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Andy Sinton

GOOD afternoon and welcome to this eagerly-anticipated visit from Luton Town. I have to start these notes with reference to last week's desperately disappointing day at King's Lynn. I felt extremely let down by the players after that match but I'm responsible and I'm certainly not looking for scapegoats.

I made some strong comments in the media immediately after the game and I stand by those comments. We're a proud football club and I'm a proud manager, but there is something not quite right in the dressing room and I need to deal with that in order to address our slump in form.

I'm fed up at having to defend people for performances like we saw last week and also for the indiscipline which keeps creeping in. I'm a fighter but I need people to do it with me. I can't force someone to run in the heat of the battle.

We gave King's Lynn something to cling on to but, having got back into the game fortuitously, I thought we'd go on and win it before our disciplinary issues returned to haunt us again. I tell the players to leave referees alone and not to retaliate, yet almost every week I see players doing exactly that.

Football management is a lonely place at times like this. I can't remember being this down since we lost at Chelmsford last season in similar circumstances but we came back after that by shuffling it around and I'm looking for a similar response now.

On a positive note we are playing well for stages in matches - just not for ninety minutes. Against Barrow we were fortunate to go in 1-0 up at half-time but in the second-half we were much better and created some great chances to seal the win, only to be undone by a sucker-punch in the final minute.

Then at Hyde it was another game of two halves. This time in the first-half we were excellent and I thought it was one of our more complete away performances. However, although we warned the players at half-time about complacency, we never got started in the second-half.

Our inability to play for ninety minutes comes from a lack of confidence. Against Barrow we were really deep and invited pressure onto ourselves, which is always a tell-tale sign of low confidence in the dressing room. We've also got a young side and will make mistakes because of that naivety.

We've got to keep going and turn it around. Last year I found out who was up for the fight when things got tough and in that instance one or two went missing. This season, very soon, we'll find out who is up for the fight once again.

Last but not least, I'd like to wish all our fans a good Christmas. As always, many thanks for your support.



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WELCOME.

IT'S TIME FOR A LEAGUE DOUBLE.

A solitary 1-0 defeat of Nuneaton Town has been the Bucks only victory to date since their impressive 4-1 defeat of Dartford back at the start of October.

The slump has seen the club drop from eighth in the table down to seventeenth and just two points above the relegation zone.

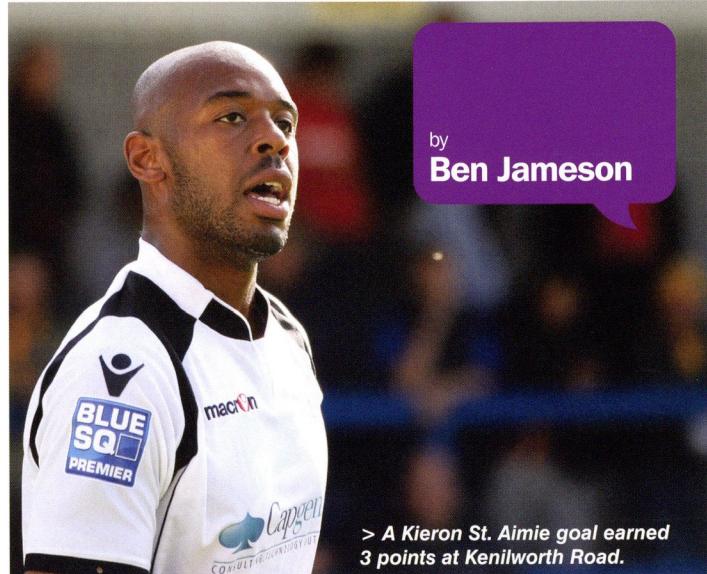
The last home game here at the New Bucks Head against Barrow saw United take a first half lead through a deflected Steve Leslie drive and despite many chances to kill off the game, United were left to rue again as another two points were dropped as Joe Jackson stole a late point for the Bluebird's.

A week later, AFC Telford United travelled to Hyde in the hope of turning their fortunes and were ahead at half-time courtesy of Steve Leslie's third goal in three games. Two goals in eleven second half minutes from Hyde's David Poole and Scott Spencer condemned United's winless run in the league to seven games.

If matters in the league weren't damning enough to confidence then the 3-1 FA Trophy second round exit away to Evo-Stik Division One South side King's Lynn Town will certainly leave moral at its lowest ebb so far this season.

A positive note though will be that Telford already holds a victory over today's opponents earlier this season when a Kieron St. Aimie goal earned the Bucks victory away at Kenilworth Road and will be aiming for their first ever league double over the Hatters.

Luton Town currently occupy the final play-off place and will be



> A Kieron St. Aimie goal earned 3 points at Kenilworth Road.

looking to earn promotion in their fourth season in the Conference having lost their last two play-off finals to AFC Wimbledon and York City in successive seasons.

A strong start to the season from the Hatters in, which United inflicted their first defeat of the season, has been maintained throughout the first of this campaign although they have susceptible to dropping a couple of points across the months. Coming into the festive period, Luton sit only six points off top and are serious contenders to push for promotion come May.

Although Luton recently lost out 5-2 at promotion rivals Newport County, that has been their only reverse in eight games and last weekend they secured their place in the last sixteen of the FA Trophy after defeating Matlock Town.

Luton also have a cracking FA Cup third round tie to look forward to just after the New Year when they entertain Wolverhampton Wanderers at Kenilworth Road.

With United out of form, changes will be expected to the line-up although Jake Reid and Chris Blackburn are back at the club after their loan spells with Redditch United and Chorley expired.

With a tough festive period coming up games against Wrexham and Stockport County awaiting, the Bucks will be looking to restore some pride back in their performances as they continue to work towards getting back on track.

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Ben Jameson



ARMBAND. **Ryan Valentine**

GOOD Afternoon and welcome to the New Bucks Head, where we welcome Luton Town. Firstly after the performance at the weekend it's certainly the lowest I've been in a while and I know the lads feel the same; it's the lowest we've felt in a long while.

At the end of the day we've only got ourselves to blame so we've got to go out against Luton and restore some pride which is something I think we've been missing the last couple of months, the pride and passion.

I thought we played well in the first half against Barrow and I felt that we could've got three or four in the second half and it as disappointing to concede another late goal.

I think we owe not just ourselves that but everyone associated with the club, the fans, and

the manager, we owe everyone that. A lot of people will jump on what the manager has said in the wake of the last couple of games and there will be a reaction.

I can't set a points total for our upcoming games over the festive period as we have some real tough fixtures but I'm hoping for a better level of performances. We need to show some mental toughness to help us get through this.

I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ryan



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Making a big impact

TODAY we catch up with Jordan Rose off the back of two poor results for AFC Telford United against Hyde and Barrow. The 1-1 draw with Barrow was a particular disappointment for Rose as he says:

"I'm disappointed, I thought we were the better team, I thought they played the ball around well but the chances we had should have been enough to finish them by half-time. We should have won 4 or 5-1."

Rose has only missed four fixtures since his arrival from Stockport making 21 appearances. The 25 year-old has shown experience beyond his years to cement his place in Sinton's side he comments:

"I wouldn't say I felt pressure to get into the team obviously I am happy to play, for me there is a higher aspiration than this league. At Telford the manager has given me the platform to show what I am about and there is always going to be a pressure to play higher and higher."

After today's visit of Luton the Bucks travel to Wrexham on Boxing Day and then Rose will visit his former home of Stockport on the 29. Rose made 19 appearances in two stints at Stockport between 2010 and 2012, and comments:

"I am absolutely looking forward to going back to Stockport it is a great stadium, I had a great time at Stockport and it will always be a club that is close to my heart. The way we are playing at the minute I can't say I am excited about going there but I hope we can go there and get a result."

With five games over the next two week festive period for the Bucks players Christmas has been cancelled this year as Rose says:

"Over Christmas we are very restricted in what we can eat and drink, we have a big game boxing day against Wrexham. We are training on the 23 December after the Luton game. So there is not really the opportunity to go out at all, we are lucky if we get to see our families but at the end of the day that is the job we do so we can't complain. We knew what we signed up for when we signed our contracts. There is lots of travelling with a big block of fixtures but maybe that's not a bad thing as our away form is better than our home form."

The last few matches has seen the return of Dan Preston to the Bucks side after serving his suspension, he has replaced the experienced Liam Chivers who has left for Port Vale. The new pairing seems to be gelling well for such a young central pairing, Rose comments:

"I think it is a mixture of Dan Preston having to prove a point coming back after a bad start to the season with suspensions. Now it is about him getting his head down and playing and the fact that he wants to do well makes it easier for me to trust and rely on him. The main difference is that now I would say that I am the more experienced player and it is down to me to talk him through games like Liam Chivers got me through games. I will try and take Dan Preston under my wing like Liam did for me."

Rose has made a big impact in his first six months at the club, Rose looks back at the first half of the season when he says:

"It's hard to say what my favourite moment in a Bucks shirt has been so far as the last seven games we haven't had a league win but the start of the season was good, Dartford away was a highlight for me with a 4-1 victory. The goals we scored were superb and the goal of the season



was probably in that game. Luton away and Braintree at home were the games that stand out because those are the games that we won and gave us that great start to the season."

Telford currently sit in the bottom half of the table at this crucial time of the season. Rose is hopeful United can pick it up in the second half of the season and aim high, he comments:

"I still think we can make the play-offs there is no reason why we should be where we are, we are a top team and the players we have at this club we should be higher than what we are."

"Recently the results haven't been going our way I am not sure what the problem is whether it is a personnel thing, management or tactical thing nobody can put their finger on it at the minute. We are losing or drawing important games. In the second half of the season we need to just crack on and have a good Christmas period let that run go into January, February, March and April hopefully we can climb the league because we are capable of doing it we have already shown that."

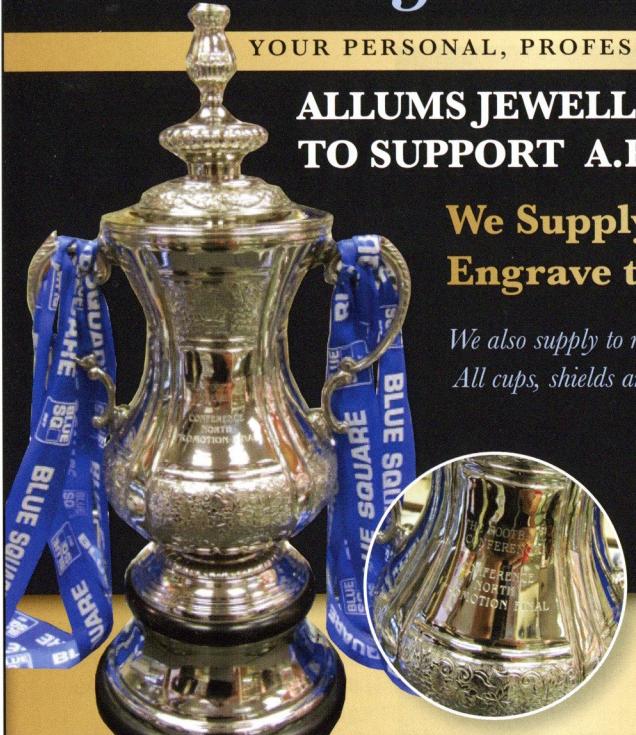
"I think it is more just getting back to basics and finding that form that we had at the start of the season."

