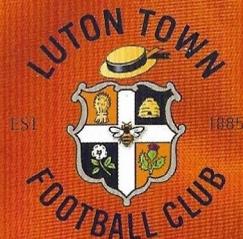


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welcome

TO KENILWORTH ROAD

“ Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's very special Skrill Premier fixture with Hyde.

For the first time in over 20 years we will have home supporters filling the Oak Road stand in its entirety, with our visitors taking up a section in the lower tier of the Kenilworth Road end.

Since we released the news of this decision, we have been astounded by the positive messages of support – and, of course, the number of you wishing to watch today's game from this vantage point in the stadium.

It promises to be a fantastic atmosphere in the Oak Road end and just like old times. Inside this programme we have a fantastic selection of Oak Road photographs alongside the history and your memories of watching the Town from here.

There's plenty more inside today's programme to get your teeth into as well – including the small matter of 13 goals from our last two matches. That's entertainment for you! #COYH ”



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the manager

JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this important Skriff Premier encounter against Hyde.

I'd like to welcome everybody associated with today's visitors, including their management, staff, players and supporters and wish them a safe journey home.

This afternoon we entertain a Hyde side that will work their socks off to try and get at least a point today. I expect nothing less than a tough match and we will need to be at our competitive best and make sure our concentration levels are at 100 per cent to ensure we have the best chance of winning three points.

Since our last home game we were involved in two incredible games, last Saturday here against FC Halifax and then away to Aldershot on Tuesday night.

What a great game the Halifax game was for the neutral and for the Luton supporters. Halifax started strongly and scored two very high-quality goals – strikes that were worthy of a very good side, and without a doubt we were affected by those goals.

Determination

Having got back to 1-1 we had to go again when 2-1 and then 3-1 down and I think that our determination and hunger both on and off the pitch helped us overturn the deficit. At 3-3 I always felt we still had a chance to win the game but Halifax changed their system at half-time and made it very, very difficult for us. They wanted to hold onto what they'd got, but we never stopped going and in the end a fantastic goal from Alex Wall won us the game. It was a special goal but our attitude and desire to win the game was very pleasing.

Looking at the league table can sometimes be misleading and that's the case with Aldershot. Without the points deduction they wouldn't be too far behind us in the standings and I knew after their defeat to Grimsby last Saturday that it would be really difficult match for us.

And so it proved. I know their management team and some of their players very well and I knew that they were disappointed with their previous defeat. They felt despite losing to Grimsby that they were unlucky and I knew that we would be on the end of a reaction.

It was another game where we showed determination and the character to rescue something from the match. I felt the overall performance was unconvincing, though. We didn't defend well enough and individual mistakes meant despite leading 1-0 and 2-1, we were 3-2 down at half-time.

Defensively this season we have been fantastic. Keeping eight clean sheets in 14 games is a wonderful achievement, but the defending in the last two games hasn't been so good. However, once again, we found a way through and Shaun Whalley came on, won a penalty and scored to keep our fine unbeaten run going.

Happy

Looking back at the season so far, we've lost two games and I'm happy with that. There are one or two draws which I felt we could have turned into victories, but I'm pleased where we are so far. The support against Lincoln, Halifax and Aldershot was magnificent and it is the main reason behind our success. It helped us beat Halifax and Lincoln and it helped us earn a point at Aldershot. Together everyone achieves more – T.E.A.M. You can never achieve things on your own in this game so thank you for your backing.

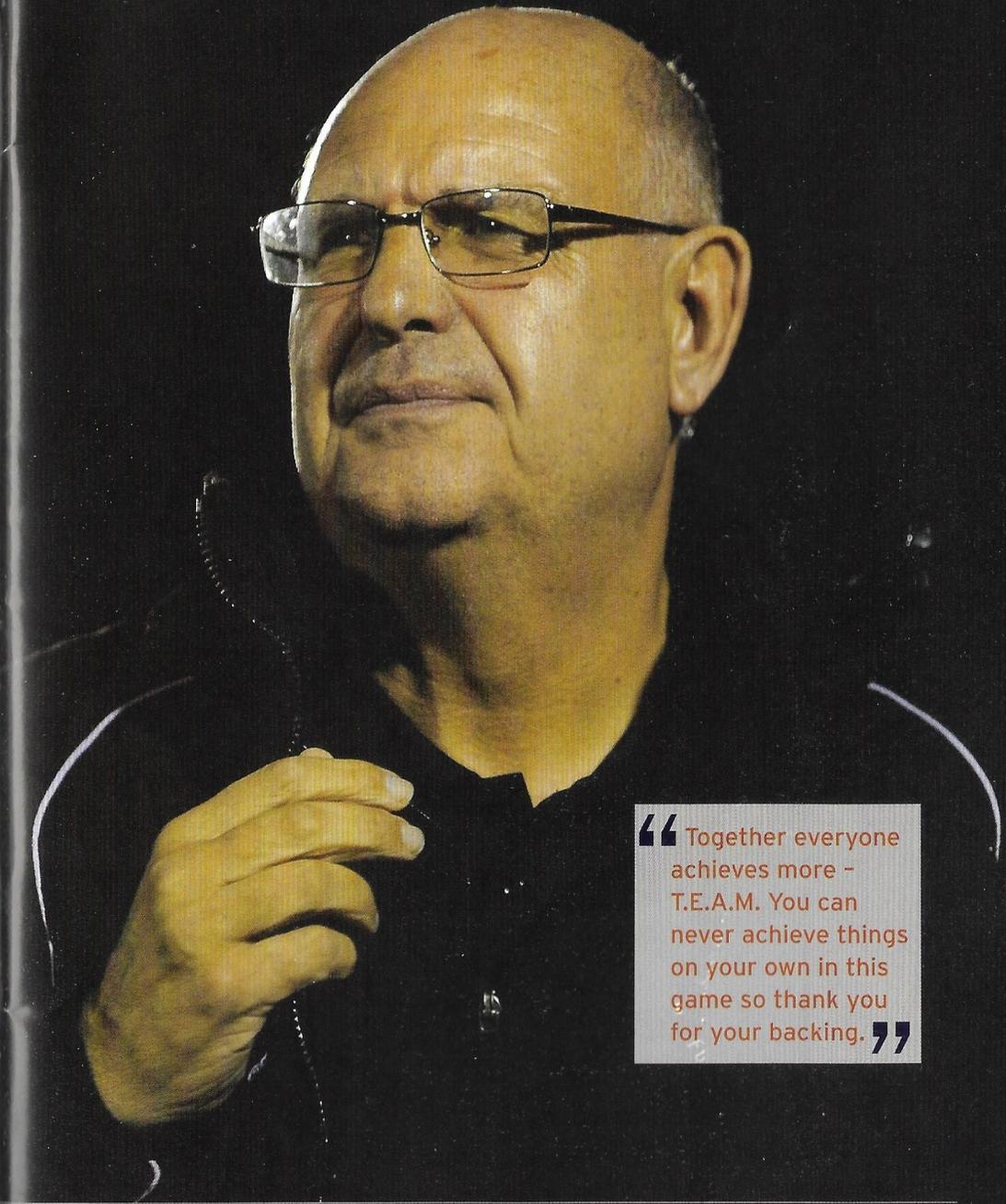
Also this week, our development squad earned a 1-0 win over Premier League West Ham whilst our youth team progressed further in the FA Youth Cup. At this club we are developing a very exciting group of young players.

The development game was really impressive, not just individual performances but collectively too.

The youth team beat Corby 5-1 and they are continuing to learn and gain experience. How far can they progress? Who knows. What I do know is that we have some decent young talent at this club. Why not get down to Kenilworth Road for their next cup tie and give them some encouragement.

Get behind your team this afternoon and let's all work towards three points this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



“ Together everyone achieves more – T.E.A.M. You can never achieve things on your own in this game so thank you for your backing. ”

boardroom

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID BLAKEMAN



Welcome to today's important game against Hyde. Welcome, also, to the players staff and supporters of the Tigers.

The match is, of course, of great importance to both teams. A victory, from our perspective, would continue our excellent recent run – helping further to continue

our rapid progression up the table. Conversely, Hyde desperately need the points to terminate their very poor current run of results.

Although it sounds like a cliché, we cannot, of course, take the game lightly. Supporters may remember that last season we lost 2-1 at home to Hyde, despite the fact that they were in the middle of a similarly bad run of results at that stage.

On another subject, we are opening, today, for the first time in many years, the Oak Road end to home supporters. We have achieved health and safety approval

for placing the supporters of Hyde in the Kenilworth Road end. What we hope will happen is an improvement in atmosphere – and an opportunity for supporters to view the ground from another perspective.

In my younger years, I watched all matches from the Oak Road. I always stood directly behind the goal, halfway up the terrace, on a step that was twice as high, for unknown reasons, as all of the other steps and which had behind it one of the terrace barriers. As a result, I had a perfect view of the game and was also free of the crowd surges that tended to occur in those days.

Incredible

The atmosphere in the terraced Oak Road was always incredible. Those of us who stood in the covered away end at Aldershot on Tuesday will have experienced, I think, to a small degree what it was like to stand in the Oak Road when it was accommodating 4-5,000 fans, as it did back then. If we can rekindle anything like the excitement that the Oak Road used to generate in the early 1980s, we will be helping the team in its progression in another major way.

In addition, of course, we are using the Oak Road to accommodate lots of local school children. Youngsters

have an enthusiasm that old duffers like me can rarely muster. In addition, their presence will hopefully turn many of them into future Luton Town fans.

Even better, however, some of them will be attending on the back of having won tickets as a result of excellent school performance. It may be that we can help to create a virtuous circle where the possibility of attending Kenilworth Road results in improved school performance generally. That would be good for the club and the community.

If you have views on this initiative – whether positive or negative – we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Exciting

On the pitch we have also had some rather extraordinary results lately. Having only conceded six goals in all of our opening games, we have let in six in the last two, albeit we also scored seven goals ourselves. To my mind, this is a much better way of doing things than, say, having won 1-0 or drawn 0-0 in those last two games. Apart from the fact that the football has been extremely exciting, we have the possibility of attracting more supporters to games, because the excitement factor increases so greatly.

I am reminded, somewhat, of the early 1980s, and our first season back in what is now the Premier League. From recollection, in the early matches, we drew 4-4 at Stoke, beat Brighton 5-0, beat Notts County 5-3, drew at Liverpool 3-3 and beat Birmingham 3-2. Those results really caught the attention of the football world. After a while, however, we adopted a slightly more, to my mind, defensive approach and the results got worse.

I am not enough of a football technician to know whether the recent shift in style is a coincidence or a product of a revised tactical approach. It seems to me that our defensive midfielders are getting forward more speedily, which has led to more incisive attacking but which has also, perhaps, left us slightly more exposed at the back. As I say, however, from my point of view, long may it continue!

Enjoy today's game and let's hope for three points and lots more goals!



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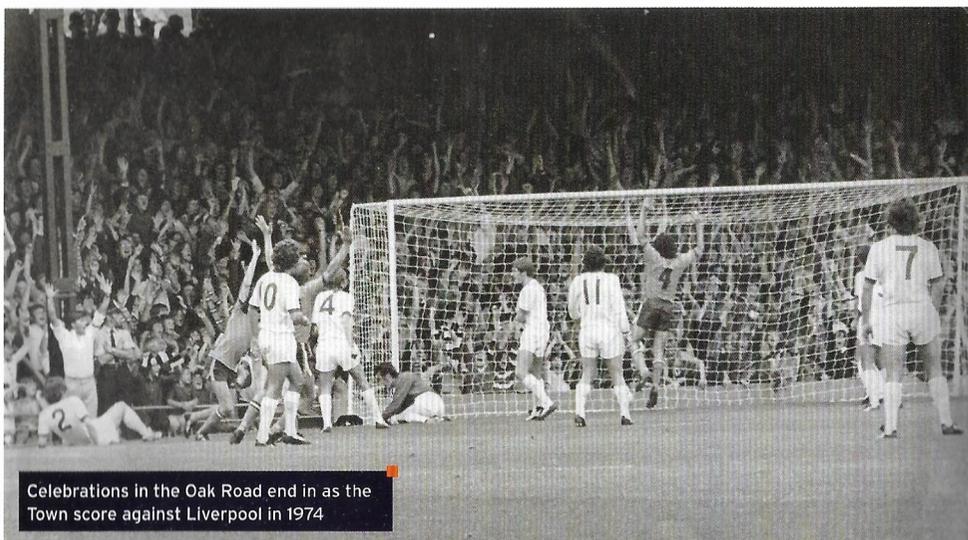
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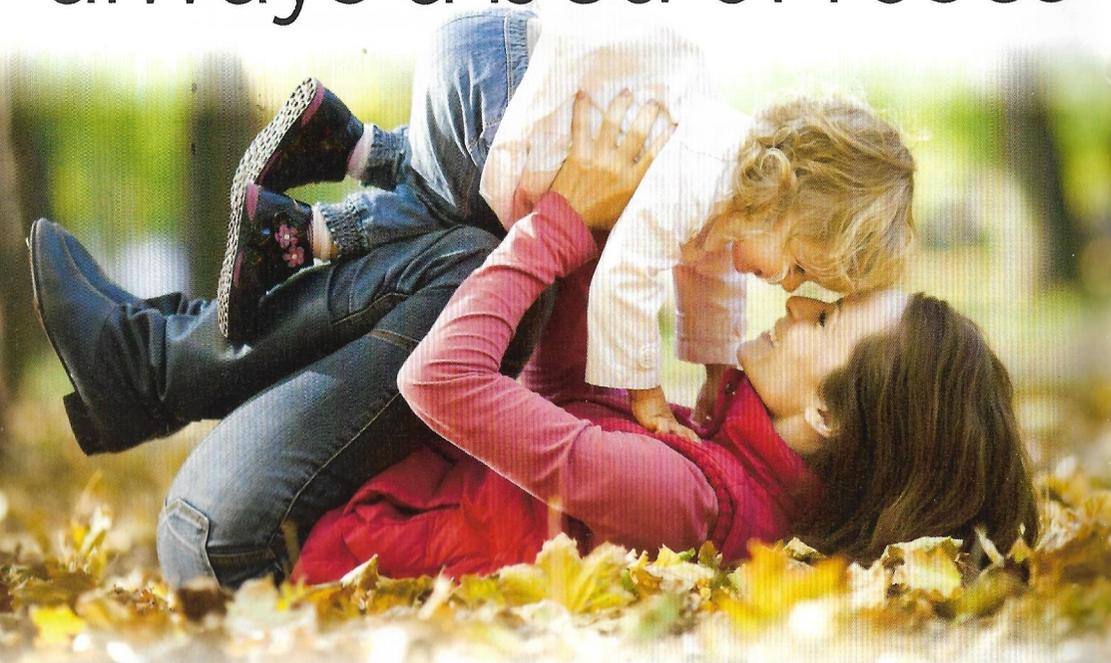
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the captain

RONNIE HENRY

What a rollercoaster week it's been.

