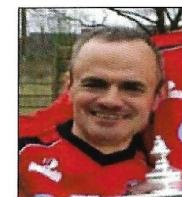
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Dee Dee Trotter , what the hell was that

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Officiating in the boxing ? Lets ask Tom Stalker

Godzilla wins gold in the womens tennis { twice } but thank god for the antithesis that was Kaylin Kayle ,

Kitty Van Male and Rebecca Soni

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' The futures so bright , i gotta wear shades " . Jade Jones , Laura Trott and Sophie Hitchen

Danny Boyle - Sir Danny Boyle

Marginal gains

" This place is looking like a ghost town " . The Olympics , a commercial disaster for shopkeepers and the like

Nicola Adams - personally my favourite performance Tee mobile . Ivan Ukhov , mens high jump gold medallist , what an advert for a baggy Nike

Missy Franklin . An engaging Kluft like personality and a calculating brain to boot and just 17

Fictional character comes to life . Is it Abby Wambach or is it Miss Trenchbull

Tire marks . G B mens football team

Estimate 48 medals and we won how many !!!

The crowd noise , deafening decibels and an electric atmosphere especially in the Excel

" BAD " minton . How much did spectators pay for those seats

Tyler Clarey , a twit on the tweet

Kate Walsh

Chernova , would love to see her get in and out of a mini { car that is }

Greg Rutherford , did he win a gold medal ???

Grate expectations - Daley , Cavendish , Payne and Spains mens football team { ashes to ashes }

Jeff Whiteman

The Germans - no medals in the swimming , worst performance in 80 years , shame

G B rowers - oarsome and a particuarly emotional outpouring for Kath Grainger

Michael Jamieson

Ben Ainslie . Hindsight is a wonderful thing , if the dane had kept his mouth shut

You train for four years and then , Paul Goodison and Helen Jenkins

Going nuts about Bolt

G B men's gymnastic squad , and the women's

Postscript , could you drop the s from London on the tagline , please

Thank You

We would like welcome into the sponsor's lounge this evening Jef Nemsdael, Patriek Bruurs and Michel Antens who have travelled over from Belgium and Holland to roar on the mighty Tigers.

This evenings Mascot is 6 year old Lily Murphy – who will lead out the teams before tonight's televised encounter with Luton. Lily attends Holy Trinity School in Gee Cross and her favourite player is Callum Byrne.

Please Sir, can I have some more?

With the return of "real football" comes "real entertainment" and for some, it couldn't come soon enough.

"We're back, we're bad. He's black, I'm mad."

That, folks, is one of my favourite quotes. It's from the movie Lethal Weapon 2, uttered by fantastically unpredictable Martin Riggs, played by Mel Gibson, and is, in my opinion, a perfect description for the sequel to one of my favourite movies.

Quotes are, without doubt, a risky business. Sometimes, you are misquoted, and a whirlwind of trouble comes shortly afterwards. Sometimes, an innocent comment turns into a scandal, and a whirlwind of trouble comes shortly afterwards. Finally, sometimes, you just say speak your mind, and whilst innocent at the time, subsequent ramifications mean that, yep, a whirlwind of trouble comes shortly afterwards.

But, it's not all bad news. There are, of course, those quotes, as above, that stick with us forever. Many of them outlandish and unusual, comically delivered and rarely on purpose.

Kevin Keegan's infamous "rant" at Sir Alex amused us all, though it was intended to be a gauntlet, thrown down to Ferguson, with regards to the title. It failed. Football is great for producing "one-liners" that any comedian worth his salt would be proud of, and last season was no different, and with any luck, nor will this year.

It has, in fact, already started. In last weekend's Guardian supplement, The Secret Footballer took a rather candid swing at Ashley Cole, referring to him as an "arrogant p***k". Probably true, but possibly uncalled for.

Meanwhile, Roberto Mancini was doing everything in his power to talk himself out of a job, repeatedly questioning his superiors. Whilst in his frustration, he may have a point, it is always



unwise, in any role, to publically insult your bosses business acumen.

