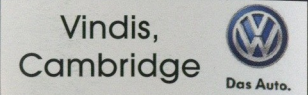




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Dave DOGGETT

From the Boardroom



The last week has been extremely busy at the club. We have been selling tickets for tonight's all ticket match against Luton and then selling Wembley tickets. All leave has been cancelled!

There are many benefits of getting to a Wembley Cup Final including the opportunity to update our database of United supporters. It is

also an opportunity for followers of United to have a day out at Wembley and we are not surprised that far more come to Wembley than come to the R Costings Abbey Stadium for regular league matches. The thousands of supporters travelling to Wembley is a good way of demonstrating to the decision makers of Cambridgeshire that there is the underlying support for a

professional Football Club in the area.

We have ordered special merchandise for Wembley including amber and black wigs, flags, tee shirts and for the traditionalists rosettes. These are available online and in the club shop.

Also do not forget that you can start to enjoy the Wembley weekend by coming along to the Dublin Suite on the Friday night 22nd March. There is great music by Get Back as part of the 50's and 60's Rock and Roll night. Tickets are on sale behind the bar or from the club ticket office.

Hope you have a very enjoyable evening.

Dave Doggett
Chairman



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Richard MONEY

First Team Head Coach



Tonight's game against our opponents gives me a chance to reflect personally on my own career for once. Whichever walk of life you are on there are always things that you look back on with fondness and some ultimately with regret.

I have been very fortunate to work in an industry that I love for all my life: 42, almost continuous years, as a player and coach; 38 of those years in the Premier League,

Football League or their equivalents around the world and four in non league football.

There are many successes that I look back on with fondness and pride. As a player my debut for Fulham at home to Bolton in the Championship and then being selected for England at U21 level. Captaining the team at the age of 20. My transfer to Liverpool, the debut at Anfield and ultimately

winning the European Cup and League Cup. Being a small part in Portsmouth's rise up the leagues. The development that Scunthorpe gave me as both player initially and later as coach.

Coaching was a natural progression for me and I have many mentors to thank for that. Bobby Campbell, Bob Paisley, Frank Barlow, Mick Buxton, were people who taught me much as a player. But David Pleat, as manager of our opponents, was the first to make me realise you could develop and coach players; not just to ready the team but also to improve individuals. Graham Taylor, Josef Venglos, Ron Atkinson, Frank Clark, Gordon Strachan, these were people who helped my formation as a coach.

To work at first team level at Nottingham Forest and Manchester City, to win at Old Trafford in the Premier League, to be part of Forest in Europe, these are memories for sure.

Working abroad at the top level in Sweden, taking AIK to Valencia in the UEFA Cup, the Stockholm Derbies, taking Newcastle Jets to the final series in Australia: priceless.

Winning League 2 with Walsall and almost taking them to the Championship when taking over a club that was relegated two leagues in the previous three years was an achievement I am obviously proud of.

Coaching as David Pleat taught me is also about development so my time helping players become future stars has been amongst the

most rewarding. Youth Coach at Aston Villa, Development Coach at Nottingham Forest and Academy Director at both Coventry and Newcastle, they are all memories of pride helping too many players to mention here.

Which brings me full circle to our opponents today. My time there as a player was *THE* most memorable. The dressing room was electric, full of good players and personalities. I will never forget the goal I scored (I didn't get many!) at Rotherham to help secure the championship medal and promotion to the old First Division.

Who can forget the first few games in that division? 2-2 at Spurs, 3-3 at Anfield, 4-4 at Stoke in our first three away games, incredible. I remember an assist for David Moss, what a player, against Villa in one of our final home games to win 2-1 and give us a chance of staying up.

Then ultimately there was David Pleat's jig at Maine Road having won to secure status in the top league. David Moss and I were injured at Old Trafford on the Monday and missed the game but we soon joined David I can tell you! That bus ride home was with the night after Paris and the European Cup victory amongst the best in my life.

Not succeeding in taking a club I had played for in the top league back into the Football League ranks as one of my only regrets. I would never have left an incredible position at Newcastle for any other club especially in this league. To seem them languishing was too much to bear and an opportunity where I could make a difference. I

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We can still achieve much this season ... It won't be easy as there are many teams challenging but your support has been fantastic

knew if we could get over the first hurdle, the most difficult, anything was possible.

Memories? Well our run to the play offs from where we were when I took over was exciting and who knows where we would all be if we could have finished it off. I realise now it was a juggernaut steaming in the wrong direction, both sporting and financial, that needing turning. I am comfortable I was able to do that.

Regrets apart from promotion? I am no Luton legend that is for sure but I did play for them in their most successful period. I will never forget a game at Chester, my sixth in charge. We had knocked Rochdale out of the FA Cup and drawn at Rotherham in the next round. Both teams were the in the top two of League 2. We had taken four points from two league games. We drew the game 0-0. I have never been subjected to the abuse I received that day. I remember walking off the pitch that day thinking, 'WOW! What is going on here?'. It didn't and hasn't got any better! I suppose being manager of the club trying to stop them this season has escalated the venom but being perceived in that way is a regret given my memories as a player.

John Still is right about one thing.

Get them up and you will be a hero forever and become one of many Luton legends. We have to congratulate John, his players, the staff, directors and supporters for being the Champions elect and welcome them here this evening.

John has proved to be the right man at the right time. He is an excellent manager. I know how difficult a job it is so I can only congratulate him and assure him those who tried before him did try to build the type of club he wants. But he knows you have to be successful to see it through and maybe they needed the pain first.

For ourselves we have pushed them hard. The Trophy has hindered us in the league but it would have been impossible for us to stay with their incredible run. We have the final to look forward to and a Play-Off push. We can still achieve much this season and with a strong finish and strong nerve we can strive to join them again next season. It won't be easy as there are many teams challenging but your support has been fantastic. We will need you tonight as they will have both numbers and their tails up. Stick your chests out, sing loud, take the banter and help the team try to give them a game.

Richard Money

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Luton TOWN

Doug Shulman Introduces Our Visitors



A 0-0 draw at Salisbury last Saturday put to an end Luton's impressive six-match winning run, although, with John Still's men having avoided defeat in their past 26 league matches, the Hatters finally look to be fulfilling the potential required to make a Football League return.

Having been relegated to the Conference Premier in 2009, albeit after suffering a 30-point deduction due to financial irregularities, they are now in the midst of their fifth season at this level and, like United, have endured play-off heartbreak in recent years.

The Bedfordshire club were defeated by York in the 2009/10 semi-finals, went one better by reaching the 2011 showpiece final, but were ultimately pipped at the post by AFC Wimbledon courtesy of a dramatic penalty shoot-out. Worse was to follow the following season when York put them to the sword at Wembley after a 2-1 win and, with Town finishing the 2012/13 campaign thirteen points adrift of the top five, supporters could be forgiven for wondering when their Football League exile would end.

Nevertheless, the arrival of vastly experienced Manager John Still last February, following Paul Buckle's departure, triggered the start of a rebuilding programme that served to prepare them for this year's

assault on the Conference title. Still has previously secured top spot at this level with Dagenham and Barnet and he immediately set about plans for an historic hatrick of honours.

In came the influential and experienced Steve McNulty, already a Conference Championship winner with Fleetwood, with the summer arrival of ex-United midfielder Luke Guttridge bolstering a talented and reshaped squad. Many fans point to Guttridge as the key recruit this season, who has given them extra bite in the engine room, but the shrewd acquisition of striker Paul Benson on a long-term loan deal from Swindon has also proved a masterstroke. Benson worked with Manager Still at Dagenham when they lifted the 2007 Conference title and his know-how at this level has allowed a fruitful partnership with the prolific Andrew Gray to blossom.

The Hatters have an enviable budget to work from, partly due to average attendances at Kenilworth Road being close to 7000 this year, with a 30-plus squad bolstered further mid-season by the arrival centre-half Fraser Franks, in addition to a trio of players being signed from Premier League clubs during the January transfer window. Nevertheless, the moulding of those component parts into a coherent unit playing swift attacking football whilst also remaining solid in defence is not an easy task, but one that Still has coordinated brilliantly.

Encounters between Town and United always have added spice and, no doubt this evening's clash at the R Costings Abbey Stadium between arguably the best two sides in the division, will be no exception.

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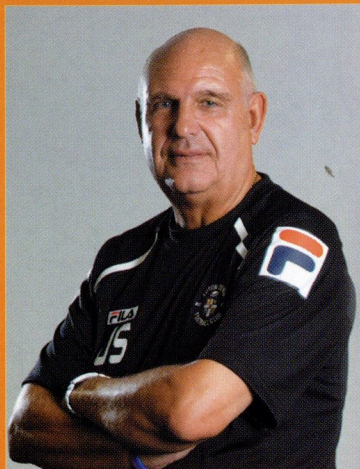
Leading Scorers

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| Andre Gray | 25 |
| Paul Benson | 16 |
| Luke Guttridge | 13 |
| Jake Howells | 7 |
| Alex Lawless | 6 |
| Mark Cullen | 6 |

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.

The 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. He is assisted by long-time number two Terry Harris and former Grays boss Hakan Hayrettin.

