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WELCOME



A very good evening to you all, and a special welcome to the players, officials, and fans from Luton. After two decent performances against Tamworth and Hyde, a below par performance at Macclesfield on Saturday saw the Silkmen record their first victory of the season. Tonight we face a very stern test against one of the title favourites, so please give the lads your vocal encouragement. Thank you for your continued support, we very much appreciate it. ”

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

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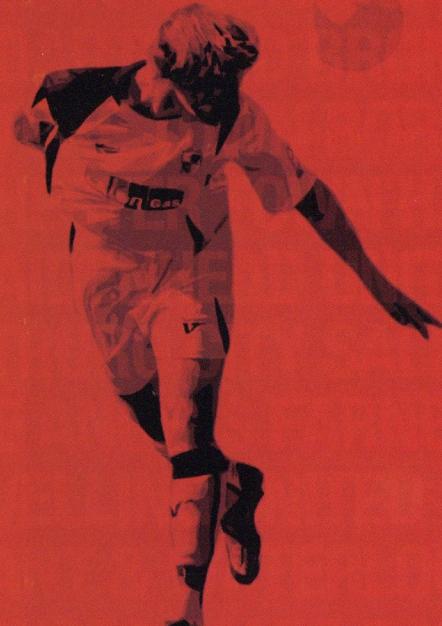
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Thank you for coming along to Kingfield for this evening's game. I'd like to give a warm welcome to John Still and his management team and to all the players, officials and fans from Luton Town. We hope they enjoy their brief stay with us today.

My last programme notes were for our game against Tamworth. We started the game strongly, creating some excellent chances, but, as so often this season, we found ourselves conceding an early lead. I was pleased with the way we fought back in the second half and we looked on course, deservedly, to take all three points but for some dreadful defending a few minutes from time. The 2-2 draw at least ended our losing run but we should have taken all three points from that game.



Our trip to Hyde a week ago saw us gain a win at last with two late goals. We played well in the second half, profiting from the changes which Steve and I decided to make as the game progressed.

I had hoped that the win at Hyde would have confirmed that we had finally turned the corner but our display at Macclesfield on Saturday was bitterly disappointing, as supporters have rightly commented. Gavin Williams had been ill so I decided to put him on the bench but, apart from that, the team was the same as the one that finished at Hyde. We simply did not work hard enough or show the commitment and desire needed to succeed at this level. Once again, we contributed to our own downfall with poor defending. We cannot afford to continue giving away cheap goals.

We have now played 10 games and, while it would be wrong to panic, it is clear that we are in a battle. I want the players to show this evening that they are up for the fight: they are no use to me if they are not or if they prefer to hide or sulk. It is easy when things are going well – as they largely have done over the past couple of years. It's when the going gets tough that you really see what players are made of. We've got some talented players at this club and they haven't suddenly lost their ability. But too many have under-performed and that's got to stop – and quickly.

I am sorry that we haven't given Woking fans this season the level of performance which they have a right to expect but please get behind the players tonight in this vital game.

Enjoy the match and have a safe journey home.

Garry

VIEW FROM THE HILL



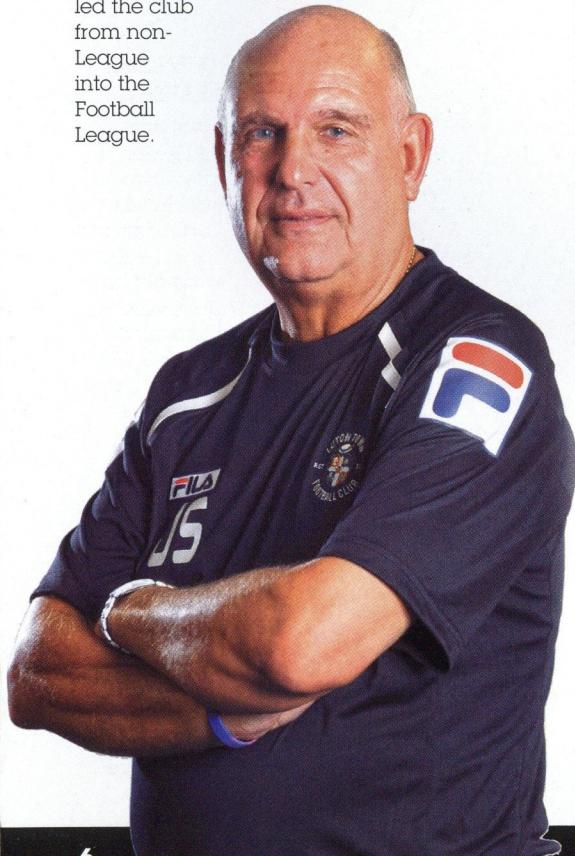
TONIGHT'S VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

FOUNDED: 1885
GROUND: Kenilworth Road
NICKNAME: The Hatters
CHAIRMAN: Nick Owen
WEBSITE: www.lutontown.co.uk

MANAGER - JOHN STILL

John Still became the manager at Kenilworth Road after the departure of previous boss Paul Buckle. John's playing career was cut short by injury, playing for Leyton Orient, before having spells with Bishops Stortford and Dagenham. As a manager, Still has represented many clubs, including Barnet and Peterborough, but it was his second spell at Dagenham that would be his most impressive. During a nine year spell in Essex, he led the club from non-League into the Football League.



A BRIEF HISTORY

The birth of Luton Town Football Club came about on April 11th 1885. Early games for the newly formed club consisted of friendlies, apart from annual excursions into the English Cup as it was then named.

Town were invited to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 this was grabbed with both hands, and finishing runners-up to Millwall in each of the first two seasons of the Southern League persuaded the ambitious club to make a bid for election to the Football League, which was accepted in 1897, joining Division Two.

Luton re-joined a much stronger Southern League three years later due to travel costs of the Football League, and this is where they stayed for several years, before being asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League, returning as a stronger and a great deal wiser club, with ambitions of reaching the top.

It was the 1954/55 when Luton Town eventually reached the top division of English football, pipping Rotherham United on goal difference, and a series of mid-table finishes in Division One were to follow. But it was the FA Cup that really got the Hatters on the footballing map, as they defeated Norwich City in the FA Cup semi-final to book an appointment at Wembley against Nottingham Forest. However, the dream wasn't fulfilled, as Forest ran out 2-1 winners.

Fortunes declined shortly afterward, and an aging squad finished bottom of Division One in the 1959/60 season, and by 1962, Town were back in the bottom division.

Luton eventually worked their way back to the top flight, over the course of many seasons, and in April 1988, the club won their first major trophy, with a last minute strike from Brian Stein giving the Hatters a 3-2 win over Arsenal to lift the Littlewoods League Cup. The club reached the final again a year later, this time losing 3-1 to previous Wembley opponents, Nottingham Forest.

Disappointment followed, when in 1992, Town suffered relegation to the second tier, and by 2008 the club had found itself in League 2. After an investigation by the Football Association into financial irregularities the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty. Despite winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April, the club couldn't bridge the deficit of league points, and a goalless draw versus Chesterfield on Easter Monday meant that after 89 years in the Football League, Luton Town were relegated into non-League.

The Hatters have suffered three seasons of play-off heart-break since their relegation, but will be hoping to claim the top spot as their own this time around.



RESULTS: CARDS V THE HATTERS

Season	Comp	Home	Away
2012-13	BSBP	3-1	1-3

LEAGUE FORM SO FAR

Aug 26th	Luton Town 0	Cambridge United 0
Aug 31st	Kidderminster 0	Luton Town 2
Sept 7th	Luton Town 0	Grimsby Town 0
Sept 13th	Wrexham 2	Luton Town 0
Sept 17th	Luton Town 3	Dartford 0
Sept 21st	Luton Town 3	Lincoln City 2



level and has made over 200 appearances for the club.

LUKE GUTTRIDGE - MIDFIELDER

Influential and experienced central midfielder with over 400 senior appearances to his name who signed for the Hatters in August on a two-year contract. He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend, and also helped Northampton reach the League 2 play-off final last season.



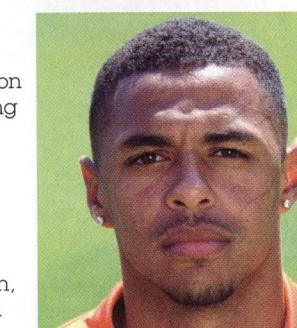
ALEX LAWLESS - MIDFIELDER

The influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May, turning down contracts at two clubs in League 1. The 27-year-old has made 124 appearances for the Hatters since signing from York City in November 2010 and has scored 12 goals.



MARK TYLER - GOALKEEPER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a one-year contract extension in May. On the verge of 700 senior appearances, 36-year-old Tyler was one of the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in 2009, and the stopper has since gone on to make 184 appearances between the sticks, keeping 72 clean sheets.



ANDRE GRAY - FORWARD

Lightening quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals. The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Hinckley in March 2012 and has been capped by England C.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



JAKE HOWELLS - MIDFIELDER

Amazingly, at 22, Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 season. Since then, the left-footer has been capped by Wales at under-21

SQUAD PLAYERS

ELLIOT JUSTHAM – GOALKEEPER

Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

DANNY FITZSIMONS – DEFENDER

Former Millwall and QPR defender who followed team-mate Jim Stevenson to Kenilworth Road from Histon on a two-year contract this summer. He swept the board at the Stutes' end-of-season awards and has over 100 games' experience despite only being 21 years old. Capable of playing at left-back or in central defence.

STEVE MCNULTY – DEFENDER

The experienced centre-half signed a new deal with the Hatters this summer after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13. The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to the Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the title as the Cod Army captain.

ANTHONY CHARLES – DEFENDER

Experienced central defender who helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively. A calm, composed, left-footed defender, Charles left Aldershot for Northampton in January 2012 and went onto appear 18 times in League 2 for the Cobblers. He ended last season with Plymouth.

SCOTT GRIFFITHS – DEFENDER

Left-back who penned a one-year contract at the end of last season. Another former Dagenham man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011.

