

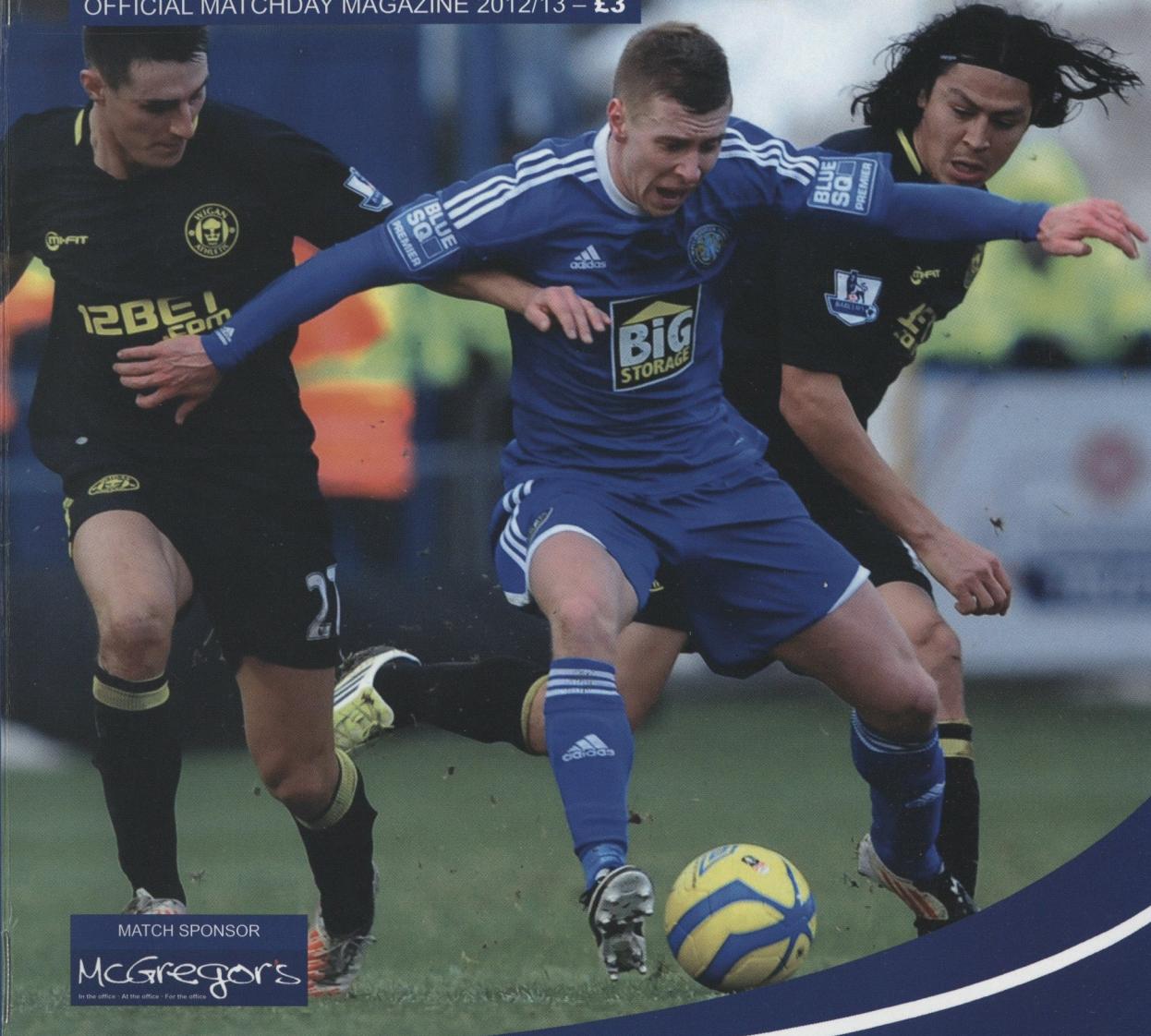
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Welcome back to the Moss Rose for the first time in what seems like an age. Although the Wigan clash was only our last home game, it already feels a long time ago after four very important away trips which saw us adding eight points to the tally.

It's kept us up with the hunt for the play-offs and makes this evening's clash a really big game for both clubs. Luton of course had their own phenomenal FA Cup adventure but to use the old cliché, it's back to the 'bread and butter' now as they come for a head to head battle to narrow the gap on the top five.

We hope that the performance in front of the full house against Wigan and the kids for a quid offer have swelled the attendance a little this evening, as the lads really appreciate the support. There's something special about football in front of the floodlights, which is lucky because our next four games are all evening kick-offs!

Enjoy the game, and we'll see you on Friday when we entertain Gateshead.

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STEVE KING

The Macclesfield Town Manager gives us his thoughts...

Good evening and welcome back to the Moss Rose for this vital Blue Square Bet Premier clash against Luton Town. I'd like to welcome Paul Buckle and everyone involved with Luton here to Macclesfield this evening, especially, Stuart Cash who is a good friend of mine after our successful time together at Lewes.

Luton are a club who has been making the headlines recently as like ourselves they have enjoyed an excellent cup run which unfortunately for them came to an end at the weekend but they can be very proud of their achievements.

But for both clubs the focus is back on the bread and butter of the league, with both having the same target in their sights, the play-offs. That is what makes this such a huge game against one of our rivals as we look to get in to that all important top five.

We come into the game on the back of a decent run of form. We have been beaten only once in the Conference since Christmas and have just completed a gruelling set of four consecutive away games where we picked up eight points.

The televised game at Ebbsfleet was the highlight of that run. It was arguably the best we have played this season, and had we added a couple more to our 4-0 win, I don't think it would have flattered us. Hyde and Tamworth were frustrating for their own reasons, and both represent points dropped, but it was satisfying to get back to winning ways at the weekend with a very hard fought win at Alfreton.

I'm sure most people offered eight points from four away games would take it, but looking back, it could, and probably should have been ten, especially with the manner of Hyde's equaliser against us the other week.

We would certainly have been happier with double figures as every point we drop makes our job that little bit harder.

But we are still in with a shout and can close the gap today as teams above us are playing each other. That prospect of closing that gap and putting those sides under some pressure is a huge incentive for us, and of course for Luton who are in a similar position and have the added comfort of games in hand. The other teams in the top seven or eight have more games against each other later in the season, so points will be dropped elsewhere and we have to capitalise.

We have a confident squad with a lot of ability and they are all itching for the next game to arrive. The self-belief in their ability to make up that ground is there, and hopefully we can put it into action on the pitch as we embark on a crucial run of four home matches. And for many of you it will be the first opportunity to run the rule over some of the new faces we have added to the squad since our last game. I'm sure you will make them feel very welcome here.

We're looking forward to playing at home again after a while on the road, and the Moss Rose needs to become a fortress to keep us in with the chasing pack, and you the fans all play your part. The support on our travels these last couple of weeks has been excellent and greatly appreciated by the players. Stick with us and we'll be going out to do our very best to get the positive results.

Thanks for your support.

Steve

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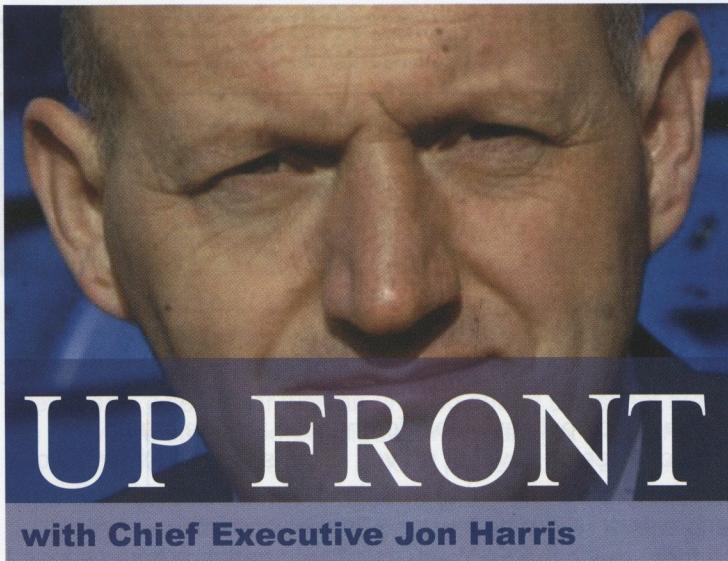
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UP FRONT

with Chief Executive Jon Harris

Good evening and a very warm welcome back Moss Rose, for this evenings Blue Square Premier League game against Luton Town. I have to start by congratulating everyone at Kenilworth Road on their FA Cup exploits.

We know only too well what a run in the FA Cup can bring, with media interest, as well as much needed revenue, putting the club in the national spotlight. However, It is important that we get our focus on the league campaign, with our

efforts now on trying to make the play offs. We have responded pretty well, with good wins at Braintree and Ebbsfleet as well as the win on Saturday at Alfreton.

We now have a run of home games

that are crucial to us achieving our goal. Tonight will be a tough game, with the return of Arnaud Mendy. We all know what Mendy has in his locker.

It seems an eternity since the Wigan game, our last one at the Moss. It was great to see the stadium full to capacity, with an amazing atmosphere. I really do hope that we can get some of those supporters to return and help us pick up the all-important home points.

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A big thanks to our match sponsors tonight, McGregor's, who are our stationary supplier. I would like to thank Charles and his staff for all of their support. It is really appreciated. I hope that you have an enjoyable evening.

Tonight we need the place to rock, so please get behind the lads and play your part in the all-important run in.

Come on you silkmen.

Jon



MEET THE NEW BOYS

Since the last edition of The Silkmens, manager Steve King has been active in the transfer market. So we take a look at the new faces in - and some of the players who have made a move out - of the Moss Rose.

DEADLINE DAY DEALS

Transfer deadline day was a busy few hours for the Silkmens's manager ahead of the trip to Ebbsfleet.

With Lance Cronin still injured and Joe Anyon only available for the club for one match, the Silkmens needed to move fast to find goalkeeping cover. It arrived in the shape of Rhys Taylor.

The former Chelsea trainee came through the ranks at Stamford Bridge to a level where he featured for the youth side where he helped them reach the FA Youth Cup final and then Reserve side as well as sitting on the bench for Premier League matches as cover for injury. He has gained senior experience with loan spells, first at QPR as cover in 2009/10 before joining Crewe for the 2010/11 season, playing in all three clashes with the Silkmens during that season as he made 44 appearances in all competitions for the club. The second half of the 2011/12 season saw him on loan at Rotherham United helping them to 10th place in last season's League Two table. After his release from Chelsea he began the season at Preston but was released earlier in the season and joined the Silkmens in time to make his debut at Ebbsfleet and has already kept two clean sheets in his four games for the club so far.

