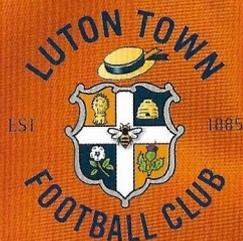


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TO KENILWORTH ROAD

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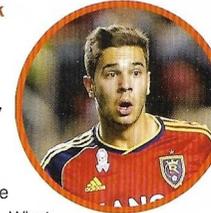
Four points and two clean sheets from the last two away games have extended the Hatters' unbeaten run to four matches. That defeat at Wrexham is now a distant memory, isn't it?

Our last home match saw the Town twice come from behind to earn a dramatic win over Lincoln. What a comeback that was and wasn't the atmosphere great?

You can read all about that victory and plenty more inside this issue of Talk of the Town, including the news we released last week about opening the Oak Road stand to home fans for two matches in the Skril Premier in the next two months.

We travel to Aldershot on Tuesday night before returning to Kenilworth Road a week today when we host Hyde.

No rest for the wicked, eh?! Enjoy #COYH ”



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the manager

JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this Skrill Premier game against FC Halifax Town.

A warm welcome to all those associated with our visitors today, including their manager Neil Aspin and his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of FC Halifax.

The Shaymen are probably quite pleased with the start they've made to their first season back at this level since they were reformed in 2008.

Tough

To date they have enjoyed some strong performances and, as we've learned in the 12 games so far, every match is tough. I don't expect anything less than a difficult 90 minutes this afternoon. We know we have to be strong and to be competitive to earn the right to win three points.

Looking back at the past couple of weeks we have entertained Lincoln City here at Kenilworth Road, travelled to Kingfield to play Woking and then went to Hereford's Edgar Street last Saturday.

The thing that stands out the most from those games is the comeback against Lincoln. To bounce back from 1-0 and then 2-1 behind in the fashion in which we did left a real feel good factor around the club.

Excitement

The atmosphere inside the ground after that victory was fantastic, with the excitement of the final 20 minutes providing everyone with fond memories.

In what was a very competitive game, we ended it with two real moments of quality with the final two goals emphasising the type of quality we have in the side.

We then quickly followed that win by the trip to Woking where I think a first-class all-round performance resulted in a very good 4-0 victory. Before getting ourselves into a position to win the game, we displayed a real competitive edge, especially in the opening 20 minutes. Once we got the upper hand we went from strength to strength.

Looking back on the game it was a really good away performance against another side who made it competitive for us. The quality of the display was well worthy of all three points.

Last Saturday we made the slightly longer trip to Hereford where, for the away team, I was pleased with a point. However I thought we could have had a touch more quality in our performance.

We need to have that competitive characteristic in all of our games and it was very pleasing to keep yet another clean sheet. As I say, though, perhaps there wasn't enough quality in the final third. Having said that, we had two or three really good opportunities to get on the scoresheet.

Skilful

On Monday we were pleased to finally unveil the signing of David Viana after receiving international clearance. David has been with us for a few weeks now and we've had a good look at him and what he can offer to the team. We've found him to be a very skilful young man with very good technical ability. He's always training with a smile on his face and he's at an age where we think we can develop him into a player that the supporters will enjoy watching.

David played in a development squad game on Tuesday against Northampton where, from 2-0 down, we came back to win 3-2. I had mixed feelings about the game because the first part of it was not up to the standard I believe we are capable of. However, I have to say, come the end, we showed great resilience and good quality to gain another victory and that, once again, is a good sign of the players' mentality – don't give up because the game is never over until it's over.

Turning attention back to today's game, as always please get behind your team. This is your club and your team and we want you to be part of it. Playing your part in getting behind the players can help us in our quest for success.

Enjoy the game.



“The atmosphere inside the ground after that victory was fantastic, with the excitement of the final 20 minutes providing everyone with fond memories.”

boardroom

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our latest match in the Skril Premier.

A particular welcome to everyone from FC Halifax Town, who've settled in extremely well after promotion last season from the Conference North."

I always have a little smile to myself when I think of Halifax for a number of reasons. I still treasure the sheer joy of our match at the Shay in April 1968 when a typical Bruce Rioch thunderbolt from a free-kick won the match for us late on and clinched promotion from the old Division Four. That was our first champagne moment since we'd started plummeting down the leagues from the top flight in 1960.

A little over a year later, Bruce had left for Aston Villa and our new hero was a certain Malcolm Macdonald. Mac scored on a wet and windy night at home to Halifax here at Kenilworth Road, but was otherwise superbly handled by Halifax centre-half Chris Nicholl. Within a couple of hours he'd been signed by Alec Stock and went on to become a terrific player for us, Aston Villa,

Southampton and Northern Ireland. We were promoted at the end of that campaign, the second time in three seasons.

The other Halifax connection for me personally concerns my sons Andy and Chris. They had to leave it to the last minute to set off for the Shay one midweek night in October 2001, when we were in Division Three under Joe Kinnear. The traffic was horrendous and they only got to the ground with about 25 minutes of the match left. It took them some time banging on doors and rattling gates before officials agreed to let them in – "we've travelled half the length of the bl**y country to get here!" – and they only managed to see the last 15 minutes.

In that time, Halifax scored to equalise at two all, but then Kevin Nicholls and Adrian Forbes smacked in two goals in the last five minutes to make it 4-2 to Luton, so it was well worth the angst in the end! My other son Tim was also there that night, but he managed to get there for the kick-off. By the way, we won promotion that season too! Incidentally, our next game in Division Three was home to Swansea – a month later we took on Hull. Look at them now, up there in the Premier League.

Meanwhile, back to this season, and what a run we've had since that dreadful night at Wrexham, when we lost 2-0 in front of the BT Sport cameras. The comeback against Lincoln was remarkable – a real tribute to our



Celebrations in the Town dressing room after a 1-0 win at Halifax sealed promotion in 1968

inner strength that John Still has been talking about. The confidence drawn from that and the previous beating of Dartford (bogey team last season) was there for all to see in our 4-0 demolition of Woking (semi-bogey team last season!)

And then came Hereford away last weekend. It wasn't a classic, but we did have some moments of real quality which could so easily have led to a goal. My abiding memory, though, is of Andre Gray clearing off our own line – twice! A vivid indication of how everyone is working for the team to ensure another clean sheet.

We may be slightly off the pace at the moment, but we are going very well after a patchy start and I am confident that, with your continuing relentless vocal support, it can continue.

Wall of noise

I am so glad that some of the negative stuff has been brought to a head by Ronnie Henry and it is encouraging to see how the vast majority despise it. If we are not playing particularly well, abuse can only make things worse, especially for the younger players. But they thrive if they can hear that wall of noise, supportive noise, reverberating around Kenilworth Road. It seems to be a commonly held belief by visiting teams that, if they can frustrate us for 20 minutes or so, the crowd will get on the player's backs, rattle their morale and make it easier to beat us. It wasn't like that against Lincoln. Even though we weren't winning, the support from the stands remained excellent and look what happened. We came from behind and won. Magnificent!

Finally, I would like to say how thrilled I am that we are having a special dinner on Monday December 9th in honour of one of our finest players, Malcolm Macdonald. I am sure fans who were watching Luton Town in those exciting days of the late sixties and early seventies will be desperate to get along and hear what he has to say about his remarkable time at the club. If you are too young to remember, I urge you to try to be there to soak up some stirring memories from the man we came to call Supermac. He was a charismatic figure of tremendous bravado, searing pace and a cannonball left foot. He scored some sensational goals and I am personally delighted that I will be hosting the evening at the Riverside Suite at Venue 360, formerly the Vauxhall Recreation Centre.

Let's hear it again for the team today – I really feel we are going places.

Bye for now.

Nick Owen



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the captain

RONNIE HENRY

Since my last programme notes we have picked up two wins and a draw to propel us the league table.

After our comfortable win over Dartford we showed a whole load of different qualities to earn a hard-fought victory over Lincoln City at Kenilworth Road.

We knew that was going to be a difficult game and our cause wasn't helped by going behind twice. At half-time we were disappointed to be a goal down and despite equalising soon after the restart we fell behind again.

So for us to come back to win the game in the manner in which we did showed a battling resilience and huge character. It was a mental and physical battle and we came through to win what could be a big three points come the end of the season.

The 3-2 win also highlighted the amount of hard work we do on the training ground and in the gym. We are a very fit squad and that strength and athleticism showed in abundance. It's those kind of qualities that make teams hard to beat and make them successful.

Fantastic

It was a great win and we took the confidence from the turnaround against Lincoln into the following game at Woking and came away with a fantastic 4-0 win.

Let's not forget we lost 3-1 at Woking on New Year's Day and despite their position in the table we knew it wasn't going to be a walk in the park.

It was a commanding performance where every member of the team did their job. We got the ball in the right areas and took our chances. At the other end we kept another clean sheet and Mark Tyler made a very important save to deny Woking the lead with the score at 0-0. Mark hasn't had much to do this season but when he's been called upon he's been brilliant.



Mark Cullen also scored twice to take his tally to four in two games. I was delighted for him because he is a striker of real quality. He took his goals really, really well and I am sure there is plenty more to come from him this season.

Last season we also lost at Hereford so last Saturday's goalless draw was a step in the right direction. It was far from a classic but we ground out a decent point, extended our unbeaten run and kept another clean sheet.

That's eight in 12 matches which is remarkable and long may it continue. It was frustrating we couldn't find a winner but a point's a point at a difficult place to go.

After our last home game against Lincoln I spoke in an interview for the official website following an incident I had with a supporter at the final whistle.

I was pleased to meet him at the training ground on Monday where we both settled our differences and discussed how important it is for supporters to get behind the players.

I was angry after that game and I felt I needed to speak out for the good of the football club and to protect my team-mates. As I explained in my interview, we need to be in this together if we are to be successful. If everybody is behind us 100 per cent then we will be an unstoppable force.

Believe me, the support does make a huge difference. It's almost difficult to put it into words how crucial your positive vocal backing can be for us. Don't forget, with the exception of one or two, we are a young team.

Your support on the whole has been nothing sort of tremendous. The noise when the goals went in against Lincoln was testament to that – as was the number of supporters who travelled to Woking and Lincoln.

So please get behind us again this afternoon and enjoy the game.

Supermac's back... for dinner!

Forty-four years after he first set foot in Kenilworth Road Malcolm Macdonald is making a return as special guest speaker at our Christmas dinner event in December, sponsored by A-Plan Insurance.

The legendary striker will be reminiscing about his famous career which took off whilst with the Town; recalling the goals, the hat-tricks, the penalties and the promotion on Monday 9th December. The night kicks-off at 7pm at Venue 360's Riverside Suite.

Tickets are now on sale at £65, which includes a three-course meal, and you can book by calling the commercial department on 01582 411622 or emailing commercial@lutontown.co.uk.



Welcome David Viana

The Hatters completed the signing of Portuguese youth international David Viana after receiving international clearance on Monday.

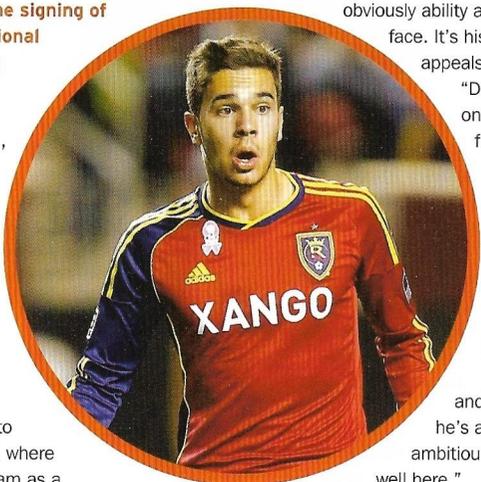
With the paperwork finalised, the 21-year-old – who agreed to sign for Town earlier this month – penned a season-long contract after impressing on trial in which he has scored two spectacular goals for the development squad.

French-born Viana began his career with Strasbourg as a youngster before he moved to Spanish giants Atletico Madrid where he was a regular for their C team as a teenager.

After a spell with Atletico's B team for a season, Viana opted to move to MLS club Real Salt Lake in the United States last September. He made two appearances for the Claret and Cobalts before he was released in July prior to signing for the Town.

Capped at Under-17, 18 and 19 level for Portugal, the Hatters' new recruit is an attacking midfielder with an eye for goal.

Manager John Still said: "David was recommended to us and has impressed us all with his ability in training and during development games. He's a good age, has



obviously ability and plays with a smile on his face. It's his quality and age that really appeals to us.

"David's an exciting player and one that can find a pass in the final third of the pitch. He also has a silkiness about him. In the games in which he's played he has always looked like he has a goal in him.

"In tight games you might need a player who can light the blue touch paper and David is that kind of player.

"His quality, enthusiasm and belief is infectious and he's another young, hungry and ambitious player that will fit in really well here."

GOLDEN GAMBLE

Congratulations to Town supporter Stephen Lee who picked up £555 in winnings following our Golden Gamble draw at our last home match with Lincoln.

Stephen's lucky ticket number was 07321 and the pay-out pushed up the overall average winnings per draw to £558 this season. Over £3,000 has already been won this season so why not give it ago this afternoon. Tickets cost just £1.



For the first time in 22 years the Oak Road will be open entirely for Town fans starting with next Saturday's home fixture with Hyde.

The Oak Road stand turnstiles will open to Town supporters for the Skril Premier fixtures with the Tigers next weekend and against Southport on 9th November.

Away supporters will be switched to block A of the Kenilworth Road stand lower tier for these two games and other similar matches where the anticipated levels of visiting support are predicted to be equally as low.

Town managing director Gary Sweet said: "Not since the 1990/91 season have home supporters been able to have this end of the ground to themselves, and we are thrilled at the prospect of seeing Luton fans behind both goals for these two matches.

"It's something we have been working on securing for a number of years and we must thank the Safety Advisory Group for their time and, ultimately, their decision to allow away supporters to be relocated to the Kenilworth Road stand.

"We'd also like to thank those season ticket holders in the lower tier of the Kenilworth Road end who have graciously and willingly relocated for this trial period.

"Not only will it allow supporters to be reunited with a much-loved section of Kenilworth Road, but, in a couple

of blocks of the Oak Road, it will enable us to offer more tickets to our partnership clubs and local schools in the community, as we'll be utilising the additional capacity to give access to our numerous community programmes and help attract our next generation of Hatters.

"When I first started following Luton in the 1970s I stood here, and I am sure there are also a number of supporters who will be looking forward to revisiting an area of the ground they haven't stepped foot in for several decades.

"I don't think there is an area inside the stadium which can generate a better level of noise so, given our passionate support anyway, we are all looking forward to these matches with great anticipation. There is no doubt that this move will further enhance the atmosphere inside the ground."

Any local junior football club or school interested in a bulk booking of tickets in the Oak Road stand should contact the ticket office by either calling 01582 416976 or by emailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

Season tickets holders who wish to transfer to the Oak Road stand for these two fixtures should also contact the ticket office but must do before the day of each game. Matchday tickets for the Oak Road end will also be available to non-season ticket holders.

DIAMOND VOTES NEEDED

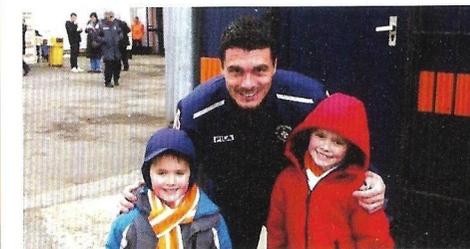
Voting is open for the September's Diamond Player of the Month award.

Last month midfielder Luke Guttridge was the winner of the first award of the season, but voting for the second month of this campaign is now open for diamond holders. Voting closes on Monday 7th October. Email your votes to diamond@lutontown.co.uk.

