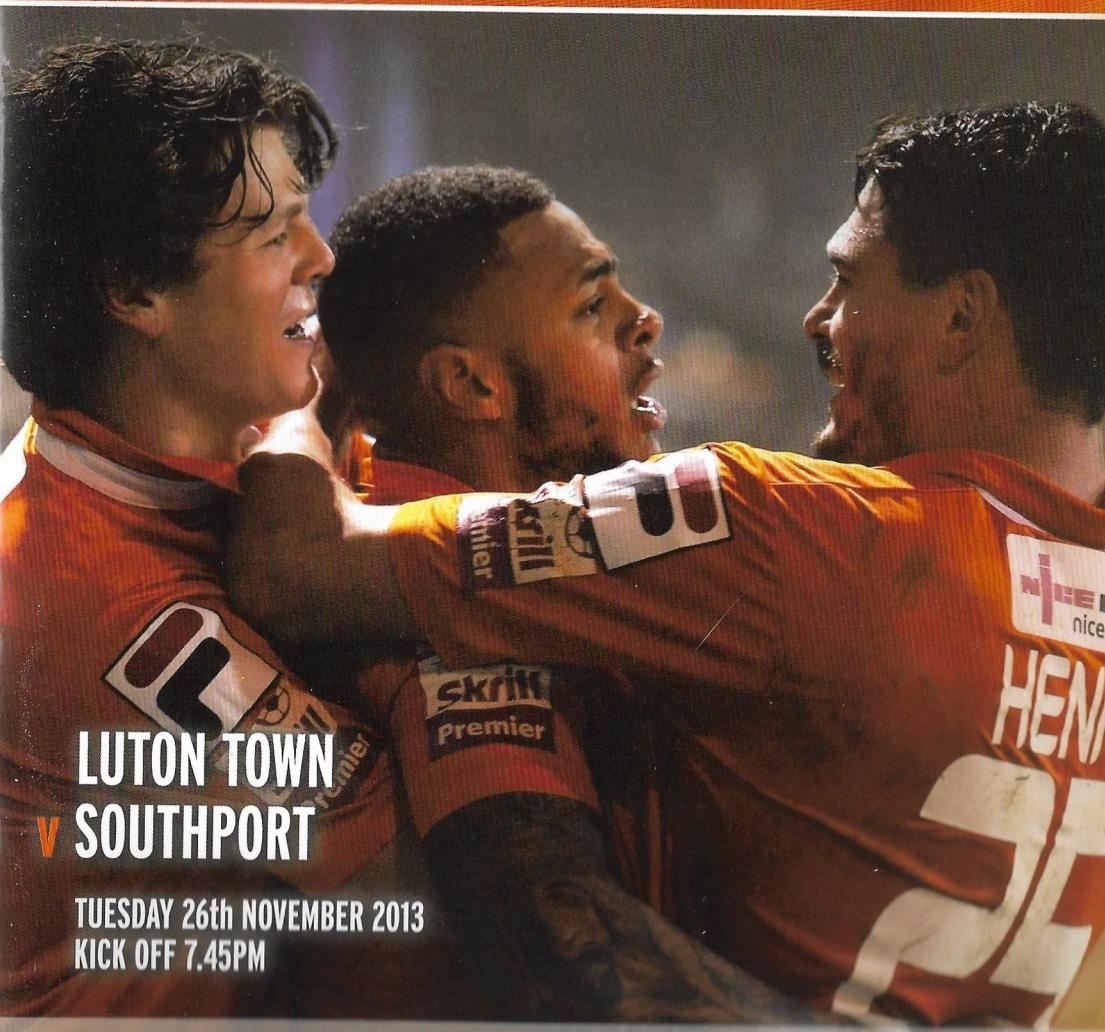


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“ After six games away from Kenilworth Road wasn't it great to be back on Saturday and celebrate another three points?

Like the London-bus cliché, we're back again here this evening for Southport's visit but don't get too attached to the place because, fixtures permitting, this might be one of two home matches at Kenilworth Road between now and the end of December.

We're on the road at Staines in the FA Trophy this coming Saturday before a trip to Alfreton the following week. Despite the run of games away from home make sure you snap up your tickets for the big games with Gateshead, Kidderminster and Barnet here over the festive period. Or, as we're ticking along nicely in the league, why not purchase a half-season ticket?

Enjoy this programme you have in your hands – you can look back at Saturday's win, or take a trip back in time in our history pages. Enjoy the game #COYH **”**



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the manager

JOHN STILL

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for our second home game in four days.

I'd like to welcome Alan Wright and everybody associated with Southport to Kenilworth Road. They defeated us on the opening day and have recently been the only side to beat Cambridge so we are under no illusions how difficult it is going to be tonight, despite their place in the league table.

It was good to be back here at Kenilworth Road on Saturday for the fixture with Welling and, most importantly, it was good to win. It was tough going but two goals from Andre Gray and a sterling effort by the players in the final 20 minutes ensured the three points stayed with us.

Difficult

I was delighted with the application of the players and it was important that we overcame a difficult start to the second half which Welling began on top. However, we worked hard to force ourselves back into the game and in the end it was a strong and determined performance, if not spectacular.

In Saturday's programme noted I mentioned the word resilience and I thought we showed that in abundance against Welling. Games are not easy and no opposition will just turn up and hand us the points on a plate. You have to work for them if you want them and that was perhaps the most pleasing aspect of Saturday's win. Welling are no mugs, they already proved that by beating us in the FA Cup so we were very happy come the final whistle.

This coming Saturday we embark on the FA Trophy trail with a trip to Staines Town. You have to take any competition seriously whenever one cumulates with a final at Wembley and the Trophy is no different. It may be the case where one or two players have the opportunity to impress but it is important we approach that tie in the right manner.

Christmas is just around the corner, too and with it a busy schedule of important and exciting fixtures. Games will be coming thick and fast and it is vital that our players are fit and apply themselves correctly during this period.

Boost

Our fitness levels have been very good this season, but we have been frustrated by a number of injuries to first team players. We hope to have strikers Alex Wall and Jon Shaw back in training this week and their return would be a huge boost to the squad ahead of the festive spell. At this time of year it's important to keep the squad fit and strong.

Last week we sent out Dave Martin on loan to Dartford. I felt that Dave had started the season slowly and I hope when he returns he can have the kind of impact he made towards the back end of last season.

We have been fortunate this season with the amount of development games we have been able to play because those matches have enabled players who are not in the team to remain fit.

On Saturday when the tough got going you, the supporters, raised the noise levels and really pushed us on. You gave us that extra push and extra belief and, coupled with the players' desire, we collected an important three points. It goes to show how important your backing of the team is, especially here at Kenilworth Road where teams will often come and look to frustrate us.

We will need your support again tonight. This evening we have to push on and build on Saturday's win and your support will go a long way to help us achieve that.

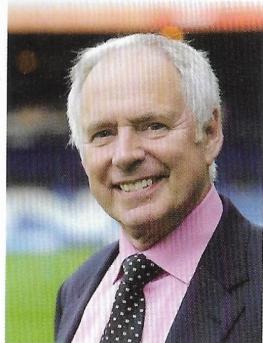
Remember this is your team and your club. Get behind us and enjoy the game.



“ You gave us that extra push and extra belief and, coupled with the players' desire, we collected an important three points. ”

boardroom

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in four days after we've been away for an astonishing six weeks.

Really weird, but it makes being at home an even greater pleasure than usual!

A welcome also to our visitors from

Southport, particularly their manager Alan Wright a full-back I watched and admired for many years during his long career at the top, particularly during his days at Aston Villa.

I have to say we have a score to settle with Southport after losing there on the first day of the season. We weren't great that day, but we shouldn't have lost. We conceded a soft goal, deflected off the wall at a free-kick, which completely wrong-footed Mark Tyler, and we had a penalty saved. Since then, we've only lost once in the league, at Wrexham, and I am afraid we deserved it that night.

So we come into tonight's match unbeaten in 12 in the league, a terrific run that's testament to our team spirit, our determination and resilience. We seem to keep

battling away whatever the situation and, even when we haven't played too well, we've somehow managed to draw or win.

Saturday against Welling was a case in point. We played some excellent football at times, with loads of flair, but we also had some terrifying moments round our goal and it wouldn't have surprised me if Welling had nicked it during that fantastic spell they had after half-time. We were reeling for a while, but we slowly settled down again, John Still made some hugely telling substitutions and Andre lunged in to hit the winner after a beautiful move involving Luke Guttridge and Alex Lawless. What a relief!

Another game that epitomised our fantastic resilience was Braintree away. The pitch was really difficult – so muddy in places that once or twice the ball plugged, as it sometimes does in golf, and simply stopped dead. It made it nigh on impossible to play good football, but we managed it occasionally, adapted superbly to the conditions, gave it a 100 per cent and came away with three points. A magnificent performance.

Hopefully, we'll have a brilliant atmosphere here tonight with the Oak Road again open for home fans. When we did it against Hyde, it was simply sensational, wasn't it? I know the players loved it, having both ends full, and, of course, we won 4-1 in front of more than 7,000 spectators. There were nearly 1,200 fans behind the Oak Road goal and I am sure it was mighty nostalgic for many of them. It certainly was for me looking on from



Nick with Hatters directors Bob Curson (left) and David Wilkinson (right) with stars of the Eric and Little Ern Show

the main stand – some of the happiest times of my life have been spent on that terrace!

And talking about terraces...you'll probably have noticed that the campaign for safe standing is gathering momentum. A lot of clubs from the Premier League downwards are in favour, especially as there are ways these days to make it safe compared with the old days when there were very obvious risks if the situation wasn't marshalled or policed properly. Standing areas are already proving popular again in parts of Europe. It can be cheaper, it can increase capacity and, inevitably, it greatly lifts the atmosphere. We are in favour of it in principle here at Kenilworth Road if we can make it practically possible and, above all, make it totally safe.

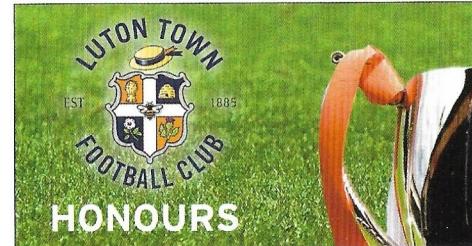
Sensational

Before I move on, I must mention our Under-18s. What a sensational season they are having, culminating most recently with a 1-0 league victory on Saturday against Peterborough and, before that, they won a really testing one at Gateshead in the FA Youth Cup. That takes them through to Huddersfield away in the next round on Sunday 8th December. Exciting times! They have now won their last four in succession, plus eight out of nine in all competitions. It's enormously encouraging for the club's future and another sign of the winning mentality throughout the club at the moment.

From football to showbiz... David Wilkinson, Bob Curson and I, plus our respective partners, met up in London last weekend to watch the Eric and Little Ern show at the Vaudeville Theatre in the Strand. We thoroughly enjoyed it, though there was no mention of Luton Town FC. We gently chided them afterwards (Jonty Stephens, who plays Eric, and Ian Ashpitel, who stars as Ernie) and they promised to put it right! They also said they would love to come to a game here some time, so we look forward to showing them round – like Miranda Hart, they are huge fans of Eric and Ernie, and would love to see where Eric spent so many happy hours.

Let's hope we can all have a happy hour, well, an hour-and-a-half, tonight. Make plenty of noise – all round the ground!

Bye for now.



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Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

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Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

League One:

Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

Southern League Division Two:

Runners-up 1913/14

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Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance:

Runners-up 1913/14

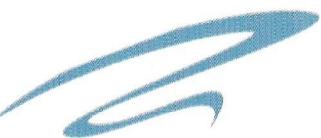
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RONNIE HENRY

It was good to get back to Kenilworth Road on Saturday and, naturally, even better to return with a victory.

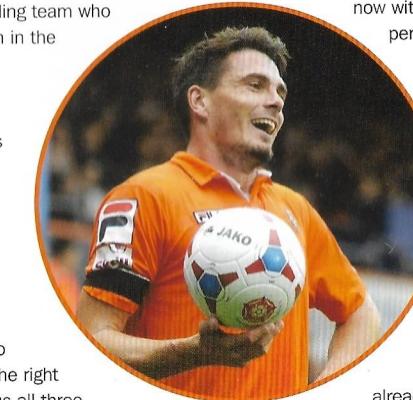
A lot had been made of the amount of away games we have faced in the last month and I knew it wasn't going to be easy against a Welling team who had already beaten this season in the FA Cup.

It was disappointing that we started the first half in the manner in which we did. It was frustrating that they should score after Mark Tyler had made an excellent save from their penalty. We should have been quicker to the ball.

However, we responded brilliantly. Andre Gray scored a fantastic goal in the first half to put us in front and he was in the right place at the right time to win us all three points with a poachers' finish in the six yard box.

You could sense the relief around the ground and feel how much it meant to us all when that goal went in. I always sensed we would nick something such was our dominance in the last 25 minutes or so, and so it proved. Luke Guttridge's pass for Alex Lawless to slide across for Andre was magnificent and his introduction reminded me of the amount of quality and strength in depth we have running throughout the whole squad.

Matt Robinson also came on and did really well and, with players also returning from injury and suspension, it shows how much talent we have at our disposal. I can't stress enough how important our squad is going to play over the next few months. The festive period promises to be an exciting one but a hectic one. We are going to need absolutely everybody available if we are going to be a success. It's a squad game these days.

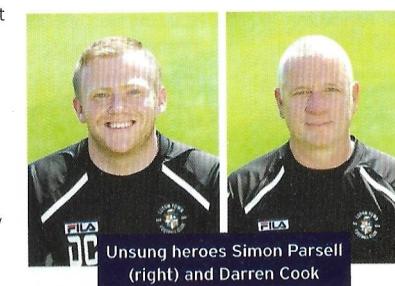


Tonight we entertain a Southport side that beat us on the opening day of the season but we have the advantage of being at Kenilworth Road tonight where we have been unbeaten this season. Our home form has been tremendous and we're going into games now with a confidence that we can deliver a performance and the right result.

As a team we are improving all the time but the team spirit has got to the stage where we will do absolutely anything for each other on the pitch. That never-say-die attitude showed again on Saturday. The winning mentality we are showing is such an important attribute to have and that will stand us in good stead throughout the rest of the season.

At this stage last season we had already lost at home to Braintree and AFC Telford yet we haven't been beaten here since the beginning of April, including pre-season. You need to make your home ground a fortress if you want to win titles and that's what we're doing and long may it continue.

The support we received on Saturday was once again phenomenal. You really did help us in our quest for three points and the noise when Andre's winner went in was deafening. More of the same tonight please.



Unsung heroes Simon Parsell (right) and Darren Cook

Finally, I'd give a shout out to two unsung heroes in the dressing room: physio Simon Parsell and kitman Darren Cook. Both of them do so much which often goes unnoticed. They've been bugging me to put their

names in this column all season, but, seriously, they deserve a lot of recognition for the hard work and hours they put in.

Get behind us again tonight and enjoy the game.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Henry'.

