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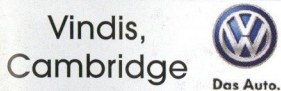
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Dave DOGGETT

From the Boardroom



It is almost the middle of January and this is the first match of 2014 at the R Costings Abbey Stadium since Boxing Day. Last weekend I went to watch Norwich City v Fulham in the FA Cup as I needed my football fix. It was an interesting afternoon but it is far more exciting being here watching the U's. Well the wait is over and this afternoon we now continue in the FA Trophy.

There is always a debate about the value of cup competitions whether the FA Trophy or the FA Cup. The financial benefit to clubs at this level is very significant partic-

ularly in the latter rounds of the competition. Clubs who have won the FA Trophy have used the money to strengthen their squads or in some cases used the money to stay in business. If as a club we were making a profit every season then you could have the luxury of dismissing the FA Trophy as a distraction. The reality is that this club has been making an operating loss for many years and has only survived because of 'bonus' income from selling players, progressing in cup competitions or being supported financially by Directors. This

year with success on the pitch and significant increase in non match day related income we are in a stronger financial position than we have been for a number of years. We are very lucky to have Grosvenors as our landlords as they have supported us by reducing our rent during this transition.

The debate should be about whether the FA Trophy should, particularly in the earlier rounds, be a mid-week competition. It can be very disruptive to the league programme even if your club has been knocked out in earlier rounds. We are talking to clubs in the Skril League to get their support so that we can raise this issue with the FA. We believe this will raise the profile of the competition and increase attendances.

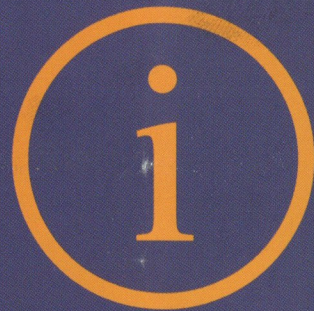
We hope you have an enjoyable afternoon and look forward to welcoming you back as the 2013/14 season builds to an exciting finale.

Dave Doggett
Chairman



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Richard MONEY

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There was much mischievous reporting surrounding my comments after our match at St. Albans in the last round of this competition. Let me be clear about what was said. With two minutes to go there were three possible outcomes. The best outcome happened, we scored and here we are today playing in the next round. The worst of the outcomes was a replay as it would have ultimately given us eight games in 24 days whilst trying to maintain our league position. Hence with two minutes to go with the score 1-1 and their centre forward clean through and missed; I cursed him for doing so. The problem I guess is that you cannot say things honestly that people don't want to hear. I wasn't being disrespectful to this excellent competition or to anyone who competes in it. I merely made a "tongue in cheek" remark at the unnecessary scheduling for it.

Likewise there was some scurrilous journalism surrounding my comments around our two FA Cup ties concerning the promotion rules in the league. My comments about our opponents today were to reinforce my arguments concerning the need for more than one automatic promotion place. "The club we are talking about averages

more than 6500 people and have the ability to pay League One wages" is what was said. To compare budgets was never on the agenda and to make it so was mischief making by people who want to hype up the rivalry between both clubs, if indeed it exists, and to hype up a so called grudge between me and my previous employers that is a perception and not reality. Much as it disappoints certain reporters and people.

I was also asked if we were happy not to play our league game on 14th December and how much pressure were we under given our opponents excellent run of results. My reply stated the obvious. Our opponents are exactly where we expected them to be, challenging for promotion. Our only surprise has been they haven't been there from the start. "So well done" was again my tongue in cheek comment that certain reporters scrambled all over.

Every year our opponents are in this league anyone wanting to win it has to finish above them, a tough ask. The only reason they have not yet been promoted is because they haven't been able to win it. In any league above this one they would have been promoted every year except the last one. We are under no illusions that they will be the main competition, but not the only one, to top the league come the end of the season. Whenever we play them I am sure they will be in good form. We have to make sure that we continue with our own excellent form thus far and let's see how many points we can get.

Whilst I am setting the record straight so to speak I have no problem with the two people running the England C team. Paul and Steve are good football people, of that there is no doubt. I only question if their respective positions at competitor clubs in our league makes it appropriate they are in control of the team. Nothing more sinister than that.

Football is game of emotion, it divides opinion, it provokes conversation and it is the only part of everyday life where everyone thinks they know best. Managers

are constantly in the media. To give answers that say nothing does nothing to create interest. Conversely to give answers that people want to hear creates mediocrity and stops progress. However to give answers that, in a manager's opinion - and he is entitled to that opinion - tells it the way it is and what people need to hear is sometimes frowned upon.

There is a stigma to this league. The words "non league" provokes emotions inside everyone that nobody wants. Both clubs have been out of the football league for too long. I have constantly stated during my time as manager of both clubs that we all have to forget **WHO** we might think we are and focus totally on **WHERE** we are. The problem of course it is not what people want to hear, but in my opinion it is what people needed to hear. It is only when people have listened that progress can really be made.

There is no doubt telling it how people needed to hear it attributed to my departure from our opponents today. I always knew to take over a club that had been relegated three leagues in four years was like being in charge of juggernaut that needed stopping never mind turning. But of course nobody wanted to hear that either!

I am proud to have kept them in the top two for virtually all of my tenure. I am even prouder to have our club in its current position. To my cost second can turn out to be "failure" in this league. Both clubs will do everything in their power within their financial structures, to beat the other and whoever else may challenge to finish first. It promises to be exciting, fascinating and most all everything that football is all about.

Today sees both clubs compete for a place in the next round of the FA Trophy. I would personally very much like to welcome John, his staff, his players, the board and the supporters to the stadium today. It promises to be a very exciting encounter and one that both teams will be going all out to win.

Richard Money

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Luton TOWN

Doug Shulman Introduces Our Visitors



Boasting terrific form of late that has lifted them to the top of the Skril Premier table, today's visitors to the R Costings Abbey Stadium will be full of confidence heading into the second half of the season. Their seven match winning run was brought to a halt last Saturday, though, when Lincoln held John Still's men to an unexpected goal-less draw at Sincil Bank, which limits the lead at the summit to five points, with United having three games in hand on the Hatters. However, both sides will take an opportunity to push league matters to one side this afternoon as the FA Trophy becomes the focus.

The Hatters kicked off their Trophy campaign with a first round trip to Skril South side Staines Town, who held their illustrious counterparts to a 0-0 draw at Wheatsheaf Park. Progression to round two was secured in the replay, though, with goals from Andy Parry and Shaun Whalley rubber-stamping a comfortable 2-0 victory.

Town were then handed a home draw against Wrexham, who won the competition last season thanks to a 1-0 Wembley win over Grimsby.

Nevertheless, it was not to be their day as firstly Jay Harris was red-carded then, after Mark Cullen had scored his sixth goal of the campaign for the Hatters, Red Dragons defender Neil Ashton put through his own net to seal another 2-0 success at Kenilworth Road.

Last season Town reached the fourth round after victories over Dorchester, Matlock Town and Skelmersdale United, prior to being knocked out by aforementioned finalists Grimsby, so will hope to progress further this time around.

With a wealth of talent at their disposal amongst a squad of more than 30 players, John Still has plenty of options to choose from this

afternoon. He made ten changes to his starting line-up in that second round tie against a strong Wrexham side, with the likes of goalscorer Mark Cullen, goalkeeper Justham and the attack-minded Matt Robinson and Alex Wall included. He may do similarly again today, as the U's have done in the previous two rounds at Salisbury and St Albans.

Whichever route the two managers opt for in terms of personnel selection, this afternoon's encounter between arguably the best two sides in the division is sure to be an interesting affair, with a win for either team adding undoubted momentum to their respective campaigns.

Form Guide

vs Lincoln City (a)	D 0-0
vs Barnet (H)	W 2-1
vs Kidderminster Hs (H)	W 6-0
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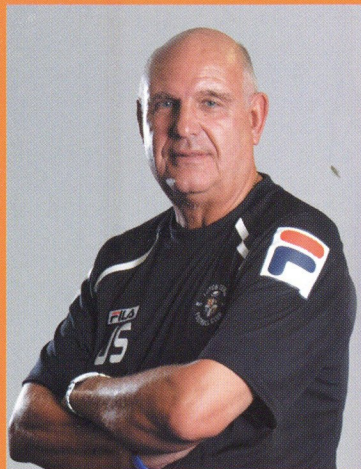
Leading Scorers

Andre Gray	14
Paul Benson	11
Luke Guttridge	9
Mark Cullen	6
Alex Lawless	5
Andy Parry/Jake Howells	4

Luton TOWN

In The Visitors' Dressing Room Today

The Manager



John Still

63-year-old John joined Town last March following a 10-year spell at Dagenham.

Having cut his Managerial teeth with Leytonstone, Dartford and Redbridge Forest, he guided

Maidstone to Conference glory in 1989, then established Dagenham as a non-league force, before departing for Peterborough in 1994.

After 14 months he joined Barnet via a coaching spell at Lincoln, filling the role of both Manager and Director of Football. A year after the Bees' relegation to the Conference in 2001 he became assistant boss at Bristol Rovers, but rejoined Dagenham in 2004.

He Daggers lifted the Conference title in 2007, with promotion to League One following in 2010. His side dropped back into League Two within a year, before John agreed to the challenge at Luton.

Assisted by long-time number two Terry Harris and former Grays boss Hakan Hayrettin, John was named Skril Premier Manager of the Month for December this week.

■ Elliott Justham Goalkeeper

Former Brentwood and East Thurrock stopper Elliott was signed from the latter at the beginning of this season. A commanding figure at 6'3" he kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches last season, prompting trials with West Ham and Reading. Providing support for Mark Tyler, he made his debut in the FA Cup defeat to Welling.

■ Brett Longden Defender

18-year Brett, a first year professional at Kenilworth Road, made an instant impression during the close season thanks to a 30-yard pile-driver against Thurrock. His appearances have been limited this season, although, Brett has featured in previous rounds of the FA Trophy.

■ Jerome Jibodu Defender

Another 18-year old in the Hatters ranks, Jerome signed his first professional contract last summer. An intelligent left-back, he made his

debut in the FA Trophy last season when Town hosted Skelmersdale United.

■ Alfie Mawson Defender

On loan from Brentford, Alfie's temporary deal with Town was due to expire last Saturday. A centre-half, he has also had three separate spells with Conference South side Maidenhead United. Slowly building his experience, this 19-year old has made just one appearance for the Hatters since arriving at Kenilworth Road.

■ Joe Davis Defender

A young central defender, Joe is another member of the squad currently on loan at Kenilworth Road, although, like Alfie Mawson, his deal was due to expire last weekend. Aged 20, he has already played 19 games for his parent club Port Vale, having progressed through the youth ranks at Vale Park.

■ Danny Fitzsimons Defender

21-year old left-sided defender Danny joined the club from our neighbours Histon during the summer, having served his apprenticeship with Millwall, Queens Park Rangers and Yeovil. Player of the Year at the Glassworld Stadium last season, he is likely to miss the remainder of the campaign following knee surgery in October.

■ Steve McNulty Defender

A former Conference title-winning captain at Fleetwood during the 2011/12 season, 29-year old Steve provides a commanding presence within the Town rearguard. Previously on the books at Burscough, Barrow and Vauxhall Motors, he joined Luton from the Cod Army midway through last season.

■ Scott Griffiths Defender

27-year old Scott penned a one-year contract with Town at the end of last season after a temporary spell from Peterborough. A former Dagenham left-back who has spent time on loan Chesterfield, he won the Conference title under John Still in 2007 and also claimed a League Two winners medal with the Spireites in 2011.

