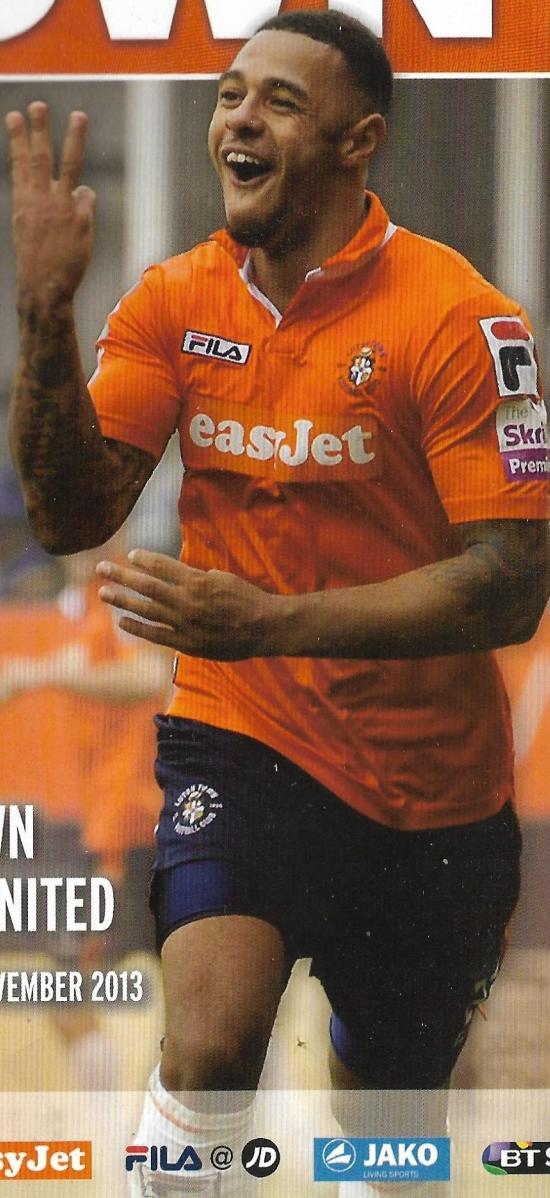


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“ They say home is where the heart is. After a record-equalling six successive away games it's good to be back at Kenilworth Road.

Those who follow our social media accounts will remember what the old ground looks like. We just felt it right during this lengthy spell away from home that we post a photograph of Kenilworth Road every so-often – just to let you know it's still here.

So good afternoon and a big welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's Skrill Premier game with Welling United – a team we faced just two weeks ago in an FA Cup tie at Park View Road.

It's been a long, long time since we were last here, for the 4-1 win over Hyde. Remember that? There were home supporters in the Oak Road and Andre Gray scored a hat-trick. We've reserved a chunk of today's programme to look-back at the last seven matches. Of course you'll be able to sit in the Oak Road stand again on Tuesday when Southport are the visitors to Kenilworth Road.

After six matches away from home, it's good to be back.
Enjoy the game #COYH



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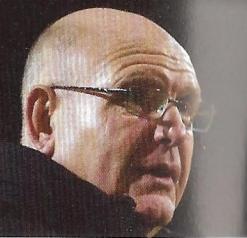
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the manager

JOHN STILL



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for this Skrill Premier fixture against Welling United.

A big welcome to our visitors from Park View Lane, including manager Jamie Day and his team plus the directors, staff and supporters of the Wings.

It will seem very strange to be back at Kenilworth Road today having been away for so long. It was an eternity since our last home fixture here against Hyde over a month ago but it is always good to play at home. As I've said, it seems to be a life-time ago that we were last in action at home so we have all been really looking forward to this afternoon's game.

Incredible

Since our last home game we have gone on an incredible run of away games and, although I won't go into specific detail about each, it's fair to say we have obtained a fair points tally and put in a number of solid performances. There have been all manner of performances. We've played good, attacking football in some games and defended solidly in others. When we've needed to, we have had to show resilience.

Resilience is a word not often used in football but it is something that all teams need to show. It's a big word and it is something that we will need to show in abundance in the next few weeks and for the rest of the season.

Today our visitors Welling will be a tough nut to crack. They have enjoyed a decent season so far. They are a club I know well and I think they will be very satisfied at how things have gone for them so far this season. In our case we are happy with what we're doing and where we are. We do realise, however, that we need to push on.

The busy Christmas period is fast approaching and we need to make sure we are in a positive position which can take us further. That word resilience will

be a prominent word in our dressing room over the coming weeks.

Our squad has had its fair share of injuries since we last played at Kenilworth Road but many of those are now returning back to full fitness which will be a massive boost ahead of a demanding schedule. Having players available is a big commodity and having a fully-fit squad to select from will be a major plus.

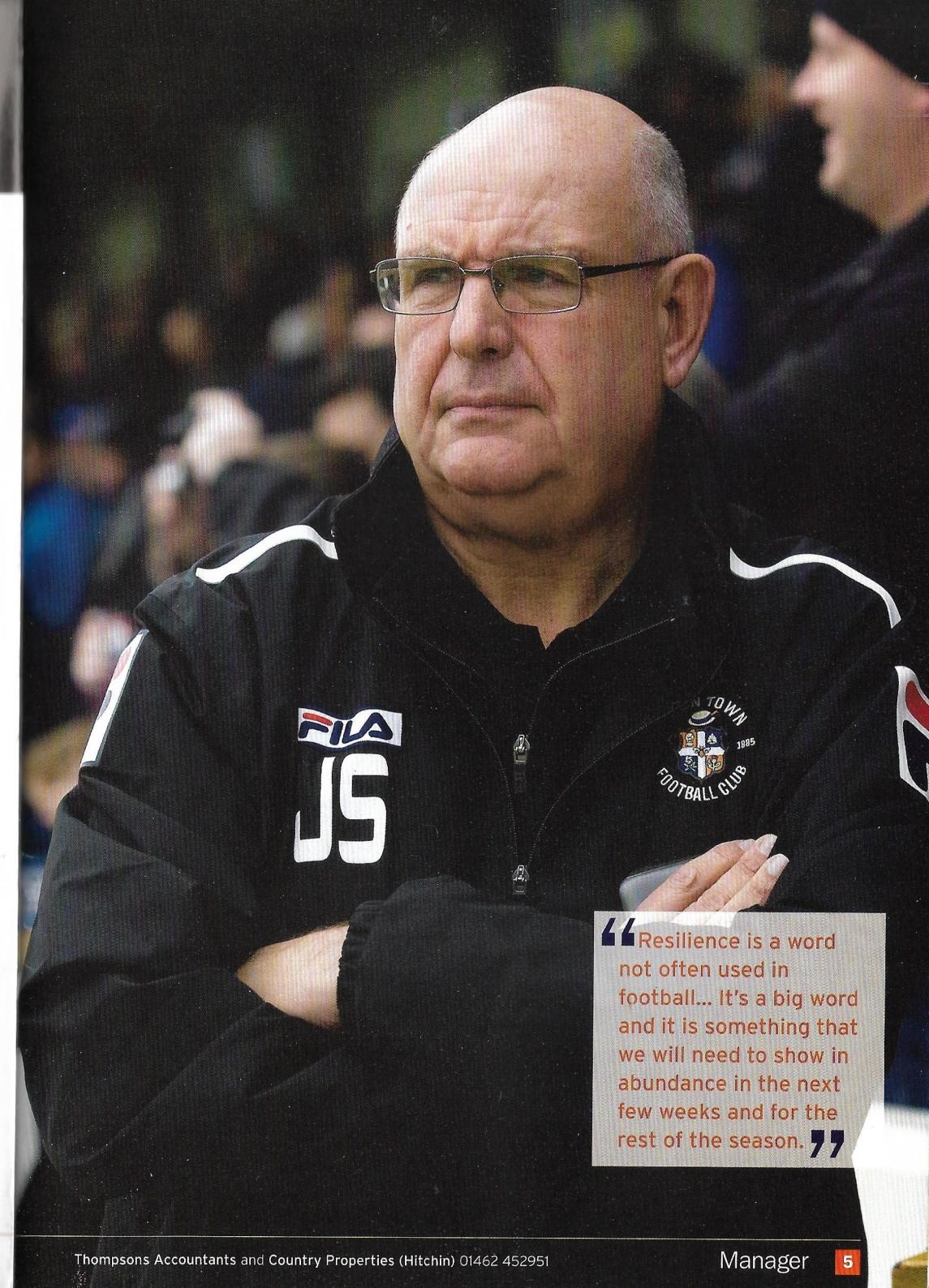
Earlier this week we were drawn away to Staines in the first round of the FA Trophy. Like any competition that leads to a Wembley final, it is something we will look forward to taking part in. I know there are people in certain quarters who don't hold the competition in high priority, but we will select a team next Saturday that we think can win and that's the most important thing.

Also this week Andy Parry and Andre Gray were also selected to play for England C in their friendly against the Czech Republic Under-21s. It is always nice when clubs get honours but it is equally nice when players are recognised. Andre and Andy are two of our very, very impressive group of young players who we have in our squad and long may their success at international level continue.

Backing

Back to today, though, and after our run of away games please make sure you get behind your team again this afternoon. The support we receive at home and away games is truly unbelievable. That well-used phrase "12th man" certainly does come into play. Your backing has helped us a lot already this season and I believe it will be a big influence throughout the rest of the season.

So please get behind your team and enjoy the game. Remember everyone involved is part of the team: Players, management, staff and supporters.



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boardroom

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID WILKINSON



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

We also wish a special welcome to our visitors this afternoon, the players, officials and supporters from Welling United. The Wings are the only team to have beaten us home or away since Friday 13th September, 12 games ago.

They put an end to our FA Cup dreams for this year in a hard fought encounter at their Park View Road ground. Promoted this season, they have done well so far, and as I write these, notes lie in 12th place only six points behind us in the table. We look forward to another challenging meeting, but hopefully with a different result.

Journeys

It is incredible to think that we haven't played at home since Hyde on 12th October, having taken in six consecutive away games. I am lucky enough to have also witnessed some development and youth games in the meantime so the withdrawal symptoms have not been too severe. However, the journeys has been quite lengthy – I know I have covered over 2,500 miles in that time, including two trips to Gateshead.

As always our support has been magnificent and the numbers travelling continue to massively exceed expectations. We all know how difficult some of these places are to get to and your loyalty and devotion never ceases to impress. So often we look out from the directors' box and wish that we could be out there with you and it makes us all very proud to represent this great club of ours. THANK YOU.

Going back to our last home game it was our first experiment in opening up the Oak Road for home fans for 20 years and it was in most ways an astounding success. There are a few issues, which are being addressed particularly in regard to access to facilities in the Kenny, but aside from those it was brilliant.

We all know what an atmospheric place our stadium can be and that day it was buzzing despite the small number of visitors.

As I am sure you know our next opening is for the Southport game on Tuesday so let's hope it will be as successful and provide as much excitement as before. At the moment it can only happen if we expect a small travelling contingent, but we are continuing in our efforts in trying to find a more permanent solution to using our capacity more efficiently. I am sure Gary will tell you more in the near future.

As mentioned above, in the absence of football at home, I have had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the UK and witness success at all levels.

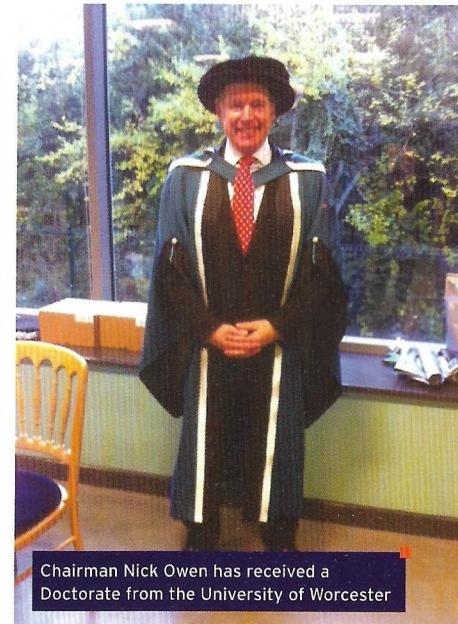
Competitive

The development squad have only lost once all season despite in most cases playing teams from a higher level. They are very competitive matches and give those on the fringe of the first team, those coming back from injury, youth squad and trialists a chance to impress the management, get games and try to force themselves into the reckoning for the first team squad.

My biggest disappointment recently was going to watch the development/youth squad play AFC Dunstable in the Beds Senior Cup. I never leave a game before the end, but on this occasion I had my colleague from the States in town and I left after about an hour with the score at 3-2 to us. I got home to find I had missed seven goals and two hat-tricks as the final score was 7-5. Who would have thought it?

I have also been following the Under-18s and travelled recently to Boston and Gateshead to see us win and advance to the third round in a couple of weeks at Huddersfield. We have a talented group of youngsters playing attractive, exciting football and if you get the chance it is well worth going to watch them.

The first team have shown amazing resilience and team spirit during the recent run. They have had to contend with dreadful paddy field like conditions in the second half at Gateshead, but were magnificent against an in-form team; they had to suffer an appalling pitch at Braintree, not unlike a ploughed field, to record our first ever win there; they had to cope without a coach to



Chairman Nick Owen has received a Doctorate from the University of Worcester

get them to Chester and, having been stuck in traffic for hours, arrived squashed into a borrowed minibus only 20 minutes or so before kick-off, which was thankfully then delayed by 15 minutes.

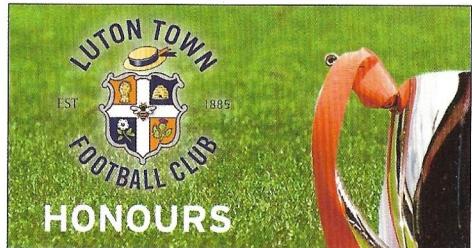
And yet we have gained eight points from the last four away games.

Goodwill

There is a good feeling around the Club at present – largely inspired by John and his team – and I hope that as we move into this season of goodwill we will have a lot of glad tidings and plenty to cheer about.

Finally could I take this opportunity to congratulate our Chairman, Nick Owen on receiving his Doctorate of Letters from the University of Worcester. I wonder if it'll have to be the Doctor Owen Lounge in future?

Enjoy the game
COYH



Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
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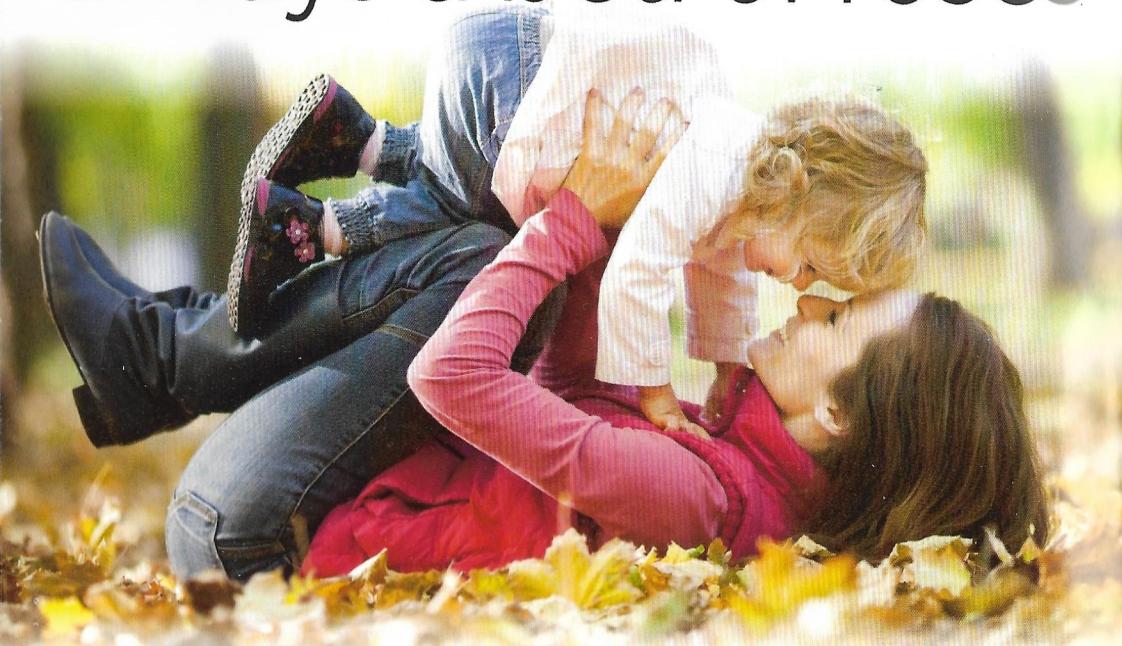
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RONNIE HENRY

It's been a very, very long time since I last sat down to write my programmes notes such has been our schedule of six away games on the spin.

Our last fixture here was against Hyde over a month ago and on that day we recorded a handsome victory thanks to Andre Gray's fine hat-trick.

That game will also be remembered because of the amount of home supporters we had behind the goal in the Oak Road stand which is usually reserved for away supporters. The lads and I all felt that it made a terrific difference to the atmosphere inside the ground with having Luton fans on all four sides of the stadium. I am reliably informed that it will happen again this coming Tuesday for Southport's visit.

It's been incredibly unusual, and even frustrating to a certain point, that we have had six successive games away from Kenilworth Road. There's no denying it's been tough, the travelling is always difficult and last Saturday's last-minute arrival at Chester was testament to that!

Unbeaten

The biggest positive from the last six matches is that we have only lost the once and have extended our unbeaten run in the league. We've managed three wins and two draws as well which is a really good return. We're actually disappointed that we couldn't have taken more points from these games but we well aware that the run of games hasn't been easy.

I think that going to places like Braintree and winning on an absolute bog of a pitch is a massive sign of how far we have come. We showed our battling qualities, the kind of attributes necessary for teams to win titles. We lost at Braintree last season and we lost heavily at Gateshead too (although that was technically at Carlisle), but to go to places where teams raise their game against us and come away with something is hugely encouraging for the remainder of the season.

There will be plenty of more fixtures that we will face where the crowd, the pitch and the conditions will be against us so the last six matches has been a great experience for us for when we go to places like Grimsby, Cambridge, Halifax, etc. between now and the end of the season.

