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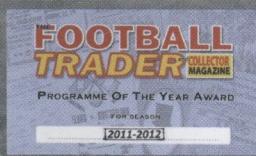


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County boss Darije Kalezić

Welcome back to Edgeley Park for today's game against Luton Town FC.

I would like to extend the hand of friendship to John Still, his staff and players. John has recently taken over at Kenilworth Road after a highly successful nine years at Dagenham & Redbridge and having seen his new team lose at Braintree Town in midweek he will be looking for his first points today. Likewise having lost to Hereford United ourselves on Tuesday I will be looking for a positive reaction from my players today, so I think it is safe to say that you will see two fully committed sides both looking to win the game.

Looking back at Tuesday's game it was very disappointing to lose a game to three very cheap goals. We looked to have put our stamp on the game with a good start and having taken an early lead through Adnan Cirak's first goal for the club, I thought Hereford were there for the taking.

At the moment we have very little time between games to prepare as much of our training is just recovery training. However all our players know before they go out onto the field who their opposing player is in open play and also on set plays, so it is



very frustrating to see three headed goals cost us the game.

I said after the game against Tamworth that Alex Kenyon is a big loss for us, as is Connor Jennings, and again it proved to be the case as we missed his driving force in the middle of the park. As I have said previously Alex is an important player for us as he is one who gives 100% for the whole game even if he isn't playing at his best. It is vital that the players that take to the field, especially in his absence, all give 100% which is the minimum I expect and that our supporters deserve.

Myself and Stuart have not set the team a points target as we know that we cannot control results elsewhere, we both feel that the team can earn more than enough points to move us into a position of safety. The unpredictable nature of the Blue Square Premier this season means that no team can take safety for granted, and we all know that the team has to get back to picking up points as quickly as possible, starting today against Luton Town.

Darije

**Darije Kalezić and *Arnold Clark*
driving Stockport County forward**



Our 'early bird' season ticket offer has now begun and represents more than your standard season ticket renewal offering.

My remit at the club is of course to change the financial and playing fortunes of the club. However, if we can tackle some football's archaic ways in the process then it's an added bonus.

I have never understood the justification for price differences between stands within modern football (the reasoning is of course bedded in elitism 100 years old). With corporate season tickets now being offered at County as well for those wanting a different experience on a match day, any lingering reason for a disparity between stands is something both Spencer and myself can't understand, which is why it has gone.

At £249 for an adult, the 2013/14 early bird offer season sees a real term reduction in the cost of a season ticket regardless of where you sit.

I think this, at under £11 per game, represents good financial value and I now endeavour for it to provide good experiential value as well.

In addition to the standardisation of adult and concession season tickets the other notable changes are a shift in boundaries and pricing at younger and entry levels.

This was based on a large amount of feedback that the current pricing structure represented too large of a jump between categories. It also represents a change in educational legislation meaning the compulsory education leaving age has been extended by a year. Finally, at our earliest age entry point I have put a nominal £1 match day charge or £14 season ticket price for those 10 and under attending with a paying adult. This removes any 'free' tickets from our offerings which I have explained numerous times is damaging to clubs.

We will continue to run our kids initiatives and I'd like to thank our partners with their continued support in that.

We now have a standardised base in which to work off in the future.

Behind the Scenes

Welcome to everyone, including all the players, staff and officials from Luton.

I hope you appreciate and understand that the thoughts and comments I have received have been taken on board and I believe are well reflected in this offer.

For full details and a table of all the ticket offerings please visit the club's website.

The simple reality is that we need (and want) more season ticket holders. The more we have the better we can plan and the more certain we can be in our ability to compete better next season.

We need to work harder too to make all of the reasons why someone comes to the football as addictive as possible - it's not just about price.

You need to have confidence of the direction of the club, the reason why it exists, the product on the pitch and the experience you have at the game. I can assure you that dramatic changes to all of those points are already in the working, even if some are not yet fully visible.

This club exists for the betterment of you, the town and the locality and not for any other reason. By making this club the best pound-for-pound club in the country we'll at last be working towards our 'why' for the first time in generations.

Your support with that movement (which won't happen overnight) and how we can be a force for change in football in general is crucial.

It's up to me to inspire you (and the thousands that have felt disenfranchised away from County) into believing that we are on the right road now and greater support in numbers will simply bring the success you all deserve that bit quicker.

This is a call to arms to those that believe in the change we're implementing and want a better Stockport County that exists with you at the core. Tell others, bring them down, remind them what it means to be a County fan. We'll do our bit I assure you of that.

Let's get behind the lads today and make it a special atmosphere like it can be.

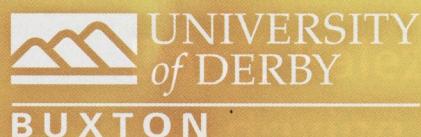
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STAR GRADUATE – BRUCE RIOCH

Luton Town

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.

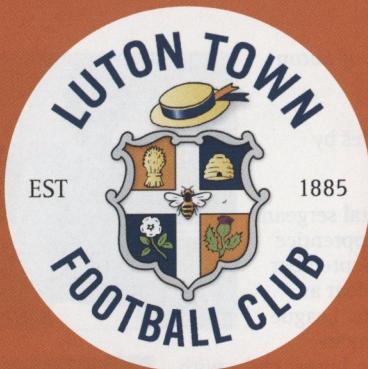
Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in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





Luton Town

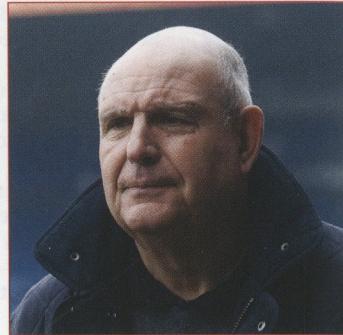
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Opposition

Luton Town

John Still – Manager

Town appointed John in January 2013, having been one of the longest serving managers in English football - spending almost nine years in charge of League Two outfit Dagenham & Redbridge.



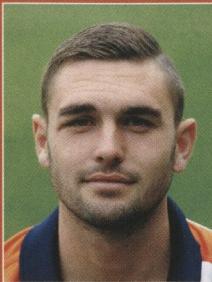
In that time he guided the Daggers from the Conference – as Champions in 2006/07 – to League One via the Play-Offs in 2009/10, having also previously won the Conference as manager of Maidstone.

The Conference title was achieved in style: Still's side scored 93 goals and won 95 points – 14 points more than runners-up Oxford.

Having kept the side in League 2 in the Daggers' first season in the Football League, Still masterminded promotion in 2009/10, a year after just missing out on the Play-offs in 2008/09. Sneaking into seventh spot, the Essex side saw off Morecambe in the semi-finals 7-2 on aggregate before beating Rotherham at Wembley in the final.

Before his success at Victoria Road, Still led Dartford to the Southern League title in 1984 and won the Conference with Maidstone in 1989. He took control of Redbridge Forest, a club that would eventually become Dagenham & Redbridge, and won the Isthmian League title in 1991.

Still, who signed a two-and-a-half year contract with achievement-based extensions at Kenilworth Road, has a fine reputation of developing players. He has proved his ability at spotting young raw footballers and nurturing them to become winners by continually finding hidden gems. Over the course of his spell with Dagenham, he has generated over £1.5m in transfer fees for the club with his careful development of talent.

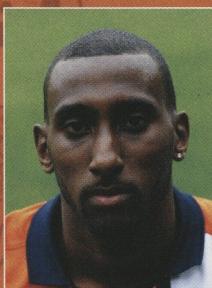


Mark Tyler

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. A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer. After a hugely successful two years between the sticks at Kenilworth Road, Mark signed a new contract in the summer of 2011.

Dean Brill

No stranger to Kenilworth Road having made 97 appearance for Town after rising through the ranks as a youngster. Left the club in 2009 for Oldham where he spent two seasons before signing for Barnet last season, who he helped keep in the Football League.



Lathaniel Rowe-Turner

Defender Lathaniel Rowe-Turner became Town boss Paul Buckle's sixth signing of a busy summer in July 2012. The 22-year-old is a left-back by trade but is equally comfortable at centre-half and is reunited with the manager having previously worked together at Torquay United.

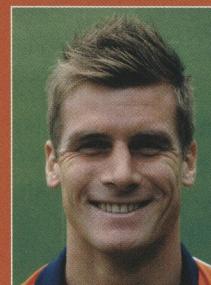
Born in Leicester, 6ft 1in Lathaniel began his career with his hometown club. He was part of the Foxes' youth team that won the Premier League academy league in 2006/07. In the following season he was named City's academy player of the year. However, having failed to make a first team appearance in 2010 he was released by the Foxes and in February of that year he joined Buckle at Plainmoor. In his first season on the Devon coast the youngster appeared 10 times and scored once - in the Gulls' 3-0 win against Barnet. Last season Lathaniel made 24 appearances in all competitions prior to his release by manager Martin Ling.

Greg Taylor

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

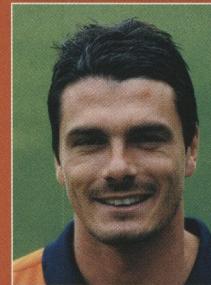
Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming centre-half who made his first team debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling, earning the man-of-the-match award for an excellent performance. Signed a professional contract to remain at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2011/12 season which was extended to a three-year deal by Paul Buckle in the summer of 2012.



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.



Ronnie Henry

Luton 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. Primarily an attacking and assured right-back, 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 Buckle's Torquay side in the following campaign that earned a second successive promotion. 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.

Simon Ainge

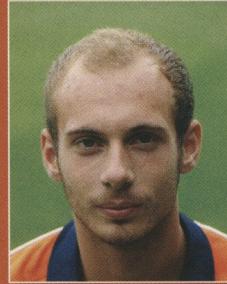
Classy centre-half signed on a month's loan from Blue Square Bet North side Guiseley in late September. Has spent three seasons at Nethermoor as the Lions' captain with his fine form rewarded by a call-up to the England C squad last season. Known for his calm defending and threat in the opposition penalty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

Steve McNulty

Experienced centre-half who joined from Fleetwood Town on a free transfer in January 2013. A former Liverpool trainee, Steve has also played for Vauxhall Motors and Barrow. Last season he skippered Fleetwood to the Conference title.

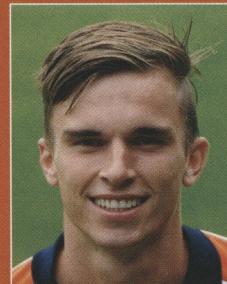
Wayne Thomas

Defender with a wealth of Football League experience following spells with Torquay, Burnley, Stoke and Southampton. Enjoyed two years in Greece before returning to the UK this winter to sign a deal with Town until the end of the 2012/13 campaign.