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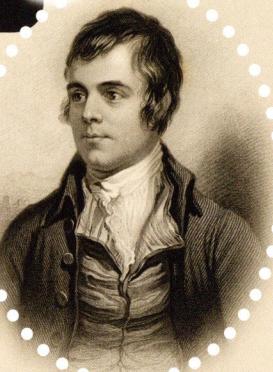
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were going to have stuff thrown at us now, questions asked and we've got to stand together.

We do training right, we work hard but we're not listening to what we're told at times, we're not going over that white line wearing that Telford shirt on our heart and we've got to do that from now on.

I want to apologise to the board and the fans, I've been here six or seven years and I've never needed to do it before but today I really feel I have to. I feel that as a spokesman for the players I'm here to apologise for them because we are not good enough at the moment.

This league isn't easy, we're a part-time football club in a tough professional league but they (King's Lynn) were part-time today and they gave more and wanted it more than we did, and I just feel I needed to be honest and come out and say sorry about today as it hurts.

An emotional **Ryan Young** spoke to the press shortly after last Saturday's defeat at King's Lynn Town and commented, "I've just got to come out and apologise for that today, that performance was shocking, I think us as players have got to man up now. I've spent all my career just to get to this level and I don't want to throw it away now. I felt in my mind that I needed to come out and just apologise on the players behalf, don't get me wrong the gaffer is going to get all the flack but it's us the players who go over the 'white line' at the end of the day, no one else - just us.

I know that people came down today and we just haven't done it for them and it's embarrassing.

At times like this you've got to be together, I've been here before and you've just got to stick together and as hard as it is you've got to back everybody and

A BRIEF HISTORY.

The birth of Luton Town Football Club was never going to be easy. At the meeting called to discuss the formation based, supposedly, on a merger between local clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior an argument ensued.

Officials from the Wanderers club maintained that they had been using the name 'Luton Town' for several months and that the meeting was pointless. Nevertheless that particular point of order was rejected and 'Luton Town Football Club' was dragged screaming into the world on April 11th 1885.

Early games for the newly formed club consisted of friendlies, apart from annual excursions into the English Cup as it was then named. With a strong committee behind them pushing all the way, the club began to attract stronger opposition, better players and more spectators such was the growth in industry in Luton at the time.

The foresighted decision to pay three players was taken in 1890 with the remainder being included the following year. Clearly because of this expense friendly matches were not enough to keep the finances straight and an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands.

Finishing as runners-up to Millwall in each of the first two seasons of the Southern League the ambitious club wanted more and made a bid for election to the Football League. Their initial proposition failed and a season had to be spent in the United League before they were accepted into Football League Division Two in 1897.

Unfortunately all that glitters is not gold and the Town found themselves in a predominantly northern based competition with the subsequent high cost of travel gradually becoming an escalating burden.

After three years of increasing struggle the club took the brave



decision to rejoin a, now much stronger, Southern League and a period of consolidation followed. Such was the strength of the Southern League that the Town could not return to their former glories and after several seasons of mid-table obscurity suffered relegation to Division Two where most of the teams were based in Wales. Thankfully promotion back to Division One was achieved two years later, in 1914, and the club emerged from the ordeal far stronger and a great deal wiser.

After hostilities ceased, the Southern League, en bloc, was asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League and the Town then enjoyed 17 seasons at this level mostly as a 'middle of the road' club.

With the population growth of the town and surrounding area, the board, in the mid-1930s, decided to make a concerted bid to achieve a higher status.

Players were brought in to help them achieve this objective and their highest ever position was achieved in 1936 when they finished runners-up to Coventry in the days when only one side was promoted. During this campaign, a wing-half, Joe Payne,

was handed his debut at centre forward against Bristol Rovers and he altered the record books at a stroke when scoring 10 goals in a 12-0 victory. Payne continued into the next season as he left off the last and it was his remarkable 55 goals out of a total of 103 that helped secure promotion to Division Two on the

back of a tremendous home record.

Decisions were immediately taken to extend the Kenilworth Road ground, where the Town had moved in 1905, with the capacity increased to a supposed 34,000. This limit was never seriously tested as the Town held their own in the new higher sphere. In their second season in Division Two, however, a strong and settled squad, ably led from the front by local boy Hugh Billington, nearly achieved promotion to the top flight.

Over Easter 1939, a series of good results had forced the team into the promotion positions, but a draw and two defeats from the final three games meant that they missed out. Unfortunately, no-one will ever know how far this squad could have progressed as in September 1939, with the Town sitting proudly at the top of the table, war broke out.

After a seven-year break, it was back to a few seasons of mid-table mediocrity until, in 1950/51, the Town came perilously close to suffering relegation back to Division Three, only surviving by dint of a three game winning run as the season drew to a close.

Luckily this scare was not repeated as the Town's youth policy, nurtured by manager Dally Duncan, began to bear fruit. Future all-time leading scorer for the Hatters, Gordon Turner, learnt the ropes under the expert guidance of ex-England international Jesse Pye and, with a settled side, the Town just missed out on promotion in both 1953 and 1954.

The final push in the fight to earn a Division One spot came in 1954/55 when the Town eventually won through in a titanic struggle with Birmingham and Rotherham. The Hatters finally clinched the runners-up spot on goal average with the Millers the unlucky side to lose out.

The Town swept all before them early in the following season and were the talk of the football world after beating Newcastle, Blackpool, Wolves and league leaders Sunderland in quick succession, and

all by big scores. But the euphoria did not last and a mid-table position at the season's end was still probably more than the supporters expected the previous August.

The Town finished in eighth position in 1957/58, their highest ever, and early in the following campaign actually hit top spot before dropping back to mid-table. If the failure to maintain the challenge for the championship was a disappointment then the supporters were in for a treat in another way.

The Hatters had never progressed beyond the quarter-finals in the FA Cup before but, in 1958/59 after a slow start, the Wembley band wagon took off as the Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in the semi-final. Cup euphoria had struck in a big way with a record Kenilworth Road crowd of 30,069 turning out for the quarter-final replay against Blackpool and as many travelling to White Hart Lane for the semi-final which was drawn with the Town winning through in the re-match.

The final itself was a massive disappointment compared to the run up, with the Town not performing on the day, leaving ten man Nottingham Forest to win comfortably 2-1.

From that moment on, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline. Manager Dally Duncan had left in the October before the Cup run started, and it was not until after the final that recently-retired captain and centre-half Syd Owen was appointed into the hot seat.

Owen took over a side that was

growing old together and, with the difficulties encountered in moving from the changing room to the manager's chair, the upshot was that the Town had a disastrous 1959/60 season and finished bottom, to be relegated after five years at the top.

Syd Owen was replaced by ex-Charlton goalkeeper Sam Bartram, but the rot had set in and 33 players were used in the 1960/61 season but the Town could not manage to finish in the top half of the table. The board were blamed by the supporters for allowing the money earned from the 1959 Cup run to be handed over to the tax man rather than be spent on players, but it was all now too late.

There was a general feeling that Bartram was slowly turning the ship around after he finished the 1961/62 campaign in mid-table but he was not given a chance to regain past glories, being relieved of his duties 'by mutual consent'. His replacement was to be ex-Town coach Jack Crompton but he changed his mind after a week in the post on medical grounds.

Bristol City coach Bill Harvey then took over and presided over another relegation campaign as the Town sank dismally to Division Three at the end of 1962/63. Unfortunately, instead of being allowed to consolidate, the team plunged headlong towards Division Four at an alarming rate, only saved by an unexpected nine game unbeaten run as the season drew to a close.

The stay of execution was only temporary as the Town, only six years from their FA Cup Final appearance, slumped to the football basement in

1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000. Harvey had resigned mid-season to be replaced by ex-Town player and manager George Martin and although he introduced some discipline behind the scenes, he was, frankly, too old.

Having said that, the Hatters made a good effort at escaping Division Four at the first attempt and were only let down by rows over player bonuses as the season entered its final couple of games. No money, all experienced players released as a legacy of the bonuses row and crowds at an all time low left a tired George Martin with no option but to resign, to be replaced by Allan Brown, who had starred for the Town in the 1959 Cup run.

Brown had some work to do! With the team in second bottom position, soon after he rejoined the club in November 1966, they crashed 1-8 to bottom club Lincoln, arguably the club's lowest spot in their history.

Gradually things improved with Brown's enthusiasm and astute playing of the transfer market ensuring a final position of 17th which was looked on as a success.

In his first close season in charge, Allan Brown lost no time in attempting to piece together a squad that would take the Town back to where the supporters felt they belonged. The free-transfer signing of veteran centre-half Terry Branston was the catalyst that welded together a mix of youth and experience and after the Town went to the top of the table in February 1968 they never looked back and walked away with the title.

PAUL BUCKLE.

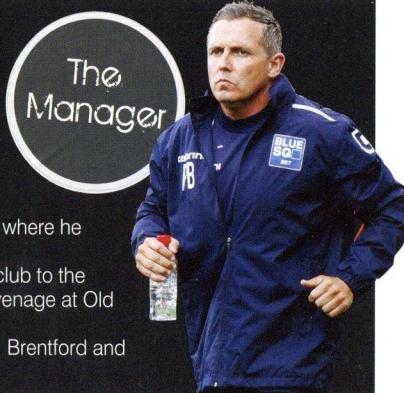
The Hatters appointed Welwyn-born Buckle in April 2012 following the departure of Gary Brabin.

He signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road three months after leaving League 2 side Bristol Rovers.

Originally moved to the Memorial Ground having managed Torquay United where he won them promotion from the Blue Square Premier in 2009.

After a 17th-place finish in League 2 in 2009/10, Buckle guided the Devon club to the League 2 play-off final last season where they were defeated narrowly by Stevenage at Old Trafford.

In his playing days he was best known for his spells in midfield for Colchester, Brentford and Torquay and Exeter.



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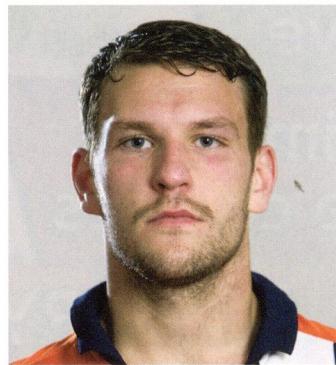
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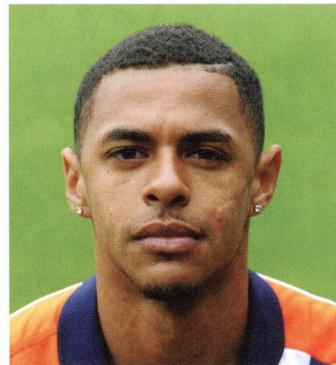
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PLAYER PROFILES.



SIMON AINGE - Defender

Classy centre-half signed on a month's loan from Blue Square Bet North side Guiseley in late September. Has spent three seasons at Nethermoor as the Lions' captain with his fine form rewarded by a call-up to the England C squad last season. Known for his calm defending and threat in the opposition penalty area. Last season he scored nine goals from defence.