Two games, four points, seven goals scored, six conceded and up to fourth in the table. It's certainly been a numbers game since we were last here against FC Halifax last Saturday.

Looking back at the DVD of that game last weekend I thought we played quite well, especially in the first half and for some spells in the second period.

We conceded three goals down to individual errors, although their third goal was taken really well. It seemed at that point that those mistakes would go on and cost us, but we showed tremendous character and quality to get ourselves out of trouble and, unbelievably, win the game.

At 3-1 down we were shell-shocked. I was thinking to myself "is this really happening?" Teams should not lose 3-1 leads but we managed to continue to play our game, cut the errors out and score three goals to win 4-3 on a truly memorable afternoon.

We showed the kind of belief which we are going to need throughout this long, hard season. Every game is tough and hugely competitive and there will be times when we have to grind out results. At the end of the day it is winning football matches that makes you successful – no matter how it's done.

I think a lot of people inside the ground last Saturday would have settled for a point. Indeed, last season I think it would have been a game we definitely would have lost. That's difference the manager has made. We've got a mentality of never giving up and that's certainly shown in the last two home games, as well as against Aldershot on Tuesday night.

Talking of Tuesday I felt we didn't play very well at all. When scoring three goals away from home we should be winning and again it was individual mistakes that led to their goals. We did well to lead twice but inexplicably allowed Aldershot to seize the initiative and we found ourselves trailing 3-2 at half-time.

The second half was better and we restricted the home team to fewer chances and that enabled us to salvage a point when Shaun Whalley was fouled and he scored the resultant penalty to make it 3-3.

The manager said to us before the game how tough the match would be. Aldershot are a good side and they are in a false position in the table following their points deduction. So while it was with a tinge of disappointment to not gain all three points, on the flipside we showed the strength of character to score three goals on our travels and earn a point despite not playing well.

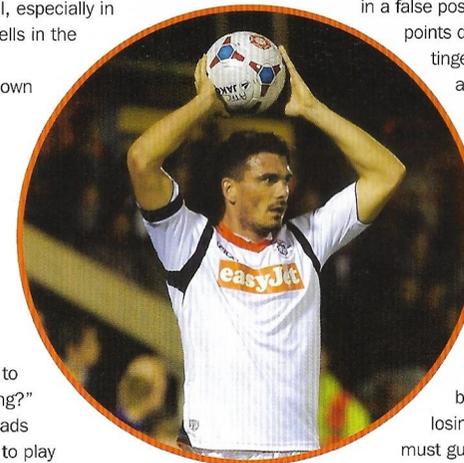
This afternoon there is a danger of a different kind. A lot of people will be expecting us to win, just by looking at the league table and Hyde's results so far. I seem to remember Hyde beating us here last season after losing the six previous games. We must guard against complacency and I would quite happily take a 1-0 win right now as I sit here writing these notes. We might need to be patient this afternoon so please just continue the magnificent support you have given us so far.

Positives

Already this season there are many of positives to take. Andy Parry and Shaun both scored their first goals on Tuesday night and I'm reliably informed that's 11 different goalscorers now. Players that are out on loan are doing well; the development squad beat Premier League West Ham on Wednesday afternoon and the youth team won again in the Youth Cup too.

It's a good time to be following this club and your support plays a crucial role. It has been first class and huge thanks on behalf of all the lads to everyone who roared us back from the dead against Halifax and to the hordes of you that went to Aldershot on Tuesday.

Please keep it up. Get behind us and enjoy the game.



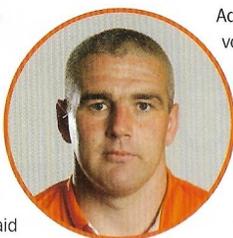
DIAMOND AWARD FOR McNULTY

Centre-half Steve McNulty has won the diamond player of the month award for September.

The defender polled almost half of the overall votes to take this month's gong, beating Mark Cullen and Luke Guttridge, who finished in second and third place respectively.

Earlier in the month, Town boss John Still said on McNulty: "He's inspired people and shown the winning attitude that has been really important.

"He's unaffected by anything that's happening around him; and I love that."



Adult diamond season ticket holder Jeff Carter voted for Steve and he was picked at random to receive two tickets for hospitality today's game, after which he will present the trophy. Junior diamond season ticket holder Scott Wilson also selected Steve, and he is the lucky winner of a mascot package for this afternoon's match.

Many thanks to those diamond season ticket holders who voted, and remember – if you're interested in becoming a diamond season ticket holder contact the ticket office on 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

SPECS COMEDY STARTS THURSDAY!

Wiggle your glasses and give us a smile! The Hatters are opening Specs - a brand new comedy show in the Eric Morecambe club at Kenilworth Road - this coming Thursday night.

Starting on 17th October, and continuing on Thursdays throughout the season, Specs will be showcasing some of the UK's finest comedians.

With comedy clubs few and far between in Bedfordshire, what better place to enjoy a night out with friends and family than the Eric Morecambe club?

All of the acts that have already been booked are experienced pros on the circuit including Bob Mills, the host of Win, Lose or Draw and Sean Meo, the one-time professional snooker player who has been a hit at a host of comedy festivals.

Three of the nights have already sold out leaving just two nights left before the turn of the year available, on 17th October and 14th November.

Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £8 for students with a valid student ID card. Group tables of 10 are priced at £90 per table.

All of the shows start at 8pm, but the doors will open from 6.30pm, so why not make an evening of it and grab yourself some dinner while you're there?

There will be a variety of food available on each night to cater for everybody so tuck in and enjoy the comedy.

If you wish to book your night out at the comedy club now, contact the club on 01582 411622 or email us at: commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

Matchday club welcome

This afternoon we'd like to welcome Mid-Beds Tigers Under-10 Reds to Kenilworth Road, who visit us as part of our community department's matchday club.

The core of the team has been together for nearly three years and the previous two campaigns has seen them finish mid-table.

So far this season the Tigers have started in the Bedfordshire Mini Soccer League Under-10 Division Three with one win, one draw and two defeats but are showing signs that it will be a good season after improvements week-on-week which culminated in a big 6-2 win in their last game.

Here today are manager Stephen Smith, coach Russell Newman, goalkeepers Jake Thorpe and Kaiden Gill,



defenders Luis Moss, Joshua Godding and Jack Jordan, midfielders Alfie Smith and Toby Hulme; and strikers Reggie Giddy and Matthew Newman.

New TIPS from Subway

At our last home game with FC Halifax we were delighted to announce that the three Subway stores in Luton are continuing their support towards our Talent Identification Programme this season.

Launched in September last year, these Subway stores will continue to contribute funds to help schoolchildren who could not normally afford this expert training. So potentially talented players will not miss out on the opportunity to be discovered or improve their footballing skills.

The three Subway stores are looking to pay for children to spend a term on the TIPS programme. And for one outstanding player, Subway will also offer its yearly scholarship award. Enough funds have been raised for next term's selection, and the young players were presented at the home match against Halifax alongside the scholarship winner.

"This is a fantastic idea from Subway," said Head of Talent Identification Kevin Thoburn. "This fund will help lots of schoolchildren who might miss out have the chance to learn about the game and their own abilities.



"It'll be hard to leave some out, but with the three Subway stores committed to the scheme for the foreseeable future, those who don't get in now might well do so later."

Surinder Gupta, owner of the three Luton Subways, added: "Giving schoolchildren a chance to go on the TIPS programme is good for the club and the community. We want to make sure as many children as possible can benefit, with the scholarship helping the exceptionally talented to go further."

From Jo'burg with love

We received this photograph from Town fan Dave Smith last week of his friend's football team in South Africa.

The group of friends fell head over heels for the Hatters' shirts last season and no sooner was that mentioned, Dave sent a load via airmail to Johannesburg for the team to sport in their games. Looking good boys!



Golden Gamble

Congratulations were in order at our last home game when Sue Jones scooped £625 on our Golden Gamble draw.

It was the second highest pay-out so far this season and today could see a bumper prize so make sure you get your ticket from the friendly sellers inside and outside the ground this afternoon. Tickets only cost £1.

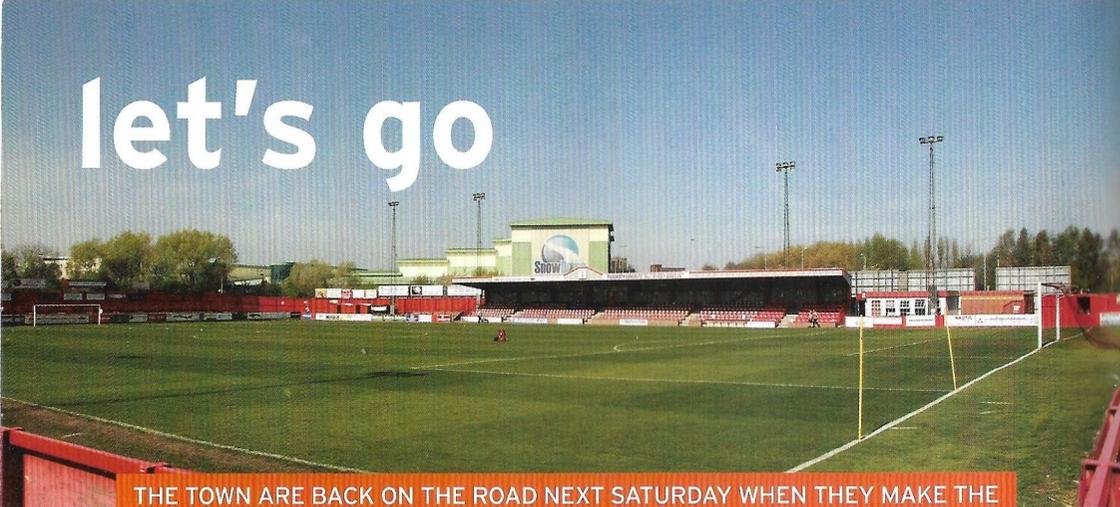
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



A belated 14th birthday to Hatters fans Damon Nunn. Damon was present at our home victory over FC Halifax last Saturday.

Many happy returns from all at Luton Town plus love from Auntie Jacqui, Uncle Paul, Andrew, Hayley, Lindsey and Tom.

let's go



THE TOWN ARE BACK ON THE ROAD NEXT SATURDAY WHEN THEY MAKE THE TRIP TO STAFFORDSHIRE TO TAKE ON TAMWORTH AT THE LAMB GROUND

TAMWORTH



WHERE? With an air of homely agriculture about it, the Lamb is in fact slap-bang in the centre of Tamworth, a large market town in Staffordshire which has a population of just over 70,000. Technically the ground is situated in the suburb of Kettlebrook, just 14 miles

north-east of Birmingham.

HOW TO GET THERE? From the Maple Road car park, the Lamb is 80.4 miles away should you choose to take the most direct route using the M1, leaving at the Lutterworth junction and heading north-easterly on the A5. It takes roughly about 90 minutes. For the sat-nav savvy, the ground's postcode is B77 1AA. If you're coming by train, the railway station is a 10-15 minute walk away.

BOBBING ALONG. As if you didn't know, those friendly folk at the Bobbers Travel Club are running a coach to the Lamb. They leave the Maple Road car park at 11.30am sharp, and the fare is £19 for adults and £16 for concessions. To book your place on the coach call 01234 856542.

ALL-TICKET. Town fans travelling to the Lamb should be aware that the game has now been made all-ticket by Tamworth for this game. Very, very, very, very, very few seating tickets remain so please contact the ticket office if you want to sit. 850 terrace places are available, though, and you must buy these from the ticket office. A sales plan can be found on the page opposite.

MAKE SOME NOISE. The Lamb ground (opened 1934) only has a capacity of just over 4,000 (with precisely 518 seats – hence the very, very, very

limited numbers available to Town fans). However, the away terrace, behind the goal, has a low roof for Hatters fans to holler and huddle under.

ON THE SLOPES. Making a day of it in Tamworth? Want to prepare for those winter holidays you'll be taking at the ski resorts of Austria and France? Well look no further than the Tamworth snowdome which lies just across the road from the Lamb.

WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. The Town have a good record at the Lamb, winning on their last two visits to the Staffordshire venue. The Hatters failed to win their first two, drawing 1-1 in 2010 and losing 3-1 early in the following season. However, the Town won 3-1 in December 2011 thanks to two goals from Danny Crow and one from James Dance; and were victorious last season on a Tuesday night in September, coming back from 1-0 down at half-time to win 2-1 following goals from Yaser Kasim and Stuart Fleetwood.

HOW THEY DOING? The Lambs have endured an inconsistent start to the Skrill Premier season having won four, drawn four and lost six of their 14 games so far. Dale Belford's side have lost three of their last six games but have taken four points from their last two matches without conceding a goal. They travel to Welling this afternoon where a victory could lift them from 17th in the table up to 13th if result go their way.

REMEMBER ME? There's one current connection between the two clubs in the shape of Tamworth centre-half Wayne Thomas. The experienced centre-half arrived at Kenilworth Road in February but was restricted to just two appearances for the Town. His last game for the club ended before half-time as he was red carded on 34 minutes in the Hatters' 2-0 defeat at Braintree. The former Stoke defender ended the campaign on-loan at Rochdale before signing for the Lambs in the summer.

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TAMWORTH v LUTON TOWN

The Skrill Premier



SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

THIS MATCH HAS NOW BEEN MADE ALL-TICKET FOR TOWN SUPPORTERS. We apologise for the late change in ticketing arrangements. We have been allocated 800 terrace places for this match. A very, very small amount of seating tickets remain. If you would like to sit down, please contact the Luton Town ticket office on 01582 416976. There will be an additional allocation of 400 terrace places made available should there be demand but the match will remain all-ticket. Tickets are available to diamond and regular season ticket holders until close of business today.

Diamond season ticket holders are entitled to two tickets per person, regular season tickets one. Tickets go on general sale, subject to availability, on Monday 14th October until 3pm on Friday 18th October. Terracing: £14 adults, £9 over-65s and 16-17-year-olds, £4 six-to-15-year-olds, free aged five and under.

FA CUP FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2013

The draw for this tie will take place on Monday 14th October.



GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN

The Skrill Premier



SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

We are awaiting ticket information from Gateshead for this match.



LUTON TOWN v SOUTHPORT

The Skrill Premier



SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 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.



BRAINTREE TOWN v LUTON TOWN

The Skrill Premier



TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We are awaiting ticket information from Braintree for this match.

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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

It's another busy game for us today with a match sponsor, matchball sponsor and five mascots and I hope you all enjoy your afternoon with us.

Next Thursday we open our very special comedy club 'Specs' in the Eric Morecambe lounge and tickets have been selling incredibly well. A few spaces remain and tickets cost £10 and £8 for students.

You'll have also seen by now that we have Malcolm Macdonald as our special guest speaker at our dinner in December. Tickets for this are also selling well and are priced at £65. Please do get in touch if you'd like to hear Supermac's stories.