TOWN BACK CALL FOR SAFE STANDING



The Hatters has given its support to the Football Supporters' Federation's Safe Standing Campaign.

The Football Supporters' Federation's (FSF) Safe Standing Campaign has helped convince dozens of clubs to give their backing to safe standing and even took the issue to Parliament.

Standing at Kenilworth Road was last in place at the end of the 1993/94 season, with the terracing in the Kenilworth Road stand turned into seats following the last home game of that campaign against West Bromwich Albion.

Whilst everyone at Kenilworth Road makes every effort to create the best supporter experience – as seen by the recent reintroduction of home supporters to the Oak Road end for certain fixtures – the safety of all supporters, however, is paramount, and the club adheres fully to the legislation and guidance regarding safety and standing at sports grounds.

However, trials of 'rail seats' were sanctioned north of the border in the Scottish Premier League and have already proved to be a resounding success in Europe, in particular in Germany.

Town managing director Gary Sweet told Talk of the Town: "We are fully behind the FSF's vision for safe standing, whether it's possible for use at Kenilworth Road or in a new stadium once we're able to relocate." he said. "Having grown up on the terraces as a kid I try

to take the opportunity to stand at the occasional away fixture with one or two other directors when terracing is available and we thoroughly enjoy it.

"Since the Club has been more stable we have been looking at numerous methods of making a few minor changes to Kenilworth Road which would enhance everybody's enjoyment at matches which includes the possible re-introducing a standing terrace.

"Whilst there are no simple solutions – in particular, certain regulatory conditions that could be somewhat restrictive – we are keen to explore all options available to us. If it looks like a feasible way forward we'd like to consult with supporters during the process and are even looking at ways how supporters could vote on any potential decision.

"First and foremost, however, the emphasis must clearly be on the safety aspect and with this in mind we'll need to plan prudently and consult all relevant authorities. We will support the FSF's long-standing efforts to encourage the appropriate authorities to investigate the rail seat system with a view to defining criteria under which it could be introduced in future at grounds."

Tony Murray, chairman of the Luton Town Supporters' Trust added: "As supporters we would love to see a standing area return to Kenilworth Road and will do whatever we can to support the FSF and the Club with this campaign."



THANK YOU

Staff from club sponsors easyJet were at Kenilworth Road on Saturday and held a bucket collection on behalf of the Philippines Disaster Fund.

Many thanks to those who donated.

Panto time at Luton Town

We are pleased to announce that Luton Town Football Club will this year be hosting a special Christmas pantomime of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

The production is a 75 minute long show filled with fun and laughter for children and adults alike. All children will be given a snack pack to enjoy during the show. There will also be tea, coffee and cake facilities for the adults. If you're worried about the tea being too hot or too cold then don't panic because ours is just right.

This wonderful show takes place in a colourful circus setting. The children will see all their favourite pantomime characters. They will love to boo the horrible Dame Gertie Grump as she causes mischief wherever she goes, roar with laughter at the antics of Silly Billy and of course they will meet Goldilocks herself, plus the friendliest Three Bears you're ever likely to see.

Packed full of comedy, sing-a-long songs, adventure and audience participation, Goldilocks and the Three Bears has been especially adopted to entertain children from 3-12 years of age.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a Christmas school trip at one of the most unique venues in Luton. Once you are here all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the show. We take care of the rest.

The production will run for 75 minutes from 6pm on Thursday 5th December. Tickets are £10 for adults and children but children will receive a free snack pack with their ticket.

We would love to welcome you to the Eric Morecambe Suite here at Kenilworth Road Stadium for what is a first for us.

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The Football Conference was formed in 1979 from leading teams in the Northern Premier League and Southern League and had a single division for the first 25 years of its existence, but since the 2004/05 season has consisted of three divisions.

The Football Conference partners up with Sportradar because of the experience as a leading sports data service provider and believes that the distribution of Official Data will support integrity measures by helping to eliminate the unauthorised collection, dissemination and use of official or erroneous data and the presence of unofficial data collectors at events of The Skrill Conference Premier, North and South. The supply of Official Data will further support integrity measures by creating a framework for more extensive information exchange and cooperation with the legal gambling industry.

Brian Lee, Chairman of the Football Conference said: "We believe that Sportradar will be an excellent partner for The Football Conference and we look forward to working with them. As an established market leader in the field of sports data services they will become a very welcome addition to our portfolio of official partners.

More information on match day impact will be supplied to our members shortly but an important element to recognise is a financial benefit from this arrangement, which will go into central funding to our clubs."

Carsten Koerl, group chief executive officer, Sportradar, said: "We are very pleased to begin this cooperation with The Football Conference. Our market leading betting and sports data services will engage fans in new ways across all platforms."

Golden Gamble

Big congratulations to a Mr Kemp who won the Golden Gamble at Saturday's home game with Welling.

The winning ticket number was 13205 and Mr Kemp, from Luton, walked away with his pockets bulging with a whopping £665.

LAST CHANCE FOR SUPERMAC DINNER

Tickets for our evening with Malcolm Macdonald are going fast ahead of the night with the Town legend on Monday 9th December.

A number of former team-mates of Supermac will also be present at the Riverside Suite at Venue 360, and hundreds of Town fans have already snapped up tickets too. If you would like to book your place, or a table, on the night, call our commercial team on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

let's go

BACK AT KENILWORTH FOR TWO GAMES, THE TOWN ARE BACK OUT ON THE ROAD FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE AWAY SATURDAYS; AT STAINES IN THE FA TROPHY AND ALFRETON IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

STAINES TOWN



WHO? The Swans, as they're known, were formed in 1892 and currently ply their trade just one division below the Hatters in the Skrill South. **WHERE?** Staines, is actually known as Staines-on-Thames, and the Swans play their home fixtures at Wheatsheaf Park which was rebuilt in 2003. From the Maple Road car park in Luton it's precisely a 39-mile drive around the M25. For those who can't tell their atlas from their elbow, punch in TW18 2PD into your trusty satellite navigation system.

HOW COME? Both sides were paired together in the first round of the FA Trophy just eight days ago. Whilst the Town enter the competition at this stage, the Swans saw off Farnborough in a replay last week in their third qualifying round tie.

BOB IT. It might be the Trophy, but the Bobbers Travel Club are still running a coach to Staines on Saturday. They are leaving at the bottom of Oak Road, outside the Methodist church, at 12 noon and the fare is £17 for adults and £15 for concessions.

ALL SQUARE. Should the tie end in a draw at the weekend then we'll all be coming back to Kenilworth Road a week tonight for the replay. Admission for supporters would be £10 for adults and £5 for concessions.

HOME COMFORTS. The Hatters will find it tough on Saturday given the Swans' record at Wheatsheaf Park this season. Marcus Gayle (yes, he of Premier League fame with Wimbledon) is the man at the helm and, up until Saturday, Staines had won all seven league games at home in the Skrill South. However, the Swans lost their 100 per cent record on Saturday, losing to Concord Rangers.

ALFRETON TOWN



WHO? Unlike Staines, the Town are much more familiar with Alfreton Town, who they have met four times in Conference competition over the past two seasons. The Reds were founded in 1959, the year the Hatters reached the FA Cup final.

WHERE? It's a tad further for Town fans a week on Saturday. But then again Hatters fans are used to travelling these days. It's a 214-mile round trip to Derbyshire from the Maple Road car park. The all-important postcode to get you there safe and sound is DE55 7FZ.

TRAVEL SICKNESS. In the four meetings between the clubs not once has the away team scored a goal. The Town won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road in January 2012 before drawing 0-0 three months later on their first visit to the Impact Arena. The Reds dished out a 3-0 defeat to the Hatters last season before the Town gained revenge by winning by the same score in December. All four previous meetings have taken place in 2012.

HOW THEY DOING? Very, very well. Alfreton make no secret of the fact they're on one of the small budgets in the division. Indeed, one look at the average attendance league table shows how well they're doing with average crowds of just over 700. The Reds won 2-1 at bottom-of-the-table Hyde on Saturday which lifted them up to fifth in the Skrill Premier, just four points behind the Hatters. Tonight they travel to Nuneaton.

MAKE AN IMPACT. Alfreton's home form at the Impact Arena is impressive. The Reds have won eight, drawn one and lost just once of their 10 home fixtures so far this season. Impressive victories have been garnered against Kidderminster, Salisbury, Forest Green and Barnet whilst leaders Cambridge could only manage a 1-1 draw there. Only Chester have managed to whisk all three points away from the Reds' home so far this term.

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ALFRETON TOWN v LUTON TOWN



The Skrill Premier

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have yet to receive admission prices from Alfreton for this fixture. Ticket information will be posted on www.lutontown.co.uk once obtained.



CAMBRIDGE UNITED v LUTON TOWN

The Skrill Premier

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

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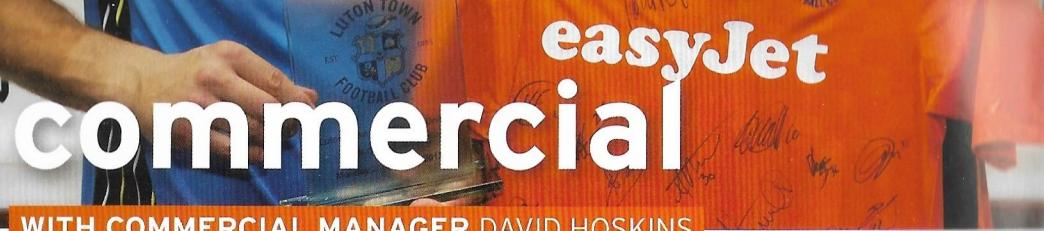
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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to Kenilworth Road to all supporters, our match sponsors and corporate guests for what is the second of two home games in four days.

You have seen on our website that there have been a number of opportunities for sponsorship and hospitality at forthcoming home games. Below, I have outlined the details of three of our popular packages: hospitality in the Eric Morecambe Lounge, a mascot package and matchball sponsorship. If you're interested in experiencing any of these packages then please do get in touch.

ERIC MORECAMBE LOUNGE

Seating in the directors' box with an exclusive pre-match two-course carvery meal with waiter service and cash bar before, during and after each game. A team sheet and programme is provided for each guest, as well as half-time refreshments and a chance to meet the man of the match and receive photographs with him.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Treat your child to a matchday mascot experience at Kenilworth Road this coming season. The mascot package is a day to remember for any young fan wanting

to meet their heroes and lead Luton Town onto the Kenilworth Road pitch. Mascots and their families will enjoy a day of first-class entertainment and excellent hospitality in our popular Eric Morecambe Lounge.

As mascot, you will get the chance to meet the players, get photographs and autographs from them in the dressing room before heading out onto the pitch to join in with the warm-up. After the game you will meet the man of the match and will be presented with a signed and framed programme by him.

MATCHBALL SPONSORSHIP

Matchball Sponsorship offers a unique opportunity for guests to sponsor the matchball at Kenilworth Road - and then keep it afterwards with the players' autographs. The package is a fantastic way to enjoy excellent hospitality whilst promoting your business or entertaining friends, family or clients. Also hosted in our Eric Morecambe Lounge, the matchball sponsors will enjoy a two-course meal before being seated in the directors' box to watch the match. To top off a great day, you will get the chance to enjoy our post-match presentation and receive your signed ball from the man of the match.



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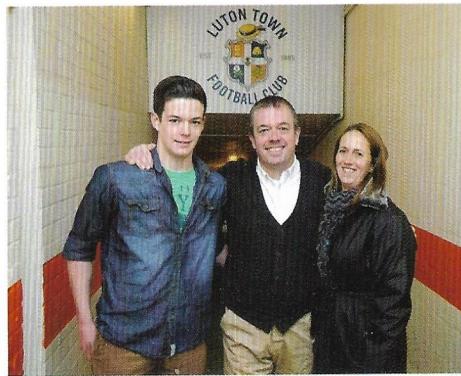
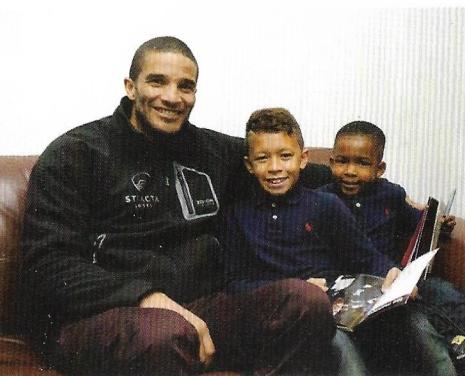
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welcome

SOUTHPORT



Southport arrive at Kenilworth Road this evening aiming to cure a severe case of travel sickness.

The Sandgrounders, who beat the Hatters on the opening day of the season thanks to Jamie Milligan's deflected free-kick, have taken just four points from a possible 30 on the road this season and come into tonight's game having shipped five goals in defeat at Aldershot on Saturday.

A strong home record – Alan Wright's side have also beaten league leaders Cambridge at Haig Avenue – is keeping the Yellows out of the relegation zone, but only two points keep them out of the dropzone. Southport were 4-0 down at half-time on Saturday but most worryingly for the Port faithful, the side has just won twice in the Skrill Premier since the end of August. Their only win away from Haig Avenue came in their first away fixture of the campaign, and that was a 2-1 win over a Hyde team that haven't won at all this season in 21 matches.

Okay, so the first few paragraphs here don't make for particularly good reading for those visiting supporters who have made the long journey down to Bedfordshire tonight so surely their record at Kenilworth Road down the years gives some them some cause for comfort? Sadly not, Southport have never won on Bedfordshire soil and have only taken a point once – 34 years ago. As explored on pages further in this programme, the Yellows' record at Kenilworth Road in recent seasons isn't the best, either. Since the sides have met in the Conference, the Town have won 6-0, 5-1 and 3-1 in the last three seasons.

Enough's enough. Taking away the Sandgrounders' recent form and their terrible record in Bedfordshire what do they have going for them? For a start, how about a manager who has been there and done it at the very highest level in the Premier League?

Wright made his name as a cool, calm and collected left-back at Aston Villa, often one of the first names on the teamsheet at Villa Park. It's his first management job and got off to a winning start against the Hatters back in August.

He's also assembling a decent squad, too. Two names in the visitors' squad list stand out and both are strikers. Nathan Ellington, if memory serves us right, has a pretty good record against the Hatters down the years, embarrassing many a Town defence during his Bristol Rovers days. The striker is 32 now but has enjoyed a prolific career in front of goal which took him all the way to the Premier League with West Brom.

Richard Brodie is another forward who has that knack of scoring important goals against the Town down the years during his time with York and Crawley.

Experienced midfielder Jamie Milligan is another player who has found the net against the Hatters in the past. His free-kick on the opening day was complimented by a fine display from the middle of the park. He's twice scored at Kenilworth Road and been part of a winning team for Hyde last season and for Fleetwood the campaign before.