Those diamond holders who voted for the winner will be entered into a draw. If a junior or youth holder is drawn out they will receive a mascot package for the home game against Hyde next Saturday. Should the winner be an adult, they will receive two tickets for matchday hospitality. The winner will then have the opportunity to present the trophy to the winning player after the game in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

This is just one benefit of the diamond season ticket package. Please contact the ticket office for further details if wishing to upgrade at any time on 01582 416976 or by emailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

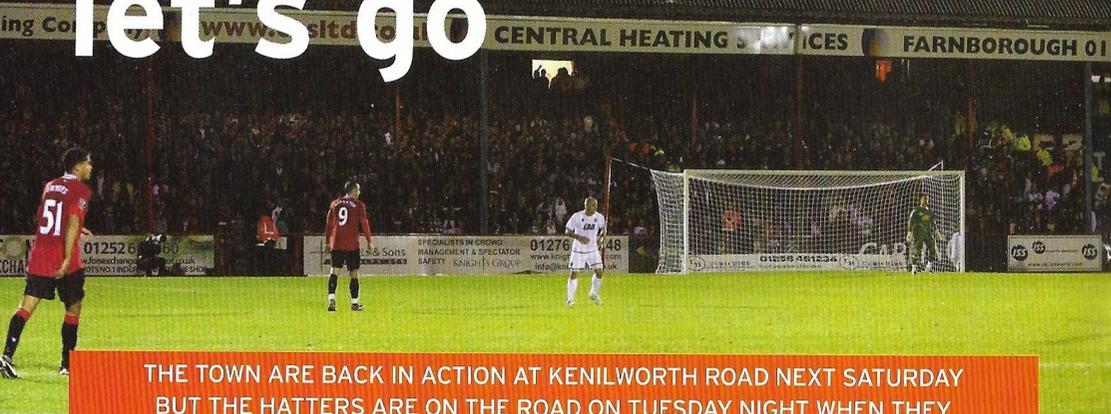
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We'd like to send big birthday wishes to two brothers - Thomas and William Linger - this afternoon.

Thomas, right, turns eight tomorrow, whilst William, left, will be six on 10th October. Both are season ticket holders and come to games at Kenilworth Road with dad David and their uncle Graham. We hope you all have a great day of celebration with us at Kenilworth Road.

let's go



THE TOWN ARE BACK IN ACTION AT KENILWORTH ROAD NEXT SATURDAY BUT THE HATTERS ARE ON THE ROAD ON TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO THE RECREATION GROUND TO FACE ALDERSHOT

ALDERSHOT



WHERE? Officially the EBB Stadium at the Recreation Ground, to give it its full title. It's been Aldershot's home since it was opened in 1926. EBB are the Shots' shirt sponsors, too. EBB are a paper company who have been associated with the club since 2008.

HOW DO I GET THERE? All of the usual modes of transport are acceptable. Car, train, bus, bike, plane, you name it. The trip is a relatively short one: just 57.9 miles, but it involves taking in the notorious M25 on a Tuesday night at rush hour. To get to the Rec, leave the M25 at junction 12 and take the M3. Leave the M3 at junction four, taking the A331 and then A323. If you need a little guidance from above (satellites, not God), type in GU11 1TW into your sat-nav to get your there safe and sound.

EXTRA TIME. We've been advised to notify all those lovely people who will be making the trip to the Rec to allow extra time before setting off for the game due to major works in Aldershot town centre on the A323 (Ash Road).

WHAT'S THE REC LIKE? The ground hasn't changed much since the Town's last visit in March 2009 of the minus-30 season. A small, 250-seat stand was opened behind the goal earlier this year, but Hatters fans will be located seats in the covered South Stand beside the pitch as well as terracing in the south-east corner of the ground. A good three-quarters of this section of terracing is under cover where even a handful of supporters can generate a racket.

HEAD-TO-HEAD. The Town have the upper hand when it comes to games against the Shots, winning 11 of the 20 meetings down the years. Aldershot won 2-1 the last time the two sides met at the Rec in March 2009 with Tom Craddock scoring the Hatters' goal. In the 10 games between two clubs at Aldershot, the Town have won four, drawn three and lost three. The Hatters have won just one of their last five visits to the Hampshire venue and that came during a season they went onto win the Fourth Division championship. An Ian Buxton goal secured a 1-0 win in March 1968.

NEGATIVE UPTURN. Don't let the league table fool you – the Shots are doing very well all things considered. Andy Scott's side sit 22nd in the table with eight points from 12 games but that only tells half the story. The Shots were deducted 10 points by the Football Conference before a ball was kicked, meaning without that deduction the club would be sitting in 12th place and just two points behind the Town. The Shots have been helped by a fine home record of four wins and one defeat from their five fixtures on home soil this season. Only leaders Cambridge have taken all three points at the Rec.

THE EX-CONEXION. The Town have two former Shots in their ranks in Anthony Charles and Luke Guttridge. Defender Charles spent three spells with the Shots, making over 200 appearances for the club, winning promotion and the Player of the Year award in 2009. Two years later Guttridge picked up that accolade. The midfielder scored 12 goals in 66 Football League appearances during his spell at the Recreation Ground. There's a familiar name in the Aldershot squad, too. Defender Jake Goodman, who played 11 times for the Town last season, has joined the Shots on loan from Millwall and has been an ever-present so far.

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ALDERSHOT TOWN v LUTON TOWN

The Skril Premier

TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Admission is pay on the night for Town supporters. We have been allocated 170 seats and 1,250 terrace places, 750 of which are covered. Prices: Terracing: £17 adults, £13 over-65s and 16-18-year-olds, £5 under-16s. Seating: £19 adults, £15 over-65s and 16-18-year-olds, £7 under-16s.



LUTON TOWN v HYDE

The Skril Premier

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices. The Oak Road stand will be open to home supporters for this match. Turn to page 11 for further information.



TAMWORTH v LUTON TOWN

The Skril Premier

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have been allocated 800 terrace places and 88 seats for this match. Seating can only be purchased directly from Tamworth by calling 01827 65798 and selecting option 3 between 10am and 4pm. Admission for terracing is pay on the day at the Lamb. Prices: Terracing: £14 adults, £9 over-65s and 16-17-year-olds, £4 six-to-15-year-olds, free aged five and under. Seating: £16 adults, £11 over-65s and 16-17-year-olds, £6 six-to-15-year-olds, £4 aged five and under.

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SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2013

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GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN

The Skril Premier

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

We are awaiting ticket information from Gateshead for this match.

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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

It's been a busy fortnight at Kenilworth Road since we last had a home game here as during that time we have launched our Christmas Dinner and our new comedy club.

Specs Comedy is our monthly comedy night which is hosted in the Eric Morecambe lounge. Two dates have already sold out but tickets for the nights on 17th October and 14th November are still available at £10 for adults and £8 for students. Get following our Facebook and Twitter accounts by searching for Specs Comedy.

On Monday we revealed that legendary striker Malcolm Macdonald will be our special guest speaker at our Christmas Dinner at Venue 360's Riverside Suite on 9th December. Tickets are already selling well so please do get in touch if you are interested in hearing what Supermac has to say on his return to Kenilworth Road.

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at Kenilworth Road today. His son Cameron Woodman is also a Mad Hatter and they, along with Tim Rayner, follow Luton Town all over the country.

COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

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

First up we have seven-year-old Chloe Royle from London. Chloe's favourite player is striker Andre Gray.

Cameron Woodman in our second mascot. Cameron is nine and his favourite Hatter is centre-forward Jon Shaw.

Last, but by no means least, is nine-year-old James MacLaughlin. James' favourite player is also Andre Gray.

All three of our mascots will enjoy a tour of Kenilworth Road and enter the dressing room before the match. They will then get to walk down the tunnel and lead the team out before the match. What an honour for them all.

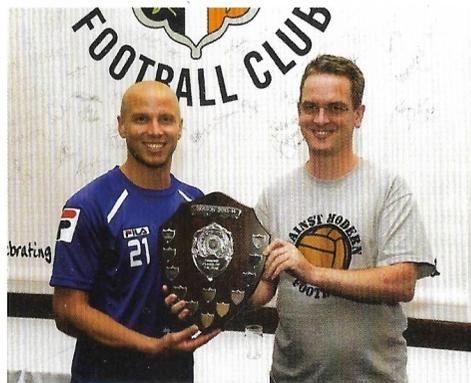
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Cameron



James



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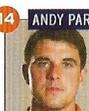
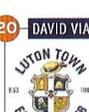


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AWAY: Available</p> | <p>33 JEROME JIBODU</p>  <p>HOME: Mad Hatter
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AWAY: Country Properties</p> | <p>TERRY HARRIS</p>  <p>HOME: Doug Knight
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welcome

FC HALIFAX TOWN



This afternoon we wish a warm welcome to FC Halifax Town to Kenilworth Road for the first time in the club's new guise.

The 'old' Halifax Town was dissolved in 2008 after 97 years of existence but the club rose, like many who have had to go through the painful process, from the ashes and FC Halifax Town was born.

Fast forward five years and the Shaymen's progress has been astounding. Like Aldershot, Newport, Wimbledon and Chester, the club's ascent up the league ladder has been remarkable.

Three promotions in five seasons have propelled the Shaymen from the clutches of the Northern Premier League Division One North to the Skryll Premier. In 2009/09, in the new club's first season, the Shaymen finished eighth but the following campaign they ran away with the title with 100 goals and 100 points.

A second successive title was achieved the following season in the Northern Premier League Premier Division which secured promotion to the Conference North. In their first season at that level the Shaymen lost in the Play-Offs but went one better last season by beating Brackley in the Play-Off final.

The man behind the rise of the new Halifax is manager Neil Aspin. The former Leeds and Port Vale defender took charge in 2009 and helped guide the Shaymen up through the divisions to get within one promotion of the Football League.

Relegation this season, however, is certainly not on Aspin's agenda. Today's visitors have started their campaign well and sit in ninth place in the table, level on points with the Town.

Their form so far this season has been helped by a fantastic home record at the Shay. The Shaymen are unbeaten on home soil and have won six and drawn one of their seven matches.

Away from home, however, it is a different story with just one point taken from a possible 15. The sole point they have taken on their travels came in a 2-2 draw at Macclesfield in mid-August. To get a good comparison of their results at home and away, the Shaymen lost 5-1 away to Cambridge but beat Grimsby 4-0 and Wrexham 3-2 at the Shay.

A more comprehensive look at our visitors' team and tactics can be found over the next few pages but Aspin's squad has a smattering of experience and youth throughout. The man responsible for getting the goals is striker Lee Gregory. The frontman has scored five goals in eight games so far this season and scored in four successive matches at the beginning of the campaign.

Halifax lost their League status during a season that the Town won promotion, in 2001/02. Indeed the Hatters won twice that campaign with a 4-2 victory at the Shay and a 5-0 thumping at Kenilworth Road in March that all but sealed the Shaymen's exit from the 92. These, and plenty of other past encounters with the Shaymen have been documented among this programme's 68 pages this afternoon.

In all, both sides have met each other 12 times but Halifax have won just the once – back in May 1966 (3-0 at the Shay). Worryingly, for those of a nervous disposition, the Shaymen have never won at Kenilworth Road. Let's hope that sentence doesn't jinx things come 5pm this afternoon.

in opposition

MEET THE FC HALIFAX TOWN SQUAD



THE MANAGER

NEIL ASPIN. Took over at the Shay in 2009 and has since guided the club to three promotions. As a player served Leeds and Port Vale as a defender and clocked up over 600 career appearances in the Football League.

GOALKEEPERS

MATT GLENNON. Experienced stopper who signed from Chester FC in 2012. Has over 500 Football League appearances under his belt following spells with Huddersfield and Carlisle.

PHIL SENIOR. Longest-serving player at the Shay and now in his sixth season with the club. Previously played for Alfreton, Droylsden and Northwich but started his career at Huddersfield.

DEFENDERS

RYAN TOULSON. Came through the ranks at the former incarnation of the club who has since been converted from a striker into an attacking full-back. Left the Shay in 2008 but returned three years later after spells with Altrincham, Gainsborough, Harrogate and Guiseley.

SCOTT McMANUS. Left-back who was the winner of a host of end-of-season awards last term after joining from FC United of Manchester. Began his career as a centre-half with Crewe.

DANNY LOWE. Club captain who joined the Shaymen from Harrogate in 2009. Joined the club originally as a left-back but was converted into a centre-half and won several end-of-season awards last season.

SIMON AINGE. No stranger to Kenilworth Road, the defender signed for the Shaymen this summer. Only joined the Hatters from Guiseley last season. An England C international who started his career at Bradford.

LOIS MAYNARD. Strong, athletic centre-half who is capable of also playing in midfield who joined the Shaymen from Winsford United.

MIDFIELDERS

MATT PEARSON. Keighley-born combative midfielder who originally joined on loan from Rochdale last season before signing permanently this summer.

SEAN WILLIAMS. January arrival from Colwyn Bay who impressed manager Aspin with his eye for goal and all-action performances from midfield. Previously on the books at Stockport and Hyde.

KEITH BRIGGS. Influential midfielder who arrived at the Shay this summer from Kidderminster. The experienced central midfielder began his career at Stockport before enjoying spells with Norwich, Shrewsbury and Fleetwood.

PAUL MARSHALL. Former Manchester City trainee who joined the Shaymen last season. The left-footed midfielder has Football League experience with Walsall and Port Vale.

DAN GARDNER. Skilful midfielder with an eye for goal who signed last season following impressive performances with former club Droylsden. Injured kept him out for four months last season but scored 13 times on his return to help the Shaymen win promotion.

JON WORTHINGTON. Experienced winger who started his career at Huddersfield. Moved to the Shay following a spell with Mansfield last summer and scored a number of vital goals last term.

ADAM SMITH. Lightning-quick striker or winger who signed from Lincoln. Began his career at Chesterfield before moves to Gainsborough, York and Mansfield. Scored against the Shaymen whilst with the Imps last season in the FA Cup.

STRIKERS

LEE GREGORY. Prolific goalscorer who initially joined the Shaymen on loan from Mansfield in 2009/10 before a move was made permanent. Scored over 20 goals in last season's promotion-winning campaign and hit four hat-tricks.

KEVIN HOLSGROVE. Quick and strong left-footed striker who began his career at Everton. Enjoyed spells with Colwyn Bay and Guiseley and with Halifax before re-joining the club.

JOSH WILSON. England C international frontman who hit 20 goals for Guiseley last season. Dangerous from set-pieces, the striker began his career with Northwich and has also played for Vauxhall Motors.

ALEX JOHNSON. Striker who arrived at the Shay in 2012 from Clitheroe. Has a habit of scoring important goals, including one in the Shaymen's Play-Off semi-final victory over Guiseley and final triumph at Brackley.

DALE JOHNSON. Rangy forward who sustained a cruciate knee injury last season having begun the last campaign in good scoring form. Previously on the books at Altrincham and Hyde.

scout report

WITH MATT AQUINO

FC Halifax Town are back in the Conference Premier for the first time in five years after a 1-0 Play-Off win over Brackley Town in the Blue Square Bet North last season.

Many expect manager Neil Aspin's side to finish comfortably in mid-table this season, but some Shaymen fans are quietly confident they can steal a Play-Off spot come the end of the 2013/14 Skril Premier campaign.

How did they perform last season?

Halifax finished fifth in the Blue Square Bet North with 75 points, but a Play-Off final victory away at Brackley, in front of over 1,000 traveling Shaymen, saw the club promoted back to the Conference Premier. Halifax only conceded 18 goals away from home in 21 BSNB games last season, but as you may already know, things haven't gone quite the same way this season after a step up in class.

How have they started the 2013/14 campaign?

The Yorkshire club have played 12, won six, drawn two and lost four meaning they occupy a very respectable ninth place on 20 points.

However, away from home, Aspin's men have not managed a single win in five games. They have in fact lost to three of Luton's promotion rivals on their travels – Cambridge United, Forest Green Rovers and Kidderminster Harriers – so there will be some pressure on the Hatters to win today and establish their credentials a promotion-chasing outfit.

Interestingly, Halifax have scored among the most in the league, scored the most first half goals, scored first in eight of their 12 matches and have only failed to score in one game this season. However, despite the impressive goalscoring records, today's visitors have been rather inefficient when it comes to securing victories, having lost eight points from winning positions already this season.

How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Neil Aspin has set his team up in an orthodox 4-4-2 for most games this season, but it is unknown whether he will persist with the system or make alterations bearing in mind his side's record on the road.

Former Huddersfield Town and Carlisle United goalkeeper Matt Glennon will line up in goal for the



PROBABLE LINE-UP 4-4-2

visitors. Local lad and Halifax academy graduate Ryan Toulson will play at right-back. Ex-Hatter Simon Ainge will start in the centre of the Halifax defence alongside Marc Roberts who, along with left-back Scott McManus, has played every game for the Shaymen so far this season.