Previously, I had mentioned the brilliance of Zlatan "Oh, they know who I am" Ibrahimovic in his PSG press conference, and can only hope he, and many more keep up the good work. I will be hoping that my "what Mario did this week" feature will continually bear fruit, whilst I will as always keep an eye out for interesting stories in the world of football that are more likely to make the Sun's Bizarre page than the back.

This week:

Finnish Band, ***The Left Foot***, release a music video tribute to Sami Hyypia (available on YouTube). It's pretty special.

Everton fans kept an old promise to Tony Hibbert to raid the pitch **IF** he finally scored. He got on the scoresheet in his testimonial after 11 years at the club.

There were reports Usain Bolt had asked Man United for a trial. The speedster, who completed the 'double-treble' at the London Olympics thinks he has what it takes: "I would not take up the challenge if I didn't think I was good enough. Rio is apparently taking care of it.



THIS is where it gets real. I don't mean any disrespect to Barrow, who were members of the Football League for 50 years until 1972, but our opponents tonight, Luton Town, are big-time. They are the sort of club that makes Blue Square Bet Premier different.

Because of the broken-leg incident involving Elton John's uncle, Roy Dwight, everybody knows Luton were beaten FA Cup finalists in 1959. I'll bet they get thoroughly sick of that fact being trotted out every time they play a new club.

However, in 1988, they beat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley to win the Football League (Littlewoods) Cup. They were members of the first division as recently as 1992 - only a year before the premier league was established. They've been managed by high-profile personalities like David Pleat. And who can forget him running round Maine Road in his light-coloured suit after that famous Raddy Antic goal?

Unlikely as it might seem, Hyde FC has something in common with the Hatters. Both of us have played on plastic pitches. Luton's was put down in 1985, a year before our own, and stayed until 1992. Our surface was removed in 1995. Whereas we had Baspograss at Ewen Fields, Luton had something called Sporturf Professional made by the Leicester company En-tout-cas.

At a symposium held at Luton's Kenilworth Road ground in 1986, their club doctor reported that injuries had reduced by 18 per cent. The only problem was burns, although it was less than expected, I know there were burns at Ewen Fields - treated with something called Cicatrin - but have no idea how our injury tally compared. A major difference, I imagine, is that Luton's pitch would have been well maintained. Ours got into a terrible state before it was torn up.

I have to be honest and say that I never liked the Ewen Fields plastic. I don't think many people did. Opposing managers would regularly complain, although I suppose that was usually a reaction to losing. Yet the Kenilworth Road pitch had three big fans: Brian Clough, Ron Greenwood and Mike England. They all said they had no problems with it.

In the early days at least, Luton coined it in from the plastic. It earned them an extra £100,000 in the first season when it was estimated that in only seven months 7,000 players used Kenilworth Road for 200 matches. At least we beat them in terms of American Football. The Manchester (NW) Spartans went on to win the European title.

Who knows, "plastic" pitches may return? The latest versions are said to be light years ahead of anything we knew in the 1980s.

Beyond tonight being our first league clash with someone of Luton's stature, I'm sure it's also the first Tigers game at Ewen Fields to be fully televised. It's going out on Premier Sports and the broadcast is something no one would have expected only a few years ago. Hyde FC live on TV. It shows how far we've come in such a short time.

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The Supporters Club will be doing a sponsored walk on Sunday 9th September 2012.

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Get Involved with the Club

Don't forget the Supporters Club meet on the last Thursday of every month unless otherwise stated. Meetings usually start at 7:30pm and all are welcome. There is a chance to become a member of the supporters club when the new forms come out shortly so keep looking at this page to keep you informed.

Any supporter who can help out in anyway this season, please see Andy in the office or speak to a member of the Supporters club committee.

Many Thanks

A massive thank you to everyone who has been down to the ground over the summer and helped tidy the ground up and give it a lick of paint. Your help no matter big and small is appreciated by everyone. And also a big thank you Paul the groundsman who has made the pitch look as pristine as ever.

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Alan West- From Captain to Chaplain

Over 170 miles separate the towns of Luton and Hyde, a distance that understandably makes it tricky to identify links between the areas and football clubs.