RONNIE HENRY – DEFENDER

Club captain and right-back in his second season with the club. The defender joined the Hatters last summer from Stevenage, whom he helped win promotion from the Conference.

ALEX LACEY – DEFENDER

Highly-rated centre-half who has enjoyed a fine pre-season in which he was handed the captain's armband by John Still. Made his Town debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy and spent last season on loan with Eastleigh.

BRETT LONGDEN – DEFENDER

First year professional Brett is a right-back by trade and made his mark in pre-season with a fine 30-yard goal against Thurrock. He's another player who has tasted first team experience in the FA Trophy.

JEROME JIBODU – DEFENDER

Like Longden, Jerome signed his first professional contract this summer. A composed left-back, he made his Hatters debut in the FA Trophy against Skelmersdale last season.

ANDY PARRY – DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

The central defender signed from Southport on a two-year contract this summer. Also able to play in central midfield, Parry has two season's worth of Conference football under his belt but began his career as a youngster at Blackburn.

JONATHAN SMITH – MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder who joined the Hatters from Swindon last season having helped the Robins lift the League 2 title in 2011/12 under Paolo Di Canio. Also capable of playing at right-back.

JJ O'DONNELL – MIDFIELDER

Left-sided midfielder who joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby later that year. After successful loan spells at

Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

DAVE MARTIN – MIDFIELDER

Left-winger who signed for the Hatters in January this year and went onto score three times in 16 league appearances for the club. He was rewarded for his fine performances with a new two-year deal this summer.

SOLOMON TAIWO – MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder who agreed a new one-year contract at the end of the season having appeared nine times for the Hatters after being signed by John Still in March. Starred for a host of non-League clubs before being snapped up by Still at Dagenham in 2007 where he became a driving force in the Daggers midfield. His impressive performances led to him signing for then-Championship Cardiff in 2009 for £250,000.

SHAUN WHALLEY – MIDFIELDER

Attack-minded midfielder or winger who followed Andy Parry to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport. The 25-year-old was inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring 10 goals and creating many more, and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards.

MATT ROBINSON – MIDFIELDER

Teenage midfielder in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Leicester City. He impressed John Still towards the end of the previous campaign and was rewarded with a new two-year contract this summer.

JIM STEVENSON – MIDFIELDER

Box-to-box midfielder signed in May on a two-year deal from Histon. The youngster scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the top goalscorer. The 21-year-old made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth Road for Histon in a game the Hatters won 5-1.

JON SHAW – FORWARD

Centre-forward in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Gateshead. Scored 45 league goals in 80 appearances for the Tynesiders and hit double figures for the Town last term, including a hat-trick in the 6-1 win over Barrow in January.

ALEX WALL – FORWARD

Raw, powerful centre-forward with pace to boot, who became John Still's first signing at Kenilworth Road having joined from Maidenhead last season. He scored his first goals for the Hatters when hitting both goals in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet in April.

MARK CULLEN – FORWARD

Young striker signed on a two-year deal following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City. A clever, poacher of a forward, Cullen impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, he scored on his full debut for the Tigers whilst in the top flight.

JAKE WOOLLEY – FORWARD

Teenage forward who signed professional forms last summer having impressed the coaching staff with his performances and attitude. Also made his debut as a 17-year-old in the Trophy, but has also tasted action in the Conference.

OPPOSING VIEW



Tom Skinner thinks that John Still is building solid foundations to ensure the Hatters' return to the Football League...

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR LUTON TOWN

I've been a Luton fan for over 16 years. In that time I've seen Luton win two promotions, including the League 1 title, lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, briefly top the Championship (albeit for about one week) and outplay the then Champions of Europe, Liverpool, for an hour in our epic FA Cup game in 2006. On the flip side, I've also witnessed four relegations, three play-off heartbreaks and 40 points deducted from us in the space of less than eight months. Life's never boring being a Hatter, that's for sure!

YOU ARE NOW IN YOUR FIFTH SEASON IN THE CONFERENCE PREMIER. ARE YOU GETTING USED TO BEING A NON-LEAGUE CLUB?

I think we're less naive about the realities of Conference Premier football than we were originally – most sides are well organised, disciplined and tough to beat. But, no, we'll never get used to being a non-League club – we had our Football League place taken from us, after the game's authorities gave us the harshest points deduction in English football history in 2008.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DO YOU THINK JOHN STILL'S APPOINTMENT AS MANAGER HAS MADE – AND WILL MAKE – TO THE CLUB?

John is very pragmatic and level-headed and is perhaps the necessary antidote to us as passionate, yet often capricious, Luton fans. John believes in building teams on solid foundations, and the main improvement in the Luton team during his time in charge so far is the new-found organisation of our back four, which has already kept six clean sheets this year.

THE CLUB HAS NOT MADE A BIG IMPACT SO FAR THIS SEASON. DO YOU SEE THINGS IMPROVING?

While our defensive record has been impressive, we have suffered so far this season from a major lack of creativity and, at times, even the basic ability to pass the ball, in the middle of the park. The return from injury of midfield maestro Alex Lawless should improve things in this department, and if we can get a consistent level of service into Paul Benson and Andre Gray, we know we have two strikers at the club who could fill their boots in this division. We mustn't forget that we finished 13 points away from the play-off positions last year, so we can't expect a miraculous upsurge in form to happen overnight.

DO YOU THINK LUTON WILL FINALLY MANAGE TO GET PROMOTED BACK TO THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON? IF NOT, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE?

The resurrection of Luton Town is now a long-term project, as John Still is keen to stress, and that is going to involve some experimentation with players and the gradual bleeding of youngsters in order to piece together a squad capable of taking this league by storm. We are going to have to accept some dire performances while we go through this process, but if we can grit our teeth and stick with John Still at the helm, we have a man in charge who can lead us to promotion, just as he has done at countless other clubs. Any team that can make the play-offs has a chance of going up, so, at this early stage, I wouldn't rule out promotion this season. If it doesn't happen this year, we've surely got to be looking to return to the Football League in the next couple of seasons.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES JOHN STILL HAS MADE TO THE CLUB?

John is beginning to piece together a squad with a nice blend of youth and experience. Wily ex-Football League campaigners Luke Guttridge and Paul Benson have been brought in along with a raft of young talent, the pick of which so far has been defender-cum-midfielder Andy Parry, signed from Southport.

AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE RECENTLY TAKEN SCOTT RENDELL ON LOAN FROM LUTON. DO YOU THINK HE WILL DO A GOOD JOB FOR US?

Scott has divided opinion amongst Town fans – I personally felt that he never let us down. He's the one player we've had, since our fortunes on the pitch began to decline in 2006, who could be relied on to convert penalties on a regular basis. There's no doubting his place in Hatters' folklore either, after his stabbed finish at Carrow Road in January meant we became the first non-League side ever to knock a Premier League team out of the FA Cup. He's more than capable of playing at Conference level, so I see no reason why he should not do a good job for Woking.

OF THE TEAMS YOU'VE PLAYED SO FAR, WHO HAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED YOU?

Like last year, I'm not sure there's an outstanding team in the Conference this season. Cambridge United are certainly very organised and, while they may not quite keep up their current pace, they have dramatically improved in the space of twelve months, so I think they will be promotion contenders.

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THE LEAGUE AND WHO DO YOU THINK WILL MAKE THE PLAY-OFFS?

On the basis of sheer consistency, I think Kidderminster will top the league this time, though, ironically, we beat them at Aggborough in August. I predicted us to finish sixth before a ball was kicked this season, but if we can add more of an attacking threat to our defensive solidity, we'll give ourselves a chance of being in the shake-up. With my glass half full, I'll say we'll be joined in the play-off positions by Forest Green, Cambridge and probably a team we haven't played yet – a wildcard!

WHICH PLAYERS SHOULD WE PARTICULARLY LOOK OUT FOR THIS EVENING?

'Man mountain' Steve McNulty is a vital presence for us at the back. Physically strong and tough, he'll head balls away all night long, but he is also a calm and composed footballer who will look to pick a pass when the opportunity arises. Alex Lawless adds much-needed creativity to our game and is capable of unleashing spectacular long-range strikes to win games. On his day, Andre Gray's pace and physical power make him a striker to be feared at almost any level.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SCORE WILL BE?

We went down at Kingfield last season after being caught out on the break – and I don't expect us to leave the same gaping holes for you to exploit this time round. I fancy us to take all three points back to Bedfordshire with a 1-0 win.

Tom Skinner was talking to Brian Caffarey after last Tuesday night's 3-0 home win over Dartford

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MATCH REPORT TAMWORTH

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SKRILL
PREMIER - KINGFIELD

ATTENDANCE 1264

WOKING 2
RENDELL 70 WILLIAMS (PEN) 78
TAMWORTH 2
BAKER 24 PENIKET 84

Agony for Cards

On a wretched Friday evening when playing conditions were more suitable for water polo than football, an absorbing and dramatic game saw the Cards come from a goal behind at half-time to lead 2-1, only for a late equaliser to deny them all three points.

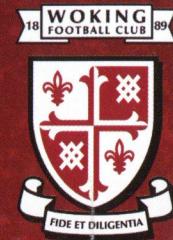
Garry Hill gave a debut to new loan striker Scott Rendell from Luton Town, who had an impressive first game, leading the line well and scoring the opening goal, albeit somewhat fortuitously.

The home side enjoyed an excellent opening twenty minutes, piling on the pressure and allowing their opponents little time on the ball. Despite the atrocious conditions the team played some neat and attractive football but, having failed to score in this period, the visitors gradually settled, although they were still fortunate to take the lead in the twenty-fourth minute when Richie Baker's speculative effort from outside the penalty area found the corner of the net.

The Cards continued to have the majority of the play but nevertheless trooped off at the interval a goal down. At this point the Kingfield faithful would have been forgiven for thinking "here we go again".

Looking for a change of fortune, Woking reappeared for the second half in their yellow strip and it did the trick. Gez Sole replaced Josh Payne on sixty-seven minutes and three minutes later they were level. Lee Sawyer did well to make space on the edge of the area and his shot deflected off Rendell leaving Cameron Belford stranded in the Tamworth goal.