There you have it. How's that for a balanced preview? Both teams now have reasons to be fearful and cheerful!



in opposition

MEET THE SOUTHPORT SQUAD

THE MANAGER

ALAN WRIGHT. Hugely experienced as a player, serving Aston Villa in the Premier League for eight seasons. Coached at Northwich and Blackpool before taking the reins at Haig Avenue this summer, with the 1-0 win over the Hatters his first ever game in management.

GOALKEEPERS

DANNY HURST. Former Fleetwood goalkeeper who has also played for Radcliffe and Barrow. Won three promotions with Fleetwood before signing for the Sandgrounders. A solid stopper with strong reflexes.

DAVID STEVENSON. One-time England youth international stopper who signed from New Mills at the end of last season. Another former Fleetwood goalkeeper, he was also previously on the books at Nottingham Forest and Blackburn.

DEFENDERS

STEVE AKRIGG. One of the Yellow's experienced players in defence who signed from Skelmersdale United. The centre-half was also on Warrington Town's books.

JAMES SMITH. Reliable defender who has been a regular over the past five seasons in the Conference Premier with the Sandgrounders and Altrincham. Began his career as a youngster at Liverpool before spells with Stockport and Ross County.

MATTY FLYNN. Tall, athletic central defender who signed from Barrow. Began life as a full-back and has enjoyed spells with Macclesfield, Ashton United, Rochdale, Fleetwood and Altrincham.

MATT CHALLONER. Teenage right-back who Alan Wright worked with whilst at Northwich and Blackpool. The highly-rated defender was a regular for the Tangerines' reserves and was once named youth player of the year.

CHRIS LYNCH. Assured centre-half who came through the ranks at Burnley. His first season was cut short through injury but the enthusiastic defender is now on the road to full fitness.

DAVID FITZPATRICK. Attacking left-back who began his career at Stockport before spells in non-league with Northwich and New Mills.

MIDFIELDERS

SCOTT BROWN. Former Everton, Bristol City and Cheltenham midfielder with a wealth of Football League experience. An attacking midfielder, he was part of the York team that beat the Hatters in the 2012 Play-Off final.

AARON CHALMERS. Tidy and versatile midfielder who can also operate at right-back. Joined the club from Stockport Sports in 2012 and has previously played for Mossley and Droylsden.

JAMIE MILLIGAN. Hugely experienced midfielder who scored the winner against the Town on the opening day of the season. Won the Conference with Fleetwood and has also been on Everton's and Blackpool's books.

KARL LEDSHAM. A November 2010 arrival at Haig Avenue makes the midfielder the longest-serving member of the current squad. Signed from St Helens Town and can also operate in attack.

PAUL RUTHERFORD. Former Barrow, Chester and Liverpool winger who signed at the start of this season, who won the FA Trophy with the Bluebirds when beating Stevenage in 2010.

CHRIS ALMOND. Finished the Yellows' top goalscorer last season with 13 goals in all competitions from his favoured position on the left wing. Previously with Skelmersdale and Ashton Athletic.

STRIKERS

STEVEN TAMES. Highly-rated forward who scored the Sandgrounders' goal of the season last term – a run from the half-way line and 30-yard effort against Hyde.

DANNY HATTERSLEY. Towering centre-forward who signed from Stockport County. Originally joined on loan before making the move permanently. Also previously on the books at Lancaster City.

OSAYAMEN OSAWE. Young, quick forward who signed this summer having impressed during pre-season. Began his career as a youngster at Blackburn.

RICHARD BRODIE. Former York City goal-getter currently on loan from Gateshead, who has also enjoyed a productive spell in front of goal with Crawley.

NATHAN ELLINGTON. Hugely experienced striker who signed for the Sandgrounders this season. Shot to prominence with prolific spells with Bristol Rovers and Wigan before moves to West Brom and Watford.

back to the future

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

1966-67 PROMOTION WINNERS

BRIAN REEVES: Goalkeeper who made 143 League appearances before joining Formby in March 1970. He was a greengrocer in Birkdale before running an insurance and investment business in Ainsdale.

ALEX PARKER: Ex-Scotland international who joined Ballymena United in January 1968, then Drumcondra. He was later Southport's coach and manager, then a publican in Runcorn, Gretna and Carlisle.

KEVIN CAIRNS: Left-back who moved to Wigan Athletic in April 1968, then Walmer Bridge. He worked at Kirkham and Wymott prisons before becoming a market gardener in Croston, near Preston.

ARTHUR PEAT: Right-half who netted 27 goals in a record 401 League games, moving to Crewe Alexandra in July 1972. Later a publican, then steward at Park Golf Club, he died locally in July 2012.

COLIN ALTY: Versatile centre-half who was Player of the Year and netted 22 goals in 190 League games before joining Morecambe in August 1970, then Skelmersdale. He still resides in Banks.

AMBY CLARKE: Tough-tackling left-half who reunited with Don McEvoy at Barrow in July 1971, then had spells with Skelmersdale, Formby and Burscough. He later ran a driving school in Crosby.

STUART SHAW: Winger who moved to Port Vale in July 1969, then played for Morecambe, Alan Spence's Skelmersdale United and South Liverpool. He is now a retired PE teacher living in Southport.

ALAN SPENCE: Record scorer, with 98 goals in 230 League games, who joined Oldham Athletic in December 1968, then Chester. He continued as a teacher, then held coaching posts, settling in Longton.

GEORGE ANDREWS: Centre-forward who moved to Shrewsbury Town in November 1969, then played for Walsall and Worcester City. He worked on the parks and gardens for the council in Tipton.

ALEX RUSSELL: Favourite who later played for Bangor City and Formby, then returned to printing and ran Watkinson & Bond in Churctown. His son of the same name played for Cambridge United.

RON SMITH: Winger who moved to Altrincham in July 1967, then had spells with Netherfield, Formby and Fleetwood Hesketh. Settling in Formby, he worked at Liverpool docks and held coaching posts.

1972/73 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

ALAN TAYLOR: Goalkeeper who made 102 League appearances before joining Blackpool Rangers in July 1974, then Wren Rovers and Blackpool Mechanics. He is now a retired postman in Blackpool.

BOBBY SIBBALD: Right-back who netted 13 goals in 240 League games prior to joining Los Angeles Aztecs where he became assistant-coach. Still living in Los Angeles, he was a major US lottery winner.

DEREK RYDER: Left-back who scored twice in 82 League outings before hanging up his boots in May 1974. He became a sales rep for Scottish & Newcastle breweries and now lives in Leeds in retirement.

JOHN MCPHEE: Inspirational skipper who scored once in 85 Fourth Division games before hanging up his boots in May 1973. He concentrated on running the Sheraton Hotel in Blackpool until retirement.

CHRIS DUNLEAVY: Central defender who moved to Chester in September 1973, then played for Halifax Town and Woolongong City. Settling in New South Wales, he ran his own distribution company.

ALEX RUSSELL: Favourite who later played for Bangor City and Formby, then returned to printing and ran Watkinson & Bond in Churctown. His son of the same name played for Cambridge United.

DAVID HUGHES: Winger who moved to Bury in August 1973, then played for Southport again and Crewe Alexandra. He ran a model shop in Darwen and became a primary school teacher in Blackburn.

NORRIE LLOYD: Midfielder who joined Stockport County in July 1974, then Macclesfield Town, Darwen and Leyland Motors. He later became a publican in Leyland, then ran two pubs back in Preston.

JIM FRYATT: Striker who had two spells at Southport, moving to Stockport County in September 1974, then Torquay United and Chorley. Settling in Las Vegas, he worked in casinos before a golf club.

ANDY PROVAN: Striker who netted 28 goals in 83 League outings before joining Torquay United in August 1974, then played for Bath City. Settling in Torquay, he later worked as a psychiatric nurse.

FRANK LEE: Winger who joined Stockport County in July 1974, then Lancaster City. He managed a sports shop, then worked for Knowsley Council's Leisure Services Dept and became a chiropodist.



1992/93 NORTHERN PREMIER CHAMPIONS

PAUL MOORE: Goalkeeper who joined Worcester City in August 1994, then Witton Albion, Bangor City and Worcester again. He has run his own goalkeeping school and is now managing AFC Liverpool.

ALAN McDONALD: Experienced right-back who moved to Chorley in August 1995, then had spells playing for Barrow and Lancaster City. He has worked at the General Chemicals plant in Runcorn.

DAVE FULLER: Versatile left-back who missed just one match for Southport during the 1992/93 campaign and joined Colwyn Bay in July 1996. He is a school teacher in Ysgol Penmorfa, North Wales.

KEVIN MOONEY: Ever-present captain who joined Chorley in March 1994, then played for Ashton United and Droylsden. He ran a building company, now regional manager for FSH Maintenance.

LEROY DOVE: Central defender who contested a first-team slot with Derek Goulding. Employed by Bunzi Vending Services for 23 years, he is UK operations manager at coffee suppliers 2468 Group.

MARK SCHOFIELD: Ex-Wigan Athletic central defender who moved to Chorley in July 1993, then rejoined Leigh RMI. He is a policeman with Greater Manchester Police, now stationed at Wigan West.

CHRIS WALMSLEY: Winger who moved to Chorley in June 1994, then played for Leigh RMI and St Helens Town. Now living in China, he has become vice-president of operations for the SPX Corporation.

MARK BRENNAN: Much-travelled midfielder who later played for Chorley, Ashton United, Marine, Bangor City and Bamber Bridge. Still based in Liverpool, he now works as a management consultant.

STEVE HAW: Leading marksman with a club record 32 goals, he later played for Chorley, Southport again, Accrington Stanley, Hyde and Witton. He has been a fireman in Formby for the past 24 years.

DAVID GAMBLE: Long-serving midfielder who joined Marine in July 1999. Later appearing for Runcorn FC Halton and Rossendale United, he has since worked as a scaffolder in his native Liverpool.

PETER WITHERS: Winger who missed just two matches in 1992/93 and was a local government officer with Knowsley Borough Council. Now works for the New Zealand government, living in Wellington.

2004/05 CONFERENCE NORTH CHAMPIONS

STEVE DICKINSON: Goalkeeper who joined Guiseley in August 2006, then Hucknall Town, Leigh Genesis, Burscough, Alfreton Town, Bradford PA, Southport again, Kendal, Ossett and F frickley Athletic.

JIMMY WILLIAMS: Former Swindon Town right-back who had a very promising Football League career interrupted by injury problems. He moved to Droylsden in June 2005, then played for Kendal.

JEROME FITZGERALD: Influential left-back who moved to Fleetwood Town in June 2006. He then had a spell with Leigh Genesis before joining Guiseley in October 2008 and was loaned to Chorley.

FARRELL KILBANE: The brother of Eire international Kevin Kilbane, he joined Burscough in June 2006, then Fleetwood Town, Hyde United, Burscough again, AFC Fylde, Lancaster and Trafford.

NEIL FITZHENRY: Ex-Wigan Athletic and Chester City central defender who moved to Burscough in July 2006. He later played for Skelmersdale United, then Hyde United before hanging up his boots.

DOMINIC MORLEY: Midfielder who joined Burscough in June 2006, returning for a third spell at Southport as player-coach in May 2010. He became AFC Telford United's assistant-boss in May 2013.

CARL BAKER: England Semi-Pro international striker who moved to Football League new-boys Morecambe in July 2007. He joined Stockport County in July 2008, then Coventry City in January 2010.

KEVIN LYNCH: Versatile midfielder who joined Droylsden in December 2005. He moved to Marine in July 2008 and was their player-manager for four years, becoming Chesterfield's development coach.

TERRY FEARNS: Striker who was leading marksman and moved to Droylsden in October 2005. He has since appeared for AFC Telford United, Chorley and Skelmersdale United but jailed for drug offences.

STEVE DALY: Young striker who was originally with hometown Wigan Athletic, then played for Runcorn FC Halton, following Liam Watson to Southport. His career was ended by injury in September 2011.

KEVIN LEADBETTER: Striker who joined Burscough in June 2006, then Skelmersdale, Fleetwood, Southport again, Skelmersdale again, Droylsden, Marine, Burscough again, Kendal and Northwich Victoria.

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GRAHAM FRENCH



Andy Parry and Shaun Whalley are two current Town men who have featured for both clubs and are one of a number of players who have sported colours of each side down the years.

In recent seasons Dan Walker and Godfrey Poku spent

time on loan at Haig Avenue whilst the Hatters signed midfielder John Paul Kissack at the beginning of the 2011/12 campaign.

Other names that maybe familiar with both sets of supporters are Tommy Bell, Bob Hacking and Peter Thomson, but perhaps the most famous is the mercurial Graham French.

A member of the squad that won the Little Word Cup at Wembley in 1963, Graham's suspect temperament put off a host of clubs leading to him turning out for Wellington Town where he was spotted by Luton Town and soon became a favourite at Kenilworth Road.

For a big man, Graham had pace and two-footed ability on the wing and set-up many goals for a succession of Town strikers. After helping the Town to win two promotions he was sentenced to three years in prison following a shooting incident.

The Town were happy to let him try again on his release but the deprivations of prison life left him a shadow of his former self and he drifted out of the game before re-surfacing under the assumed name 'Lafite' at Southport in 1976.

The so-called 'Poor man's George Best' now lives in Wolverhampton.

GRAHAM FRENCH STATISTICS:

LUTON TOWN APPEARANCES: 202

LUTON TOWN GOALS: 23

FIRST APPEARANCE: v Bradford City (a) D 2-2 16/10/1965

LAST APPEARANCE: v Fiorentina (h) Anglo-Italian Cup 4/4/1973

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Tonight's meeting will be the 17th between the two clubs and the eighth here at Kenilworth Road.

The Sandgrounders won't need reminding that they are still to record victory on Bedfordshire soil in their seven previous attempts.

Overall the Hatters hold the advantage in the head-to-head record, winning eight to Southport's four whilst four have also ended all square.

The Yellows have only ever taken a point once off of the Town at Kenilworth Road and that came 34 years ago when the two sides played out a goalless draw in April 1969.

Since that draw the Hatters have won the next four at Kenilworth Road with the last three, in the last three campaigns in the Conference, won in emphatic style.

Six different goalscorers (Amari Morgan-Smith, Robbie Willmott, Freddie Murray, Jason Walker, Claude Gnakpa and Zdenek Kroca) saw off the Sandgrounders in a 6-0 win in April 2011 and four months later five different goalscorers (Adam Watkins, Will Antwi, Morgan-Smith, Willmott and Danny Crow) scored in a 5-1 win in August the following campaign.

Last season the Town did the double over the Yellows, with two 3-1 victories. In September two goals from Scott Rendell and one from Stuart Fleetwood secured the win at Kenilworth Road with Andy Parry scoring an equaliser on the stroke of half-time for the visitors. The two sides then met on the final game of last season in which the Hatters came from a goal down to triumph thanks to a brace from Andre Gray and Matt Robinson's first senior goal.

The Sandgrounders got their revenge, however, on the opening day of this season when a deflected free-kick from Jamie Milligan enabled Alan Wright's side to record a 1-0 win.

from the ~~oak~~ ^{Kenilworth} road

Unpredictable Southport ended Cambridge's long unbeaten run and caught the Hatters cold on the opening day of the season. But they've also been tonked at Tamworth and hammered by Hereford.