MATCH SPONSORS AND MASCOTS



Jude and his younger brother Lewis are Junior Hatters and sit with their Dad Kevin and Granddad Graham in the David Preece Stand. They come down from their home in Sunderland as often as they can.



This is the fifth generation of Town supporter with their Great, Great Granddad Duff starting the ball rolling back in 1930.

Jude's favourite player is Mark Tyler and Lewis' is Alex Lawless. As for Dad Kevin, he couldn't decide between two centre halves Steve Foster or Paul Elliot. Granddad Graham,

meanwhile, felt that John Moore deserved a special mention for his loyalty as a player, manager and coach. "A great example for young players to follow."

Finally, come success or failure Luton Town is in our blood – enjoy all the ups and give support in the downs. COYH

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David Alexander has been a Luton Town fan since his dad took him to a game when he was about eight years old. Today's matchball sponsorship is a gift from his mum and dad, to celebrate his wedding to Jenny which takes place on 1st November. They would

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



As well as Jude and Lewis, who are mascots and part of our match sponsor group, we welcome fellow mascots Jim Weir and Rachel and John Ward this afternoon.

It's a special occasion for Jim, who turned 65 last month. Jim will be one of our oldest ever mascots and his current Town favourite is Steve McNulty. He all-time favourite player, though, is Malcolm Macdonald.

We also welcome brother and sister Rachel and John. Rachel is five and John is seven and their favourite player is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.



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welcome

HYDE



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Hyde to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Kenilworth Road holds good memories for today's visitors following their 2-1 victory here in March – a result that kick started a run of five straight wins which was enough to guarantee Conference Premier safety in the first season in non-league's top flight.

Just like at the beginning of the campaign last year the Tigers have started slowly. It took Scott McNiven's side until their eighth match of last season to record their first victory and they only won one in the first 13 matches.

This time around the situation is worse. Hyde arrive at Kenilworth Road winless in the Skrill Premier after 14 games and have only taken two points from a possible 42. McNiven's side currently sit bottom of the table and are already 12 points from safety.

More concerning for Tigers faithful is the lack of goals. The side have only scored eight goals and haven't scored at all in their last six matches.

The season got off to a somewhat auspicious start with an 8-0 defeat at Forest Green on the opening day of the campaign, although the Tigers were reduced to 10 men as early as the 19th minute when the score was still goalless.

Of the two points McNiven's side have picked up, both came in 2-2 draws in successive matches in August. The first was at home to Hereford, whilst the second came away at Wrexham thanks to penalties from Tom Collins

and Scott Spencer – the latter's in the final minute. The Red Dragons had played 50 minutes of the game with 10 men.

Since those two draws it's been nothing but misery for Hyde, but it would be foolish to suggest the Town will inflict more woe on today's visitors.

After all, six of their 12 defeats have only been by the odd goal, and that includes fixtures against leaders Cambridge, second-placed Kidderminster, Grimsby, Barnet and Welling.

McNiven has plenty of options to turn to in a bid to arrest the dip in form, with a squad that contains a number of players borrowed from clubs higher up the pyramid on loan. That includes highly-rated Blackpool duo Liam Tomsett, 21, and striker Louis Almond.

Midfielder Tomsett had scored three of the Tigers' goal this term whilst Almond, although yet to score, netted four times for club in his first spell on loan last season – including a spectacular goal against the Hatters at Kenilworth Road last March.

Goalkeeper Nick Liversedge is on loan from Burnley and teenage forward Emmanuel Dieseruwwe has joined from Sheffield Wednesday.

There's no doubting the talent in the Tigers' ranks and it goes without saying that it's only a matter of time before they earn that elusive first victory. For the Hatters' sake, however, the majority inside Kenilworth Road will be hoping history doesn't repeat itself this afternoon.

in opposition

MEET THE HYDE SQUAD



THE MANAGER

SCOTT McNIVEN. Former Oldham, Oxford, Mansfield and Chester man who took control of the Tigers in May 2012 following the departure of Gary Lowe. Originally joined Hyde as a player in 2009, he was part of the squad that won promotion to the Conference in 2011/12.

GOALKEEPERS

DAVID CARNELL. Stopper in his second spell at Ewen Fields. A good shot-stopper and reliable in the air, he re-signed for the club in the summer of 2011 and kept 20 clean sheets in the Tigers' title-winning campaign.

ASHLEY FRITH. Young goalkeeper signed from Glossop North End in December 2011. A product of the Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers youth academies.

DEFENDERS

LUKE ASHWORTH. Defender with Football League experience with Leyton Orient and Rotherham who signed for the Tigers in July 2012.

JOSH BRIZELL. Young full-back who signed for the Tigers before the start of the 2011/12 campaign following his release from Rochdale. Scored his first goal for the club on New Year's Day 2012.

ADAM GRIFFIN. Hugely experienced full-back who has over 250 Football League appearances to his name with Oldham, Oxford and, most notably, Stockport.

WILL HAINING. Experienced former Oldham defender who joined the Tigers this summer following his release from Morecambe where he'd made 100 appearances in three seasons.

ADAM THURSTON. Promising defender who signed this summer after his release from Preston. Began his career as a youngster at Manchester United.

ADAM BLAKEMAN. Young left-back signed on the eve of this season having been released from his contract at Championship club Bolton Wanderers.

MIDFIELDERS

ALEX BROWN. Exciting midfield player who signed last summer from Chester where he was a player of the year winner. Was offered new terms by Chester in 2012 but opted to sign for Hyde.

DAVID POOLE. Former Manchester United trainee who counts Yeovil and Stockport as his previous clubs. The attacking midfielder signed for Hyde in November 2011 from local rivals Droylsden.

MATTY MAINWARING. Another ex-Manchester United scholar who has also had spells with Preston, Stockport and Hull. Signed for the Tigers this summer.

CONNOR HUGHES. Pacey winger who was the Tigers' first summer signing following his release from Oldham, who he made eight appearances for in League 1 last term.

LIAM TOMSETT. Highly-rated young midfielder on a season-long loan from Blackpool, where he was named young player of the year in 2010/11. Was also with the Tigers on loan last term.

STRIKERS

LOUIS ALMOND. Another Blackpool loanee, the young forward scored a fine goal against the Town at Kenilworth Road last season. Has previously enjoyed loan spells with Barrow, Lincoln and Cheltenham.

DAVID McNIVEN. Twin brother of manager Scott, striker David signed for the Tigers from Workington in August 2012. Now in his third spell with the club he is also an England C international.

SCOTT SPENCER. Former Everton trainee who has been in prolific form for the Tigers since joining from Lincoln in August 2011.

TOM COLLINS. Another former Stockport man, the pacey forward signed this summer having been released by Hayes & Yeading United.

DANNY CARLTON. Striker who began his career at Morecambe who has also played for Carlisle, Grimsby, Bury and Darlington. Signed for Hyde this summer after impressing on trial.

EMMANUEL DIESERUWWE. Big, powerful frontman signed on loan from Championship club Sheffield Wednesday. Signed his first professional forms with the Owls this summer.

REECE GRAY. Young forward on-loan from Rochdale. Has already had two previous loan spells with the Tigers.

MARTIN DEVANEY. Experienced forward who signed recently after his release from Kidderminster Harriers in the summer. Has made over 400 appearances in the Football League.

scout report

WITH MATT AQUINO

Hyde manager Scott McNiven achieved his aim of keeping the Tigers in last season's Blue Square Bet Premier after gaining promotion from the Blue Square North the season before, but is likely to find the task much more difficult in this campaign given his side's start.

Hyde find themselves rock-bottom of the Skriff Premier and some 12 points adrift from safety, so it may be safe to assume that today's visitors come here needing the points more so than any other side have so far this season.

How did they fair last season?

Hyde finished on 54 points last season and avoided the drop by five points. This was due to their fantastic run midway through the season which saw them win nine out of 11 games.

Interestingly, the Tigers won just one less game on their travels than the Hatters and scored one more goal. However, they lost among the most in the division and were unable to rescue many points away from Ewen Fields drawing just twice.

McNiven's side started the last campaign in dire fashion winning just one game in 13, but as you will go on to read, things have been even worse this term.

How have they started the 2013/14 campaign?

The Tigers have failed to register a single win in 14 Skriff Premier games this season. However, it is worth considering that when Hyde came to Kenilworth Road in March, they had suffered six defeats on the trot before stunning the Hatters.

Things are even worse this time round, though, as Hyde have slumped to no fewer than 10 straight losses and have failed to score in well over 600 minutes.

The Lancashire outfit have the worst defensive record in the division conceding an average of 2.42 goals per game. They are also the poorest in attack scoring just once every 157 minutes on average and failing to score in nine of their 14 league games. Away from home, their defensive frailties look even worse – Hyde concede 3.33 goals per game on average.

How will they line up?

Hyde lost some key players over the summer including 15-goal top scorer Phil Jevons, Matty Blinkhorn and the talented youngster Scott Hogan who signed for Rochdale.



PROBABLE LINE-UP 4-4-1-1

Manager Scott McNiven usually sets his side out in either a 4-3-3 or 4-4-1-1. It is likely he'll opt for the latter in order to give his defence some much needed protection.

Who are Hyde's ones to watch?

Adam Griffin – A vastly-experienced left-back who made nearly 250 appearances in the Football League for the likes of Oldham Athletic among others.

Tom Collins – 21-year-old who signed from Stockport County and has scored four goals already this season.

Scott Spencer – Hyde's number 9 scored 11 for the Tigers last season and tallied an incredible 32 in 36 Blue Square North to lead his side to the title in the 2011/12 season.



One to watch:
Adam Griffin

club data

Established: 1885
 Nickname(s): The Tigers
 Stadium: Ewen Fields
 Capacity: 4,073 (Avg. attendance '13/14 – 557)
 Manager: Scott McNiven (One year, four months)
 Final league position 12/13: 18th BSBP

back to the future

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

1981/82 CHESHIRE LEAGUE 'TREBLE'

COLIN DARCY: Former Bury goalkeeper who was twice Player of the Year and later appeared for South Liverpool, Warrington Town and Colwyn Bay. He has settled in Pentre Halkyn, near Holywell.

PHIL PARRY: Ex-Horwich RMI right-back who was Les Sutton's last major signing for Hyde in December 1981 and made 23 appearances before leaving at the end of the season. Now living in Bolton.

MICK LACEY: Tough-tackling left-back who helped Hyde to win the Cheshire Senior Cup for the first time in 11 years in 1981. He netted seven goals in 154 games, joining Mossley in December 1983.

STEVE JOHNSON: Utility player, the younger brother of non-League legend Jeff Johnson, who scored Hyde's winner in the 1981 Cheshire Senior Cup final replay. He still lives in his native Manchester.

GARY BLORE: Former Macclesfield Town central defender who appeared against Burnley in the 1983/84 FA Cup first round. He later played for Stalybridge Celtic and Leek Town, settling in Nottingham.

TONY STEENSON: Flame haired captain who rejoined Mossley as assistant-boss, then manager. He was sales director of Newsquest in Manchester, then managing director of National Letterbox Marketing.

DAVID HOLT: Stocky winger who helped to reach the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in 29 years in 1983/84. He moved to Mossley in January 1984, then Witton Albion, settling in Oldham.

KEVIN GLENDON: Midfielder who joined Burnley in December 1983, then Witton, Mossley, Northwich, Hyde again, Chorley, Macclesfield and Radcliffe. He now lives in Heald Green, near Cheadle.

BARNEY DANIELS: Former Stockport County striker who later played for Prestwich Heys. He worked at Ordsall Sports Centre and coached at Manchester schools, becoming a postman in Prestwich.

JIMMY GOLDER: Ex-Stockport County midfielder who later played for Witton Albion and Mossley, then was Radcliffe's assistant-boss. He lived in Bredbury, near Stockport, until his death in March 2000.

GEORGE OGHANI: Top scorer who moved to Bolton Wanderers in October 1983, then Burnley, Stockport, Hereford, Hyde again, Scarborough, Carlisle, Northwich and Guiseley, settling in Manchester.

2004/05 NORTHERN PREMIER CHAMPIONS

TIM MULLOCK: Ex-England Youth and British Universities goalkeeper who returned to Leek Town in June 2005. He later played for Skelmersdale United and Lostock St Gerrard, settling in Manchester.

CHRIS LYNCH: Former Wigan Athletic right-back who netted 15 goals in 287 games during seven seasons at Hyde prior to joining Altrincham in June 2011. He is currently playing for Ashton United.

NICKY HILL: Former Bury left-back, with over 20 Football League appearances. He was an influential figure in Hyde's 2004/05 Northern Premier League title triumph before his career ended by injury.

PAUL JONES: Former Oldham Athletic central defender who moved to Barrow in July 2006, then had spells playing for Altrincham, Vauxhall Motors and Airbus UK before joining Marine in October 2012.

JAMIE MILLIGAN: Ex-England Youth international who joined Fleetwood in November 2005, then played for AFC Fylde, Fleetwood again and Hyde on loan last season. He is a Blackpool youth coach.

JOHN O'KANE: Former Manchester United, Everton, Bolton Wanderers and Blackpool defender who had his career curtailed by injury in May 2006. He has become a property developer based in Darwen.

GERRY HARRISON: Much-travelled former England Schoolboy and Luton midfielder with over 200 Football League appearances. He hung up his boots in February 2010 and has since held various coaching posts.

PHIL SALT: Ex-Oldham Athletic midfielder with over 20 Football League appearances who also played for Scarborough and Leigh RMI. He joined Radcliffe Borough in January 2006, then Hollinwood.

NEIL TOLSON: Experienced striker with nearly 200 Football League appearances who was Hyde's player-manager from September 2008 until April 2011. He then became Altrincham's assistant-boss.

DALE JOHNSON: Young midfielder who joined Altrincham in March 2008, then returned to Hyde before rejoining Altrincham in March 2011. He has since played for Droylsden and Halifax Town.

MATTY MCNEIL: Giant striker who moved to Macclesfield Town in March 2006, then had two spells at Stockport County. He joined Southport in May 2010 and has since appeared for Chester City.



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ALAN WEST



Only two players have played for both the Town and today's visitors: **Matthew Blinkhorn** - who played three times on-loan for the Hatters at the start of the 2004/05 season - and **Gerry Harrison**.

Harrison, who went onto to make 15 appearances for the Hatters, started his career as a youngster with Watford, making his league debut as a 17-year-old. However, it was while at Bristol City, and then Burnley, that he earned regular football. A move to Kenilworth Road on a 'Bosman' free transfer in 1998 was virtually agreed until Sunderland stepped in but Gerry contracted hepatitis soon after relocating Wearside and found his chance limited.

The Town, though, got their man on loan later than season and he put in several all-action displays in midfield as well as taking over in goal on one occasion during a 4-0 home defeat to Wigan. Manager Lennie Lawrence was told the Hatters could not keep him and Gerry eventually ended his career with spells at Halifax and then for Hyde until 2007/08.

In a more tenuous link between the two clubs, legendary Town midfielder - and now club chaplain - Alan West, was born in Hyde and was spotted playing for his school team in the town before he was signed by Burnley, where he went onto lift the FA Youth Cup in 1968.