Next in was an attacker, in the shape of pacy, versatile attacker **Micah Evans** on loan from Blackburn Rovers. A product of the Rovers youth system, the 19 year old spent last season on loan at Accrington Stanley, playing both games against the Silkmens and scoring in the 4-0 win at The Crown Ground. He began this season on loan at Chesterfield playing three times for the side and made his debut for the Silkmens in the 0-0 draw with Tamworth this time last week.

Another attacker – and a current international – joined Micah and Rhys in signing up on deadline day with the loan capture of **Jonny Gorman** on loan from Wolves. The



former Manchester United trainee has represented his national side at every level from U16 through to the senior side where the attacker broke George Best's record of the youngest player to play for the country. In total he has made nine appearances for Northern Ireland, recently playing for his national side against Italy in the European Championships Qualification competition. After leaving United he joined Wolves and made one Premier League appearance for the side against Norwich, and spent the early part of this season on loan at Plymouth where he scored on his debut in a 3-0 win over Portsmouth. He also made his debut at Tamworth last week.

The Silkmens also signed Darren Murphy who had enjoyed success at this level with Stevenage. The player was an unused sub at Ebbsfleet but has now left the club to return to his native Ireland for personal reasons. Manager Steve King saying ""He's a great lad and a good player so it's a shame he's not been able to show that with us. He has made the request to go back to Ireland and returns there with our best wishes, both now and for the rest of his career."

RECENT ARRIVAL

Last week the Silkmens added another midfielder to the mix with the arrival of **Yasser Kasim**.

The Iraq under 23 international, who was born in Karrada, Baghdad came to the UK initially as a youngster for Tottenham Hotspur where he featured for their Youth Side before his release in 2010.

Joining Brighton that summer, the teenager went on to make his debut as the side drew with Notts County towards the end of the 2010/11. He made a second appearance the following season in the FA Cup against Wrexham. Earlier this season he gained more experience of Conference football with a loan spell at Luton, where he made 11 appearances, scoring once. He has played three times for the Silkmens so far.



OUT ON LOAN

There have also been a few temporary outgoings with four players departing on month's loan from the club since our last home game. First was Amari Morgan-Smith who joined Kidderminster Harriers, but postponements meant he had to wait for his debut, as he started in Kidderminster's win over Cambridge last Tuesday, before he helped them to the 4-0 win at Hyde at the weekend. His deadline day departure was followed by Arthur Gnahoua, who has been loaned to Colwyn Bay, and has come off the bench for their last two Conference North games, and Junior Konadu who made his Chelmsford City debut last Tuesday – and is expected to have been involved as they took on Havant and Waterlooville on Monday night.

And after the loan window reopened last week another player made a temporary move away from the Moss Rose as Charlie Henry headed for AFC Telford for a month. He made his debut the Saturday before last from the bench against Grimsby before being used for the full 90 as they were beaten by Hyde last Tuesday. He was also part of the side which drew 3-3 with Tamworth on Saturday.

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LUTON TOWN

This evening we welcome the Hatters of Luton Town to the Moss Rose. Luton are now in their fourth season at Blue Square Premier level, and are firmly in the hunt for the last play-off position.

They are returning to the League after their cup run came to an end and are looking to make the first step in making up the nine point gap on the top five as they visit us here at the Moss Rose. They come in to the game in a dip in League form which has seen them winning three League matches since the beginning of November and a 2-1 win at Forest Green which lifted them to second place in the table. Those wins came in early December against Alfreton, on Boxing-Day at home to Woking and a 6-1 thumping of Barrow. But the Bluebirds and The Cards gained revenge 1-0 and 3-1 and the Hatters have also been beaten by Hereford, Dartford and Newport as well as earning draws with AFC Telford and Forest Green. And, of course, there is the small matter of four cup wins in the same period.

This leaves this evening's visitors in eighth place, nine points adrift of fifth places Newport, but with three games in hand.

But whilst the league is the most important thing for both clubs, you can't talk about the 2012/13 vintage Luton without mentioning their incredible FA Cup run.

Although it came to an end on Saturday as Millwall managed to do what Norwich City couldn't and beat the Hatters, it has been an exceptional run for a non-League side, even one with designs on as fast a return to the Football League as possible. They raised a few eyebrows and reminded a lot of people of the quality on offer at this level of the game.

Speaking to the club's official website after the game, manager Paul Buckle was frustrated that his side were unable to take more from the game.

"I'm disappointed because a big part of today was always that we didn't concede early – and that's what we did," said the manager.

"It was a poor first goal to concede but we recovered well, Arnaud Mendy and Andre Gray went close and their keeper had a good game.

"However, whatever level you're at you can't defend like that against Championship opposition. The first goal meant we were always chasing the game and it meant some desperation crept in. Had we held out or got it back to 1-1 it would have been a different game.

"But mistakes have been the story of our season. We need to be honest now starting Monday. We've got to cut them out and move on."

Paul Buckle - Manager



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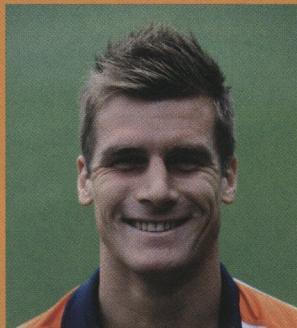
LUTON TOWN

Luton have been attracting plenty of attention this season with their cup exploits which saw them reaching the fifth round of the FA Cup where they faced Millwall on Saturday. Unfortunately for the Hatters, their cup dream ended with a 3-0 defeat, and this is the side which took to the field.

ONE TO WATCH

JANOS KOVACS

Hungarian defender who signed on-loan for his second spell at the club in September 2011.



Formerly with Chesterfield and Lincoln, Kovacs first signed in January 2010 before signing for Hereford United in the summer of that year. Signed a 18-month contract in January 2012.



MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper joined Luton in 2009 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. In 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers before he was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters. After a hugely successful two years between the sticks at Kenilworth Road, Mark signed a new contract in the summer of 2011.



GREG TAYLOR

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

JAKE HOWELLS

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international went on to end the 2009/10 campaign with six goals. Capped at Under-21 level by Wales.

RONNIE HENRY

The Hatters signed the former Stevenage captain in June 2012 after he brought to an end seven successful years at Broadhall Way in which he helped the Hertfordshire side twice win promotion and twice lift the FA Trophy. Henry began his career as a youngster at Tottenham Hotspur, but after a loan spell with Southend United in 2003, he joined Dublin City in Ireland in 2004 for four months before returning to England to sign for Stevenage. He went onto make 329 appearances for Boro to become their fourth highest appearance holder, playing key roles in their title winning side in the Blue Square Bet Premier in 2009/10 and their subsequent Play-Off final victory over Torquay. Henry made 40 appearances in League 1 last season, helping Stevenage to another Play-Off appearance.



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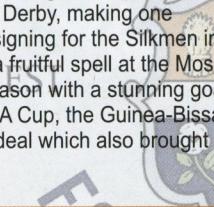
Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a

permanent deal went through in January 2011, he played a crucial role in York's appearance in the play-offs at the end of the previous season. He boasts almost 200 games in the Conference with spells at Forest Green and York as well as Luton and has also played in Wales before being snapped up by Fulham. He added League experience with a loan at Torquay before leaving Fulham to join Forest Green in 2006.



ARNAUD MENDY

Combative and creative central midfielder signed from The Silkmen earlier in the season. Born in France, he began his career with Rouen before moving to England to pursue a professional career. He signed for Derby, making one appearance for the Rams before signing for the Silkmen in the summer of 2011. He enjoyed a fruitful spell at the Moss Rose and hit the headlines last season with a stunning goal against Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup, the Guinea-Bissau international made the move in a deal which also brought JP Kissack to the Moss Rose.



JJ O'DONNELL

Left-sided or central midfielder who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing at left back the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10. After loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond in 2011/12 he has started to make his mark on the senior side at Kenilworth Road.

JONATHAN SMITH

Combative central midfielder signed from York in January 2013 for £50,000 following a successful loan spell. Originally with York he moved to Swindon where he helped

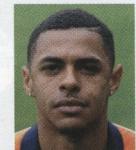
the Robins win the League 2 title in 2011/12 before switching back to Bootham Crescent.

SCOTT RENDELL

Striker joined in the summer from Wycombe Wanderers for an undisclosed fee. 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 - scoring three times for the U's. Scott began his career at Aldershot Town before making the short move to Championship club Reading. It was a loan move to Crawley that jump-started his career in 2006 when he hit eight goals in 21 games which led to a permanent move in 2007. Soon the 6ft 2in striker was snapped up by Cambridge, and scored 17 league goals in 23 starts in 2007/08 at the Abbey Stadium. That goalscoring form in the Conference persuaded Peterborough United to shell out £115,000 for his services in 2008 but, after struggling to break into the Posh starting line-up, a loan move back to Cambridge followed in 2008/09 where he notched a further 15 goals. The following campaign Rendell was again out on loan, with Buckle securing the striker for a season long-loan that saw him hit 13 goals in all competition for the Gulls. A permanent move away from Peterborough saw Rendell sign for Wycombe in 2010 and was the Chairboys' top goal-getter as they secured promotion to League 1.

ANDRE GRAY

Lightning-quick forward signed from Blue Square Bet North Hinckley United. The prolific striker had scored 39 goals in two seasons for the Knitters after being released from Shrewsbury Town in 2010. He has also spent time on-loan with AFC Telford United.



OFF THE SUBS BENCH:

JON SHAW

Sheffield-born Shaw hit a phenomenal 35 goals in all competitions for Gateshead in 2011/12- 28 of which came in the Blue Square Bet Premier. In total Shaw netted a hugely impressive 56 goals in 97 appearances for the Heed - 45 of them coming in 81 league games. The striker has scored almost 130 career goals after starting out as a trainee at home-town club Sheffield Wednesday where he played 24 times before joining Burton - where he netted 31 in three seasons. He moved to the Shay in the summer of 2007 and after getting 26 for Halifax in 07/08, he moved to Rochdale, from where he joined Gateshead for the first time on loan. After another loan at Mansfield, he moved permanently to The Heed in 2010 where he was highly prolific. Replaced Mendy after 69 minutes.