■ 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 youth Mark was despatched on loan deals to Hull, Watford, Bury, Billericay and Yeovil whilst at London Road.

■ 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 tri-

als 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 several rounds of the FA Trophy.

■ 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.

■ Fraser Franks Defender

Town swooped for Fraser during the

January transfer window and, since joining the Hatters, the 23-year old has formed a solid centre-half pairing alongside Steve McNulty. He began his career as a youngster with Chelsea then Brentford before moving to AFC Wimbledon, with whom he won promotion to the Football League in 2011. Fraser left Kingsmeadow for Welling shortly after, but helped the Wings secure the Conference South title 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.

■ 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 throughout 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 more than 20 appearances for the Hatters this term.

■ Andy Parry Defender

Former Blackburn Rovers 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.

■ Jernane Meade Defender/Midfielder

Predominantly a left-sided defender, although, 21-year old Jernane is a more than capable presence further upfield. On loan from Premier League side Swansea, he started his career as a youngster with Arsenal, appeared in both the League Cup and Champions League for the Gunners, but was then snapped up by the Welsh club in May last year. Jernane is yet to make his league bow for the Hatters.

■ Pelly Ruddock Midfielder

A highly-rated 20-year-old central midfielder, Pelly signed a permanent deal with the Hatters in January following his initial loan spell from West Ham. He made his debut for the Hammers last August and, having impressed all at Kenilworth Road, John Still persuaded the Premiership club to part with him in exchange for an undisclosed fee.

■ 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.

■ Jake Howells Midfielder

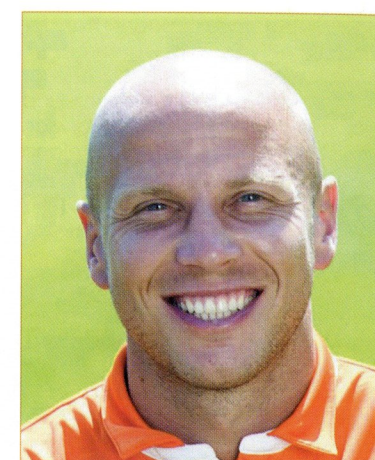
A livewire on either flank, Jake is the Hatters' longest serving player despite being aged just 22. Making his Town debut on the final day of the 2007/08 season, this predominantly left-footed midfielder, capped by Wales at under-21 level, has progressed to make 250 plus appearances for the club.

■ 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 between 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

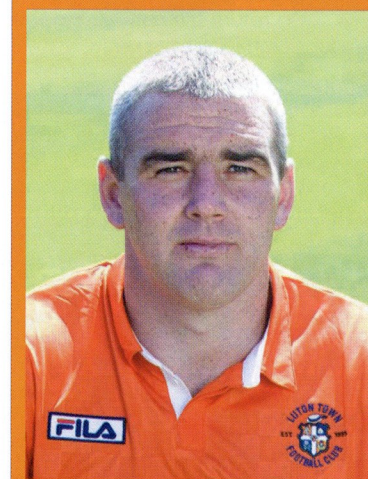


he won promotion from both League One and Two, and has since been emblazoned in the colours of Leyton Orient, Colchester, Aldershot and Northampton. Boasting over 425 career appearances and signed from the Cobblers last summer, the industrious midfielder faces a fitness test this afternoon having picked up an injury in last Saturday's 3-0 win over Alfreton.

■ Cameron McGeehan Midfielder

One of three Premier League sign-

One To Watch



Steve McNulty Defender

A former Conference title-winning captain at Fleetwood during the 2011/12 season, 30-year old man

mountain Steve provides a more than commanding presence within the Luton Town rearguard.

Previously on the books of Liverpool as a youngster, he captained the Reds U19 side but was disappointingly released during the summer of 2003.

He moved on to Burscough, stayed for two seasons, then took in spells with Vauxhall Motors and Barrow before arriving at Fleetwood, where he picked up a Conference North Championship medal. The aforementioned Conference Premier title soon followed, before Steve opted for a moved to Town in January 2013.

A fans favourite, he has played in every league game to date this season.

ings during the January transfer window, 18-year old Cameron will remain with Town until the end of the campaign. An FA Youth Cup winner with parent club Norwich last season, this Northern Ireland U21 international has impressed everyone with his energetic play and fine range of passing.

■ Dave Martin **Midfielder**

28-year old left-winger Dave has recently returned from a productive loan spell with Dartford. Previously on the books of Crystal Palace, Millwall, Derby and Southend, he signed a permanent deal with Town last January, scoring three goals before the 2012/13 season concluded and was subsequently offered a two-year extension to his contract.

■ Kane Ferdinand **Midfielder**

Snapped up from Peterborough on a loan deal earlier this year, central midfielder Kane will remain at Kenilworth Road until the end of the campaign. Progressing through the ranks at Southend, his industrious performances led to Posh signing him for £200,000 in August 2012. 21-year old Kane made 33 appearances in the Championship last season and has also enjoyed a temporary spell with Northampton.

■ Matt Robinson **Midfielder**

Teenager Matt is in the midst of his second year with the Hatters having joined from Championship side Leicester City. 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 14 league appearances to date this term.

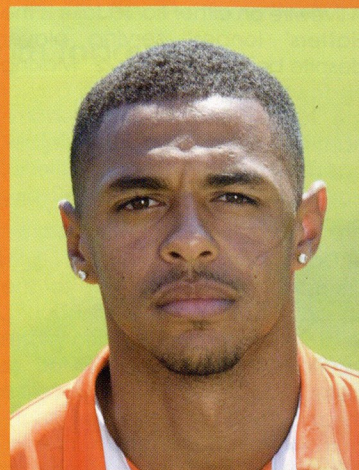
■ Zane Banton **Forward**

Bringing down the average age of the Hatters squad, 17-year old Zane was rewarded for his performances within 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 a sizeable proportion of this season through injury, Jon recently made his long-awaited comeback. Formerly on the books of Sheffield Wednesday, Burton, Halifax, Mansfield and Gateshead, Jon was snapped up

One To Watch



Andre Gray Forward

Always a dangerous presence, 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, struck seven times in 12 matches as Town reached the Play-off Final and also finished top scorer last season with 20 goals.

Capped at England C level, this lightning-quick forward was a youth player at Shrewsbury, with whom he made his league debut. The Shrews loaned him to AFC Telford then Hinckley, with Andre subsequently penning a permanent deal with the latter in May 2010. 37 goals in 85 matches meant he soon caught the eye, with Luton the quickest to employ his services.

Guaranteed to keep United on their toes tonight, he is the Conference top scorer courtesy of 25 goals.

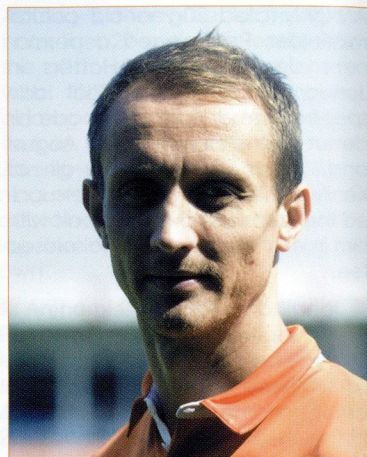
from the latter in the summer of 2012 having scored 45 Conference goals during 80 appearances for the Tynesiders. He netted a modest eight league goals last term, so will look for a return to form during the seasonal run-in.

■ Mark Cullen **Forward**

Another youthful member of the squad, Mark has scored five goals to date this season and will be hopeful of being involved against United this evening. Signing 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.

■ Paul Benson **Forward**

Named Skril Premier Player of the Month for December, 33-year old Paul has bagged an impressive 16 goals in 27 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



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View from the SOUTH STAND

A visitor's eye view of today's match



Name: Tom Skinner

How long have you supported Luton? Since 1997 (17 years)

Your first ever match? Luton 2-0 Shrewsbury in what is now League One. In my second game, I saw us get hammered 4-0 in our own back yard by bitter rivals Watford – the fact that I came back for more subsequently meant I was always destined to be in it for the long haul!

Your favourite game whilst following the club? It's actually a game we lost 5-3 – our epic FA Cup third round game against Liverpool in 2006. We dominated for an hour against the then European champions, storming into a 3-1 lead before we ran out of steam in the closing stages. It was a pulsating, see-saw game of football with spectacular goals, a penalty save and a cracking Kenilworth Road atmosphere. To see our very own Kevin Nicholls and Steve Robinson match both the drive and ability of Steven Gerrard and Xabi Alonso that evening made me incredibly proud.

Favourite ever player and why? Steve Howard. Our talisman for two promotions in the 2000s, Stevo

was a target man of the highest order, scored over 100 goals for the Town and had an excellent rapport with the fans. It is no coincidence that his departure in 2006 marked the beginning of our troubles, and it has taken until this season to find a target man worthy enough to replace him – Paul Benson.

Luton are having a great season to date and look a good bet for promotion. What has been the key difference this season? John Still has turned the club around after a couple of years of decline. He knows the Conference inside out and has drilled the team so that they are prepared for any conditions – mud, hail or waterlogged pitches, lump it and head it games, pass and move it games. His contacts throughout the leagues have enabled us to bring in some quality players, who he has knitted together into a formidable team.