■ Ronnie Henry Defender

Adding further guile to the Town back-line, 29-year old Ronnie won the Conference Championship with Stevenage in 2010, also adding promotion from League Two to his CV the following year. Joining the Hatters at the beginning of last season, he is now club captain at Kenilworth Road, claiming the right-back position as his own.

■ Anthony Charles Defender

Former Barnet, Aldershot, Northampton and Plymouth centre-half Anthony helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively. A calming defensive presence, this 31-year old left-footer joined Town during the summer, having finished last season in League Two with the

Pilgrims. Anthony is hoping to rejoin the squad today after an injury-hit spell.

■ Alex Lacey Defender

A highly-rated young centre-half, 20-year old Alex enjoyed a successful pre-season and was even handed the captain's armband by Manager John Still through the build-up to the new campaign. After making his debut as a 17-year-old Alex spent last season on loan with Conference South outfit Eastleigh and has progressed to make 19 appearances for the Hatters this term.

■ Andy Parry Defender

Former Blackburn youth Andy was recruited from Southport last summer. The 21-year old centre-half, who played regularly at Haig Avenue for two years before arriving at Kenilworth Road, underwent a hernia operation earlier this season and, although recovering well, may miss today's game.

■ Jonathan Smith Midfielder

An influential and industrious midfielder who numbers Morecambe, Forest Green, York and Swindon amongst his previous clubs, although, Jonathan will be absent from the Hatters squad this afternoon after suffering a broken leg in the Boxing Day encounter with Barnet.

■ Alex Lawless Midfielder

Additional experience and know-how in central midfield is supplied by this 27-year old former Fulham, Torquay and Forest Green man. Creative and with an eye for goal, Alex signed a new two-year contract with Town in May, having arrived from York in November 2010, and has now made close to 150 appearances for the Kenilworth Road side.

■ Solomon Taiwo Midfielder

A well-travelled midfielder, 28-year old Solomon was snapped up by the Hatters from Bromley last March, having recently left Mansfield. A physical threat in midfield, as well as playing under Manager John Still at Dagenham the former Millwall youth has worn the colours of Maidenhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Weymouth, Chesham, Windsor & Eton and

Sutton. Solomon played League football with the Daggers, likewise Leyton Orient and Cardiff, who paid £250,000 for his services in 2009. After a spell on the sidelines with injury, he may make a comeback against the U's this afternoon.

■ Jake Howells Midfielder

A livewire on either flank, Jake is the Hatters longest serving player despite being aged just 22. Making his Town debut on the final day of the 2007/08 season, this predominantly left-footed midfielder, capped by Wales at under-21 level, has progressed to make 250 plus appearances for the club.

■ JJ O'Donnell Midfielder

Another left-sided midfielder, 21-year old JJ was due to return to Kenilworth Road last weekend following a one-month loan spell at Conference strugglers Hyde. Also capable of playing at full-back, he joined Town from St Albans in 2010 and has also undertaken temporary spells with Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond.

■ David Viana Midfielder

Bringing international flair to the squad, David numbers Strasbourg,

Real Salt Lake and Spanish giants Atletico Madrid amongst his former clubs. Adaptable anywhere across the middle of the park, the French-born ex-Portuguese youth international signed a one-year contract with Town last September 2013, but has been used sparingly to date.

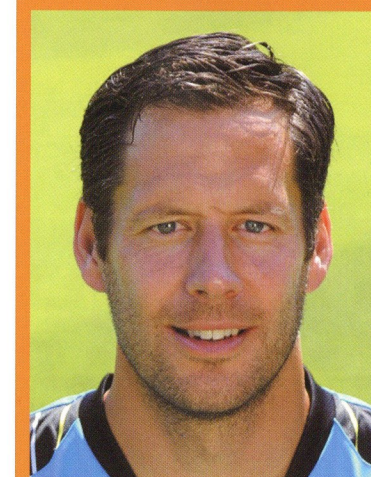
■ Luke Guttridge Midfielder

United fans will recall Luke playing in a black and amber shirt during June 2000 and March 2005, following his arrival from Torquay as a youngster. Playing over 135 games for the U's, a good proportion of them as captain Luke, now aged 31, moved on to Southend where he won promotion from both League One and Two, and has since been emblazoned in the colours of Leyton Orient, Colchester, Aldershot and Northampton. Boasting over 425 career appearances and signed from the Cobblers last summer, the industrious midfielder faces a late fitness test this afternoon having picked up an injury in last Saturday's 0-0 draw with Lincoln.

■ Shaun Whalley Midfielder

Operating in the wide areas or an

One To Watch



Mark Tyler

Goalkeeper

36-year old Mark is a hugely experienced goalkeeper at this level.

Having signed a one-year contract extension with the Hatters last May, he recently made his 700th career appearance and shows no sign yet of hanging up his gloves.

Over 200 of those matches have come at Luton, with the stopper now working under his former boss at Peterborough, whom he left to join Town in June 2009.

As well as donning the gloves for Posh in over 480 matches, former Norwich City youth Mark was despatched on loan deals to Hull City, Watford, Bury, Billericay and Yeovil whilst at London Road.

attacking midfield role, 25-year old Shaun penned a two-year deal with Town having left Southport last June. Scoring ten goals for the Sandgrounders last season and collecting a number of Player of the Year awards, his prowess in the final third is an undoubted asset. Shaun has also seen service at Wrexham and Chester.

■ Matt Robinson **Midfielder**

Teenager Matt is in the midst of his second season with the Hatters having joined from Championship side Leicester. He impressed John Still towards the end of last season, was duly rewarded with a new two-year deal in the summer and has made nine league appearances to date this term.

■ Jake Woolley **Forward**

Another youngster within the Town ranks, 20-year old Jake signed professional forms last summer, having made his debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy. A lively presence in attack, he also made five league appearances as a substitute during the 2012/13 campaign.

■ Zane Banton **Forward**

Bringing the average age of the Hatters squad down, 17-year old Zane was rewarded for his performances in the Hatters' development and youth teams last season when earning a first professional contract in September. He made his debut shortly after, during the 4-0 home victory over Woking.

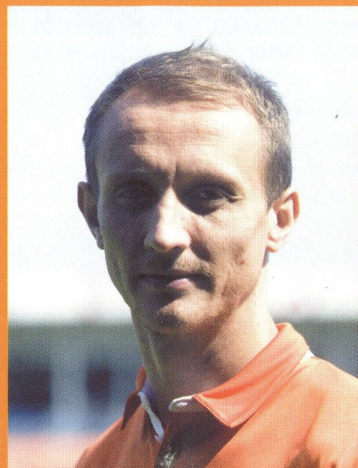
■ Jon Shaw **Forward**

Having missed the majority of the season with injury Jon may make a long-awaited comeback against United this afternoon. In fact, the 29-year old last played in a Town shirt when the two sides fought out a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road in late August. Formerly on the books of Sheffield Wednesday, Burton, Halifax, Mansfield and Gateshead, Jon was snapped up from the latter in the summer of 2012 having scored 45 Conference goals during 80 appearances for the Tynesiders. He netted a modest eight league goals last term, so will look for a return to form during the seasonal run-in.

■ Alex Wall **Forward**

22-year old Alex is tipped for a

One To Watch



Paul Benson Forward

Named Skrill Premier Player of the Month for December this week, 33-year old Paul has bagged an

impressive 11 goals in 22 games for Town since arriving on loan from Swindon.

An experienced centre-forward who will remain at Kenilworth Road until the end of the season, he worked under Manager John Still at Dagenham & Redbridge, helping the London side to promotion from the Conference in 2007.

Also elevated to League One with the Daggers, he bagged 75 goals in total before a spell with Charlton, where he netted 10 times in 33 matches prior to signing for Swindon in January 2012.

The Robins loaned Paul to Cheltenham and Portsmouth last season but, now re-united with his former boss, hopes to add another promotion to his CV.

bright future at Kenilworth Road. Aged 22, the former Maidenhead man is a powerful centre-forward blessed with plenty of pace. John Still's first signing as Town boss, he bagged a brace in the 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet shortly after signing and, during six league appearances this term, netted in the 4-3 victory against Halifax but was red-carded when Town fell to a 2-0 loss at Wrexham.

■ Mark Cullen **Forward**

Another youthful member of the squad, Mark scored in the 2-0 second round home win over current Trophy holders Wrexham, so will be hopeful of keeping his place against United this afternoon. Signed on a two-year deal following his release from Hull last summer this 21-year old goal poacher, who has also spent time on loan at Bury, Bradford and Stockport, was given his career debut by the Tigers and also netted in the 2-2 Premier League draw with Wigan in May 2010.

■ Andre Gray **Forward**

A danger in attack, Andre ensures pace, guile and an eye for goal

within the Town front-line. Aged just 22, he was snapped up from Hinckley in March 2012 and finished top scorer for the Hatters last season with 20 goals. Also capped at England C level, this lightning-quick forward has already netted 14 times this term, so will surely keep the United defenders on their toes.

■ Scott Rendell **Forward**

Another familiar face to U's fans, Scott was a popular figure at the Abbey, scoring 17 goals during the first five months of the 2007/08 campaign, prior to a mid-season move to Peterborough. He returned to CB5 the following season, bulging the onion bag a further 13 times as United progressed to the Conference Play-off Final. Plying his early trade at Aldershot then Reading, he wore the colours of Forest Green, Hayes and Crawley before his time with the U's and has also pulled on the shirt for Yeovil, Torquay, Wycombe, Bristol Rovers and Oxford. Scott has recently returned from a loan spell at Woking, where he bagged eight goals in 17 matches.

Doug Shulman

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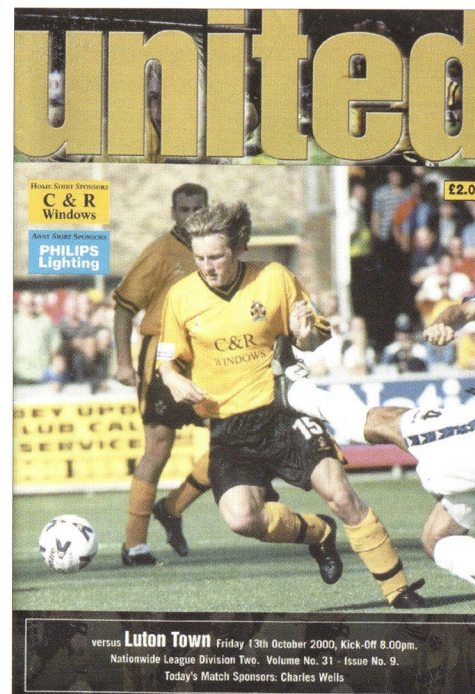


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Memory MATCH

Andrew Bennett looks back at previous meetings between the clubs



Stein give the visitors a shock lead as a result of a rare Lionel Perez blunder, but officious referee John Brandwood dismissed Matthew Spring inside the first half an hour with two harsh yellow cards and United, despite looking well below their best, won it with second-half goals from Tom Youngs and Zema Abbey.

"The boy Youngs was outstanding," said Luton boss Ricky Hill. "We had trouble with him all night. He has speed and skill. Apart from the referee, he decided the match." United manager Roy McFarland was unimpressed with his team's performance, ordering them in for training the following day and apologising to the fans. "It's a cliché," he said, "but it applies: we got out of jail."

Cambridge United and Luton Town first met in a friendly at the Abbey in October 1965, the hosts winning 3-1, and Luton won the Cambs Professional Cup on penalties in April 1978 before the clubs finally met in League combat the following season following United's promotion to Division Two.

It took the U's eleven attempts to defeat the Hatters in the League until they finally triumphed in 1999, and the teams have been fairly evenly matched since; they are now in their eleventh season of competing in the same division. They have also met in every major knockout competition, United winning in the League Cup, LDV Vans Trophy and FA Trophy, while Luton eliminated them from the FA Cup last season.