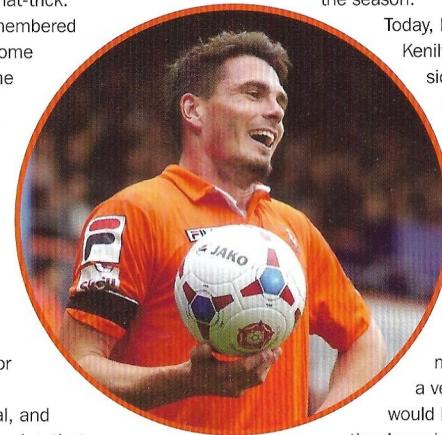
Today, however, it's good to be back at Kenilworth Road as we welcome a Welling side who we faced in one of those six away matches and dumped us out of the FA Cup. That was two weeks ago and this afternoon we will be aiming to get the better of them in a league game on home soil.

We are unbeaten here so far this season and that's the way we want it to stay. We know what is expected of us at home and we feel confident playing here. What's more I also think we are becoming a very tough team to beat. Ideally we would have liked to have turned some of the draws into wins but, on the whole, we are happy with how things have gone so far.

I also think it's still very early days and that our improved fitness will stand us in good stead. Today's fixture is the 20th of the season so we are not even half-way through the campaign yet. I feel as though we have yet to hit top gear and there's plenty more to come from us.

I must praise the work of the management and, in particular, our fitness coach Dave Richardson because our fitness is improving with each game. The Braintree match was a prime example. I hate to keep mentioning the pitch there, but although it was heavy, we stuck at it and really ground out an excellent win.

Finally I would like to thank you, the fans, for your unbelievable support over the past month. All of the lads and I really appreciate it. Most of the games there have been more Luton supporters than home fans which is quite frankly sensational. We will be aiming to reward your loyalty on the road with three points this afternoon.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Ronnie Henry'.

OAK ROAD OPEN AGAIN ON TUESDAY

The Oak Road end will once again be open to Town supporters at this coming Tuesday night's home game against Southport.

Over 1,200 supporters sat in the Oak Stand for the home fixture against Hyde last month and once again supporters can watch the action from this vantage point against the Sandgrounders.

Season ticket holders who wish to transfer their season ticket seat to the Oak Road end for this match must do so before the day of the game. Contact the ticket office on 01582 411622 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

Matchday tickets are on sale now and tickets will be available on the door (subject to availability).

Tickets are now available in the ticket office and online.

CHUMS



We're pleased to welcome members of local charity CHUMS - The Children's Bereavement, Trauma and Emotional Wellbeing Service - to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

The charity has reached the final of ITV's People's Millions programme, and have the chance to win £50,000 of funding to launch a new Recreational Service for children who can't readily engage in talking therapies. CHUMS helped the family of Hatters legend David Preece, who sadly died seven years ago - and David's daughter Ella is at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

To be within a chance of receiving the £50,000 funding, CHUMS are after Town fans' help by voting for them by calling the number which will be available inside today's Daily Mirror and at www.chums.uk.com.

STAINES TRIP IN THE TROPHY

The Hatters face a trip to Staines Town in the first round of the FA Trophy a week today. Staines saw off Farnborough 2-0 on Tuesday night in a third qualifying round replay to set up a tie against the Town at Wheatsheaf Park. The Swans currently lie seventh in the Skrill South and are managed by Marcus Gayle and are unbeaten at home.

TERRIERS NEXT FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Hatters Under-18s' prize for beating Gateshead on Monday night is a trip to Championship side Huddersfield Town in the third round of the FA Youth Cup.

Paul Driver's side have come through five rounds to get this far in the competition, following wins over Rothwell, Corby, Leighton, Boston and Gateshead. Huddersfield, whose youngsters sit top of the Premier League's Professional Development League's Northern League 2, enter the competition at this stage but reached the fifth round last season. The tie will take place at the Terriers' John Smith's Stadium on Sunday 8th December (kick-off 2.30pm) and admission will be on the turnstile and will cost £4 for adults and £2 for concessions.

DAVID REAY 1948-2013

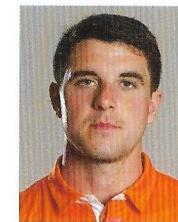


It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long-time season ticket holder David Reay at the age of 65.

Dave, or "The Rhino" as he was known, supported and followed Luton Town for over 60 years having first witnessed the Hatters aged four from his father's shoulders. A loyal fan, both home and away, Dave sat behind the goal in the Kenilworth Road end, where you'll find the name Rhino on his seat. He enjoyed many great away days and loved socialising with his mates, a great crew of Hatters fans. Dave would have been very proud to see all the Luton Town shirts and scarfs turning out with his friends and family at his funeral service. His family arranged a fitting tribute with his wake being held at the Eric Morecambe Suite.

England C Caps for Duo

Town pair Andre Gray and Andy Parry were both capped for England C in the Three Lions' 2-2 draw with the Czech Republic Under-21s at Woking on Tuesday night.



Gray began the friendly before being replaced in the 71st minute before Parry came on as a substitute in the 57th minute. England had trailed 2-0 but late goals from Welling's Fraser Franks and Forest Green's James Norwood secured Paul Fairclough's side a draw.

SQUAD MOVEMENTS

Since we last played at home a number of players from the first team squad have been sent-out on-loan.

Winger Dave Martin joined previous club Dartford this week for a month whilst defender Brett Longden and striker Jake Woolley have joined Southern Premier Division outfit St Neots Town.

Also since our previous game here defender Garry Richards saw his contract terminated by mutual consent.

The 27-year-old former Colchester, Southend and Gillingham centre-half had been beset with injury since arriving at Kenilworth Road on a two-year contract last summer and failed to play a single game in Hatters colours.

Despite operations and spells of rehabilitation on an ankle injury - as well as the Club's best efforts to guide and support a full recovery - the long-term prognosis of the problem was showing little sign of improvement, and both the Club and the player have come to a mutual decision to terminate the contract.

"I'm sorry that Luton supporters never got to see Garry in action because they would have seen a very good player and a terrific leader," said Town boss John Still.

"Knowing Garry as I do I wish him all the best for the future and all the success whatever his career takes him."

HATTERS MEMORABILIA EXHIBITION

Commencing on Friday 22nd November, initially for one month, there will be a display of older Luton Town memorabilia at Wardown Park Museum.

Items on show include the match ball used when the Hatters beat Watford 4-1 in 1936, the Club's first minute book, early fixture lists, programmes, match tickets and more. Depending on the success of this venture it is hoped to make it a permanent feature at the Museum and change the exhibits regularly.

The museum's opening hours are 10am-5pm Tuesday to Saturdays and 1pm to 5pm on Sundays.

Beds Senior Cup Victory

Hat-tricks from Zane Banton and Jemmale McKenzie-Lowe helped the development squad to victory over AFC Dunstable in a 12-goal thriller in the Beds Senior Cup first round last week.

The Town trailed before going 3-1 up before half-time but then led 5-2 and 6-3 before AFC Dunstable threatened to make a dramatic comeback.

David Viana restored the Hatters' four-goal cushion to make it 7-3 and, while the host scored twice late on to make it 7-5, the Town clung on to earn a second round trip to Leighton Town and with it lift the David Preece memorial trophy.

Town dev squad:

Barnes; Longden, Stephens (sub Chabata), Makuado, O'Donnell (sub Amu); Viana, Taiwo (sub Rees 88), Robinson, Smith; Banton, McKenzie-Lowe. Subs not used: Trotman, King.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



A happy 50th birthday to season ticket holder Peter Lunn, who has been a Town fan since his teens.

Love comes from wife Pauline, daughter Hannah and the rest of his family and all at Luton Town.

up next

AFTER ENDING A RUN OF SIX AWAY GAMES ON THE SPIN THIS AFTERNOON THE TOWN ARE BACK AT KENILWORTH ROAD ON TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY WELCOME SOUTHPORT

SOUTHPORT



WHO? Southport, aka the Sandgrounders, aka the Port, aka the Yellows. Tuesday's visitors were formed in 1881 – and are therefore four years older than the Town. Southport started out as life known as Southport Central.

COME ON YOU VULCANS. Back in 1918 Southport changed their name to Southport Vulcan, having been bought by the Vulcan Motor Company. It's a rare thing in English football for teams to take on company names but the Sandgrounders were known as Southport Vulcans for three years. It's an early forerunner to the likes of Red Bull Salzburg in Austria and Evian Thonon Gaillard in France.

LAST TIME HERE. The Town were victorious when the two sides last met at Kenilworth Road in late September last season. Stuart Fleetwood had the Hatters ahead inside four minutes but a certain Andy Parry levelled for the Sandgrounders on the stroke of half-time. However, the Town upped a gear in the second period and two goals from Scott Rendell – including one from the penalty spot – secured all three points in front of a crowd of 5,696.

HEAD-2-HEAD. Of course there's no forgetting that the Town got off to this season on the wrong foot with a 1-0 defeat against Tuesday's visitors at Haig Avenue on the opening day. That victory was Southport's fourth against the Hatters in 16 games. Overall the Town have the upper hand, winning eight whilst four have also ended in stalemate.

FORTRESS KENILWORTH. The Town are unbeaten and have won five of their seven meetings with the Sandgrounders on home soil, including the last four (three have which have come in the Conference).

Parry's goal last season was just the second time Southport had scored a goal at Kenilworth Road. In 2011/12 five different goalscorers helped the Hatters to a 5-1 win at Kenilworth Road and in the previous season the Town demolished the Sandgrounders 6-0 with six different goalscorers, with four goals coming in the final six minutes.

A POINT'S A POINT. The last time Southport won a point at Kenilworth Road was 34 years ago in a goalless draw on 8th April 1969 in front of a crowd of 15,963

IN CHARGE. Fast-forwarding back to the present day, the man charged with arresting Southport's poor record at Kenilworth Road is manager Alan Wright. The veteran defender appeared 260 times in the Premier League and took over the reins at Haig Avenue this summer. His first win as the Sandgrounders boss was against the Town.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU. There are two former Sandgrounders in the Town squad, having made the move to Kenilworth Road in the summer. Midfielder Parry scored twice in 62 appearances for Southport whilst Whalley hit 27 goals in 98 games.

HOW THEY DOING? Southport will arrive at Kenilworth Road looking to improve a record of just two wins in 10 matches. The Sandgrounders have slid down the table after a promising start and find themselves in 18th place in the Skrill Premier table with six wins, three draws and 10 defeats from their 19 matches so far. It's away from Haig Avenue that the Yellows have struggled, with just one win and one draw from their nine matches. That sole win on the road came in their first away game of the campaign – a 2-1 win at bottom-of-the-table Hyde on 13th August. They travel to Aldershot this afternoon.

TABLE-TOPPERS. Despite their poor away form, the Sandgrounders are the only side this season to beat current league leaders Cambridge. Matty Brown's second-minute goal gave Wright's side a 1-0 win at Haig Avenue three weeks ago.

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The Skrill Premier

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The Skrill Premier

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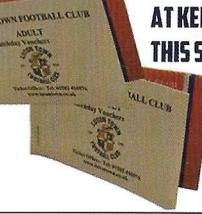
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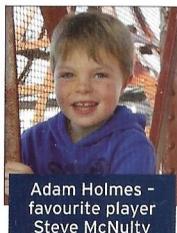
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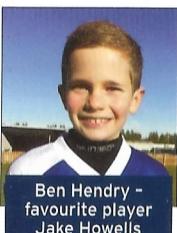


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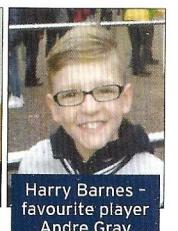
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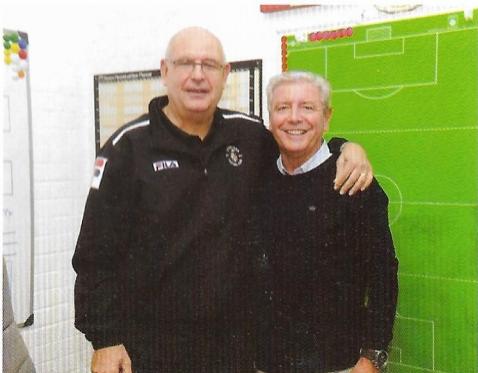
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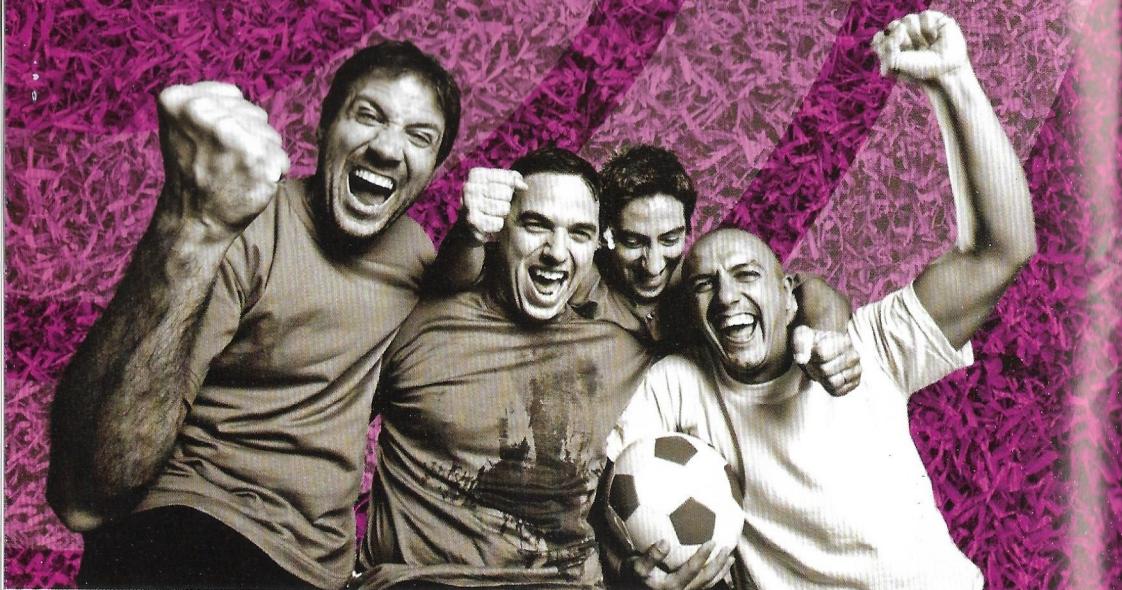
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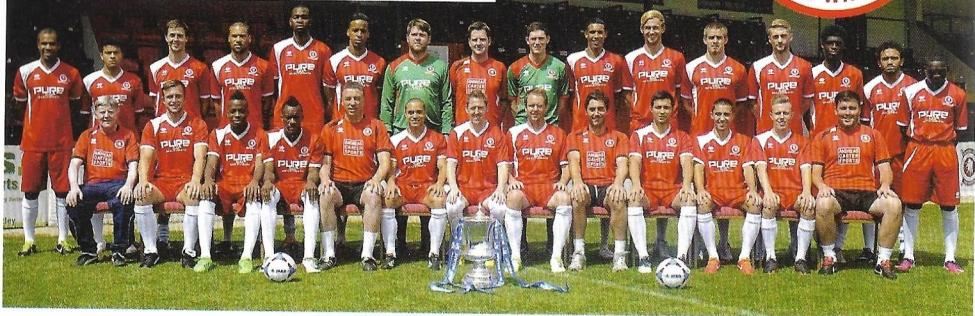


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welcome

WELLING UNITED



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Welling United to Kenilworth Road for our first home game in over a month.

The Town know all about the Wings having taken on Jamie Day's side at Park View Road two weeks ago in an FA Cup tie that today's visitors won 2-1 thanks to goals from Lee Clarke and Joe Healy.

However, today's meeting will be the first between the two clubs in league competition. That's down in no small part to the Wings' fantastic championship-winning season last term that saw them romp home with the Conference South title. Welling were promoted with 86 points and scored 90 goals, winning promotion with a number of games to spare.

Boss Jamie Day has kept the faith with a number of the faces that got the job done so emphatically last season and so far that decision has been vindicated with a string of excellent performances and results in their first season back in non-league's top flight for 13 years.

The secret to their success has been the Wings' strong home form. Despite last Saturday's loss to Nuneaton, Day's side have come through home fixtures against the Hatters, Cambridge, Grimsby, Salisbury, Forest Green, Aldershot and Barnet without tasting defeat.

This afternoon the Wings arrive in 12th place in the Skrill Premier, 10 points clear of the relegation zone but just two points off the final Play-Off place. A second victory in a fortnight over the Town would close the gap on the Hatters to just three points.



Bit of a handful?
Ross Lafayette

Both clubs will now know plenty about each other following the FA Cup tie earlier this month. The Wings showcased their strengths with a particularly strong first half showing at Park View Lane.

Those that took the eye that afternoon were front pair Ross Lafayette and Kurtis Guthrie and goalkeeper Lee Butcher.

Stopper Butcher is a former Norwich, Arsenal and Tottenham scholar who signed for the Wings this summer following his release from Leyton Orient where he made 32 Football League appearances. He made a string of fine saves as the Town threw everything bar the kitchen sink in the closing stages of the FA Cup tie.

Forward Lafayette was a handful all afternoon two weeks ago and despite not scoring, he set-up the Wings' first goal. So far this season the powerful striker has already got seven goals to his name.

Guthrie also impressed against the Town. The Jersey-born forward hasn't scored yet this season having joined the Wings from Bath City but his pace and power worried the Hatters' defence all afternoon.

Today will be the Wings' second visit to Kenilworth Road. Both sides were drawn together in the FA Trophy in December 2010 and on a cold Sunday afternoon a young Town side were held to a goalless draw.

This afternoon promises to be a different occasion than it was 14 days ago. The Hatters can take heart from an unbeaten home record but the Wings will be hoping their record against the so-called 'big clubs' can continue.

in opposition

MEET THE WELLING SQUAD



THE PLAYER/MANAGER

JAMIE DAY. The 33-year-old began his career as a youngster with Arsenal before drifting into non-league football with the Wings, Dover, Grays and Dartford. Has made over 200 appearances for the club and guided the club to the Conference South title last term.