STUART FLEETWOOD - Forward

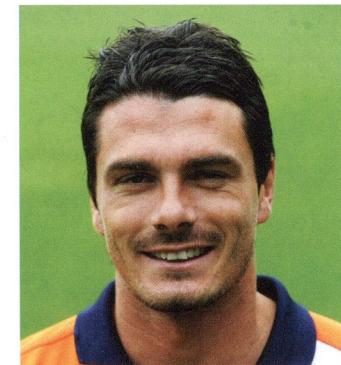
Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. The Gloucester-born frontman, who scored 28 goals the last time he played at Conference level whilst with Forest Green Rovers, signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road. He began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, making the grade to feature eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006. In January 2006, Fleetwood signed for Hereford for the first time scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007.

ANDREW GRAY - Forward

Lightning-quick forward signed from Blue Square Bet North Hinckley United on loan transfer deadline day in March 2012. The prolific striker had scored 39 goals in two seasons for the Knitters after being released from Shrewsbury Town in 2010. The Wolverhampton-born man made a goalscoring debut for the Town when scoring in the 1-1 draw with Grimsby Town. He has also spent time on-loan with AFC Telford United. Scored seven goals in 12 games at the end of last season to earn his first call up to the England C squad this summer.

ALEX LACEY - Defender

Up-and-coming centre-half who made his



RONNIE HENRY - Goalkeeper

The Hatters unveiled influential defender Ronnie Henry as their first signing of the summer in June 2012. The former Stevenage captain signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road

to also become Paul Buckle's first recruit as Town boss. Hemel-born Henry joined the Hatters having spent seven successful years at Broadhall Way in which he helped the Hertfordshire side twice win promotion and twice lift the FA Trophy. In the season just passed, Henry made 40 appearances in League 1, helping Stevenage to another Play-Off appearance. But, having received an offer of a new contract with Boro and from a string of Football League sides, he opted to sign on the dotted line for the Town – and was named captain for the 2012/13 season by Paul Buckle.

GARRY RICHARDS - Defender

Commanding centre-half who arrived as the Town's fifth summer signing in June 2012. The 6ft 2in defender signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from League 2 Gillingham where he made 122 appearances over four years. A tough, no-nonsense defender, the Romford-born man started his career with Colchester United, who he helped earn promotion from League 1 as runners-up in 2006. Richards' first full season with the Gills ended in glory as the Kent club won promotion back to League 1 following a Play-Off final victory over Shrewsbury at Wembley with the defender playing a key role at centre-half.



ALEX LAWLESS - Goalkeeper

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. A star of the Minstermen's campaign last season which saw them lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United, Lawless featured prominently in all four of the meetings with the Hatters last term at the heart of midfield. Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case,

and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the next.



SCOTT RENDELL - Forward

Striker who became the Town's third signing of the summer after completing a move from Wycombe Wanderers for an undisclosed fee. He hit 85 goals in his past six seasons and has been the creator of many more during successful stints with Wycombe, Torquay, Cambridge (twice) and Crawley in both the Conference and in League 2. He helped fire Wycombe to promotion in 2011/12 by hitting 16 goals in 26 starts, but found first team opportunities limited in League 1 in 2011/12 and was loaned out to Bristol Rovers and Oxford United.

ADAM WATKINS - Midfielder

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He broke into the first team squad during 2010/11 campaign scoring twice on his full debut in the 4-0 FA Trophy win over Uxbridge. Watkins then scored his first league goal on his first league start in the 3-1 win over Braintree in August 2011 and was then offered a new two-year contract extension. Adam went onto have a fine first season, scoring six goals and was capped at England C level.

JAMES DANCE - Midfielder

Energetic, tricky winger who joined the Hatters from Crawley Town in July 2011. Able to play on either flank or as a central striker, Dance began his career as a trainee at Birmingham City but, after being released, he made his name in non-league circles in the West Midlands before catching the eye of Kettering Town in 2009. After a string of fine performances on the wing for the Poppies - including a man-of-the-match performance against

the Town in August 2009 – he signed for Crawley in January 2011. However, after picking up a Blue Square Bet Premier winners' medal last term, Dance found himself out of the Red Devils' starting XI and, after the Hatters' bid was accepted by the League 2 club, the Coleshill-born man was quick to agree a two-year deal.

DAN WALKER - Forward

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town. He has enjoyed loan spells at Eastbourne, Cambridge and Southport in recent seasons and in the summer of 2012 he signed a new one-year contract.



MARK TYLER - Goalkeeper

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers.

YASER KASIM - Midfielder

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

MATT ROBINSON - Midfielder

Teenage central midfielder with an eye for goal who impressed Paul Buckle enough in pre-season to earn himself a contract. Despite being a regular goalscorer for the Foxes' youth team he was released at the

end of last season.

JOHN PAUL KISSOCK - Midfielder

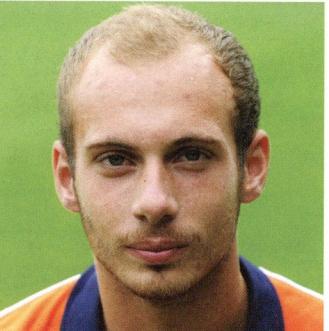
Creative attacking midfielder John Paul signed a two-year contract for an undisclosed fee joining from Southport in August 2011. He started the 2011/12 campaign where he left off last season, scoring a fantastic free-kick in the Sandgrounders' 2-2 draw with Lincoln City on the opening day, then having a hand in the Southport goal at Kenilworth Road and set-up Tony Gray's goal in the Yellow's 3-1 defeat to Gateshead before his move to LU4 three days later.

DEAN BECKWITH - Defender

Centre-back Beckwith became the Hatters' second signing of the summer of 2011 following his release from League 2 side Northampton Town. The 27-year-old, who signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road, was a key member of the Cobblers' squad in 2010/11 which reached the fourth round of the League Cup following wins over Brighton, Reading and Liverpool.

GREG TAYLOR - Defender

Left-back signed from Darlington in November 2011 who made his Town debut in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge United. Started his career as a junior with Northampton before he signed for Kettering Town. He then joined Darlo, linking up with boss Mark Cooper at the Darlington Arena. Also capable of playing right-back and in central midfield.



JAKE HOWELLS - Midfielder

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract. Howells signed a three-year contract extension in the summer of 2012.

Match Facts

KING'S LYNN TOWN 3
 S SPRIGG (11, 89), J TURNER (90)
AFC TELFORD UNITED 1
 K TAYLOR (29)

Report by
Steve Humbles

AFC Telford United crashed out of the FA Trophy at Evo-stik Division One South side King's Lynn Town. Boss Andy Sinton made four changes to the side defeated at Hyde with Michael Wylde, Kris Taylor, Richard Davies and Kieron St Aimie coming into the side. Ryan Valentine moved to right-back to cover the rested Will Salmon, with Taylor deployed at left-back.

This always promised to be a difficult test for Telford, with the Bucks having registered only one win in their previous ten games whilst buoyant Lynn had beaten four higher-league teams already in reaching this stage of the competition.

There was a feeling that Telford needed to keep it tight early on against their keyed-up opponents but that didn't happen as the Bucks conceded an opener on 11 minutes. Ryan Valentine failed to cut out Russell Dunkley's left-wing cross and Stephen Spriggs was left in acres of space on the edge of the box to fire a deflected shot past Ryan Young.

Conceding so early created a real test of character for Telford and attitude, urgency, and a "stand up and be counted" approach was going to be needed to get the Bucks back into the match. James Spray turned and shot straight at goalkeeper Alex Street from the edge of box, whilst Phil Trainer lifted an effort over the crossbar after Street had flapped at Steve Leslie's cross.

However, King's Lynn had their tails up following the goal and came within a whisker of scoring a second when the impressive Spriggs did superbly down the right and whipped a dangerous centre across the face of goal. Sam Mulready was steaming into the six-yard box but just failed to get make a connection. Any contact would surely have diverted the ball past Young.

It would have been a long way back had Telford slipped 2-0 down, but instead they were back level on 29 minutes. Steve Jones was fouled just outside the penalty area, just to the right of the D. The recalled Kris Taylor, who was enduring a difficult afternoon against Spriggs, then curled the free-kick into Street's bottom-left corner - although the goalkeeper got two hands to it and perhaps should have kept it out.

The equaliser changed the momentum of the game and suddenly Telford were pressing forward. Richard Davies' long-range drive was tipped over by Street on 33 minutes and Kieron St Aimie headed over

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from Valentine's cross. However George Thomson fired over from distance on stroke of the interval as the Linnets responded resiliently.

Sinton would have been pleased to be level at half-time. His side had been rocking at 1-1 and had some fortune with the goal which squirmed through Street's fingers, whilst Spriggs was looking a real threat and could easily have created a second goal for the hosts. However, Sinton would have hoped to see his side's superior quality and fitness shine through in the second-half.

That said, Telford could - and perhaps should - have fallen behind for a second time within thirty seconds of the re-start. Thomson shot straight at Young after debutant Michael Wylde's mistake, although Telford retaliated straight away when St Aimie found space and produced a fierce shot which was pushed away by the diving Street.

Thomson and St Aimie trading chances so early in the half set the tone for an increasingly end-to-end start to the second period. The hosts came close once more when Spriggs burst away from Wylde and fired against the post with Young beaten, but the visitors were soon back on the offensive when Taylor crossed from the left and St Aimie's header was gratefully clutched by Street low to his left.

The game turned away from the Bucks once more, however, when Steve Jones was red-carded for an inexplicable loss of discipline on 62 minutes. The former Crewe man was booked initially after being adjudged to have dived in the penalty area, and within sixty seconds he was booked again after the linesman spotted him barge

into the back of Jordan Yong off-the-ball.

From there on it was always going to be a tough last half-hour for Telford. St Aimie did well when he cut inside and produced a low shot which Street saved to his right on 68 minutes but the Linnets - belying their lower-league status - came close themselves when dangerman Spriggs' cross was met by Dunkley who had nipped in front of Young. His header, however, went wide on 76 minutes.

Telford nearly snatched the lead in bizarre circumstances late on when Leslie charged down Street's clearance following a back-pass and the ball rebounded over the goalkeeper's head before dropping inches over the gaping goal on 77 minutes.

It was the eleven men of King's Lynn, however, who snatched the tie at the death - and it was no surprise that the outstanding Spriggs was the man to inspire it. The livewire burst through after the home side had broke quickly and he smashed an unstoppable shot past a helpless Young to spark joyous scenes amongst the locals on 89 minutes.

Telford's ten men were forced to push forward in the final throes as they sought a dramatic response, but King's Lynn exploited the resulting gaps in Telford's defence to seal their victory when substitute Jason Turner stole in to slot underneath Young and make it 3-1 in the fifth minute of added time.

The score was slightly harsh on Telford who were probably worth a replay over the course of the 90 minutes, but the result will further dampen spirits at a time when, try as they might, nothing is going right for the Bucks.

Post Match Press

Bucks manager Andy Sinton spoke to the press post match about the result and performance:

"We gave King's Lynn something to cling on to but we got back into it fortuitously at 1-1 and I thought maybe we'd go on and win it before the discipline issue reared its ugly head again. I tell the players to leave referees alone and not to retaliate yet almost every week we see players doing it."



