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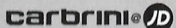
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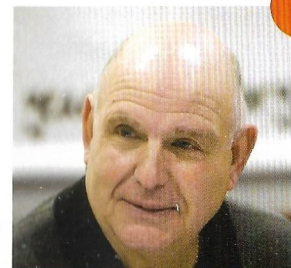
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JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road.

These are my first programme notes as the manager of Luton Town and I'd like to take this opportunity, via these notes, to say a big hello to all you supporters of this great club.

I have been made to feel very welcome by everyone at the club since my appointment and I am looking forward to my first game in charge at Kenilworth Road.

The past week or so has been a whirlwind, it has been incredibly busy. I have been gradually getting to know the players' capabilities and personalities in both training and matches and I see this as an ongoing exercise as the season continues.

Knowledge

I am always learning about the players and I believe this has been the most important aspect since I took charge. I am indebted to the knowledge given to me by the coaching staff and I thank them for their assistance so far. This first month will give me an indication of which players will and can be a John Still player, and which ones will and can take this club forward.

During my time in football management I have enjoyed two associations with two clubs: Dagenham & Redbridge and Barnet. I want to add Luton to that list. I have always said that, while everyone wants to win and succeed straight away, it takes time to build long-term success.

Project

Success is never easy to obtain, and that is why I am a huge believer in a strong team ethic. Success at a football club is borne out of players, staff and the supporters joining forces. It is hard to obtain and it might take time, but when you create a team ethic it is hard to lose it. And that is what I will be trying to instil here at Luton Town. When I joined I said it would be a project - and that's what we're embarking on, so enjoy the ride.

Today we welcome Hereford United to Kenilworth Road, and I would like to extend a warm greeting to their manager Martin Foyle and his staff and players, plus their officials and supporters.

Looking back at the last two matches, we have taken four points from two tough away games. There was one very good performance, at Stockport, and one not particularly good performance, at Nuneaton. On the face of it, however, we have collected four points and conceded no goals - and that is where I see the pluses. If I look at the negatives, we should have done better at Nuneaton.

The fact we have already had two games has made it slightly difficult for me to get over my ideas immediately to the players. I had just one session with them before the Stockport game and one before the Nuneaton match.

Early stages

These are the early stages and, as I've said, it will take time. It is important that I do not convey mixed messages to the players, but introduce things slowly. I am not looking for miracles straight away.

Games, especially at home, are coming thick and fast over the next few weeks and, during that time, I will give you further information and thoughts on my football philosophy and how I go about it.

Until then, I'll leave you with the thought that any great success in football is built on the support received off the pitch. The backing at Stockport and Nuneaton was excellent and I am really looking forward to savouring the atmosphere at Kenilworth Road for the first time this afternoon.

Remember, this is YOUR team, so give it your all from the stands and I promise you the players will thrive on it.

Enjoy the game.

John Still



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR GARY SWEET



Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road.

A lot has happened since our last home fixture, but before I get on to the exciting changes at our Club, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone

from Hereford United. They're infrequent visitors - you have to go back 37 years for the last time we had the pleasure of hosting the Bulls.

Like us, Hereford are a former Football League club with a proud history. In Martin Foyle they have an experienced manager who knows the Blue Square Bet Premier inside out, and his team arrive at Kenilworth Road in good form despite a last-gasp goal denying them a point at home to Newport on Tuesday.

No easy task

Making a return to the Football League, as both clubs have found, is no easy task. In this, our fourth season at this level, we have once again found it incredibly competitive - and we have clearly failed to meet the standards we expect, and need, to achieve our single-minded aim of getting back to the Football League as Champions.

However, following Paul Buckle's departure, the board were delighted just 11 days ago to unveil the man charged with restoring pride, passion and belief into not just a squad of players, but the whole of Luton Town Football Club.

Wealth of experience

This afternoon will be John Still's first home game in charge and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him to Kenilworth Road. John comes with a wealth of experience - including no less than three promotions from the Conference to the Football League, and incredible achievements with Dagenham

& Redbridge - a club which, with all extremely well-deserved respect, has achieved wonders for its size and fan-base over John's nine years at the helm.

We sought John out for the specific qualities he brings to managership - strong leadership skills, a proven track record and an eye for bringing in and developing talented players. Speaking of which, welcome to Luton Town new recruits Alex Wall, Jake Goodman and Solomon Taiwo!

It is a mark of the stability we have achieved as a Club off the pitch that, for the first time, we were able to go out and get a manager of John's experience and status - and that he was irresistibly attracted to the challenge

Presence

As were an impressive roster of other applicants, but John stood out a mile. He's not just a big man, he's a big presence on and off the pitch - and that's just what we need for a club of our potential, stature and history.

Having watched our disappointing defeat (again!) away to Braintree, John took just few hours of training before masterminding a deserved 1-0 win at Stockport County last weekend. It was good to see so many smiling faces after the win at Edgley Park - it's hard to think our previous victory had been that history-making one at Norwich. Tuesday night proved frustrating again, as we failed to match the promising performance at Stockport. But be assured, in a very short time John Still has already had an extremely positive effect on the team and the club as a whole.

Impressed

You may have read or heard elsewhere that John has stated there is no 'quick fix' solution to the disappointing state of affairs on the playing side. He has, however, impressed us all - board, staff, players and the supporters he has spoken to - with his vision to re-structure the football culture at Luton Town and take us back to League Two. He, like us all at the club, has his sights set far higher. But, to quote his words, it

is a "step by step" process - and we'd like to ask you to be patient and supportive and become an integral part of the project.

A few hours after this programme went to print, John was able to share that vision at his first 'Meet the Manager' evening with Trust in Luton.

John - like all of us on the management side - is extremely enthusiastic in getting all of you, the fans who make this club so special, fully 'on board' with what we are trying to build here.

More events

John will not have shied away from any awkward question, that's for sure, and we aim to organise more events like this with supporter groups.

In that context, I am delighted to say that the board are in discussions with the Trust, as shareholders, about a number of opportunities for discussion that were announced on Thursday evening.

These opportunities are mutually desired by both the Club and the Trust, and include the creation of a Supporter Liaison Officer role, a future option for supporters to buy shares, pitch ownership and an involvement in the redevelopment and/or relocation of the stadium.

With these initiatives and the game-changing appointment of John Still, there is an exciting air of change about the Club we all love so dearly.

We've underperformed this season. We all know that.

But with your passionate support and fresh positivity, who knows what could happen on the pitch - the run-in could still be a lucky 13 games for Luton Town.

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RONNIE HENRY

After a run of three successive away games it's great to be back at Kenilworth Road this afternoon as we enter the important and final phase of the season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome John Still to the club who took over as manager last week. He is a manager who is widely respected in the game and knows what it takes to get out of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Alan Neilson, Carl Emberson, Stuart Cash and Dmitri Kharine did a good job to keep us ticking over whilst the board made their decision, and as a group we were all delighted when it was announced that John was taking control.

We welcome him with open arms and we're all really looking forward to working with him and helping achieve what we all want to achieve here at Kenilworth Road.

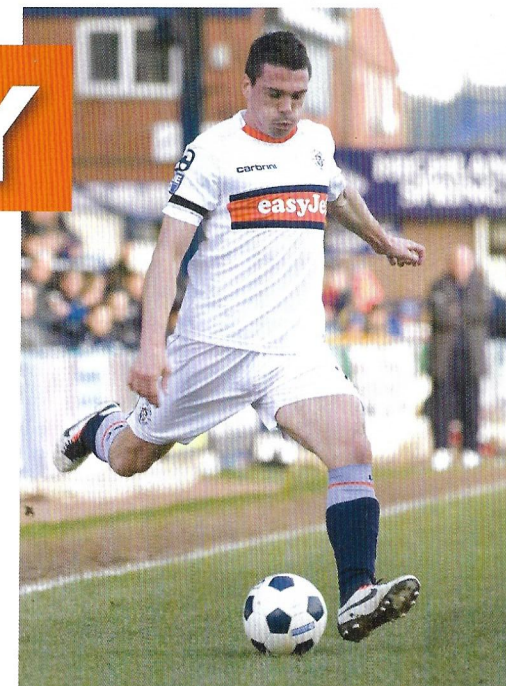
In the past two matches under his stewardship we have picked up four points, following the win at Stockport last Saturday and Tuesday night's draw at Nuneaton.

As players, we're the first to admit that we have not been playing well recently so to earn four points in the new manager's first two matches is a small step in the right direction. It hasn't been a bad start for John but we know that success isn't going to come overnight.

Keeping two clean sheets has been a huge boost, however. We have really struggled this season defensively and, as I have consistently said in my programme notes, failing to keep clean sheets really frustrates me. But, in the last two matches, I think the most Mark Tyler has had to do in goal is make a routine catch from a header – and that, from a defender's point of view, is just what I like.

It goes without saying it's disappointing not to have scored at Nuneaton, but sometimes that can happen. There's certainly no doom and gloom around the place as we know to pick up four points is a solid start under the new boss. John's only been here a week and we know that our understanding of how he wants us to play will continue as time goes on.

Today we entertain a Hereford side who beat us earlier in the campaign on a night which I thought we should have left with three points. That was a night of frustration that has been indicative of our season so far



but this afternoon we have an opportunity to put that right and to build on our decent home form.

Of our final 13 games we have nine here at Kenilworth Road. Home advantage could be the difference if we're to make our dash for the Play-Offs. Reaching the top five is something we still very much believe in.

We have shown that on home turf we can beat anyone – indeed we are going to need to beat everyone if we are to achieve that top-five place. We're confident we can, and the fact we play so many matches here between now and the end of the season is huge for us. You will not be seeing any of us giving up on promotion just yet.

Every game is a must-win and we need your backing to help us achieve it. Just imagine if we could do it. We need to believe we can. Everything is in place. We have the ability, the right man at the helm, and a terrific coaching staff – not to mention the best support in the league.

We're still in the race so get behind us today and let's see where we can take our season in these last two months.

Enjoy the game.

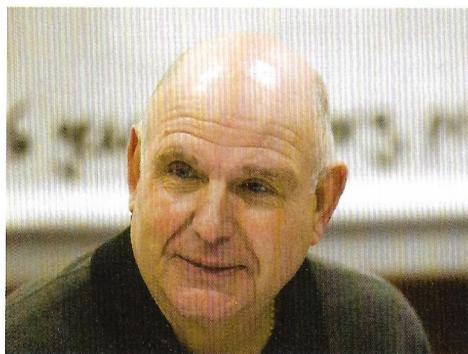


AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

WELCOME JOHN!

We were delighted to announce the appointment of John Still as the Hatters' new manager on 26th February.



Still had been one of the longest serving managers in English football, having spent almost nine years in charge of League 2 outfit Dagenham & Redbridge.

In that time, the 62-year-old guided the Daggers from the Conference – as Champions in 2006/07 – to League 1, 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 Daggers scored 93 goals and won 95 points – 14 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.

Relegation followed in their first season in English football's third tier – but not without a fight, and last term, Still successfully kept the Daggers in League 2 despite them being, through necessity, a selling club.

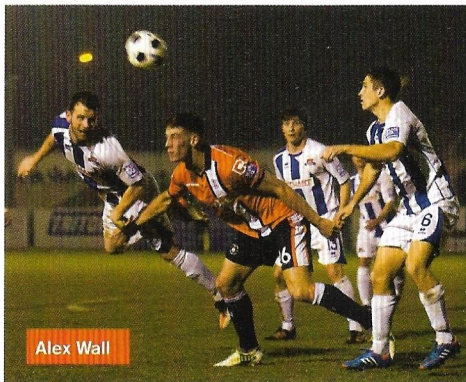
Before his success at Victoria Road, Still led Dartford to the Southern League title in 1984 and won the Conference with Maidstone in 1989. He took control of Redbridge Forest, a club that would eventually become Dagenham & Redbridge, and won the Isthmian League title in 1991.

Still, who has signed a two-and-half year contract with achievement-based extensions at Kenilworth Road, also arrives with 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.

John is joined at Kenilworth Road by his assistant Terry Harris, who has been the manager's right-hand man for several years. Alan Neilson reverts to the role of first team coach.

SIGNING NUMBER ONE

February's Blue Square Bet South Player of the Month, Alex Wall, became the first player to join the Town under new manager John Still when signing last Friday.



Striker Wall arrives at Kenilworth Road on-loan for the rest of the season with a view to a permanent deal from Maidenhead United. One of the hottest properties outside of the Blue Square Bet Premier, 22-year-old Wall has been courted by several Football League clubs and has notched 13 league goals this season for the Magpies.

Still has been a long-time admirer of the 6ft 3in striker, who went straight into the Town squad that travelled to face Stockport in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

"I had Alex on trial last year at Dagenham but he got injured. He went back to Maidenhead and has done well.

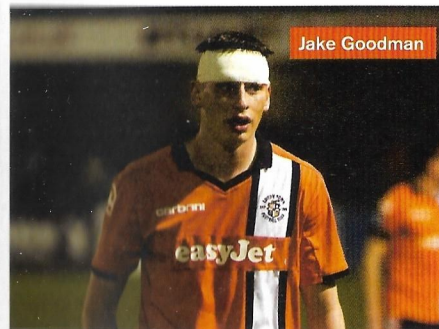
I've always kept an eye on him," said the manager.

"He's a young, ambitious, hungry player with great ability. Alex will need time and help, but he has terrific potential. I hope he'll go on to enjoy a very good career at Luton Town.

"He's what you might call a centre-forward. He's not a 'striker' or a 'number 10', he's a centre-forward. He's a good striker of the ball, he's strong and he works hard. Alex is in good form, but the key for me is potential. He has the potential to be a really, really good player."

SIGNING NUMBER TWO

On Monday, highly-rated Millwall defender Jake Goodman joined the Hatters on loan for the rest of the season.



The 19-year-old centre-half signed a professional contract with the Lions in the summer and was an unused substitute during their 3-0 FA Cup victory over the Town last month.

"We're very fortunate to bring him in. Kenny Jackett and Scott Fitzgerald have been very kind to let me take him until the end of the season so we have a bit of competition in the centre-back position," said Town boss John Still.

"I've seen quite a bit of Jake and I like him. Millwall like him, in fairness, when I asked about him I didn't think I'd get him. He's got a bit of pace, he's mobile, he can head it, he's got a great attitude, he's young, hungry and enthusiastic."

GATESHEAD GAME SWITCHED

The Hatters' Blue Square Bet Premier fixture away to Gateshead on Saturday 6th April will take place at Carlisle United's Brunton Park.

Gateshead have suffered a number of problems with the pitch at their International Stadium home and have already played home matches at Hartlepool and York.

The decision is out of the club's hands, however, it will give the team the opportunity to play on a better playing surface than the one currently at Gateshead.

Luton Town fully understands the frustrations of those Hatters supporters who have made travel arrangements to Gateshead for this match already.

Carlisle is 60 miles west of Gateshead, and the relocation of the fixture adds only 52 miles to the total round trip.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIM



The Town would like to wish a happy 50th birthday for season ticket holder Tim Surch.

Luton-born Tim, who has been following the Hatters since was 14, celebrates the big 5-0 on Monday, and he will be present with family and friends at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELISSA

We would also like to wish a happy birthday to Hatters fan Melissa Bailey, who is 17 today.

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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of two home matches in three days as we entertain Hereford United.

This afternoon's game is the also the first of nine home matches in the space of seven weeks. We have a number of high profile games remaining, includes matches against Kidderminster, Grimsby, and Newport, and hospitality packages are available for these and all our remaining fixtures.

It is hard to believe we only have two months of the campaign remaining but, with that in mind, we are busy planning our end-of-season dinner, which is due to take place on a date after our final league match against Southport.

We have some exciting plans and guests lined up for the event and we hope that we will be able to release full details in the next couple of weeks. Keep your eyes peeled on this page and on our official website for any announcements.

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They would like to wish all the best of luck to all players and staff during the 90 minutes of action, which they hope will be entertaining and exciting. Come on You Hatters! For more information on LTSCS visit www.luton.no.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



We have the pleasure of welcoming two mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

First up is nine-year-old Daniel Scott from Kettering. Daniel enjoys all sports and his favourite Hatter is striker Andre Gray. He is here with his dad this afternoon.



Eight-year-old Ben Jones is next up. Ben hails from Stevenage and his favourite player is striker Stuart Fleetwood. Ben loves going to away games and this season is his third as a season ticket holder.

We hope you both have a great day with us at Kenilworth Road.



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WELCOME HEREFORD UNITED



Hereford United are today's visitors to Kenilworth Road and the Hatters would like to extend their welcome as Martin Foyle's men travel to Bedfordshire.

The Bulls and their supporters will make the 300-mile round trip to see their side attempt to rectify their recent league blip. Four wins from seven games in February was the perfect platform for a tail-end push towards the Play-Offs, but Tuesday night's defeat against Newport following a goalless draw with Nuneaton has seen their promotion hopes take a turn for the worse.

Much like the Hatters, they will enjoy a large spell of home fixtures in the final two months of the season which can help put the Bulls firmly back in the mix towards the top.