Tonight's guest of honour does just that. Alan West was born in Hyde in 1951 and attended Greenfield Street boys secondary modern in Hyde, Cheshire. Although he never appeared for his home town outfit, he was a product of Burnley's prolific youth system and made 45 appearances for the Turf Moor club.

Following a move south to Bedfordshire, West spent eight seasons at Luton Town and became an integral figure and club captain. He was part of the 1974-1975 side which earned promotion to the old first division.

Playing firstly under Harry Haslam, followed by David Pleat, Luton's sides were one of the entertainers. West played 258 times for Luton.

In 1976, he moved to Minnesota Kicks to ply his trade in the USA. During his spell stateside, Tamesider West was chosen to play in the 1977 North American Soccer League All-Star team alongside the likes of Pele and George Best.

A two-year spell at Millwall followed on his return to the United Kingdom.

Although Alan never spent his playing days in non-league football, he is highly familiar with the pyramid. He managed Isthmian League strugglers Hitchin Town.



West in action against Franz Beckenbauer of the New York Cosmos.

1977 North American Super League All-Star Team

G	Gordon Banks	Fort Lauderdale Strikers
D	Franz Beckenbauer	New York Cosmos
D	Mike England	Seattle Sounders
D	Bruce Wilson	Vancouver Whitecaps
D	Mel Machin	Seattle Sounders
M	George Best	Los Angeles Aztecs
M	Wolfgang Sunholz	Las Vegas Quicksilvers
M	Alan West	Minnesota Kicks
F	Steve David	Los Angeles Aztecs
F	Pele	New York Cosmos
F	Derek Smethurst	Tampa Bay Rowdies



Greenfield Street Seniors Football Team 1966/67

Back Row L to R Colin Marrow, John Harrop, Gordon Bentley, Stuart Wood, Ian Taylor, Phil Rowbotham, Mr. Howes.

Front Row L to R Colin Wood, Peter King, Alan West, Anthony Cooper, Chris West, Geophrey Andrew.

At the height of his career, Alan was part of the He is the current Club Chaplain and a pastor at generation where Sunday football was beginning to 'Luton Christian Fellowship', a church in Luton Town become popular. In terms of his faith, this gave him Centre. Alan leads a group of seven staff and a a real dilemma. Should he play football on a congregation of 400. Sunday? Since, he has publically spoken of the potential difficulties in the workplace if a person makes a choice based on their religious beliefs.

Many sportsmen are unsure which path to take once they retire. Some go into coaching, management or various forms of the media. Following his playing days, Alan undertook five years of theological training and has since focussed on his community and fellowship work inside and outside Kenilworth Road.

Earlier this year he celebrated 25 years as a church minister

Today, on his return to Tameside for tonight's clash at Ewen Fields, West visited his old PE teacher, Mr Howes (above) at his Hyde home.

Although we know his true allegiances lie with the town and football club of Luton, West or anyone else at the club, could not have imagined contesting a game of this magnitude against his hometown club just a few years ago.

Guide to: LUTON TOWN

This week, we asked Luton Press Officer ANDREW BARRINGER his thoughts on the upcoming season

Name: Andrew Barringer

Age: 29

Role: Press Officer

First game: v Everton – First Division, October 1990



How have your first couple of games gone?

If you take out the first 45 minutes of the season – then very well. The manager admitted the team's performance in the first half against Gateshead in the first game was unacceptable. 2-0 down the team responded well and earned a decent point considering and followed that up with a steady, comfortable 2-0 win away to Kidderminster on Tuesday night.

Who do you see as your Key Signing?

Nine new faces have arrived at Kenilworth Road this summer and all are capable of playing vital roles this season. Ronnie Henry left League 1 Stevenage to become our first summer capture – and he's our captain. Jon Shaw, who scored 35 goals last season for Gateshead, is a huge signing though – his goalscoring record speaks for itself.

Who has left summer that you would have kept?

Paul Buckle has done what he thinks is best when making decisions on signing and releasing players this summer. He highlighted who he wanted to keep and who he wanted to let go and has streamlined the squad to ensure its quality over quantity. The boss did want to keep defender George Pilkington – and it was a big surprise when he left to join Mansfield.