Team Sheets

KING'S LYNN TOWN

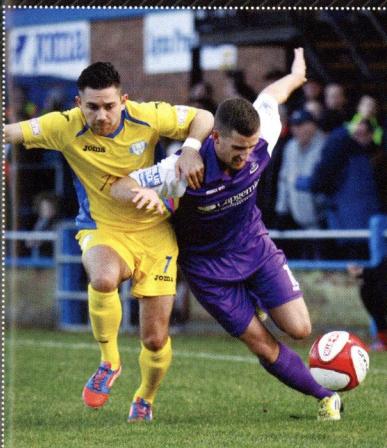
1. Alex Street, 2. Ross Watson, 3. Jordan Yong, 4. Ryan Fryatt, 5. Phil Gulliver, 6. Richard Bunting (c), 7. Stephen Spriggs, 8. Dan Quigley, 9. Russell Dunkley, 10. George Thomson, 11. Sam Mulready.

Substitutes: 12. Jamie Thurlbourne (for Quigley, 80 minutes), 14. Jason Turner (for Mulready, 90 minutes), 15. Dan Buhemann, 16. Jason Lee, 17. Danny White (for Spriggs, 90 minutes).

AFC TELFORD UNITED

1. Ryan Young, 3. Ryan Valentine (c), 5. Dan Preston, 6. Richard Davies, 8. Phil Trainer, 10. Steve Jones, 16. Kieron St Aimie, 17. James Spray, 18. Steven Leslie, 19. Kris Taylor, 23. Michael Wylde.

Substitutes: Will Salmon, 9. Chris Sharp (for St Aimie, 80 minutes), 11. Luke Hubbins (for Spray, 62 minutes), 21. Jon Brown (for Davies, 71 minutes), 25. Joe Collister (GK).



ATTENDANCE: 955 / REFEREE: MR N KINSELEY

Match Facts

HYDE FC

D POOLE (55), S SPENCER (66)

2

AFC TELFORD UNITED 1

S LESLIE (35)

Report by
Steve Humbles

AFC Telford United's poor run of form continued as Hyde overturned a half-time deficit to claim all three points at Ewen Fields.

Telford were excellent in the first half as the Bucks adopted a high work-rate which restricted their in-form opponents. Indeed, Steve Leslie fired wide early on and James Spray's strike was saved by David Carnell shortly afterwards as Telford probed with a series of early long-range efforts.

Telford had another opportunity to take the lead when Adam Griffin's error allowed Chris Sharp to run through on goal but the striker was forced wide and wasn't able to capitalise. In the same move the ball then broke to Steve Jones and he curled just over the angle of post and bar with a left-footer from the edge of the box.

Hyde struggled to make much impression as an attacking force in the first-half but they nearly led in bizarre circumstances on 32 minutes. Liam Tomsett's shot from the edge of the box looked to be an easy save for Ryan Young, but the ball bounced awkwardly in front of the Telford goalkeeper who fumbled it inches wide of the post.

Telford did take a deserved lead, however, on 35 minutes when Luke Ashworth made an error in the penalty area and Steve Leslie side-stepped the defender before calmly slotting underneath Carnell, much to the delight of the travelling Telford supporters behind the goal.

It could have got even better for the Bucks almost immediately

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as Jones burst down the right and saw his cross blocked by the legs of Carnell with Sharp waiting to pounce, whilst James Spray's shot was also saved - with Jones waiting in the middle - after Telford broke quickly from midfield.

Telford deserved their half-time lead but the Bucks have struggled to hold on to leads recently and that problem returned to haunt them again in the second-half. Matthew Blinkhorn headed just over from Kelvin Lomax's cross as Hyde started positively, and the hosts were level when David Poole latched onto a defence-splitting pass from Alex Brown to slide underneath Young on 55 minutes.

Scott Spencer then flashed a shot wide as the hosts upped the ante but Telford did have a gilt-edged chance to regain the lead

on 60 minutes. A defensive error allowed Leslie to go one-on-one with Carnell, only for the winger to shoot wide with his weaker right-foot.

Telford were left to rue that miss. They were fortunate not to see goalkeeper Young sent-off on 64 minutes when he inexplicably escaped a red-card for upending Spencer outside his box, but the striker had the last laugh just two minutes later when he fired clinically past Young after running onto a long ball over the top from Griffin.

From that point on Telford never looked like finding the equaliser, although substitute Ryan Crowther could have killed the game off for Hyde with a long-range effort which was deflected over five minutes from time.

Post Match Press

Bucks manager Andy Sinton spoke to the press post match about the result and performance:

"In the first-half we were excellent and it was one of our more complete performances away from home. We looked in no danger, defended well, moved the ball well and broke quickly. We warned the players about complacency at half-time but we never really got started in the second-half."



Team Sheets

HYDE FC

1. David Carnell, 3. Adam Griffin (c), 5. Luke Ashworth, 6. Alex Brown, 7. David Poole, 9. Scott Spencer, 16. Kelvin Lomax, 20. Matthew Blinkhorn, 21. Liam Tomsett, 23. Ben Dennis, 37. Chris Sedgwick.

Substitutes: 2. Josh Brizell (for Dennis, 52 minutes), 11. Stefan Cox, 13. Tunji Moses (for Blinkhorn, 87 minutes), 21. Ryan Crowther (for Poole, 57 minutes), 25. Matthew Harris.

AFC TELFORD UNITED

1. Ryan Young, 2. Will Salmon, 3. Ryan Valentine (c), 5. Dan Preston, 7. Nathan Rooney, 8. Phil Trainer, 9. Chris Sharp, 10. Steve Jones, 17. James Spray, 18. Steven Leslie, 22. Jordan Rose.

Substitutes: 6. Richard Davies (for Rooney, 83 minutes), 16. Kieron St Aimie (for Sharp, 83 minutes), 21. Jon Brown (for Trainer, 74 minutes), 23. Michael Wylde, 25. Joe Collister (GK).



ATTENDANCE: 523 / REFREE: MR BEN TONER

Match Facts

AFC TELFORD UNITED 1

S LESLIE (44)

BARROW

JACKSON (90)

Report by
Steve Humbles

AFC Telford United were dealt a sickening blow in their quest for that elusive league victory as Barrow plundered a last-minute equaliser at the New Bucks Head.

Eight weeks to the day since their last league win, Telford looked set to finally end their search after Steve Leslie has given them a half-time lead. However, the Bucks missed several opportunities in the second-half to kill off the visitors and were punished when the Cumbrians' levelled with seconds remaining.

Barrow started the better of the two teams with Louis Almond, on loan from Blackpool, looking particularly lively. His early shot was easily gathered by Ryan Young after Sean Hessey's threaded pass and Adam Boyes then shot wide at the near-post after Almond had pulled the ball back from the left.

After a sluggish opening, Telford grew into the game with Leslie and James Spray particularly influential. The former Shrewsbury man's shot from distance was saved by visiting goalkeeper Danny Hurst before Spray released Chris Sharp who cut inside and forced Hurst into action once more on 13 minutes.

Telford, and Nathan Rooney in particular, were looking to find James Spray in the inside-right channel with the ball over the top at the every opportunity and Spray's strength and hold-up play was proving a real strength.

However, in a seesaw half where the momentum ebbed and flowed, Barrow should have taken the lead when Tom Anderson's close-range header from Richie Baker's left-wing corner was tipped onto the crossbar by Young.

Boyes and Sharp both shot wide for their respective teams from long-range and Almond also had a tame shot saved, but Telford did grab the lead on the stroke of half-time after Jordan Rose and Sharp both had initial efforts blocked as Telford exerted some concerted pressure.

The ball then broke to Leslie some thirty yards from goal and his fierce drive looked to be covered by Hurst, only for

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the ball to take a wicked deflection off a defender and loop agonisingly for Barrow beyond their wrong-footed goalkeeper.

Barrow will have felt aggrieved to be behind at half-time after an enterprising first-half, and they were nearly back on terms shortly after the restart when Paul Rutherford's curling effort was pushed over by Young for a Barrow corner.

However, Telford then started to dominate and the Bucks will be desperately disappointed not to have converted any of a string of chances which could have finished off the visitors. Sharp hooked inches over after Spray's knock-down, whilst Luke Hubbins fired wide after great work by Valentine and Spray to tee him up.

Hurst, whilst looking decidedly uncertain on crosses, then came into his own with his shot-stopping as he pulled off several fine saves to frustrate Telford and keep his own side in the game.

The stopper parried Leslie's shot on 69 minutes and denied Spray a minute later after the striker had side-stepped a defender. Then, as the Bucks enjoyed a flurry of chances, Spray robbed a defender and curled a superb effort towards the corner of the net; only for

Hurst to push his effort round the post on 72 minutes.

Rose was next to be thwarted by Hurst, albeit after the goalkeeper had failed to claim a Rooney free-kick, and as Telford's frustration reached fever-pitch Spray was again denied, this time at point-blank range, after a superb move involved Sharp and substitute Jon Brown on 81 minutes.

Still Telford pressed for the crucial second and Brown might have done better when he shot wide in acres of space after a superb run and cut-back by Leslie on 83 minutes.

Barrow threatened briefly when Almond shot over from distance on 84, but Telford were again on the offensive a minute later as Spray's driving run created an opening for Brown whose left-footer was pushed wide by Hurst.

Telford can't seem to buy a win at the moment, however, and fears of more late agony were realised as Barrow broke Telford hearts in the last minute.

Hessey's piledriver of a free-kick swerved in the air and drew a smart block from Young, but Barrow substitute Joe Jackson reacted quickest to convert the rebound.

Post Match Press

Bucks manager Andy Sinton spoke to the press post match about the result and performance:

"I'm deflated and it feels like we've lost the game. We didn't start in the first-half and were fortunate to go in 1-0 up. In the second-half we were much better and created three or four good chances to put the game to bed, then we get done by a sucker-punch with a minute to go. We can't buy a win at the moment."



Team Sheets

AFC TELFORD UNITED

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Substitutes: Substitutes: 6. Richard Davies, 16. Kieron St Aimie (for Sharp, 86 minutes), 20. Danzelle St Louis Hamilton (GK), 21. Jon Brown (for Hubbins, 73 minutes), 23. Michael Wylde..

BARROW

1. Danny Hurst, 2. Matthew Flynn, 4. Sean Hessey, 5. Mike Pearson, 7. Paul Rutherford, 14. Alex Ray-Harvey, 16. Tom Anderson, 8. Richie Baker, 9. Adam Boyes, 15. Garry Hunter, 23. Louis Almond.

Substitutes: 3. Gavin Skelton, 12. Joe Jackson (for Boyes, 71 minutes), 20. Neil Byrne, 21. Shaun Pearson (GK), 22. Sean McConville (for Hunter, 62 minutes).



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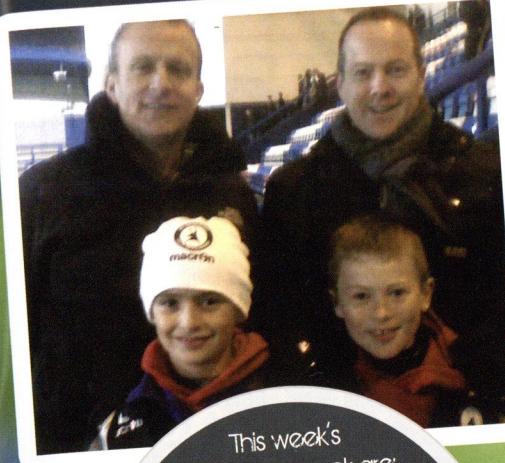
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From
Telford

Q
How long have you
supported AFC Telford
United?

