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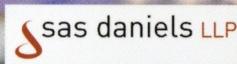
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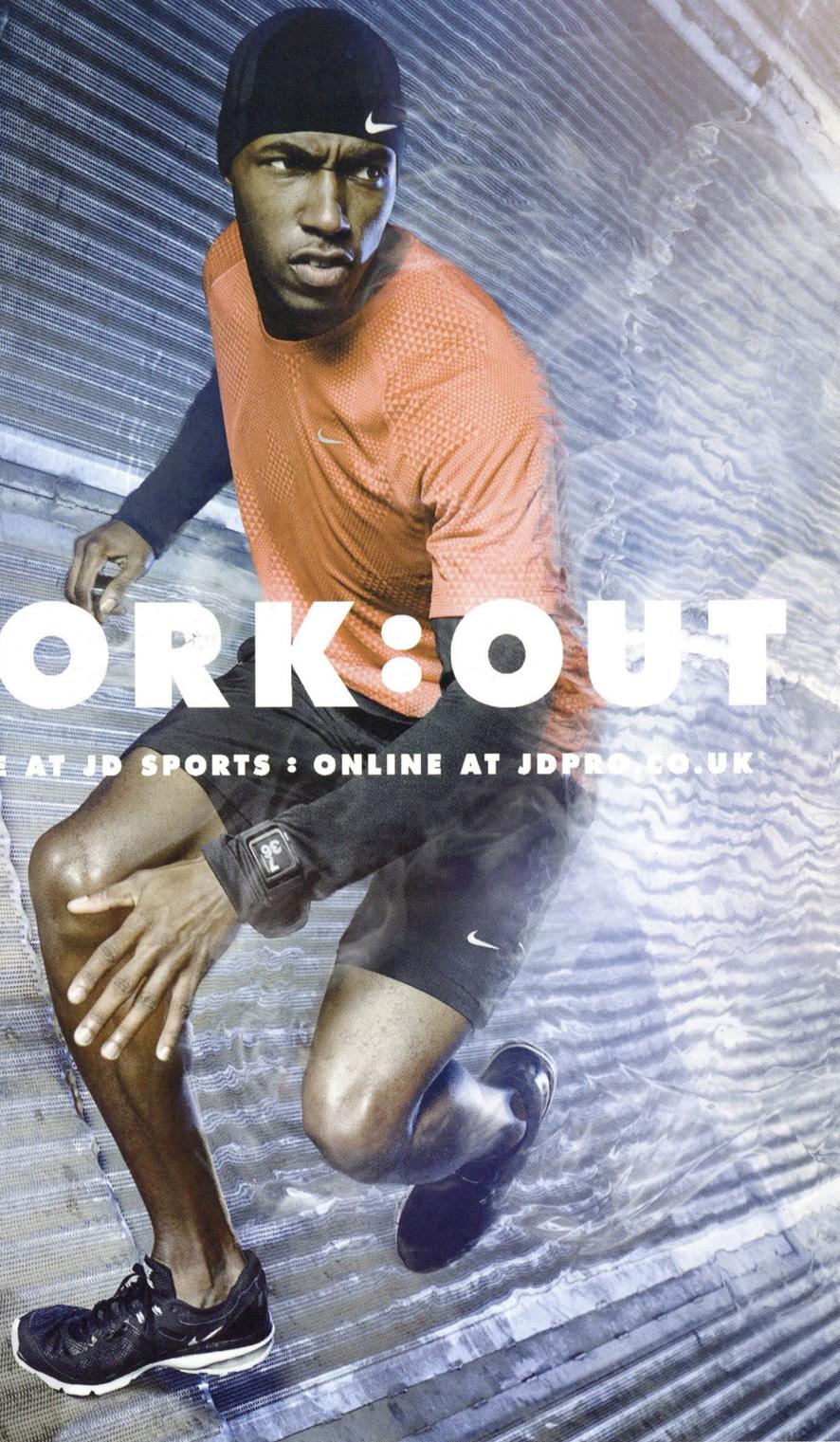


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MTFC Welcome

Good evening and welcome back to the Moss Rose for this match between the two form sides in the division. Whilst Luton top the table, the Silkmen are well in the hunt for the play-offs, so let's hope that this fixture is repeated next season, but in League Two!

Ok, perhaps that might be long odds, but when we are witnessing some of the best football at the Moss Rose in years, why not dare to dream. Of course the club are not out of the financial woods yet, and your support is vital, so hopefully you will be able to recount the details of another positive Moss Rose result to any friends who might not think that being unbeaten since September is quite good enough!

Get behind the lads tonight, because whatever the result, so far this season there's been plenty to shout about.

Enjoy the game.



Good evening and welcome back to the Moss Rose for another Tuesday night clash as we entertain Luton Town in what looks to be an exciting match.

John Still and his side are in great form at the moment and top the table as they come to Cheshire, but we relish the challenge that the best teams in the division pose, especially here at the Moss Rose. So I would like to offer a warm welcome to John and his side, as well as the officials and supporters of Luton. But we're not in too bad form ourselves, with Luton the only side to be higher in the Skirill Premier form table than we are. We have always said that making the Moss Rose a hard place to visit is one of the most important things we can do, and I don't think anyone would really look forward to the chance to test our 15 match unbeaten run here. Despite not playing much recently, we're still in touch with the play-offs and have games in hand on many of the clubs above us. Of course games in hand don't automatically equal points on the board, but with a few more wins under our belts, we will be right up there in the mix.

Unfortunately, we didn't have the chance to narrow that gap further at the weekend as Saturday saw another postponement for us, and for most of the division. I've mentioned before about the frustrations of preparing for a match only to see it cancelled on the morning. But this season, we've at least been lucky enough that games have been called off early to prevent

travelling, which gives us the chance to arrange a training session to make best use of the day, but whenever the call comes, it means having to find a slot for the game later in the season. Whilst we're by no means the worst in the division for games played, it might see something of a backlog later in the campaign which can really test your squad to the limits. So it's good that we have been able to make some movements in the transfer market in recent weeks to see players out getting games under their belts as well as bringing in Waide and now George Pilkington, who is no stranger to Luton supporters, and brings a great deal of experience to the squad and the back line in particular.

When you are in good form you always want the next game to come around quickly, and we were all keen to get back to action after our win last week.