When the clubs met at the Abbey on Friday 13th October 2000, United were riding high in 7th place in Nationwide League Division Two, while Luton were struggling in 22nd with only one win from their first eleven games.

The largest Abbey attendance of the season so far, 6,191, saw Mark

We hardly deserved the win. We fell short throughout the team, with the exception of Tom Youngs, who saved us. He was the only really lively player."

The team's newest star was Zema Abbey, who had taken over the mantle of Trevor Benjamin, a £1m sale to Leicester City. He was the subject of a profile in the match-day programme...

Abbey joined the U's in February 2000 from Ryman League side Hitchin Town for a nominal fee after a successful trial period and the early form he has shown at the Abbey Stadium has been nothing less than brilliant.

So good, in fact, that a host of top Premiership clubs are sitting up and taking notice of his recent good form. But Abbey is taking life day by day and admitted that he is more than happy at Cambridge.

"If there was ever an attractive Premiership offer then obviously I would consider it," said Abbey. "The temptation is going to be there, no doubt, but I don't think that will happen at the moment. At this current time I am happy learning my trade at Cambridge United. I haven't been at this club long and I'm still learning the game as I go along."

"Roy (McFarland) is a terrific bloke. I get on with him extremely well and he is an approachable bloke, unlike some managers. He has always let me know where I stand and I have been ever so grateful for that."

Abbey's career soon took a sour turn when he declined United's offer of increased terms under the advice of his agent, and after a bitter stand-off he was transferred to Norwich City for £350,000 in December.

United: Perez; McAnespie, Duncan, Dreyer, Cowan; Youngs, Ashbee, Wanless, Russell; Abbey (Taylor), Axeldal (Mustoe)

Luton: Ovendale, McGowan (Holmes), Watts, Boyce, Taylor, McLaren, Locke, Spring, George, Stein, Kandol (Brennan)

United's fortunes took a dive thereafter – they did not win again until Boxing Day – and McFarland was sacked in February; John Beck took over to guide the team to 19th place, while Luton were relegated in 22nd place, 12 points from safety.

Head To Head

	HW	D	AW	HG	AG
at Cambridge	5	6	4	23	22
at Luton	5	6	2	15	10

Overall Record:

U's wins: 7 Draws: 12 Luton wins: 9

Goals:

Cambridge United: 33 Luton Town: 37



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I would like to start by wishing you a very Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our first home match of 2014.

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I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our Match Ball Sponsors EJ & RE Clark Haulage

Contractors, who would like to wish all the fans, staff and players here at Cambridge United a very Happy New Year.

Also dining with us today are Tim Wilson and guests, Stephen and Lewis Fletcher, Doug Knight, and former Cambridge United player Brian Boggis and guests. Welcome also to Mick George, ERMS (UK) LTD and R Costings.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers and helpers who have been in over Christmas in the Club Shop and Ticket Office. All your help is greatly appreciated and I am truly grateful.

I hope that you all enjoy your afternoon here with us.

Julie Clark
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Golden GAMBLE

Latest winners of our half time draw

The winner of the half time Golden Gamble draw against Braintree Town was Mike Taylor who won a cheque for £413 with orange ticket number 163.

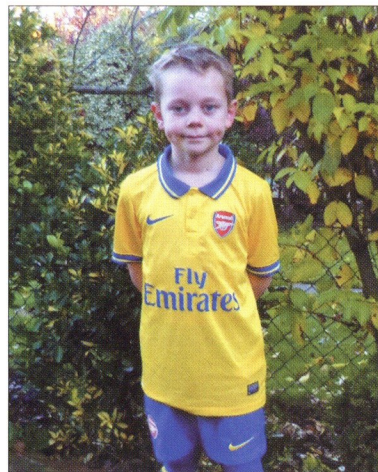
Second prize of a golf/spa day at Menzies was won by Gary Leader with orange ticket number 167 while the third prize of a free computer health check was

won by the holder of white ticket number 91 but was not claimed.

Golden Gamble tickets are available from sellers around the ground on all home match days. They cost just £1 a ticket and the proceeds are split equally between the winner and the club.

Today's MASCOT

Introducing Jack Kent, this afternoon's mascot



We extend a warm welcome to our mascot Jack Kent who is leading the teams out ahead of this afternoon's match.

Jack is eight years old and loves football. He plays for the Netherton United under-8 team and supports Arsenal and Cambridge United.

He likes going to his grandfather's to watch football.

Jack's great grandfather George Kent, who was headmaster at St Bedes School in Cambridge when the school first opened in 1962, took his children and grand children to watch Cambridge United.

We hope Jack and his guests enjoy their afternoon with us at the R Costings Abbey Stadium.



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Ten to TACKLE

Test yourself and your friends with Neil Cole's quiz of the week.
Answers on page 43

1. How many permanent managers have Luton had since Richard Money left in 2011?
2. Name the three teams to beat Man United in their last three games.
3. In which year did Man United last lose three successive matches?
4. Which footballing legend died at the start of the year?
5. In which year did he won the World Cup's Golden Boot?
6. Who is the new manager of Cardiff City?
7. And who is the new boss of Millwall?
8. Still with managers, which Conference Premier side parted company with manager Steve Burr this week?
9. Goalkeeper Wayne Hennessy refused to play for his club last weekend - for which League One side does he (not) play?
10. What family relationship links Yeovil Town and Oldham Athletic?

Travellers' TALES

Mark Johnson looks back at our pre-Christmas trip to Hereford

Travelling any distance on the Saturday before Christmas can be something of a lottery; you're never quite sure how much extra traffic will take to the roads, seemingly with the sole intention of impeding your journey: and that's before taking into account Christmas shoppers, a very popular and well-populated pay and display car park beside the ground and memories of a troublesome journey the last time we visited this venue.

Last season's journey to Hereford had been a traffic-infested four and a half hour trek that had ended rather too close to when I was due to go on air for my liking, so I decided to leave home an hour earlier. Of course, having set off at what felt like the dead of night to take into account the hindrances of previous experience and the possible complications mentioned earlier, none of them came to pass and the journey took an hour less than it had last season. As a result, there was plenty of time to find a parking space, listen to the wireless or even have a little snooze - the latter being only in theory, you understand - before heading off to the ground.

Edgar Street is an old fashioned stadium with a main stand that runs



the length of one side of the pitch and a succession of narrow stairways lead from its raised front row of seats to a maze of tunnels and exits in the bowels of this stand. The reason for the front row having such an elevated position is the probably unique collection of windows - presumably reinforced - that mingle with the dugouts at pitch level. This lower area is protected by a felt-covered flat roof, in the style of a garden shed, and liberally dotted with tubs of nearly flowering winter plants.

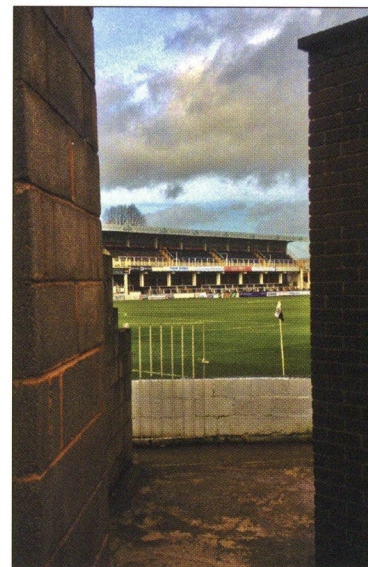
Opposite, a thin stand is shoe-horned in between the other side of the pitch and the street after which the ground is named. A two-tiered construction, with seats above covered terrace, on the day of our visit half of the lower tier and about a third of the upper were allocated to United fans.

Another covered terrace, albeit one without an upper tier of seats, runs the length of the area behind the goal to the left of the split level stand, while the remaining end contains a couple of curved sections of part-covered terrace, one of which used to house away fans but now is used to store black, tarpaulin-style pitch covers in unruly heaps. A small scoreboard hangs

from the roof between the two distinct areas of curved-fronted terrace; a contraption that is there due to a bequest. Apparently, a Hereford supporter died some thirteen or fourteen years ago and left a sum of money to the club in his will with the proviso that it be used to buy and operate said device.

Completing the picture of a vintage stadium that has seen better days, are the large, old-fashioned style floodlight pylons in each corner; pylons which are considerably more impressive in construction than in the meagre number of bulbs they bear.

The welcome the visiting press received from the club was an extremely warm and friendly one, but I do have one suggestion that would improve working conditions considerably. A few short rows of seats immediately in front of the wonderfully wide press bench were roped off for the use of a horde of squeakily excited children who were taking part in a half time match on the pitch. Now call me 'an old curmudgeon' if you like, but their shrill screeching went right through me and made it a touch difficult to concentrate or even to find the right level for the effects microphone ('off' seemed best!).





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Planet FOOTBALL

Mike Barnes enjoys the lure of Milanese football



With direct flights to Milan now available from Cambridge, a football-centred weekend break in that fine northern Italian city is now within closer reach than ever before. Planet Football looks at the options for taking in some Serie A action.

Home to both Milan and Internazionale in one of the most high-profile examples of ground-sharing, the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza was named in honour of the two-time World Cup winner who played for both clubs in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Better known as San Siro, the 80,000 capacity stadium is one of the finest and most atmospheric arenas in European football.

Flights from Cambridge land at Malpensa airport, 50km NW of Milan and connected to the city centre by express train and bus services. The closest metro station to San Siro is Lotto, from where it is approximately a 15 to 20-minute walk to the stadium. Lotto is on metro line 1 (red), which passes

through Milan's historic centre. Take metro line 1 in the direction of Rho Fiera and if you are travelling from the Central station you will need to change at Duomo. There are also shuttle buses from Lotto on matchdays.

San Siro is located in a quiet residential area, which has little to offer in terms of entertainment, so most sensible eating and drinking options are in the centre, though there are plenty of food stalls around on the day of the match for a quick pizza slice or panino. If you prefer to stay close to San Siro, Hotel Melia Milano is within walking distance from the stadium and has double rooms for around 90.00 Euros.

Tickets for Milan games can be bought at branches of Banca Intesa Sanpaolo or at the stadium on the day of the match. Tickets only tend to only sell out for home games against Inter and Juventus. Regular ticket prices start at 20 for a seat at the second tier behind

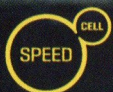
the goal. 45 Euros will get you the cheapest lower-tier seats at the sides while you can expect to pay up to 170 Euros for a central lower-tier seat in the main stand. Prices are increased for games against Inter and Juventus to between 25 and 190 Euros. Tickets for the third tier only go on sale if the rest are sold out.

Tickets for Inter matches can be bought online, at branches of Banca Popolare di Milano, at the Solo Inter club store, La Feltrinelli bookstore or the Mondadori bookstore at Piazza Duomo. They are also available at the stadium on matchdays. Like Milan, tickets only tend to sell out for the derby and the match against Juventus. Regular prices start at 24 Euros for a second-tier seat behind the goal, ranging to 37 Euros for a second-tier seat at the sides, and up to 170 Euros for a central lower-tier seat in the main stand. Inter increase their prices for games against Roma, Napoli, Genoa, Milan and Juventus, resulting in prices ranging from 23 to 200 Euros. You will pay more if you buy tickets at the stadium on matchday.

For an alternative Serie A experience, consider a short train ride to the city of Bergamo, where the Stadio Atleti Azzurri d'Italia is home to Atalanta. The stadium is shared with Serie B side AlbinoLeffe and is within walking distance from Bergamo's old and new town centres. The most vociferous part of the Atalanta fan base is known for their left-wing views, with Che Guevara flags adorning the Curva Pisani section where the Ultras gather.