Foyle's men have endured a patchy home record this season but did snatch all three points from the Hatters back in November as a frustrating evening for the Town ended in a 1-0 defeat at Edgar Street.

Hereford's away form has improved since the turn of the year and the Bulls won their last two games on the road. Both of those fixtures were settled by their ruthless form in front of goal as they smashed six goals in the two

games, with top scorer Ryan Bowman culpable for half of those strikes. Another Bulls goal threat, James McQuilkin, was the match-winner on a sodden night in Herefordshire back in November as the sides met for the first time in over 25 years.

The game has conjured up three magnificent contests between the sides including that hard-fought disappointment back in 2012. United travel to Kenilworth Road today for the first time since 9th October 1976 when the Hatters ran out comfortable 2-0 winners.

Both sides currently occupy prime positions outside the Play-Off places on 49 points but a win this afternoon could be vital in swinging momentum into their favour. Foyle, in his first season as Hereford manager, is no stranger to the hostile home atmosphere the Hatters produce as the former York City boss returns to Bedfordshire for the first time since his Minstermen beat the Hatters in the Play-Off semi-final in 2009. On that day, Chris Carruthers was the goalscorer and he will be part of the Bulls squad this afternoon.

A possible promotion six-pointer is in store in front of a rapturous Kenilworth Road crowd for John Still's home debut and it promises to be an encounter to cherish.

THE BULLS

AN AT-A-GLANCE LOOK AT THE HEREFORD UNITED SQUAD

MARTIN FOYLE

Former York City boss. Has been in charge at Edgar Street since May 2012. The 49-year-old began his playing career at Southampton in 1980.

JOE HEATH

Defender who began his career on the books at Manchester United before joining Nottingham Forest in 2007. The 24-year-old left-back signed for Hereford in 2011 after a successful loan spell.

MICHAEL TOWNSEND

26-year-old defender established himself in the Football League making over 100 appearances for Cheltenham Town during a six-year stint. Moved to Edgar Street via Barnet in 2010.

JAMES MCQUILKIN

A product of the West Bromwich Albion academy who moved to Czech football before joining Hereford in 2009. Scored the only goal at Edgar Street in November against the Hatters.

SIMON CLIST

Joined Hereford in January 2012 after impressing in a previous loan spell. The former Bristol City youngster is an instrumental part of the Bulls midfield.

STEFAN STAM

Former PSV youngster was brought to English football by Oldham Athletic in 2004. The 33-year-old Dutch defender adds much needed experience to the Hereford backline.

SAM CLUCAS

A product of the Leicester City youth academy, Clucas was released at 16 and picked up by Lincoln City in 2009. He initially joined the Glenn Hoddle Academy before penning a deal at Edgar Street in 2011.

LUKE GRAHAM

Former Hatters defender Graham joined the Bulls in the summer from Forest Green. Graham netted on his Town debut in a 1-0 win over Gloucester City in the FA Trophy.

MARLEY WATKINS

Summer acquisition who began his career at Swansea City. The 22-year-old midfielder sprung to the Bulls' attention whilst at Bath City last campaign.

MARLON JACKSON

Former Bristol City youngster initially joined Hereford in 2009 on loan but returned on a permanent deal in 2012. The 22-year-old has netted four times this campaign, all coming in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

RYAN BOWMAN

The Bulls' top scorer this season with 18 goals in all competitions. A former Carlisle United youth product, he averaged one goal every four games last campaign for Darlington.

CHRIS CARRUTHERS

Former York City man can operate as either a defender or midfielder. Began his career at Northampton Town.

ANDY GILLINAGH

27-year-old defender who started his career with Coventry City. Joined the Bulls in the summer after an impressive campaign at Bath City last season.

JAMES BITTNER

Goalkeeper who joined from Forest Green Rovers in the summer. Formerly of Exeter City, Torquay United and Salisbury.

DANIEL HANFORD

Welsh-born goalkeeper who is rated very highly by the coaching staff at Edgar Street. Been in and out of the side this campaign, sharing the role with Bittner.

BRIAN SMIKLE

Another product of the West Bromwich Albion academy and formerly with Kidderminster Harriers. Two productive seasons at Cheltenham Town saw his switch to Edgar Street met with high expectations.

JOSHUA O'KEEFE

Currently the Bulls' second highest goalscorer of the campaign behind Bowman. Netted twice in midweek against Newport from the penalty spot. A former Ireland Under-21 International.

JAMES MUSA

At Edgar Street for the season on loan from Premier League Fulham. The defender initially joined in January on a month's loan but that was extended until April.

CHRIS SHARP

Penned a deal with Hereford from AFC Telford in January. Formerly of Welsh side TNS, Sharp has appeared in the Europa League and Champions League for The New Saints.



Established: 1924

Nickname(s): The Bulls

Stadium: Edgar Street

Capacity: 5,300 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 1,885)

Manager: Martin Foyle (9 months)

Final league position '11/12: 23rd npower L2



Hereford United dropped out of the Football League last season after finishing 23rd in League 2. A desperate late effort which saw the Bulls earn two draws and two wins from their final four games was not enough to see them beat the drop as they finished two points from safety.

In May last year, Martin Foyle was appointed manager with the objective of trying to steer Hereford straight back up to League 2 but, as many ex-League clubs have found, the Blue Square Bet Premier is not an easy division to escape at the first time of asking. The Bulls have had a rather underwhelming season and now find themselves unlikely to make the Play-Offs.

A CLOSER LOOK AT HEREFORD'S SEASON SO FAR

Martin Foyle's team currently reside in eighth place in the Blue Square Bet Premier. From 34 games the Bulls have won 13, drawn 10 and lost 11, scoring 52 goals and conceding 50. It leaves them with a tally of 49 points, 13 off the top five.

It tends to be a rarity in most sides, but Hereford have actually struggled far more at home than on the road this season. At Edgar Street, Foyle's side have been on an abysmal run of form having won only two of their last 12 matches. Alarming for the Hatters, though, Hereford have the fifth best away record in the league and have lost just five games all season on the road. Recently, they have been in excellent form, winning five of their last seven away from Edgar Street which is puzzling when you compare it with their home results.

The Bulls' position in eighth place means there are no real stand-out statistical quirks to their season, except that they have lost 19 points from winning positions which ranks them among the worst clubs for converting leads into wins. Hereford have let leads slip on eight occasions which ended in five draws and three defeats.

HOW WILL THEY PLAY? WHO ARE THEIR DANGER MEN?

Bulls fans have recently questioned Foyle's tactics and team selections citing a lack of creativity in the centre of the park as the main cause of their home ground woes, but this may be less of a problem away from home when



the side play a more direct, counter-attacking style. The Bulls' main source of attack tends to be wing play, and this is reflected in the club's goal assists chart, which place wingers Marley Watkins and Sam Clucas on eight and seven assists respectively.

The man the two wingers will be aiming their crosses for will be top goalscorer Ryan Bowman who has netted 18 times this season. 14 of these goals have come in the Blue Square Bet Premier and nine of those have come away from home.

Former Forest Green goalkeeper James Bittner will start in goal for the Bulls. Right-back Andy Gillingham's energy and thirst for attacking will catch the eye.

Dutch defender Stefan Stam will partner Luke Graham at the back – the latter will no doubt have something to prove at Kenilworth Road after never really fulfilling his promise at Luton. In midfield, wide men Watkins and Clucas are as industrious as they come and will not stop running all game. Watkins did not finish the game against Newport in midweek, but should feature today.

Up front, 21-year-old strapping centre-forward Bowman will look to make the most of his excellent hold up play to help his team gain territory up the pitch and will demand crosses into the box. Livewire Marlon Jackson is returning to full fitness, but should start and will probably look to isolate Steve McNulty in order to beat him with his raw pace.

THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

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

WHAT'S YOUR NAME? Chris Phillips

AGE? 20

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB? 10 years

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE WAY THINGS HAVE GONE IN YOUR FIRST SEASON BACK IN NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL?

I think both the manager and the players have done a tremendous job in difficult circumstances. It was always going to be difficult after relegation but I think the squad so far are exceeding expectations by lying in eighth place. Long may it continue.

WHAT'S BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT AND THE LOWLIGHT OF YOUR SEASON?

The highlight definitely has to be the 3-1 win over local rivals Shrewsbury Town in the FA Cup earlier in the season. It was a superb performance. A low point for me would have to be the 3-0 defeat to Chelmsford City in the FA Trophy. That was an incredibly bad day at the office.

WOULD YOU SAY THE QUALITY/STRENGTH OF THE DIVISION HAS IMPROVED, STAYED THE SAME OR WORSENE SINCE YOU WERE LAST AT THIS LEVEL IN 2006?

I personally think that the quality has improved. You simply have to look at the likes of yourselves, Grimsby, Wrexham and Mansfield and so on, to know that the quality and strength of teams has increased since 2006. Anybody can beat anybody in this league.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?

Keep an eye on Ryan Bowman. The former Darlington man is in fine form and is currently Hereford's top scorer with 18 goals. He holds the ball up well, is excellent in the air and is a superb finisher. At 21, Ryan is a player with massive potential.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR MANAGER MARTIN FOYLE?

I think Martin's done an excellent job in a difficult situation. It was tough on him early on in the season with the financial difficulties and a crippling injury crisis, but he's got Hereford back on track and for the Bulls to be in eighth at this stage is a brilliant achievement. Credit to the players and Martin in particular.

THERE'S BEEN PLENTY OF SPECULATION ON THE CLUB'S FINANCIAL STATE THIS SEASON – DO YOU SEE CHANGES TO THE WAY THE CLUB IS RUN COMING INTO FORCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE? MIGHT YOU HAVE TO GO PART-TIME?

Possibly, but it remains to be seen. I can't imagine the club will go part-time but you never know in football.

WHAT'S YOUR CLUB'S FAVOURITE CHANT/SONG?

"Hereford United, we all love you."

WHAT'S YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE GAME INVOLVING HEREFORD?

It has to be between the Play-Off Final in 2006 (Hereford beat Halifax 3-2) and the 4-1 victory over Dagenham & Redbridge in February 2008.

IF YOU COULD PICK ONE THING TO GET RID OF IN MODERN FOOTBALL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Discrimination, such as racism and homophobia.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A HEREFORD FAN?

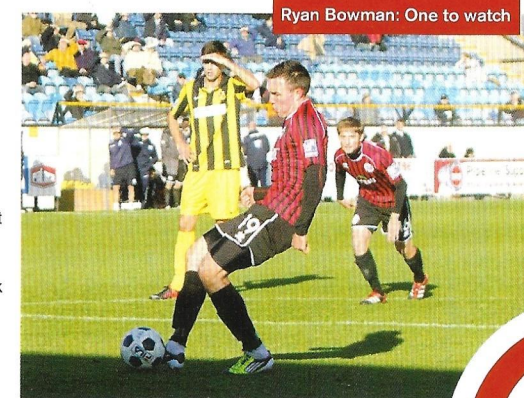
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WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO WIN THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER THIS SEASON?

It's a difficult one with it being so tight at the top, but I would have to go with Wrexham.

WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TODAY?

I'm going to go for 1-1 draw.



Ryan Bowman: One to watch

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS 10 POST-WAR HEREFORD UNITED CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1958/59

Player-boss Joe Wade guided Hereford United to Southern League Cup final glory in 1958/59. Hereford were placed in the North Western Section of a new-look Southern League, which they went on to win by two points from Kettering Town, whom they trounced 5-0 at Edgar Street. They dropped only three points in their final 13 games and scored 11 goals in their two matches with Gloucester. The Bulls lost 2-1 to South Eastern Section winners Bedford Town in the championship Play-Off. In the Southern League Cup, Hereford defeated Wellington, Nuneaton and Tonbridge before trouncing Bath City 6-3 in the final.

1964/65

Albert Derrick and Brian Punter scored 63 goals between them as Hereford United stormed to the Southern League First Division title in 1964/65. Former favourite Freddie Jones returned from Reading, while Bob Dennison also joined Alan Rodgerson, Ronnie Burbeck, Arthur Tyrer and Jock Wallace. Hereford kicked off with a draw at Deal Town and were early pace-setters after winning their next nine Southern League games. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat by title rivals Wimbledon watched by 5,123 at Edgar Street but Hereford went on to win the title by an 11-point margin, scoring 124 goals to also win the Merit Cup.

1971/72

Hereford United made national headlines with their epic FA Cup run in 1971/72. John Charles quit as manager in October 1971 and Colin Addison replaced him as player-boss. Hereford beat Cheltenham Town, King's Lynn and Northampton Town before drawing 1-1 at Newcastle United in the FA Cup third round. Ron Radford's screamer and Ricky George's winner gave Hereford a 2-1 victory in the replay, then they took Bobby Moore's West Ham to a fourth round replay. Hereford lost just one of their last 18 games to finish Southern League Premier Division runners-up and they were also Southern League Cup finalists.

1972/73

Football League new boys Hereford United won promotion at the first attempt in 1972/73. New signings Tommy Naylor, Clive Slattery and Ken Wallace made their debuts as Hereford began life in the Fourth Division with a 1-0 defeat at Colchester. They won their first home match 3-0 against Reading but this was their only victory in the opening 10 games despite the arrival of David Rudge and Harry Gregory. Striker Eric Redrobe was signed from Southport in October, inspiring a 14-match unbeaten run that lifted Hereford to fourth place. They clinched promotion as runners-up with a 1-0 win at home to Crewe on the last day.

1975/76

Dixie McNeil scored 35 goals as Hereford United won the Third Division title in 1975/76. John Sillett signed Steve Ritchie, Jimmy Lindsay and Steve Davey during the summer and Hereford lost just one of their opening 12 matches before losing 4-2 at home to Peterborough when Terry Paine set a new league appearance record. They went top with a 4-1 victory at home to promotion rivals Cardiff City in February and remained in pole position during the closing weeks of the season, winning the title by a six-point margin. Jimmy Lindsay and Steve Ritchie were ever-present as Hereford also reached the Welsh Cup final.

1989/90

Ian Bowyer guided Hereford United to Welsh Cup final glory for the first time in 1989/90. Hereford made a promising start and lost just one of their opening eight Fourth Division games but then slipped down the table with a poor home record. Two late goals gave them a dramatic FA Cup third round win over Walsall and they were unlucky to lose 1-0 at home to Manchester United in the fourth round. Hereford beat Cardiff City 4-3 on aggregate in the Welsh Cup semi-finals, then goals from Colin Robinson and Ian Benbow clinched a thrilling 2-1 win over Wrexham in the Welsh Cup final. Darren Peacock was Player of the Year.



Edgar Street: The Bulls' home since 1924

1995/96

Steve White netted 29 goals as Hereford United qualified for the Third Division Play-Offs in 1995/96. Graham Turner's side kicked off with a 4-0 victory at home to Barnet but won just three of their next 19 matches. They were languishing in 19th place in mid-February despite improved form that had enabled them to take Spurs to an FA Cup third round replay. A club record six successive league wins, including a 3-0 victory over rivals Plymouth, catapulted Hereford into the Play-Off frame and they finished sixth after winning their last two league matches. They were beaten 4-2 on aggregate by Darlington in the Play-Offs.

2003/04

Steve Guinan scored 25 goals as Hereford United were Conference runners-up in 2003/04. The Bulls raced to the top, dropping just two points in their opening eight Conference games. They slammed five goals past Forest Green, Farnborough and Northwich, then Steve Guinan grabbed a hat-trick in a 7-1 demolition of Halifax and Paul Parry emulated the feat in a 7-1 win at Forest Green shortly before joining Cardiff City in January. David Brown netted a hat-trick in Hereford's 9-0 win at Dagenham in February but despite winning their last 11 matches, they finished runners-up and lost on penalties to Aldershot in the Play-Offs.

2004/05

Hereford United finished Conference runners-up for the second consecutive season in 2004/05. Graham Turner's side lost just two of their opening 11 Conference games, hitting four goals past Northwich and Leigh RMI, then halted a disappointing run with a 4-0 victory at Canvey Island. The Bulls remained in contention for the Play-Offs, also reaching the FA Cup second round and the semi-finals of both the FA Trophy and LDV Vans Trophy. Adam Stansfield was leading marksman with 19 goals as Hereford lost just one of their last 16 matches and finished runners-up. They lost 2-1 to Stevenage in the Play-Off semi-finals.

2005/06

Graham Turner plotted Hereford United's 2005/06 Conference Play-Off final triumph. They kicked off with a 4-0 victory at home to Scarborough but results were inconsistent over the first three months of the season. Rob Purdie scored twice in a 4-0 win over Woking at Edgar Street in mid-November but Hereford lost their next home match 2-0 against Exeter City, before soaring up the table. They were defeated just once in their last 24 games - 1-0 at home to Kidderminster in March - finishing runners-up for the third successive season. Hereford beat Halifax 3-2 in the Play-Off final to regain Football League status after a nine-year absence.