The match against Chester saw us once again showing a great deal of resilience. For the second match running we went a goal down but just as we did with Lincoln, hit back with three good goals to take control of the match, in difficult conditions for both sides. But we kept trying to play football and despite conceding late on to make it a little bit nervy, we deserved all three points again. It was especially pleasing to see us scoring from set pieces, as that's something we work hard on in training and it is a useful tool to have when you are trying to break down a stubborn defence. I've also been very pleased with how clinical we have been in front of goal in recent games, finding the net three

FROM THE Manager

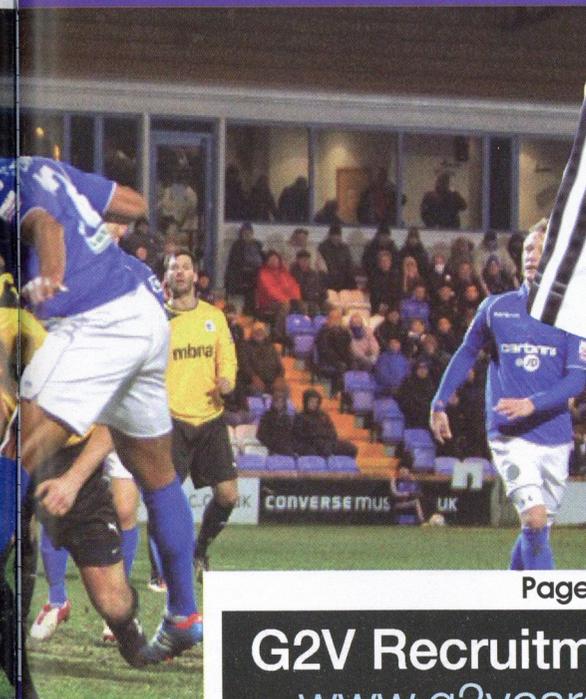
times in three of our four league games already since the turn of the year. Both Scott Boden and Chris Holroyd have been in good form in that department, but it is also nice to see the goals being spread around the side a little with goals being chipped in from midfield and defence. When you have goals throughout the side, it makes it that much harder for the opposition to counteract your threats.

But coming from behind in those two games, and of course in both games against Sheffield Wednesday shows that these lads have a great deal of spirit. They don't let an early blow knock their confidence and they know that they are good enough, and fit enough to keep going until the end.

And again, it always helps for you to be backing them from the first to the 90th minute.

Keep behind us and enjoy the game.

John.



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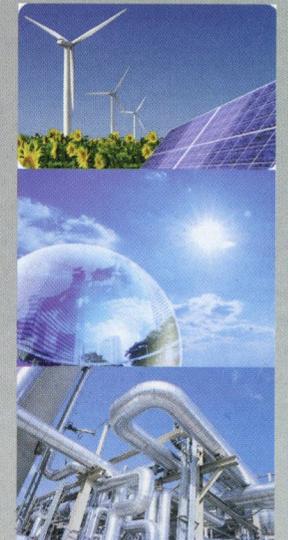
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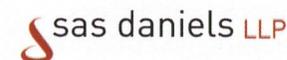


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TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS Luton Town



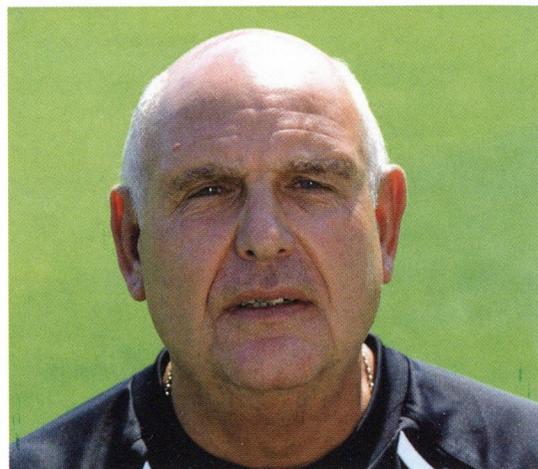
Founded in 1885 through the merger of Luton Town Wanderers and Exelsior, they began life at the latter's Dallow Lane Ground. Luton were trailblazers in the south of the country, first offering payments to players in 1890 before becoming the first club in Southern England to go fully professional a year later.

Initially a founder member of the Southern Football League, they joined the mostly northern based Football League in 1897. Leading a nomadic existence in their early years, Luton played at Dunstable Road for eight years before finally settling into life at Kenilworth Road in 1905.

After several years in the lower echelons of League football, Luton reached the top flight of the English game for the first time in 1956 and reached the FA Cup final three seasons later. But relegation soon followed and a dramatic drop down the divisions saw them returning to the Fourth division by 1964.

The first of their resurgences followed, and within a decade they had returned to the top table. After another spell out of the top flight David Pleat managed them back there, and famously danced on the pitch at Maine Road as they won on the final day of the season to survive, relegating City at the same time. Their highest ever League placing followed soon after with a 7th place finish, as well as lifting the League Cup in 1988. Dropping out of the top flight in 1992 they again dropped to the third tier. Various on and off field problems followed eventually leaving them to start the 2008/9 season on minus 30 points, and an insurmountable hurdle to remain in the Football League – but bowing out with a JPT final win at Wembley.

The conference years have seen Luton perennially in and around the play-offs, finishing in the top five three times in four seasons. This season they arrive at the Moss Rose three points clear at the top of the division. Determined not to face the lottery of the play-offs again, they arrive on the back of a 20 match unbeaten run which has only been paused by recent postponements after a 3-0 win over Nuneaton 16 days ago, most recently seeing their match on Saturday against Tamworth called off. Manager John Still has been understandably frustrated by the lack of games, and spoke to www.bedfordshire-news.co.uk.



"Every now and then a game will be off and you'll think 'that's not bad' but when you're involved in football, I call it a Saturday sport. I know you play midweek, but you can get by if you don't play midweek. It's tough when you don't play on a Saturday. It really is tough, but what can we do?"

"The weather's been absolutely atrocious," he said. "Even when you see games that do go ahead – there was one on TV the other night – the pitches have been shocking. Sometimes you are pushed to get a game on, a little bit like our Barnet game if you like.

"It ruins the pitch then and you've got a problem longer term. If the game against Barnet had been off, we might have got one or two games on that have been off, that type of thing. You can't do anything. It's not ideal, but it's not ideal for everybody. You wait for the weather to brighten up and go again."

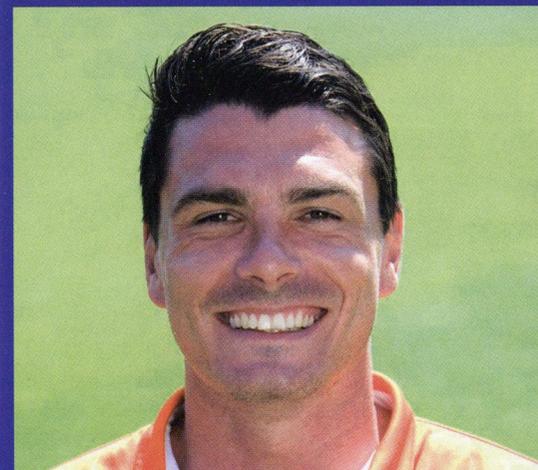
LAST TIME OUT

Luton have also suffered from having matches postponed this winter, and come here without a game since January 25th. Their last outing saw them beating Nuneaton 3-0 at Kenilworth Road and this was the side that took to the field.