GOALKEEPERS

LEE BUTCHER. Former Norwich, Arsenal and Norwich scholar who enjoyed Football League experience with Leyton Orient. Arrived at Welling this summer.

JAMIE TURNER. Stopper in his second spell with the Wings. Was a regular in the mid-2000s before re-joining the club when Jamie Day was appointed boss.

DEFENDERS

LOUI FAZAKERLEY. Strong, powerful defender, fans' favourite Loui signed for the Wings in 2008 and has gone to be a regular right-back.

JACK OBERSTELLER. Former Millwall, Wycombe and Exeter left-back who joined the Wings from Grays in 2009. A threat from set-pieces.

BARNEY WILLIAMS. Highly-rated teenage full-back who can play on either flank. Risen through the youth ranks and has given a number of confident displays for the first team.

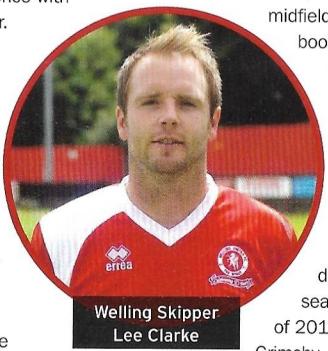
FRASER FRANKS. Centre-half who joined the Wings last season from AFC Wimbledon. A former Chelsea trainee with a rocket of a shot from distance.

DOUGLAS BERGQVIST. Young Swedish defender on a season-long loan from Exeter City. Spent last season on-loan at Farnborough.

BLAINE HUDSON. Young centre-back on-loan from Cambridge. Started his career as a youngster at Norwich and has also had time out on-loan at Braintree.

MIDFIELDERS

JAKE GALLAGHER. No-nonsense midfielder who never shirks a tackle, who signed for the Wings in 2012 following his release from Millwall.



Welling Skipper
Lee Clarke

LEE CLARKE. Central midfielder and captain who has made over 300 appearances in spells at St Albans and with Welling. A Northern Ireland under-21 international.

ALEX DYER. Highly-rated box-to-box midfielder who signed this summer from Wealdstone. Scored 32 times from midfield for the Stones. Twice capped for Monserrat at international level.

CALLUM WEBB. Summer arrival following his release from Bishop's Stortford, the creative central midfielder has previously been on the books of Arsenal and QPR.

JOE HEALY. Another former Millwall man, the midfielder is comfortable in possession and deadly from the penalty spot. Scored against the Town in the FA Cup tie earlier this month.

KIERNAN HUGHES-MASON.

Wide man or striker who hit double figures for the Wings last season having joined in the summer of 2012 following his release from Grimsby.

HARRY BEAUTYMAN. Highly-rated England C international midfielder who joined the Wings following his release from Leyton Orient.

STRIKERS

ROSS LAFAYETTE. Strong, skilful striker who signed for Welling in summer 2012 after a successful trial. Ended the campaign as player of the year after a fine first season with the Wings.

KURTIS GUTHRIE. Jersey-born forward who signed last summer after being released by Bath. Tall, quick and tricky, the striker has also played for Accrington and Southport.

LOICK PIRES. Portugal-born forward in his second spell with the Wings. Won goal of the season award two seasons in succession before a move to Leyton Orient but now back at Park View Lane.

LUIS CUMBERS. Lightning-quick striker who joined the Wings from Gillingham in 2010. Suffered a cruciate injury last season and now returning to full fitness.

back to the future

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

1985/86 SOUTHERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

KEVIN SHOEMAKE: Goalkeeper who later played for Peterborough, Harlow Town, Dartford, Chelmsford, Kettering, Nuneaton and Boston United. He is now Northamptonshire FA chief executive.

PAUL SAWYER: Right-back who later played for Bromley, Margate, Dartford, Margate again, Boreham Wood and hometown Dartford again. He had a spell back at Welling as assistant-manager.

ADRIAN LEMOINE: Left-back who later appeared for Barking, Chelmsford City, Ashford Town and Hythe Town, then Tonbridge Angels with his younger brother Matthew. He now lives in Maidstone.

IAN STARKEY: Ex-Bromley, Maidstone United and Dartford defender who missed just one match in 1986-87. He later played for Margate and had a spell as Welling's coach. Now living near Gravesend.

NIGEL RANSOM: Long-serving central defender who was Player of the Year five times and made a club record 1,066 appearances before hanging up his boots in May 1995. He now lives in Orpington.

RAY BURGESS: Long-serving captain who was a key figure in Welling's rise and made 1,044 appearances before hanging up his boots in May 1995. Later their assistant-manager, he still lives locally.

STUART WHITE: Midfielder who had a testimonial match before joining hometown Ashford in December 1994, then played for Folkestone Invicta. He died in a car crash in South Africa in June 2010.

NEIL CLEMMENCE: Former Dartford midfielder who netted seven goals in 248 Conference games before joining Gravesend & Northfleet in July 1994, then Erith & Belvedere, settling in Meopham.

GARY ABBOTT: England Semi-Pro striker who became Welling's record goalscorer in four spells before being coach/manager at Fisher, Braintree, Cray Wanderers, Sittingbourne and Hastings United.

JOHN BARTLEY: England Semi-Pro international striker who rejoined Maidstone United, then had spells at Chelmsford, Dartford, Alma Swanley, Erith & Belvedere and Sheppen. Now living in Bristol.

DAVID SMITH: Winger who moved to Gillingham in August 1986, then appeared for Bristol City, Plymouth Argyle and Notts County before injury ended his career. He has since emigrated to Norway.

1989/90 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

PAUL BARRON: Experienced goalkeeper who made 125 Conference appearances in his second spell at the club. He has since been a goalkeeping coach at various clubs, currently Nottingham Forest.

MARK HONE: Right-back who joined Southend United in August 1994, then Lincoln City, Kettering, Welling again and Lincoln United where he became manager. He is now Lincoln City's youth coach.

DUNCAN HORTON: Left-back who joined Barnet in March 1991 and returned from Wycombe Wanderers to score once in 278 Conference games overall. Later with Ashford Town, he lives in Chatham.

JOHN GLOVER: Central defender who netted 20 goals in 154 Conference games. Later at Erith & Belvedere, Croydon and Gravesend & Northfleet, he died from motor neurone disease in September 2006.

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TREVOR BOOKER: Ex-Millwall striker who netted 29 goals in 146 Conference games prior to joining Fisher Athletic in August 1991, then Slough Town and Fisher again. He works in the building trade.

TERRY ROBBINS: England Semi-Pro striker who scored a record 139 goals in 330 Conference games before joining Barnet in July 1995, then Boreham Wood, Cambridge City and Wisbech and Enfield.

TONY REYNOLDS: Winger who moved to Gravesend & Northfleet in July 1994, then Ashford Town again and Dagenham & Redbridge. He has managed Welling, Ashford Town and Ashford United.

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...A WING

KEITH ROWLAND



Very few players have been on the books of both the Town and the Wings down the years, with Keith Rowland the one that has played for both clubs.

Northern Ireland international Keith joined Bournemouth as a youngster and soon impressed as a tireless left-back or left-sided midfielder leading to a big money move to West Ham United in 1993.

At Upton Park, Keith became a fans' favourite, despite injuries punctuating his appearances. But, after being kept on the sidelines by Julian Dicks, Keith moved to QPR along with ex-Hatter Iain Dowie in an exchange deal with took Trevor Sinclair to the Hammers.

Further injury problems hindered his time at Loftus Road and he moved to Joe Kinnear's Luton on loan in 2001 to get some match practice. Playing 12 games in a relegation-threatened side, Keith made a positive contribution in midfield, scoring two important goals, in victories over Swansea and Swindon.

Spells at Chesterfield, Barnet, Hornchurch, Dublin and Dagenham & Redbridge followed before ending his playing days with today's visitors in 2006/07.

Former Welling youth product Dean Standen signed for the Hatters from the Wings in 2000 but never made a single appearance for the club. Midfielder Danny Spiller, who also failed to make an appearance for the Town, also spent a short spell with the Wings.

KEITH ROWLAND STATISTICS:

LUTON TOWN APPEARANCES: 12

LUTON TOWN GOALS: 2

FIRST APPEARANCE:

v Northampton Town (a) W 1-0 10/2/2000

LAST APPEARANCE:

v Stoke City (h) L 1-2 7/4/2000

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town and the Wings meet for the first time in league competition this afternoon but have already met three times in cup ties in the past.

Of course it was just two weeks ago that Welling beat the Hatters 2-1 at Park View Lane, a result which booked the Wings a place in the second round of the FA Cup.

The two previous meetings came in the FA Trophy in December 2010. The Hatters fielded a youth side against the Wings in the original game played on a Sunday afternoon but a drab goalless draw meant both sides had to do it all over again two days later at Park View Lane.

On a freezing night before a then record lowest crowd to watch a competitive Luton game of 404, the Wings took the lead on the stroke of half-time when Luis Cumbers bundled the ball over the line past an exposed Mark Tyler.

Then Town boss Richard Money gave debuts to teenagers Newman Carney and Cauley Woodrow in the second half as the Hatters pushed for an equaliser which eventually came eight minutes from time when Jason Walker fired home.

With extra-time looming the Hatters then won it with a goal deep into stoppage time when Alex Lawless hit a 20-yard shot into the top corner to seal a second round date with Uxbridge. The Town would go onto reach the semi-finals of the competition, losing out to Mansfield on aggregate.

The teams that were fielded by the Hatters in those Trophy ties were:

First Game:

Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Hinton, Lacey, Howells, Lawless, Besta (sub O'Donnell 60), Poku, D. Walker, J. Walker, Atieno.

Replay:

Tyler, O'Donnell (sub Woodrow 68), Asafu-Adjaye, Hinton, Lacey, Besta (sub Carney 55), D. Walker, Poku, Lawless, J. Walker (sub Patrick 76), Atieno.

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from the oak road

NEWLY-PROMOTED WELLING HAVE BEEN FLYING - BUT THE WINGS WERE CLIPPED LAST SATURDAY BY A LAST-MINUTE NUNEATON WINNER. EAGER TO SEE HIS SIDE RECORD A SECOND VICTORY OVER LUTON IN TWO WEEKS, WELLING FAN MARK DOIG TALKS CUP RUNS, HOME COMFORTS AND REMEMBERS A WEE SPOT OF EMBARRASSMENT FOR PLAYER LOICK PIRES...

TALK OF THE TOWN: Talk us through the recent FA Cup game between the two sides from a Welling perspective. Some have described it as "a game of two halves" but, on balance, did you feel the Wings deserved to go through?

MARK: Both teams had opportunities but I felt that Welling had the better of the opportunities in the first half and the second goal just before the break gave Luton a mountain to climb. Up until Paul Benson pulled a goal back, I felt comfortable, but after that it was pretty tense and Lee Butcher was called upon to make some good stops. Overall, I thought Welling deserved to go through - but then I would!

TOTT: Welling have also beaten Grimsby and Forest Green at home this season, and drawn with early pace setters Cambridge. Why do you think Conference sides are finding Park View Road a hard place to go and get results?

MARK: Over the two previous seasons in the Conference South, we only lost one league home match, and that was a dead rubber when Play-Off qualification was already guaranteed.

The Welling players are confident on their own turf (maybe too much so, having lost to an injury time goal against Nuneaton last week) and that helps. The pitch at Park View Road is a good playing surface, but is one of the smallest in the league and I think that comes as a shock to some.

I do sometimes wonder why teams can have great home records but are poor away, AFC Halifax being a prime example, and I can only assume it is familiarity.

TOTT: For those Hatters fans not at the FA Cup game two weeks ago, who are Welling's dangermen we should be on the look out for?

MARK: That is a tough one as Welling are not a team of superstars - they are players who enjoy playing together. Jamie Day signs players who will fit in, rather than those who have multiple clubs on their CVs. When selecting a man-of-the-match, I often have five or six

performers from which to choose, although I guess Ross Lafayette's goalscoring record this season, Fraser Franks' England C appearances and Lee Butcher's goalkeeping exploits would stand out.

TOTT: Which game have you enjoyed most in your first season back in the Conference since promotion and why?

MARK: Rivalry with Woking made winning there enjoyable, winning at Braintree having never been victorious there before (we'd previously drawn one, lost five) and beating Forest Green 5-2 were all big days.

However, the 2-2 draw at home to Cambridge United was a superb game of football and any neutral present must have enjoyed it. It is rare for me to go home happy after a game when Welling have not won but that night I did.

TOTT: What would you prefer - a glamorous cup run or to make the Play-Offs?

MARK: Making the Play-Offs would be remarkable, but if the club could have a cup run that included a massive game, the club could put down the infrastructure that would allow it to grow.

Improvements to Park View Road are required just to stay in this league and having survived financially through supporters loans three seasons ago, I feel that the money from a big game would be far more beneficial in the long run. A day at a big Premier League stadium wouldn't be sniffed at either.

TOTT: If you could sign any player in the Conference, who would you bring into the Wings' team?

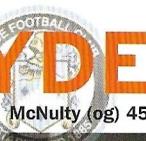
MARK: Easy! Keanu Marsh-Brown of Barnet was the best player I have seen oppose Welling this season. Lee Gregory of AFC Halifax wasn't bad either.

Of course, it is Welling's first season up in the Conference, so there are clubs we have not seen yet. Luton rested players against Welling in the cup, so there may be someone who will impress me today.

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TOWN 4-1 HYDE

Gray 16, 55, 79, Guttridge 51



McNulty (og) 45



Andre Gray fires home his second goal



Mark Tyler denies the visitors

TOWN: Tyler, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey; Smith, Parry (sub Robinson 81), Guttridge (sub Whalley 72), Lawless (sub Cullen 87); Benson, Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Charles, Justham.

POSSESSION 51% 49%

SHOTS ON TARGET 7 2

ATTENDANCE: 7,081 (30 HYDE)

TOWN 4-1 HYDE



Celebrations after Luke Guttridge's goal

A hat-trick from Andre Gray inspired the Hatters to victory over bottom-of-the-table Hyde.

The striker's first goal arrived on 16 minutes before he struck twice in the second half either side of Luke Guttridge's close range effort.

Hyde, winless and with just two points all season, shocked Kenilworth Road by equalising on the stroke of half-time when Steve McNulty headed past Mark Tyler.

But the Town responded well after the break and Gray supplied Guttridge with his sixth goal of the season to restore the lead six minutes after the restart.

Gray hit his second four minutes later to make it 3-1 before he completed the hat-trick with 12 minutes to take his tally to five goals in three games.

It all began with home supporters behind both goals, with the Oak Road end open completely open to Hatters supporters – and those fans were almost treated to a goal inside the first minute when Andy Parry's low shot was blocked.

However, they didn't have to wait long for the first goal when, on 16 minutes, Gray scored his first of the afternoon. Scott Griffiths did well down the left to curl in a cross which Gray took down brilliantly and slammed home a low shot past visiting goalkeeper David Carnell, despite being manhandled in the box by a posse of Hyde defenders.

Hyde, to their credit, responded well. Louis Almond, who scored an excellent goal in the corresponding fixture last season, saw a shot blocked well by Alex Lacey on 21 minutes before Tyler was called into action three minutes later when Tom Collins' cross was parried away and Josh Brizell's piledriver was pawed away by the Town keeper.

Hyde were enjoying a good spell and ended the first half on top. And, just when it looked as though the Town would get to half-time in front, the Tigers levelled. Brizell's high ball into the box caused uncertainty in the Hatters backline and, under pressure to make a clearance, McNulty sent a header back past Tyler leaving Kenilworth Road in stunned silence as Hyde and their 30 fans celebrated.

Frustrated at being pegged back so late in the first period, the Town came out with purpose after the restart and just needed six minutes to retake the lead. This time Gray was the provider, breaking through the Hyde defence to square for Guttridge to roll home from six yards for his sixth goal of the season.

Thunderous

Four minutes later it was 3-1 when Gray notched his second in thunderous fashion. Tyler's long ball down-field was nodded on by Paul Benson and Gray took one touch before blasting a left-foot shot into the top corner leaving Carnell with no chance.

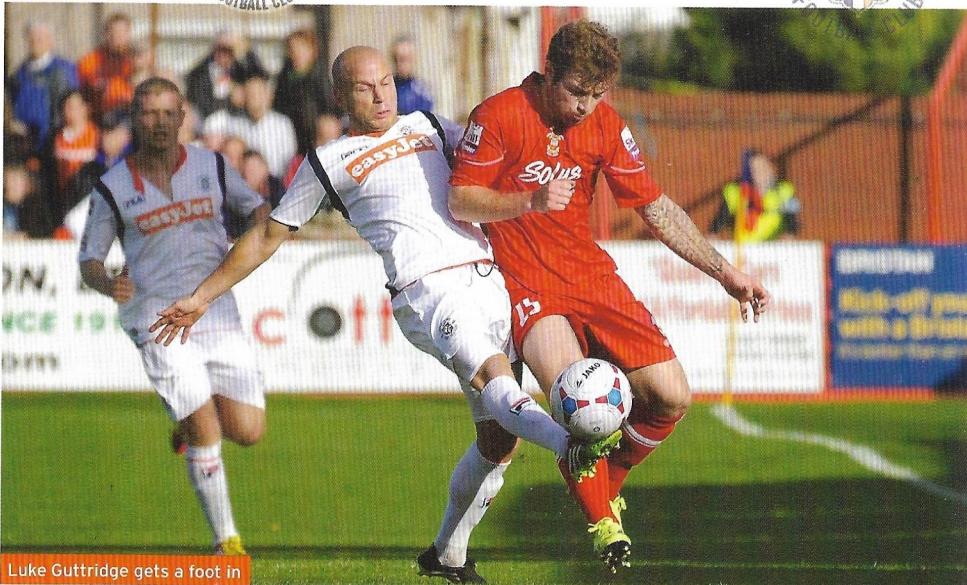
Benson and Gray continued to link-up well and the latter's running in behind the visitors' defence led to Hyde being reduced to 10 men with 22 minutes to play when centre-half Luke Ashworth was red-carded for hauling back Gray with just Carnell to beat.

By now the Hatters were playing keep-ball, looking to pick off Hyde at will, and Gray collected his matchball on 78 minutes. Lacey headed back across goal following a right-wing corner and Gray was on hand to powerfully shoot home from eight yards to take his tally to six for the season and five in three games to seal a comfortable victory.