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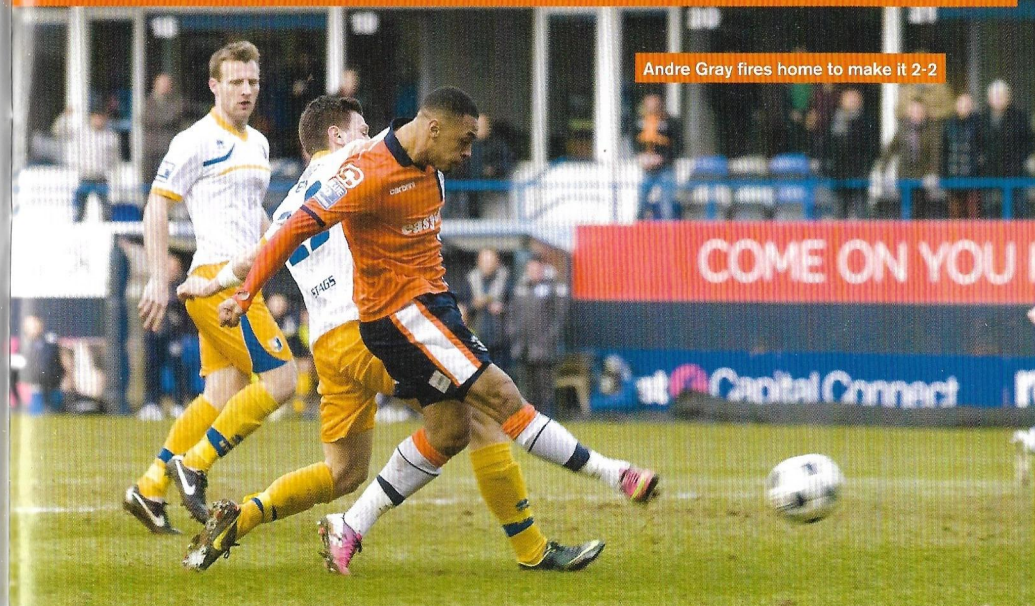


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TOWN 2-3 MANSFIELD



Andre Gray fires home to make it 2-2

ROUGH JUSTICE

Alan Neilson thought the last-gasp defeat to Mansfield epitomised the Town's season.

The Hatters twice came back from behind to level thanks to goals from Scott Rendell and Andre Gray but, despite looking the more likely side to go on and win the game, London Meikle's 90th-minute goal won it for the Stags.

"I thought the defeat was harsh," said Neilson, who was in caretaker charge for the match. "We got back in the game and in the last 25 minutes we were in the ascendancy."

"We were hit by the sucker punch in the final minute - and that almost summed up our season. We were on top and haven't scored the goal we deserved, and then we make a mistake and the game turns on its head."

"We've been making mistakes all season and today, when we thought we might get three points, or even a point, we're left with nothing. Mistakes have to stop if we've got any chance of getting in the Play-Offs."

The defeat continued the Town's poor form in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

"We just need to win a game," said Neilson. "We have 16 games left but you need to take it a game at the time. We'll go there and roll up our sleeves and

we have to cut out any mistakes and go there with confidence hoping to start a run going."

Mansfield took the lead on 32 minutes when Steve McNulty brought down Colin Daniel in the box and Matt Green beat Mark Tyler from the penalty spot.

Hurt, the Town responded and levelled just three minutes later when Rendell side-footed home after Jonathan Smith's goal-bound shot deflected into his path.

However, the Stags re-took the lead a minute before the break when Daniel finished well from the left-hand side of the penalty area.

The Town, though, bossed long periods of the second half and deservedly drew level just two minutes after the restart. Rendell's fine through ball was perfect for Gray who slammed the ball past Stags goalkeeper Alan Marriott.

As time ticked down, it looked as though it would be the Hatters that would steal the points with Rendell, Gray and Stuart Fleetwood all coming close - but just when it looked like the points would be shared Meikle stabbed home to win it for Mansfield after Mark Tyler had done brilliantly to parry Chris Clements' initial shot.



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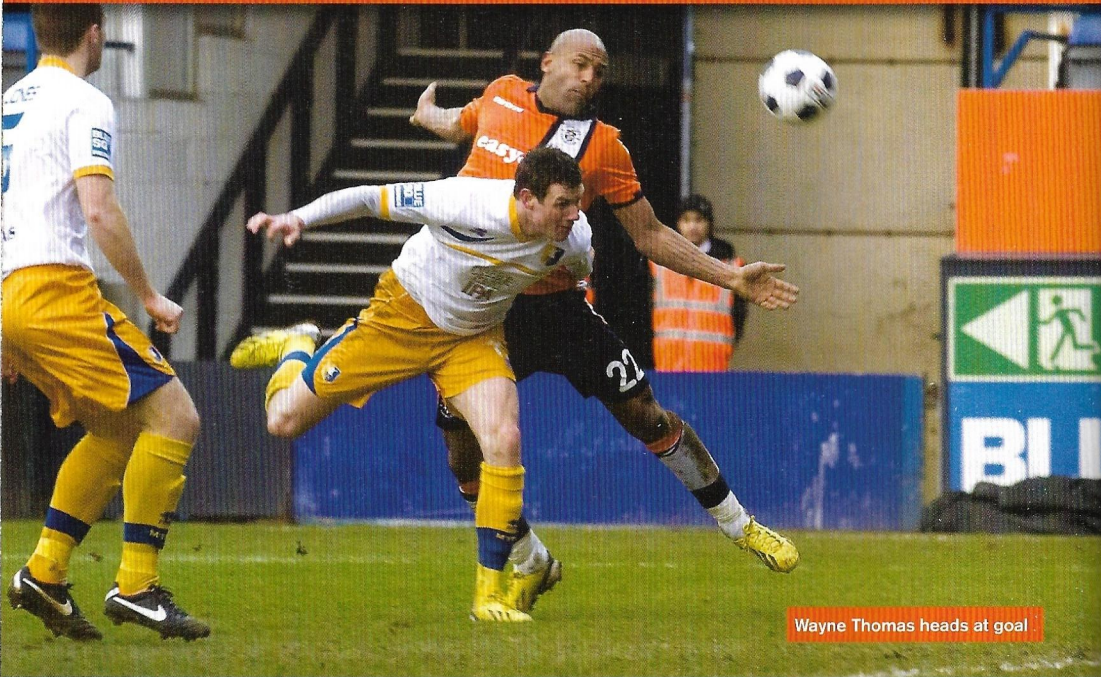


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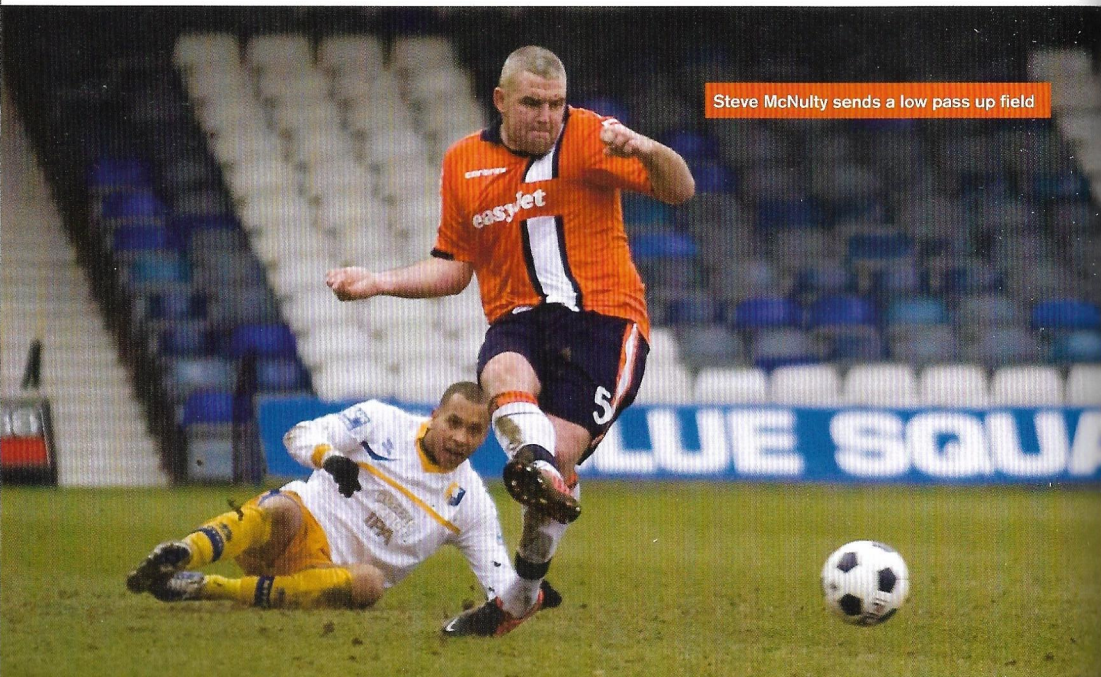
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Rendell 36, Gray 47

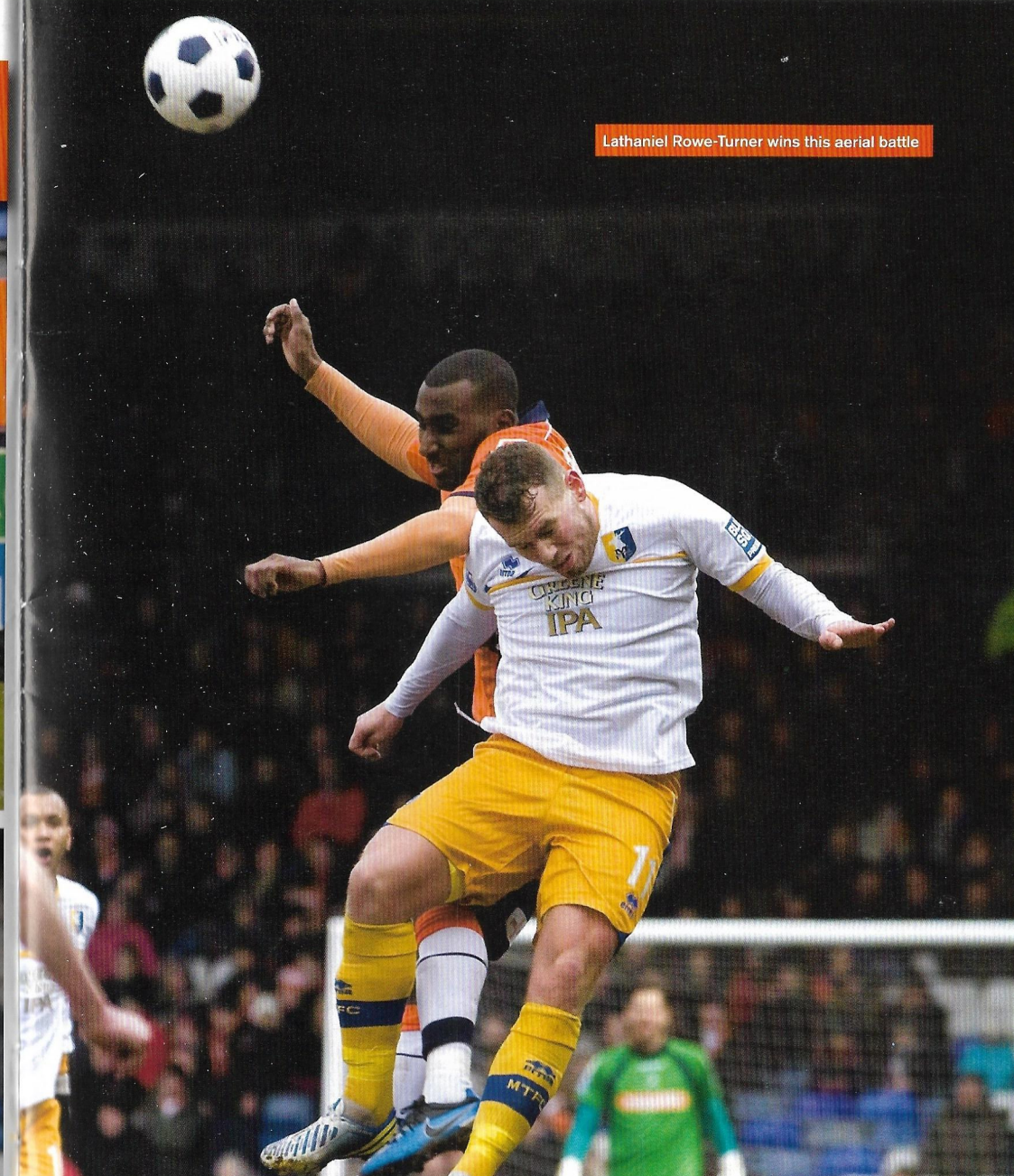
Green 32 (pen), Daniel 44, Meikle 90



Wayne Thomas heads at goal



Steve McNulty sends a low pass up field



Lathaniel Rowe-Turner wins this aerial battle

POSSESSION

45% 55%

CORNERS

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OFFSIDES

3 5

SHOTS ON TARGET

6 6

SHOTS OFF TARGET

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FOULS

13 11

YELLOW CARDS

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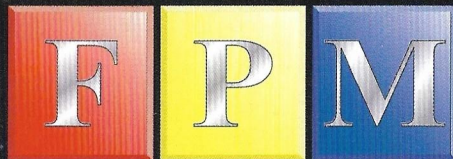
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TOWN: Rowe-Turner, Henry, McNulty, Thomas, Lawless, Martin (sub Fleetwood 55), Neilson (sub Howells 63), Smith, Rendell, Gray. **Subs not used:** Brill, Mendy, Ainge.

MANSFIELD: Marriott, Dempster, Jones, Beevers, Jennings, Clements, Murray, Stevenson (sub Hutchinson 74), Daniel, Green (sub Wright 90), Briscoe (sub Meikle 86). **Subs not used:** Sutton, Rhead.

ATTENDANCE: 5,968 (410 Mansfield)



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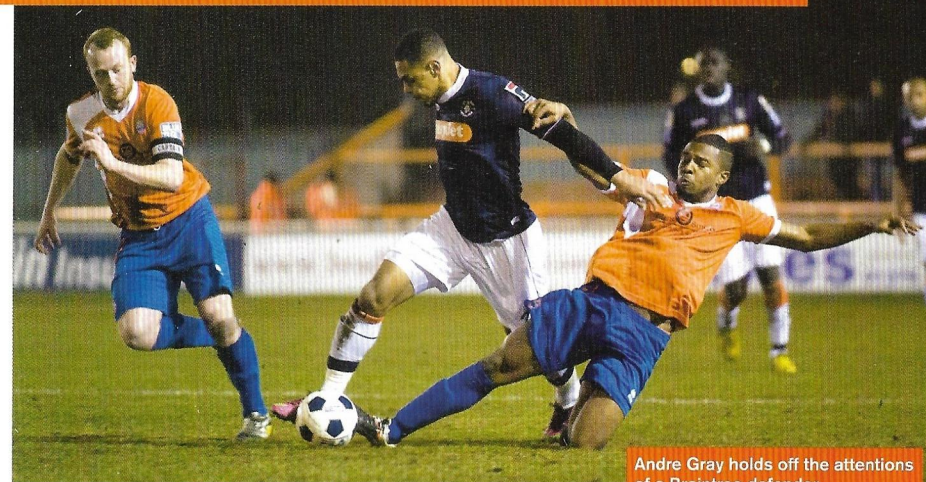
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BRAINTREE 2-0 TOWN



Andre Gray holds off the attentions of a Braintree defender

DEJA VU

Newly-installed manager John Still watched on as the Hatters fell to a disappointing defeat at Braintree – to slip further in their quest to reach the top five.

It was two goals, from Sean Marks and Kenny Davis, in a seven-minute spell either side of the break that did the damage in a game that saw both sides finish the game with 10 men.

Caretaker boss Alan Neilson made two changes to the side that lost at home to Mansfield with Arnaud Mendy and Stuart Fleetwood given starts. Scott Neilson and Dave Martin both dropped to the bench.

The Town started brightly with Andre Gray's pace down the right flank troubling the home defence.

However, there was little to note in a distinctly low-key first 15 minutes. But, just like the previous match at Macclesfield, the Hatters' opponents were reduced to 10 men. On this occasion Arnaud Mendy was on the receiving end of a nasty challenge by Matt Paine on 21 minutes.

Little continued to happen in front of goal as both teams struggled to create a clear-cut chance but, 13 minutes after Paine's dismissal, referee Bull reached for a second red card of the night when giving Wayne Thomas his marching orders for an off-the-ball incident following a Town corner.

With both sides now down to 10 men, it was the hosts that nosed in front three minutes before the break. Dan Holman weaved past Steve McNulty down

the right, and his low cross was nonchalantly flicked home by Marks past Mark Tyler from a matter of yards.

The Town made a change at the break, introducing Greg Taylor for Lathanil Rowe-Turner, but four minutes into second half the hosts doubled their lead. The Hatters failed clear their lines and Holman, the creator of the first goal, hung up a right-wing cross towards Davis, the home skipper, who was free at the back post to head past an exposed Tyler.