6ft 3in Matty Pearson, formerly a centre-back, is Halifax's midfield general and will provide cover for the more attack-minded Dan Gardner to get forward.

Pacey winger Adam Smith will play on the right and will look to trick his way in behind the Luton defence whenever possible. Lois Maynard, who is nominally a full-back, could start on the opposite flank and will try to keep the Hatters' right-hand side quiet all day.

Up front, Lee Gregory, who is the club's top scorer with five goals in eight games and also scored the goal to take Halifax up in last season's Play-Off final, will be the biggest threat to the Hatters' chances of keeping yet another clean sheet.



Top goalscorer for the Shaymen Lee Gregory



Former Hatter Simon Ainge

club data

Established: 2008 (as FC Halifax Town)
 Nickname(s): The Shaymen
 Stadium: The Shay
 Capacity: 14,061 (Average attendance 12/13 – 1,568)
 Manager: Neil Aspin (Four years, six months)
 Final league position 12/13: 5th BSNB - PO winners

from the oak road

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO SEE THE CLUB YOU LOVE COLLAPSE - AND THEN RISE FROM THE DEAD AGAIN? WHY IS NEIL ASPIN SUCH A POPULAR MAN IN WEST YORKSHIRE? AND IS A SECOND SUCCESSIVE PROMOTION ON THE CARDS? HALIFAX FAN MATTHEW SHAW SHEDS SOME LIGHT ON THE SHAYMEN

TALK OF THE TOWN: At least one of the clubs promoted to the Conference usually makes an impressive start – and this year, it's Halifax.

Tell us about how you've managed to keep the wins coming this season, and whether you've noticed a step up in standard from the Skril North. Why do you think Champions Chester have fared less well than yourselves?

MATTHEW: A major factor is team spirit. The amount of times the lads have spoken about it is countless and you can really see that on the field – they battle for each other until the end. When we have the kitchen sink thrown at us, the determination is so admirable. I'd like to say we grind out wins, but that gives the impression that we play ugly, which we don't. The brand of football we have been playing has been fantastic and at times we've outplayed good teams, most notably Grimsby.

There's definitely a step up at the top of the division but I'm not sure there is at the bottom. There is a lot more flair and creativity in this league and more different styles of play rather than a lot of direct football.

Chester lost their best player, Antoni Sarcevic, to Fleetwood and I don't think they've replaced him. I must say I'm not surprised to see them down there.

TOTT: Who are Halifax's dangermen? Tell us which of the Shaymen to look out for today and why.

MATTHEW: We have a great spine in our team. Marc Roberts and former Luton player Simon Ainge have been incredibly good and, arguably, have been the two best performers in the team this season. In the middle, Matty Pearson and Lois Maynard have a ridiculous amount of energy and drive forward from deep. In the final third, Dan Gardner can be irresistible at times. He plays behind the striker and he has the ability to win games on his own. Then Lee Gregory plays up top and, in truth, is a massive player for us.

He's just the complete forward and has all the attributes in his locker.

TOTT: The 2008/09 season saw the old Halifax Town go under and replaced by the club in its current guise, three divisions below the Conference. How did this

situation come to pass? How have the club managed to bounce back so quickly from this disaster?

MATTHEW: I couldn't give you the full ins and outs, but to cut a long story short, the club was run terribly for a number of years. In a sense it was inevitable it would happen at some point, but it didn't make things any easier. Neil Aspin can take huge credit for us bouncing back. In truth, he's the biggest hero in the eyes of the fans. What he has done for the club is immense and so far he's producing more magic this season.

TOTT: Do you enjoy the fact that you're still able to watch the team at the famous Shay Ground, because of its link with your past?

MATTHEW: This is quite a sensitive subject right now, as there is some uncertainty about who may own the ground in the future. But yes, it's great. It has been painful in the past given the crowds have been very low and the atmosphere has as a result, been dead. But with the crowds getting bigger, it's becoming a fortress once again.

TOTT: Luton and Halifax's last meeting in the 2001/02 season resulted in a 5-0 win for the Hatters – what are your memories from this game? Are you looking forward to your first trip to Kenilworth Road in over a decade?

MATTHEW: I tried to erase the memories of that out of my head! It wasn't our greatest day, but it's great to be coming back. Luton are obviously a massive club in this division and it was one of the first fixtures I looked for. Hopefully, this time will be a bit more fun.

TOTT: What are your ambitions for your first season in the Skril Premier? Is a double-promotion possible?

MATTHEW: Neil has said time and time again that it's about staying up and we look more than good enough to do that. I think the fans are a bit more hopeful now we've had a good start, with many seeing the top half as an excellent return, although there is a quiet whisper of a Play-Off push in some areas of the terraces.



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CHRIS NICHOLL



Defender **Simon Ainge** is the latest player to have played for both the Hatters and the Shaymen following his arrival with this afternoon's visitors this summer.

Ainge signed for the Town last season following a successful spell with Skril North Guiseley and made

27 appearances in all competitions, scoring twice: against Braintree at Kenilworth Road and at Matlock in the FA Trophy.

Gerry Harrison, Scott Houghton, Billy Kellock, Mick Kennedy and Andy Kiwomya are five more players to have represented both clubs, but perhaps the most celebrated is central defender Chris Nicholl.

Discarded by Burnely as a youngster, Chris was playing for Witton Albion when he was spotted by the Shaymen who he helped to promotion to Division Three (now League 1) in 1969.

Early in the following campaign, 1969/70, the towering centre-half subdued the Town's Malcolm Macdonald leading to a £30,000 move to Kenilworth Road where he eventually became a rock at the heart of the Hatters' defence.

Sadly, finances dictated Chris's £90,000 move to Aston Villa in 1972, and from there he went to Southampton and finally Grimsby, picking up 51 caps for Northern Ireland during this travels.

Chris received his managerial break at Southampton in 1985 and remained at the Dell until 1991. Since then he managed Walsall and had been assistant manager of Northern Ireland.

LUTON TOWN APPEARANCES: 106

LUTON TOWN GOALS: 6

FIRST APPEARANCE:

v Gillingham (a) W 2-0 (30/8/1969)

LAST APPEARANCE:

v Watford (h) D 0-0 (4/3/1972)

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

This afternoon will be the first meeting between the two clubs in FC Halifax's current guise, but down the years the Town hold a strong head-to-head record with the 'old' Halifax.

The Hatters have won eight of the 12 games, three have finished as draws and Halifax have just won once. That solitary win for the Shaymen came 47 years ago – just two months before England won the World Cup in 1966. Halifax triumphed 3-0 at the Shay in front of a crowd of 3,002.

The two sides last met Division 3 (now League 2) in 2001/02 during a campaign that saw the Town win promotion as runners-up and the Shaymen relegated to the Conference, finishing in last place. The Hatters won 4-2 on a Tuesday night at the Shay thanks to two goals from Dean Crowe and one each from Kevin Nicholls and Adrian Forbes. In the return fixture at Kenilworth Road the Hatters won 5-0 to make it nine straight wins on their way to promotion with goals from Matthew Spring, Chris Coyne, Steve Howard, Crowe and Jean-Louis Valois.

Back in 1967/68 the Town clinched promotion following a 1-0 win at the Shay in April '68 thanks to a thunderous free-kick from Bruce Riach with eight minutes left. The Hatters would eventually go on and win the Division Four (now League 2) title. Halifax would go on and win promotion themselves the following season finishing as runners-up.

Halifax are yet to register a win at Kenilworth Road with the Town winning four of the five meetings on Bedfordshire soil. The solitary point earned by the Shaymen at Kenilworth Road came during a 1-1 draw on 26th August 1969. Malcolm Macdonald's early goal had the Hatters in front before former England international Freddie Hill equalised. This was the game in which Chris Nicholl impressed before his switch from Halifax to the Town.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

TOWN WINS:	8
DRAWN:	3
HALIFAX WINS:	1

back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF FC HALIFAX TOWN'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

1968/69 PROMOTION WINNERS

ALEX SMITH: Ever-present goalkeeper who made 341 League appearances before joining Preston in May 1976. He runs the Bedding & Suite Centre in Bolton, also Bolton's ex-players' association.

IVAN HAMPTON: Right-back who scored twice in 59 League games prior to joining Peterborough United in July 1969, then played for Matlock. Now retired, he lives in Stanton by Dale, near Ilkeston.

ANDY BURGIN: Left-back who joined Blackburn Rovers in September 1974. He was a licensee, then a driver for Barker & Dobson sweets and caretaker at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Blackburn.

JOHN PICKERING: Ever-present central defender who netted five goals in 367 League games prior to joining Barnsley in July 1974. He held various coaching and managerial posts and died in May 2001.

CHRIS NICHOLL: Central defender who moved to Luton in August 1969. The Northern Ireland international later played for Aston Villa, Southampton and Grimsby, then managed Saints and Walsall.

BOB WALLACE: Midfielder who netted 16 goals in 201 League outings before joining Chester in June 1972, then appeared for Aldershot. He later ran the Wappy Springs Inn in his native Huddersfield.

TONY FLOWER: Winger who scored 11 times in 78 League games before moving to Boston United in July 1970, then Ilkeston Town. He has since taught at Knossingham Grange School in Oakham.

LES MASSIE: Leading marksman who joined Bradford PA in August 1969, then had spells with Workington, Bradford PA again, Selby and Drogheda. He is now a retired machinist, living in Huddersfield.

IAN LAWTHER: Northern Ireland international striker who netted 24 goals in 101 League games, moving to Stockport in July 1971, then played for Bangor City. Settling in Watchfield, he died in April 2010.

DAVE SHAWCROSS: Former England Under-23 international who later had spells with Macclesfield, Altrincham, Droylsden and Drogheda. He became a crane driver for Mirlees engineering firm in Hazel Grove.

PHIL MCCARTHY: Winger who scored 18 times in 180 League outings, moving to Wigan Athletic in July 1971. He worked for an engineering firm in his native Liverpool until his death in December 1996.

1979/80 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

JOHN KILNER: Goalkeeper who made 114 League appearances and had a spell in South Africa before joining Wigan Athletic in July 1983, then Mossley, Curzon Ashton, Stalybridge Celtic and Hyde United.

CHRIS DUNLEAVY: Right-back who netted 13 goals in 181 League games before playing for Australian side Woolongong City. Settling in New South Wales, he has since run his own distribution company.

GEOFF HUTT: Experienced left-back who made 76 League appearances before hanging up his boots. He later worked in sales for Tibbett & Britten, then was a driver for Clinton Cards, settling in Mirfield.

DAVID EVANS: Central defender who returned from Bradford City to score ten goals in 291 League games overall for the Shaymen before joining Brighouse in July 1992, working for Pearl Assurance.

DAVE HARRIS: Central defender who netted three goals in 71 League games for the Shaymen prior to joining Stafford Rangers in July 1981. He has since progressed to senior management with Focus DIY.

PAUL HENDRIE: Scored 11 goals in 187 League outings and later played for Stockport County, Burton Albion and Nuneaton, then managed Redditch and Tamworth. His son Lee was an England international.

FRANNY FIRTH: Ex-Huddersfield Town winger who netted 19 goals in 168 League games for the Shaymen before moving to Bury in August 1982. Later playing for Witton Albion, he has settled in Mirfield.

MICK KENNEDY: Ire international who later played for Huddersfield, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Bradford City, Leicester, Luton, Stoke, Chesterfield and Wigan. He now runs a soccer school in Lahinch.

BOB MOUNTFORD: Striker who moved to Crewe Alexandra in August 1980, then Stockport County before coaching in Australia. He became a prison officer and died in Merewether, NSW, in August 2008.

JOHN SMITH: Former Preston striker who had joined Halifax on a non-contract basis two months earlier. He netted six goals in 28 League outings before moving to Workington in July 1980, then Marine.

ANDY STAFFORD: Winger who scored once in 41 League games prior to joining Stockport County in August 1981, then had spells playing for Rochdale, Mossley, Chorley, Horwich RMI and Daisy Hill.

1997/98 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

LEE MARTIN: Ex-England Schoolboy goalkeeper who moved to Macclesfield Town in July 1999. He rejoined hometown Huddersfield as physio for five years and is currently Tranmere Rovers' physio.

ANDY THACKERAY: Right-back who netted five goals in 38 League games for the Shaymen before moving to Nuneaton Borough in July 1999, then had spells playing for Ashton United and Mossley.

MARK BRADSHAW: England Semi-Pro international who moved to Droylsden in July 2001, then Mossley, Woodley Sports, Abbey Hey and Curzon Ashton, becoming manager of their Ladies team.

JAMIE MURPHY: Central defender who moved to Morecambe in July 2000, then Lancaster City. He has been a physio at Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Manchester City and New York Red Bulls.

BRIAN KILCLINE: Former England under-21 central defender who was Halifax's player-coach and scored twice in 24 Conference games before hanging up his boots. He is now a property developer in Portugal.

PAUL STONEMAN: Central defender who was Player of the Year in 1998/99 and moved to Harrogate Town in May 2005. He then had spells playing for Wakefield, Bridlington Town and Bradford PA.

JAMIE PATERSON: Scottish winger who netted 22 goals in 108 League games in two spells before moving to Doncaster Rovers in July 2000, then played for Barrow, Kettering Town, Corby and Brackley.

KEVIN HULME: Midfielder who netted four goals in 33 League games before joining York City in September 1999. He moved to Altrincham in July 2001 and finished his playing career with Hyde United.

KIERAN O'REGAN: Former Republic of Ireland international who scored twice in 19 League outings and was manager from August 1998 until April 1999. He then coached overseas and worked for BBC Radio Leeds.

GEOFF HORSFIELD: Leading marksman who joined Fulham in October 1998, then played for Birmingham City, Wigan Athletic, West Brom, Sheffield United, Lincoln City, Port Vale and Alvechurch.

JON BROWN: Favourite who scored once in 144 Conference/League games before joining Nuneaton Borough in June 1999, then played for Stocksbridge Park Steels, Ossett Town and Stocksbridge again.

2005/06 CONFERENCE PLAY-OFF FINALISTS

JON KENNEDY: Goalkeeper who made 15 Conference appearances before joining Lancaster City in July 2006, since playing for Witton Albion, Droylsden, Halifax again, Worksop Town and Matlock Town.

STEVE HASLAM: Right-back who made 92 Conference appearances before moving to Bury in June 2007, then Hartlepool United and AFC Fylde. He is now a coach at Sheffield Wednesday's academy.

MATT DOUGHTY: Left-back who scored once in 131 Conference games prior to joining Altrincham in June 2008, then played for Nantwich Town, Witton Albion, Hyde, Warrington and now Altrincham.

PETER ATHERTON: Former England under-21 international who played 14 Conference games for the Shaymen before becoming assistant-manager. He has since rejoined Wigan Athletic as academy coach.

GREG YOUNG: Central defender who netted three goals in 65 Conference games prior to joining Altrincham in January 2008. He has since played for York City, Alfreton Town and Gainsborough Trinity.

ADAM QUINN: Central defender who scored six times in 191 Conference outings before moving to Crawley Town in August 2008. He has since appeared for Darlington, Barrow and now Alfreton Town.

TYRONE THOMPSON: Midfielder who moved to Crawley Town in June 2007. He has since appeared for Torquay United, Mansfield Town, Grimsby Town, Lincoln City, Sheffield and Gainsborough.

MARTIN FOSTER: Midfielder who joined Oxford United in January 2007. He has since played for Rushden & Diamonds, Tamworth, Eastwood Town, Harrogate Town, Sheffield and now Matlock Town.

LEWIS KILLEEN: Striker who partnered John Grant in Halifax's attack and scored 38 times in 203 Conference outings before moving to Crawley Town in July 2008. He joined Droylsden in July 2010.

RYAN SUGDEN: Striker who netted 22 goals in 84 Conference games before moving to Farsley Celtic in January 2007. He joined Bradford PA in July 2008 and returned to Halifax three months later.

DANNY FORREST: Winger who was top scorer in 2006/07, netting 14 times in 102 Conference outings prior to joining Crawley Town in July 2008, since playing for Barrow, Guiseley and Harrogate Town.

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TOWN 3-2 LINCOLN

The Hatters showed character and quality to twice come from behind to seal a dramatic 3-2 victory over Lincoln at Kenilworth Road.

Trailing twice to the Imps, John Still's side were 2-1 behind with 13 minutes to go before their grandstand finish.