MARK TYLER

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



RONNIE HENRY

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

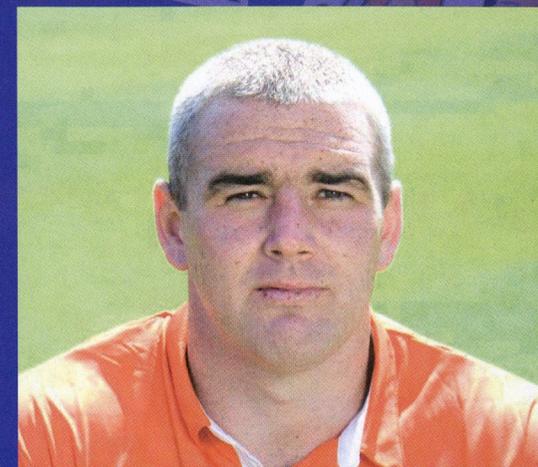
SCOTT GRIFFITHS

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

RYAN INNISS

Teenage centre-half who joined the Hatters on loan

from Premier League Crystal Palace. England youth international and scored on his Town debut against Cambridge in the FA Trophy.

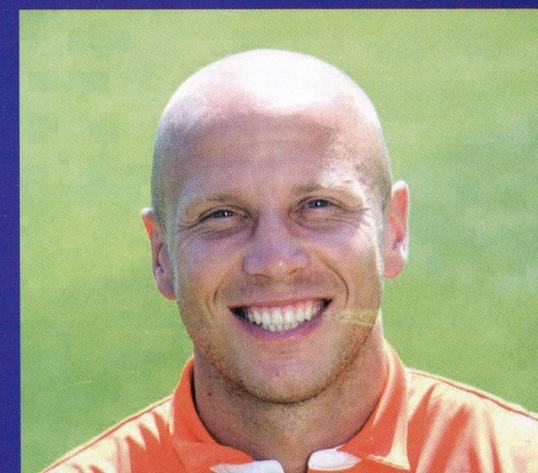


STEVE MCNULTY

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

JAKE HOWELLS

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



LUKE GUTTRIDGE

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



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MATT ROBINSON

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



ANDRE GRAY

Lightening quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals. The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Hinckley in March 2012 and has been capped by England C. Bagged the match ball with all three goals in the second half against Nuneaton.



PAUL BENSON

Experienced centre-forward signed on a season-long

loan from Swindon in August 2013. Helped Dagenham & Redbridge to two promotions with John Still, scoring over 75 times in the process. Continued to score once he left the Daggers when with Charlton and Swindon. Won League 2 title with Swindon in 2012.

CAMERON MCGEEHAN

Captain of the Norwich youth side which won the FA Youth Cup last season, scoring twice in the final against Chelsea, the midfielder joined Luton on loan for a month in mid-January and enjoyed a winning debut against Nuneaton.

Substitutes

ELLIOT JUSTHAM

Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading. Unused sub.

MARK CULLEN

Young striker signed on a two-year deal following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City. A clever, poacher of a forward, Cullen impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, he scored on his full debut for the Tigers whilst in the top flight. Came on for Benson in the 79th minute.

FRASER FRANKS

Talented centre-half signed for an undisclosed fee in January from Welling United. Began his career as a youngster at Chelsea and then Brentford before moving to AFC Wimbledon, winning promotion in 2011. Left Kingsmeadow for Welling and helped the Wings secure the Conference South title last season. Unused sub.

DAVE MARTIN

Left-winger who signed for the Hatters in January this year and went onto score three times in 16 league appearances for the club. He was rewarded for his fine performances with a new two-year deal this summer. Replaced Howells late in the 3-0 win.

KANE FERDINAND

Formerly of Southend, the midfielder joined Luton on loan from Peterborough during the transfer window. Has also spent time on loan at Northampton this season, as well as playing in League One for Posh. Unused sub.

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Back to the Future

with LUTON TOWN

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS traces what happened to four of Luton Town's greatest post-war teams

1959 FA CUP FINALISTS

RON BAYNHAM: England international goalkeeper who made 388 League appearances until injury ended his playing career in May 1965. He later worked as an interior decorator and now lives in Silsoe.

BRENDAN McNALLY: Ire international right-back who joined Cambridge City in July 1963, then Dunstable. He managed Chesham and Dunstable, then worked for Zenith Windows, settling in Dunstable.



1959 FA Cup Final Syd Owen

SYD OWEN: England international who became manager. Later Leeds United's coach until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

KEN HAWKES: Left-back who moved to Peterborough United in June 1961, then played for Bedford and St Neots. He spent 28 years as a sales rep for a wholesale food company and still lives in Luton.

JOHN GROVES: Long-serving right-half who netted 16 goals in 218 League games, moving to Bournemouth in September 1963. Settling in his native Derby, he spent 30 years working for Courtaulds.

DAVE PACEY: England U-23 left-half who netted 16 goals in 246 League games for the Hatters, moving to Kettering Town in July 1965. He then worked for Electrolux, settling in Newport Pagnell.

BILLY BINGHAM: Northern Ireland international winger who joined Everton in October 1960, then played for Port Vale. He managed Southport, Plymouth, Everton, Mansfield and Northern Ireland.

ALLAN BROWN: Scotland international who moved to Portsmouth in March 1961, then managed Wigan, Luton, Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool. He died in April 2011.

BOB MORTON: England B international who netted 48 goals in 495 League games, becoming Bletchley Town's player-boss in July 1964. He worked for Luton Sports Press and died in April 2002.

GEORGE CUMMINS: Ire international who scored 21 times in 186 League outings, moving to Cambridge City in July 1961, then Hull City. He was later an electrician, settling in Newton-le-Willows.

TONY GREGORY: Ex-England Youth winger who joined Watford in March 1960, then Bexley, Bedford, Hastings, Dover and Stevenage. He was managing director of an aerosol manufacturing firm.

1973-74 PROMOTION WINNERS

GRAHAM HORN: Goalkeeper who moved to Charlton Athletic in December 1976, then Southend, Aldershot and Torquay. Later a residential social worker for Devon County Council, he died in July 2012.

JOHN RYAN: Right-back who joined Norwich City in August 1976, then Sheffield United, Manchester City, Stockport County, Chester and Cambridge United's player-boss. He has held coaching posts.

BOBBY THOMSON: Ex-England international who had a spell with Hartford Bi-Centennials before joining Port Vale in October 1976. He was Stafford's player-boss, then ran a sports shop in Sedgley.