The home side now scented victory and a second goal quickly followed. Duane Courtney clambered all over Sole in the penalty box and Gavin Williams coolly stepped up to slot home his fourth penalty of the season.



Tempers now became frayed and matters came to a head a few minutes later. Gavin Williams was tripped but Tamworth defender Wayne Thomas clearly felt that the midfielder had "made a meal of it" and, taking the law into his own hands, attempted to manhandle him to his feet. Somewhat bizarrely, the referee chose to book two other Tamworth players whilst allowing Thomas to escape punishment.

Just when it looked as though Woking would secure their first home victory of the season, however, poor defending allowed Richard Peniket to prod home an equaliser they probably didn't deserve.

Only time will tell if the Cards have turned the corner after this largely encouraging performance. A clearer picture will no doubt emerge after the next two (away) fixtures against fellow strugglers Hyde and Macclesfield Town.

For a more detailed report, video highlights and interviews please visit www.wokingfc.co.uk

Woking

- 1 Aaron Howe
- 2 Adam Newton
- 4 Mark Ricketts
- 5 Joe McNerney
- 7 Lee Sawyer
- 8 Jack Parkinson
- 9 Gavin Williams
- 11 Kevin Betsy
- 15 Mike Cestor
- 20 Josh Payne
- (Giuseppe Sole 67)
- 21 Scott Rendell

Unused Subs:

- 3 John Nutter
- 14 Anthony McNamee
- 29 Gavin McCallum
- GK Sam Beasant

Cautions:

Mike Cestor 90

Man of the Match:

Gavin Williams

Tamworth

- 1 Cameron Belford
- 2 Jack Evans
- (Duane Courtney 50)
- 6 Ben Richards-Everton
- 7 Lloyd Kerry
- (Jordan Rose 68)
- 8 Richie Baker
- 17 Richard Peniket
- 19 Tony Capaldi
- 21 Wayne Thomas
- 25 Ryan Lloyd
- (Andy Todd 74)
- 26 Lateef Elford-Alliyu
- 27 Mark Wright

Unused Subs:

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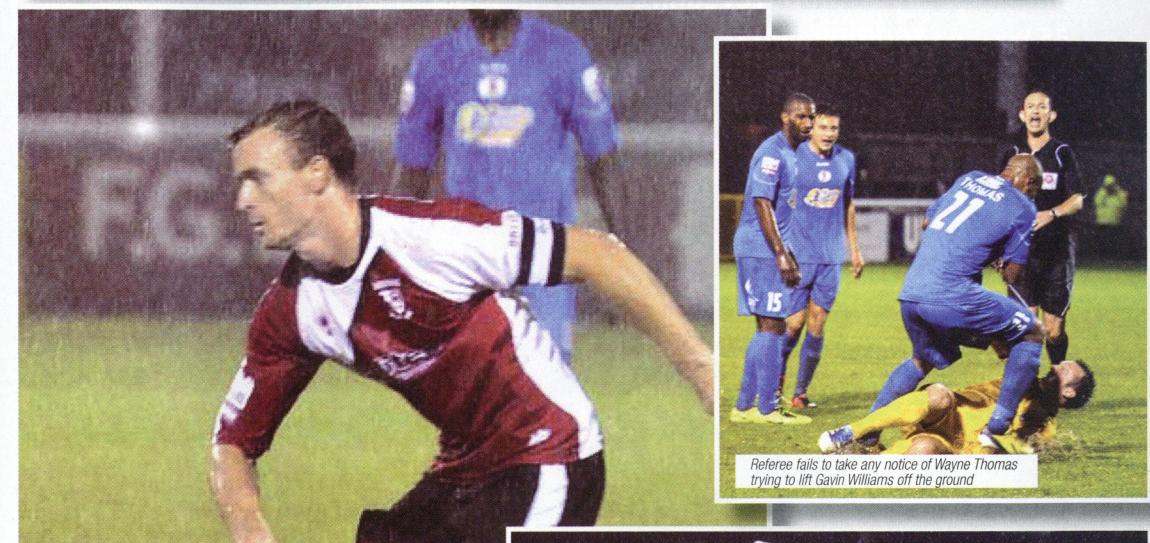
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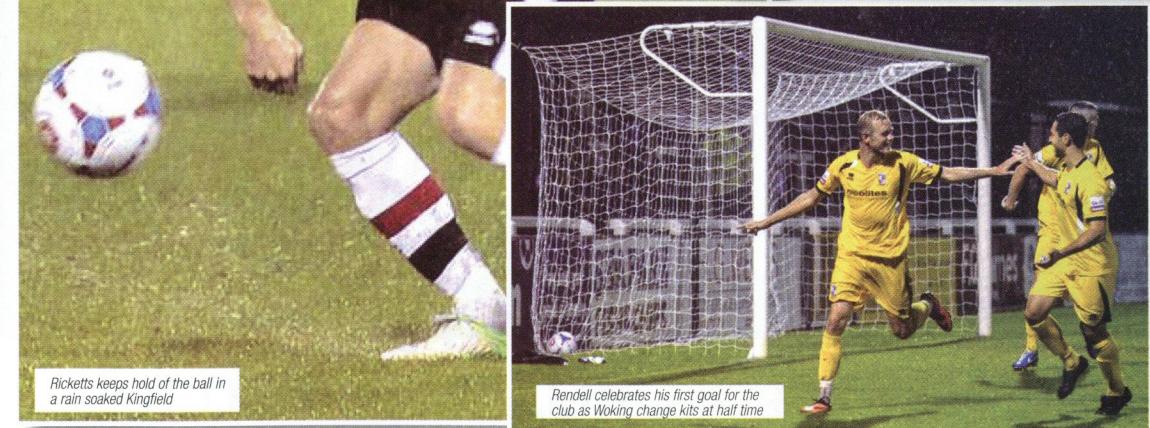
Diane Courtney 80



McNamee splashes around with Tamworth keeper



Referee fails to take any notice of Wayne Thomas trying to lift Gavin Williams off the ground



Ricketts keeps hold of the ball in a rain soaked Kingfield

Rendell celebrates his first goal for the club as Woking change kits at half time

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MATCH REPORT

HYDE

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 -
SKRILL PREMIER - EWEN FIELDS

ATTENDANCE 387

HYDE 0
WOKING 2
BETSY 74, 87

Betsy double secures the points

Woking capped an encouraging performance, particularly in the second half, with two late goals to take all three points against bottom side Hyde.

A Kevin Betsy double, his first goals of the season, was enough to see off a spirited home team who will consider themselves unlucky not to have taken a point. However, as we know, the game is all about taking your chances when they come along and this Woking did to hopefully suggest that their poor early season form may be behind them.

Garry Hill sprung a surprise with his team selection by giving a first start of the season to second choice 'keeper Sam Beasant. There was also a place on the bench for pre-season trialist John Goddard, the former Reading midfielder, who performed competently when he came on late in the game.

An evenly contested first half was drawing to a close when the manager made a bold, and ultimately match-winning decision, by electing to withdraw the busy Lee Sawyer from the action and introduce Anthony McNamee, who proceeded to give a man of the match performance from his position on the right flank.

It was a far more potent and positive Cards who came out after the break, taking the game to their opponents and creating a number of half-chances. With barely a quarter of an hour remaining, however, the result was still very much in the balance. Kevin Betsy, fortunately, had other ideas. McNamee was fouled on the right and from the diminutive winger's ensuing free kick Betsy was on hand to chest the ball home. An untidy goal, maybe, but an important one. Hyde pressed forward for an equaliser and Beasant had to be sharp on a couple of occasions to deny the home side and to ensure that the Cards kept their noses in front. With time ticking by, however, the visitors grabbed an all-important second goal to make the game safe. David Carnell, in the home goal, made an excellent stop to deny Scott Rendell but the

ever-alert Betsy was on hand to confidently blast the rebound into the net.

This was a gritty performance from Woking and they merited their victory for their overall endeavour. Garry was clearly pleased with the performance and everyone involved with the club will hope that the corner has been turned following the difficult start to the campaign. The team still languish in eighteenth place in the league, however, so there is clearly no room for complacency. With almost a full squad available for selection once again, there is nevertheless room for optimism.

Next up, another long trip up the M6 to take on fellow strugglers Macclesfield Town.

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"I'VE SEEN OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE GAMES A BIG IMPROVEMENT."

Garry Hill talking on Woking FC TV after the match

Woking

18 Sam Beasant
2 Adam Newton
3 John Nutter
4 Mark Ricketts
7 Lee Sawyer
(Anthony McNamee 41)
8 Jack Parkinson
9 Gavin Williams
(John Goddard 82)
11 Kevin Betsy
(Joe McNerney 89)
15 Mike Cestor
20 Josh Payne
21 Scott Rendell

Unused Subs:

10 Giuseppe Sole
GK Aaron Howe

Man of the Match:
Anthony McNamee

Hyde

1 David Carnell
2 Josh Brizell
3 Adam Griffin
4 Will Haining
5 Luke Ashworth
8 Alex Brown
10 Tom Collins
11 Connor Hughes
18 Louis Almond
20 Emmanuel Dieseruvwe
(Scott Spencer 75)
21 Adam Blakeman

Unused Subs:

12 Adam Thurston
16 Matty Mainwaring
17 Andrew Fitzgerald
19 David McNiven

Caution:

Emmanuel Dieseruvwe 21
Adam Blakeman 71
Adam Griffin 78



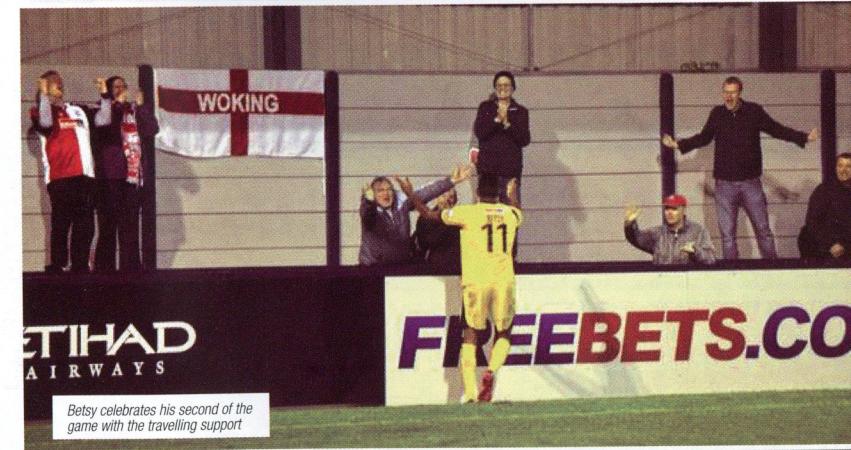
Kevin Betsy nods in from close range



Garry Hill congratulates the team after their performance.