STUART FLEETWOOD

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, began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, playing eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006 when he joined Hereford for the first time, scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007. The Wales Under-21 international turned down a new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton before his return to Hereford. Replaced O'Donnell just after the hour.



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STAR GRADUATE

BRUCE RIOCH

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players



Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak.

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in

149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales

four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison and had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995

League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.

As a connection with the Silkmen, Bruce's son Gregor played for Macc between 1999 and 2000 making more than 60 appearances.



CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Luton Town 'Classic Campaigns'

1954/55



Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were

ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958/59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.



1967/68

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969/70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an

eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981/82

David Pleat (pictured) guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Greasham was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.



1987/88



Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2001/02

Steve Howard (pictured) scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.



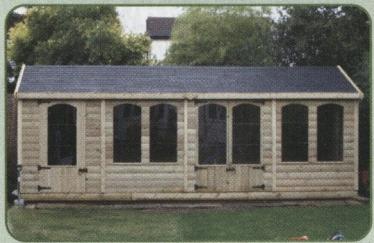
2004/05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

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FANS EYE VIEW

To gauge the mood amongst the Luton faithful we caught up with Tom Skinner, a lifelong Hatters' fan and a regular at Kenilworth Road.



What have you made of the season so far?

It's been typical of every season we've had in the Conference – great expectations before a ball was kicked, followed by hugely frustrating inconsistency on the pitch. We'd racked up seven victories on the road by October while we were struggling at home, and now the home form is sorted, the away form has gone to pot! Try as we might, we can't seem to find the magic formula.

You have been in and around the play-offs all season but have dropped behind in the race recently. Is it a must for a club like Luton to be in the top-five?

Our aim is always to win the league and while we've fallen short in each of the three previous years, we've always made the play-offs. Like last season, it looks like we have a fight on our hands to do that, which we need to rise to, as we certainly don't have a divine right to a top-five spot. If Luton fans knew we were definitely going to go up next year, or the year after, they'd settle for temporary mid-table mediocrity. However, as we've been sentenced to an indefinite amount of time in this league, many panic that the club is going to get stuck here, which I'd argue we already have. It's certainly not for the want of trying that we haven't gone up yet, and I think we're going to have to grit our teeth, be patient and build a side that will bring us the success we want.

Can you briefly explain Luton's difficulties during the previous few years which has seen turmoil off the field?

Gross financial mismanagement from the previous board saw us living beyond our means in the Championship and it caught up with us, meaning we began selling off the crown jewels in our team. We sold six players for a combined total of £11.1m, yet it remains a mystery as to where this money went. It certainly didn't help our cause as administration followed our relegation to League One, triggering a ten-point deduction and a successive relegation into League Two.

Punishment enough you'd think – however, then the situation became hideously farcical. We were deducted 30 points before a ball had been kicked in 2008-2009, again for offences committed by the former owners of the club. The Luton fans and the 2020 consortium, the club's saviours, were the ones left to pick up the pieces and we weren't even given the right to appeal. Inevitable relegation to the Conference followed and we've piled the agony on ourselves since, with three successive play-off heartaches.

If Luton fans sound bitter, it's because we feel we've been unfairly singled out, when our indiscretions are relatively minor compared to the unsustainable way many top clubs carry on, running up gigantic debts which they have no intention of paying back. We feel betrayed by football authorities and their so-called 'fit and proper persons test', which is meant to ensure responsible people run football clubs.

Has the FA Cup run been vital for the finances or has it been a distraction to the league ambitions?

It's certainly been a welcome boost for the finances and has been great for our profile. It has been a relief to play against Premier League and

Championship teams who give you time and space on the ball. I personally don't think it's been a distraction – we've been inconsistent from the first month of the season, dropping points to Gateshead and Telford at home. I think you've got to savour cup runs like this – it's the furthest I've seen Luton get since I started supporting them in 1997. In beating Norwich we made history by becoming the first non-league team to knock a Premier side out of the FA Cup. 4,000 Hatters went barmy in the Jarrold Stand when Scotty Rendell poked in the winner.

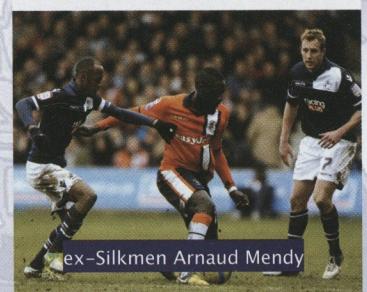
With the Hatters struggling to get back into the Football League, what makes this division so difficult to get out of?

It's dogged, dire trench warfare, where packing the midfield and stopping the opposition playing is the name of the game. We just haven't found a way to overcome teams that do that to us.

How has former Macc player Arnaud Mendy fared since joining the club earlier in the season?

He's done ok, and is a regular with Jonathan Smith in the centre of our midfield. Like most of our players, he has had his best games in our FA Cup matches, but in other games has seemed to tire.

Finally, a score prediction:
Moss Rose is a real bogey ground for us, but I'll say 1-1.





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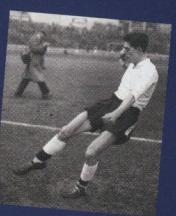
OPPOSITION BY NUMBERS

A numerical look at this afternoon's visitors, and the place they call home.

1 Number of Beard of the Year winners to come from the town. Monty Panesar picked up the accolade in 2006. He also plays some cricket, racking up 159 wickets in test matches for England. 

78 Number of goals scored by Luton last season.

81 Number of points picked up by Luton last season.

151 Miles Luton's team bus has travelled to be here. 

276 Goals scored by Gordon Turner - a club record - in 450 League and cup games between 1949 and 1964. 

562 Number of appearances made by one-club-man Bob Morton for Luton between 1948 and 1964. 

1988 Year the Hatters won the League Cup, beating Arsenal in a thrilling final. 

2,160 Length in meters of the runway at Luton Airport. 

100,000 Attendance at the 1959 FA Cup final which saw Luton finishing Runners-Up to Nottingham Forest. 

43.5 The size, in square kilometers of the district. Making it the 311th largest in England. 

52 Wins registered by Luton's Phil Read in Motorcycle Grand Prix between 1961-1976. 

203,201 Population of Luton as per the 2011 census.

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CLUB NEWS

from The Moss Rose Stadium

ROB CURRAN

We were sorry to learn of the death of former Director Rob Curran, on Tuesday 12th February.

Rob was a member of the very enthusiastic and active group of Directors who served with the late Arthur Jones, in the years between 1992 and 1996 during which we were Conference Champions and also won the FA Challenge Trophy.

Following the upheaval following Arthur's passing, Rob chose to resign in December 1996, when several changes took place.

We pass on our condolences to Rob's wife Christine and their family.

Details of funeral have not yet been made available.

GRIMSBY GAME MOVED

Macclesfield Town's home game with Grimsby is one of the matches selected in the latest wave of games moved for live television coverage on Premier Sports.

The game will now take place on Friday March 1st at 7.45pm.

The Silkmen's home game with Cambridge on the final day of the season is also subject to a change in kick-off time. To allow all games to take place at the same time, and for Premier Sports to select a ket match for coverage, ALL BSP matches on the final day of the season will kick off at 5.15pm.

The channel have also confirmed that they will show all four play-off semi final clashes as well as the final, at Wembley.



GATESHEAD - KIDS FOR A QUID

Hopefully this evening there will be a few more younger Silkmen than usual at an evening game, with this match being a 'Kids for a Quid' game and during half term. We hope that you have enjoyed your visit, and we're happy to say that Friday night's match against Gateshead is also KIDS FOR A QUID.

So see you Friday!



HOSPITALITY

The McIlroy Lounge is open to all ahead of Friday's match with Gateshead as the Silkmen serve up their top notch bar food ahead of the game.

On offer will be fish and chips, a selection of chef's home made pies and chips. Half time will see hot beef sandwiches on offer.

Doors open at 6.00pm on Friday so why not join us for a drink and some great food ahead of the match.

Meanwhile, there will be full pre match hospitality on offer for the home match with Grimsby and the following Tuesday against Lincoln City.

The great matchday hospitality package that includes a meal in the McIlroy Lounge, in the Henshaws Suite, half time tea/coffee and biscuits, complimentary programme and the best seats in the house to cheer on the lads. All of this is included in the cost of £40.00 per head with reductions for season ticket holders and VPs.

For more information or to book your table please contact the club on 01625 264686.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP

The Silkmen are in action again next Tuesday at 7.45pm as they travel to Bower Fold to take on Stalybridge Celtic in the Cheshire Senior Cup. The winners of this clash will take on Runcorn Linnets, who beat Alsager Town in their second round match last week, in the Quarter Final.

Northwich Vics and Witton Albion have both already qualified for the Semi Final and the full line up for the semis will be completed by the winners of the match between Chester FC and Tranmere Rovers.





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Good evening and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for our Blue Square Bet Premier fixture against Luton Town FC. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust (SST) may I extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of the Hatters who have made the long journey north to be with us for the return fixture tonight.

Alfreton Coach

We were disappointed at the low response for seats for last Saturday's away game and, as a result, we had to cancel our coach booking to Alfreton Town. However, we hope that those fans who did want to go to that game, were able to make alternatives arrangements through Moose.

We are currently considering running coaches to both Telford and Mansfield. You can always check if there are seats available by calling John Rayner on our coach mobile number: 07582 197 952

Youth Development Team

The Trust will continue to support the Youth Development Team, and will act as a "banker" for the Youth Team fundraising activities. We will also be using the monies that we earned in the Christmas Draw (over £500) to support the youngsters too.

Volunteers are always required for their home games on Saturday mornings at the Moss Rose, to either collect the nominal entrance fee, or serve tea and coffee. If you



would like to help us, then please drop me your details, and I will pass your name onto David Woolliscroft.

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We continue our look back at our last season in the Football Conference, one that was ultimately to prove successful as the Silkmen took on all before them to claim a place in the Football League.

Over the course of this campaign we have charted the events of the 1996/97 with the help of club Vice President Geoff

Knights. Having enjoyed back to back victories over Slough and Altrincham, the Silkmen had made good use of their games in hand after the harsh weather in early January.

Next up for Sammy McIlroy's men were two home games v Huddersfield Town and Rushden & Diamonds.