PETER ANDERSON: Midfielder who joined Antwerp in December 1975, then Tampa Bay Rowdies, Sheffield United and was Millwall's player-boss. Now CEO of Bayshore Technologies Group in Tampa.

JOHN FAULKNER: Central defender who netted six goals in 209 League games. Later coaching at Luton and Norwich City, 'Maxie' then scouted for various clubs and since become a sports psychologist.

ALAN GARNER: Central defender who moved to Watford in February 1975, then played for Portsmouth, Barnet, Chesham United and Barton Rovers. He now runs his own window business in Hitchin.

JIM RYAN: Winger who scored 21 times in 184 League games, then had a spell with Dallas Tornado before rejoining Luton as a coach, then manager. He has since coached back at Manchester United.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Former England U-23 international who joined

Memphis Rogues in May 1978. Later with Eynesbury and St Neots, he then worked as a barman at a local pub and has settled in Clophill.

BARRY BUTLIN: Leading marksman who moved to Nottingham Forest in October 1974, then played for Peterborough and Sheffield United. He is now a financial adviser and has settled in Chellaston.

ALAN WEST: England U-23 midfielder who joined Millwall in July 1981, then had spells with Hitchin and Baldock. He has since become a church minister in Luton and also the Hatters' club chaplain.

JOHN ASTON: England U-23 winger who netted 31 goals in 174 League games before moving to Mansfield Town in September 1977, then Blackburn Rovers. He has since run Pet World in Stalybridge.

1981-82 SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

JAKE FINDLAY: Goalkeeper who made 167 League appearances before joining Swindon Town in July 1985, then Portsmouth and Coventry City. He has held coaching posts, including at Stourport Swifts.

KIRK STEPHENS: Right-back who scored twice in 227 League games before joining Coventry City in August 1984, then Nuneaton Borough. He has since run the family building firm Walsgrave Contractors.

RICHARD MONEY: England B international who joined Portsmouth in August 1983, then Scunthorpe United again. He has since had spells as manager of Scunthorpe, Walsall, Luton and Cambridge United.

BRIAN HORTON: Captain who became Hull City's player-boss in July 1984, then managed Oxford United, Manchester City, Huddersfield, Brighton, Port Vale and Macclesfield. Now Doncaster's coach.

CLIVE GOODYEAR: Central defender who moved to Plymouth Argyle in August 1984, then Wimbledon, Brentford and St Albans City. He has since been a physio at several clubs and now in Bletchley.

MAL DONAGHY: Northern Ireland international who joined Manchester United in October 1988, then played for Chelsea. Settling back in Northern Ireland, he has worked for the FAI in

development roles.

RICKY HILL: England international midfielder who joined Le Havre in June 1989, then reunited with David Pleat at Leicester City. He held several coaching posts before a spell back at Luton as manager.

BRIAN STEIN: England international striker who joined Annecy in June 1988, then played for Luton again and Barnet. He has since held coaching posts, including a spell assisting Mike Newell at Luton.

STEVE WHITE: Striker who moved to Charlton Athletic in July 1982, then Bristol Rovers again, Swindon Town, Hereford United and Cardiff City. He has assisted Bath City and managed Chippenham.

LIL FUCCILLO: Midfielder who later played for Tulsa Roughnecks, Southend, Peterborough and Cambridge United. His management posts included a spell back at Luton and he now scouts for Newcastle.

DAVID MOSS: Winger who returned to Swindon Town in July 1985. He later assisted Brian Horton at various clubs and managed Macclesfield Town, becoming involved with youth development at Liverpool.

1988 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

ANDY DIBBLE: Welsh international goalkeeper who joined Manchester City in July 1988, then Glasgow Rangers, Luton again, Stockport County and Wrexham. He has since been a goalkeeping coach.

TIM BREACKER: England U-21 right-back who netted three goals in 210 League games before joining West Ham in October 1990, then QPR. He has since coached at various clubs, recently at Millwall.

ROB JOHNSON: Left-back who reunited with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1989, then played for Barnet. He is now a physio with the English Institute of Sport and has a practice in Matlock.

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STEVE FOSTER: England international central defender



1988 League Cup win Steve Foster and Brian Stein

who netted 11 goals in 163 League games, joining Oxford United in July 1989, then Brighton again. He now has an insurance business in Hove.

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MICK HARFORD: England international striker who joined Derby in January 1990, then Luton again, Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. Later Luton's manager, he is now Millwall's chief scout.

DAVID PREECE: England B international who netted 21 goals in 336 League games, moving to Derby County in August 1995, then was player-coach at Cambridge United and Torquay. He died in July 2007.

KINGSLEY BLACK: Northern Ireland international winger who joined Nottingham Forest in September 1991, then appeared for Grimsby Town and Lincoln City. He currently owns tanning studios in Luton.



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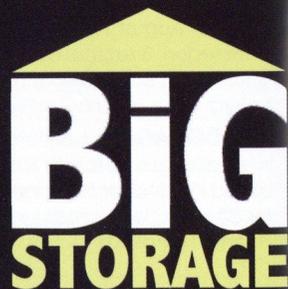
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Names & Games

with LUTON TOWN

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks at Luton Town's leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN – 1987-88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED – DAVID PLEAT



Mark Wright

Articulate manager David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton,

Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

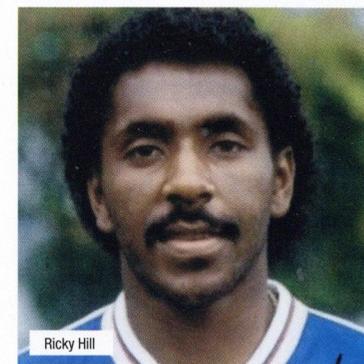
FAB FOUR

BRUCE RIOCH

Influential midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

RICKY HILL

England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.



Ricky Hill

BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined French side Caen in July 1988 and moved via Anney back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and has since worked in the media.



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Fans Eye View

To gauge the mood amongst the Luton faithful we caught up with Kevin Crowe, a lifelong Hatters' fan and a regular at Kenilworth Road.

What have you made of your season so far?

Happily we started with a loss away from home and everyone looked down at their season tickets and just thought "here we go again", so that set the tone, and the expectations, nice and low for the season. The level of expectation in the stands is a big thing for us at this level. Although other managers have said that the fans expect too much and are quick to criticise and this means that sometimes this has an adverse effect on the players, I'm not sure we ever really took it on board until this term. Just as clubs get growing pains from ascending the leagues too quickly, the same can happen in reverse, and our 6,000 regulars were always going to demand that we win the league at a canter given the level that we are more used to.