The travelling support all together post match.



Betsy celebrates his second of the game with the travelling support

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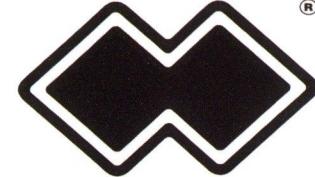
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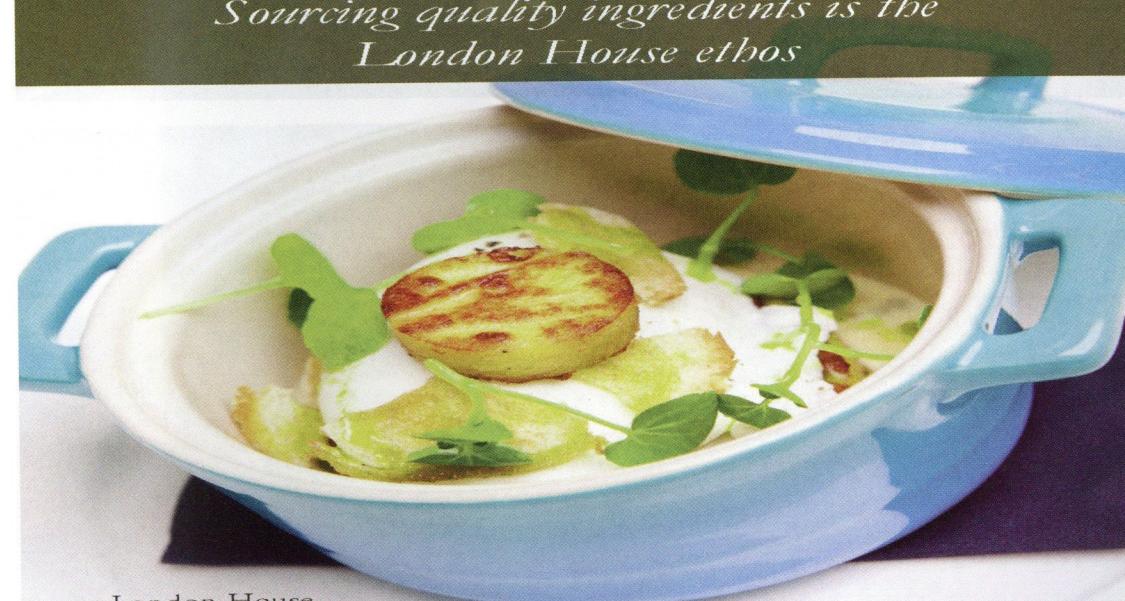
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NEXT-UP

After tonight's game against former league side, Luton Town, we have a home game against Nuneaton Town then we play away at Southport.

NUNEATON TOWN – SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER



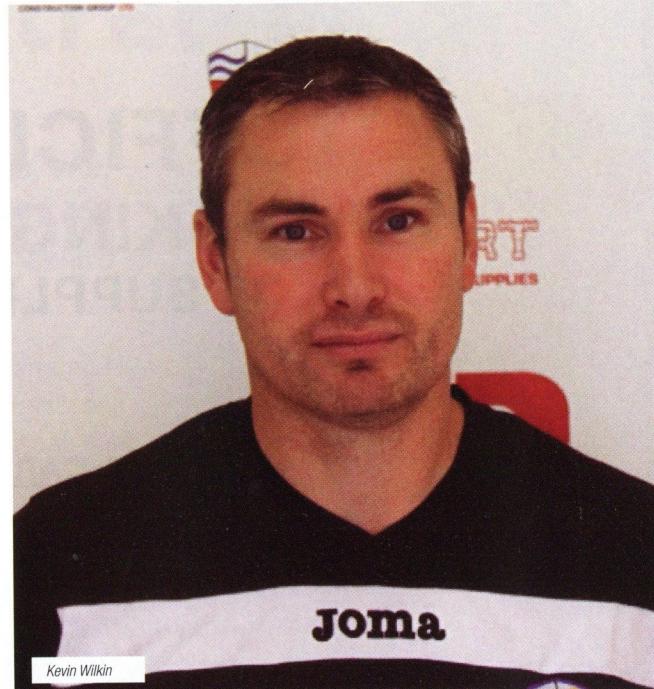
This Saturday we welcome Nuneaton Town to the Kingfield Stadium, who we took four points of last season, including a mammoth 6-1 home win.

HISTORY

Nuneaton Town were formed in 1889, but went into liquidation in 2008, before reforming as a club. Currently managed by Kevin Wilkin, the Warwickshire club plays at the Sperrin Brewery Ground, which holds 4,500 fans. Last season Nuneaton finished 15th in the Conference National. Back in the 2005-2006 season, the club reached the third round of the FA Cup, facing Middlesbrough.

VS NUNEATON LAST SEASON

In a fixture that falls around the same time as last season, the Cards ran out 6-1 winners at home to Nuneaton, thanks to a spectacular second half from Bradley Bubb, who netted four times. The other two goals came from Lee Sawyer and Gavin McCallum. The game in Warwickshire didn't quite live up to the game earlier on in the season, ending in a 0-0 draw.



SOUTHPORT – SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

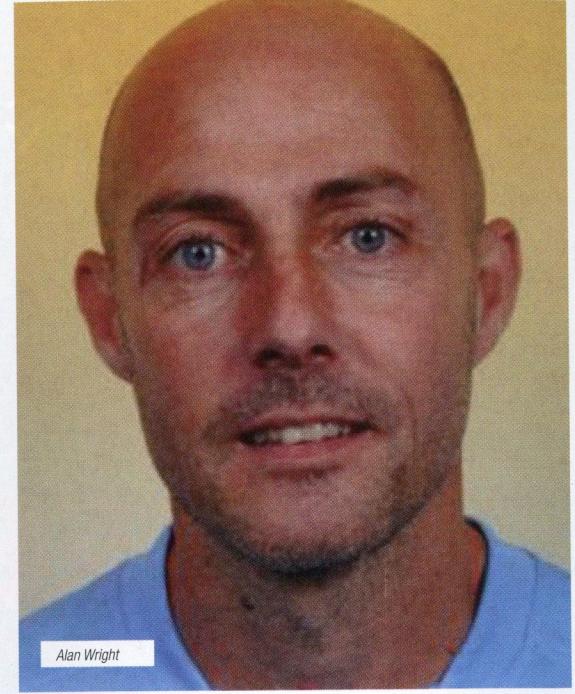
Following the Nuneaton game, Woking will be travelling to the seaside to face Southport, where the Cards enjoyed all three points.

HISTORY

Founded in 1881, Southport are currently managed by Alan Wright and have had notable players such as Luther Blissett play for them. The seaside club were part of the football league for over 50 years, from 1921 to 1978, but since then have returned back to a part time club, which happened in 2008.

VS SOUTHPORT LAST SEASON

The Cards enjoyed mix success against Southport last season, picking up three points away then losing in a high scoring game at Kingfield. Bradley Bubb's double at Holig Avenue saw Woking to a 2-1 victory in Merseyside.





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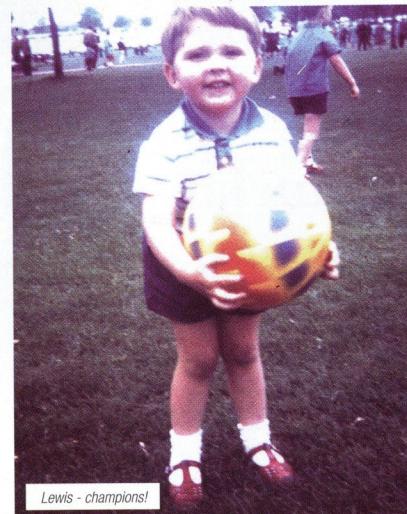
By Lewis Hulatt

Lorraine Chase, often mistaken for a Lutonian, did more to publicise my home town than anybody else apart from Eric Morecambe – Guildford may have had ‘The Stranglers’ and Woking ‘The Jam’ but Luton had Paul Young and wherever he laid his hat was his home. He just didn’t mention that it was an orange bobble hat with “LTFC” knitted in black and white. So much for fashion in the 70s and early 80s when I was a regular at Kenilworth Road – seeing the likes of Bonetti using up one or two of his nine lives, Trevor Brooking Hammering at the Oak Road gates or Stan Bowles try to keep his shorts on when the Hoops went loopy.

It started well before that – as a small child I saw the 1960s European Cup-winning Manchester United side play a friendly – brought up in awe of the names of Charlton, Best and Law hallowing the ground my late grandfather had cleared snow from and at which my grandmother asserted she had helped with the teas decades earlier. She had a soft spot for Charlton and that cheeky chappy George Best (Where did it all go wrong?) so with my dad, an irregular in the ‘bobbers’ stand (the equivalent of paying an extra 5p for a side-on view), and family friend and lifelong Hatter Peter there to keep an eye on me, I was brought up to follow Luton Town. Chelsea, Leeds and Arsenal were bigger clubs amongst my school mates, but I had been brought up to be a supporter of my local club, no matter that they artfully avoided winning silverware – including the FA Cup ten years earlier.