Loyal Sandgrounder Jason Mobbs discusses their consistency conundrum, Whalley and Parry and standing versus sitting at matches ahead of today's game.

TALK OF THE TOWN: How would you assess the Sandgrounders' season so far?

JASON: So far, it has been a season of peaks and troughs. There have been notable high points, such as the opening day victory against Luton – sorry, had to get it in somewhere – and ending Cambridge's 16-match unbeaten run. The results have been tempered by a few dismal away days – the battering at the hands of Tamworth sticks out. The squad had to be largely re-built in the summer and Alan Wright has done a sterling job in getting them playing competitive football which is also good on the eye.

TOTT: Do you feel Southport have missed the influence of Shaun Whalley and Andy Parry this season? Are you surprised that Parry has established himself as an integral part of the Luton team?

JASON: Any team in the league would miss players of that quality. Whalley was magnificent for us in the last couple of seasons and I'm surprised he's not made more of an impact at Kenilworth Road. He seems to be one of those players who needs to be the main outlet of the side, with the play revolving around him, and because at Luton there are other quality attacking players around him, that is not always the case. Parry always had the potential to go on to better things, but I am surprised at how rapidly he's developed. I was a little surprised when he moved, as he hadn't been at Southport long, and the general feeling was that he could do with another season to progress. I expected him to be more of a

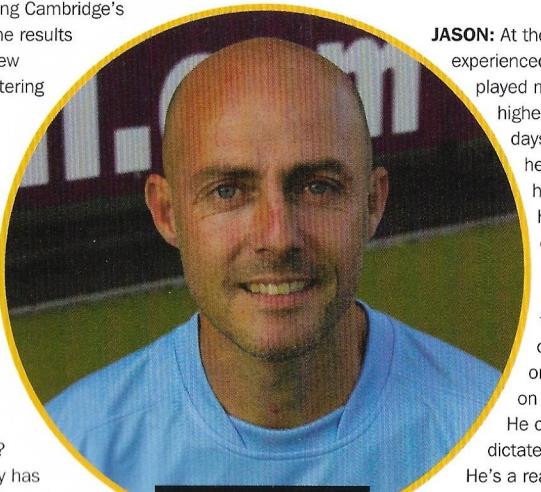
back up player at Luton, but full credit to him for proving himself worthy of a starting place. He seems to fit the John Still style: hard working, disciplined and a good competitor.

TOTT: Which player makes Southport tick?

JASON: At the heart of our side is the experienced Jamie Milligan, who has played much of his career at a higher level. Now his playing days are nearing an end, he joined Southport to help out Alan Wright who he knew from previous clubs. It is easy to see that he has operated in higher divisions - even though his legs may not carry him as far as they once did, his technique on the ball is indisputable. He controls the passing and dictates the tempo in our side. He's a real asset.

TOTT: Boss Alan Wright recently spoke of his desire to be managing in the Premier League in five years time. Is it a concern that he may be moving on soon – or is it a positive to have a hungry, ambitious coach willing to learn his trade in the lower leagues?

JASON: It shows he has the ambition, and credit must go to him for taking the Southport job on in the first place. Money is always tight at Haig Avenue, and after an illustrious career, I'm sure he was brought back to earth a bit when he saw the job that lay before him. However, in my opinion, we see too many instances of players who go straight into management at the top level and make a mess of it - Alan Shearer at Newcastle being



The Sandgrounder's boss
Alan Wright



The main stand at Haig Avenue

a fairly recent example. The experience Alan Wright picks up at this level is only going to stand him in good stead for the future.

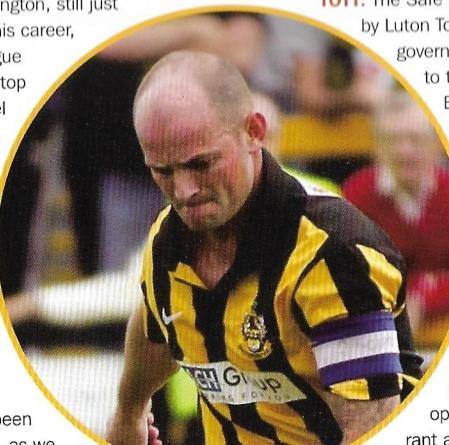
TOTT: New signing Nathan Ellington, still just 32, was hot property earlier in his career, firing Wigan to the Premier League and then plying his trade in the top flight for West Brom. Do you feel Wright can rekindle the spark in his game?

JASON: I hope so, because there is no doubt he has the pedigree to upset defences at this level. We have already seen in the few games he's played, that he has the skill on the ball to be a success. It is just a case of getting him match fit. We had been on the lookout for a new striker, as we were very short in that department.

TOTT: Do think Southport can do the double over Luton tonight? How do you see the game panning out?

JASON: I'm sure this is the part where I'm supposed to appear all optimistic, but unfortunately I can't see Southport getting a result tonight. We have a torrid record at Kenilworth Road in recent seasons, losing 6-0, 5-1 and 3-1 (at least there's improvement). I suppose

it is a case of holding out at 0-0 for as long as possible to try and frustrate the home crowd, but I'm not too confident.



Jamie Milligan: at the heart of the team

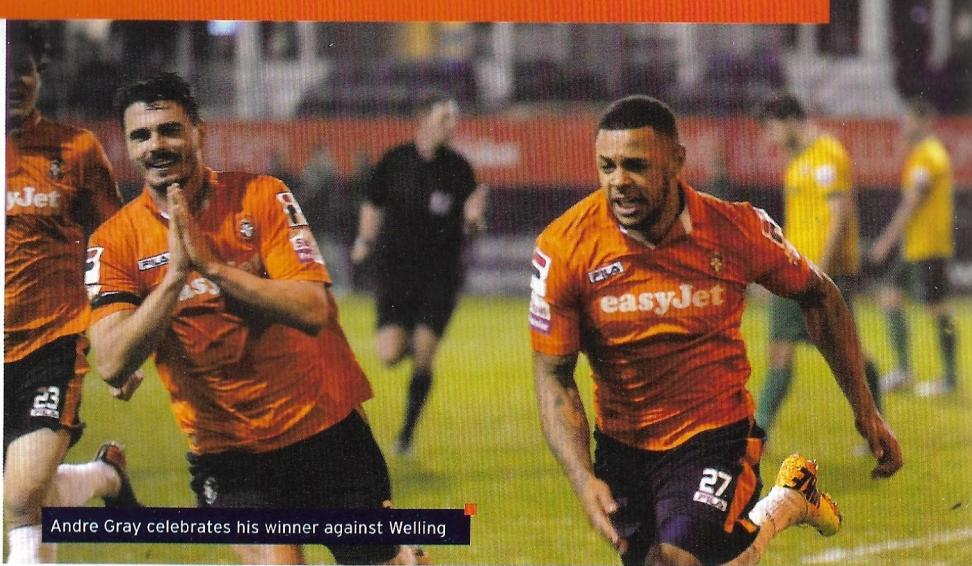
TOTT: The Safe Standing campaign, backed by Luton Town is trying to persuade the government and the football authorities to trial the use of 'rail seats' in English football, which enables an area of a football ground to be used either for standing or sitting, as appropriate. Would you like to see standing re-introduced higher up the football pyramid?

JASON: Football in the higher echelons has a whole array of problems at the moment; the lack of standing options is just one of them. I could rant all day about the rocketing ticket prices, the growing disillusionment of the supporters over what used to be "their" game, and the increased sanitisation of

top-level football. .

Safe Standing is in place in countries such as Germany, and I think the FA should get on board and explore the possibility of implementing it in England. For me it is sad that English football, which was once at the forefront of the game, has fallen so far behind our continental neighbours in terms of value for money and fan experience. I'm all for it.

TOWN 2-1 WELLING



Andre Gray celebrates his winner against Welling

Two goals from Andre Gray helped the Hatters to a fifth successive home victory in a hard-fought performance against Welling.

The Hatters' leading goalscorer took his tally to nine goals for the season – and five in his last two home games – by scoring once in each half to keep John Still's side on the shoulders of the leaders.

His first came on 17 minutes when he reacted to Paul Benson's flick-on to finish superbly past Lee Butcher, the Welling goalkeeper who had done so well to deny the Hatters in the FA Cup meeting between the two sides a fortnight ago.

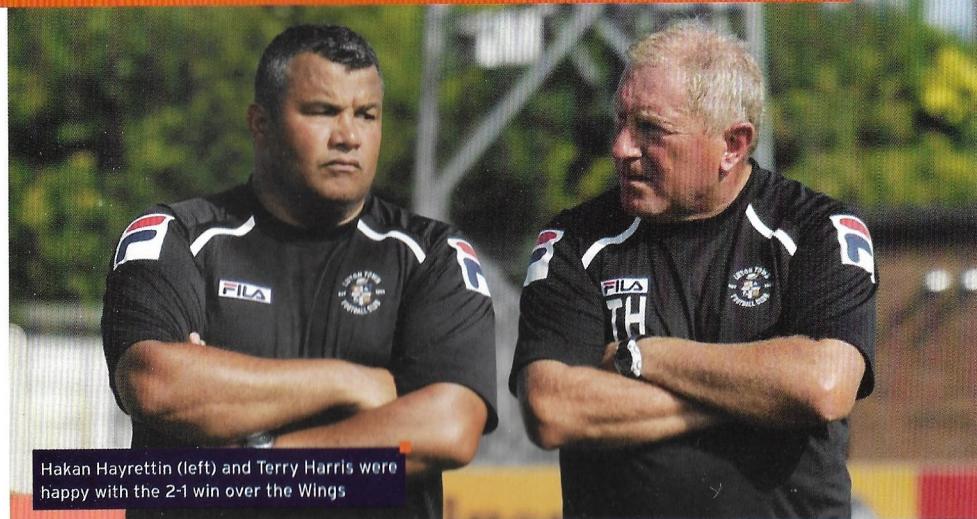
Benson missed a fantastic chance to put the Town in cruise control when somehow clipping a shot wide of the target having been sent through by Alex Lawless' clever pass.

Save

But the Hatters weren't having it all their own way. Mark Tyler made a great save from a deflection from Alex Lacey and the visitors' Jake Gallagher then fluffed a huge chance for an equaliser when side-footing wide with the goal at his mercy.

Jim Stevenson, one of two Town changes – Shaun Whalley also came into the side at the expense of the suspended Jonathan Smith – was denied a first goal in Luton colours by the agility of Butcher – the Wings goalkeeper throwing himself to his left to claw out the midfielder's goal-bound header.

TOWN 2-1 WELLING



Hakan Hayrettin (left) and Terry Harris were happy with the 2-1 win over the Wings

First team coach Hakan Hayrettin was full of praise for the Town's performance as they ground out a 2-1 win over Welling thanks to Andre Gray's brace.

In the Hatters' first game at Kenilworth Road after a run of six successive away games it was Gray's second goal 11 minutes from time that secured a fifth straight home win for the Town, to the delight of Hayrettin and the management team.

"In the last 20 minutes we showed the spirit to come through and win and that was the most important thing," Hayrettin told Hatters Player. "It probably wasn't our best performance of the season but in the last 20-25 minutes I thought we were outstanding.

"It wasn't going to be easy coming back to Kenilworth Road after the amount of away games we've had but we have maintained that element of professionalism."

The game changed when John Still introduced Luke Guttridge and Matt Robinson in the second period at a time when the visitors had gained the initiative having equalised early in the second half.

"Sometimes you can't always play to the best of your ability - and Welling did well - but the manager proved that he has no qualms in changing things. He sent on Luke and Robbo and we picked it up a gear and got the result. The spirit and determination the players showed was terrific and the last quarter of the game was much like the Luton Town we know. The pleasing thing for us in the management staff was that never-say-die

attitude. We kept going to get that victory. There are big expectations and a big home crowd and they always sway you. It helped and encouraged the players to show the resilience the manager was looking for."

Assistant manager Terry Harris also praised the two Town substitutes who influenced the Hatters' game in the final 20 minutes.

"When Luke came on he changed the game, he sat behind Paul Benson and started to pull the strings," said Harris. "Matt Robinson came on and did ever so well too. We had got off to a good start, went 1-0 up and had the opportunity to go 2-0 with Paul Benson and he put it past the post. After that for an hour or so, I thought they were the better side than us, I have to be honest.

"But we made a few changes, we brought Luke behind the front two and I thought for last 20 minutes we were in the ascendancy, so I was absolutely delighted to get the second goal."

The last, word though, was reserved for goal hero Gray.

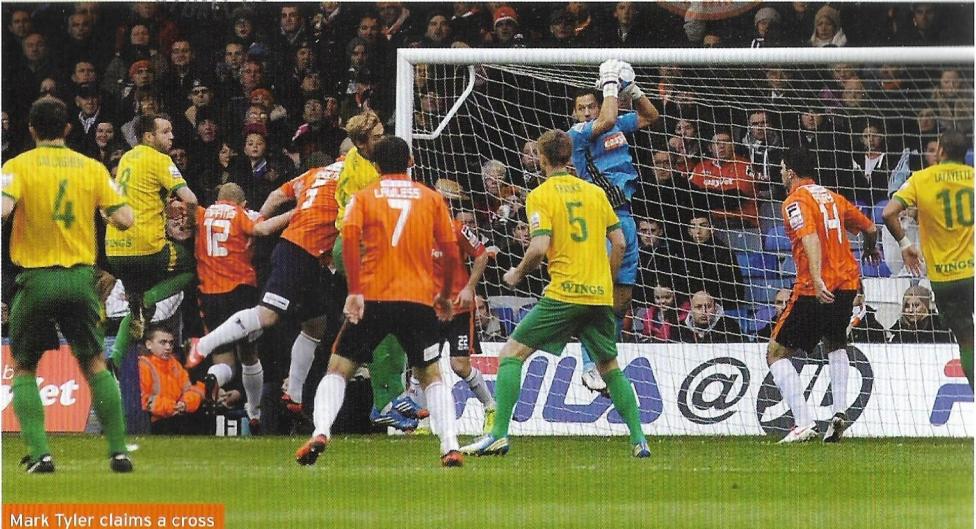
"Andre's in great form," said Hayrettin. "He's so strong and difficult to knock off the ball. He's hard to stop and his finishing is improving every week."

Harris added: "I think part of it is being with Paul Benson. He enjoys playing with Paul, they make a good pairing upfront and Andre is picking up the pieces off of Paul. We do finishing every day and Andre can be anything he wants to be. He's got power, he's got strength and there are still things that he has to work on too."