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Chaplain's COMMENT

with Stuart Wood



Over the festive season, I watched the 2009 film "The Invention of Lying" starring Ricky Gervais and Jennifer Garner. As a film, I thought it was watchable, with some funny moments and some less so (I guess it depends on whether Mr Gervais sense of humour appeals to yours).

Ricky Gervais plays Mark Bellison, who lives in a world where everybody has to tell the truth – there are no lies. He discovers that he is able to make up a story, but because no one else has any concept of anything other than the truth, whatever he says goes. It all starts out innocently enough, well-meaning and all that, but it soon escalates beyond his control.

And that was what struck me – how often do we end up doing something, maybe fairly innocently and seemingly innocuous, but it has

an effect far beyond our imagination or expectation?

A few folk at Barnwell have or are in the process of giving up smoking. As far as I can tell, no one starts out wanting to smoke 40 a day – it starts with that first puff, that first ciggie, the first packet ... and a little while later, the habit is formed.

What about gambling? Again, to my mind, no one goes out of their way to lose thousands of pounds gambling, but that first bet, the first roll of the dice, the first hand of cards ... and all too quickly, significant debt can be accumulated.

Or take the expenses scandal, which saw its fifth imprisonment in December when former Labour MP, Denis MacShane, was given a six-month custodial sentence. In all cases, the false claims started with

the first – some were small in comparison, but ended with significant expenses being falsely claimed.

In all these situations, it starts with that initial comment, fag, bet or false claim, but in too many cases, things can end up out of control.

What about football clubs? No one sets out to bankrupt a club – but greed and even well-meaning intentions, can lead to the first case of high wages, which leads on to another and another. As soon as the first compromise takes place, the door is opened for more and if things don't work out as is hoped it can lead to crippling debt.

People don't make New Years' resolutions to break them, but for many, the first nibble on a biscuit spells the beginning of the end for that healthy eating; the crafty drag ends the giving up smoking dream; the extra hour at the office can put pay to spending more time with the family ... and so it goes on.

In our lives, we can find ourselves tempted to compromise on our integrity, but as soon as we have done it once, the second and third time can follow all too quickly.

But returning to the theme of "The Invention of Lying" – our words – how many people have fallen foul of tweeting something before thinking (I cite Michael Chopra as the latest among many who have erred in that department)? And how many have posted a comment on Facebook before thinking, or used a word inappropriately? Once it is out there, it cannot be taken back.

That first little white lie, uttered with all the best intentions in the world by Mark Bellison, started ripples that he could not control, and once he started, he found it really hard to stop.

Let's give attention to the little things that may seem harmless enough but if left unchecked and unchallenged can have big consequences.

May I wish you all the very best for 2014.

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Press GANG

Matt Gooding looks at former U's in the news



While today's Premier League footballers can look forward to a retirement of golf, after-dinner speaking and the odd spot of media work, their non-league counterparts are rarely so lucky.

Ex-United midfielder David Bridges (pictured) is currently dealing with the transition from the full-time to part-time game, and decided to leave Ryman League Bury Town for Brackley earlier this month, after the Ram Meadow club ran into money problems.

Late payment of wages is thought to be behind Bridges' decision to up sticks to Skril North outfit Brackley, who are managed by another former United midfielder, Jon Brady.

"Bury is a great club and just unfortunate what is going on right now, but I'm sure they will be okay in the long run," said Bridges, who has been sidelined with a finger

injury (yes, really) since November.

"I didn't want to go, but I was left with no option really. If it was for football reasons, I wouldn't have gone anywhere because the lads — after a bad September — have really come together.

"Before I got injured, we had won seven out of eight and then after a couple of losses we had a similar run again."

Now 31, Bridges, who came up through the youth ranks at the R Costings Abbey Stadium, said he had to put his family first when thinking about his future.

"I have a wife and two children, so I can't have uncertainty," he said. "Because I'm crossing over from full-time football to part-time, I'm reliant on my football income.

"Moving forward, it was a case of will it happen again or won't it? If those issues are going on, I couldn't risk my household.

"I can only speak for my situation — everybody is different, it will affect players in different ways and some may not even be affected. I've got big responsibilities with my wife and children."

Another ex-U's midfielder on the move is Jon Challinor. Since leaving United, Challinor's career has twice seen him dip into the ranks of the part-timers, before being handed lifelines by professional clubs on each occasion. Having been part of the York squad that won promotion to the football league in 2012, he appeared to be winding down his career down with Stamford in the Northern Premier League. But now he has signed dual registration forms with FC Halifax Town, and could make his Shaymen debut today at Wrexham.

"At this stage is his life this could be the last big chance of his career," said Stamford boss David Staff.

"Jon has always been had an agreement with us that if a Conference club came in, we wouldn't stand in his way.

"Halifax are in a position where they need someone who can come in with experience and do a job and Jon fits the bill."

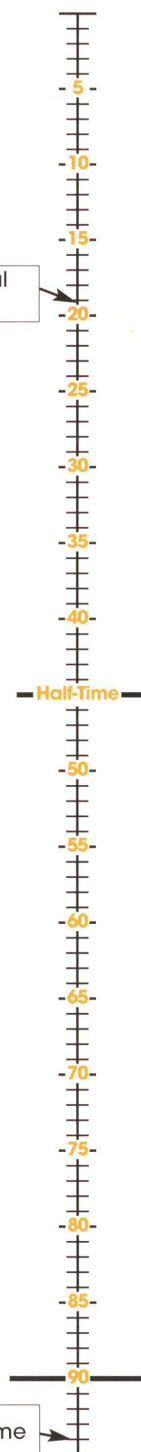
Staff didn't elaborate as to what this job might be, but added: "He (Challinor) has enjoyed his time with us and we wish him well. He has been of great value to the club and he always gave his best for us. If for whatever reason it doesn't work out, we keep his forms and would welcome someone of his ability and attitude back, no problem."

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Action from our match against Braintree Town

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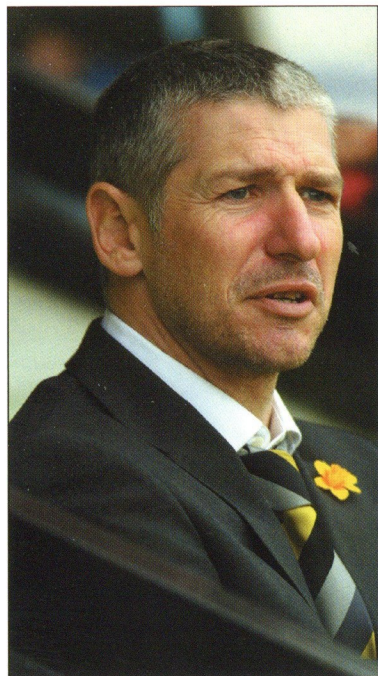
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Jez GEORGE

Director of Football



I am sure that Richard will tackle this subject in his notes but there really are some questions for the authorities to answer regarding this competition. Why are the ties staged on a Saturday when the equivalent competitions in the Football League are played mid-week? Why are there replays when the equivalent competitions in the Football League ensure a result is achieved in the original tie? Even if both clubs had been free on Tuesday, and agreed to play the tie, we would not have been permitted to do so. Yet if the original tie was postponed because of the weather we would play the rearranged game on a Tuesday night. And any replay would be on a Tuesday. Make sense? No!

The result is that your fixture list becomes totally disrupted and is even more out of equilibrium than the original programme. And that takes some doing! As you know, the Football Conference fly in the face of logic in how they organise their fixtures. You can play teams twice in a month (such as Kidderminster in February and March), another twice in the first

few weeks of the season (Aldershot), others twice before Christmas (Hereford), other not at all before Christmas (Dartford). And that is the case for every club. There is no symmetry, not even to the extent that you play a club once before and once after Christmas. It is unfair because in this league especially the respective strength of teams can differ so greatly at different stages of the season. When a club has a run in the FA Cup it can make them stronger after January, other clubs gamble with their budget so make cutbacks at the season progresses, some clubs start badly and pick up form, others do the opposite, suspensions are not a factor early in the season but play a big part at certain stages. There are myriad factors that dictate fairness can only be achieved by each club playing the other in both halves of the season. That lessens the likelihood that a single club could benefit or suffer by playing one club twice in a short space of time, either in the first or second half of the season. When you then consider the disruption caused by the FA Trophy, it can distort the fixture list still further. We could have five consecutive away games in the league because of the FA Trophy before we play Grimsby on Tuesday 28th January.

There are factors just as important as league points and league position to consider as well. Every round in which you progress means another league game to rearrange. If the ties happen to fall predominantly on home games (today we should have played Alfreton at home and should we win today then the next round clashes with our home game against Wrexham) then there are financial and in particular cashflow issues that can cause difficulties to clubs through no fault of their own. Not only can it leave you for weeks without a home fixture, it then means that invariably they are rearranged during February, March and April, thus clashing with the wall to wall coverage of the Champions League. The die-hard

fans may choose Cambridge United v Alfreton Town ahead of Bayern Munich v Arsenal or Manchester City v Barcelona but unfortunately these fans are the ones who probably bought season tickets. It is the walk up crowd and therefore the cash takings on the day that suffers. And it's a double whammy, because only the die-hard fans watch games in the FA Trophy. Therefore, you get a lower attendance for the FA Trophy tie on the Saturday than would have watched the league game and a lower attendance at the rearranged midweek league game than would have watched the same game on the Saturday. And a fixture pile up exacerbates the football and financial issues. Points can be lost and league position can suffer if you end up playing four times a week and when a number of home matches are scheduled within a short space of time, the economic climate dictates that people pick and choose their games and can't afford to come to all of them.

I think the job of the authorities, which in this case is the Football Conference and the Football Association, is to look after their member clubs. They are certainly not doing so with how the games programme and this competition are organised.

The solution is simple. All ties should be played midweek with no replays, so there is the excitement of a result on the night. The move to bring forward the final to mirror the timing of the Football League Cup and Football League Trophy was good, so that it stays away from the business end of the season and the semi-finals can even remain two legged ties.

Then every club would be encouraged to field their strongest team and take the competition more seriously. It would enhance the competition's profile, status and each clubs attitude towards it. We have written to express our views, but the status quo remains. Perhaps it is more convenient for the various officials to watch games on a Saturday...

There are several issues that should be challenged more vociferously by the Football Conference on behalf of their members. The

number of promotion places is one such issue. Eligibility for EPPP, for clubs meeting the criteria, which would allow access to funding and protection for the registration of players, should also be highlighted. And despite our rivalry, we should be united in both of these issues. We would both now be playing in the Football League if there was more than one automatic promotion place, as would Wrexham. We would both now be receiving funding to continue running our respective youth programmes, as would Wrexham. It's a shambles that both situations still exist. It is also complete nonsense when utterances as useful as "turkeys don't vote for Christmas" are attributed to officials representing our best interests in commenting on the likelihood of convincing the Football League to change the quota for promotion and relegation. The Football Conference should be articulating the argument that relegation from the Football League is only such a complete disaster because only one promotion place is guaranteed each season. If it was three automatic places plus one through the play-offs, which is the case for League Two to League One so it must have some merit, or even two automatic and one through the play-offs, which is the case for League One to the Championship and the Championship to the Premier League, relegation would be less catastrophic. That is the argument that should be articulated to persuade the Football League clubs that it can happen to anyone and if it does, with the current rules, good luck!