Trip most looking forward to this season?

All the new grounds – which includes tonight's trip to Ewen Fields. The shorter trips to Cambridge and Woking – on New Year's Day – are sure to be at the top of supporters' wish lists. As will hopefully the game at Southport – our final match of the season...!

As we are debutants at this level, Can you tell us what to expect?

Hugely competitive football. The league is an unforgiving one. Make a mistake and you'll be punished. In recent seasons promoted clubs from the league below have always fared well and I have no doubt, given your campaign last season, that you will do well – and surprise a number of the so-called big boys. Hopefully not tonight though.

Finally, where do you think you will finish and who will be champions?

Expectation at Kenilworth Road is massive. A place outside the top five would be a disaster – but there is a real belief that this can be our year and take the title without the heartbreak of another appearance in the play-offs.

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OPPOSITION REPORT

Guide to the Hatters

In the eyes of many, tonight's visitors are the biggest side in the Conference Premier and with an average attendance of over 5,000 at Kenilworth Road last season, it is difficult to disagree.

Luton boast one of the richest histories in the league. During the 1970s and 80s, the club enjoyed success under David Pleat where in the 1981-1982 season, the club won Division Two and were promoted to the old first division in the process.

Five years later, Luton lifted the League Cup after a thrilling 3-2 victory over Arsenal that will live long in the memory of all at Kenilworth Road.

From 2006, the club has endured its toughest period yet. Financial constraints have led to three successive relegations but that only tells half the story.

The Hatters were given a ten-point deduction in the summer of 2008 after going into administration. A year later, they suffered a 30-point deduction from their 2008-2009 points total, following various financial irregularities. It is still the biggest points deduction in football history.

Unity is vital in times of adversity and Luton Town Football Club's 2009 Football League Trophy winning side was just that. In spite of a devastating end to their last season in the League and being the lowest ranked side in the competition, the Hatters came from behind at Wembley to lift the Trophy against all the odds.



Since then, the Hatters have played non-league football and are yet to earn promotion. It's not through want of trying, though.

Three play-off defeats in three years mean Luton still remain the sleeping giants of the Conference and are not at the level their fan base, club set-up and style and standard of football deserve.



Paul Buckle was appointed in April 2012

However, many people feel this could be their year.

Paul Buckle has not only brought in the likes of Jon Shaw, Scott Rendell and former Stevenage captain, Ronnie Henry to name just a few, he has instilled a feel good factor into the Bedfordshire Club and players have publicly spoken of his impressive 'people' skills. Crucially, personnel such as last season's Player of the Year and fans favourite, János Kovács and Conference National 'Team of the Year' counterpart, Mark Tyler have been retained.

When it comes to winning Conference Promotion, the Luton Manager is more qualified than most. He ensured Torquay United returned to the League at only the second time of asking, a fate rarely repeated by newly-relegated clubs.

Points wise, the Hatters have had a mixed opening to their season. A disappointing 2-2 home draw against Gateshead was followed by a comfortable victory at Kidderminster Harriers on Tuesday night.

LUTON TOWN PEN PICS 2012-2013

By Andrew Barringer

Mark Tyler (Goalkeeper)

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007.



Lathaniel Rowe-Turner

Defender Lathaniel Rowe-Turner became Town boss Paul Buckle's sixth signing of a busy summer in July 2012.

The 22-year-old is a left-back by trade but is equally comfortable at centre-half and is reunited with the manager having previously worked together at Torquay United.

Born in Leicester, 6ft 1in Lathaniel began his career with his hometown club.

Garry Richards

Commanding centre-half who arrived as the Town's fifth summer signing in June 2012.

The 6ft 2in defender signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from League 2 Gillingham where he made 122 appearances over four years.

A tough, no-nonsense defender, the Romford-born man started his career with Colchester United, who he helped earn promotion from League 1 as runners-up in 2006.

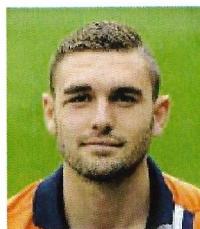


Greg Taylor

Left-back signed from Darlington in November 2011 who made his Town debut in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge United.

