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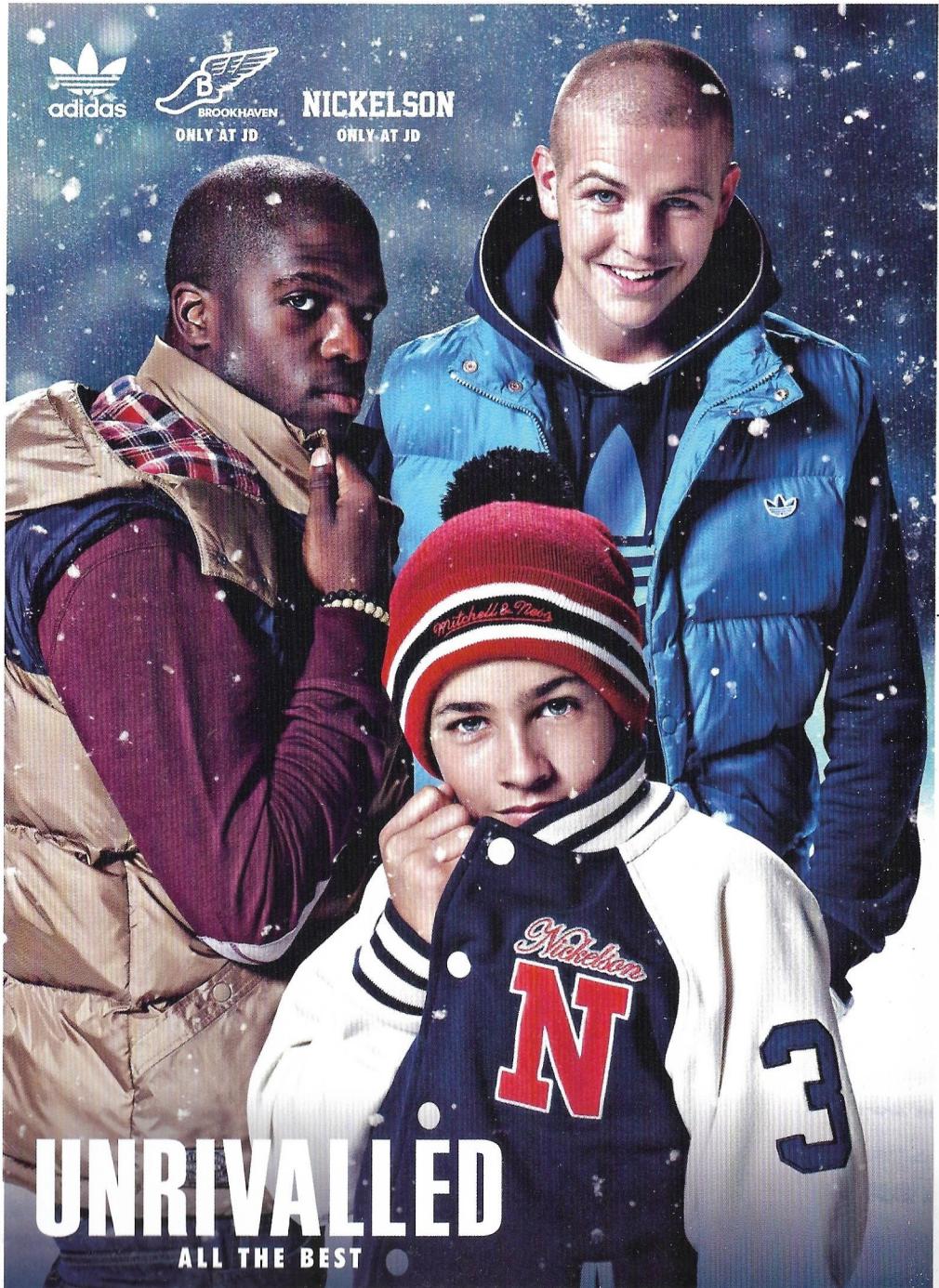
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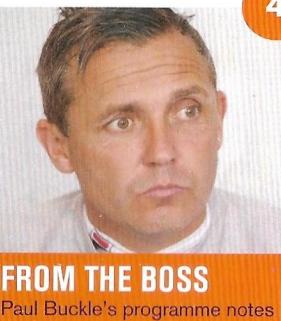
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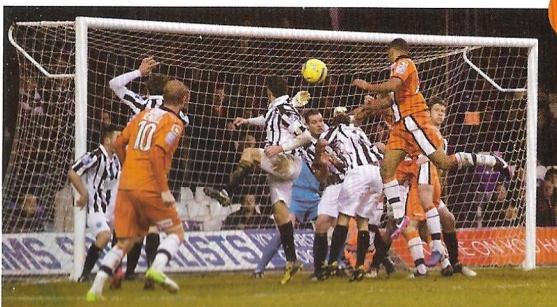
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PAUL

BUCKLE

Welcome back to you all to this afternoon's important Blue Square Bet Premier fixture against Alfreton Town.

We go into today's game buoyed by a fine run of five games unbeaten. Of course three of those fixtures came against a stubborn Dorchester side who we have seen off in two competitions in the last seven days.

Progressing in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy is a fantastic achievement and I must congratulate all of the players in the squad that ensured our interest in both continued.

With that success comes the frustration that we will have to deal with a backlog of fixtures to catch up on, but it's important that we do not think ahead of ourselves. We must concentrate on each and every game as it comes. Any thoughts of future cup ties or games in hand in the league can be costly and I will ensure the squad and staff focus on the job immediately at hand and today that is Alfreton.

For me we must stay positive and five matches without defeat is a great return regardless of who the opposition is. We know that we should have beaten Mansfield and Dorchester (first time around) but while those late goals were disappointing we must take the positives. Negativity will get you nowhere fast.

Aspirations of success

Any team with aspirations of success knows this time of year is important and to enter the Christmas and New Year period on a good run is hugely beneficial. Three points this afternoon would be massive for us. A good start and an early goal can be a great platform and, as ever, especially at Kenilworth Road, we believe once we get our noses in front we are very difficult to stop.

Having made eight changes to the team for Tuesday's replay I must commend all of the players for their professionalism and discipline. It's been tough for some who are returning from injury with the lack of reserve team fixtures this season, but the win over

Dorchester earlier in this week was evidence that this group has a real determination to do well. That gives every manager a great feeling and a confidence that any player can, when called upon, give 100 per cent for Luton Town.

The players have given everything and, as we enter these colder months, with fixture congestion on the horizon, they will need to draw on all their expertise and know-how to cope with the demands of being a professional footballer.

Playing for league points

Like me, they will be focusing solely on the next game. There will be no talk of Matlock or Wolves until the time that we are due to play them. Today we are playing for league points which gives us an opportunity to further improve our already good position in the table. Every point in this unforgiving division is vital and it's important we do not – pardon the pun – buckle under the pressure when the tough gets going.

When we have been under the cosh in games your support has never wavered. That is one of the great things about you, our supporters. Home or away, rain or shine, win or lose, you are there in your droves backing us all the way.

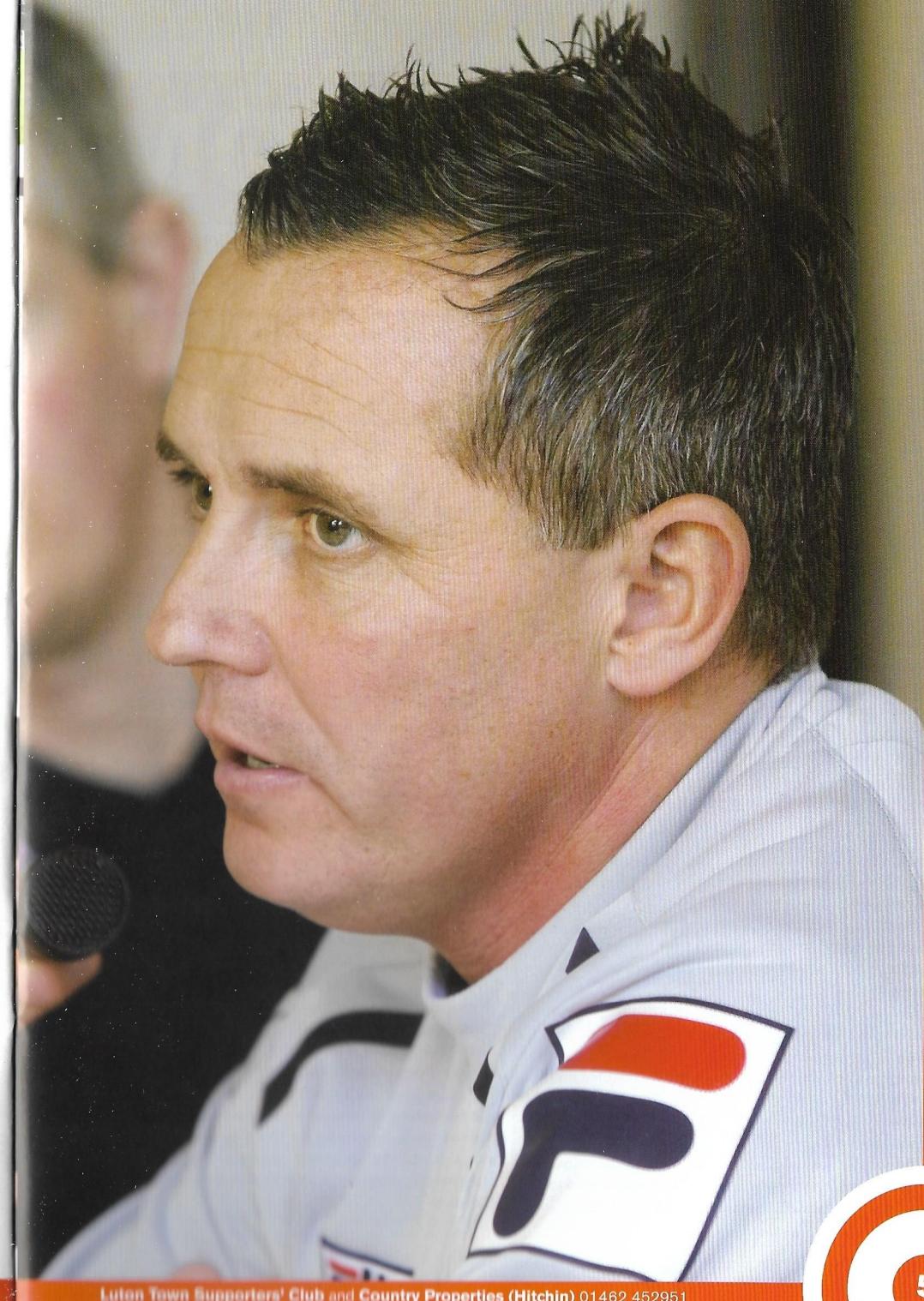
It's been fantastic all season and on behalf of the coaching staff and players I'd like to say a huge thanks – especially those who have travelled twice to Dorchester and were here twice against the same club last week.

The way the fixtures have panned out today is our last home match before Christmas so I'd like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Christmas. It's cold this time of year so we'll endeavour to warm you up with three points this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and welcome to a match that isn't against Dorchester Town!

I think we've seen enough of them to last a decade, but all credit to the players for successfully negotiating our way through to the second round of the FA Trophy and the magical third round of

the FA Cup. All that after the frustrations of a last-minute postponement on our first trip down there two weeks ago and a last-minute equaliser three days later.

Dorchester were no mean opposition and, although we'd played some good stuff in the FA Cup match here a week ago to go two-up, I must admit my nerves were jangling after they'd pulled one back and Mark Tyler was called upon to make some world class saves to ensure we got through.

All round ability

I reckon it's a massive tribute to the strength and all round ability of our squad that Paul Buckle could make eight changes for the Trophy replay on Tuesday and we were still able to win comfortably.

It's great news that Jon Shaw and James Dance are back playing for us again after a difficult time with injuries, particularly James who's been out since way back into last season.

On the other hand, we've a couple of central defenders with dodgy noses in the dressing room after Dean Beckwith broke his in the FA Cup last Saturday and Alex Lacey had his smashed on Tuesday. What a blow (sorry!). It's really bad luck for them to have to go off after they've battled so hard against injury to get a chance in the first team.

Personally, I am delighted with our FA Cup draw against Wolverhampton Wanderers. When I first succumbed to the joys of our beautiful game in the late 50s, Wolves

were top dogs in the English game. They won the League title in 1958 and 1959, before winning the FA Cup for a fourth time in 1960.

Wolves

I remember them beating us 4-1 here that year on the way to Wembley. They may have slipped into the Championship now, but they are still a big club with a proud history and I am sure there'll be a cracking atmosphere here on that first weekend in January.

Wolves are certain to sell out their 1,500 allocation of tickets, and I hope that we will sell all our home seats. Wolves have been having a tough time of it after falling out of the Premier League only in April and they won't fancy it at Kenilworth Road, even if we are currently about 60 places apart in the football pyramid.

Surely we have a chance, particularly if we are on a good league run at the time?

There hasn't been that much national publicity about the Luton-Wolves tie, largely, I think, because people still see us as a Football League club because of our history and don't see us as minnows, in the way they'd regard Harrogate or Hastings.

But the fact is, we are in the Blue Square Bet Premier and Wolves were Premier League just last season. It's a very attractive cup tie and we could create a stunning upset.

League action

Today, at last, we can focus again on league action, with the visit of Alfreton Town.

We have a score to settle with them after they thumped us on a sweltering hot day at their place way back in September.

We never turned up on the day for some reason, but I am sure things will be very different today.

It is vital, of course, to get three points in this match and on Tuesday at Newport to prove we mean serious business as far as winning the title is concerned. We are six points off the lead with games in hand, and we really need to make our mark in this crucial period around Christmas.

We've had some infuriating lapses recently, some inexplicable defeats and an annoying last-gasp equaliser conceded at Mansfield, but we are still in touch. We have some excellent players who are all committed to promotion and I know that Paul, his staff and the squad are all confident we can make it this time. We are so close to getting it just right.

Welcome

A warm welcome this afternoon to the directors, players and supporters from Alfreton who have had a mixed season so far, but we know to our cost how effective they can be - and only a few weeks ago they had a stunning 4-3 victory over Newport County on a Friday night at the Impact Arena.

Miranda Hart

One other point to mention today. I am sure, like me, you always love it when Eric Morecambe appears on television, particularly when Luton Town gets a mention.

Well, the popular comic actress Miranda Hart was inspired by Eric as a child and she's now presenting a BBC documentary about Eric. She is here today for the game and I was very pleased to be asked to give her an interview about his Luton connections and my memories of meeting and interviewing Eric on breakfast television.

Here's hoping for a result today that would have made Eric proud and spread a little sunshine around Kenilworth Road.

Bye for now.

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RONNIE HENRY

It's good to be back in league action as we welcome Alfreton Town to Kenilworth Road for an important fixture in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

We've come through two tough games this week against Dorchester and got through to the next rounds of both the FA Cup and the FA Trophy, and done so with the manager utilising the whole squad. That's a sign of how much quality we have at the club to be able to make eight changes and still comfortably beat Dorchester.

It's also important because we enter one of the biggest, most crucial times of the year. The Christmas and New Year period can make or break teams' seasons and I can't stress enough the importance of the next 30 days of football.

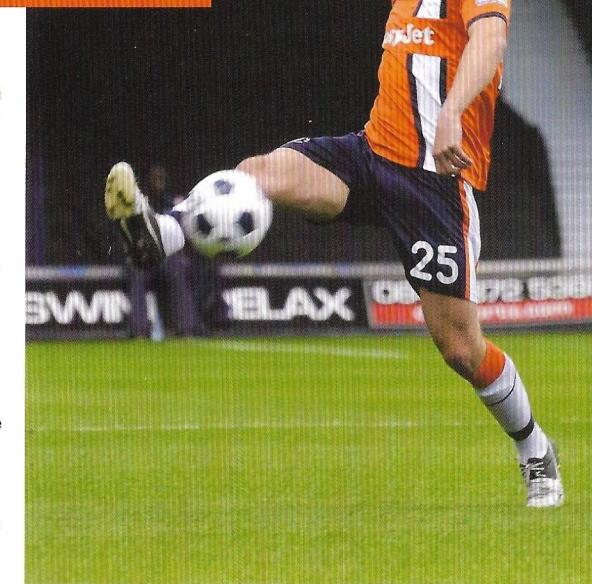
We know that a positive sequence of results can yield a significant points tally that can stand you in really good stead for the second half of the season. Games will be coming thick and fast from now on and the Christmas period gives all teams the opportunity to push on.