A midfielder of real skill and vision, Alan made over 50 appearances for Burnley and picked up an England Under-23 cap before a big bid from Sunderland was accepted in 1973. Amazingly, Alan failed a medical due to a back problem but Luton manager Harry Haslam immediately stepped in, leading to an eight-year stay at Kenilworth Road and 317 appearances in all competitions.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides met for the first time last season with both clubs earning 2-1 wins.

The Hatters triumphed in the first meeting at Ewen Fields back in August in a game screened live by Premier Sports on a Friday night.

Former Town loanee Blinkhorn, as we've mentioned already on this page, fired the newly-promoted Tigers 1-0 up at the start of the season half.

With the Hatters on the ropes, Hyde failed to build on their one-goal advantage and two late goals secured all three points for the Hatters.

JJ O'Donnell scored his first goal for the Town to equalise on 68 minutes before striker Stuart Fleetwood finished a fine counter-attack to put the Hatters in front 10 minutes later.

In the return game at Kenilworth Road in March, the Tigers gained revenge for the defeat earlier in the campaign by stunning the Hatters faithful.

Louis Almond slammed Hyde in front on 19 minutes with an excellent goal from outside the box but eight minutes before half-time Jake Howells equalised for the Town with a thunderous shot from an acute angle from the left-hand side of the penalty area.

However, the Tigers claimed all three points and moved out of the relegation zone thanks to Jamie Milligan's penalty 20 minutes from time after Blinkhorn had been fouled in the penalty area.

LINE-UPS

First Game:

Hyde: Carnell, Brizell, Griffin, Ashworth, Williams, Brown (sub Spence), Byrne (sub Lomax), Cassidy, Spencer, Jevons (sub McNiven), Blinkhorn.

Town: Tyler, Rowe-Turner, Taylor (sub Howells), Kovacs, Henry, Lawless, O'Donnell, Kasim (sub Gray), Shaw, Rendell, Fleetwood (sub Robinson).

Second game:

Town: Tyler, Taylor (sub Rowe-Turner), McNulty, Howells, Henry, Goodman, Lawless (sub Walker), O'Donnell, Smith, Wall, Gray (sub Martin).

Hyde: Carnell, Brizell, Griffin, Ashworth, Dennis, Brown, Tomsett, Milligan (sub Sedgwick), Almond, Blinkhorn, Hogan (sub McCartan).

from the ~~oak~~ road

Kenilworth

TWO POINTS FROM 14 GAMES SO FAR THIS SEASON MEANS THE TIGERS ALREADY HAVE WORK TO DO TO IN ORDER TO CLAW THEMSELVES TO SKRILL PREMIER SAFETY. HYDE FAN STEVE McANULTY EXPLAINS WHY TODAY WOULD BE THE PERFECT TIME FOR HIS SIDE TO COME ROARING BACK

TALK OF THE TOWN: It's been a rotten start for Hyde this season. What do you feel the reasons are behind your poor start?

STEVE: One of the most frustrating aspects to our start is that, on paper at least, we actually appear to have a stronger squad than at this stage last year. We made a slow start last season too, which was understandable given the step up in leagues. We managed to keep hold of the majority of the squad which performed so well and added some new faces who we thought were going to take the club forward.

Unfortunately, that hasn't happened and it's difficult to put a finger on exactly where things have gone wrong. Defensively we've been really disappointing. We've conceded too many goals from set pieces and individual errors have cost us dear. In the last five games, we've also stopped scoring and we aren't going to win any games if we can't put the ball in the net. Given our poor run of results, the team is now lacking confidence and as soon as we go behind you can see heads dropping.

TOTT: Is manager Scott McNiven under pressure, in your opinion?

STEVE: Hyde aren't a trigger-happy club who change managers at the slightest hint of a downturn. However, managers are ultimately judged on results and so far this season they haven't been good enough. Scott performed miracles last season to keep us up comfortably on a very

limited budget, and was rightly rewarded with a two-year contract in the summer. The fans have so far continued to back him, however, football's a cruel game and previous achievements are soon forgotten. The longer our current run continues, the more pressure he's going to come under.

TOTT: Hyde took all three points away from Kenilworth Road in March – a victory which saw Hyde move out of the relegation zone. What are your memories of that chilly Tuesday night?

STEVE: Due to work commitments, I wasn't able to make the trip to Kenilworth Road last season, so had to listen to the game via the internet. Not even the most optimistic Hyde fan would have predicted a win that night, so to come away with the three points was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the season. I remember jumping around my dining room whilst doing the ironing when we scored and I also recall listening to the reaction of the Luton fans at the end of the game.

Just the thought of playing Luton was a distant dream a few seasons ago, so to win in your back yard was one of the greatest results in our history. Having said that, I can fully appreciate the reaction of the Luton supporters at the end of the game, as you'd expect to beat a club of our size 99 times out of 100. We're desperately seeking that elusive first win to kick start our season and there'd be no better time than today to get a result to boost confidence.



Hyde boss
Scott McNiven



Hyde celebrate winning the Conference North title in 2012

TOTT: Last season Jamie Milligan, now with Southport, pulled the strings in the game against Luton – which player makes Hyde tick this season?

STEVE: We're really missing a player like Jamie this season – an experienced head in midfield who can put his foot on the ball and control the tempo of games.

The only player who's really stepped up for us this season is Liam Tomsett, a highly-rated young midfielder on loan from Blackpool who spent most of last year with us too.

Whilst he's a totally different kind of midfielder to Milligan, he breaks up attacks and gets us going in the middle of the park. He's also added goals to his performances this season, with three scored already.

TOTT: Who's the best side you've faced this year in the Skrill Premier – and why?

STEVE: Cambridge were probably the toughest opponents so far, they were extremely well-organised and difficult to break down. It would be amiss not to mention Forest Green too, who beat us 8-0 on the opening day. There were mitigating circumstances in that we were on top until we went down to ten men after 20 minutes, but to score eight is an achievement at any level.

TOTT: What is it like following a club who are in the shadow of the two giant Manchester clubs, and also

have to compete with a glut of Football League sides for support? What is it special about following Hyde?

STEVE: It's really difficult for a club like Hyde to compete. Not only do we share a city with two of the top clubs in Europe, but there are masses of other clubs locally too at both league and non-league level.

Add into the mix all the other sports in Manchester – from cricket and rugby to basketball and speedway – and it makes attracting supporters extremely difficult. Hyde are a special club for a number of reasons.

I support them primarily as they're my local team, but we've had a chequered history and there's never a dull moment supporting the Tigers. Only Hyde could be nearly wound up one season and get promoted into the Conference against all the odds two seasons later.

TOTT: Three British cities have applied to host games for the 2020 European Championships, when, for the first time, the tournament will be played across Europe rather than in a single country. Do you like the idea of this new format – or should FIFA be sticking with the tried and tested formula?

STEVE: I think it should be played in just one country, as it makes it a far better experience for the fans. Why should supporters have to travel between countries to watch their team? It seems like yet another idea where match going fans are given little consideration.

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TOWN 4-3 FC HALIFAX



A thunderous late goal from substitute Alex Wall sealed a remarkable turnaround for the Hatters as they came from 1-0 and 3-1 down to beat FC Halifax in a seven-goal thriller at Kenilworth Road.

It was 3-3 at half-time following a breathless first 45 minutes in which the Town trailed twice only to comeback to level the score.

Halifax, without an away win and with just one point on their travels from five games, took the lead on three minutes through Paul Marshall's strike before Luke Guttridge levelled on 16 minutes with a heavily deflected shot. However, the Hatters were suddenly 2-1 and then 3-1 down, as the Shaymen shocked the majority inside Kenilworth Road. Former Town defender Simon Ainge nodded the visitors ahead again on 19 minutes, rising to head unchallenged in the box following a right-wing free-kick; before Dan Gardner's fine low shot made it 3-1 four minutes later.

The Town were living dangerously and the visitors were inches away from going 4-1 up on 31 minutes when Gardner swivelled in the box and mis-hit a volley that looped over Mark Tyler and kissed the face of the crossbar.

And it proved to be a massive turning point in the game, as two minutes later, the Hatters cut the deficit. Scott Griffiths scampered up the left to hook a cross back into the box. It eluded everyone but found fellow full-back Ronnie Henry, and his cross from the right was met first-time by Benson who sent an assured finish beyond Matt Glennon in the visitors' goal.

The Hatters sensed blood, and buoyed by their second goal, an equaliser appeared on 39 minutes. Alex Lawless was the provider – poking an accurate pass through the Shaymen's defence, and Gray was on to it in a flash and belted a low finish into the corner of the net.

You always sensed after a first half containing six goals the game would become more constrained in the second period – and so it proved. The Town were the more dominant as they pushed for an early goal after the restart but failed to test Glennon.

But, mid-way through the second half, the visitors slowly crept back into the game and only a fantastic save by the legs of Tyler prevented Neil Aspin's side from going 4-3 up when the Town goalkeeper blocked Gardner's low shot on the turn on 66 minutes.

Then Halifax came even closer on 71 minutes when substitute Kevin Holsgrove's deflected shot bounced onto the foot of the post and away to safety, much to the Town's relief. That near miss was the catalyst for John Still to bring on Wall on 72 minutes and it was the burly striker's effort, after a series of half-chances, that won it for the Hatters with seven minutes left on the clock.

He took a pass from Benson to drive forward, Gray's movement drew an opening in the Halifax defence, and the former Maidenhead man unleashed a superb 25-yard effort that flew into the top corner past the outstretched hands of Glennon.

"A goal worthy to win any game," was Still's verdict come the final whistle.

That knocked the stuffing out of the visitors and, as time ticked down, Gray almost added a fifth in stoppage time but the Town held on to secure three points in dramatic fashion. Afterwards the manager paid tribute to the Town's support who he believe helped his side overturn the two-goal deficit. "The fans, even at 3-1 down, were absolutely fantastic," he said. "They carried us through and I'm delighted about the final result.

"I'm not too happy about the defending but I am about the final score. This isn't a win for the football team, it's a win for the football club."

TOWN 4-3 FC HALIFAX

Guttridge 16, Benson 33, Gray 39, Wall 83

Marshall 3, Ainge 19, Garnder 23



Alex Wall curls home the winning goal



Alex Lacey clears under pressure

Celebrations after Luke Guttridge's equaliser made it 1-1



TOWN: Tyler, Henry, (sub Wall 74), Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Parry, Guttridge, Gray, Lawless (sub Robinson 90), Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Whalley, Howells, Justham.

FC HALIFAX: Glennon, McManus, Roberts, Ainge, Maynard, Toulson, Marshall, Smith (sub Lowe 43), McReady (sub Williams 80), Gardner, Gregory (sub Holsgrove 65). **SUBS NOT USED:** Worthington, Senior.

POSSESSION	47%	53%
CORNERS	7	6
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	5
SHOTS OFF TARGET	7	6

FOULS	8	8
YELLOW CARDS	0	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 6,519 (260 HALIFAX)

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ALDERSHOT 3-3 TOWN

The Hatters extended their unbeaten run to six games in another topsy-turvy game in the Skrill Premier.

Showing one change from the weekend – with Jake Howells replacing Alex Lawless – the Town made the perfect start when taking the lead on four minutes. Ex-Aldershot midfielder Luke Guttridge sent Andre Gray through on goal and after taking a touch the striker curled home a fine left-foot shot into the corner of the net for his third goal of the season.

Hurt by going behind the hosts responded well. Captain Craig Stanley flashed a drive inches over the crossbar on six minutes before Mark Tyler did well to claw onto a curling effort from Brett Williams on 11 minutes.

However, the Hatters weren't so lucky a minute later when Jake Goodman, who played 11 times on-loan for the Town last season, took advantage of some slack defending to tap home from two yards.

However, the Hatters re-took the lead on 16 minutes through Andy Parry's first goal for the club. Gray wriggled his way into the box to win a corner which Howells swung into Steve McNulty, and the centre-half's header across goal was kneed home by Parry from six yards.

Andy Scott's side hit their second equaliser on 24 minutes when Roberts fired confidently beyond an exposed Tyler after Alex Lacey and McNulty had failed to deal with a long ball over the top of the defence.

Guttridge shot wide for the Hatters on 31 minutes before Benson's appeals for a penalty were waved away two minutes later after the striker went down under a challenge from home goalkeeper Nick Pope.

But Aldershot were always looking dangerous going forward and, after twice going close with half-chances from set-pieces, the Shots took the lead for the first time on the stroke of half-time. Mark Moseley picked

the ball up outside the Hatters' penalty area, strode unchallenged to the byline, cut inside and smashed a low shot past Tyler.

There were no changes after half-time for either side, but the Hatters missed a great chance to level four minutes after the restart when Gray's pass from the right flank was met first-time by Guttridge but he lifted the ball over the crossbar from 15 yards.

Chances were few and far between and just before the hour Alex Wall was introduced in the Town's first change of the night, the striker replacing Howells.

On 62 minutes the Hatters came close again to finding an equaliser when the ball found its way to Gray just inside the box and the scorer of the first goal sent a firm left-foot shot a yard wide of the target.

The Town had Tyler to thank for keeping the score at 3-2 when he dived at full length to save Jaydon Gibbs' low curling shot from the edge of the box.



The Hatters celebrate Andy Parry's goal

Coolly

John Still introduced Shaun Whalley on 71 minutes and the former Southport winger joined his former Haig Avenue colleague on the scoresheet from the spot 10 minutes from time. He burst into the box down the right before being sent sprawling and, after a short delay, stepped up to coolly dispatch past Pope from 12 yards to rescue a point.

It was a performance that the Hatters boss described as "unconvincing". He said: "We've been defending well this season but we have conceded poor goals tonight.

"I said to the players before the game this would be one of the toughest games we would face this season. Aldershot lost 3-0 at home on Saturday and I knew there would be a reaction. To lead twice, score three goals away from home and not win is disappointing. However, to come from 3-2 shows we don't know when we're beaten."