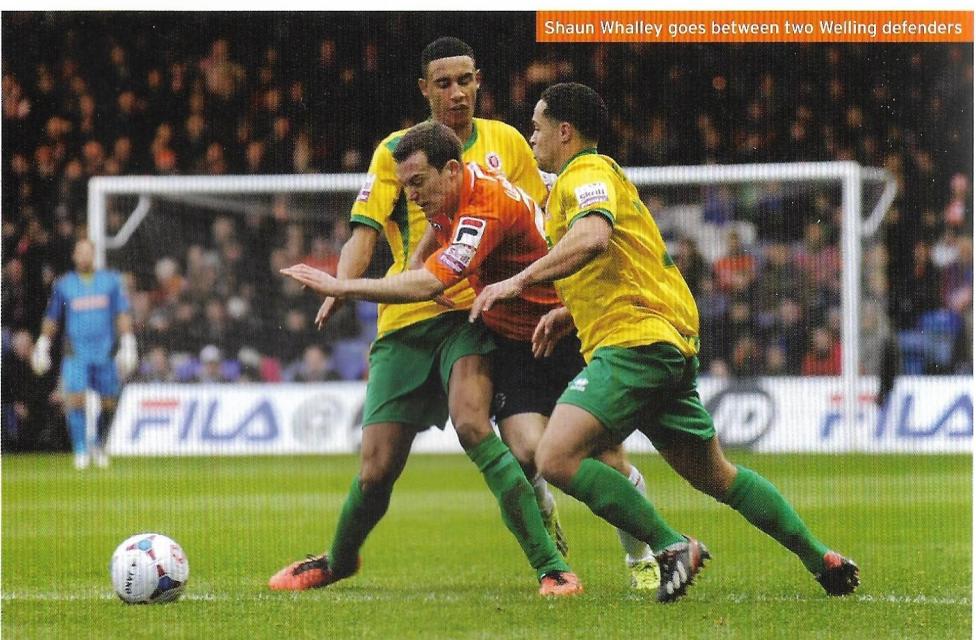
LUTON TOWN 2-1 WELLING

Gray 17, 79

Dyer 47



Mark Tyler claims a cross



Shaun Whalley goes between two Welling defenders



Paul Benson shows close control

TOWN: Tyler; Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey; Parry, Stevenson (sub Guttridge 53), Lawless, Whalley (sub Robinson 63), Benson, Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Justham, Howells, Cullen.

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STRIKER AT THE DOUBLE

His goal on Saturday ensured the Town won for the fifth time in a row at Kenilworth Road but Andre Gray was keen to play down his role in the 2-1 win over Welling United.

Despite scoring twice to make it nine goals in his last nine starts, the Hatters striker was more pleased with the team's victory than reflect on any personal glory.

“It was always a case of us going right to the end to get the win – it didn't matter who was going to score the winner,” the 22-year-old told Hatters Player. “I don't think we played at our best and, in all honesty, I think that was a game we would have drawn or even lost last year.

Tough

“However, we ground it out and kept going and that's what we need to keep doing throughout the season. We know it's not going to be easy every week and Welling made it tough for us but we did enough in the end.”

The striker's second goal came after substitutes Luke Guttridge and Matt Robinson had combined to set Alex Lawless on his way to cross for the winning goal, and Gray paid tribute to the strength in depth in the squad.

“We have players on the bench today who can score goals and make a difference,” he said. “Mark Cullen's got five and Luke's got six and the quality we have in the team is unbelievable. It gives everyone such confidence knowing we have players that can come off the bench and give us something.

“That's what's happened with the goal. Luke's played in Alex with a great ball in and luckily I'm on the end of the pass to score.”

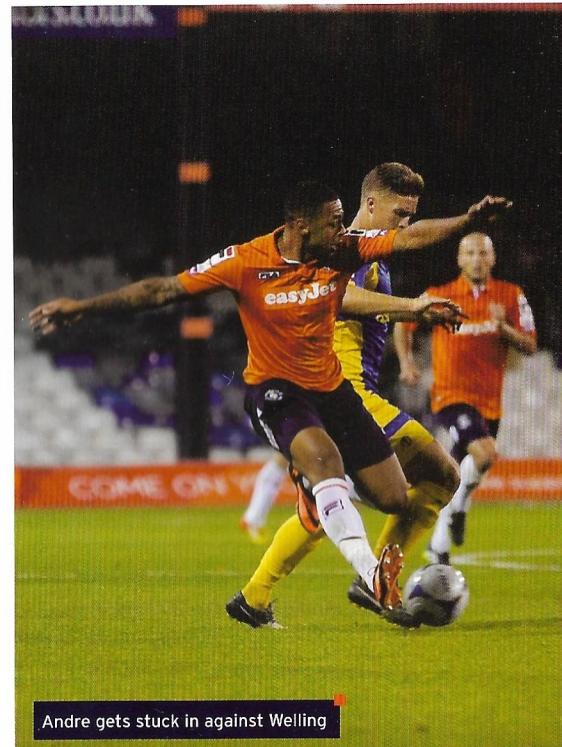
Gray's burgeoning partnership with striker Paul Benson continued to flourish with the pair combining for the opening goal in the first half.

And Gray believes playing alongside Benson is making him a better player.

Clever

“It's easy to play with Paul,” explained Gray. “I know what he's going to do, he's such a clever player. We're working hard together in training and the more we play together the better I think we're going to get.

“I can see us scoring a lot of goals together. If it's not me scoring I'm setting him up and vice-versa. It's a good partnership with us feeding off one another.”



Andre gets stuck in against Welling

Gray began the season on the bench but has forced his way into the starting line-up with eye-catching displays from the bench.

Scoring

“I started the season slowly but I've picked up my confidence,” admitted the striker. “I'm playing and scoring goals at the minute and I'm on a bit of a run that all strikers go on.

“Luckily I'm scoring at the minute but they'll come a time when I don't and that's when I know my team-mates will step in.

“We're playing well at the minute and with the quality we have in the squad we're just looking forward to each and every game.”

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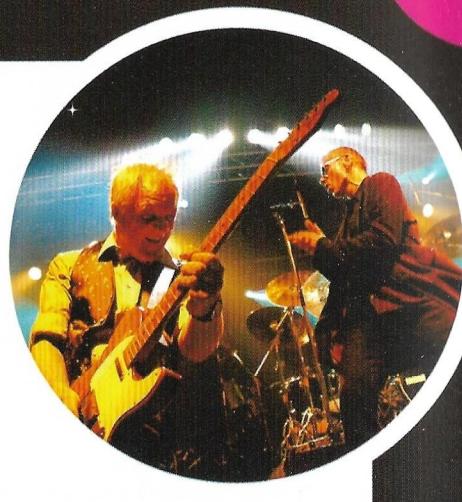


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Matt Robinson

MIDFIELDER ON WELLING VICTORY

Matt Robinson is a big influence. The Hatters have won all four matches he's been involved with the first team this season and he's been an ever-present for a development squad who have won all bar one match this season.

His introduction in the second half against Welling United on Saturday helped the Town to a 2-1 victory over the Wings which cemented the team's position in the top five in the Skrill Premier.

Crucially for Robinson it's those development games which have helped him. The former Leicester midfielder youngster has been a driving force behind the Town's development squad so far this season and has even lifted a piece of silverware – the David Preece memorial trophy after the 7-5 win a fortnight ago.

Important

"Last year we were lucky to play four reserve games, but we'll probably play four development games this month," Robinson said after the 2-1 victory. "It's nice to be able to keep playing because it maintains our fitness levels. It's important because we need to be ready to be called upon for the first team."

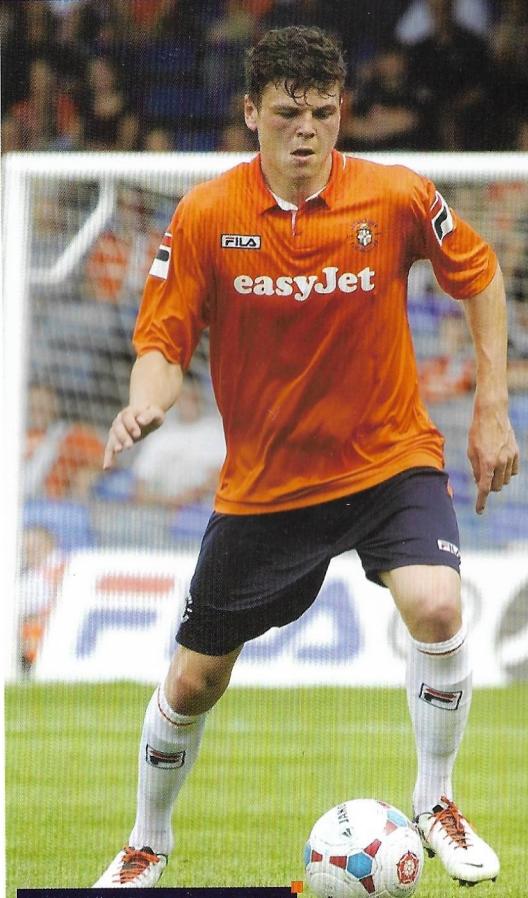
"The only thing about development games is that it sometimes lacks that significance of the first team matches but it's up to each player to make it important. You want it to mean more, that's natural. There's no league table for the development squad but as players we can take heart from the performances and results in those games."

Robinson started in the FA Cup win at Woking in October and appeared from the substitutes' bench in the home victories over Halifax and Hyde.

The Town were struggling to break down a resolute Welling at the weekend before Robinson and Luke Guttridge's introduction in the second half eventually led to Andre Gray's second goal and eventual winner.

"Coming on at 1-1 was hard, especially considering the state of the game at the time," admitted Robinson. "Therefore, to come away with a win is very positive."

"The manager just told me to go on and make a difference. It was a case of trying to get the ball and



Saturday's appearance was
Robinson's 18th in Luton colours

keep things simple rather than getting the ball and dwelling on it.

Focus

"We've been out on the road for all of these away games and coming back to Kenilworth Road we almost felt we owed the supporters a performance. That put a bit of pressure on us but we knew we had to concentrate and get the win. It's a cliché but it was a game we had to focus on, get a result and move on to the next game."

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Andy Parry

FORMER SOUTHPORT MAN ON WELLING WIN

Having made his international debut for England C as a substitute last week, midfielder Andy Parry was happy that the week ended with a win for the Town on Saturday.

The former Southport midfielder was a second half substitute for England against a talented Czech Republic Under-21 side at Woking last week which saw the Three Lions come from two goals down to earn a hugely credible draw before then helping the Hatters to victory over Welling.

"It's been a good week," Parry told Hatters Player after the win over the Wings. "If you're a Premier League player the highest level you want to play at is for the England senior team and it's the case at this level. Playing for England is the height of this level.

Thrilled

"I came on for the last half-an-hour and I was thrilled to be involved. To represent your country at any level is a great buzz."

Parry has been a regular in the heart of the Hatters' midfield following his summer switch from the Sandgrounders but the former Blackburn trainee admitted that the Town missed the services of Jonathan Smith during the 2-1 win.

Smith sat out the win over the Wings as he served a one-match suspension having received five yellow cards this term.

"Every time I've played in midfield Smudger's been alongside me," said Parry. "It was different without him there but I thought Jim Stevenson did a really good job.

"It wasn't an easy game and Welling made it really tough for us, especially at the start of the second half when they scored an equaliser.

"But we kept on going and found a winner in the end. We all agreed it wasn't our best performance of the season but that is a sign of a good team: getting results when not playing at the top of your game.

"I think that our fitness levels have been a big part of our success this season. Our fitness coach Dave Richardson has worked wonders with us and I think that it's at this time of year that we will reap those rewards.

"Dave worked hard with us in pre-season and works with us throughout the week, building up and maintaining our fitness levels. As winter draws in the pitches become heavier and that's when our strength and fitness really comes to the fore. A prime example was Braintree away



Parry faces his former club tonight

when we really had to dig deep to get a result and it was the same on Saturday against Welling...although the pitch is a lot better than Braintree!"

Focused

Parry made his Town debut as a second half substitute in the opening day defeat at former club Southport but the midfielder will treat tonight's game as any other.

"All that we're concentrating on is keeping our current run going," he said. "I know it's sounds boring but I'm a Luton player now and I'm focused on helping us winning three points.

"The game might be against my former club but to me it's just another game."

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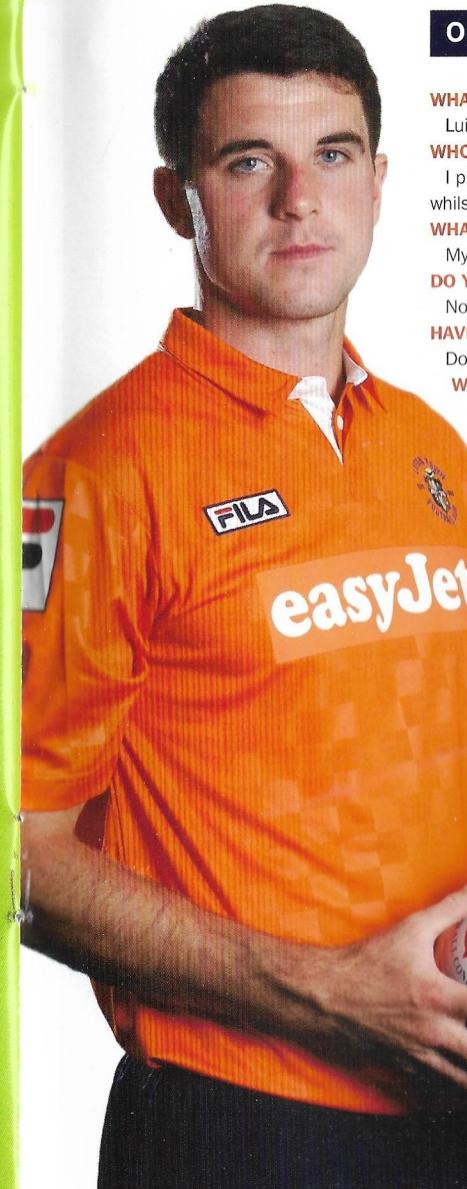
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... THE PITCH WITH ANDY PARRY



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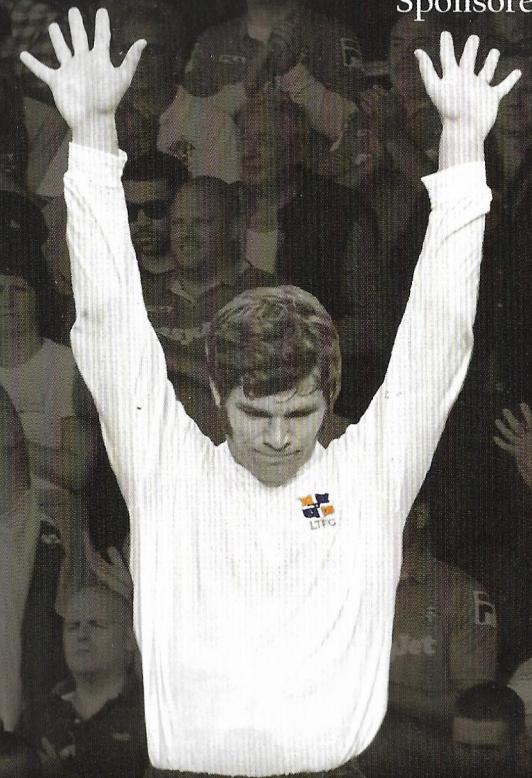
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DAVID JAMES JOINS THE TOWN RANKS

For many Town fans it is their dream to run out on the Kenilworth Road turf, to be adored by the supporters and play for the club they've supported all their life.