Started his career as a junior with Northampton before he signed for Kettering Town. He then joined Darlo, linking up with boss Mark Cooper at the Darlington Arena.

Also capable of playing right-back and in central midfield.

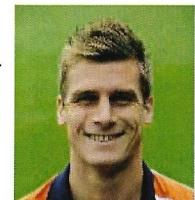


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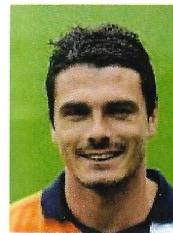
The commanding 6ft 3in defender has experienced promotion from the Blue Square Bet Premier before having been part of the Hereford United side that won the Play-Off final against Halifax Town in 2008. He has almost 250 senior appearances to his name after starting his career as a junior at Gillingham

Janos Kovacs

Former Chesterfield and Lincoln Hungarian defender who penned an 18-month contract in January 2012. He first signed in January 2010 before signing for Hereford United in the summer of that year.



Ronnie Henry



The Hatters first summer signing of 2012. The attacking and assured right-back spent several successful years at Stevenage in which he helped the Hertfordshire side win promotion twice and lift the FA Trophy.

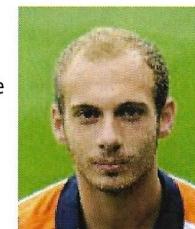
Henry began his career as a youngster at Tottenham Hotspur, but after a loan spell with Southend United in 2003, he joined Dublin City in Ireland in 2004 for four months before returning to England to sign for Stevenage.

Last season, Henry made 40 appearances in League One and helped Stevenage to another play-off appearance.

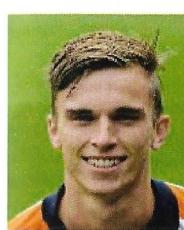
Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008.

Capped at Under-21 level by Wales, Howells signed a three-year contract extension in the summer of 2012.



JJ O'Donnell



Left-sided or central midfielder who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. The talented youngster is also capable playing at left back.

After loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond in 2011/12, Paul Buckle rewarded his efforts with a new three-year contract in the summer of 2012.



Danny Spiller

Spiller began his career as a youngster with Gillingham, progressing through the ranks to clock up well over 100 league appearances with the Priestfield outfit, scoring six goals.

His displays in the middle of the Gills' midfield earned him his fair share of admirers and, having helped the Kent club achieve several mid-table finishes in the Championship, he signed for Millwall in 2007.

However, when Gillingham came calling in 2010 the Maidstone-born man jumped at the chance to return to Priestfield and scored four times in 45 league appearances prior to his departure in the summer of 2012.

**Alex Lawless**

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011.

A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003.

Yaser Kasim

Iraqi central midfielder who has arrived on a six-month loan deal from Championship side Brighton. Began his career as a trainee at Tottenham Hotspur before moving to the Amex Stadium. Made his league debut for the Seagulls in May 2011.

**Stuart Fleetwood**

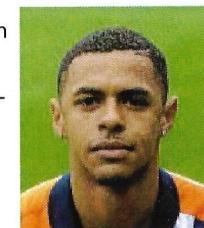
Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. In 2007, Stuart signed for Forest Green and scored 32 league and cup goals in a season that saw the Gloucestershire side earn their highest league placing.

Andre Gray

Lightning-quick forward signed from Blue Square Bet North Hinckley United on loan transfer deadline day in March 2012.

The prolific striker had scored 39 goals in two seasons for the Knitters after being released from Shrewsbury Town in 2010.

Andre scored seven goals in 12 games at the end of last season to earn his first call up to the England C squad this summer.

**Jon Shaw**

Prolific centre-forward who the Town beat off stiff competition to sign on a two-year contract in June 2012.

Sheffield-born Shaw hit a phenomenal 35 goals in all competitions for Gateshead in 2011/12- 28 of which came in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

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NEWS FORM THE RESERVE TEAMS

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY

RESULTS/FIXTURES

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The reserves will compete in the Lancashire Football League East Division and will play home games on a Thursday night at Abbey Hey's Abbey Stadium in Gorton.