The introductions of Simon Ainge, for Mendy, and Scott Neilson, for the injured Scott Rendell, saw the Town finally test home goalkeeper Nathan McDonald, but Gray's header from close range was easy pickings for the Iron number one shortly before the hour.

The stopper had to be alert on 69 minutes to keep out the Hatters' best chance of the night when parrying Fleetwood's low shot after the striker had burst into the penalty area down the left.

Still, the Town pushed for a way back into the game but found their path to goal blocked by a wall of orange Braintree shirts.

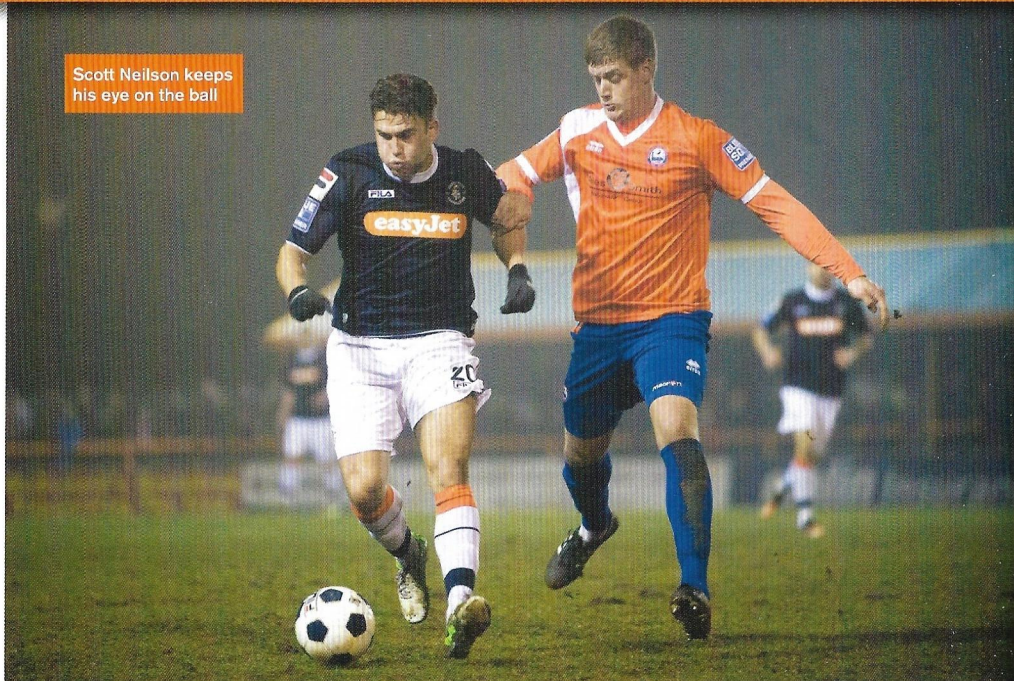
Braintree had barely threatened Tyler's goal since their early second-half strike but James Mulley should have done better when scuffing a shot wide when well-placed with three minutes to go – and that was the last meaningful action on another miserable visit to Cressing Road watched for the second successive season by the manager in waiting.



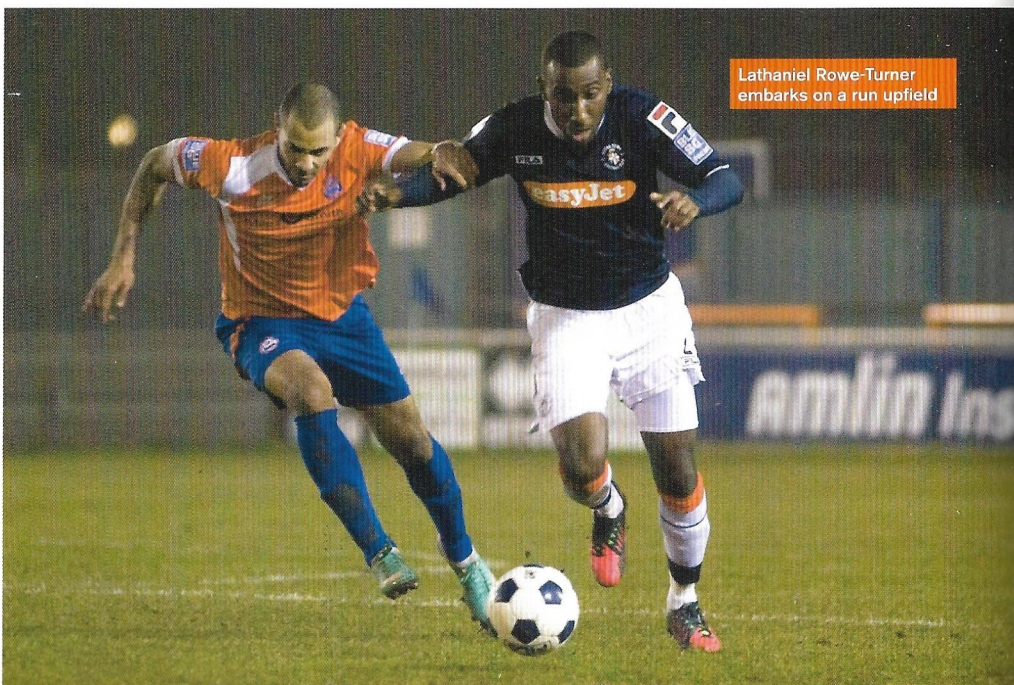
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Marks 42, Davis 49

Scott Neilson keeps his eye on the ball



Lathaniel Rowe-Turner embarks on a run upfield



Alex Lawless heads clear



POSSESSION

49% 51%

CORNERS

2 3

OFFSIDES

5 5

SHOTS ON TARGET

4 2

SHOTS OFF TARGET

2 3

FOULS

8 22

YELLOW CARDS

2 1

RED CARDS

1 1

BRAINTREE:

McDonald
Habergham
Paine
Massey
Wells
Davis
Daley
(sub Symons 28)
Mulley
(sub Watts 90)
Peters
Marks
Holman
(sub Sparkes 70)
Subs not used:
Cox
Wickham

TOWN:

Tyler
Rowe-Turner
(sub Taylor 46)
Henry
Thomas
McNulty
Lawless
Mendy
(sub Ainge 61)
Smith
Rendell
(sub Neilson 55)
Fleetwood
Gray
Subs not used:
Brill
Martin

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The Town are defending a fine record on this day in history this afternoon. Of the 13 games played, the Hatters have won eight, drawn two and lost three. They've scored 21 and conceded 15, which works out at an average of 2.7 goals per game. Of the eight victories, four have been by a 2-1 scoreline and three have been courtesy of a 3-1 scoreline.

LAST TIME OUT

It was 2-1 and three points for the Town the last time they played on this day. The Hatters had a last minute winner from striker Tom Craddock to see off Forest Green Rovers at Kenilworth Road in the Blue Square Bet Premier. On a sandy pitch, Craddock had earlier put the Town ahead before Rovers hit back.

ON THE MARCH

In 2002, the Hatters were well on their way to winning promotion from Division 3 (now League 2) under manager Joe Kinnear. By the time they made the trip to Rushden & Diamonds the Town had won their previous five games in their quest to overhaul leaders Plymouth. A Paul Hall goal two minutes after half-time had the Diamonds in front before the Town, roared on by 2,500 fans in the away, fought back and goals from Dean Crowe and Steve Howard made it six wins on the bounce. Current Town coaches Carl Emberson and Alan Neilson were in the Town starting XI that day.

HEY BIG SPENDERS

Backed by the millions of Mohammed Al-Fayed, big-spending Fulham inflicted a 4-0 home defeat on the Town on this day in 1999. The Hatters' cause isn't helped by the 32nd-minute dismissal of Alan White but two goals from Geoff Horsfield and strikes from Paul Trollope and Barry Hayles sealed the victory for Fulham.

25 YEARS UNBEATEN

Between 1968 and 1993, the Hatters only played four times on this day in history – but won all four occasions. It began in the Division Four (now League 2) title winning season in 1968 when goals from

Ian Buxton and Bruce Rioch earned a 2-0 win over Port Vale in front of 12,749 at Kenilworth Road.

In 1974, the Hatters won 3-1 at Boothferry Park against Hull City in a season that would also end in promotion, this time from the old Second Division (now Championship) to now what is the Premier League. Goals from Alan West, Peter Anderson and John Aston secured the points on Humberside.

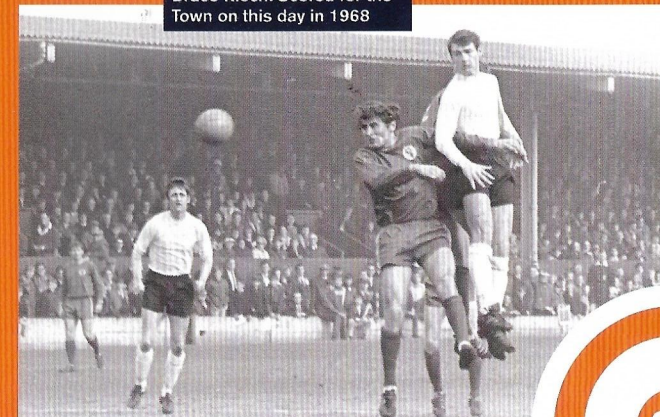
The Hatters were fighting to save their top-flight lives in 1991 when they travelled to Aston Villa on this day. Jim Ryan's Town side left Villa Park with all three points thanks to a Derek Mountfield own goal and fine volley from Mark Pembroke. Goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain was also the hero, saving a David Platt penalty.

The four-match winning sequence continued with a 3-1 win over Oxford United at Kenilworth Road in 1993. David Preece, Phil Gray and Scott Oakes were all on target for the Town in Division One (now Championship). The unbeaten run of results on 9th March ended on the Hatters' first visit to Huddersfield's McAlpine Stadium in 1996, where they lost 1-0.

TOP FLIGHT FANCY

The Hatters have twice tasted success in the top tier of English football on this day. As well as the victory over Aston Villa, mentioned above, the Town beat Arsenal 3-1 at Highbury in 1957. Future Town manager Allan Brown scored twice, whilst record goalscorer Gordon Turner notched the other in front of 41,288 in North London.

Bruce Rioch: Scored for the Town on this day in 1968



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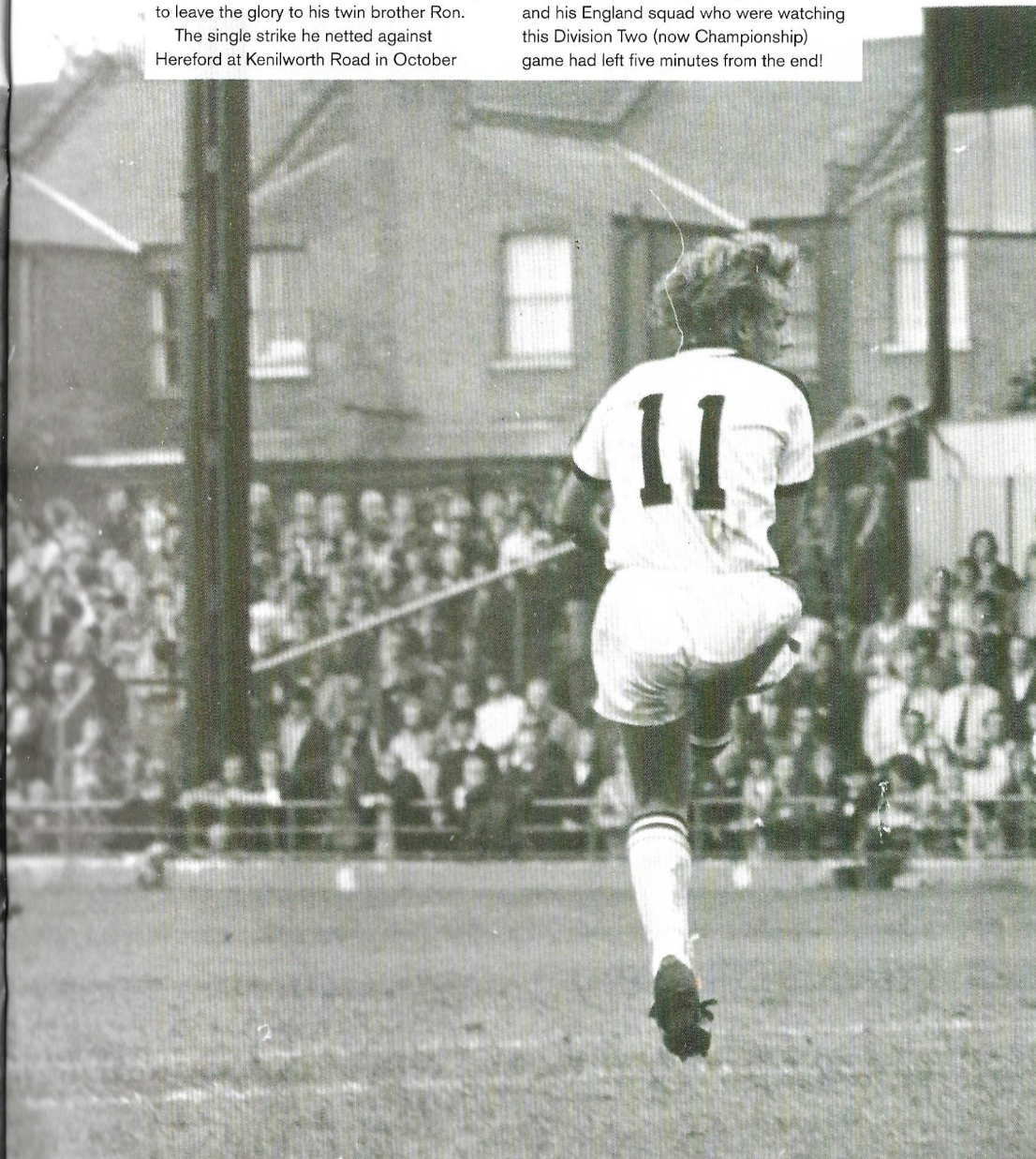
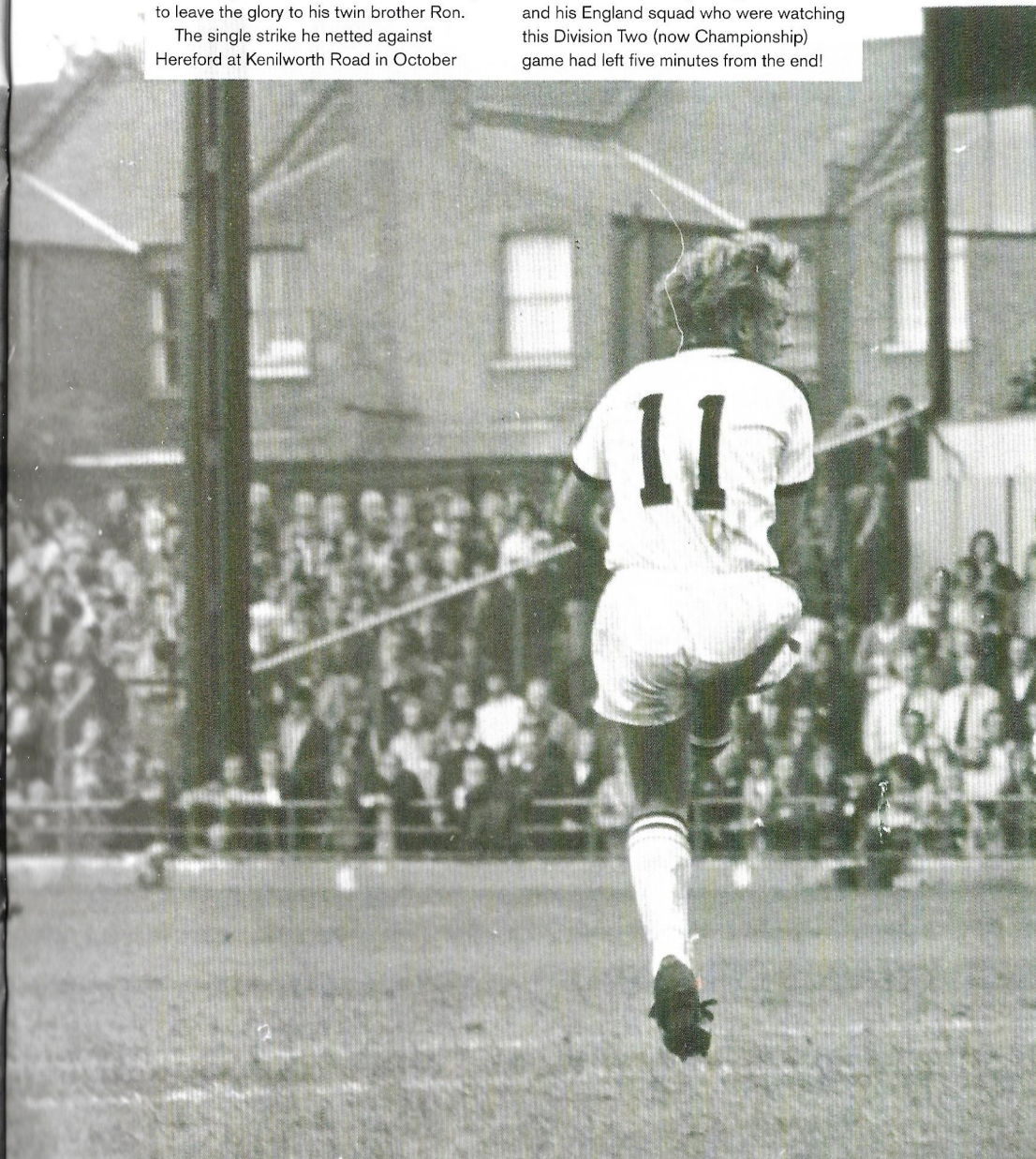
Andre Gray holds off the attentions of his marker during our 3-2 home defeat against Mansfield

PICTURE

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

The single strike he netted against Hereford at Kenilworth Road in October

1976 came in the final minute and confirmed a 2-0 victory Sadly, Don Revie and his England squad who were watching this Division Two (now Championship) game had left five minutes from the end!



