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ANDY MORRELL

WELCOME to The Racecourse Ground as we return to home soil for the visit of Luton Town.

We go into the game on the back of a hard-earned victory at Lincoln City on Tuesday evening where the lads displayed tremendous character to come from behind and bring home three good points.

It was particularly pleasing as we bounced back from the disappointment of conceding a late goal straight from a corner at Dartford in our previous game.

We weren't great during the first half at Sincil Bank, to be fair, but we changed a few things around and dug-in during the second half to get a foothold in the game.

It was nice to see Dele Adebola get his name on the scoresheet. Both he and David Artell will be key to us in the battles that lie ahead. They have vast experience and have been involved in promotion campaigns, so will be a big help to those around them.

To be able to bring in fresh faces at this stage has given us a lift and the spirit within the camp is very good right now.

I feel that we have a group of players that can cope with anything that is thrown at them. We've given ourselves a real chance and I would rather be leading the way than in the chasing pack.

We have some big games ahead, but they are the type of occasions that you want to be involved in. These next two home games will be tough, there is no doubt about that, but we are relishing the chance to really build our promotion push.

Luton Town will come here with a large and vocal following which will help create a fantastic atmosphere within the stadium, one that I hope we will thrive upon.

We've had some good games against them over the years and you can be sure that they will be well up for the task today.

It's fair to say that they are a club in transition at the moment, but in John Still they have a vastly experienced man at the helm who will have his team extremely well-organised.

May I welcome everyone connected to our visitors and wish them a safe journey home afterwards.

We all have a role to play in ensuring that we achieve our objectives this season. By working together we can be successful.

Thank you for your valued support this afternoon. I will look forward to seeing you here for the visit of Mansfield Town on Tuesday evening...

ANDY



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IT'S always great to have Luton Town visit us at The Racecourse, and today is no exception.

We offer a warm welcome to the fans, officials and players, for what, we hope will be, a cracking encounter. I think we are all a bit surprised at Luton's league position, although they will still fancy themselves for a play-off place, and we know to our cost how dangerous they can be when they get themselves in that situation. A great F.A. Cup run and a forced change of management will also have impacted on their promotion push this season.

From our point of view, despite the odd setback, we are delighted to be sitting at the top of the table with a great midweek win at Lincoln, which maintained our record of never having lost back-to-back matches since Andy became manager in September 2011. It's going to be a very exciting and tense end to the season, but the lads are confident, and with the addition of one or two new faces in the squad, we are ready and up for the challenge.

Kev Thornton has been a revelation over the past few weeks, scoring some great goals and commanding the midfield in the absence of Jay. Assuming both are selected for today, it will be great to see them play together for the first time, I'm sure they will cause Luton some problems.

Off the pitch, our plans for Wembley are in full swing and keeping us all very busy. I am delighted to confirm, at the time of going to print, we have sold almost 15,000 tickets and Grimsby are not far behind with 12,000. Both teams are targeting 20,000, which would provide gate receipts in excess of £250,000 for each club. In addition, we have filled over 60 coaches and sold almost twice as many hospitality packages than Grimsby. The sale of merchandise has been phenomenal. Bryn Law cut the ribbon on Saturday at our temporary shop at Eagles Meadow and the tills never stopped ringing all day. New lines are arriving at our Club Shop and at Eagles Meadow every day, so please drop in and see our full range.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the team at The Racecourse. Steven, Geraint, Wyn, Kim, Kim and Mike, and of course to all the volunteers, who are working beyond the call of duty, to make our trip to Wembley a great success for the club in every sense.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the match

Don

fromtheboardroom



TONIGHT'S BIG MATCH PREVIEW

Wrexham supporter, Nathan Salt, previews today's attractive home clash with Luton Town, a side who will be looking to bounce back, following their surprising home defeat at the hands of Hyde.

The rivalry between these clubs has in recent years, become particularly strong after Luton Town knocked us out of the play-offs for the last two seasons. These two sides met all the way back in September, right at the start of the 2012/13 season to see out a stalemate. On reflection that was a useful point for Wrexham on the road; Kenilworth Road seems to be our kryptonite! Can Wrexham strengthen their push for promotion prior to Tuesday's crucial fixture against high-flying Mansfield Town??

The first thing to note about today's opponents is the recent managerial change with Paul Buckle departing due to "personal reasons". In his place the club have appointed ex Dagenham and Redbridge manager John Still who is confident that his new side can, like ourselves, gain promotion. So far under Still the Hatters have lost just one of their six games, and that was last Tuesday night's home game with Hyde, with the visitors surprisingly winning 2-1. Draws have been picked up against Hereford United and Nuneaton Town while victory was achieved at Edgeley Park against Stockport County. The defeat on Tuesday evening has certainly hurt their promotion hopes but there is still plenty to play for and there will be many more twists and turns along the way.

Now, there is certainly a one-to-watch this afternoon and that man is Luton Town forward Andre Gray. Having spent last season on loan at Luton he signed a permanent deal



Andre Gray will certainly be one to watch out for this afternoon



Danny Wright scored his sixteenth of the season against Dartford



with the club after their play-off heartache against York City. The 21-year old striker has notched an impressive fourteen goals in all competitions so far this term and will be looking to add to his tally here at the Racecourse this afternoon. What this man has in abundance is pace and that could prove tricky for Wrexham's defence this afternoon if they are not completely aware of how Gray operates. He is an old-fashioned

forward who I would compare to Darren Bent in terms of his movement. He likes to play off the shoulder and is always looking for the ball to be lofted in behind for him to run onto. It's pivotal that Maxwell instructs his defenders as to Gray's position throughout today's ninety minutes.

Last weekend it didn't go to plan for Wrexham in more ways than one. Firstly the match was scheduled for

Friday 8th March but due to heavy rainfall, the match was postponed. With many fans disgruntled by the news it could only have frustrated Andy Morrell and his players. Nowadays players get themselves into a certain, focused mind set before a game and to hear the news that it's been postponed is incredibly frustrating. The game was moved to the Saturday at 1pm and Wrexham got off to the perfect start. Wrexham started brightly and took the lead on twenty six minutes after Danny Wright latched onto Kevin Thornton's through ball. That goal took Wright's tally up to sixteen for the season which is impressive for the burly

"With a plethora of tough fixtures scheduled for Wrexham this afternoon is of vital importance in maintaining a strong charge..."

front-man. The second half saw the roles reversed however as Dartford came out much stronger and began to dictate the game. With sixteen minutes to go the home side were level after substitute Jack Evans slotted the ball home. The game seemed destined to end a draw but there was still time for some late drama. Dartford forward Elliot Bradbrook rose high to head home in stoppage time to send Wrexham to their first defeat of 2013.

With a plethora of tough fixtures scheduled for Wrexham this afternoon is of vital importance in maintaining a strong charge so late on in the season. Wembley is just around the corner but as exciting as that day will be, the league is still the club's priority. Luton are looking to reignite their play-off ambitions after slipping away in recent weeks and can John Still be the man to do that? On a parting note, can Wrexham make home advantage count this afternoon?



All about... Luton Town....



THIS afternoon we welcome a club with a rich history. It all started in April 1885 when two leading local teams merged and within five years they were the first club in southern England to become fully professional.

A founder member of the Southern League, they finished runners-up in the first two seasons before joining The Football League via a year in the inaugural United League.

The cost of competing in The Football League proved too great, however, and they returned to the Southern League in 1900.

Moving to their current Kenilworth Road home in 1905, they eventually returned to The Football League in 1920/21.

Promotion from the third division (south) came in 1936/37 with striker, Joe Payne scoring 55 goals in 39 games, a season after he scored ten goals in a match against Bristol Rovers, which remains a Football League record.

The early 1950s saw a strong side assembled at Kenilworth Road and they achieved top-flight status in 1955/56 for the first time.

Reaching the FA Cup Final in 1958/59, where they lost to Nottingham Forest, there was a steady decline that culminated in them falling to the fourth tier by the mid-1960s.

They were to rise again and, helped by the goals of Malcolm Macdonald along the way, they were to return to Division One in 1973/74.

Suffering relegation the following season, former player, David Pleat was to bring them back up into the top-flight in 1982 and it proved to be the start of some halcyon days for The Hatters after the club narrowly avoided relegation on the final day of the 1982/83 campaign.

The club achieved its highest-ever

finish in 1986/87 with a seventh-placed berth. This was followed by League Cup success a year later as they beat Arsenal.

They were to reach the League Cup Final once again in 1988/89 but this time succumbed to Nottingham Forest.

Relegation out of the top-flight came in 1992 and it was to bring another downward spiral. The club entered administration in the early years of the new Millennium, but returned to the second-tier under former player, Mike Newell.

But the joy was to be short-lived as two relegations came in quick succession and another spell in administration.

The club had a record 30 points docked for the 2008/09 season for various financial irregularities and the deduction proved too large an obstacle to overcome despite a brave effort that also included success in The Football League Trophy.

It meant that they took their place in the Conference National in 2009. Despite three play-off appearances in three years and an excellent fan base, they have been unable to get their Football League status back.

This year they have removed Premier League, Norwich City, from the FA Cup and in doing so became the first non-League club to beat a side from the top-flight in the famous old competition since 1989.

They have recently appointed the vastly experienced John Still as manager and he has set about a long-term project to rebuild the club and restore former glories.

LAST TIME OUT

THE HATTERS' last visit here came in the play-offs in May when, despite losing 2-1, they went through to the Final on aggregate courtesy of a 2-0 victory in the first leg.

In front of a crowd of almost 10,000, goals from Adrian Cieslewicz and player-manager, Andy Morrell cancelled out George Pilkington's first half penalty. Goals from Danny Wright and Dean Keates gave us a 2-0 victory in Luton's last League visit here 12 months ago.

We shared the spoils in a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season.

NO SHORT MEASURES FOR STILL

RECENTLY-installed manager, John Still, has admitted that there will be no quick-fix as he sets about the task of building some solid foundations at Kenilworth Road.

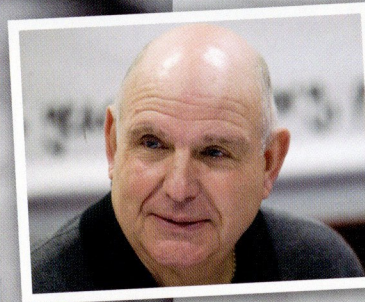
"There are no short measures," admitted the former Dagenham & Redbridge supremo. "There is a process you have to go through. You just can't take short cuts and move on to the next step until you are happy with where you are. "How long does that take? You never know with different groups of players, even at the same club. Some

groups pick it up relatively quickly, some take longer. "That doesn't mean that people that pick it up early become the best at it. It's like a job, you go to a new job, you haven't got a clue what you're doing then one day you come in and everything is in place, the penny drops.

"Everyone is working as hard as I would like them to work, everyone is focusing on what I want them to do, everyone is concentrating on what we're asking from them and that's all I can ask for.

"You can look at players in training and maybe doing it 'this' way ain't quite for him so you look at 'that' way. You look at your players and with the greatest respect, the ones with more ability can accomplish more, that doesn't make them better at what they do it just gives you more ways to go about it.

"It's easy to say what you want them to do but there's many different ways of doing that. You can say to them I want you to go out there and I want you to cross the ball, well you can drive it, you can float it, you can fade it, you can bend it, you can dip it, you can swerve it, you can smash it but they are all crosses. Someone might be better doing it a different way than who you're looking at so that itself play a part once you see what they are capable of."



WALL BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

ALEX Wall is hoping to swap delivering tyres for delivering goals after becoming one of John Still's first signings for The Hatters.

The talented striker, who stands at 6'3", arrived on loan from Blue Square South outfit, Maidenhead United earlier this month, with a view to a permanent switch in the summer.

"It's been a bit of a whirlwind," admitted the 22 year-old. "One minute I was moaning about having to go to work and by the end of the week I had signed for Luton and was looking at the prospect of being a professional footballer.

"It was mental to be honest, but fantastic at the same time. I wasn't on contract at work so I just told them that I wasn't coming back! I think they were pleased that I have the chance to fulfil an ambition.

"This is where I have been trying to get for the last four years. I certainly wasn't going to turn it down and now I hope that I can do the business for Luton and impress the Gaffer."

After netting five goals in February to make it 13 for the season, Wall walked away with the Blue Square South Player of the Month award.

"I just want to get into the team and show people what I am capable of," he added. "I work as hard as possible every game and do my best for the team.

"I don't think I have a particular way of playing, I just do my best and hopefully I can make a contribution between now and the end of the season."



THE PLACE

SITUATED 30 miles north of London, the town was famous for many years for hat making and was also home to a large Vauxhall Motors factory.

London Luton Airport, which was opened in 1938, is one of England's major airports, whilst the Luton Carnival, held on the late May Bank Holiday, is the largest



one-day carnival in Europe.