**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. He made his full debut in Luton's 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 in May. In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals, including his first senior goal in the incredible 4-3 win over Cambridge in September 2009. Capped at Under-21 level by Wales, Howells signed a three-year contract extension in the summer of 2012.

**JJ O'Donnell**

Left-sided or central midfielder who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing at left back the youngster featured for Town's reserve and youth teams during 2009/10. He made his first team debut as a substitute in the 4-2 FA Cup first round replay

win over Corby Town and was handed a one-year contract extension in June 2011. After loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond in 2011/12, Paul Buckle rewarded his efforts with a new three-year contract in the summer of 2012.

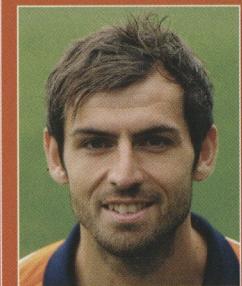
Adam Watkins

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Luton 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 – scoring against Italy.

Matt Robinson

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.

**Alex Lawless**

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. A 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 Town last term at the heart of midfield. He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions - in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference. 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.

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 Neilson

Winger signed until the end of the season following his release from Crawley Town. Began his career in non-league circles with Ware and Hertford before moving to Cambridge and then Crawley. A successful loan spell with Grimsby this season caught the Town's eye and when his deal at Blundell Park came to an end he was snapped up on a free transfer in January 2013.

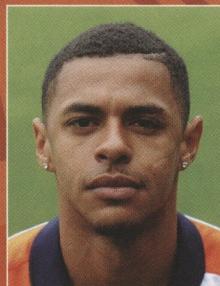
Dan Walker

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 Town. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town. He made his first team debut for the Hatters as substitute in a 3-0 win over AFC Wimbledon in September 2010 before scoring his first senior goal against Forest Green a month later. 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.

**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, 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. And it was his spell with Rovers that saw people sit up and take notice after plundering 32 league and cup goals in a season that saw the Gloucestershire side earn their highest league placing. 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 to Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton. Fleetwood returned to Edgar Street last summer and scored 18 goals as he helped the Bulls avoid the drop in League 2. After hitting the post on his debut against Stockport, Fleetwood scored on his full debut in the win over Darlington.

**Andre Gray**

Lightning-quick forward signed from Blue Square Bet North Hinckley United on loan transfer deadline day in March 2012. The prolific striker had scored 39 goals in two seasons for the Knitters after being released from Shrewsbury Town in 2010. 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.

Jon Shaw

Prolific centre-forward who the Town beat off stiff competition to sign on a two-year contract in June 2012. Sheffield-born Shaw hit a phenomenal 35 goals in all competitions for Gateshead in 2011/12- 28 of which came in the Blue Square Bet Premier. In total Shaw netted

a hugely impressive 56 goals in 97 appearances for the Hatters - 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 and scored his first senior goal for Wednesday at Kenilworth Road in a 3-2 victory for the Hatters in April 2004. That was one of two goals he scored in 24 appearances at Hillsborough before signing for then Conference outfit Burton Albion. The goals began to flow as he scored 31 times for the Brewers. After three seasons at Burton, Shaw moved to Halifax in 2007 and once more goals were on the menu as 26 were plundered for the Shaymen during 2007/08. That form in front of goal was enough to take him back to the Football League with Rochdale but, having failed to break into the Dale first XI on a consistent basis, loan spells with Crawley, Barrow and Gateshead followed in seasons 2008/09 and 2009/10. On the lookout for regular first team action a six-month permanent spell with Mansfield followed for Jon in January 2010 having left Spotland. He scored three times in six starts for the Stags. But then in May of 2010 came his move to Gateshead and the rest, as they say, is history, with his goalscoring feats over the past two seasons well documented that led to a number of clubs showing a keen interest in his performances, including the Town. Luton's new man scored 21 goals in his debut season on Tyneside before hammering 35 in the season just gone. In the past two campaigns he's scored four hat-tricks, including back-to-back trebles in late September 2011.

**Scott Rendell**

Striker who became 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 - 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.

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The BIG Interview

by Pure 107.8 FM's Pete Liggins

Johan Hammar



Tell us how the loan move to Stockport County came about?

One day after training, my Reserve Manager at Everton Alan Stubbs phoned me up. He told me that Stockport County had shown interest to take me on loan for a month. I'm delighted to be here, the training facilities are good, the gym is amazing and the fans have been great".

By taking a loan move, you'll have to adapt to a new team around you.

You just have to adapt wherever you go, but it doesn't take long. On loan moves like this you won't get everyone's name right for the first week, but you get used to it quickly!

As a central defender – we were surprised to see you playing in midfield at Ebbsfleet.

I haven't played in that position for four or five years, but I know the role. You get the ball more and it's obviously a lot more competitive in the Blue Square Premier than it is in the Premiership Reserve League. But that's one of the reasons that I came here, to get tougher and to dig in challenges. I would prefer to be part of the back four, but I will play where the Manager puts me.

How different is it playing at Edgeley Park compared to Reserve Team football?

Normally in the Under 21 League you play in front of a few scouts and a few parents or family. So playing in front of a few thousand is a good experience.

What are your ambitions for the rest of your loan spell?

I always want to play all the games that I can. The boss picks the team, but I want to be in all the teams and I want to help Stockport County as much as I can.

Just for fun

How tall are you?

I am 1.97 metres tall (which is approximately 6 foot five)

Favourite tunes?

I actually like Justin Bieber, I don't think a lot of people appreciate him – but I like Bieber and Chris Brown.

Who have you been rooming with on away trips?

The other Swedish player Adnan Cirak, obviously we're from the same country so we room together and get on quite well.

Does that mean you can talk about the other lads in Swedish and say what you like about them?

No we don't do that – well, we do but in English!

Finally, who is the worst dressed player at the club?

He's my mate but it probably is Adnan!

Where are they now?

Premiership Poachers

By Tony Mason

Sean Newton is getting quite the reputation at Edgeley Park. His cultured left peg is proving to be very useful, especially when wrapping it round a pearly of a free kick or delivering a dangerous set play from a corner.

There have been other left backs for County who can also stake claim to being a dead ball specialist. One of the most popular in recent times was Michael Rose.



Michael Rose

Rose had begun his career at Manchester United, before having varied success at Chester and Hereford. In 2004, high flying Yeovil Town signed up the full back where he made it into the PFA Team of the year for League Two.

Rose then drifted out the picture with the Grovers, going out for the odd loan spell before joining up with the Hatters in 2006. This was to prove a very successful time for Michael and he impressed with his excellent free kicks and lung bursting runs from full back.

Once County fell into financial troubles, Rose was signed initially on loan by Norwich. The Canaries were still licking their wounds in League one and needed a left back for cover. The loan was not made permanent however and the defender moved onto Swindon Town on a free transfer.

Following the Robin's relegation to League 2 in 2011, Rose was released and joined up for a season at Colchester United.

Michael now finds himself at Rochdale, looking to fill the left back slot which was recently vacated by another former County man Robbie Williams.

Williams's time with the Hatters was brief, and it is hard to judge his impact in a side which struggled and was ultimately relegated but the man now at Limerick in Ireland after spells with the Dale and Plymouth, flattered to deceive after arriving with a reputation of scoring free kicks.

His set play in County colours proved inconsistent, but unsurprisingly Williams has gone on to score a few crackers for Plymouth and it is hoped he can continue that in Ireland.



Robbie Williams

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Orson Cartier

Our resident 'fact-finder' Orson Cartier informs us of 10 'fascinating facts' about Luton.



1. The late Eric Morecambe was probably Luton Town's most famous fan....but did you know that Eric was actually born in Morecambe?

2. After hours of internet research I eventually found someone called Eric Luton who lives in Cleveland Ohio.....I phoned him and enquired if he's a fan of Morecambe F.C.....he sounded confused and before the line went dead replied that he 'hadn't got a clue' as to what I meant.

3. The Wardown Park Museum in Luton has a



section attributed to hats with over 700 examples of locally manufactured headgear.....whilst Stockport's Hat Works, which dedicates itself to displaying just 'hats' has only around 400 exhibits! As in Stockport's Museum, one is also ejected from the premises in Luton when caught 'trying on' the hats.

4. Kenilworth Road, home of tonight's opponents Luton Town, is widely recognised as the most difficult football ground in the World to locate.....this is because it's built in amongst a row of terraced houses as to camouflage it from potential Nazi invaders during WW2.....the ruse would mean that even in the event

of German occupation, the British tradition of having a game of footie could secretly go ahead.....although the crowd would have to 'whisper' encouragement to the players and celebrate goals in 'hushed tones' for fear of being 'found out' by any nosy Wehrmacht patrols.



5. Like Stockport, Luton is well-known for its hat industry.....but it's a little known fact that, due to a local by-law, it is deemed illegal to wear a hat within a 2 mile radius of the Town Hall (except on Sundays and the day before Christmas Eve.....where the law is 'reversed' and it becomes compulsory to don a titfer)most people ignore the ancient law but if the 'powers that be' chose to enforce it, any perpetrator could be fined up to £4 and hung by the knees in the Town Square for 8 weeks unless death occurred before the sentence was completed where as the convicted corpse's next of kin would be forced to complete the sentence.

6. Unlike most of us, 'Lutonites' have never taken to Cheese.....and nobody knows why!

So concerned was the Government's Ministry for Cheese, that in 1981, the shadow under-secretary for cheese (a young Tony Blair) headed an all-party parliamentary emergency meeting to find out why the dairy product was mostly absent from local larders in the Luton area. After much debate it was decided that an advertising agency should be employed to 'make cheese trendy in Luton'.

After spending £13m of taxpayers money, the slogan's 'Make mine Cheese' and 'Hats off to Cheese' featured on billboards all over Town.....although cheese sales went up to just over ½ % from the previous year, the 'great cheese revolution' never materialised and latest figures show that 'cheese apathy' is still prevalent in the area.



7. The Bedfordshire Town boasts over 400 model railway societies (402 to be exact) with the largest being the 'Model Users of Rail and Diesel Engineering Recreation and Electrified Replicas Society (M.U.R.D.E.R.E.R.S.) based in East Luton and is rumoured to have over

47,000 members Worldwide!