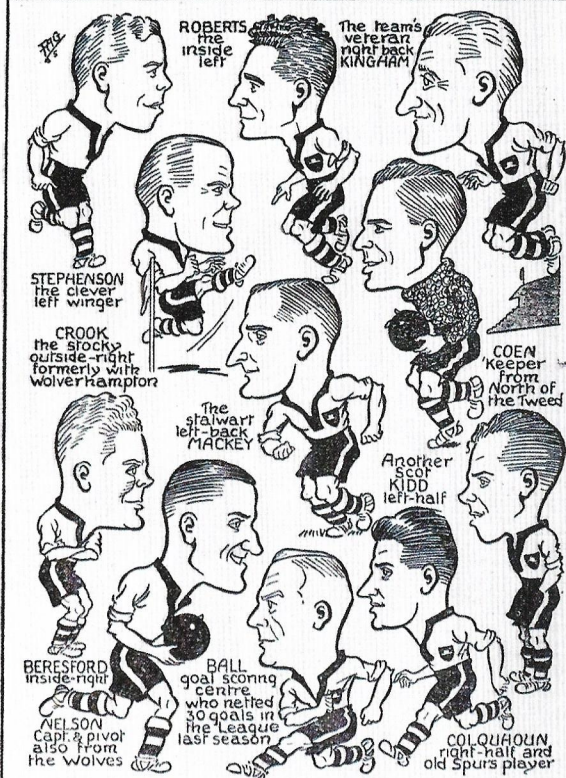
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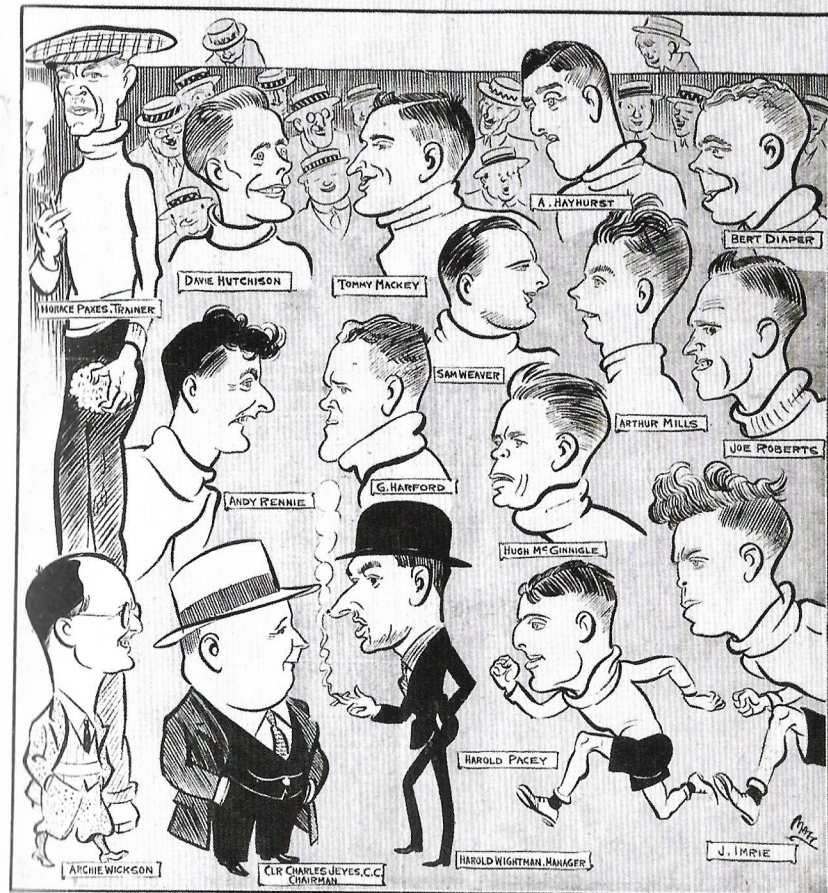
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Caricatures of Luton Town players and officials from 1933 and 1935. I wonder if Alex Lawless, with his previously hidden talents, could come up with a modern day version?

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

**CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE**

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STOCKPORT 0-1 TOWN



Andre Gray is stopped in his tracks at Edgeley Park

OFF THE MARK

New Town manager John Still was pleased to see his side mark his first game in charge with victory at Stockport.

Jake Howells' second goal of the season in first-half stoppage time was enough to give the new boss a winning start - and end a torrid eight-match sequence for the Hatters without a win in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

"If we show performances levels of today for the rest of the season then that will be pleasing," said Still.

"We had a bit of structure about what we wanted to do and we did it well, trying to take advantage of the pace of the players we had up front.

"We had one chance from the penalty spot and had several other opportunities without giving the opposition too many.

"We didn't go chasing the ball, we kept our shape and there was a bit of determination about us.

"For me, in the first game, I'm very, very pleased. It was very good but will we play better? Yes. Will we play worse? Probably. We just need a level of consistency.

"Both our wide men were very good, our midfield four were excellent and the back four did very well to limit the opposition. The front players worked hard and created problems.

"It was a solid performance and we probably deserved to win by more, but credit to Stockport because they kept going.

"But honestly, there is a lot of work to do. The nice thing, though, is that the players know that too."

The Town were deserved victors at a ground where they boast an impressive record.

Not since November 1968 have the Hatters lost at Edgeley Park and this win was their fourth win in seven visits.

Before Howells' winner, the Hatters missed several chances to get their noses in front. Andre Gray was denied by the legs of the home goalkeeper inside 10 minutes before he won a penalty that Stuart Fleetwood saw saved.

Stockport, themselves struggling for confidence having lost their previous two home fixtures, failed to test Mark Tyler all afternoon.

In the second period, Gray, Howells, Fleetwood and substitute Scott Rendell all came close to adding to the scoreline but in the end the Hatters were able to celebrate a first win in seven league games and a first victory away from home in the league since late October.



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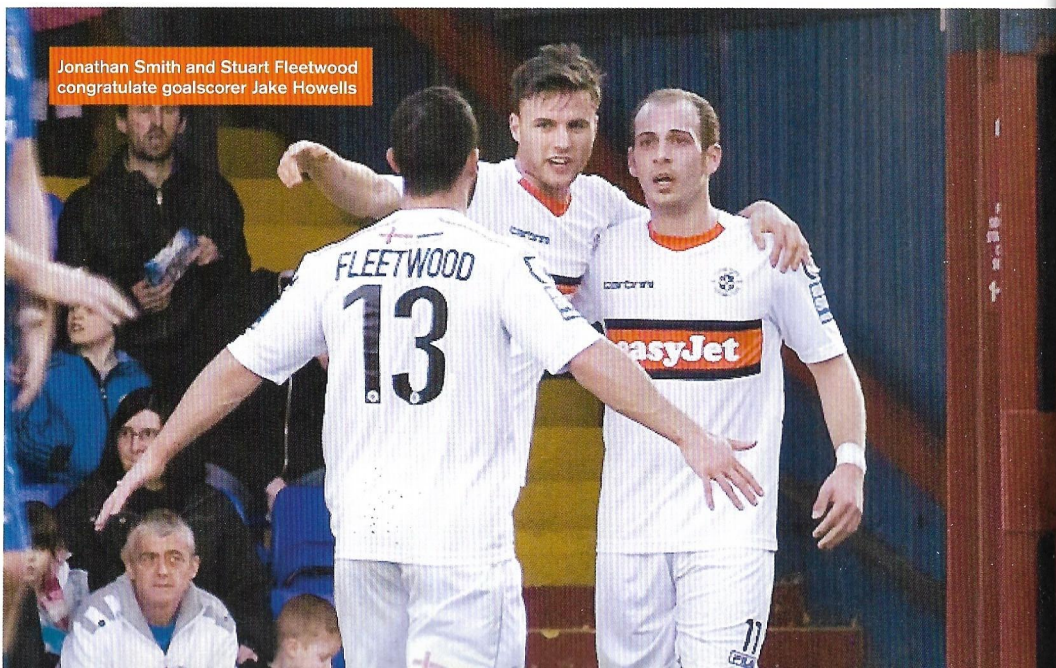


TOWN 1

Howells 45



Alex Lawless shows close control



Jonathan Smith and Stuart Fleetwood congratulate goalscorer Jake Howells



Stuart Fleetwood does well to hold off this Stockport challenge

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4 6

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0 5

SHOTS OFF TARGET
2 8

FOULS
8 8

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RED CARDS
0 0

STOCKPORT: O'Donnell, Halls (sub Cirak 80), Newton, Hammar, Tunncliffe, Sheridan, Nolan, Mainwaring (sub Hackney 57), Marshall, Hattersley, Cullen (sub Whitehead 57). Subs not used: Ormson, Fagbola.

TOWN: Tyler, Rowe-Turner, Henry, McNulty, Kovacs (sub Taylor 59), Howells, Lawless, Smith, Mendy, Fleetwood (sub Rendell 67), Gray, (sub Walker 76). Subs not used: Brill, O'Donnell.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

It's been all change at Town then since my last column as new boss John Still leads a Luton team out at Kenilworth Road for the first time this afternoon.

Although declaring during his unveiling press conference that his appointment wouldn't be a quick fix for Town, expectation is high as Still has got form in this league, taking a highly unfancied Dagenham & Redbridge side to the title.

Covering the Daggers from their start of their life in the Football League while at the Dagenham Post, I witnessed first hand how Still turned the Victoria Road club from a side battling relegation into Play-Off winners in just three seasons.

It certainly surprised me that he chose to leave the Daggers after almost nine years at the helm, but you get the feeling the 'project' at Luton was just too difficult to turn down.

Flourished

Hard work, organisation and enjoyment are three of the main elements to any team under Still's leadership.

He can certainly spot a player too. Just some of the names of people who have flourished under his guidance include Craig Mackail-Smith now with Brighton, while Dwight Gayle is really starting to make the headlines after he was snapped up by Peterborough.

Other successes include Paul Benson, Sam Saunders and Solomon Taiwo, who I wasn't surprised Still went back for on Thursday afternoon, with Daggers often being well recompensed for their services.

Although not every manager's loan signings come off, including Still, the boss had plenty of success on that front too, plucking the likes of the unknown Matt Ritchie and Marlon Pack from Portsmouth's reserves.



Mike spent three years covering John Still's Dagenham before moving to the Luton News

Ritchie went on to excel at Swindon, as Bournemouth splashed out £400k to sign him, while Pack is now one of the top midfielders in League Two.

Still is already becoming something of a cult hero with fans too for his straight talking and reference to himself in the third person, done with tongue plenty of cheek at times.

While, out of all of the various managers I've dealt with over the years now, Still is the one who above all, appears to just genuinely love being involved in the game.

The glint in his eye when talking about a recent win, an upcoming match, or another rough diamond he has uncovered is plain for all to see.

Even defeat doesn't faze him too much either, as he sticks to quite possibly one of his most favourite saying of "never too high, never too low" regardless of how things are going.

Let's just hope that his tenure is one of undoubted highs though, and the Town can finally regain their rightful place in the Football League.

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STUART HAMMONDS

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 1 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.

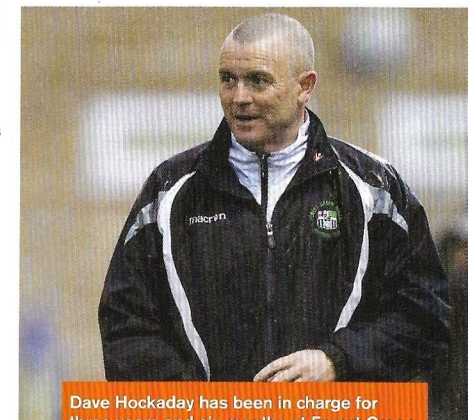
The two-and-a-half year contract "with achievement based extensions" offered to him at Kenilworth Road – where Paul Buckle recently left his post as the fourth man to try, and ultimately not succeed, at ending the Hatters' frustration in the Blue Square Bet Premier – proved to be that carrot.

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 2 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 former 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



Dave Hockaday has been in charge for three years and six months at Forest Green

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.

TIME IN CHARGE:

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER:

Andy Morrell (Wrexham)	1 year 5 months
Steve Burr (Kidderminster)	3 years 1 month
Rob Scott & Paul Hurst (Grimsby)	1 year 11 months
Justin Edinburgh (Newport)	1 year 4 months
Dave Hockaday (Forest Green)	3 year 6 months
Paul Cox (Mansfield)	1 year 9 months

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH:

Darrell Clarke (Salisbury)	2 years 6 months
Jamie Day (Welling)	3 years 4 months

BLUE SQUARE BET NORTH:

Neil Young (Chester)	2 years 9 months
Steve Kittrick (Guiseley)	5 years 2 months

JOHN STILL

Today will mark the home debut of the Hatters new chief John Still. The 62-year-old penned a deal with the Hatters until 2015 and will take charge of his Kenilworth Road bow this afternoon when his side play host to Hereford United.

Shortly after his appointment, Still spoke to Talk of the Town to introduce himself to the Luton Town faithful.

Talk of the Town: John, Welcome to Luton Town, a busy first day in charge getting to know the names of everybody.

John Still: "Absolutely, it's what you would expect for a first day. It's not really been a first day because I've just walked around and met people rather than the things I'm going to do such as training and things which hasn't been done. I've met the players and the staff, it's been a late one because the discussion between the clubs wasn't concluded till late at night so I have to finalise a few things at Dagenham and then look forward to training."

TOTT: You've met the press as well and outlined what you want to achieve, just tell us a bit about what you do want to achieve at the football club?

JS: "I feel that sometimes we get a bit caught out with false economy - live now pay later - and that's never been my way. The first thing I want to do is do the best I can do before the end of the season and do everything I can to make the most of what I can with what is left of this season."

"I always say when I go into a club it's a project. I want to take this club as far as it believes it can go, where that is I don't know. If it was just up one I would have stayed where I am, I don't want to do that, I don't believe the club wants to do that, so we have to have a project. It will start now and it will be a little step, then a bigger step, then a bigger step and it might take a little bit of time. If you look at what people class as the most successful managers and touch wood, I have been one of them."

"Alex Ferguson has been at his club a long time, David Moyes has been at his club a long time, I understand the problems at Arsenal at the moment but if you look at what he's won, Arsene Wenger has been there a long time. I was the longest serving Football League manager and the fourth in the whole country at any level is nine years. That

tells you something. Clubs who are considered the most successful have had the same people for a long time and build the club, that's what I want to do here."

"This football club is well organised and well run. It is a proper determined, organised football club and should be playing at the level it deserves, where that level is at the moment I'm not sure but I'm not a quick-fix person. I believe that if there is a potential there, let's go and fulfil that potential."

TOTT: You have to take the rough with the smooth I guess?

JS: "It's like marriage isn't it? It's not wonderful every day, you have your ups and downs, and we will have our ups and downs. The pleasure you get when you build something is immense, it really is immense and I just want

to build this club into the best it believes it can be. I believe the project that we are going to undertake here. A couple of years into the project here and people will understand what I mean because they will see for their self. They will see what has been created and what is being created, once you actually get to a point, it grows in front of your eyes. It's like the foundations of a house, you don't see them, but you don't half miss them when they're not there."

"That's what I need to do first, get the foundations in first and I will start to put the beginning of that foundation in place and as soon as that is solid I am going to add to it, and add to it, and add to it, and add to it, until gradually you can see it above the ground and people start to realise they can see it now. That's what I'm going to try and do. No, that is what I am going to do."

TOTT: At your first press conference the word 'expectation' cropped up a million times, how do you deal with that?

JS: "Expectation is everywhere, but what really is expectation? It's living up to what people honestly expect you to achieve. An expectation for Manchester United is to win the league and do well in the Champions League. An expectation for Norwich is to stay in the Premier League. Two clubs in the same league with different expectations. My expectation is to get this club into the best possible position that it honestly believes it should be at - that's what I want to do. If the club expects to be in the Championship and can support that, to get that financially and facility wise, then it's achievable. If that's their expectation then I want to live up to that expectation."