As the hat trade severely declined in the 20th Century, it was replaced by other industries. In 1905 Vauxhall Motors opened the largest car plant in the UK and during World War II it built Churchill tanks as part of the war effort. This made the town a target for the Luftwaffe and there were a number of air raids and plenty of damage and loss of life.

In the late 1960s a large part of the Town Centre was cleared to build a large covered shopping centre, the Arndale Centre, which was opened in 1972.

The year 2000 saw Vauxhall announce the end of car production in the town, with the plant closing in 2002. Vauxhall's headquarters remain in Luton, as does its van and light commercial vehicle factory.



HOWELLS ABOUT THAT?

WIDE-man, Jake Howells has already been impressed by the organisational skills of new manager, John Still.

The Welsh Under-21 International has enjoyed a new lease of life in recent games. "Everyone knows exactly what they are doing," he said. "The new Gaffer has come in and really freshened things up.

"We look such an organised team now and it's a start. The Gaffer said to everyone when he took over that it's small steps at the moment and hopefully it will lead us to where we want to be.

"When a new manager comes in it's a clean slate for everyone. I was given the opportunity and wanted to make a point straight away.

"He has stamped his authority straight away; he's got his way of playing football and how we are going to play.

"Last season we slipped a bit but got back into the play-offs, so I don't see why we can't do it again this year.

"There are plenty of points to play for and plenty of big games such as this one. There are opportunities for us and I'd like to think that we can grab them.

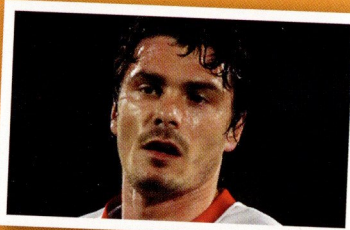
"If we can get on a little run, you never know what can happen."

RONNIE HENRY

The Hatters unveiled influential defender Ronnie Henry as their first signing of the summer in June 2012.

The former Stevenage captain signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road to also become Paul Buckle's first recruit as Town boss.

Hemel-born Henry joined the Hatters having spent seven successful years at Broadhall Way in which he helped the Hertfordshire side twice win promotion and twice lift the FA Trophy. Primarily an attacking and assured right-back, Henry began his career as a youngster



at Tottenham Hotspur, but after a loan spell with Southend United in 2003, he joined Dublin City in Ireland in 2004 for four months before returning to England to sign for Stevenage.

He went onto make 329 appearances for Boro to become their fourth highest appearance holder, playing key roles in their title winning side in the Blue Square Bet Premier in 2009/10 and their subsequent Play-Off final victory over Buckle's Torquay side in the following campaign that earned a second successive promotion.

In the season just passed, Henry made 40 appearances in League 1, helping Stevenage to another Play-Off appearance. But, having received an offer of a new contract with Boro and from a string of Football League sides, he opted to sign on the dotted line for the Town - and was named captain for the 2012/13 season by Paul Buckle.

MEET THE HATTERS

GOALKEEPERS

MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007.

After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers.

A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

After a hugely successful two years between the sticks at Kenilworth Road, Mark signed a new contract in the summer of 2011.

DEFENDERS

LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER

Defender Lathaniel Rowe-Turner became Town boss Paul Buckle's sixth signing of a busy summer in July 2012.

The 22-year-old is a left-back by trade but is equally comfortable at centre-half and is reunited with the manager having previously worked together at Torquay United.

Born in Leicester, 6ft 1in Lathaniel began his career with his hometown club. He was part of the Foxes' youth team that won the Premier League academy league in 2006/07. In the following season he was named City's academy player of the year.

However, having failed to make a first team appearance in 2010 he was

released by the Foxes and in February of that year he joined Buckle at Plainmoor.

In his first season on the Devon coast the youngster appeared 10 times and scored once - in the Gulls' 3-0 win against Barnet.

Last season Lathaniel made 24 appearances in all competitions prior to his release by manager Martin Ling.

MIDFIELDERS

ARNAUD MENDY

Combative and creative central midfielder signed from Macclesfield Town in October 2012. Born in France, he began his career with Rouen before moving to England to pursue a professional career. He signed for Derby, making one appearance for the Rams before signing for the Silkmen in the summer of 2011.

He enjoyed a fruitful spell at the Moss Rose and hit the headlines last season with a stunning goal against Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup. Impressed against the Hatters in Macc colours and having continued to monitor his performances boss Paul Buckle snapped the Guinea-Bissau international up on a two-year deal.

ALEX LAWLESS

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011.

A star of the Minstermen's campaign last season which saw them lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United, Lawless featured prominently in all four of the meetings with the Hatters last term at the heart of midfield.

He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a

ALEX LAWLESS



variety of positions - in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts.

It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003.

Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference.

Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case, and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the next.

FORWARDS

SCOTT RENDELL

Striker who became the Town's third signing of the summer after completing a move from Wycombe Wanderers for an undisclosed fee.

He hit 85 goals in his past six

seasons and has been the creator of many more during successful stints with Wycombe, Torquay, Cambridge (twice) and Crawley in both the Conference and in League 2.

He helped fire Wycombe to promotion in 2011/12 by hitting 16 goals in 26 starts, but found first team opportunities limited in League 1 in 2011/12 and was loaned out to Bristol Rovers and Oxford United - scoring three times for the U's.

Scott began his career at Aldershot Town before making the short move to Championship club Reading. It was a loan move to Crawley that jump-started his career in 2006 when he hit eight goals in 21 games which led to a permanent move in 2007.

Soon the 6ft 2in striker was snapped up by Cambridge, and scored 17 league goals in 23 starts in 2007/08 at the Abbey Stadium.

That goalscoring form in the Conference persuaded Peterborough United to shell out £115,000 for his services in 2008 but, after struggling to break into the Posh starting line-up, a loan move back to Cambridge followed in 2008/09 where he notched a further 15 goals.

The following campaign Rendell was again out on loan, with Buckle securing the striker for a season long-loan that saw him hit 13 goals in all competition for the Gulls.

A permanent move away from Peterborough saw Rendell sign for Wycombe in 2010 and was the Chairboys' top goal-getter as they secured promotion to League 1.

STUART FLEETWOOD

Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011.

The Gloucester-born frontman, who scored 28 goals the last time he played at Conference level whilst with Forest Green Rovers, signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

He began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, making the grade to feature eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006.

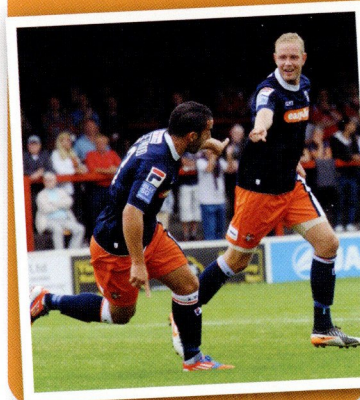
In January 2006, Fleetwood signed for Hereford for the first time scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007.

And it was his spell with Rovers that saw people sit up and take notice after plundering 32 league and cup goals in a season that saw the Gloucestershire side earn their highest league placing.

The Wales Under-21 international turned down a new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton.

Fleetwood returned to Edgar Street last summer and scored 18 goals as he helped the Bulls avoid the drop in League 2.

After hitting the post on his debut against Stockport, Fleetwood scored on his full debut in the win over Darlington.



1967/68

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68.

New captain Terry Branstorn made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins.

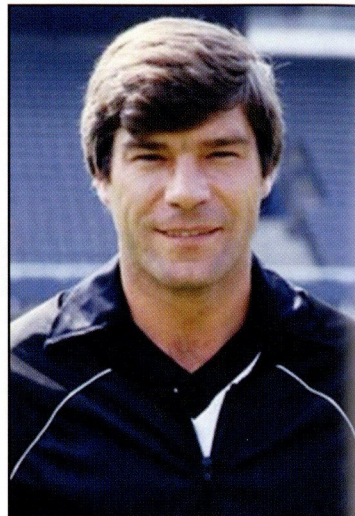
Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

classiccampaigns

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

1954/55

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



1958/59

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

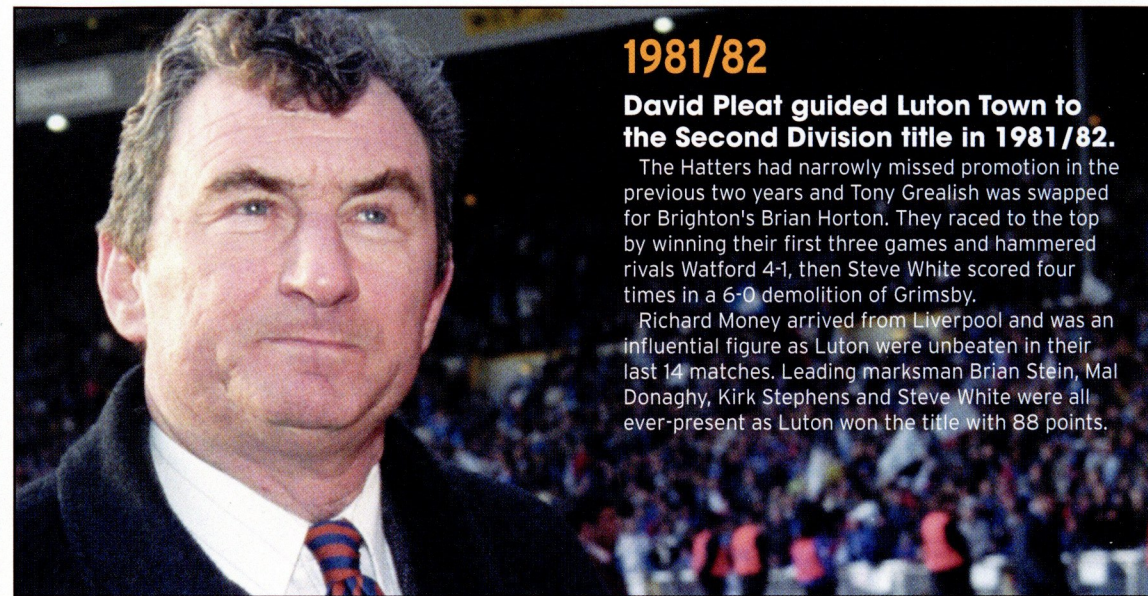
1969/70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining

unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield

1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.



1981/82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82.

The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby.

Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

1987/88

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

1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters

narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2001/02

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

2004/05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to

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



Blue Square Bet Premier Division
Racecourse Ground, Tuesday 5th March 2013

WREXHAM 4

Adebola 3, Ormerod 11, Thornton 29, Ogleby 45 + 1

EBBSFLEET UNITED 1

Elder 77

PRE-MATCH BUILD UP

The reds returned to the Racecourse just three days after being held to a 1-1 home draw by Alfreton Town and for the visit of lowly Ebbsfleet United, player-manager, Andy Morrell, kept faith with the same team that were held by Nicky Law's men.

The Kent side made the long midweek trip North after facing two successive tough games against promotion chasing Kidderminster Harriers and Grimsby Town but two wins from their previous five games had given United an outside chance of avoiding the drop.

TEAMS

With both sides needing the points for differing reason the two teams lined up as follow

Wrexham: Maxwell; Ashton, Artell, Westwood, S Wright; Clarke, Keates, (Little 68), Thornton, Adebola (Ogleby 31), D Wright (Morrell 52), Ormerod. Subs: Hunt, Cieslewicz.

Ebbsfleet United: Edwards, Lorraine, Gwillim, Saville (Azeez 33), Phipp, Barrettm Carew, Shitta (Bellamy 46), Walsh, Enver-Marum (Alabi 66), Elder

Subs Menz, Blake

THE MATCH

It was the home side who were out of the blocks the quickest and after forcing a couple of early corners they went ahead from the second one. Skipper, Dean Keates' took the kick and after a shot from Danny Wright was blocked the ball fell kindly for DELE ADEBOLA to turn and rifle a fierce shot past visiting goalkeeper Preston Edwards to give the home side the perfect start.

Things got even better for the home side, just eight minutes later, when they doubled their advantage with a superbly worked goal. Neil Ashton's pass found Adebola who spotted the inside run of Kevin Thornton, who looked up from the by-line and pulled the ball back for BRETT ORMEROD to sidefoot the ball home.

The goal did wonders for the home side's confidence and they continued to pass the ball about well although they had to be on their guard when a long ball over the top found it's way to Ebbsfleet's leading goalscorer, Nathan Elder, but his weak chip was easily saved by Chris Maxwell.

It was little surprise that the home side went further in front in the twenty ninth minute when KEVIN THORNTON curled home his third goal in successive games.

United's defence were relieved to see a limping Adebola replaced by Rob Ogleby soon after, and it was after this the visitors enjoyed their best spell of the game, albeit with no end product.

