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Good evening everyone and welcome back for our second big home game in a short space of time.

On Saturday we earned ourselves a replay with a 1-1 draw against Newport County. On the face of it that is an excellent result against a team from a higher division but I am sure that most of you who were here will share my view that we did enough in the first half to go through without needing a replay. That first 45 minutes was really encouraging stuff.

We got ourselves in front through a very good goal and had the chances to make it 2-0 before the break. With just a single goal to show for our performance we knew that Newport would come at us in the second half and so it proved. We should still have cleared our lines in the build up to their equaliser but at 1-1 it became a fantastic cup tie.

The game opened up and went end to end and I'm sure it was great to watch, although maybe not if you are the manager!

It was a proper cup tie and the replay should be another good game. Their management team said that their home form is 'mustard' so we know the size of the task ahead of us.

It was still good to see our name in the hat for the second round draw. Kidderminster away is the prize for the winners.

That may not look like the best draw, there were certainly more glamorous ties coming out, but it would give us the chance to take

on a team from our league to try and get through to the Third Round.

It is always good to get the media attention and the headlines from a cup run but that will all take care of itself next week.

For now our eyes are firmly fixed on tonight's game against a very good Luton side. They are right up there on merit and in good form, but then so are we so we will treat them with respect but be going all out for another important three points.

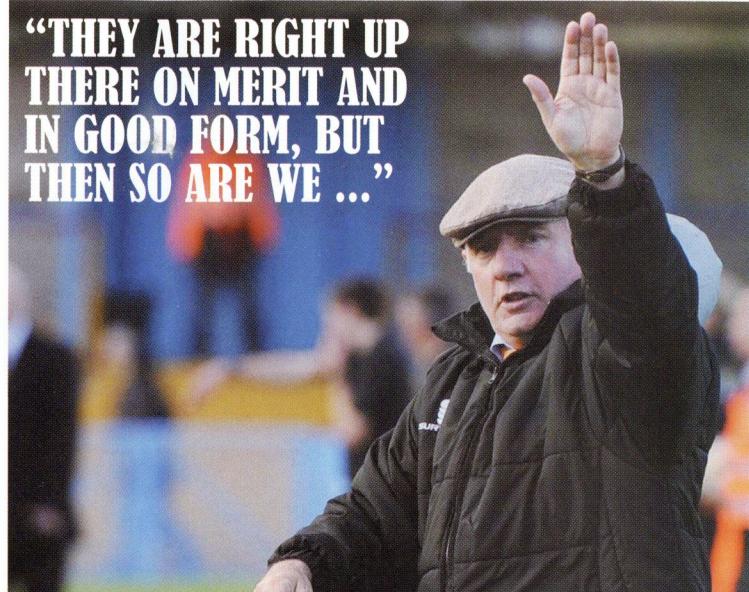
Luton will bring hundreds of fans and they will make a lot of noise but I thought your support on Saturday was first class.

We know times are hard and this is our second big home game in a week so we truly appreciate you coming along to get behind us.

It is a game we are all looking forward to. With your support and encouragement we are all hoping for another good performance and another big win.

Enjoy the game this evening.

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FROM THE BOARD ROOM



Good evening everyone and welcome back to The Amlin Stadium for tonight's Skrill Premier Division fixture with Luton Town.

Both sides have made encouraging starts to the season, so we should see an entertaining match.

The FA Cup was foremost in our thoughts last Saturday. While our visitors this evening were losing 2-1 at Welling United, we entertained our old friends from Gwent - Newport County - and, I felt, both sides played their part in a thoroughly entertaining match.

We looked a lively side first half and were good value for our lead. A nice strike from Chez and we could have had a second before the break.

The equaliser gave Newport a lift and the rest of the game really was frenetic end-to end cup football.

We had chances to score, but just as good as the goals were those two wonder blocks from Dean Wells - I'm still not too sure how he stopped the first effort, let alone the second one!

So we're all back down to South Wales next Tuesday evening for the replay, with kick-off at 7.45pm.

Before then we have another Skrill Premier Division fixture at Alfreton Town to look forward to this coming Saturday and then, after the Cup replay, Halifax Town here a week on Saturday, before we commence our interest in this season's FA Trophy competition a week later.

Games are certainly coming thick and fast at the moment!

Back to this evening and we welcome all from our match and stadium sponsors - **AMLIN** - for tonight's match and trust that they enjoy their evening with us.

Braintree Town Youth FC
Finally, tonight's Guard of Honour is the U11 and U14 teams from the Club's own youth section.

The U11's are one of three teams at this age group and are playing in their first season at 9-a-side and are currently top of their division in the Colchester 'A' League. They have just gone through to the 3rd round

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in their league cup with a convincing 16-0 win! They are hoping to build on this and bring



some silverware in their first season at the club – so no pressure!

The U14's have two teams in this age group with one team in the Colchester League and the other in the Blackwater and Dengie League. Both teams have started the season in fine form with both of them near the top of their respective leagues.



Both are also progressing well in their respective leagues cup competition. Both teams have been together since they started at the club at U7 and have kept the core of the original players who started in the distant past.

If you are interested in becoming part of Braintree Town Youth FC, with players welcome from all age groups (U5 to U16's) and girls teams at U12, U14 and U16, then contact us via our website:

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Enjoy it tonight -
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After a tough FA Cup tie on Saturday it is good to be back here tonight and taking on Luton Town.

Every player looks forward to big nights like this and it promises to be a memorable match once again.

I think we should really be coming into the game after celebrating a famous cup win.

Because Newport were in our league last season we knew a fair bit about them and the way they played but over the 90 minutes I don't think anyone would have been able to tell you which was the Football League side.

I thought we played really well on Saturday and should probably have gone through.

Chez's goal was a great hit and a 1-0 lead at half time was probably the least we deserved. If we had got a second then we would definitely have gone on and won the game because you could see Newport getting anxious.

There is not a huge gulf between teams at this level and League 2 and if we had taken one of the chances that came along then it might have been a different story.

Instead we got pegged back with a goal that the TV were saying was an Own Goal. I thought it was their lad that scored it to be honest but whoever it was it was a great finish, right in the top corner!

It would have been easy to fold after that equaliser but instead we went at them and

the pace of the game got even higher.

Both sides had good chances but it was probably a fair result in the end and so we will do it all again at their place. Kidderminster in the next round for the winners.

Tonight's game against Luton is a game between two in-form sides. We are in sixth in the table, Luton are just above us but a win would get us into the top five and the play-off places again.

It maybe shows how far the club has come that we are looking to get into those spaces, but why not? We are good enough and have a strong squad of players who genuinely believe in each other.

A win tonight would maybe just give us that extra little boost and make everyone sit up and take notice of us.