EARLY DAYS

The first football match that I can recall was some time about 1966 – I recall the excitement of the World Cup, not that I understood it as a 2½ year old, but I remember the day itself – furniture rearranged for collective TV viewing in the (gasp!) front room and the joy of people pouring from their homes into St Monica’s Avenue when we won. The first Luton match I went to that I can remember caused friction – I was a cold and tired pre-school kid and the game was not enough to keep my attention. Rioch may have played a blinder but, around the age of three, he



Lewis - champions!



Lewis's cub side

IN WITH THE BIG BOYS

I suppose that they were in Division 3 South when I first saw them but, by the time I was in the Scouts, they had risen to the top division – I remember being glued to my radio at scout camp the day they played Liverpool – their first game in the top flight and little Luton were playing the mighty Liverpool! That season I went to games at Elland Road and Molineux – an honourable 1-1 draw against Bremner’s “Dirty Leeds” and a crushing five-goal defeat by Wolves. Around that time, I also remember visiting Carrow Road and losing to the pre-Delia Canaries. There were a lot of losses, but it was an exciting time for our small club to be back among the big boys.

Harry Haslam, the manager, lived on New Bedford Road, a stone’s throw from my home. His daughter Karen and I were classmates and that local presence continued into the days of David Pleat, when Colin West, our captain, and his wife had some of my teenage girl-friends as babysitters. The players and management were part of the local community – not living in out-of-town gated estates. Luton was a club without pretensions and, with Eric Morecambe doing his best to put us on the map, we were a town that needed to be able to take adversity with good humour.

could have had a ‘mare for all I could tell. I whined enough for my dad to take me home and, just as we were rounding a street near Kenilworth Road, a massive cheer rang out. In the days before the internet and sports radio, my dad had to wait until the next morning to find out the score. For some reason, he held back on taking me to matches for a while!

Those early days saw Malcolm MacDonald and Viv Busby both impress to the degree that they were snapped up by Newcastle and Sunderland respectively. It seemed to me that SuperMac and Viv were goal machines, but it was the team as a whole that ground

out

results, getting promotions, despite what history shows as a financially rocky time for the club.



Lewis with MOTM Billy Knott after last season's game

Bruce Rioch, Viv Busby, Malcolm MacDonald, Brian Stein, Paul and Ron Futch, Ricky Hill – scarcely a good player was held on to for long, but we found them.

NO-GO ZONE

Then came the dark days – the whole town shutting down when the leeriest away fans visited. When local rivals Watford or universally-disliked Millwall were in town, the Arndale Centre would temporarily lock its doors in case they got lost finding their way back to the station. It wasn’t that away fans were just loud or leery – being shouted at in the street by drunk Newcastle United fans or run at by West Ham boys wasn’t unknown, but things were going from high-spirited laddishness to something darker.

Sadly, football had become unavoidably violent – you sometimes needed to spend more effort avoiding missiles than watching the match. Glass bottles filled by those too confused to find the gents were often thrown at the ironwork supporting the roof so that it was literally pee-ing down, which tended to distract us from what was on the pitch! That and getting crushed against the fencing that the Government thought was the way to treat football supporters. Hillsborough had been waiting to happen and sometimes you just wanted to get out of that cage and leave the match behind.

Although I never completely stopped going, during my student years my attendance dropped to it being a rare event. Having a Saturday job wasn’t exactly conducive to regular attendance. Given the chance to see Rush or Ian Rush, my hard-earned money went on the Canadian trio. Back in the early 1980s few students tended to go to football matches: spending our grants on second-hand records and concert tickets was more the norm. Maybe a pint or two was followed by curry sauce and chips, but there was no Sky and you either went to the match or not. Despite buying some of my veg at the Lineker family stall on Leicester market (including good value end-of-season sweetcorn), I did not become a regular at Filbert Street.

ARMCHAIR SUPPORTER

When I moved to Surrey I rarely went to matches outside of the long vacation. I worked in Woking and kept an eye on local results as well as Luton’s. Indeed, I saw Luton beat Arsenal in the cup final on TV while ironing my work shirts and only rediscovered the Joy of Football when I started to go to Kingfield. Woking FC was a very small club – Tim Buzaglo hadn’t even scored his Hawthorns hat-trick when I first came to a match at Kingfield. I still attended the

occasional Luton game – home to Man City and away to Wycombe Wanderers come to mind. Nat Abbey (now of Arlesey) had been at Woking on loan and was back with the Hatters and I saw him in a Luton shirt still lacking composure between the sticks.



Lewis holding Blue Square South trophy

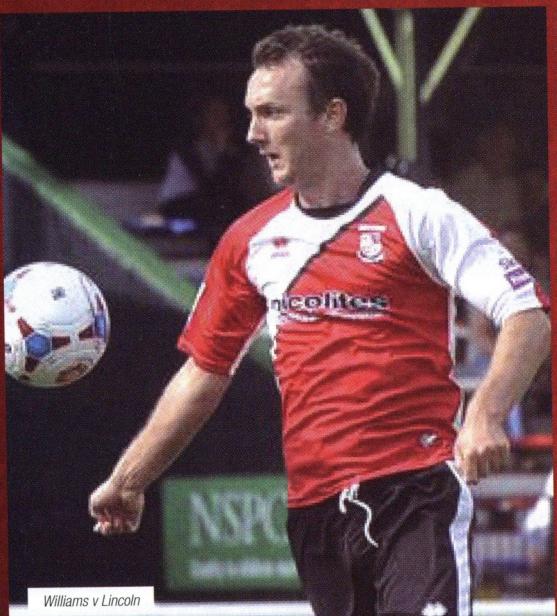
DIVIDED LOYALTY

Club photographer David Holmes and I would often debate the loyalty issue of childhood club v local club over pints in the Royal Oak and he was tested when Woking drew Nottingham Forest in the cup. Then I suffered the same agony: Woking were drawn against Luton in the LDV Vans Trophy. The nightmare had come true – well, I had to decide on my loyalty and, whilst I wouldn’t have been devastated if Luton had won, it was the victorious Cardinals I cheered on.

I had said that, if we ever were in the same league, then I would sponsor the game in some way and New Year’s Day saw me in the sponsors’ lounge for the first meeting of the two clubs in the league at Kingfield.

ON THE SPOT... WITH GAVIN WILLIAMS

So, if you were named Gavin Williams and brought up in Merthyr Tydfil which sport would you hope to excel at? My first question to Woking's effervescent midfielder and penalty expert is why he didn't strive to become the next Phil Bennett or Gareth Edwards? Gav agrees that at school in Wales you were given little option and he played a bit at fly-half because of his kicking ability but really his main interest was always football. His younger brother Lewis, however, is a professional rugby player with Pontypridd. Gavin has brought an extra touch of creativity, set-piece expertise and experience to a midfield Garry Hill considers to be his strongest for many years and has also chipped in with five goals to date. We spoke just before the hard-fought and much-needed win at Hyde and I tried to find out a bit more about his lengthy career.



AND THEN IT WENT FROM GOOD TO BETTER!

Yes, it was a bit of a dream move when Alan Pardew came in and paid £250,000 to take me to Upton Park. Suddenly I was playing alongside Teddy Sheringham and Yossi Benayoun and we were challenging (successfully) for promotion to the Premiership. It's every professional's ambition to play at that sort of level and it was while I was at West Ham that I picked up a couple of international caps. To get called up for Wales was a huge honour and a bit unreal, really. Robbie Savage and Ryan Giggs were around but Giggsy was injured, I think! (Ed: probably another bout of his recurring international condition, Ferguson Syndrome!)

NEXT STOP WAS THE CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH IPSWICH?

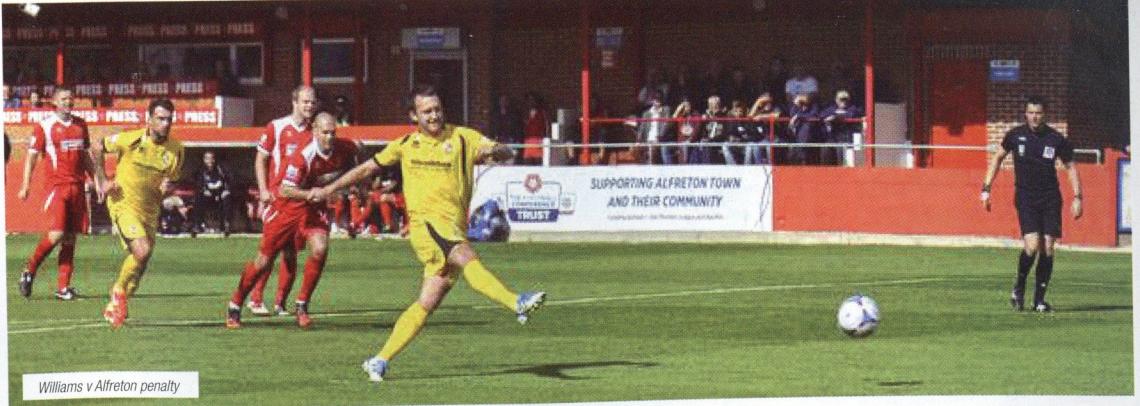
Yes, I was struggling to get games at West Ham and had a good loan spell with Ipswich before getting another transfer (£300,000 + this time). The loan went fantastically well, the move was right for me and Ipswich are a great club. Unfortunately, I had my first serious injury there and my little boy, Jay, was back in Wales, so I was pleased to get back closer home with a move to Bristol City. From then on all my League football was in the West Country, starting with three seasons back with Gary Johnson and then Steve Coppell (very briefly) and Keith Millen at City. Kevin Betsy was there at the same time.

WERE YOU MAD TO THEN MOVE FROM BRISTOL CITY TO ROVERS?

Well, it wasn't as bad as it could have been. They were both playing at very different levels and I only joined them for a few months. However, it was a very intense rivalry and you could even feel it in the atmosphere in the city. I really regret that I never got to play in a full-on Bristol derby.