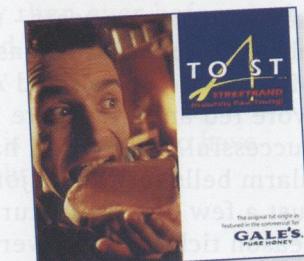
8. Luton-born crooner Paul Young had a Worldwide smash hit with his song 'Wherever I lay my hat'.....ironically, the 'hat' he was referring to wasn't made in Luton.....it was manufactured right here in Stockport!



9. Harry Worth's trademark Trilby on the other hand was crafted in Luton.....although Harry was a Northerner!!



10. In 1979, the aforementioned popster Paul Young, whilst in a musical combo named 'Streetband' had another big hit with the novelty song 'Toast'.....but I'll bet good money there was no 'cheese' on his toast!!!!



Thank you and enjoy the game.
Orson.

(What a load of absolute rubbish!!!!
You're fired!....Ed.)

The County Culture

By Mark Smith

Remember Cardiff City?" That's what some people will be saying in years to come.

Their continual rebranding appears to be being justified by their league placing. Promotion to the promised land of the top flight, and associated rich pickings financially has been the sole craving of many of their diehards for many years. Even more so since their rivals Swansea have achieved it before them.

But not this way. Never this way. Contrast the way Swansea have gone about achieving their success with the horrible, unnecessary way Cardiff are aiming to do it.

Vincent Tan is a Malaysian multi-millionaire who held the club to ransom in the summer. And won.

He decided to change Cardiff's traditional blue home kit - worn for 104 consecutive years - to red and black. His reasoning was that Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal all wore red and they were much more successful. This sound have sounded alarm bells for the majority, and yet just a few hundred returned their season tickets. They were fearful the kit change was just the tip of the iceberg and they have been proved right. Many who remained expressed reservations but felt the alternative presented more unpalatable. Tan threatened quite explicitly that if the fans were resistant to his proposed changes, he would walk away. The club was in a precarious financial position and would have gone into administration. Even now they have debts approaching £100m.



Recently though, thousands of free red scarves were handed out at a home game.

In addition, talk of Cardiff City becoming Cardiff Dragons was mooted, before being categorically denied by club officials. Then this week, Tan came out and said he was open to a name change. This was the last straw for many. A phoenix or protest club is in the early stages of being looked at as a result.

The reality is Cardiff City could have achieved all the success they appear to be on the verge of without having altered anything about their identity. A strong, proud football club, formed 114 years ago, they have always been a prominent club not just in Cardiff but South Wales itself. Tan's claims that red represents the rest of Wales show a complete lack of grasp of the club he is controlling. What he wants to achieve locally has been in place for decades.

My concern is that what has happened at Cardiff will be seen by some chairmen and owners elsewhere as



validation that it could happen at their clubs too. The success they are about to achieve would undoubtedly have been achieved without

dropping their 'Bluebirds' nickname, without changing their badge, without changing their kit and vitally, without alienating an increasingly large band of supporters who have followed their club through thin and thinner.

There have been a number of unpopular decisions here at Edgeley Park this season. The removal of Jim Gannon was a strange anomaly in comparison to previous managerial departures in that the majority of fans still had a lot of faith in him. Likewise the decision to bring a City team here with a view to more games taking place was unpopular with many. But broadly speaking, it seems as though our board have a much firmer grasp on the culture of County than the Malaysian at Cardiff does on them. The recent fans forum suggested they value Edgeley Park which is music to my ears in ways I can't fully express. EP is so vital to what County represents and its location is better than any new ground could possibly be. It's not just about EP though. I get a sense that in Ryan McKnight we have someone keen to lead the club in a way that secures our future not just in a financial sense but also culturally.

Unlike Cardiff, there is no second line of Johnny-Come-Lately types to fill our shoes should we ever become disgruntled

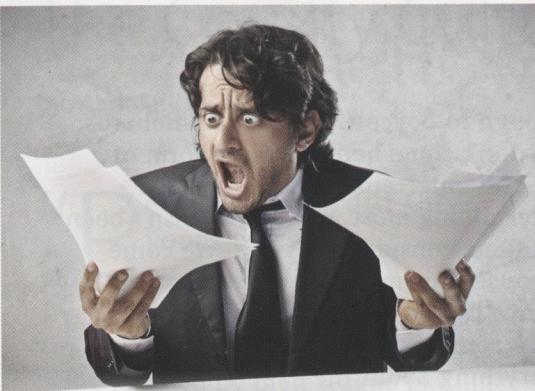


enough to boycott. We are the diehards. We don't come here for some form of general entertainment. It's just not entertaining most weeks and hasn't been for some considerable time. We come because the emotional investment we've made sticks us to the club like glue. It's a compulsion to attend even when everything about the experience feels so hopeless at times.

Hopefully one day karma will stick its nose into proceedings here at EP and those of us who have continued to shiver through pride-sapping defeats to Tamworth and Hereford will get some sort of reward for that. And hopefully it'll be all the better for having been achieved by really projecting our point of difference, our proud tradition of struggle and occasional triumph over adversity. While I'm no fan of Swansea's boring new stadium, everything else about their rise to the top has to be admired. They have 20% fan ownership, just enough to exert some sort of influence without taking on overall responsibility. They have a stronger identity than ever before and all of this has led to their first major trophy in history.

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On this day - 2nd March

By Phil Brennan



Terry Park celebrating scoring at Old Trafford

1979

Stockport County 2 (Park) Northampton Town 1

Two goals from mercurial midfielder Terry Park were enough to clinch the points against the Cobblers. Earlier in the season the amiable scouser had scored a brilliant individual goal at Old Trafford in an unlucky defeat to Manchester United which had brought him to the attention of scouts representing Fort Lauderdale Strikers in America. Park and fellow County hero Ken Fogarty both left Edgeley Park for the States at the end of March for a combined fee of £100,000 where they both proved to be popular signings.

1993 Rotherham United 0 Stockport County 2 (Beaumont, Francis)

Goals
from Chris
Beaumont
and Kevin

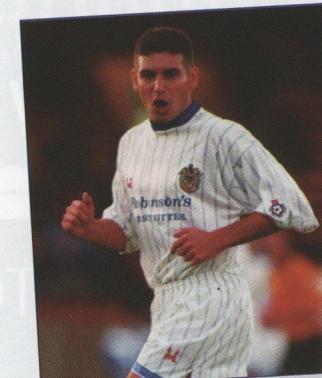


Chris Beaumont

Francis kept up the pressure at the top of Division Two as the Hatters were on course for another promotion push. Having lost at Wembley Stadium to Peterborough United in the play-off final at the end of the previous season the club were once again to suffer play-off heartache as they lost to Port Vale in the semi-final having finished sixth in the final table.

1996 Carlisle United 0 Stockport County 1 (Ware)

Paul Ware scored the 'goal of the season' in this win at Brunton Park, a superb half volley with the outside of his foot from outside the box which curled outside the post before nestling in the net.



Paul Ware

The Hatters finished 9th in the Division Two table in Dave Jones' first full season in charge after the sacking of Danny Bergara towards the end of the previous campaign. Jones would take his team to another level the following campaign as they reached the Semi-Final of the League Cup and clinched promotion to the Championship at the end of another classic 90's season for the Hatters.



Pure 107.8 FM's Jon Keighren From the Commentary Box

By Jon Keighren

Well, the pressure is on this afternoon. After losing back-to-back home games for the first time since September, the players need to deliver against a very decent Luton Town side.

Darije is an experienced manager, and has seen it all before during a top-flight career in Holland and Belgium, but even he could be forgiven if the nerves are jangling about now. The Hatters haven't lost three in a row all season, so it's vital that the players step up their efforts for today's game.

It's no accident that our recent mini-slump has coincided with Alex Kenyon's suspension – the young midfielder serves the final game of his three-match ban this afternoon and he has been sorely missed.

Alex gets through a tremendous amount of work every single week, breaking up play, winning the ball and keeping it simple, invariably finding another blue shirt. Without him, the back four has been horribly exposed at times in the last two fixtures, and it will be good to see him back against Dartford on Tuesday.

Today's visitors, Luton Town, have seen their season come off the rails during a congested February schedule: they've now gone eight games without a win, a run which has included six defeats, and culminated in the departure of manager Paul Buckle.

Long-serving Dagenham & Redbridge boss John Still takes over for the first time this afternoon, having been lured to Kenilworth Road by a pay deal that (reportedly) no-one would be able to refuse.

After successive Play-Off final defeats this was supposed to be the year that Luton returned to the Football League, but it's all gone horribly wrong for the title favourites, with Town languishing in mid-table, 14 points adrift of the Play Off places, and now onto their third manager in less than a year.

But with John Still taking over today, his squad of experienced players will be keen to make an impression on the new man at the helm, and County need to be wary of the threat they pose going forward.

This afternoon is also a landmark day for County's longest-serving player Andy Halls who, at the ripe

old age of 20, makes his 100th appearance for the club having played under nine different managers during his time at Edgeley Park.

Andy never gives anything less than 100%, and he deserves to be recognised today for his achievement. There have been a couple of occasions this season when Andy hasn't been available for selection through injury, and the team has looked miles worse in his absence, particularly those miserable away-day defeats at Nuneaton and Cambridge.

I would also like to wish Joe Connor all the best for the remainder of the campaign as he joins Hereford United on loan.

Joe is the reigning North West Non-League Player of the Year, as well as Stockport County's Player of the Year, an incredible achievement having won these trophies during our difficult first season in the Conference. The Connor name will forever be synonymous with Stockport County and hopefully Joe can rediscover his form at Edgar Street and maybe one day make it into the Football League.

I will never forget Joe's winner at Hayes & Yeading on the final day of last season, and his big beaming face as he celebrated the goal which sent every County fan home with a smile on their face. Good luck, big man.



Andy Halls

A Quick Guide to Luton Town

By Bernard Jordan

Their finest hour

The 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley, who Town overcame the mighty Arsenal who were a



League Cup Winners 1988

season ahead of being crowned First Division Champions, must remain the outstanding afternoon in Luton's history.

It was a game which featured an outstanding display in the underdogs' goal by Andy Dibble, who later played 22 games for Stockport County at the start of this century and whose heroic performance that afternoon included saving a Nigel Winterburn penalty.

That save almost certainly won the match, for the gunners were 2-1 ahead with just 10 minutes remaining. What occurred afterwards was just pure theatre!

Danny Wilson bundled in the equaliser just three minutes later, then, unbelievably, there were just 90 seconds remaining when Ashley Grimes crossed from the right and there was Brian Stein to despatch the ball past the despairing dive of John Lukic into the net. Luton had won 3-2.



Ashley Grimes

In fact, Brian Stein was also the man who gave Luton a shock halftime lead, but Arsenal recovered in the final quarter of the game to score twice in three minutes through Martin Hayes and Alan Smith.