It will not be easy but as ever we will roll our sleeves up and play the only way we know, which is to give it everything.

Finally, as ever, a word of thanks from the lads to the fans for your support. It means the world to us to hear your voices giving us such fantastic backing.

Help us again tonight and let's all leave the ground smiling once again.

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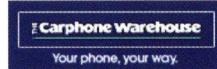
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And so back to League action tonight then after all the fun of the Cup over the weekend.

The Iron, of course, need to travel down to South Wales for a replay next week after almost pulling off a shock on Saturday.

Our visitors tonight have no further interest after losing to Welling. I know this because I had eleven seconds spare just after midnight on Saturday to see the games flash past my eyes on ITV.

Honestly, why bother? The highlights were so brief from each game that there was no time to tell the proper story or capture the drama of the most romantic of all competitions. Why not have three featured games, in depth? They could still have cameras at all the games but just show the best matches. I blame Adrian Chiles.

If The Iron were to beat Newport they would travel to the home of the Cottage Pie, Kidderminster Harriers. Best food for fans in the business and the prospect of a guaranteed non-league club through to the Third Round.

The FA Cup, where you are allowed to dream.

First though the 'bread and butter' of the league. (What does that expression mean? If it means your essential diet then you would presumably not survive very long? But I digress.)

Today we welcome Luton Town a club with a great history and huge ambitions. I am looking forward to this one and there should be a great atmosphere but I can't think of Luton without remembering their heyday.

Everybody knows of Steve Foster, Ricky Hill, Mick Harford and the Steins. Eric Morecambe, Nick Owen, straw hats and winning the league cup. Many of you will also remember the plastic pitch which graced Kenilworth Road at the time.

Without courting controversy, that surface gave Luton a huge home advantage. It takes a while to judge the bounce on any pitch

but that one was springtastic and allowed the Hatters defence to play high up the pitch and allow balls in behind to run harmlessly through to their keeper.

Membership cards and the misguided decision to ban all away fans from games, taking away the atmosphere and banter

You should always be proud of your heritage but fans will rightly compare and contrast current and past players.

I sense that after four seasons at this level a sense of realism reigns at Kenilworth Road but they remain THE scalp to claim in this league. They are a big club and



at a stroke, all happened at Kenilworth Road at around this time.

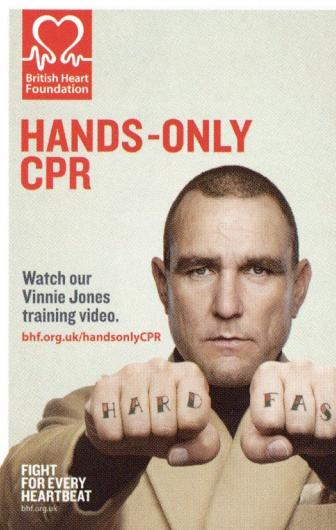
Trailblazers and although not everything worked it was a time when Luton were a true force to be reckoned with.

I wonder if that fantastic history is also a burden to the Hatters?

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every side that plays them will raise their game home and away.

It means that they have 46 cup games every season, with the intensity and passion that comes with a cup tie. But with the added bonus of no Adrian Chiles. I expect another cup tie tonight.



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Why are Luton known as the Hatters?

Plaiting and straw hat making were very popular in Luton in the 19th Century. Plaits used to be imported from Italy but the Napoleonic wars stopped that and a Luton businessman, Thomas Waller, started buying them from prisoners of war and the people in and around the town who plaited. You don't find that sort of information in many football programmes by the way.

When were the club formed?

11th April 1885, and they made quick progress. In 1891 Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional. The club was a founder member of the Southern Football before joining The Football League for 1897–98, although they returned to the Southern League for the 1900–01 season for financial reasons.

How long have they been at Kenilworth Road?

Since 1905. They were there when they got back into the Football League in 1920–21 and for their best pre-match season of 1936–37, when the team finished top and won promotion to the Second Division. Joe Payne was the star in those days: he scored ten goals in one match against Bristol Rovers, which remains a Football League record.

Other than their golden era in the 1980s what other memorable moments did they have?

The 50s were a great period – they reached the FA Cup Final against Nottingham Forest in 1958–59 but by 1964–65, were playing in the fourth tier. The 70's saw stars such as Bruce Rioch and Malcolm Macdonald while comedy legend Eric Morecambe's spell on the board kept them in the public eye.



But the 80s were the best years...

Yes. David Pleat had played for the Hatters and was made manager in 1978. By 1982–83 the team was back in the top flight. Stars such as Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy and Les Sealey shone as Luton relished life at the top. Pleat dancing across the pitch at Man City after Raddy Antic scored to

keep them up, and a dramatic Wembley League Cup final win over Arsenal remain iconic moments in their history.

What happened after that?

The club was relegated from the top division at the end of the 1991–92 season and were back in the third tier four years later Luton stayed in the old Second Division until relegation at the end of the 2000–01 season. Joe Kinnear helped them win promotion to

rise again but administration and point deductions followed and despite winning the Football League Trophy they were relegated to the Conference.

They have been in the promotion play-offs three times and remain one of the best supported club playing at this level.

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Promotion is the name of the game for Luton Town as they strive to make it a case of fifth time lucky.

The Hatters have become something of a 'nearly club' since their relegation to the Conference in 2009; three times they have reached the play offs, twice the final itself, without making that ultimate leap back into the Football League.

Their fall from grace has been well documented. The 1988 League Cup winners competed in English Football's second tier as recently as 2007 but serious financial problems, points deductions and three successive demotions saw them drop into non league, where they have remained ever since.

Mick Hartford, Richard Money, Gary Brabin and Paul Buckell have all tried but failed to guide Luton to promotion, meaning the responsibility now befalls former Dagenham and Redbridge boss John Still – their fifth manager in just four years.

Under Still, Luton have made solid progress. Only six of his 34 games in charge have ended in defeat and after a rocky start to this campaign, Luton are now nine matches unbeaten and up to third.

At present, they are seven points behind leaders Cambridge United and are one of only three clubs to still be unbeaten at home this season.

On paper, Luton have one of the strongest squads in the division. They have a wealth of Football League experience which is complemented by youthful exuberance.

For a team aiming for promotion, it bodes well that they have several players in their ranks who have been there, done it and got the medals to show for it.

Imposing centre back Steve McNulty captained Fleetwood Town to the Conference title in 2012. Luke Guttridge won two promotions with Southend United.

Ronnie Henry, the Hatters' skipper, was an integral part of the Stevenage team that rose from the Conference to League One. And perhaps most impressively, veteran striker Paul Benson has achieved the honour with Dagenham, Charlton Athletic and Swindon Town.

Furthermore, goalkeeper Mark Tyler has made almost 700 senior appearances.