TAMWORTH 3-4 TOWN

Courtney 13, 76, Elford-Alliyu 64 (pen)

Smith 31, Parry 41, Benson 46, 54



Luke Gutridge gets a foot in



Andy Parry fires the Hatters in front

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Parry, Gutridge (sub Lawless 72), Whalley, Benson, Gray (sub Charles 87). **SUBS NOT USED:** Robinson, Cullen, Justham.

POSSESSION 51% 49%

SHOTS ON TARGET 6 5

ATTENDANCE: 2,066 (1,199 LUTON)

TAMWORTH 3-4 TOWN



Paul Benson celebrates his first goal

The Town held onto secure another fantastic victory but they were made to sweat for all three points at the Lamb.

Trailing to an early goal from Duane Courtney the Hatters hit back to score four times. Stunning strikes from Jonathan Smith and Andy Parry had the Town 2-1 up at the break before a Paul Benson double early in the second period put John Still's side 4-1 up.

However, following the Town is never easy, and they allowed the hosts to get a sniff of a point with two goals in the final 14 minutes but did enough in the closing stages to win again and stretch their unbeaten run to eight games.

Manager John Still was happy that his side overcame a "cup tie" atmosphere, whilst goalscorers Smith, Parry and Benson reflected on an important three points but admitted their frustrations at allowing Tamworth a chance of point having led 4-1 at one stage.

Delighted

Smith, who hit a stunning first goal of the season in his 50th appearance to bring the Town level told Player: "I was due a goal but I'm not sure if the keeper could have got a hand on it but I was delighted when it went in.

"It got us back in the game because Tamworth made it difficult for us in the first 10-15 minutes. The gaffer wasn't happy with the goals we've conceded but before the game we would have all taken a 1-0 win."

Parry's strike was his second in successive away fixtures after he'd used his knee to score in the 3-3 draw at Aldershot.

But there was no doubt about his goal at the Lamb: a right-foot drive that flew into the bottom corner.

"I wasn't going to shoot until Shaun Whalley screamed at me to do so," said the midfielder. "We like to keep it entertaining at the minute and in the end it was a bit of a grind to secure the win. Tamworth threw a few strikers on and we knew it would be tough, but we've battled it out and once again we've shown that never-say-die attitude."

Striker Benson took his tally to four goals following his quick-fire second-half brace.

"You wouldn't catch me scoring goals like the first two," he joked on Smith and Parry's first half efforts.

Perfect

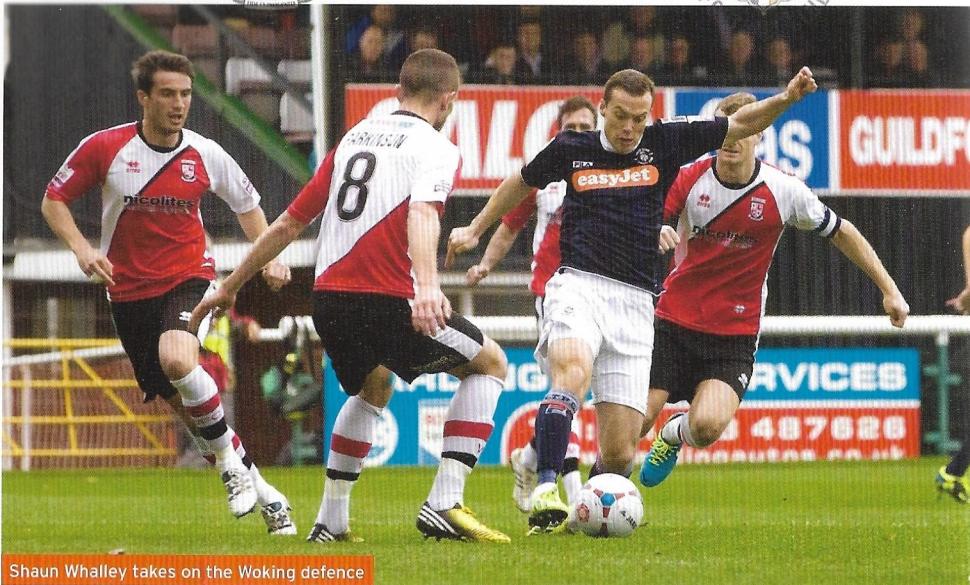
"The two crosses for my goals made them. It was a super ball in from Shaun for the first and the same for the second, Andre's pass was perfect – I didn't even have to break my stride."

"We would have been hugely disappointing if we had thrown the win away after being 4-1 up, but we've come from an early goal down to score four times."

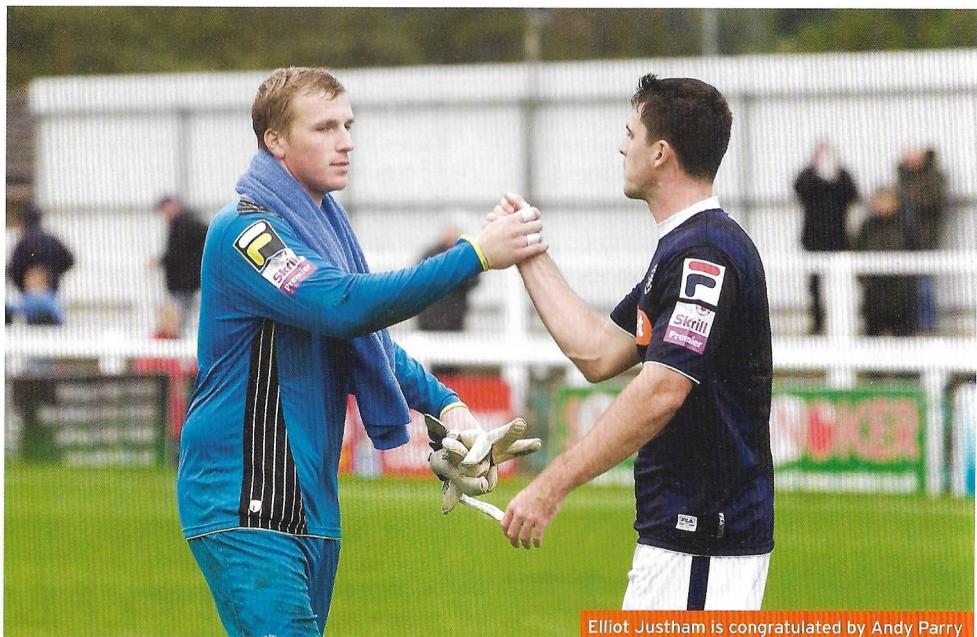
"It's good in one respect that we know if we do fall behind we can come back and win games but we don't want to be going a goal down in the first place. Obviously if we go a goal up it will make it easier for us."

WOKING 0-1 TOWN

Cullen 32



Shaun Whalley takes on the Woking defence



Elliot Justham is congratulated by Andy Parry

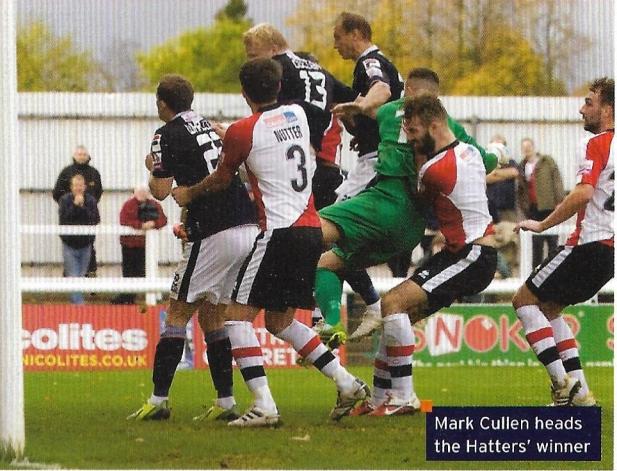
TOWN: Justham, Henry, Howells, McNulty, Charles, Martin (suv Gray 72), Robinson (sub Parry 77), Smith, Whalley, Benson, Cullen. **SUBS NOT USED:** Taiwo, Viana, Wall, Stevenson, Tyler.

POSSESSION 45% 55%

SHOTS ON TARGET 3 4

ATTENDANCE: 1,452 (537 LUTON)

WOKING 0-1 TOWN



Mark Cullen heads the Hatters' winner

Mark Cullen's first half header was enough to seal the Town's place in the first round of the FA Cup after a determined victory at Woking.

The striker, one of six changes made to the starting XI, headed home Dave Martin's right-wing corner on 32 minutes.

Woking pressed for an equaliser in the second period but the Town held on to extend their unbeaten run to nine games.

John Still made six changes to the side that beat Tamworth and gave a debut to goalkeeper Elliot Justham.

After the young stopper's confident early claim the Town thought they should have had a penalty on seven minutes when Shaun Whalley was sent sprawling in the penalty area by Jack Parkinson's challenge but to everybody's disbelief, referee Colin Lymer booked the Hatters winger for diving.

The Town, though, were on top and enjoying a good spell early on. Cullen was close to reaching Martin's low, left-wing cross a minute later and Jake Howells saw a low shot turned over the crossbar by home keeper Sam Beasant.

The hosts came close on 24 minutes when Giuseppe Sole headed wide following a right-wing corner but the Cards striker then missed an even better chance four minutes later when he wastefully fired high over the bar having raced onto Matt Robinson's sliding challenge.

Woking spurned a similar opportunity in the league meeting last month, a fixture the Town went onto win 4-0 and, just like in that game, the Hatters punished the Cards' profligacy in front of goal on 31 minutes.

Whalley was sent tumbling in the box again but once again whistle Lymer remained unconvinced, instead

giving the Hatters a right-wing corner and from Martin's flag-kick Cullen rose to nod past Beasant in the Woking goal. It was the striker's fifth goal of the season and his third at Kingfield - and all of those have been headers.

With their noses in front it was now the Town's turn to come under pressure from the hosts. Justham did well to smother a dangerous free-kick from the right on 37 minutes before the stopper did even better a minute before half-time, diving at full length to his left to prevent Josh Payne's thunderous drive from the edge of the box. The danger, however, wasn't over and a clearance by Howells seconds later stopped John Goddard's header from finding from the bottom corner.

Justham was called into action seven minutes into the second half when he pushed away Kevin Betsy's swerving effort from the edge of the box.

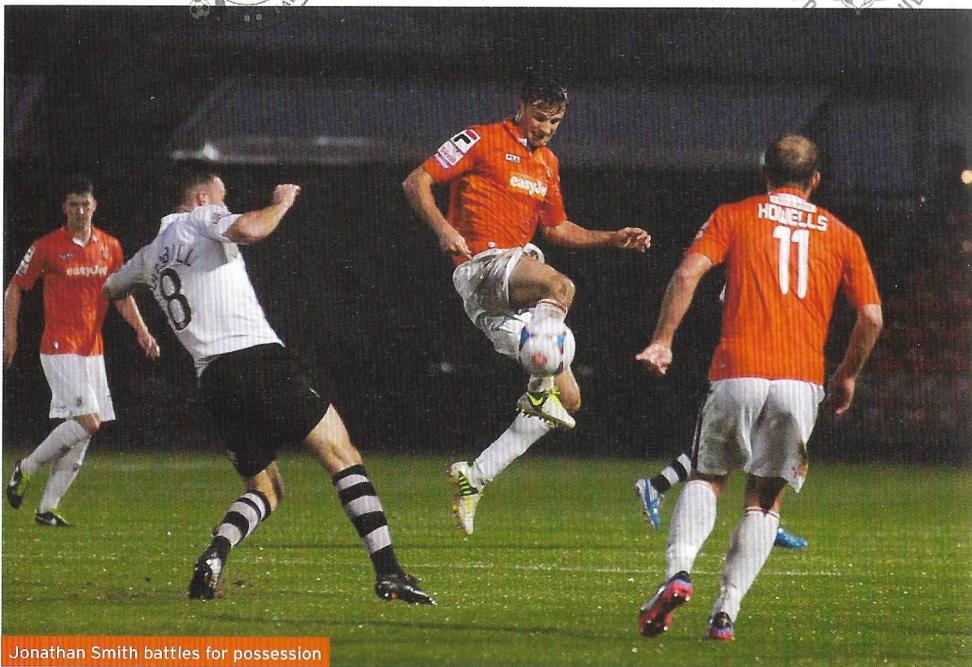
Woking continued to push for an equaliser and Gavin Williams almost provided it on 53 minutes but he couldn't get a shot on target after bursting into the area from the left having beaten Anthony Charles.

The Cards were in the ascendancy after the break and the Town were struggling to create any clear-cut opportunities and with 18 minutes left Still made his first change, introducing Andre Gray for Martin.

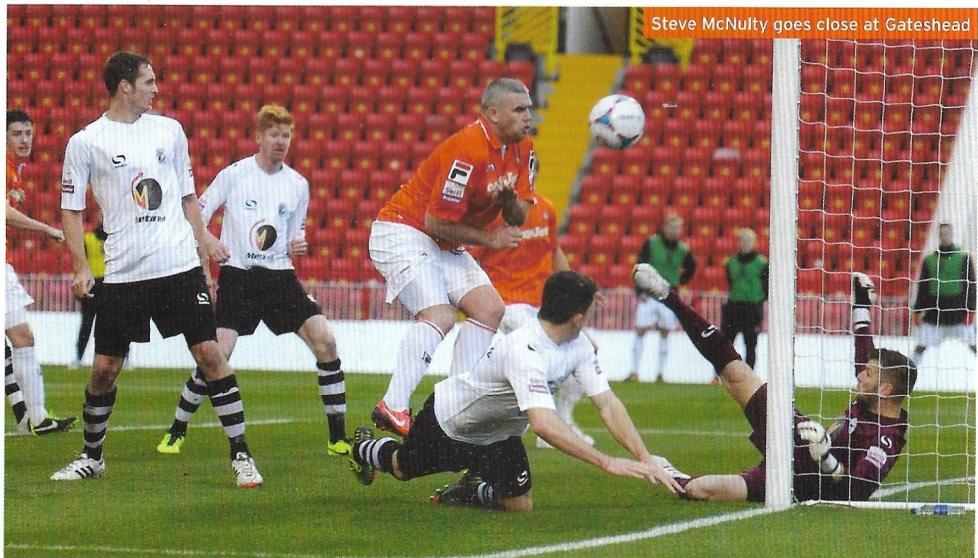
Whalley almost created a chance to seal the tie with six minutes left when he burst into the box down the left but his cross couldn't find Benson lurking for a tap-in.

The officials added six minutes on at the end of the 90 and the Town almost sealed victory in the second minute of those when Parkinson's back-pass eluded Beasant and rolled just past the post. Woking continued to pump high balls into the box but the Town held out to book their place in the second round.

GATESHEAD 0-0 TOWN



Jonathan Smith battles for possession

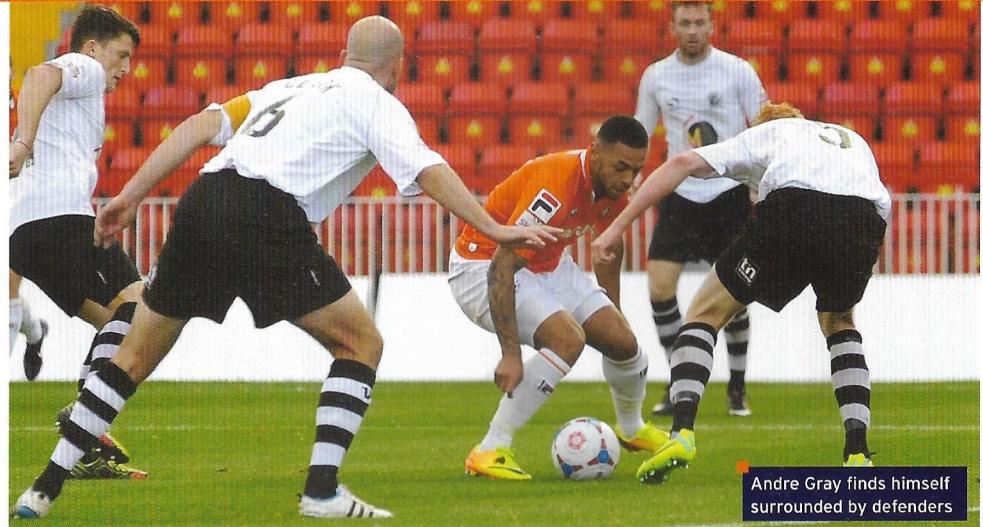


Steve McNulty goes close at Gateshead

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Parry, Guttridge Howells (sub Wall 83), Benson, Gray (sub Cullen 71). **SUBS NOT USED:** Stevenson, Taiwo, Justham.

POSSESSION	54%	46%
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	0
ATTENDANCE: 1,080 (302 LUTON)		

GATESHEAD 0-0 TOWN



Andre Gray finds himself surrounded by defenders

The Hatters extended their unbeaten run to 10 games with a determined goalless draw at Gateshead.

The pre-match rain made way for sunshine in the opening exchanges in which the Town came close early on. Jonathan Smith, one of five players who kept their place in the side following last weekend's FA Cup win over Woking, saw a low shot from distance deflected narrowly wide on three minutes.

That would be the nearest the Town would come in a first half dominated by the in-form hosts. The Heed, who had won seven of their last eight games – and five on the spin – were playing patient, attractive football, holding the Hatters back. Steve McNulty came to the Town's rescue on 11 minutes when Mark Tyler failed to punch clear following a high, high free-kick pumped into the box, and James Curtis' shot on the turn was cleared by the Hatters' centre-half.

On 19 minutes the Hatters engineered their best move of the opening 45 minutes but Luke Guttridge fired a left-foot shot wide of the target from 15 yards after good link-up play between Andre Gray and Paul Benson.

But in truth it was the hosts who were dominating, and McNulty had to make his second goal-line clearance of the afternoon on 24 minutes. This time Jamie Chandler snuck in behind the Town defence to arch a shot over the advancing Tyler but McNulty was there to head clear.