As the table shows, there is not one team running away with the league. Consistency wins you titles and not one team has shown that this season. We need to be that club. We know where we've gone wrong this season but we are still in a good position in the table. A consistent run of form over this period and we stand a great chance. Everyone in this league is capable of beating everyone.

Our visitors this afternoon, Alfreton, have beaten us and Newport, yet have lost to the teams below them in the table. Our 3-0 defeat there earlier this season was one to forget. We've moved on since and we'll be looking to put things right this afternoon.

It hasn't been an ideal last month or so to get consistency in our league programme because of the FA Cup and FA Trophy but it's a testament to our professionalism that we have secured our path to the next round of both competitions.

Dorchester put all their effort into last Saturday's FA Cup tie. They had beaten Plymouth Argyle in the previous round and were, like us, desperate to land a



glamour tie in the third round. We did well to go 2-0 ahead and then did even better to keep them at bay with Mark Tyler making a number of great saves.

The win meant we were in the hat for the third round draw and while Wolves are not a Premier League club they were last season and they have a terrific cup pedigree. It's a game we're all looking for to but we must not get carried away. We have six league games, 18 points, to play for before then and they are our immediate priority.

I think Dorchester were spent by the time they arrived back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night for the FA Trophy replay. They had put a lot of effort into Saturday's FA Cup game whilst we had the luxury of fielding a fresh, hungry team out to stake their claims and impress the manager.

These are my last notes before Christmas so I'd like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a very merry Christmas.

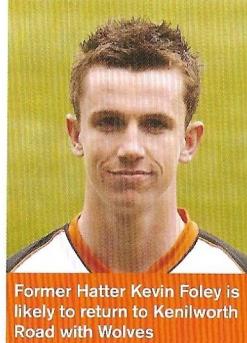
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AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

CUP CALLING!



Former Hatter Kevin Foley is likely to return to Kenilworth Road with Wolves

The Town's prize for beating Dorchester on Saturday is an FA Cup third round tie at home to Championship side Wolverhampton Wanderers. Wolves are currently 17th in the Championship table following their relegation from the Premier League last season.

The tie will take place on the weekend of the 5th January 2013 and means our Blue Square Bet Premier fixture at Macclesfield will require rescheduling. Ticket information for this cup this is as follows:

LUTON TOWN v WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

FA CUP THIRD ROUND

SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY 2012 KICK-OFF 3PM

Normal matchday prices apply for this fixture: Adults (22-64) £18, Young Adults (17-21) and Seniors (65-75) £13, Golden Seniors (over 75s) £10, Youths (10-16) £8, Juniors (under 10s) £5.

Tickets went on sale to Diamond Season Ticket Holders and Season Ticket Holders on Wednesday 5th December. Diamond Season Ticket Holders can purchase their own seat and four additional tickets and Season Ticket Holders can purchase their own seat and two additional ones for guests. Tickets will be available in person, by post or on the Ticket Office line 01582 416976. Additionally, you can email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk with a contact number for a return call.

Any Diamond Season Ticket holders that have not taken their free FA Cup ticket can do so by contacting the Ticket Office.

Automatic Cup Authorisation forms for those that completed them will be actioned this week for Season Ticket Holders own seats and tickets will be sent by first class post. Season Ticket holders seats will be reserved until close of business this afternoon.

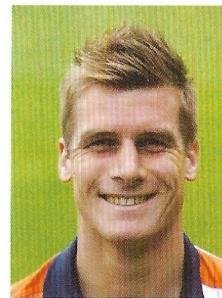
Any remaining tickets will then be available on general sale online from 5pm today before becoming available to purchase at the ticket office at 10am on Monday 17th.

TROPHY TALES CONTINUE

The Town are on the road again this time next week when they take on Northern Premier League side Matlock Town in the second round of the FA Trophy.

The Gladiators, as they are known, beat Blue Square Bet Premier side Mansfield Town after a replay in the first round.

TRIO IN FOR SHOP SIGNING



Supporters will get the chance to rub shoulders with Town trio Janos Kovacs, Simon Ainge and Jonathan Smith at the Luton Town club shop on Thursday 13th December.

The players will be on hand to sign merchandise bought in the shop for the late-night opening between 5.30pm and 7pm.

A whole host of new stock is in the club shop as Christmas approaches, including a William Turner scarf, woolly hats, home and away shirts, and a whole host of Hatters stocking fillers.

In the lead up to Christmas, the shop opening hours are as follows:

Thursday 13th - 10am until 8pm

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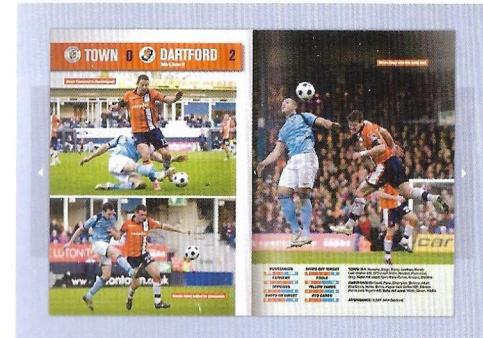
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Saturday's issue of Talk of the Town was a huge success with supporters welcoming the digital programme with open arms in the UK, Europe and beyond.



Today's programme and Tuesday's issue against Dorchester in the FA Trophy are also available free of charge online.

Follow the links supplied on our official website and social media pages to be diverted through to the digital version of Talk of the Town.

As you will see it is very similar to our hard copy, but with the added exception of interactive links to news on our official website, our advertisers and sponsors, and exclusive interviews and highlights on Hatters Player.

We envisage improving the Talk of the Town experience as the season progresses, and we'd love to hear your feedback. Once we herald in 2013 the digital programme will be available for a small fee via our online shop which itself will be undergoing a new facelift in the lead up to Christmas.

Enjoy, and remember to get in touch with your first thoughts on our programme.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of last Saturday's Golden Gamble went home with a smile on his face after scooping £365.

Tommy Keanen won the prize after his ticket number 13717 was drawn from the barrel at half-time. Remember tickets only cost £1 so look out for sellers in and around the ground this afternoon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 30th birthday to Benjamin Brookes of Sandy with best wishes from Chris, Mel and all of his mates in the Kenilworth Road end.

REST IN PEACE



It is with great sadness to report the death of Town supporter Brian Webber who passed away on 12th October.

Brian will be sadly missed by family and friends and all at Kenilworth Road, including his brother-in-law John Horan.

MIRANDA IN TOWN!

This afternoon keep your eyes peeled for comedian and actress Miranda Hart who is at Kenilworth Road filming a documentary on comedy hero Eric Morecambe.

Supporters in the Eric Morecambe lounge and in block G of the Kenilworth Road end could be asked to give Miranda their views on the one and only Eric!

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

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MATLOCK TOWN v LUTON TOWN

FA TROPHY SECOND ROUND

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

This game will be pay on the day at Matlock. Seating and terracing prices: Adults £10, OAPs £6, Children under-16 £4 and Under-11s £2



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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

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Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to our last home league match in the Blue Square Bet Premier before Christmas.

Time flies when you're having fun and fun was exactly what we all had on Wednesday at our Christmas Dinner with John Hartson. John was a fantastic speaker and story teller as he looked back on his career in the game and reminisced about his time at Kenilworth Road.

The department is going to be busy as Christmas and New Year approaches and let's not forget we have a big FA Cup third round tie with Wolves to look forward to on 5th January. If you're interested in booking sponsorship or hospitality for that match then please get in touch as soon as possible.

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Today's match ball sponsor is Jamie Graves who is celebrating his 16th birthday at Kenilworth Road with his friends Cameron, Jamie and Sam from London, as well as his Mum. Jamie has been a Hatters fan, and season ticket holder, for the last 10 years.

MASCOTS

This afternoon we have the pleasure of welcoming two commercial mascots to Kenilworth Road who will meet all the players before the match and then lead the team out on to the pitch before kick-off.

First up is nine-year-old Edward Gallagher from Luton. He plays football for Sacred Heart Vipers and comes to matches with his dad. Edward's favourite player is striker Andre Gray.

Our second mascot is 12-year-old Lui Tomlinson from Harlington. Lui is a season ticket holder in the Main Stand and his favourite Hatters player is JJ O'Donnell.

We hope you both have a great day.

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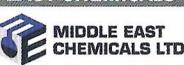
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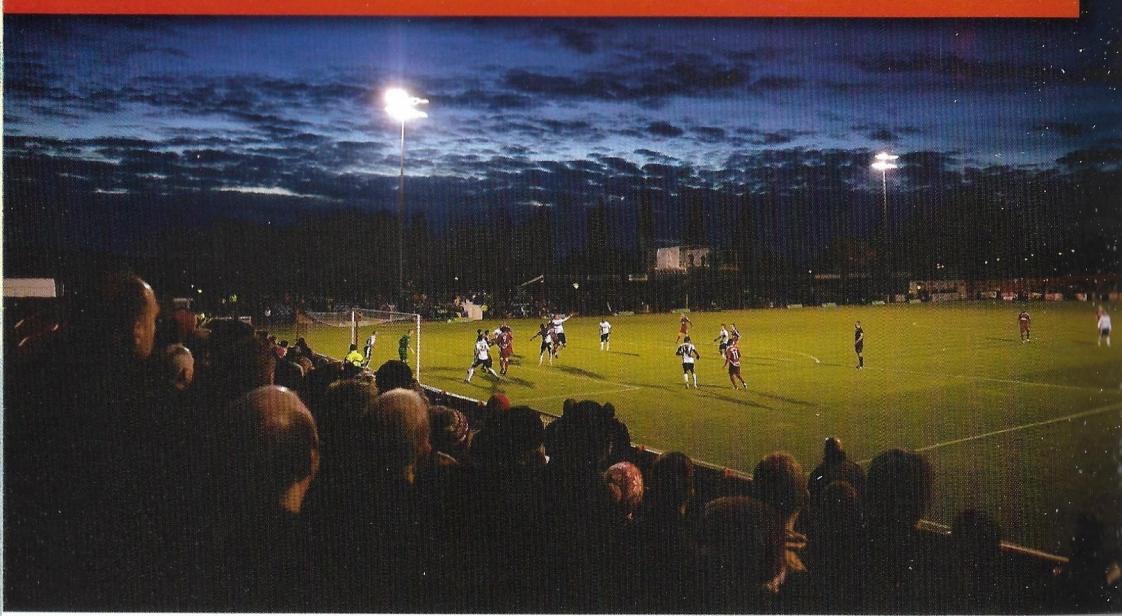
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WELCOME

ALFRETON TOWN



Today's visitors Alfreton Town arrive at Kenilworth Road in a rich vein in form.

Their run of two wins in their last three league games come as a welcome bonus for Nicky Law's men who have failed to carry that form on a consistent basis.

Despite picking up wins against Woking and front-runners Newport in the league recently, the Reds were held to a 1-1 draw with strugglers Hyde and were beaten by Leyton Orient and Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Cup and FA Trophy respectively.

The Reds will no doubt be a tough nut to crack as they head to Bedfordshire lurking in 16th, where points at promotion hopefuls mean more than just three points on the board.

Despite Law's men heading into the game as underdogs, they boast an impressive record against the Hatters, tasting defeat only once in their three previous meetings.

The sides met back in early September at the Impact Arena and it was nothing short of comfortable for the home side as they swept aside Paul Buckle's men. Anthony Wilson struck either side of a Dan Bradley spot-

kick to give the Reds the three points on the day which put an abrupt end to the Hatters' impressive start to the campaign.

Wilson will again be one of the danger men for the Reds their attacking threat pose real danger for the Town. Top scorer Paul Clayton will be looking to add to his 10 league goals already netted this campaign as his side continue to fight their way away from danger and look up rather than down.

Law's side have proved their credentials on a number of occasions already this season but consistency on the pitch has remained their downfall. With an impressive away record that has seen them notch up double the amount of home wins, the Town will need to be wary of the travellers as they look to once again recoup maximum points from their outing.

This may only be the second meeting between the sides at Kenilworth Road but it will be a familiar sight to one of the Alfreton playing staff. Matthew Harriott, who is currently on loan from Sheffield United, rose through the ranks at Luton Town before making the switch up north in 2010 and is set for his first return to the club.

THE REDS

AN AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE ALFRETON TOWN SQUAD

NICKY LAW

The man in charge begun his career at Arsenal as an apprentice before playing for Blackpool, Plymouth and Notts County before hanging up his boots. Won Conference North with Alfreton as manager in 2011.

PHIL BARNES

Experienced goalkeeper had spells as Blackpool, Sheffield United and QPR stopper before signing for Alfreton in the summer.

CONNOR FRANKLIN

England C International full-back signed for Alfreton in 2010 after impressing at Hinckley United.

JOSH LAW

Son of manager Nicky, can operate either as full-back or in midfield. Versatile 23-year-old had a spell with Chesterfield before joining in 2007.

ALISTAIR TAYLOR

Highly-rated young winger who was named Barnsley academy player of the year in 2010 and went on to make four senior appearances at Oakwell before switching to the Reds in the summer.

ADAM QUINN

Tall, experienced central defender who joined from Darlington last campaign. Former Crawley Town skipper.

DARRAN KEMPSON

Another former Blue Square Bet Premier captain who signed for the Reds after his release from Grimsby Town. Has also represented Crewe Alexandra and Shrewsbury Town.

ANTON BROWN

Versatile long-server for the Reds making over 250 outings for Nicky Law's men. Former Mansfield Town youth product.

PAUL CLAYTON

Firm fans favourite powerhouse forward who is in his sixth season at the Impact Arena. Former Barnsley youth product has two England C caps.

DAN BRADLEY

Reds central midfielder joined from Kidderminster Harriers in the summer. Came through the ranks at Aston Villa before moving to Tamworth.

NATHAN ARNOLD

Another Alfreton player capped at England C level, the pacey wide-man, who can also play up top, formerly represented Mansfield Town and Hyde before joining the Reds in 2010.

LEIGH FRANKS

Signed a professional contract with Huddersfield Town but failed to make an appearance. Loaned to Fleetwood and Oxford before joining the Reds in 2011.

DANIEL MEADOWS

Central midfielder released by Nottingham Forest in the summer. The 20-year-old captained Forest's reserve side before signing for Alfreton.

MATTHEW HARRIOT

Former Hatters youth product signed for Sheffield United in 2010. The 20-year-old midfielder joined Alfreton on loan in the summer.

THEO STREETE

Rose through the Derby County ranks before moving on to appear for Doncaster Rovers and Rotherham. The 25-year-old defender joined Alfreton in 2011.

MATT WILSON

Joined Alfreton in 2007 as a versatile defender. Ever-present part of the title winning side in 2011.

SIMON RUSSELL

Product of the Hull City set-up where he made one senior appearance. Played for York and Lincoln amongst others before landing a deal with Alfreton in the summer.

ASHLEY WORSFOLD

Another summer acquisition for Nicky Law after impressing in a trial. Formerly a spent time at Sheffield Wednesday.

BEN TOMLINSON

Attacker who signed from Macclesfield Town in the summer. Scored six goals in 25 appearances for the Silkmen last season.

JON STEWART

Goalkeeper on loan from Championship Burnley. In his second loan spell for Alfreton after impressing last season.

GAVIN HOLOHAN

Former Under-19 Ireland International released by Hull City in the summer. Had trials with Carlisle United and SPL side Hibernian before deciding on the Reds.

DANNY EMERTON

Currently on loan from Hull City where he has appeared multiple times on the bench for the Tigers. Signed a professional contract with Hull in the summer before joining on loan.



Established: 1959

Nickname(s): The Reds

Stadium: North Street

Capacity: 3,600 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 1,785)

Manager: Nicky Law (5 years, 7 months)

Final league position '11/12: 13th BSP



Nicky Law's **Alfreton Town** have been going strong in the Blue Square Bet Premier this season and look as if they have the tools to go on and improve upon last season's 13th-place finish.

The Reds, already a cohesive and compact unit in the last campaign, have added a cluster of match-winning talents to their ranks this summer with the likes of Dan Bradley and Ben Tomlinson, and have so far proven they will be formidable opposition for any team in the division. As if the 3-0 victory over the Hatters in September wasn't enough to state Alfreton's league credentials, the Reds have gone on to beat Macclesfield and leaders Newport County in the televised fixture in November.