There is evidence that fairness and equality can be achieved between different organisations. If the Football League can secure three promotion places for its member clubs with the Premier League, why can't the Football Conference do the same with the Football League? And don't get me started with parachute payments. Again, look what the clubs dropping out of the Premier League get and for how long and then compare it with the miniscule amount when the same happens with relegation from the Football League. Compare it percentage wise. The drop in income from League Two to the Football Conference is incompara-

ble. Look at clubs in this league; proud, historic clubs that have been pillars of their communities, been part of the fabric of professional football for many years, created moments of magic in the FA Cup, League Cup and Football League, produced iconic players, some for the national team, and then they are discarded into an abyss. Suddenly their role to play in their community does not matter, developing young players (maybe even for England national team) is irrelevant and they are left to die or survive in "non league football" with all the odds stacked against them returning. What has happened at Stockport County is heartbreaking. The authorities should think of them when Ricky Lambert is playing for England. So are the difficulties being experienced by Hereford. The authorities should think of them every time that Ronny Radford's goal is played to promote the FA's flagship competition.

We still have not received our TV money for the game against Sheffield United because the rules state that it is paid 14 days after the round is completed. Unfortunately, Crawley have still yet to play Bristol Rovers because of the weather. So as we approach the middle of January, cashflow becomes a real issue because of the intransigence of rules that jeopardise the financial wellbeing of clubs. It's crazy! And we still do not have a confirmed date for our biggest potential revenue from a home game, when we face Luton Town in the league, because the game is being considered for BT Sports. We love the coverage, but surely we should know when we are playing a month after the original game was postponed. And you've guessed it, postponed on a Saturday for an FA Trophy tie! You really couldn't make it up!

Someone needs to start fighting our corner. We may be rivals, but our opponents today face similar challenges. We are both fighting for one automatic promotion place, which does not happen at any other level of professional football. We are both trying to run youth schemes without any funding from the authorities when both our academies have a proud record of producing players and would be the equal or better of many

Football League clubs. And we both go into today's game wondering whether a win is a real victory or not bearing in mind the further fixture chaos that will ensue.

It's a good job that we have so many good, committed and passionate directors on our board to cover shortfalls in cashflow when success is rewarded by no league home fixture for over a calendar month and just one in seven weeks.

Talking of budgets, maybe our decision to allow Chris Maxwell to return to his parent club at the end of his loan spell and sign John Sullivan from Portsmouth until the end of the season on terms we can afford will once and for all dispel the myth that our competitors choose to propagate that we have endless resources and pay large wages. I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. We are ambitious and desperate to challenge for the ultimate prize but not at the expense of sound financial decisions that will ensure we are stronger every year with sustainable budgets. When people think they have a gun to our heads, we will always have worked hard to have other options. We will always do what is right for our club, with the big picture in mind as well as the immediate future. When a deal gets unaffordable, or unreasonable, we walk away and go elsewhere. We have built everything that has been achieved so far this season on parity amongst individual salaries, a strict wage structure and financial prudence. Our budget is a fraction of what people imagine. We have unbelievable staff, who work tirelessly and diligently, partly funded by other tasks they perform within the trust, and we will not stray off track for any individual or club.

Please welcome John, as you did Chris. January is always a month of uncertainty, especially in the transient world of football at this level, but as opposed to recent years, we have no pressure or desire to sell players and are currently looking at a number of options to strengthen the squad for the second half of the season. Watch this space. It should be an exciting first half to 2014.

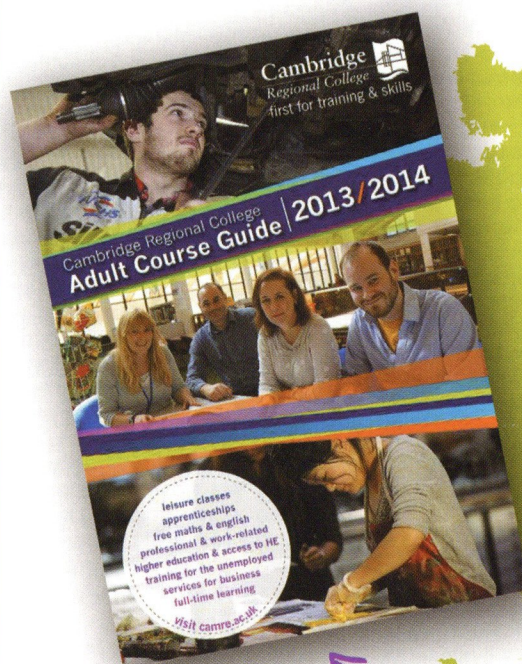
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Eastern ASPECTS

Henry Milward reports on the latest events in the Thurlow Nunn League

What's your favourite list? There are people who still fall back on Joseph McCarthy's of the 1950s: 'a list of 205 people that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party'. But it's not the best. The finest list is the one which announces the applicants for promotion to step 4 of the pyramid. Unlike McCarthy's commie-chasing business, the applications for promotion list arrives once a year, it puts Christmas lists to shame,

So, you'll want to know the results. Among over 70 applicants from across the country, there are five from the Eastern Counties leagues: Brantham, Brightlingsea, Godmanchester, Gorleston and

Haverhill. The regular reader of this page will know what happens next, but to re-cap, those whose grounds haven't yet passed an inspection will have one to look forward to, with improvements to follow, where required.

According to a bloke in the pub (a name on a message board, which is almost the same), each inspection costs the club £120, with three officials sidling over to check the brand of the paint on the pitch-side railings. An approval lasts for three years, so there are applicants this season who simply need to rely on league position to be handed the chance of stepping up. One will probably make it, maybe two. We'll be reminding you of the

details every week from now until you simply can't stand it any longer.

Meanwhile, Woodbridge Town have – you'll be pleased to know – appointed a new manager to replace Mark Scopes, who left in 2013. Former Burnham Ramblers and Ipswich Wanderers coach Lee Elliston is the new man in charge. He began by admitting the Woodpeckers "have one foot in the first division", adding: "I'm not even going to talk about points or relegation, my ethics are to go and inject some confidence and belief into the side." Elliston takes charge of rock-bottom Town for the first time against Clacton this afternoon.

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Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division

August

Sat 10	A Norwich United	L1-2
Tue 13	H Diss Town	W4-0
Wed 21	H Ely City	L0-1
Sat 24	A Woodbridge Town	W5-1
Wed 28	H Godmanchester Rovers	L1-2
Sat 15	A Brightlingsea Regent	L1-2
September		
Sat 14	A Felixstowe & Walton United	L1-3
Wed 18	A Newmarket Town	L1-2
Sat 21	A Wivenhoe Town	W3-1
Sat 28	H Mildenhall Town	W2-0
October		
Wed 02	H Newmarket Town	D2-2
Sat 05	A Walsham-le-Willows	L1-3
Sat 12	H FC Clacton	W3-1
Sat 26	H Haverhill Rovers	L1-2
November		
Sat 02	H Felixstowe & Walton United	L1-2
Sat 09	A Gorleston	L2-3
Sat 16	H Woodbridge Town	W5-1
Sat 23	A Thetford Town	W5-1
Sat 30	A Diss Town	L1-3
December		
Sat 14	A Godmanchester Rovers	L0-1
Sat 28	A Haverhill Rovers	W2-1
January		
Sat 04	A Hadleigh United	L1-3
Sat 11	A Stanway Rovers	15:00

Sat 18	H Kirkley & Pakefield	15:00
Sat 25	H Walsham-le-Willows	15:00

February

Sat 01	A Ely City	15:00
Sat 08	H Norwich United	15:00
Sat 15	A Mildenhall Town	15:00
Sat 22	H Brantham Athletic	15:00

March

Sat 08	H Gorleston	15:00
Wed 19	H Brightlingsea Regent	19:45
Sat 22	H Wivenhoe Town	15:00
Sat 29	A FC Clacton	15:00

April

Sat 05	A Kirkley & Pakefield	15:00
Sat 12	A Brantham Athletic	15:00
Wed 23	H Thetford Town	19:45
Sat 26	H Hadleigh United	15:00

May

Sat 03	H Stanway Rovers	15:00
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The FA Carlsberg Vase

Sep 07 QR1	H Harrowby United	L1-2
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Red Insure Cup

Oct 29 R1	A Haverhill Rovers	L0-2
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Cambs Invitation Cup

Jan 14 R2	A Wisbech Town	19:45
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Sep 9	PR	A Brantham Athletic	W8-1
Sep 26	QR1	A v Needham Market	W5-2
Oct 10	QR2	A v Cornard United	W6-1

Oct 23	QR3	A v Stotfold	D1-1 (W3-1 on pens)
Nov 07	R1	H v Woking	L2-3

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Terrace TALK

Henry Milward investigates the link between city and club



Perhaps one of the most significant, potentially damaging, era-changing occurrences in recent footballing years was the move of Wimbledon to Milton Keynes in 2003. Less a move, rather an upheaval or a hair-first dragging: south London to Buckinghamshire, it is a sore point which won't be healed by time, even amid the remarkably selective amnesia which football fans possess.

Beyond the wispy-haired ignorance of Pete Winkleman and the brandisation (brandidising?) of football – at least more nakedly than before – the major quarrel with the move was the drawing away of Wimbledon from their traditional roots. It's a very valuable point, of course, but what is the concrete link between city and club, club and city? Does one embody the other, do they form a tandem or do they exist in separate, distinct spheres?

There was an article in the Observer late last year, remarking on the rise and rise of Cambridge, the city, as a centre for innovation and business. "It has been dubbed Silicon Fen." John Naughton begins. "The 'Cambridge phenomenon' – the extraordinary ecosystem of science- and technology-

based companies in and around the town – has acquired near-mythological status." He adds: "For decades, policy-makers from Europe and beyond have been coming to Cambridge, wistfully eyeing its 'technology cluster', shaking their heads at the vibrant companies it has spawned ... wondering what its secret formula is. There is no formula."

What connection does Cambridge United have to that Cambridge beyond the name? Should there ever be an association which runs deeper? What does *Your City Your Club* mean beyond the slogan itself?

Naughton, earlier in the article, reasons: "Once, the fate of great industrial centres was determined by geography – their proximity to natural resources, navigable rivers, harbours, etc. But the 'resources' of the new economy are foot-loose."

And perhaps this has an effect on the roots and meanings of sports clubs: indeed, they developed in earnest following the industrial revolution, in Britain at least. As the majority industry in the country moved from primary – agriculture – to secondary – manufacturing, so sporting co-operations grew up

around the factories and plants. Many of the former club names reflected this – West Ham were originally formed as Thames Ironworks, while Manchester United began life as Newton Heath, the team representing the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway depot in the area.

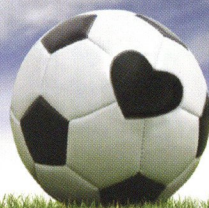
Then, the factory and the clubs were the beating hearts at the centre of communities (a sentence which sounds a bit like something from *Brassed Off* or a piece of government propaganda but which nevertheless stands). Now, and over the last 30 years, as tertiary industry – the service sector – has come to dominate and suppress manufacturing, where are the centres and what tie does a club have to an area beyond the historical?

Of course, a historical tie is an incredibly important one, we're all bound somewhere, somehow by time passed, but the connection in 2014 is less obvious. The hi-tech companies in the Cambridge area are, in some respects, resources available to us, but we're not realistically in their markets, and geography, as Naughton mentions, is no real tie, no grounds for loyalty or choice. When businesses are fluid, movable and, well, everywhere essentially, why shouldn't football clubs be too?

Clubs, especially at lower levels, often live on good will and the influence of tradition, but even as ITV Digital wounds heal and youth-based sustainability prospers in some quarters, they lag desperately behind real-world business.

This isn't to defend Milton Keynes Dons, because their move remains a depressing one, but nevertheless understandable in some respects, in light of the climate beyond football. I know, it's this sort of talk which will kill football, kill passion, kill emotional bonds, so none of it should be indulged, but the point remains that football, rather than existing as a swarthy, handsome traditionalist, risks being left behind as a shabby antique.