As a contest the game was over when the home side went 4-0 up in first half injury time when substitute ROB OGLEBY rolled the ball into an empty net following some unselfish play from Ashton.

As expected, Ebbsfleet started the second half like a wounded animal. Maxwell parried away a swerving Tom Phipps effort and, from the resulting corner Nathan Elder headed over the bar.

Player-boss Morrell fancied some of the action at Danny Wright's expense just seven minutes in and he should have made it 5-0 when Ormerod put the ball on a plate for him, but he took one touch too many and his shot was charged down.

Glen Little was then given a longer run out that usual as Wrexham went in search for more goals. Thornton smashed a rasping drive over from the edge of the box before Ogleby guided a shot the wrong side of the post.

The visitors then pulled a goal back in the seventy seventh minute. Despite Morrell appearing to be fouled in the Fleet half the visitors broke quickly through substitute Lanre Azeez.

He sped away from Dave Artell and picked out Elder in space in the box. He took one touch before blasting the ball past Maxwell to extend Wrexham's inability to keep a clean sheet in the league at the Racecourse.

Man-of-the-match Thornton watched a mis-hit shot bobble wide from Joe Clarke's disguised free-kick before Clarke smashed a low effort wide as Wrexham's clinical finishing of the first half continued to desert them.

However, it proved to be academic following that mesmerising first half performance that puts Wrexham in fine fettle ahead of Friday's long trip to Dartford.

POST MATCH REFLECTION

As expected Wrexham player-boss Andy Morrell was delighted after the game and he told us.

"I thought we were really good first half. I thought we played some really good stuff.

"It helps getting an early goal, but we did that on Saturday and we didn't continue at the same tempo as we did out there.

"When we get the tempo and move it, we are a handful and it was enjoyable to watch in the first half.

"We took our goals really well and the second half was difficult because it was harder to say we have to go again.

"We created chances but were not as clinical in the second half as we were in the first half."

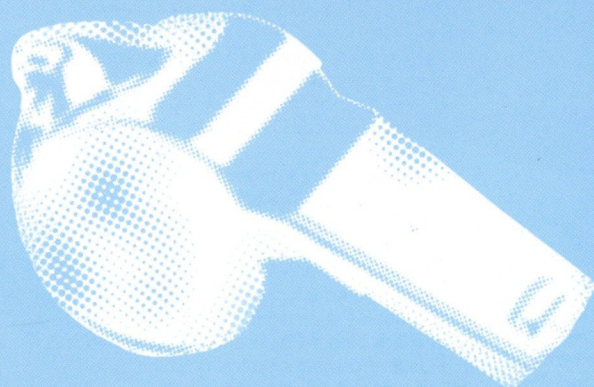
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BIG DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE IN SCOTLAND

Callum's Corner

Big Decisions

LEAGUE reconstruction is the big issue in Scottish football right now, and it will take a better man than me to figure it all out.

12-12-18, 12-12-10-10, top two divisions splitting into three leagues at the halfway stage, 'B' teams being introduced to the lower leagues. With only four months to go before the start of next season, decisions must be reached soon.

There were a couple of key points, however, that I feel are particularly interesting and, in my opinion, should be seriously considered for the English leagues.

The consensus amongst the financial advisors within the SFA is that 16 teams leagues will not work. Not because of reduced games meaning reduced income, but because a league that size, their argument goes, brings with it too many meaningless mid-table games comes the final third of the season.

What, then, do they make of the 24 team divisions in the Football League and beyond?

Many South American nations have either a play-off system, in which the top teams qualify and compete for the title, or a 'Clausura' and 'Apertura' whereby the league season is split in two, with championships, titles and continental places fought for in each

mini-season.

The idea is to avoid situations where, with still a dozen games left, matches are essentially pointless 11th versus 13th affairs with nothing to play for.

I may be in a minority, but I would welcome smaller divisions, even extended play-offs, in the English leagues.

The point of the entertainment industry, which football ultimately is a part of, is to entertain.

Smaller divisions would lead to fewer meaningless games, which in turn will lead to higher attendances and therefore more money. At a time when teams are in danger of going bust seemingly every week, how can that be a bad thing?

In my opinion, there should be three divisions of 18 teams, followed by regionalised divisions of a similar size below that.

If that were the case, with play-off places to decide relegation and promotion, it wouldn't be that surprising if we saw two-thirds or more of the teams still with something to play for entering the last month of the season.

As for the regional lower divisions, that too is something that makes sense both from a financial and football standpoint.

How much money does it cost Plymouth to travel to Carlisle? Flights, hotel costs etc for a travelling party of 25-30 certainly won't be cheap. While

the big clubs can afford that, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the smaller clubs need to trim their expenditure at every possible opportunity.

The introduction of regional leagues will mean more local games. It will certainly be more fan friendly in terms of travel, which will no doubt see an increase in attendances. How many Wrexham fans wouldn't be thrilled at the prospect of regular games against Chester?

The other issue I support, again, one in which I realise I am on the minority, would be the introduction of 'B' teams to the lower leagues.

In terms of Scotland, the thought that Dundee United 'B' (let alone Rangers and Celtic) wouldn't bring more money into the game than the likes of Montrose, Forfar and East Stirling, is ludicrous.

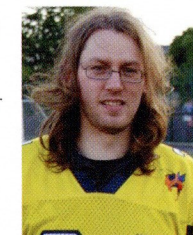
In England, I also see no reason why it wouldn't work. It would give youngsters at the big clubs consistent and competitive game time against seasoned pros, rather than see them play reserve matches in front of 300 people or being loaned out for a month here and there.

If Wrexham were to play Manchester United 'B' or Liverpool 'B' it would bring a bigger crowd than, no disrespect, teams like Kidderminster, Hyde and Dartford.

Again, it is something that would only bring money into the game.

Both of these ideas work in countries like Spain and Germany and I see no reason why it couldn't in England.

They say that if it ain't broke, you shouldn't fix it. The problem is football in this country is broke. Literally. Teams simply do not have any money. Both of these options would see an increase in money, interest, competitive fixtures and therefore attendances. It seems tradition is the only thing stopping change within the English football leagues, but I for one am not convinced that the current method is working.



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A quality full-back who is a good mate of mine from our Coventry City days. He too is now deservedly playing in the top-flight with Southampton.



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Fantastic on the ball, he was so good in tight areas. He had an outstanding footballing brain and it was clear to see why Liverpool once signed him.



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KEVIN THORNTON

I'd love to be in a five-a-side team with this lot! The banter would be great and we'd certainly be a force to be reckoned with on the pitch!

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Wrexham Supporters Federation



Wrexham Supporters Trust fans ownership. We wish to help raise funds for the Federation. Please bring it to the attention of a Supporters Club committee member.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO PUT FORWARD AT A FEDERATION MEETING?

If any supporters group member has anything to raise, or put forward in relation to anything to do with Wrexham FC and its supporters groups at Federation meetings, then please raise it with your own independent supporters group committee.

A representative of the club is present at most meetings to answer, or seek an answer to each question. Your committee is there to represent YOU.

HOW DO I JOIN A SUPPORTERS GROUP?

Over the next few pages you will find all nine of the member groups of the Wrexham Supporters Federation with details about each group. Please contact your nearest group to become a member.

All Wrexham fans are encouraged to join any of the supporters group's.

WE WANT TO FORM A NEW SUPPORTERS GROUP?

Wrexham Supporters groups are now established in a number of area's, but more the merrier!

If you are looking to form a new group to be officially recognised by the club then you need to be fully constituted. You will need at the very least an elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Federation groups have all at one time or another worked, helped and encouraged each other along. Contact any group for information on setting up a new group, and becoming a Federation member. They are here to help you.

The Supporters Federation was formed in 2008 to bring together all recognised supporters groups under one umbrella, but to maintain the individuality of each group who will remain being run by their own elected committee's. The Federation's supporters groups all agree to abide by its constitution.

AIMS OF THE FEDERATION

The three main aims of the Federation are as follows;

- a) to reflect the primary importance of Wrexham FC to everyone connected with it and to develop the Football Club's fan base by encouraging greater, more positive, support.
- b) to promote and encourage all Supporters Groups to join the Federation for the benefit of Wrexham FC and its Supporters Groups.
- c) to participate in joint fund raising and sponsorship activities to generate finances to the benefit of the Supporters groups and in particular, Wrexham FC.

In its first season the Federation raised £5,000 for the Club's Centre of Excellence. This was achieved by putting on fund raising events held for all groups to participate in.

The Federation have continued to raise funds for the Centre of Excellence and handed over £3,000. Every little counts.

WANT TO UNDERTAKE A FUNDRAISING PROJECT OR YOU HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?

The Federation are open to fundraising ideas to raise funds for Wrexham FC. We are one family, and aim to help each supporters group raise funds for each other on behalf of Wrexham FC.

We are a fans owned club, and believe and support in

WREXHAM WINNERS...

Winners of the Welsh Cup a record 23 times, Wrexham have not been invited to take part this season, so will have to wait for another chance to add to this tally. In this series, Mark Thompson looks back at the club's successful campaigns in the competition.

18 - 1959/60

IN 1960, nearly 96 years after their first ever match against the Prince of Wales' Fire Brigade, Wrexham were relegated for the first time in their history. Consolation was found in the Welsh Cup, which Wrexham won for the 18th time.

Joining the competition at the 5th round stage, a Bernard Evans' hat-trick and a fourth from Gren Jones saw Wrexham ease past Llandudno 4-0 before a similarly smooth ride against Newport in the quarter finals. County were seen off 3-0 via another goal from Evans complemented by strikes from veteran Ronnie Hewitt and youngster Arfon Griffiths (his first 1st team goal at the Racecourse Ground). In the semi-finals, Monmouthshire minnows Abergavenny Thursdays provided stiff opposition, holding Wrexham to a 2-2 draw at Newport's Somerton Park, Wrexham's goals scored by George Evans and yet again by his namesake Bernard. In the replay a week later at Hereford's Edgar Street, goals from Reg Hunter and Gren Jones ended Abergavenny's resistance as a 2-0 win saw Wrexham secure their place in the final against Cup holders, Cardiff.

Defending their trophy, our opponents enjoyed a similar passage to the final, also running in to trouble only at the semi-final stage. Newport sweet-factory club, Lovell's Athletic (Welsh Cup runners-up the previous season), were beaten 5-0 at Ninian Park before Cardiff won at the Vetch Field in the quarter-final, beating their Swansea hosts more comprehensively than the 2-1 scoreline might suggest. When the

semi-final was played here at the neutral Racecourse, the Bluebirds were hot favourites, not only to reach the final but to lift the Cup for the 10th time. Bangor City proved obdurate opponents, holding Cardiff to a 1-1 draw before succumbing 1-4 in the semi-final replay at Newport.

Not only were Cardiff the Welsh Cup holders; they enjoyed an



outstanding season in 1959/60, securing promotion to the top flight finishing only a point behind Division Two champions Aston Villa and 8 points ahead of 3rd placed Liverpool. By the time of the Welsh Cup final, on

WREXHAM'S WINNING WELSH CUP CAMPAIGN IN 1959/60:-

Round	Date	H/A/N	Opponents	Score	Att
R5	27/01/1960	H	Llandudno	4-0	4,000
QF	24/02/1960	H	Newport County	3-0	2,771
SF	28/03/1960	N	Abergavenny Thursdays	2-2	2,317
Replay	04/04/1960	N	Abergavenny Thursdays	2-0	2,000
F	02/05/1960	A	Cardiff City	1-1	11,172
Replay	05/05/1960	H	Cardiff City	1-0	5,938

1959/60 - FINAL THIRD DIVISION TABLE IN THE FIRST SEASON WREXHAM WERE RELEGATED

	Name	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Southampton	46	26	9	11	106	75	61
2	Norwich City	46	24	11	11	82	54	59
3	Shrewsbury Town	46	18	16	12	97	75	52
4	Grimsby Town	46	18	16	12	87	70	52
5	Coventry City	46	21	10	15	78	63	52
6	Brentford	46	21	9	16	78	61	51
7	Bury	46	21	9	16	83	69	51
8	QPR	46	18	13	15	73	54	49
9	Colchester United	46	18	11	17	83	74	47
10	Bournemouth & Bos Ath	46	17	13	16	72	72	47
11	Reading	46	18	10	18	84	77	46
12	Southend United	46	19	8	19	76	74	46
13	Newport County	46	20	6	20	80	79	46
14	Port Vale	46	19	8	19	80	79	46
15	Halifax Town	46	18	10	18	70	72	46
16	Swindon Town	46	19	8	19	69	78	46
17	Barnsley	46	15	14	17	65	66	44
18	Chesterfield	46	18	7	21	71	84	43
19	Bradford City	46	15	12	19	66	74	42
20	Tranmere Rovers	46	14	13	19	72	75	41
21	York City	46	13	12	21	57	73	38
22	Mansfield Town	46	15	6	25	81	112	36
23	WREXHAM	46	14	8	24	68	101	36
24	Accrington Stanley	46	11	5	30	57	123	27

Monday 2nd May, the Bluebirds had secured their place in Division One and Wrexham had secured theirs in Division Four. As if this disparity was not daunting enough, the FA of Wales decided to dispense with custom of neutral venues and play the final at Ninian Park.