John Still began the squad rebuilding process towards the end of last season. Who have been the key signings and why? Cambridge fans will know the man who has the key to open packed Conference defences very well – Luke

Guttridge. Gutts has been superb, a key component of our one-touch passing game, he has brought much needed composure to our attacking play. Often gets the goal to set us on our way. Paul Benson has provided an excellent foil to Andre Gray, and his movement and interplay up top has made it so much easier for us to break teams down this season.

Like the U's, Town are desperate to return to the Football League. What would promotion mean to the Town supporters? They'll never be a promotion as special as the one which gets us out of this league. The club was on its knees in 2008 – and then the football authorities consigned us to non-league with the now infamous thirty-point deduction. Some of our chants that you'll hear today, record the injustice we still feel and, by winning promotion, we could put this cruel chapter of our history to rest. I know U's fans have had more than their fair share of gut-wrenching lows over the last ten years too so, without wishing to take the needle away from tonight's match, I'd love to see us both promoted this season.

Back TO THE FUTURE

Football Historian Leigh Edwards traces what happened to two of Luton Town's greatest post-war teams

1959 FA Cup Finalists

The Hatters had never progressed beyond the quarter-finals in the FA Cup before but, in 1958/59 after a slow start, the Wembley band wagon took off as the Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in the semi-final. The final itself was a massive disappointment compared to the run up, with Nottingham Forest winning 2-1.

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: Eire 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.

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.

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.

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: Eire 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.

1988 League Cup Winners

Defeat in the Simod Cup final, the Mercantile Credit Centenary Tournament and the FA Cup semi-final appeared to signal a season of glorious failure but on 24th April 1988, 35,000 Luton supporters saw the Hatters win their first ever major trophy. A last-minute strike from Brian Stein saw the Town finally overcome Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley in a see-saw thriller in which Arsenal, leading 2-1, were awarded a penalty, which was brilliantly saved by Andy Dibble, before Town came storming back, leading to skipper Steve Foster lifting the Littlewoods Cup.

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 played for QPR. He has coached at various clubs, now 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.

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.

STEVE FOSTER: England international central defender 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.

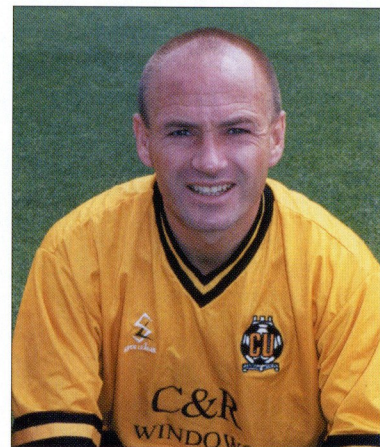
MAL DONAGHY: Northern Ireland international who joined Manchester United in October 1988, then played for Chelsea. Settling back in Northern Ireland, he has worked for the FAI in development roles.

DANNY WILSON: Northern Ireland international who moved to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1990. He has managed Barnsley, Wednesday, Bristol City, MK Dons, Hartlepool, Swindon and Sheffield United.

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.

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 Millwall's assistant-boss.

DAVID PREECE: England B international (pictured) 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.



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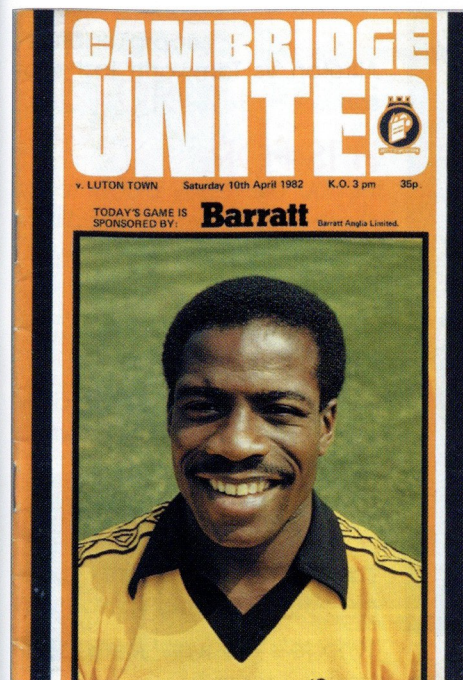
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Memory MATCH

Andrew Bennett looks back at previous meetings between the clubs



For Luton's second visit to the Wembley of the Fens this season, we recall a time when both of our clubs were established in League Division Two.

Luton arrived at the Abbey on 10th April 1982 riding high at the top of the table, three points clear of Watford. United, enjoying their fourth season in English football's second tier, were lying 14th, but were only three points above the bottom three and looking nervously over their shoulders after a run of four consecutive defeats, most recently a 4-1 loss at Chelsea after which manager John Docherty criticised his players as "not having the heart to compete."

The U's were boosted by the return of goalkeeper Malcolm Webster after injury had kept him out since November, while Luton could boost a prolific forward line which included Brian Stein, Steve White and David Moss, as well as a certain Richard Money in defence, playing his fifth game on loan from Liverpool.

The home side responded to their manager's criticism with a spirited display in front of a crowd of 8,815,

but fell behind on 59 when Les Cartwright gave the ball away to Wayne Turner, who hammered home from twenty yards. But they responded swiftly with a typical headed equaliser from big George Reilly within two minutes, and were only denied a shock winner by keeper Jake Findlay, who foiled Floyd Streete with a brilliant reflex save and, later, a blatant professional foul.

Luton went on to clinch the championship by eight points and were promoted with Watford and Norwich, while United finished 14th, four points above relegated Cardiff and Wrexham with Orient coming last.

United: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Streete, Cartwright, Reilly, Gibbins, Finney,

Christie
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Antic, Stein, White, Turner (Fuccillo), Moss

John Docherty was the subject of an interview in the matchday programme...

Cambridge United boss John Docherty walked into the post-match press conference following another important Second Division victory, his winner's smile laced with a certain degree of sadness.

The reason was a deep and sincere concern for the game of football and the way it is drifting back into the hands of the unscrupulous. Claimed Docherty: "There is a good deal of evidence to show that off-the-ball incidents are

creeping back into the game."

The former Sheffield United, Reading and Brentford player is worried that the game is deteriorating morally and condemns players who follow in with a physical challenge after their opponent has cleared the ball, or recklessly pull down people from behind.

"In most cases it is nothing severe," says Docherty, "just a succession of niggly little things designed to intimidate, upset and rile the opposition and generally put people off their stroke. It is more naughty than anything."

"I don't blame the referee. I think he has a most difficult job because he has to watch the ball and therefore does not see most of what goes on, but there is a case for the linesman furthest away from the ball to pay more attention to what happens after the ball has been cleared and then bring any fouls to the notice of the referee."

Part of the atmosphere is created by outside pressures as Docherty explains: "If you have a group of players with skill and control who are not getting results they are publicly chastised through the media, accused of lacking commitment. You have to marry the two facets together and if you are not winning the ball enough you ask your players for more aggression, more commitment and if that is taken too literally you can get the wrong reaction from the players."

"And if you have players who are not naturally aggressive they do things badly like tackling from the wrong angle and so on. They need more coaching in terms of how to do it fairly, and it is our responsibility to do that."

Head To Head

| | HW | D | AW | HG | AG |
|--------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| at Cambridge | 5 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 24 |
| at Luton | 5 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 11 |

Overall Record:

U's wins: 8 Draws: 13 Luton wins: 9

Goals:

Cambridge United: 36 Luton Town: 39



A IS FOR ANIMATION

What's your favourite cartoon?
Looney Toons

B IS FOR BRAINS

What qualifications did you get at school?
B in art, A in PE

C IS FOR CAR

What sort of car do you drive?
Toyota Celica

D IS FOR DONATIONS

What's your favourite charity?
None in particular

E IS FOR EXTRA

Do you ever volunteer for extra training?
Always

F IS FOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Who did you support as a youngster?
Newcastle

G IS FOR GOAL

What's the best goal you've ever scored?

Alfreton vs Tamworth last season

H IS FOR HALLOWEEN

What scares you?
Failure

I IS FOR IDEAL

Who would be your perfect dinner guest?
Eric Thomas

J IS FOR JOKER

Who tells the worst jokes in the dressing room?
Liam Hughes

K IS FOR KELLOGG'S

What's your favourite breakfast cereal?
Porridge/grapes

L IS FOR LIFE

What would you have done if you hadn't been a footballer?
University or a barber

M IS FOR MOVIE

What's your favourite film?
Coach Carter

N IS FOR NOVEL

What's the last book you read?
Psychology (Secret to Success)

O IS FOR OFF-SWITCH

What programme makes you turn off the television?
The Only Way is Essex, Georgie Shore

P IS FOR PITCH

What's the best ground at which you've ever played?
St James's Park (pictured)

Q IS FOR QUESTION

What's the worst question you've ever been asked?
Maybe this one!