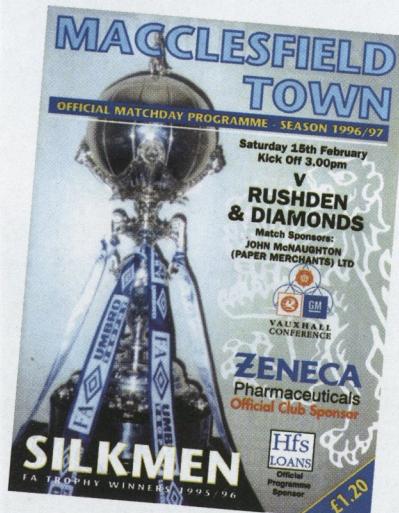
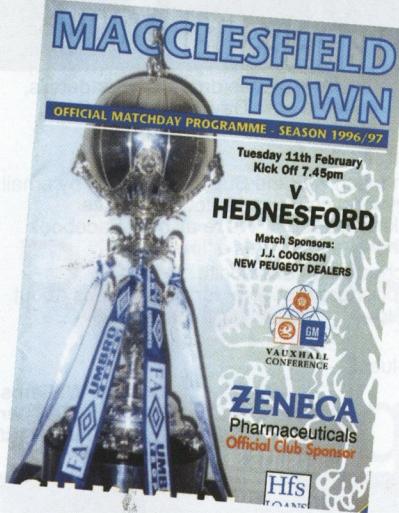


TABLE								
Up to and including Tuesday 18 February								
	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Kidderminster	30	19	6	5	62	25	63	37
2 Macclesfield Town	30	18	7	5	44	17	61	27
3 Stevenage Boro	27	15	6	6	54	32	51	22
4 Northwich Victoria	30	14	8	8	42	37	50	5
5 Hednesford Town	26	13	7	6	36	24	46	12
6 Morecambe	27	13	5	9	48	35	44	13
7 Farnborough Town	27	12	8	7	42	33	44	9
8 Woking	26	11	8	7	47	34	41	13
9 Telford United	32	11	8	13	36	47	41	-11
10 Southport	26	11	7	8	34	34	40	0
11 Slough Town	31	10	8	13	50	48	38	2
12 Stalybridge Celtic	29	11	5	13	38	38	38	0
13 Kettering Town	28	9	7	12	35	38	34	-3
14 Welling United	26	9	7	10	36	41	34	-5
15 Dover Athletic	30	8	10	12	39	52	34	-13
16 Altrincham	28	8	9	11	33	46	33	-13
17 Gateshead	28	7	8	13	37	45	29	-8
18 Hayes	29	7	8	14	28	41	29	-13
19 Bromsgrove R	30	8	4	18	32	47	28	-15
20 Halifax Town	26	7	7	12	34	51	28	-17
21 Bath City	31	6	8	17	35	66	26	-31
22 Rushden & D	27	6	7	14	35	46	25	-11



GAME TWENTY-NINE

February 11 1997
Macclesfield Town 4
Hednesford Town 0

Scorer: Landon 29 pen, 61, Power
35, Wood 90
Attendance: 1003



Team: Price, Tinson, Gardiner (Bradshaw 84), Payne, Howarth, Sorvel, Davenport, Wood, Landon, Power, Byrne

FA Cup heroes Hednesford Town came to the Moss Rose just over two weeks after a narrow 3-2 defeat by Middlesbrough in the fourth round and fielded nine of the FA Cup side. Former Silkmen Tony Hemmings and Colin Lambert faced the Silkmen on this Tuesday evening.

Rain throughout the match led to a waterlogged pitch which Macclesfield adapted to better than the visitors who were overcome by the Silkmen's dominance and determination, recording their highest home league victory of the season to date.

On loan Richard Landon opened the scoring from the penalty spot in the 29th minute after Peter Davenport's cross had been handled in the area by Steve Essex. Only six minutes later, the Maltese Falcon, Phil Power scored his eighth goal of the season converting Chris Byrne's cross from 12 yards.

The second half was 16 minutes old when Power nodded back Peter Davenport's long corner across the six yard line for Landon to head home. Macclesfield continued to sweep forward with the visitors providing little resistance, and it was no surprise when fans' favourite Steve Wood made a telling interception, carried the ball into the penalty area before slotting home beneath Scott Cooksey the Hednesford 'keeper in the 90th minute to wrap up a thoroughly deserved 4-0 victory.

GAME THIRTY

February 15 1997
Macclesfield 2
Rushden & Diamonds 1

Scorers: Wood 37, Byrne 65
Attendance: 1304

Team: Price, Tinson, Bradshaw (Askey 30), Payne, Howarth, Sorvel, Davenport, Wood, Landon, Power (Williams 88), Byrne



Only one change was required to the team which faced Hednesford Town with Mark Bradshaw replacing the injured Mark Gardiner in the back four. Big spending Rushden and Diamonds were put under early pressure with shots coming from Davenport, Landon and Bradshaw but shortly after Bradshaw had to be substituted when he was injured, Steve Wood moving from the midfield to left-back.

Despite Macclesfield's pressure it was the visitors who took the lead in the 35th minute when Julian Capone's cross found striker David Leworthy unmarked at the near post and he powerfully headed past Ryan Price. They only held the lead for two minutes when man-of-the-match Phil Power was involved with intricate build-up play with Peter Davenport whose cross was half-cleared rolling into the path of Steve Wood who thumped the ball home from 12 yards.

Minutes after the re-start Macclesfield were awarded a penalty, but Landon's shot was saved by the 'keeper. Never-say-die Macclesfield continued to press forward and in the 65th minute the brilliant Chris Byrne sold the 'keeper a dummy and slotted home to score his first Conference goal. Just before the end of the match Phil Power had to be substituted when he was injured but it made no difference, Macclesfield securing a 2-1 victory.

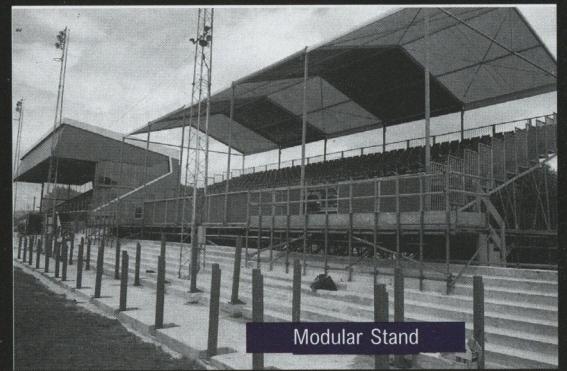
With Kidderminster only drawing with Altrincham at Aggborough, the Silkmen moved to within two points of table leaders Kidderminster – the chase was well and truly on.

OTHER MATTERS THIS WEEK IN 1997

In the Cheshire Senior Cup, the first leg of the semi-final was played at the Moss Rose on Tuesday 18 February 1997 against Nantwich Town. The visitors held Macclesfield until the 42nd minute when centre-half Lyndon Hall headed into his own net. The second half was one-way traffic with goals from Davenport, Landon, Byrne, Mitchell, Sorvel and Wood to give the Silkmen a 7-0 lead to take into the second leg.

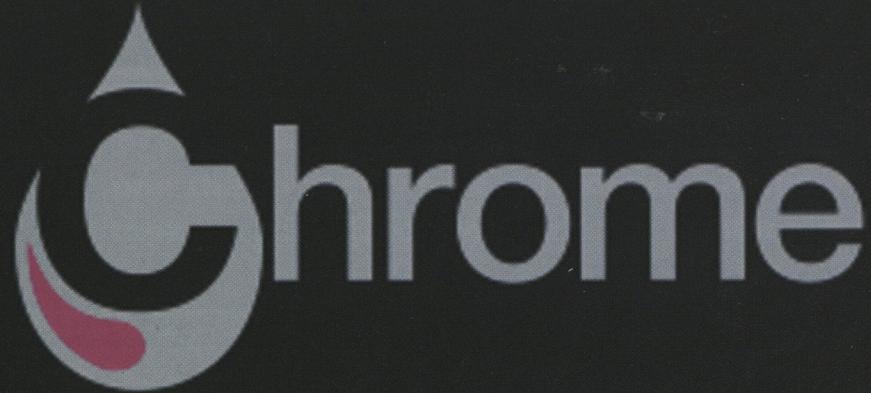
The financial situation of the club again received unwanted publicity when the former Vice-Chairman Richard Syer made a demand for his loan of £20,000 to be repaid. On the positive side, the supporters rallied round investing in the club by purchasing shares.

In the stadium, the temporary modular stand on the London Road side of the ground was removed as part of the club's ongoing efforts to control expenditure. In addition 450 seats had been purchased from Middlesbrough to cover the shortfall in seating capacity and were being installed in the Star Lane end of the ground. Other work to provide a refreshment area on the London Road side and installation of barriers to increase standing capacity was planned in order to maintain the overall ground capacity in line with the Club's 'A' Grading.



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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Grimsby	30	11	3	3	33	12	5	7	1	17	9	29	58
2 Wrexham	31	8	5	2	35	18	8	5	3	24	13	28	58
3 Forest Green	32	8	4	3	29	14	8	4	5	24	18	21	56
4 Newport County	30	9	4	4	33	23	8	1	4	31	23	18	56
5 Kidderminster	31	9	3	4	28	15	6	5	4	19	11	21	53
6 Mansfield	29	10	3	3	37	15	5	2	6	21	26	17	50
7 MACCLESFIELD	31	7	3	4	20	15	6	5	6	28	29	4	47
8 Luton	28	7	3	3	29	15	6	2	7	19	25	8	44
9 Dartford	31	9	2	4	30	19	4	3	9	18	29	0	44
10 Cambridge Utd	32	7	3	6	26	23	4	6	6	29	31	1	42
11 Hereford	29	6	4	5	24	22	5	5	4	20	21	1	42
12 Southport	31	6	3	6	24	27	5	6	5	30	30	-3	42
13 Woking	29	9	1	5	30	23	4	1	9	19	34	-8	41
14 Stockport	31	7	2	7	29	28	3	6	6	14	23	-8	38
15 Tamworth	31	5	3	8	15	20	5	4	6	24	25	-6	37
16 Alfreton Town	31	3	5	7	19	30	6	5	5	22	25	-14	37
17 Hyde	31	5	5	5	25	21	5	1	10	21	28	-3	36
18 Lincoln City	31	6	3	7	27	30	3	5	7	20	26	-9	35
19 Braintree Town	29	4	3	7	17	28	6	2	7	21	25	-15	35
20 Gateshead	28	4	5	2	15	10	3	5	9	16	28	-7	31
21 Nuneaton	31	4	7	4	22	21	3	3	10	17	34	-16	31
22 AFC Telford	34	2	8	8	22	31	3	7	6	21	23	-11	30
23 Barrow	30	2	5	7	13	25	5	3	8	21	39	-30	29
24 Ebbsfleet United	29	3	8	5	22	28	3	2	8	17	29	-18	28