Chris Beaumont

The red and white clan were rejoicing, they could not have suspected the shocks that were in store!

Teams:

Luton Town: Dibble; Breaker; Johnson; Hill; Foster; Donaghy; Wilson; B. Stein; Harford; Preece; Black. Subs: Grimes; M. Stein.

Arsenal: Lukic; Winterburn; Sansom; Thomas; Caesar; Adams; Rocastle; Davis; Groves; Richardson. Subs: Hayes.

Other highlights

Joe Payne scored 10 goals in Luton's 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers in April 1936. Runners up in Division Three (South) to Coventry City that season, Luton went one better 12 months later when they were crowned champions, with Payne scoring 55 of their 103 goals.



Joe Payne

Town were Division Four champions in 1967/68 season, with Bruce Rioch top scorer with 24 goals. They were also Division Two champions in 1981/82.

Luton's next championship came in 2004/05 in League One, with Steve Howard scoring 18(4) goals and Ahmet Brkovic 15(2).

They have finished runners up in the various divisions on a number of occasions, notably to Birmingham City in Division Two in 1954/55, when Gordon Turner netted 32 of his club record 243 league goals. Malcolm Macdonald scored 49 league goals in 88 games between 1969 and '70.



Luton's one appearance in the F.A. Cup Final came in 1959 when they were beaten 2-1 by

Steve Howard

Nottingham Forest. Dave Pacey scored their goal and the team was: Baynham; McNally; Hawkes; Groves; Owen; Pacey; Bingham; Brown; Morton; Cummins; Gregory.

The 2008/09 season was one of mixed fortunes for Luton, who were relegated to the Conference as the result of a crippling 30 point deduction.

But it was a campaign which ended with them lifting the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in front of a crowd of 55,378 at Wembley, goals from Chris Martin, on loan from Norwich City, and Tom Craddock took the game against Scunthorpe United into extra time, then Claude Gnakpa scored the decider in the fifth minute of the added on period.

The winning team that day was: Brill; Asafu-Adjaye; Emanuel; Keane; Pilkington; Spillane; Nicholls; Hall; Martin; Craddock (Gnakpa); Jarvis (Parkin).

Their first two seasons in the Conference saw Luton qualify for the play offs after finishing as runners up to Stevenage Borough and third respectively, but they were then beaten first by York in the semi finals and, after accounting for Wrexham at that stage, losing to A.F.C. Wimbledon at Manchester City's still named Eastlands ground.

Last season

Don't mention the name of York to anybody in Luton!

Not content with inflicting a Blue Square Premier League "double" 3-0 at York and 2-1 then they ended Town's F.A. Trophy progress at the semi final stage. A narrow 1-0 win at Boortham Crescent was then followed by a tense affair at Luton, where the home side first levelled the tie on aggregate courtesy of Robbie Willmott's 43rd minute opener.

The second half remained goalless and extra time beckoned, until the 90th minute when York's man

for the big occasion, Matty Blair, struck to break Luton's hearts.

Attention now switch to the league placings and Luton, after a fine run under new manager Paul Buckle, inflicted a last day 2-0 defeat on champions Fleetwood Town at Highbury to hold off the challenge for fifth spot from Kidderminster Harriers. An O.G. and one from Andre Gray made sure of the points.

This was the big 'un, who would accompany Fleetwood into the Football League?



Claude Gnakpa with Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Luton first took on runners up Wrexham in the semi finals, winning the first leg 2-0 at Kenilworth

Road with goals from Gray and Stuart Fleetwood. Skipper George Pilkington stretched the aggregate lead to three by successfully converting a 25th minute penalty at The Racecourse and, even though Wrexham scored twice in the second half, Luton survived an anxious last 13 minutes to book their place in the final against hoodoo club York! Gray gave Luton the lead at Wembley, could it be third time lucky?

Not a bit of it, for Ashley Chambers equalised and, 69 seconds into the second half, that man Blair struck the winning goal for York.

Luton enjoyed the better of the remaining play, but an equaliser would not come and once again they were left disappointed.

Andre Gray emerged as top scorer with 21 goals prior to the play offs. In the F.A. Cup, Luton had enjoyed taking one League scalp, Northampton Town, beaten 1-0 with an Adam Watkins goal.

Bernard Jordan sadly passed away before the start of the 2012/13 season, such was his dedication to writing for County Life he had already prepared his notes on the opposition for the whole campaign. **RIP Bernard.**



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Spanish Invasion

In addition to hosting fellow Hatters, Luton, today also sees the return of our Spanish football friends from Union Club Ceares who will be watching the game from the Cheadle End.

11 February 2012 – County 2 - 2 Newport

Just over twelve months back, three amigos from Ceares were sat in The Shakespeare public house in Manchester city centre studying the local football fixtures for a game they could watch. They eventually took a punt on a Stockport game.



Sticking out like three sore thumbs walking through Edgeley precinct at 2.45 in their blue and red Ceares clobber, we stopped to ask them if they were coming to the game. Before they knew it Inigo, Patxi, and Lozano were tucked firmly under our wings in the Cheadle End, and then for a few beers in The Armoury afterwards, where club songs and scarves were exchanged and friendships were forged.

Twelve months later and they passionately follow County, keeping an eye out every weekend for our score - their club cantina (bar) is decorated with a Stockport County scarf, a framed picture of Danny



Bergara, a signed football, and also a picture of this season's full squad on the wall!

U.C. Ceares - <http://uceceares.com/>

Founded in 1946, Ceares is a 100% fans-owned club situated in the northern coastal city of Gijon in the region of Asturias. They are currently experiencing the most successful time in their history after ten consecutive seasons in the third division. This season they are sitting pretty in eleventh. Last season they had 400 'members', this season they have hit the 500 mark. Average home attendances are circa 500 but they are a club on the rise and the final game of last season saw them host a bumper crowd of 1000. For this level the numbers are competitive and for what they may seemingly lack in numbers they certainly make up for in character and passion.



But Ceares is much more than a football club – a genuine family and community club which also organises gigs, barbeques, and cultural activities. Twice this season they have also collected food and toys for the poorer part of their community, and they have also created a competition for local children to write short football stories, in which the winner's stories were published in a book. This season they have also created five youth teams for kids aged 5 – 9, and during the Spanish winter break they launched their first English inspired 'Boxing Day' event where the kids were invited on to the pitch to meet the Ceares first team. For their passion, philosophy and behaviour they have attracted a plethora of positive

media attention and become one of the most popular teams in their division.

22 September 2012 – Navarro 2-2 UC Ceares

Four Cheadle Enders had the pleasure of seeing the Ceares Clan at first hand when we were invited to visit their stomping ground last September - and it was an absolute belter. They threw a party for us at their ground, 'La Cruz', we met the players, the manager and lots of other fans - a handful of who surprised us with an impromptu rendition of 'The Scarf'. We also caught a Ceares game, all whilst soaking up the Spanish sunshine.

We also learnt that English culture is a big influence on their club - not just the football with their passionate crowds and their terrace anthems, but also their music, fashion and styles. Outside the ground proudly written in English on the walls is 'Against Modern Football' and 'Keep The Faith', the club scarf and additional painting around the ground include the Northern Soul 'fist' enclosed in a circle, and the trademark of a Ceares fan seems to be a solid pair of mutton chops and Mod haircut!

2 March 2013 – Stockport v Luton Town

Six of the Ceares 'members' have set sail to Edgeley Park for today's game – including Club President Alberto Alvarez. We are also pleased to welcome one of the Directors Inigo, Club Secretary Lozano, Merchandise Manager Patxi, Ticket Office Manager Pulido and chief club anthem writer Mar.

President Alvarez has sent the following message ahead of their trip, "We are all looking forward to seeing our friends from Stockport County again. Since their visit to La Cruz, it seems like hardly a day goes by without some of the supporters, coaches or players, asking about Stockport County. We are excited to spend a weekend, enjoying the football and all that surrounds it in its birth land"

Stockport County will be inviting our guests

on to the pitch at half time to do the lottery draw and also to present them with some gifts to take back to the Spanish mainland. Please give them a warm welcome.

by Taigh O'Sullivan



Chloe with James Spencer & Rob Clare

Happy Birthday to Chloe and Ryan

Chloe Love will be 18 on the 4th march 2013, she was a mascot on her 8th Birthday in 2003. Chloe has supported County since 2001, she is member of the Help the Hatters team, and attends all home and some away fixtures, she is currently studying for her A levels. Many happy returns to Chloe from all at Edgeley Park.

Ryan Simms who sits in the Danny Bergara Stand will be 16 on the 5th march, happy birthday Ryan from your Mum, Dad and Adam and everyone at Edgeley Park.

Programmes for sale

Our match day announcer Kenny Boxshall has numerous programmes from varying eras which he is selling. They are in the Juniors lounge prior to each home game. They are priced at £1 and the proceeds will be split between the Junior Supporters Club and the adult section.

Match day announcements

Kenny Boxshall will read out pre-match and halftime messages regarding birthdays etc, anyone wishing to have their personal message read out at a certain game, please send an email to Kenny at kenny.boxshall@googlemail.com before 10:00 am on the day before the game.



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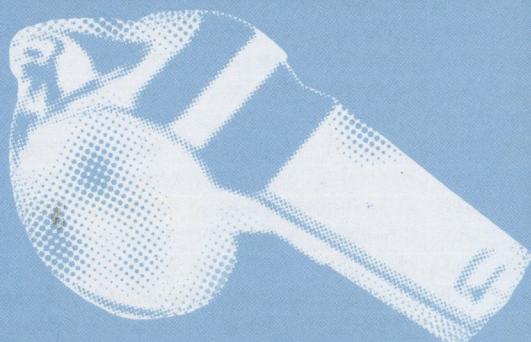
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By Stuart Hammonds, Chief reporter

WHEN Luton Town persuaded John Still to return to Non-League football, it was the fact they want to build something – not just look for a quick-fix – that sold it to him.

At the age of 62, Still could have puffed on his proverbial pipe and had the slippers on for as long as he wanted at Dagenham & Redbridge, having taken his local club from the brink of Conference relegation to the peak of League One over his near nine-year reign.

It would take something remarkable for him to leave the club his late father – and Still himself, as a former player and twice manager – loved like a part of the family.

The two-and-a-half year contract “with achievement based extensions” offered to him at Kenilworth Road – where Paul Buckle recently left his post as the fourth man to try, and ultimately not succeed, at ending the Hatters’ frustration in the Blue Square Bet Premier – proved to be that carrot.