R IS FOR RED CARD

Have you ever been sent off but not deserved it?
Never



S IS FOR SUBBUTEO

Did you ever play table football?
Yes

T IS FOR TANGERINE

What's your favourite fruit?
Apples

U IS FOR UNBEATABLE

Who's your sporting hero?
Thierry Henry

V IS FOR VACATION

What's your ideal holiday destination?
Bora Bora

W IS FOR

WISH

What's your ambition?
To be financially secure for my family

X IS FOR X-RAY

What's been your worst injury?
Broken foot

Y IS FOR YOUTH

Where did you play as a youngster?
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Welcome to Daniel Musson and guests. This is the first time Daniel has been in the dug-out, I hope that you also have an enjoyable evening.

Welcome

Tonight we have several diners with us; welcome to Richard Toombs, Gina Heath, Malcolm Ginsberg, Richard Mead, Steve Pope, Steve Ankin, Doug Knight and their assorted guests.

A big welcome to our usual diners, Vice-Chairman Eddie Clark, R Costings, Mick George Ltd, Ian Smith the MD of ERMS (UK) LTD and all of their guests.

Enjoy the match here with us tonight. Up the U's!

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The winner of the half time Golden Gamble draw against Kidderminster Harriers was Phil Bonus who won a cheque for £412 with ticket number 07970.

Second prize of a golf/spa day at Menzies was won by Graham Nightingale with ticket number 07986 while the third prize of a free computer health check

was won by the holder of ticket number 07934 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.

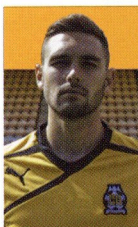
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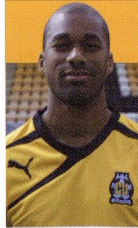
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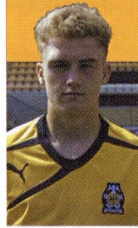
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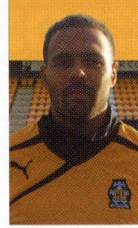
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Today's MASCOTS

Introducing this evening's mascots



We extend a warm welcome to our mascots Mack and Finley and Reuben Marshall who are leading the teams out ahead of this evening's match.

Mack (above left), who is nine years old, and Finley (above right), who is celebrating his birthday today, both attend Buckden Primary School and they have both played for Buckden Kestrels

since they were four-years-old.

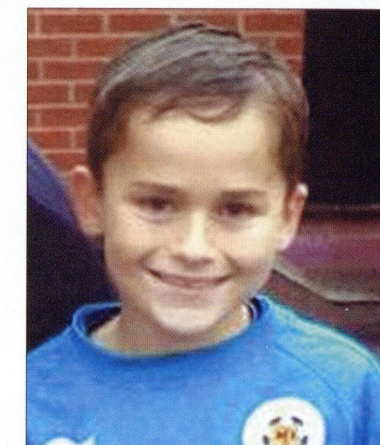
Mack, who plays left midfield, is the the Cambridge United Youth Scheme shadow squad for the Under-10s North whilst Finley, who is a defender, is in the development squad.

Mack also supports Chelsea and his favourite Cambridge United players are Luke Berry and Liam

Hughes while Finley supports Liverpool; his favourite U's players are Luke Berry and Tom Elliott.

Both boys love football, cricket and Xbox FIFA 14.

Reuben (below) is eight and a half years old. He started coming to the Abbey from an early age with his Dad, Stuart. His favourite Cambridge United player is Ryan Bird.



Ten to TACKLE

Test yourself and your friends with Neil Cole's quiz of the week. Answers on page 63.

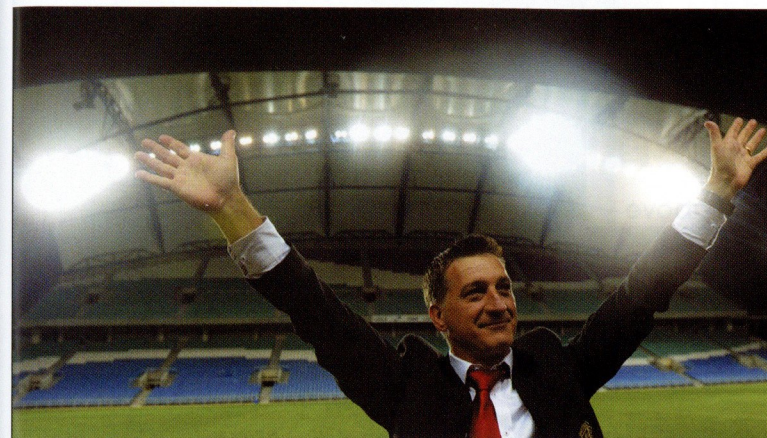
1. Prior to Saturday's draw 0-0 at Salisbury, how many goals have Luton scored without conceding in their previous four games?
2. Who scored England's winner in the 1-0 win over Denmark?
3. How many Liverpool players were in England's starting XI?
4. Which was the only UK nation not to win last midweek?
5. Troubled Ukraine at least won on the football pitch last midweek - who did they beat?
6. Manchester City recently won the League Cup - in which decade did they last win it?
7. Kidderminster have sacked boss Andy Thorn - how many months had he been in charge?
8. Which Conference North side has announced they are quitting the league for financial reasons?
9. Why did Conference South side Weston-super-Mare hit the news last week?
10. Man United captain Nemanja Vidic has announced he is joining which Italian side on a free transfer in the summer?

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Planet FOOTBALL

Mike Barnes looks at the emergence of one of football's newest nations



In May last year the Rock of Gibraltar became the latest nation to be granted full member status by UEFA, enabling the tiny British Overseas Territory on the Mediterranean with a population of just 29,000, to compete in the European Championship. Their preparations for qualifying began this month.

On 1 March, Gibraltar were beaten 4-1 by the Faroe Islands at the Victoria Stadium. Traditionally one of the whipping boys of European football, the Faroes made their own piece of history against Gibraltar, scoring four goals in a game for the first time ever, despite going behind early on.

The Faroes also missed a penalty, but a double from Christian Holst, alongside goals from Joan Simun Edmundsson and Hallur Hansson assured Lars Olsen's team of their historic victory. For Gibraltar coach Allen Bula (above), there is clearly a very long way to go as he prepares his men for a Euro 2016 group containing Germany, Poland, Ireland, Georgia and Scotland. "We just weren't good enough, we weren't fit enough. People were expecting us to beat the Faroes 3-0 but we have to be realistic," Bula reflected.

Gibraltar's domestic league has only eight clubs, with Lincoln currently the leaders, a point ahead of Lynx. Basement side Gibraltar Phoenix have lost all eight of their matches so far in the current season, scoring only four goals and conceding 60. Fortunately, the

coach is able to draw on a wider pool of players for his national side.

Manchester-born former Derby, Southampton and Stoke journeyman Danny Higginbotham came out of retirement to make his international debut for Gibraltar in a friendly against Slovakia last November at the age of 34. Wycombe striker Reece Styche, previously with Forest Green Rovers, was also called up to face the Faroes. Both players are qualified to play for Gibraltar via their grandmothers. Wrexham's David Artell, Will Britt of Southampton and Preston defender Scott Wiseman are also available for Bula's selection, while Farsley striker Adam Priestley featured against the Faroes.

Gibraltar begin their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign with a home tie against Poland in September, by

which point they will need to have improved significantly if they are to avoid defeats of Sammarinese proportions of worse. Their fitness levels must be a major concern for the coach, especially given the amount of time they are likely to be spending chasing the ball against superior opposition.

The Faroes encounter was the first time Gibraltar had staged a game on home soil, having previously played home friendlies at Faro in southern Portugal. The Rock's Victoria Stadium (below) holds 5,000 but its facilities are considered inadequate to host competitive internationals. Looking to the future Gibraltar, who are also aiming for FIFA membership in time to play in the qualifiers for the 2018 World Cup, are looking to build a venue with just over 8,000 capacity at Europa Point. The Gibraltar Football Association hopes to receive the green light for the project later this year.

Meanwhile, it has emerged that Gibraltar had been due to face Spain in Euro 2016 qualifying, but were moved to Germany's group for political reasons. The draw in Nice briefly saw the Rock paired with the World and European champions, but UEFA had already announced in December that Gibraltar and Spain would be kept apart amid continuing political tensions over the territory's sovereignty. Spain has long opposed Gibraltar's British credentials and had previously blocked its application to join UEFA.



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LATE TACKLE

SAM ELLIOTT



You didn't really expect the subject to disappear quietly off into the night, did you?

Just when it seemed the mass discussion and seemingly endless debate about 3G pitches – or the Marmite topic as we call it – had died down, it came back kicking and screaming this week.

I'm pretty sure you'll have a view on this one. And it will either be 'football must be played on grass' or 'let's get with the times'.

I'm afraid fence-sitting when it comes to artificial surfaces is a past-time nobody partakes in. So a refresher. Maidstone United, the

plastic-playing Ryman Premier promotion-chasers, can't go up to the Conference South if they manage to get there. Unsurprisingly, they aren't too happy about it.

A vote was taken at the Conference AGM in January and although confusing, the long and short of it is that the member clubs don't want synthetic surfaces in the competition. The Stones say they were left with no alternative but to go down the legal route – with Conference chairman Brian Lee (pictured) refusing to be "blackmailed" into over-riding the outcome of that vote.

It looked like a stalemate. Well that was until Tuesday, when the Football Association decided to take the lead.