ALDERSHOT 3-3 TOWN

Goodman 13, Roberts 24, Molesley 45

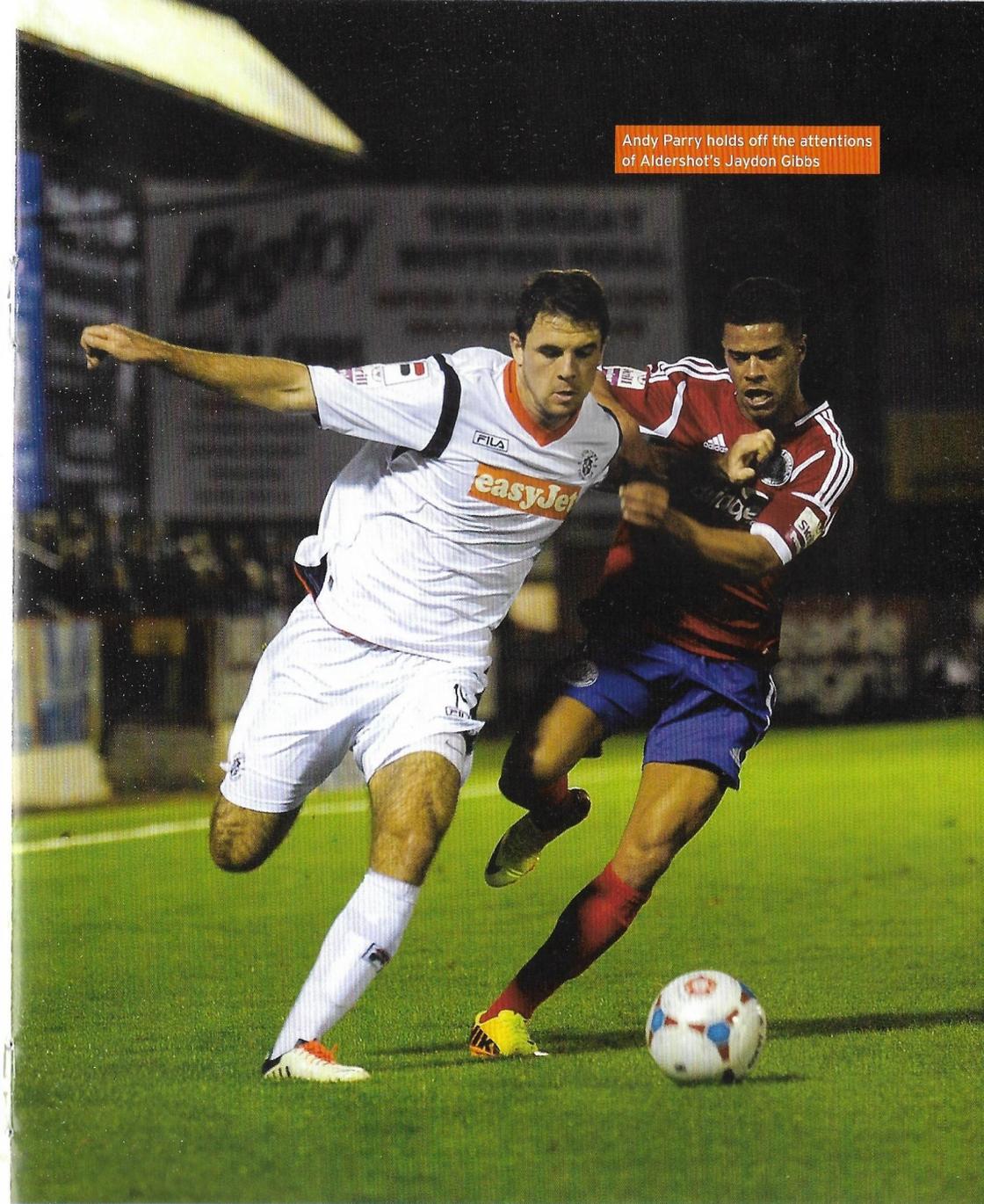
Gray 4, Parry 16, Whalley 80 (pen)



Shaun Whalley's penalty brings the Town level



Andre Gray celebrates his second goal in as many games



Andy Parry holds off the attentions of Aldershot's Jaydon Gibbs

ALDERSHOT: Pope, Goodman, Oastler, Barker, Gibbs, Roberts (sub Douglas 77), Oyeleke, Stanley, Young, Molesley, Williams. **SUBS NOT USED:** Brown, Paterson, Williams, Wickham.

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Parry (sub Whalley 71), Guttridge, Gray, Howells (sub Wall 59), Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Charles, Robinson, Justham.

POSSESSION	52%	48%
CORNERS	5	6
SHOTS ON TARGET	5	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	5	5

FOULS	8	11
YELLOW CARDS	2	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 2,693 (840 LUTON)

Yeohai Alex Wall celebrates his spectacular winner against Halifax last weekend



centre spot

reaction

WONDER WALL

The amount of time Alex Wall said the word "luckily" after his match-winning strike against FC Halifax last Saturday would suggest that the Hatters forward won't hit another shot like that in his career at Kenilworth Road.

Indeed, it was revealed by strike partner Andre Gray afterwards that the 23-year-old couldn't find the back of the net from a similar position when

practising over and over in training the day before.

However, luckily or not, the ball from Wall did beat visiting goalkeeper Matt Glennon and crowned a marvellous comeback and seal an astonishing 4-3 win.

"I was just aiming for the target and luckily it went in," the former Maidenhead striker modestly admitted afterwards.

"Probably I'll do one next week and it'll fly over but luckily it went in and we got the three points."

It was Wall's third goal in Town colours since becoming John Still's first signing last March and the striker admitted he didn't know how to celebrate his game-clinching effort.

"I think you could tell from my celebration that I wasn't very used to it! I started off with 'oh no, I've scored' but then lapped it up."

Still said that Wall's goal was "worthy of winning any game of football" and the striker was pleased that his contribution helped the Hatters to all three points on a day when they trailed 3-1.

"It shows what team spirit we've got and how hard we work from coming 3-1 down to actually win the game," he said.

"It shows exactly what we're about to be honest. It shows what team spirit we've got to fight back. We all work hard for one another. That's the mentality we've got. We will not lie down and we will never know when are beaten."

The Hatters' fitness levels have been noticeably higher since Still's appointment and Wall, having joined the Town after playing part-time for Maidenhead, believes he is now reaping the rewards – especially after a stop-start beginning to the campaign that saw him pick up two injuries and a three-match suspension.

"I had to learn a lot, not just on the training pitch, but also off it was well with diet and looking after myself a bit better," Wall said.

"It's all coming together now and hopefully I can stay injury free. From pre-season I've been injured and in and out which wasn't the best of starts and not what I wanted.

"Then I got the suspension and then I got injured when I came back, so it's great to be back now and scoring goals and team winning most importantly.

"I've been trying to show exactly what I'm about. It's been frustrating and I'm sure the manager has been as well. I've just got to keep going."

Wall's inclusion on the substitutes' bench was deliberated at length between Still and his coaching staff before the decision was made.

And it comes after a string of impressive performances in the Town's development squad – who are yet to lose in fixtures under first team coach Hakan Hayrettin this season.

Wall believes those games have not just helped him but also the whole squad in preparation for matches in the Skril Premier.

"I'm not the first player to benefit from these development games and I won't be the last," said Wall. "The manager has shown countless times this season that if you do well in these development games you will get a chance in the first team.

"It's up to every player to catch the manager's eye and say 'I'm ready for the first team'. We have such a quality squad and competition for places is so fierce which puts the manager in a great position.

"I'm happy that my performances in those games has led to me being given a chance in the first team squad and now it's up to me to keep my place in it."

reaction

SHAUN ON THE SPOT

There were nerves on the terraces, the directors' box and in the press seats as Shaun Whalley stepped up to the penalty spot during Tuesday night's 3-3 draw at Aldershot.

The summer arrival from Southport had missed from 12 yards on the opening day of the season against his former employers on an afternoon that ended in defeat.

But there were no worries from one man inside the Recreation Ground with 10 minutes left on the clock.

Having won the penalty himself there was no doubt in the winger's mind that he wanted to take it – and the subsequent conversion banished the memories of that opening day miss.

"I was just delighted to win the penalty and as soon as I won the penalty, I did want to take it," the 26-year-old told Hatters Player afterwards.

"I felt as though I let the lads down on the first game of the season and let myself down.

"I've not really done well since then either which has been disappointing.

"I was thinking about the Southport penalty as I just wanted to get off the mark, erase that from my memory and luckily I did.

"It was a long wait and I know the defenders were trying to put me off a little bit, but I managed to calm my nerves and tucked it away.

"Hopefully now I've got that out of the way I can get back to playing as I can."

Pleased

On the draw itself, Whalley was pleased with a point.

He said: "I thought we did okay, Aldershot are a decent team and I think we deserved a draw. We've made a couple of mistakes but on the whole we've been excellent defensively all season.

"The lads have been fantastic and scoring lots of goals too. Tonight's goal will boost my confidence and if there's another penalty to be had I will step up if I'm selected – I've got no worries about that.

"Like all the players I want this club to get promoted."

Boss John Still described the performance against the Shots as "unconvincing" but he paid tribute to the winger for showing the courage to step up.

"I'm pleased for Shaun because it hasn't been an easy start to the season," said Still. "He missed the penalty at Southport but he's come back and worked ever-so hard.

"People don't always see the whole picture. Shaun has needed to settle in, he's had to find a place for him and his family to live which has been difficult.

"Shaun's a good player, make no mistake and I think that we'll see the best of him now after that goal.

"It wasn't going to be easy stepping up for the penalty but he did it with such confidence. That is a sign of a great player."

The six-goal thriller also saw Andy Parry score his first goal for the Hatters. The midfielder signed for the Town together with team-mate Whalley and the former Blackburn trainee was delighted to see his the winger's penalty hit the back of the net.

Courage

"I was just hoping he'd score it," said Parry. "Everyone has confidence in him to go and score because he is the penalty taker.

"He showed good courage because he missed one against Southport on the opening day, so to pick the ball up and do it again is fair play to him."

On his goal, Parry said: "It is always nice to score your first goal even if you don't know too much about it.

"It just took a little nick off my knee, but they all count."

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THE RECORD

Overall the Hatters' results on this day have been mixed. Of the 11 games played the Town have won six, lost four and drawn one. 17 goals have been scored by the Hatters whilst just 11 have been conceded. That's a total of 28 goals in total and an average of 2.5 goals per game.

THE LAST TIME

It's been 11 years since the Hatters were in action on 12th October and on that particular day the Town beat Cheltenham Town 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in Division 2 (now League 1). Joe Kinnear's side had begun the 2002/03 campaign with four straight defeats but the win over the Robins propelled the Hatters up to 10th place in the table.

The Town were trailing 1-0 at half-time following Simon Milton's early goal but the second half was a different story. A 25-yard thunderbolt from Chris Coyne on 54 minutes brought the score level before Andrew Fotiadis won it with a goal 20 minutes from time.

Come the end of the campaign the Hatters finished in ninth place whilst the Robins were relegated finishing 21st in the table.

TAMING OF THE SHREWS

In 1996/97 the Town were challenging for promotion back to the First Division (now Championship) following relegation the previous season, and on this day in 1996 Lennie Lawrence's side earned a fine 3-0 win over Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow.

A third-minute goal from Paul Showler fired the Town in front before a rare goal from Mitchell Thomas doubled the Hatters' lead on 58 minutes. The victory was made sure in the closing stages thanks to Kim Grant's goal.

Whilst the Town suffered Play-Off heartbreak – losing to Crewe – the Shrews were relegated after finishing in 22nd place.

FRANCIS ON FIRE

The Hatters have not lost on this day since a 1974 defeat to Birmingham City at Kenilworth Road in the top flight.

Struggling for form, the Town had only won once going into the game and a Trevor Francis hat-trick condemned Harry Haslam's side to a fifth defeat in 12 matches.

Francis scored twice in the opening five minutes before a Trevor Hindson goal for the Hatters reduced arrears.

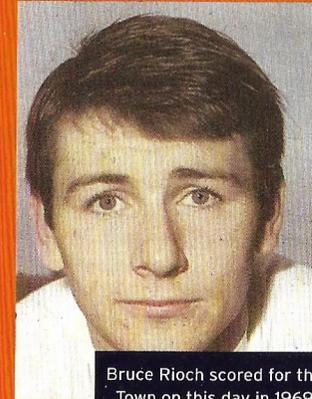
But Francis had the final say when completing his treble with 20 minutes on the clock.

WINNING IN THE RAIN

After winning the Division Four (now League 2) title in 1968, the Town began their campaign in Division Three on fire, going unbeaten in their first 10 matches, winning seven of them.

Successive defeats to Watford and Barnsley brought the run to an abrupt end but on this day in 1969 the Hatters got back to winning ways with a 3-0 win over Hartlepool at Kenilworth Road.

On an afternoon played in sodden, treacherous conditions, the Town led struggling Pools 1-0 at half-time thanks to Laurie Sheffield's 27th-minute goal. Second half strikes from Bruce Rioch



Bruce Rioch scored for the Town on this day in 1969

and Brian Lewis completed the rout to send the Hatters back to the top of the table.

THE BEST OF THE REST

A solitary goal from Gareth Salisbury gave the Hatters a 1-0 win over Bournemouth in 1963 in Division Three (now League 1) in front of a crowd of 6,361 at Kenilworth Road. That victory was the first the Town had achieved on 12th October since another 1-0 win, at Gillingham in 1935.

The Town also recorded a 4-1 win over Fulham at Kenilworth Road in 1929. Two goals from Jimmy Drinnan plus strikes from Jimmy Yardley and Andy Rennie completed the scoring in front of a crowd of 10,053. Between them that season Yardley and Rennie scored 32 of the Hatters' goals as they finished 13th in Division Three (South).



The Oak Road end in 1912

THE OAK ROAD MOVE: EXPLAINED

Today will see the entirety of the Oak Road stand available to Town supporters for the first time since the end of the 1990/91 season.

It has been a long held ambition of everyone at the Club to witness such an occasion and has come about following a prolonged period of consultation with many agencies, including Luton Borough Council's Safety Advisory Group, who had the final decision before granting the Club permission to trial this alternative stadium configuration.

In more recent years, with the Oak Road stand being given over to visiting fans – often numbering less than 100 – the lack of interaction between the two sets of fans can occasionally be described as negligible, and the atmosphere has often been diluted as a result.

The idea of segregating the Oak Road stand was first considered, but issues regarding keeping home and away supporters separate at the point of entry and exit were impossible to overcome, as were issues surrounding toileting and refreshment areas. All stadia across the country are bound by what is known as the 'Green Guide' – officially called the Guide at Safety at Sports Grounds. This guide sets out all the do's and don'ts of sporting stadia including regulations regarding the flow of people into and out of grounds and how wide gangways must be etc. There can be no grey areas – this guide has to be adhered to and each stadia's Safety Advisory Group will insist that it is followed to the letter – thus preventing many of the ideas put forward to address this issue from ever seeing the light of day.

Eventually, the plan of accommodating small numbers of away fans in Block A (Lower) of the Kenilworth Road

stand was put together with the naturally separated entrances, exits, toilets and refreshment areas was proposed to the Safety Advisory Group following consultations with Bedfordshire Police and other interested agencies – and final approval for the trial was given on 25th September. It would be appropriate here to thank all members of the Safety Advisory Group for accepting the Club's proposal.