A: We have supported the Bucks for the last ten years.

A: It was disappointing and we should have been
four goals in front with the number of chances
James Spray missed. But Steven Leslie had a
good game and was probably my man of the match.

Q
Will you be attending the
New Bucks Head over
the Christmas period?

A: We are looking forward to the Wrexham game in
particular, we will be here with a hangover to cheer
them on. The Luton game should also be a really
good one.

Q
What did you think
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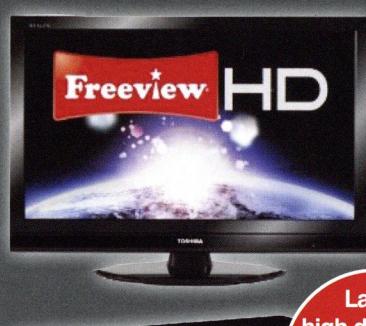
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Byfield sings for his super!

BUCKS striker Darren Byfield paid dearly for losing a bet with talkSPORT radio presenter Adrian Durham last week.

Arsenal fan Byfield, 36, predicted on twitter that the Gunners would beat League Two Bradford City inside 90 minutes in their Capital One Cup quarter-final on Tuesday night.

Arsene Wenger's men lost on penalties and Byfield had to sing 'Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer' live on talkSPORT's Drive show the following day.

It was Darren's second singing appearance on the station, after losing a bet with Durham on the outcome of Arsenal's Premier League game with Wolves last season.

Former Aston Villa, Walsall and Gillingham forward Byfield - told how he discovered he would have to perform when his United team-mates told him the Arsenal result after training on Tuesday night.



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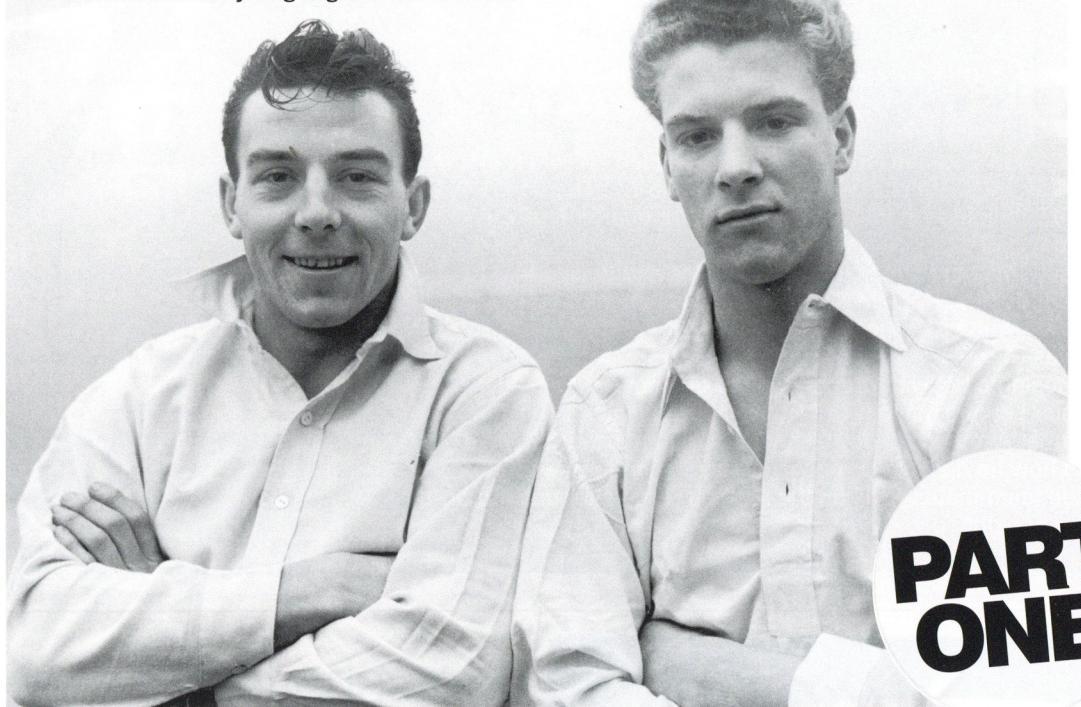
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Leyton Orient striker Vic Groves, left, and Wolverhampton Wanderers half back Ron Flowers, who were both part of Walter Winterbottom's young England side in 1955.



The nearly man!

RON Flowers won the First division title and FA Cup with Wolves and went on to become a member of the 1966 World Cup winning squad. As a manager, he won the FA Trophy with

Telford United.

He won 49 caps playing for England, but not many people know his 50th cap nearly came in the World Cup final itself. In the end he never kicked a ball in anger during the tournament.

He was the oldest player in the squad at the age of 31 when the tournament started but just two days before the final, he celebrated his 32nd birthday.

Flowers hadn't played for three years before getting called up to the squad and to this day, Ron believes Alf Ramsey brought him back for his experience and reliability in emergency situations.

Ramsey's faith in Flowers was nearly put to the test on the 29th

July, the day before the Wembley final.

The squad had been out to watch a film at the local cinema. When they returned, Jack Charlton reported to the management that he was feeling under the weather and he had run up a temperature. It was touch and go whether Charlton would be fit enough to play.

Ramsey turned to Mr Dependable, Ron Flowers.

"I'm certain he had no intention to play me. I went there like Terry Paine and Ian Callaghan. I just missed out on playing, Jack had a temperature, but there was no way Jack was going to miss that game. He soon recovered," Flowers told BBC Radio Shropshire.

THE VERDICT

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You can read more about Ron Flowers' career in the New Year's Day programme against Wrexham.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Nick Southall
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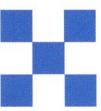
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RICHARD WORTON.

Bucks fan Richard Worton writes ...



ANOTHER CLEAN SHEET REQUIRED!

The Hatters arrive at the New Bucks' Head having collected more points on the road than any other team in the Blue Square Bet Premier, whilst the Bucks' boss Andy Sinton must surely be disappointed that his charges average to date only one point per home game from eleven matches.

The odds on a victory would appear to be in Luton's favour, but the visitors may have some chinks in their armour. To date, Paul Buckle's side have kept a clean sheet in just one of their league matches away from Kenilworth Road, and that was their first of the campaign, a 2-0 win at Kidderminster Harriers.

Overall the Bucks have actually kept more clean sheets in the league than their visitors, with five against Luton's four. A lack of scoring, particularly in recent weeks, has cost Andy Sinton's side, whereas Luton let goals in but they seem to have the knack of getting one more than their opponents. So far the Bedfordshire team have six away wins to their name, and four of them arrived courtesy of a scoreline of 1-2. With that being



> Luton Town skipper Ronnie Henry

the exception of a 1-0 loss at Hereford United those defeats have all been heavy, each coming by a margin of three goals. A 5-2 loss at Newport County in their last outing would surely have hurt, even allowing for the Welsh side being fellow promotion contenders, likewise a 4-1 loss at Grimsby Town. The most surprising away loss on their record came in a 3-0 reverse at Alfreton Town's Impact Arena, that game also being one of only two away games in which Buckle's side have failed to hit the target.

The Alfreton loss and some unexpected defeats at Kenilworth Road to the likes of Braintree Town, Dartford and the Bucks themselves demonstrate that the formbook can be overturned, and maybe that Luton's Achilles heel is underperforming in matches where they might be expecting to win.

If the Bucks can take advantage and snatch three points it would also mark a notable first for the club in the BSBP, namely the club's first double of home and away victories against any side since they returned to non league's 'top table'.

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IT'S NOT EASY?

Gateshead this week parted company with boss Ian Bogie to signal the first change of manager in the Blue Square Bet Premier this season.

And considering it's almost Christmas, that's quite a surprising statistic. I think it's widely recognised that Non-League clubs are far more reluctant to pull the trigger than their League counterparts.

On the whole, Non-League boardrooms are filled with people who understand the game of football and know success takes time and patience.

Just look at Kidderminster Harriers. After ten games this season, Steve Burr's men had drawn five and lost five. A play-off tip for many before the season had started, it looked as if Burr's number was up.

But the Kiddy board understood that Burr was the right man for the job and knew he would turn it around. As of writing this, Harriers have lost once in 17 league games, have won five in a row and are just four points off the play-offs.

But for every success story, there is one of defeat. Bogie sacked after five years in charge of the Heed following four consecutive defeats. Granted, they're only nine points off the play-offs; but they're also just four points clear of the relegation zone – proving just how close the BSB Premier is this season.

Bogie may have been the first casualty in Non-League's top flight but that's not to say there have



> The first managerial casualty of the season - Ian Bogie.

been a shortfall of departures lower down the Pyramid.

The stark reality is that a good portion of bosses who leave clubs below the BSB Premier do so through no fault of their own. The dreaded budget cut accounts for more than its fair share of managers.

Just last week saw two clubs lose their bosses due to cuts. Troubled BSB North club Histon parted company with Dennis

Greene because they simply couldn't afford to pay him. And in the NPL Premier, Grantham Town joint-managers Wayne Hallcro and Jimmy Albans quit after a big proposed cut.

It seems that every week sees a slashed budget push a manager over the edge having made a difficult job that much harder.

Whether it's because of historic financial problems, attendances lower than budgeted for or an early exit in the FA Cup, overspending clubs tend to cut their cloth towards the end of the year – hardly the best Christmas present for any boss out there.

One thing for sure is that managers in Non-League do not have it easy. Having to juggle the stresses of management with 'normal' jobs isn't simple; management is never a part-time role.

And not only do they have to worry about results on the pitch, a budget cut could be just around the corner forcing his already stretched resources to be tested to the limit.

Surely that just leaves one question. Who'd be a Non-League manager?