Very few are able to do it and indeed not many have.

But former England international goalkeeper David James played for the Hatters once. It was during a time when he was a schoolboy with Watford. He jumped at the chance. Well, if you're a Town fan, it's just what comes natural.

"I was an under-14 or under-15 at the time. It was on the plastic pitch and Luton didn't have a goalkeeper so I went in – and that's a close as I've come to playing here."

Sitting in John Still's office, 43-year-old James melancholically sipped on tea as he reminisced about supporting the Hatters as a youngster on his first day coaching at the club. He sat sporting the Town's all-blue training gear - "It reminds me a bit of the Bedford trucks away kit of the 80s" - taking a break from his first session. The aim of the self-confessed Town fan is to get into coaching and eventually management. These days you need to do your coaching qualifications first – and that's where the Hatters are helping in James' quest to obtain an A-liscence coaching qualifications. One quick phonecall to "Stillo" and a day later he was taking the Hatters for a session at their Ely Way training base.

"It's all well and good filling out the logbook and writing in it that you've done 300 hours of coaching," James explains, "but it doesn't feel right at the moment. I could go for an assessment tomorrow but I feel I need to learn more and that's what I'm here. This might be the Conference but there's some very good players here."

But taking the Hatters' class of 2013 for training was not the ducking and diving around the Kenilworth Road goalmouth he always fantasised of as a teenager.

"The dream was to play here for Luton," James says, sliding his hand under his chin in pensive mode. You got the impression he was visualising what might have been all those years ago before he started out as a young keeper at the other club down M1.

"It was the dream but perhaps that's a little bit beyond me now. Now I've got this opportunity to be involved, and it's by doing something I believe will not only be productive for the progression of my coaching but also, as John says, for the help of the team to push on and get the promotion that Luton deserves – and I'd love to be involved in that."

"I won't be stepping on anybody's toes. All I can do is pass on little bits of advice and experience onto those who want to listen."

Born in Welwyn Garden City, a young

David first set eyes on Kenilworth Road as a 10-year-old but it was far from love at first sight.

"I can't remember the game precisely – it could have been against Hull – but it was horrible, it was awful," James laughs. "I stood, on the Oak Road end I think, wondering who was cheering for who. In the end I cheered for the opposition."

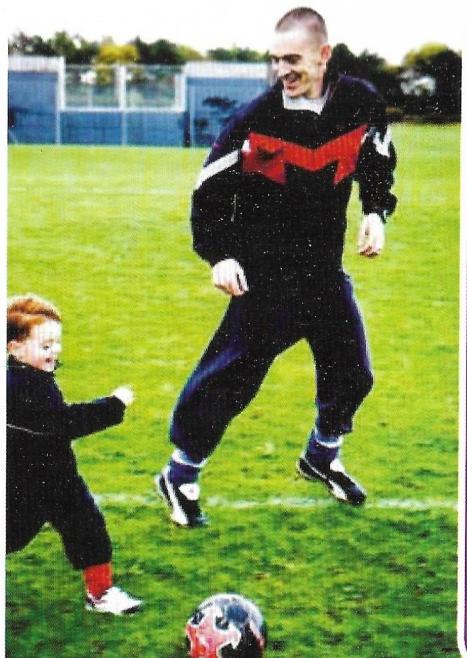
"However, my uncle was a Luton fan and so was a mate of mine at school. I've got a stack of programmes which I collected over the years."

James will be around Kenilworth Road for as long as "the boss" wants him around.

"It's an open agreement with John," explains James. "I can't come to Saturday games because of my television commitments for BT Sport but I'll get to the midweek matches."

If and when James does watch the Town it'll be the first time he's taken in a game live since the 3-1 Littlewoods Cup final defeat to Nottingham Forest at Wembley in 1989.





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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



At the end of the 1963/64 season the Town needed two points from their final two games to ensure survival in Division Three (now League One). To add spice to the penultimate match of the season, visitors Watford needed a win to retain hopes of promotion.

The Hornets took the lead just after the interval but goalscoring sensation John O'Rourke netted twice in the closing minutes to send the majority of the 19,799 Kenilworth Road crowd into raptures.

Pictured is O'Rourke competing against the Watford defenders with Gordon Turner waiting for the ball to drop.

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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



When the Town reached the FA Cup final in 1959 the Board had to decide how to distribute the 16,000 tickets available.

It was eventually agreed that all non-season ticket holders should be subject to a postal ballot which obviously produced winners and losers - the winners included two ladies in my road who had never seen the Hatters play before while amongst the losers were my father and grandfather who were regulars home and away. The resentment still lingers to this day with some fans.

Pictured is the drum into which the postal requests were placed with chairman Percy Mitchell (third left) presiding over events.

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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS THROUGH PAST PROGRAMMES

LUTON TOWN 5-1 NOTTS COUNTY

20TH NOVEMBER 1965

When the Town suffered relegation to the old Division Four for the first time in their history in 1965, only six years after appearing in the FA Cup final, it was generally reckoned that crowds would continue to drop as the team reached rock bottom.

Surprisingly attendances stood up well, helped in no small part to the all out attacking play of the team, especially at home.

Ace goalscorer John O'Rourke had been badly injured at Brentford at the start of the previous campaign but was now back to his best after a summer of complete rest. The inspired signing of ex-Blackburn centre half Matt Woods helped shore up a defence that had let in an alarming number of goals in 1964/65, leaving the team with a firm base to attack at will.

O'Rourke was not the only success in the forward line as he was developing a firm understanding with probably the most unlikely looking attacker in the club's history.

Tony Read had been signed as a goalkeeper from Peterborough at the tail end of the 1964/65 season and typical of the malaise enveloping the club at the time was discovered to be suffering from a broken foot! This meant that he took no part in the Town's eventual vain attempt to escape relegation.

Ray Whittaker opens the scoring for the Town against Notts County in 1965

Manager George Martin obviously saw something in Read during pre-season training and with the campaign only a few games old slung him into the forward line with the aim of developing a partnership with O'Rourke.

By the time of the visit of Notts County to Kenilworth Road on 20th November 1965 the partnership had begun to bear fruit and the Town were looking formidable opposition at home. In the eight previous home games seven had been won with 24 goals being scored and the Read-O'Rourke partnership was beginning to make Fleet Street sit up and take notice.

The game got off to a positive start when, in the third minute, winger Ray Whittaker ran on to a quickly taken free-kick, sprinted 30 yards and shot hard and low into the net.

Derek Shiels then levelled for the Magpies, against the run of play, five minutes later but

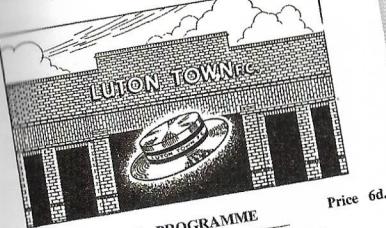
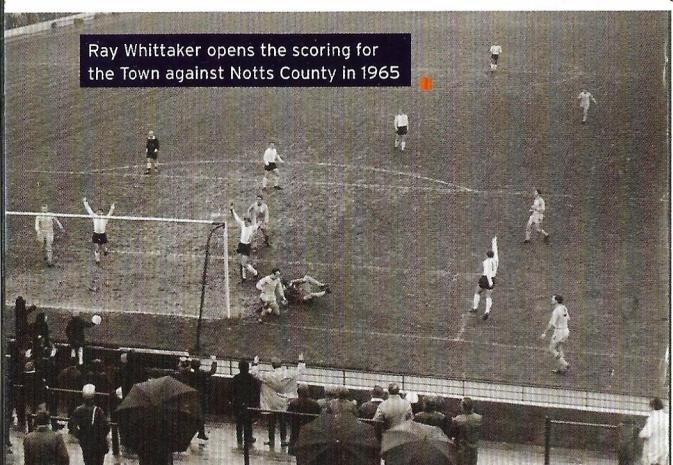
justice was done after 16 minutes when Graham French was obstructed and then hacked down on the edge of the area leaving Read to hammer in the resultant free-kick with all the power of an ex-goalkeeper.

County then stretched the Town's defence and we appeared to be losing our grip on the game but two minutes from the break O'Rourke netted a typical opportunist effort.

Conditions were steadily becoming worse with water now standing on the surface in places and the pitch was fast turning into a muddy morass. Despite this the Town still attempted to play football but as they approached the Oak Road end, which in those days was always the worst part of the pitch when it rained, the ball stuck in the mud making it easy for the Notts defenders.

The Town, however, no longer looked likely to surrender their lead and a fourth goal followed on 69 minutes when a movement involving Graham French and O'Rourke left Read with time and space to pick his spot.

Three minutes later Read completed an amazing hat-trick when he met a Whittaker corner with his head and sent the ball rocketing into the net as he dived spectacularly full length. The game drew to a close with Whittaker hitting a post and Read seeing a goal bound shot stop on the line.



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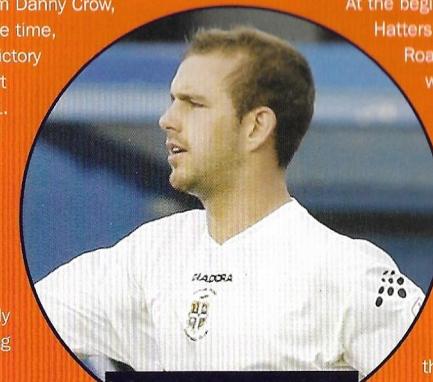
THE RECORD

The Hatters have an excellent record on this day in the history books having only lost once in 11 fixtures. In fact it's been 75 years since the Town tasted defeat on this day when they were beaten in emphatic style at home to Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road in 1938 in the Second Division. Since that defeat to the Owls the Hatters have won four and drawn four of the next eight games that have fallen on 26th November.

LAST TIME OUT

An injury-time winner from Danny Crow, three minutes into stoppage time, earned the Hatters a 1-0 victory at a wet and windy Newport County on this day in 2011.

The Town, then managed by Gary Brabin, moved up to sixth in the table with what was their fourth away victory of the season against a Newport side who were struggling at the other end of the table. Only two members of the starting XI that day remain on the Town's books: Alex Lawless and Jake Howells.



Rowan Vine scored for the Town on this day in 2005

HORNETS STUNG (AGAIN)

Readers of this page on Saturday in the Welling programme will have read that the Town beat local rivals Watford 2-1 on 23rd November at Vicarage Road in 1985. Two years before that triumph, the Hatters also won 2-1 at Vicarage Road in the top flight.

At the time the Hornets were struggling in the First Division whilst the Town were within striking distance of the top five. An early goal from Brian Stein had the Hatters on their way before the Hornets levelled just after the half-hour mark. However, the Town secured victory when Frankie Bunn hit a deserved winner with six minutes left in front of a crowd of 17,791.

EAGLES BEATEN

The Town were flying high in the Championship in their first season back in the second tier in 2005 and the Hatters' fine home form continued with a routine 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters were 1-0 to the good after just 11 minutes when Finnish international Markus Heikkinen headed home, and 10 minutes later it was 2-0 when Rowan Vine finished well.

AWAY THE LADS

At the beginning of the 1994/95 season the Hatters couldn't buy a home win at Kenilworth Road but were impressing on their travels with a string of fine performances backed up by impressive results. In their first nine games away from David Pleat's side had won five, drawn three and lost just once. Wins came at Port Vale, Watford, Wolves, Stoke and Sheffield United, all by 5th November. On 26th November the Town would make it six away wins in 10 thanks to a 2-1 win over Swindon at the County Ground. Trailing to a 10th-minute goal by Keith Scott the Town roared back to victory with goals from Kerry Dixon and Scott Oakes.

The Hatters won their seventh fixture away from home with a 1-0 win at Notts County on New Year's Eve but wouldn't win again on their travels for the rest of the season – a run of 10 games with a win.

DRAW SPECIALISTS

The Town's five draws on this date have all come away from home. The last was a 2-2 draw at Carrow Road against Norwich in 1988 in the top flight.

A 1977 1-1 draw at Sunderland, a goalless draw with Portsmouth at Fratton Park came in 1955 whilst the Town drew 1-1 at Sheffield Wednesday in 1949 and at Swansea Town in Division 3 (South) in 1921.

in development

SMITH SPOT-KICK EARNS ANOTHER WIN

A penalty from Charlie Smith helped the Town Under-18s to their seventh win in eight league games as they saw off Peterborough 1-0 on Saturday morning.

After beating Gateshead in the FA Youth Cup on the Monday before, manager Paul Driver made two changes to the side, introducing Lucas Perry and Daril Ngwala in the place of Lee Hawkes and Isaac Galliford.

The first half the Town began on top forcing the Peterborough goalkeeper into a number of fine saves. The Hatters continued to push in search of an opening goal but couldn't break the deadlock.

The Town dominated long periods of the second half, too and on the hour the Hatters had the opportunity from the spot when Ngwala was upended in the box. Smith then converted the resultant spot-kick past the Posh keeper for his 10th goal of the season.

It was one-way traffic after the goal but the Peterborough goalkeeper thwarted the Town with Smith, Zane Banton and Jemale McKenzie-Lowe all denied as the Hatters dominated.

The victory was the youngsters' fourth successive win and eighth in nine games in all competition, much to Driver's delight.



"After such a demanding game at Gateshead on Monday this was always going to be tough," he said. "The players have responded magnificently and all credit to them."

"The scoreline doesn't tell the whole story because we created a number of good chances but the Peterborough goalkeeper was in inspired form."

"A number of the lads deserve credit. I thought Ben Barnes was superb in goal. In the times that we came under pressure he was confident."

"The two players that came into the side, Lucas and Daril, were excellent. Lucas was terrific at left-back whilst Daril was a constant threat and won the penalty from which we scored the winning goal."

The youngsters are at home to Gillingham at Ely Way this Saturday before travelling to Huddersfield in the FA Youth Cup a week on Sunday.