But Luton aren't all about old heads. Striker Andy Gray, 22, was their leading marksman last season with an impressive 20 goals and has hit six already this term.

Although the Hatters have been consistent of late in terms of results, the entertainment value of their matches has been entirely unpredictable.

Their games appear to be either mesmerizing or uninspiring, Hatters supporters being thrilled or frustrated in equal measure.

This is highlighted by the exciting 4-3 victories over Halifax Town and Tamworth,

compared to five dismal 0-0 draws.

Luton have registered a healthy return of 30 league goals but indeed finding the back of the net has proved troublesome on occasions; they have failed to score in seven of their matches.

This was especially apparent at the start of the season as they recorded blanks in five of their first eight games.

Haig Avenue was the destination on the opening day but Luton slipped to a disappointing 1-0 reverse at Southport.

Salisbury City were next up and comfortably beaten 2-0 at Kenilworth Road but the Hatters had Luke Guttridge to thank in their following game as his 97th minute equaliser rescued a point at home to Macclesfield Town.

Their matches against Forest Green Rovers and Cambridge finished goalless before an impressive 2-0 victory at Kidderminster Harriers, courtesy of two second half penalties from Jake Howells.

September started badly as Luton again

Meet The Hatters

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

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

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



drew 0-0, this time against Grimsby Town, before going down 2-0 at Wrexham.

However, defeat to the Welsh club proved to be a turning point in their season as Luton won their next three matches; Dartford and Lincoln City were defeated 3-0 and 3-2 respectively at home, and Woking thrashed 4-0 away.

Hereford United at Edgar Street ended in another goalless stalemate before their game of the season to date; Luton fighting back from 3-1 down to record a memorable 4-3 triumph over Halifax.

Six goals were shared in their away match at Aldershot before Hyde were brushed aside 4-1 at Kenilworth Road in mid-October.

Luton again prevailed in a seven goal thriller at Tamworth and in their most recent league match they were held 0-0 at Gateshead to leave them firmly in the play off picture.

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

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

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

KENILWORTH ROAD

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

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

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

JAKE HOWELLS - Still hard to believe he's 22, Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 season. Since then, the left-footer has been capped by Wales at under-21 level and has made over 200 appearances for the club.

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

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

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

JJ O'DONNELL - Left-sided midfielder who joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby later that year. After successful loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

ELLIOT JUSTHAM - Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft

3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

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

DAVID VIANA - Highly-rated Portuguese youth international who signed a one-year contract at Kenilworth Road in late September 2013. The France-born midfielder is capable of playing across the midfield and in an advanced position behind the striker. Has played in the MLS with Salt Lake and been on the books of Spanish giants Athletico Madrid.

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

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

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

RONNIE HENRY - Club captain and right-back in his second season with the club. The defender joined the Hatters last summer from Stevenage, who he helped win promotion from to League 1.

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

ANDRE GRAY - Lightening quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals.

LEE CLARKE - Lee Clarke's close-range finish opened the scoring for the hosts before Joe Healy found the bottom corner to double the advantage.

PAUL BENSON - Experienced centre-forward signed on a season-long loan from Swindon in August. Helped Dagenham & Redbridge to two promotions with John

Still, scoring over 75 times in the process. Continued to score once he left the Daggers when with Charlton and Swindon. Won League 2 title with Swindon in 2012.

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

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

BRETT LONGDEN - First year professional and a right-back by trade who made his mark in pre-season with a fine 30-yard goal against Thurrock. Tasted first team experience in the FA Trophy.

ZANE BANTON - Youth team striker who was rewarded for his performances in the Hatters' development and youth squads to earn a professional contract in September 2013. Made his debut as a second half substitute in the 4-0 win over Woking.

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

JOHN STILL - The manager. The 63-year-old joined the Hatters last March having enjoyed a hugely successful 10-year spell at Dagenham & Redbridge where he guided the Daggers to the Conference title as well as promotion to League 1.

TERRY HARRIS - John Still's right-hand man who had been with Dagenham & Redbridge since 1999. As a player he starred for the old Dagenham FC – scoring a winning goal at Wembley – and has also coached at Dartford, Enfield and St Albans.

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WELLING 2-1 LUTON
Welling moved into round two of the FA Cup with victory over Luton, ending the visitors' nine-game unbeaten run.

Lee Clarke's close-range finish opened the scoring for the hosts before Joe Healy found the bottom corner to double the advantage.

Paul Benson gave the Hatters hope with a close-range header but the visitors could not find an equaliser.

Defeat ends Luton's hopes of repeating their fifth-round heroics of last season as Welling progressed.

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BACK TO SKRILL!

The Iron face Luton Town tonight with both sides eager to get back to winning ways after being held to goalless away draws at Tamworth and Gateshead respectively in their previous league outings.

Alan Devonshire's men have emerged victorious in three of their last four matches at base but will be wary of a Luton team unbeaten in nine. The Iron boast an impressive recent record against John Still's much fancied promotion hopefuls, having won the last three meetings including the corresponding fixture last season. Sean Marks and Kenny Davis were on target for the Iron back in February as they prevailed 2-0.

Elsewhere in the Skrill Premier tonight, league leaders Cambridge United are looking for an immediate response after suffering their first league defeat of the season against Southport last time out. Aldershot are the visitors to The R Costings Abbey Stadium and face a daunting task. Cambridge possess an extremely impressive 100% home record having won all eight of their matches while the Shots are languishing in 23rd having won just one in seven. A small crumb of comfort for the visitors is that they have only conceded five away goals - the joint best away defensive record - but they will, no doubt, have their work cut out to get a positive result.

Another high flying team who lost their previous Skrill Premier match are Kidderminster Harriers, who travel to Moss Rose to face cup heroes Macclesfield Town. The Harriers received a huge boost last week with the news that popular manager Steve Burr had rejected the advances of Forest Green Rovers and committed his future to the club. The Worcestershire outfit have been inconsistent on the road and will need to keep an eye on Connor Jennings, the league's leading marksman, who bagged a hat-trick in the Silkmen's win over Wrexham and scored two in their FA Cup thumping of Swindon Town.

Barnet are striving to make it seven league games unbeaten as they host Welling. The sides are

locked on 28 points apiece in 7th and 8th position respectively, only two points shy of the play offs. Welling enter the match in good form having shown a remarkable resurgence of late, taking 19 points from the last 27 available.

At the wrong end of the table, out of form Hereford United welcome fellow strugglers Chester to Edgar Street with both sides in dire need of points. Four of the Bulls' last five matches have been lost while Chester recorded an important victory over Hyde at the weekend to move level on points with their opponents.