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Look Back IN AMBER

1968-72 - Cambridge United

To get back into the Football League, Cambridge United have to either win the Skrill Premier title, or win the Play-Off Final. It's clear, simple and transparent (if you ignore the various requirements for having a suitable ground and being financially solvent etc.). In the mid-1960's, it was a much more opaque process. The bottom four clubs in the Football League had to reapply for their membership to the Football League chairmen, whilst any non-League club could apply to become members of the Football League. At the end of every season a vote was taken and the four clubs with the highest votes were either re-elected or newly elected into the Football League. In practice it was very rare for any League club to be voted out - since the League's expansion in 1950 only New Brighton (1951) and Gateshead (1960) had suffered this fate - with Workington and Peterborough United replacing them. Oxford United were elected

in 1962 only because of Accrington Stanley's bankruptcy.

Although we only finished ninth in the Southern League Premier in 1964-65 (along with the Northern League it was the pinnacle of non-League football), we still applied for League membership. We earned one vote (possibly because we had won the Southern League Cup); behind five other hopefuls, the best of which (Bedford Town and Gateshead) gained four votes, but a long way behind League clubs Barrow and Halifax Town who both got 41 votes.

In 1965-66 we finished tenth in the Southern League, but perversely were the most popular non-League club along with Wigan Athletic, both of us garnering five votes, still a chasm away from the two least popular League clubs, Wrexham and Rochdale who got 40 votes apiece.

In 1966-67 we were eighth in the Southern League, but our vote

slumped down to two and all four League clubs again easily won the vote with the least successful (Rochdale) getting 38 votes compared to Wigan Athletic and Romford who topped the non-League vote with five each.

With ambitious manager Bill Leivers appointed halfway through the 1967-68 season, helping us to third in the table, it was disappointing that we still only got two votes, not helped by our local rivals Cambridge City also getting two votes and therefore splitting support. Workington were comfortably re-elected with 38 votes.

We won the Southern League and Cup double in 1968-69, and with Chairman Jack Woolley and Leivers both visiting, writing to, and inviting League Chairmen (especially in the top two divisions who had more votes), we lifted our vote up to 16, some way behind Newport County who were re-elected on 27, but at least we could scent blood.

We retained the Southern League title in 1969-70 and enlisted the help of some public relations people to vacuum up some extra votes for us. The constant badgering finally paid off and we were elected with 31 votes, well ahead of Bradford Park Avenue who lost their League status by only winning 17 votes.

Kevin Palmer

Pictured: The procession to celebrate election of the Football League enters King's Parade.



Look Back IN AMBER

1968-72 - Football in General

In the last programme I wrote how Celtic had suffered the greatest embarrassment in their history by only finishing eighth in the Scottish First Division (their top division) in 1964-65, not only finishing below Rangers (who only managed fifth), but even below their tiny local rivals Clyde.

Without a title in eleven years, they appointed Jock Stein to the manager's post midway through that season. He insisted that the directors relinquished their interference in team selection, and by giving the players self-belief in their abilities, allied to proper tactics and the fear of losing to such a driven man, he was able to guide Celtic to the title the following season, with virtually the same side.

That wasn't enough. He wanted European success. No British side had won the ultimate club prize of

the European Cup, though the Munich Air Crash of 1958 had denied Manchester United of having a serious tilt at it. In 1966-67 Celtic overcame Zurich, Nantes, Vojvodina, and Dukla Prague to reach the final. Up against them were the mighty Inter-Milan, winner of two of the last three European cups and led by the equally masterful Helenio Herrera. Nobody gave Celtic (from that little footballing backwater of Scotland) much of a chance.

Herrera had perfected the tactical system called 'Catenaccio', which in Italian means 'the chain.' Four defenders ruthlessly man-marked the oppositions forwards out of the game, whilst a sweeper mopped up any loose balls (and loose opponents) and helped switch the play into quick attack with long balls forward. The result was the opposition tended to be

totally stifled with Inter probably just attaining the one goal they needed for victory. In nine European ties that season, Inter had only conceded three goals, but managed to score just eleven goals in return.

Stein employed two weapons against Inter. Herrera was as open as Inter's defence - he shunned the media, whereas Stein maintained an open-door policy and kept the atmosphere light-hearted to relax the players. When the Italians strode dourly onto the Lisbon pitch, they were astonished to find their Scottish opponents singing lustily. When Herrera went to sit in his dug-out, he was furious that Stein had plonked himself there first and refused to budge. Celtic had won the psychological battle, what about the footballing one?

Inter took the lead through a penalty on seven minutes, and then retreated into total defence. Celtic were geared for attack only, but they were continually frustrated by the black and blue wall of Inter. Stein urged his players to shoot mercilessly, but for an hour they had only struck the woodwork twice. Then Tommy Gemmill cracked in an equaliser from 20 yards and as the Italians tried to hold out for extra-time, Steve Chalmers deflected in the winning goal. Not content with winning the European Cup (and thrilling the neutrals), Stein led his 'Lions of Lisbon' to nine consecutive League titles to set a new world record.

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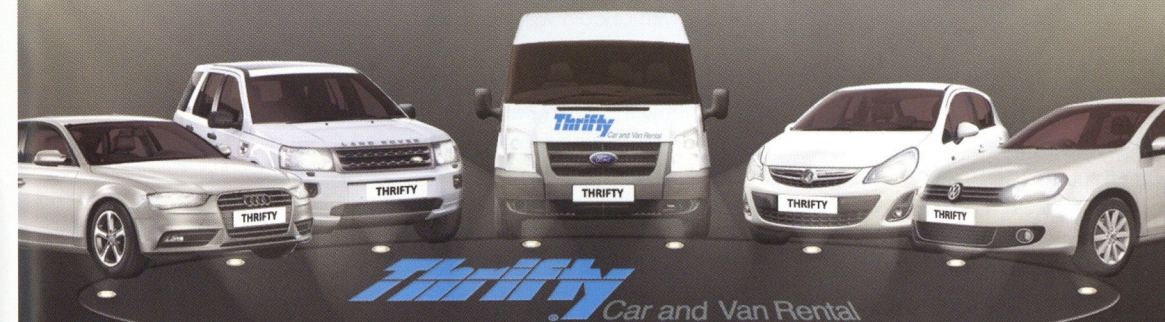
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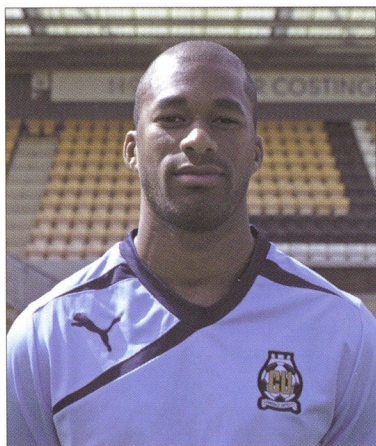
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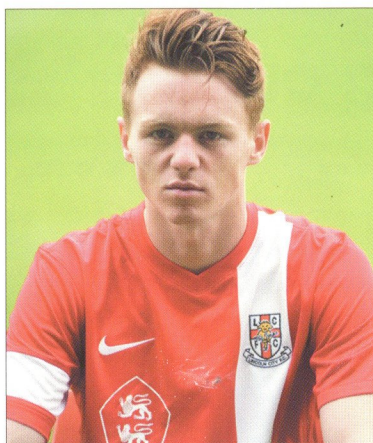
Dave Stacey reviews the latest news and results

Traditionally a busy time of year in the football calendar, due to the current inclement weather it's been anything but. Just 12 league games have been able to take place since New Year's Day leaving the table looking a little wonky due to games in hand!

Our visitors today, Luton, have continued to extend their lead at the top of the table, though, as they've managed to get both their games going. They overcame Edgar Davids' Barnet thanks to a first-minute strike from Andre Gray and Paul Benson's header despite remarkably being allowed to play on a pitch more akin to water polo and then followed this up with a goalless draw at Lincoln who had on-loan United duo Delano Sam-Yorke (below) and Mitch Austin making their debuts. The gap is now, of course, five points, but we do still have three games in hand.



Continuing their unexpectedly good season were Alfreton despite a mixed bag of results that still saw the Reds cement third place. John Akinde's effort on the stroke of half-time saw off Wrexham at the iMPact Arena before they were surprisingly beaten by Edgar Davids' Barnet at the Hive, on-loan Spanish



striker Dani Lopez notching the only goal of the game with five minutes of the first half remaining. The Reds then capitulated at Lincoln in the only game to be played this mid-week. Austin's cross was diverted in to his own net by Darran Kempson before Nick Wright doubled the advantage after just 20 minutes. Nicky Fenton pulled one back for Town shortly after half-time but late goals from Jon Nolan (above) and Sam-Yorke put gloss on the final scoreline. Remarkably, only bottom two sides Dartford and Hyde and 19th placed Southport have lost more games than third place Alfreton this season!

Another side that could only share the spoils with Lincoln were Grimsby following the Imps' trip to Blundell Park. Aswad Thomas put through his own net with 20 minutes gone to give City the lead before skipper Craig Disley levelled in the dying embers of the first half. Lenell John-Lewis compounded Mariners misery by receiving a second yellow card late on.

Despite picking up just a solitary point from two games, FC Halifax remain in the final play-off position. A stunning game at the Shay saw

that point shared with Gateshead. Lee Gregory opened the scoring for 'Fax after 10 minutes for the hosts from 20 yards out before converting again with a fine effort three minutes later to double the advantage. James Brown hit back for the visitors in the second half but Simon Ainge's header restored the two-goal margin shortly after. However, Marcus Maddison (below) and James Marwood struck in quick succession to level before Maddison hit the bar twice late on. The Shaymen then followed this up with a surprising defeat at lowly Tamworth, Lloyd Kerry and Andy Todd both notching.



Bottom side Hyde made it 26 league games without victory following the visit of Macclesfield and trip to Gateshead. All the damage was done in the 15 minutes preceding the hour mark as a Darcy O'Connor own goal and a brace from Scott Boden sealed the three points for Macc whilst Marcus Maddison, James Brown, Liam Hatch and Jamie Chandler were all on target for Heed.

Danny Hattersley's 88th minute strike earned Southport a single-goal victory over Nuneaton and



Jay Harris (above) scored a similarly late goal to earn Wrexham victory over Aldershot after Joe Clarke and Brett Williams' early efforts had cancelled each other out.

In off-field news there was a modicum of surprise at the news that Kidderminster manager Steve Burr had been sacked this week. The writing was on the wall at the end of the year when Burr attempted to take the vacant managerial position at Forest Green Rovers only to be rebuffed in favour of Adrian Pennock. The inevitable slump in form followed with Harriers having won just one of their last five league games including a 6-0 walloping at fellow promotion hopefuls Luton during the festive period. Harriers said in a statement, "The board of directors would like to state explicitly again that its sole ambition for this season is to achieve promotion back to the Football League and that they are fully committed to taking whatever step necessary to reach that goal."

And in the pick of the transfer so far, former Premier League striker Lee Hughes signed for Forest Green from Port Vale.

Up for the Cup

Three Skrill Premier sides did battle in the F.A. Cup last weekend and they can all hold their heads high despite no victories. Grimsby bowed out in not-quite-as-heart-

breaking fashion as we did at Huddersfield. Having twice led through Ross Hannah and Craig Disley, Championship Town won the game late on thanks to Martin Paterson and an Aswad Thomas own goal.

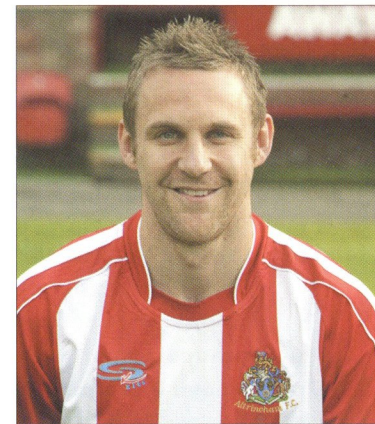
Macclesfield earned a replay at Championship Sheffield Wednesday as Steve Williams' clinical volley cancelled out Reda Johnson's thumping header and Kidderminster also earned another crack at League One Peterborough following a goalless draw at Aggbrough in Steve Burr's final game in charge.