The Imps held a half-time lead through Alan Power's 20th-minute strike but the Hatters, who had ended the first half on top, flew out of the traps in the second half and striker Mark Cullen headed an equaliser just 43 seconds after the restart.

But just when it looked as though the Town would take the game to the Imps, the high-flying visitors re-took the lead on 51 minutes through Ben Tomlinson's close range header.

However, with the game within the Imps' grasp the Hatters won it. Firstly a howler from Lincoln goalkeeper Paul Farman enabled Luke Guttridge's low free-kick squirm through the keeper's legs for the equaliser on 77 minutes. Then, three minutes later, Cullen scored his second: lashing home from six yards to spark Kenilworth Road into celebration.

Despite being pleased with the win, manager John Still had mixed emotions, especially after conceding twice.

"It was weird because consistency-wise we were up and down for the 90 minutes," he said afterwards.

"We have some great passages of play throughout the game but we came in at half-time one goal down because somebody didn't do their job – and it was the same when Lincoln made it 2-1. Those players know who they are but we showed the determination to come back and win in the end.

"I honestly believed we'd win the game after our first equaliser, so I was really disappointed with their second goal that went in.

"But maybe in the end it's just a learning curve for one or two about how important it is to know what your job is."

Two-goal hero Cullen was naturally happy to get on the scoresheet for the first time since joining the Town in the summer from Hull City.

"I've been disappointed with my performances so far this season but to score twice and get off the mark and for us to win the game is just great," he said.

"However, from a team perspective, if you start winning, it becomes a habit and you get used to it. It doesn't matter how badly you play, you still grind out results."

Winger JJ O'Donnell made his return to the Hatters' squad for the first time this season having impressed in a series of development games.

The second half substitute said paid tribute to Cullen for his brace against the Imps.

Ability

"He's a top player, who works very hard at his game, and I know Paul Benton got injured on Tuesday and he was struggling for today.

"Mark's a great lad and he's got great ability to finish and when you see the one that pops down in the six-yard box, that's what natural goalscorers do, they can put the ball in the goal," said O'Donnell.

"You see the other things he does, he works hard off the ball for the boys and he gives other lads options and it's great to see him score his first two goals for the club."

And on his own cameo, O'Donnell added: "I want to work hard, I work hard if I'm playing, and I'll work even harder if I'm not playing.

"I like to think I haven't done myself an injustice today when I've come on and helped the boys."



Celebrations following Mark Cullen's winner

LUTON TOWN 3-2 LINCOLN

Cullen 46, 80, Guttridge 77

Power 20, Tomlinson 51



Mark Tyler punches clear



Jonathan Smith shows close control



Alex Lawless starts a Town attack

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths (sub O'Donnell 67), McNulty, Parry; Smith, Guttridge, Stevenson (sub Gray 65), Howells, Lawless, Cullen (sub Taiwo 88).
SUBS NOT USED: Whalley, Justham.

LINCOLN: Farman, Miller, Newton, Boyce, Brown, Foster (sub Wright 82), Fofana, Power, Nolan, Rowe (sub Jordan 63), Tomlinson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Gray, Dixon, Fairhurst.

POSSESSION	49%	51%
CORNERS	4	6
SHOTS ON TARGET	8	6
SHOTS OFF TARGET	6	7

FOULS	7	7
YELLOW CARDS	0	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 6,203 (227 LINCOLN)

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WOKING 0-4 TOWN

The Hatters made it three wins on the spin with a fantastic victory away at Woking.

Two headed goals from Mark Cullen and another header from Alex Lacey in the first half had the Town in control after Mark Tyler had kept the hosts at bay with two excellent saves.

Cullen hit the bar at the start of the second half but Andre Gray notched his first goal of the season to make it 4-0 with 20 minutes to go to seal the Hatters' second away victory of the campaign in style.

Tyler kept out Woking frontman Gavin Williams' shot on 24 minutes and four minutes later the Hatters went ahead when Cullen's near post effort was deflected home.

No sooner had the Town got the lead they doubled their advantage when Lacey netted for the first time in his career following Luke Guttridge's cross.

And the Hatters went 3-0 up in first half stoppage time when Cullen rose brilliantly to meet another Guttridge centre to take his tally to four goals in two games.

Victory

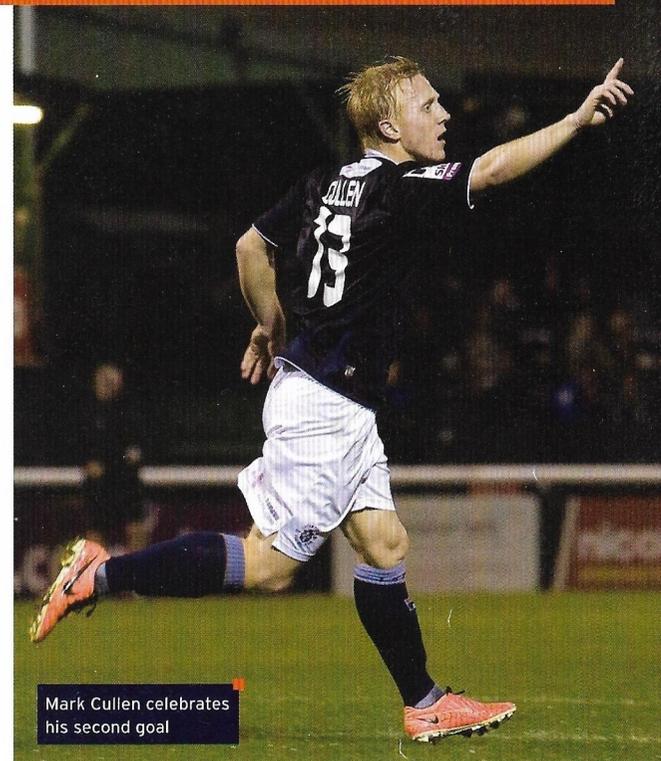
Cullen was denied a hat-trick early in the second half when yet another header came back off the crossbar, but the Town made victory certain on 70 minutes when Gray finished well after taking Jake Howells' pass.

It was a thoroughly polished display from the Town much to John Still's obvious delight. "I'm very pleased, the application for an away game from the players was first class," the manager said afterwards.

"First and foremost the work-rate was at a level that it should be for an away game. Everyone's done their bit. Mark Tyler's made a good save when it was 0-0 and from that moment on we were in the ascendancy.

"After the second goal went in our game grew and grew. We played very well. It was a good away performance and clinical. People were saying we weren't scoring any goals but have in the last three games they've gone in for us.

"It was a classic performance and if I look overall, if it was our day, there could have been two or three more goals there for us.



Mark Cullen celebrates his second goal

"But it was such a good performance that I look at the 11 players on the pitch and can't say they could have given me any more – and that's very, very pleasing."

After another two goals, Cullen was certainly claiming the Hatters' first.

"It's definitely mine!" he joked afterwards. "They all count but I'm delighted to score another two but also a little frustrated not to get a hat-trick."

Modest

Goalkeeper Tyler was his usual modest self after keeping the Town in the game with a crucial save with the score goalless.

"I made a save at an important time but that's my job," said the 36-year-old. "Once we got in front there was no stopping us – we played really, really well."

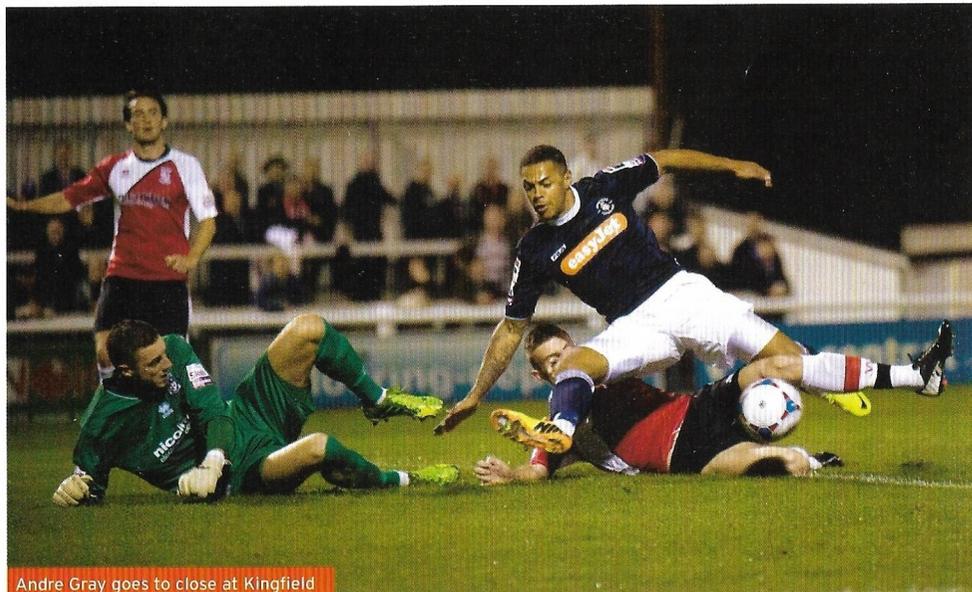
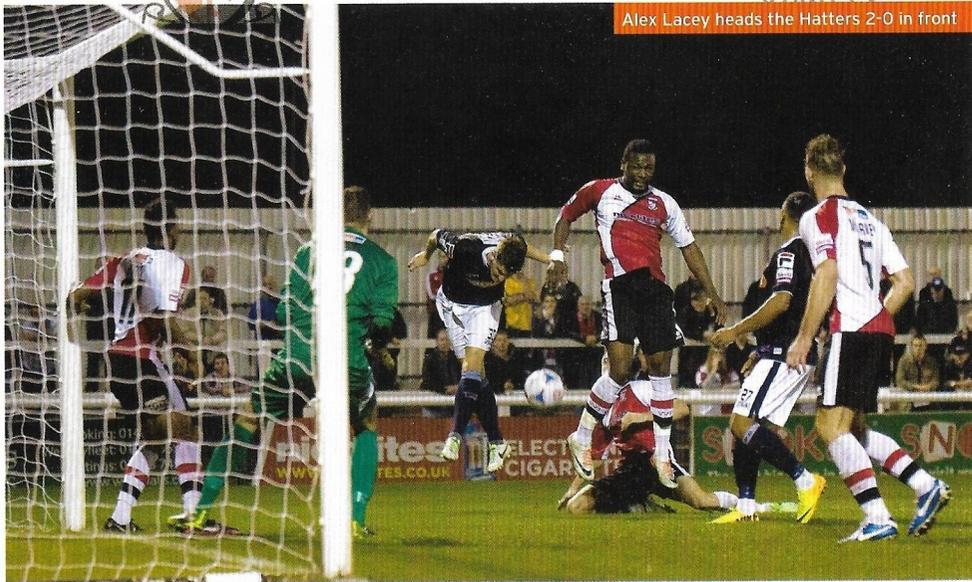
And centre-back Lacey was overjoyed at his first Town goal – and another clean sheet.

"I'm buzzing," said the young defender. "To score my first goal for the club, to win and keep another clean sheet on my return from injury is just perfect."

WOKING 0-4 TOWN

Cullen 28, 45, Lacey 35, Gray 70

Alex Lacey heads the Hatters 2-0 in front



Andre Gray goes to close at Kingfield

WOKING: Beasant, Nutter, McNerney, Parkinson, Mike, Ricketts, Williams (sub Frith 76), Betsy, Payne, Murphy (sub Goddard 68), Sole (sub McNamee 63). **SUBS NOT USED:** Wright, Howe.

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Parry, Smith, Guttridge (sub O'Donnell 85), Howells (sub Banton 85), Gray (sub Whalley 87), Cullen. **SUBS NOT USED:** Justham, Taiwo.

Ronnie Henry battles with Woking's Mike Cestor



POSSESSION	44%	56%
CORNERS	5	4
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	8
SHOTS OFF TARGET	2	5

FOULS	13	9
YELLOW CARDS	2	0
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 1,955 (731 LUTON)

centre spot



Andre Gray celebrates his first goal of the season at Woking. The striker's goal in the second half made it 4-0 to the Town

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HEREFORD 0-0 TOWN

The Hatters kept their eighth clean sheet in 12 games as they ground out a goalless draw at Hereford to make it four games unbeaten.

The Town began showing two changes to the side that beat Woking 4-0 with Paul Benson replacing Andre Gray but, unlike the first half at Kingfield, the first 45 minutes at Edgar Street was a scrappy affair and low on chances.

Good defending from the Hatters on seven minutes denied Hereford an early goal when Steve McNulty's defensive header denied former team-mate Richard Brodie a chance to test Mark Tyler following a whipped in right-wing cross.

Blocked

Tyler then needed to be brave on 12 minutes when pouncing on a low right-wing cross from Jon Brown with Sam Smith and Brodie waiting for a tap-in, before Brodie stretched the Hatters defence on 16 minutes but saw a goal-bound shot blocked well by Ronnie Henry.

On 25 minutes the Town came close to going in front when Jake Howells' deep cross from the left was nodded back across goal by Benson and Luke Guttridge couldn't quite guide an effort beyond home goalkeeper Rhys Evans from inside the six yard box.

Hereford ended the first half on top but failed to call Tyler into any meaningful action.

There was big danger for the Town on 43 minutes but a fine header under pressure from Scott Griffiths cleared Brodie's curling cross with Brown lurking for a tap-in.

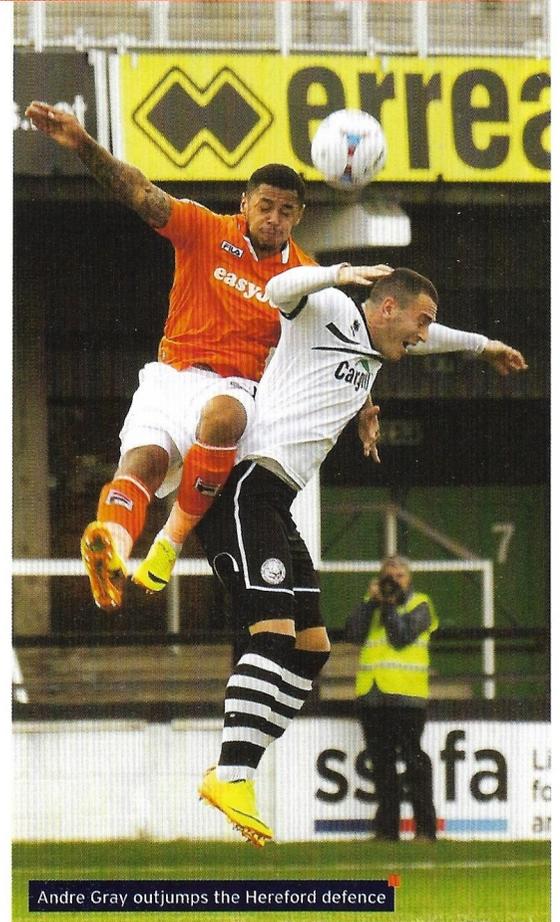
Having played a 4-4-2 formation in the first 45 minutes, John Still changed things around at the start of the second half, moving Guttridge from his place on the right flank to behind Benson in a more central role.

That tweak almost had the desired effect just five minutes after the restart when Guttridge spotted Howells' run into the box but the midfielder's shot lacked the power and Evans was able to make a comfortable save.

Volley

The Hatters were much improved following the change in strategy and Guttridge came mighty close to giving his side the lead on 55 minutes. Henry's ball into the box was intelligently nodded into the path of Guttridge by Benson and the midfielder's stinging first-time volley was acrobatically tipped over the bar by Evans.

Guttridge tested Evans again with a low snap-shot on the turn from just inside the box as the Town went in



Andre Gray outjumps the Hereford defence

search of a winner but Hereford came within a whisker of taking the lead with 12 minutes to go when Brodie and captain Luke Graham missed from close range following a right-wing corner, much to the Town's relief.