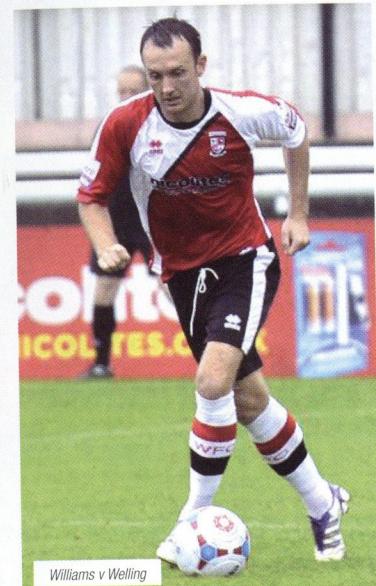
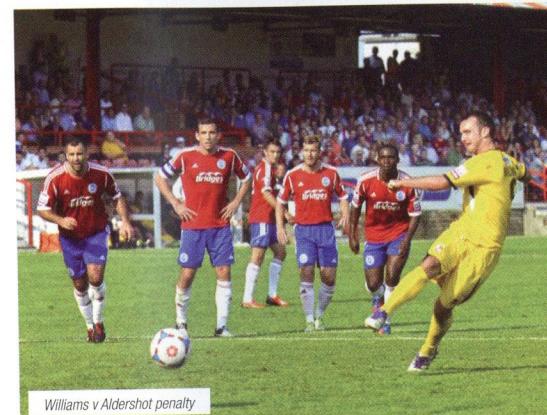
AND YOU THEN COMPLETED THE FULL SET OF PROMOTIONS WITH YEOVIL?

Yes, it almost felt like things went full circle, really, as I was back at Huish Park and was part of the squad that got promoted to the Championship. That does mean that I have been promoted to every division from Conference to Premiership and I suppose there aren't many players who can say they have done that.



DOES THE MOVE TO WOKING MEAN ALL YOUR AMBITIONS ARE FULFILLED?

No, definitely not – every new club is a fresh challenge to prove yourself and maximize your talent. Woking are at a very exciting stage and the gaffer and Steve are a perfect pairing to take the club forward. The move is good for me at this time as you pick up niggly injuries as you get older and also being part-time means that I can spend half the week back home in Wales.



THE PENALTIES HAVE COME THICK AND FAST - DO YOU FEEL THE PRESSURE OF BEING THE PENALTY TAKER?

Probably the main pressure is stopping Gez grab the ball off me! To be honest, I have always been good at set pieces – free-kicks, corners and penalties. You naturally

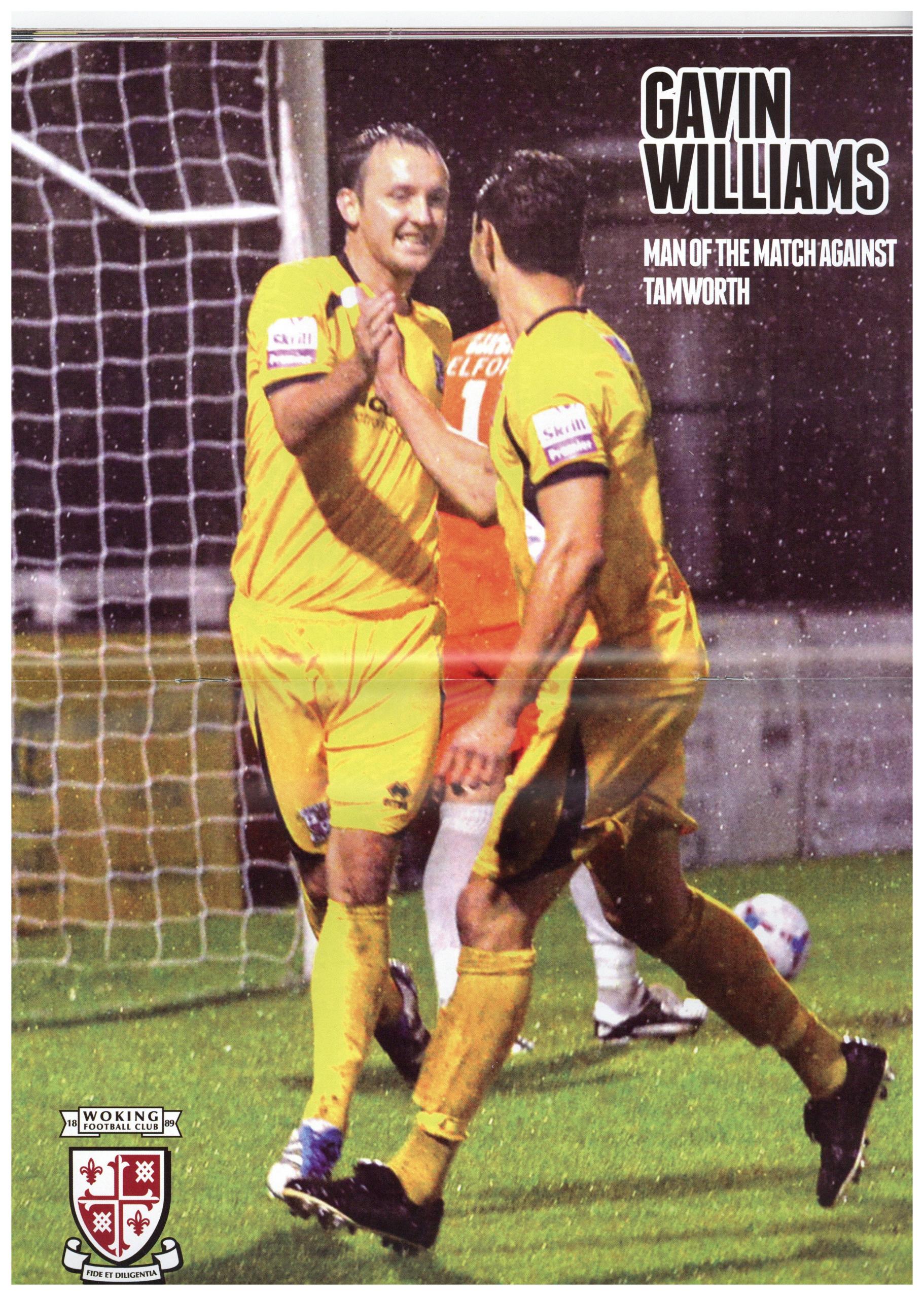
feel a bit of pressure because you are literally put on the spot and, if you ever miss, the next one is a bit more nerve-wracking. I got to take a pen when Gez was suspended and they have gone really well so far. He's hovering in the wings, though!

FINALLY, GAV, YOU HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT YOUR SON - IS HE A KEEN FOOTBALLER?

Yes, Jay's got a Cardiff season ticket and is a very keen little player – he's been to see Woking as well. With the demands of full-time football, I was often away when he was really young so, now he's 10, it's great to be able to get back to Wales, wander down on a Sunday, unwind and watch him play.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, GAVIN - WELCOME TO WOKING, GREAT TO GET TO KNOW YOU A BIT MORE AND ENJOY THE SEASON

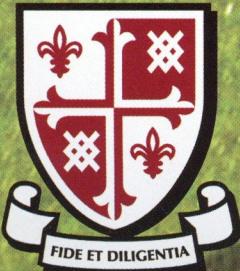
Ian Nicholson was talking to Gavin after the game at Hyde



GAVIN WILLIAMS

MAN OF THE MATCH AGAINST
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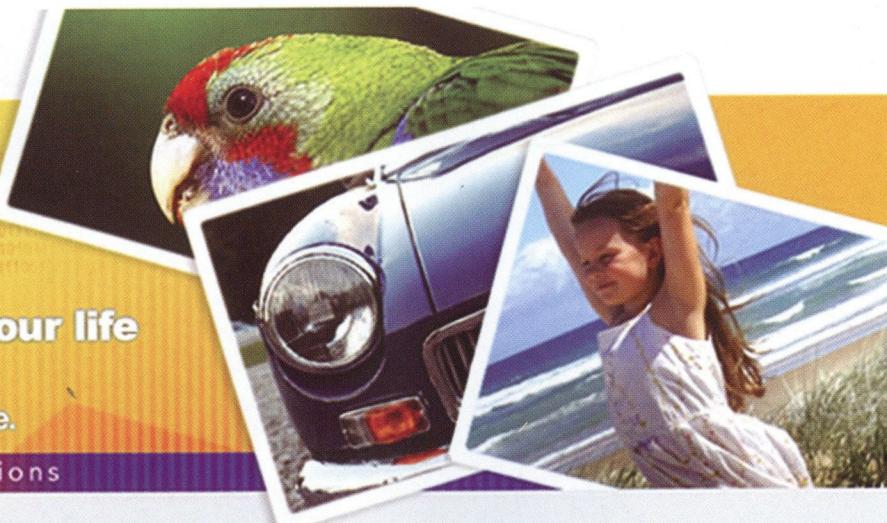
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SKRILL PREMIER ROUND-UP

By Glen Harrington

Nuneaton Town are now the outright leaders of the Skrill Premier, after their 2-1 win over Hereford United on Tuesday night, coupled with Cambridge United's 1-1 draw away at Alfreton Town, moved them two points clear at the top of the table.

11 December 1965 was my sister's 21st birthday but, unlike her, I will remember that crisp and sunny winter's day for something else: one of the most remarkable results and performances of any Woking match I have seen.

Victory over the Bulls marked a fifth win in succession for Kevin Wilkin's side, a remarkable turnaround considering the Boro' needed until Boxing Day to reach their current tally of 23 points last season.

In the last week, the 2011-12 Blue Square North playoff winners have extended their unbeaten start to the season to nine games, a feat made all the more impressive when considering the current state of the other team's promoted that season: Hyde, Dartford and Woking, who are all currently battling it out in and around the relegation zone.

Louis Moult, the former Stoke City academy player who spent last season with Northampton Town, added yet further to his growing reputation with three further goals to take his season tally to eight.

He struck twice in the opening eight minutes last Saturday as Nuneaton beat the Darts 2-1, with Elliot Bradbrook netting the consolation for Tony Burman's side. He followed that up with the winner against Hereford on Tuesday night, after Rod McDonald had cancelled out Wesley York's opener.