Including 6 full Welsh internationals, Cardiff lined up as follows:- Graham Vearncombe, Alan Harrington, Ron Stitfall, Steve Gammon, Danny Malloy, Colin Baker, Colin Hudson, Derek Tapscott, Graham Moore, Brian Jenkins, Jonny Watkins.

In front of a partisan crowd of 11,172, Wrexham produced an excellent performance, Ron Harbetson's goal cancelling out the 'hosts' strike from Brian Jenkins. For the replay at the Racecourse, Cardiff fielded a side that was arguably even stronger, Brian Walsh replacing Hudson and Barrie Hole replacing Gammon. Only a teenager at the time, Hole went on to anchor Wales' midfield, winning 30 caps between 1963 and 1970. But Wrexham had their own starlet to bring back in to their team - Arfon Griffiths replacing Gareth Salisbury. Arfon missed the Ninian Park game having picked up a knock in a 2-0 defeat at Halifax that sealed Wrexham's relegation fate. He also missed the last home league game (a 1-1 draw against QPR watched by a season's low crowd of 2,747) but turned out 24 hours later for the final replay. A good job he did, as Arfon hit the only goal of the game (his 10th goal in his 30th first team appearance) as Wrexham won the Welsh Cup for the 18th time.

With fixture congestion, as usual at this time of year, becoming a talking point, it is instructive to look at Wrexham's schedule at the end of 1959/60:- 30th April - Halifax away, 2nd May - Cardiff away, 4th May - QPR home, 5th May - Cardiff home. Four matches in six days that culminated in Welsh Cup success.

WREXHAM STAR FROM 1960:-

Arfon Griffiths

When Wrexham won the Welsh Cup in 1960 it was before the days when Arfon Griffiths was 'Prince of Wales'.

Wrexham's most famous football son was still a teenager and had been a professional footballer for less than a year, after joining his home-town club in May 1957 and combining football with work in the clerical section of the National Coal Board in his first couple of years at the Racecourse. 1960 saw the first of four Welsh Cup wins for Wrexham during Arfon's 20 year playing career but it was not the first silverware Arfon had picked up; that was a Welsh Youth Cup winners' medal in 1959.

In 1960/61, some terrific performances from Arfon helped Fourth Division Wrexham reach the League Cup quarter-finals and brought him to the attention of the game's elite. A £15,500 fee secured Arfon's services for Arsenal in February 1961 but, after he had played only 15 League games for the Gunners, their boss George Swindin was replaced by former England captain Billy Wright and Arfon found himself out of favour, returning to Wrexham after Ken Barnes negotiated a cut price deal to bring him home in September 1961.

It proved to be the best £8,000 Wrexham ever spent. Arfon went on to make a club record 721 competitive first team appearances, 591 of which were in the Football League. At the end of April 1977 it appeared Wrexham's dream of Second Division football was to be realised after a 2-0 win at Peterborough cemented us into 2nd place, only a point behind leaders Brighton and 5 ahead of 4th placed Crystal Palace with a game in hand on our promotion rivals. But Arfon had been injured at London Road and had to sit out the last 5 games. Agonizingly, Wrexham failed to win any of them and missed out on promotion, losing our last two home games after being unbeaten at the Racecourse all season up to then.

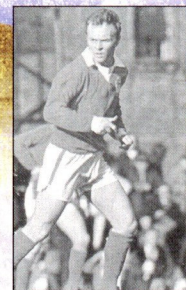
In the summer of 1977, John Neal took over at Middlesbrough and Arfon was appointed player-manager to replace him. Shrewd transfer signings helped Wrexham exorcise the demons of the previous campaign and reach the Second Division as Champions in 1977/78 as well as reaching the FA Cup and League Cup quarter finals and winning the Welsh Cup the same season.

Capped twice for Wales at under-23 level while at Arsenal, Arfon went on to make 17 full appearances for Wales, 16 of them when he was over 33 years of age. After being awarded an MBE for his services to football, a point of principle saw Arfon hand his resignation to Wrexham Chairman Fred Tomlinson in May 1981. With Wrexham's overdraft mounting, Arfon had been asked to sack 2 of his 4 backroom staff but refused to do so. Explaining his decision, Arfon said that "The board had valid points about the cuts, but so did I".

After a season managing Crewe (1981/82), then playing in the Welsh National League for Gresford Athletic, Arfon cut his ties with football for more than two decades, before becoming the figurehead of Wrexham Supporters Trust, whom he served as President from 2006 to 2009.

Wrexham's Welsh Cup final replay winning line-up from 1960:-

- 1 - Charlie Hughes (rose through the junior ranks at the Racecourse).
- 2 - Reg Holland (a former Busby Babe).
- 3 - Aly McGowan (last of his 3 Welsh Cup winners' medals).
- 4 - Fred Davis (signed from Reading in 1955).
- 5 - Alan Fox (under-23 Wales international).
- 6 - Arthur Styles (signed from West Brom a month before the final).
- 7 - Gren Jones (after 281 Wrexham games moved to Australia in 1961).
- 8 - Arfon Griffiths (see Wrexham star from 1960).
- 9 - Bernard Evans (£2,000 fee took Bernard to QPR in October 1960).
- 10 - Ron Harbetson (signed from Lincoln in March 1960).
- 11 - Reg Hunter (moved to Bangor in 1962).





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GOOD AFTERNOON to you all and a very warm welcome to the Racecourse....

Well, what an exciting few weeks we've seen with everything coming together for the big event on the 24th. Ticket sales are absolutely booming, with FA estimates now surpassing the 15,000 mark, which is incredible. I know Grimsby's tickets went on general sale earlier this week and they had already sold 12,000 by Wednesday, which bodes well for everyone.

The weekend saw us launch our Wembley shop at Eagles Meadow, with the help of Sky Sports presenter Bryn Law. Over 200 people gathered outside the store to get themselves kitted out for the big event, which was fantastic to see and with over £8,000 in sales generated in the first few days alone we are well on our way to generating some serious cash for the football club.

Best sellers so far include the 'Road to Wembley T Shirt', Wembley scarves, jester hats and foam hands. All are flying off the shelves, so get down to the store and get yourself a souvenir for the big day. The shop will be open between 9.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10.00am - 4.00pm on Sundays. If you're struggling to make it down to Wrexham for whatever reason, please check out the full range online from Friday this week!! The Leader will be stocking items in their Mold branch from next week and our team of volunteers will be manning the mobile unit, seen outside the ground today and on Tuesday.

The quick turnaround for merchandise items



has been fantastic and I would like to say a big thank you to Wrexham Ties, who have gone beyond the call of duty to ensure we have limited edition Wembley ties available before the event. The team have very kindly offered us the first 100 ordered free of charge for which we are extremely grateful. Gary Owen of Queensferry Sports has also presented us with a similar deal for Wembley Scarves, which he will be selling from the store next week. Again a big thank you to Gary for his help.

We still have a small number of hospitality places available at Wembley in the luxurious surroundings of the Upper Level in the Booby Moores Suite. With one of the best spectator positions on the day and a complimentary bar before the game and at half time, including lunch and a match day programme, this is unbeatable value so if you haven't already bought your ticket or want to upgrade call me directly. These places are available at just £129.00 per head.

I am excited to announce that we have received a special allocation of rooms from The Holiday inn Wembley for last minute bookers.

Boasting a 17m Swimming pool, with fitness centre and only a stone's throw from the stadium itself, you can book Bed & Breakfast for only £49.00 per head. If you've already arranged your coach travel for the Sunday, call us and we can change your ticket!!

Call me directly on 07921 371 766.

Steven

ALTITUDE SUITE
We have an excellent facility for use on matchdays on the Mold Road side of the ground.

The Altitude suite, above the private boxes, is a superb venue for Birthday parties or Special occasions, and can accommodate parties of up to 25 on a matchday.

Call me for details and to book, remember executive boxes house ten people, so for that extra special event, host it at Altitude!

BAMFORD SUITE
Why not treat yourself to a pre-match meal in the Bamford Suite prior to a match this season. You may have seen the excellent feature in a recent DAILY POST which highlighted the superb facility.

With Adult prices at just £40 and concessions at £30 (over 60 and under 16), you can book any number of places from just a single seat. Enjoy a two course meal, and Executive box seating, just call me on the number below to secure your place.

After the game the players now enjoy their post match meal in the Bamford Suite, so it is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with your favourite player.

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Wembley



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Adults
£30
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£15

Hospitality Packages

Wembley Stadium is where dreams come true. Add to that the world-class hospitality that Club Wembley offers and both you and your guests can expect an experience unequalled by any other. We have a number of hospitality packages **available in the Bobby Moore Suite from £129** inclusive of vat, contact us for more details on **07921 371 766**.

WEMBLEY

How to book your coach travel

Wrexham Football Club will be running official coaches to Wembley from a number of designated pick up points. A full list of pick up points are available on our website www.wrexhamafc.co.uk

The cost of the coaches will be **£30 for adults** and **£20 for children** under 16 accompanied by adults. These all need to be purchased in advance. Bookings can be made online or in person at the Club Shop.

Adults
£30
Children under 16
£20

Merchandise

A full range of merchandise including **T-shirts, flags, scarves** and more will be on sale in the Club Shop, online and at various other outlets over the next few weeks.

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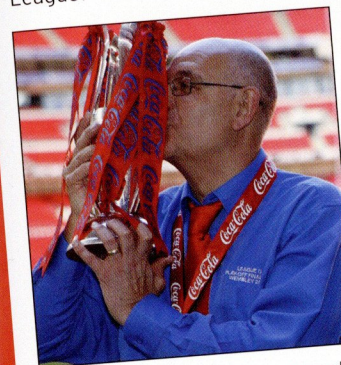
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TEN TO TACKLE

TRY TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU KNOW
ABOUT RECENT WREXHAM NEWS, TODAY'S VISITORS AND WREXHAM'S LINKS

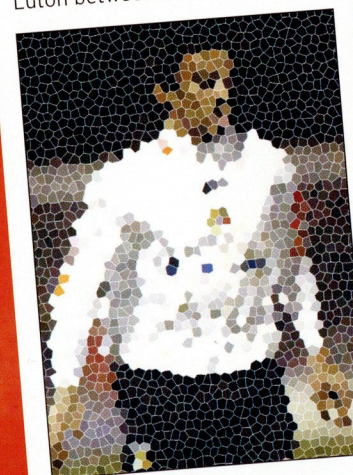
1 What nickname do Luton share with Stockport?

2 First in 1989 and then again in 2006, Luton boss John Still managed which two clubs to promotion to the Football League?



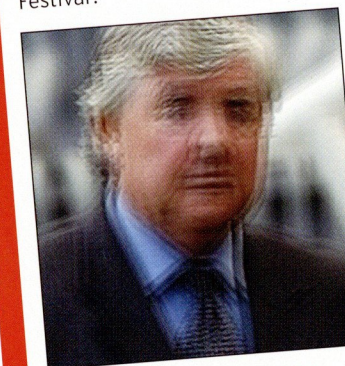
3 And at which club (opponents of Wrexham earlier this month) was John Still manager when they won the Southern League in 1984?

4 Name the winger, since converted to full-back, who played 165 League games for Wrexham between 2000 and 2005 then 68 League games for Luton between 2005 and 2007.



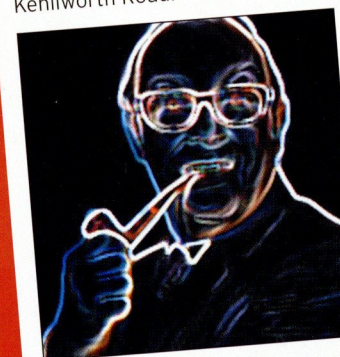
5 Andre Gray scored Luton's goal in their 2-1 defeat in the 2nd leg of the BSBP play-off final at the Racecourse in May last year. For which other club did Andre play at the Racecourse last season (the last club to beat Wrexham in the FA Trophy)?

6 Known by his initials JFK during his time as Newcastle manager, who was Luton's boss in 2002 when Wrexham beat them 3-2 at the NSC in Douglas on route to winning the Isle of Man International Football Festival?



7 Name the two clubs who Luton have lost against in the BSBP play-off final (at Eastlands in 2011 and at Wembley last year).