Bottom of the table Hyde make the trip to Halifax more in hope than expectation as they seek to record that elusive first three point haul of the season at the 19th time of asking. They came agonisingly close against Nuneaton but lost at home to Chester on Saturday. The odds are stacked heavily against Hyde; the Shaymen are formidable on home territory with only Cambridge picking up more points at base.

Meanwhile, last season's beaten play off finalists Wrexham are down in 17th, badly struggling for form, as they take on a much improving



Woking are in serious need of some home comforts having tasted success only once in their nine matches at the Kingfield Stadium. The Cards find themselves in the relegation zone and play a Dartford side only one point the right side of the dotted line.

Another team in relegation bother are Tamworth. Only goal difference is keeping them out of the drop zone but the Lambs can take heart from a surprise FA Cup win over Cheltenham Town. Tonight they face inconsistent play off chasers Alfreton Town, who have been very much hot and cold this season; good one week, poor the next.

Gateshead side who have six wins in their last eight.

Southport recorded a great win over Cambridge a week ago and welcome Lincoln City to Haig Avenue. Just a solitary point separates the teams so a closely fought encounter is predicted.

The final match this evening sees Nuneaton attempt to halt their alarming eight match winless run as they go away to Forest Green. Boro started the season brilliantly but are falling down the league like a stone. Big spending Rovers have underachieved massively and will be desperate to make it back-to-back league wins to climb the table.

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IRON & COUNTY MUST GO AGAIN IN CUP REPLAY

WELLS BRILLIANCE KEEPS IRON IN CUP

Early goals in each half - see cup tie finish all square
What Dean Wells did for his team with fifteen minutes of Saturday's end-to-end FA Cup tie remaining was described by many as being as good as a goal!

Braintree Town were held to a 1-1 draw at home in Saturday's enthralling FA Cup with Budweiser First Round tie by visitors Newport County. Iron made a bright start and were ahead after eight minutes. Skipper Kenny Davis picked up possession on the left, inside the Newport half, and swept the ball across to the waiting Chez Issac - who drilled his low effort past past County keeper Pidgeley from twenty-five yards out.

Iron kept on coming and Dan Holman saw his shot blocked on 11 minutes, after a fine mazey run down the left. Braintree controlled much of the first half possession, but found the County defence difficult to break down. On 34 minutes Holman set up Davis in space on the edge of the Newport penalty area, but the Iron skipper's shot was comfortably dealt with by Pidgeley. Braintree finished the first half strongly and Holman saw his snap shot zip past Pidgeley's left upright from the edge of the box on 41 minutes, while Matt Paine saw his effort from 30 yards sail over two minutes later.

After the break Newport came more into the game and drew level on 49 minutes. A cross from the right was lifted across the home six yard box and, under pressure from Newport's Zebrowski, Ryan Peters could not prevent his attempt to head clear from

going in at the far post.

Emphasising the end-to-end nature of the second 45 minutes, Iron responded, and after 57 minutes, Newman Carney saw his shot from a Davis short free-kick rebound back into play off Pidgeley's chest.

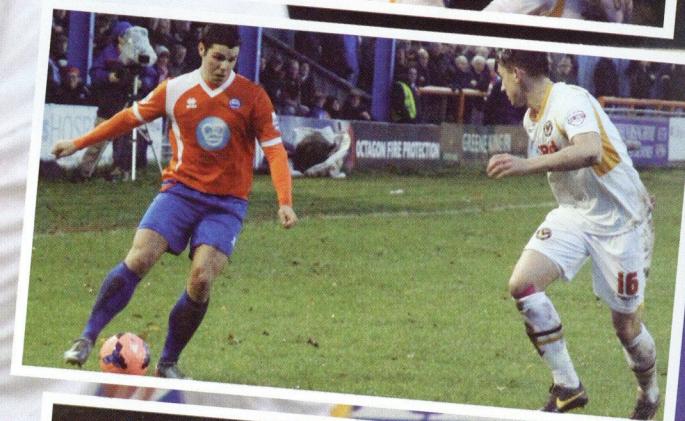
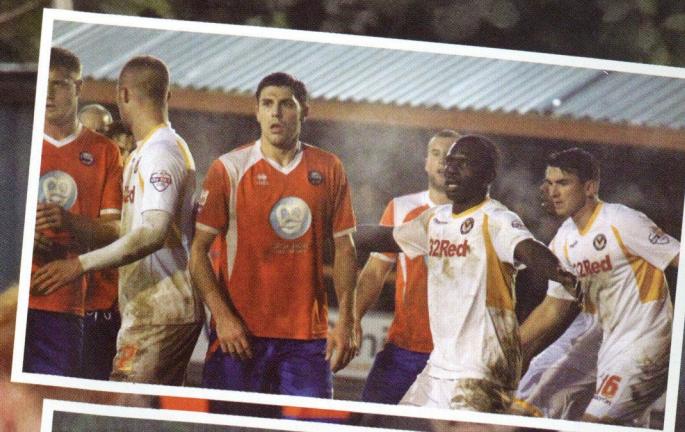
On the hour Newport looked set to score, but first Chapman's shot was well saved by Iron keeper Nick Hamann before Naylor thundered the rebound against the upright and the ball was cleared by the Iron defence. Again Braintree responded, as Holman set up Isaac on the left after 66 minutes and the Iron midfielder saw his effort deflected and require a scrambling save from Pidgeley to deny Iron a second.

Braintree continued to press and Holman broke on 73 minutes. Trying his luck from 25 yards, his effort was only denied by Pidgeley's late dive that conceded a corner.

On 76 minutes Dean Wells stood alone to keep his side in the competition as first he did well to head Naylor's shot off the line and then brilliantly volleyed Zebrowski's follow-up away with Hamann beaten.

On 79 minutes both Holman and Isaac had shots blocked by Pidgeley as Iron pressed. At the other end a fine ball in from Jones on 85 minutes found Chapman in space inside the Iron 18 yard box and Hamann had to be at his best to palm Chapman's header away.

Neither side could find a way through in the five minutes of additional time so both sides try again in the replay next Tuesday at Newport County's Rodney Parade.



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LEAGUE 2 - A STEP UP?

THE Iron's heroic second half FA Cup performance at home to Newport County on Saturday which deservedly entitled them to a replay at Rodney Parade a week today promises to be another battle royal.

The prize, apart from the £18,000 cash for the winners, is an away draw in the second round at fellow Skrill Premier side Kidderminster Harriers, so the Iron face two potential double difficult away games this month if they are to progress to that extra magic of the Third Round where the Premier big boys join in.

The Iron players have already proved what an efficient away side they are this season so there's no reason to think they can't pull off a double success although everyone knows that it will be hard.

One interesting aside from Saturday's 1-1 draw at home against Newport County emerged when talking to the Welsh club directors before the game on asking them how life compared they felt now playing in the Football League Division Two after their promotion from the Skrill Premier League last season.