McNulty then came close at the other end – not that he knew much about it – five minutes before half-time when Jake Howells – making his 250th appearance in Luton colours – saw his free-kick rebound off the

defender from close range. Clear-cut chances, however, were scarce. Home left-back Lewis Sirrell saw a long shot deflect off the head of McNulty on 58 minutes before Colin Larkin's low, teasing cross two minutes later flashed across goal with substitute James Brown unable to connect.

The Town, though, spurned a decent chance to take the lead on 64 minutes when Gray eased his marker out the way to find Guttridge but the midfielder could only drag his shot well wide of the post from 12 yards.

A minute later, as the rain lashed down, there was almost a freak own goal when home goalkeeper Adam Bartlett took a heavy touch following Sirrell's back-pass but in the end it ended goalless, much to John Still's delight. "I don't just think it was tough opponents, I think it was a tough day all round and that was as bad conditions as I can remember a team playing in," he said afterwards. "It was really, really difficult with the wind. It was so strong and then the rain lashed in the second half. So, away from home, to a team that's in good form, that was a terrific performance in terms of discipline and organisation. As I say to the players, you've got to play games in all conditions against all teams at all times of the year and that was a classic example of that."

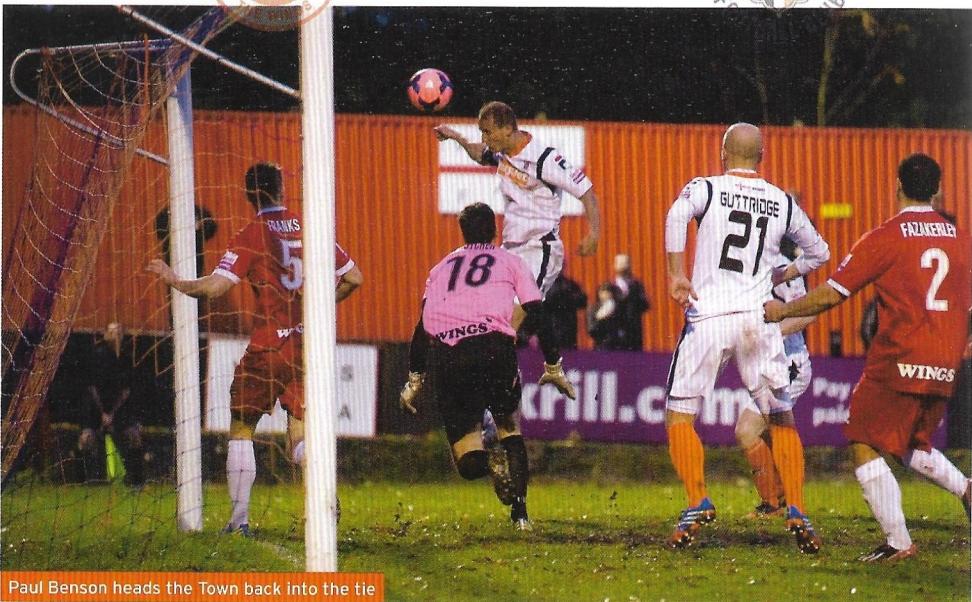
"It was horrific conditions, on a decent pitch, and the pitch was quite firm which made the water lie on the surface at the end.

"I don't believe there's a massive difference away from home, but when you've travelled as far as we've travelled and played in conditions we've played, us soft southerners, weren't too soft."

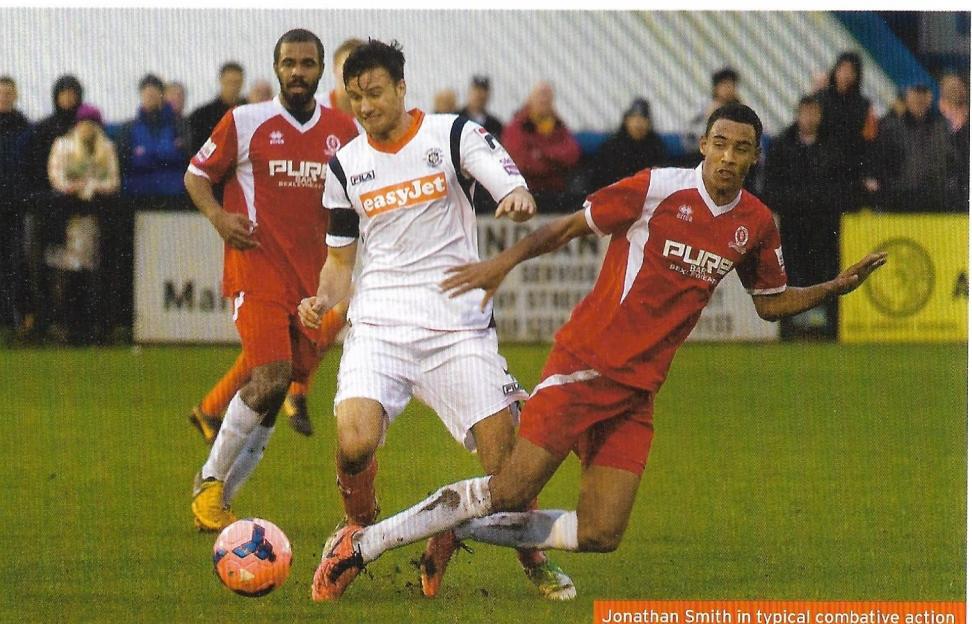
WELLING 2-1 TOWN

Clarke 28, Healy 44

Benson 57



Paul Benson heads the Town back into the tie



Jonathan Smith in typical combative action

TOWN: Justham, Parry, Howells (sub Banton 90), McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Stevenson, Guttridge (sub O'Donnell 80), Martin (sub Lawless 58), Cullen, Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Taiwo, Griffiths, Robinson, Tyler.

POSSESSION 51% 49%

SHOTS ON TARGET 3 9

ATTENDANCE: 1,555 (740 LUTON)

WELLING 2-1 TOWN

The Town's dream of another giantkilling run in the FA Cup came to an end as they were defeated at Welling.

Trailing 2-0 at the break the Hatters came out all guns blazing in the second half and Paul Benson's header reduced arrears to give them hope.

However, the Town could not score a second with home goalkeeper Lee Butcher pulling off a string of excellent saves to deny the Hatters a replay.

The Wings stopper prevented efforts from substitutes Zane Banton and Alex Lawless in the final moments and the defeat ended the Town's 10-match unbeaten run.

On 10 minutes, one of four Town changes, Mark Cullen, came within a whisker of breaking the deadlock when he collected a pass down the right, cut inside on his left foot and saw a shot whistle just past the post.

Eight minutes later the Hatters came even closer to going in front. A corner from the right was swung into Benson at the back-post. His header was blocked on the line, as was Alex Lacey's follow-up inside the six yard box. Jim Stevenson sent the ball back into the mix but Benson could only poke a shot wide again from inside the penalty area.

Elliot Justham was tested for the first time on 25 minutes when he got down to smother Lafayette's shot on the turn, but two minutes, later the Hatters' goalkeeper could do nothing as the Wings took the lead. Lafayette muscled Alex Lacey off the ball to cross from the right and home skipper Lee Clarke was on hand to bundle home inside the six yard box.

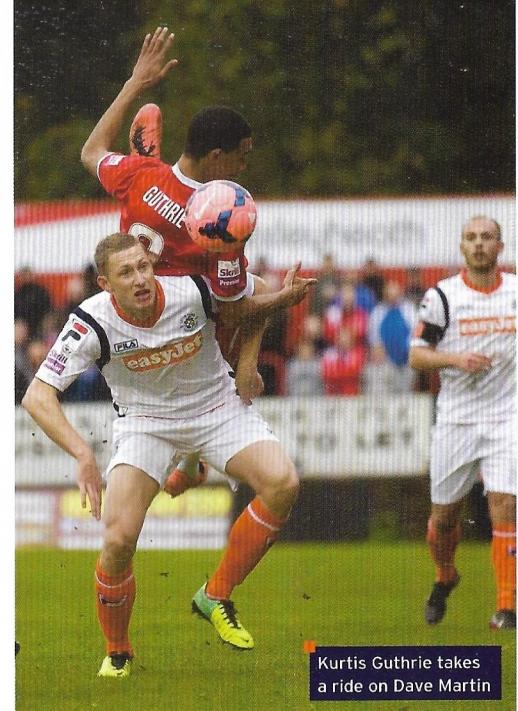
It could have been worse for the Town immediately from kick-off when Lafayette burst through after being gifted the ball by the Hatters, but the striker could only find the foot of the post with his low effort.

Glorious

Behind, the Hatters spurned a glorious chance to equalise on the half-hour mark when Guttridge failed to hit the target with a shot from inside the D after Benson's run had committed the home goalkeeper to the edge of the box.

However, Welling, to their credit, were playing well and they doubled their lead a minute before the break. Lafayette was again the creator, sending Joe Healy clear of the Town defence, and he slotted past the advancing Justham to make it 2-0.

On 57 minutes, the Town were back in it. Andy Parry's cross from the right was met by a thumping header from Benson. Butcher did well to parry the effort, but could only send the ball looping skywards and Benson was on hand to nod home from a yard out.



Kurtis Guthrie takes a ride on Dave Martin

Lawless was introduced a minute later and, with the impetus well and truly with the Hatters, Parry came close to levelling on 59 minutes but his low first-time piledriver was kept out well by the outstretched arms of Butcher.

The Town continued to press as time ticked down. Benson and Lawless couldn't get a shot away with the ball stuck in their feet whilst Lacey sent a header over with six minutes left following Lawless' right-wing free-kick.

It was all the Hatters in the closing stages and the Wings had Butcher to thank for another vital save with four minutes left when he kept out Benson's header which came close to finding the bottom corner.

As the Hatters laid siege on the hosts' goal, Butcher made his best save of the game with two minutes left when he kept out Lawless' shot with his legs after the midfielder was played through by Cullen.

Substitute JJ O'Donnell volleyed wide as the game entered the final minute and, in the first of four minutes of stoppage time, Banton saw his first-time snap-shot clawed away by Butcher.

The Town desperately tried to find a late, late, late leveller to force a replay but the Wings held on to book their place in the second round.

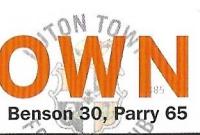
centre spot

The Town players and supporters celebrate Andre Gray's opener against Hyde in our last match at Kenilworth Road over a month ago



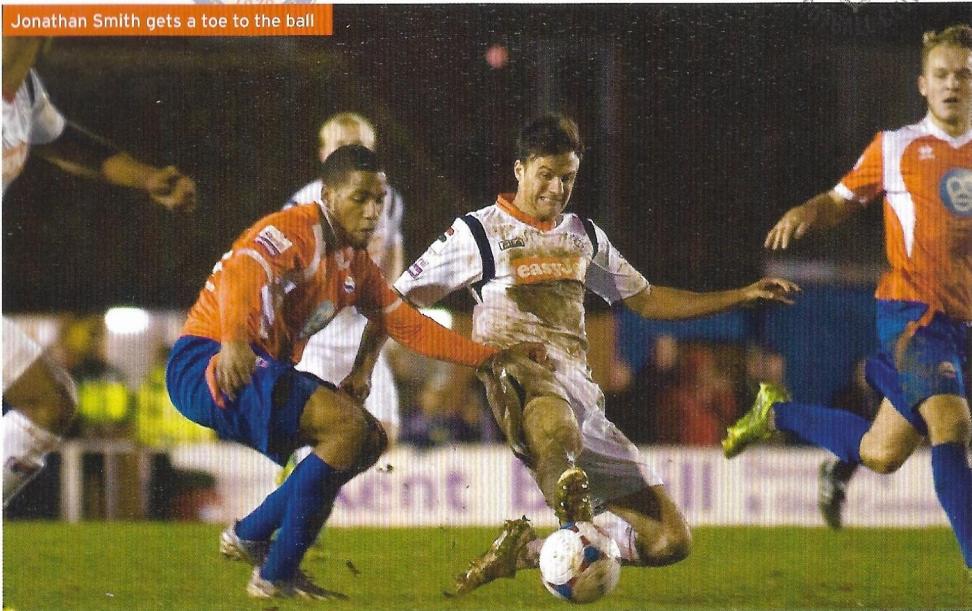
BRAINTREE 1-2 TOWN

Holman 67

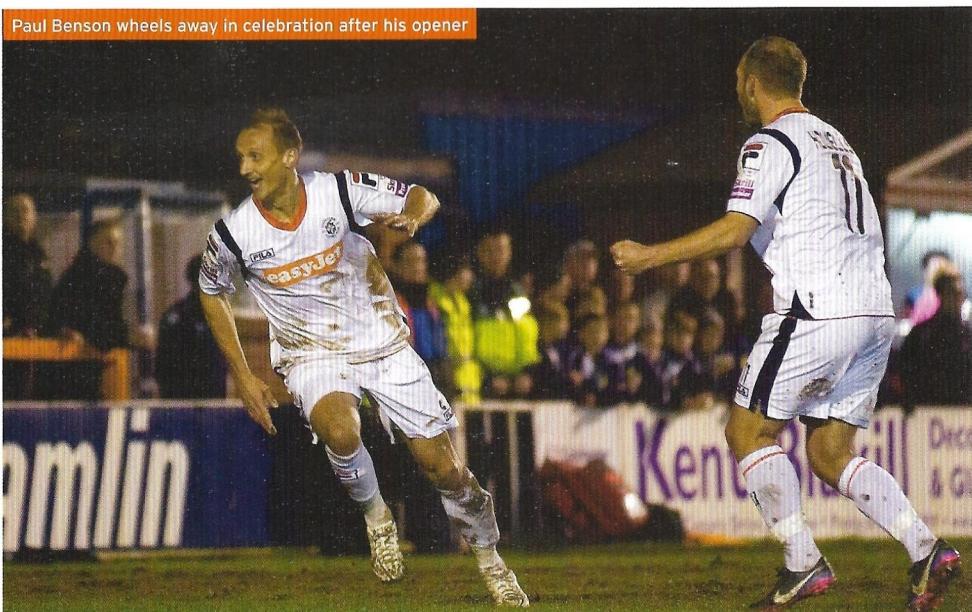


Benson 30, Parry 65

Jonathan Smith gets a toe to the ball



Paul Benson wheels away in celebration after his opener



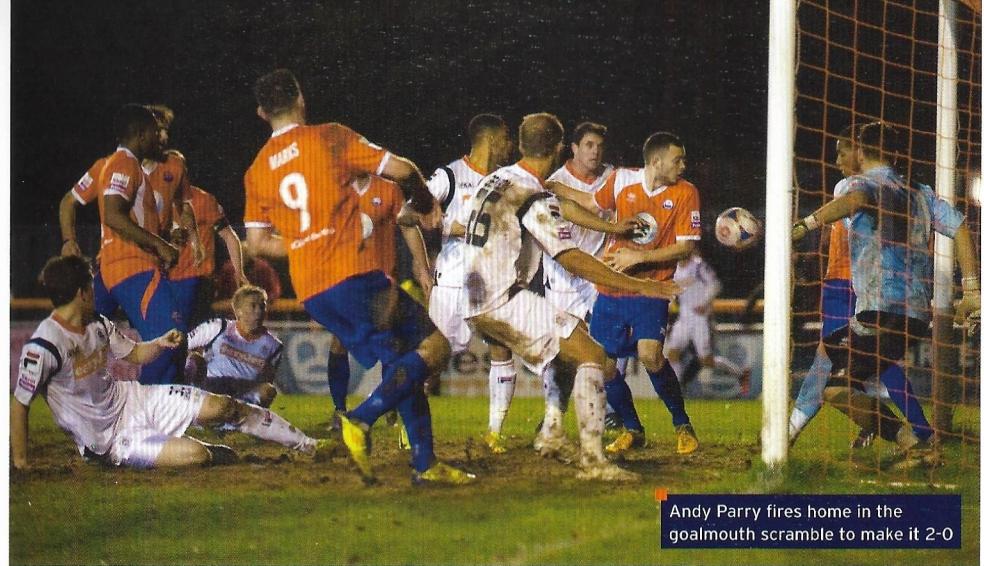
TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty (sub Stevenson 62), Lacey, Smith, Parry, Lawless, Howells, Benson (sub Cullen 72), Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Whalley, Guttridge, Justham.

POSSESSION 55% 45%

SHOTS ON TARGET 6 3

ATTENDANCE: 1,518 (728 LUTON)

BRAINTREE 1-2 TOWN



Andy Parry fires home in the goalmouth scramble to make it 2-0

The Town made it 10 games unbeaten in the Skrill Premier with a determined 2-1 victory at bogey team Braintree.

A first half strike from Paul Benson had the Hatters 1-0 to the good at half-time. The striker finished well from inside the six-yard box after Alex Lawless had seen a shot cleared off the line.

The lead was doubled mid-way through the second half when Andy Parry fired home from close range after Braintree failed to clear a left-wing corner.

But a deflected goal immediately after the restart from Braintree's Dan Holman cut the deficit and ensured a nervy final quarter of the game.

As the hosts went in search of a dramatic equaliser, the Town held firm. Mark Tyler saved from Luke Daley before Alex Lacey made a vital clearance with the very last kick of the game to deny Braintree and give the Hatters their first win in three visits to the Amlin Stadium.

It was a victory that John Still hailed as one of the best of the season so far, especially considering the loss of Benson and defensive lynchpin Steve McNulty in the second half.

"We've had to work hard and dig in, it wasn't pretty but we needed to be effective," Still said afterwards.

"It was up there with the best performance of the season because of the work-rate and discipline shown by the players.

"We've had performances away from home this season where we've played great football, at Kidderminster

for example – which was probably the perfect away performance – but this was the other side of the coin.

"The early part of the game we could pass it but the longer the game went on the longer both teams had to go. The conditions were really, really poor but once we were in front it was all about grinding it out.

"I thought we worked hard to get 2-0 up and I thought that would put us in control but a minute later they score a deflected goal and that gave Braintree the momentum."

The Town's cause wasn't helped when they needed to substitute goalscorer Benson and centre-half McNulty – who were both struggling with their fitness in the lead up to the game.

"At 2pm Paul wasn't playing" admitted Still. "In the end, though, he said he'd give it a go. We've got no Jon Shaw or Alex Wall and Andre Gray's missed a couple of weeks but we went with it for as long as we could and Paul's done really well. Steve's back stiffened up – he didn't need half-time and he couldn't continue. But we dropped Parry in there alongside Alex Lacey.