A closer look at Alfreton's season so far

The Derbyshire side currently sit in 16th position in the Blue Square Bet Premier, but that belies their true performance this term. Law's men have played 19 (a game less than those around them in the standings) won six, drawn seven, lost six and have 25 points so far. Though 16th may not appear a strong position, the Reds can actually move up to 10th with a win here at Kenilworth Road – providing other results go their way. Worryingly for the Hatters, Alfreton's away record is ranked the seventh best in the division: they have collected 15 points from 10 games and have only lost once on the road in seven matches. What's more, the Reds have only failed to score in three of their 19 Blue Square Bet Premier games, so the Luton defence will again come under scrutiny. In fact, the Hatters' comeback credentials will also be put to the test today. Paul Buckle's side have earned 14 points from losing positions this season (second only to Ebbsfleet), but Law's Alfreton have scored first in 10 of their 19 games – and have never lost when doing so.

How will they play? Who are their danger men?

The Reds are expected to line-up in a 4-3-3 just as they did for their televised FA Cup second round tie with Leyton Orient last Sunday. Against the O's, Alfreton played the first half with a high defensive line and quick tempo attempting to suffocate the League 1 side, denying them time and space to play. It is possible they could

deploy these tactics again, but Law will be wary of the threat Andre Gray and Stuart Fleetwood pose pouncing on quick, direct balls in behind a high line, so he may instruct his side to sit deeper and spring their own pacey wingers, Tomlinson and Nathan Arnold, on the counter.



Burnley loanee Jon Stewart will start in goal for the Reds. Nicky Law's son Josh – who is something of a set-piece specialist – will operate at right-back, flanking club captain Darren Kempson and Leeds loanee Ross Killock in centre. Connor Franklin will start at left-back and will no doubt look to cause the Hatters' defence problems with his dangerous long throw. Theo Streete will sit in front of the defence having been converted from a centre-back to a midfield destroyer. He will anchor Daniel Meadows and the highly-rated Bradley who has attracted interest from a host of Football League clubs recently. Bradley, a box-to-box dynamo, playmaker and solid athlete all in one, has scored eight goals this season and should play a huge part in the centre of the park today. In attack, Alfreton will either look to release their pacey wingers Tomlinson and Arnold with balls in behind on the break, or play aerials balls up to 10-goal target man Paul Clayton who has a fantastic first touch, holds the ball up brilliantly and makes intelligent runs to carve out space for the onrushing Tomlinson and Arnold, who will cut inside frequently.

THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

TALK OF THE TOWN GETS THE INSIDE WORD FROM THE VISITORS' CAMP

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Willis Hardy

AGE?

77

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB?

53 years

HOW'S YOUR SEASON GONE SO FAR?

Very well so far.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS PRESUMABLY WAS BEATING THE HATTERS 3-0 IN SEPTEMBER – WHAT WENT RIGHT FOR YOU THAT DAY?

You were poor, we were average.

IN LUTON'S THREE GAMES AGAINST ALFRETON SINCE YOU GOT PROMOTED, THE HATTERS HAVE SCORED JUST ONCE. WOULD YOU SAY YOUR TEAM IS BUILT ON A SOLID DEFENCE?

The only goal you did score was debatable! Brian Clough's theory was based on defence – that you've got to score to win.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?

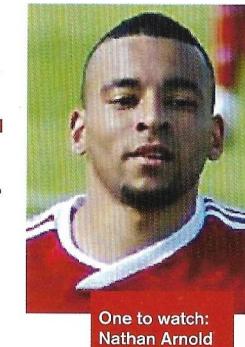
Nathan Arnold.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR MANAGER?

The best in our league.

OUT OF THE TEAM'S YOU'VE SEEN ALFRETON PLAY SO FAR THIS SEASON, WHICH ONE HAS IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST?

Dartford.



One to watch: Nathan Arnold

WHAT'S YOUR CLUB'S FAVOURITE SONG?

David Essex's 'Hold me Close'.

WHAT'S THE BEST ALFRETON MATCH YOU'VE WITNESSED SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SUPPORTING THEM?

Drawing with Hucknall away on Boxing Day with nine men and beating Guiseley 6-0 with 10 men.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT SUPPORTING ALFRETON?

The supporters.

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR CLUB THIS SEASON?

Mid-table consolidation.

WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TODAY?

1-1.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS 10 POST-WAR ALFRETON TOWN 'CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS'

1969/70

Alfreton Town achieved a Midland League title and Derbyshire Senior Cup double in 1969/70. The Reds won the Midland League by 14 points, scoring 119 goals and gaining a record 15-0 win over Loughborough.

They beat Gresley Rovers in the Derbyshire Senior Cup final. Alfreton also created a record by taking Barrow to an FA Cup first round third replay before losing 2-0 at Deepdale, the longest a League club has ever taken to knock out non-league opposition from the competition.

Key figures included record goalscorer and appearance holder John Harrison, Dick Bate who later managed Southend United and Alan Woodward who joined Grimsby Town.

1971/72

The Reds went close to achieving the Midland League and Cup double in 1971/72. The Reds won the Midland League Cup for the first time in their history, beating Worksop Town 3-0 on aggregate in the final.

They gained six successive early wins under new manager Alf England, then had a 10-match unbeaten mid-season run but finished as Midland League runners-up to Grantham after winning just one of their last five games.

The FA Cup defeat at home to Nuneaton Borough was watched by 2,117. Top scorer John Harrison, Dave Griffiths and Mick Wassell netted 51 goals between them as they won 22 of their 34 Midland League games.

1973/74

Mick Wadsworth scored 34 goals as Alfreton achieved another Midland League and Cup double in 1973/74. The Reds won 22 of their 32 games and finished three points ahead of runners-up Worksop Town to win the Midland League title for the second time in five seasons, also beating Worksop 3-1 in the League Cup final. They reached the FA Cup first round proper for only the second occasion, taking Blyth Spartans to a replay with a 0-0 draw in front of 1,519 at the Town Ground.

1976/77

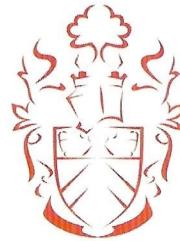
Alfreton won the Midland League title for the third time in 1976/77. They were early pace-setters with an 11-match unbeaten run, hammering Sutton Town 6-0, Kimberley 5-1 and Louth United 7-2 in consecutive games. Despite missing record goalscorer John Harrison for much of the season with injury, Alfreton bounced back from two consecutive defeats in January, against title rivals Long Eaton United and Mexborough Town. The Reds stormed to the title with 11 straight wins, including five away victories, before Brigg Town completed the double over them. They won 24 of their 34 games and finished seven points clear of runners-up Long Eaton.

1984/85

The Reds won the Northern Counties East League Cup for the first time in 1984/85. Geoff Worth's side defeated Appleby Frodingham, Spalding United, Denaby United and Eastwood Town before beating Long Eaton United 2-1 in the final replay. They were also Derbyshire Senior Cup finalists but lost 3-1 on aggregate to Matlock Town. Ricky Greenough moved to Chester in January. Bob Mountain was leading scorer and Alfreton slammed five goals past Bentley Victoria, Appleby Frodingham, Boston and Denaby United but finished only fourth in the Northern Counties East League in a crowded season when they played a total of 60 matches.

1986/87

Alfreton stormed to the Northern Counties East League title in 1986/87. The Reds lost just twice at home and hammered Bridlington Trinity 7-1. Sean Egan's side opened up a significant lead at the top of the table which still existed in mid-March but Farsley Celtic pressed hard during the closing weeks and briefly overtook them. Alfreton were not to be denied and won four of their last six matches to win the title by a three-point margin. Top scorer Trevor Jones, Dennis Jenas and Paul Edmunds netted 46 of their 74 league goals between them. Alfreton left to join the newly-formed Northern Premier League First Division at the end of the season.



1995/96

The Reds were Northern Premier League First Division runners-up in 1995/96.

They kicked off with a 5-1 victory over Warrington and lost just three of their opening 19 Northern Premier League games. Alfreton overcame two consecutive defeats in December and a 6-1 mauling at home to title rivals Lancaster City to finish with an eight-match unbeaten run, clinching promotion with a 5-0 victory at Whitley Bay.

The Reds won 23 of their 40 games and scored 79 goals, finishing five points behind Lancaster. They also lifted the Evans Halshaw Floodlit Cup, trouncing Holbeach United 4-0 in the final. Phil Stafford was leading marksman with 38 goals.

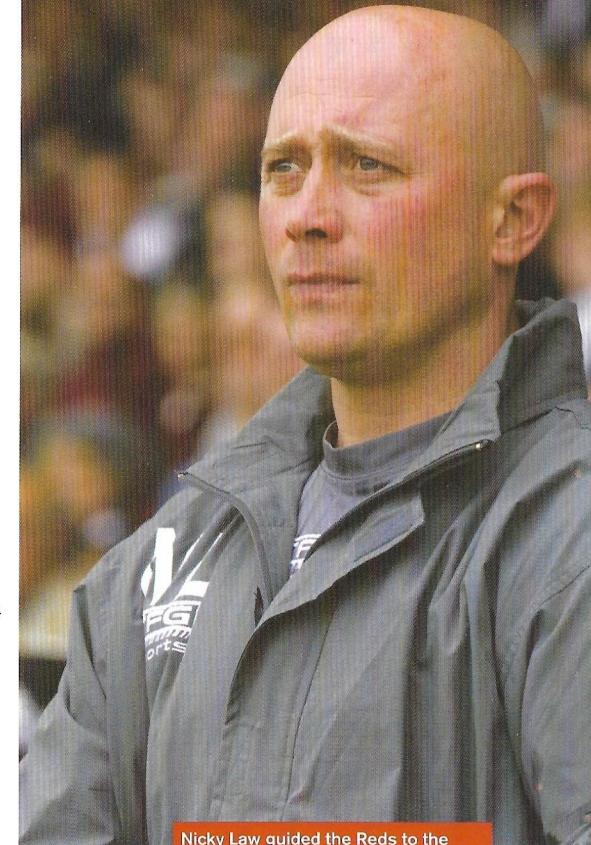
2001/02

Alfreton achieved the Northern Counties East League and Cup double in 2001/02. The Reds made a disappointing start but results quickly improved after Chris Wilder replaced Jason Maybury as player-boss in October. Mick Goddard and Mick Godber arrived from Hallam and Sheffield respectively and formed a lethal striking partnership dubbed the 'God Squad'. Alfreton scored 94 goals as they won 27 of their 38 games and finished six points ahead of runners-up Brigg Town. They beat Armthorpe Welfare 4-0 in the Northern Counties East League Cup final and also Bridlington Town on away goals after a 2-2 draw in the President's Cup final.

2002/03

The Reds won the Northern Premier League First Division title in 2002/03. Chris Wilder's side won five of their first six games, then pulled clear at the top with 12 consecutive wins in a 17-match unbeaten run.

Mick Goddard and Mick Godber starred in attack as Alfreton scored 106 Northern Premier League goals overall. Despite losing four of their last 11 matches,



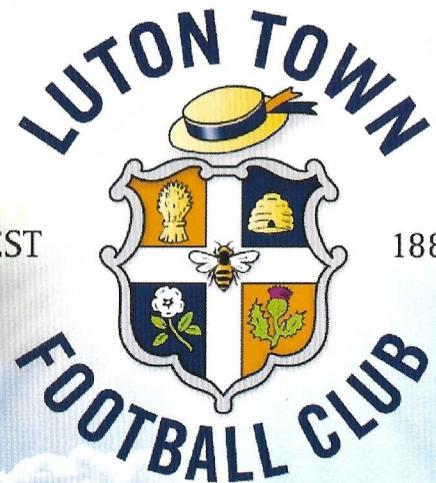
Nicky Law guided the Reds to the Blue Square Bet Premier in 2009/10

they pipped Spennymoor United to the title on goal difference after finishing level on 87 points, with Radcliffe Borough only two behind.

They trounced Mickleover Sports 7-1 on aggregate in the Derbyshire Senior Cup final. Ryan France was sold to Hull City early the following season.

2010/11

Liam Hearn was top scorer with 28 goals as Alfreton Town won the Blue Square North title with a club record 92 points in 2010/11. The Reds started with eight straight wins, including 5-1 victories at Redditch and Hyde. They bounced back from a 1-0 defeat at home to Boston United to remain unbeaten in 11 consecutive games but lost pole position after several matches were postponed. Nicky Law's side had to play 19 games in the last two months of the season, losing just four times in this period, winning 6-0 against Corby and Guiseley. They scored 97 goals and finished 10 points ahead of runners-up Telford United.



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TOWN 2-1 DORCHESTER



The Town pile on the pressure
against the Magpies

BRING ON THE WOLVES!

Paul Buckle was a proud man after seeing his side earn an FA Cup third round tie at home to Championship outfit Wolves following a 2-1 win over Dorchester at Kenilworth Road.

The manager was pleased with his side's victory – thanks to goals from Andre Gray and Alex Lawless – but was left to mull over conceding another goal from a set-piece that brought Dorchester back into a game they looked down and out in.

Arran Pugh's goal gave the Magpies hope but, while disappointed at that aspect, Buckle was happy with the way his team held onto secure a place in third round draw and a date with a Wolves side who were a Premier League club last season.

"Normally people go away from a game remembering the last 15 or 20 minutes but our supporters won't today because we were hanging on at the end," the manager told Hatters Player afterwards. "At that point we should have been further than just 2-0 ahead. We approached the game right and did a lot very well in the first half. In the second half we've kicked on and got a second and at that point you thought there was only going to be one winner."

"But I need to look at the DVD for their goal. We might have switched off, but I thought we defended well in the closing stages and showed great character. I'm proud of the players for getting through. Any team

from our league that gets in the third round of the FA Cup is doing something right."

The tie was the second this week between the two sides and both will meet again on Tuesday in a first round replay in the FA Trophy. "I think we deserved to win both games," Buckle said. "I think overall on the balance of play we've created a lot of chances and I think we knocked the stuffing out of them a bit today."

Buckle believes drawing Wolves is "the next best thing" to drawing a Premier League club. The boss was delighted that the Town will face the four-time FA Cup winners on the weekend of 5th January at Kenilworth Road.

"It's really exciting," added Buckle. "It's great that we're at home and it's going to be a big, big game for the players, staff and the fans. It'll be a massive test against a team that have come down from the Premier League last season. "Like every non-league club left in the competition we wanted a Premier League club but in Wolves we've got the next best thing."

"They've been there and done it but, when it comes around, it's going to be great. We've earned the right to get to this stage and it'll be a good crowd and, you never know, anything can happen in the FA Cup."

"We'll prepare and do our homework in the lead up to the tie. The pressure will be on Wolves, I love being the underdog."