Cambridge remain in second place and are also still unbeaten in their current league campaign, but have won one game less, and drawn one game more than their early promotion rivals.

Last Saturday a solitary Adam Cunningham strike was all that eased the U's past lowly Gateshead, before on Tuesday night they were held at Alfreton, despite Ryan Donaldson's second-half strike wiping out Paul Clayton's early goal.

Kidderminster Harriers are in third place, having responded to the back-to-back defeats suffered over the August Bank Holiday by chalking up three successive victories.

However, they made hard work of their victory over Hyde last weekend, Tom Collins' strike making them sweat over a 2-1 win. But goals from Anthony Malbon and Michael Gash were eventually enough.

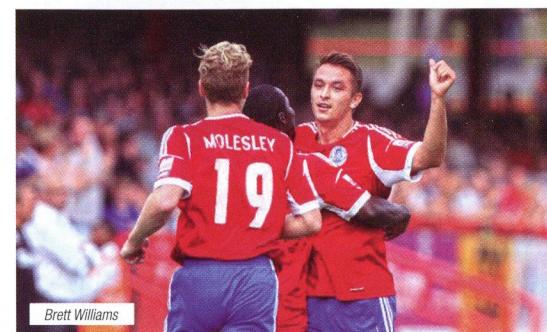
It was far more comfortable for them in mid-week, as they breezed past Tamworth by three goals to nil, with James Dance, Gash and Malbon finding the net.

Lincoln City remain fourth. With just nine goals scored and five conceded in their opening nine matches, the Imps

matches might not be proving the most exciting, but fans will be delighted to see their massive improvement after struggling for much of last year.

On Tuesday, a goal from full-back Tom Miller proved the difference between them and Southport, ending a run of two games without a win. The result moves them onto 17 points, one adrift of Kidderminster and six behind the league leaders.

Barnet currently occupy the final playoff spot and head a trio of teams on 16 points. It has been an inability to kill teams off that has cost the Bees' so far this year however: while they have only lost one game, they have drawn four, and will perhaps be frustrated not to be close to the single automatic promotion spot.



Nonetheless, they will have been grateful to escape from their last match – away to Aldershot Town – with a point, as they came from 3-1 down to snatch a draw. Brett Williams put the Shots ahead inside three minutes, before Curtis Weston levelled things up ten minutes into the second-half. Emmanuel Oyeleke re-established the home side's lead before Williams seemingly made the points safe. But Edgar Davids' side responded bravely, pulling a goal back through substitute Marciano Mengerink before Harry Crawford grabbed the leveller two minutes from time.

Halifax and Alfreton are only outside of the top five on goal difference. After losing 2-1 to Forest Green Rovers on Saturday, the Shaymen produced a wonderful response to dispatch last season's play-off semi-finalists Grimsby Town 4-0. Marcus Carver and Danny Gardner (2) gave the home side a comfortable three goal half-time lead, while Adam Smith wrapped up the emphatic victory after 47 minutes.

Alfreton continued their impressive start, preceding their draw with Cambridge by defeating Macclesfield Town 1-0, Daniel Meadows scoring the only goal.

Pre-season favourites Forest Green are eighth, a point adrift of the top five, after their five match unbeaten run came to a startling end on Tuesday night, as they were thrashed 5-2 by Welling United in an extraordinary game at Park View Road.

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Doug Bergqvist opened the scoring after just nine minutes for the Wings, before departing the game moments later due to injury. Thankfully for Jamie Day's side his replacement, Loick Pires, needed just two minutes to find the net himself and double the home side's advantage.

Anthony Barry pulled a goal back for the visitors in first-half stoppage time, before Yan Klukowski's penalty levelled things just after the hour mark. That might have been the cue for things to turn the way of Dave Hockaday's side, were it not for a red card to defender Dale Bennett just three minutes later, whose tackle also conceded a penalty.

Ross Lafayette dispatched the spot kick and Welling didn't look back, adding further goals through Lee Clarke and Alex Dyer to wrap up an impressive win, despite the man advantage.

After a difficult start that saw them lose their opening three matches, Salisbury City are now ninth after producing a six match unbeaten run – from four of which they have emerged victorious. Last weekend they defeated Chester 3-1 thanks to goals from Dan Fitchett, Elliott Frear and Clovis Kamdjo, which cancelled out Joe Heath's opener for the visitors. However, the game was somewhat marred by an ugly clash between the teams in stoppage time that resulted in both City debutant Angus McDonald (an 87th minute substitute) and Chester's Shaquille McDonald, no relation, being sent-off.

Fitchett was on target again for the Whites on Tuesday night, but Sean Marks goal was enough to earn the visiting Braintree Town a point.

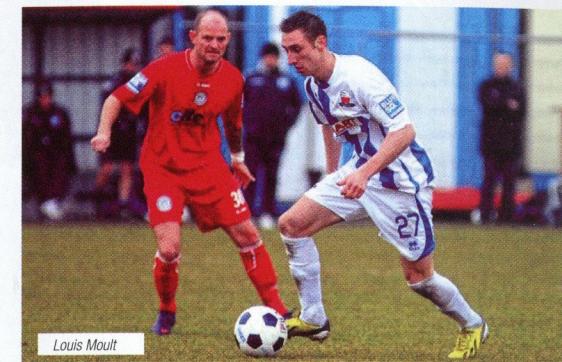
Despite their heavy defeat on Tuesday, Grimsby complete the top ten. Last weekend they defeated Braintree 1-0, with Lenell John-Lewis on target.

Hyde sit bottom of the table with just two points so far. The Tigers have alarmingly lost their last five matches including, most recently, a 2-0 defeat to Woking and a Kevin Betsy brace.

Macclesfield are also still without a win and have lost their last four matches. Perhaps crucially, they were edged out 2-1 by Chester in mid-week in something of an early-season relegation six-pointer. Aidan Chippendale and Gareth Seddon gave the hosts an early two goal lead, and although Danny Whittaker pulled one back on the stroke of half-time, it proved to be nothing more than a consolation.

Aldershot remain in the relegation zone, although in reality they would be ninth were it not for their points deduction. They are unbeaten in their last three matches, and were in fact cruelly denied a third successive win by Barnet's stunning comeback on Tuesday night. Last weekend they defeated Hereford 2-0, with two goals coming from Brett Williams, who now has six this term – second in the goal-scoring charts behind Moult.

Dartford, perhaps surprisingly, complete the bottom four.



The Darts, who spent much of last season in and around the play-off places before fading away in the closing weeks of their campaign, are without a win in their last four games. In their last encounter they were thrashed 3-0 by a rejuvenated Luton Town, who had only managed five goals in their opening eight matches before hosting the strugglers. Paul Benson, Like Guttridge and Alex Lawless were all on target for the Hatters.

In Skrill South, four straight victories have kept Eastleigh a point clear at the top of the division. Most recently, impressive wins over Eastbourne Borough and Maidenhead United were registered, both of whom had started the season well.

Bromley remain hot on the Spittires tails, defeating Staines Town and Concord Rangers since their defeat to Eastleigh two weeks ago.

Weston-super-Mare, Bishop's Stortford and Basingstoke Town complete the play-off places at this early stage, sitting three, five and six points adrift of the leaders respectively – although the latter two sides have still got a game in hand.

Farnborough have now played four matches (taking seven points), and are half-way towards catching up with the rest of the field. They moved out of the bottom three with a 2-0 win over Boreham Wood, who replaced them in the relegation zone. They are joined by Gosport Borough and Dorchester Town, who are both without a win this year.

Hednesford lead the way in Skrill North, although Altringham, who sit two points behind, do have a game in hand. Brackley, Solihull Moors and North Ferriby United complete the top five, while Worcester, Oxford City and Gainsborough Trinity are the bottom three.

Look out for more news and reports from around the Skrill Premier, North and South in your next match-day programme, when Woking take on Nuneaton Town on Saturday 28th September.



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LUTON TOWN - CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

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



1954-55

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

1958-59

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

1967-68

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

pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969-70

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



1973-74

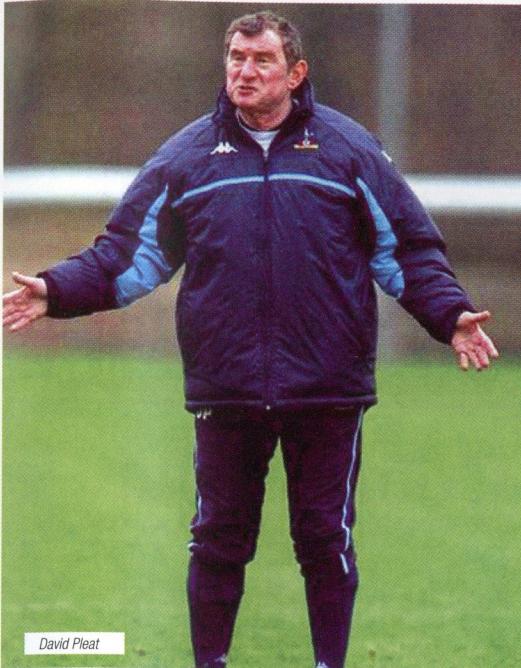
Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as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

1981-82



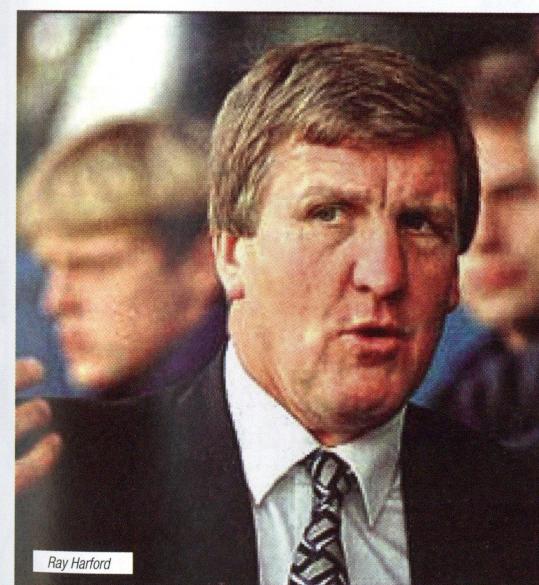
Brian Horton

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



David Pleat

1987-88



Ray Harford

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.