Player Statistics

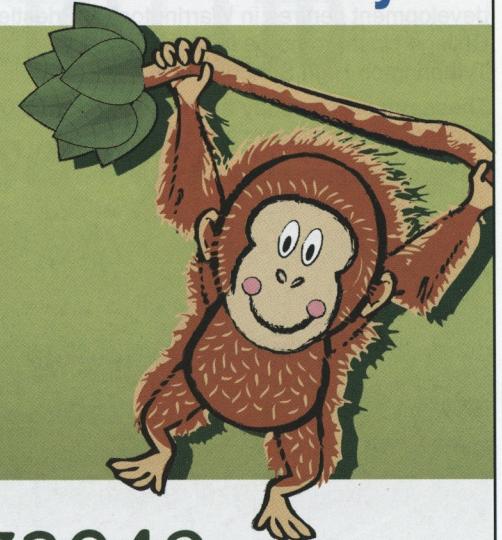
	Current Season	Silkmen Career
	Appearances	Goals
*Joe Anyon (Loan)	1(0)	0(0)
Thierry Audel	5(0)	1(0)
Matthew Barnes-Homer	32(4)	20(2)
Craig Graham-Barrett	35(0)	0(0)
Nat Brown	26(0)	2(1)
*Scott Brown	0(1)	0(1)
*Kieran Charnock (Loan)	16(0)	1(0)
Lance Cronin	34(0)	0(0)
Tony Diagne	10(8)	1(6)
*Rob Edmans (Loan)	0(3)	0(3)
Micah Evans (Loan)	0(1)	0(1)
Waide Fairhurst	19(12)	10(28)
Jonny Gorman	0(1)	0(1)
Charlie Henry	13(5)	1(6)
*Chris Holroyd (Loan)	17(7)	9(7)
Ryan Jackson	27(0)	1(0)
Yaser Kasim	3(0)	0(0)
John Paul Kissack	29(2)	2(2)
Junior Konadu-Yiadom	1(1)	0(1)
Paul Lewis	0(1)	0(1)
Dean McDonald	1(4)	0(4)
*Anthony McNamee	6(1)	0(1)
Jack Mackrath	19(11)	3(11)
Carl Martin	18(2)	0(2)
*Arnaud Mendy	12(2)	2(8)
*Ben Mills	0(2)	0(9)
Pablo Mills	16(4)	0(16)
Amari Morgan-Smith	10(12)	3(12)
Keiran Murtagh	34(0)	2(34)
*Stefan Payne	0(1)	0(1)
Rhys Taylor	4(0)	0(40)
Carl Tremarco	0(0)	0(93)
Sam Wedgbury	30(1)	0(89)
Peter Winn	11(12)	0(112)

Appearances = starts (substitutions) – *Left club

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COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST



Thanks to a grant from Sport England, the Silkmen's Community Sports Trust have been able to launch Free Futsal sessions at four local high schools.

The sessions, which are currently available at Congleton, All Hallows, Fallibroome & Macclesfield Academies allow people to have a taste of the small sided version of Football which was initially developed in Brazil in the 1930s and has spread around the world. Played on a hard surface with a smaller, firmer ball, it creates an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as ball control and passing in small spaces. These four locations have been very popular, and the Trust plan to open two more next month.

The CST have also launched a new Saturday Morning Mini Kickers session at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. Running for an hour from 10.00am, it caters for football fans – both boys and girls – aged 4-8.

And the CST have also started two new development centres in Warrington, at Priestley College closer to home in Macclesfield at Tytherington High School.

These run on Thursday evenings between 5.00pm and 6.00pm for players aged 8-14.



CARE HOMES

The CST Care Homes project is widening with two more sessions being delivered each week thanks to a grant from Cheshire



Community Foundation. This project aims to give local care home residents the chance to play games and have some fun with CST Staff.



SEE YOU IN TOWN?

Macclesfield Town CST will be taking over an empty unit in Grosvenor Shopping Centre on THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY, delivering fun activities and creating a pop up Club Shop. Rory the Lion and some first-team players will be in attendance, so why not come down and say hello.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR NEXT

Future projects for the CST include

- Moss Rose CST Under 8's Team Run in partnership with Macclesfield College
- MTFC CST U18 Team, In partnership with Football Education Training Academy playing matches in the Football Conference Youth Alliance
- Creation of MTFC CST Futsal Squad

Check the matchday programme and website for more details on these projects.

For more information please contact Sam at sam.mtfc_cst@hotmail.com or 01625 264688



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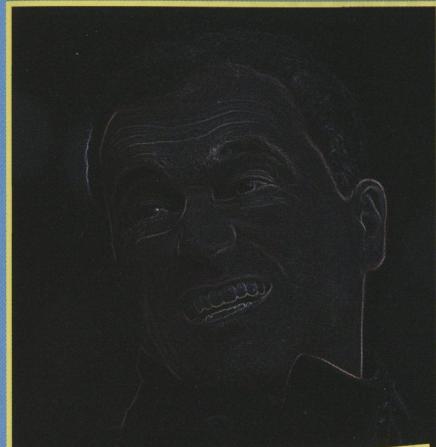
It's always nice to get home after you've been away for a while, and the game against Wigan feels like a long time ago now. but the lads have done great to be unbeaten in those tough four away games.

We're not far off the play-offs and hopefully today we can close the gap. It's Kids for a Quid tonight and on Friday, so I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of you at these two games.

Enjoy the game!

– Roary

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



GUESS THE MANAGER

The Wigan game might feel like a long time ago now, but how much do you remember? What differences can you spot below? Good luck and happy hunting.

– Answers at the bottom of page 48.



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YOUTH UPDATE



Macc Youth entertained Fleetwood at the Moss Rose ahead of their quarter final game v Nott's County on Tuesday and came out with a confidence boosting 5-0 win.

Goals from Joel Swift, George Whiteoak, Jake Prescott, Paul Lewis and Liam Leary capped off a well deserved victory, indeed Macc showed so much movement and creativity it could well have been more.

The first goal was, however, as a result of a mistake by the Fleetwood Town centre back. Taking a heavy touch Joel Swift, as his name suggests, took full advantage robbing the defender of the ball before bearing down on the keeper to finish with a confident strike.

Macc were always threatening from set pieces and after a clever knock back from captain Kieron Kenny, George Whiteoak headed the ball into the net to make it 2-0 at the break.

Fleetwood had their chances in the first half; a well struck shot from 25yds heading for the top corner was expertly parried by Connor O'Keefe in the Macclesfield goal before safely gathering up. A dangerous cross from the left shortly after was again well taken by the keeper.

The second half was all Macclesfield, Dan Cowan coming on for George Whiteoak and confidently slotting into position. What few chances Fleetwood Town had were well blocked by the young Silkmen defenders, and they were well complimented by a tireless midfield that set up chance after chance for the footed forwards. Paul Lewis, showing his authority in midfield, rued and easy opportunity to score after good work from Paddy Kilburn and Jake Prescott down the left, his side foot shot going wide with the goal at his mercy.

But the third goal was not long in coming; Swift taking a pass with his back to goal turned his man expertly and played the ball wide to Leary who showed all his skill with mesmerising dribble before placing a low cross slotted in at the far post by the oncoming Prescott. Liam Leary's and Joel Swift's movement and interchange of play were causing havoc in the Fleetwood defence and it was clear more was to come.

A rare break from the back by Fleetwood saw their player carry the ball 40 yds before the ever tireless Josh Green in midfield made a superb tackle denying Fleetwood of any chance of a counter attack.

Paddy Kilburn, one of several Youth team players no doubt benefiting from their involvement from training with the first team during the week, was impudent again in midfield and the understanding these youngsters have among each other was well demonstrated when Prescott overlapping on the left took a back heel from Kilburn before sending over a dangerous low cross which eluded everyone in the box.

The fourth goal came from another break down the left, a clever pass from Paul Lewis put Prescott in space, Lewis collecting the return ball looked to have no outlet with defenders either side of him, but a clever turn left them wrong footed before he again slotted the ball home. Another chance fell to Swift whose chip over the oncoming goalkeeper went agonisingly wide. He was later to be denied a second goal when he was deemed to be offside after a well taken volley beat the keeper.

The fifth goal was probably the pick of the bunch scored by Leary who had been in fine form all day. A deft cross by Prescott with the outside of his boot saw Leary beat the keeper from 20yds with a dipping half volley. A well deserved and entertaining win for the Youth Team.

Positive comments from Man Utd and Stoke scouts as well as Football League officials who themselves reflected on the results of hard work put in on the training ground during the week.

It was good too to see many of the first team squad in attendance prior to their game at Hyde and I'm sure they went away inspired.