TOWN: Barnes; Trotman, Perry (sub Hawkes 90), Tamplin, Chabata; Rees, Smith, Amu, Ngwala (sub Galliford 75); Banton, McKenzie-Lowe. SUBS NOT USED: King, Tayali, Amadi.

youth team



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BEN BARNES LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: First Capital Connect AWAY: Available
JEMALE MCKENZIE-LOWE LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Available AWAY: Available
IAN REES LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Mike Tearle AWAY: Available
CHARLIE SMITH LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Peter Mitchell AWAY: 2MB
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ZAK STEPHENS LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Available AWAY: Available
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TINASHE CHABATA LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Available AWAY: Available
PAUL DRIVER LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	HOME: Available AWAY: Available

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

	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Colchester United	9	8	16	24
2 Luton Town	8	7	11	21
3 Watford	10	6	8	19
4 Portsmouth	9	6	7	19
5 Peterborough United	10	5	12	17
6 Southend United	10	5	1	16
7 Gillingham	7	4	7	14
8 Milton Keynes Dons	10	3	-3	11
9 AFC Wimbledon	9	3	-6	10
10 Stevenage	7	3	-7	10
11 Leyton Orient	9	3	-6	9
12 Barnet	9	3	-6	9
13 Northampton Town	8	2	-8	7
14 Crawley Town	8	1	-9	3
15 Dagenham & Redbridge	7	0	-17	0

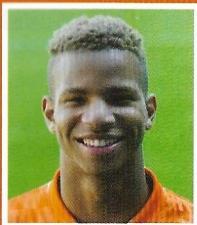
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	DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	POS	STARTING XI
AUG	Sat 19	11.00am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 4-2	3	Barnes
	Sat 24	11.00am	A	Leyton Orient	W 3-1	6	Barnes
	Sat 31	11.30am	H	Portsmouth	W 4-2	3	Barnes
SEP	Sat 14	11.00am	A	MK Dons	W 1-0	2	Barnes
	Sat 21	11.00am	H	Watford	L 0-1	3	Barnes
	Wed 25	7.30pm	H	Rothwell Corinthians (FAV1Q)	W 6-0	-	King
	Sat 28	11.00am	A	Leyton Orient (LC)	L 1-3	-	King
OCT	Sat 5	11.00am	H	MK Dons (LC)	D 2-2	-	King
	Wed 9	7.30pm	H	Colchester Town (FAV2Q)	W 5-1	-	Barnes
	Sat 12	11.00am	A	Barnet	W 4-1	2	Barnes
	Sat 19	11.00am	A	Dagenham (LC)	W 2-1	-	King
	Tue 22nd	7.30pm	H	Leighton Town (FAV3Q)	W 3-0	-	Barnes
	Sat 26	11.00am	H	Northampton (LC)	L 0-1	-	King
NOV	Sat 2	11.00am	A	Northampton	W 2-1	2	King
	Wed 6	7.30pm	A	United (FAV1)	W 4-0	-	Barnes
	Mon 18	7.00pm	A	Gateshead (FAV2)	W 2-1	-	Trotman
	Sat 23	11.00am	H	Peterborough	W 1-0	2	Barnes
	Sat 30	11.00am	H	Gillingham	-	-	Trotman
DEC	Sun 8	2.30pm	A	Huddersfield Town (FAV3)	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 14	11.00am	H	MK Dons	-	-	Trotman
JAN	Sat 11	11.00am	A	Watford	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 18	11.00am	H	Barnet	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 25	11.00am	A	Colchester	-	-	Trotman
FEB	Sat 8	11.00am	H	Northampton	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 22	11.00am	H	Stevenage	-	-	Trotman
MAR	Sat 1	11.00am	A	Peterborough	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 8	11.00am	H	Colchester	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 15	11.00am	A	Southend	-	-	Trotman
APR	Sat 5	11.00am	A	AFC Wimbledon	-	-	Trotman
	Sat 12	11.00am	H	Crawley Town	-	-	Trotman
	TBA	-	A	Stevenage	-	-	Trotman

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



NAME:
Jemalé McKenzie-Lowe

DATE OF BIRTH:
7/12/1995

POSITION: Winger or
striker

**YEAR JOINED LUTON
TOWN:** 2009

BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP

Enjoy yourself and don't be afraid to try new things.

BEST FOOTBALL MOMENT

Scoring in the Cordial Cup final.

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID

Tottenham

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND

Thierry Henry

FAVOURITE TV SHOW

My Wife and Kids

OTHER SPORTS GOOD AT

Basketball

FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT

Science

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOU

Tall, handsome, athletic

MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE

Zane Banton

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER SO FAR

I started off at Edson FC before I went to Arsenal. I left the Gunners to join Luton Town but then left to sign for Brentford. However, I returned to Luton and I am now really enjoying my football here at Kenilworth Road

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Chris is our strength and conditioning coach. He is responsible for the weekly fitness and gym-based sessions for the Under-18 players, daily urine testing and assisting with the recovery strategies. He is also on hand at all Under-16 matchdays to enforce hydration strategies, conduct warm ups and cool downs as well as ensuring all players recover appropriately.

Stephen is our performance analysis, his area of interest is perturbations, or rather analysing chances created. He is responsible for the recording, coding, clipping and production of DVDs for all Under-18 games.

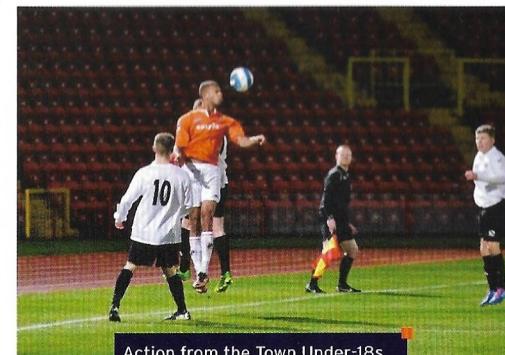
Stephen also produces statistics for players and coaches on possession percentage, passing and tackling success as well as opposition team strengths and weaknesses.

He is also on hand to assist with any of the other sports science duties if needed.

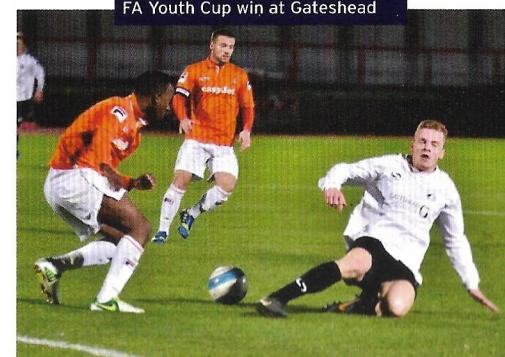
Alongside all of the day to day interventions, both the Under-18 and the academy are fitness tested every four months focusing on all players speed, agility, flexibility and power output. In conjunction players

heights and weights are recorded monthly to monitor growth and development.

Enjoy tonight's game and as you've been doing this season, and get behind the lads as they fast approach their busy festive period.



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SUNDAY'S SIX-GOAL THRILLER

Luton returned to South East Combination action welcoming fellow strugglers Brentwood Town to Stockwood Park on Sunday afternoon.

Luton started brightly and had the visitors on the back foot but couldn't find an opening to threaten Layla Prior's goal.

Brentwood, without a win this season, took the lead midway through the first half against the run of play. Their veteran number 10 turned her marker 35 yards from goal and fired an audacious shot over Hollie Staples.

Five minutes before the break Rebecca Kane was bundled over just inside the Brentwood area and Luton were awarded a penalty. Natalie Richardson connected well enough but her spot-kick cannoned back off the post. However, the ball bounced back to her and she netted the rebound, but the effort was ruled out as no other player had touched the ball.

Rejuvenated

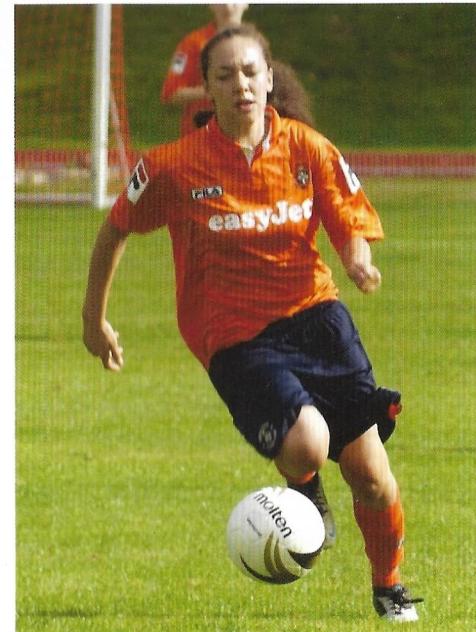
Luton came out after the break rejuvenated and once again had the visitors on the defensive. After a few squandered chances, Kane beat two defenders before playing in Danielle Borelli who finished smartly beyond Prior. Within five minutes the visitors were back in front. A dangerously delivered free-kick was headed onto the post. However, the ball bounced back to her and she netted the rebound, but the effort was ruled out as no other player had touched the ball.

Again Luton were chasing the game and drew level a second time through Kane. Rachel Kosky played her in and the enigmatic striker expertly fired across Prior in off the far post.

With 15 minutes to play it was anybody's game and it seemed as though the visitors would be going back to Essex with three crucial points when their central midfielder cut out a Luton pass and fired past Staples from 25 yards to give them the lead for the third time in the game.

Luton continued to probe and press sensing a point was still within reach and with five minutes left they snatched a share of the spoils with the move and the goal of the game. Lauren Goodier, Kosky and Borelli were all involved down the right before an inch perfect cross from Jess McKay was dispatched by Kane.

Coach Steve Greenwood told Talk of the Town: "Given the circumstances, a point is a decent result this afternoon. We were pleased on the sidelines with the



character showed to level three times, but I do feel two of their goals were avoidable and we still have lessons to learn.

"On the balance of play a point was probably a fair result and it keeps that three point cushion between us and Brentwood as we look to pick up points away to Milton Keynes and here against Ipswich in the next week."

The reserves, meanwhile, were on the wrong end of a 6-2 defeat to League leaders Brentford. Henny Horsler scored both of Town's goals.

The Under-15s' march on at the top with an 8-1 victory at Langford. Phoebe Brown and Lucy Higgs both scored hat-tricks with Chloe Fitzsimmons scoring twice.

It was a tough fixture for the Under-14s at home to Harvesters. The division's top scorer bagged a first half hat-trick for the visitors to give them a 3-2 half-time lead, but Town showed great spirit to fight back and grab all three points through a Jodie Bellinger hat-trick and a goal from player of the match Nicole O'Brien.

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MY NAME: James Richards

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MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

I have supported the Hatters ever since I was an eight-year-old when I was taken to Kenilworth Road for the first time. My first season ticket season was the 1993/94 campaign which saw us reach the semi-final of the FA Cup. I couldn't begin to tell you how many matches I have been to see since my first game but I seem to remember it was around the 300-mark in 2001. I'd love to keep a record of the games I've been to see but I've probably forgotten about half of the matches by now!

MY FIRST LUTON GAME: I can only remember certain things from this experience – none of which really involved football. I know it was at home to Everton in the top flight in October 1990 and Lars Elstrup scored the Luton goal but all I can remember are the dancing stickmen on the electronic scoreboard and Everton's Stuart McCall taking his shirt off and offering it to a Luton player who had been manhandling him throughout the game.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME: Unfortunately I wasn't at the Littlewoods Cup final to witness the greatest moment in our history so, taking into consideration the matches of importance since I'd have to plump for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. However, two other games do stick out – and, oddly, we won neither. I won't forget the 5-3 home defeat to Liverpool in the FA Cup in 2006 and the 4-4 draw with Charlton at the Valley which we lost on penalties in 2003.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL: I don't think I have celebrated so wildly any other Luton goal than Jean-Louis Valois' debut goal in the 5-1 win over Torquay United at Kenilworth Road in 2001. Carl Griffiths scored a hat-trick that day but his feat was completely overshadowed by the Frenchman's super strike!

MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER: Steve Davis. He was such a colossus. He was imperious at centre-half and still scored goals for fun. I remember a goal he scored against Hull in the FA Cup in 1998 where he stormed up-field, played a one-two with Phil Gray and finished

like a predatory striker. I was gutted when he returned to Burnley.

MY MOST TREASURED LUTON TOWN POSSESSION:

I've accumulated a load of Hatters memorabilia down the years and no one thing particularly stands out. I was a mascot in an executive box on my birthday once and received a signed ball from all of the players. I have no idea where the ball is and the autographs have probably all faded, but I'd have to say this!

MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI:

Marlon Beresford - A commanding and assuring presence behind the defence and a major reason behind our 2004/05 title-winning side.

Graham Alexander - In at right-back, could play in midfield but comfortable at full-back and had an unbelievable record from penalties.

Matt Taylor - It all began at Kenilworth Road for this flying left-back. Imagine if we had kept him and Valois in Division 2 after we'd won promotion in 2001/02.

Curtis Davies - Cool, calm, quick, collected. Rising star.

Steve Davis - See above.

Jean-Louis Valois - Gallic flair, shots from distance. One season wonder.

Kevin Nicholls - He grew in stature having signed for the Town from Wigan in 2001 and developed into an all-round captain who gave it his all.

David Preece - Managed to see him in the final few years of his career with us. Perfect in the middle with Nico.

Kingsley Black - My first 'favourite player', Kingsley wowed me with his wing wizardry. I watched the Karen Trust Trophy match in the summer and he rolled back the years. Bet he could still perform in the Conference!

Steve Howard - saw most of his 100 goals. Enough said really.

Tony Thorpe - Controversial? He scored goals for fun. That was Thorpey's game.

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

I was thinking about this the other day and I have to say the best thing is the supporters. It never ceases to amaze me how many supporters we take to all corners of the country no matter what league, come rain or shine. It simply is magnificent.

from left midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE

2010. The morning after the Play-Off semi against York (yeah, that one). 5,000 miles from Kenilworth Road on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, I fired up my trusty NFA laptop, careful not to disturb the vital sellotape that kept the screen upright.

"Is that your team?" asked the flip-flopped Namibian who had ambled in to our little office on the far edge of the Football Association car park, and now hovered at my shoulder. "Afraid so... not our finest hour, last night," I cringed, as I scrolled through the pictures on the BBC News website.

Our favourite pantomime villain Richard Brodie, then at York, had been hit by a coin at the final whistle, and column inches of the Internet bulged with damning pictures of our supporters on the pitch and cowering York players in the stands. Added to the fact we'd lost and were stuck in this league for another year, it wasn't the happiest I'd been to announce my football allegiance to a stranger.

Happily, Brodie's return to Town with Southport this week sparked a fonder, but related memory.

However embarrassing the scenes back home at Kenilworth Road, the media coverage on my precarious laptop screen that dusty morning provided a handy segue to the classic "Who do you support?" ice-breaker for my new mate and I.

The question is a universally useful tool, but especially so in Africa where football seems to bridge all divides. I spent a year working with the Namibian FA and my time there led me to re-think the way I evaluate the answer to that most integral of life's questions. My conclusion was that the crime of being so unimaginative as to support Chelsea or Man United is somehow lessened by the massive distance between man and team in Africa, and replaced by awe for their seemingly *inexplicable* enthusiasm.

Whenever the conversation got round to the fact that I supported Luton, I would say so half-squinting in expectation that a blank expression would be returned. We're a non-league team without a major trophy for over 20 years after all, and we were sat on garden furniture in a township half the world away.

But despite our descent to the cupboard under the Football League's stairs, stairs carpeted as they are with our bitterness, it would regularly blow my mind that the men and women of this beautiful, distant place would have heard of Luton Town. But know us they did.