I always thought that it would be a season which would see us finally start to look like a team capable of winning things because attendances had dropped off a bit and fans started to cut the side a bit more slack. The end of last season was so demoralising and though it didn't affect the attendances this term, the outlook certainly seems to have changed. And that has everything to do with John Still and his team. This season's been a bit too good to be true since those couple of early blips - we're getting a bit excited - so it's bound to go wrong at some point!

Luton have been the in-form team over the last few months. What has been the difference this season compared to the previous Conference campaigns?

There have been quite a few ins and outs in the playing staff which has seen some of the bigger wage packets and the larger egos leave. A few of the senior players were moonlighting, selling what was essentially a pyramid scheme to the younger players while injured and, although I wouldn't blame the malaise around the place wholly on that, the attitude was generally less than focussed on the task at hand than it could have been. Some of the flashier players with non-league pedigree seemed to think they'd already made it just by being here. That's all gone. The side look really organised and the addition of one or two experienced players, like Paul Benson and Steve McNulty, have really transformed the form of the younger talent around them, who look unplayable at times.

How much influence has your manager John Still had over your impressive form this season?

We love him. We've been dreaming of a John Still for five years. No tan, no suit, no hair gel. Barely even hair. Just football through and through. He knows everyone that you need to know at this level of the game and higher up which means our loan signings have been phenomenal. He knows how to build the right attitude in the dressing room and create that real togetherness between the players, the fans and the staff that can get you on a roll and keep it going. He's got

a lucky hat and he recorded me a hilarious video message for my wedding day even though we've never met. He'd be my favourite uncle, even though he supports West Ham.

Considering how many near-misses the club has had, in your opinion how frustrating would it be should you fail to get promoted this time around?

Still was always talking about a two-year project, and at the very least the fans trust him so we'd cope. We feel slightly less desperate than we have done to get up in previous years, which has helped. It certainly feels like our time though.

Having formed a potent partnership with Andre Gray up front, would you like to see Paul Benson's loan deal made permanent in the summer?

Yes, the man's a saint! Like a ballet dancer who loves a knock-down header, he's transformed the way we attack and at 34 he's still in great nick - the type who'd make a fantastic coach.

Which players should Macc look out for today?

Andre Gray for the fireworks; Luke Gutteridge makes us tick in the middle of the park; I wouldn't worry too much about Pelly Ruddock as there is nothing you can do to stop him once he's going, but the real man to watch is Steve McNulty, our magical centre half. He will tear you apart with a twinkle of his toes. Loves a Cruyff turn and a 30-yard volley.

Finally, a score prediction:

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Good evening and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for our

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SPECIAL VISITORS

This afternoon I would like to say a warm welcome to some special guests, watching the Silkmen for the first time. "Hello and welcome" to Linda Leeson and her guest, another of our special visitors from our local Macclesfield hospital. Linda was a prize winner at the Hospital Trust's Staff Awards ceremony just before Christmas, and this is her Award prize. Welcome Linda, we hope you will enjoy the game!

THE SILK PLEDGE

With a great run of home form over the past few months the Silk Pledge total has broken the £1000 barrier, and now sits at £1361.40 after our 3-1 home win against Lincoln City. On Saturday we looked at the "goals scored" pledges, and tonight we look at the remaining, and sometimes unusual, pledges:

- Team Goals: Frank & Sheila Bishop, Peter Bryant, Mike & Clare Griffiths, Jason Justice, Geoff Knights, Alan Littler, Julia Mitchell, Sue

Nicholls, Peter Owen, Tony Parry, John Rayner, Kevin Rickman, Janet Smith, Andy Thomas, David Tipper, Tom Virtue, Robert Wilson, Stephen Wood.

- 2+ Goals per Game: Mr N Fellows, Haavard Gulbrandsen, John Souness.
- Clean Sheets: David Brown, Peter Bryant, Myra Clark, Mike & Clare Griffiths, Haavard Gulbrandsen, Jason Justice, Clive Marrison, Sue Nicholls, Peter Owen, Martin Potts, John Rayner, Stephen Wood.
- Danny Andrew Goals: Clare Morgan.
- Scott Boden Goals: John Abbott, Mike & Clare Griffiths.
- James Bolton Goals: Lars Erik Pedersen.
- Jay Burgess Goals: John Clark.
- Lewis Chamers Goals: Jon Smart.
- Chris Holroyd Goals: Chris Abbott, John Clark, Myra Clark, Shirley Knights, Tom White.
- Connor Jennings Goals: Peter Bryant, Gail & Steve Mundy, John Rayner.
- John Paul Kissock Goals: Vicki Abbott, Tom Virtue.
- Paul Lewis Goals: Lars Erik Pedersen.
- Jack Mackreth Goals: Hiliary Woolliscroft.
- Danny Rowe Goals: Myra Clark.
- Efe Sodje Goals: Vicki Abbott, Lars Erik Pedersen.
- Danny Whitaker Goals: Myra Clark.
- Hat Trick: Chris Abbott, John Abbott.

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Up the Blues!

George

George Williams, Communications Officer, Silkmen Supporters' Trust

On This Day



Of the 15 matches played on 11 February there have been six wins, three draws and six defeats. The matches stretch from a Cheshire Senior Cup semi-final match against Northwich in 1893 to a Vauxhall Conference match against Hednesford Town in 1997. Today we take a look at two Cheshire League matches and a Northern Premier League Challenge Cup match.

11 FEBRUARY 1931 MANCHESTER CENTRAL RESERVES 1 MACCLESFIELD 2 – CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Manchester Central: Foster, Rowe, Roberts, Brown, Clayton, Inch, Slater, Cooper, Nolan, O'Beirne, Rose.

Macclesfield: Startling, Walker, Dennis, Holt, Read, Moyle, Tomkinson, Lievesley, Smith FC, Johnston, Peters.

Manchester Central only existed for a short time. Formed in 1928 matches were played at the old Belle Vue Athletics stadium with Billy Meredith, the Welsh international, as one of their coaches. They made four applications to become the third Manchester team in the Football League, all of which were unsuccessful although their fourth application was initially accepted, but after formal complaints by both Manchester City and Manchester United, was rejected. Realising that their ambitions would never be achieved the club became defunct in 1932.

In the 1930-31 season Manchester Central's first team were members of the Lancashire Combination with the reserves playing in the Cheshire League. This Cheshire League match was played on a Wednesday with Manchester Central electing to field their first team from the Lancashire Combination. The ground was in a poor condition and it was raining when the game started and the rain continued throughout the first half.