8 Name the comic genius and former Luton director who has a suite named after him at Kenilworth Road.



9 Who beat Luton 2-1 in the 1959 FA Cup final?

10 On 22nd September 2009, the 75th anniversary of the Gresford Colliery disaster, Luton were Wrexham's opponents at the Racecourse Ground. Before the match, in remembrance of the 266 men who tragically lost their lives, 266 black balloons were released from the centre circle. Caught by the breeze, the balloons all drifted over the Yale Stand in a northerly direction; appropriately enough, towards Gresford. From their initials, can you identify the Wrexham side who beat Luton 3-0, in front of a crowd of 3,448, all of whom, Wrexham and Luton alike, had impeccably observed a minute's silence before kick-off: 1-CM (16 Wales u-21 caps), 2-CO (has played for Fleetwood), 3-NT (went to Swansea), 4-MA (dreadlocked maestro), 5-FS (Colwyn Bay boss), 6-CS (now Nantwich), 7-AF (went to Morecambe), 8-SS (another dreadlocked maestro), 9-GT (was Welsh international) sub LS (ex-Leeds), 10-MW (now Chester) sub AC (speedy Pole), 11-MJ (now Bala).

Answers: 1. The Hatters. 2. Maidstone in 1989, Dagenham & Redbridge in 2006. 3. Darford. 4. Carlos Edwards. 5. Hinchley United. 6. Joe Kinnear. 7. Wimbledon and York. 8. Eric Morecambe. 9. Nottingham Forest. 10. 1 - Chris Maxwell. 2 - Curtis Obeng. 3 - Neil Taylor. 4 - Mansour Assoumani. 5 - Frank Sinclair. 6 - Christian Smith. 7 - Andy Fleming. 8 - Silvio Spant. 9 - Gareth Taylor. 10 - Marc Williams. 11 - Mark Jones. Subs - Lamine Sakho and Adrian Cieslewicz.

PATIENCE PAYING OFF FOR THORNTON

PATIENCE HAS BEEN A VIRTUE FOR KEVIN THORNTON THIS SEASON.

THE TALENTED Irishman first arrived at the club during the summer looking to get his career back on track and overcome the injuries that had halted his progress.



Thornton putting in a cross against Ebbsfleet

However, it has not been an easy path to the first-team and it's only since the turn of the year that he has been able to make his mark on the first-team.

"There have been some frustrating times, especially when you keep picking up injuries," he admitted. "But it can go either way. You can let it get to your head or you can dig in and carry on doing the work you need to do in order to get fit again.

"I kept my head together and did what I had to do. Hopefully I'm now over the injuries and I can get run of games together and stay fit.

"The Gaffer has been really patient with me so I respect him for that and I want to pay him back for the faith he has shown in me.

"He told me to take my time, not to let it get me down and he promised to give me a

chance when I was fit so I've done all that and here I am. It's up to me now to stay fit and carry on doing what I'm doing.

"I feel that I've done alright in my performances so far. The more games I get, the fitter I will become.

"The Blue Square Premier is a good standard; there's not much difference between this level and League Two and there are some good players in this League.

"We have some big games ahead and it's a real chance for us to push on. I'm looking forward to being involved in them and playing my part in helping the club progress and get to where it wants to be.

"We have to stay focused and concentrate on what we do rather than worrying about what is happening elsewhere.

"There is no doubt that we have the ability within our ranks, but, as was the case at Dartford last weekend, we have to be able to kill teams off.

"We bounced back in the right way in our last game. Whilst we didn't reach the standards that we know we are capable of in the first half at Lincoln, we did well after the break and showed character to come from behind to win."

With the prospect of a Wembley appearance in the background, there is much for the 26 year-old, who counts Coventry City and Northampton Town amongst his former clubs, to look forward to, but he insists that he's taking things one step at a time.

"Having been through the injuries that I have in recent years, you learn to not look too far ahead," he added. "To play at Wembley is a dream for any player, but before that we have important League matters to deal with and that is what I will be concentrating on.

"I'm just glad to be fit and able to do a job for the club."

kevinthornton

"We have to stay focused and concentrate on what we do rather than worrying about what is happening elsewhere."





Joslain MAYEBI

Home: Seren Networks

Away: The Events Factory Design, Dubai



Stephen WRIGHT

Home: Scott, Robin and Rachel

Away: Available



Neil ASHTON

Home: Mike, Dan, Jarrod and Rachael


Away: Shropshire Reds



Jay HARRIS

Home: Nick Green/MFM/Nicky/Magno

Away: Seren Networks



Danny WRIGHT

Home: Dean Domerecki


Away: Flintshire Furniture



Brett ORMEROD

Home: Seren Networks

Away: Antony Bourne



Joe CLARKE

Home: The Joe Clarke Project


Away: Solihull Roofing Services Ltd.



Rob OGLEBY

Home: Holt Lodge Hotel


Away: RP Punters Parlour



Johnny HUNT

Home: Rhos and Dee Valley Reds

Away: Louis Williams



Jay COLBECK

Home: The Events Factory Design, Dubai

Away: London Reds



Chris WESTWOOD

Home: R.C.M.S. Dubai

Away: Alyn Hotel Rossett



Jamie MORTEN

Home: Available

Away: Available



Michael OAKES

Home: Available

Away: Available



Billy BARR

Home: Floor and Wall Solutions

Away: Stephen Parrott




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Mark CREIGHTON

Home: David Jackson, Red Hall Property

Away: Dean Domerecki



Martin RILEY

Home: Kings Mills Reds


Away: Available



Adrian CIESLEWICZ

Home: Dennis and Elaine Morgan

Away: Dennis and Elaine Morgan



Andy MORRELL

Home: Signatures (Aberconwy)

Away: Dave Onslow



Dean KEATES

Home: Mold and District Reds

Away: Fans from www.red.passion.co.uk



Andy COUGHLIN

Home: Seren Networks

Away: Gezthe chef@bellyfull caribbean



Glen LITTLE

Home: South Wales Reds


Away: Liam Randell (Wrexham.com)



Declan WALKER

Home: Shropshire Reds


Away: Red Lion, Penyffordd



Nick RUSHTON

Home: Kevin Williams

Away: Available



Anthony STEPHENS

Home: Available

Away: Available



Steve TOMASSEN

Home: Alan Sutton, Ukraine Reds


Away: Available



Leon CLOWES

Home: Wrexham Supporters Association


Away: Available



Dele ADEBOLA

Home: AEC Engineering

Away: Available



Joey JONES

Home: Allan Mather: www.medical-wealthcare.co.uk

Away: Manchester Reds




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Soapstar Soccerstar

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2013, THE RACECOURSE, WREXHAM

The RCF will be involved as a charity in a Wrexham/Wales Legends game v Once Upon A Smile Charity Team. Details for this special event can be found on the website soapstarsoccerstar.com

This game will be played on the 22nd June at 3pm at the Racecourse and guest players include Chris Coleman, John Hartson, Mickey Thomas, Gary Bennett and lots more. Ticket prices are available on the website.

There will be a number of community days at Glyndwr University leading up to this event for children in primary schools.

DISABILITY PROJECT

We have just received some excellent news from Sport Wales. We have been successful in our recent grant funding bid to run a two year disability project.

The project will involve increasing the number of coaches and volunteers to help deliver this as well as increasing participation and forming links with schools, junior clubs and organisations. We will be looking in to three specific areas in the project. These are Deaf Football, Blind Football and Cerebral Palsy Football.

To get involved call Lee Jones on 01978294414.

statistically speaking

Players Appearances 2012-2013

	LGE ON PITCH	FAC	FAT	MINS	TOTAL
Joslain Mayebi	23	2	3	2489	28
Neil Ashton	35	2	4	3604	41
Mark Creighton	3	-	-	186	3
Jay Harris	31	2	4	3252	37
Danny Wright	31 (5)	2	3	3251	36 (5)
Brett Ormerod	24 (5)	1	2 (2)	2310	27 (7)
Dean Keates	34	2	6	3631	42
Rob Ogleby	7 (11)	- (1)	5	1072	12 (12)
John Hunt	29 (2)	2	4	2997	35 (2)
Declan Walker	12 (3)	-	2 (1)	1420	14 (4)
Chris Westwood	32	2	4	3353	38
Andy Morrell	11 (9)	1 (1)	3 (1)	1218	15 (11)
Adrian Cieslewicz	13 (16)	2	1 (5)	1694	16 (21)
Joe Clarke	23 (4)	- (1)	6	2610	29 (5)
Martin Riley	27 (2)	-	6	2974	33 (2)
Glen Little	- (11)	-	- (2)	205	- (13)
Stephen Wright	17 (2)	2	-	1782	20 (2)
Andy Bishop	4	-	-	337	4
Jay Colbeck	- (2)	-	1	111	1 (2)
Nick Rushton	9 (6)	- (2)	1 (1)	899	10 (9)
Andy Coughlin	5	- (1)	1	571	6 (1)
Danny Devine	4	2	2	720	8
Danny Alfei	11	-	4	1330	15
Rob Evans	-	-	- (1)	19	- (1)
Bradley Reid	- (1)	-	- (1)	22	- (2)
Chris Maxwell	9	-	2	990	11
Kevin Thornton	4 (1)	-	1	471	5 (1)
Dele Adebola	4	-	-	294	4
David Artell	4	-	-	315	4

Goalscorers 2012-2013

	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOTAL
Danny Wright	13	1	2	16
Adrian Cieslewicz	6	-	3	9
Brett Ormerod	7	1	1	9
Rob Ogleby	6	-	1	7
Neil Ashton	5	1	1	7
Andy Morrell	3	-	3	6
Joe Clarke	4	-	2	6
Jay Harris	4	-	1	5
Nick Rushton	3	-	1	4
Kevin Thornton	3	-	1	4
Dean Keates	1	1	1	3
John Hunt	2	-	1	3
Dele Adebola	2	-	-	2
Andy Bishop	2	-	-	2
Chris Westwood	1	-	1	2
Mark Creighton	1	-	-	1
Glen Little	1	-	-	1
Jay Colbeck	1	-	-	1
Stephen Wright	1	-	-	1
Declan Walker	-	-	1	1
Own goals	3	-	-	3

Blue Square Bet Premier Division League Table

(Up to and including Wednesday 13 March 2013)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
WREXHAM	37	20	11	6	69	36	71
Mansfield Town	36	22	5	9	72	45	71
Kidderminster Harriers	37	20	8	9	58	32	68
Newport County AFC	34	20	6	8	71	50	66
Grimsby Town	35	18	10	7	55	29	64
Forest Green Rovers	38	17	10	11	56	38	61
Macclesfield Town	36	15	10	11	53	50	55
LUTON TOWN	35	14	8	13	54	49	50
Hereford United	35	13	11	11	53	51	50
Dartford	34	14	7	13	53	52	52
Cambridge United	37	13	10	14	60	60	49
Woking	36	15	4	17	55	64	49
Southport	36	12	10	14	60	65	46
Alfreton Town	37	11	12	14	52	62	45
Tamworth	36	12	8	16	44	50	44
Braintree Town	32	13	5	14	44	54	44
Stockport County	37	11	9	17	49	61	42
Gateshead	34	10	11	13	41	41	41
Lincoln City	37	10	10	17	51	62	40
Hyde	37	11	6	20	49	62	39
Barrow	36	9	10	17	39	68	37
Nuneaton Town	35	8	12	15	40	56	36
Ebbsfleet United	35	7	11	17	45	71	32
AFC Telford United	38	5	16	17	44	59	31

Upcoming Fixtures

TODAY'S BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

Alfreton Town v Gateshead
Ebbsfleet United v Southport
Grimsby Town v Cambridge United
Hereford United v Barrow
Hyde v Dartford
Kidderminster Harriers v Tamworth
Newport C AFC v Macclesfield Town
Nuneaton Town v Lincoln City
Stockport County v Braintree Town
Woking v AFC Telford United

Wrexham v Luton Town

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

Braintree Town v Woking
Cambridge United v Ebbsfleet United
Dartford v Barrow
Gateshead v Hereford United
Luton Town v Stockport County
Macclesfield Town v AFC Telford United
Newport County AFC v Kidderminster Harriers

Nuneaton Town v Grimsby Town

Tamworth v Southport

Wrexham v Mansfield Town

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

Barrow v Ebbsfleet United
Braintree Town v Alfreton Town
Dartford v Gateshead
Hereford United v Hyde

Lincoln City v AFC Telford United

Luton Town v Tamworth

Mansfield Town v Macclesfield Town

Nuneaton Town v Woking

Southport v Kidderminster Harriers

Stockport County v Newport C AFC

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

Alfreton Town v Tamworth

Barrow v Macclesfield Town

Braintree Town v Lincoln City

Gateshead v Grimsby Town

Hereford United v Dartford

Hyde v Cambridge United

Kidderminster Harriers v Woking

Luton Town v Ebbsfleet United

Mansfield Town v Nuneaton Town

Southport v Newport County AFC

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CHARITY COLLECTION

Today's turnstile collection is being conducted on behalf of the Wrexham Supporters Association Hospital Broadcast.