Chairman Greg Dyke chaired a 12-person committee meeting where it was unanimously decided to do-away with the current stance of purely grass-only pitches in the professional English game.

As early as next season, Premier League and Football League clubs could have no option but to play games on plastic with the FA Cup set to remove all restrictions and re-write their rulebook to rubber stamp the rubber crumb.

The change of policy is a big development with the governing body officially embracing 3G for the first time.

Does this change things in regards to plastic pitches in the Conference? It's a long-winded answer but not directly, and not instantly.

But, and it's a big but, the league were very vocal about the FA showing their teeth and showing leadership if a change was going to happen. Now clubs have the guidance and a further vote could be placed on an up-coming Conference meeting agenda.

Now the FA have put their name to it, the goalposts have been moved – or wheeled into place like they are on those 3G pitches.

It's a big victory for Maidstone and all those in favour of the all-weather surfaces becoming a part of the game's future further up the Pyramid.

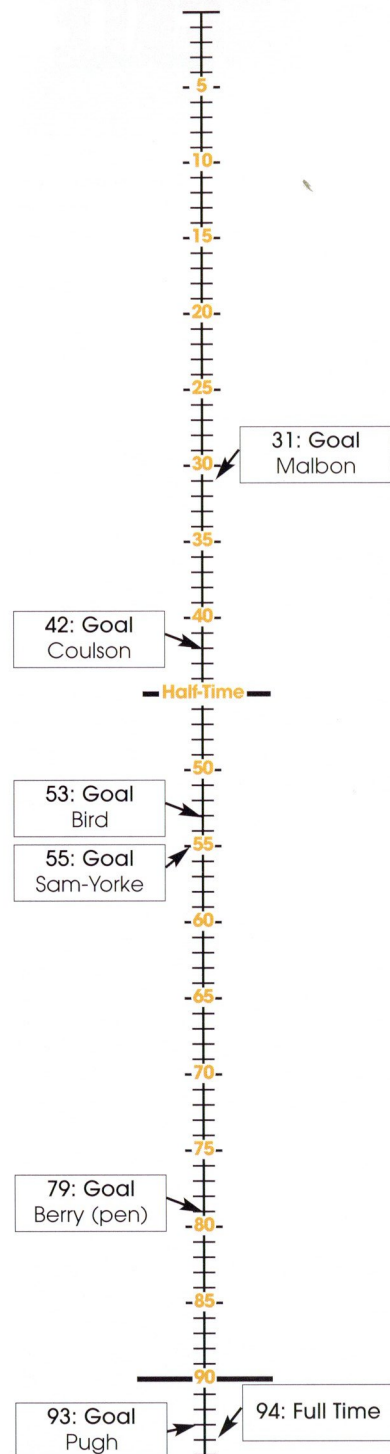
The debate that won't stop rumbling has found another twist and another turn.

Sam Elliott

On REFLECTION

Action from our match against Kidderminster Harriers

Time Line



Cambridge United 5 Kidderminster Harriers 1
The Skrill Premier 01/03/14

United: Norris, Tait, Coulson, Miller, Taylor, Arnold, Berry, Champion (Hughes), Donaldson (Pugh), Sam-Yorke, Bird (Austin). Subs not used: Sullivan, Gillies

Kidderminster: N. Vaughan, L. Vaughan, Gosling, Dunkley, Jackman, Cieslewicz, Storer, O'Keefe (Gittings), Byrne (Rowe), Malbon, Morgan-Smith. Subs not used: Lewis, Demetriou, Aloï

Referee: Justin Amey

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Chaplain's COMMENT

with Stuart Wood



At Church during Lent we are running a series of evenings under the title "Gifts of Grace". The basic premise is that we all have different gifts – there are things that we can do (and things that we can't do) but there are also things that we were created to do. The course is designed to help people to discover these and then provide opportunity for these to be used.

As part of this journey, there need to be some 'ground rules', which I will be unpacking this coming Thursday evening. For example, we want to foster an environment of gratitude and encouragement, not criticism and negativity, jealousy or griping. As people start to use their gifts and get involved, they are bound to make mistakes, but if people quickly jump on them

and point out the mistakes, then those gifts will likely be lost to us. We want people to be encouraged, for them to be nurtured as they step out using the things that they are gifted at. We also want people to focus on what they have, not look at others and wish they were like them!

Another of these rules requires of us that we don't create an environment where anyone can have a go at anything – that will lead to carnage! Often the biggest hindrance to this is the unwillingness on the part of the leaders to be honest – to actually say 'No' to someone. They may be willing and keen to sing, but if they can't hold a tune, then we actually need to be honest with them and tell them how it is! It isn't easy, but again it is

about creating the right environment. The other major hindrance to this is the willingness on the part of the individual to actually hear what is being said and be willing to receive a 'No' as well as a 'Yes'.

In all of our conversations with individuals, what we are aiming to discover is what brings life to them. It is my belief that when you do what you were created to do, it brings life and energy, rather than sapping that energy and life away. I've seen it in myself and in others – surely we want to be about bringing the best out of each other?

So, the challenge for me at the Church is to help individuals find what they are good at and enjoy and enable them to do that within the Church community, or even further afield. There is a willingness to see new things start if necessary but to commit long term to helping people discover their gifts and come alive as they use them.

It won't take an academic to see the parallels between what we are up to at Church and life at Cambridge United, or to be honest within any other organisation for that. Finding what people are good at and bringing the best out of them is so important and will enhance the whole. What we must do though, is create the right environment of affirmation and encouragement, not criticism and complaining, of honesty and integrity.

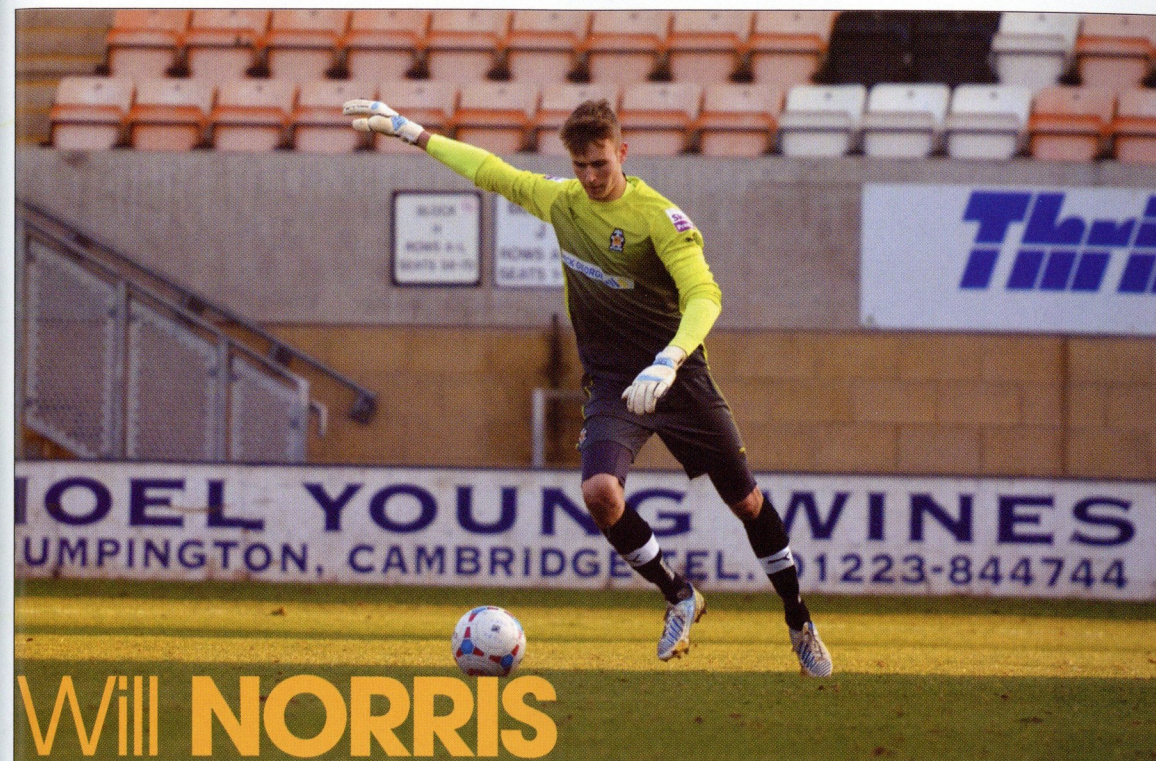
In this day and age it is far too easy for 'cheap' jibes and shots to be fired at individuals and organisations with little accountability. People are going to make mistakes – we are all human and as we strive to be the best we can, there will be times when we get it wrong.

May we seek to bring the best out in each other as we work towards the goal of making this club as successful as we can – both on and off the field.

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In FOCUS



Will NORRIS

It has been a whirlwind seven weeks for United goalkeeper Will Norris. A full debut in black and amber, three clean sheets, he has helped the U's to Wembley in the FA Trophy Final, signed a new two and a half year deal with the club and then ten days ago he played his part in burying the Kidderminster hoodoo as Richard Money's charges romped to a 5-1 victory at the R Costings Abbey Stadium.