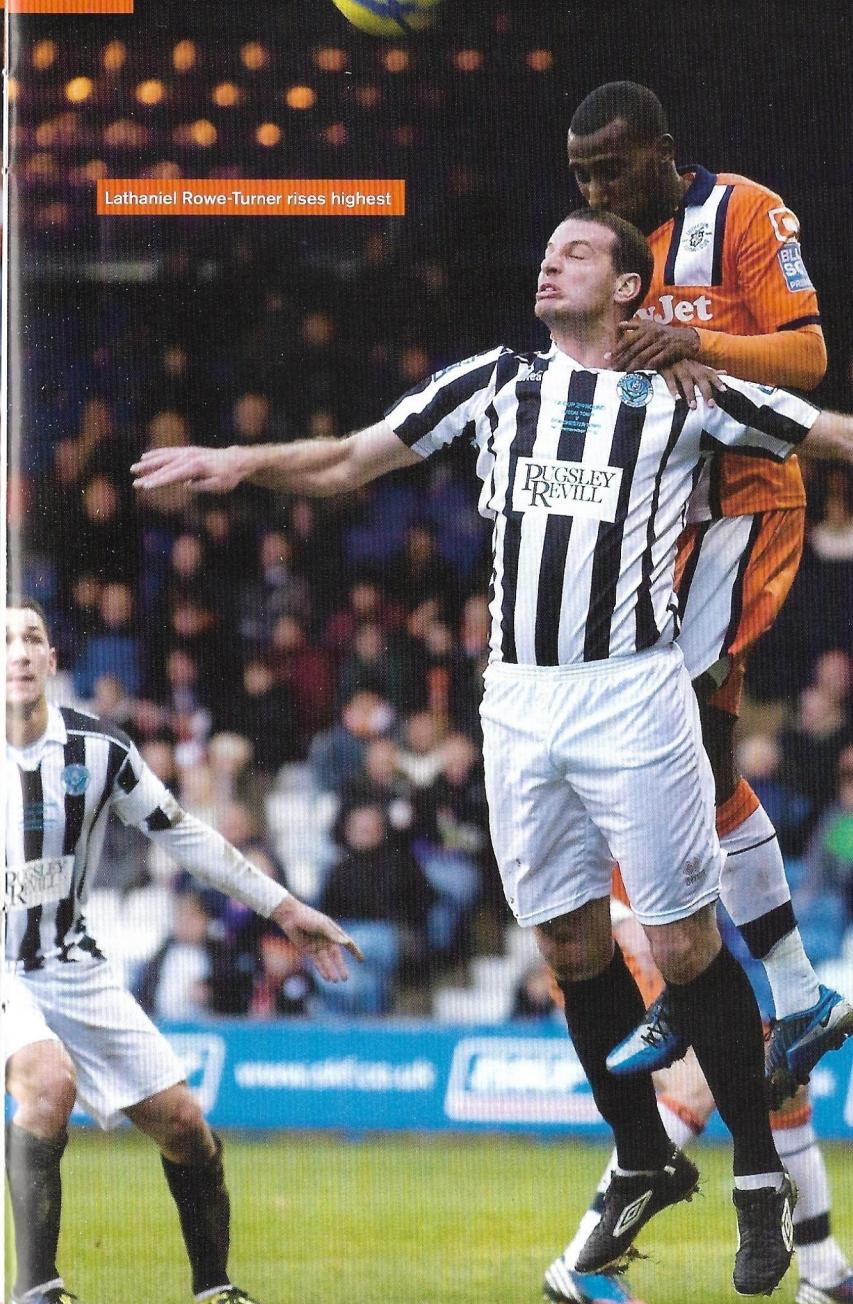
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Gray 30, Lawless 68

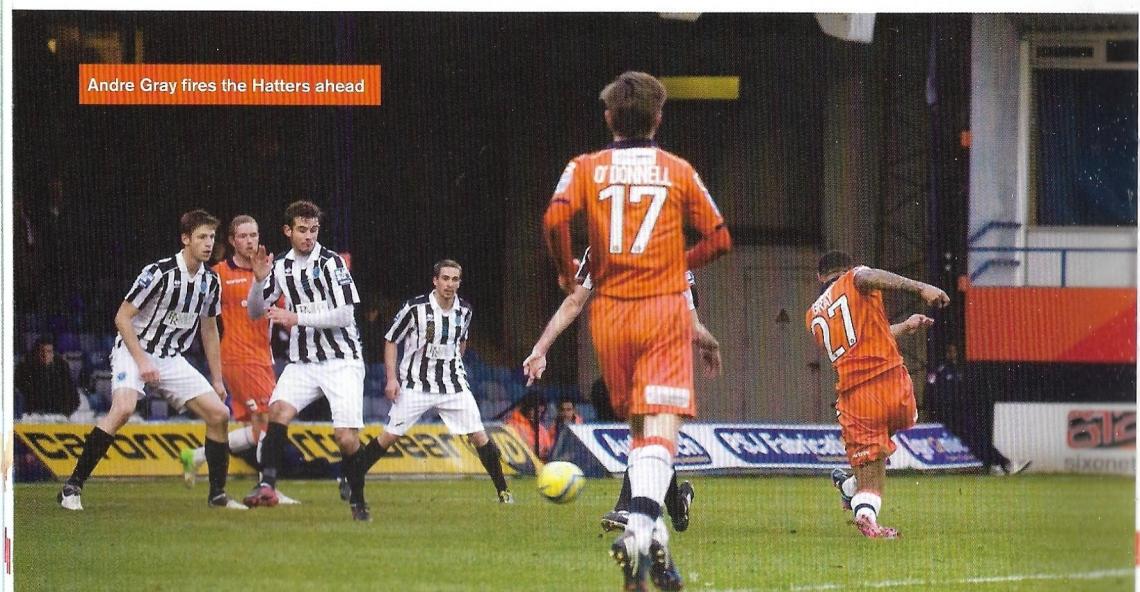
Pugh 71



JJ O'Donnell emerges with the ball

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Lathaniel Rowe-Turner rises highest



Andre Gray fires the Hatters ahead

POSSESSION

63%	47%
CORNERS	
10	6
OFFSIDES	
4	3
SHOTS ON TARGET	
4	5
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
5	4
FOULS	
8	10
YELLOW CARDS	
2	3
RED CARDS	
0	0

TOWN:

Tyler
 Rowe-Turner
 Beckwith (sub Lacey 64)
 Kovacs
 Howells
 Henry
 Lawless
 O'Donnell (sub Mandy 89)
 Smith
 Rendell
 Gray (sub Fleetwood 80)

Subs not used:
 Brill
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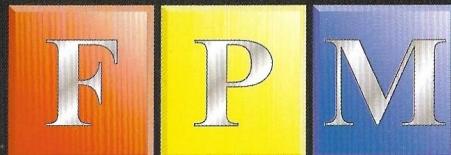
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 Clough
 Pugh
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 Gleeson
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 Jermyn (sub Thomson 71)
 Gosling
 Watson
 Choperana-Garcia (sub Malsom 46)

Subs not used:
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 Crittenden
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 Morgan

ATTENDANCE:

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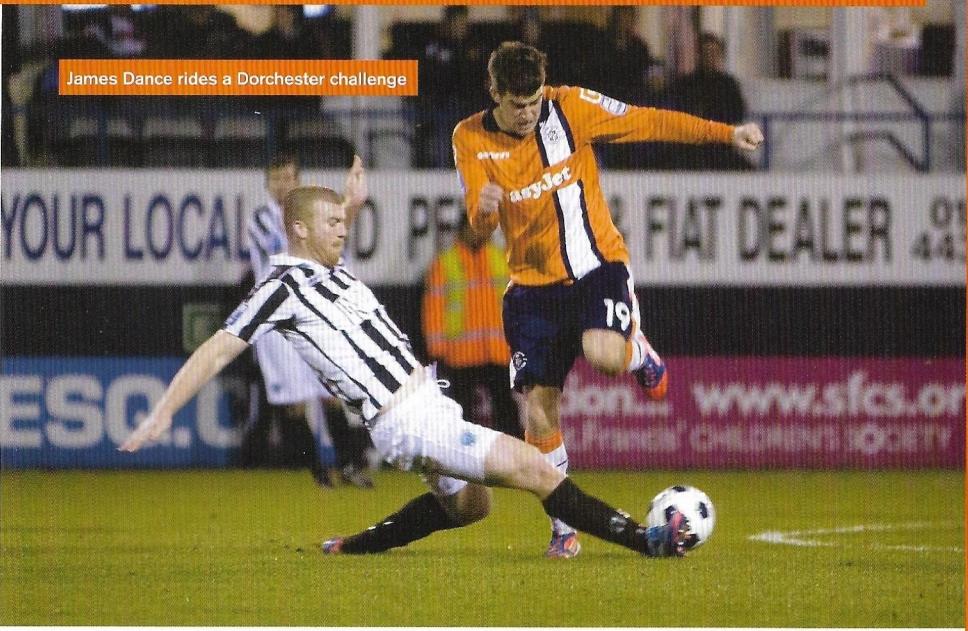
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MAGPIES PUT TO THE SWORD - AGAIN

Paul Buckle paid tribute to the side that saw off Dorchester and earned the Hatters a place in the second round of the FA Trophy.

The manager made eight changes to the side that beat the Magpies in the FA Cup meeting on Saturday and two goals from Dan Walker and one from JJ O'Donnell helped the Town secure a 3-1 victory.

"I thought the players approached the game in a brilliant manner," Buckle told Hatters Player afterwards. "I felt they were aggressive in their approach and it was a no-nonsense way in which they put Dorchester to the sword.

"We scored three good goals and not one player let us down. I'm absolutely thrilled. It was dangerous making as many changes as we did but we trusted the players we've got here and they didn't prove me wrong.

"A number of players out there haven't had a lot of football recently but it didn't look that way. That's the hard work and determination on the training ground paying off.

"It wasn't a second string. We have one squad here. Everyone's in it together and tonight showed that."

Buckle was also delighted that striker Jon Shaw - who weighed in with two assists - Matt Robinson and Adam Watkins played the full 90 minutes, whilst James Dance featured for 66 minutes.

"For Jon to get through 90 minutes is fantastic," said the boss. "Jon's a big player for us and we needed him back.

"Watkins, Robinson and Dance have done well, too - it was a really good team effort. I played a team tonight that I felt could win and they haven't let me down.

"The only downside was another broken nose to a defender of ours. Alex Lacey's is broken in two places."

Buckle was also pleased with the way his side started the game with O'Donnell's and Walker's first-half strikes putting the Town two-up inside 17 minutes.

"The gameplan was to get at them early and try and show Dorchester that there was nothing for them here tonight," said the boss.

"We were positive, and JJ's goal epitomised us but it was a tough old game where winning the second balls was vital. Victory tonight was no more than we deserved."

**TOWN** 3

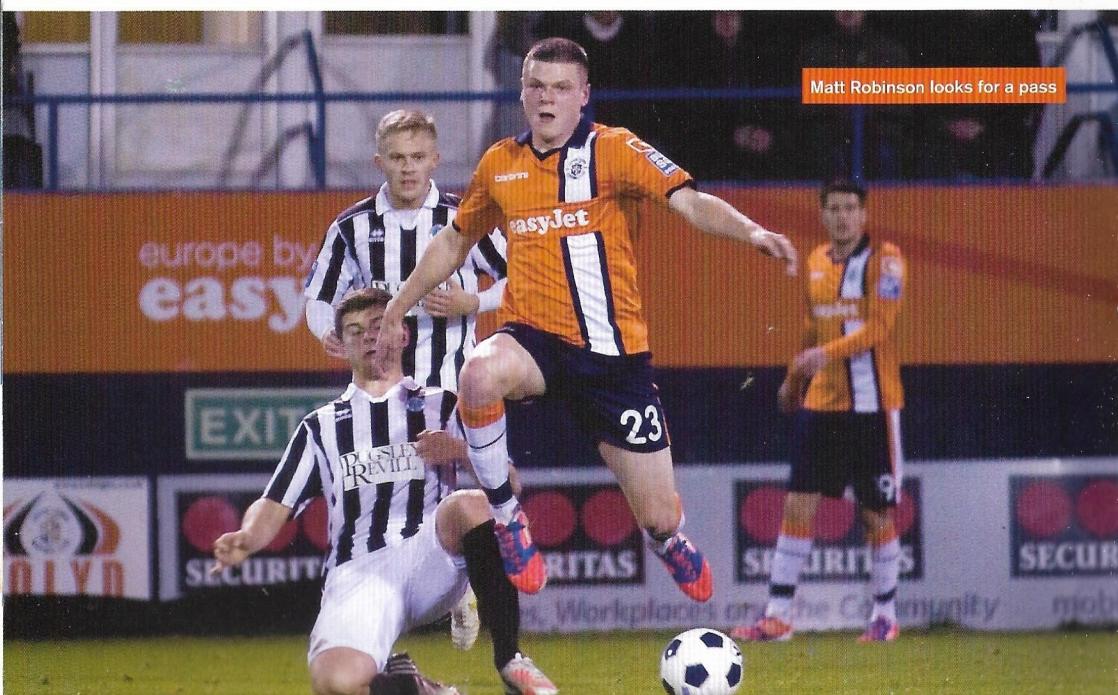
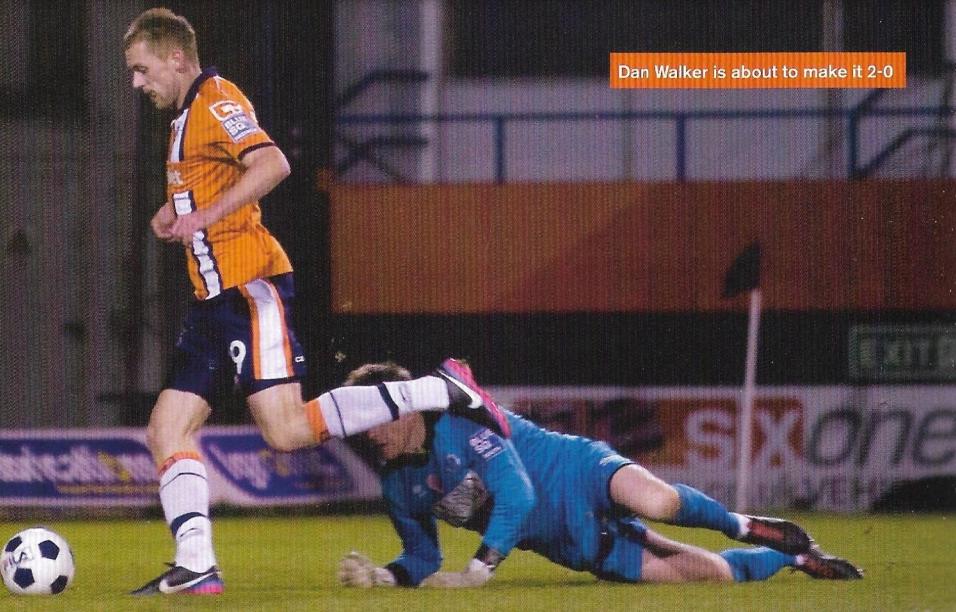
O'Donnell 11, Walker 17, 70

**DORCHESTER**

Thompson 86

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Captain for the night Jon Shaw wins this tussle

**POSSESSION**

65%

SHOTS OFF TARGET

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CORNERS

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FOULS

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OFFSIDES

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YELLOW CARDS

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SHOTS ON TARGET

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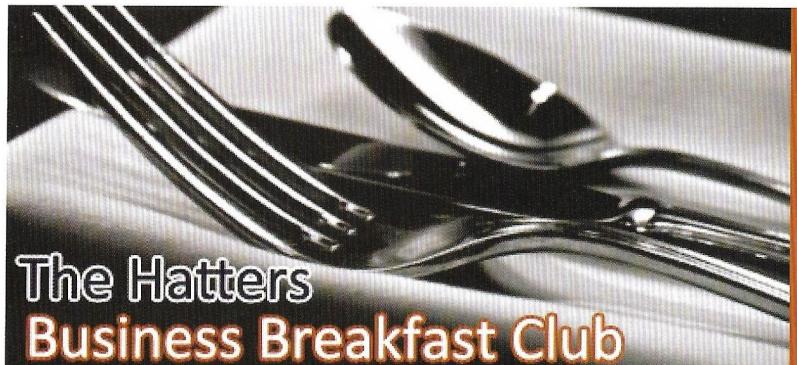
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RED CARDS

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TOWN: Brill, Rowe-Turner, Lawless, Ainge, Lacey (sub Howells 24), O'Donnell (sub Wooley 82), Watkins, Robinson, Dance (sub Fleetwood 66), Walker, Shaw. **Subs not used:** Mendy, Gray**DORCHESTER:** Matthews, Jermyn, Martin (sub Smeeton 37), Clough, Pugh, Morgan, Gosling, Nicholls, Watson (sub Thompson 81), Logan, Malsom (sub Crittenden). **Subs not used:** Walker, Colson**ATTENDANCE:** 897 (16 Dorchester)

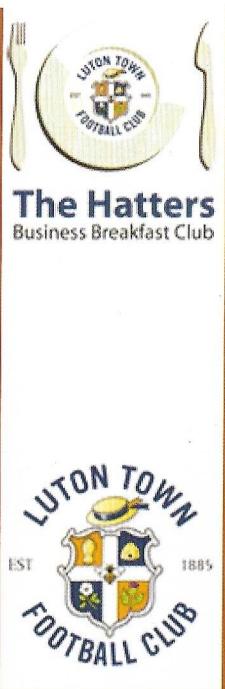


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PART FIVE BY DAVID CAIN

ARE WE THERE YET?

On journeys of a certain length you reach a point when you find yourself no closer to either shore, no nearer your destination than your departure.

At times like these you never know quite where you will end up and the same is true of this season as it drifts into December.

It is far too late to turn back now, and who would want to? Three games in a fortnight against Dorchester are enough for anyone. On the other hand, the season is far too muddled to see our final port of call.

December is an odd month for football. You become distracted by Christmas. The cold starts to bite on the terraces and the games start to be postponed. What's more, the mixture of league matches one week, cup games the next, leaves you not quite sure who, how, what, where, or when, you will be watching next.

Added to this winter whirlpool is the sense that this season, more than most, has been a snakes and ladders of a season. For every Forest Green there is a Dartford. Up one moment, down the next, sometimes several times in the same match.



Kenilworth Road: A winter wonderland?

That's entertainment for sure. You never knowing where the next twist will come from and you know what? Maybe it's no bad thing. Too many times the story of our season has been over by Christmas. The remaining plots a fight against relegation – or worse.

Still challenging

Midst all the confusion some things are known. The Town are still challenging in all three competitions, and seeing as yet nothing is decided, perhaps it is time, starting today with Alfreton, to stop worrying and go with the flow.