My favourite response was the occasional "Ah, the Stein boys, neh?" (Stein pronounced Stain, the Afrikaans way), the South African heritage of Mark and Bruno apparently the catalyst for a few Luton-based headlines there during the 80s.

Affection

After my initial, pathetic compulsion to correct their pronunciation passed, it would be all I could do not to hug and kiss the culprit with the affection normally afforded to a long lost friend. I might even do a little verse of "Who put the ball in the Arsenal net?" causing confusion and an awkward retreat.

It can do that to you can't it, your football club. Whether it be the sound of a player's name from the lips of a stranger in a far-flung corner of the world, or spotting a scarf or a familiar accent on a train; whatever the trigger and wherever you are, without the need for aeroplanes or passports, suddenly you're back home.

I'll leave you with this thought: when even your local TV news appears to have forgotten your football club exists, be reassured by this, brothers and sisters... we're massive in Windhoek.



THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME



BY STEVEN CONEY

This time last year, snow was decimating Non-League like it has done for too long. The white stuff and rain are undoubtedly the biggest culprits.

But there have been plenty of other reasons for games being called off in Non-League, some more comedic than others.

Just a couple of months ago in the FA Cup,

Huntingdon Town and Sleaford had their game abandoned with just three minutes left after a mass brawl between the two sides.

The game hit national headlines and saw both clubs kicked out of the world's oldest cup competition.

On a lighter note, the recent Southern Counties East League game between Canterbury City and Whyteleafe was called off, despite the best efforts of the away side.



The pitch at Soudley FC

No football to watch on a Saturday afternoon because your game has been called off?

How boar-ing!

The weird and wonderful world of Non-League often throws up stories that you're not likely to see anywhere else.

While there were plenty of games postponed last weekend due to the adverse weather conditions, there's one club in Gloucestershire that might have problems for some time due to a pitch invasion – by wild boars!

Gloucester Northern Senior League side Soudley AFC are on the edge of the Forest of Dean and were given an almighty fright after discovering their pitch had been ruined by the animals. The boars managed to break through fences surrounding the pitch to cause havoc and it's the third time this has happened to Soudley – not a hat-trick they were hoping for.

The club's home seems likely to be out of action for at least a few weeks which could cause some problems for their fixture schedule.

It's also a bad timing as apparently Soudley were scheduled to debut a new formation for their fans on Saturday – the boar-boar-two!

It's no joke for chairman Ian Marfell, however, who said: "It's been regarded as one of the best pitches in the Forest of Dean over the past ten years so to see it churned up is a bit of a pain."

While we had to suffer the inevitable postponements last Saturday, most of the fixture programme went ahead without a hitch, which isn't bad going for November.

Both clubs had exactly the same kit, which was only discovered after the Leafe arrived at the ground, and even though the Surrey club dashed to get a new strip from nearby Margate, they missed the referee's cut off time of 3.30pm.

And what about failed floodlights? Or maybe those that don't get the chance to work! Crowborough Athletic were left in a spot of bother at the start of this season, due to overgrown trees!

Their home fixture against Shoreham was abandoned after floodlights failed an FA lux test due to the rebelling shrubbery.

"It's all a bit embarrassing to be honest," admitted chairman Tony Bowen. "We have a bit of a tree problem." Wood you believe it!

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league look

THE LATEST IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

Another week, another home win for league leaders Cambridge United who maintained their six-point lead at the top of the Skrill Premier after a 10th successive home win on Saturday.

Two first half goals from Harrison Dunk helped the U's to a routine 2-0 win over Woking at the Abbey Stadium. Only tonight's visitors Southport have beaten Cambridge in 20 matches.

Kidderminster kept the pressure on the U's with a 5-3 victory over Tamworth at Aggborough with former Town striker Amari Morgan-Smith scoring twice. The defeat for the Lambs leaves Dale Belford's side just one place and one point above the relegation zone.

The Hatters kept hold of third place thanks to Andre Gray's two goals against Welling and fourth placed Grimsby remain hot on the heels of the top three with a 2-1 win of their own against mid-table Barnet at Blundell Park.

Alfreton complete the top five thanks to their victory at bottom-of-the-table Hyde. Once again the Tigers had their noses in front but couldn't hold onto their lead and their incredible winless streak now stretches to 21 games as late goals from Dan Bradley and Chris Westwood secured a 2-1 win for Alfreton.

Harrison Dunk scored twice to ensure Cambridge won for the 10th home game in a row on Saturday



FC Halifax held fifth place before a ball was kicked at the weekend but their miserable form away from their fortress Shay continued after a 1-0 defeat at Braintree, who climbed to eighth in the table thanks to Kenny Davis's penalty. Salisbury registered a sixth successive home win to beat in-form

Macclesfield 3-2 at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium to propel them to within one place and one point from the Play-Off places. Meanwhile, Nuneaton won for a second successive weekend with a 1-0 home win over Chester.

A 1-0 victory was also enough for Gateshead to continue their march up the table, a late goal condemning Dartford to another defeat, whilst Wrexham's leapfrogged fellow pre-season promotion favourites Forest Green in the table with a 2-0 win at the Racecourse.

The Red Dragons are up to 13th and now just six points off of the Play-Off places.

Southport supporters won't want reminding of their weekend. The Sandgrounders went down 5-1 at fellow strugglers Aldershot at the Recreation Ground. The Shots, who began the season on minus 10 points, are now on plus 16 and, while they remain one place off of the bottom of the table, they are just four points from safety.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Jennings (Macc)	14
Gregory (Halifax)	11
Moult (Nuneaton)	11
Williams (Aldershot)	11
Gray (Luton)	9
Fitchett (Salisbury)	9
Appiah (Cambridge)	8
Lafayette (Welling)	7

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton Town	6,458	Woking	1,448
Grimsby Town	3,399	Nuneaton Town	1,223
Wrexham	3,381	Forest Green Rovers	1,141
Cambridge United	3,121	Braintree Town	1,085
Chester FC	2,403	Dartford	1,059
Lincoln City	2,371	Tamworth	1,053
Kidderminster Harriers	2,144	Southport	1,027
Aldershot Town	2,084	Salisbury City	936
Barnet	1,813	Welling United	811
Hereford United	1,754	Gateshead	755
Macclesfield Town	1,451	Alfreton Town	719
FC Halifax Town	1,451	Hyde	598

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

Aldershot v Braintree
Dartford v Barnet
Hereford v Halifax
Nuneaton v Alfreton
Salisbury v Forest Green

fixtures and results

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 Charles	Taiwo ▲	Guttridge 1	Martin ▲	Whalley	Howells ▲	Cullen	Charles ▲	Parry ▲	Gray ▲	Robinson	Justham
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	Shaw	Cullen ▲	Lacey ▲	Howells ▲	Robinson	Justham	
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	6,216	80	13	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo ▲	Guttridge 1	Martin ▲	Whalley	Shaw	Parry	Howells ▲	Smith ▲	Robinson	Justham	
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	D 0-0	1,858	653	14	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen ▲	Shaw ▲	Parry	Howells ▲	Martin ▲	Robinson	Justham	
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	7,517	963	11	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen ▲	Shaw ▲	Parry	Howells ▲	Martin ▲	Robinson	Justham	
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,866	821	11	Tyler Henry	Griffiths ▲	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells 2	Benson ▲	Gray	Martin ▲	Whalley	Wall ▲	Justham	

SEPTEMBER

TV Sat 7	5.30pm	H	Grimsby Town	D 0-0	6,131	265	14	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey ▲	Smith	Parry	Guttridge ▲	Howells	Benson	Gray ▲	Stevenson ▲	Wall ▲	Cullen	Justham	
TV Fri 13	7.45pm	A	Wrexham	L 0-2	3,122	198	14	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge	1	Stevenson ▲	Howells ▲	Lawless 1	Benson 1	Taiwo ▲	Gray ▲	Justham	
Tue 17	7.45pm	H	Dartford	W 3-0	5,433	142	11	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Parry	Smith	Guttridge	1	Stevenson ▲	Howells ▲	Lawless	Cullen 2 ▲	Taiwo ▲	Gray ▲	Justham	
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City	W 3-2	6,203	227	9	Tyler Henry	Griffiths ▲	Parry	Smith	Guttridge	1	Stevenson ▲	Howells ▲	Gray 1 ▲	Cullen 2	Taiwo ▲	Gray ▲	Justham	
Tue 24	7.45pm	A	Woking	W 4-0	1,955	731	5	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey 1	Smith	Parry	Guttridge ▲	Howells ▲	Cullen ▲	Benson	Charles	Whalley	Taiwo	Gray ▲	Justham
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Hereford United	D 0-0	2,386	588	6	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells ▲	Parry	Gray	Stevenson	Wall ▲	Welling United	Justham	

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 ▲	Gray 1	Benson 1	Howells	Whalley	Robinson	Wall 1 ▲	Justham	
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Aldershot Town	D 3-3	2,693	840	4	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry 1 ▲	Guttridge	Howells ▲	Gray 1	Benson	Charles	Whalley	Robinson	Wall ▲	Justham	
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Hyde	W 4-1	7,081	30	3	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry ▲	Guttridge 1	Lawless ▲	Gray 3	Benson	Charles	Whalley	Robinson	Cullen ▲	Justham	
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Tamworth	W 4-3	2,066	1,199	3	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith 1	Parry 1	Guttridge ▲	Whalley	Gray	Benson 2	Charles ▲	Lawless	Robinson	Cullen	Justham	
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Woking (FA Cup)	W 1-0	1,452	537	-	Justham Henry	Howells	Charles	Smith	Robinson ▲	Whalley	Martin ▲	Cullen 1	Benson	Gray	Parry ▲	Viana	Taiwo	Stevenson	Tyler

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Gateshead	D 0-0	1,080	302	3	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells ▲	Gray ▲	Benson	Stevenson	Taiwo	Wall ▲	Justham	
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Welling United (FA Cup)	L 1-2	1,555	740	-	Justham Parry	Howells ▲	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	1	Martin ▲	Cullen	Benson 1	Lawless	Taiwo	Griffiths	O'Donnell ▲	Justham
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Brantree Town	W 2-1	1,518	728	2	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry 1	Guttridge	Howells ▲	Gray	Benson 1 ▲	Cullen	Whalley	Guttridge	Stevenson ▲	Justham
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Chester FC	D 1-1	3,291	890	3	Tyler Henry	Griffiths McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Lawless ▲	Gray 1	Benson ▲	Cullen	Whalley	Howells	Stevenson	Justham
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Welling United	W 2-1	6,592	124	3	Tyler Henry	Griffiths	Lacey	Stevenson ▲	Parry	Whalley	Lawless	Benson	Gray 2	Cullen	Guttridge	•	Robinson	Justham
Tues 26	7.45pm	H	Southport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Staines Town (FAI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DECEMBER

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

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
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Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Macclesfield Town	Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Wrexham	Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Wrexham	Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Wrexham

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Dartford	Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Tamworth	Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United	Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Tamworth	Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United	Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United	Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet

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	A	Chester FC
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Salisbury City	Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Woking	Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Chester FC	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Woking	Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Chester FC	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Chester FC	Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Chester FC	Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Barnet	Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town	Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet

APRIL

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Aldershot Town	Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Brantree Town	Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Welling United	Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Brantree Town	Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Welling United	Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Hyde
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hold the back page

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

Although Town's start to the Skrill Premier this season virtually mirrors their efforts from last term points-wise, there is no doubt which position the Hatters would prefer to find themselves in.

A 2-1 win over Welling United on Saturday, while never quite being at their best, meant that with 20 games gone, the Hatters find themselves third in the table on 38 points.

This time last season, they had already racked up 36 points from the same amount of games, mainly thanks to a superb away record as Town had claimed six wins compared to just four this time round.

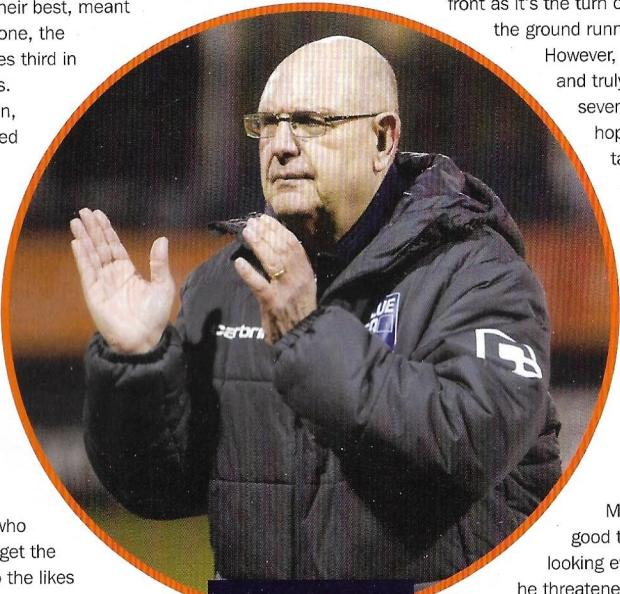
But crucially, Luton had already tasted defeat six times in those 20 fixtures, and no-one who was present could forget the home capitulations to the likes of Telford and Braintree.

Campaign

Such performances were to unfortunately become a theme of the campaign, as the away form started to dip too borne out by hammerings at the hands of Alfreton and Grimsby.

Another factor that came into the equation was Town's progress in both FA Cup and FA Trophy. By this time, they had already played six games in cup competitions, with replays galore in the early rounds, opposed to just the two this time.

This year though, there is a far more consistent look to the Hatters as they are proving incredibly hard to beat



John Still is impressing the Town faithful

under John Still's management, with just two league defeats so far, and the last coming some 12 games ago now.

One thing that frustratingly always appears to stay the same though is Town can never quite lead from the front as it's the turn of Cambridge to hit the ground running.

However, Luton are still well and truly in the hunt, just seven points behind and hopefully primed to take advantage of any sort of slip-up from former Town boss Richard Money's men, who might well see the various cups impose on their efforts to win promotion back to the Football League.

Good

Meanwhile, it's also good to see Andre Gray looking every inch the player he threatened to be at the back end of last season. After netting 20 goals during the campaign, it was hoped he would blow the division away this time round.

The opening few matches suggested otherwise, but the loan capture of Paul Benson has proved a superb piece of business with the forward so clever and adept at holding up play, something which Gray is clearly revelling playing alongside.

His eighth and ninth goals of the season on Saturday shows he has now added a poachers' element to his explosive game, and there is no doubt he could go on to better last campaign's tally with ease.

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tonight's teams



LUTON TOWN

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

SOUTHPORT

1	Danny Hurst
3	Liam Willis
4	Steve Akrigg
5	Matty Flynn
6	Scott Brown
7	Aaron Chambers
8	Jamie Milligan
9	Steven Tames
10	Karl Ledsham
11	Chris Almond
12	Matty Challoner
14	Paul Rutherford
15	Danny Hattersley
16	Charlie Joyce
17	Chris Lynch
18	Luke George
19	David Stevenson
20	David Fitzpatrick
21	Osayamen Osawe
23	Nathan Ellington
25	Richard Brodie
26	Brice Irie-Bi

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