Calm and of a relaxed demeanour, I chat with United's

young glovesman as we discuss, firstly, that resounding victory against the Harriers which put to an end United's run of three home league matches without a win.

"We didn't have the best of starts but grew into the game, scored some good goals and played good football at times. It was great to get such a convincing win," says Will.

The U's stopper also contributed, denying both Amari Morgan-Smith and Anthony Malbon in the sec-

ond-half to keep the opposition a bay, but Will is keen to deflect away any attention he may receive. "Yes, I guess, but I don't like to talk about it to be honest, thought they looked like they could score, but fortunately enough I've made a couple of saves."

So, after decent result there must have been a great buzz in dressing room afterwards, or does Richard Money work to ensure feet are kept firmly on the ground?

"We were obviously delighted with the result, but I think everyone knows that 5-1 flattered us a little bit. We have just got to keep doing our jobs and keep winning, especially at home. The gaffer is the first to tell you that we weren't at our best but, we came away with the win, which was the most important thing." Praising the role of the front men, though, he says, "Delaney (Sam-Yorke) has done really well. He's gone out on loan to Lincoln, caught the eye, come back and

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It's a great set up to be part of, and that's right the way through from match days to every day in training. You get the feeling everyone is pulling in the right direction, so it's good to be a part of.

Autograph





scored and also picked up Man of the Match, so I was made up for him. He's a top guy, works hard and is a real character in the dressing room, so deserves his praise and the that goal he got."

A level-headed individual belying his 20 years, Will must be extremely happy with the way things have unfolded for him in recent weeks, especially when it is considered he could step out at Wembley next Sunday week when United face Gosport Borough in the FA Trophy showpiece final?

"Personally I'm in a good place at the moment and enjoying every minute of it, so I've got to thank the gaffer for the opportunity. He has had faith in me, as has Jez (George)," and looking ahead tentatively to Wembley, Will says that although it will be a great occasion, the entire squad should acknowledge the fact that, as well as no one player being a certainty for inclusion within the starting line-up, there is plenty of league action to concentrate on beforehand. "We have a lot of games in between now and then, which is

the main focus, so we cannot get carried away with the prospect of playing at Wembley. We've got business to take care of in the league, so need to do our jobs there first and foremost."

The circumstances leading to his debut for United have been well documented, with goalkeeping colleague John Sullivan explaining within these very pages two weeks ago the reasons behind his late pre-match withdrawal from the away fixture at Tamworth, but what were Will's views on the evening?

"Sully (John Sullivan) took a knock in the warm-up, wasn't fit to play and the gaffer said, 'right, you're playing, go out there and enjoy it.' He was brilliant to be fair and made sure all the lads were behind me in the dressing room. In the end it was a good win and a clean sheet."

Almost brushing aside the occasion of his debut as an everyday event, he has the air of a confident man, but surely there were nerves?

"There wasn't any time for that!" he says, continuing. "I think that's the best way, though, not to overthink things. Going out there, it just

seemed to me like second nature. You can't ask for any more than a clean sheet really, so a great way to make my debut." Soon deflecting the attention away from himself again, however, he adds, "I've got the back four and midfield four to thank, though, as they worked really hard that day, to make my life easier."

The goalkeepers union is a tight one and, despite, ousting the more experienced Sullivan from the starting line-up in recent weeks, the two, or three when you include Coach Martin Davies, are as supportive as ever of each other.

"Sully's been nothing but a positive influence on me. I'm always looking to learn from him as he's a great goalkeeper. To be honest I've just got to keep learning from him and keep my head down. Taff (Martin Davies) has been brilliant as well. He's worked really hard with me, been patient and helped to iron certain things out with my game that needed improving and, generally, taken a lot of time out with me. He wouldn't, because I'm the number two, not work on the things that I need to work on, he's always there suggesting ways I can be better. Even when I was back with Royston (earlier this season) he'd be there to listen to me, ask what sort of game I'd had and was keen to know how I was getting on."

Just eight days later Will was rewarded with a two and a half year extension to his contract with United, in a deal that will see him remain at the R Costings Abbey Stadium until the summer of 2016. Surely a proud moment for the youthful stopper?

"I was delighted," says Will without hesitation, before continuing, "Even before the Tamworth game I had spoken to Jez, who said he wanted to tie me down for a longer, extended period of time. I guess that game reaffirmed his belief though. You never like to think what could happen after a contract is finished, so I was

pleased to get that security of another two and a half years."

A Hertfordshire lad, Will looks back with fondness at his teenage years and is keen to point out the faith that was invested in him.

"I was with a college side, Queens Academy (Bushey, Hertfordshire) during what would have been my scholarship years and, their philosophy is to get you out playing mens football as soon as possible, so I signed for Royston from Hatfield when I had just turned 18, then made my debut in November 2011, if I recall. They were brilliant with me at Royston, didn't hold me back at all and gave me a really good platform to show what I could do."

Valuable experience was soon gained at Royston, with Will a key member of the Crows side winning the South Midlands Premier Division title in April 2012, which is something that may serve him well should United be involved in the end of season play-off shake up.

"We actually did the treble in my first season," he is quick to mention, before continuing, "It was a really proud moment for the club and I have the Manager Paul Attfield and coaches to thank for that. As I said, they showed unbelievable faith in me at such a young age. The whole team, though, were fantastic and I'm not sure they got the credit they deserved to be honest. They were a great unit and a good bunch of lads to work with."

His talent in a successful side was not lost on United, who opted to swoop for the clearly modest young keeper in July 2012. How did Will first hear of the interest in him?

"I was playing in what I think was a trial game, although, I just viewed it as an opportunity to be involved in another match and show what I can do. I remember Jez substituted me after about sixty minutes to tell me that the club was keen and wanted me to come down and train for a week to see how I'd get on, so I just took it from there. I was really surprised by it to be honest."

Loaned straight back to his former club for the entirety of the 2012/13 season, in addition to the opening months of the current campaign, was there ever a sense personally that, despite continuing to train full-time with United, his ongoing career was moving sideways rather than upwards?

"My thoughts, were that it was always going to be a case of me needing games. I cannot learn properly unless I'm out there experiencing first-team football. It was also a great being second choice to Maxy (Chris Maxwell) earlier this season, but I needed to be playing." Detailing further his relationship with Maxwell, it is clear that Will has always been grateful for both the experience and advice he receives from others. "He was a fantastic role-model and I had no qualms about him being the number one goalkeeper, in fact, you can't when he's playing as well as he was. He's such a good keeper, so it was another chance for me to learn and soak up what he had to say. I keep in touch with him, speak to him every now and then and we are still quite tight."

With Maxwell having returned to parent club Fleetwood and now, deservedly, first-choice stopper at the Highbury Stadium, doors have opened for both the current U's goalkeepers. Now a regular in the starting eleven, to which Will says wryly in retrospect, "I wouldn't

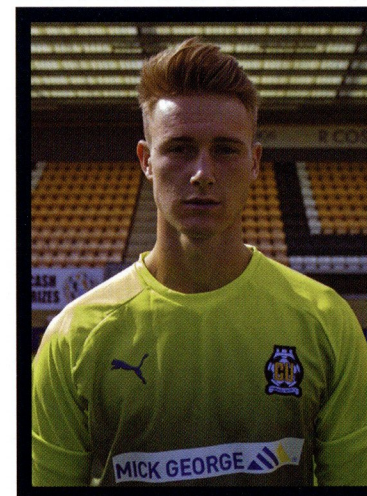
have believed anyone that me that earlier in the season fact, I would've bitten your h off," who, outside of the Un camp, has he looked up to been inspired by?

"My Dad's a keen Manchester United fan and was always telling me to watch how Paul Schmeichel played, so I think would definitely be him. Not a role-model to have really."

Always understated but confident in his abilities and, importantly, happy to be at United, whose bond with his teammates good due to sharing digs with Richard Tait, Mitch Austin, R Donaldson and Nathan Arr says, "It's fantastic here and, to be honest, I couldn't have asked more. It's a great set up to be in, of, and that's right the way through from match days to every day training. You get the feeling even one is pulling in the right direction so it's good to be a part of."

And of his aspirations for the remainder of the season, he concludes with now characteristic level-headedness, "I have my targets, which are between me and Taff, but for the moment it's to me to keep my head down, work hard and let the games speak for themselves."

Will Norris was talking with D. Shulman



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Jez GEORGE

Director of Football



I would like to start by introducing you to my guests for tonight's game. Whilst we were getting back to winning ways at the R Costings Abbey Stadium last Saturday, the following players were victorious in two matches against Oxford University.