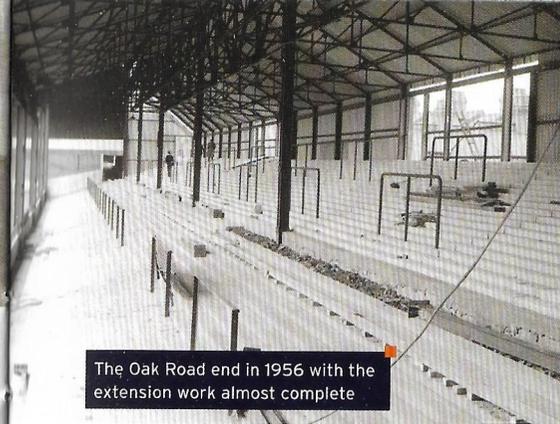
The trial will allow the Club to reallocate the away fans to Block A (Lower) of the Kenilworth Road end on those occasions when the anticipated away support is 100 or less and that there is no likelihood of these re-positioned away fans causing any disruption in the Kenilworth Road stand.

The Club certainly appreciates the fact that this move will not be popular with all of our supporters.

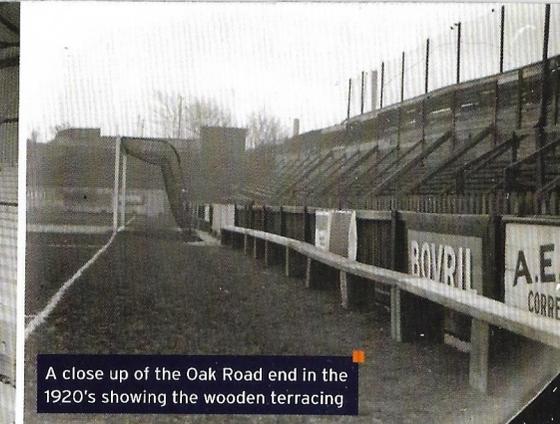
We would like to thank the 12 season ticket holders from Block A (Lower) who have been reallocated seats elsewhere in the stadium for their patience, but as with any newly conceived plans, there are likely to be other issues affecting home fans in the Kenilworth Road stand and we seek your patience in finding solutions to these teething problems – we hope you will agree that it will be worth it in the long run to further enhance the volume levels in support of the team going forward.

In addition to those fans seeking to return to their spiritual home in the Oak Road stand, we have also taken this opportunity to offer the chance to future generations of Hatters fans to be with us here today – inviting local schoolchildren and players with our partnership youth football clubs to enjoy this special day and hopefully become hooked on supporting their local team.

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The Oak Road end in 1956 with the extension work almost complete



A close up of the Oak Road end in the 1920's showing the wooden terracing

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Chairman Nick Owen and managing director Gary Sweet look-back on their Oak Road past.

NICK:

For my first few matches at Kenilworth Road, I went into the main stand to sit with my father because I was only little! Then when I was deemed tall enough in the early sixties, it was the Oak Road and the memories are still vivid.

As the sixties progressed, it simply got better and better to be part of that ultra-passionate home crowd packed in behind the goal. How I wished at the time that I actually lived in the Oak Road itself. Even now, I can recapture in my mind the adrenalin rush before a game as I reached the top of the steps and looked down the terracing towards the pitch. Absolute heaven! The surge forward when we scored or nearly scored; witnessing a tracer heading our way from Rioch or Macdonald - utterly thrilling! I loved being in the middle of the chanting which seemed to have a new lease of life as we rocketed up the divisions after our time in the doldrums.

And it was from there that I witnessed Luton Town's finest ever goal, Graham French dribbling his way into the distance, past man after man, for that astonishing solo goal against Mansfield. What great days and how delighted I am to think that Luton fans will once again be watching from behind the Oak Road goal!

GARY:

I remember my Mum agreeing for me to go to the game with my brother for the first time as a nine year old – "as long as you go in the Enclosure," she barked. Of course, my brother only had scheming intentions to meet up with a couple of his Oak Roader mates. A good 90 minutes before kick-off, excitedly and nervously I was dragged – literally – through the turnstiles, under the corridorred entrance, climbed the steps and faced a wall of fear. Grown men, mostly dubbed as hooligans in those days, obstructed our entrance. We squeezed our way down to the front – which seemed to take an age – only to be told by my brother to "Stay put! I'll be back at full-time." Cardiff supporters, thankfully, didn't uphold their reputation on that day.

My second and first 'authorised' visit came in the opening Second Division match of the season after – the season we got promoted to the top flight – when we tanked our eventual promotion partners Carlisle 6-1. In those days, as a tiny, skinny kid, you didn't see much of the game with the hustle and bustle of the crowd relying on the occasional glimpse between the silk-scarved arms of the Luton faithful in top voice. Alas, any chance of enjoying the game was killed by all seven goals being scored at the Kenny end.

Ground opened with the Oak Road end then consisting of wooden terracing backed by a high wooden fence.

Cash raised by the Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club enables a roof to be placed over the Oak Road end and the wooden terracing being replaced with concrete.

The Oak Road end is more than doubled in size. The cost of the extension work, plus new stairways and an extra entrance drilled through the adjacent houses amounts to £12,425.

The Oak Road end becomes 'all-seater' as the ground converts to home fans only.

Highly intrusive fences placed behind the Oak Road goal.

With the re-introduction of away fans to the ground, the Oak Road end is designated the away fans stand.

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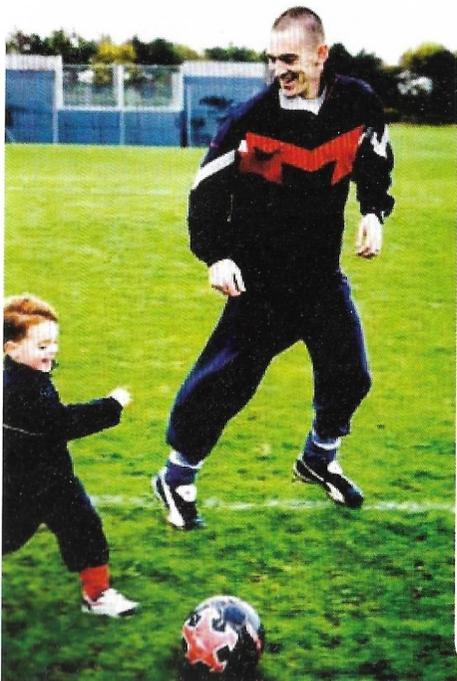
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Following the decision to allow Hatters fans to sit exclusively in the Oak Road stand for this afternoon's game and for selected matches later in the season, we got all nostalgic and asked our Twitter followers and Facebook fans for their memories of watching the Town from this end of Kenilworth Road. Here's what you had to say...

Key Lennon @kevlennon1 @LTFC_Official Beating Arsenal in FA Cup replay 3-0, great atmosphere & my feet not touching the floor the whole game #packedinlikesardines

patrick © graham @smile_of_decade @LTFC_Official 40p > up the steps > shrouded in the roar > CHEERS, coming out, black & white scarf sweet with the smell of No.6 fags #OakRoad

KarlwithaK @KarlPettitt @LTFC_Official when the man wasn't looking I'd slide under the fence into the middle section for a better view and atmos! #OakRoaders #COYH

KarlwithaK @KarlPettitt @LTFC_Official I used to pay 75p to get into the Oak Road Junior Hatters section (nearest the Bobbers, when it was split into three sections)

Mr Benjamin @I_MrBenjamin @LTFC_Official Steve Williams pre-match shot whisking past my ear before smashing a mug in the kiosk. #OakRoaders

Mark Turner @Buster_the_Bear With the Oak Road being re-opened to Luton fans next week, the atmosphere will be uplifting! My season ticket seat was once in that stand.

Daniel Green @thedanimal74 @LTFC_Official beating Liverpool 3-0 in the FA Cup replay when I were just a lad. #OakRoaders

Paul Tomkins @PaulTheManager @LTFC_Official great decision to open the Oak Road again. Glorious Memories #BringBackTheNoise

Alan Burgess @alwburgess @LTFC_Official Fav memory of the Oak Rd? Being in line with Keith Wellers OG when he was at Leicester, time seemed to stand still. I was 10.

Dave Atkins @DebenDave @LTFC_Official watching Denis Law score 6 goal against Luton and then him being on the losing side.

Steven Meszaros So many to say here are a same beating Shrewsbury Town 4-1 1982 - a great night. Beating Grimsby 6-0, I still have the scarf standing right at the front Steve White want a player. Watching teams like Liverpool, Man Utd and Arsenal...just so many happy days nights standing in the Oak Road.

Graham Wright @grahammwright @LTFC_Official Best Oak Road memory? Luton 7 Southampton 0, October 1985. Peter Shiilton between the sticks for the Saints. Magic!

Wayne Andrews @HigherWayne @grahammwright @LTFC_Official Me too! All singing "Shilton's getting worried" as the sixth goal went in.....

Work The Channels @workthechannels Good move from @LTFC_Official housing their fans in the Oak Road End vs @hydefclive Subscribe to the view atmosphere assists extra points

Rick @RWarbz85 Have to say, great move by @LTFC_Official to allow home fans in the Oak Road stand. Definitely onto a winner in many ways! #goodworkLuton

Trust in Luton @trustinluton Great news about the Oak Road being open to home fans for a couple of games. Well done everyone involved @LTFC_Official. #expectthebanter

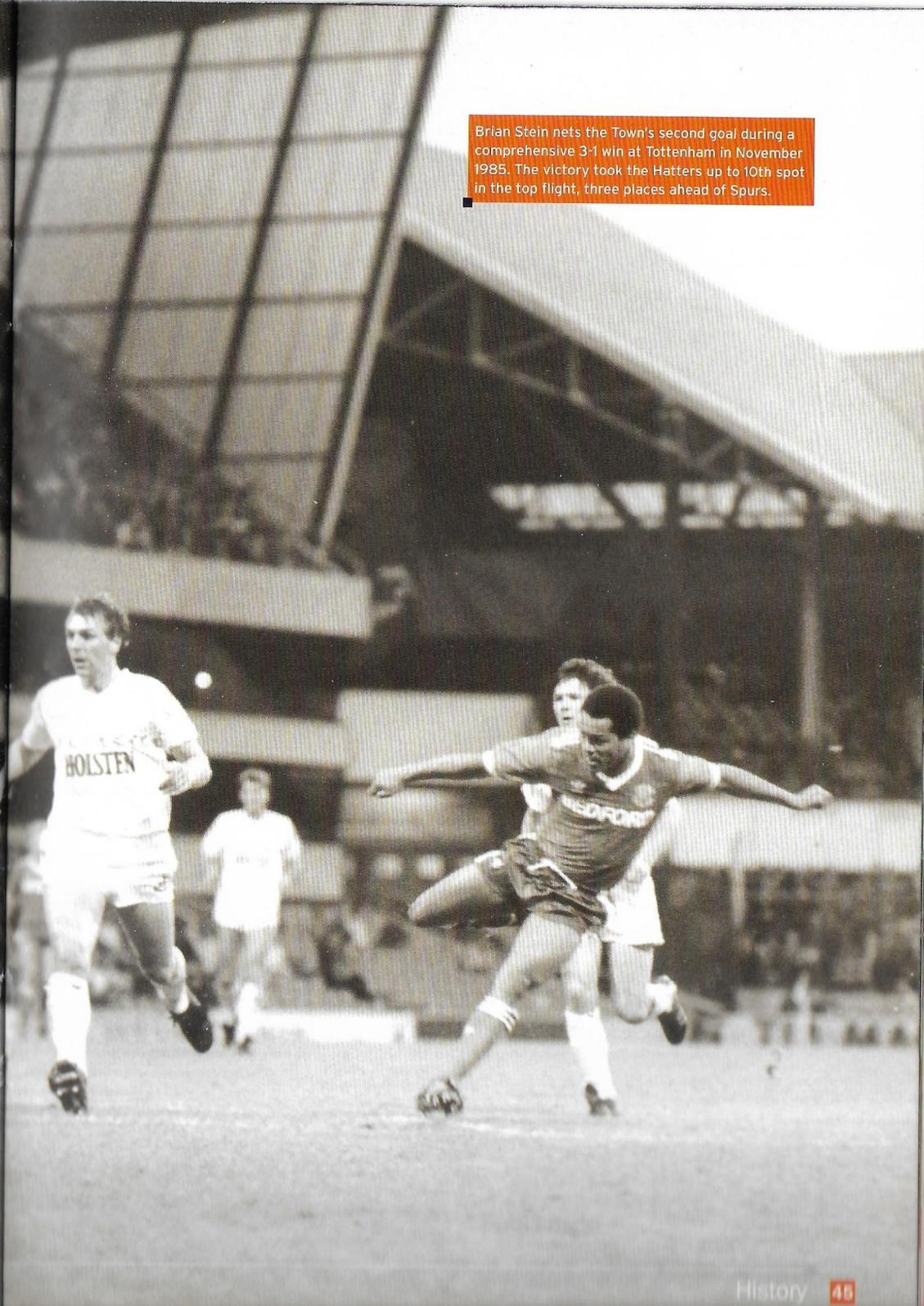
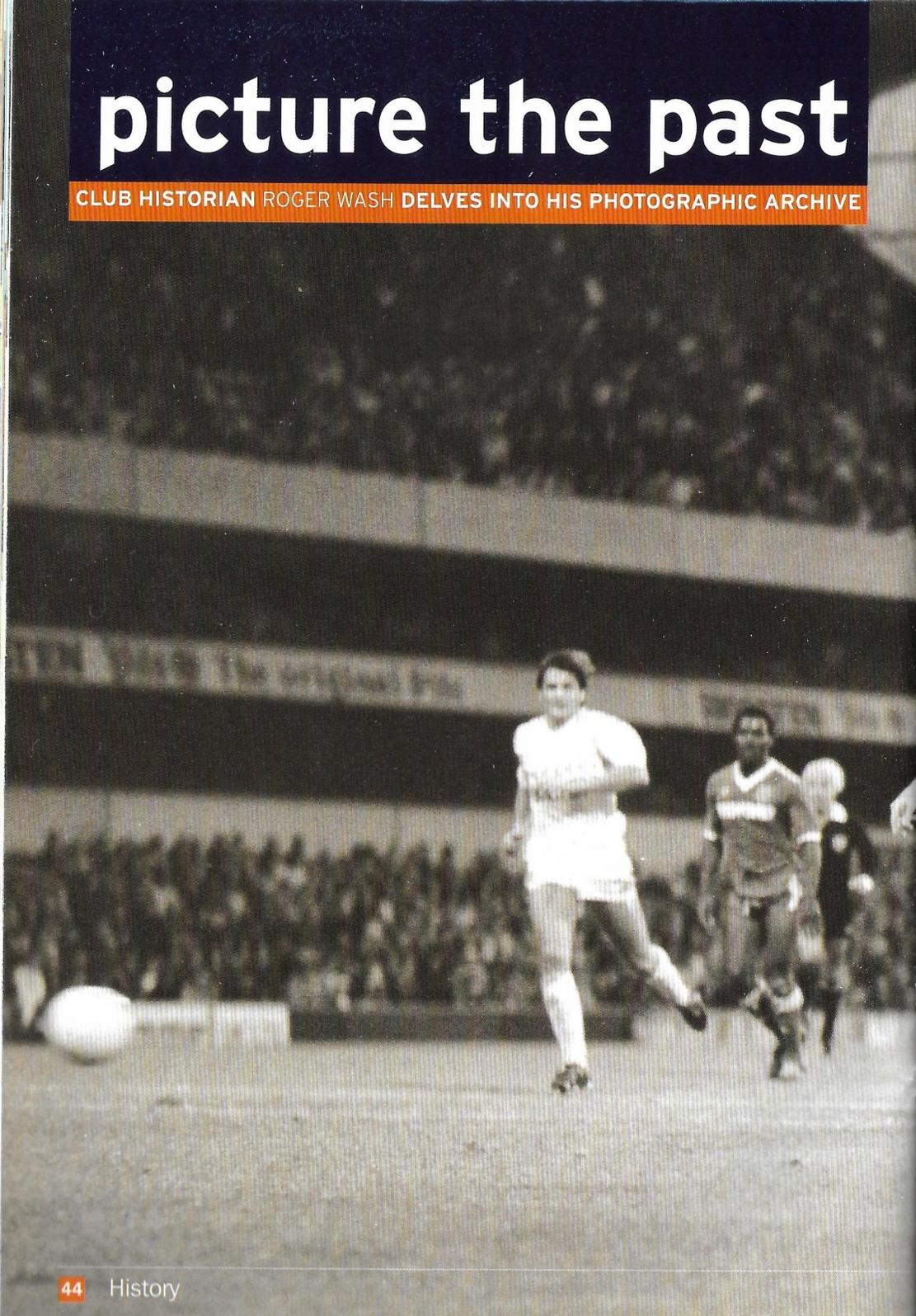
Sean Downey Simply where I met all my mates. Just by the column to the right as you look at the goal about 2/3rds back up the oak road. Still seems strange the away support goes in there. Very happy memories indeed. Was always great when we scored and went mental. Never ended up where you took off!