Close call

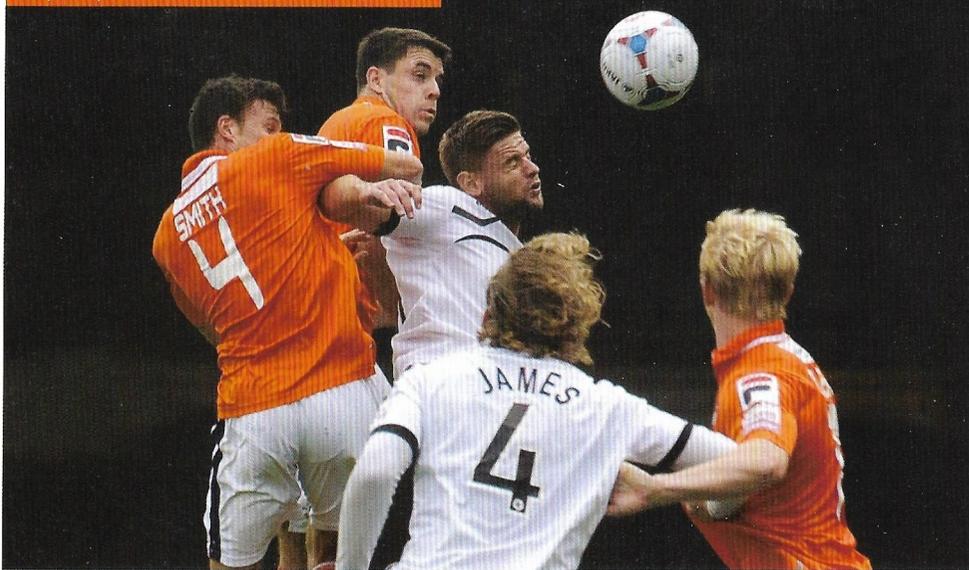
With eight minutes left Benson glanced wide a good opportunity following Howells' left-wing centre but a minute later the Town survived another close call when a left-wing corner eluded everyone in the six yard box including substitute Eric Odhiambo from a yard out.

After that near miss the Town almost won it at the death when Gray broke into box. He stayed on his feet when challenged by Bush but was forced wide and in the end his shot was tame and easy for Evans.

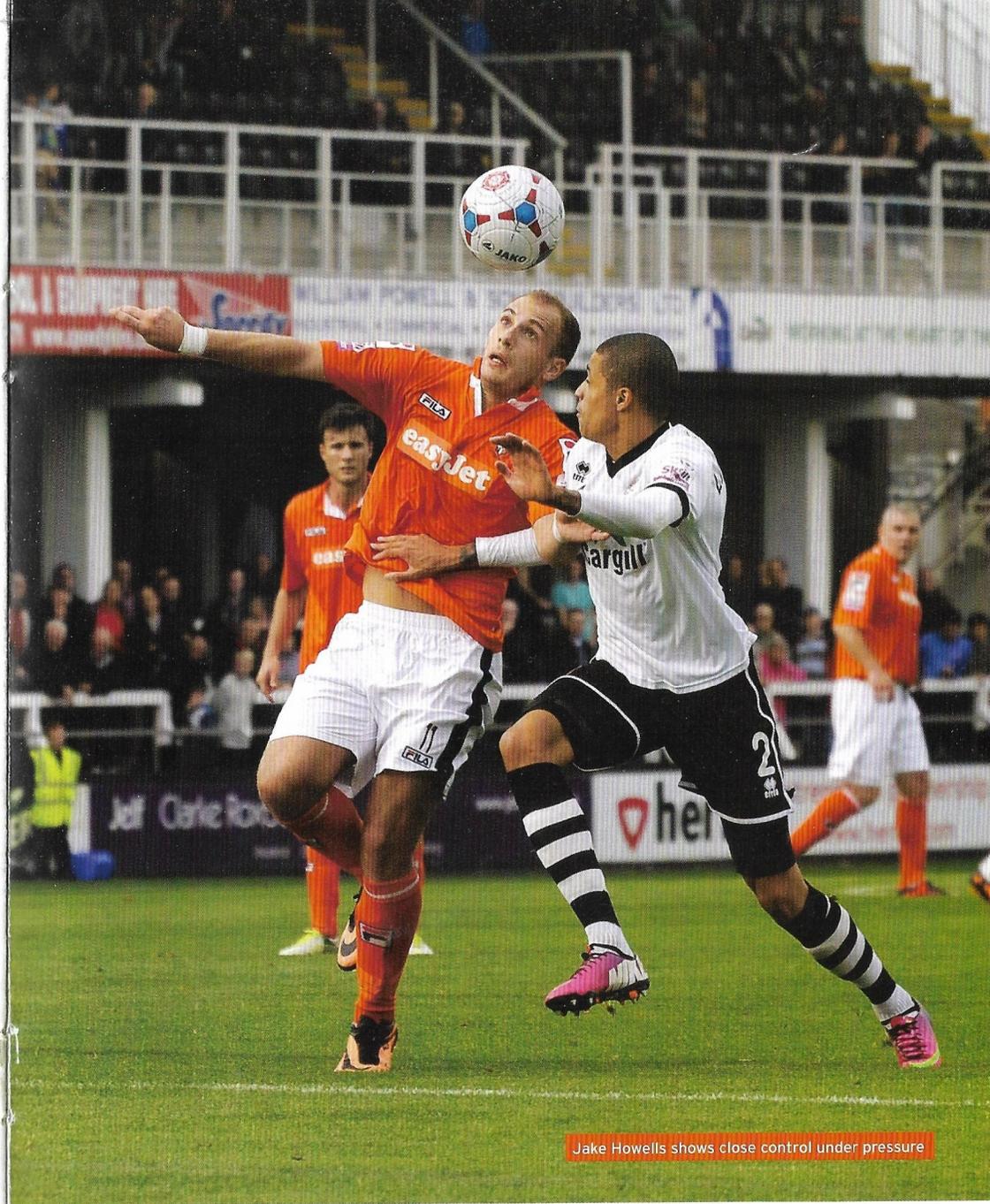
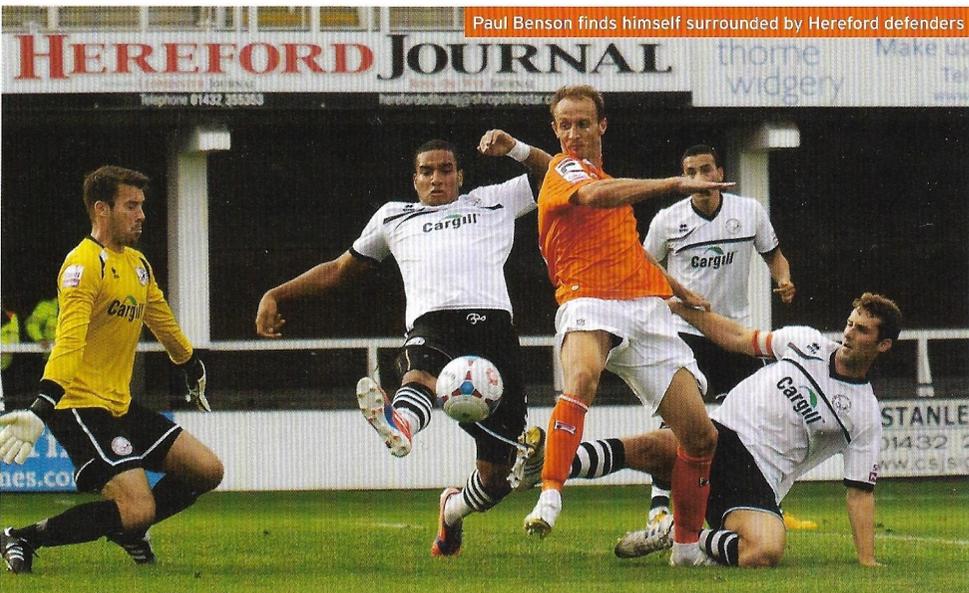
HEREFORD 0-0 TOWN



Andy Parry saw this header flash over the crossbar



Paul Benson finds himself surrounded by Hereford defenders



Jake Howells shows close control under pressure

HEREFORD: Evans, Leadbitter, McDonald, Graham, Bush, Brown, James, Green, West, (sub Pilkington 64) Brodie (sub Odhiambo 80), Smith (sub Walker 51).
SUBS NOT USED: Collins, Gweynne.

TOWN: Tyler, Smith, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey; Parry, Smith, Guttridge; Howells (sub Whalley 88), Cullen (sub Gray 70), Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Charles, Taiwo, Justham.

POSSESSION	57%	43%
CORNERS	7	7
SHOTS ON TARGET	1	6
SHOTS OFF TARGET	5	2

FOULS	5	10
YELLOW CARDS	1	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 2,386 (580 LUTON)

the big interview

A YEAR AGO HE WASN'T SURE IF HE WAS GOING TO EARN A SCHOLARSHIP WITH THE HATTERS. FAST FORWARD 12 MONTHS AND STRIKER ZANE BANTON IS A FULLY-FLEDGED PROFESSIONAL. TALK OF THE TOWN CAUGHT UP WITH THE 17-YEAR-OLD STRIKER AFTER SIGNING HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

He's the new kid on the block and the latest Hatters academy graduate to be offered a professional contract.

What's more he used to play for the yellow lot down the road, and now – after making his first team debut as a second half substitute in the 4-0 win at Woking – he's setting his sights on helping the Town win promotion whilst he continues his development.

Zane Banton won't turn 18 until this season is done and dusted, yet performances for the Town youth team and development squad has seen his career fast-tracked with the reward of a first pro deal which expires at the end of next season. However, every footballers' dream seemed just that after he was taken out of Watford's academy structure by his parents as a 10-year-old.

"I was at Watford for a couple of years until I was about 10 and my mum and dad brought me out because the demands of it was too much they thought at that age," Banton told Talk of the Town.

"I was training three times a week and I wasn't really enjoying it at that age, being eight years old, so they took me out of that, and I carried on playing Sunday league for a team called Letchworth and that was for about six months.

"Then I got signed by Luton at the age of 11 in 2006. I think there was slight debate on at it first because there was the same sort of thing at Watford when I was young and wasn't really enjoying it. I do remember my mum and dad having a discussion about going into this high level of football again. It had only been couple of years and do we want to leave it? But then once they made the decision...I definitely wanted to.

"There was no doubt with me that I wanted to come and play for Luton, it was just my mum and dad had a discussion about it, whether it would be good for me or not, and they decided I wanted to, so it was a no-brainer really."

And that was that, and Banton was whisked from Watford to train with the Town but the youngster's career at Kenilworth Road wasn't always plain sailing. Much to his surprise last year he was the last player to be offered a scholarship to join Paul Driver's Under-18 squad last term.

He hit 16 goals for the youth team last season but eight of those came after an FA Youth Cup defeat at Stevenage – a moment the youngster believes was a turning point in his development.

"I was moved from an attacking midfielder and I only started playing up front since last year," says Banton.



Zane pictured with his family after signing his professional deal

"I was playing as part of a three-man midfield, but as the more advanced one.

"And then after that the coaching staff said 'if you're going to play like that we're going to have to have a look at you playing as a striker'. And then ever since then I've played as a striker and I've enjoyed it."

Since then he's not looked back. A string of impressive performances in pre-season have been followed by similar displays for the development squad.

An eye-catching brace against Stevenage reserves was the catalyst for the Town to tie up the striker – much to his surprise.

"If you would have spoken to me at the beginning of the season and said in a couple of months' time having played only a few games you'd have a professional contract, I wouldn't have thought that. So it is quite a surprise," he says smiling.

"But, from how I've been performing in the last couple of months I'm not that surprised."

However, if there was any doubt that his feet weren't firmly on the ground, Banton is quick to realise that this first professional contract is just the beginning.

"For me the most important contract to earn is the second," he says. "A lot of young players think they've made it after signing their first pro [contract]. It's that second deal which is the most important and that's what I intend to earn."

An old head on very young shoulders.

Prior to his debut at Woking, Banton had been a part of the Hatters' matchday squad on a number of occasions, including the 2-0 defeat at Wrexham in front of the BT Sport cameras.

Understandably the defeat was hard to take. But there were positives – especially for an impressionable 17-year-old.

"It was a good experience, you learn a lot when you go away and you travel with the squad that far," Banton explains. "It just shows you how cruel football can be. You're on the journey up there and everyone is happy and excited.

"I think everyone's making sure they are preparing right, eating and drinking the right things. Then you get there and people still make sure you're preparing right, making sure you're hydrated. You hear the gaffer's team talk and everyone seems like they're up for it and then it just doesn't happen.

"It's hard. You see defeat and that can hurt a lot, even though I was only travelling in the squad, I felt it in the atmosphere when I was there."

Now Banton's training with the first team squad on a full-time basis and he's competing for a place against seasoned pros

like Paul Benson and Jon Shaw.

So what's improved and what needs work?

"My finishing's got a lot better in the last year or so since I started my scholarship, that wasn't one of my strongest points. But my movement is probably one of my best assets," he says, confidently.

"I've scored one header this season, but I think I would like to be scoring more headers. I've got to work on it in training."

After the highlight of making his first team debut at Woking, in which he came mighty close to capping it with a goal in stoppage time, it was back down to earth for Banton the following day when he was on the bench for the Under-18s' FA Youth Cup tie against Rothwell Corinthians.

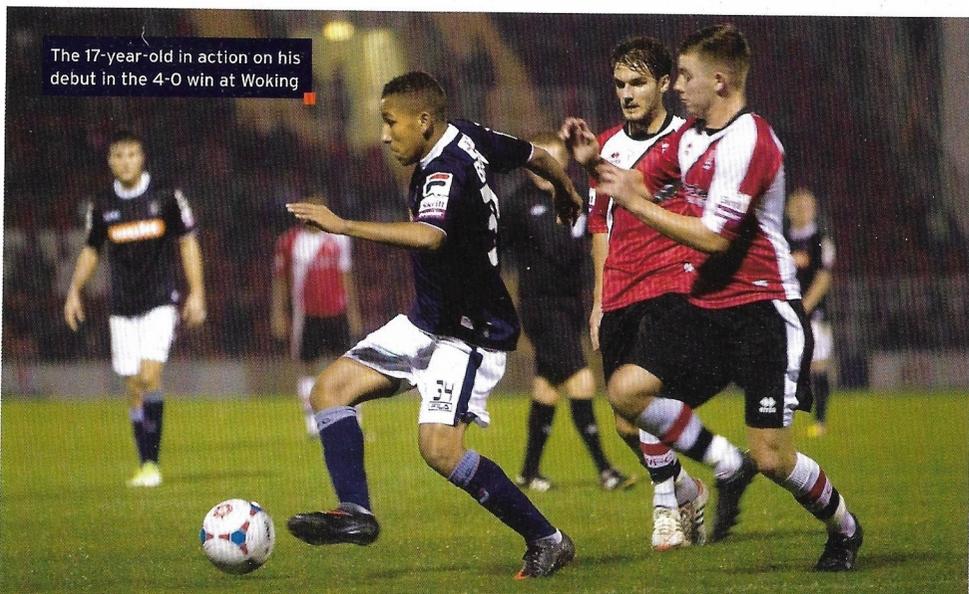
With a pro deal in the bag several months before a decision is usually made, Banton believes his signing can spurn on his team-mates in the youth team.

"I think it will have a positive influence," he says. "I suppose there's a bit of pressure when I go back to playing youth team games because I'm going to be seen that I have a professional contract.

"The Under-18 squad is full of very good players and I hope the rest of the boys can aspire to signing professional contracts as well."

YOUTH TEAM GRADUATES

Zane Banton is the latest player in the Town's first team squad to come through the ranks at Kenilworth Road. Jake Howells is currently the Hatters' longest-serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 campaign. Now 23, Howells has made 247 appearances for the club and has scored 20 goals. Centre-half Alex Lacey has played 18 times, whilst young professionals Jake Woolley, Brett Longden and Jerome Jibodu have also tasted first team action for the Hatters over the past two seasons.



The 17-year-old in action on his debut in the 4-0 win at Woking

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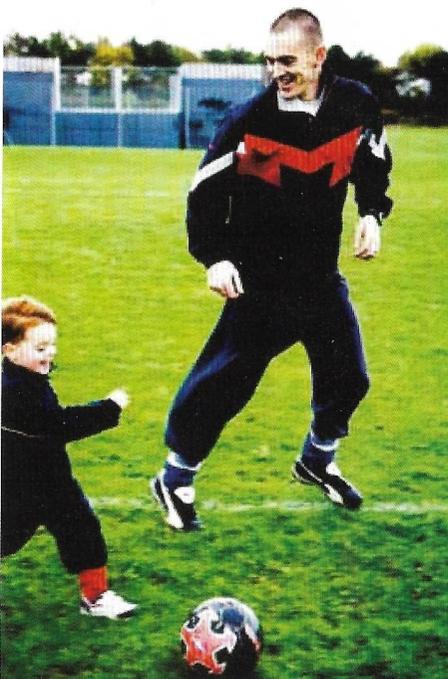
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THE RECORD

The Town have a poor record on this day in the history books, winning just four of the 14 games played on this date. The Hatters have lost seven and drawn three, scored 19 and conceded 23. Prior to 1996 the Town had won just once in 10 matches on 5th October.