They all agreed to a man that playing in the Skrill Premier League was a great deal harder than playing where they are now - each director confirmed that the current top nine or ten teams (*which of course includes the Iron*) would more than hold their own at what is one level higher.

Of their games played so far this season they believed that only Rochdale were a class above most in Division Two while the bottom half dozen clubs there would on current form struggle to hold their own in the Skrill Premier.

So a hopeful omen if the Iron should continue their current league form and end up being promoted!

The closeness to the two leagues was also highlighted by events along the A120 on Sunday when Bishop's Stortford narrowly

lost 2-1 to Northampton Town, currently in the Division Two's relegation zone.

Had the Blues won they would have been rewarded with an away tie against either Scunthorpe Utd or Grimsby who drew 0-0 at Blundell Park on Saturday which saw the biggest attendance in the First Round of 8,306 for what admittedly was a local derby.

In reality there were few shocks



in Saturday's First Round apart from Macclesfield's remarkable 4-0 thumping of League One side Swindon while Tamworth, who the Iron drew 0-0 at the Lamb Ground only a week before, beat Cheltenham Town 1-0.

The Silkmen's reward is another home tie against the winners of the Brackley Town v Gillingham replay and who wouldn't bet on the Buckinghamshire non-leaguers pulling off a home win - they have one of the best home records in their league.

Tamworth were lucky too in the draw with Bristol City having to visit the Lamb Ground after they

had knocked out Dagenham & Redbridge 3-0 in Saturday's First Round.

Meanwhile Welling, who beat tonight's visitors Luton Town 2-1, will have to go to the winners of the Plymouth Argyle/Lincoln City replay while Boreham Wood, if they can win up at Carlisle in their replay will have a great home tie against Brentford in the next round.

Meanwhile current Skrill Premier league leaders Cambridge Utd

have one of the best draws in the Second Round - a home tie against Sheffield Utd but only if they beat Bury away in their delayed First Round match.

All the clubs making into the Second Round know there's a fantastic incentive in reaching that all potentially lucrative Third Round and who knows a trip to Old Trafford, Anfield, the Emirates of White Hart Lane.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

12th November 1898

Our first ever league match saw us entertain Heybridge United in a North Essex League Division One match and winning 2-0 with Nichol and Valentine scoring our goals.

12th November 1921

We played Maldon in a North Essex League Division One match and won 4-0.

12th November 1927

Portman Road was the venue for a momentous F.A. Amateur Cup match against Ipswich Town which Iron won 3-2 in front of 4,000. Gunn, Stimpson and Purkiss scored our goals. Our team was Bill Willis in goal, Buntly Richmond, Dave Railton, Stanley Brown, Victor Deeks, Ted Wise, Charlie Stimpson, Tiny Barren, Cecil Purkiss, Stan Wilcockson and Billy Gunn.

12th November 1949

We travelled to North East London to play Woodford Town in the London League Premier Division, and winning 8-3 in an eleven goal thriller with John Bright scoring a hat trick, his brother Keith Bright scoring two and one each from Jack Jones, Leo Wilk and Don Livingstone. We lined up with Stuart Jenkins in goal, Albert Wylds, Arthur Blackburn, Billy Jones, Gordon Haggerty, Alan Barker, Jack Jones, Leo Wilk, John Bright, Keith Bright and Don Livingstone.

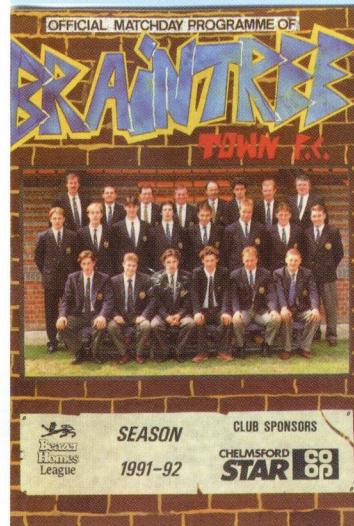
12th November 1955

We made the short journey to Colchester to play Woods Athletic in the Essex & Suffolk Border League winning 4-1 thanks to two goals from Peter Tyrell with Jimmy Norman and Ken Moyce scoring one each. Our team was Roy Willsher in goal, Rex Beavis, Phil Kemp, John Boreham, Ken Hales, Tony Lee, Alf Edwards, Jimmy Norman, Peter Tyrell, Ken Moyce and David Lancaster.

12th November 1983

Clacton Town were the visitors to Cressing Road in an Eastern

Counties League match with Iron winning 3-0 with goals from Ivan Gooday (2) and Chris Guy. The team lined up with Tony Kelly in goal, Lenny Rayner, Steve James, John Bibby, Frank Warner, Gus Jennings, Nicky Lee, Russell Cotton, Chris Guy, Dave Jarvis and Ivan Gooday with Kevin Ketley coming on as sub.



12th November 1991

We entertained Aveley in the Essex Senior Cup Second Round, winning a close game 1-0, Gary Hollocks scored our winning goal. The Iron line up was Paul Catley in goal, Lee Fish, Russell Tanner, Mark Cranfield, Jimmy Thomas, Nick Maynard, John Bishop, Kevin Newbury, Paul England, Gary Hollocks and Duncan Coghlan. We went on to meet Purfleet (now known as Thurrock) in the next round, winning 5-1 in a replay after a 3-3 draw at Ship Lane.

12th November 2005

It was F.A. Trophy action this day eight years ago and we made the trip to play Chelmsford City in the second qualifying round, coming home with a 2-0 win thanks to James Baker's two goals. We lined up with Nicky Morgan in goal, Chris Wild, Mark Jones, Ollie Adedeji, Paul Lorraine, Brad Quinton, Matti Joseph, Andy Porter, Eugene Ofori, James Baker and James Hawes with Louis Riddle coming on as sub, also on the bench were Steve Good, Prince Toku, Papa Agyemang and Robbie Martin.

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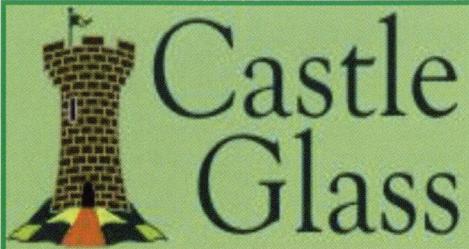
In 1439 Plymouth became the first town incorporated by the English Parliament. In 1912 the frozen bodies of Robert Scott and his men were found on the Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica. In 1944 the Royal Air Force launched 29 Avro Lancaster bombers in one of the most successful precision bombing attacks of World War II which saw them sink the German battleship Tirpitz using 12,000lb Tallboy bombs off Tromsø in Norway. In 1980 the NASA space probe Voyager I made its closest approach to Saturn and took the first images of its rings.