Team: Connor O'Keefe; Liam Baker; Kieron Kenny (c); George Whiteoak (Dan Cowan); Matt Harris; Josh Green (Will Bailey); Paddy Kilburn; Paul Lewis; Jake Prescott (Nathan Haynes); Liam Leary; Joel Swift.
Subs: Dan Cowan; Nathan Haynes; Will Bailey; Tom Stott; Alex Egerton.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE NORTH-WEST YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES & RESULTS 2012/2013

AUGUST 2012		F	A
Sat 11	WREXHAM	H	0 - 0
Sat 18	Walsall	A	1 - 1

SEPTEMBER 2012		F	A
Sat 1	PORT VALE	H	2 - 4
Sat 8	Oldham Athletic	A	1 - 0
Tue 11	Altrincham (FAYC Preliminary Rd)	A	2 - 1
Wed 19	Bootle (FAYC 1QR)	A	4 - 1
Sat 22	Shrewsbury Town	A	0 - 2
Sat 29	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2 - 1

OCTOBER 2012		F	A
Wed 3	Wrexham (FAYC 2QR) (7pm)	H	1 - 4
Fri 12	Port Vale (1pm)	A	1 - 1
Sat 20	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	2 - 0
Sat 27	Rochdale	A	0 - 2

NOVEMBER 2012		F	A
Sat 3	Burton Albion (FAYC1)	A	4 - 3
Sat 10	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	1 - 2
Sat 17	Tranmere Rovers	A	3 - 2
Sat 24	ROCHDALE	H	0 - 1

DECEMBER 2012		F	A
Sat 1	SCUNTHORPE U. (FAYC2) (12pm)	H	1 - 0
Sat 8	Wrexham	A	0 - 0

FEBRUARY 2013		F	A
Sat 2	WALSALL	H	0 - 0
Tue 5	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H	5 - 0
Tue 12	Notts Co (FAYC QF)	A	0 - 3
Sat 23	Burnley	A	0 - 0

MARCH 2013		F	A
Sat 2	PRESTON NORTH END	H	0 - 0
Sat 9	Blackpool	A	0 - 0
Sat 16	Morecambe	A	0 - 0
Sat 23	ACCRINGTON STNALEY	H	0 - 0

APRIL 2013		F	A
Sat 6	Carlisle United	A	0 - 0
Sat 13	BURY	H	0 - 0

Kick-off 11am unless otherwise indicated
Youth Team Office - 01625 264698

North-West Youth Alliance Table							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD Pts
1 Preston North End	15	11	1	3	45	22	+23 34
2 Wrexham	14	8	5	1	30	10	+20 29
3 Rochdale	14	8	4	2	35	14	+21 28
4 WALSALL	14	8	4	2	35	16	+19 28
5 Burnley	13	7	1	5	34	22	+12 22
6 Carlisle United	12	7	1	4	27	15	+12 22
7 Oldham Athletic	13	7	1	5	17	14	+3 22
8 Bury	13	7	1	5	26	27	-1 22
9 Macclesfield Town	15	5	5	5	18	16	+2 20
10 Port Vale	15	5	4	6	16	20	-4 19
11 Shrewsbury Town	14	6	0	8	16	19	-3 18
12 Fleetwood Town	15	4	3	8	22	31	-9 15
13 Blackpool	14	4	1	9	21	44	-23 13
14 Morecambe	15	2	3	10	21	48	-27 9
15 Accrington Stanley	13	2	2	9	11	47	-36 8
16 Tranmere Rovers	13	1	2	10	20	29	-9 5

Keep up with the Youth Team with their new twitter feed. @MaccTownYouth

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY
WIGAN ATHLETIC (H)



ACTION REPLAY



A historic occasion at the Moss Rose as the Silkmen took to the field for the first time in the FA Cup Fourth Round. Facing Premier League opposition in front of a full house at the Moss Rose, the Silkmen were certainly never there to just make up the numbers. Could they pull off one of the shocks of the round and make history once again?

THE SILKMEN

- 40 Anyon
- 02 Jackson **Booked**
- 22 Braham-Barrett **Booked**
- 30 Audel
- 07 Mackreth
- 08 Murtagh
- 17 Wedgbury
- 19 Kissock (Winn 78)
- 09 Barnes-Homer
- 20 Fairhurst **Booked** (McDonald 76)

Substitutes

- 13 Mills
- 14 Diagne
- 31 Martin
- 18 Henry
- 10 Morgan-Smith
- 11 Winn
- 23 McDonald

WIGAN ATHLETIC

- 01 Blazquez
- 23 Stam
- 25 Golobart
- 27 Mustoe **Booked**
- 31 Figueroa **Booked**
- 14 Gomez (O)
- 18 Espinoza **Booked**
- 20 Fyvie (Jones 53)
- 11 Henriquez **Booked**
- 15 McManaman
- 29 Dicko (Lopez 66)

Substitutes

- 26 Al Habsi
- 24 Lopez
- 44 Campabadal
- 06 Jones
- 10 Maloney
- 16 McArthur
- 28 Redmond



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TIMELINE

5 mins

French defender Thierry Audel makes a typically robust challenge on Callum McManaman, but the Wigan player nicked the ball away a fraction of a second earlier. The referee points to the spot and Gomez steps up. Joe Anyon is unlucky to get a hand on the ball, but not enough to steer it wide. It would be the visitors only shot on target all game.

22 mins

McManaman comes close to killing the game as a contest as he gets the ball to just inside the area and creates space to shoot, but his strike rolls just past the far post.

30 mins

The Silkmen are certainly not looking four divisions below their opponents as Jack Mackreth's trickery down the right sees him beating his man to cross into the box. The ball finds Matthew Barnes-Homer deep in the penalty area but his low shot is saved.

35 mins

A jinking run by Angelo Henriquez offers a rare Wigan attack, but he blazes the ball over the bar.

36 mins

Jack Mackreth's trickery gets too much for Jordan Mustoe, who clatters the winger high and late in frustration. The Premier League man can think himself a little lucky to get away with only a booking. All eyes are on the referee again moments later as Golobart clearly barges Fairhurst over in the box. The appeals were waved away – but the official later e-mailed the club to apologise for not giving the penalty!

40 mins

Macc are continuing to press and a fantastic cross by Sam Wedgnury it met by Theirry Audel, but his chance to make amends for the early penalty goes begging as he powers his close range header straight at the 'keeper.

55 mins

Mackreth remains a thorn in Wigan's side and nicks the ball off the toe of Figueroa, but has his heels clipped as he shapes to shoot on the edge of the area. The free kick is driven into the wall.

75 mins

The Premier League side are closing the game out and wasting time. Chances are at a premium but Waide Fairhurst thought he could have done better with a long range effort after he turned the ball nicely into space after a marauding run from Craig Braham-Barrett.

85 mins

Peter Winn meets a deep cross from Dean McDonald on the volley, but can only hit the ball over the bar. It would have been the goal of the round – if not the tournament!





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Programme Column
By Matt Badcock



MANSFIELD TOWN boss Paul Cox wasn't sure if John Radford was winding him up when the Stags chairman chucked him the keys to his Aston Martin after last Saturday's 8-1 win against Barrow.

"Maybe I'll get into the car park and it will be a bicycle with some stabilisers on it," Cox joked with the assembled media after the game.

But there it was waiting for him; a gleaming top of the range motor complete with personalised number plate.

It follows on from Dave Hockaday. The Forest Green Rovers manager has recently taken delivery of an electric car to fit in with the ideals of green energy entrepreneur and chairman Dale Vince.

No doubt there are plenty of managers who wish their chairman would show similar levels of generosity.

But failing that I'm going to play car dealer and dish out to those most deserving.

First of all we need to sort out Wrexham player-manager Andy Morrell with an unleaded to make sure there are no repeats of a petrol mix-up.

Morrell took to twitter to rib his assistant Billy Barr for filling his diesel car up with the wrong juice a fortnight ago.

A nice second hand Ford Focus will do for the 38-year-old. It fits his character nicely too. It's got a lot of miles on the clock but is showing no signs of slowing up, is always reliable and easily capable of overtaking those in front.

Cambridge United deserve a fleet of tanks to ring the city and keep my colleague Stuart Hammonds away from the Abbey on account of the U's always losing when he watches them.

New Gateshead manager Anth Smith gets a fire engine to help pump water off the Heed's International Stadium pitch.

Just one home game played since November has left Gateshead facing an emergency at the bottom of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

And while we're on the emergency services theme, there's an ambulance with Neil Aspin's name on it.

FC Halifax are playing catch up in the Blue Square Bet North thanks to postponed games and their recently ended interests in the FA Trophy.

Some teams have played nine games more than the Shaymen, so I figure an ambulance will help Aspin get his players the best treatment straight after games to avoid all those niggles during a busy run-in.

String a few wins together and Halifax will be right in the mix but it's difficult to see anyone stopping Chester from getting a hat-trick of promotions.

It's an open top bus for Neil Young and his side as they celebrate a rapid rise up the Pyramid in their three seasons since forming in the wake of Chester City's demise.

Staying in the Blue Square Bet North it's a school bus for Histon's manager Brian Page – the Stutes' team is mainly made of scholars from their academy – and I've got Del Boy's yellow three-wheeler for Hinckley boss Carl Heggs.

Now the Knitters have had their transfer embargo lifted the former King's Lynn boss is going to have to do some wheeling and dealing on the tightest of budgets to get players in and get them out of trouble.

We wouldn't want players missing out so Altrincham hot-shot Damian Reeves gets a transit van – he's got to put those sacks full of goals somewhere after all.

Back down south and Ryman Premier Wealdstone need a London black cab to ferry their supporters to and from the Vale.

For every pint bought in their clubhouse in February 50p will go into manager Gordon Bartlett's budget.

There's a top of the range mobile home with Guernsey written all over it. Tony Vance's Green Lions have a jam-packed final few months, playing Sunday-Tuesday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday one week.

While most games are at home they'll be spending a lot of time on the mainland so it might be easier if they enjoy a luxury SUV to get some kip on their travels.

And finally England C manager Paul Fairclough could do with a nice people carrier for all his England C graduates going on into the Football League.

In his ten years in charge the Three Lions chief has had 171 players go through his team and on into the Football League.

So there it is, full service history comes with all vehicles but any breakdowns (Chester) are not my responsibility.





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CONFERENCE CALL

Last weekend, much of Britain experienced glorious sunshine meaning the majority of the football schedule went ahead as planned.



This evening's visitors were the only remaining non-league outfit in the FA Cup but unfortunately their dream ended as they were knocked out by Championship Millwall. Their inspirational run, which included wins over Wolverhampton Wanderers and Norwich City has certainly given Hatters fans memories to cherish for life.

Meanwhile, the first leg semi-finals of the FA Trophy took place on Saturday with three of our Conference Premier sides in action. Table toppers Grimsby Town are still on for the Trophy/League double as they swept aside Dartford at Blundell Park. In the other match, Wrexham also recorded a comprehensive victory as they saw off Blue Square North outfit Gainsborough Trinity meaning an all Blue Square Premier final looks likely.

In the league, game of the day goes to the 3-3 draw between Tamworth and Telford United. The spirited Shropshire strugglers responded to their Staffordshire opponents on three occasions with Tommy Wright netting a hat trick for the Lambs.

Nuneaton earned a crucial if dramatic win as goals in the 89th and 90th minute earned Boro' a 2-1 win at Barrow. The result leaves Barrow in the penultimate position in the table whilst Nuneaton are three clear of the Bluebirds in 21st and level on points with Gateshead who sit just above them.

The Heed themselves suffered a narrow defeat against Forest Green Rovers at the New Lawn. Rovers manager Dave Hockaday believes his side 'should've been four nil up' in the opening 10 minutes and was relieved they were not left to rue missed opportunities.