It presently costs £800 per annum in line rental charges to provide this service, which is taken by the Maelor Hospital and also used to keep supporters around the world in touch of match action via our Wrexham Player service. Your contribution this afternoon will be gratefully appreciated.

If anyone would like to make a donation, could they please send a cheque payable to WSA to CJ Clark, 4 Lyndale Grove, Wrexham LL12 8DQ.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

With the little matter of a trip to Wembley looming large you can help us maximise this opportunities and help secure the club's future.

We need an off-the-pitch team to help sell merchandise in and around the ground at designated times over the next fortnight. Interested, then call Steven Cook direct on 07921 371 766 to discuss openings.

WEMBLEY TRAVEL PLAN

Wrexham fans in planning their journey to and from the Stadium for the FA Carlsberg Trophy Final, 2013.

This information is correct at the time of compilation. Visitors are

encouraged to check with the appropriate transport providers closer to the date of the event for any updates. Wembley Stadium is a public transport destination. Further information about travelling to the Stadium can be found at: www.wembleystadium.com/gettingtowembley

BY RAIL: Full details of National Rail train times are available at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Information relating to London Underground, London Overground or London Bus services is available at <http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk> or by phoning 020 7222 1234.

To avoid ticket office queues when leaving the Stadium, we recommend you buy your Tube ticket as part of your National Rail ticket. Alternatively, buy an Oyster card online in advance. Using an Oyster card is the quickest and cheapest way to travel when using the London Underground or selected National Rail services including Chiltern Railways. Wembley Park and Wembley Central Stations are in Zone 4. Visit www.tfl.gov.uk/oyster for more information.

Please remember to plan your journey in advance, checking for planned engineering works or service alterations which may impact your journey to and from the stadium. Visitors are advised to always allow sufficient time to complete your rail journey home after the event.

THE STADIUM IS SERVED BY 3 STATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

The station is served by the Jubilee and Metropolitan Underground Lines. On exiting the Station, follow the pedestrian route along Olympic Way to the front of the Stadium. Allow for a 10 minute walk. After the event, the only way you can get into the station is via Olympic Way, which has a comprehensive crowd management system implemented to control the flow of people into the station. Please allow for up to 30 minutes of queuing following the event.

Please note there will be no Metropolitan Line service between Amersham, Chesham and Moor Park on 24 March.

WEMBLEY STADIUM STATION

Use this station for Chiltern Railways services from the Midlands, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and London Marylebone. The station is located on the south side of the Stadium with access from South Way. Please allow for a 5 minute walk. After the event, a comprehensive crowd management system is implemented to control the flow into the station. Please allow 10-15 minutes to queue for services from this station post event. Further information on Chiltern Railways services is available at www.chilternrailways.co.uk

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RESERVES ROUND-UP

WREXHAM RESERVES 3 PORT VALE RESERVES 4

Wrexham reserves' Central League campaign was epitomised at Colliers Park last Wednesday when they lost a seven-goal thriller, 4-3 to Port Vale. The Dragons fought back from three goals down in the second half but fell afoul of Chris Shuker's 89th minute sucker-punch, writes Dan Jennings.

With Wrexham only having a small first team squad, and games coming thick and fast, Joey Jones was forced to name a very young side yet again. At just 21, captain Leon Clowes was the oldest member of the home side while Nick Rushton and Jay Colbeck were the only players with noteworthy first-team experience.

In contrast, Robert Page's outfit lined up with a number of experienced pros; right-winger Chris Shuker played in the Premier League with Manchester City and central-midfielder Chris Burchall represented Trinidad & Tobago at the 2006 World Cup finals.

Both sides made a lively start as Tom Morris struck the bar with a rasping left-foot drive for the visitors and Louis Gray did well to block Shuker's follow-up. The Dragons had a great chance to take the lead when the ball ricocheted kindly to Rushton who burst clear and steered a left-foot shot past Ryan Boot but narrowly the wrong side of the upright.

Vale began to take control with Shuker at the heart of everything. Wrexham defended well, centre-halves Clowes and Kyle Parle looking dominant in the air, but Gray had to be at his very best to



Jay Colbeck - added experience against The Valiants

deny Birchall. At the other end, Bradley Reid did well to get in behind Adam Yates but could only find the side-netting from a tight angle.

The Valiants broke the deadlock in stoppage-time when Rob Taylor cut in from the left and curled an unstoppable effort beyond the reach of Gray and before Wrexham could regroup it was 2-0. Trialist Jack Hendry kept a corner alive and Ollie Marland was quickest to react inside the six-yard-box, turning on a sixpence to fire past Gray.

Things got worse for Wrexham eight minutes into the second half when the skilful Shuker jinked his way through and beat Gray from close-range. Rather

than roll over, the Dragons bit straight back. Jamie Morton clipped a great pass over the top to Rushton who, after leaving the centre-backs in his wake, found the bottom corner with a composed right-foot finish.

As midfielders Jay Colbeck and Robbie Evans got more involved in the game, so did Wrexham. Morton went close on the hour mark, fizzing a shot wide from 20-yards, and two minutes later Rushton reduced the deficit with his second of the game. Cutting in from the left, he picked his spot and produced a finish every bit as good as Taylor's at the end of the first period.

The Dragons equalised on 68 minutes from a set-piece straight off the training ground. Morton played a low corner to Evans on the edge of the area and his whipped centre found Parle at the back post; the defender showing great awareness to lift his finish over the diving Boot.

Ten minutes from time Colbeck played in substitute Paul Carney but his strike was tame as Wrexham pushed for a winner but they were eventually undone on the break. Ryan Lloyd led the quick breakaway and when he played in Shuker there was only going to be one outcome.

Wrexham (4-3-3): Gray; Ankers (White, 83), Parle, Clowes, Smith (Weaver, 85); Evans, Morton, Colbeck; Rushton, Royle, Reid (Carney, 66). Subs not used: Simpson, Cartwright.

Port Vale (4-4-2): Boot; Yates, Hendry,

Davis, Morris; Shuker, Morsy (Whieldon, 60), Birchall, Taylor; Lloyd, Marland (Davies, 71). Subs not used: Hemmings, Price, Pryor.

Man-of-the-match Nick Rushton was left rueing the reserves luck of late, saying: "We haven't been very lucky with results lately but we always play well as a team and create lots of chances. They (Port Vale) had a very strong team from what I could see and some of them played for their first team on the weekend."

After finding scoring form for the reserves, Rushton still craves first-team action, adding: "I enjoyed playing in the first team earlier in the season and I'm definitely ready if needed again. Until then I've just got to keep working hard and then prove I'm worthy of my chance when it comes around."



● Last Wednesday evening Wrexham Reserves were in action again when they travelled to Tranmere Rovers. A very young side took to the field but they were rewarded with a fine 2-1 victory. The home side took the lead with a terrific shot from around thirty yards out but we hit back and equalised through Rob Ogleby. With the game heading towards a draw we snatched what proved to be the winner when Rob Evans turned and blasted the ball home. The win sees us leapfrog over our opponents in the table.

THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Wrexham's youngsters continued their impressive season when a single goal was enough to register a 1-0 home victory over Port Vale, and the youngsters just like the first team in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division, now sit proudly on top of the Football Youth Alliance North-West Division.

Previous league-leaders, Preston North End, were beaten 1-0 at Burnley so our youngsters now hold pole position. The full table looks like this

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Wrexham	18	12	5	1	38	12	41
Preston North End	18	12	2	4	49	24	38
Walsall	17	10	5	2	41	19	35
Rochdale	17	9	6	2	39	16	33
Burnley	17	10	1	6	46	27	31
Bury	17	10	1	6	33	33	31
Carlisle United	16	8	3	5	35	20	27
Macclesfield Town	18	7	6	5	25	21	27
Oldham Athletic	17	7	3	7	22	21	24
Port Vale	17	5	5	7	16	21	20
Shrewsbury Town	16	6	0	10	18	23	18
Fleetwood Town	18	4	4	10	24	37	16
Blackpool	17	4	2	11	26	53	14
Morecambe	18	3	3	12	26	56	12
Tranmere Rovers	17	2	4	11	24	35	10
Accrington Stanley	18	2	4	12	21	65	10

Last Saturday's results saw Macclesfield Town register a 3-2 win at Blackpool, while Burnley won 4-1 at Morecambe. Rochdale and Walsall, lying fourth and third in the table, played out a 1-1 draw and previously bottom of the table Tranmere Rovers beat Oldham Athletic 2-1 to register only their second win of the season. There is a full league programme being played today with the games as follows

Accrington Stanley v Port Vale
(being played at Port Vale)
Blackpool v Rochdale
Burnley v Shrewsbury Town
Bury v Tranmere Rovers
Carlisle United v Walsall
Fleetwood Town v Wrexham
(being played at Wrexham)
Morecambe v Macclesfield Town
Preston North End v Oldham Athletic

FULL PLAYING RECORD 2012/13

Sat 11 Aug	Macclesfield Town	0-0
Sat 18 Aug	SHREWSBURY TOWN	2-1
Sat 25 Aug	Port Vale	3-0
Sat 1 Sep	WALSALL	2-2
Sat 8 Sep	Rochdale	1-1
Sat 15 Sep	Tranmere Rovers	3-1
Sat 29 Sep	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3-0
Sat 13 Oct	Walsall	3-0
Sat 20 Oct	ROCHDALE	2-2
Sat 3 Nov	LINCOLN CITY (YAC)	4-0
Sat 10 Nov	TRANMERE ROVERS	1-0
Sat 17 Nov	Oldham Athletic	0-2
Sat 1 Dec	BRADFORD CITY (YAC)	0-0
	(Wrexham win 4-2 on penalties)	
Sat 8 Dec	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	0-0
Sat 12 Jan	Shrewsbury Town	2-1
Sat 2 Feb	Accrington Stanley	8-0
Wed 6 Feb	Fleetwood Town (YAC)	1-2
Sat 23 Feb	Blackpool	3-0
Tue 26 Feb	CARLISLE UNITED	1-0
Sat 2 Mar	MORECAMBE	3-2
Sat 9 mar	PORT VALE	1-0



Nick Rushton - brace against Port Vale

THE RACE FOR THE TITLES

THIS year's Blue Square Bet Premier title race is the most exciting we at the Non-League Paper can ever remember - but where exactly will it be won and lost?

With just five weeks of the season remaining, I think we can safely pick out the remaining runners and riders.

Purely looked at each team's remaining fixtures, you may still fancy Grimsby Town despite not looking at their sharpest right now. The Mariners have been consistent throughout the season and have no games left against teams in the title picture until the very last day - unlike all the others.

Relegation threatened teams Gateshead, Barrow, Nuneaton and Stockport are included in their remaining games and with the Barrow match being the only one of those four at Blundell Park, the FA Trophy finalists will have to be on their guard.

Could their final game of the season against Newport County AFC end up being a title decider? That brings me on to Justin Edinburgh's men - and it's fixtures backlog for County of the highest order after Monday's trip to Gateshead fell foul of the rather odd weather.

Seven of the Exiles' twelve games left are away from home and they will have to travel well to claim the title. Their trips to Luton Town and then Grimsby Town at the end of the season could be deciding factors.

Fellow Welsh side Wrexham continue to grind out results and have an FA Trophy final match up with Grimsby Town to look forward to next weekend.

The Blue Square Bet Premier title will surely be the one they want, though, and the Red Dragons face a tough end to their campaign.



Andy Morrell's men still have to face Mansfield Town twice with their game at Field Mill on the final day having the potential to be a winner takes all affair.

The final two sides involved in the conversation are arguably the ones with the most momentum going into the final weeks.

Before their crunch clash at Wrexham on the final day, Mansfield have what some people would describe as a favourable run-in.

The three games that could make or break them are successive trips to Barrow, Braintree and Hereford. Nine points from those games could give the Stags the edge.

And last but certainly not least we have Kidderminster Harriers - the side who hadn't won a game after 10 fixtures had been played this season.

Fast forward six months and they have a chance of returning to the Football League. With home games against Tamworth, Woking, Braintree Town, Lincoln City and Stockport County left, they look in very good shape.

Tonight's game between Forest Green Rovers and Mansfield could provide us with yet another swerve but I think Rovers' best hope is a play-off spot at this time.

It's not just the Blue Square Bet Premier that is providing an entertaining race this year either, with Salisbury City and Welling United doing battle in the Blue Square Bet South and Dover Athletic now sneaking into the picture.