AND BORN ON THIS DAY WERE

English television presenter and actor, Bob Holness, best known for presenting 'Blockbusters', was born in Natal, South Africa in 1928. American actress and Princess consort of Monaco, Grace Kelly was born in Philadelphia in 1929. English singer and songwriter, Errol Brown, best known as the front man of Hot Chocolate, was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1948. American actress, Anne Hathaway was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1982.

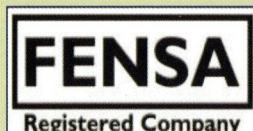
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Continuing our series looking at the Fans Favourites in the Conference, we trace the career of one of the all time great for the Hatters...

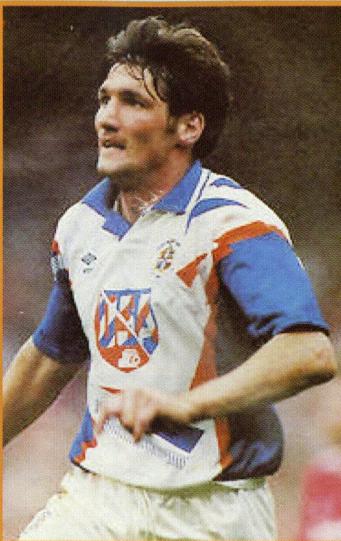
Our visitors today have several iconic players who were, and still are, loved by the fans. From Ricky Hill and Brian Stein to Steve Foster's headband and Malcolm MacDonald's sideburns, Luton fans have so many heroes from yesteryear. And yet, for many it is the no nonsense, hard as nails, total commitment of Mick Harford that stands out from the crowd.

Think of old fashioned centre forwards of the 80s and Harford is right up there with the best. Dominant in the air and far better on the deck than many gave him credit for, the Sunderland born forward hit it off straight away at Kenilworth Road in arguably Luton's best ever side.

Originally with Lincoln City Mick's talents were swiftly noticed and he moved to Newcastle United in a £180,000 transfer. You would have thought he would have been an instant hero on Tyneside, following in the traditions of so many great Number 9's: Think Andy Carroll without the pony tail. And with ability. But after just 19 appearances and eight months Mick was off to Bristol

City for £160,000 in August 1981 and then Birmingham City for a cut price £100,000 in March 1982.

Luton boss David Pleat, ever a shrewd judge of players, needed a striker who would slot in alongside the emerging Brian Stein (and later brother Mark), someone who could act as a foil, a minder, and a focus for his



exciting young team and in December 1984, Luton paid £250,000 for Harford's services. It proved to be money very well spent.

In his time at Luton, Harford earned himself two England caps, helped the Hatters win

the League Cup in 1988 against Arsenal and scored in the final the following year as Luton went down to Nottingham Forest.

57 goals in 129 appearances doesn't truly do him justice. He was a key player at Luton until his transfer to Derby County in January 1990 for £450,000. Even after his transfer, Harford managed to help the Hatters. In the last game of the season his beloved Luton needed the win to stay up.

Harford, playing for Derby remember, managed to head the ball from outside his own box, past England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, into his own net as Luton won the game and avoided the drop. Several years later he admitted that the own goal was deliberate, thus assuring himself of Cult Hero status.

He went back to Luton in September 1991 for £325,000, despite competition from Manchester United before spells at Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon.

After moving into coaching with Wimbledon, Harford returned to Luton to help in their successful promotion season of 2001-02, and has since enjoyed spells at his old stomping ground as Director of Football, and first-team coach.

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CUP REVIEW



The Iron will face Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Cup Second Round if they can see off Newport County in their First Round replay.

Steve Burr's Harriers cruised into the next round with a 4-1 victory against Sutton United at Aggborough thanks to goals from Amari Morgan-Smith, Callum Gittings, Joe Lolley and Anthony Malbon.

The headline makers in the First Round were Skrill Premier sides Macclesfield Town and Tamworth, who each recorded shock victories over Football League opposition.

The Silkmen demolished Mark Cooper's Swindon Town, of League One, 4-0 at the Moss Rose. John Askey's side reached the Fourth Round in last year's competition, defeating Swindon at the same stage and Premier League bound Cardiff City in Round Three, before bowing out to eventual winners Wigan Athletic. There was no surprise to see Connor Jennings once again on the scoresheet; the prolific striker is in a rich vein of goalscoring form and is the Skrill Premier's top scorer.

Cash strapped Macclesfield would really benefit from a cup run and have been rewarded with a home tie against the winners of Gillingham and Brackley Town, who drew 1-1 at the Priestfield Stadium. It could have been so much better though for the Skrill North side as Bradley Dack denied them a famous scalp in the dying seconds. Joe Martin's own goal looked to have settled the tie before Dack's 96th minute strike spared the Gills' blushes, meaning they must do it all again in a replay.

Tamworth put their league struggles to one side as they overcame League Two Cheltenham Town courtesy of Nick Chadwick's 20th minute goal. Dale Belford' heroes have been handed an intriguing home tie with Bristol City, who beat Dagenham & Redbridge 3-0.

Gateshead suffered injury time heart break at the hands of Oxford

United. The Heds led 2-0 at the Kassam Stadium before their League Two opponents fought back to force a replay. Wrexham await the winners after they earned a 3-1 home victory over Alfreton Town.

Boreham Wood's meeting with Carlisle United finished goalless, as did Lincoln City's tie with Plymouth Argyle. The victors of the replays will play Brentford, who smashed Staines Town 5-0, and Luton Town's conquerors, Welling, respectively.

Skrill Premier promotion hopefuls Grimsby Town were left kicking themselves after they spurned a host of chances to defeat Scunthorpe United in a hotly contested Lincolnshire derby. Northampton Town will play the eventual winners after they ensured their place in the next round as they squeezed past Bishop's Stortford 2-1.

Darren Locke's powerful header had St Albans City dreaming of a cup upset against Mansfield Town. But the Stags came roaring back and ran riot as they scored eight goals against their Calor League Premier opponents, including six in a crazy final 20 minutes as their superior fitness and quality told.

Elsewhere, it was the end of the road for Gloucester City, Hednesford Town and Daventry Town as they lost to Fleetwood Town, Crawley Town and Chesterfield respectively.

Dover Athletic will travel to Milton Keynes Dons after edging past Corby Town 2-1. The occasion was particularly significant as referee Amy Fearn became the first female official to take charge of an FA Cup main draw match in the competition's 142 year history. The Dons meanwhile saw off Halifax Town 4-1 in their tie at Stadium:mk.

Stourbridge, of the Southern League Premier Division, overcame Biggleswade Town 4-1

in their all non league tie and face an away game at Stevenage, the defeated of Portsmouth.