Andrew Kingston @treblethree @LTFC_Official First place I ever watched a game from was the Oak Road end, remember standing at the front as Luton beat Wolves 4-0 in 1983.

Ryan King @FerretLTFC Oak Road end open to home fans, great move @LTFC_Official, big fan of this! #COYH

picture the past

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



Brian Stein nets the Town's second goal during a comprehensive 3-1 win at Tottenham in November 1985. The victory took the Hatters up to 10th spot in the top flight, three places ahead of Spurs.

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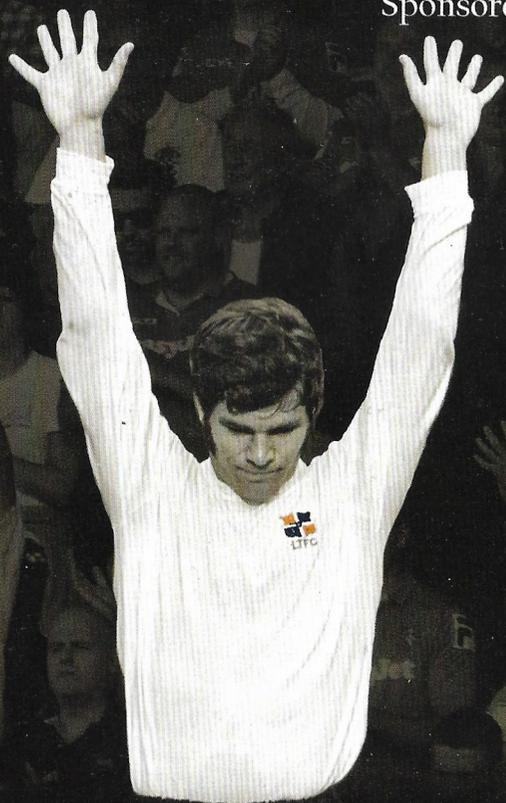
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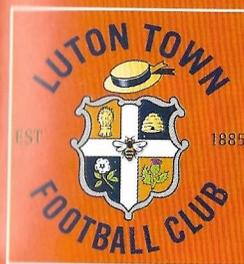
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TOTT GETS TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS' UNDER-18 SQUAD



NAME:
Osamu Allman
DATE OF BIRTH:
01/05/1997
POSITION: Left midfielder
YEAR JOINED LUTON TOWN: 2008
FORMER CLUB:
Forest United

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BEST FOOTBALL MOMENT
Getting signed by Luton Town

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID
Arsenal

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND
Thierry Henry

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER SO FAR
Before signing for Luton I played Sunday league football between the ages of 10 and 12. At under-14 I was offered my scholarship but then at under-16 I broke my leg. However, I came back late into that season and helped my team win a cup even though we were entered in a competition a year above us.

academy update

WITH JOE DEENEY



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It continues to be a real privilege to work for Luton Town as the Under-16 Academy Manager again this season and as every season begins there are new challenges ahead of myself, the staff and players.

There have been several positives I have taken from the Under-16 start so far this season. I am a firm believer in keeping players tested in all areas of their development. We have had some pleasing results to date, both individually and collectively.

At Under-16 level it is my responsibility to ensure our next batch of Under-16s are ready for the demands next season when they go into the building full-time as scholars.

Fitness

We have seen a progression in the team in terms of fitness and performances in the last three months.

It is imperative that the players with the help of myself, Lee Cowley and Wayne Turner push on and win a scholarship which is the next stage of their development to being a professional footballer.

It is a very difficult time in the players' lives at this stage with the pressures and demands of football, coupled with school exams and other outside influences.

It will be a tough and testing time over the next six months for the players and myself, and hopefully, the players will continue to relish and embrace the challenge the same way I do.

At Under-16 level they are still at the point in their careers where they are judged on potential.

In nine months' time if they become scholars they have to go from potential to reality in a very short space of time and realise the expectations are different.

Within six to 18 months they need to be doing well enough to be considered at first team level, like Zane Banton has shown this season to date.

The levels of opposition we play against varies from week to week, varying from the Saturday morning games programme against other academies to the Midweek Under-18 league we have the Under-16s play in.

The Under-18 Southern Counties League I found last year to give the players the nearest possible experience to what they will hopefully encounter over the next few years in their careers.

Experience

The pressure of points, stadiums and playing against other sides that see Luton Town as very much a cup final I believe is not far different from what our first team experience on a game by game basis.

The players have found themselves stretched physically in these games and it has been an enjoyable experience to

date and one in which I continue to learn about players abilities to perform under pressure and their ability to cope physically at Under-18s football next season.

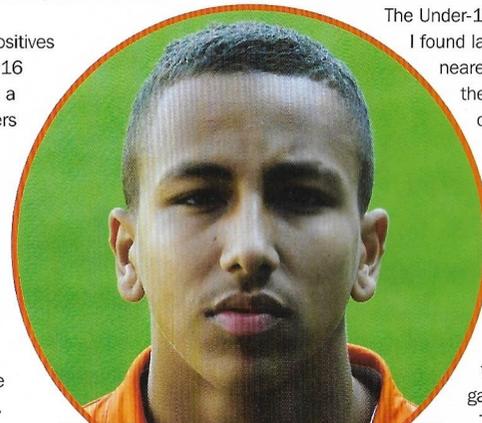
After an excellent start from the Under-18s this season and with the quality of the squad, the Under-16 players are really going to have to step up and deliver consistently excellent performances to get their opportunity to win a place in Paul Driver's team.

Boost

Midfielder Sam Alderson has already made his debut for the youth team, and hopefully that will be the boost the rest of the group need in order to be the next batch of talented young players at the club.

Our next Southern Counties League home game is on Wednesday 30th October at Top Field, Hitchin Town, kick-off 7.30pm.

Support would be great and hopefully for fans and followers of our youth teams could come and see our next batch of Under-16 players coming through.



Former Under-16 Zane Banton has made his debut for the first team already this season

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Luton Ladies

VICTORY FOR LADIES RESERVES

With the Ladies' first team not in action, the Hatters' second string got off the mark with a 1-0 away win at Enfield Town.

The Town started well and took a 12th-minute lead when Samantha Ogunleye picked up the ball 30 yards out raced forward and arrowed a shot past the Enfield goalkeeper for her first goal of the season.

As the Hatters continued to press, the Ladies had several chances to extend their lead in the second period, but had defender Christy Pearson to thank for the three points when she made a remarkable goal-line clearance after keeper Tia Augustine was rounded and the Enfield striker appeared to have the goal at her mercy.

Ability

Reserve boss Dave Segust was delighted with the result and told Talk of the Town: "The performance showed that a real team ethic was developing and, although the team is the youngest in the league, the vital understandings all over the pitch are starting to develop and several players are showing that they have the ability to move up when required."

The Under-15s march on at the top of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire League with a comprehensive 10-0 demolition of Leighton Park Rangers. The goals were again shared around with Chloe Fitzsimmons leading

the way with a hat-trick. Leading scorer Phoebe Brown grabbed another double as did Kirsty Robertson. Lucy Higgs, Joanne Weaver and Scarlett Pattenden completed the scoring.

The table-topping Under-14s triumphed 7-0 against another of Watford's three squads, with hotshot Jodie Bellinger smashing five goals and Rebecca Ferris and Leila Palmer weighing in the other two.

Meanwhile, the Town enter the FA Cup at the next round stage and have an away trip to play East London-based KIKK United.

KIKK almost achieved promotion from the division below the Town last season and won their previous tie 9-0.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "The tie is a potential banana skin for us but is winnable if we apply ourselves correctly.

"However, our recent cup record is not the best and we need to start putting that right starting on 3rd November."

LADIES FIXTURES 2013/14

	DATE	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	Arlesey Town	
	Sun 13	H	Ebbsfleet United	
	Wed 16	H	MK Dons	
	Sun 20	H	Ipswich Town	
NOV	Sun 27	A	Norwich City	
	Sun 3	A	KIKK United (FA Cup)	
	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	
FEB	Sun 19	H	Norwich City	
	Sun 26	H	Denham United	
	Sun 2	A	Ipswich Town	

SOUTH EAST WOMENS COMBINATION LEAGUE

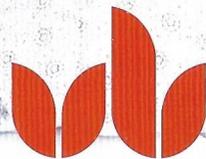
	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1	C&K Basildon	7	6	0	1	8	18
2	Norwich City	7	5	0	2	8	15
3	QPR	6	4	1	1	11	13
4	Denham	8	3	2	3	0	11
5	Enfield Town	7	3	1	3	3	10
6	Ebbsfleet United	7	3	1	3	2	10
7	Milton Keynes Dons	6	2	3	1	1	9
8	Cambridge Women	8	2	2	4	-1	8
9	Ipswich Town	8	1	3	4	-8	6
10	Luton Town	4	1	0	3	-4	3
11	Brentwood Town	6	0	1	5	-20	1

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A FAN'S TALE

MY NAME: Brian Barton

MY AGE: 65

MY LOCATION: Solihull

MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

57 years. My Dad introduced me to the Hatters as we lived in Avondale Road which adjoins Kenilworth Road. It was Boxing Day, a reserve match against, from memory, Chelsea. We stood behind the Kenilworth end goal. I don't remember much about the game other than it introduced me to football. For the next three years I never missed a home match, sitting on a perimeter wall adjoining the Kenilworth Road end and the main stand behind the corner flag.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME:

The 1988 League Cup final.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL:

Malcolm MacDonald scoring at Birmingham City from a poor goal-kick from the Birmingham keeper. The ball went straight to Malcolm on the half-way line, who then ran it in past the keeper. It was special to me as I was living – and still am – in Birmingham and I was at the match with all my pals who were City supporters.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER:

Bruce Rioch.

MY MOST TREASURED TOWN POSSESSION:

A piece of the infamous plastic pitch.

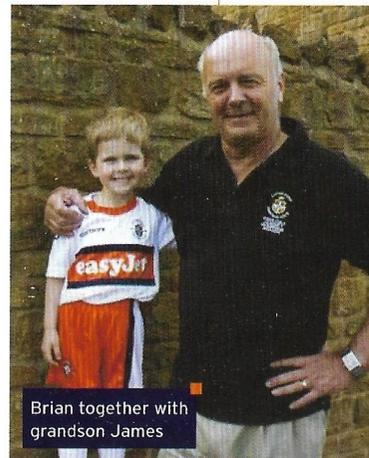


MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI:

Ron Baynham, Seamus Dunne, Syd Owen, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, Bruce Rioch, Billy Bingham, Mick Harford, Malcolm Macdonald, Paul Walsh, Jim Ryan.

YOU ARE MY LUTON, MY ONLY LUTON...WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPIEST ABOUT FOLLOWING THE HATTERS?

From my very first match up until the present day I have always supported the Hatters. I only lived in Luton for three years, and have lived in various parts of the world, and had the chances to support many clubs, but Luton is the only one for me.



Brian together with grandson James

For the last 40 years I have lived in Birmingham and my close friends support the Villa or Birmingham, and I have had to put up with constant ribbing from them.

I am a professional golfer by trade, which has meant that I have had to work every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday so I have not been to Kenilworth Road for about 30 years. Some may say, how then can I be a supporter? But there is none greater than me. I have watched the Town on many occasions over the years when they have played in the Midlands.

Through my job I have a lot of friends connected to professional clubs (players, directors, etc.) when Luton were playing these clubs tickets were always given to me, because of my loyalty to the Town. I have recently retired and will now be able to get to the home matches. I am proud to be the chairman, president and secretary of the Knowle branch of the Luton Town Supporters Club...(membership 1!)

from left midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE

They say be careful what you wish for. But as our fingernails slowly begin to grow back and pacemakers are reset in time to drink in the next ridiculous 90 minutes of our beloved Town, I don't hear many longing for a return to the cagey stuff.

"We're soccer crazy and goals are our code, we are the hatters of Kenilworth Road. You come and see us and you'll get the thrills, right through the whole of the season" sang The Barron Knights back in '74. Their tribute to The Town *"Hatters Hatters"* painted a picture of a Luton side built for pure entertainment. But those old enough to have heard this peculiar musical creation outside of YouTube will have seen enough ups and downs to know it's not always been blockbuster stuff.

After a thrilling turnaround against Lincoln and a vintage night in Woking, the old heads must have feared that the 0-0 at Hereford would signal the end of the goal rush, and the start of another barren spell in front of goal.

But just as The Knights prophesied, in the games that followed we were treated to more goals at both ends than are dotted around Hackney Marshes. We are all living the dream here, lads! Glance up to the Directors' Box and you can almost see Eric Morecambe wiggling his glasses, smile at the ready.

In the wide-eyed words of Richard Money this week, "Are you not entertained?" Unlike the supporters behind the dugout of our former manager's Cambridge United, who were seemingly not happy with being seven (now eight) points clear at the top of the Skrill, we definitely were.

25 goals in the last six games, is plenty of bang for your Bedfordshire buck. Especially considering one of

them was a 0-0. And with our resolve to support the team till the bitter-end appearing to hold firm for now, we are starting to look very tough to beat. Not in that anti-football way that Stoke City are sometimes hard to beat at the Britannia. We're tough to beat in that fun last minute terrace-shaking equaliser way. The sing your way back to the station way.