Chester have all but won the Blue Square Bet North but today sees the biggest game in the Evo-Stik NPL Premier as leaders North Ferriby United travel to second-placed Hednesford Town.

Leamington are still leading the Evo-Stik Southern Premier but have a group of challengers waiting to take advantage of their recent poor form and in the Ryman Premier Whitehawk are trying to fend off the advances of Wealdstone and Concord Rangers.

So there you have it, it seems wherever you go in Non-League you're set for an entertaining finish to a rollercoaster of a season!

BLUE SQUARE BET ROUND-UP

WREXHAM, MANSFIELD TOWN MARCH ON, GRIMSBY TOWN LOSE GROUND and HYDE STUN 'THE HATTERS'

There was another vital round of Blue Square Bet Premier Division games played in midweek and it was great news for both Wrexham and Mansfield Town who recorded vital victories.

At Sincil Bank, the ground had passed a mid-morning inspection for Wrexham's visit to Lincoln City but at the end of the opening forty five minutes it was the Red Dragons who would have been hoping that the game would have been called off, as they trailed to a Chris Westwood own goal. However, in the second half, the visitors began to get grips with the game and drew level through Brett Ormerod and just five minutes later went in front through a Dele Adebola goal. Despite a last gasp frantic effort from the Imps the Wrexham defence held firm to stay top of the table.

This coming Tuesday evening, Mansfield Town are the visitors to the Racecourse, for what promises to be a terrific game, and last Tuesday the Stags were involved in another top of the table clash as they welcomed Grimsby Town to the One Call Stadium. A crowd of 3896 saw a tense first half but it was the Stags who went in front when substitute Matt Rhead put his side in front. The game was sealed eight minutes from time, when new loan signing, Adam Chapman, continued his terrific start to life at the One Call Stadium when his left footed screamer from twenty five yards found the back of the net. It was Chapman's fourth goal in his first two games for the club.

In recent weeks Forest Green Rovers have seen their play-off hopes fade away and on Tuesday night they travelled to the seaside to take on Southport. At half time it was the Sandgrounders who led the way, thanks to a Shaun Whalley penalty, but in the second half it was Rovers who took over. An inspired half time substitution by Manager, David Hockaday saw him bring on new loan signing from Bristol City, Wes Burns, and his second half display inspired his team-mates. Another substitute, Yemi Odubade, was in

inspired form as well, and he scored the goal to bring his side level with just three minutes left and then two minutes into time added on he provided the pass for Burns to rifle home an unlikely winner for Rovers and at least give them some faint hopes of a play-off place in the remaining weeks of the season.

Jamie Milligan from Fleetwood Town scored from the spot to give Hyde a tremendous victory and move them out of the bottom four.

In the North-West Barrow hosted Stockport County and for long periods it appeared as if the game was heading for a goalless draw. However, up popped



Adam Chapman: impressive start to life at Mansfield

There was a big game at the bottom end of the table when Ebbsfleet United travelled to Derbyshire to take on Alfreton Town in a game that was must-win for both clubs. One of the lowest recorded crowds in the division so far, 459, saw the home side make a flying start as they raced into a 2-0 lead by the half hour mark. A penalty from Dan Bradley set them on their way and Ben Tomlinson doubled their advantage on the half hour mark. The game was sealed twenty minutes from time when Jordan Rose scored a third and final goal.

The biggest surprise of the evening came at Kenilworth Road, where today's visitors to the Racecourse, Luton Town, were beaten 2-1 by Hyde. The lowest crowd of the season so far, at Kenilworth Road 4847, saw Louis Almond fire Hyde into a nineteenth minute lead but eight minutes before the interval Jake Howells put the Hatters on level terms. However, with twenty minutes of the game left on-loan

County striker Mark Cullen, to score twice in the final fourteen minutes to give his side a 2-0 win and end their run of six games without a win.

The remaining game on Tuesday evening was played at the Moss Rose and home side Macclesfield Town were held to a goalless draw by visiting Woking to further put a dent in their play-off hopes.

On Wednesday evening bottom of the table AFC Telford United played hosts to Gateshead hoping to put an end to their dismal run which has seen them go twenty three games without a win. However, they couldn't manage a win but they did pick up a point from a goalless draw but even though they gained a point it wasn't enough to take them off the bottom of the table. Caretaker-Manager, John Psaras will be encouraged with the clean sheet, and a vital point, although he will know of course that he faces a fight if the Bucks are to avoid the dreaded drop come the end of the season.



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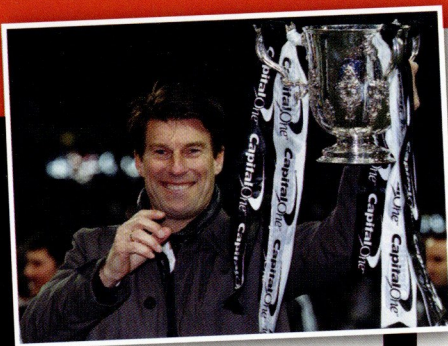
FAIRYTALE CUP FOOTBALL SUCCESS EXTENDS TO DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Mark Pitman takes a closer look at a season of cup successes and fairytale stories for Welsh clubs.

NEXT weekend attentions turn to Wembley as Wrexham prepare for the FA Trophy final.

Manager Andy Morrell will have to use every trick gained from his limited managerial experience to stop his players from being too distracted with two crucial Blue Square Premier fixtures to play before next Sunday, but the achievement of reaching the final is one that should be celebrated all the same. Swansea City have headlined cup success for Welsh clubs as Michael Laudrup's side went one better in the League Cup this season than Cardiff City could manage last season, and Wrexham will be hopeful of achieving something similar on Sunday in order to go one better than last years defeated finalists Newport County. While the league remains a priority, the four leading Welsh clubs in the English pyramid have now all reached Wembley cup finals in the last 12 months, but closer to home another remarkable achievement has been developing under the radar, and the cup success of Barry Town this season can certainly relate to.

A consistent line in the press euphoria that surrounded Swansea



City's League Cup triumph over Bradford a few weeks ago was that the club had lifted their first major trophy. Advocates of the domestic game in Wales took offence to the comment, stating that the club had previously won the Welsh Cup on a number of occasions. While the club lifted the League Cup in their centenary year, their history began when they lifted the Welsh Cup exactly one-hundred years before. At the time, the Welsh Cup would have been considered a major trophy, and so the question is rightly asked about the validity of last months triumph being worthy of such a title. In the next one-hundred years, the League Cup may have diminished to a third-rate competition, and if Swansea can lift whatever is considered a major trophy after another century of

football, will that again be considered their first? The debate changes with time and status of each club and each competition, but the attention it has brought to the Welsh Cup this season has served only to highlight another considerable success story for a fallen-giant of the domestic game.

Welsh clubs at every level of the game can share similar stories on respective rise and falls. Over the last three decades, Swansea City, Cardiff City, Wrexham and Newport County have suffered significant financial problems, but all four now appear to have turned the corner and are making progress at their current respective levels. But while the high-profile status of the four clubs in their darker days attracted the majority of the headlines, significant financial chaos was taking place in the Welsh Premier League a decade ago as flagship club Barry Town racked-up huge debts from funding a full-time squad against the odds. Since the first signs of trouble, off the field events that have occurred at Jenner Park have been well-documented and can only be explained fully in a book rather

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than in a blog. Now playing outside of the Welsh Premier League, the club have defied the odds this season by reaching the semi-final stage of the Welsh Cup, a competition they once dominated in their prime, and their success has come at a time when Wales has made both cup football headlines and history.



Barry Town owner- Stuart Lovering

Over the course of their Welsh Cup campaign, Barry Town have defeated Caerleon, Penryncoch, Ely Rangers, Pontardawe Town and Flint Town United. To say the draw has been kind to them is an understatement. As the last remaining feeder-league club in the competition, Barry Town take on Welsh Premier League opposition for the first time in the semi-final having been drawn against Prestatyn Town. What makes Barry Town's success this season so incredible however is the off the field affairs that have again threatened their very existence. When the club were faced with reported debts of around £1m in 2003, Stuart Lovering arrived as the clubs saviour as he invested an initial £125,000 to write off the debts in a Creditors' Voluntary Agreement. However, his tenure has been one of considerable

controversy, and his bizarre actions have included threatening to pull the club out of the league as well as sacking and subsequently reinstating manager Gavin Chesterfield this season alone. Unpopular with all who care about Barry Town, the club have achieved success despite being at war with their owner, and the fans who

have continued to support and run the club in their numbers deserve as much credit as Chesterfield and his team.

Barry Town last lifted the Welsh Cup in 2003. The triumph confirmed a domestic double for the professional outfit and they lifted the famous old trophy for a third successive season in the process. The team playing out of Jenner Park then was a very different one to what it is today, but the same level of success is now just two wins away. Although any further progression is unlikely, there is a spirit about the team and the club that has emerged and developed through their battle against the odds. For the last decade, Barry Town have played under the cloud that each season could be their last. The club has defied a significant split between the owner and everyone else to make continued progress, and their efforts have been noticed as a result of the Welsh Cup run that has catapulted them back to former glories.

Prestatyn Town will provide difficult opposition, but Barry Town take an unparalleled belief into the tie that could yet prove to be even more than a leveller against their Welsh Premier League opponents. Sadly, the current split appears to be a permanent one,

such is the level of animosity between Lovering and those that love the club, but a new platform has now been created that can dictate the future direction of Barry Town.

Wrexham head to Wembley next weekend less than two years after the very existence of the club was in the balance. Slowly but surely, the foundations formed upon the fear of the club no longer surviving have proved strong enough to push the club forward. Swansea City have enjoyed incredible success in recent years, but when talked about by the fans, references to the dark days are naturally mentioned in comparison. It is a similar tale for Cardiff City and Newport County, and for many other clubs across the country. A cup final provides a landmark occasion better than any other to celebrate such progress, and Wrexham fans will savour the Wembley atmosphere by remembering the summer of 2011 when all appeared lost. The Welsh Cup may no longer hold the title of a major trophy, but for Barry Town, repeating their domestic cup success of previous years will offer a timely reminder that cup football can restore the magic missing from many parts of the modern game, and justify the belief that success against the odds is far from impossible. Wrexham may also think the same with a victory on Sunday.