The youth team will play in the North West Youth Alliance Football League Premier Division, with home fixtures being played on a Sunday afternoon on the Walker Lane pitches by Ewen Fields.

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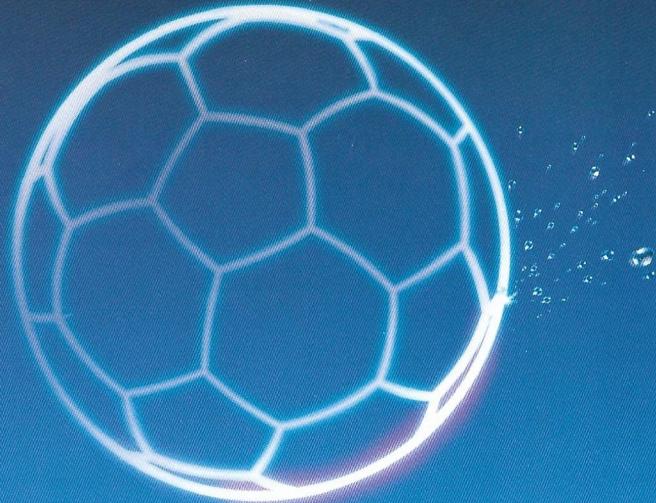
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2. Finish this Gary Lineker quote: "Football is a simple game. Twenty two mean chase a ball for 90 minutes, and, in the end...?"
3. In the 2005-06 Premier League season, new Sunderland strikers Jonathan Stead and Andy Gray, who cost the Black Cat's £1.8 mil and £1.1 mil respectively, scored how many goals between them in a combined 52 appearances?
4. What did Manchester United NOT do between December 4th 1993 and April 24th 2004?
5. Officially, who has won the most "El Classico's": Barcelona or Real Madrid?
6. Complete this sequence: France, Holland,, Germany, France, Greece, Spain, Spain?
7. Brad Friedel has played for which MLS side, whom Liverpool signed him from?
8. Azerbaijan, Scotland, Kuwait and Nigeria have all been managed by whom?
9. Who was captain of West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final?
10. Which goalkeeper scored in the 1967 Charity Shield by kicking the ball out of his hands, before it bounced and went over the head of his opposite number?

Who Am I?

Capped by Denmark 33 times, I have played over 200 times in Italy but began my career in my home country.

In 2005, I made a £5million move to Everton but played only once, before making the move back to Serie A. I am currently a free agent and play at centre back.



Name that ground:



Name that ground: The Emirates Stadium, home of Arsenal FC

Who am I? Per Krolstrup

Quiz Answers: 1. Terry Venables 2. "the Germans' Win" 3. 2 - Each 4. Concede a penalty at home 5. Real Madrid, 87-85 6. Denmark (winners of the European Championships from 1984-2012) 7. Columbus Crew 8. Berlin Vogts 9. Uwe Seeler 10. Pat Jennings

HYDE FC VERSUS LUTON TOWN FC

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David Carnell (GK)	1
Josh Brizell	2
Adam Griffin	3
Andy Pearson	4
Luke Ashworth	5
Alex Brown	6
David Poole	7
Callum Byrne	8
Scott Spencer	9
Phil Jevons	10
Stefan Cox	11
Ashley Frith (GK)	12
Tunji Moses	13
Daniel Douglas-Pringle	14
Robbie Williams	15
Kelvin Lomax	16
Matthew Cassidy	17
Grant Spencer	18
David McNiven	19
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LUTON

Mark Tyler (GK)
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner
Greg Taylor
Garry Richards
Dean Beckwith
Janos Kovacs
Alex Lawless
Danny Spiller
Jon Shaw
Scott Rendell
Jake Howells
Stuart Fleetwood
Adam Watkins
Alex Lacey
JJ O'Donnell
Yaser Kasim
James Dance
Lewis Kidd
Ronnie Henry
Andre Gray
Jake Woolley
Dan Walker
Alsan Ann
Dean Brill (GK)

Today's Match Officials

Referee: Darren Handley

Assistant Referees: James Mainwaring and David Croft

4th Official: Ben Toner