THE LAST TIME

It was another defeat for the Town the last time they played on this date when Conference champions-elect Crawley Town won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road three years ago in 2010. The Hatters had the lead thanks to Andy Drury's 65th-minute penalty, but two goals in the last 10 minutes by Craig McAllister and Richard Brodie secured victory for the Red Devils.

TALK OF THE DEVILS

The Hatters met the other Red Devils, Manchester United, at Kenilworth Road in the top flight on this day in 1985. That afternoon, all eyes were on United in their attempt to record a First Division record of 11 straight victories at the start of the season. In front of 17,454, United took the lead on 61 minutes through Mark Hughes. However, the Town prevented the visitors from breaking the record when Brian Stein equalised seven minutes later to earn a draw.

THREE IN A ROW

The Hatters won three games in a row on this day between 1996 and 2002, beginning with a 3-1 victory over Walsall at Kenilworth Road.

Tony Thorpe had the Town in front against the Saddlers and second half goals from Paul Showler and Andrew Fotiadis helped the Hatters to three points in the Division 2 (now League 1).

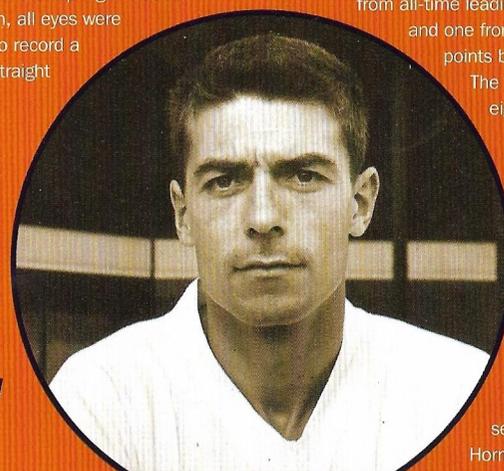
Five years later the Hatters stuck five goals past Darlington at Kenilworth Road in Division 3 (now League 2). Five different goalscorers found the net in the Friday night clash. Matthew Spring, Steve Howard, Dean Crowe, a Kevin Nicholls penalty and a blockbuster from Jean-Louis Valois saw off the Quakers 5-2. The following day, David Beckham's last-minute free-kick ensured England earned a 2-2 draw with Greece which sealed qualification for the 2002 World Cup.

The following year, in 2002, the Town won again, this time on the road against Stockport County at Edgeley Park. Two goals from Spring and one from Fotiadis secured a 3-2 win.

TOP FLIGHT VICTORY

The Hatters recorded their only win in the top division of English football on this day in 1957 in a five-goal thriller against Burnley at Kenilworth Road. Two goals from all-time leading goalscorer Gordon Turner and one from Allan Brown won both points before a crowd of 15,179.

The Town would go on and finish eighth in the top flight that season with Turner hitting 33 goals in 40 league matches.



Record goalscorer Gordon Turner scored two of his 276 goals for the Town on 5th October

DON'T MENTION IT

Of the Town's seven defeats on this day one came against local rivals Watford in the Third Division (now League 1) in 1968 at Vicarage Road. A second-minute goal from the Hornets' Roy Low inflicted defeat on the Hatters which would prove to be crucial come the end of the season as Watford were crowned champions and the Town finished in third place – missing out on promotion to the Second Division.

picture the past

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



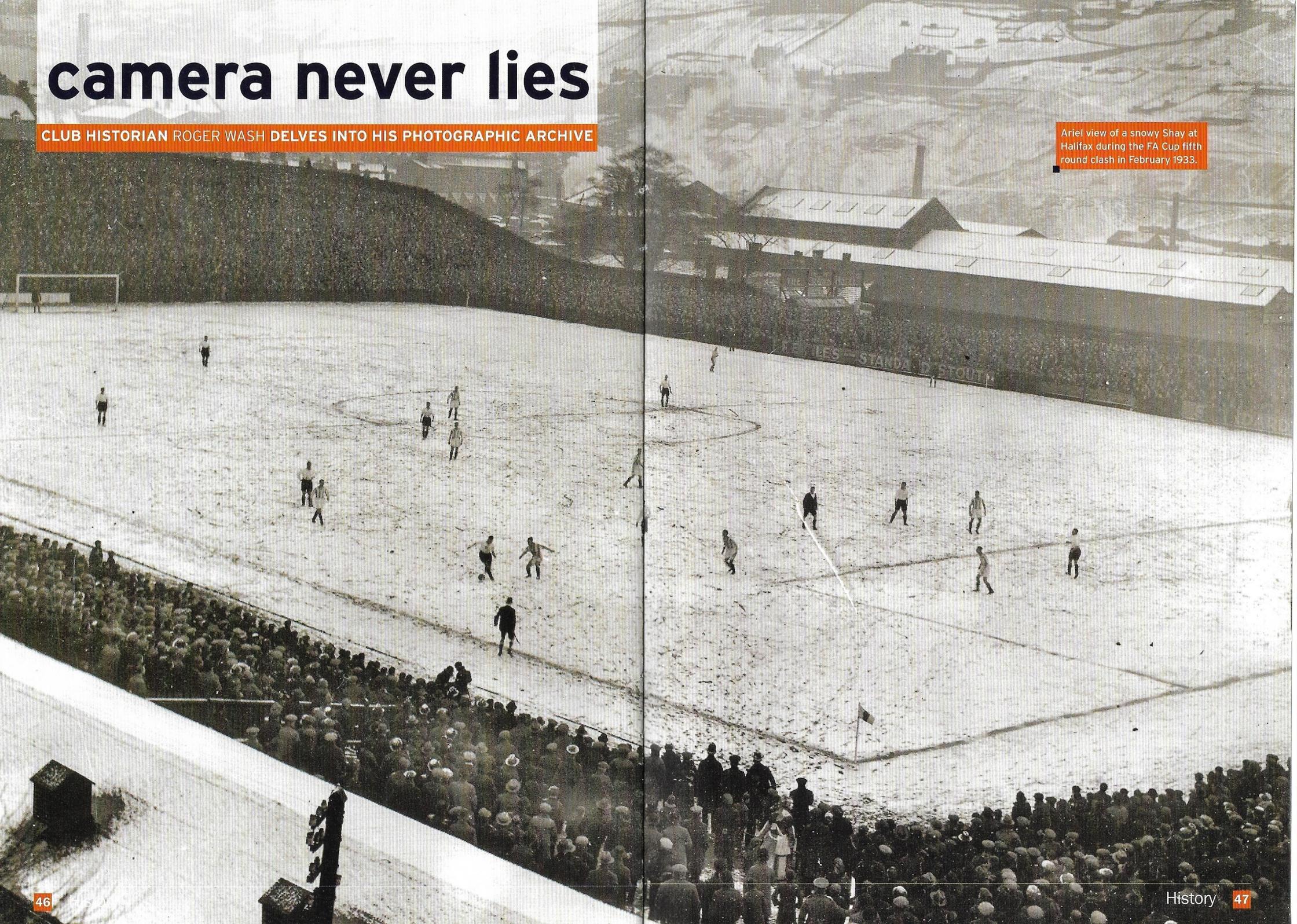
Luton winger Billy Waugh takes aim during the Town's 4-3 home win over Nottingham Forest in February 1949. Looking on is Bobby Brennan while getting up off the floor is ex-Hatter Horace Gager.



camera never lies

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Aerial view of a snowy Shay at Halifax during the FA Cup fifth round clash in February 1933.





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in the community

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Our Football in the Community Trust has been shortlisted for the Lloyds Bank Community Fund 2013 this season and we have the chance to be awarded a £3,000 grant.

We have been nominated by the staff, who are all big Hatters fans, at the Trust's branch of Lloyds in Barton-le-Clay.

If successful, the Club's Trust intend to use this grant to continue to provide free PE lessons in local schools and free coaching sessions to our partner youth football clubs across the county and spread the word about our great Club to the next generation of supporters. £3,000 would help fund well over 50 sessions to schools and clubs reaching around 1,000 youngsters.

There are four local good causes nominated in each town. Two will receive £3,000 each and two will receive £300. To make sure we receive the top award we need all of our supporters to vote and you can do this in three ways.

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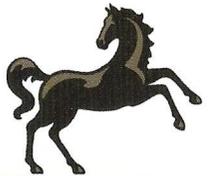
Text VOTE followed by a space then our community code LQRD - so VOTE LQRD to the following number: 61119.

Your vote will be charged at your standard user rate and your number will only be used for administration of the Community Fund voting process. Only one vote per number is allowed.

2. ONLINE VOTING

Visit www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund and enter Luton and follow the link on our page to vote. Once you have voted you will receive an email from the Community Fund and you will need to click on the link to confirm your vote is genuine. Once you have done this please share the link with fellow Hatters fans.

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3. VISITING A LLOYDS BRANCH

You can call into either the branches in George Street in Luton town centre or Leagrave or Riddy Lane to cast your vote.

So come on Hatters fans - cast your vote and help us reach the next generation of Hatters fans. We have until Friday 1st November to gain as much support as possible. Thanks for your support.



in development

SIX OF THE BEST FOR TOWN YOUNGSTERS

The Hatters' Under-18s eased into the second qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup by hitting six past Rothwell Corinthians at Kenilworth Road.

The young Town side were almost ahead inside the first minute when Osamu Allman's low cross was spooned over the crossbar by Ekene Amadi in the six-yard box.

As the Hatters continued to press for an early goal, Charlie Smith struck the Rothwell post with a daisy-cutter from the edge of the area before Daril Ngwala saw a shot saved by visiting goalkeeper Jack Rowbotham on nine minutes.

However, a minute later, the Hatters were ahead when Allman tricked his way down the left, cut inside and teed up Smith to send a fine first-time shot past Rowbotham.

A lung-busting run from Ben Crilly enabled Tuki Tayali to get a shot away that was saved, before Amadi saw his follow-up effort blocked.

But the Hatters did double their lead on 26 minutes when Smith struck his second. The Town won a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area and Smith curled a fine shot into the corner of the net.

Five minutes later it was three as Smith turned provider for Crilly, the right-back, who finished well past an exposed Rowbotham.



Charlie Smith

Half chances continued to rain down on the Rothwell goal but it wasn't until the 43rd minute that the Town scored again to make it 4-0 when Ngwala's left-foot shot found the bottom corner.

After the break Tayali saw a header hit the crossbar from a Crilly cross on 48 minutes before Amadi shot wide a minute later.

Ngwala twice came close to making it 5-0 before Smith did make it five, converting from the penalty spot on 56 minutes after Amadi was fouled in the box.

The Hatters hit the woodwork for the third time on 71 minutes when Ngwala's header hit the bar following Amadi's cross, before substitute Jemale McKenzie-Lowe was denied by a smart save five minutes later.

With three minutes left the Town did make it 6-0 when Amu tucked home at the near post following a left-wing corner which he had won after his shot was saved – and that proved to be the final chance as the Hatters youngsters recorded a comfortable win.

The Town meet Corby Town at Kenilworth Road in the second qualifying round next month.

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	POS	STARTING XI
AUG	Sat 10	11.00am	A Dagenham & Redbridge	W 4-2	3	Barnes
	Sat 24	11.00am	A Leyton Orient	W 3-1	6	Barnes
	Sat 31	11.30am	H Portsmouth	W 4-2	3	Barnes
SEP	Sat 14	11.00am	A MK Dons	W 1-0	2	Barnes
	Sat 21	11.00am	H Watford	L 0-1	3	Barnes
	Wed 25	7.30pm	H Rothwell Corinthians (FAYC1Q)	W 6-0	-	King
	Sat 28	11.00am	A Leyton Orient (LC)	L 1-3	-	King
OCT	Sat 5	11.00am	H MK Dons (LC)	-	-	-
	Wed 9	7.30pm	H Corby Town (FAYC2Q)	-	-	-
	Sat 12	11.00am	A Barnet	-	-	-
	Sat 19	11.00am	A Dagenham (LC)	-	-	-
	Sat 26	11.00am	H Northampton (LC)	-	-	-
NOV	Sat 2	11.00am	A Northampton	-	-	-
	Sat 9	11.00am	H Colchester	-	-	-
	Sat 16	11.00am	A Stevenage	-	-	-
	Sat 23	11.00am	H Peterborough	-	-	-
	Sat 30	11.00am	H Gillingham	-	-	-
DEC	Sat 14	11.00am	H MK Dons	-	-	-
JAN	Sat 11	11.00am	A Watford	-	-	-
	Sat 18	11.00am	H Barnet	-	-	-
	Sat 25	11.00am	A Colchester	-	-	-
FEB	Sat 8	11.00am	H Northampton	-	-	-
	Sat 22	11.00am	H Stevenage	-	-	-
MAR	Sat 1	11.00am	A Peterborough	-	-	-
	Sat 15	11.00am	A Southend	-	-	-
APR	Sat 5	11.00am	A AFC Wimbledon	-	-	-
	Sat 12	11.00am	H Crawley Town	-	-	-

VICTORY FOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Goals in the final five minutes from strikers Jon Shaw and Zane Banton saw the Hatters development squad fight-back from 2-0 down to earn a 3-2 win over Northampton on Tuesday afternoon.

The Cobblers scored twice in the first of three 30-minute thirds, including a fabulous strike from 35 yards.

However, the Town reduced the deficit in the second third when Matt Robinson was fouled in the penalty area and Alex Wall smashed home the resultant spot-kick.

In the final 30 minutes the Hatters topped

the ante and, following the introduction of Shaw and Banton they completed the turnaround.

Shaw levelled the score with a fine curling strike with five minutes to go before Banton showed quick feet to fire home the winner with just minutes left on the clock.

The win maintains the Town development squad's winning run, much to the delight of first team coach Hakan Hayrettin.

He told lutontown.co.uk: "It was a real game of three thirds. We lost the first 2-0, won the second 1-0 and won the third 2-0.

youth team



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<p>ZANE BANTON HOME: Loyal Luton AWAY: COYH</p>	<p>LEEROY MAGURAUSHE HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>BEN BARNES HOME: First Capital Connect AWAY: Available</p>	<p>JEMALE MCKENZIE-LOWE HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>
<p>IAN REES HOME: Mike Tearle AWAY: Available</p>	<p>CHARLIE SMITH HOME: Peter Mitchell AWAY: 2MB</p>	<p>EKENE AMADI HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>ISAAC GALLIFORD HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>
<p>LEE HAWKES HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>CRAIG KING HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>DARIL NGWALA HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>LUCAS PERRY HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>
<p>ZAK STEPHENS HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>TUKI TAYALI HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>LUKE TROTMAN HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>AREL AMU HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>
<p>OSAMU ALLMAN HOME: Machins Solicitors AWAY: Available</p>	<p>HARRY TAMPLIN HOME: Allianz AWAY: NPA Commercial</p>	<p>TINASHE CHABATA HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	<p>PAUL DRIVER HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>

SUBS						
Banton	McKenzie-Lowe 2	King	Perry	Tayali	Allman	Amadi
Banton 1	McKenzie-Lowe	King	Perry	Tayali	Ngwala	Amadi
Banton 1	McKenzie-Lowe 1	King	Hawkes	Tayali	Allman	Maguraushe
Tayali	McKenzie-Lowe	King	Amadi	Banton	Allman	Perry
Tayali	McKenzie-Lowe	King	Amadi	Alderson	Allman	Perry
Tayali	McKenzie-Lowe	Barnes	Allman	Banton	McKenzie-Lowe	Chabata
Ngwala	McKenzie-Lowe 1	Barnes	Amadi	Alderson	Tayali	Hawkes

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 SOUTH-EAST LEAGUE 2013/14

	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Colchester United	6	6	13	18
2 Watford	6	4	8	12
3 Luton Town	5	4	6	12
4 Peterborough United	6	3	6	10
5 Portsmouth	5	3	4	10
6 Southend United	5	3	2	10
7 Stevenage	6	3	2	10
8 Milton Keynes Dons	6	3	0	10
9 AFC Wimbledon	6	3	0	10
10 Gillingham	5	2	1	8
11 Barnet	6	2	-3	6
12 Leyton Orient	5	1	-4	3
13 Northampton Town	5	1	-9	3
14 Crawley Town	6	0	-10	0
15 Dagenham & Redbridge	6	0	-16	0

"We want that winning mentality instilled in every player and, especially in the final 30 minutes, we showed that."