The length of his deal is pertinent. The Luton hierarchy would have looked at the statistics that show the 20 managers who have won promotion to League Two since the Conference gained its second promotion spot in 2002-03 have been in their jobs an average of three years.

Taking Nigel Clough as the manager who won promotion for Burton Albion (even though he left for Derby in January 2009, it was pretty much his points-haul that saw the Brewers up), those 20 managers have been in the job for 881 days PRIOR to their promotion-winning season.

Even taking the former England international and Hereford United’s Graham Turner’s 120-month records out of the equation, the other 18 bosses average 570 days in their jobs before the start of their glory campaigns.

Only Jimmy Quinn, as a play-off winner with Shrewsbury in 2003-04, and Gary Waddock, who won the title with Aldershot Town in 2007-08 – the year after Still achieved it with the Daggers – have earned promotion immediately after their appointment the previous summer.

And since 2005-06, Sammy McIlroy at Morecambe, Chris Wilder at Oxford United and York City boss Gary Mills are the only three to have done it in their first full season at the helm, after being appointed midway through the season before.

I’m sure the Luton board would love Still to weave his magic and get them up this season. They aren’t out of the promotion picture by any means, and they certainly aren’t going to turn it down if it comes along.

But history shows that every manager needs time to assess the squad he inherits, get his own men around him and restructure the club to fit his blueprint.

Luton realise that, and as these tables show, so do the other clubs currently battling it out at the top of the Blue Square divisions.

Blue Square Bet Premier:

Andy Morrell (Wrexham) (In charge for) 1 yr 5 mths
Steve Burr (Kidderminster) 3 yrs 1 mth
Rob Scott & Paul Hurst (Grimsby) 1 yr 11 mths
Justin Edinburgh (Newport) 1 yr 4 mths
Dave Hockaday (Forest Green) 3 yrs 6 mths
Paul Cox (Mansfield) 1 yr 9 mths

Blue Square Bet South:

Darrell Clarke (Salisbury) 2 yrs 6 mths
Jamie Day (Welling) 3 yrs 4 mths

Blue Square Bet North:

Neil Young (Chester) 2 yrs 9 mths
Steve Kittrick (Guiseley) 5 yrs 2 mths

Gavin Browne Express



SO, after a couple of underwhelming results, the last thing anyone of a County persuasion needed was a visit from Luton Town.

A team whose FA Cup run showed it has the talent to live with sides higher up the pyramid and one, under John Still, which arrives at Edgeley Park eager to capitalise on 'new boss syndrome'.

Now if you're at least a similar age to myself – mid-30s in case you ask – chances are you remember today's visitors for one of two things in the 1980s.

The politically-minded will remember their then chairman's support for ID cards at the height of the hooliganism epidemic that swept English football.

Number two was the plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road which, if you listen to some, was the only reason they stayed in the top flight for a decade.

A similar accusation was levelled at Oldham Athletic so, whenever I needed a laugh, I'd put that to Andy Ritchie and sit back while one of the nicest men in football almost combusted.

His argument was that you couldn't have success on an artificial pitch with bad players – a theory, I guess, backed up by some those who turned out for either team.

Earl Barrett, Denis Irwin, Paul Warhurst, Rick Holden and Mike Milligan all had big money moves away from Boundary Park.

Down in Bedfordshire, Luton fans could enjoy the likes of Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Paul Walsh and my favourite player from that era – Mick Harford.

If you never saw Harford play then, trust me, he was a proper old school centre-forward and made today's 'hard men' look lily-livered in comparison.

I've only encountered him once when, in 2008, his Luton team hammered Oldham Athletic at Kenilworth Road.

To be honest, I was still daunted standing next to him in the press room after his side had won 3-0;

you could see why Wimbledon had spared him their infamous initiation ceremony a decade or so earlier.

That game, five years ago, should also stand out in the memory of Hatters' keeper Richard O'Donnell.

Then, a mere youngster at Sheffield Wednesday, an injury crisis at Boundary Park saw John Sheridan sign him on loan for Oldham.

Shez only had 15 fit players for the trip south – back in the days of five subs remember – and the plan was to pick Richard up at a service station as the team was travelling down the day before.

However, with almost the last kick of Friday's training session, another player went down injured, meaning the Latics could only name four subs.

With Richard starting in goal – and having never trained with his new team-mates – things went from bad to almost catastrophic.

The Latics were already trailing when skipper Reuben Hazell was sent off, leading to a defensive reorganisation with John Thompson coming on for his first game in six months.

A man down, Latics were 3-0 adrift at the break before Luton pretty much declared in the second half – let's hope for a quieter afternoon eh, Richard?



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First Division For Thrills

By Sean Graham

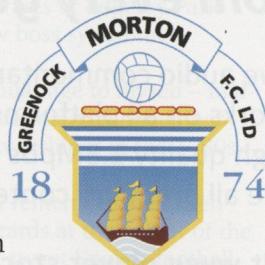
With the SPL a cake walk for Celtic and the SFL league's in division's Two and Three going the same way for Queen of the South and Rangers, it has been left to the First Division to give the punters value for money in Scotland.

Morton and Partick Thistle are leading the way and entertaining not only their fans but lighting up the whole First Division as they both go head to head in this two horse race for the title.

Many fans may still give Dunfermline a chance of the title but I still think the title will go to either Cappielow or Firhill and whichever one wins it, they will have deserved it as they will have given us a title race to the very end.

Last Saturday they went head to head at Cappielow and not only brought in a crowd of over 5000, they provided a fantastic 90 minutes of entertainment for all the fans who had packed into Morton's ground.

Thistle had gone two nil up but Morton fought back to grab a draw in a thrilling match and then they went on to beat Hamilton 1-0 at Firhill in mid-



week to cut the gap to five points.

The Jags had been flying in the league but faltered in a couple of matches, then they lost manager Jackie McNamara to Dundee United and many thought that they would go off the rails but they have put fans favourite Alan Archibald in temporary charge as he attempts to keep the club on the right track for the rest of the season and as they close in on hopefully a league and cup double, as well as chasing Morton in the league, Thistle are in the final of the Ramsdens Cup against high flying Queen of the South, which is heading for a sell-out on Sunday April 7th at Livingston's Braidwood Motor Company Stadium.



Obviously it would be great to see all four divisions in Scotland being competitive but with Celtic, Queens and Rangers so far ahead this season, that is never going to happen.

However, it is great to see two great old

clubs going head to head for the First Division title and either one of these teams would be worthwhile participants in the SPL.

Of course with all this talk of change in the Scottish game things may just work out that both clubs are playing there sooner rather than later.

So many people want change in the Scottish game but both Morton and Partick Thistle deserve huge credit for giving the punters something to get excited about.

I remember not so long ago that both clubs did play in the top division in Scotland and guys like Andy Ritchie and Alan Rough etc would be showcasing their talents at Celtic Park, Ibrox and Pittodrie as well as their own grounds.

Partick Thistle have always been considered as the cuddly toy of Scottish football, everyone who supported the Old Firm when unsure who to say who they supported used the Jags as the safe option as no one hated them.

But they could play also and it should be remembered that in their heyday, they could give the best of them a game.

Many will remember the 1971 League Cup final in Scotland when they shocked but deservedly beat Celtic 4-1.



Partick Thistle League Cup Winners 1971

As a Maryhill boy, I often went to see the Jags with my school mates or my Dad and enjoyed the friendliness of the club.

But before I make this sound too one sided, I have often gone to Cappielow to watch the great Morton sides of the past turn on the style against the big boys and indeed they used to be a bit of a bogey side to Aberdeen in the eighties and the Dons often came unstuck against the Cappielow men.

Indeed they only managed to beat them after extra-time in this seasons League Cup after an impressive performance by Allan Moore's men.

Many great memories of both of these sides and hopefully soon they will both be back in the SPL.

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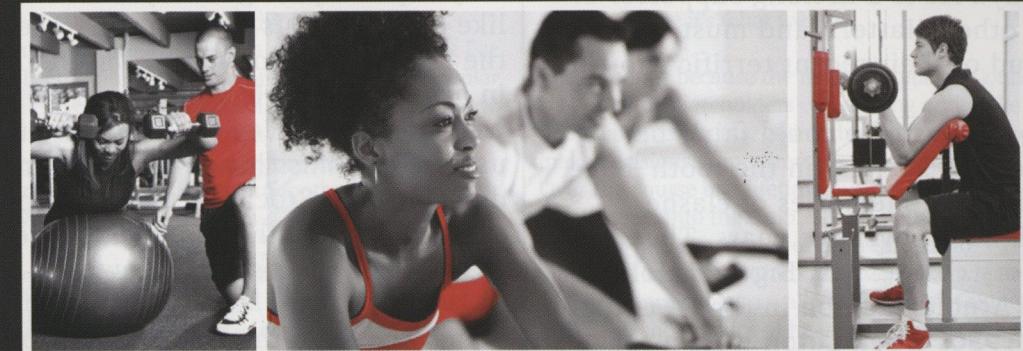
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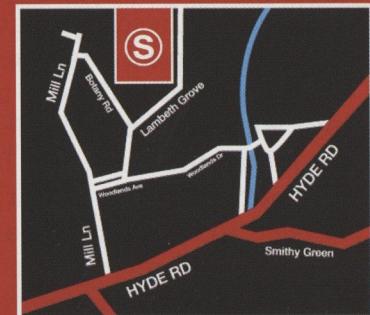
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The Chairman

Awarm welcome today to our visitors from Luton.

Their Chairman, Nick Owen is an old friend of mine who, along with Anne Diamond anchored TV-am some years ago and currently presents 'Midlands Today'. He is a lifelong supporter of the other 'Hatters' and must be justly proud of their recent terrific cup run.

Those of us who could fairly be described as 'long in the tooth' have some great memories of clashes with Luton over the years. The 3-0 victory courtesy of 'Big Bill' Holden and Arnold Jackson in the FA cup in the 1950s when Luton were a top Division 1 side. A similar score line in our favour at Kenilworth Road in our 66-67 promotion season and a memorable 1-1 draw in '97, the last match in another promotion season. Let's hope for another cracker today.

Having set the scene for today, the least said about Tuesday's match the better. Once again having taken the lead early on and dominated the first half hour we left empty handed. To gift our opponents three free headers really is poor and some of our players need to take a long hard look at themselves and reflect whether they are giving the 100% effort our supporters deserve. The comparison between an honourable defeat at Wrexham and defeat on Tuesday was there for all to see and the loyal supporters will expect to see a much better performance against today's high flyers.

Today is also the last match for our Commercial Manager, Rob Clare.