It's a radical idea I know. It doesn't mean that I don't care anymore. It's just that sometimes all you can do is sit back and see what life brings you. Why not jump on board? We can climb the league ladders where we can. Hope to roll a six now and again, avoid the snakes and let our boat drift gently down the stream.

After all, the most important thing is supporting the Town and no one ever said that was going to be easy. Just don't stop believing.

CENTRE SPOT

Dan Walker slides home his second and the Town's third against Dorchester on Tuesday night





PICTURE **THE PAST**

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH Delves
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Spurs goalkeeper John Hollowbread and defender Mel Hopkins watch as a Luton effort from Dave Pacey (in the background) goes narrowly wide during the 2-1 home defeat in November 1958.

On the left Luton forward Tony Gregory, in the side because of injury to Gordon Turner, and Allan Brown look on.

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TREASURES

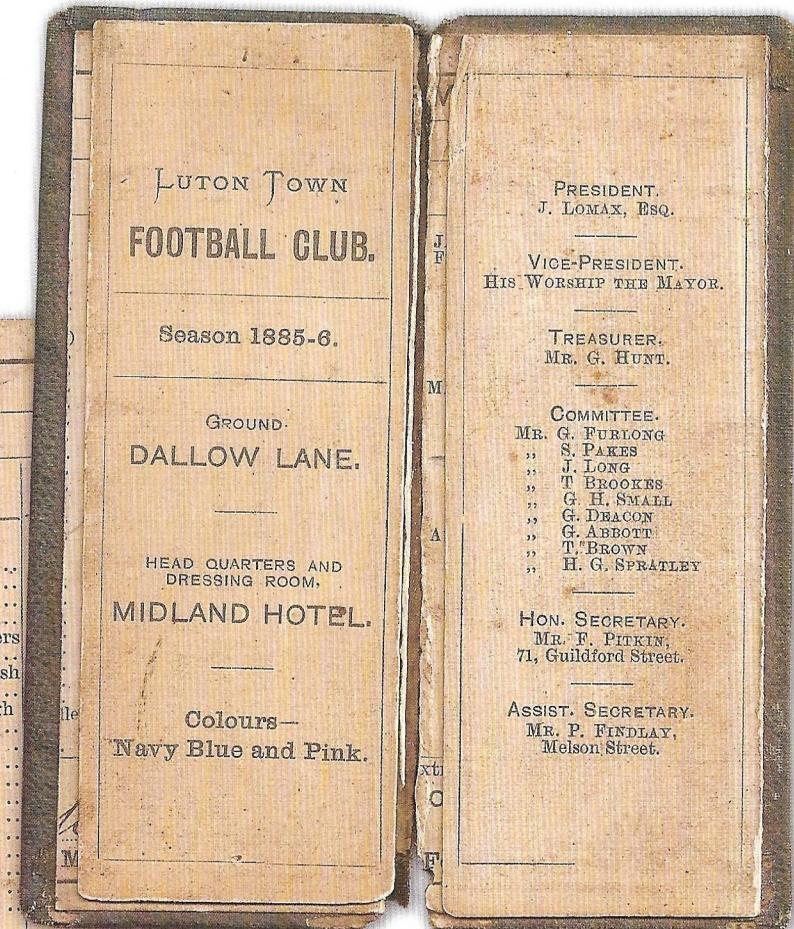
CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES DEEP INTO HIS VAST COLLECTION OF HATTERS MEMORABILIA

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1885.							
OCT. 3	Higham Ferrers	Luton	1	0	JAN. 30	Wimbledon	
10	St. Albans	Luton	1	0	FEB. 6	Hanover United	
17	Hitchin	Luton	1	0	" 6	Rushden Wanderers	
17	Hemel Hempstead	Boxmoor	1	0	" 13	City Ramblers	
24	Grove House	Luton	1	0	" 13	Bedford Town	
24					20	Higham Ferrers	
31	Great Marlow (E.C.T.)	Marlow	1	0	" 24	Wellington Gram. school	
31	Oakshott	Luton	1	0	" 27	Grove House	
NOV. 7	*Notts County	Luton	1	0	" 27	Hemel Hempstead	
14	Hotspur	Luton	1	0	MAR. 6	Wellington Gram. school	
14	Rushden Wanderers	Luton	1	0	" 6	Civil Service Wande	
21	St. Neots	Rushden	1	0	" 13	*Dulwich	
21	Olympians	Luton	1	0	" 13	Dunstable	
28	Clapham Rovers	Clapton	1	0	" 17	St. Martin's	
28	Bedford Town	Wandsworth	1	0	" 20	St. Neots	
DEC. 5	Watford Rovers	Luton	1	0	" 20	Watford Rovers	
5		Watford	1	0	" 27	Forest Rangers	
12	Hitchin	Hitchin	1	0	" 27	Kettering	
12	Dunstable	Luton	1	0	APR. 3	Upton Excelsior	
19			1	0	" 10	Hanover United	
19			1	0	" 17	Wellingborough Rovers	
26	Unity	Luton	1	0	" 23	Olympians	
26	Nondescripts	Luton	1	0	" 24	Luton	
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JAN. 2	Dulwich	Dulwich	1	0			
2	Leyton	Luton	1	0			
9	St. Albans	St. Albans	1	0			
9	Kettering	Luton	1	0			
16	*Clapham Rovers	Luton	1	0			
23	Wellingborough Rovers	Wellingborough	1	0			
23			1	0			
30	Hotspur	Wimbledon	1	0			

*Matches marked thus, a
extra charge will be made.

PLAY WE
OR FINE.

Mr. *W. Pugh*
Member of the Luton Town
Football Club.



A very early artefact is featured this week with details of 'Engagements' for the Town's first ever season as a football club – a fixture list to you and I!

From this list we can see that both Hotspur and Hanover United came from Wimbledon, and Grove House from Shepherds Bush, but there is no clue as to the home of Olympians or City Ramblers.

It also appears that games were to be graded with the likes of Notts County attracting higher admission charges.

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



The Town players pose for the camera with not an I-Pod in sight before setting off to Manchester for the Third Round FA Cup tie at City in 1969.

Luton players (left to right): Billy McDerment (with KLM man bag), Mike Harrison, Graham French, Sandy Davie, Terry Branston, Alan Slough, Brian Lewis, John Moore, Jack Bannister and Max Dougan.

John Moore was not smiling on the return trip as it was his supposed foul on City's Francis Lee that produced the penalty leading to the only goal of the game.

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DUO REFLECT ON CUP VICTORY

DORCHESTER SUCCESS PLEASES LAWLESS AND LACEY

After Dorchester Town were brushed aside in the second round of this season's FA Cup, Talk of the Town caught up with goal scorer Alex Lawless and deputising central defender Alex Lacey.

Lawless put the tie beyond the visitors with a powerful drive from the edge of the box as Dorchester pressed for an equaliser, and the midfielder spoke of his delight on securing a third round spot.

"I've played in the third round before and it's really good," said the Welshman who appeared in Forest Green's 4-3 defeat to Derby County in the FA Cup third round in 2007. "It's also a really big confidence booster that you've reached that far."

Lawless' strike brought up his third of the season and the former York City man seemed pleased with adding another goal to his tally against the Magpies.

"A few of the lads said I crossed it but it wasn't," said Lawless with a smirk. "I'm enjoying myself and when you're enjoying yourself your confidence is higher and you play better, and it's nice to chip in with a few goals that always helps confidence."

Lawless has only missed the one league game for the Hatters this campaign and has played a pivotal role in Paul Buckle's plans.

Rising star Lacey, on the other hand, was given his opportunity for his season's bow after Dean Beckwith was withdrawn due to a broken nose last Saturday.

And the young defender expressed his glee at being given his opportunity in the FA Cup clash.

"The manager has shown a lot of faith in me," Lacey said. "He could have easily sent me out on loan but he decided to keep me in and around the first team and it's pleasing to be around the squad and to finally get that chance as well."

Lacey followed up his substitute appearance on Saturday by being handed his first start in the Tuesday evening FA Trophy clash against Dorchester, but despite the physicality of the Blue Square Bet Premier, Lacey insists he is up for the challenge if called upon.

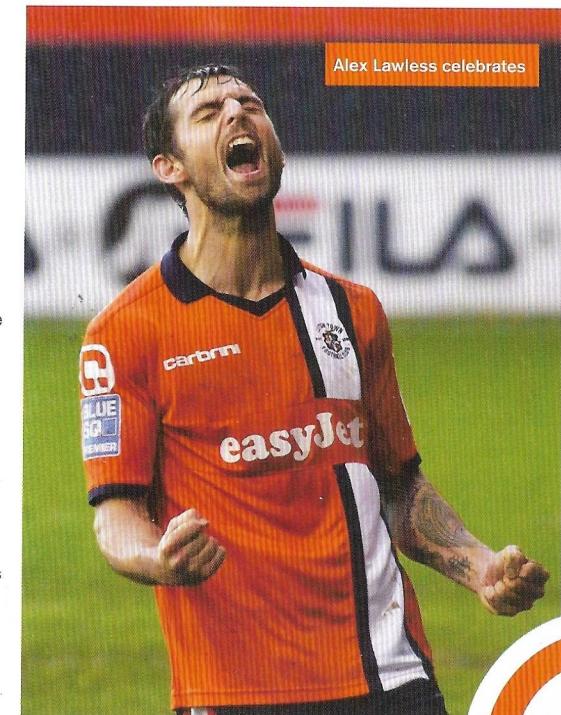
"I've played a lot of physical teams whilst out on loan so it's something I should learn to cope with," said the 19-year-old.

"I think last year helped me out in terms of physicality, it's a big step up from youth football where it's all passing and nice football then you get to the conference south where you have big guys up against you but it's definitely something I am learning to cope with."

Continuing his buoyant mood, Lacey relished the opportunity to appear in the third round and reiterated how big the achievement of qualifying for the next round is.

He said: "It's very pleasing to be in the third round, it was the only objective of the game so it's very pleasing."

Alex Lawless celebrates



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ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 8

THE RECORD

The Hatters have only played 11 times on this day in history and have the edge when it comes to victories. Five have been won whilst three have ended in defeat and another three have finished all square. The Town have scored 16 and conceded 14 which calculates at 2.7 goals per game.

THE LAST TIME

You don't have to delve too deep into the record books to find the last time the Town played on this day. On a cold winter's night at Kenilworth Road in 2009 the Hatters saw off League 2 Rotherham United in an FA Cup second round replay. Richard Money's side were 2-0 up inside 19 minutes thanks to goals from Adam Newton and Alan White. Claude Gnakpa added a third midway through the second half to book the Town a third round trip to Southampton.

FLU OVERCOME

In December 2001, the Hatters were in the middle of a flu crisis with a dozen members of the squad laid low due to illness. A trip to Kidderminster Harriers was postponed as a result but the Town bounced back in style the following week with a fine 2-1 win at Hartlepool United on this day in 2001. First-half goals from Dean Crowe and Matthew Taylor had the Town 2-0 up at the break and, despite Richie Humphreys pulling one back and Ian Hillier seeing red for a second bookable offence, the Hatters held on.

TOP FLIGHT FIXTURES

The Hatters have been in action three times on this date in the top flight. In two of those matches the Town have taken on Arsenal at Kenilworth Road. The first fixture with the London club came in 1956 when they won 2-1 in front of a crowd of 19,792, before the sides drew 1-1 34 years later.

Alan Smith had the visitors ahead but Tony Adams' foul on Iain Dowie saw the defender sent-off and John Dreyer equalised with a trademark one-step penalty to earn a point.

UNBEATEN SEQUENCE

The Hatters are protecting a six-match and 50-year unbeaten record on this day. Not since a 3-1 defeat at Plymouth Argyle in 1962 have the Town lost on 8th December. In the promotion season of 1973/74, a sole goal from Barry Butlin gave the Town a 1-0 win at Millwall, whilst in 1984 a goal from David Preece secured all three points in a home victory over Aston Villa in the top flight.

MOODY BLUES

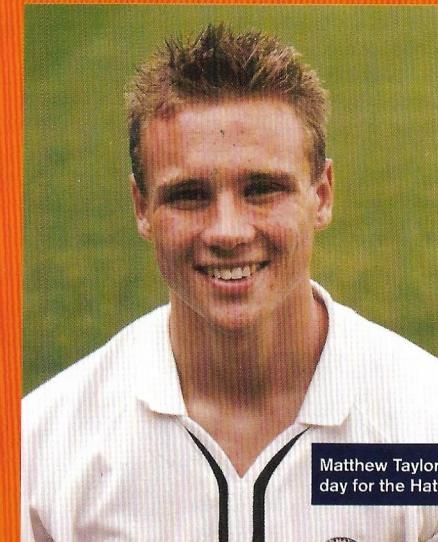
Other than those defeats to Arsenal and Plymouth, the only other loss for the Town on this day in history came in 1951 when the Hatters were beaten 4-2 at Kenilworth Road by Birmingham City.

NO GOALS THAMES-SIDE

The only goalless draw on this date came in 1928 when the Town and Fulham played out a 0-0 draw at Craven Cottage in an FA Cup second round tie in front of a crowd of 19,788. The Hatters won the replay at Kenilworth Road 4-1 to set-up a third round meeting with Crystal Palace. However, after another 0-0 draw, the Town were dumped out 7-0 in the replay.

FIRST UP

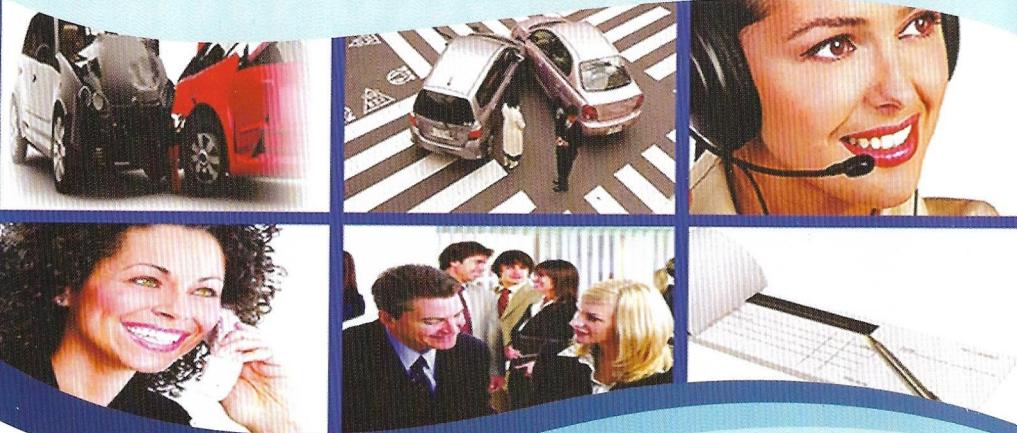
In the first recorded Football League meeting on this day, the Town won 3-2 at Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic in 1923. The previous week the Hatters had won the fixture at Kenilworth Road 6-2.



Matthew Taylor netted on this day for the Hatters in 2001

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WITH MATT BADCOCK

**It's the new weapon in a referee's armoury.
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Yes, you read that right. Not for repelling red-faced, vein popping meatheads with a quick shot between the eyes when a decision goes against them, but for marking out free-kicks.

OK it might not be as glitzy as goal-line technology but it could eradicate sneaky gamesmanship.

We've all seen players – and all done it ourselves when playing – inch the wall forward or seen the attacking team, ahem, 're-position' the ball closer when the referee turns his back.

But not when you've got a spray paint wielding official around!

It could be seen in last weekend's MLS Cup Final – that saw David Beckham sign off his LA Galaxy career with another trophy – and is used in other countries such as Brazil and Argentina.

The referee sprays a line on the pitch where the free-kick is to be taken from, paces out the 10 yards and puts down another marker to stop the wall encroaching.

It's simple but immediately cuts out those trying to steal even the tiniest of advantages. Within a couple of minutes the white line has dissipated to save the pitch resembling a game of dot-to-dot come the final-whistle.

So if you see a referee near you carrying paraphernalia more associated with a graffiti artist you know why. It could become a vital piece of kit. Now, for those spectacles...

I was once known as James Honeysett. Only for 90 minutes you understand. My mate's team were short at the end of their season and I was keen to help out.

As I wasn't registered I had to play under a false name and steer well clear of any controversy with the referee. Mission completed, I had a good game, was signed up for the next season and everyone moved on.