"They did their job well and I thought Ronnie Henry and Scott Griffiths were outstanding. We had to work hard to get the three points.

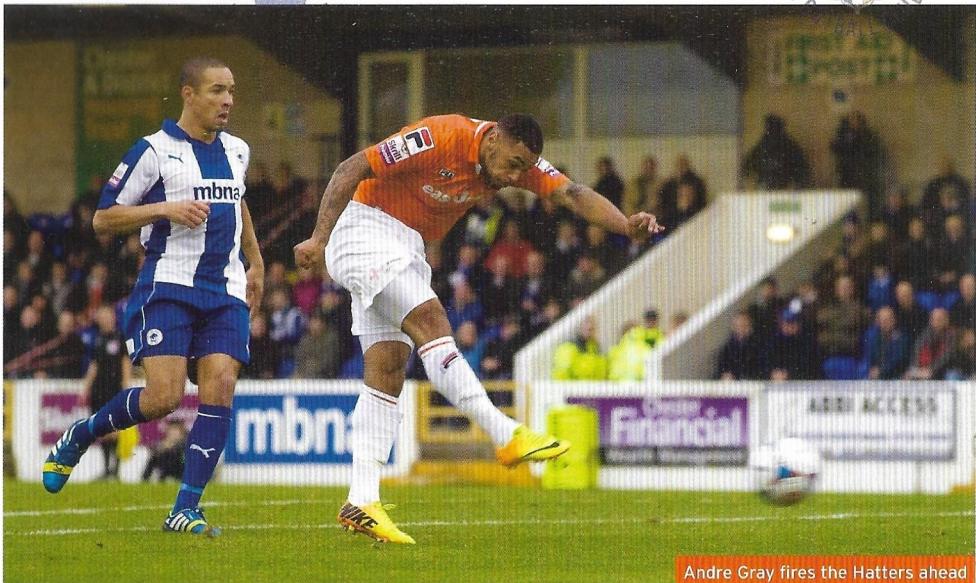
"A lot of people were asking me before the game 'would you take a point?'. Those people don't know John Still – I never take a point I was always try and win.

"It was a performance that, if I'm being honest and a bit soppy, makes me feel very proud to be the manager."

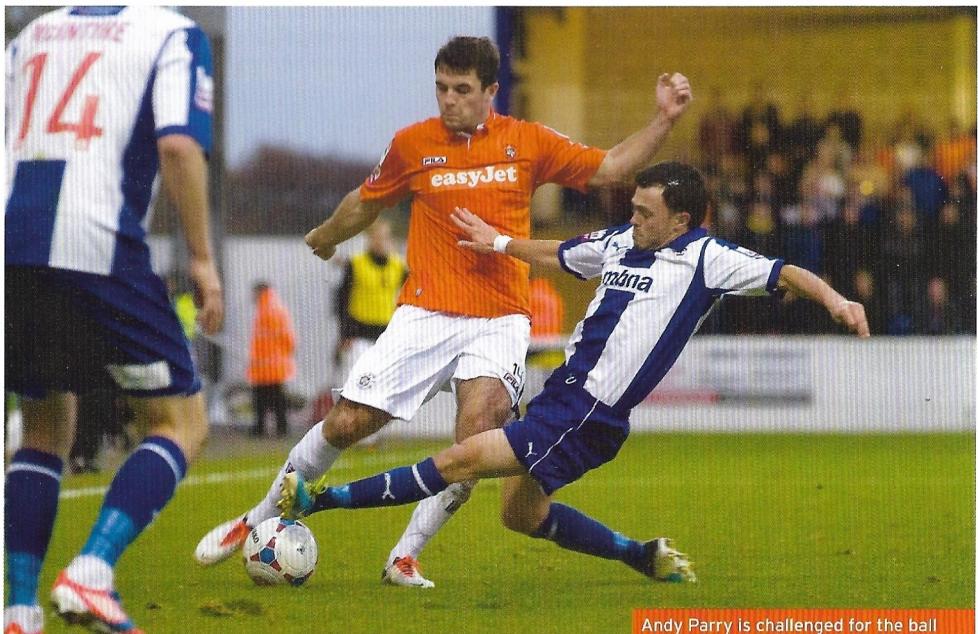
CHESTER 1-1 TOWN

Seddon 23

Gray 11



Andre Gray fires the Hatters ahead



Andy Parry is challenged for the ball

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey, Smith, Parry, Lawless (sub Whalley 82), Guttridge (sub Howells 71), Benson (sub Cullen), Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Stevenson, Justham.

POSSESSION	54%	46%
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	3
ATTENDANCE: 3,291 (890 LUTON)		

CHESTER 1-1 TOWN

The Hatters extended their unbeaten run in the Skrill Premier to 11 matches – but had to settle for a point at Chester.

Leading through Andre Gray's 11th minute goal the Town looked all set to record a second successive win on the road but Chester fought back to earn a draw when Gareth Seddon's fine finish beat Mark Tyler.

The Hatters enjoyed the better of the chances in the second half and came close to grabbing all three points in the dying stages but couldn't find a winner.

Despite turning up to the Deva Stadium late after the team coach encountered traffic en-route, the Town started on top.

Gray had his first sight of goal after 90 seconds, firing inches wide after turning in the box before thundering a shot high and wide of goal a minute later having latched onto a superb touch from strike-partner Paul Benson.

As the Town pushed for an early goal, captain Ronnie Henry volleyed over the crossbar on four minutes but, on 11 minutes, their pressure paid off when Gray fired the Hatters in front. After a series of headers inside the box, the ball dropped to the feet of the striker and he turned and smashed home an unstoppable shot past John Danby in the Chester goal. It was his seventh goal of the season.

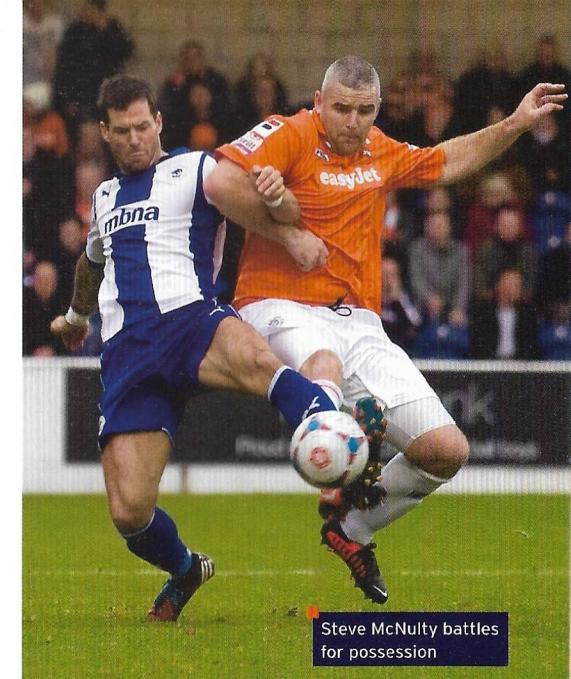
The goal was no more than the Hatters deserved for an accomplished opening to the game and Gray almost had a chance for a second goal on 18 minutes when he seized on an error from home defender Ross Killock and thumped a shot goalwards – but Killock managed to get back, block the effort and apologise to his team-mates.

However, after that let-off, Chester upped the ante. The Town survived a penalty appeal when a bicycle kick from Seddon deflected off of Steve McNulty behind for a corner – with referee Darren Handley waving away the handball shouts.

But the Hatters weren't so lucky on 23 minutes when Chester levelled. The Town failed to clear their lines and Seddon arrowed a rising shot past the dive of Mark Tyler to send the home supporters into raptures.

Buoyed by their equaliser, the hosts continue to press. Half-chances came and went as the Hatters were pushed back and Seddon almost created a second goal for Chester four minutes before the break when his flick-on found Craig Mahon but his volley from the edge of the box flew wide.

After such a promising start, the Town allowed the hosts to end the first half on top and right-back Chris Lester raced upfield to shoot wide in the last action of the first 45 minutes.



Steve McNulty battles for possession

Seven minutes after the restart, the Hatters almost retook the lead when Alex Lawless' goal-bound volley was blocked bravely by Danny Higginbotham from the edge of the box. Three minutes later, Danby held a Benson header from a right-wing cross from Parry.

Gray was denied a second thanks to another block – this time Killock denying the striker's shot from just inside the area following Lawless' pass. Lawless then curled an effort wide after a well-worked move on 66 minutes.

John Still introduced Mark Cullen on 66 minutes and Jake Howells six minutes later in a bid to find a winner but it was Gray who came within a whisker of making it 2-1 on 76 minutes when he turned brilliantly in the box and saw his fierce drive tipped behind by Danby.

With 10 minutes left Cullen inadvertently got in the way of a goal-bound rocket of a shot from Scott Griffiths after Chester had gifted the Hatters a corner.

As time ticked into three minutes of stoppage time the Town came within a whisker of winning all three points when Jonathan Smith's volley from the edge of the box dropped inches the wrong side of the post and that was the last action as the Hatters extended their unbeaten league run further.

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THE TOWN EQUALLED A CLUB RECORD SIXTH SUCCESSIVE AWAY FIXTURE AT CHESTER LAST SATURDAY

The Hatters are back at Kenilworth Road for the first time this afternoon since a 4-1 win over Hyde on 12th October and have since been on the road with fixtures against Tamworth, Woking, Gateshead, Welling and Braintree.

It was 100 years ago the Town time last had a run of six consecutive away matches. In the 1913/14 campaign the sequence of matches consisted of three matches in the Southern League Division Two and three in the Southern Alliance between 8th October and 15th November. The Hatters won twice but lost four during that sequence.

Twelve years prior to that the Town played six successive matches away from home between 31st March 1902 and 19th April 1902. That spell was similarly unsuccessful: the Hatters only won once (a 4-2 win at Northampton) and lost three and drew twice.

However, the Hatters' recent sequence on the road consisted of three victories (Tamworth, Woking and Braintree), one defeat (Welling) and two draws (Gateshead and Chester). That's four matches unbeaten in the Skrill Premier.

Town supporters who have travelled to all six fixtures will have clocked up well over 1,000 miles. In fact, from the Maple Road car park and back from each of the six stadia, the team coach has travelled 1,400 miles – the equivalent of driving all the way to Lisbon in Portugal or Minsk in Belarus. You could have even driven all the way to Dubrovnik in Croatia and said hello to former Town man Ahmet Brkovic.

It's been a remarkable journey but even more extraordinary has been the amount of Hatters fans who have travelled to these matches. In total 4,316 Town fans clicked through the turnstiles across the six games – an average of 719.

The highest travelling support went to Tamworth: 1,119 Town fans watched the 4-3 win, whilst 302 made the longest journey, the 500-mile round-trip, to Gateshead to witness the goalless draw.

For five of the six games, the Town support has swelled the gate to be Tamworth's, Gateshead's, Welling's, Braintree's and Chester's largest attendances of the season so far.

It's support that has overwhelmed skipper Ronnie Henry.

"We're getting the crowds away from home as well," said the Town captain. "The fans are turning up in their numbers and I'm sure when we come back to Kenilworth Road the fans will be there in their numbers and fully behind us."

"We're looking forward to coming back and playing in front of them and getting results at home as well."





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THE RECORD

It's been an inconsistent day in the Town's long history, with three wins, four defeats and five draws down the years since the first Football League fixture on this day in 1929.

The Town's most recent fixture came back in 2002 when the Hatters were held to a goalless draw against Queens Park Rangers at Kenilworth Road. Nothing spectacular about that, you ask. That couldn't be further from the truth as the Hatters gained a point against Rangers having been reduced to 10 men after 14 minutes and then to nine on 50 minutes.

Striker Steve Howard was first to receive his marching orders before skipper Kevin Nicholls was dismissed. A season's best home crowd of 9,477 almost celebrated a remarkable win but substitute Andrew Fotiadis missed a great, late chance and it finished goalless.

SHARING EIGHT

Queens Park Rangers were also the visitors to Kenilworth Road on this day in 1963 when both sides shared eight goals in a 4-4 draw in Division 3 (now League 1).

Record all-time goalscorer Gordon Turner scored twice and Ray Smith and Tommy McKechnie were also on target before a crowd of 6,598. The two clubs would meet on the final day of that 1963/64 campaign at Loftus Road which also ended in a draw.

HORNETS STUNG

The Hatters' most famous victory on this day was a 2-1 victory over local rivals Watford at Vicarage Road in 1985.

Both clubs were occupying positions in mid-table in top-flight at the time but England boss Bobby Robson was one of the 16,197 inside Vicarage Road to witness the Hatters triumph.

Mitchell Thomas netted his first goal in Luton colours to put the Town ahead in the 28th minute before a Brian Talbot equaliser eight minutes from time seemingly salvaged a draw for the Hornets.

However, the Hatters had other ideas, and a determined final few minutes saw Brian Stein's cross



On this day in 1963 Gordon Turner scored twice in a 4-4 draw with QPR

deflect off home defender Steve Terry to give David Pleat's side victory – and Town fans the bragging rights.

The Town would go on and do the double over Watford later in the season, with a Mick Harford hat-trick earning a 3-2 win at Kenilworth Road in the final home fixture.

TOP-FLIGHT TOWN

The Hatters have played two other fixtures in the top division on this day, drawing 2-2 at home to Manchester City in 1991 and losing 3-1 at Tottenham Hotspur in

1957. A crowd of 41,242 watched the Town go down at White Hart Lane with George Cummins scoring the Luton goal against a Spurs side who ended that First Division season in third place.

In 1991 the Town were back playing on grass at Kenilworth Road but struggling at the bottom of the First Division when high-flying Manchester City came to town.

Harford had the Hatters ahead at half-time before a diving header from Keith Curle equalised for City.

John Dreyer restored the Town's lead but only three minutes later Niall Quinn's header earned the visitors a point. The Hatters would end the campaign losing just four of their 21 home games but were relegated without winning a single away fixture.

FORTRESS KENILWORTH

The Town, fresh from winning the Division Four title the previous season, began life in the Third Division in 1968/69 in fine form, winning 10 of their first 18 fixtures.

By the time Bournemouth visited Kenilworth Road on this day in 1969 the Town had won all eight of their matches on home soil.

However, the Cherries at the time were top of the table, and left Kenilworth Road with a point in a 1-1 draw watched by 14,150, with Terry Branston scoring the Town's goal.

The Town finished the campaign in third place – and unbeaten at home – but missed out on a second successive promotion by three points. Bournemouth finished in fourth place, 10 points behind the Hatters.

picture the past

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Barry Butlin heads the Town's winner during the 2-1 victory at Crystal Palace in October 1973 on the way to promotion to the top flight. A crowd of 20,322 had gathered at Selhurst Park to see if the expensively assembled Palace side could win for the first time that season. The newly relegated Eagles had said that they would not be in Division Two (now Championship) for long - they were right, as they were demoted again at the season's end!



camera never lies

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Luton players pose for the camera in 1937 much to the disgust of the groundsman watching from a distance.

In the wheelbarrow is 'Ten goal' Joe Payne surrounded by Fred Roberts, George Stephenson and Charlie Ferguson.



yesterday's pages

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS THROUGH PAST PROGRAMMES

LUTON TOWN 2-0 ROCHDALE 22ND NOVEMBER 1969

The Hatters shook off the disappointment of the narrow failure to win promotion to the old Division Two at the end of the 1968/69 season by starting the following campaign in championship winning form.

Nine wins and four draws from the opening 13 games marked us out as early pacesetters and it was not until match 14, at Doncaster, that defeat was eventually suffered but most supporters looked on this as a minor blip on the road back to the top.

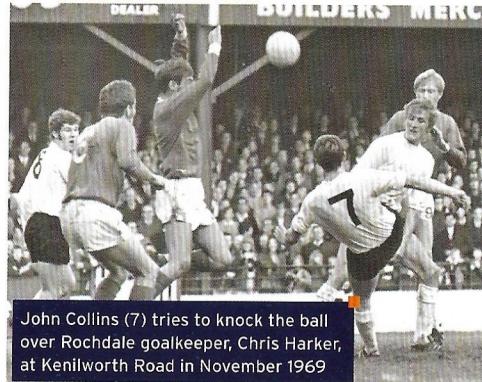
Unfortunately, after a brilliant win at Brighton on the Saturday following the Doncaster defeat, the next three games, including two at home, ended in draws giving the chasing pack an opportunity to catch up.

Amongst the chasing pack was Rochdale who sat in second place level on points with the Town but having played one game more. They had won promotion at the end of the previous campaign for the first time in their history and had taken to the higher level like a duck to water, banging in three or more goals in ten of their 19 games at that stage.

Such was the interest in this first versus second clash that the Match of the Day cameras visited Kenilworth Road for the first time and joined an apprehensive crowd of 15,876 who, given the Town's recent form, were fearing the worst.



Malcolm Macdonald goes for the ball, watched by Matt Tees



John Collins (7) tries to knock the ball over Rochdale goalkeeper, Chris Harker, at Kenilworth Road in November 1969

A late fitness test was given to mercurial winger, Graham French, and it was a good job that he passed as he proved to be the only Luton forward playing at anything like his normal form as Rochdale took control of the game from the opening minutes.

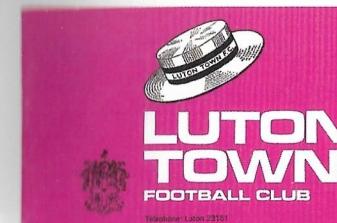
Time and time again their fast, accurate football gave the Luton defence all sorts of problems but they missed many opportunities through over eagerness. The closest they came to scoring was when Dennis Butler crashed a shot against the crossbar but many other efforts just shaved the woodwork.

With 15 minutes left, Luton supporters were urging the referee to blow his whistle glad of a point when a defeat seemed on the cards. Manager Alec Stock responded to the crowds' anxiety by taking off top scorer Malcolm Macdonald, who had got nowhere against a tough Rochdale rearguard, and bringing on winger Mike Harrison to give more width.

Harrison had only been on the pitch for a few seconds when clever play from French ended with a chipped cross which was controlled by John Collins who then thundered the ball into the net for a fortuitous lead.