Rob is an ambitious and very capable young family man and like anyone in his position has taken the opportunity to better himself in his new post. He will always be welcome at Edgeley Park and all of us here will miss his enthusiasm and dedication to Stockport County. One story about Rob that he doesn't know to send him on his way though....

Some years ago the bus company of which I was the Chairman, sponsored a match here against West Bromwich Albion. It was a hard fought 0-0 draw and Rob and his fellow defender, Glyn Hancock played so well at the heart of our defence that when we came to select County's man of the match we couldn't split them. It was decided that we should make them both. 'men of the match' and present them each with a bottle of champagne. John Rutter however was having none of it. "You'll have to decide on one or the other" he demanded. "why" I wanted to know. "Because we've only got one bloody bottle!" He replied. We tossed a coin and Rob won!

Good Luck Rob in whatever you do in the future.

Enjoy the game.

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There's an alternative just a matter of a kick-about on a muddy field. I've found it helpful for getting some perspective on the game.

To be totally honest, I don't think I've felt as disinterested in football. As a result, I don't think I've ever been quite so indifferent to County in particular, despite everything that has happened in the last few years. I think it'd be fair to say that I'm not alone in feeling that way. Our collective appetite for the general soap opera of modern football has been on the wane for a long time now.

I'd like to think that very steadily, things will come together again at County and we can look forward with excitement, rather than the weary anticipation that the light at the end of the tunnel is another oncoming Transpennine Express. But I must admit that in recent times, the spark, that indescribable bond that draws us in seems to have been weaker than it once was. Especially living far away from SK3 nowadays, the prospect of making the trip to Edgeley Park on a miserable Tuesday night, only to see us get hammered by teams like Tamworth, doesn't bring the same sense of excitement as ties against the likes of City or even Sheffield Wednesday once did.

I'm not trying to belittle those teams in the Tamworth mould. We are where we are because we deserve to be, and we lose games in this division because we're not yet good enough to compete at the top end of the table. It's just that there's no precedent for being where we are. There's no history between County and most of the teams we play nowadays. As a result, it's inevitable that as a fanbase, we reminisce about the better times of days gone by. Of course, in the time that has passed since we last competed in the Championship, this Club has changed beyond recognition.

The one constant, which is the same as when we last won a league title 46 years ago, just as it was the same as when we lost last Tuesday, is County fans. It doesn't matter what is thrown at us. As a collective group, we keep coming back for more. We go to Gateshead away on a Tuesday night in 2013 in the same way that we went to Chesterfield away in

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've spent the last few months watching a lot of Sunday League/Amateur football in York. Somehow, the attraction of those types of matches seems to be at odds with almost everything in the professional game of today. atmosphere and a completely different dynamic when it's just a matter of a kick-about on a muddy field. I've found it helpful for getting some perspective on the game.

1997, because it's what we do.

The reason is because the magical tonic of 'County' is addictive. Shareholders come along and make financial investments, giving them the right to make decisions. Supporters do something else. Over the course of a lifetime, we too make financial investments into the Club. But more importantly, from our first experience of EP we make an emotional investment into the club – one which makes it impossible to walk away. I think County fans have shown a lot of heart in recent months and years, despite the gross mismanagement we've had to witness. I think it'd be fair to say the same for tonight's opponents, who still attract sensational attendances after the few years they've had.

I believe it will be that commitment that will see us through. The appetite amongst County fans may be slightly diminished at the moment, but it will return eventually. What it will take is for bridges to be built again and for the feeling to return that supporters can engage with the Club for the spark to be back. Mind you, I see talk elsewhere in the game about goal-line technology or scrapping relegation, and to be honest it scares the living daylights out of me! *Enter Morten Harket and Timothy Dalton*. Enjoy the game.

Jamie Summers



County fans enjoy another away day

Stat Attack

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First Team Stats Appearances and Goalscorers

Name	D.O.B	Place of birth	Scan No.	League		FA Cup		FA Trophy		County		Career Apps	Career Goals
				Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals		
Kyle Brownhill	29/03/1995	Manchester	1332	3								3 (2)	
Joe Bunney	26/09/1993	Manchester	1340	(1)								(1)	
Adnan Cirak	22/03/1990	Tuzia (Bosnia)	1343	2 (2)	1							2 (2)	1
Tom Collins	24/08/1992	London	1336	7 (11)	1	1	1	1 (1)		1 (1)		7 (11)	1
Joe Connor	01/01/1986	Stockport	1325	21 (1)	1	1 (1)		2 (1)				39 (3)	4
Mark Cullen	21/04/1992	Stakeford	1341	4 (1)								4 (1)	
Cameron Darkwah	02/09/1992	Manchester	1287	2 (3)								2 (16)	2
Tom Eckersley	06/12/1991	Trafford	1338	(2)								(2)	
Jordan Fagbola	18/10/1993	Manchester	1335	26 (2)	1	2		2 (1)	1	26 (2)	1		
Andy Halls	20/04/1992	Manchester	1260	25 (2)	1	2		2		82 (8)	1		
Simon Hackney	05/02/1984	Manchester	1345	1 (1)								1 (1)	
Johan Hammar	22/02/1994	Malmo (Sweden)	1344	2 (1)								2 (1)	
Danny Hattersley	08/04/1992	Bradford	1328	25 (3)	10	1 (1)		2 (1)	2	32 (3)	15		
Craig Hobson	25/02/1988	Bolton	1333	16 (9)	6	2	1	2 (1)		16 (9)	6		
Euan Holden	02/02/1988	Aberdeen	1306	1						29 (3)	1		
Connor Jennings	29/10/1991	Manchester	1339	13	4			3	4	13	4		
Alex Kenyon	17/07/1992	Preston	1334	25 (2)	1	2		2		25 (2)	1		
Jon Macken	07/09/1977	Manchester	1342	(3)								(3)	
Lewis King	08/09/1993	Derby	1330	6				1				11	
Matty Mainwaring	28/03/1990	Salford	1249	19 (4)	1	2		2 (1)		65 (4)	2		
Paul Marshall	09/07/1989	Manchester	1346	(1)								(1)	
Alex Meaney	12/01/1993	Bolton	1337	(4)	1							(4)	1
Sean Newton	23/09/1988	Liverpool	1331	29 (1)	6	2	1	3		35 (1)	6		
Jon Nolan	22/04/1992	Liverpool	1316	18 (4)	2				(1)	35 (17)	1		
Daniel O'Donnell	10/03/1986	Liverpool	1295	7 (3)	1			1		46 (5)	5		
Richard O'Donnell	12/09/1988	Sheffield	1340	8								8	
Ian Ormon	16/05/1994	Liverpool	1327	18 (1)		2		2		31 (1)			
Carl Piergianni	03/05/1992	Peterborough	1312	1 (2)						38 (5)	4		
Danny Rowe	29/01/1989	Blackpool	1326	5 (8)	1	(2)	1	(1)	1	17 (11)	9		
Ben Say	22/09/1993	Warrington	1324									(1)	
Sam Sheridan	30/11/1989	Trafford	1310	14 (6)		(1)	1	2		37 (9)	2		
James Tunnicliffe	17/01/1989	Stockport	1197	33		2		3		64 (10)			
Paul Turnbull	23/01/1989	Handforth	1182	11	1	2		2		113 (34)	7		
Danny Whitehead	23/10/1993	Stretford	1320	19 (12)	5	1 (1)	1	1		21 (23)	5		

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BIGGEST ATTENDANCE

Luton Town v Gateshead 6,743

BIGGEST HOME WIN

Mansfield 8 Barrow 1 (9/2/13)

BIGGEST AWAY WIN

Hyde 0 Kidderminster 4 (16/3/13)

MOST GOALS IN A GAME

9 Nuneaton 4 Ebbsfleet 5 (11/8/12)

Mansfield 8 Barrow 1 (9/2/13)

TOP SCORERS (League only)

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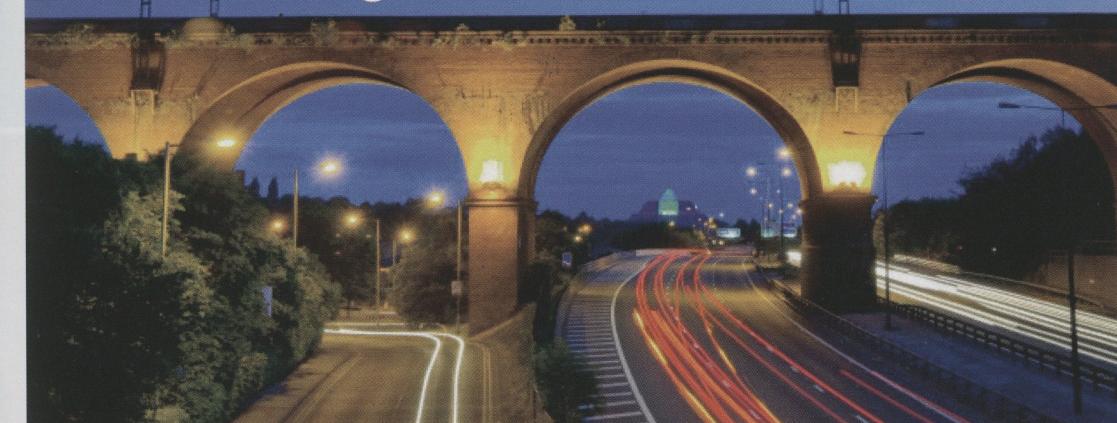
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Supporters Club



...and the colours white and blue

Welcome back to Edgeley Park for today's Hatters vs. Hatters fixture. As we found last Tuesday evening when Hereford United were the visitors to Edgeley Park, today's game is not going to be an easy one. Especially as Luton Town have a bit more of an incentive following their appointment of John Still in midweek as their new manager.

Regardless of a new managerial appointment, I'm sure we're fully aware of Luton's threat and let's hope we can put in a similar performance to that of the Forest Green game the other month.

Supporters Liaison

I mentioned in my notes for the Hereford United programme that following the recent 'Fans Forum', new CEO Ryan McKnight was keen to have an open discussion with all County Supporter's Groups. That meeting took place last Tuesday evening and represented were ourselves [SCFC Supporters Club], Help the Hatters and the Supporters' Co-operative.

In what was a very open and informative meeting, all groups were able to discuss both the past, future and issues between Football Club and Group(s). Ryan is very much in favour of supporters' engagement and does not want to lose that vital support that a 'fan' brings to Stockport County. Whilst nothing is going to be decided quickly, there was a common goal and objective for all groups to work together as one.

Whether that be through fundraising, organising 'Fans Forums', 'Meet the Players' events or even in the long term future to have representation on the Board.