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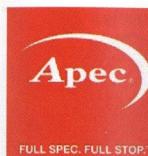
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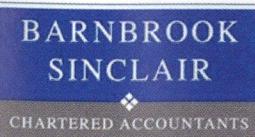
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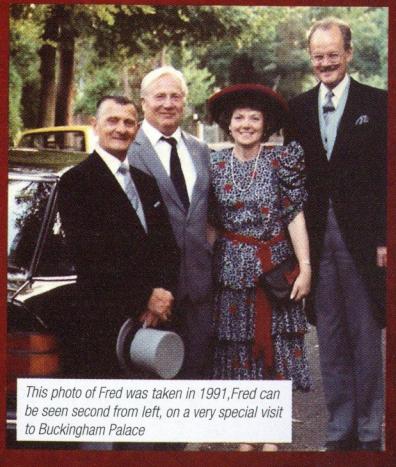
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Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

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

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

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

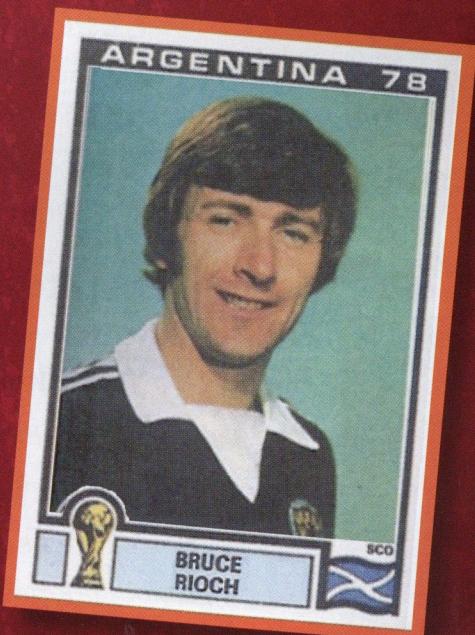
Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in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

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park

in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

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

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.



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In terms of entrance costs on the day, most clubs charge

£14 to £16 (we, of course charge £15), with a bargain £12 at Hereford United and Tamworth and an even better deal at Southport with a lowest charge of £10 (from previous visits to the latter, I bet that's standing behind the goal at an angle of 45 degrees as you're blown by the wind coming off the sea). Alfreton Town and Grimsby Town get the booby prize for the most expensive basic entrance fee at £18, with Aldershot Town just behind at £17. When it comes to season tickets, we are average for the lowest cost, and well under the average for the most expensive. Buying a pie at Woking is average in price, whilst our cup of tea is as cheap as anywhere else in the League.

All in all, it seems to me we have little to complain about in comparison with other clubs in our League, although some would no doubt argue that all the prices are too high for following a team in the fifth division of English football. Although the average price for the cheapest entrance fee in the Premiership is £27.10, if you're a Geordie and can get in, it's only £15 at Newcastle. I was amused by Leicester City's ploy of putting up the entrance cost by £2 a ticket an hour before kick-off, as presumably this does wonders for trade at the bar!

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We are pleased to announce that once again the scheme has been awarded a £20,000 grant from the Football Conference Trust. The Football Conference Trust is a partnership between the Football Conference, the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association. The Premier League and the PFA have committed to contribute £400,000 each to a fund for three years. The fund of £2.4m is to support all Football Conference member clubs to help support and develop their community activities.

Much of the work the scheme does would not be possible without the funding received from the Football Conference Trust. Each year we attempt to add and sustain new projects.

Our schools work started last week and for this term we will be providing 20 after schools clubs, 23 hours of curriculum time cover, together with continuing our work with The Grange, Alpha Hospital and the Kingsleigh Centre. Our Walking Football programme has restarted on a Wednesday morning and our Community Football programme and its related activities continues to grow.

At this point we would also like to thank Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council for their continued support of our projects.

SURREY COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

The new season kicked off with the Surrey Challenge Cup taking place at the Walton Excel Centre. All teams played each other in a league competition. It was great to see how teams have progressed over the last couple of years and how friendships have formed. In the end the two top teams could only be split by goal difference, Kingstonian Mind lifted the cup with Woking Minders runners up. The Fair Play trophy was won by Leacroft Legends and Sandip from Rushmoor was named player of the day.

The teams now look forward to monthly matches as well as a full programme of events which includes, coaching, Quiz, Christmas party, motivational talk, walking football as well as individual help.





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- **NAME 1** = Scorer & number of goals
- **Name** = 1st Substitute
- **Name** = 2nd Substitute
- **Name** = 3rd Substitute

Name = Booked Player

— Name = Sent Off Player

The Skrill Premier

SKRILL PREMIER STATS 2013/2014

2013/2014 TABLE

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Cambridge United	10	7	3	0	17	5	24
Nuneaton Town	10	7	2	1	17	9	23
Alfreton Town	10	6	1	3	18	14	19
Kidderminster Harriers	10	6	0	4	16	14	18
Salisbury City	10	5	2	3	13	10	17
Lincoln City	10	5	2	3	11	8	17
FC Halifax Town	10	5	2	3	18	16	17
Barnet	10	4	4	2	18	13	16
Luton Town	10	4	4	2	11	6	16
Forest Green Rovers	10	4	3	3	21	14	15
Welling United	10	4	3	3	18	14	15
Braintree Town	10	4	3	3	9	8	15
Grimsby Town	10	4	3	3	9	10	15
Southport	10	4	1	5	10	14	13
Hereford United	10	3	3	4	12	13	12
Wrexham	10	3	2	5	13	16	11
Gateshead	10	3	1	6	11	17	10
Dartford	10	3	1	6	8	14	10
Tamworth	10	2	3	5	9	15	9
Woking	10	2	2	6	13	18	8
Chester	10	2	2	6	7	16	8
Aldershot Town *	10	5	2	3	14	8	7
Macclesfield Town	10	1	3	6	9	14	6
Hyde	10	0	2	8	8	24	2

SKRILL PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS 21-09-13

ALDERSHOT TOWN	2	WREXHAM	0	1915
ALFRETON TOWN	3	BARNET	1	783
BRAINTREE TOWN	1	SOUTHPORT	0	924
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	2	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	1	2915
CHESTER	0	GRIMSBY TOWN	0	2363
DARTFORD	3	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	0	1020
FC HALIFAX TOWN	1	HEREFORD UNITED	1	1362
HYDE	0	WELLING UNITED	1	427
LUTON TOWN	3	LINCOLN CITY	2	6203
MACCLESFIELD TOWN	3	WOKING	2	1195
NUNEATON TOWN	1	SALISBURY CITY	2	1355
TAMWORTH	0	GATESHEAD	1	738
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE	6203	LUTON TOWN VERSUS LINCOLN CITY		
LOWEST ATTENDANCE	427	HYDE VERSUS WELLING UNITED		
AGGREGATE ATTENDANCES	21200			
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	1767			



FIXTURES

SKRILL PREMIER FIXTURES

TONIGHT

BARNET V MACCLESFIELD TOWN
 CAMBRIDGE UNITED V NUNEATON TOWN
 FOREST GREEN ROVERS V TAMWORTH
 GATESHEAD V CHESTER
 GRIMSBY TOWN V DARTFORD
 HEREFORD UNITED V LINCOLN CITY
 KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS V FC HALIFAX TOWN
 SALISBURY CITY V HYDE
 SOUTHPORT V ALFRETON TOWN
 WELLING UNITED V ALDERSHOT TOWN
WOKING V LUTON TOWN
 WREXHAM V BRAINTREE TOWN

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS V ALDERSHOT TOWN

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

BARNET V SALISBURY CITY
 BRAINTREE TOWN V ALFRETON TOWN
 DARTFORD V SOUTHPORT
 FC HALIFAX TOWN V CHESTER
 FOREST GREEN ROVERS V GATESHEAD
 GRIMSBY TOWN V TAMWORTH
 HEREFORD UNITED V LUTON TOWN
 LINCOLN CITY V HYDE
 MACCLESFIELD TOWN V WELLING UNITED
WOKING V NUNEATON TOWN
 WREXHAM V CAMBRIDGE UNITED

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

ALDERSHOT TOWN V GRIMSBY TOWN
 ALFRETON TOWN V FOREST GREEN ROVERS
 CAMBRIDGE UNITED V HEREFORD UNITED
 CHESTER V KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS
 GATESHEAD V DARTFORD
 HYDE V BRAINTREE TOWN
 LUTON TOWN V FC HALIFAX TOWN
 NUNEATON TOWN V LINCOLN CITY
 SALISBURY CITY V WREXHAM
SOUTHPORT V WOKING
 TAMWORTH V MACCLESFIELD TOWN
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TONIGHT'S SQUADS

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2	Adam NEWTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	John NUTTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Mark RICKETTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Joe MCNERNEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Brett JOHNSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Lee SAWYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jack PARKINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Gavin WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Giuseppe SOLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Kevin BETSY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Anthony MCNAMEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Mike CESTOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	George FRITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Nicall WRIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Sam BEASANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Josh PAYNE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Scott RENDELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	John GODDARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Gavin McCALLUM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LUTON TOWN



1	Mark TYLER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Danny FITZSIMONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Jonathan SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Steve MCNULTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Anthony CHARLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Alex LAWLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Solomon TAIWO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Jon SHAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Alex WALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Jake HOWELLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Scott GRIFFITHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Mark CULLEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Andy PARRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Elliot JUSTHAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	JJ O'DONNELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Dave MARTIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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22	Shaun WHALLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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27	Andre GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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31	Jake WOOLLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Brett LONGDEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Jerome JIBODU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESULTS

HALF TIME	WOKING	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LUTON TOWN	<input type="checkbox"/>
FULL TIME	WOKING	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LUTON TOWN	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Referee:- LEE SWABEY

Assistant Referees:-

JOHN PIKE

GARY PARSONS

Fourth Official:- DAVID McNAMARA