So congratulations to John Harrison, Martin Minkowski, Preye Koroye-Crooks, Raffi Salama, Dan Brown, Jonny Crease, Will Goddard-Pantic, Ben Mack, Martin Lettriliart, Marcus Neilson, James Eales, Marcus McPhillips, Rafe Fletcher & John Carroll who were part of the Kestrels team to triumph 2-1 whilst Henry Warne, Chris Fountain, Donald Bogle, Rich Wolstenhulme, Jonny Dungay, Martin Sedlak, Joe Painter, Boris Grubic, AJ Rawson, Nikos Yerolemou, Max Burley, Ricky Versteeg, Jack Johnson, Dave Walker and Alex Howorth formed the Falcons squad that turned around a two goal deficit to win 3-2 against their Oxford counterparts. These matches are an annual event for the second and third teams and precedes the Blues Varsity Match. The remaining players who will rep-

resent our city on Sunday 6th April at Craven Cottage, on the day of another famous Cambridge v Oxford fixture, the Boat Race, are:

Fergus Kent, Simon Court, Sol Elliott, Mike Smith, James Day, Anthony Childs, James May, Zac Baynham-Herd, Haith Sherif, Chris Hutton, Rory Griffiths, Daniel Forde & John Gorringe.

We will be introducing the Falcons and Blues squads to you at half time today, so please give the players a really good reception.

This relationship, initiated by our Community Trust Chairman, Graham Daniels, has seen us coach the Blues this season. That includes taking weekly training sessions, managing the team in their league and cup fixtures and coaching them at their training camp in La Manga. You may have read about their exploits or followed them on twitter but as I have said before, it has been an absolute pleasure for me and our other coaches to have been able to have helped them since September. Despite the huge demands of their academic studies, they are so committed to their football and represent the university with real pride. There attitude is very humbling. I have got to know them quite well over the last six months and I think a few of the squad are slowly becoming proper Cambridge United fans! They are certainly becoming regulars at the R Costings Abbey Stadium and will be supporting us at Wembley as part of their build up for their own big day in London two weeks later. I really hope that we can reciprocate by taking some of the Amber Army to Craven Cottage (especially the drummer!) to get behind the Light Blues in the Varsity Match.

The vision of our club, which is implemented through the work of our trust, is to interact with all cross sections of our community and make a real contribution through sport, especially football. There is no larger community in Cambridge than the university and certainly no more historic or instantly recognisable brand throughout the world. Anywhere you travel, whether it be to Australia, America, Asia, Africa or the Middle East, everyone has

heard of Cambridge because of the university. Whereby in the past the club has sought to gain quick wins with little long term commitment, we are now motivated by developing partnerships that are mutually beneficial and sustainable for the long term. Therefore, it is not about selling a few tickets for a few games each season, it is about forging a real, meaningful relationship. It is a privilege to be associated with such an iconic institution but it has also been a privilege to work with such honest, keen, intelligent and talented individuals.

The conversations are sometimes a little different. I haven't had too many discussions on the way back from a CUFC game about a book titled "the utopia of communism on Mars!" I have rarely debated the relative conductivity qualities of polystyrene cups with CUFC players whilst sipping my coffee and I have never had a player apologise when they were substituted for their performance! I have also heard the best out down line ever. We lost to Chichester and whilst we were discussing Greek theology and Chinese philosophy in our cool down, one of our players said "you can even get in there with an A Level in Business Studies!" Brilliant! Through everything, the traditions, the keenness of the players and their gratitude for our input is really evident.

We also have the players of Pembroke College here tonight. They lost a thrilling Cuppers final 4-3 against Jesus College last Friday in a game that constantly ebbed and flowed. The dress code and selections of songs from the stands were not quite what we would see in the NRE (I've not seen too many supporters wearing bow ties and blazers in the R Costings Abbey Stadium!) but the endeavour from these players on the pitch was reminiscent of the work ethic from our own team. My mate, Trevor Munns, is Pembroke groundsman turned manager and they certainly did him and themselves proud with their performance.

This season has been tough for the Blues but it has been punctuated by some fantastic highlights and ultimately the aim to stay in the Premier Division of the BUCS league has been achieved. The players deserve all the plaudits. We have tried to add some professionalism, some organisation, some tactical

knowledge and discipline, some team shape and some pattern of play to help them compete at the highest level of university football throughout the British Isles. And let me tell you, it's a decent standard. Great credit, as always, should also go to those who have gone before. Che Wilson coached the team to unprecedented success, culminating in two promotions, before going to Loughborough University himself to peruse his own studies. There are also too many players to mention from those triumphs, many of whom stay in touch with the team, and are now forging their careers throughout the world. I have recognised the unbelievable team spirit, togetherness and respect that is shown not only between this squad but also to the "old boys" so instrumental in getting the team to this level.

One such player is Danny Kerrigan, who assisted Blues skipper Anthony Childs with coaching the Kestrels and Falcons last week and will also be in the dug out as part of the management team for the Varsity match. Danny is a bit of legend amongst the lads, not just for his undoubted ability as a player but also his contribution over five years to university football at Cambridge, which remains undimmed despite graduating two years ago! I have great respect for him and I am delighted that he has also joined us tonight.

To put things into perspective, Graham Daniels recently visited Exeter University through his job and explained to me how their football team met twice weekly for gym sessions before breakfast on campus, three supervised training sessions and their weekly fixtures. I could not believe the size of the campus when we visited Loughborough and the quality of their facilities. Literally world class across a plethora

of sports. These sporting heavyweights, along with the likes of Bath, Cardiff and Hartpury, recruit students because of their sporting prowess as much as their academic excellence. Cambridge University Blues team don't even have their own pitch, relying on the goodwill of college groundsman, and are all in Cambridge primarily because of their academic, not footballing, ability. To have competed in such company, even beating Champions Hartpury, and retaining their status alongside the elite is incredible and testament to the hard work and willingness to learn of the players.

Football is a simple game. If you are better than the opposition, you can just go out and play. You will monopolise possession and you can dictate the game. If you know that the opposition is going to be better, you have to work out a way to compete. You need to be good without the ball, which is much easier to achieve than being good with the ball. You can make life very difficult for any opposition if you are organised. You can be hard to break down, difficult to play through, tough to score against. You also stay in the game. Then you need to find a threat to score a goal. Whether that is being dangerous from set plays, effective on the counter attack or through an outstanding individual capable of creating and scoring goals, it is simply a matter of setting up the team to give them the best chance of competing. It has been déjà vu for me in some ways from February to April 2011! The players have bought into it and have improved their game understanding immeasurably. The Varsity match will bring a different challenge, possession is likely to be more 50/50 than any of our league games, so preparation is vital. There is also the challenge of

handling the occasion. After these lads are students, not professional footballers so adopting right mentality does not always come naturally. Process goals are always more useful than results. If the process is right, the performance will be right and invariably the result will follow. That's our aim.

In terms of potential long term benefits of developing this relationship, it makes the mind boggle have learnt loads about the culture of Cambridge University and the vagaries of it's organisational structure. I think that it is best explained by comparing it to the United States, which has a constitution govern the country as one but constituent states all have a certain independence and a degree of autonomy. At Cambridge University, all the colleges are a separate entity, all charities with their own organisational structures and hierarchy, whilst the academic Cambridge University is the umbrella under which they all operate. Therefore, we must aim to develop links with every individual college in addition to our continued work through football. To say that Cambridge students are not interested in football is a misnomer. There are college leagues with almost 1000 players. There will be synergy between the aims of our own charity, the trust, and the individual colleges. Then there's the Judge Business School, who are already working with towards the creation of an Enterprise Academy for local secondary schools centred around the city. The list is endless but extremely exciting for Cambridge United.

And this link with Cambridge University is the first of many initiatives currently being explored the trust, to implement the vision of being at the centre of the community. Watch this space...


Tonight, the size of the club we are facing is reflected by the number (and I am sure the noise) of fans away support. They could probably have sold out our entire stadium. We really need you to make sure we feel like the home team and then recreate what I am sure will be an electric atmosphere in equal important fixtures against Dartmouth and Welling.

Enjoy the game.

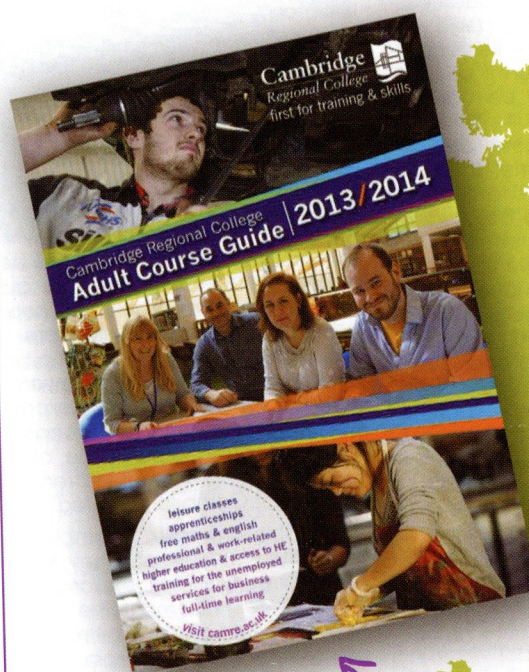


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CRC in ACTION
News of matches involving tomorrow's U's



Mildenhall Town 4 CRC 2
CRC were beaten at local rivals Mildenhall Town in a closely contested game on a day where many games fell foul to the weather but which this one survived despite heavy downpours during the week and a brief hailstorm in the first half.

Mildenhall took the lead in the first quarter of an hour after a mix up between Josh Banthorpe and Jack North saw the home side capitalise. Soon after, a hashed clearance from Josh Banthorpe resulted in a through ball which was well dispatched across the goal into the far corner to double Mildenhall's advantage.