Central opened the scoring after 10 minutes with a long-range shot. Macclesfield went on the attack with both Wilfred Lievesley and Harold Peters having shots saved. Central's Nolan, who had already scored 31 goals in the season, was proving a handful giving a spirited display but was being kept at bay by full-backs Harry Walker and Billy Dennis. After 20 minutes Macclesfield equalised. The ball was on the right wing, Cecil Smith ran past Central's Roberts sending the ball to Peters who ran round the 'keeper to place the ball in an empty net. Just before



Manchester Central FC Stadium

half-time Macclesfield took the lead. A neat movement between Peters and Billy Johnston saw the ball end up with Smith whose long range shot beat the 'keeper although he managed to get a hand to it.

The opening exchanges of the second half were uneventful, but eventually Macclesfield started to attack but without any success. Smith fell over the ball within sight of goal, he was ruled off side from a free-kick and whilst Johnston was causing problems for the Central defence he could not find a way through. There was no further score, Macclesfield winning the match 2-1.

11 FEBRUARY 1956

MACCLESFIELD TOWN 3 ELLESMERE PORT TOWN 3 – CHESHIRE LEAGUE

Macclesfield Town: Hacking, Smith, Wood Roger, Whitworth, Wood Jack, Wood Jim, Mountford, Calder, Clarke, Crawford, Gillott.

Ellesmere Port Town: Burnett, Tolley, Roberts, Leyfield, Falden, Clowes, Lynch, Bainbridge, Turley, Morrey, Box.

Attendance: 1139



Jack Hacking

Played on a frozen surface with a thin covering of snow, first blood went to Macclesfield. David Mountford gathered a pass, exhibiting excellent ball control he went round Ellesmere Port's Roberts and then sent the ball into the area where Geoffrey Clarke headed home. The visitors equalised on 25 minutes when Box successfully lobbed the ball over 'keeper Jack Hacking. Within minutes Macclesfield had taken the lead

again, Roger Wood lifted a free-kick into the goalmouth, Clarke heading down allowing John Crawford to shoot home.

Macclesfield deserved their lead but they then lost concentration allowing the visitors to score two goals and take a 3-2 lead. The first came when Bainbridge converted a corner and the second goal was hotly disputed by Macclesfield. During the build-up one of the Ellesmere Port's players was off-side, the linesman raising his flag but just as the referee was about to blow his whistle, Macclesfield's Alex Smith struck out a foot toeing the ball onwards, the referee waved play on, the ball being collected by Bainbridge who scored his second goal.

In the second half, the visitors played fast and open football, with in-form Bainbridge hitting the post on one occasion. However, it was Macclesfield who had the last say. The ball was bouncing around in the area when it struck a defender's hand, the referee awarding Macclesfield a fortunate penalty which Roger Wood despatched to give the Silkmen a share of the points.

11 FEBRUARY 1970 MACCLESFIELD TOWN 2 – GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 2 – NPL CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG

Macclesfield Town: Cooke, Bennett, Sievwright, Beaumont, Collins, Roberts, Lyon, Clay, Young, Corfield, Fidler D.

Gainsborough Trinity: Lavery, Stainton, Harper, Clifton, Green, Brown M, Waite, Haughton, Brown E, Salmon, Hudson.

Attendance: 1349



Dick Young

The first leg of this semi-final tie had been played the previous week, the score ending 2-2 with Dick Young and Dennis Fidler scoring for

Macclesfield.

Macclesfield were well on their way to winning this tie with a second minute goal from Fidler and a second goal by Young when he converted a penalty in the second minute of the second half. Trinity then threw everything at the Silkmen, Monty Brown leading his team from the front nudged the ball over the line in the 65th minute and in the dying seconds, with spectators drifting away, Trinity's Bill Salmon rose high to head the ball over Silkmen 'keeper John Cooke to equalise for the visitors and take the aggregate score to 4-4.

Macclesfield almost secured victory in the last minute of extra time when Young's shot was saved by the keeper's legs, Frank Beaumont followed up the rebound but his shot was cleared by Clifton.

A replay on 23 March produced a 0-0 draw after extra time, but on 7 April a further replay, this time at Stockport, saw the Silkmen triumph 2-1 with goals from Dave Berry and Young. Unfortunately, Altrincham won the two-leg final with an aggregate score of 3-2.



Jack Mackreth

It is often said the physicality of the Conference sets it aside from the Football League.

Many players at the elite level of the non-league pyramid are good with their feet, easy on the eye but are also prepared to track back and work hard.

Macclesfield's Jack Mackreth ticks all those boxes.



The 21-year-old joined the Silkmen from Barrow in the summer of 2012, and says he looks back fondly on his time at Holker Street.

"I was part of Barrow's 2011-2012 campaign in the Conference Premier and it was a fabulous season at the club where we finished 13th," he said.

"They took me on when I was released from Tranmere Rovers' youth academy when I didn't think I was going to get another club so I'm forever grateful and indebted to Dave Bayliss and the staff there.

"It was probably the best time of my career to date and the fans, like at Macc really get behind the team.

"That said when I went back there last season, they really gave me some stick but you expect that and I didn't mind.

"We never expected to finish as high up as we did and around the same point in the season as we are now, we felt we may just make the play-offs, it wasn't to be and we still did very well."

The winger finds himself in a similar position at the Moss Rose this campaign.

Town sit just six points behind the final play-off position, and are playing entertaining, attacking football.

John Askey's men also have the luxury of games in hand but Mackreth believes they can't afford to rest on their laurels.

"You'd always prefer to have the points on the board," he explained.

"That said, we have a couple of home matches coming up and we're playing so well on home soil, I can't remember the last time we lost there.

"The games in hand keep the play-off dream alive and we know we're in a strong position."

Mackreth was named the sponsor's man of the match in last Tuesday's 3-2 victory over Chester.

In that game, the Silkmen had three different scorers, an asset that's a far cry from the opening months of the campaign where Connor Jennings was the main scoring outlet.

And Mackreth is relieved to see a share of the goals and better team displays.

"I think we relied too much on Connor's goals in the earlier part of the season," Mackreth said.

"Now, the goals are much more spread out across the team and we've seen Steve Williams score a few and Scott (Boden) and Chris (Holroyd) have come into their own."

Tonight sees high-flying Luton Town visit Cheshire in a clash of two, in form former Football League clubs.

Town ran the Hatters close in the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road, a stoppage time equaliser Luke Guttridge on 96 minutes breaking Silkmen's hearts.

And the Liverpool-born man believes we may see a similar outcome this evening.

"They are a very, very strong team and their record speaks for itself, he added.

"But I don't think we have anything to fear.

"In the majority of our home games we have come out on top and not only beaten teams but also outplayed them.

"They will be the favourites and are looking over their shoulder with Cambridge close in second and I think that could benefit us."

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Silkmen loan Pilkington

Macclesfield Town have signed George Pilkington on loan from Mansfield Town, initially for a month.