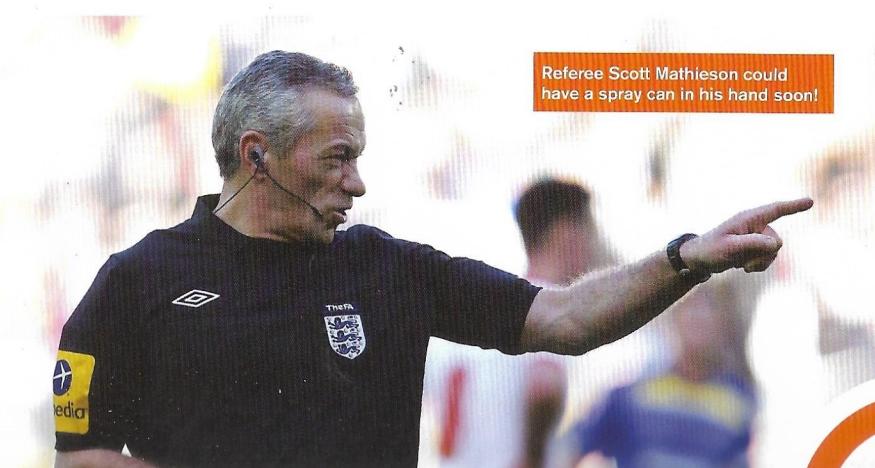
Thankfully my pseudonym days weren't in the time of Twitter and Facebook – a pitfall waiting to happen for desperate secretaries and managers.

Amersham Town were slung out of the FA Vase after one of their players, Matthew Stone, tweeted his dismay at England's rugby performance against South Africa. Stone had been named on the Amersham team-sheet – with the Quarterboys attempting to play Eddie Savage under his name.

Unfortunately for the Spartan South Midlands Division One side their opponents Rye United are tech-savvy, spotted the comment and lodged a complaint with the FA. Rye secretary Roger Bond said: "Maybe a few years ago they would have got away with this but eyes are everywhere now."

Amersham declined the opportunity to comment when contacted by The NLP.

Referee Scott Mathieson could have a spray can in his hand soon!



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FROM THE PRESS BOX

WITH FORMER LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR BRIAN SWAIN

"Can't keep away, can you?" is the smiling greeting I always get when I toddle into Kenilworth Road on one of my four-times-a-season pilgrimages from deepest Cornwall. Of course I can't, because I have loved Luton Town for nearly 70 years, half of them as a reporter.

So, it is no wonder that once again today as I approach the press box, thousands of mostly happy memories will come crowding in.

Most are of players who offered such a wide variety of entertainment. By the time I retired nine years ago I had watched the full roller-coaster of Luton Town: up to the old First Division when I supported from the terraces, then back down to Division Four.

John Moore led a revival which culminated in the return to the pinnacle for the magnificent decade we owed to the astute management of David Pleat, only to slump back to the basement again.

Pleat was one of a remarkable band of men who played for the Town and later managed them. I doubt if any other club had as many doing that double as we have had. For a bit of trivia fun, try to name all the men who did the player/manager double at Kenilworth Road.

Pleat was an average player and a terrific manager. Ricky Hill was one of the best players I have ever seen, but, sadly, no great shakes as a manager.

But one did the business on both counts. I was reminded of him when I read a mention early this season about the retirement of a 67-year-old Manchester United stalwart who had joined them as reserve team coach in 1991 before taking charge of the Old Trafford youth academy for 10 years. The latest England internationals he brought through are Tom Cleverley and Danny Welbeck.

If you haven't already guessed, I am talking about Jim Ryan. A former apprentice at Old Trafford, he was signed by Alec Stock in the summer of 1970, and became a huge Town favourite as a ball-playing winger.

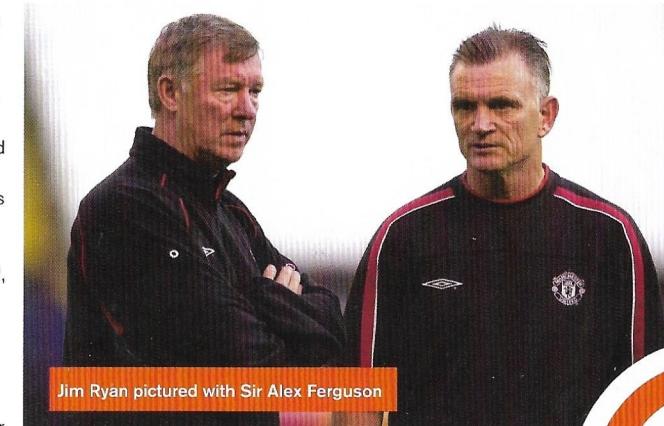
With John Aston, another Old Trafford refugee, on the opposite left wing, the Town had a golden spell in the mid-seventies, including one season in the old First Division before money troubles forced the break-up of a decent side.

Jim left in 1978 to play in America and returned eight years later to become coach of the Town's reserve team. When Ray Harford got the sack in January 1990, Jim was promoted to manager. It was a bit of a poisoned chalice: new owners had come in, determined to make ends meet in the only way possible.

Players like Mick Harford, Iain Dowie and Tim Breacker were sold for financial reasons, but Jim Ryan miraculously kept the Town in the First Division. He made us the Houdini boys, with last-day relegation escapes at Derby in May 1990 and 12 months later at home to Derby, with Mick Harford contributing a splendid own goal for us.

Club owners Peter Nelkin and David Kohler wanted to bring back David Pleat, so Jim's "reward" was the sack. It was disgraceful; it was announced the day after the euphoria of the second great escape, and on Jim's 46th birthday.

Alex Ferguson hired him a couple of weeks later, and Jim enjoyed another brilliant career at Old Trafford. I hope he has a long and happy retirement.



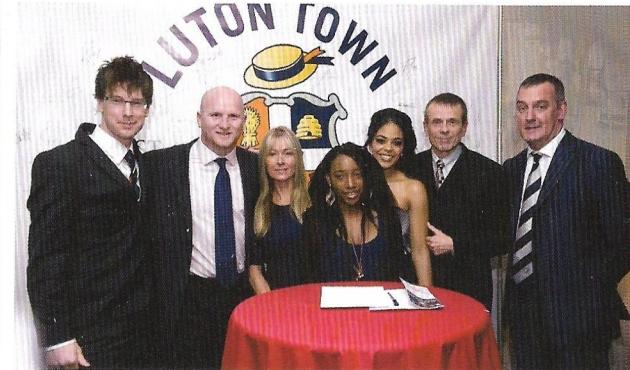
Jim Ryan pictured with Sir Alex Ferguson

AN EVENING WITH JOHN HARTSON



The Club were delighted to welcome back former striker John Hartson for our Christmas event on Wednesday.

The Welshman was on top form as he reminisced about his career, which of course began at Kenilworth Road. A 15-minute exclusive interview with John was recorded on Hatters Player. Check that out and our next home programme for more words of wisdom from the John.



Club photographer Gareth Owen was on hand to capture the event in pictures.



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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH ADAM BALLETTA

The Under-18s Elite Programme has been making progressive steps in the development of young aspiring footballers here at Luton Town.

With a really competitive games programme with the likes of Kidderminster Harriers and Northampton Town, the Elite players have been working extremely hard both on and off the pitch to compete at this very high level.

Now six games into the season, the players have made steady progression in their technical, tactical, physical and psychological development. Also during the course of this season they have played the Under-16 Academy side and achieved a 3-2 Win at Ely Way back at the start of November 2012, where Youth Team Manager Paul Driver and Head of Coaching Lee Cowley were impressed by a number of the Elite players.

The aim of the Elite Programme is to give players the second chance from the ages of 16 to 18 to be involved within the club and with the goal of stepping up into the youth team and then look to earn themselves their professional contract. James Ferguson was a player that made that step up last season and featured many times for the Under-18s in the Youth Alliance in 2011/12.

This season there are a number of players that have impressed, most noticeably Rhys Carrey who spent a couple of weeks training and playing with the scholars before returning with the Elite Programme.

Coach Adam Balletta told Talk of the Town: "Rhys had done really well for us in games versus Oxford, Watford and Woking and was a player that has been consistent both in the classroom and on the pitch.

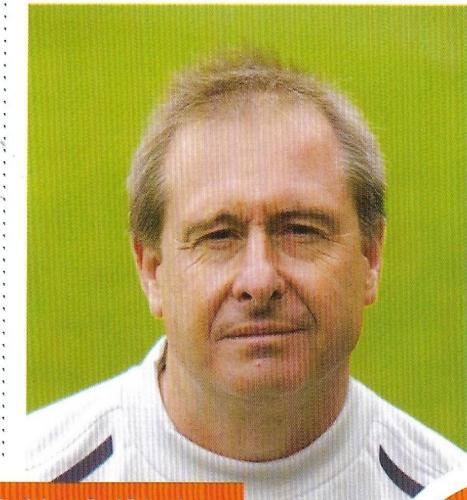
"We sent him down with Paul Driver to see how he would cope with the step up in training. Whilst there, Rhys was a credit to the Elite Programme and himself but at this time he is now back with the Programme for a few weeks to work on a few aspects of his game. Hopefully we can send him back to the training ground."

The Elite Programme will play the Youth team again early in 2013 and many players will use this as their opportunity to impress youth team staff.

Balletta added: "The games against the scholars are massive for the players. It's a game they all look forward to and one that they desperately want to be involved in. It's always a good test for us to see where the differences are. In our own respective league we retain lots of possession, but against the scholars they will press us higher up the pitch so the lads have to be sharper mentality to cope with this increase in tempo and pressure."

The Elite Programme play out of The Arena, Norton Road, Baldock, on Wednesday afternoons. Any support for the players would be much appreciated and information of their upcoming home fixtures are as follows:

- 12.12.12 v Kidderminster Harriers
- 30.01.13 v Aldershot Town
- 13.02.13 v Hitchin Town
- 27.02.13 v Bashley
- 06.03.13 v Corby Town
- 13.03.13 v Hitchin Town
- 20.03.13 v Football CV Reds
- 27.03.13 v Northampton Town



YOUTH FIXTURES

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AUGUST

Sat 11	Leyton Orient	A	L 0-2
Sat 18	Dagenham & Redbridge	H	L 2-3
Sat 25	Stevenage	A	W 3-2

SEPTEMBER

Sat 01	Peterborough United	A	W 2-0
Wed 18	AFC Kempston Rovers	A	W 4-0
Sat 22	Milton Keynes Dons	A	D 2-2
Sat 29	Northampton Town	H	D 1-1

OCTOBER

Wed 03	P'boro Northern Star	H	W 6-0
Sat 06	Stevenage	A	L 2-3
Sat 13	Northampton Town	H	D 0-0
Wed 17	Barton Rovers	H	W 3-1
Sat 20	Watford	H	L 0-3
Sat 27	Peterborough United	H	L 2-6
Tue 30	Stevenage	H	L 0-3

NOVEMBER

Sat 03	Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-4
Sat 17	Watford	A	W 2-1
Sat 24			In Service Training

DECEMBER

Tue 04	Peterborough United	H	W 2-0
Sat 08	Northampton Town	A	11.00am

JANUARY

Sat 10	Milton Keynes Dons	H	11.00am
Sat 19			South Cup 2
Sat 26	Leyton Orient	H	11.00am

FEBRUARY

Sat 02	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	11.00am
Sat 09	Stevenage	H	11.00am
Sat 16			South Cup 3

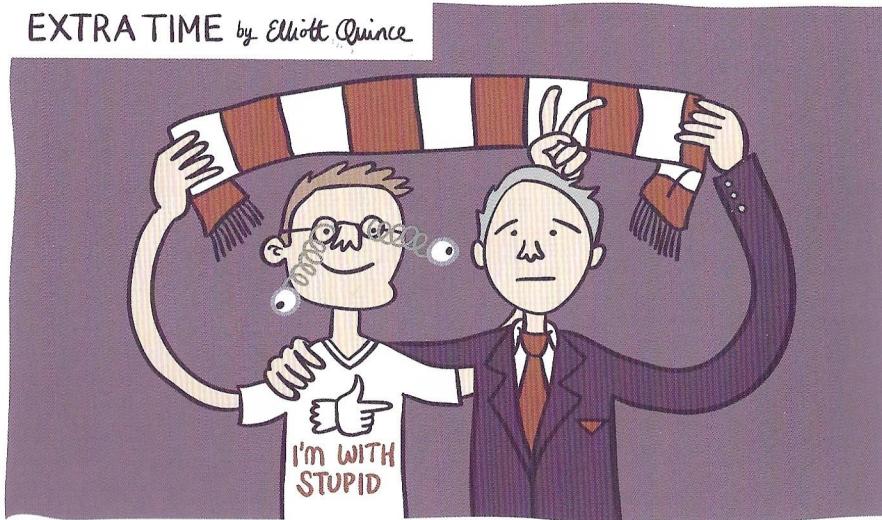
MARCH

Sat 02	AFC Wimbledon	H	11.00am
Sat 09	AFC Wimbledon	A	11.00am
Sat 16	Southend United	H	11.00am
Sat 23	Portsmouth	A	11.00am

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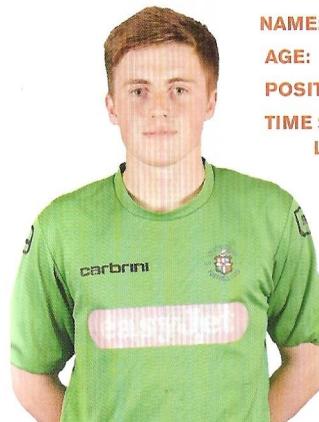
Sat 06	Gillingham	H	11.00am
Sat 13	Crawley Town	A	11.00am

EXTRA TIME by Elliott Quince



It had only been two hours but the boss was already
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YOUNG STARS



Young goalkeeper Ben Barnes

NAME: Ben Barnes
AGE: 16
POSITION: Goalkeeper
TIME SPENT WITH LUTON TOWN / WHEN JOINED:

Five years. I joined the club as an Under-12.

WHAT PART OF YOUR GAME DO YOU CONSIDER THE BEST?

My kicking.

WHAT PART OF YOUR GAME DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE THIS SEASON?

Dealing with crosses.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR LUTON TOWN?

The supporters.

WHO IS YOUR FOOTBALL IDOL?

Joe Hart.

WHO HAS HAD THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER SO FAR?

My dad.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE?

To earn a professional contract.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER?

Steven Gerrard.

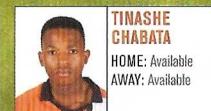
WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS THIS SEASON? HAVE YOU SET YOURSELF ANY TARGETS?

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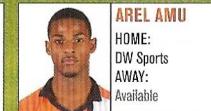
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HOME: Peter Mitchell
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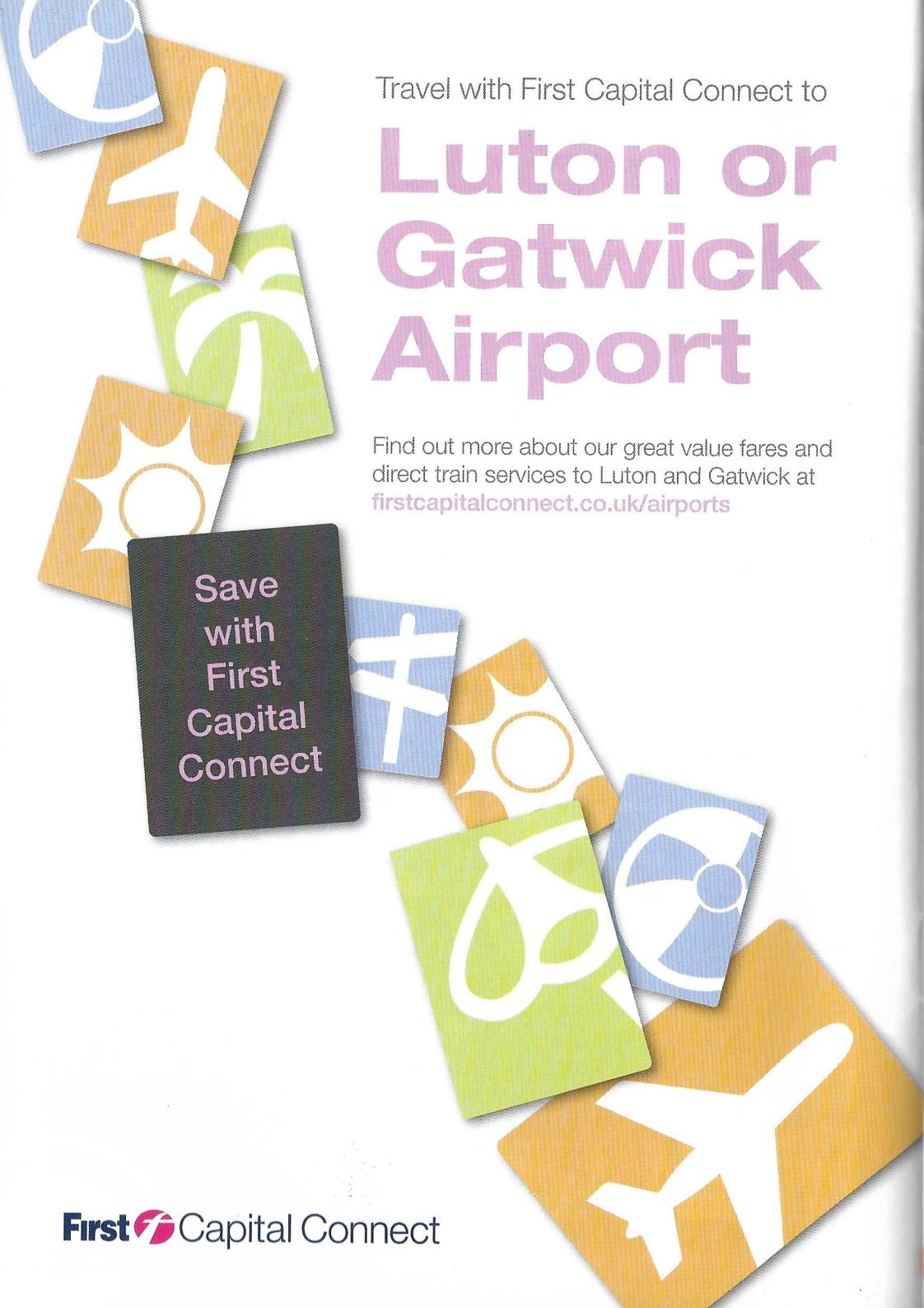
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YOUNGSTERS EXIT YOUTH CUP

Two second-half goals gave the Hatters' Under-18s their second successive win in the Youth Alliance in their rearranged fixture with Peterborough.