"Elliot Justham was terrific throughout. Goalkeepers don't often get the credit they're due and he was magnificent."

"Anthony Charles played a full 90 minutes without any problems which is great news and Jon Shaw capped a very positive half-an-hour with a goal."

"It's another win against a Football League club which can only do wonders for the players' confidence. The players know that good performances in these games do get noticed by the manager, as shown by John Still's selection policy already this season. We want a squad full of hungry players champing at the bit to muscle themselves into the first team."

TOWN DEVELOPMENT: Justham; Stevenson (sub Longden), Viana, Charles, O'Donnell; Taiwo, Robinson, Trialist; Martin (sub Banton), Trialist, Wall (sub Shaw).

stars of the future

TOTT GETS TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS' UNDER-18 SQUAD



NAME:
Arel Amu
DATE OF BIRTH:
27/9/1995
POSITION:
Winger or striker
YEAR JOINED LUTON TOWN: 2000

FORMER CLUB:

St Josephs

BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP

Don't be afraid to try things on the pitch

BEST FOOTBALL MOMENT

Scoring two goals in an FA Youth Cup match that took us through to the next round

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID

Arsenal

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND

Thierry Henry

FAVOURITE TV SHOW

Two and a Half Men

OTHER SPORTS GOOD AT

Basketball

FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT

Science

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOU

Strong, fast, handsome

MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE

Jemale McKenzie-Lowe

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER SO FAR

I started at St Josephs, playing Sunday League Football and was taken to Aston Villa. I enjoyed myself there before I joined Luton Town in 2009 where I really happy playing.

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academy update

WITH JORDAN McCANN

With the introduction of the Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) from the Premier League, and the vast disparity in funding that the programme has subsequently created between top flight and lower league clubs, many people are quite rightly astounded as to how our academy continues to consistently produce players for both our first team and the Premier League.

Indeed, this season has continued to prove fortuitous for Town's academy graduates with Lewis Baker making an appearance on the substitutes' bench for Chelsea, Cauley Woodrow's continued involvement with the England youth squads, as well as the impact of both Alex Lacey and now Zane Banton for our first team.

Moreover, some exceptional performances throughout pre-season from our schoolboy age groups against Tottenham, West Ham, Fulham, Crystal Palace and Southampton indicate the future is very much orange for the Town's youth set-up, but how does this continue to be the case?

Rasmus Ankersen, an ex-football player, best-selling author and expert on the achievement of elite performance may go some way to explaining the answer. In his latest research and book *The Gold Mine Effect: Cracking the Secrets of High Performance*, Ankersen travels around the world visiting 'gold mines' of talent to uncover what really underpins the production of exceptional performers. Why are 142 of the top 500 female golfers South Korean? How has one athletics club in Kingston, Jamaica produced an overwhelming number of World and Olympic sprint champions?

The answer, Ankersen suggests, is not about money, facilities and modern equipment, but may in fact be quite the opposite. From his travels, Ankersen concluded that a developing sports player must never feel too comfortable in their environment; rather, they must continually be taken outside of their 'comfort zone' to be challenged and gain a wealth of experience in difficult, unrelenting situations. Stephen Francis, Jamaica's world-renowned sprint coach and the mastermind behind performances of athletes such as Usain Bolt, Yohan Blake and Shelly Ann-Fraser suggests "by keeping my facilities humble I maintain the focus on what performance is all about, the coaches, the athletes and finding out about those who are more driven to improve themselves than worry about fame and fortune".

So, whilst many of the so-called 'big clubs' revel in their new found fortune and investment from the Premier League, at Luton we've managed to retain our core values of what has made our academy so successful over recent years; the people – staff and players alike, an atmosphere of excellence and professionalism in all that we do, and perhaps most crucially, an environment that continually pushes players outside of that all-important 'comfort zone' to develop their footballing and holistic capabilities. Could the implementation of the EPPP therefore be the biggest advantage Luton Town's academy has had in recent years? After all, as Rasmus Ankersen himself so eloquently puts it, "it's hard to be hungry for success, when you're already feasting in paradise".

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Luton Ladies

HATTERS OFF THE MARK

The Town Ladies put in an excellent performance away to Cambridge to record their first win of the season last weekend.

Rebecca Kane, Rachel Kosky and Lauren Goodier all forced the home goalkeeper into saves with Kane twice narrowly shooting wide. However, with none of the chances converted it was almost inevitable that the home side would score, and when a wind-assisted ball forward could not be effectively cleared, the Blues striker forced her way through to score.

The Hatters were determined to turn their domination into goals and equalised early in the second half when Goodier lined up a free-kick wide on the right and curled the ball into the top corner of the net from an unlikely angle. Kane then marginally failed to get a touch onto a Goodier cross as Luton continued to look for a second goal. They did not have long to wait, however, and Kosky took the ball around the goalkeeper and her marker but was upended just outside the box. With no covering defender a red card seemed inevitable but the goalkeeper was just cautioned. The reprieve did not last long though, as Natalie Richardson lined up the free-kick and sent a perfect strike across the goalkeeper into net from 25 yards for her first Luton goal. It was unfortunate that having battled hard to gain the lead, just a minute later Cambridge equalised via a free header from close range.

Danni Borelli and Kane again came close to regaining the lead, but with just eight minutes left Kane was brought down on the edge of the area. In a similar position to her first strike, Richardson stepped up and produced an identical goal to again give the Town the lead. With just two minutes left Kane drifted past her marker and as she was about to shoot was taken down from behind. Nothing was given by the referee and Cambridge managed to scramble the ball clear.

Delighted Town manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "Things are now improving week on week with all the new players fitting together well as a unit. It's been a difficult start for us and we're yet to play a league game at home. I am particularly pleased for Natalie Richardson who was playing against her old club and scored two tremendous free-kicks.



Natalie Richardson

"She was under some provocation throughout but did her talking with her feet. It's always good to get a win but without being greedy we should have really buried them and had enough chances to win two matches."

The Hatters reserve squad again found themselves out of luck going down 2-1 to league leaders AFC Phoenix. Luton took an early lead from a 20-yard blast from Robyn Wilfort, but in spite of a number of opportunities, Town could not grab the all-important equaliser.

Under-15s

The Under-15s again performed well winning 5-2 at Leighton United to open up a gap at the top of their league. Phoebe Brown opened the scoring after 15 minutes but Aimee Esser then grabbed a hat-trick with the win finished off by a late strike from Lilley Coleman.

Jodie Bellinger, Rebecca Ferris, Nicole O'Brien and Charlotte Motto were all on target for the Under-14s who swept aside Garston 4-1 to go joint top of their league.

LADIES FIXTURES 2013/14

DATE	SUN	H/A	OPPOSITION	RESULT
AUG	Sun 18	A	CK Basildon	L 2-3
SEPT	Sun 1	A	Enfield Town	L 0-3
	Sun 8	A	Denham United	L 2-3
	Sun 22	H	Ipswich Town (League Cup)	L 1-3
OCT	Sun 29	A	Cambridge	W 3-2
	Sun 6	A	Arlesley Town	
	Sun 13	H	Ebbsfleet United	
	Wed 16	H	MK Dons	
	Sun 20	H	Ipswich Town	
NOV	Sun 27	A	Norwich City	
	Sun 3		FA Cup 3QR	
	Sun 10		League Cup 2nd Round	
	Sun 17	A	Q.P.R.	
DEC	Sun 24	H	Brentwood Town	
	Tues 27	A	MK Dons	
	Sun 1		FA Cup 1st Round	
	Sun 8	H	Enfield Town	
JAN	Sun 15	H	CK Basildon	
	Sun 5	A	Brentwood Town	
	Sun 12	A	Ebbsfleet United	
	Sun 19	H	Norwich City	
FEB	Sun 26	H	Denham United	
	Sun 2	A	Ipswich Town	

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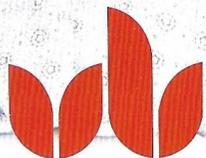


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A FAN'S TALE

MY NAME: David Booker

MY AGE: 55

MY LOCATION: Burridge, Southampton

MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

I was introduced to Kenilworth Road as at 14-year-old by my step-father and always stood in the Oak Road end.

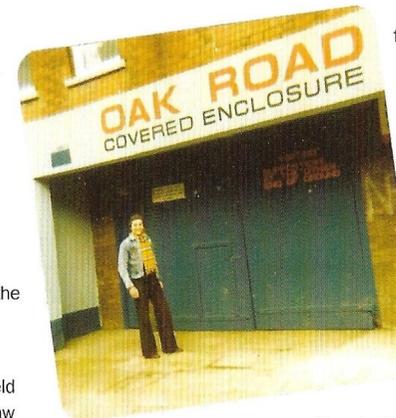
MY FIRST LUTON GAME: It was Boxing Day 1972 against Sheffield Wednesday. It was a goalless draw but I remember the passionate crowd and the brilliant atmosphere. I was hooked.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME: 19/10/1985 Luton 7-0 Southampton. Living in Southampton since the age of 10 meant games against the Saints always had added significance. The score could and should have been double figures. We played brilliant football on the artificial surface and Mick Harford was at his imperial best (he didn't score that day but was involved in everything). What a celebration we had driving back home!

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL: There are so many to choose from! But the one that evokes the memory is the left-footed volley from the edge of the box scored by John Aston against Carlisle in September 1973 – one of six goals scored in 24 first-half minutes.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER: Again so many to choose from but Ricky Hill stands out. He was the consummate professional and epitomised professionalism. An unselfish and skilful player who always gave 100 per cent; he had the attribute of loyalty, and is also a true gentleman.

MY TREASURED TOWN POSSESSION: My first orange blue and white knitted scarf bought for me by my cousin Jenny in the early 1970s. It was stolen by a Birmingham



fan after a cup match at Luton. Jenny, 14 at the time, followed the perpetrator then demanded and got it back. In the last 40 years that scarf has been home and away to every match.

MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI: Mark Tyler, Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, Ricky Hill, David Preece, Kevin Nicholls, Mick Harford, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh.
YOU ARE MY LUTON...WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPIEST ABOUT FOLLOWING THE HATTERS?

Born in Dunstable, Luton are my home team. Moving 100 miles away to Southampton aged 10 did not diminish my passion or support for Luton Town. Aged 15 I would 'thumb it' to Luton, and when I could afford it I would catch three trains to Luton. Then, when I was 17, I could drive to Kenilworth Road. In return the club have given me over 40 years of priceless memories. Who can forget the cup runs,



the Wembley appearances and the promotions? I am of the David Pleat era and proud to have witnessed his vision and revolution for skilful football that in turn made the footballing world take note. Joe Kinnear also put a wonderful side together. I have the memory of driving to Manchester City overnight for that match in 1983, without a ticket; then queuing at 6am to get one. At 8am John Motson invited me in to Match of the Day caravan to show me around and talk about the game. I recall Watford away Boxing Day

1979, another priceless memory and of course the start of a wonderful run of results against our neighbours. Ill health prevents me making the 200-mile round trip to Luton these days, but I follow games on the Luton website and Home Counties Radio. I experience the same excitement now as I did at 14! COYH!

You too can share your Hatters memories. Use the headlines as a guide and email andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk, or submit your application by post.

My only Luton 59

from left midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE

At the end of the wonderful 3-2 victory against Lincoln City here at the dysfunctional home of football's temporarily fallen and recently forlorn; Ronnie Henry, indignant with rage, approached the Main Stand enclosure.

From my view beneath a sea of celebrating arms and troubling haircuts in the stand above, it looked as though the players had turned on each other, Henry picking-on the biggest and smallest squad members to ... err... fight in celebration of the most exhilarating of turnarounds. It was confusing.

It seems transpired that a supporter had berated the players by the tunnel as they left the pitch at half time, 1-0 down. A pumped-up Henry was keen to hear from said fan after a fantastic finish to the game and had to be restrained by Messrs McNulty and O'Donnell. Afterwards Ronnie took to YouTube, offering an opportunity for the fan to come and discuss the incident, prompting much discussion among supporters and the media.

Surprisingly to me the usually militant "I pay my money..." crowd were drowned out by voices of approval for Ronnie's intervention.

Now, us not being supporters historically receptive to being told how to behave, I was unsure about the reception of Henry's video message (and John Still's earlier in the season). Happily there appeared to be broad support, or at least an appetite to give a go, their plea to get behind the team, cheer louder when we're struggling and cut out the abuse of our own players. Hang on, were we being asked to behave more like Dagenham and Stevenage fans? Still, no backlash ensued. I was preparing to eat my boater.

What many seem to have realised over the past few games, matches that have seen goals added to the

continued austerity at the back, is that maybe those (like Henry and Still) that have done it before at this level have a point.

We all know that when we get-going in the stands, the players react. And when we criticise, their heads drop. It's not rocket surgery. But we're not there to do a job are we?

The beauty of a match day for many, remains the cathartic throat-rattling moan as much as it is the euphoric cheer. To shout and swear and mime displeasure as well as delight. After all, the highs are never quite as high as when coming off the back of a heart-numbing low, as the Lincoln game proved.

It is that release from the confines of the working week that many crave; an opportunity to lose yourself in the theatre and testosterone a football crowd offers, allowing men and women to return to the real-world after 90 minutes, as sane human beings: the type of people who think before speaking and sometimes do things based on reason rather than gut-feeling and pure emotion. Cleansed of demons.

The lovely end to the Henry tale is that the supporter in question seemingly took up Ronnie's offer to come into the club and talk to the player about the incident. According to Still he was very apologetic.

So, are we to enter an age of reason in the stands at Kenilworth Road? Only time will tell. But if a new-found positivity and restraint is the result of Still and Henry's appeals to camera, and it works on the pitch, then I'm all for it.

But can I make a request for the gaffer's next YouTube fan appeal? Can you tell Block F to stop singing the "You're just a small town in X" song to away fans. It's really rubbish. Ta.

Up The Town

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY CHIEF REPORTER STUART HAMMONDS

As much as I love Non-League, I'm not someone who goes around hating all things about the higher levels of the game.

As well as enjoyment, the fact that players and staff operating in the grass-roots have something to aspire to is what football is all about, and I stay up late every Saturday night hoping to see ex-Non-League boys doing well on Match of the Day and the Football League Show.

Last week there was plenty to take note of, not least at Burnley where one of the unsung heroes of the Claret's' recent upper-end Championship and Premier League history, Michael Duff, was making his 300th appearance for the Lancashire club.

Non-League fans with long memories will recall the Northern Ireland centre-half scoring the goal that sealed Cheltenham Town's promotion from the Conference in 1999.

He also made 300 appearances for the Robins, having already spent time at Carterton Town and Cirencester.

Asked by FLS reporter Mark Clemmit about his rise, 35-year-old Duff said: "I've played in eight different divisions through English football from the Hellenic Premier, Dr Martens Midland, Premier and up. I even played a game in the Hellenic Reserve League once!"

I got a first-hand view of a couple of other former Non-League folk rubbing shoulders with the big boys when I went behind the scenes at Swindon Town's Capital One Cup clash with Chelsea.

Mark Cooper couldn't even get an interview when jobs at Hereford and Stockport County came up, despite a Non-League managerial record that included a Conference North title with Kettering, an FA Trophy win with Darlington and several lengthy Cup runs with Tamworth and the Poppies.

The 44-year-old took the job at doomed AFC Telford last January on expenses-only basis, then quit after a winless month to take the Robins' assistant's job to Kevin MacDonald.

When the ex-Liverpool midfielder quit in pre-season, Cooper was in the right place at the right time and within weeks, he's taking on The Special One, Jose Mourinho.

Only football can produce such turnarounds, and at the centre of Cooper's new side's passing game was another example, with Yaser Kasim comfortably matching the likes of Michael Essien and Juan Mata with his composure on the ball and passing ability in the middle of the Town midfield.