TOTT: You were in a contract with Dagenham, a lot of people said you had that job for life, what drew you to Luton Town?

JS: "When we had this going at Dagenham, I always knew there would be a time. I could have just stayed there and done the 10 years, everyone says '10 years what an achievement', but I never looked at it that way. What I had said over the last couple of years was that it was my intention to try and get Dagenham in the Football League and make them a Football League club - well we've done that now, and they are a recognised Football League club."

"When that time came, the next step would be if there was a club out there at the right time, because it's got to be right place, right time, right club, that had a dream, that had an idea, that had a purpose of what I wanted to do, that matched mine, I'd be interested. The league doesn't bother me, I haven't got an ego, the

league doesn't bother me, whether it's the Conference, League 2, League 1 - it doesn't matter. Over the years I have had a lot of clubs show an interest, particularly the last few years, but I don't want to go to a club where the ambition is to stand still. We were fortunate at Dagenham, we've created legends, players that got them up, players that got them into League 1. Over the course of my time at Dagenham I'd been given freedom of the Borough, London Sports Personality of the Year and become a legend. I want to become a legend at Luton. I want to be a legend and I want the players to be legends and I want to staff to be legends. I was there when that happened. That is what excites me."

TOTT: What is your proudest achievement at Dagenham? The promotions or bringing through young players?

JS: "Both really. To bring Dagenham into the Football League was special. I done it many years ago with Maidstone but Dagenham is a club closer to me than Maidstone. Developing young players and seeing them go on to careers are great, they are terrific. I have had players that have gone on to become full internationals and the most pleasurable thing about it, since this was announced, the amount of former players that have gone on and done well for themselves that have rung me is incredible and that gives me a lot of pleasure."

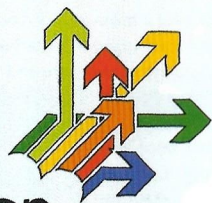
TOTT: From a former outsider looking in, do you know much about the players?

JS: "I know most of the players, I don't know them that well, of course. The funny thing about football, there could be three, four, five, six, or 10 of them that haven't been very good but I haven't seen it. I might see it and they might be good. I might look at things a bit differently."

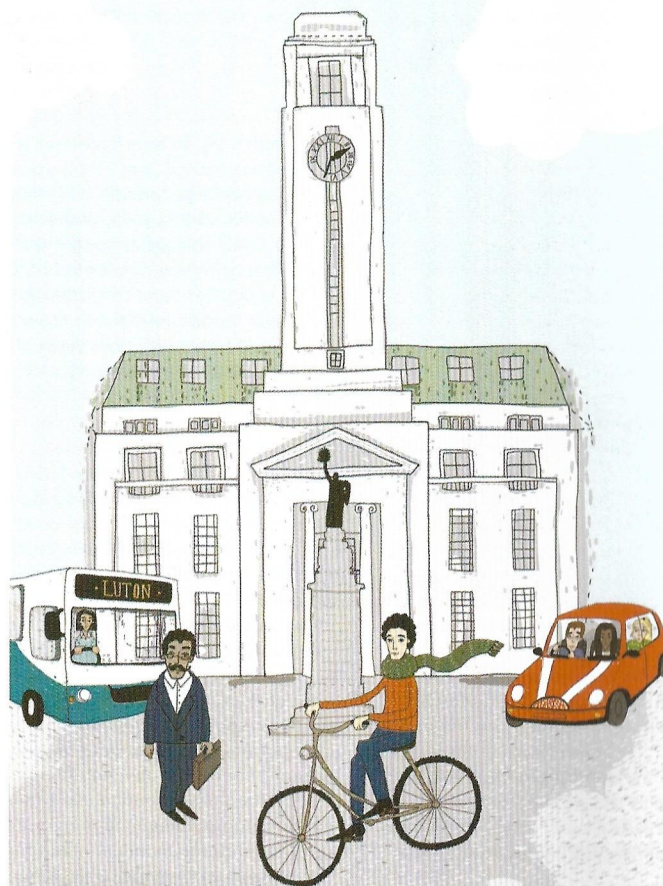
"Everyone starts with a clean sheet, they've got to. I can't really comment on what has gone before but the biggest thing we need now is that everyone that puts a shirt on needs a winning mentality. We need to get a winning mentality. Let's not worry about what we are going to do next week, let's worry about the next game."

TOTT: Is that what you said to the players when you met them?

JS: "Absolutely. Let's look at today. Today is a game that could win you promotion so let's win this one. Let's not worry about next week because that's another one - let's win the game today because, believe it or not, you might look back at the end of the season having won promotion and say that win we got there was the win that mattered."



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ALEX WALL

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

John Still prized his first signing as Luton Town boss last week by snapping up Maidenhead marksman Alex Wall.

The 22-year-old forward has joined Still's men a day after he was crowned Blue Square Bet South Player of the Month for February, following a red-hot month in front of goal. "This is where I've been working towards," said Wall after agreeing a move on-loan until the end of the season with a view to a permanent switch. "I'm buzzing to be here, it's a massive club so I'm really excited."

It has been a busy period for the Hatters over this last week with Still's appointment coming before Wall's addition on Friday, and the front man admitted it was only at the very last minute he realised a move to Kenilworth Road was on the cards.

"We had a game Tuesday night so I didn't find out until after the game that I would be coming up here with the manager on Thursday," Wall said.

"I didn't know I was going to be signing Thursday, I thought it was just for a look around but the deal was done and I'm really happy with it.

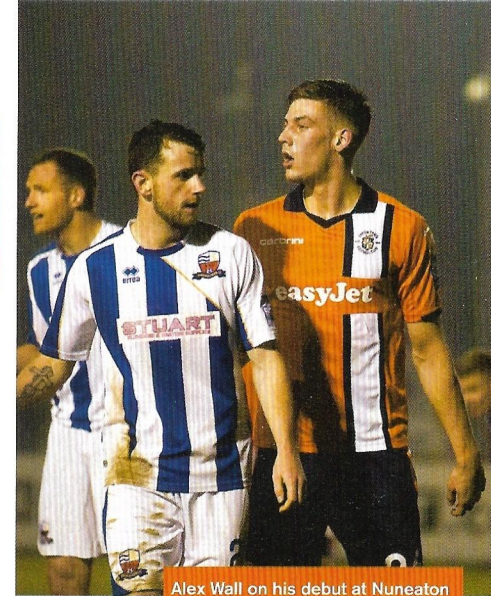
"I was supposed to be training with Maidenhead Thursday night but obviously we didn't know the situation here so I had my training kit, ready to train after having a look round here.

"Obviously things developed and I didn't train so I played my last game for Maidenhead on Tuesday night with a good win but I can't wait to get started here.

"I'm looking forward to working with John. I think he has the same kind of philosophy as me. He's old school and just works hard. I had a trial with Dagenham about two years ago now, that didn't really work out as I got injured in the trial. He said he has been monitoring me since then so I'm happy to link up with him again here at Luton."

It was a week for celebration for Wall who topped a fantastic seven days off by landing the Blue Square South Player of the Month award just hours before penning a move to Bedfordshire. "A friend rang me and told me I'd won the Conference South player of the month which I was happy about," said the 22-year-old.

"I'd been looking to win that before I did leave Maidenhead and then the news about signing here so Thursday was a good day."



Alex Wall on his debut at Nuneaton

His form in this past month has brought many admirers including the Blue Square judging panel.

He slammed home 10 goals in his last 12 starts for the Magpies, something he is keen to continue after making the step up.

"I haven't kept track of it to be honest," he said. "I've been trying to focus on scoring goals for Maidenhead but hopefully I can bring my goalscoring touch here, to Luton and get them out of the league.

"I can't wait, Luton's a massive club, with loads of history and hopefully we can get back up into the league and push on.

Work hard

"I will do my best in every single game, I will give absolutely everything. I will work hard and obviously my main objective is to score goals and help Luton towards where they want to be."

This represented a huge opportunity for Wall after coming from a non-league footballing upbringing.

His talents and ability have caused many to keep tabs on the 6ft 3in striker but after joining Maidenhead four years ago his stock has risen uncontrollably, meaning his link up with John Still was one that pleased both parties.

"I started playing football at six years old just for my local team. I was never in an academy. I went to a college after school which was involved with Thatcham Town and I signed for their youth team.

"My mate was in the same youth team and was the goalkeeper at Maidenhead. He urged me to come for a trial, the manager signed me up and this was my fourth season there before coming here."

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AUGUST

Sat 11 Leyton Orient	A	L 0-2	
Sat 18 Dagenham & Redbridge	H	L 2-3	Jibodu (pen), Smith
Sat 25 Stevenage	A	W 3-2	McKenzie-Lowe, (og), Amu

SEPTEMBER

Sat 01 Peterborough United	A	W 2-0	McKenzie-Lowe, own goal
Wed 18 AFC Kempston Rovers	A	W 4-0	McKenzie-Lowe 2, Amu 2
Sat 22 Milton Keynes Dons	A	D 2-2	Amu, Smith (pen)
Sat 29 Northampton Town	H	D 1-1	Davis

OCTOBER

Wed 03 P'boro Northern Star	H	W 6-0	Banton 3, Amu, McKenzie-Lowe, Trotman
Sat 06 Stevenage	A	L 2-3	Smith 2 (1 pen)
Sat 13 Northampton Town	H	D 0-0	

Wed 17 Barton Rovers	H	W 3-1	Amu 2, Smith
Sat 20 Watford	H	L 0-3	
Sat 27 Peterborough United	H	L 2-6	McKenzie-Lowe, Banton
Tue 30 Stevenage	H	L 0-3	

NOVEMBER

Sat 03 Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-4	Banton, Amu
Sat 17 Watford	A	W 2-1	Banton, McKenzie-Lowe
Sat 24			In Service Training

DECEMBER

Tue 04 Peterborough United	H	W 2-0	Amu, Nwagala
Sat 08 Northampton Town	A	W 3-0	Jibodu, Banton, Amu

JANUARY

Sat 12 Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-3	Magaraushe, Pittfield
Sat 26 Leyton Orient	H	D 2-2	Banton, Smith

FEBRUARY

Sat 09 Stevenage	H	W 2-0	Amu, McKenzie-Lowe
Tue 19 Dagenham & Redbridge	A	W 2-0	Smith (pen), Banton
Sat 23 Aldershot Town	A	D 1-1	Banton

MARCH

Sat 02 AFC Wimbledon	H	W 4-3	Banton, McKenzie-Lowe, Smith (pen), Longden
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Sat 09 AFC Wimbledon	A	11.00am	
Sat 16 Southend United	H	11.00am	
Sat 23 Portsmouth	A	11.00am	

APRIL

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

YOUTH UPDATE

TOWN UNDER-18S 4

AFC WIMBLEDON UNDER-18S 3

A last-minute winner from Brett Longden sealed a 4-3 win over AFC Wimbledon to keep the Town Under-18s on the tails of Watford and Orient at the top of the Youth Alliance.

It was Wimbledon that opened the scoring inside the first 10 minutes with a powerful strike from 20 yards that went in off the underside of the cross bar giving Josh Carpenter no chance in the Hatters' goal.

The equaliser was soon to follow, though, on 20 minutes, when Zane Banton finished well after finding space in the box to make it three goals in the last three games for the striker.

The Dons nearly re-took the lead, however, getting the ball into the net in the 22nd minute but the officials ruled out the effort for a foul on Carpenter.

An excellent move started and finished by Jemale McKenzie-Lowe put the Town in front in the 32nd minute. The big striker won the ball in midfield and

switched it to Luke Trotman, who found Charlie Smith, and he picked out McKenzie-Lowe in the box and his powerful header put the Hatters in front.

But Wimbledon always looked a threat in attack and a dangerous cross was turned into his own net by Zac Jules just before the break to take the side into half-time level at 2-2.

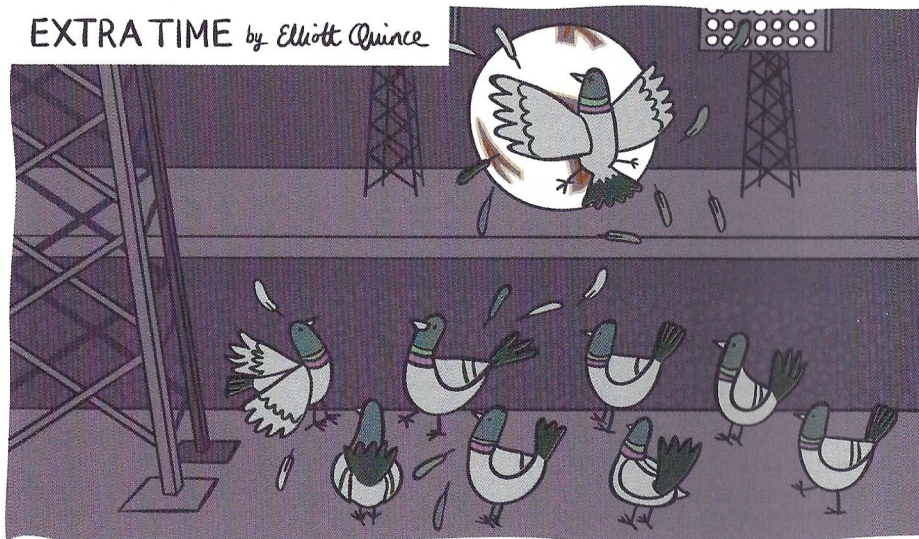
The second half continued like the first with the attacks of both teams looking dangerous and it was the Hatters that re-took the lead in the 53rd minute when Ian Rees was fouled in the box and Smith duly netted the spot kick for his third goal in four games.

AFC Wimbledon then equalised, again from the spot, in the 59th minute when Carpenter was adjudged to have fouled the oncoming striker - receiving just a yellow card.

But just when it seemed the game would end in a draw, a brilliant run and left-foot strike from Longden from outside the box flew into the top corner to win all three points for the Hatters.

Team: Carpenter, Longden, Jibodu, Rees, Chabata, Jules, Trotman, Smith, McKenzie-Lowe, Banton (sub Ngwala 68), Magaraushe (sub Nash 68). **Subs not used:** Kirkpatrick, Perry.

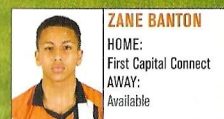
EXTRA TIME *by Elliott Quince*



Row Z offered unrivalled views but could be a dangerous place to sit when penalties were awarded

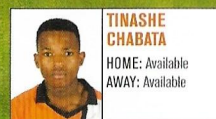
2012/13 YOUTH TEAM

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AWAY: Available



TINASHE CHABATA

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AWAY: Available



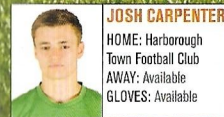
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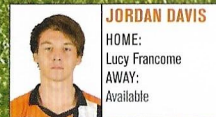
IAN REES

HOME: Available
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JOSH CARPENTER

HOME: Harborough Town Football Club
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GLOVES: Available



JORDAN DAVIS

HOME: Doug Knight
AWAY: Available



JERRY NASH

HOME: Moira Spain
AWAY: Available



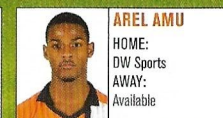
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CHISOLM AMADI

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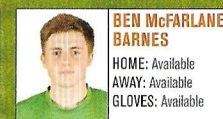
AREL AMU

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LEEROY MAGARAUSHE

HOME: Available
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BEN MCFARLANE-BARNES

HOME: Available
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GLOVES: Available



CHARLIE SMITH

HOME: Peter Mitchell
AWAY: 2MB



NICK BURTENSHAW

HOME: Available
AWAY: Available



JEROME JIBODU

HOME: Doug Knight
AWAY: Doug Knight



BRETT LONGDEN

HOME: Mike Tearie
AWAY: Available

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UPDATE

WITH JORDAN McCANN

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE UNDER-11-14 AGE GROUP

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Under-12 indoor five-a-side national finals at Pride Park, Derby.

The tournament was comprised of eight regional five-a-side champions and designed to test the nation's best young footballers against each other in a technically demanding environment. Representing Bedford & District SFA with a plethora of young Luton Town players was Alameda Middle School from Ampthill.

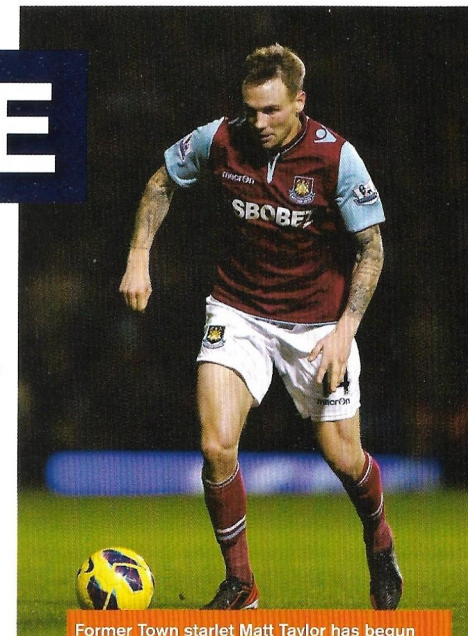
All of the boys performed exceptionally well, winning their group with two wins and a draw, scoring eight goals and conceding just two. The highlight of the group games was an emphatic 3-0 win against William Howard School from Carlisle. The boys proceeded to progress all the way to the final, with an outstanding penalty save from Luton Town's Sean Foster in the semi-final sealing a 3-2 win in extra-time against Felpham Community College from West Sussex.