We do agree with many people's comments regarding there being too many Supporters' Groups and being even confused by not knowing the purpose of each of these Groups. So between us we are starting to address these issues and to look at a way forward for more co-ordination and unity between Groups. With the ideas and suggestions now raised, we are now looking to take these meetings further amongst the Groups to ensure all voices are represented. This includes Groups like the Junior Supporters Club and the Disabled Supporters Club, who unfortunately were unable to attend this first meeting.

From listening and speaking to Ryan during the meeting, it is evident that you the 'supporter / fan' is a vital asset to the future of the Football Club and if the Supporter's Group(s) can assist, then we will endeavour to help where we can.

As previously mentioned earlier, the Groups will be getting together in the forthcoming weeks and looking to draft a proposal of our future and aims so we can discuss this with Ryan. If you do have any questions or concerns regarding the Supporters' Group, please contact me direct on stuart@drifridge.co.uk and I will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Stuart Crawford
SCFC Supporters Club



County Heaven

A place for Stockport County fans.



Macc Hatter writes:

Greetings from EP, where, just for a change after all those Tuesday night fixtures, we find ourselves playing on a Saturday afternoon!

Welcome also to a County Heaven article with a bit of a twist, as Sandy is today concentrating on the football side while I bring you news of things that happened on the way to the forum...

With the last weekend having been match-free, Heavener have found a variety of topics to which they could devote their thoughts and banter. Some have been method-acting as desert island castaways and listing their fave discs or (for the foodies among us) dishes. Others - meaning those not too vain to admit their age - have researched how County, and the world in general, fared during the season in which they were born. Cricket, by way of an early sign that spring is around the corner, has also made a guest appearance. And - as is wont to happen on Heaven every now and then - debates have re-ignited about who really were the best Bonds and Bond girls. I need hardly add that there's STILL no consensus!

From this week, and at the instigation of my esteemed co-contributor, there is a weekly election on CH to decide on our past and present County players of choice - starting, logically enough, with those whose surnames begin with A. Watch this space as results are announced in future issues of County Life, or, better still, join the forum and vote yourselves!

Sandy - you're on...

Sandbach Hatter writes:

Thanks Maccy and welcome to the first of two 'Battles of the Hatters' taking place this month! As my wing man rightly pointed out, with him

being away this week it falls on me to write about the football side of matters. Strap yourselves in folks....

On Tuesday we faced a tough Hereford side and, unfortunately, again found ourselves losing by one late goal despite going in front courtesy of Adnan Cirak's first for the club and later coming from behind thanks to James Tunnicliffe.

Today we welcome Luton and their new Manager, John Still, who will be keen to stop a poor run which has seen them pick up just two points in February and fail to win in the league since hammering Barrow 6-1 at the start of the year.

Elsewhere, everyone at CHHQ would like to thank Rob Clare for his services to the club as both a player and, until this week, Commercial Manager. Rob made nearly 200 appearances for County including playing every minute of our record-breaking 'nine games in a row without conceding' run in 2007.

Since returning as Commercial Manager in 2010, he has been instrumental in bringing much needed business to EP and, as far as CH is concerned, helping organise our sponsorship of Danny O'Donnell and Matty Mainwaring, as well as our brick which now features proudly on the County Wall.

Whatever the future holds, everyone at County Heaven wishes you all the best!

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Good afternoon and welcome back to Edgeley Park, home of Stockport County FC, where The Hatters take on Luton Town.



Our Community Foundation guests today are Students from the Edukick Manchester Football Academy. The players are from all over the world and they travel to the UK and the Manchester area on the programme for a full academic year to gain education at the Edukick school and experience daily football training here in the UK. Each day they study in the city centre school, with a variety of academic routes either BTEC level 3, GCSE, A – Level, US high school or EFL. The afternoon is structured football coaching, as a team, at the Platt lane complex in Manchester. The players, aged 15 – 29 are all looking at a career in football or sport, either as a player, coach, physio or sports management, so dedicate their time to learning the game in the UK. As part of the programme they learn the English culture, starting with living life with a UK family. Throughout the area Edukick have a variety of carefully selected host families who work hard to care for the boys.



Each week the boys play friendly fixtures against local team, academies, colleges and school, to continually challenge themselves and put into practice what they have learnt on the training pitch.

A big welcome to the team today, hope you enjoy your visit to Edgeley Park. If you have a team who may be interested in playing against this International Academy or think you could be a great host family, why not contact Edukick for more information - mick@edukickengland.co.uk



Our fixture last Tuesday versus Hereford United, saw one of our Season Ticket Holders, Stuart Ash, hand over a cheque for £250.00, for sponsorship of our U11's Primary School Cup trophies and certificates, for the Tameside, Stockport & High Peak competitions, kindly sponsored by New Directions Education, many thanks Stuart.

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This afternoon we welcome volunteers from St. Ann's Hospice in Heald Green, who are undertaking a 'Bucket Collection' prior to Kick Off and again at half time. Please give generously if you can, many thanks in advance for your support.

Also, last Tuesday versus Hereford United, we were joined by The Prince's Trust Stockport TEAM 11, who were holding a raffle to win a signed Stockport County FC shirt. Many thanks to Wildcat Doll and Community Foundation staff member, Jade Botterill, for very kindly pulling the winning numbers out on the night.

Welcome to our guests in the Vernon Building Society blocks of the Popular Side this afternoon, who are attending



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Stockport County Juniors

Hello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park for this afternoon's game with Luton Town. It seems ages since we had a Saturday home game to look forward to after a run of Tuesday night matches.

As I write these notes before last Tuesday game with Hereford hoping that we have got back to winning ways after the home defeat against Tamworth a match I missed but was ruined by the referee by all accounts even missing a stonewall penalty for us near the end. Fortunately both a last Tuesdays and Saturdays results mostly went for us and we hold our place in the table even though our game at Dartford was called off.

Back to today our visitors have been making all the headlines in the FA Cup with a great run until being stopped by Millwall in the last round. We are certainly in for a tough match with Luton sitting just out of the playoff places but due to the cup run with games in hand against other teams. We of course play them again in 3 weeks time just before the hectic run up to the end of the season.

A warm welcome to any junior hatters who have made the trip north up the M6 and M1 to support their team today. We hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe journey home.

Don't forget our family lounge is open in our usual Saturday room entrance in the far end of the car park 1.30pm till just before kickoff so please call in and say hello.

That's all for today.
Enjoy the game.

Ian Butterworth, County Juniors

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Answers from our Hereford notes.

- 1 Yorkie
- 2 After Eights
- 3 Turkish Delights
- 4 Crunchie
- 5 Wagon Wheels

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Membership

A number of you have contacted us about this year's junior membership. This year our membership will be free of charge with the added bonus of being chosen as our match mascot in a future home game.

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Meetings

Our March meeting will be held a week tomorrow the 10th usual start time of 10.45am till 1.00pm. 2 members of the County squad will be along to join us.

Mascots

We are now taking names of members who would like to lead County out at a home game in 2013. For further details please contact Brenda on 0161 487 2766 or Ian on 0161 456 7606 or see them in the family lounge before any home game.

Today's Mascot

Today's mascots are Harry Ford, Harry Bickerton and Toby Culverwell.

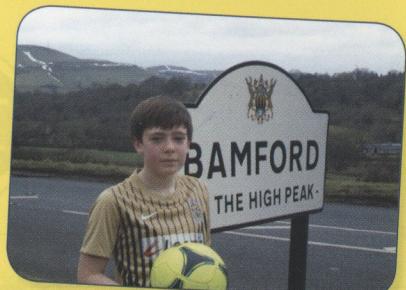
Harry Ford is 13 years old and lives in Bamford, Hope Valley, he watched his first game in 2004 (County v Oldham) and he has followed County ever since from his seat in the Cheadle End. Harry plays for Calver FC in the Derwent Valley League and his favourite County player is Sean Newton.

Harry Bickerton hasn't got a favourite player, he likes all of them. He likes playing football, swimming and fighting his brother Freddie.

Toby is from Lowestoft which makes him one of Stockport County's most easterly fans in England. Toby went to his first county game this season away to Braintree. He goes to the Ladybird Nursery in Lowestoft and enjoys Thomas the Tank Engine and Fireman Sam.

Recent Mascot

Alexander Nuttall was our match mascot for the game on Tuesday against Hereford United he is seen here with the match officials and team captains.



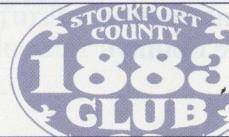
Happy Birthday

County supporter Charlie Higson is ten today. His favourite player is Sean Newton.