The early stages of the first half set the tone for the match as a whole with both teams playing at a high tempo helped by the astroturf surface at St Neots.

As the game settled down, it was clear that both defences were on top and Posh's first-half efforts were all mainly from distance without troubling Ben Barnes too much. Meanwhile, the Hatters' chances fell to Arel Amu, who put one effort into the side netting, and Zane Banton, who had a shot from distance that didn't test the home goalkeeper.

A couple of dangerous corners from Peterborough were well dealt with and the sides went into the break goalless. As with the first half, the pace of the second was equally as high without any clear-cut chances being created by either side.

Jordan Davis replaced Leeroy Maguraushe, who had done well in his first game back from injury, and the deadlock was broken soon after when Banton won the ball from the Peterborough defence, fed Amu and his first-time effort from the edge of the box flew into the top corner of the net.

Both sides looked dangerous from set pieces

with a Peterborough header going just wide before an inviting Charlie Smith free-kick narrowly eluded the runs of the Hatters attackers.

But the result was put beyond doubt in the 89th minute when Ian Rees stole possession just inside his own half and found Jemmale McKenzie-Lowe in space. McKenzie-Lowe ran at the opposition defence before playing Rees on the overlapping run, and the midfielder's cross was met superbly by the run of Darill Ngwala – on as a replacement for Banton – and he drilled the ball home from close range.

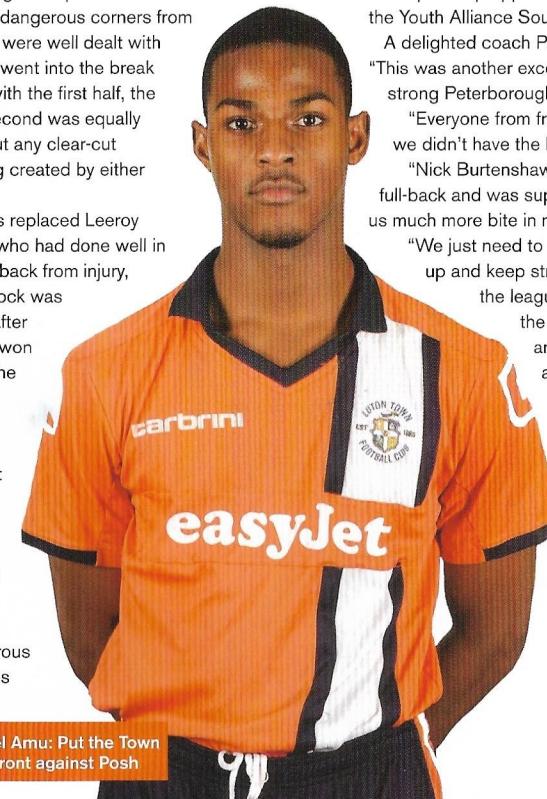
There were no further scares for the Hatters who recorded their second successive win over Championship opposition to move them up to sixth in the Youth Alliance Southern section table.

A delighted coach Paul Driver told *Talk of the Town*: "This was another excellent team effort against a strong Peterborough line-up.

"Everyone from front to back worked hard when we didn't have the ball and we looked lively with it.

"Nick Burtenshaw is improving all the time as a full-back and was superb and Ian Rees is now giving us much more bite in midfield which is good.

"We just need to keep this level of performance up and keep striving to improve and climb up the league. We had eight first years in the start line up too, which was another major plus from the day as we look to kick on."



Arel Amu: Put the Town in front against Posh

Town: Barnes, Burtenshaw, Davison, Rees, Chabata, Amu, Smith (sub Pittfield), McKenzie-Lowe, Banton (sub Ngwala), Maguraushe (sub Davis). Subs not used: Carpenter, Galliford.

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LUTON LADIES

LEAGUE CUP DREAMS ENDED

The Town Ladies' recent run of good form came to an end, as did their League Cup campaign, as they bowed out to Ebbsfleet United.

It was a lacklustre performance and a failure to take their chances that proved fatal.

The Hatters fell behind just before half-time to a speculative, wind-assisted strike from 30 yards that somehow found its way into the net.

The scrappy nature of the game continued until midway through the second half when Michelle Byrne appeared to have lost possession but stretched to fire a shot which was too hot for the goalkeeper to handle and the Town were level at 1-1.

Resolute

After the equaliser, the Town continued to dominate but could not find a way through a resolute Ebbsfleet defence and almost paid the price in injury time when Nicky Livingstone chased what appeared to be a lost cause to clear the ball off the line.

With the scores level at full-time, the tie moved into extra-time and it was more of the same as Luton dominated possession but were unable to carve out any chances. When they did breakthrough they found

the Ebbsfleet goalkeeper in excellent form. She made a string of saves to take the tie to penalties with a semi-final place at stake.

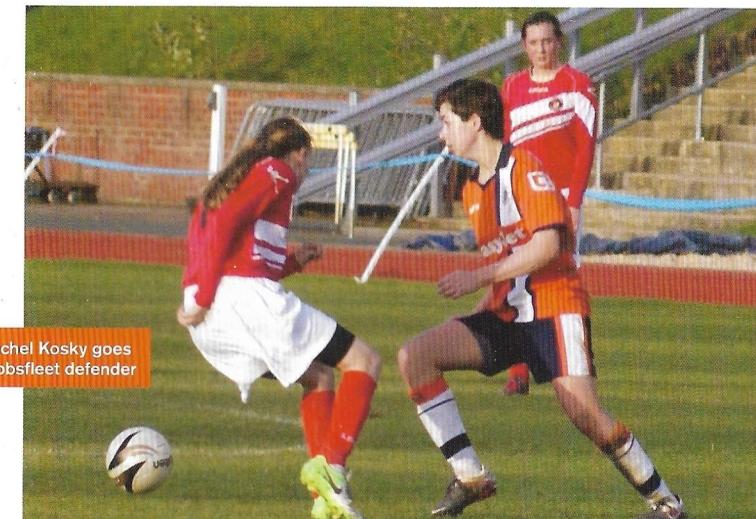
The game appeared to be turning in the Hatters' favour when Ebbsfleet fired their first spot kick wide, but Byrne followed suit, lifting her strike over the bar.

The Fleet were not so generous after that, scoring their next three penalties whilst their goalkeeper continued an outstanding performance diving to her left to keep out two well-struck penalties from Nicky Livingstone and Jess McKay to secure her team a 3-0 victory on penalties.

After, frustrated manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "It was disappointing to lose on penalties but in all honesty we had ample opportunity to have won the game in both normal and extra time. It just highlights the fact that you don't win football matches if you don't take your chances."

The Town Ladies are again in cup action tomorrow when they make the short trip to Milton Keynes for an important FA Cup first round tie.

The match will kick off at 1pm in Stadium:MK and all support would be welcomed.

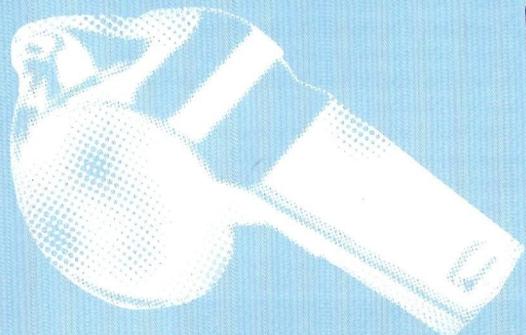


Town's Rachel Kosky goes past an Ebbsfleet defender

For more information on the Ladies visit www.lutontownbelles.com

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LEAGUE

LOOK

JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS-UP
THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

As the football festivities come thick and fast it is Newport County who are hoping their sustainable form, which has seen them rise to the summit, will continue.

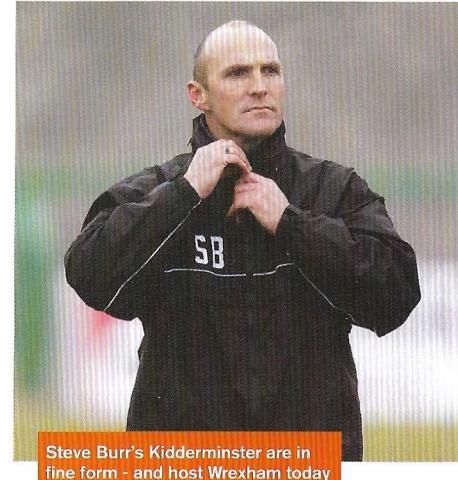
With Justin Edinburgh's side being prematurely dumped out of both the FA Trophy and the FA Cup in recent weeks, the Exiles ensured their poor run of form did not collapse their impressive start to the season. Christian Jolley's brace against Gateshead saw them overturn their minor blip and get back to winning ways as they currently lead the division by two points and a game in hand over Grimsby Town.

The Mariners took advantage of the depleted fixture list to cement their position as head chasers after a draw with Ebbsfleet United. Their follow up game against Gateshead became one of many to fall victim to the horrific weather conditions that swept the nation at the back end of last month.

Forest Green leapfrogged Wrexham into third spot as James Norwood slammed home against Nuneaton to secure all three points for Rovers.

Wrexham saw their vibrant run of form come to an abrupt end at the hands of a vastly-improved Kidderminster Harriers side. After the Dragons demolished Braintree 5-1 away from home they headed to Kidderminster full of optimism but left with nothing but a bruised reputation. Nathan Blissett sealed the victory for Harriers, who have transformed their fortunes from an early season relegation scrap and sitting foot of the table, to now being in contention for a play-off place.

Hyde were the big winners last weekend, smashing seven past Woking with Phil Jevons helping himself to four goals. They followed that up by taking the lead at Macclesfield on Tuesday but the Silkmen fought back to win. After their thumping at Hyde, not many fancied Woking to pull off an away win at in-form Lincoln but Kevin Betsy's seventh-minute spot kick turned Woking's fortunes on its head. Bradley Bubb slotted home with time ticking down to banish the memories of the mauling against Hyde.



Steve Burr's Kidderminster are in fine form - and host Wrexham today

At the foot of the table, Nuneaton recorded a midweek victory over high-flyers Dartford to claw their way closer to safety.

There was an early Christmas cracker at Edgeley Park last Saturday where Stockport entertained Southport in an enthralling encounter. The game seemed over when the Sandgrounders stormed into a three-goal lead just after the half-hour mark thanks to Chris Almond, Steve Akrigg and Andy Owens. However, Paul Turnbull netted on 42 minutes before Danny Hattersley struck from the spot to make it 3-2. Andy Halls then levelled for Stockport but just when it looked like it would end all-square, Danny Rowe's own-goal with minutes remaining saw Liam Watson's men return home with all three points.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CAMBRIDGE v GATESHEAD

DARTFORD v LINCOLN

FOREST GREEN v MACCLESFIELD

GRIMSBY v TAMWORTH

HYDE v AFC TELFORD

KIDDERMINSTER v NEWPORT

MANSFIELD v EBBSFLEET

SOUTHPORT v BRAINTREE

WOKING v STOCKPORT

WREXHAM v NUNEATON

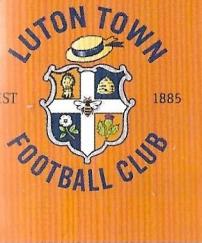


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Sat 17th - Nov
2012

TERM 2

Nov 26th 2012 -
Feb 15th 2013
(9 weeks)

TRIAL MATCH
Sat 2nd Feb 2013

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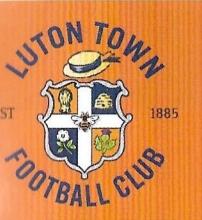
Feb 25th - May 10th
2013
(9 weeks)

TRIAL MATCH
Thurs 25th April 2013
and 2nd May 2013

TERM 4

May 13th - July 19th
2013
(9 weeks)

TRIAL MATCH
Thurs 4th July 2013
and 11th July 2013



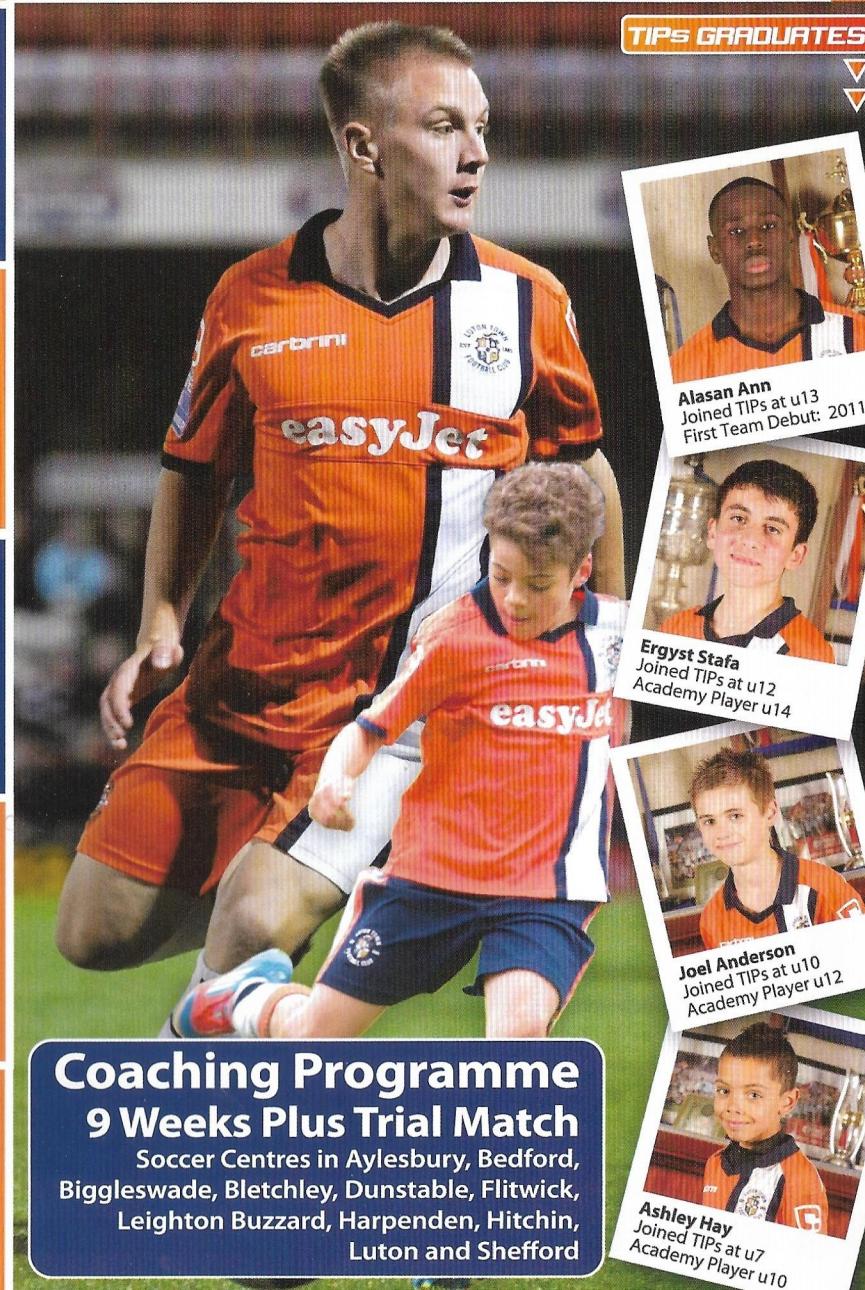
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Youth Development 2012-13