A close-fought final saw the boys edged out 1-0 by old enemy William Howard, who they had earlier defeated in the group stage. A massive well done to all the boys on a fantastic achievement, the squad was as follows;

Sean Foster (GK) – Luton Town
Kai Phelan – Luton Town
Will Murray – Luton Town
Chad Roberts – Northampton Town
Jack Sherwood – Luton Town
Drew Richardson – Luton Town

I am also delighted to report on the success of this season's new pre-academy training groups. The pre-academy was set up with the aim of increasing talented young players training hours at the football club in order to prepare them to push for places within the academy. Pre-academy players train twice per week with the club and experience the same learning syllabus, coaching styles and philosophy as the academy players.

So far this season we have had a total of 23 pre-academy players represent the academy in the Under-11 to 14 age groups, including games against Chelsea, Fulham, Crystal Palace and Southampton.



Former Town starlet Matt Taylor has begun coaching our youngsters on an ad-hoc basis

I would like to extend my congratulations to Under-14 player Connor Rimmell, who is the latest player from the pre-academy to sign an academy contract after impressing with his technical ability in tight areas, range of pass and quality from set pieces.

Whilst this season has been highly successful both on and off the pitch for the development of Luton Town's young players, there is still plenty of football to be played with up and coming fixtures against Bournemouth, Southend, Fulham and Peterborough amongst others.

The Under-9s to 14s season will culminate with a five-day tour of Italy where our young players will test their skills against the likes of Cesena and Bologna at the training resort of Sportilia, which promises to be another vital learning curve in the boys' development pathway.

The youth development structure at the club really is something all Hatters fans can be proud of, with many of its products playing their trade at the highest level. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome back Luton Town youth development graduate Matt Taylor to the club who has joined the coaching staff on an ad-hoc basis. It is gestures like this which really outline the impact Luton's youth department had on the careers of such players and the proud history our football club has of developing young talent.

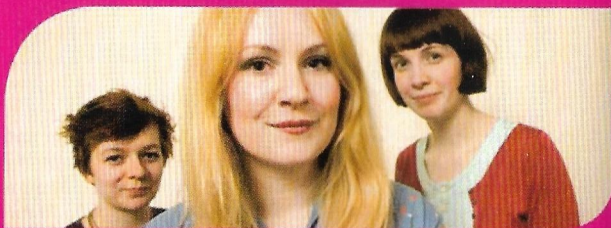
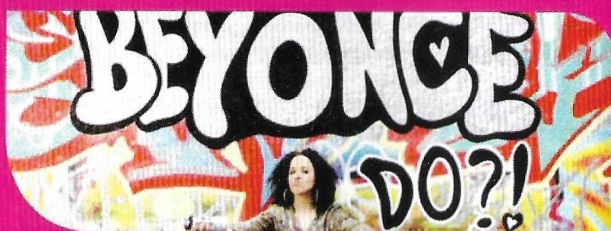
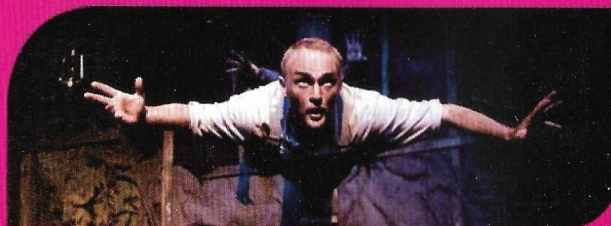
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LUTON LADIES

LADIES LOSE OUT TO IPSWICH

The Town Ladies went down 3-2 to an in-form Ipswich Town in what was a superb advert for women's football.

Luton were first on the attack and a free-flowing move down the left was quickly switched across field where Lauren Goodier produced a brilliant strike high over the diving goalkeeper into the top corner.

Not content with their lead, the Hatters continued to press with Zara Carroll and Rachel Kosky testing the home goalkeeper from long range.

Ipswich began to attack at speed and a cross from the right was nodded back for the Ipswich skipper to blast an unstoppable volley high into the net from 15 yards.

Hurt, the Hatters picked themselves up and continued to play some excellent football but without reward as Carroll blasted a corner over the crossbar and Kosky forced the Ipswich keeper into a diving save at the near post. It was rough justice on the Town that a poor clearance was slid across the goal and tapped in at the near post as Luton went in 2-1 down at the break.

Counter attack

Within a minute of the restart, a Luton counter attack saw Carroll slide in Goodier 45 yards out and she outpaced her marker to slide the ball past the keeper to equalise.

However, the open end-to-end nature of the game was again in evidence as the Tractor Girls regained the lead within two minutes when a dipping shot flew into the net.

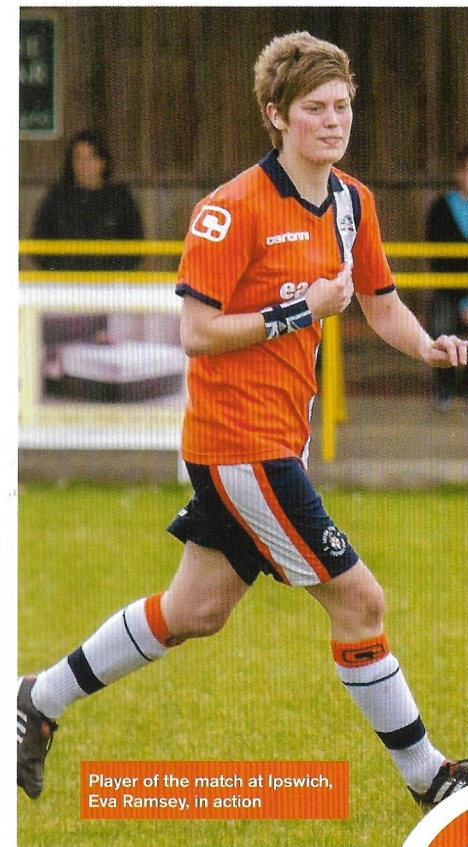
Both sides continued to play open, attacking football exchanging attacks with Kosky sprinting onto a through ball only to again be denied by the keeper. In the Town goal, Hollie Staples pulled off two one-on-one diving saves and also tipped another effort onto the crossbar and away.

Teighlor Pengeley's angled drive missed the far post by a whisker and other half chances came and went as Luton lost by the odd goal in five.

Manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "This was probably our best footballing league performance of the season and, although we were more than a match for Ipswich, it was just not our day.

"We were excellent in all positions but didn't help ourselves as two of their goals were preventable and we were again wasteful in attack. However, we are at least creating opportunities."

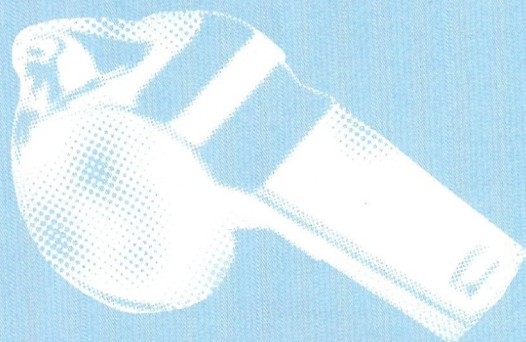
Meanwhile, the Under-18s returned to competitive action at last and won their County Cup quarter final 7-0 away to Toddington Rovers. Kerry Keyte gave the Town a narrow half-time lead but the strength of the squad really paid dividends with Shannon Pratt, Tamara Byrne and Steph Hettle all scoring twice to complete the scoring in the second half.



Player of the match at Ipswich,
Eva Ramsey, in action

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IN THE COMMUNITY

SUBWAY TIPS SCHOLARSHIP

Our Community Trust recently announced an exciting partnership with Subway to create a fund for youngsters to join the Club's Talent Identification Programme.

Luton's three local Subways in Bridge Street, George Street and New Bedford Road will donate some of their takings by offering 10p to the fund when purchasing one of a number of specially selected Subs. And they'll be doing that every single day of the entire 2012/13 football season to provide 11 fully funded places on our TIPs programme.

It's Subway's way of connecting and supporting the local communities around their stores and supporting the town's youngsters who dream of making it into the club's youth academy and onto the professional game.

All of Luton's high schools were asked by the club to nominate pupils for the programme who for one reason or another had previously not been able to attend and pictured with Scott Rendell and JJ O'Connell are the boys from Ashcroft, Barnfield South, Denbigh, Icknield, Lea Manor, Stopsley High and Putteridge High Schools at the recent home game with Forest Green Rovers.

The boys have now begun their nine-week training schedule on the TIPs programme up at playfootball.

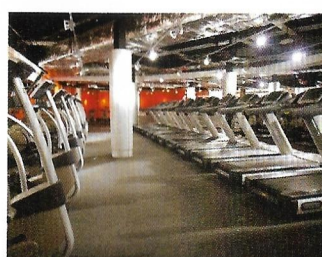
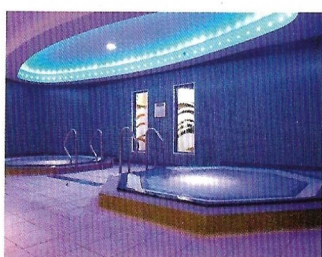
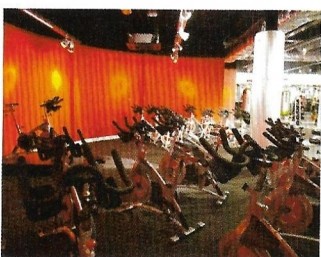
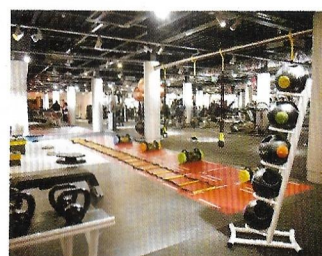
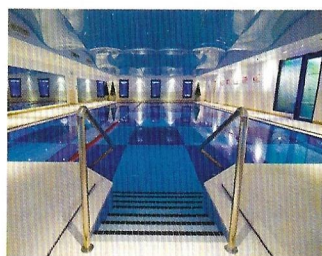


net in Stopsley, every Monday night. The overall purpose of our talent identification programme is to provide high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers whether they are ambitious players wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a newcomer wanting to develop the basic skills. All players receive an end-of-term report on their development and for those players who the coaches feel have shown the right level of ability and attitude during the term the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence, pre-Academy or Academy is offered.

So watch this space as the boys get down to serious training and we search for the next young elite player. For those who love their Subs, it is a unique chance to perhaps help us discover a future star of Luton Town Football Club and for those who have never tasted one, it is both a chance to help local footballers and enjoy a fantastic Sub sandwich for the first time.



Scott Rendell and JJ O'Connell
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LEAGUE LOOK

JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS-UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

It was another typically topsy-turvy week in the Blue Square Bet Premier following another round of entertaining, dramatic and exciting matches.

The top of the table is once again fronted by Welsh outfit Wrexham, who fulfilled their roles of everyone's home bankers by smashing four past a sorry and struggling Ebbsfleet.

There were no surprises or shocks on the cards in North Wales as Dele Adebola slammed home on three minutes to get the ball rolling. Brett Ormerod doubled the advantage with little over 10 minutes played, before the Dragons roared into the break with another two goals, from Kevin Thornton and Robert Ogleby. Nathan Elder notched a late consolation for the visitors but the Dragons scintillating first-half performance put the result beyond their opponents who remain 23rd and just a solitary point from the foot of the table.

Wrexham's position at the top of the table was secure and they now sit comfortably three points ahead of Kidderminster with a game in hand after Harriers slumped to a surprise 2-0 defeat to Gateshead.

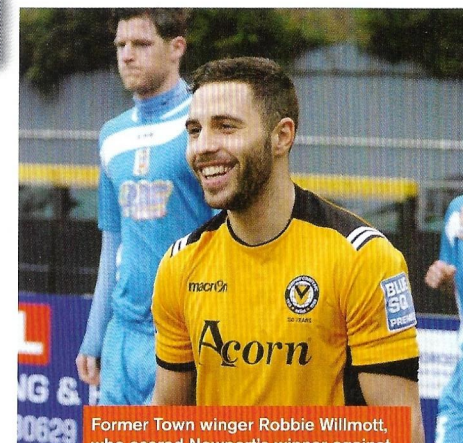
The Heed have had to switch their home fixtures to other local grounds to facilitate the run in due to the state of the playing surface at International Stadium and they got off the mark at York's Bootham Crescent with a 2-0 win over Steve Burr's men.

Gateshead will host Hyde this weekend at Blyth Spartans' Croft Park, before switching venues once more in future with games scheduled at Hartlepool, and at Carlisle against the Hatters.

Newport County made the most of Harriers' slip up by snatching a last-minute winner against today's visitors Hereford to claim all three points at Edgar Street.

Robbie Willmott popped up in the dying minutes to win it and push County up into third, level on points with Kidderminster and boasting three games in hand.

Grimsby also maintained the pace on the front runners after a 1-0 win at fellow promotion hopefuls Forest Green Rovers. Tom Naylor, on loan from Derby,



Former Town winger Robbie Willmott, who scored Newport's winner against today's visitors on Tuesday night

was the Mariners' match-winner and they now sit just four points off the summit, also with games in hand on the teams directly above them.

All the action was not just from the top six, however, as a mid-table clash between Southport and Cambridge United brought about the week's quickest goal. Just 17 seconds had elapsed when United's Nathan Blissett lashed home to give the visitors the dream start.

Second-half goals from Neil Byrne and Shaun Whalley sealed all three points for the Sandgrounders, though.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