North

After a goal-crazy week there're joint leaders in the North as North Ferriby and a resurgent AFC Telford continue to lead the way. Anthony Wilson's goal was enough for Ferriby to see off Hednesford whilst Liam Watson's men could only manage a point at Harrogate, a late strike from Tony Gray (below) salvaging a 2-2 draw.



Altrincham sit in third place after an incredible game at Gainsborough. Liam Davis gave Trinity the lead after just three minutes before Kyle Perry levelled on the quarter hour mark. Two quick-fire goals from James Wootton and Bradley Barraclough gave Trinity a commanding lead at half-time which Simon Russell added to just



after. Kyle Perry made it 4-2 with an hour gone before a frantic final five minutes saw Davis sent off, Alty debutant Danny Higginbotham pull another back, Barraclough make it 5-3 and Nicky Clee (above) leave the final score 5-4!

Two goals in injury-time from Gary Birch rescued Solihull a point in a 3-3 draw with Stalybridge to leave Moors fourth and the final play-off position is occupied by Boston following their 5-3 victory over Workington in midweek, the highlight being Ricky Miller's hat-trick.

The South

Bromley have extended their lead at the top of the South to eleven points but have played two games more than their closest competitor Eastleigh following the Ravens' 3-1 success over Ebbsfleet (who sit third) on New Year's Day. Eastleigh, meanwhile, haven't played since a 2-1 victory over Bath on 28th December.

The only top five side to have managed to get their game on in recent times are Bishop's Cleeve and they came from two goals down to defeat Dover with Ashley Miller, Cliff Akurang and Brian Woodall on target. Taking the final play-off position are Sutton but teams all the way down to 13th are within two wins and those down to 16th can realistically still say they can make a late surge towards promotion.



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Here & THERE

Henry Milward looks forward to our next two matches



v FC Halifax Town
Saturday, Jan. 14th, 15.00
The Skrill Premier

parking or in one of the nearby town centre pay-and-display areas.

Train: Halifax station is a short walk from the ground: leave the station car park, turn left and the ground will appear on the right after around 800 metres.

The Away Travel Club will be running a coach to the game. The Coach leaves Ely at 8.15am and picks up at the R Costings Abbey Stadium at 9am and Bar Hill at 9.20am. Prices: Members £29, Children and Sixth Form students £16 non-members £31.50. Contact the club on 01223 566500 to reserve your seat.

Admission: £17 for adults, £13 for concessions, £8 for under 16s, £6 for under 12s, £3 for under 7s.

Back in the top flight of non-league, albeit with a slightly different name, the Shaymen have eased back into the groove and, at the time of writing, sit fifth. They haven't quite managed consistent spells of form, but their victories – including comprehensive home successes against Lincoln (5-1), Grimsby (4-0) and Aldershot (4-0) –

see them nicely placed for a play-off tilt.

Directions by car: take the M62 before exiting at junction 24. Follow signs for A629 Halifax into Skircoat Road, then onto Shaw Hill where you will find the ground.

Parking: there is a small amount of parking available at the ground, at £3 per car. Alternatively, street

v Tamworth
Tuesday, Jan. 21st, 19.45
The Skrill Premier

Directions by car: leave the M42 at junction 10 and take the A5 towards Tamworth. Follow the A5 bypass into the town and take the turn for the town centre. Follow the signs towards the Snow Dome and Glascote/Amington. After passing the Snow Dome on your left, you should see the ground on your right. (B77 1AA)

Parking: there is a good-sized car park at the ground, at £2 per car.

Train: the station is a 10-15-minute walk away from the Lamb Ground. Exit the station and walk down the station approach to the traffic island in front of it. Turn left along the dual carriageway and continue to follow it, bearing around to



the left at the next roundabout, which takes you past a garage. The floodlights should make themselves known in the distance ahead.

The Away Travel Club will be running a coach to the game: contact the club on 01223 566500 to

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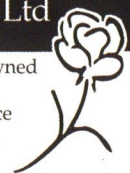
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News for U's

News for supporters attending today's match

Cambridge United Football Club is
committed to making the R Costings
Stadium a safe and welcoming envi-
ronment for all supporters attending
matches.

We are encouraging more families to
attend matches and want them to
feel comfortable within the stadium.

The club policy and ground regula-
tions are posted around the ground
but we would draw your attention to
our zero tolerance policy for support-
ers for

- * Using threatening behaviour, foul,
abusive or racist
- * Throwing of any object within the
stadium
- * The chanting of anything indecent
or racial
- * Entering the playing area or any
other restricted areas without author-
ity

Failure to comply with these regula-
tions could result in ejection from the
stadium and a ban from attending
future matches. If supporters are
arrested and convicted of offences
under the Football (Offences) Act
1991 as amended by the Football

(Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 this
could also result in a Football Banning
Order being made for all football
grounds in the country together with a
ban on travelling abroad to watch
England matches.

Some key safety considerations

- * All safety announcements will be
preceded by a 'bing bong' sound
from the tannoy. Please listen care-
fully to any instructions
- * Beware of footballs coming into
the stands especially during the
warm up and half time
- * Where seats are provided please
use them as standing in seated areas
can impact on other supporters view
and spoil their enjoyment of the
match
- * Please follow the traffic manage-
ment signs particularly when crossing
Newmarket Road or Coldhams
Lane.
- * You must be in possession of the
appropriate ticket to access the
area of the stadium entered
- * If you are using the main car park
obey stewards instructions at all
times. Movement may be restricted

after matches to allow pedestrians
safe egress

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- * Street parking is available near the
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make sure that emergency vehicles
have access

Cambridge United Football Club has
a proud history and tradition within the
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on as we develop our ambition to be
a family friendly club.

Ten to Tackle Answers

This afternoon's answers from page 16
are as follows:

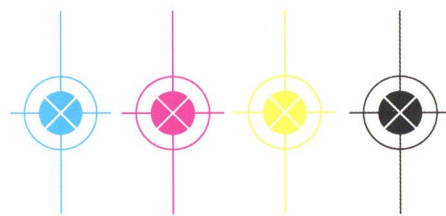
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Holloway 8. Kidderminster Harriers 9.
Wolves 10. Oldham's manager Lee
Johnson is the son of Yeovil (and for-
mer U's) manager Gary.

How did you do?

0-3: Are you David Moyes in disguise?
4-7: The number of home defeats
Man United will get this season?
8-10: Where Man United will finish in
the League?

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Season STATS

All the facts and figures for 2013/14

Date	H/A	Opponents	Res.	Att	Away	PTS	POS	Starting	Line-Up
August									
Sun 11	H	FC Halifax Town	W5-1	2,780	296	3	2	Maxwell	Tait Miller Bonner Taylor Arnold Champion Donaldson1
Wed 14	A	Welling United	D2-2	1,010	400e	4	3	Maxwell	Tait Miller McAuley Taylor Berry Champion Donaldson1
Sat 17	A	Aldershot Town	W1-0	2,022	309	7	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller McAuley Taylor Berry Champion Donaldson
Sat 24	H	Lincoln City	W1-0	3,022	447	10	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller Hughes Cunningham Berry1 Champion Donaldson
Mon 26	A	Luton Town	D0-0	7,517	963	11	2	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Berry Champion Donaldson
Sat 31	H	Tamworth	W3-0	2,527	78	14	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Berry2 Champion Donaldson
September									
Sat 07	A	Hyde	W1-0	766	324	17	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Berry Spillane Donaldson
Sat 14	H	Gateshead	W1-0	2,599	27	20	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Champion Berry Arnold Donaldson
Tue 17	A	Alfreton Town	D1-1	731	294	21	2	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Spillane Donaldson1
Sat 21	H	Forest Green Rovers	W2-1	2,915	51	24	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion1 Tait Berry1 Donaldson
Tue 24	H	Nuneaton Town	W3-0	3,740	209	27	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Berry1 Arnold
Sat 28	A	Wrexham	D1-1	3,136	203	28	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Berry Hughes
October									
Sat 05	H	Hereford United	W1-0	3,381	178	31	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Berry Hughes
Tue 08	A	Grimsby Town	W1-0	4,368	239	34	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Spillane Hughes
Sat 12	A	Chester FC	D0-0	2,530	331	35	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Berry Hughes
Sat 19	H	Salisbury City	W2-0	3,622	104	38	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Tait Spillane Arnold
Sat 26	A	Needham Market (FAC QR4)	W1-0	1,784	1,250e			Maxwell	Taylor Bonner Coulson Champion Hughes Berry Donaldson
November									
Sat 02	A	Southport	L0-1	1,006	202	38	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Tait Spillane
Tue 12	H	Aldershot Town	W4-0	3,110	156	41	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Tait Berry1
Sat 16	A	Barnet	D2-2	2,853	1,237	42	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Tait Berry
Tue 19	A	Bury (FAC1)	D0-0	1,712	204			Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Tait Berry
Sat 23	H	Woking	W2-0	3,515	126	45	1	Maxwell	Taylor Miller Coulson Champion Hughes Tait Berry
Sat 30	A	Salisbury City (FAT1)	W1-0	727	143			Brown	Roberts Bonner Coulson Austin Gillies Spillane Berry
December									
Tue 03	H	Bury (FAC1R)	W2-1	3,342	105			Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Hughes Berry2 Champion
Sun 08	H	Sheffield United FAC2	L0-2	4,593	558			Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Hughes Berry Champion
Tue 10	H	Macclesfield Town	W3-0	2,224	28	48	1	Maxwell	Taylor Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Hughes Berry Champion
Sat 14	A	St Albans City (FAT2)	W2-1	887	228			Brown	Roberts Bonner Coulson Austin Hughes Spillane Ledsham
Sat 21	A	Hereford United	L0-1	1,558	178	48	1	Maxwell	Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Dunk Berry Champion
Thu 26	H	Braintree Town	W1-0	4,194	132	51	1	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Dunk Berry1 Champion
Sat 28	A	Nuneaton Town	D0-0	1,478	531	52	2	Maxwell	Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Dunk Berry Champion
January									
Tue 07	A	Braintree Town	P-P						
Sat 11	H	Luton Town (FAT3)	15:00						
Sat 18	A	FC Halifax Town	15:00						
Tue 21	A	Tamworth	19:45						
Sat 25	A	Dartford	15:00						
Tue 28	H	Grimsby Town	19:45						
February									
Sat 01	H	Wrexham	15:00						
Thu 06	A	Kidderminster Harriers	19:30						
Tue 11	H	Alfreton Town	19:45						
Sat 15	H	Welling United	15:00						
Sat 22	A	Salisbury City	15:00						
March									
Sat 01	H	Kidderminster Harriers	15:00						
Sat 08	A	Forest Green Rovers	15:00						
Sat 15	H	Dartford	15:00						
Sat 22	A	Woking	15:00						
Sat 29	H	Barnet	15:00						
April									
Tue 01	A	Macclesfield Town	19:45						
Sat 05	H	Southport	15:00						
Sat 12	H	Hyde	15:00						
Sat 19	A	Lincoln City	15:00						
Mon 21	H	Chester FC	15:00						
Sat 26	A	Gateshead	15:00						

TBA H Luton Town

e - matches at Welling and Needham Market were unsegregated, estimated away attendance given

SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB
Dunk	Cunnington2(1p)	Elliott	Sam-Yorke2	Berry	Hughes	McAuley	Wilson
Dunk	Cunnington	Hughes	Sam-Yorke	Arnold1	Austin	Allen	Norris
Dunk	Sam-Yorke	Arnold	Hughes	Cunnington	Austin	Allen	Norris
Dunk	Sam-Yorke	Arnold	Taylor	Austin	Spillane	Coulson	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Arnold	Sam-Yorke	Spillane	Austin	Hughes	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington1p	Arnold	Spillane	Hughes	Austin	Sam-Yorke	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington1	Hughes	Arnold	Austin	Roberts	Pugh	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington1	Appiah	Hughes	Taylor	Spillane	Austin	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah	Arnold	Berry	Roberts	Tait	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah	Arnold	Hughes	Spillane	Sam-Yorke	Norris
Dunk1	Cunnington	Appiah1	Hughes	Sam-Yorke	Spillane	Austin	Norris
Dunk	Sam-Yorke	Appiah1	Arnold	Cunnington	Spillane	Roberts	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah1	Sam-Yorke	Spillane	Arnold	Austin	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington1	Appiah	Sam-Yorke	Berry	Arnold	Bonner	Norris
Dunk	Elliott	Appiah	Cunnington	Sam-Yorke	Arnold	Bonner	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Elliott	Appiah2	Berry	Sam-Yorke	Hughes	Norris
Dunk	Sam-Yorke	Appiah	Cunnington1	Arnold	Austin	Spillane	Miller McAuley Norris
Austin	Cunnington	Appiah	Arnold	Berry	Dunk	Sam-Yorke	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington1	Appiah1	Arnold1	Roberts	Sam-Yorke	Austin	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah2	Arnold	Sam-Yorke	Roberts	Bonner	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah	Sam-Yorke	Arnold	Roberts	Bonner	Spillane Austin Norris
Dunk2	Cunnington	Appiah	Sam-Yorke	Spillane	Arnold	Austin	Norris
Ledsham	Arnold1	Sam-Yorke	Hughes	Taylor	Akintunde	Horne	Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah	Roberts	Bonner	Austin	Sam-Yorke	Spillane Arnold Norris
Dunk	Cunnington	Appiah	Roberts	Arnold	Austin	Sam-Yorke	Spillane Bonner Brown
Gillies1	Cunnington	Appiah2	Arnold	Austin	Spillane	Ledsham	Brown
Gillies	Arnold1	Sam-Yorke	Berry	Pierre1	Appiah	Champion	Maxwell
Gillies	Cunnington	Arnold	Sam-Yorke	Tait	Spillane	Bonner	Brown
Donaldson	Cunnington	Arnold	Spillane	Sam-Yorke	Roberts	Austin	Brown
Spillane	Cunnington	Elliott	Donaldson	Arnold	Bonner	Sam-Yorke	Brown

APPEARANCES 2013/14				
PLAYER	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOT
James Akintunde	0	0	0+1	0+1
Luke Allen	0	0	0	0
Kwesi Appiah	13+1	4	0+1	17+2
Nathan Arnold	10+10	0+2	2	12+12
Mitch Austin	1+4	0+1	2	3+5
Luke Berry	19+4	4	1+1	24+5
Tom Bonner	1	1	2	4
Jason Brown	0	0	2	2
Tom Champion	23	4	0	27
Josh Coulson	20	4	2	26
Adam Cunningham	20+1	3+1	0	23+2
Ryan Donaldson	11+1	1	0	12+1
Harrison Dunk	22+1	4	0	26+1
Tom Elliott	4	0	0	4
Josh Gillies	2	0	2	4
Ryan Horne	0	0	0	0
Liam Hughes	13+6	4	1+1	18+7
Liam Hurst	0	0	0	0
Karl Ledsham	0	0	2	2
Chris Maxwell	24	4	0	28
Rory McAuley	2	0	0	2
Ian Miller	24	3	0	27
Will Norris	0	0	0	0
Aaron Pierre	0	0	0+1	0+1
Andy Pugh	0	0	0	0
Kevin Roberts	2+3	0+1	2	4+4
Delano Sam-Yorke	3+11	1+1	2	6+12
Michael Spillane	6+10	0	2	8+10
John Sullivan	0	0	0	0
Richard Tait	21+1	3	0	24+1
Bobby-Joe Taylor	0	0	0	0
Greg Taylor	22+2	4	0+1	26+3
Ben Wilson	0	0	0	0

GOAL SCORERS 2013/14				
PLAYER	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOT
Kwesi Appiah	10	0	0	10
Luke Berry	7	2	0	9
Adam Cunningham	7	1	0	8
Nathan Arnold	2	0	2	4
Ryan Donaldson	3	0	0	3
Harrison Dunk	3	0	0	3
Delano Sam-Yorke	2	0	0	2
Tom Champion	1	0	0	1
Josh Gillies	1	0	0	1
Aaron Pierre	1	0	0	1
Own Goals*	1	0	0	1

* Oastler (v Aldershot 17/08/13)

Tables & FIXTURES



	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Luton Town	27	10	3	0	34	11	6	6	2	23	12	34	57
Cambridge United	24	12	0	0	28	2	3	7	2	9	8	27	52
Alfreton Town	29	11	1	2	29	18	5	0	10	17	30	-2	49
Grimsby Town	24	7	3	3	26	16	6	2	3	12	8	14	44
FC Halifax Town	28	11	3	1	40	15	1	3	9	13	29	9	42
Barnet	27	6	5	2	19	12	5	4	5	18	16	9	42
Kidderminster Harriers	25	9	1	2	29	15	4	2	7	12	22	4	42
Gateshead FC	26	6	3	3	22	15	6	2	6	21	20	8	41
Nuneaton Town	26	6	4	3	19	15	5	4	4	14	16	2	41
Salisbury City	24	9	2	2	24	14	3	2	6	12	17	5	40
Braintree Town	24	6	1	4	16	11	5	4	4	16	12	9	38
Macclesfield Town	25	7	3	3	21	14	4	2	6	17	19	5	38
Wrexham	26	7	2	3	21	15	3	3	8	23	25	4	35
Welling United	24	5	4	2	16	10	4	3	6	18	22	2	34
Forest Green Rovers	24	8	1	2	26	9	2	2	9	16	27	6	33
Lincoln City	27	6	3	4	14	8	2	5	7	15	27	-6	32
Hereford United	25	6	4	3	14	12	2	3	7	14	18	-2	31
Woking	24	4	4	5	16	19	4	1	6	15	18	-6	29
Southport	25	6	3	3	12	11	1	2	10	9	26	-16	26
Aldershot Town (-10)	25	8	2	3	32	17	2	3	7	7	18	4	25
Tamworth	24	4	4	5	14	16	2	2	7	9	25	-18	24
Chester FC	25	1	8	4	9	15	3	2	7	12	21	-15	22
Dartford	26	4	1	8	15	22	1	2	10	8	27	-26	18
Hyde FC	26	0	2	12	9	29	0	1	11	11	42	-51	3

Should today's match finish level after 90 minutes, a replay will take place on Tuesday, January 14th at Kenilworth Road. Kick-off will be at 7.45pm.

If, however, today's match does not finish level The U's will visit Braintree for a Skril Premier on Tuesday instead. Kick-off would be at 7.45pm.

Visit www.cambridgeunited.com for ticket details and away travel information.

Thurlow Nunn Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hadleigh United	24	19	4	1	75	24	51	61
Godmanchester Rov.	21	14	3	4	45	23	22	45
Haverhill Rovers	23	14	3	6	48	31	17	45
Gorleston	20	12	5	3	56	41	15	41
Brightlingsea Regent	17	12	3	2	48	19	29	39
Felixstowe & Walton	20	10	7	3	42	28	14	37
Mildenhall Town	22	10	6	6	47	31	16	36
Norwich United	20	11	3	6	32	24	8	36
Walsham-le-Willows	22	8	8	6	46	29	17	32
Newmarket Town	21	8	8	5	49	39	10	32
Brantham Athletic	21	9	4	8	41	37	4	31
CRC	22	8	1	13	43	37	6	25
Kirkley & Pakefield	22	7	4	11	37	51	-14	25
Stanway Rovers	23	6	6	11	47	42	5	24
Diss Town	21	6	2	13	28	60	-32	20
FC Clacton	19	3	7	9	27	46	-19	16
Theftord Town	21	3	6	12	30	54	-24	15
Ely City	22	4	3	15	26	52	-26	15
Wivenhoe Town	22	3	3	16	17	49	-32	12
Woodbridge Town	21	1	2	18	21	88	-67	5

Today's Fixtures



Aldershot Town v Guiseley AFC
Cambridge United v Luton Town
Eastleigh v Dover Athletic
Grimsby Town v Maidenhead United
Havant & Waterlooville v Ebbsfleet United
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Lincoln City v North Ferriby United
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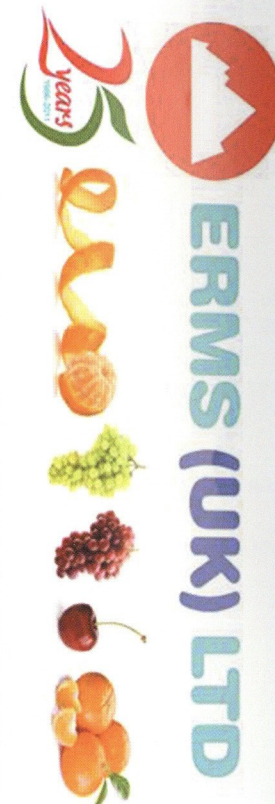
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3 Greg TAYLOR.....	○	□
4 Josh COULSON.....	○	□
5 Tom BONNER.....	○	□
6 Ian MILLER.....	○	□
7 Ryan DONALDSON.....	○	□
8 Tom CHAMPION.....	○	□
9 Adam CUNNINGTON.....	○	□
10 Tom ELLIOTT.....	○	□
11 Harrison DUNK.....	○	□
12 Rory MCAULEY.....	○	□
13 Will NORRIS.....	○	□
14 Richard TAIT.....	○	□
15 Andy PUGH.....	○	□
16 Mitch AUSTIN.....	○	□
17 Liam HUGHES.....	○	□
18 Luke BERRY.....	○	□
19 Delano SAM-YORKE.....	○	□
20 Luke ALLEN.....	○	□
21.....	○	□
22 Michael SPILLANE.....	○	□
23.....	○	□
24 Nathan ARNOLD.....	○	□
25.....	○	□
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34.....	○	□

Luton TOWN

	PI	Sub
1 Mark TYLER.....	○	□
2.....	○	□
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4 Jonathan SMITH.....	○	□
5 Steve MCNULTY.....	○	□
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7 Alex LAWLESS.....	○	□
8 Solomon TAIWO.....	○	□
9 Jon SHAW.....	○	□
10 Alex WALL.....	○	□
11 Jake HOWELLS.....	○	□
12 Scott GRIFFITHS.....	○	□
13 Mark CULLEN.....	○	□
14 Andy PARRY.....	○	□
15.....	○	□
16 Elliot JUSTHAM.....	○	□
17 JJ O'DONNELL.....	○	□
18 Dave MARTIN.....	○	□
19 Joe DAVIS.....	○	□
20 Danny VIANA.....	○	□
21 Luke GUTTRIDGE.....	○	□
22 Shaun WHALLEY.....	○	□
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25 Ronnie HENRY.....	○	□
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27 Andre GRAY.....	○	□
28 Jim STEVENSON.....	○	□
29 Kane FERDINAND.....	○	□
30 Alex LACEY.....	○	□
31 Jake WOOLLEY.....	○	□
32 Brett LONGDEN.....	○	□
33 Jerome JIBODU.....	○	□
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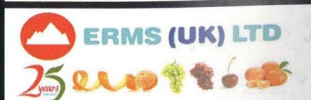
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