Several Skrill Premier clubs didn't fare so well.

Edgar Davids' Barnet were given a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of Preston North End and Leyton Orient, the highest ranked side in the First Round, proved far too good for Southport as they romped to a 5-2 win.

Hereford United were also eliminated as they lost 2-0 at Burton Albion and two goals from David Fitchett saw Salisbury City through against Dartford.

Finally in the FA Cup, Skrill Premier leaders Cambridge United's trip to League Two strugglers Bury was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

There was just one game in the Skrill Premier at the weekend; struggling Chester recorded a crucial win as they came from behind to heap more misery on rock bottom Hyde at Ewen Fields. Louis Almond put Hyde ahead but Craig Linfield equalised before Craig Mahon had the final say.

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FA CUP SECOND-ROUND DRAW

Bury or Cambridge v Sheffield Utd
Wycombe W or Crewe Alex v Preston North End
Shortwood or Port Vale v Salisbury City
Bristol Rovers or York v Crawley
MK Dons v Dover Athletic
Boreham Wood or Carlisle Utd v Brentford
Macclesfield Town v Gillingham or Brackley
Chesterfield v Southend United
Oldham A or Wolverhampton W v Mansfield Town
Rotherham United v Rochdale
Peterborough United v Tranmere Rovers
Hartlepool United v Coventry City
Kidderminster H v Braintree Town or Newport C
Lincoln City or Plymouth Argyle v Welling United
Wrexham v Oxford United or Gateshead
Fleetwood Town v Burton Albion
Grimsby or Scunthorpe Utd v Northampton Town
Leyton Orient v Walsall
Tamworth v Bristol City
Stevenage v Stourbridge

Ties to be played on the weekend of 7/8 December

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6 BRAINTREE TOWN	17	4	1	3	12	9	4	4	1	12	6	9 29
7 Barnet	17	4	3	1	14	8	3	4	2	12	10	8 28
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WHO'S WATCHING US

	Min	Max	Average
Luton Town	5,433	7,517	6,452
Wrexham	2,731	6,037	3,532
Grimsby Town	2,503	4,386	3,393
Cambridge United	2,527	3,740	3,073
Lincoln City	1,879	2,748	2,434
Chester	2,012	2,900	2,304
Aldershot Town	1,732	3,138	2,138
Kidderminster Harriers	1,607	2,866	2,120
Hereford United	1,398	2,386	1,784
Barnet	1,179	2,543	1,751
FC Halifax Town	1,197	1,805	1,501
Woking	1,230	1,955	1,488
Macclesfield Town	1,195	1,978	1,448
Nuneaton Town .....	.919	1,634	1,224
Forest Green Rovers .....	.829	1,858	1,169
Dartford .....	.920	1,386	1,100
Southport .....	.726	2,210	1,073
Tamworth .....	.716	2,066	1,062
BRAINTREE TOWN .....	.874	1,480	1,049
Salisbury City .....	.594	1,313	.926
Welling United .....	.452	1,017	.812
Gateshead .....	.538	1,080	.745
Alfreton Town .....	.463	900	.699
Hyde .....	.387	1,232	.613



2013-14 Appearances
2013-14 Goals
Career Appearances
Career Goals

Result	Attendance	Carney	Cox	Daley	Davis	Enver-Maram	Griffiths	Haberham	Holman	Isaac	Marks	Massey	McDonald	Mulley	O'Connor	Paine	Peters	Quinton	Sparkes	Strutton	Symons	Wells
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12 Nov	LUTON TOWN																					
16 Nov	Alfreton Town																					
19 Nov	Newport County (FAC1R)																					
23 Nov	FC HALIFAX TOWN																					
30 Nov	FA Trophy 1st Round																					
07 Dec	Chester																					
14 Dec	Forest Green Rovers																					
21 Dec	MACCLESFIELD TOWN																					
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EASTER PROMISE

Cambridge United's FA Cup First Round tie away to Bury on Saturday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The U's would have fancied their chances of causing an upset against the League Two strugglers and will play the rearranged game on Tuesday 19 November.

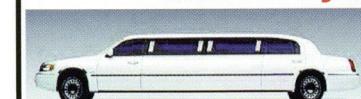
In the Skrill North, Histon lost for the fifth time in their last seven league games as they were beaten 2-1 at home by Vauxhall Motors. The Stutes led early on through Lewis Taafe's goal and had chances to extend their lead before half time. They were made to pay for their wastefulness as the visitors fought back after the break and snatched all three points thanks to goals from Steve Tames and Andy Nicholas. In a bizarre incident, Motors winger Matt Kosylo and goalkeeper Zac Jones, had to be pulled apart after getting involved in a fight after just 11 minutes. Despite this altercation, Histon couldn't record a positive result and slip to 13th.

Dereham Town moved up to 4th in the Ryman Division One North after an emphatic 5-1 victory against Aveley. Craig Bussens and Shaun Bammant each notched twice and Luke Tuttle was also on target.

Soham Town Rangers came from behind to win 3-1 away at Maldon and Tiptree. Luke Stanley claimed a brace to help drag Rangers seven points clear of the relegation zone.

Meanwhile, AFC Sudbury are in 10th position after a goalless draw at Chatham Town.

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In the Calor League Premier Division, Cambridge City suffered only their third defeat of the season as they were narrowly beaten at Chippenham Town. Lee Miller settled the contest on 43 minutes to give new manager Mark Collier victory in his first game in charge. Cambridge drop a place to fourth.

St Neots Town were also under new management as they responded to last weekend's 3-0 home defeat to Corby Town with a shock 4-1 thumping of high flying Hemel Hempstead. Few would have given St Neots a prayer against the

gave Gorleston a fourth successive league win against CRC. A thrilling match finished 3-2 to the Greens, who stay second and have two games in hand on leaders Hadleigh to close the gap.

Elsewhere, Norwich United lost 4-2 at third placed Godmanchester Rovers and Ely City were crushed 4-0 at home by Walsham-le-Willows.

There was better news for Diss Town, who prevailed in a seven goal humdinger against Stanway Rovers and Mildenhall ran out comfortable 3-0 victors at second bottom Wivenhoe Town.



team second in the table but they belied their lowly league position and the form book, to claim a well deserved win which puts them within three points of safety.

Hadleigh United maintained their nine point lead over second placed Gorleston with a narrow 1-0 win at home to 10 man Haverhill Rovers in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division. Duane Wright scored the only goal of the game to give Hadleigh their 13th victory in 18 matches.

Goals from Eddy Thompson, Christy Finch and Peter Lambert

Finally, Stowmarket Town's troubles continued as they were thrashed 5-1 in their Thurlow Nunn League First Division match against AFC Sudbury Reserves. The defeat, their 14th in 17 games, keeps Stowmarket fourth from bottom although they have played more games than their rivals.