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Alfreton Town	v	Barrow	15:00
Cambridge Utd	v	Nuneaton	15:00
Ebbsfleet United	v	Hereford	15:00
Gateshead	v	Stockport County	15:00
Hyde	v	Mansfield	15:00
Kidderminster	v	Dartford	15:00
Macclesfield	v	Lincoln City	15:00
Newport County	v	Braintree Town	15:00
Tamworth	v	Southport	15:00
Woking	v	Forest Green	15:00



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2	Grimsby Town	22	11	7	4	36	16	20
3	Wrexham	21	11	6	4	42	22	20
4	Forest Green Rovers	22	11	5	6	36	24	12
5	Alfreton Town	21	11	3	7	37	32	5
6	Dartford	22	10	3	9	35	29	6
7	Kidderminster Harriers	22	8	8	6	29	21	8
8	Macclesfield	20	9	5	6	33	31	2
9	Mansfield Town	22	9	5	8	33	35	2
10	Lincoln City	21	8	5	8	34	33	1
11	Hereford United	20	8	5	7	31	32	-1
12	Woking	23	9	2	12	38	49	-11
13	Cambridge United	22	7	7	8	40	39	1
14	Gateshead	22	6	9	7	27	30	-3
15	Tamworth	23	8	3	12	26	31	-5
16	Hyde FC	22	7	5	10	38	37	1
17	Braintree Town	21	7	5	9	26	35	-9
18	Alfreton Town	21	6	8	7	26	35	-9
19	AFC Telford United	21	5	10	6	31	29	2
20	Stockport County	21	6	6	9	30	34	-4
21	Southport	21	6	6	9	31	41	-10
22	Ebbsfleet United	22	5	7	10	32	45	-13
23	Nuneaton	23	4	9	10	26	41	-15
24	Barrow	21	4	8	9	25	39	-14
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Jevons (Hyde FC)	11	3	14
Barnes-Homer (Macclesfield Town)	8	4	12
Cunnington (Tamworth)	8	4	12
Elliott (Cambridge United)	11	0	11
Bubb (Woking)	10	0	10
Elder (Ebbsfleet United)	7	3	10
Fleetwood (Luton Town)	10	0	10
Hannah (Grimsby Town)	9	0	9
Taylor (Lincoln City)	9	0	9
Betsy (Woking)	6	2	8
Brown (Nuneaton)	8	0	8
Clayton (Alfreton Town)	8	0	8
Crawford (Dartford)	8	0	8
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Bowman (Hereford United)	6	1	7

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Dartford	v	Ebbsfleet United	13:00
Forest Green	v	Newport County	13:00
Lincoln City	v	Grimsby	13:00
Nuneaton	v	Tamworth	13:00
Wrexham	v	AFC Telford	13:00
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Mansfield	v	Alfreton Town	15:00
Southport	v	Macclesfield	15:00
Stockport	v	Hyde	15:00

Results - Tuesday 18 December 2012

Alfreton Town	1	Cambridge Utd	1
Braintree Town	3	Forest Green	1

Results - Saturday 15 December 2012

Macclesfield	0	Nuneaton	0
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Results - Tuesday 11 November 2012

Newport County	5	Luton	2
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Results - Saturday 8 December 2012

Forest Green	1	Macclesfield	1
Cambridge Utd	3	Gateshead	0
Dartford	2	Lincoln City	4
Grimsby	2	Tamworth	0
Hyde	2	AFC Telford	1
Kidderminster	3	Newport County	2
Luton	3	Alfreton Town	0
Mansfield	4	Ebbsfleet United	1
Southport	0	Braintree Town	2

Nuneaton hold on for draw

With the second round of the F.A. Trophy taking place, Moss Rose was the venue of the only Conference Premier game taking place as Macclesfield Town were held to a goalless draw by Nuneaton Town.

Waide Fairhurst had two opportunities to give the hosts the lead but spurned both while Wesley York had a late chance to win it for the visitors.

A point lifts Nuneaton off the foot of the table while Macclesfield moved level on points with Kidderminster and Mansfield in joint 7th.

The second round of the F.A. Trophy threw up a few upsets, as along with the Buck's elimination, Forest Green Rovers, Kidderminster Harriers, Woking and Hereford United were all disposed of by lower league opposition.

Forest Green Rovers lost 2-1 at home to Gainsborough Trinity, Kidderminster Harriers lost by a single goal away at Bromley. At the Kingfield Stadium Woking were defeated by a single goal by Blue Square South side Welling United.

The biggest shock of the round, aside of King's Lynn's defeat of United was at Edgar Street where Hereford United were thumped 3-0 by Chelmsford City who also disposed of the Buck's in last season's F.A. Cup first round.

The ties which saw the remaining Conference clubs progress to the last sixteen saw Wrexham survive a scare as they defeated Solihull Moors 3-2 at the Racecourse Ground, they were joined by Luton Town who won 2-1 away at Matlock Town.



> Had a late chance to take all the points for Nuneaton

Stockport County and Southport contested the other all-Conference Premier tie with a 1-1 draw unable to repeat their seven goal thriller from two weeks ago ensuring they'll have to contest a replay along with Tamworth who were held to the same score line by Blue Square North outfit, Corby Town.

The third round draw sees Kent rivals Dartford and Bromley pairing up, Luton Town entertain Skelmersdale United, Grimsby travel to Welling, Gateshead and Barrow is the only all-Conference tie of the round, while Wrexham travel to Sutton United.

The victors of Stockport or Southport will travel to AFC Telford's conquerors King's Lynn Town while Tamworth could face a trip to Gainsborough Trinity should they overcome Corby Town.

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Relishing the challenge!

Following an injury to Joe Collister, Andy Sinton moved swiftly to seek cover in former Darlington and Stoke City youth team goalkeeper, Danzelle St Louis Hamilton on a short term contract.

Although Danzelle has yet to make his competitive debut for the Buck's, he wasted no time in challenging to do what many other keepers have failed in trying to dislodge Ryan Young for a starting spot and it's a challenge which Danzelle is relishing:

"Everyone needs pressure, obviously the only way you're going to get better is being under pressure so you've got to work as hard as you can, that's why we're vying for the same spot and only one person can get it."

Although Danzelle is aiming to push Ryan he also believes that along with Joe Collister there is healthy competition among the goalkeeping department:

"Ryan's been here a while, he's doing well and he's made some good saves so I can learn from him because he's an experienced keeper and I can gain more experience."

"It's easier in training as well; everyone can work off each other and help each other in ways they can improve so everyone keeps working hard."

"All the time in training everyone pushes each other, if you make a mistake then it's only training and you just get on with it, end of the day it counts only when it's worth the three points."

Having been a part of Stoke City's youth academy, Danzelle had the opportunity to work with world class keepers in Thomas Sorensen and Asmir Begovic, a daily experience, which proved pivotal in the learning curve for Danzelle:

"I was training with Sorensen and Begovic for two years so it should prove good for me here,

"I was training with Sorensen and Begovic for two years so it should prove good for me here, I learnt a lot from them both."

I learnt a lot from them both. Amir was a young keeper at the time, he was only a few years older than me but he's young for a keeper and he's doing well and flying now."

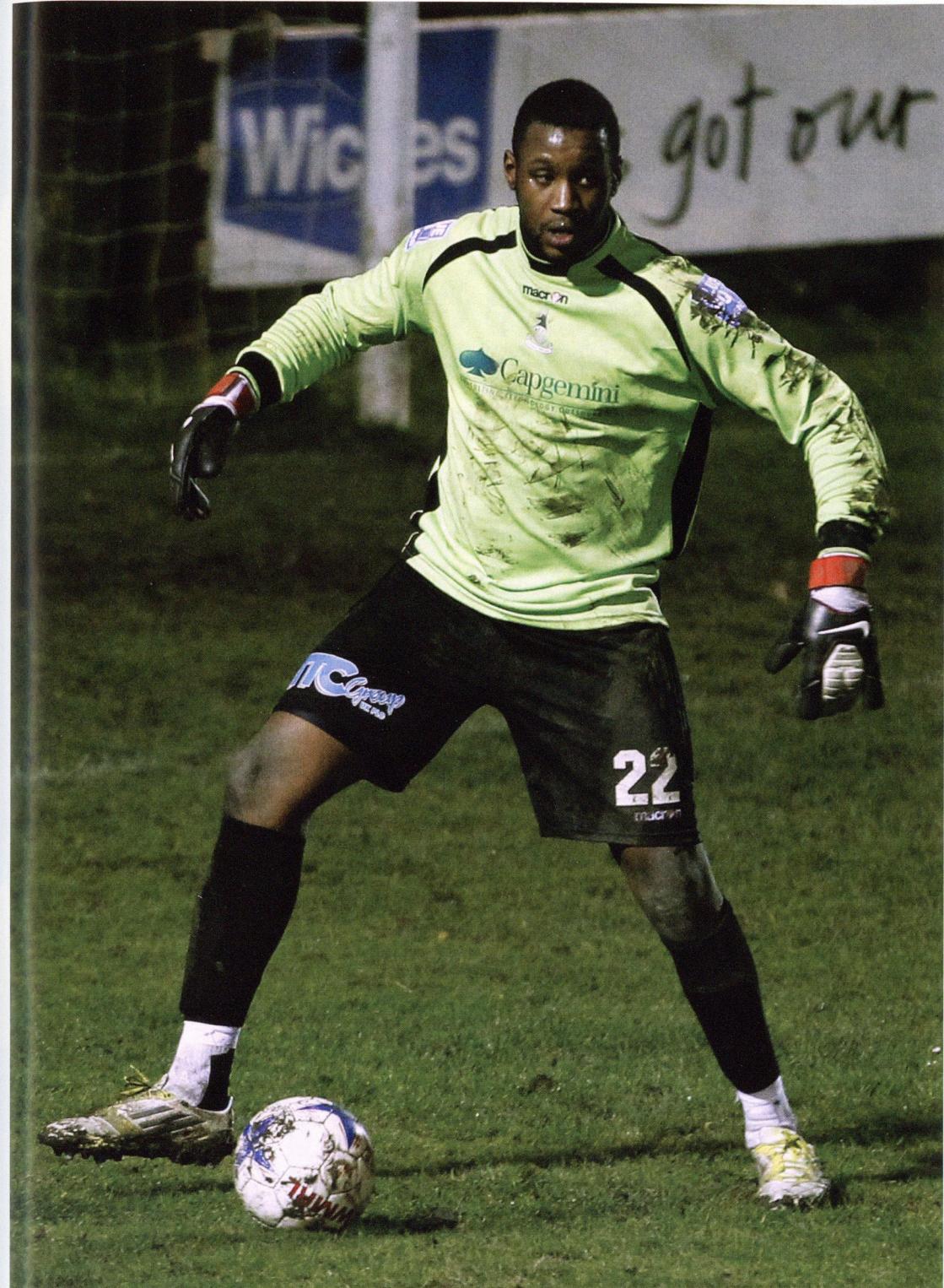
"They told me to just relax and enjoy it, they said what's the point in being nervous and trying to play too well, it won't ever work if you think like that. They told me to prepare myself right and then it should be right in your own hands."

Danzelle is so far enjoying life at the club where he has been made to feel at home by his new team mates:

"As soon as I came the lads were welcoming, the place hasn't got one of those vibes where everyone goes: 'who's this? who's that?', everyone just gets on, it's an environment where everyone's friends but at the end of the day it's football as well so we've just got to get on with the game."

Danzelle may only be on a short term contract but he has wasted no time in getting stuck as he aims to challenge for the number one spot. If Begovic and Sorensen were a challenge to displace at Stoke, he'll have to do it again here competing with one of the Conference's current finest keepers in Ryan Young.

Danzelle St Louis Hamilton



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BOBBY'S BINGO!

Bobby Buck's Bingo is back! Keep your eyes peeled on the game and see how many of the boxes you can tick off!



AFC Telford United make the short trip over the Welsh border to face Wrexham – a fellow Supporters' Trust-owned club - on Boxing Day.

It will be the Bucks' second visit to Wrexham's Racecourse ground and Telford will be hoping for a better outcome than last year when goals from Mathias Pogba, Mark Creighton, Jake Speight and Adrian Cieslewicz helped Wrexham to a 4-0 win on New Year's Day.

Wrexham can count themselves unfortunate not to be back in the Football League having racked up a total of 98 points last season which would, in any other season, have secured automatic promotion to League Two. However big-spending Fleetwood Town took the title and Wrexham's disappointment was compounded as they lost to Luton Town in the play-off semi-finals for the second successive season.

Player-manager Andy Morrell did lose several key players during the summer; most notably Nat Knight-Percival, Pogba and Speight. However Morrell did manage to retain the services of most of last season's squad, which also reached the FA Cup Third Round. Captain Dean Keates and fellow midfielder Jay Harris have been retained, whilst former Shrewsbury full-back Neil Ashton has been a consistent performer.