Bemused

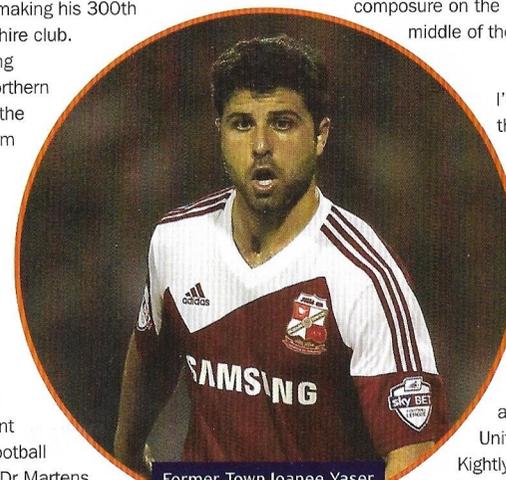
I'd been really impressed by the Iraqi playmaker in Luton's pre-season games last year, then bemused by his lack of impact when the league programme started.

His loan from Brighton was terminated three months early, before a spell at Macclesfield brought regular starts for a month. Of course, there are many more. Ex-Basilidon United and Grays winger Michael Kightly was in the same BBC clip as Duff at Turf Moor, while his old Athletic colleague Gary Hooper chose last week to fire his first goals since switching from

Celtic to Premier League Norwich City for £5m.

I recently did a piece for The NLP's sister publication, The Football League Paper, with striker Matt Rhead who had netted his first League Two goal for Mansfield at the age of 29 after a career journeying around clubs like Kidsgrove, Eastwood, Congleton, Nantwich and Corby.

"It just goes to show that all good things come to those who wait," smiled the ex-JCB manufacturer. Exactly, which is why I love to see our alumni flying the Non-League flag!



Former Town loanees Yaser Kasim is now with Swindon

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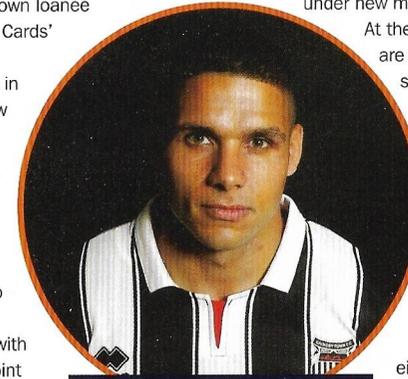
Cambridge United opened up a five-point lead at the top of the Skrill Premier last weekend following a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Nuneaton's defeat to Woking.

Richard Money's side came from a goal down to earn a point at the Racecourse to keep up their unbeaten start to the season – a run that extends to 12 matches.

After being heavily beaten by the Hatters, Woking beat Nuneaton 2-0 at Kingfield with Town loanee Scott Rendell scoring one of the Cards' goals.

Kidderminster lie in third place in the table after their goalless draw with Aldershot at Aggborough in front of the BT Sport cameras on the Friday night. The point, allied with Chester's defeat at today's visitors Halifax, lifted the Shots into 22nd place in the table. Andy Scott's side, who host the Town on Tuesday night, are now four points from safety with eight points. Without their 10-point deduction they would be sitting in 12th place.

Having parted company with one half of their managerial duo, Grimsby have lifted themselves into the top five following back-to-back home wins. A 5-2 win over Dartford was followed by a 3-1 victory over Tamworth last weekend.



Liam Hearn helped Grimsby to a 3-1 win over Tamworth last weekend

Braintree complete the Skrill Premier's top five. Alan Devonshire's side have won their last three matches and climbed into the Play-Off places on Saturday following a 3-1 home victory over Alfreton.

Title favourites Forest Green Rovers, meanwhile, ended a run of three straight defeats with a narrow 1-0 victory over Gateshead at the New Lawn to jump into 12th. The result stopped the Tynesiders' two-match winning run under new manager Gary Mills.

At the other end of the division, Hyde are still looking for their first win of the season and sit marooned at the foot of the table with just two points from 12 matches. The Tigers, who visit Kenilworth Road next Saturday, lost for the eighth game in a row last weekend, going down 3-0 at Lincoln.

They go in search of their first win of the season at home to Braintree today.

Chester lie in 23rd place after their eighth defeat in 12 games against Halifax, whilst Tamworth – who the Town visit in two weeks time – lie one place above the relegation zone.

In this afternoon's games, Cambridge aim to keep their unbeaten start going at home to Hereford; Kidderminster travel to Chester and Grimsby travel to Aldershot.

LEADING GOALSCORERS		AVERAGE ATTENDANCES		TODAY'S FIXTURES	
Moult (Nuneaton)	9	Luton Town	6,336	Macclesfield Town	1,392
Lafayette (Welling)	6	Wrexham	3,723	Nuneaton Town	1,234
Marsh-Brown (Barnet)	6	Grimsby Town	3,269	Forest Green Rovers	1,202
Williams (Aldershot)	6	Cambridge United	2,930	Southport	1,137
Akinde (Alfreton)	5	Lincoln City	2,353	Dartford	1,133
Berry (Cambridge)	5	Chester City	2,326	Braintree Town	1,024
Cunnington (C'bridge)	5	Aldershot Town	2,117	Tamworth	986
Gregory (FC Halifax)	5	Kidderminster Harriers	2,103	Salisbury City	851
		Hereford United	1,843	Welling United	790
		Barnet	1,718	Gateshead	715
		FC Halifax Town	1,567	Alfreton Town	677
		Woking	1,499	Hyde	607

fixtures and results

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Southport	L 0-1	2,210	839	18	Tyler	Smith	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo ▲	Guttridge	Martin ◆	Whalley
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Salisbury City	W 2-0	6,520	92	12	Tyler	Smith	Griffiths	McNulty	Charles ◆	Taiwo 1	Guttridge 1	Martin ▲	Whalley
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	6,216	80	13	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths ◆	McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo ▲	Guttridge 1	Martin ◆	Whalley
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	D 0-0	1,858	653	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen ◆
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	7,517	963	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen ◆
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,866	821	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths ◆	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells 2

SEPTEMBER

TV Sat 7	5.30pm	H	Grimsby Town	D 0-0	6,131	265	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey ◆	Smith	Parry	Guttridge ▲	Howells
TV Fri 13	7.45pm	A	Wrexham	L 0-2	3,122	190	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley ◆	Howells ▲
Tue 17	7.45pm	H	Dartford	W 3-0	5,433	142	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge 1	Stevenson ◆	Howells ▲
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City	W 3-2	6,203	227	9	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths ◆	McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge 1	Stevenson ◆	Howells
Tue 24	7.45pm	A	Woking	W 4-0	1,955	731	5	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey 1	Smith	Parry	Guttridge ▲	Howells ◆
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Hereford United	D 0-0	2,385	580	6	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells ◆

OCTOBER

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	FC Halifax Town													
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Aldershot Town													
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Hyde													
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Tamworth													

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Gateshead													
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Southport													
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Braintree Town													
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Chester FC													
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Welling United													

DECEMBER

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town													
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United													
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Gateshead													
Thur 26	3.00pm	A	Barnet													
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Kidderminster Harriers													

JANUARY

Wed 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet													
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City													
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Macclesfield Town													
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Wrexham													
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Nuneaton Town													

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Dartford													
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Tamworth													
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United													
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town													

MARCH

Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Alfreton Town													
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Salisbury City													
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Woking													
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Chester FC													
Tue 25	7.45pm	A	Grimsby Town													
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	FC Halifax Town													

APRIL

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Aldershot Town													
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Braintree Town													
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Welling United													
Mon 21	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers													
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Hyde													

SUBS

Howells ◆	Cullen	Charles ◆	Parry ▲	Gray ◆	Robinson	Justham
Shaw	Cullen ◆	Lacey ◆	Howells ▲	Gray ◆	Robinson	Justham
Shaw	McNulty	Parry	Howells ◆	Cullen ◆	Smith ▲	Justham
Shaw ◆	Gray	Parry ◆	Howells ◆	Martin	Robinson	Justham
Shaw ◆	Gray	Parry	Howells ◆	Martin ◆	Robinson	Justham
Benson ◆	Gray	Martin ◆	Whalley	Wall ◆	Callen	Justham
Benson	Gray ◆	Stevenson ◆	Whalley ◆	Wall ▲	Cullen	Justham
Benson	Cullen ◆	Stevenson	Lawless ◆	Wall ◆	Gray ▲	Justham
Lawless 1 ◆	Benson 1	Martin	Whalley ◆	Taiwo ▲	Gray	Justham
Lawless	Cullen 2 ▲	O'Donnell ◆	Whalley	Taiwo ▲	Gray ◆	Justham
Gray 1 ◆	Cullen 2	O'Donnell ◆	Whalley ▲	Taiwo	Banton ◆	Justham
Cullen ◆	Benson	Charles	Whalley ◆	Taiwo	Gray ◆	Justham

LEAGUE TABLE 2013/14

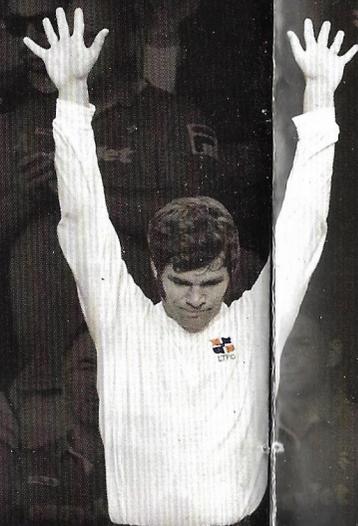
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Cambridge United	12	8	4	0	21	6	15	28
2 Nuneaton Town	12	7	2	3	17	14	3	23
3 Kidderminster Harriers	12	7	1	4	18	14	4	22
4 Grimsby Town	12	6	3	3	17	13	4	21
5 Braintree Town	12	6	3	3	15	11	4	21
6 Luton Town	12	5	5	2	15	6	9	20
7 Lincoln City	12	6	2	4	14	9	5	20
8 Salisbury City	12	6	2	4	16	13	3	20
9 FC Halifax Town	12	6	2	4	20	19	1	20
10 Barnet	12	5	4	3	22	16	6	19
11 Alfreton Town	12	6	1	5	20	19	1	19
12 Forest Green Rovers	12	5	3	4	23	16	7	18
13 Welling United	12	5	3	4	20	16	4	18
14 Hereford United	12	4	4	4	13	13	0	16
15 Southport	12	5	1	6	12	16	-4	16
16 Gateshead	12	4	1	7	14	20	-6	13
17 Dartford	12	4	1	7	11	19	-8	13
18 Macclesfield Town	12	3	3	6	13	16	-3	12
19 Wrexham	12	3	3	6	16	20	-4	12
20 Tamworth	12	3	3	6	12	19	-7	12
21 Woking	12	3	2	7	15	22	-7	11
22 Aldershot Town	12	5	3	4	14	9	5	8
23 Chester FC	12	2	2	8	10	21	-11	8
24 Hyde	12	0	2	10	8	29	-21	2

PLAYER STATS 2013/14

	THIS SEASON										LIFEC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL		APPS	GLS
APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Zane Banton	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Paul Benson	5 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	1	0	5	1		
Anthony Charles	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	2	0		
Mark Cullen	8 (1)	4	0 (0)	0	8 (1)	4	0	0	9	4		
Andre Gray	6 (5)	1	0 (0)	0	6 (5)	1	0	0	77	28		
Scott Griffiths	12 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	0	2	0	18	0		
Luke Guttridge	12 (0)	4	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	4	4	0	12	4		
Ronnie Henry	10 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	1	0	53	0		
Jake Howells	8 (4)	2	0 (0)	0	8 (4)	2	0	0	247	20		
Alex Lacey	8 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	8 (1)	1	0	0	18	1		
Alex Lawless	2 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	1	0	0	127	13		
David Martin	3 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (3)	0	0	0	22	3		
Steve McNulty	12 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	0	2	0	32	1		
JJ O'Donnell	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	50	3		
Andrew Parry	7 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	7 (2)	0	1	0	9	0		
Matt Robinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	14	1		
Jon Shaw	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	1	0	42	10		
Jonathan Smith	11 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	11 (1)	0	2	0	46	1		
Jim Stevenson	2 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	0	0	3	0		
Solomon Taiwo	3 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	3 (2)	1	2	0	14	2		
Mark Tyler	12 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	0	0	0	196	0		
Alex Wall	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (3)	0	0	0	15	2		
Shaun Whalley	6 (4)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (4)	0	0	0	10	0		

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WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

I don't know what it is, but there's something about a foreign signing that always adds that little bit more excitement amongst supporters.

It's doubtful that many followers of the Town would have heard about a Portuguese midfielder called David Viana before he moved to Kenilworth Road on Monday, but the addition by boss John Still was certainly quick to grab the attention.

A quick search on the internet saw that the 21-year-old started his career for French club Strasbourg and has represented Portugal at Under-17, 18 and 19 level.



The mercurial Jean-Louis Valois

Keep delving and you can find that Viana was then signed by Spanish giants Atletico Madrid and has most recently spent time in the MLS with Real Salt Lake.

Anticipation

With every one of these little gems of information gleaned, the anticipation on the terraces will no doubt be ratcheted up a notch, as fans will be desperate to see just what skills he has in his locker.

Having said that, although Viana is already assured of a fine reception when he takes to the field, there is no guarantee he will be either a hit or a miss.

Putting the question out to Hatters fans on Twitter, there was a huge response to their best and worst additions born on foreign soil.

Starting with the favourites, there was a lot of love for Jean-Louis Valois, who dazzled the Kenilworth Road crowd during the 2001/02 season, when his skills helped Hatters to a promotion-winning campaign in Division 3 (now League 2).

Reputation

It's not just flying wingers that won the adulation of the fans though as on-loan Bolton defender Jaroslav Fojut may have played just 16 times for Town, but in that time earned quite a reputation amongst the faithful.

Other names thrown into the mix were the likes of Raddy Antic, Ahmet Brkovic, Ian Feuer, Roy Wegerle, Lars Elstrup, Markus Heikkinen, Claude Gnakpa, Zdenek Kroca, Chris Coyne and the wonderfully named Chukwuemeka Nwajobi.

However, for every Valois or Fojut, there is quite often a signing that doesn't come as close to hitting those revered heights.

Impression

Again, Town fans took to Twitter to offer up some who made less of an impression, with the likes of Herve Bacquet, Pavel Besta, Vidar Riseth, Bontcho Guentchev, Dino Seremet, Landry Zahana-Oni, Johnny Vilstrup, Ratz Fet, Morten Hyldegarred and Collin Samuel all receiving honourable mentions.

So I guess only time will tell if Still's latest addition to the ranks will one day be hailed by Hatters fans as another Brkovic or Elstrup, or hopefully not, a Besta or a Bacquet!



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- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Mark Tyler | 18 Dave Martin |
| 3 Danny Fitzsimons | 20 David Viana |
| 4 Jonathan Smith | 21 Luke Guttridge |
| 5 Steve McNulty | 22 Shaun Whalley |
| 6 Anthony Charles | 23 Matt Robinson |
| 7 Alex Lawless | 25 Ronnie Henry |
| 8 Solomon Taiwo | 26 Paul Benson |
| 9 Jon Shaw | 27 Andre Gray |
| 10 Alex Wall | 28 Jim Stevenson |
| 11 Jake Howells | 30 Alex Lacey |
| 12 Scott Griffiths | 31 Jake Woolley |
| 13 Mark Cullen | 32 Brett Longden |
| 14 Andy Parry | 33 Jerome Jibodu |
| 16 Elliot Justham | 34 Zane Banton |
| 17 JJ O'Donnell | |



FC HALIFAX TOWN

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Matt Glennon | 14 Josh Wilson |
| 2 Ryan Toulson | 15 Marc Roberts |
| 3 Scott McManus | 16 Jon Worthington |
| 4 Keith Briggs | 17 John McReady |
| 5 Matty Pearson | 18 Paul Marshall |
| 6 Danny Lowe | 19 Kevin Holsgrove |
| 7 Adam Smith | 20 Lois Maynard |
| 8 Sean Williams | 21 Marcus Carver |
| 9 Alex Johnson | 22 Simon Ainge |
| 10 Dan Gardner | 23 Dale Johnson |
| 11 Lee Gregory | 24 Jake Hibbs |
| 12 Phil Senior | 39 Jordan Ball |

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