The introduction of Harrison on the left wing had now given more space to French on the other flank and another of his crosses four minutes from the end finished with Keith Allen nodding the ball over Rochdale goalkeeper Chris Harker into an empty net.

The final scoreline certainly flattered the Town and most Luton supporters were glad that the match was relegated to brief snippets on the television that evening behind the Arsenal versus Manchester City main feature.



Picture of exterior of the new Luton Sports Centre at 231 Dunstable Road

NEWS FROM THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB

By FRANK SHEPHERD

Everyone who is interested in the Town FC will know now that we have behaved like the true supporters that we should like to be and our sympathies are with you all. We are not perfect, and we have been learning over the years what we should do, and what we should not do, in our behaviour.

We have been practising the art of our supporters' behaviour for years, and now we shall be going to Massbach on

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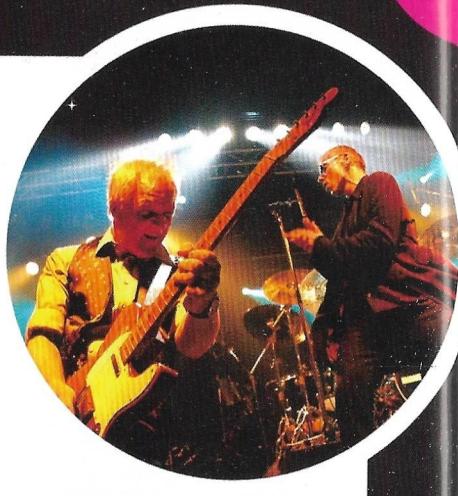


THE GRAHAM ROBINS BAND

Robins' most recent album was received to critical acclaim. A formidable songwriter with a blend of magical atmospheric, rootsy tunes, he has toured with the likes of Shania Morrison and Mary Coughlan.

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One of the most popular rhythm and blues acts in the world, Dr. Feelgood have enjoyed global success with a string of hit singles including Roxette, Back in the Night, Milk and Alcohol and Down at the Doctors. Formed in 1971 the band have toured the world ever since.



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The Hatters Fan Wall

FROM TODAY TOWN FANS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR NAME ETCHED INTO THE FABRIC OF KENILWORTH ROAD FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF A FAN WALL

For many years, fans have wanted to leave a lasting impression of the loyalty that passes from one season to the next at Kenilworth Road and we believe this is a great way to do that.

This is a great opportunity for several reasons. It is a chance to give an incredible gift to a friend or family member. It provides the chance to leave a lasting memory of a loved one on the wall. Or you could even show us your own personal loyalty and treat yourself to a place on the Hatters Fan Wall.

The Wall will be located outside main reception and will enable supporters to purchase

single or double bricks with a personalised message of their choice. We feel this is the perfect location as it provides all fans with the chance to come and visit the wall on a regular basis.

With bricks starting from £50 and available in black or gold ink, the Wall can serve as a great gift for a friend, family member or loved one.

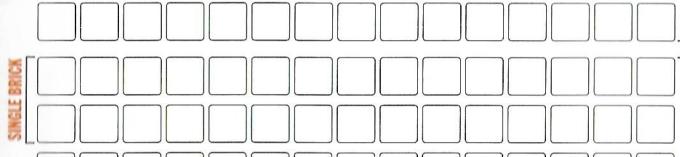
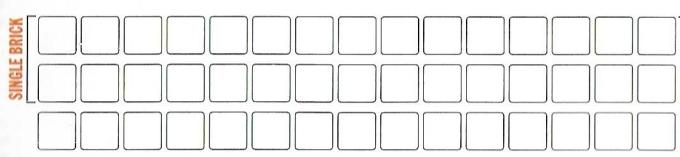
We welcome all supporters to take part in joining the Wall and look forward to seeing some great memories made and shared through its creation.

Please visit www.hatterswall.co.uk for a full price list of the products and to buy a brick online.



CHOOSE YOUR BRICK AND MESSAGE

- Up to 15 characters per line.
- Spaces and punctuation could as characters.
- Write your message as you want it to appear e.g. UPPER or lower case.
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CHOOSE THE LETTERING COLOUR:

Black (Standard) Gold (plus £5)

Would you like a replica brick?
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YOUNG HATTERS PROGRESS FURTHER IN YOUTH CUP

Jemale McKenzie-Lowe hit the winning goal four minutes from time to book the Under-18s' passage to the third round of the FA Youth Cup with a professional victory at Gateshead.

The Hatters trailed to the Tynesiders but hit back with a stunning Charlie Smith free-kick and McKenzie-Lowe's late winner to secure a third round trip to Championship Huddersfield Town in three weeks' time.

Paul Driver's youngsters dominated the first half without creating any clear cut chances but fell behind on 28 minutes when Gateshead's David Carson cut inside and fired a low shot past goalkeeper Ben Barnes.

The Town came close to equalising almost immediately when Tinashe Chabata's lob dropped wide of the post after the Gateshead keeper flapped at a corner.

However, the Hatters were level on the stroke of half-time. Arel Amu was fouled 25 yards from goal and Smith curled a stunning free-kick home to send the two sides in level at the break.

Buoyed by that goal the Town dominated the first 15 minutes of the second period, but failed to test the Tynesider's goalkeeper.

The Town upped the ante in search of a winner and the home goalkeeper made a fantastic save to deny Zane Banton's shot on the turn. Smith saw a free-kick strike

the post before McKenzie-Lowe and Banton also saw shots saves.

However, with extra-time looming the Hatters won it in the 86th minute. Gateshead failed to deal with a cross and McKenzie-Lowe punished slack marking to find the goal-bound shot from Dariel Nwgalia.

With their noses in front the Town almost added a late third goal but McKenzie-Lowe inadvertently blocked a goal-bound shot from Dariel Nwgalia.

But, after four minutes of added time, the Town saw out a deserved victory to boss Driver's delight.

"It took us a little time to get going but that was to be expected following a six-hour trip," he said.

"But we had prepared well. On the way up we grateful to Sheffield Wednesday who allowed us to utilise their facilities for a training session.

"We had more of the ball in the first 45 minutes and there was nothing Ben could do with their goal but we responded well and Charlie scored a great free-kick to bring us level. It was an important goal and it came at a great time.

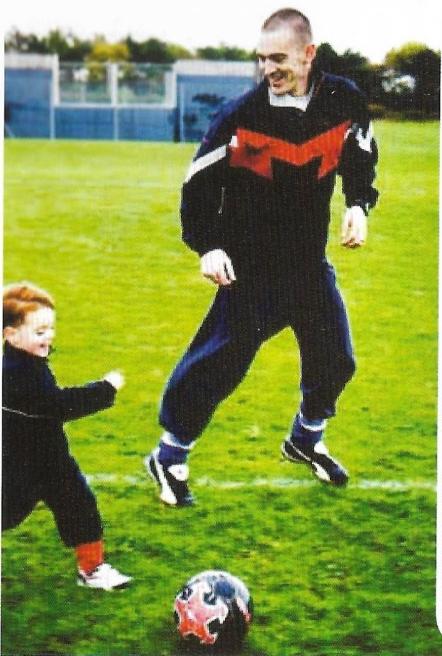
"We took that into the second half and had a number of decent chances before Jemale came up with the winner. There's no denying it was a helluva long trip, but boys were excellent."

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This is the first time I have been asked to do the programme notes, so to start with I would like to thank a few people: Paul Driver, Joe Deeney, Jordon MacCann, Scott Smith, Matt Stannard, Kev Thorburn and our Head of Youth, Wayne Turner, for their support in my role at the club.

A special mention for Darren Cook, who gets all the kit ready for the 15s, 16s and 18s.

My role at the club has changed this season, as during the last campaign I did not run a team. This season I am looking after the under-15s. The club have high hopes for this group. It's not an easy age group to deal with as a few clubs have no under-15 side. We play against combine age groups, i.e. 15/16-year-olds or against clubs who do not have an under-15s team. Therefore this makes getting regular games difficult, but one we have achieved this with lots of phone calls. Being with a team this season has been really enjoyable and fun.

Lucky

I have worked at the Academy for 20 years and seen so many changes in staff and players it makes you realise how lucky you are to be involved at a football club in a full-time job. How Luton still keep producing players is a testament to the Board that keeps backing us as a department. The signs are promising with Zane Banton already penning a professional contract half-way through his second year of scholarship, and I hope there will be more to come in the near future.

I feel that this crop of scholars are a good group, but only time will tell. The nature of the game tells you that not all the young players make the first team; for me this does not mean the boys that do not are bad players. To play at Barton, Dunstable, Bedford, Hitchin, etc., is still a very good level, and one to still be proud of. We are now helping colleges that are connected with

clubs such as Hitchin – where we coach – and it gives the club a chance to keep an eye on the late developers, which is good.

In my 20-year spell, many changes have taken place, not only in club but also in the Football Association, and I feel most of these changes are for the good. The facilities we use are much better with the new astro-turf pitches, and also the hours we train are more, which is a benefit in the development of a young player. Which brings me around to the parents, who I feel need thanking for all their time and effort in bringing their children to and from matches and also to training. A big thank you for your effort.

Good luck

The last two things I need to mention before I sign off are "Come on you Hatters!" I may work for the club but I am also a fan, so the results of the first team are still the most important result of the weekend, so good luck to the side this afternoon.

This now brings me onto my last mention, Parys Okai who sadly past away this month. I have some fond memories of Parys, he could charm the birds out of the trees. He was well known in local football and had lots of talent. He will be sadly missed.



Zane pictured with his family
after signing his professional deal

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TERM 1
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TRIAL MATCH
Sat 9th & 16th Nov 2013

TERM 2
Nov 25th 2013 - Feb 14th 2014 (9 weeks)
TRIAL MATCH
Sat 1st & 8th Feb 2014

TERM 3
Feb 24th - May 9th 2014 (9 weeks)
TRIAL MATCH
Thurs 24th April & 1st May 2014

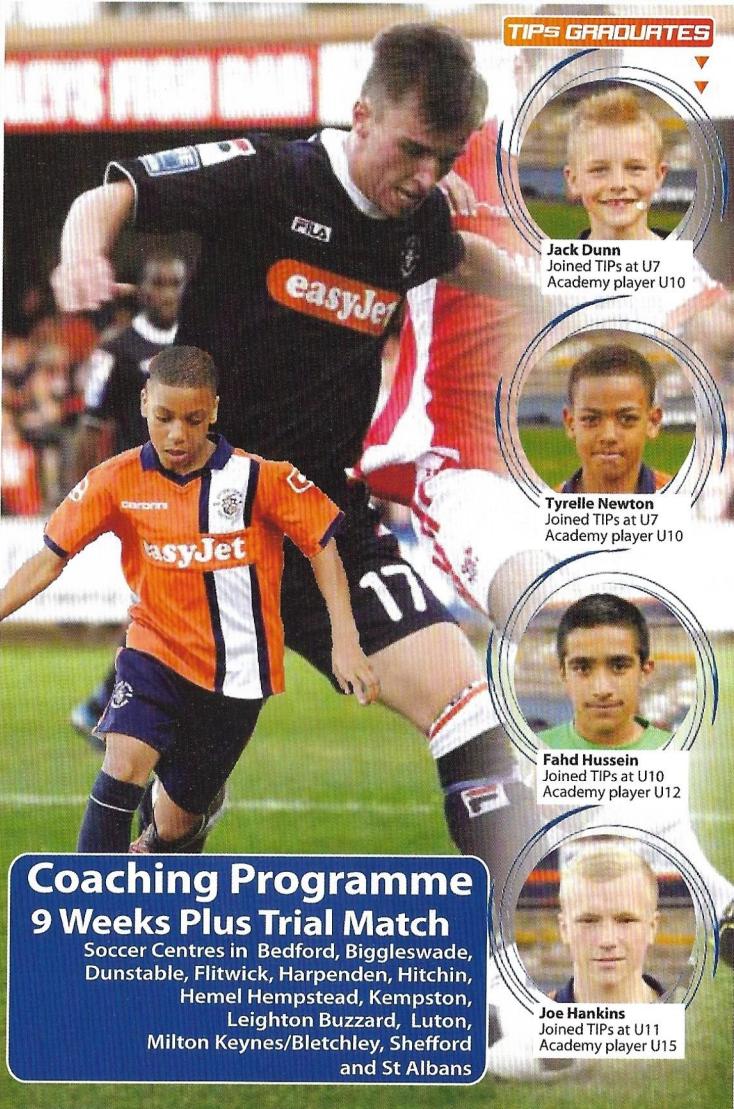
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Luton Ladies

FITZSIMMONS TREBLE INSPIRES UNDER-15S

The Under-15 squad are still unbeaten and remain top of The Beds and Herts League following a 9-3 home win over Flitwick Eagles last Saturday.

It would appear by the scoreline that it was a fairly straight-forward win, but that was not the case until the last 25 minutes.

Town took a 10th-minute lead when Chloe Fitzsimmons scored with a long range effort. The lead did not last long, though. Three minutes later Eagles won a corner which was cleared to the edge of the penalty area, only for the Eagles' Ashleigh Jennings to hammer the loose ball into the top corner.

The first half would turn into the Chloe Fitzsimmons Show. She put the Town back in front after 15 minutes when she turned in a Lucy Higgs cross.

Five minutes later Town were awarded a direct free kick just outside the penalty area. Fitzsimmons took the kick and curled the ball over the wall and into the bottom corner.

Just before half-time Fitzsimmons scored her and the Hatters' fourth goal to take a 4-1 lead into the break.

Being 4-1 down the Eagles threw caution to the wind as the second half started, and the Town were put under some intense pressure. It came as no surprise when Michaela Finn pulled a goal back for the Eagles six minutes into the second half.

Three minutes later some poor defending by the Town following a corner allowed Amber Lee to score a third for the Eagles.

At this stage the Hatters were hanging on as the Eagles came close to levelling the score. With leading goal scorer Phoebe Brown out injured, Fitzsimmons certainly stepped up to the plate and eased the Town's nerves a little, and with 25 minutes left she scored for the fifth time in the game to give the Hatters a 5-3 lead.

Then the floodgates opened. Aimee Esser, on as a second half substitute, scored a 15-minute hat-trick, and the scoring was completed three minutes from time when Eireann O'Donoghue scored with a fine solo effort.

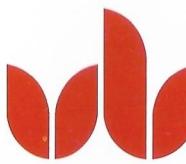
The first team are at home to Brentwood tomorrow afternoon, with kick-off at the Stockwood Athletics Stadium is at 2pm. Admission is free, and all are welcome. A report from the game will appear in Tuesday evening's Talk of the Town.



Chloe Fitzsimmons in action against Flitwick Eagles last Saturday

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
	Sun 29	A Cambridge	W 3-2
OCT	Wed 16	H MK Dons	D 1-1
NOV	Sun 17	A Q.P.R.	L 0-7
	Sun 24	H Brentwood Town	
	Tues 27	A MK Dons	
DEC	Sun 1	FA Cup 1st Round	
	Sun 8	H Enfield Town	
	Sun 15	H CK Basildon	
JAN	Sun 5	A Brentwood Town	
	Sun 12	A Ebbesfleet United	
	Sun 19	H Norwich City	
	Sun 26	H Denham United	
FEB	Sun 2	A Ipswich Town	



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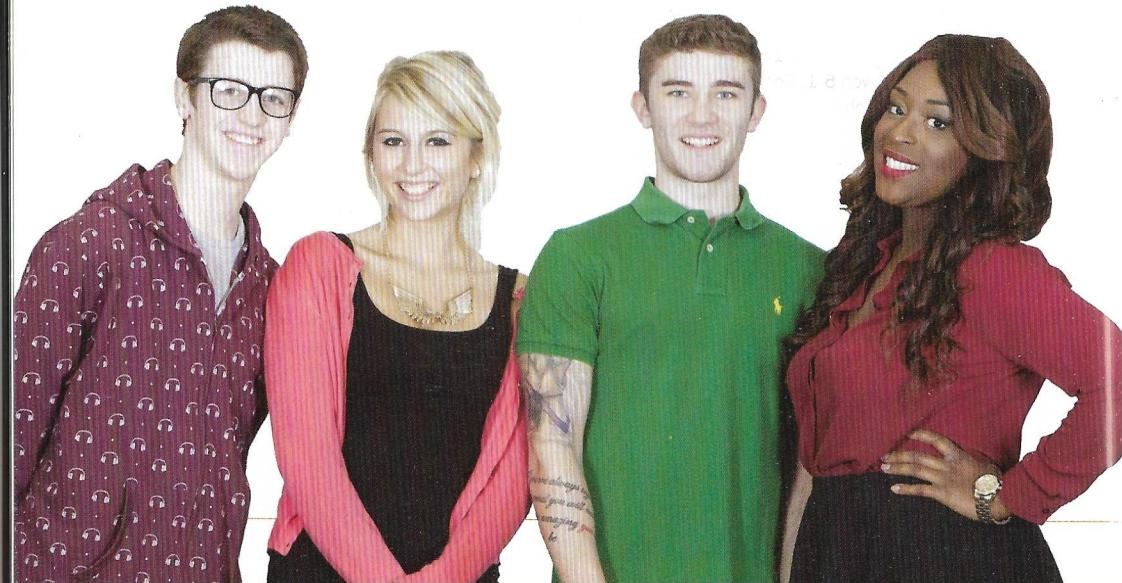
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A FAN'S TALE

MY NAME: Daniel George

MY AGE: 32

MY LOCATION: Bedford

MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

24 years. My Dad encouraged me to pick a local team when I got into football at the age of eight and, as Bedford had no team at the time, I chose Luton and have never looked back since. I didn't go to a game until I was 12 but I would listen to every game on the radio with my Dad including famous victories against Liverpool and a couple of last day relegation survivals.

MY FIRST LUTON GAME:

It was against Southend United in the third round of the FA Cup in 1994, the same season that we got to the semi-final at Wembley. I went with my stepdad and my best mate who was a Newcastle supporter and very interested in which 'easy' tie his team would have in the fourth round. We won 1-0 and Paul Telfer scored the goal. I was in the main stand right by the tunnel. The experience of finally walking out and seeing that sacred pitch was a feeling I will never forget and no radio could ever simulate the noise and atmosphere for real.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME:

This game when we played Middlesbrough at home when we were in Division 1 (now Championship) and we won 5-1. Boro were top of the table with Bryan Robson as manager, looking dead certs for the Premier League. I'll never forget when we were 5-0 up and singing "We want six." The Boro fans replied with "We want one!"