In Tameside, Steve Burr returned to Ewen Fields for the first time since leaving Stalybridge Celtic as his Kidderminster team swept aside Hyde to earn their fifth win in six games. Anthony Malbon grabbed a brace, whilst substitute Greg Pearson scored on his debut for Harriers.

Mansfield ensured they remain 'hot on the heels' of fifth placed Kidderminster, as they recorded a 3-1 win over Cambridge United. The Stags are just three points off the play-offs with two games in hand over Harriers.

Hereford and Lincoln played out a thrilling encounter at Edgar Street, with the hosts edging it 3-2. The visitors had led twice through a James Musa own goal and a goal from Alan Power.

Justin Edinburgh's Newport are now just two points behind Grimsby at the summit after their win at Woking. Lee Minshull's double and a goal from Byron Anthony helped the South Wales side on their way to an impressive win against a side who earned fifteen points out of a possible eighteen available in their previous seven matches.

In the day's solitary stalemate, Ebbsfleet and Stockport played out a feisty affair, with the visitors playing with 10 men for an hour following Alex Kenyon's red card. After the match, Fleet boss Liam Daish expressed his concern at the number of chances his side have missed throughout the campaign and cited that as a reason for the Kent outfit propping up the table.

Braintree's encounter with Southport fell foul of the weather and was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

And last but certainly not least, the Silkmen beat Alfreton Town to stretch their unbeaten run to four games.



action replay



After the FA Cup clash with Wigan it was back to earth for the televised match down at Ebbsfleet. The Silkmen's eyes were firmly back on the play-off hunt, but would there be a cup hangover as they travelled south to take on The Fleet?

EBBSFLEET UNITED

01 Edwards
06 Lorraine
17 Gwillim
21 Saville
02 Stone
11 Phipp (Shitta 68)
14 Howe
15 Barrett
09 Elder
20 Scott (Alabi 69)
22 Payne Booked (Marum 78)

Substitutes

12 Menz
25 Shitta
05 Walsh
07 Marum
26 Alabi

THE SILKMEN

40 Taylor
02 Jackson
05 Brown (Martin 53)
22 Braham-Barrett
30 Audel
07 Mackreth   Booked
08 Murtagh  Booked
17 Wedgbury Booked
19 Kissock Booked
09 Barnes-Homer
20 Fairhurst  (McDonald 77)

Substitutes

31 Martin
04 Murphy
18 Henry
11 Winn
23 McDonald



Images courtesy of Ebbsfleet United

TIMELINE

2 mins

The Silkmen take an early lead. Stefan Payne – who had played for the Silkmen only the previous week – fouls Waide Fairhurst. Kieran Murtagh steps up to take the free kick and places it perfectly in the bottom corner to make it a dream start

20 mins

JP Kissock knocks the ball away from Preston Edwards in the home goal and goes down. But he is booked for diving by the referee despite replays suggesting that there was some contact from the 'keeper

38 mins

A rare attack from the home side sees Rhys Taylor untested as former Silkman Stefan Payne meets a deep cross with his head, but powers the ball just the wrong side of the post

57 mins

A great cross by Jack Mackreth causes a scramble in the penalty area as Waide Fairhurst and Preston Edwards go for the ball. The Silkmen striker somehow gets there first and manages to poke the ball home from close range to make it 2-0

62 mins

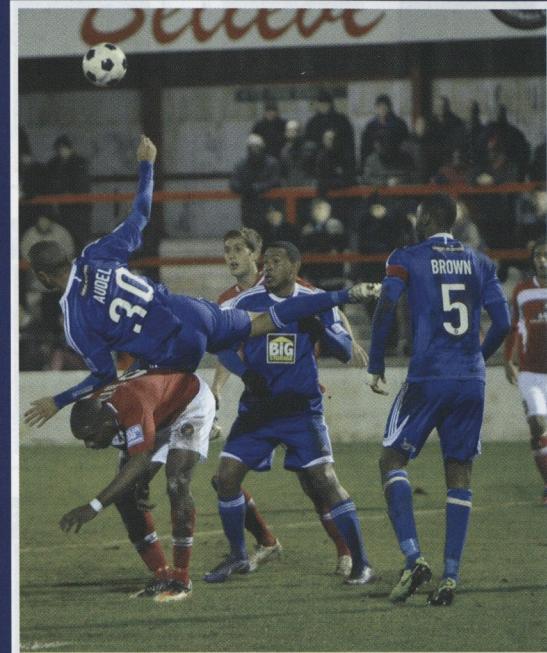
It's game over for The Fleet as Jack Mackreth scores a spectacular goal. Picking up on a lovely through ball from Kieran Murtagh, he cuts inside and shapes to square to Matthew Barnes-Homer before taking advantage of space at the near post to flick the ball home with an exquisite finish

86 mins

Mackreth is causing problems again as he beats the defence to find Matthew Barnes-Homer in space right on the penalty spot. The division's top scorer looks to plant the ball in the roof of the net and is already starting to celebrate as the ball drifts over the bar

91 mins

Could it be the match-ball? Mackreth is away from the defence again in a similar position and opts to lift the ball over the oncoming 'keeper, but there is no hat-trick for the winger as the ball sails just wide of the post



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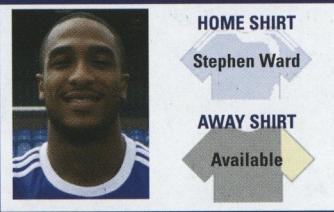
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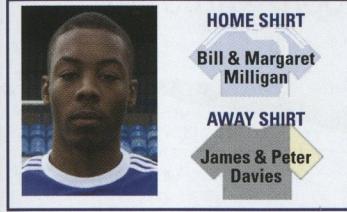
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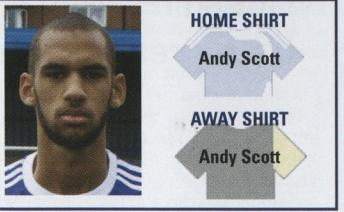
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ON OUR TRAVELS

AFC TELFORD UNITED – Saturday 9th March, 2013

The New Bucks Head Stadium, Watling, Street, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 2TU
Tel: 01952 640064

The Silkmen take the short trip down the M6 to the Shropshire new town of Telford on Saturday March 9th. It will be a familiar journey for those folk who recall our prior Conference days but the stadium that awaits us offers an altogether more comfortable prospect than the somewhat ramshackle but atmospheric Bucks Head Stadium of old. The Bucks are old adversaries and were of course our opponents in the first ever FA Trophy final, a game that gave us a place in the record books as the first winners of that elegant trophy.

The New Bucks Head Stadium
AFC Telford United's new stadium is considered to be amongst the best non-league grounds in the country and holds a football league 'A' grading.

Construction of the new stadium commenced in 2000, replacing the Bucks Head ground which had been home to Wellington Town and Telford United for over a century. Although the Bucks Head held a special place in the hearts of many supporters, it was in desperate need of renovation. The terraces were a mixture of concrete steps and cinder banking, one of the stands was built from wood and the toilet facilities left a lot to be desired. In the 1999/2000 season, demolition work began on the Railway End terraces, albeit slowly at first. The following season, the new stadium slowly began to take shape. Telford United played with only two terraces in operation, with a small temporary stand situated on what is now the Jack Bentley Terrace and portacabins in the car park were used for changing rooms.

The stadium was finally completed in 2003 and can hold 6300 supporters,

with seating for 2200 and further covered accommodation for 2600. The stadium development was complemented by the construction of the AFC Telford United learning centre, positioned behind the Jack Bentley terrace, which is where the club offices, bar, meeting and education rooms are housed.

Ticket Prices

Away fans are housed in the Frank Nagington (South) Stand, providing covered terraced accommodation for 1300. Seating is usually available for away fans in block A of the West Stand.

South Stand (Terrace)

Adults: £14

Concession: £11

Youth (16-18): £6

Under 16: £2

West Stand (Seating)

Adults: £15

Concession: £12

Youth (16-18): £7

Under 16: £2

How to get there

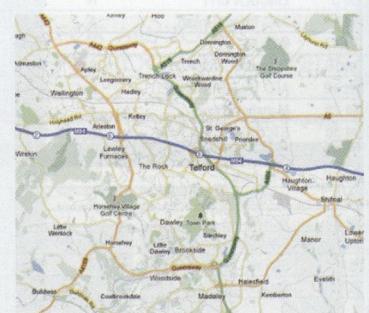
By car: It's about 75 miles and an hour and half if you use the motorways to Telford (less miles and more time if you take the scenic route!). Take the M6 South to the Wolverhampton turn-off (Junction 11) and take the A460 to Wolverhampton at the roundabout. Join the M54 to Telford and at Junction 6 (17 miles) take the A5223. At the second roundabout take the 1st exit (B5061) and after half a mile turn right into Regent St for the Stadium.

By Train: The nearest Station is Wellington which is a walk from the ground. Take the Cross Country train to Wolverhampton and change for Wellington there. The journey time is up to 2.5 hours.

Pre-match hospitality: Pre-match packages and even executive boxes are available if you want to splash out. The Dugout bar, which also shows Sky Sports, is located in the Whitehouse Hotel which is adjacent to the stadium. Otherwise the nearest pubs are the Cock Hotel and the Swan Hotel, which are around a five minute walk away from the stadium. Go around behind the Main Stand and you will see the hotel bar and then turn right along the main road and both pubs are located opposite one another at a crossroads. The Cock Hotel is a regular in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and has eight hand pumps, one of which is normally given over to cider. The Swan Hotel opposite also features a carvery. Otherwise alcohol is served in the away end.

The season so far

It's been a tough season for Telford who at the time of writing have garnered just 30 points from 34 games and are very much in a relegation battle. In fact the Bucks haven't won a League game since beating Dartford 4-1 at the beginning of October. That said, they have recently drew with Luton and ran both Grimsby and Kidderminster close, losing 1-0 to both, so they will be fighting for their lives against their old rivals. Familiar faces include former Rochdale midfielder Ian Craney.