TIPs GRADUATES



Alasan Ann
Joined TIPs at u13
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Ergyst Stafa
Joined TIPs at u12
Academy Player u14

Joel Anderson
Joined TIPs at u10
Academy Player u12

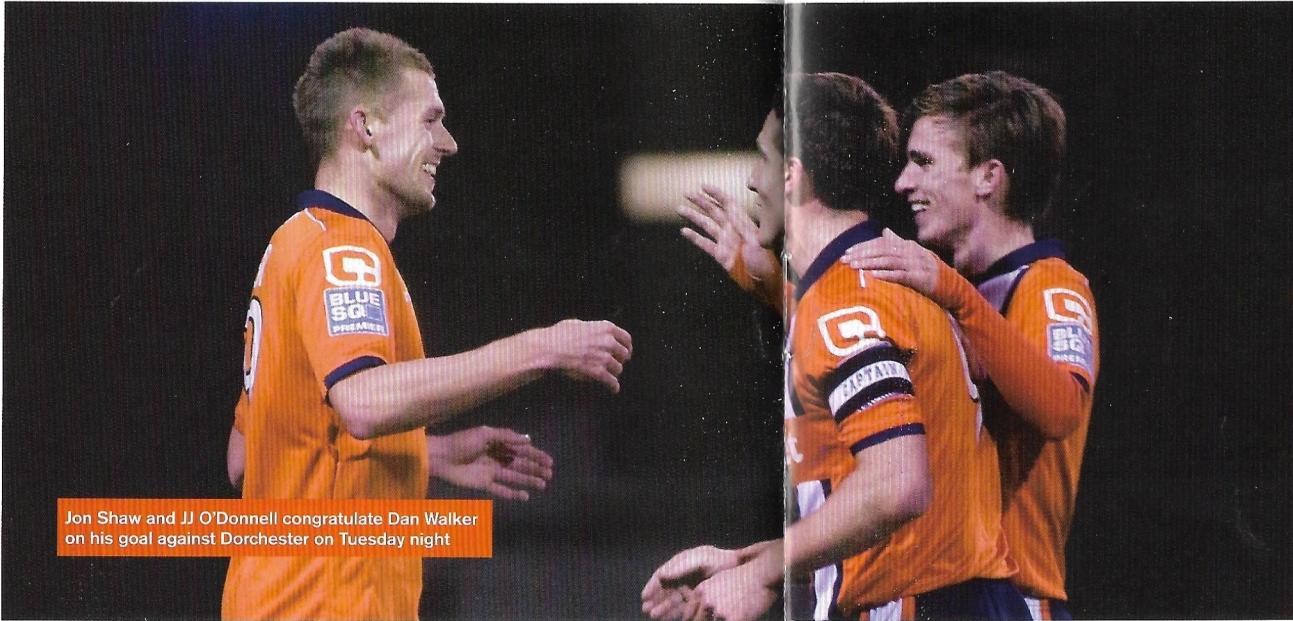
Ashley Hay
Joined TIPs at u7
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FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS								
August									Fleetwood 1	Brill	Beckwith	Lawless**	Watkins***	Shaw 1			
Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler Taylor** Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Kasim* Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray***	Fleetwood* 2	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Gray*	Robinson**			
Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	542	4	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Shaw**	Fleetwood*** 1	Brill	Beckwith	Hovells*	Gray**	Robinson***			
TV Fri 17	19:30	A	Hyde	W 2-1	1,141	477	3	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim* Lawless O'Donnell 1 Rendell Shaw	Fleetwood	Brill	Beckwith	Taylor*	Gray**	Woolley			
Sat 25	15:00	H	AFC Telford United	L 0-1	5,970	111	9	Tyler Lawless Rowe-Turner Henry Kasim* Watkins** O'Donnell Rendell Shaw	Fleetwood 2	Brill	Lacey	Watkins**	Kasim	Woolley*			
Mon 27	15:00	A	Ebbesfleet United	W 3-1	2,018	1,246	5	Tyler Lawless Rowe-Turner Beckwith Howells O'Donnell** Rendell 1 Gray*									
September									Fleetwood 1	Brill	Essam***	Watkins*	Woolley**	Walker			
Sat 1	15:00	H	Macclesfield Town	W 4-1	5,803	111	3	Tyler Beckwith Kovacs*** Rowe-Turner* Lawless Taylor O'Donnell Howells 1 Rendell 1 Gray 1**	Fleetwood**	Brill	Essam*	Watkins*	Walker				
Tue 4	19:45	A	Cambridge United	W 3-2	6,742	622	2	Tyler Rowe-Turner Beckwith 1 Kovacs* Lawless O'Donnell Howells Rendell Gray 1	Fleetwood***	Brill	Essam**	Watkins*	Walker				
Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	768	5	Tyler Henry Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson	Gray	Brill	Essam**	Kasim*	Fleetwood***	Walker-Turner			
TV Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler Henry Howells* Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Fleetwood** Gray***	Shaw	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker**		
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	L 1-4	4,074	125	6	Tyler Henry** Howells Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood*** Gray	Shaw	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker		
Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler Henry* Rowe-Turner** Beckwith Essam Lawless O'Donnell Howells Gray Rendell Shaw***	Fleetwood*** 1 Kasim** J. Robinson	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker		
Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,696	77	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Kasim* Rendell 2*** Gray	Fleetwood 1**	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Shaw**	Robinson***	Walker			
October									Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner**	Shaw 1*	Kasim***	Walker			
Sat 6	15:00	A	Lincoln City	W 2-1	2,970	864	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Rendell* J. Robinson** Gray***	Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner	Lacey	Kasim*	Walker 1**			
Tue 9	19:45	H	Braintree Town	L 2-3	5,523	55	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam** Ainge 1 Lawless O'Donnell J. Robinson* Gray Shaw	Fleetwood	Brill	Kovacs**	J. Robinson	M. Robinson	Walker*			
Sat 13	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	6,148	264	3	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Essam* Ainge Lawless 2 O'Donnell Rendell Gray** Shaw	Fleetwood**	Brill	M. Robinson* J. Robinson** Beckwith** Walker Lacey	Woolley	Walker				
Sat 20	13:00	A	Cambridge United (FAC1)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless* O'Donnell Mendy Gray 1*** Shaw 1	Fleetwood 1*	Brill	M. Robinson* J. Robinson** Beckwith** Walker Lacey	Woolley	Walker				
Sat 27	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-1	2,112	1,002	2	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Howells Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Shaw									
November									Fleetwood**	Tyler	Lacey	Longden	Watkins**	Dance	M. Robinson	J. Robinson*	
Sat 3	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town (FAC1)	D 1-1	3,089	355	-	Brill Henry Howells Kovacs Rowe-Turner* O'Donnell Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Walker	Fleetwood	Tyler	Lawless**	O'Donnell***	J. Robinson*	Walker			
Tue 6	19:45	A	Hereford United	L 0-1	2,108	372	3	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner*** Kovacs** Ainge Smith Mendy Howells Gray* Rendell	Fleetwood	Tyler	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Watkins	Walker*			
Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	6,567	484	6	Brill Lawless Howells Henry Ainge Smith Mendy* O'Donnell Gray Rendell	Fleetwood	Tyler	Rowe-Turner	Longden	Dance***	Robinson	Woolley**		
Tue 13	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town (FACT1)	W 2-0	1,596	471	-	Tyler Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Howells Mendy Lawless O'Donnell*** Walker* Rendell 2	Fleetwood**	Brill	Beckwith	Lacey	Longden	Dance***	Robinson	Woolley**	
Sat 17	15:00	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	2,619	522	6	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Mendy Smith Lawless Howells Rendell	Fleetwood 2*	Brill	Beckwith	O'Donnell	Robinson	Fleetwood*	Walker		
Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	698	163	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge O'Donnell Smith Lawless** Howells Rendell	Fleetwood 1*	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Fleetwood 1*	Dance**			
December									Gray 1**	Brill	Lacey*	Mendy***	Watkins	Dance	Shaw	Fleetwood**	
Sat 1	15:00	H	Dorchester Town (FAC2)	W 2-1	3,287	458	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Beckwith* Lawless 1 Howells Smith O'Donnell*** Rendell Walker 2	Shaw	Fleetwood**	Gray	Mendy	Watkins	Dance	Shaw	Fleetwood**	
Tue 4	19:45	H	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	W 3-1	897	16	-	Brill Lawless Lacey* Ainge Rowe-Turner O'Donnell 1*** Watkins Robinson Dance** Walker 2									
TV Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town														
Tue 11	19:45	A	Newport County														
Sat 15	15:00	A	Matlock Town (FAT2)														
Sat 22	15:00	A	AFC Telford United														
Wed 26	15:00	H	Woking														
Sat 29	15:00	H	Ebbesfleet United														
January																	
Tue 1	13:00	A	Woking														
Sat 5	15:00	H	Wolves (FAC3)														
Tue 8	19:45	H	Barrow														
Sat 12	15:00	H	Hyde														
Sat 19	15:00	A	Nuneaton Town														
Tue 22	19:45	H	Lincoln City														
Sat 26	15:00	H	Stockport County														
February																	
Sat 2	15:00	A	Barrow														
Sat 9	15:00	H	Forest Green Rovers														
Tue 12	19:45	A	Dartford														
Sat 16	15:00	H	Newport County														
Sat 23	15:00	H	Mansfield Town														
Tue 26	19:45	A	Braintree Town														
March																	
Sat 2	15:00	A	Stockport County														
Sat 9	15:00	H	Hereford United														
Sat 16	15:00	A	Wrexham														
Sat 23	15:00	H	Tamworth														
Sat 30	15:00	A	Cambridge United														
April																	
Mon 1	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers														
Sat 6	15:00	A	Gateshead														
Sat 13	15:00	H	Grimsby Town														
Sat 20	15:00	A	Southport														
TBA																	



LEAGUE TABLE 2012/13									
P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	LEAGUE	CUP
1. Newport County AFC	20	12	3	5	43	27	16	39	
2. Grimsby Town	21	10	7	4	34	16	18	37	
3. Forest Green Rovers	20	11	4	5	34	20	14	37	
4. Wrexham	20	10	6	4	36	21	15	36	
5. Dartford	21	10	3	8	33	25	8	33	
6. Luton Town	19	10	3	6	32	27	5	33	
7. Macclesfield Town	20	9	3	8	32	34	-2	30	
8. Kidderminster Harriers	21	7	8	6	26	19	7	29	
9. Mansfield Town	19	8	5	6	29	30	-1	29	
10. Gateshead	21	6	9	6	27	27	0	27	
11. Tamworth	22	8	3	11	26	29	-3	27	
12. Lincoln City	20	7	5	8	30	31	-1	26	
13. Hereford United	19	7	5	7	29	32	-3	26	
14. Woking	22	8	2	12	37	49	-12	26	
15. AFC Telford United	20	5	10	5	30	27	3	25	
16. Alfreton Town	19	6	7	6	25	31	-6	25	
17. Cambridge United	20	6	6	8	36	38	-2	24	
18. Stockport County	20	6	6	8	30	33	-3	24	
19. Southport	20	6	6	8	31	39	-8	24	
20. Hyde FC	21	6	5	10	36	36	0	23	
21. Ebbesfleet United	21	5	7	9	31	41	-10	22	
22. Nuneaton	21	4	8	9	25	35	-10	20	
23. Barrow	20	4	8	8	25	37	-12	20	
24. Braintree Town	19	5	5	9	21	34	-13	20	

LEAGUE	CUP	THIS SEASON		CAREER	
		APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Simon AINGE		8	0	1	20
Dean BECKWITH		7	0	1	1
Dean BRILL		3	0	2	0
James DANCE		0	0	1	2
Connor ESSAM		5 (4)	0	0	0
Stuart FLEETWOOD		15 (3)	10	2 (3)	1
Andre GRAY		16 (3)	4	5 (0)	21 (3)
Ronnie HENRY		16 (0)	0	5 (0)	21 (0)
Jake HOWELLS		17 (1)	1	5 (1)	0
Yaser KASIM		5 (6)	1	0	0
Janos KOVACS		11 (1)	1	5 (0)	0
Alex LACEY		0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0
Alex LAWLESS		16 (2)	2	5 (0)	1
Arnaud MENDY		4 (0)	0	3 (1)	1
JJ O'DONNELL		16 (2)	1	6 (0)	1
Scott RENDELL		17 (0)	6	4 (0)	3
Jake ROBINSON		3 (4)	0	0 (2)	0
Matt ROBINSON		0 (2)	0</		

LET'S GO

TO NEWPORT COUNTY



The Town are back in action in Blue Square Bet Premier on Tuesday with a televised trip to Newport County.



NEWPORT COUNTY

Where? Rodney Parade, Newport, South Wales. The ground's postcode is NP19 0UU. The Exiles moved to the ground in the summer having spent 18 years at the Newport Stadium. Rodney Parade is shared with the Newport Gwent Rugby Club.

Triffic, Rodney. So a midweek trip to South Wales it is then. As journeys go, it's straightforward enough. M1 south, M25 anti-clockwise and M4 west, over the Severn Bridge, leaving the M4 at junction 26, taking the A4051 towards Newport. After going under a flyover you will reach a large roundabout where you take the second exit keeping in the filter lane towards the City Centre/Railway Station. At the next roundabout take the first exit going across the river onto the B4591 towards Maindee. At the traffic lights bear right onto Chepstow Road and then take the first right into Corporation Road. Take the next right into Grafton Road and the entrance is on the left.

And breathe. You said straightforward. Apologies, well if you want the easy way there your best bet is the Bobbers. The ever-reliable travel club will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 2.30pm. The fare is £22 for adults and £19 for concessions. Call 01234856542 to book your place.

What to expect. For our first visit, Town fans will be housed in the south end of the new Bisley Stand - a covered, all-seated stand made up of multi-coloured seats. At least the view is good, too - unlike the Newport Stadium where there's an athletic track around the

perimeter. The ground is located in the city centre so there are a wealth of amenities and watering holes in the surrounding area.

New records. Since County's reformation in 1989, the Town are unbeaten in four games, winning two and drawing two of the four encounters. Last season the Hatters won both fixtures and there's lashings of irony about them both. A 1-0 win at a wet and windy Newport came thanks to a last-minute winner from a certain Danny Crow, whilst Crow and Aaron O'Connor were on target in the Town's 2-0 win at Kenilworth Road. Both players are now on County's books.

Old records. The Exiles will be looking to register their first win over the Town since the old club won 2-0 in October 1966 at Somerton Park. The Hatters had the upper hand in meetings against the old Newport, winning 20 of the 40 meetings.

X-Factor. As well as Crow and O'Connor, Newport also have striker Ryan Charles among their squad. A product of the Town's youth system, he made 23 Football League appearances and scored three goals before his departure to Rushden & Diamonds - managed at the time by current Newport chief Justin Edinburgh.

Just so you know. Should you find yourselves talking to the home support at any point, impress them with these Newport-factoids: the locals are known as Newpontians; Margaret Cornelius is the Mayor; it hosted the Ryder Cup in 2010 and the City's motto is Terra Marique - which means "By land and sea".



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Garry Richards	4	Alistair Taylor
Dean Beckwith	5	Adam Quinn
Janos Kovacs	6	Darran Kempson
Alex Lawless	7	Anton Brown
Danny Spiller	8	Tom Denton
Jon Shaw	9	Paul Clayton
Scott Rendell	10	Dan Bradley
Jake Howells	11	Nathan Arnold
Simon Ainge	12	Leigh Franks
Stuart Fleetwood	13	Daniel Meadows
Arnaud Mendy	14	Anthony Wilson
Adam Watkins	15	Matthew Harriott
Alex Lacey	16	Theo Streete
JJ O'Donnell	17	Matt Wilson
Yaser Kasim	18	Simon Russell
James Dance	19	Ashley Worsfold
Matt Robinson	23	Ben Tomlinson
Jonathan Smith	24	Jon Stewart
Ronnie Henry	25	Ross Killock
Andre Gray	27	Gavan Holohan
Jake Woolley	28	Danny Emerton
Dan Walker	29	
Dean Brill	33	

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