AFC TELFORD v MACCLESFIELD

BRAINTREE v NUNEATON

CAMBRIDGE v WOKING

EBBSFLEET v NEWPORT

FOREST GREEN v BARROW

GATESHEAD v HYDE

GRIMSBY v KIDDERMINSTER

LINCOLN v SOUTHPORT

MANSFIELD v STOCKPORT

TAMWORTH v ALFRETON

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

	DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI								
August																	
TV	Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler Taylor** Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Kasim* Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray***								
	Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	542	4	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Show**								
	Fri 17	19:30	A	Hyde	W 2-1	1,141	477	3	Tyler Henry Taylor* Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim** Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Show								
	Sat 25	15:00	H	AFC Telford United	L 0-1	5,970	111	9	Tyler Lawless Howells Rowe-Turner Henry Kasim* O'Donnell Rendell Show								
	Mon 27	15:00	A	Ebbw Vale United	W 3-1	2,018	1,246	5	Tyler Lawless Taylor Rowe-Turner Beckwith Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray*								
September																	
	Sat 1	15:00	H	Macclesfield Town	W 4-1	5,803	111	3	Tyler Beckwith Kovacs*** Rowe-Turner* Lawless Taylor O'Donnell Howells 1 Rendell 1 Gray 1**								
	Tue 4	19:45	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	6,742	622	2	Tyler Rowe-Turner Taylor Beckwith 1 Kovacs* 1 Lawless O'Donnell Howells Rendell Gray 1								
	Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	768	5	Tyler Henry Taylor* Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson								
TV	Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler Henry Howells* Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Fleetwood** Gray***								
	Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	L 1-4	4,074	125	6	Tyler Henry** Howells Beckwith Kovacs* Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood*** Gray								
	Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler Henry* Rowe-Turner** Beckwith Essam Lawless O'Donnell Howells Gray Rendell								
	Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,696	77	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Kasim* Rendell 2*** Gray								
	October																
	Sat 6	15:00	A	Lincoln City	W 2-1	2,970	864	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Rendell* J. Robinson** Gray***								
	Tue 9	19:45	H	Braintree Town	L 2-3	5,523	55	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam** Ainge 1 Lawless O'Donnell Rendell J. Robinson* Gray Shaw								
	Sat 13	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	6,148	264	3	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Essam** Ainge Lawless 2 O'Donnell Rendell Gray** Shaw								
	Sat 20	13:00	A	Cambridge United (FAC40)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless* O'Donnell Mendy Gray 1*** Shaw 1								
	Sat 27	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-1	2,112	1,002	2	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Howells Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Shaw								
November																	
	Sat 3	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town (FAC1)	D 1-1	3,089	355	-	Brill Henry Howells Kovacs Rowe-Turner* O'Donnell Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Walker								
	Tue 6	19:45	A	Hereford United	L 0-1	2,108	372	3	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner*** Kovacs** Ainge Smith Mendy Howells Gray* Rendell								
	Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	6,567	484	6	Brill Lawless Howells Henry Ainge Smith Mendy* O'Donnell Gray Rendell								
	Tue 13	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town (FAC1R)	W 2-0	1,595	471	-	Tyler Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Howells Mendy Lawless O'Donnell*** Walker* Rendell 2								
	Sat 17	15:00	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	2,619	522	6	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Mendy Smith Lawless Howells Rendell								
	Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	688	163	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge O'Donnell Smith Lawless** Howells Rendell								
December																	
	Sat 1	15:00	H	Dorchester Town (FAC2)	W 2-1	3,287	458	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Beckwith* Lawless 1 Howells Smith O'Donnell*** Rendell								
	Tue 4	19:45	H	Dorchester Town (FAT1R)	W 3-1	897	16	-	Brill Lawless Lacey* Ainge Rowe-Turner O'Donnell 1*** Watkins Robinson Dance** Walker 2								
TV	Sat 8	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	W 3-0	5,648	58	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Kovacs O'Donnell 1*** Smith 1 Howells Lawless Rendell**								
	Tue 11	19:45	A	Newport County	L 2-5	2,247	177	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Beckwith O'Donnell** Mendy* Howells Lawless Rendell								
	Sat 15	15:00	A	Matlock Town (FAT2)	W 2-1	823	23	-	Brill Henry Howells Ainge 1 Kovacs O'Donnell** Mendy Lawless Rendell Gray*								
	Wed 26	15:00	H	Woking	W 3-1	6,744	235	4	Tyler Henry Howells Ainge Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Rendell 1 Fleetwood* Gray**								
	January																
	Tue 1	13:00	A	Woking	L 1-3	2,951	989	5	Tyler Henry Howells*** Ainge Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Neilson Rendell Gray 1								
	Sat 5	15:00	H	Wolves (FAC3)	W 1-0	9,638	1,500	-	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless 1 Mendy Smith O'Donnell* Shaw								
	Tue 8	19:45	H	Barrow	W 6-1	5,165	31	5	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Smith* Neilson 1 Shaw 3**								
	Sat 12	15:00	H	Skippersdale United (FAT3)	W 2-0	2,479	220	-	Brill Lawless Taylor Ainge Rowe-Turner Robinson Mendy Howells Dance** Walker**								
	Tue 15	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	D 0-0	1,606	23	6	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy Smith Neilson* Shaw								
	Sat 26	15:00	A	Norwich City (FAC4)	W 1-0	26,521	4,000	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith Howells Shaw**								
	Tue 29	19:45	A	Grimsby Town (FATQF)	L 0-3	2,791	75	-	Brill Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith O'Donnell*** Fleetwood								
February																	
	Sat 2	15:00	A	Barrow	L 0-1	1,188	188	7	Tyler Henry Taylor*** Rowe-Turner McNulty Lawless Mendy* Smith Martin Shaw**								
	Sat 9	15:00	H	Forest Green Rovers	D 1-1	6,374	110	7	Tyler Henry Howells Kovacs McNulty Lawless Smith Neilson* Martin** Shaw								
TV	Tue 12	19:45	A	Dartford	L 0-1	1,802	475	7	Tyler Henry Howells Kovacs McNulty Mendy** Smith Neilson Martin** Shaw								
	Sat 16	12:45	H	Millwall (FAC5)	L 0-3	9,768	1,530	-	Tyler Taylor Kovacs Henry Howells Lawless Mendy** Smith O'Donnell* Rendell								
	Tue 19	19:45	A	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	1,984	278	8	Tyler Henry Taylor*** Rowe-Turner McNulty Howells Lawless Smith** Shaw Rendell*								
	Sat 23	15:00	H	Mansfield Town	L 2-3	5,968	410	8	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Thomas McNulty Smith Lawless Martin* Neilson** Rendell 1								
	Tue 26	19:45	A	Braintree Town	L 0-2	1,003	351	10	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner* Thomas McNulty Mendy*** Smith Lawless Rendell** Fleetwood								
March																	
	Sat 2	15:00	A	Stockport County	W 1-0	4,074	372	8	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs* McNulty Howells 1 Smith Mendy Lawless Fleetwood**								
	Tue 5	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town	D 0-0	1,173	507	7	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty Howells Smith Mendy* Lawless Fleetwood**								
	Sat 9	15:00	H	Hereford United													
	Tue 12	19:45	H	Hyde													
	Sat 16	15:00	A	Wrexham													
	Tue 19	19:45	H	Stockport County													
	Sat 23	15:00	H	Tamworth													
	Tue 26	19:45	H	Ebbw Vale United													
	Sat 30	15:00	A	Cambridge United													
April																	
	Mon 1	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers													
	Sat 6	15:00	A	Gateshead*													
TV	Tue 9	19:45	H	Lincoln City													
TV	Fri 12	19:45	H	Grimsby Town													
TV	Tue 16	19:45	H	Newport County													
	Sat 20	15:00	A	Southport													

STOP PRESS!

Moments before we went to press the Hatters signed midfielder Solomon Taiwo on a contract until the end of the season.
The 27-year-old knows John Still well, having played 82 times

under him whilst with Dagenham & Redbridge. More on Solomon's arrival - together with an exclusive interview with the latest signing at Kenilworth Road - will be inside Tuesday night's programme against Hyde.

SUBS

Fleetwood 1	Brill	Beckwith	Lawless**	Watkins***	Shaw 1
Fleetwood* 2	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Gray*	Robinson**
Fleetwood*** 1	Brill	Beckwith	Howells*	Gray**	Robinson***
Fleetwood 2	Brill	Beckwith	Taylor*	Gray**	Woolley
Fleetwood 2	Brill	Lacey	Watkins**	Kasim	Woolley*
Fleetwood 1	Brill	Essam***	Watkins*	Woolley**	Walker
Fleetwood**	Brill	Essam**	Watkins	Woolley***	Kasim
Gray	Brill	Essam**	Howells	Fleetwood***	Rowe-Turner
Shaw	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker**
Shaw	Rowe-Turner	Essam*	Kasim**	J. Robinson***	Walker
Shaw***	Fleetwood*** 1	Kasim** 1	J. Robinson*	Kovacs	Walker
Fleetwood 1**	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Shaw**	Robinson***	Walker
Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner**	Shaw 1*	Kasim***	Walker
Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner	Lacey	Kasim*	Walker 1**
Fleetwood	Brill	Kovacs**	J. Robinson	M. Robinson	Walker*
Fleetwood**	Brill	M. Robinson*	J. Robinson***	Beckwith**	Walker Lacey
Fleetwood 1*	Essam	O'Donnell*	M. Robinson	J. Robinson	Walker
Fleetwood**	Tyler	Lacey	Longden	Watkins**	Dance
Fleetwood	Tyler	Lawless**	O'Donnell***	J. Robinson*	Walker
Fleetwood	Tyler	Rowe-Turner	Lacey	Kasim	Walker*
Gray**	Brill	Beckwith	Lacey	Longden	Dance***
Gray 2*	Brill	Beckwith	O'Donnell	Robinson	Fleetwood*
Gray*	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Fleetwood 1*	Dance**
Gray 1**	Brill	Lacey*	Mendy***	Watkins	Dance
Shaw	Fleetwood**	Gray	Mendy	Woolley***	Howells*
Gray 1*	Brill	Mendy	Shaw**	Fleetwood*	Walker***
Gray 1	Brill	Taylor	Dance	Shaw 1*	Fleetwood**
Shaw 1	Lacey	Dance	Robinson	Fleetwood*	Rowe-Turner**
Shaw 1	Brill	Robinson**	O'Donnell*	Rowe-Turner	Taylor
Shaw**	Brill	Fleetwood**	O'Donnell	Rowe-Turner***	Smith*
Gray**	Brill	Lacey	Robinson	Rendell**	Fleetwood*
Gray 1***	Brill	Howells*	Fleetwood***	Rendell**	Ainge
Rendell	Gray*	Watkins** 1	Fleetwood**	C. Smith	Longden
Gray**	Brill	Howells*	Fleetwood**	Rendell	Ainge
Gray***	Brill	Watkins	O'Donnell*	Dance	Robinson
Rendell**	Tyler	Watkins***	Gray	Ainge*	Rendell 1**
Gray	Howells***	Neilson*	Fleetwood**	Rendell**	O'Donnell
Gray 1***	Taylor	Mendy*	O'Donnell**	Rendell	Fleetwood***
Gray	Brill	Taylor***	O'Donnell**	Rendell*	Robinson
Gray	Brill	Lacey	Longden	Robinson	Shaw**
Gray 1	Kovacs	Mendy**	O'Donnell*	Neilson	Fleetwood***
Gray 1	Brill	Howells**	Ainge	Mendy	Fleetwood*
Gray	Brill	Taylor*	Ainge***	Martin	Neilson**
Gray***	Brill	Taylor*	O'Donnell	Rendell**	Walker***
Gray***	Brill	Taylor	O'Donnell*	Rendell**	Wai***

LEAGUE TABLE 2012/13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	35	19	11	5	66	33	33	68
2 Kidderminster Harriers	36	19	8	9	55	31	24	65
3 Mansfield Town	34	20	5	9	66	44	22	65
4 Newport County AFC	33	20	5	8	70	49	21	65
5 Grimsby Town	33	18	10	5	54	24	30	64
6 Forest Green Rovers	36	16	9	11	53	36	17	57
7 Macclesfield Town	34	14	9	11	51	50	-1	51
8 Luton Town	33	14	7	12	52	46	6	49
9 Hereford United	34	13	10	11	52	50	2	49
10 Woking	34	15	3	16	55	63	-8	48
11 Dartford	33	13	7	13	51	51	0	46
12 Cambridge United	36	12	10	14	59	60	-1	46
13 Southport	34	12	10	12	59	62	-3	46
14 Braintree Town	32	13	5	14	44	54	-10	44
15 Tamworth	35	12	7	16	43	49	-6	43
16 Alfreton Town	35	10	11	14	48	61	-13	41
17 Stockport County	35	10	9	16	46	57	-11	39
18 Gateshead	32	9	10	13	38	41	-3	37
19 Lincoln City	35	9	10	16	49	60	-11	37
20 Hyde FC	35	10	6	19	47	58	-11	36
21 Nuneaton	35	8	12	15	40	56	-16	36
22 Barrow	34	9	9	16	38	65	-27	36
23 Ebbw Vale United	33	7	10	16	44	67	-23	31
24 AFC Telford United	36	5	15	16	44	57	-13	30

PLAYER STATS 2012/13

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	F	R	APPS GLS
Simon AINGE	12 (1)	1	4 (1)	1	16 (2)	0	2	0	18 0
Dean BECKWITH	8 (0)	1	1 (1)	0	9 (1)	1	3	0	21 2
Dean BRILL	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	0	0	105 0
James DANCE	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	0	0	32 4
Connor ESSAM	5 (4)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (4)	0	2	0	9 0
Stuart FLEETWOOD	19 (11)	10	3 (8)	1	22 (19)	11	2	1	88 27
Jake GOODMAN	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	1 0
Andre GRAY	30 (3)	11	9 (1)	3	39 (4)	14	5	0	55 21
Ronnie HENRY	30 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	40 (0)	0	4	1	40 0
Jake HOWELLS	26 (5)	2	10 (1)	0	36 (6)	2	2	0	225 17
Jerome JIBODU	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	1 0
Yaser KASIM	5 (6)	1	0 (0)	0	5 (6)	1	2	0	11 1
Janos KOVACS	19 (1)	3	10 (0)	0	29 (1)	3	5	0	91 8
Alex LACEY	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	9 0
Alex LAWLESS	28 (2)	2	11 (1)	2	40 (3)	4	6	1	118 11
David MARTIN	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	0	4 0
Arnaud MENDY	14 (2)	0	9 (1)	0	23 (3)	0	7	0	26 0
Steve MCNULTY	8 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	1	0	8 0
Scott NEILSON	6 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	6 (2)	0	1	0	8 0
JJ O'DONNELL	18 (7)	2	10 (1)	1	28 (8)	3	3	0	45 3
Scott REMDELL	24 (5)	8	8 (2)	4	32 (7)	12	2	0	39 12
Jake ROBINSON	3 (4)	0	0 (2)	0	3 (6)	0	0	0	9 0
Matt ROBINSON	0 (3)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (5)	0	1	0	7 0
Lathaniel ROWE-TURNER	22 (4)	0	10 (1)	0	32 (5)	0	1	1	37 0
Jon SHAW	18 (5)	7	5 (2)	2	23 (7)	9	1	0	30 9
Jonathan SMITH	14 (1)	1	6 (0)	0	20 (1)	0	4	0	21 0
Greg TAYLOR	11 (4)	0	3 (0)	0	14 (4)	0	1	4	0
Wayne THOMAS	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0	1	2 0
Mark TYLER	3 (0)	0	7 (0)	0	37 (0)	0	1	0	175 0
Dan WALKER	0 (6)	1	4 (0)	2	4 (6)	3	0	0	30 4
Alex WALL	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	1	0 1
Adam WATKINS	2 (3)	0	1 (3)	1	3 (6)	1	0	0	58 9
Jake WOOLLEY	0 (3)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (5)	0	0	0	10 0

UP NEXT

HYDE



You won't have to wait long to see the Town in action at Kenilworth Road as Hyde are the visitors this coming Tuesday night under the floodlights in the Blue Square Bet Premier.



HYDE

Who? Hyde FC, aka the Tigers. They were formed in 1885 – the same year as the Hatters. In that time they've added a "United" at the end, before taking it away again as recently as 2010. Why? Well, it

could be because neighbours Manchester City helped the club out with a bit of dosh to save them from going out of business. City play their academy matches at their Ewen Fields ground – and you wouldn't want the word 'United' everywhere, would you?

Onwards and upwards. Last season the Tigers won the Blue Square Bet North title and with it promotion to non-league's top-flight for the first time in their history. The elevation to the Blue Square Bet Premier came nine years after the club were relegated to the Northern Premier League Division One – three divisions below their current status. In 2004, they won the NLP Division One title before winning the NLP Premier Division title a year later.

Silverware. It's not only league titles that adorn the Ewen Fields trophy cabinet, however. The club have won the Cheshire Senior Cup five times, the Manchester Premier Cup six times, the Manchester Senior Cup once, the Northern Premier League Challenge Cup three times, the Northern Premier League Chairman's Cup twice and the Cheshire League Cup five times.

Did you know? England World Cup final hero Sir Geoff Hurst is president of the club. (No, I didn't know that, thank you).

Luton link. Town favourite and current club chaplain Alan West was born in Hyde. Midfielder Alan began his career with Burnley before going onto make 317 appearances at Kenilworth Road between 1973 and 1981.

Remember me? The Tigers have one former Hatter in their ranks in their shape of striker Matthew Blinkhorn. He made three substitute appearances for the Town in 2004 whilst on loan from Blackpool. He signed for Hyde this summer and scored on his Hyde debut against the Hatters earlier in the season.

Oh I remember now... Blinkhorn's goal put Hyde 1-0 up in the last and, indeed, only meeting between the two clubs. The Hatters fought back to win all three points thanks to late goals from JJ O'Donnell and Stuart Fleetwood.

How they doing? The Tigers travel to Gateshead (okay, well Blyth Spartans as the Gateshead pitch remains a bog) this afternoon in a real relegation six-pointer. The Tigers, who started slowly but steadily improved as the season progressed, will be looking to stop a run of five successive defeats today. Prior to today, Hyde have only won once in 10 games – and that came on the road at bottom-of-the-table Telford on 12th February.

Take note. While Tuesday's visitors will still be in a relegation battle regardless of their result this afternoon, the Hatters will need to be wary that the Tigers can pull off the unexpected – just ask our visitors this afternoon. Hereford were on the receiving end of a 5-2 defeat at Ewen Fields back in September. The Tigers have also beaten Woking 7-0 and overcome promotion-chasing Grimsby and Newport.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner	2
Greg Taylor	3
Garry Richards	4
Steve McNulty	5
Janos Kovacs	6
Alex Lawless	7
Danny Spiller	8
Jon Shaw	9
Scott Rendell	10
Jake Howells	11
Simon Ainge	12
Stuart Fleetwood	13
Arnaud Mendy	14
Adam Watkins	15
Alex Lacey	16
JJ O'Donnell	17
Dave Martin	18
James Dance	19
Scott Neilson	20
Wayne Thomas	22
Matt Robinson	23
Jonathan Smith	24
Ronnie Henry	25
Alex Wall	26
Andre Gray	27
Jake Woolley	28
Dan Walker	29
Jake Goodman	30
Dean Brill	33



HEREFORD UNITED

1	James Bittner
2	Andy Gallinagh
3	Joe Heath
5	Michael Townsend
6	Luke Graham
7	Marley Watkins
8	Chris Carruthers
9	Marlon Jackson
10	Chris Sharp
11	Simon Clist
12	Dan Hanford
14	Stefan Stam
15	Kingsley James
16	James McQuilkin
18	Sam Clucas
19	Ryan Bowman
21	Josh O'Keefe
22	Brian Smikle
26	Rod McDonald
27	James Musa
28	Andy Corbett

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: J. Amey
ASSISTANT: D. Stobbart
ASSISTANT: M. Potkins
FOURTH OFFICIAL: S. Purkiss

HERE NEXT

HYDE

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER
TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2013
KICK-OFF 7.45PM