Alarmingly, they have conceded a staggering 56 goals already this season.

Pictured above: Dereham Town's Shaun Bammant bagged a brace against Aveley

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INTO THE FUTURE

Good Evening everyone and welcome to the Amlim Stadium for this Skrill League fixture; I would like to welcome the travelling supporters from Luton Town FC. I hope all who travelled had a good journey and I wish you all a safe return.

Thank you to the 22 supporters who joined us on our coach to Weymouth FC (FAC4Q) on Saturday 26 October. Sadly, we were unable to provide a coach for Tamworth FC last Saturday (2 November) but I was pleased to see so many BTFC supporters travel to this match.

On to 50/50 news, there is only one draw to write about; this was saturday's FAC1R match vs Newport County FC (9 November). This draw had a prize of £100.00; winning ticket was WHITE no's 36 to 40. Congratulations to our winner - Sharon Cracknell. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and to BTFC Chairman for allowing us to run these draws at home. Normally, the 50/50 draw is made at 2.50pm, in the clubhouse bar; you can purchase your draw tickets, up to 2.40pm, tickets can be purchased either in the clubhouse bar (from Simon Scott) and just behind the turnstiles (from myself) once you have entered the ground. Thank you to Andy & Alison Livermore who assisted myself and Simon in selling tickets prior to this draw. These draws are vital for us; monies received from it helps us towards the coach costs for those who travel to watch Alan, Keith, Kenny and all the guys when Braintree Town FC play away.

On to travel information; where possible, we will have 3 categories this season, which are: - 1. Adult, 2. Concessions (i.e. Over 65's, 16/17 year olds & those on Full Housing Benefit (i.e. Job Seekers Allowance/Income Support etc)), & 3. 15 year old's & Under. As in previous seasons, if you book your place and are unable to travel, as intended, you will lose your £5.00 / £10.00 deposit - if we are unable to fill your space. We are taking names for the following away trips: -

Chester FC (Sat) 7 December.

We intend to leave BTFC ground at 8.30am & will return 30 minutes after the final whistle. Coach costs are: - Adult £35.00, Concessions & 15yo & under £31.00. A minimum £10.00 deposit is required.

Forest Green Rovers FC (Sat) 14 December.

We already have 11 names for this trip which we intend to leave BTFC ground at 9.15am & will return 30 minutes after the final whistle. Coach costs are: - Adult £27.00, Concessions & 15 yo & under £24.00. A minimum £10.00 deposit is required.

We are running a coach to Alfreton Town FC (Saturday 16 November) - this coach is full. For those travelling with us, can I have your £10.00 deposit's? To confirm we will leave BTFC ground at 9.30am.

If you would like to join us for these or any away trip, please see me in the clubhouse bar after the final whistle. All supporters are welcome to join us and you do not need to be a BTFC Supporters Club member to join us. Alternatively, you can contact me via the "Away Travel Club" thread on the "ironchatter" website.

Kind Regards

Richard Jennings - Away Travel Club

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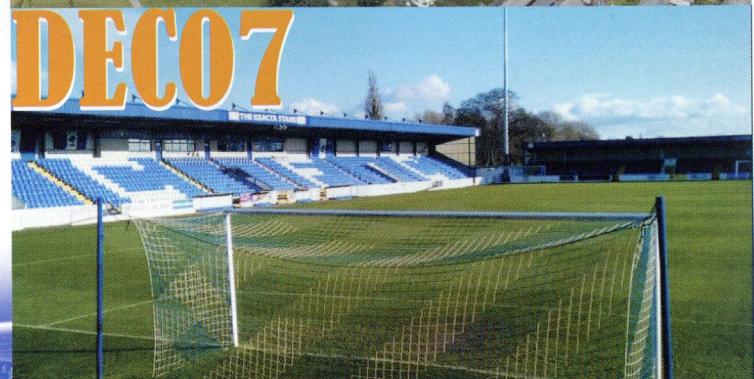
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 08 KENNY DAVIS
 09 SEAN MARKS
 10 DANIEL HOLMAN
 11 DANIEL SPARKES
 12 LUKE DALEY
 13
 14 NEWMAN CARNEY
 15 ALAN MASSEY
 16 PAT O'CONNOR
 17
 18 LIAM ENVER-MARUM
 19 DEAN WELLS
 20 NIK HAMANN
 21 SAM GRIFFITHS
 22 JORDAN COX
 26 JAMES MULLEY

Referee:

Justin Amey

Assisted by:
 Jonathan Burridge
 & Andrew TonksFourth Official:
 George Sprague

& THE GAMES

Tuesday 12th November 2013

Barnet v Welling

BRAINTREE TOWN v Luton
 Cambridge v Aldershot
 Halifax v Hyde
 Forest Green v Nuneaton
 Hereford v Chester
 Macclesfield v Kidderminster
 Southport v Lincoln City
 Tamworth v Alfreton
 Woking v Dartford
 Wrexham v Gateshead

Saturday 16th November 2013

Alfreton v BRAINTREE TOWN

Chester v Luton
 Halifax v Aldershot
 Forest Green v Lincoln City
 Gateshead v Salisbury
 Kidderminster v Wrexham
 Macclesfield v Dartford
 Southport v Hereford
 Tamworth v Grimsby
 Welling v Nuneaton
 Woking v Hyde
 Barnet v Cambridge

Tuesday 19th November 2013

Dartford v Wrexham

Lincoln City P-P Alfreton

Saturday 23rd November 2013

Aldershot v Southport

BRAINTREE TOWN v Halifax

Cambridge v Woking

Dartford v Gateshead

Grimsby v Barnet

Hyde v Alfreton

Kidderminster v Tamworth

Lincoln City v Hereford

Luton v Welling

Nuneaton v Chester

Salisbury v Macclesfield

Wrexham v Forest Green

Tuesday 26th November 2013

Hereford v Halifax

Luton v Southport

Nuneaton v Alfreton

Salisbury v Forest Green

Saturday 7th December 2013

Alfreton v Luton

Barnet v Dartford

Chester v BRAINTREE TOWN

Halifax v Salisbury

Forest Green v Grimsby

Gateshead v Aldershot

Hereford v Nuneaton

Macclesfield v Lincoln City

Southport v Wrexham

Tamworth v Cambridge

Welling v Hyde

Woking v Kidderminster

Saturday 14th December 2013

Barnet v Aldershot

Cambridge v Luton

Dartford v Halifax

Forest Green v BRAINTREE TOWN

Gateshead v Welling

Kidderminster v Alfreton

Lincoln City v Nuneaton

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 04 JONATHAN SMITH
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