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DATE	OPPONENT	RES	ATT	PTS	POS	LINE UP	SUBSTITUTES
Saturday 11 August	WOKING	W3-1	4,008	3	1	Mayebi, Ashton, CREIGHTON , Harris, Wright,	Riley, Cieslewicz (80), Morrell (76), Clarke (77), Coughlin
Tuesday 14 August	Macclesfield Town	L0-2	2,368	3	12	Mayebi, Ashton, Creighton, Harris, Wright (85),	Riley (85), Cieslewicz (73), Morrell, Clarke, Coughlin
Saturday 18 August	Ebbsfleet United	D1-1	843	4	13	Mayebi, Ashton, Creighton (6), Harris, Wright	Riley (6), Cieslewicz (80), Morrell (72), Clarke, Little
Saturday 25 August	GRIMSBY TOWN	D0-0	3,127	5	13	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (80), Harris	Wright (65), Coughlin, Clarke, Ogleby (80), Little (73)
Monday 27 August	Tamworth	⁰⁰ W1-0	1,433	8	10	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (67),	S Wright, D Wright (73), Ormerod (67), Coughlin, Little (80)
Saturday 1 September	NEWPORT COUNTY	W2-0	3,820	11	7	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, CIESLEWICZ (76),	S Wright (46), D WRIGHT (76), Morrell (80), Clarke, Little
Tuesday 4 September	HYDE	W2-0	3,176	14	5	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (60),	Wright (55), Morrell (60), Coughlin, Clarke, LITTLE (72)
Saturday 8 September	Cambridge United	W4-1	3,304	17	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (72),	Ormerod (46), Coughlin, Clarke, Ogleby (63), Little (79)
Saturday 15 September	Luton Town	D0-0	6,675	18	4	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (81),	Ormerod (81), Morrell, Ogleby (81), Little, Westwood
Saturday 22 September	DARTFORD	D2-2	3,772	19	3	Mayebi, S Wright (21), Ashton, Riley,	Ormerod (73), Morrell (82), Clarke, Ogleby, Little (21)
Tuesday 25 September	BARROW	W3-0	2,881	22	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Cieslewicz (72),	Ormerod (79), Morrell, OGLEBY (72), Colbeck (86), Devine
Saturday 29 September	Nuneaton Town	D0-0	1,543	23	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Harris, D Wright (70)	Cieslewicz (76), Morrell (86), Clarke, Ogleby (70), Devine
Saturday 6 October	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	W2-1	4,053	26	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Harris (82), D Wright	Ormerod (72), Ormerod (82), Coughlin, Rushton (83), Walker
Wednesday 10 October	Stockport County	⁰⁰ W3-2	3,789	29	2	Coughlin, ASHTON2 , Riley, D Wright, Harris	Clarke (83), Ormerod (86), Walker, Rushton, Colbeck
Saturday 13 October	LINCOLN CITY	L2-4	3,809	29	2	Coughlin, S Wright, Riley (5), Cieslewicz,	Walker (5 & 74), Rushton (74), COLBECK (73), Devine, Morton
Saturday 20 October	SOUTHPORT (FAC4Q)	W2-0	1911	-	-	Mayebi, S Wright, Ashton, Cieslewicz (79),	Morrell (76), Coughlin, Clarke (90), Walker, Rushton (79), Colbeck, Morton
Saturday 3 November	ALFRETON TOWN (FAC1)	L2-4	2,409	-	-	Mayebi, S Wright (76), ASHTON , Cieslewicz (59),	Riley, Coughlin (59), Clarke, Ogleby (59), Rushton (76), Colbeck, Morton
Tuesday 6 November	Southport	⁰⁰ W4-1	1,324	32	2	Coughlin, S Wright, Ashton, HARRIS (89),	Riley, Cieslewicz (75), OGLEBY (66), Hunt, Colbeck (89)
Saturday 10 November	HEREFORD UNITED	L1-2	3,620	32	4	Coughlin, S WRIGHT , Ashton, Harris,	Alfei, Riley, Cieslewicz (46), Ogleby (81), Hunt
Saturday 17 November	GATESHEAD	D1-1	3011	33	4	Coughlin, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz, Morrell, Ogleby (84), Hunt, Devine
Tuesday 20 November	Braintree Town	W5-1	508	36	2	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris (80),	CIESLEWICZ (74), Morrell, Ogleby, Colbeck, Devine
Saturday 24 November	RUSHALL OLYMPIC (FAT1R)	W5-0	1,035	-	-	Mayebi, Alfei, Riley, CIESLEWICZ (80), MORRELL3 ,	Ormerod (80), Coughlin, Rushton (80), Evans (71), Parle
Saturday 1 December	Kidderminster Harriers	L0-2	2,378	36	4	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz (64), Morrell (74), Coughlin, Hunt (61), Devine
Saturday 8 December	NUNEATON TOWN	W6-1	2,739	39	2	Mayebi, ASHTON 2 , Alfei, Harris, Ormerod	OGLEBY (68), Walker (68), CIESLEWICZ (69), Clarke, Colbeck
Saturday 15 December	SOLIHULL MOORS (FAT2R)	W3-2	1,111	-	-	Coughlin, Alfei, Riley, Harris, ORMEROD	CIESLEWICZ (13), Reid (75), Walker, Rushton, Colbeck
Friday 21 December	Grimsby Town	L0-1	4,302	39	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Riley, Harris, D Wright,	Cieslewicz (17), Coughlin, Clarke (87), Walker, Rushton (87)
Wednesday 26 December	AFC TELFORD UNITED	W4-1	4,330	42	3	Mayebi, Alfei, Riley, Cieslewicz (27), Harris (86)	Little (86), Walker, RUSHTON (27), Colbeck, Reid (83)
Saturday 29 December	TAMWORTH	D2-2	3,703	43	3	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris, D WRIGHT ,	Cieslewicz, Hunt (57), Little, Walker (77), Reid
Tuesday 1 January	AFC Telford United	W2-0	2,931	46	1	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris, D WRIGHT ,	CIESLEWICZ (56), Coughlin, Little (86), Walker, Reid
Friday 4 January	Newport County	D1-1	3,627	47	1	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris (65),	Coughlin, Ogleby (65), Little, Walker, Rushton (86)
Tuesday 8 January	Alfreton Town	W2-1	628	50	1	Mayebi, ASHTON , Alfei, Riley, Harris, D Wright,	Cieslewicz (55), Little, Walker, Rushton (63), Colbeck
Saturday 12 January	Sutton United (FAT3R)	W5-0	775	-	-	Mayebi, Ashton (57), Alfei, Riley, Keates (61),	Cieslewicz (61), Harris, Little (61), Walker (57), Colbeck
Saturday 26 January	Southport (FAT4R)	W3-1	1,473	-	-	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, HARRIS ,	Cieslewicz (60), Coughlin, Rushton (80), Colbeck, Thornton
Tuesday 29 January	SOUTHPORT	D2-2	3,002	51	2	Mayebi, Ashton, Alfei, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz (60), Morrell (84), Ogleby, Little, Thornton
Saturday 2 February	Forest Green Rovers	D0-0	1,840	52	2	Maxwell, Ashton, Alfei (70), Riley, Harris,	S Wright (70), Cieslewicz (74), Morrell (82), Little, Thornton
Saturday 9 February	STOCKPORT COUNTY	W3-1	4,206	55	2	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz (67), OGLEBY (77), Little, Walker, Rushton
Tuesday 12 February	Hereford United	W1-0	1,781	58	2	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, HARRIS ,	Cieslewicz, Ogleby (64), Little (76), Walker, Thornton
Saturday 16 February	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY (FATSF1)	W3-1	3,409	-	-	Maxwell, ASHTON , Riley, Harris, D WRIGHT ,	CIESLEWICZ (60), Morrell (84), Hunt, Little, Coughlin
Tuesday 19 February	Gateshead	W1-0	513	61	1	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz (76), Morrell, Ogleby, Little (88), Walker
Saturday 23 February	Gainsborough Trinity (FATSF2)	L1-2	2,339	-	-	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz (81), Ormerod (76), Coughlin, Little, Walker
Tuesday 26 February	Barrow	W1-0	889	64	1	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, Harris,	Cieslewicz, Ogleby (60), Little (70), Walker, THORNTON (60)
Saturday 2 March	ALFRETON TOWN	D1-1	3,706	65	1	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, Riley, D Wright,	Cieslewicz (83), Coughlin, Ogleby, Hunt, Little (81)
Tuesday 5 March	EBBSFLEET UNITED	W4-1	2,390	68	1	Maxwell, S Harris, Ashton, D Wright (52),	Cieslewicz, Morrell (52), OGLEBY (30), Hunt, Little (68)
Saturday 9 March	Dartford	L1-2	815	68	1	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton, D WRIGHT ,	Cieslewicz (84), Morrell, Ogleby (73), Hunt, Little
Tuesday 12 March	Lincoln City	W2-1	1,379	71	1	Maxwell, S Wright, Ashton (46), D Wright,	Cieslewicz, Morrell, Little (46), Ogleby, Walker (46)
Saturday 16 March	LUTON TOWN						
Tuesday 19 March	MANSFIELD TOWN						
Sunday 24 March	Grimsby Town (FAT Final at Wembley Stadium)						
Saturday 30 March	Hyde						
Monday 1 April	MACCLESFIELD TOWN						
Saturday 6 April	Woking						
Tuesday 9 April	CAMBRIDGE UNITED						
Saturday 13 April	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS - 5.15pm						
Tuesday 16 April	BRAINTREE TOWN						
Saturday 20 April	Mansfield Town - 5.15pm						



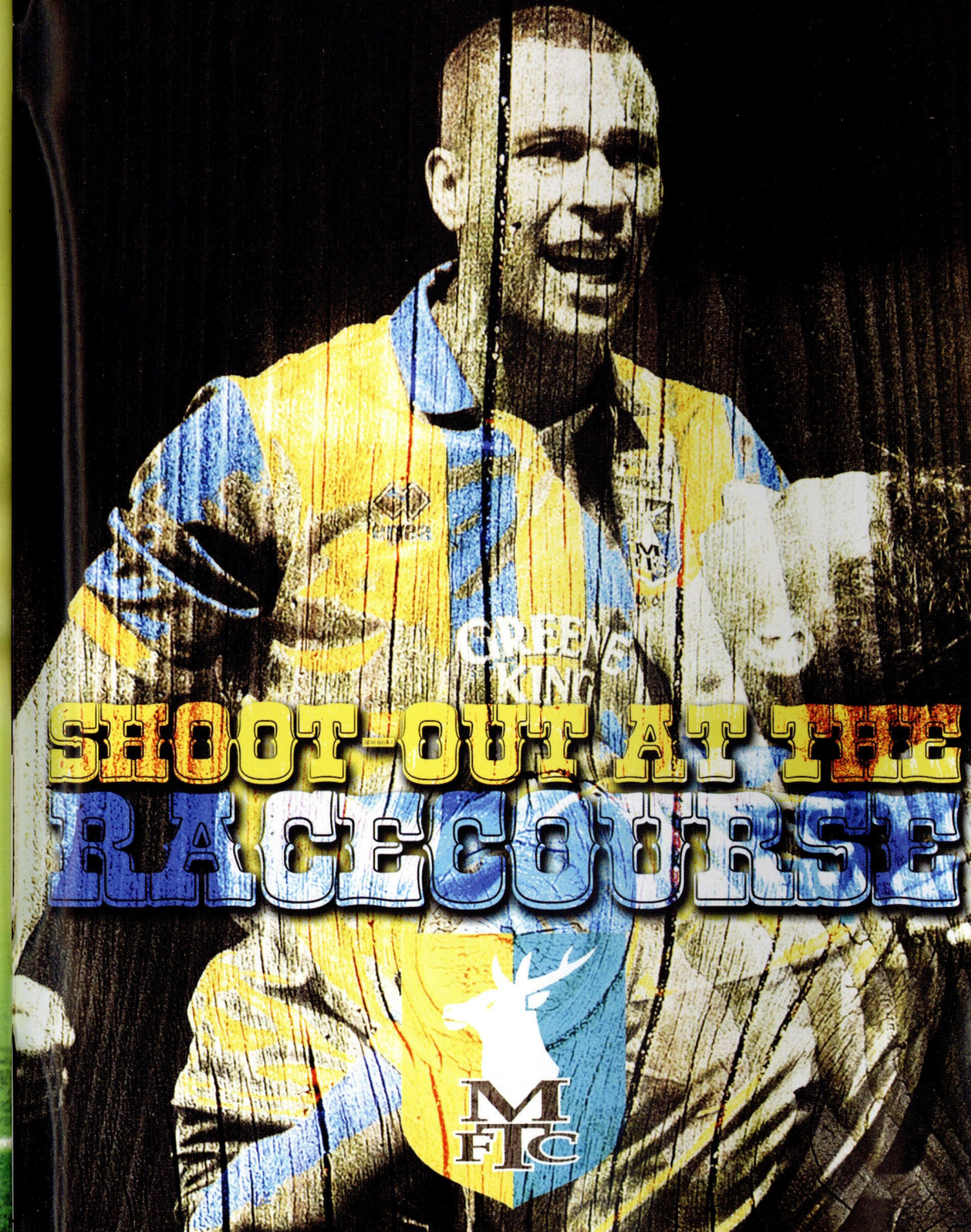
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Luton Town

Manager John Still

Joslain Mayebi	○	1	○	1	Mark Tyler
Stephen Wright	○	2	○	2	Lathaniel Rowe-Turner
Neil Ashton	○	3	○	3	Greg Taylor
Danny Alfei	○	4	○	4	Garry Richards
Mark Creighton	○	5	○	5	Steve McNulty
Martin Riley	○	6	○	6	Janos Kovacs
Adrian Cieslewicz	○	7	○	7	Alex Lawless
Jay Harris	○	8	○	8	Danny Spiller
Danny Wright	○	9	○	9	Jon Shaw
Brett Ormerod	○	10	○	10	Scott Rendell
Andy Morrell	○	11	○	11	Jake Howells
Dean Keates	○	12	○	12	Simon Ainge
Andy Coughlin	○	13	○	13	Stuart Fleetwood
Joe Clarke	○	14	○	14	Arnaud Mendy
Rob Ogleby	○	15	○	15	Adam Watkins
Johnny Hunt	○	16	○	16	Alex Lacey
Glen Little	○	17	○	17	JJ O'Donnell
Declan Walker	○	18	○	18	Dave Martin
Nick Rushton	○	19	○	19	James Dance
Jay Colbeck	○	21	○	20	Scott Neilson
Bradley Reid	○	22	○	21	Lewis Kidd
Chris Westwood	○	23	○	22	Wayne Thomas
Chris Maxwell	○	24	○	23	Matt Robinson
Jamie Morton	○	26	○	24	Jonathan Smith
Kevin Thornton	○	29	○	25	Ronnie Henry
Steve Tomassen	○	30	○	26	Alex Wall
Dele Adebola	○	31	○	27	Andre Gray
David Artell	○	32	○	28	Jake Woolley
			○	29	Dan Walker
			○	30	Jake Goodman
			○	31	Solomon Taiwo
			○	32	Alasan Ann
			○	33	Dean Brill

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Kick-off 7.45pm