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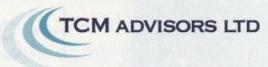
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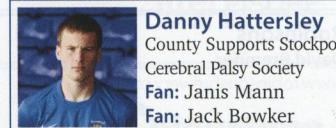
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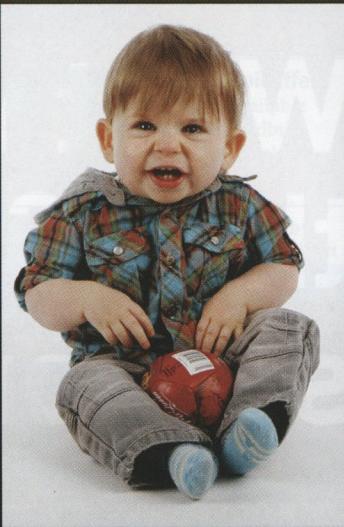
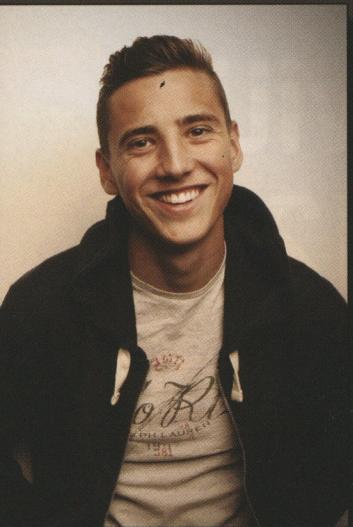
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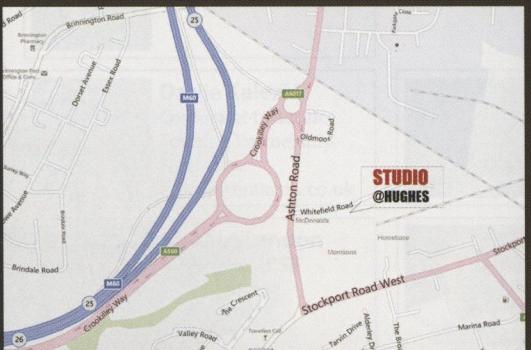
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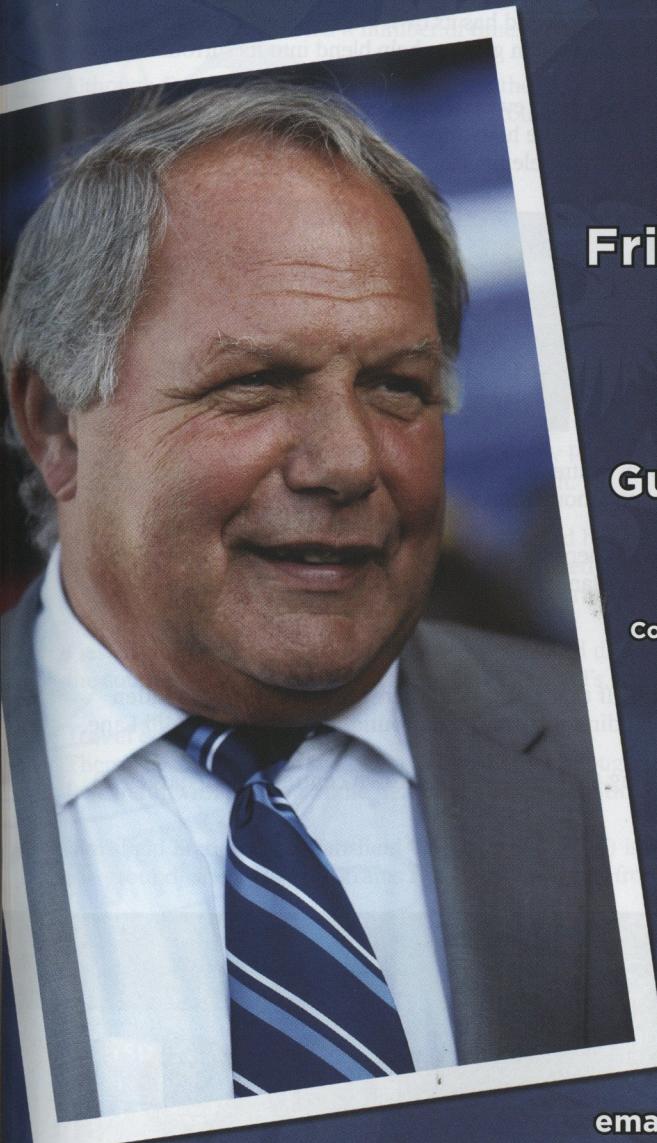


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A SPORTING EVENING WITH **BARRY FRY**



**Friday 8th March 2013
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Starts at 7pm

**Guest Speaker: Barry Fry
plus Guest Comedian**

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We will follow the County...

Dartford v County

Date: Tuesday 5th March, 7-45pm kick off
Ground: Princes Park, Grassbanks, Darent Rd, Dartford, Kent DA1 1RT
Capacity: 4,097 (642 seats)
Telephone: 01322 299 990
Website: www.dartfordfc.co.uk

The Ground

Princes Park is undoubtedly one of the finest examples of new stadia in the UK, both aesthetically and practically. It produces its own electricity through solar panels and has its own water supply through rainwater collected by the roof – which, incidentally, is covered in grass to help blend into its surroundings.

There's seating on one side of the ground, the Main Stand, with everywhere else terraced. Though the ground is enclosed, the four stands are separate. The roof is raised quite high and there's large gaps underneath, so though you'll be covered you may still be quite exposed to the elements.

Tickets & Travel

Adults - £15
Over-65s & Under-18s - £8
Under-12s - £3

Food & Drink

There are two bars at the ground itself, which should allow away supporters for this game.



The ground is around a 10 minute walk from the town centre along Darent Road, and there are also a couple of pubs along the way. The closest is the Ivy Leaf, though this may get quite busy on the day.

If you do wander along to the town centre, the local Wetherspoons (The Paper Moon) will be one of the first places you pass. Opposite is a Chinese buffet called the Mandarin Palace, and a KFC and Pizza Hut are just around the corner.

Parking

The stadium has a free car park that has 300 spaces. If that's full, then there's a business park hidden away nearby – on Darent Road, it's in the opposite direction from the ground, down Powder Mill Lane.

If you'd prefer secure parking, the Orchards Shopping Centre Park in the town centre which charges £2 for four hours.

Next at Edgeley Park...

Saturday 16th March 2013 v Braintree Town. Kick-Off 3.00pm

Saturday 23rd March 2013 v Newport County. Kick-Off 3.00pm

Monday 1st April 2013 v Grimsby Town. Kick-Off 3.00pm



Mansfield Town v County

Date: Saturday 9th March, kick-off at 3pm
Ground: Field Mill, Quarry Lane, Mansfield, NG18 5DA
Capacity: 10,000 (currently 7,574)
Telephone: 01623 482 482
Website: www.mansfieldtown.net



The Ground

Between 1999 and 2001, Mansfield's Field Mill ground underwent huge renovation, with brand new all-seater stands behind each goal and a two-tiered grandstand on one side named the Ian Greaves Stand. The stand on the other side of the ground, the Bishop Street Stand, is a smaller, unused structure.

Though the ground seats over 10,000, much-publicised problems with their safety certificate & stewarding have seen capacity reduced a number of times in recent years. Current 'safe' capacity is 7,574.

Although County fans have been housed in the Quarry Lane End in the past, these days away fans are located in the North Stand at the other end of the ground. This stand seats 1,910.

Main Stand

Adults - £16
Students/over-65s - £12
Under-16s - £7
Under-7s - £2

Disabled supporters should call Mansfield Town on 01623 482 482.



Food & Drink

Field Mill has its own fans' bar named the Sandy Pate, which welcomes away fans, although it can understandably get very busy ahead of the match.

Nearest to the ground is The Early Doors, situated behind the home end, and is traditionally popular with away fans. Visiting supporters are generally advised to steer clear of town centre pubs, though of course those travelling by train will probably choose to drink in Nottingham anyway.

Pies, sausage rolls, crisps, chocolate and hot & cold drinks are available in the ground. The retail park to the south of the ground has a KFC and a McDonald's, and there's a Pizza Hut just over the road.

Travel & Parking

There's no official open parking at the ground, although there's a nearby private car park that charges £5. Be careful with parking in the nearby retail parks, with regular enforcement in operation on matchdays.

Mansfield Station (not Mansfield Woodhouse Station) is around ten minutes' walk away, and you can see the ground when arriving. Trains run every half-hour from Nottingham.

Edgeley Park Normal Matchday Prices 2012-13

Main Stand
Adults - £18
16-21 & over-65s - £11
7-16 year olds - £3
Under-7s - free

Cheadle End and Popular Side
Adults - £16
16-21 & over-65s - £11
7-16 year olds - £3
Under-7s - free

Fixtures subject to change.

On the Wylde Side

By Rodger Wylde

After last season's fixture at Luton I took Danny Rowe to be checked out by Town's club doctor Paul Dealy and an unexpected conversation began!

"You are Rodger Wylde aren't you?" Dr Dealy said to me.

Surprised by this statement of recognition from the Doc who was probably in his early forties, I replied positively. "I saw you play here against us for Oldham Athletic in the heady days when we were pushing for promotion out of the championship in the early 80's." "Yes I remember the game well," I said with a smile remembering the game vividly. "You scored two goals and caused a riot after an incident with our centre-half Kirk Stevens," Dr Dealy laughed. "Yep, that's me!" I admitted.



ANIMO

Anarchy at Luton as mob run Wylde

THANK GOODNESS Luton look like missing promotion to the First Division. Their players may be good enough: their supporters certainly are not. The disgraceful scenes at Kenilworth Road on Saturday, when young fans invaded the pitch three minutes from time in an obvious attempt to get the game called off, were sickening. Fortunately, the police stayed calm, the referee took the players off the pitch for 10 minutes, and Oldham were able to complete a creditable 2-1 victory.

The trouble started an hour earlier, with a reckless tackle by Oldham's Rodger Wylde on Luton back Kirk Stephens. Even Oldham's manager Jimmy Frizzell later admitted that he had seen players sent off for less. The situation wasn't helped when the Luton scoreboard flashed "Send him off". Wylde was the subject of continuing abuse from the crowd, who were incensed still further when he scored two goals. When the referee restarted the match after the pitch was cleared, he advised Mr Frizzell to leave Wylde in the dressing-room but, to his credit, the Oldham manager insisted on sending the player back on, albeit with the warning to stay near the tunnel. Once anarchy takes over from the referee's whistle, football is dead. It looked very sick at Luton.

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Match Officials

Referee: Richard Martin

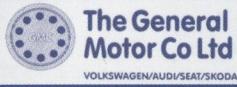
Assistants: Simon Brown,
Matthew Jones

4th Official: Simon Mather

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2	ANDY HALLS (1260)	■
3	SEAN NEWTON (1331)	■
4	JOE CONNOR (1325)	■
5	JOHAN HAMMER (1344)	■
6	JAMES TUNNICLIFFE (1197)	■
7	DANNY WHITEHEAD (1320)	■
8	ALEX KENYON (1334)	■
9	DANNY HATTERSLEY (1328)	■
10	TOM COLLINS (1336)	■
11	CRAIG HOBSON (1333)	■
12	THE 12TH MAN	■
13	RICHARD O'DONNELL (1340)	■
14	SAM SHERIDAN (1310)	■
15	ALEX MEANEY (1337)	■
16	KYLE BROWNHILL (1332)	■
17	MARK CULLEN (1341)	■
18	JON NOLAN (1316)	■
19	ADNAN CIRAK (1343)	■
20	JORDAN FAGBOLA (1335)	■
21	LEWIS KING (1330)	■
22	MATT MAINWARING (1249)	■
23	JON MACKEN (1342)	■
25	SIMON HACKNEY (1345)	■
27	PAUL MARSHALL (1346)	■

Luton Town

1	MARK TYLER	■
2	LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER	■
3	GREG TAYLOR	■
4	GARRY RICHARDS	■
5	STEVE MCNULTY	■
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	■
22	WAYNE THOMAS	■
23	MATT ROBINSON	■
24	JONATHAN SMITH	■
25	RONNIE HENRY	■
27	ANDRE GRAY	■
28	JAKE WOOLLEY	■
29	DAN WALKER	■
32	ALASAN ANN	■
33	DEAN BRILL	■

The numbers in brackets are the player's unique Stockport County Appearance Number, showing his position in the list of players to make their debut for the club in a senior competitive game.