The central defender, who began his career at Stone Dominoes before moving to Everton as a youth player, made his senior debut on loan at Exeter in late 2002, making seven appearances for the club, including a 1-1 draw at home to the Silkmen.

Leaving Everton the following summer he joined Port Vale in the summer of 2003 and went on to play more than 250 games for the League One side including becoming their player of the year in the 2005/6 season.

Moving on in 2008 to join Luton, he was unable to prevent their relegation

after they were hit with that 30 point deduction and played three further full seasons for the side, helping them to the play-off semi finals in 2010, the final at Wembley in both 2011 and 2012, before joining Mansfield that summer.

This season he has spent time on loan at Forest Green, again playing against the Silkmen as well as in the 8-0 win over Hyde and was in a side which netted eight again on his return to Hyde, as they beat St Albans 8-1 in the FA Cup.

He joined the Silkmen ahead of the postponed trip to Hereford and will wear the number 27 for the Silkmen.

Fixture News

Macclesfield Town have announced dates for their home match with Barnet, which was postponed due to

a waterlogged pitch at the Moss Rose, the away match at Braintree and the trip to Chester in The Cheshire County FA Senior Cup Sponsored by Peak Associates Ltd.

The Silkmen will travel to Chester in the Senior Cup on Tuesday 18th February and they will entertain Barnet at the Moss Rose on Tuesday 18th March at 7.45pm. Meanwhile, Macclesfield Town's trip to Braintree in the Skril Premier has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 8th April 2014 with a 7.45 kick off.

Both sides will be hoping it is third time lucky after the two sides were meant to meet on January 28th, before it was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch in a game which had already been postponed once on December 21st.

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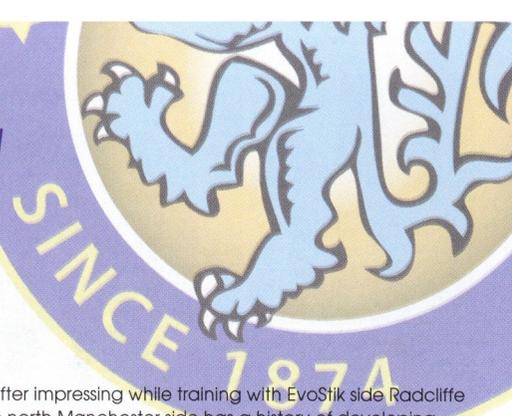
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AFC Blackpool 1-2 MTFC Youth Lancashire FA U18 League

The young Macclesfield side travelled to Blackpool in good spirits after watching their fellow Academy members beat FC Halifax the previous day.

Under lights at a difficult and tight away ground the Silkmen took all 3 points for the fourth time this month in all competitions. Two goals from Onke Mvelase sealed a tremendous win.

That makes it 4 wins & 1 draw out of 8 fixtures in January.

Final Score AFC Blackpool 1 - Macclesfield Town Youth 2

Rokka Moves On

Macclesfield Town FC Youth's Attacking midfielder Elliot Rokka became the first player to progress from the Community Sports Trust lead FETA Academy to

senior football after impressing while training with EvoStik side Radcliffe Borough FC. The north Manchester side has a history of developing and selling on young players most notably West Brom, England and Team GB star, Craig Dawson who made 95 appearances between 2007-09 for the Borough as a 17 year old.

Elliot, who who begun his career at Manchester United, has been in fine form for the MTFC Youth sides and made his Radcliffe debut in the away defeat to Ramsbottom FC.

Paul McGuire head of Academy and MTFC youth sides said; "Elliot certainly didn't look out of place at EvoStik level and did ok when he came on vs Ramsbottom. It will be interesting to see how he develops playing and training at this standard and hopefully this will bring him on as a player ready for MTFC senior sides in the not to distant future. Its important to give these players as much 'real football' experience as possible, this way we give them more of a chance to develop over the coming season's enough to catch John's eye (Macclesfield Town 1st team manger)".

Other Silkmen youth players getting valuable experience with the EvoStik side are; defender Josh Stanway and midfielders Josh Frith & Jacques Kpohgomou.



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Action Replay



Macclesfield Town 3-2 Chester

Silkmen come from behind again.

Macclesfield Town went a goal down for the second time in the last two home matches, before hitting back with three goals again to take the points. The result made it 15 matches without defeat at the Moss Rose, but the visitors got off to the better start as Gareth Seddon raced on to Taylor's through ball to put Chester a goal ahead. But the lead only lasted three minutes before Scott Boden notched his 13th of the season with a close range header. The visiting fans were celebrating again minutes later when John Rooney's long shot came off Rhys Taylor and was chipped home by Seddon, but he had strayed offside. A manic 10 minutes then saw the Silkmen taking the lead with another headed goal as Steve Williams looped the ball over the 'keeper at the far

post from a free kick.

The second half was no less frantic, and the Silkmen drew first blood with a third headed goal when Holroyd stooped to nod home a great cross from Mackreth. The two sides traded disallowed goals, Macc's for a foul and Chester's for another offside call, but the Silkmen looked to be cruising to another 3-1 win when John Rooney's hooked shot took a wicked deflection to beat Taylor, teeing up a nervy final few moments.

Silkmen Taylor, Andrew Booked, Williams, Martin (Halls), Kay, Whitaker, Mackreth, Connor, Boden (Fairhurst), Holroyd (Lewis), Winn

Subs not used: Rowe, Gnahoua,



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There have only been eight previous meetings between the two sides including the first clash back in the 1998/99 season when they first met in the Second Division.

The first came at the Moss Rose, and who knows where the Silkmen would be today had matches ended in the 89th minute that season? Late equalisers seemed to happen to Sammy McLroy's men every week, and this was no exception. Stuart Douglas opened the scoring early on for the Hatters but Neil Sorvel and Graeme Tomlinson took the lead for Macc a minute after the break. But Phil Gray hit a 90th minute winner for the visitors.

The Silkmen wouldn't be beaten by Luton until more than a decade later, and the first win came late that season in the penultimate match of the season. Sorvel struck again to make it 1-0 and then Simon Davies - signed from Luton earlier that season - made it 2-0 before half time. Gary Doherty hit back after 88 minutes, but the Silkmen held on for an ultimately fruitless three points.

Three seasons later the two sides met again and again the first match took place at the Moss Rose. Hat-tricks for the Silkmen were rare in the Football League - only three in League matches in 15 years - and this game saw one of them.

Ricky Lambert was the star of the show, netting in the 10th minute before Steve Howard equalised for Luton to turn the game around at 1-1. The goal of the game came next as Chris Byrne scored from long range to make it 2-1 before Lambert earned the match ball with goals just after the hour and in the final minute. Full highlights of this game can be seen on our YouTube channel. The return match had none of the excitement as it finished 0-0.