SILKMEN STATS 2012/2013

Date	Opponents	Venue	Time	Comp.	Result	Pos.	Att.	(away)
F-A								
Fri 10	Hereford United	A	19:30	BSBP	1-2 L	21st	2129	(112)
Tue 14	WREXHAM	H	19:45	BSBP	2-0 W	10th	2368	(1038)
Sat 18	DARTFORD	H	15:00	BSBP	* 2-0 W	6th	1420	(107)
Sat 25	Lincoln City	A	15:00	BSBP	3-2 W	4th	2009	(78)
Mon 27	BARROW	H	15:00	BSBP	2-0 W	2nd	1711	(121)
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 1	Luton Town	A	15:00	BSBP	1-4 L	5th	5803	(110)
Tue 4	Stockport County	A	17:45	BSBP	* 4-3 W	4th	4208	(754)
Sat 8	BRAINTREE TOWN	H	15:00	BSBP	2-1 W	1st	1509	(33)
Sat 15	Nuneaton Town	A	15:00	BSBP	3-3 D	2nd	939	(130)
Sat 22	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	H	15:00	BSBP	1-2 L	4th	1729	(64)
Sat 29	Kidderminster Harriers	A	15:00	BSBP	0-3 L	8th	1654	(216)
OCTOBER								
Sat 6	ALFRETON TOWN	H	15:00	BSBP	1-2 L	8th	1437	(122)
Tue 9	Gateshead	A	15:00	BSBP	2-2 D	9th	557	(46)
Sat 13	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	12:30	BSBP	1-1 D	9th	1544	(172)
Sat 20	MARINE	H	15:00	FAC4QR	3-1 W	—	1189	(235)
Sat 27	Grimsby Town	A	15:00	BSBP	1-0 W	7th	3014	(66)
Wed 31	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	19:45	CSCP	1-0 W	—	190	(20)
NOVEMBER								
Sat 3	Swindon Town	A	15:00	FAC1	* 2-0 W	—	6408	(139)
Tue 6	TAMWORTH	H	19:45	BSBP	2-0 W	7th	1089	(73)
Sat 10	Cambridge United	A	15:00	BSBP	0-2 L	7th	1821	(89)
Sat 17	EBBSFLEET UNITED	H	15:00	BSBP	1-2 L	8th	1896	(67)
Tue 20	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	19:45	BSBP	0-3 L	9th	1272	(214)
Fri 23	Gateshead	A	19:45	FAT1	0-2 L	—	312	(28)
DECEMBER								
Tue 4	HYDE	H	19:45	BSBP	3-2 W	7th	1124	(146)
Sat 8	Forest Green Rovers	A	15:00	BSBP	1-1 D	9th	901	(56)
Sat 15	NUNEATON TOWN	H	15:00	BSBP	0-0 D	9th	1280	(88)
Tue 18	Barrow	A	19:45	FAC2	1-1 D	—	1179	(52)
Wed 26	Southport	A	15:00	BSBP	2-3 L	9th	1173	(183)
Sat 29	Barrow	A	15:00	FAC2R	4-1 W	—	1554	(419)
JANUARY								
Tue 1	SOUTHPORT	H	15:00	BSBP	2-2 D	10th	1481	(225)
Sat 5	CARDIFF CITY	H	15:00	FAC3	2-1 W	—	3165	(646)
Tue 8	Braintree Town	A	19:45	BSBP	3-0 W	9th	5012	(20)
Tue 15	Dartford	A	19:45	BSBP	0-2 L	10th	821	(25)
Sat 19	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	H	15:00	BSBP	1-0 W	9th	1342	(146)
Sat 26	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	15:00	FAC4	0-1 L	—	5849	(2335)
FEBRUARY								
Fri 1	Ebbsfleet United	A	19:45	BSBP	4-0 W	7th	799	(—)
Sat 9	Hyde	A	15:00	BSBP	1-1 D	8th	1184	(—)
Tue 12	Tamworth	A	19:45	BSBP	0-0 D	8th	670	(—)
Sat 16	Alfreton Town	A	15:00	BSBP	2-1 W	7th	740	(—)
Tue 19	LUTON TOWN	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Fri 22	GATESHEAD	H	19:45	BSBP	—	—	—	—
MARCH								
Sat 2	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Tue 5	LINCOLN CITY	H	19:45	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 9	AFC Telford United	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Tue 12	WOKING	H	19:45	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 16	Newport County	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Tue 19	AFC TELFORD UNITED	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 23	Mansfield Town	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 30	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
APRIL								
Mon 1	Wrexham	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 6	HEREFORD UNITED	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 13	Woking	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
Sat 20	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
TBA	Barrow	A	15:00	BSBP	—	—	—	—
TBA	Stalybridge Celtic	A	19:45	CSC2	—	—	—	—

KEY: * = score includes own goal I = sent off B = Booked CAPS = goalscorers

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Diagne	Henry	Winn	Fairhurst	Edmans	—	—

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Cronin	Jackson	Brown N	CHARNOCK	B-Barrett	Murtagh	Kissock	Mackreth	Wedgbury	B-Homer	Holroyd
Cronin	Martin	Brown N	Diagne	B-Barrett	Murtagh	Kissock	MACKRETH	Mills P	Fairhurst	M-SMITH
Cronin	Jackson	Brown N	Diagne	B-Barrett	Murtagh	KISSOCK	Mackreth	Wedgbury	B-HOMER	HOLROYD 2

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Cronin	Mills P	Brown N	Martin	B-Barrett	Murtagh	Kissock	Henry	Wedgbury	B-HOMER 2	M-SMITH
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HEAD TO HEAD

There have only been seven previous meetings between the two sides from the first clash back in the 1998/99 season when they first met in the Second Division.

The first came at the Moss Rose, and who knows where the Silkmen would be today had matches ended in the 89th minute that season? Late equalisers seemed to happen to Sammy McIlroy's men every week, and this was no exception. Stuart Douglas opened the scoring early on for the Hatters but Neil Sorvel and Graeme Tomlinson took the lead for Macc a minute after the break before Phil Gray hit a 90th minute winner for the visitors.

The Silkmen wouldn't be beaten by Luton until more than a decade later, and the first Macc win came late that season in the penultimate match of the campaign. Neil Sorvel struck again to make it 1-0 and then Simon Davies - signed from Luton earlier that season - made it 1-1 before half time. Gary Doherty hit back after 88 minutes, but the Silkmen held on for an ultimately fruitless three points – but at least this time, the late goal was only a consolation.

Three seasons later the two sides met again and again the first match took place at the Moss Rose. Hat-tricks for the Silkmen were rare in the Football League - only three in League matches in 15 years - and this game saw one of them.

Ricky Lambert was the star of the show, netting in the 10th minute before Steve Howard equalised for Luton to turn the game around at 1-1. The goal of the game came next as Chris Byrne scored from long range to make it 2-1 before Lambert earned the match ball with goals just after the hour and in the final minute.

The return match had none of the excitement as it finished 0-0 with the Silkmen hitting the bar late on.

The next meeting was in the season that saw Luton relegated from the Football League, however with a massive points deduction the table wasn't a true reflection of ability. But the Silkmen continued their unbeaten record against the Hatters, first by winning their first League game of the season 2-1 thanks to goals from Simon Yeo and James Jennings before losing 1-0 away in late March thanks to a controversial penalty scored by Tom Craddock.

Earlier this season, Luton continued with winning ways at Kenilworth road as goals from Howells and Gray saw them into a 2-0 lead. Nat Brown pulled one back for the Silkmen but late strikes from Rendell and Fleetwood gave the Hatters a 4-1 win.



Neil Sorvel



Ricky Lambert



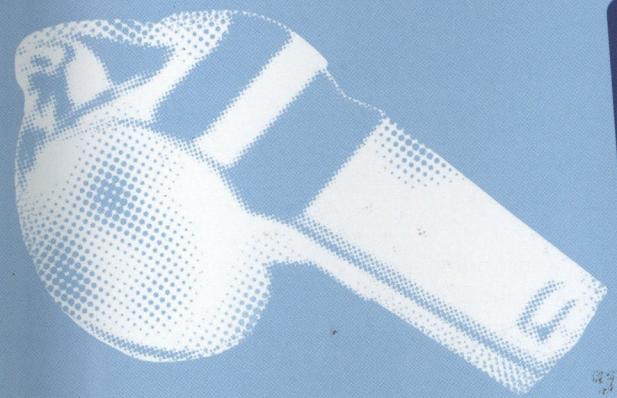
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Simon Yeo

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Manager: Steve King

Squad (from)

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- 2 RYAN JACKSON
- 5 NATHANIEL BROWN
- 7 JACK MACKRETH
- 8 KEIRAN MURTAGH
- 9 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 10 AMARI MORGAN-SMITH
- 11 PETER WINN
- 12 MICAH EVANS
- 13 ANDREW MILLS
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- 16 JUNIOR YIADOM
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- 18 CHARLIE HENRY
- 19 JOHN PAUL KISSOCK
- 20 WAIDE FAIRHURST
- 21 RETIRED IN MEMORY OF RICHARD BUTCHER
- 22 CRAIG BRAHAM-BARRETT
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- 27 JAY BURGESS
- 28 ARTHUR GNAHOUA
- 29 STEFAN PAYNE
- 30 THIERRY AUDEL
- 31 CARL MARTIN
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LUTON TOWN

Manager: Paul Buckle

Squad (from)

- 1 MARK TYLER
- 2 LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER
- 3 GREG TAYLOR
- 4 GARRY RICHARDS
- 6 JANOS KOVACS
- 7 ALEX LAWLESS
- 8 DANNY SPILLER
- 9 JON SHAW
- 10 SCOTT RENDELL
- 11 JAKE HOWELLS
- 12 SIMON AINGE
- 13 STUART FLEETWOOD
- 14 ARNAUD MENDY
- 15 ADAM WATKINS
- 16 ALEX LACEY
- 17 JJ O'DONNELL
- 18 DAVE MARTIN
- 19 JAMES DANCE
- 20 SCOTT NEILSON
- 21 LEWIS KIDD
- 23 MATT ROBINSON
- 24 JONATHAN SMITH
- 25 RONNIE HENRY
- 27 ANDRE GRAY
- 28 JAKE WOOLLEY
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 32 ALASAN ANN
- 33 DEAN BRILL

MATCH OFFICIALS

Ref: Christopher Kavanagh

Asst: Ian Johnston

Asst: Tom Nield

4th Official: Anthony Moore

THIS EVENING'S FIXTURES

- Barrow v Woking
- Braintree v Grimsby
- Ebbsfleet v Hereford
- Forest Green v Kidderminster
- Gateshead v Wrexham
- Hyde v Mansfield
- Nuneaton v Alfreton
- Stockport v Tamworth

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