The truth is that despite the growing gap at the top, we all know that the points grasped from the jaws of... err... slightly less points in the last few weeks would never have been ours last season.

Comfortable

There's a tangible buzz about the place at the moment. Still appears relaxed and comfortable as he wise-cracks his way through press conferences, his own doubt disappearing week after week as he grows into the role. The players are celebrating each goal like it were their first and last. There's even room for a dissenting fan in the post match huddle-cuddle.

But hold on there. As you and I, dear reader, approach the end of this page together, we battered and confused Luton fans are both sure of one thing aren't we? You know what I'm talking about don't you?

That's right ladies and gentlemen, you, me, the players, the big huddle-cuddle, all of us together... we're heading for a nil-nil.

Because as the Barron Knights failed to sing, the slightly creepy "thrills" that they mention never last "right through the whole of the season" do they? They come and go. And this whiskey-soaked football cliché guidebook here is telling me that it's a marathon and not a sprint, and there's a fair way to go yet. So let's stay behind 'em, eh?

Oh and Oak Road, gi's a song.

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY STEVEN CONEY

We've all heard countless times about managers who "lose the dressing room" but what about bosses who lose the supporters?

Just last week, Cambridge United manager Richard Money lashed out at his own fans for not getting behind their team, saying they were "as quiet as a mouse", and adding "it's not acceptable – not good enough."

Were the U's being outplayed on their own turf? Not quite. United beat Hereford 1-0 to go seven points clear at the top of the Skrill Premier.

It's common for fans and managers to butt heads when the team are struggling for form. But this is a side that started the season with a 13 game unbeaten run – a club record.

Grumpy

To be fair to Money, he has since come out and said it was "a ridiculous, over-exaggerated rant from a grumpy old fool." That may well be, but the damage might already be done.

Football fans don't forget things in a hurry and this might have just soured the relationship with Money despite their fantastic start.

Feelings

There have been somewhat similar instances elsewhere in Non-League too.

Former Grimsby Town joint-boss Rob Scott was never afraid to show his feelings – and that included to his own fans.

After a defeat to Darlington back in 2011, Scott went towards a section of the home crowd and had a verbal 'discussion' with a certain supporter. Scott departed the Mariners last month to leave Paul Hurst in sole charge.

Only recently did Ian Bogie quit Stockport County after admitting that "the venom that was spouted at myself and the players, which I've heard in a number of games, is not on." You could perhaps forgive County fans for

being a bit more raucous than most with the rapid demise they have suffered. On the same note, you can't blame bosses like Bogie.

Pressure

These managers have full-time jobs and then have the added pressure of handling a part-time football team so abuse is the last thing they want or need. And they'll all tell you that there's no such thing as part-time in Non-League football.

There have also been more high profile falling outs. Roy Keane famously told Sunderland fans to stay away from him and then left the Black Cats just three months later.

Gary Megson is another who has failed to win over supporters wherever he has gone, partly down to his style of play. He once labelled Bolton fans "pathetic" and later said "I liked Bolton as a club, but the fans didn't like me. I don't particularly like them either."

Rapport

The relationship a boss has with his players is obviously massive. But so is

his rapport with the fans.

It's clear to see that discouraging supporters lead to questions being asked by the board. And in this day and age of panic throughout football, it's the last thing managers need.

But maybe fans and managers should just forget their difference and stick together. That may be easier said than done but after all, both parties have the club's best interests at heart.



Richard Money asked: "Were you not entertained?"

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league look

THE LATEST IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

Cambridge United kept up their impressive unbeaten start to the season with a 1-0 win at Grimsby on Tuesday night to extend their lead at the top of the table to eight points.

Richard Money's side had a goal from Adam Cunnington and a penalty save from Chris Maxwell to thank at Blundell Park as the U's ended the Mariners' recent run of good form at Blundell Park.

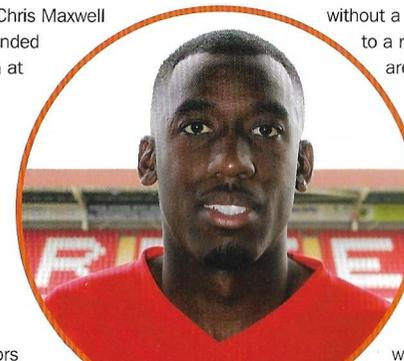
Grimsby's defeat allowed in-form Kidderminster to leap into second place in the table following the Harriers' 4-1 thumping of pre-season title favourites Forest Green at Aggborough. Former Town forward Amari Morgan-Smith scored twice, including a fine solo goal. The defeat for Rovers was their fifth in seven matches in a game that saw the visitors have two men sent-off. James Dance was also sent-off late on for Kiddy.

Nuneaton sit third in the table after Wes York's stoppage time goal earned a point from a 2-2 draw at FC Halifax. The hosts had taken the lead just moments before until Boro's late show.

Braintree complete the top five but their recent good run of form was ended by Welling in a five-goal thriller at Cressing Road. The victory for the Wings, last season's Conference South winners, leaves them just two points off of the Play-Offs.

Indeed there are a whole host of clubs within striking distance of the top five. Halifax, in 12th place are just three points behind the Hatters in fourth.

At the opposite end of the table, today's visitors Hyde lost for the 10th match in succession and are still without a win following a 2-0 home defeat to a resurgent Gateshead. The Tigers are in real danger of being cast adrift and are already 12 points from safety.



Former Hatter Amari Morgan-Smith scored twice for Kidderminster on Tuesday

1-0 wins for Chester, Macclesfield and Wrexham have not helped today's visitors. Chester's victory over Alfreton pushed the Blues closer to safety whilst Macclesfield moved two points clear of the dropzone with a win over Hereford at Moss Rose. Last season's losing Play-Off finalists Wrexham ended their run of four games without a win thanks to Joe Anyinsah's goal 15 minutes

from time against Southport at the Racecourse.

In today's action, Cambridge look to extend their unbeaten run to 15 games at Chester whilst Kidderminster aim to end Southport's unbeaten home record at Haig Avenue. Grimsby go to Salisbury whilst it's third versus fifth at Liberty Way as Nuneaton take on Braintree.

LEADING GOALSCORERS		AVERAGE ATTENDANCES		TODAY'S FIXTURES	
Moult (Nuneaton)	9	Luton Town	6,362	Macclesfield Town	1,383
Marsh-Brown (Barnet)	7	Wrexham	3,582	Nuneaton Town	1,291
Cunnington (C'bridge)	6	Grimsby Town	3,428	Forest Green Rovers	1,202
Jennings (Macc)	6	Cambridge United	2,994	Dartford	1,103
Lafayette (Welling)	6	Lincoln City	2,389	Southport	1,093
Williams (Aldershot)	6	Chester FC	2,312	Braintree Town	1,037
Guttridge (Luton)	5	Aldershot Town	2,189	Tamworth	968
Akinko (Alfreton)	5	Kidderminster Harriers	2,123	Salisbury City	870
		Hereford United	1,843	Welling United	822
		Barnet	1,718	Gateshead	693
		FC Halifax Town	1,521	Alfreton Town	674
		Woking	1,487	Hyde	556

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 Lacey 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 Smith Guttridge Whalley Cullen ◆ 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 ◆ Cullen ◆
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	7,517	963	11	Tyler Henry Griffiths McNulty Lacey Smith Guttridge Whalley Cullen ◆ Howells 2
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,866	821	11	Tyler Henry Griffiths McNulty Lacey Smith Parry Guttridge Whalley Gettridge
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 Lacey ◆ Smith Parry Whalley ◆ Howells ▲
Tue 17	7.45pm	H	Dartford	W 3-0	5,433	142	11	Tyler Henry Griffiths McNulty Parry Smith Guttridge 1 Martin ▲ 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	2,386	580	6	Tyler Henry Griffiths McNulty Lacey Smith Parry Guttridge Howells ◆
OCTOBER								
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	FC Halifax Town	W 4-3	6,519	260	5	Tyler Henry ◆ Griffiths McNulty Lacey Smith Parry Guttridge 1 Lawless ◆
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Aldershot Town	D 3-3	2,693	840	4	Tyler Henry Griffiths McNulty Lacey Smith Parry 1 ◆ Guttridge Howells ◆
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					
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LEAGUE TABLE 2013/14												
		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS			
1	Cambridge United	14	10	4	0	23	6	17	34			
2	Kidderminster Harriers	14	8	2	4	22	15	7	26			
3	Nuneaton Town	14	7	4	3	21	18	3	25			
4	Luton Town	14	6	6	2	22	12	10	24			
5	Braintree Town	14	7	3	4	20	14	6	24			
6	Grimsby Town	14	7	3	4	20	14	6	24			
7	Salisbury City	14	7	3	4	19	15	4	24			
8	Welling United	14	6	4	4	24	19	5	22			
9	Lincoln City	14	6	4	4	16	11	5	22			
10	Alfreton Town	14	7	1	6	23	22	1	22			
11	Barnet	14	5	6	3	23	17	6	21			
12	FC Halifax Town	14	6	3	5	25	25	0	21			
13	Gateshead	14	6	1	7	18	20	-2	19			
14	Forest Green Rovers	14	5	3	6	26	23	3	18			
15	Southport	14	5	2	7	13	18	-5	17			
16	Hereford United	14	4	4	6	13	15	-2	16			
17	Tamworth	14	4	4	6	13	19	-6	16			
18	Macclesfield Town	14	4	3	7	14	17	-3	15			
19	Wrexham	14	4	3	7	18	22	-4	15			
20	Dartford	14	4	2	8	12	22	-10	14			
21	Woking	14	3	4	7	16	23	-7	13			
22	Chester FC	14	3	3	8	11	21	-10	12			
23	Aldershot Town	14	5	4	5	17	15	2	9			
24	Hyde	14	0	2	12	8	34	-26	2			

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	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		LFC		
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	
Zane Banton	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Paul Benson	7 (0)	2	0 (0)	0	7 (0)	2	1	0	7	2	
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	8 (5)	3	0 (0)	0	8 (5)	3	0	0	79	30	
Scott Griffiths	14 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	0	2	0	20	0	
Lukey Guttridge	14 (0)	5	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	5	4	0	14	5	
Ronnie Henry	12 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	0	1	0	55	0	
Jake Howells	9 (4)	2	0 (0)	0	9 (4)	2	0	0	248	20	
Alex Lacey	10 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	10 (1)	1	0	0	20	1	
Alex Lawless	3 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	3 (1)	1	0	0	128	13	
David Martin	3 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (3)	0	0	0	22	3	
Steve McNulty	14 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	0	2	0	34	1	
JJ O'Donnell	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	50	3	
Andrew Parry	9 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	9 (2)	1	1	0	11	1	
Matt Robinson	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	15	1	
Jon Shaw	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	1	0	42	10	
Jonathan Smith	13 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	13 (1)	0	3	0	48	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	14 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	0	0	0	198	0	
Alex Wall	0 (5)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (5)	1	0	1	17	3	
Shaun Whalley	6 (5)	1	0 (0)	0	6 (5)	1	0	0	11	1	

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WITH DIVERSE FM'S STEVE MOORE

So we return to Kenilworth Road after one of the more incredible home games in recent years against FC Halifax Town.

The one thing that stood out in our minds in the press box was the way that the fans were still firmly behind the team even at 3-1 down.

While some would purely put this down to a positive reaction to recent comments from John Still, on this occasion there were several plausible reasons for this. One of which was that within the craziness of the game, it was clear that both ourselves and Halifax could score six or seven apiece.

One important factor that should not be overlooked was the decent atmosphere coming from the Oak Road end and the ability that had to produce a response from the home fans in a positive sense. Now while it is a common occurrence that any group of fans respond better with a decent away following, which with 250 from Halifax allowed that to happen more than usual, only around 40 or so of them were involved in the chanting. However, it sounded significantly more than that due to the exceptional acoustics that the Oak Road end provides.

Which brings us neatly to the Oak's opening back up to Luton fans this afternoon. While I myself am not old enough to remember the days when it was home to the large majority of the Luton faithful, it is obvious, even with the lack of fans in there these days at most home games, that it is by far the easiest place to generate noise within Kenilworth Road.

So while many will see it as a one-off opportunity to waltz down a nostalgic memory lane, it is actually an opportunity of a very different sort.

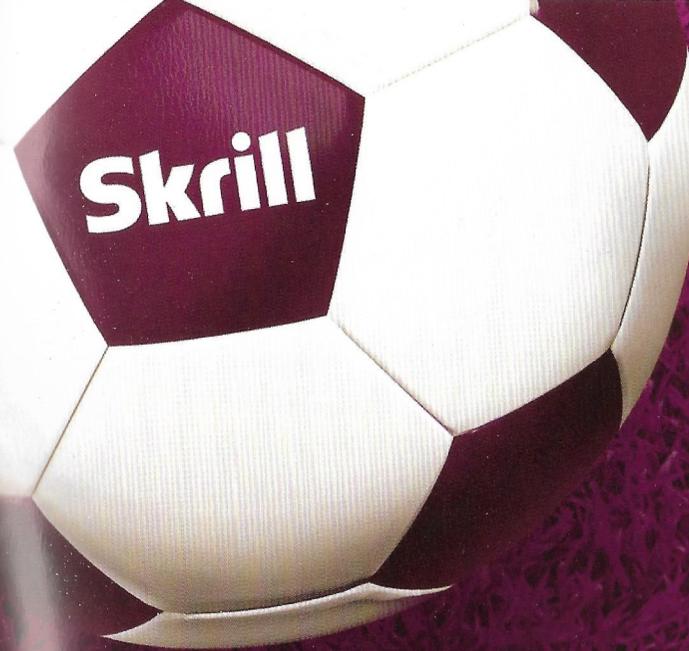
Kenilworth Road has undoubtedly struggled to create half the level of noise it should in games when there is only a double figure number in the away end. With the help of the Oak Road end creating a more imposing atmosphere than we have often had in previous years in those fixtures.

Mind you, games with the kind of score lines we have had in the last week against Halifax and Aldershot wouldn't leave any time for any chanting anyway. There will be goals in either net pretty much every time anyone started a chant.

If they are as good as Alex Wall's winner here last weekend though, no-one's complaining.



Match action in the early 1930s with the Oak Road in use - without a roof (left)



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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 | |



HYDE

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 David Carnell | 15 Danny Carlton |
| 2 Josh Brizell | 16 Matty Mainwaring |
| 3 Adam Griffin | 17 Andy Fitzgerald |
| 4 Will Haining | 18 Louis Almond |
| 5 Luke Ashworth | 19 David McNiven |
| 6 Liam Tomsett | 20 Emmanuel Dieseruwwe |
| 7 David Poole | 21 Adam Blakeman |
| 8 Alex Brown | 22 Ben Dennis |
| 9 Scott Spencer | 23 Jake Pollard |
| 10 Tom Collins | 24 Nick Liversedge |
| 11 Connor Hughes | 25 Martin Devaney |
| 12 Adam Thurston | 26 Reece Gray |
| 14 Ashley Frith | |

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