The next meeting was in the season that saw Luton relegated from the Football League, but with a massive points deduction, the table wasn't a true reflection of ability. But the Silkmen continued their unbeaten record against the Hatters, first by winning their first League game of the season 2-1 thanks to goals from Simon Yeo and James Jennings before losing 1-0 away in late March thanks to a controversial penalty scored by Tom Craddock.

Last season the Silkmen travelled to Kenilworth Road again and the home side raced into a two goal lead. Nat Brown pulled one back just before the hour, but Luton capitalised as the Silkmen pushed forward and netted two late goals to win 4-1.

The return fixture, at the Moss Rose had more controversy as Rhys Taylor was sent off (judge for yourself in the YouTube clip) leaving the Silkmen with 10 men and Pete Winn in goals. The winger put in a

sterling performance to keep Luton out for the remainder of the match, assisted by an excellent performance by the rest of the side who earned at least part of the reward they probably deserved when Waide Fairhurst equalised.

And it was 1-1 again at Kenilworth Road this season, and a return of the last minute goals as Chris Holroyd's opener was cancelled out by Luke Guttridge in the 96th minute, and again, the extended highlights can be found on YouTube.

Played for Both

The Silkmen's current squad features one Luton old boy in the shape of George Pilkington who may be making his debut this afternoon. John-Paul Kissock, meanwhile joined from the club on loan in the summer of 2013 before making the move permanent in January and Efe Sodje, who signed for them after leaving the Silkmen in 1999.

Of last season's squad there were several former Hatters. Charlie Henry spent the previous campaign at Kenilworth Road, whilst Amari Morgan-Smith was also at Kenilworth Road that season. Matthew Barnes-Homer, spent two years with the Hatters and loanees Yasser Kasim spent time on loan at Luton before joining the Silkmen.

On the other side, Arnaud Mendy, joined Luton in the same deal that brought JP Kissock to the Moss Rose on a permanent basis.

Graeme Tomlinson was with the club on loan in 1996 before scoring against them for Macclesfield and Simon Davies, as mentioned above, joined from Luton in the 1998/99 season - and scored against them.

Adam Murray spent time at Kenilworth Road two years after leaving the Silkmen for Oxford and George Donnelly had a loan spell there in 2009. Others include Lee Glover, Nathan Abbey, Billy Miller and Gregor Rioch whilst former Silkmen managers David Moss and Brian



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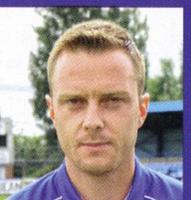
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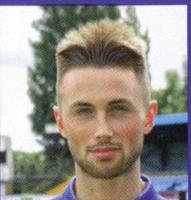
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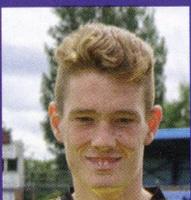
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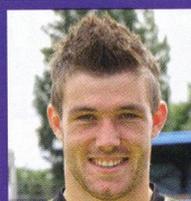
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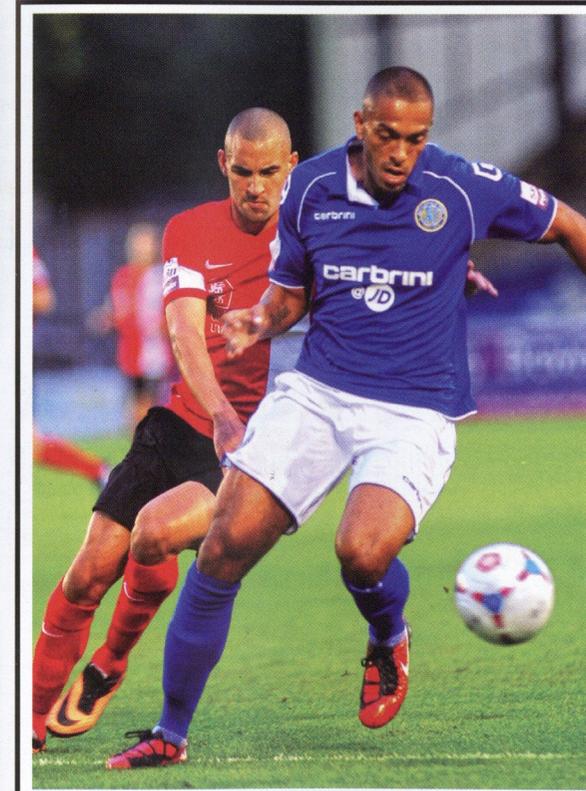
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	Current Season		Silkmen Career	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Danny Andrew	34(0)	3	34(0)	3
William Bailey	0(2)	0	1(2)	0
Scott Boden	26(2)	13	33(3)	13
James Bolton	11(2)	0	11(2)	0
Richard Branagan	4(0)	0	4(0)	0
*Jay Burgess	0(0)	0	1(0)	1
*Lewis Chalmers	0(2)	0	48(17)	5
Joe Connor	22(6)	0	22(6)	0
Dan Cowan	0(2)	0	1(2)	0
Jack Disney	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Waide Fairhurst	0(1)	0	31(17)	14
Arthur Gnahoua	6(5)	1	6(8)	2
*Josh Green	1(0)	0	2(0)	0
Andy Halls	29(1)	0	29(1)	0
Nathan Haynes	1(0)	0	1(1)	0
Chris Holroyd	20(8)	8	37(15)	17
Connor Jennings	17(2)	17	17(2)	17
Scott Kay	16(6)	1	28(12)	1
John-Paul Kissock	10(5)	0	53(8)	2
Paul Lewis	5(9)	1	6(10)	2
Jack Mackreth	23(7)	4	46(26)	7
Matty Mainwaring	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Carl Martin	16(4)	0	34(6)	0
*Andy Mills	0(0)	0	0(0)	0
Danny Rowe	12(8)	5	12(8)	5
Efe Sodje	7(1)	0	103(1)	7
Rhys Taylor	32(0)	0	50(0)	0
Paul Turnbull	25(0)	3	25(0)	3
Danny Whitaker	31(0)	3	217(16)	35
Steve Williams	25(4)	3	25(4)	3
Peter Winn	23(7)	1	42(24)	1

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The last time the two sides met at Kingfield Stadium so a nine goal thriller, sadly the Silkmen were on the wrong side as Woking won 5-4. In similar fashion to the game at the Moss Rose this season, the home side took the lead with Woking scoring five times in 33 minutes, with Billy Knott and Jayden Stockley both getting on the scoresheet twice with Kevin Betsy also adding one for Woking. Macc's second half comeback was impressive however they missed out on a point. Waide Fairhurst scored twice whilst Guy Madjo and Arthur Gnahoua also netted, however time ran out for the Silkmen and lost in the penultimate game of last season.

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