Indeed Ashton recently signed a new contract which will keep him at the club until 2015. The ex-Tranmere, Shrewsbury and Macclesfield player joined Wrexham in 2010 following the demise of Chester City. He has now has played over 110 games for the Dragons and he picked up five trophies at the end-of-season awards last year, including the award made by Wrexham Supporters' Association.

Morrell has not been afraid to give youngsters their chance and there are high hopes for striker Jay Colbeck and defender Declan Walker, whilst

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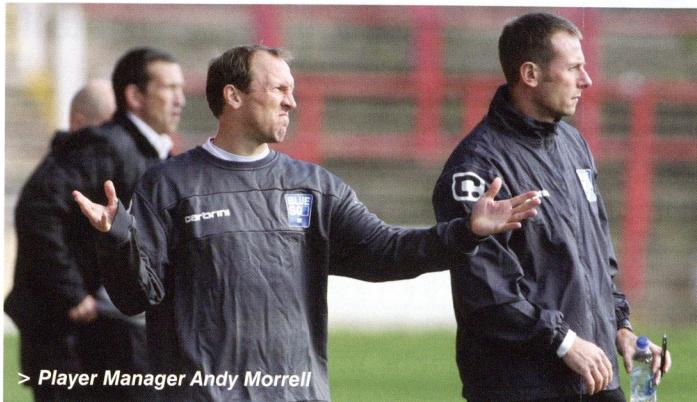
Address: The Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AH

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WREXHAM

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The Racecourse Ground



the player-manager also added to his squad during the summer by recruiting young goalkeeper Andy Coughlin – who has deputies for regular stopper Jostain Mayebi when he has been on international duty – as well as defender Martin Riley.

However, the headline-grabbing summer capture was that of striker Brett Ormerod from Blackpool. The 35-year-old has proved a natural replacement for last season's top-scorer Speight who opted to join Mansfield. Ormerod has scored more than 100 senior goals including Blackpool's winner in their 3-2 Championship play-off final win over Cardiff City at Wembley in 2010.

Morrell, who is enjoying his first full season in charge after succeeding Dean Saunders in September 2011, may also include defender Danny Devine in his squad against the Bucks. Devine, who is on loan from Fleetwood Town, spent three years at Preston

before being released in the summer and joining Fleetwood.

Meanwhile, the Wrexham boss has also moved to tie down key performer Cieslewicz who has signed an 18-month extension to his contract with an option for a further year. Cieslewicz, who was signed by Saunders in 2009 following his release by Manchester City, was only handed a short deal during the summer but his excellent early-season form has earned him an extended contract.

Wrexham are well-placed to push for automatic promotion in the second half of the season and currently sit in third place in the Blue Square Bet Premier, just three points behind leaders Newport County with a game in hand. Only Hereford United and Lincoln City have won at the Racecourse in the league so far this season, although Alfreton did triumph there in the FA Cup.

Parking: Car parking for visiting fans is available in Glyndwr University next to the ground – again this is signposted.

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Facilities: The Centenary Club, which has Sky Sports and also serves food, usually allows free entry for away fans. There is also a Marston's pub (The Turf) on the corner of the ground at the Kop End.



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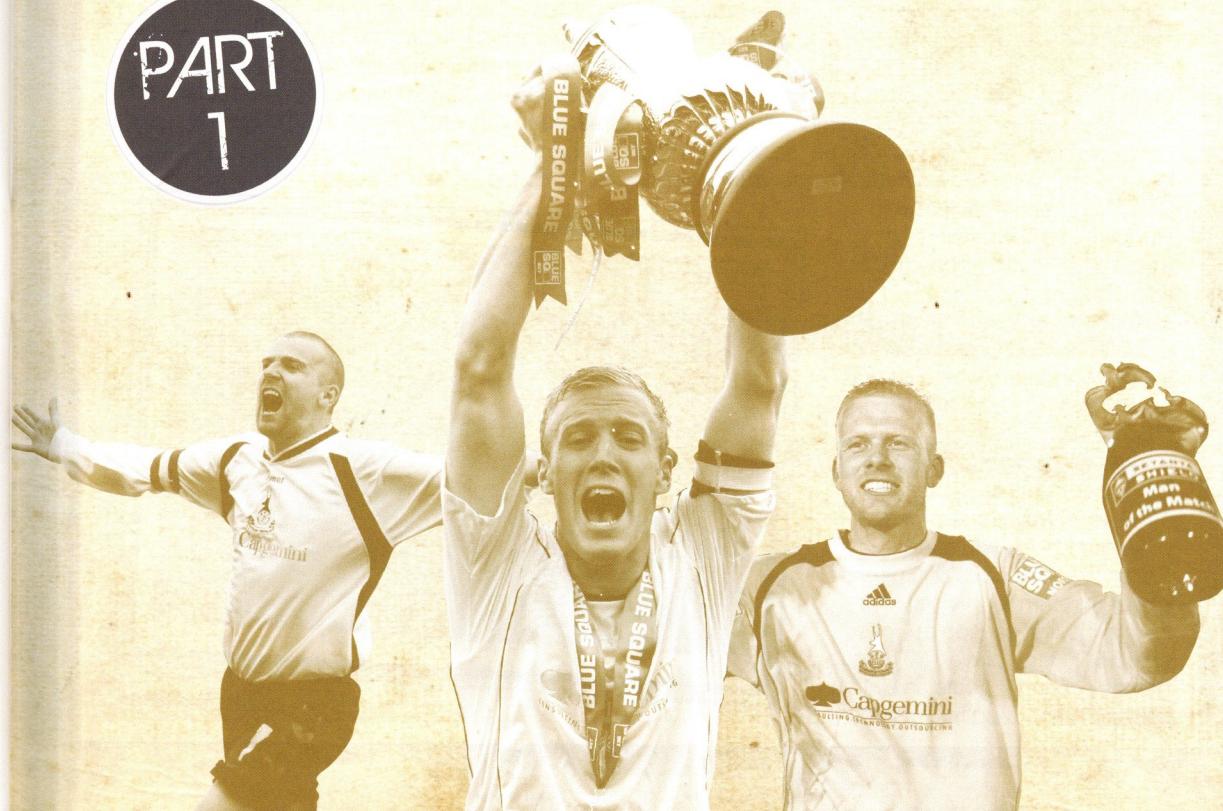
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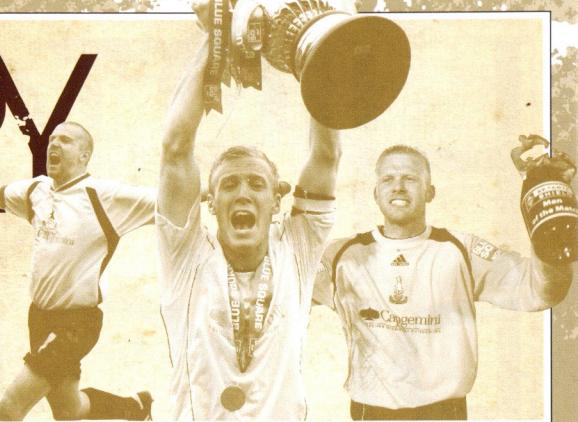
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Wellington / Telford - Manchester United Connections

Henry McShane

Born: Holytown, Lanarkshire 8th April 1920
Died 7th November 2012

LAST MONTH saw the death at 92 of ex-Wellington Town and Manchester United forward Henry McShane. Henry known as Harry throughout his football career was an inside or outside left who as a teenager played for Bellishill Athletic before joining Blackburn Rovers. At Ewood Park he made just two appearances before the outbreak of World War Two in 1938. By the time League football resumed in September 1946 Harry had been transferred to Huddersfield Town where he made a further 15 appearances scoring once.

Another move came in the summer of 1947, this time to Bolton Wanderers where he was to stay for three seasons scoring 6 goals in 93 matches.

The highlight of Harry's career in football came in September 1950 when Manchester United manager Matt Busby paid Bolton Wanderers £5,000 plus a player in return for his services. During his first season at United (1950/51) Harry played 30 league games scoring 7 goals as United finished runners-up in Division

One.

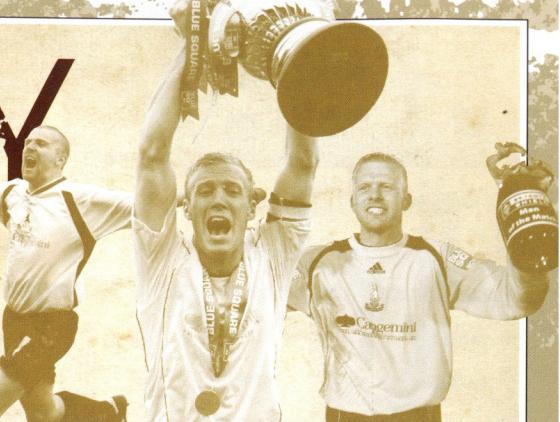
Even better was to follow during the 1951/52 season as United won the title for the first time since 1911. However Harry just missed out on a Championship winners medal having only made 12 appearances scoring once.

After having made a total of 57 appearances (8 goals scored) Harry was on the move



> Henry McShane

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again, this time to Oldham Athletic, in February 1954 for a fee of £750. Another 41 games (5 goals scored) followed before Harry drifted into the non-league football as player-coach at Chorley.

Then in the summer of 1956 Harry joined Wellington Town where he was to stay for just one season. During that time he played 36 games, scoring nine goals. Wellington finished third in the Cheshire League and reached the finals of both the Cheshire League and Shropshire Senior Cups, losing both. Disappointingly Harry played in neither final having lost his place in the side towards the season's end.

During the course of the season Harry was often watched from the Buck's Head terraces by his young son Ian who later became a famous actor starring in such series as Lovejoy and Deadwood.

Upon leaving Wellington Town Harry joined Droylsden before winding down his football career as coach of Stalybridge Celtic.



> Son, actor Ian McShane

PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR OR WHO WERE ON THE BOOKS AT BOTH THE BUCK'S HEAD AND OLD TRAFFORD INCLUDE:

David Brown	2002/03
Gerry Daly	1989/90 and 1990/91
Bill Fairhurst	1972/73 and 1973/74
Kevin Lewis	1982/83 - 1984/85 (inclusive)
Harry McShane	1956/57
John Wassall*	1933/34 and 1934/35

* In February 1935 John 'Jack' Wassall became the only known Wellington or Telford player to be transferred directly to Manchester United, for a fee of £350.

Jack had joined Wellington Town just over two years earlier from Morris' Athletic and during his time at the Buck's Head made 42 appearances scoring 17 goals as an inside forward. At Old Trafford Jack played 48 games and scored 6 goals. Later clubs included Brighton, Stockport County and Shrewsbury Town.