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL:

It has to be that goal at Wembley from Claude Gnakpa in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe. I was on the tunnel side by that goal, and after the season we had the feeling when the goal went in was like nothing else. All that misery was worth that feeling that day.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER:

This is a tough one but I will have to go for Scott Oakes because it was his wonderful form and goals in that FA Cup year that ensured that I would always be in love with my Luton and nothing would ever change that.

MY MOST TREASURED LUTON TOWN POSSESSION:

A shirt that I took to the hospital when my child was born. I wanted to wrap my little boy in it and ensure it was the first thing he ever wore...turns out it was a girl!

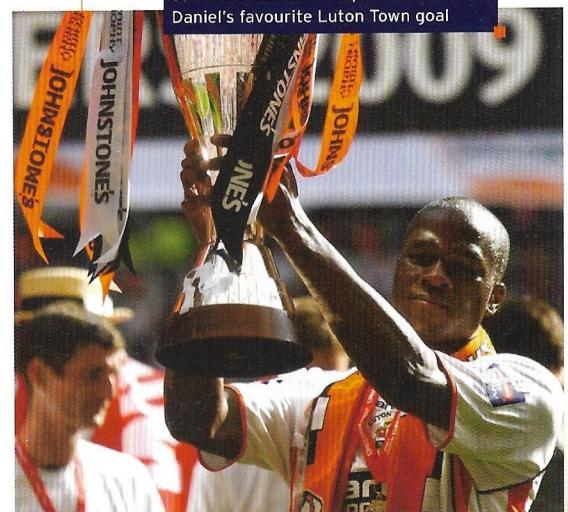
MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI:

Kelvin Davis, Tim Breacker, Marvin Johnson, Curtis Davies, Matthew Taylor, Claude Gnakpa, David Preece, Keith Keane, Jean Louis Valois, Scott Oakes, John Hartson, Manager is David Pleat.

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

The way in which they can make me feel angry, sad, frustrated, disappointed and nervous, all in the space of 90 minutes!

JPT hero Claude Gnakpa: the scorer of Daniel's favourite Luton Town goal





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THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF HOME

No more clogging our muddy way to a point in a tough-place-to-go-on-a-Tuesday-night.

No more motorway services or crack of dawn trains, British Transport Police or roofless rain-soaked terraces: the palatial Kenilworth Road and its perfect green carpet awaits.

If my abacus is on the ball it's been six weeks since we've been home. The pile of unopened post and untouched milk bottles at the door will have alarmed the neighbours, and there's an unpopular and disturbing smell coming from the fridge that no one can quite place. It's like that time Gurney got in.

When we went off on our travels it was barely autumn. Now back within Bedfordshire borders winter bears down on us like a wide-eyed Andre Gray chasing a heavy through-ball. If our month-out has taught us anything it's that we're certainly tough to beat, and any football cliché manual or jaded Alan Hansen highlight reel will tell you that's the foundation for any successful side.

Brave

On our latest tour of England's forgotten towns Luton's brave men and women have followed in big numbers too, sensing meaning in this unbeaten league run of ours. They return to Town with irreplaceable ear-chapped memories, momentous petrol bills and broadened horizons, but yearning for the familiar knee-dented comfort of Kenilworth Road.

As it transpires, suburban south east London's Welling are the first to visit since the heating went on. They make the trip from what almost 800 of us were

horrified to discover recently is no Garden City, but a charmingly endless high street of cash converters and ludicrously cheap beer that can take comfort in the fact that while it's not green, at least it's not Hertfordshire.

With their drizzly FA Cup first round defeat of a lacklustre Luton side earlier in the month, it may yet prove that Welling have done us a big favour.

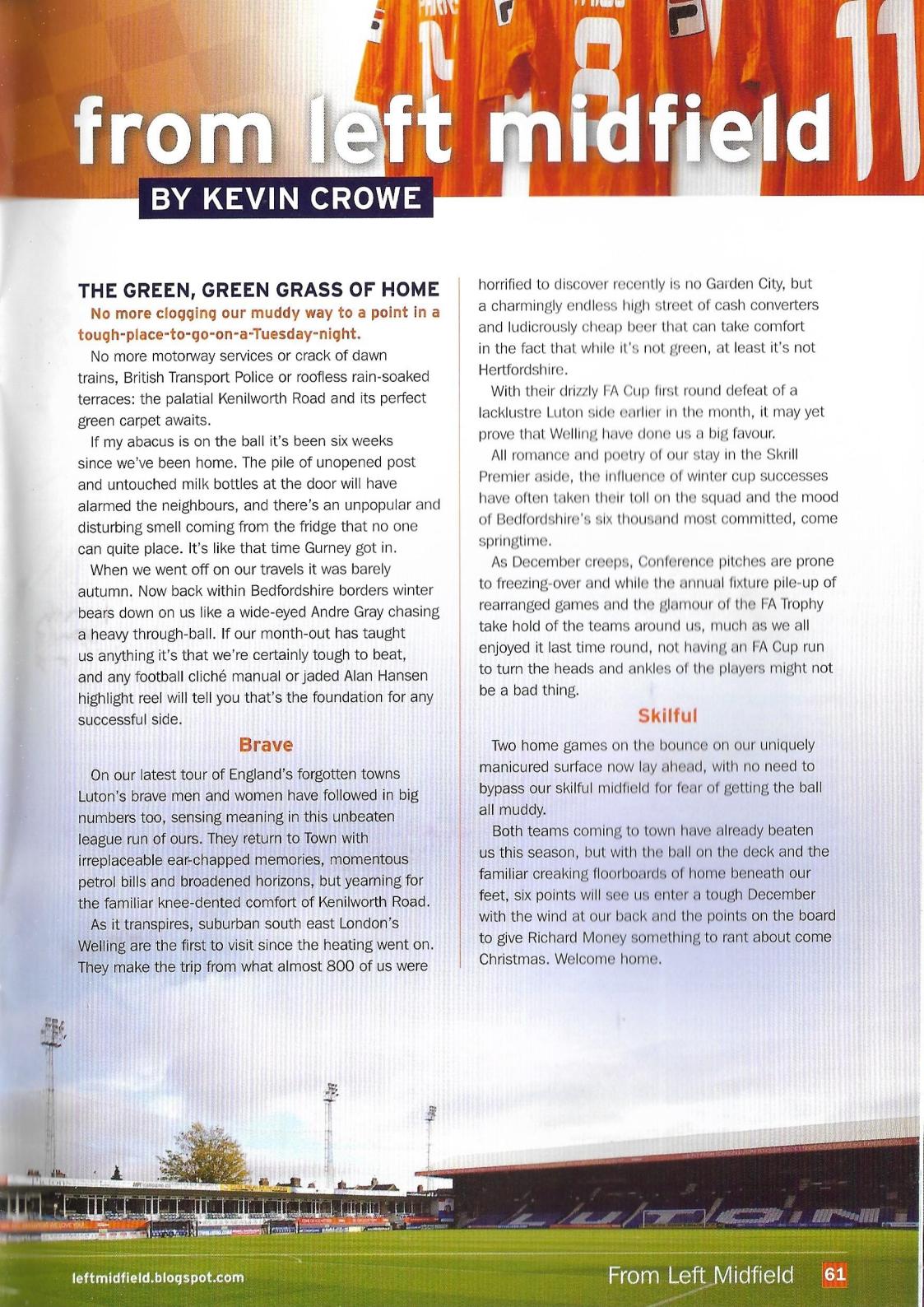
All romance and poetry of our stay in the Skrill Premier aside, the influence of winter cup successes have often taken their toll on the squad and the mood of Bedfordshire's six thousand most committed, come springtime.

As December creeps, Conference pitches are prone to freezing-over and while the annual fixture pile-up of rearranged games and the glamour of the FA Trophy take hold of the teams around us, much as we all enjoyed it last time round, not having an FA Cup run to turn the heads and ankles of the players might not be a bad thing.

Skilful

Two home games on the bounce on our uniquely manicured surface now lay ahead, with no need to bypass our skilful midfield for fear of getting the ball all muddy.

Both teams coming to town have already beaten us this season, but with the ball on the deck and the familiar creaking floorboards of home beneath our feet, six points will see us enter a tough December with the wind at our back and the points on the board to give Richard Money something to rant about come Christmas. Welcome home.



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THE LATEST IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

They say a week's a long time in football but, despite a month without action here at Kenilworth Road, two things remain the same: Cambridge United are top of the Skrill Premier and Hyde are bottom.

However, since our last programme, Cambridge's lead at the top of the table has been cut from eight points to six points. The Town are currently seven points behind the leaders, but were 10 points back prior to the last home fixture here against Hyde on 12th October.

Last weekend Richard Money's side looked all set for another three-point haul having led 2-0 at Barnet but the Bees hit back to earn a share of the spoils and could have even snatched a late winner after an injury time Barnet goal was disallowed.

At the other end of the table, Hyde have collected just one point since their visit to Kenilworth Road. The Tigers sit rock bottom of the table having taken just three points from their 20 fixtures. Last Saturday Hyde were, like Cambridge, two goals to the good but failed to turn their lead into a victory. The Tigers could not hold on and eventually lost 3-2 at fellow strugglers Woking with Scott Rendell scoring one of the three goals.



Richard Money's Cambridge have just lost once this season: to the Town's visitors on Tuesday, Southport

Back up at the other end of the table, Kidderminster remain in second place following their 3-1 win over Wrexham at Aggborough – a game best remembered for the Red Dragons' goal which rolled through a hole in the net and wasn't initially given by the match officials.

In our last home programme, Nuneaton Town were third in the Skrill Premier and a point above the Town but the Boro have since slipped alarmingly and now find themselves in ninth place. A 2-1 win last weekend at today's visitors Welling was their first in 10 matches, but they remain just one point off of the Play-Offs.

Grimsby are in fourth place having won six of their last eight games but the surprise in the top five is Halifax. The Shaymen have been inspired at home, winning nine of their 11 games at the Shay without defeat. Away from home,

however, Neil Aspin's side have failed to win and have gained just two points from eight games on the road.

To give an indication of how tight the top half of the table is, a win for Welling this afternoon could propel the Wings from 12th in the table to fifth – if results go their way.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Jennings (Macc)	13
Gregory (FC Halifax)	11
Moult (Nuneaton)	10
Appiah (Cambridge)	8
Williams (Aldershot)	8
Gray (Luton)	7
Fritchett (Salisbury)	7
Akinde (Alfreton)	7

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton Town	6,453
Grimsby Town	3,394
Wrexham	3,374
Cambridge United	3,077
Lincoln City	2,434
Chester	2,403
Kidderminster Harriers	2,166
Aldershot Town	2,139
Salisbury City	947
Barnet	1,814
Hereford United	1,754
Macclesfield Town	1,452
FC Halifax Town	1,452

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Aldershot v Southport
Braintree v FC Halifax
Cambridge v Woking
Dartford v Gateshead
Grimsby v Barnet
Hyde v Alfreton
Kidderminster v Tamworth
Lincoln v Hereford
Nuneaton v Chester
Salisbury v Macclesfield
Wrexham v Forest Green

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

TV	Set 7	5.30pm	H	Grimsby Town	D 0-0	6,131	265	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey ♦	Smith	Parry	Guttridge ▲	Howells
TV	Fri 13	7.45pm	A	Wrexham	L 0-2	3,122	190	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Howells ♦
Tue 17	7.45pm	H	Dartford	W 3-0	5,433	142	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge 1	Stevenson ▲	Howells ♦	
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City	W 3-2	6,203	227	9	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths ♦	McNulty	Parry	Guttridge 1	Stevenson ▲	Howells ♦	Lawless 1	
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	2,366	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	W 4-1	7,081	30	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge 1	Stevenson ▲
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Tamworth	W 4-3	2,066	1,199	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith 1	Parry 1 ♦	Guttridge 1	Lawless ▲
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Woking (FA1Q)	W 1-0	1,452	537	-	Justham	Henry	Howells	McNulty	Charles	Smith	Robinson ♦	Guttridge	Whalley

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Gateshead	D 0-0	1,080	302	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells ♦
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Welling United (FA1)	L 1-2	1,555	740	-	Justham	Parry	Howells ▲	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry 1 ♦	Guttridge	Howells ♦
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Brantree Town	W 2-1	1,518	728	2	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge 1	Lawless ▲
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Chester FC	D 1-1	3,291	890	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Lawless ▲
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Welling United													
Tues 26	7.45pm	H	Southport													
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Staines Town (FA1)													

DECEMBER

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	D 0-0	1,080	302	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells ♦
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	L 1-2	1,555	740	-	Justham	Parry	Howells ▲	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry 1 ♦	Guttridge	Howells ♦
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Gateshead	W 2-1	1,518	728	2	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge 1	Lawless ▲
Thur 26	3.00pm	A	Barnet	D 1-1	3,291	890	3	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Lawless ▲
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Kidderminster Harriers													

JANUARY

TV	Wed 1	12.00pm	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	Bartford													
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Tamworth													
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United													
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town													

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

Silly Billy

Goldilocks

Dame

Gertie Grump

The Three Bears

Key: • First Substitute | ♦ Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute

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LEAGUE TABLE 2013/14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Cambridge United	19	12	6	1	31	9	22	42
2 Kidderminster Harriers	19	11	3	5	32	12	36	
3 Luton Town	19	9	8	2	33	18	15	35
4 Grimsby Town	18	10	3	5	27	17	10	33
5 FC Halifax Town	19	9	4	6	36	28	8	31
6 Alfreton Town	19	10	1	8	32	29	3	31
7 Barnet	19	7	9	3	28	20	8	30
8 Salisbury City	18	9	3	6	26	21	5	30
9 Nuneaton Town	19	8	6	5	27	27	0	30
10 Brantree Town	19	8	5	6	26	20	6	29
11 Gateshead	19	9	2	8	30	26	4	29
12 Welling United	19	8	5	6	28	24	4	29
13 Forest Green Rovers	19	8	3	6	35	30	5	27
14 Macclesfield Town	19	7	5	7	26	25	1	26
15 Wrexham	20	7	4	9	32	32	0	25
16 Lincoln City	19	7	4	8	19	21	-2	25
17 Hereford United	19	5	6	8	21	24	-3	21
18 Southport	19	6	3	10	17	26	-9	21
19 Woking	19	5	5	9	23	29	-6	20
20 Tamworth	19	5	5	9	17	27</		

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WITH BRIAN SWAIN

A few weeks ago I was on holiday in Tenerife, quietly drinking lunch and happily day-dreaming about my next pilgrimage from Cornwall to Kenilworth Road, for today's game.

My inner peace was interrupted by another old codger who was strolling past until he clocked the Hatters logo on my T-shirt. He stopped and asked if I was a Luton Town supporter. There being little point in denying it, I replied "Guilty as charged, man and boy." Back came an old man's moan: "I'm from Burnley and I'll never forgive you lot for pinching one of the best players we ever had."

He was, of course, referring to Alan West, and I agreed that he was a very special talent. My brief conversation made it clear that the Burnley fan of 40 years ago had long since given up going to Turf Moor. So far as he was concerned his club, famous for producing and developing its own players, and a much-admired and well-established First Division outfit until the mid-1970s, had been wrecked by rivals like Luton Town snatching their stars.

It was all the more annoying when he saw those stars helping clubs rise to the top tier of English football as Burnley slid down the divisions. The bloke then shuffled away, leaving me to wallow in golden memories of West.

Shock

At 21, the former Turf Moor apprentice was an England under-23 international and seemed destined for the big time when Burnley agreed in the autumn of 1973 to sell him for £100,000 to Sunderland, then one of the elite of the First Division. Imagine his shock when he failed a Roker Park medical with an alleged back problem. The deal was scrapped and Town boss happy Harry Haslam cashed in. He had extensive knowledge of football in the north of England and his contacts said Sunderland had dropped a clanger and Burnley still needed cash. Haslam stepped in to buy West, and while Burnley said the fee was £100,000, it was thought in Luton that Harry beat them down by £20,000.

Whatever the price, it was a real bargain. I was lucky enough to see all of West's 285 league appearances for us. I don't think I ever saw him panic with or without the ball. Tackling and heading were not his strong points, but his brilliance came through his vision, the ability to control the ball from any sort of mis-hit pass, and then to send it unerringly into areas where it did the most damage to the opposition.



He was one of the most important members of the team Haslam created to win promotion to Division One in 1974 as runners-up to Jack Charlton's Middlesbrough.

In that campaign West played in all 33 matches after his arrival, and in the First Division season he was the only ever-present. Sadly, our team was unable to stave off an immediate relegation but West, as club captain, remained a major force in the side until 1981, by which time David Pleat was building a new squad to take us back to the top in 1982.

West departed for Millwall for £45,000, signed by their player-manager Peter Anderson, who had been a team mate of West in the Town's 1974 promotion side.

In 1983 Millwall only just escaped relegation, Anderson was sacked, and West released.

He sampled management at Hitchin before taking up his true vocation. Always one of football's nice guys, West became a born-again Christian during his time at Kenilworth Road, and is now the pastor at Luton Christian Fellowship in Castle Street.

And he is still a Hatter, God bless him, as club chaplain.

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today's teams



LUTON TOWN

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		

WELLING UNITED

2	Lou Fazakerley	16	Connor Webb
3	Jake Obersteller	18	Lee Butcher
4	Jake Gallagher	19	Joe Obersteller
5	Fraser Franks	20	Sam Corne
6	Doug Bergqvist	21	Harry Beautyman
7	Kiernan Hughes-Mason	22	Malik Ouani
8	Lee Clarke	23	Barney Williams
9	Kurtis Guthrie	24	Malachi Hudson
10	Ross Lafayette	25	Luis Cumbers
11	Loick Pires	26	Baily Cargill
13	Jamie Turner	26	Jamie Day
14	Blaine Hudson	33	Joe Healy
15	Alex Dyer		

Referee: **B. Huxtable** | Assistant: **G. Kinnear** | Assistant: **N. Evans** | Fourth official: **J. Paterson**

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