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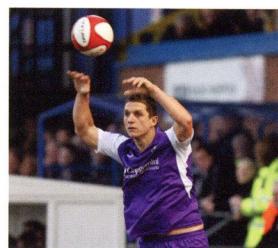
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PLAYER	Blue Square Bet Premier		FA Cup		FA Trophy		League and Cup Totals	
	AP	GL	AP	GL	AP	GL	AP	GL
1 Ryan Young	21	0	2	0	2	0	25	0
2 Will Salmon	20	0	1	0	1	0	22	0
3 Ryan Valentine	14	1	2	1	2	0	18	2
4 Chris Blackburn	3	0	-	-	-	-	3	0
5 Daniel Preston	9/1	0	1	0	2	0	12/1	0
6 Richard Davies	7/3	2	2	0	1/1	0	10/4	2
7 Nathan Rooney	11/5	3	1	0	1	0	13/5	3
8 Phil Trainer	21	2	1	0	2	0	24	2
9 Chris Sharp	5/3	1	0/2	0	1/1	0	6/6	1
10 Steve Jones	14/2	7	2	1	1	0	17/2	8
11 Luke Hubbins	9/6	1	2	0	1/1	0	12/7	1
12 Jay Smith	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0
14 Michael Briscoe	3	0	-	-	-	-	3	0
15 Jake Reid	2/2	0	-	-	-	-	2/2	0
16 Kieron St. Aimie	15/3	5	2	0	1/1	0	18/4	5
17 James Spray	11/8	2	0/2	0	2	0	13/10	2
18 Steve Leslie	21	3	2	0	2	1	25	4
19 Kris Taylor	11/5	0	1/1	0	1	1	13/6	1
20 Danzelle St. Louis Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 Jon Brown	5/11	0	0/1	0	0/2	0	5/14	0
22 Jordan Rose	19	0	1	0	1	0	21	0
23 Michael Wylde	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0
24 Tom Roberts	0/1	0	-	-	-	-	0/1	0
25 Joe Collister	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0
26 Darren Byfield	2/5	1	-	-	-	-	2/5	1



> Michael Wylde made his Bucks debut at King's Lynn Town



> Kris Taylor - scored his first Bucks goal at King's Lynn Town

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS.

v/s FOREST GREEN ROVERS	
MOTM - STEVEN LESLIE	
v/s BRAINTREE TOWN	
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v/s STOCKPORT COUNTY	
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v/s LINCOLN CITY	
MOTM - JORDAN ROSE	
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v/s WOKING	
MOTM - RICHARD DAVIES	
v/s GRIMSBY TOWN	
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MOTM - STEVEN JONES	
v/s KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	
MOTM - RYAN YOUNG	
v/s BARROW AFC	
MOTM - RYAN YOUNG	
v/s LUTON TOWN	
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v/s WREXHAM	
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v/s DARTFORD	
MOTM -	
v/s HEREFORD UNITED	
MOTM -	

2012/13 FIXTURES & RESULTS.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES.	ATT.	KEEPER	FULL BACK	LEFT BACK	DEFENDER	DEFENDER	MIDFIELD
AUGUST									
11/8/12	Barrow	0-0	1,041	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE	BLACKBURN ©	PRESTON	ROONEY
14/8/12	Forest Green Rovers	1-2	1,582	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE	BLACKBURN ©	PRESTON	ROONEY 1
18/8/12	Braintree Town	3-0	1,524	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	ROONEY 1
25/8/12	Luton Town	1-0	5,970	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	ROONEY
27/8/12	Stockport County	2-2	2,079	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE © 1	ROSE	BLACKBURN	ROONEY
SEPTEMBER									
01/9/12	Southport	3-0	1,005	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	BRISCOE	ROONEY
04/9/12	Nuneaton Town	1-3	992	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	BRISCOE	ROONEY 1
08/9/12	Lincoln City	1-1	1,794	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	BRISCOE	ROONEY
15/9/12	Cambridge United	3-3	1,962	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES 1
22/9/12	Mansfield Town	2-2	1,736	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES 1
25/9/12	Newport County	2-4	1,503	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	PRESTON	DAVIES
29/9/12	Gateshead	1-1	524	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES
OCTOBER									
06/10/12	Woking	1-0	1,584	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES
09/10/12	Dartford	4-1	1,359	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES
13/10/12	Grimsby Town	1-2	2,349	YOUNG	SALEMON	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES
20/10/12	Nuneaton Town FA Cup 4Q	2-2	1,251	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE © 1	ROSE	CHILVERS	DAVIES
23/10/12	Nuneaton Town FA Cup 4QR	0-1	616	YOUNG	VALENTINE ©	TAYLOR	PRESTON	CHILVERS	DAVIES
27/10/12	Affreton Town	1-1	572	YOUNG	VALENTINE ©	TAYLOR	ROSE	CHILVERS	BROWN
NOVEMBER									
06/11/12	Ebbesfleet United	2-2	1,542	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	CHILVERS	TAYLOR
10/11/12	Tamworth	0-0	935	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	TAYLOR
17/11/12	Kidderminster Harriers	0-2	2,160	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	TAYLOR
24/11/12	Nuneaton Town (FAT R1)	1-0	737	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	ROONEY
DECEMBER									
04/12/12	Barrow	1-1	1,333	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	ROONEY
08/12/12	Hyde	1-2	523	YOUNG	SALEMON	VALENTINE ©	ROSE	PRESTON	ROONEY
15/12/12	King's Lynn Town (FAT R2)	1-3	955	YOUNG	VALENTINE ©	TAYLOR 1	WYLDE	PRESTON	DAVIES
22/12/12	Luton Town								
26/12/12	Wrexham								
29/12/12	Stockport County								
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Man of the Match Awards

vs Barrow



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MIDFIELD	MIDFIELD	FORWARD	FORWARD	MIDFIELD	SUB	SUB/GK	SUB	SUB	SUB
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TRAINER	LESLIE	S JONES 2	ST AIMIE	SHARP	PRESTON	COLLISTER	HUBBINS	SPRAY	BROWN
TRAINER	LESLIE	S JONES	ST AIMIE	SHARP	ROONEY	COLLISTER	HUBBINS	SPRAY	BROWN
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Stockport railway station is in walking distance of the ground (around half a mile). Come out of the station and turn left up Station Road, continuing up the hill towards the roundabout. Go straight over the roundabout and turn left into Caroline Street for the ground.

Admission Prices: Away fans are predominantly housed in the Railway End. Prices: Adults £16, Concessions £11, Under 16s £3. Concessions apply to Over 65s, Students and Under 21s. Official programme is priced at £3.

Parking: The Booth Street car-park, just off Mercian Way, is priced at £4 for cars and £20 for coaches. Other than this street parking is available but supporters should be aware that some areas are subject to residents-only parking restrictions.

Disabled Access: Disabled supporters entitled to a concessionary rate with a carer entering free of charge. Contact the club on (0161) 286 8888 for details.

Facilities: There is a small Labour Club right by the entrance to the Railway End that allows visitors in for a small entrance fee. Otherwise there are a number of pubs along a shopping area across the main road from the away end, including the Royal Oak, the Sir Robert Peel and the Armoury on Castle Street which welcome away supporters. Please note that alcohol is not available in the away end.

STOCKPORT COUNTY

Saturday 29th December 2012 - Blue Square Bet Premier
Edgeley Park

AFC Telford United make the short trip into Cheshire to play Stockport County on Saturday.

Stockport remain under the stewardship of Jim Gannon, who is enjoying a second spell at Edgeley Park having previously managed the Hatters between December 2005 and May 2009. Gannon is an incredibly popular figure at Edgeley Park and his return to the club was heralded as a fresh start following the short and unsuccessful reign of former German international Dietmar Hamann.

The cornerstones of the County backline this season are summer signings James Tunnicliffe and Jordan Fagbola. Tunnicliffe is now in his second spell at Edgeley Park having made his debut for Stockport as a 16-year-old before joining Brighton for an undisclosed fee, whilst Fagbola joined from Rochdale having failed to make a first-team appearance at Spotland.

Meanwhile, Gannon's midfield options include Northampton Town loanee Paul Turnbull. The 23-year-old came through the youth system at Edgeley Park and won promotion to League One with the Hatters via the play-offs in 2008 before joining Northampton in the summer of 2011. However, he has played only 19 times for the Cobblers and also had a loan spell back at County towards the end of last season.

County have also strengthened their midfield with the acquisition of Matty Mainwaring. Mainwaring rejoined County in September and Gannon hopes to keep the 22-year-old beyond the length of his initial contract which keeps him at the club until January.

Key dangermen for Stockport are strikers Tom Collins and Danny Hattersley. Collins scored eight times in 35 appearances for relegated Hayes and Yeading last season whilst Hattersley has made a huge impact since arriving from Lancaster City towards the end of last season and currently tops the scoring charts for County with eight goals to his name.

Saturday's match will also feature two players pitting their wits against their former club, with Stockport likely to include former Bucks' defender Sean



> Jim Gannon

Newton in their side whilst Telford are

likely to select former County defender

Jordan Rose.

Newton made 110 appearances for Telford after joining from Barrow in 2009 as part of a swap deal for Bucks' defender Gareth Jelleyman and he played a key role in the club's promotion from Blue Square Bet North into the top flight of non-league football. Rose, meanwhile, made 25 appearances for Stockport during two separate spells at Edgeley Park.

The two sides shared the points from a hugely entertaining 2-2 draw when they clashed at the New Bucks Head in August. The Bucks twice had to come from behind as goals from Kieron St Aimee and Ryan Valentine cancelled out a double from Danny Whitehead, and Telford were perhaps unfortunate not to claim all the points having dominated much of the game.

Like Telford, Stockport are precariously placed above the relegation zone and are experiencing a poor run of form. Whilst the Bucks have been struggling to turn draws into wins County have lost their last four league matches, including fixtures against fellow-strugglers Nuneaton, Southport and Woking. They sit just one point behind Telford, and one point above the bottom four.



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●	Will SALMON	02	02	Lathaniel ROWE-TURNER	●
●	Ryan VALENTINE ©	03	03	Greg TAYLOR	●
●	Chris BLACKBURN	04	04	Garry RICHARDS	●
●	Daniel PRESTON	05	05	Dean BECKWITH	●
●	Richard DAVIES	06	06	Janos KOVACS	●
●	Nathan ROONEY	07	07	Alex LAWLESS	●
●	Phil TRAINER	08	08	Danny SPILLER	●
●	Chris SHARP	09	09	Jon SHAW	●
●	Steve JONES	10	10	Scott RENDELL	●
●	Luke HUBBINS	11	11	Jake HOWELLS	●
●	Jay SMITH	12	12	Simon AINGE (1)	●
●	Michael BRISCOE	14	13	Stuart FLEETWOOD	●
●	Jake REID	15	14	Arnaud MENDY	●
●	Kieron ST AIMIE	16	15	Adam WATKINS	●
●	James SPRAY	17	16	Alex LACEY	●
●	Steven LESLIE	18	17	JJ O'DONNELL	●
●	Kris TAYLOR	19	18	Yaser KASIM (2)	●
●	Danzelle St Louis HAMILTON (GK)	20	19	James DANCE	●
●	Jon BROWN	21	20	John Paul KISLOCK (3)	●
●	Jordan ROSE	22	21	Lewis KIDD (GK) (4)	●
●	Michael WYLDE (1)	23	23	Matt ROBINSON	●
●	Tom ROBERTS	24	24	Jonathan SMITH (5)	●
●	Joe COLLISTER (GK)	25	25	Ronnie HENRY ©	●
●	Darren BYFIELD	26	26	Andre BOUCAUD (6)	●
●	Liam CHILVERS (2)	27	27	Andre GRAY	●
			28	Jake WOOLLEY	●
			29	Dan WALKER	●
			32	Alasan ANN	●
			33	Dean BRILL (GK)	●



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