CRC weren't discouraged and played out the rest of the half well, creating a few half chances of their own. With CRC disappointed not to have scored at least once before the break, they came out with even more purpose in the sec-

ond half and were rewarded with a finely taken finish from Elliot Hogan as he lobbed the ball over the keeper.

As the visitors were seizing control and looking evermore dangerous, it was the hosts who scored from a set play. A free header from a corner kick increased the difficulty of the task furthermore for the Scholars.

Dom Mason, making his CRC debut, pulled another goal back for the visitors in an exciting spell where they were playing some football and proving very dangerous. A number of chances went begging as efforts flashed past the post in search of an equaliser, but as the game went into injury time, a cheap surrender of possession on the edge of the 18 yard box allowed Mildenhall to claim their own, slotting home to restore the two goal advantage.

Mark Bonner said of the result,

"We're at a stage now where we have an even younger than your team.

"Some of our play today was good and on another day we have scored four or five.

"The timing of the goals we conceded in the second half hurt because they both came at a time when we looked a real threat and our momentum was with us.

"In the end we made too many mistakes today. Too many deliberate or incorrect decisions in the attacking third, too many hesitant soft phases defensively allowed them in.

"We were good in spells but it doesn't win games."

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Eastern ASPECTS

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

As Britons, the only thing we love more than lazy generalisations about Britishness is misty-eyed retrospective, or occasionally retrospective intertwined with library footage of Liam Gallagher leering and Tony Blair standing while a panel of talking heads provide glib and humourless commentary. People like Kirsten O'Brien and Mike McClean.

So as CRC's time in the Eastern Counties leagues draws to a close, we'll glance back to the picture when they were accepted into the division in 2006. Their first home fixture was the evening before A-Level results day in mid-August, I announced the teams on the tannoy, with nothing like aplomb, as

Histon Reserves crossed town. Then, no-one quite knew what to expect: a reserve division, a practice ground for trialists or a youth team. Indeed, the premier division had been home to King's Lynn's second string as well as Histon's and Cambridge City's before City were replaced by CRC.

But reserve sides were often unpopular, skewing results depending on their first team's fortunes or demands. Ultimately, the financial situations of Lynn, Histon and City precipitated their exits and reserves are no longer welcome.

The scholars were beaten 2-1 that night with a team including seniors Dave Lawrence and goalscorer

Warren McBean, both on trial, former would make a very appearance for Rob Newm Cambridge United later that m in a defeat at Weymouth, while scholars' first success came games later at King's Lynn, Sam Cutler among the goals.

Back to the present, w Felixstowe & Walton United's ur ally consistent run continued w 6-0 victory at Brantham Athl with Ben Cranfield striking times. The Seasiders are unbeaten in 11 but they re well adrift of leaders Hadle Brightlingsea Regent could ceivably catch them after games without defeat but face a busy run-in.

CRC FIXTURES

Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division

August

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|--------|------------------------|------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Sat 14 | A Godmanchester Rovers | L0-1 |
| Sat 28 | A Haverhill Rovers | W2-1 |

January

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| Sat 04 | A Hadleigh United | L1-3 |
| Sat 11 | A Stanway Rovers | L2-3 |

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| Sat 18 | H Kirkley & Pakefield | D1-1 |
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February

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| Sat 15 | A Mildenhall Town | L2-4 |
| Tue 18 | A Ely City | W3-2 |
| Sat 22 | H Brantham Athletic | L2-4 |

March

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| Wed 05 | H Walsham-le-Willows | W2-0 |
| Sat 08 | H Gorleston | L1-2 |
| Wed 19 | H Brightlingsea Regent | 19:45 |
| Sat 22 | H Wivenhoe Town | 15:00 |
| Sat 29 | A FC Clacton | 15:00 |

April

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| Sat 05 | A Kirkley & Pakefield | 15:00 |
| Wed 09 | H Norwich United | 19:45 |
| Sat 12 | A Brantham Athletic | 15:00 |
| Wed 23 | H Thetford Town | 19:45 |
| Sat 26 | H Hadleigh United | 15:00 |

May

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

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

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

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| Jan 14 | R2 A Wisbech Town | W2-1 |
| TBA | SF A Histon or Over Sports | |

FA Youth Cup - Playing as Cambridge United

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Academy *in* FOCUS

Young U's v Norwich City



Despite yet more heavy rain, U9-U14 academy fixtures still went ahead against Premier League (and category 1 academy) Norwich City FC.

Formats in the foundation phase were small sided fixtures ranging from 5v5-7v7 with the slightly older players competing in 9v9-11v11 fixtures. The games were played in excellent spirit and at a high tempo and were fiercely competitive throughout all the age groups.

One of our youth development phase coaches who oversaw the U12 fixture commented that "if the game would have been based on ball, all but one of our goals would have been three pointers!" It came after an emphatic free kick won the U12's the game 7-6 with seconds left to play.

As an indication for how well the academy performed against Norwich City: The U9's were narrowly beaten whilst all other age groups U10's all the way through U14's won their fixtures, some with the excitement of the U12's, others far more convincingly all with a high level of quality professionalism.

This weekend we played against Gillingham at U9-U14 and the U14's are travelling to West Brom with a squad containing the six players who have been offered their scholarship for the 2014 season.

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Look Back IN AMBER

1990-93 - Cambridge United

In May 1992 we lost in the Play-Off Semi-Finals that could have seen us becoming founder members of the Premier League. Our gradual decline into non-league football is all too familiar, but what about the other 23 clubs that competed with us in the last-ever Division Two season (now known as the Championship)? For simplicity's sake I will call the divisions by their current names.

Only two clubs are now playing Premiership football, and both were fighting relegation in 1992-93. Newcastle finished four points clear of the drop, but underwent a spectacular revival under Kevin Keegan and were Premiership runners-up in 1996 and 1997. Sunderland have been promoted to the Premiership four times since then, but if we had won our last game of the 1992-93 season they would have been relegated into League One.

Nearly half of the clubs are still residing in the Championship. Ipswich have been there for 12 years, but enjoyed five Premiership

seasons after winning the 1992 Championship title. Middlesbrough also won automatic promotion that season and have spent 14 out of the last 21 seasons in the top flight. Blackburn won the Play-Offs in 1992 (despite finishing below us) and captured the Premiership title in 1995, though they are now back in the Championship since the money supply was curtailed.

Both Derby and Leicester have enjoyed several seasons amongst the elite and both sides could be back again next season. Charlton were last in the Premier League in 2007, but are now fighting a drop into League One from where they have only recently escaped.

Watford have had two promotions into the Premiership that have only lasted a season apiece, but have been fairly secure in the Championship, unlike Millwall who have had long spells in League One and may be returning there next season. Barnsley did have a brief taste of the Premiership in 1997-98, but also look likely to be

heading back to League One eight seasons away.

Brighton are the other side are still in the Championship, but May 1997 would have been demoted out of the Football League if they had lost their game to Hereford who succumbed instead.

Five teams are now in League One. Swindon graced the Premiership in 1993-94, but then hopped between the Championship and League One mostly since then, whilst Wolves suffered one of their typical plummets from the Premiership to League One after 2012, but may be bound back to the Championship again. Tranmere have been stuck in League One since 2001 and Bristol City are contemplating the possibility of basement football next season. Port Vale finished bottom in 1991-92 but escaped years of League Two existence winning promotion last season.

Five clubs are in League Two. Portsmouth and Bristol Rovers are fighting a drop into non-league football, Oxford (non-League 2) and Plymouth (perennial flirts with danger) and Southend are secure for the time being. Grimsby leaves ourselves and Grimsby the two clubs who have suffered the most.

Kevin Po

Pictured: the squad at the start of the 1991/92 season



Look Back IN AMBER

1990-93 - Football in General

Manchester United won the League title in 1966-67 with a multi-talented team including Bobby Charlton, George Best and Denis Law that were at their peak. They finished as runners-up the following season, distracted by their successful European Cup campaign and then had a long, long wait before they topped the pile once more.

Matt Busby's ageing stars weren't replaced quickly enough and had fallen into mid-table mediocrity by the time of his retirement in 1969. Wilf McGuinness and Frank O'Farrell both struggled after taking the helm and Busby was briefly brought back in order to hold things together. It was Tommy Docherty who took control in 1972 and he oversaw the retirement of Charlton and the departures of Law and Best. He desperately blooded new talent, but after finishing five points clear of the drop in 1972-73 they dramatically succumbed to the inevitable the following season and found themselves out of the elite for the first time since 1938.

The United board wisely stuck with Docherty and his rejuvenated side bounced back into the top flight at the first attempt and only finished four points off the League title in 1976, capturing the FA Cup the following season. Docherty was sacked immediately afterwards because of an affair he had been conducting with the physio's wife that breached the club's code of conduct. 'I have been punished for falling in love,' he memorably quoted.

Dave Sexton was the next manager and in 1979-80 he was only denied the League title by two points,

because the all-conquering Liverpool were just that little bit more consistent. In 1981 it was ex-Cambridge boss Ron Atkinson who was handed the task of capturing that elusive title. Under him United finished third or fourth every season and won a couple of FA Cups, but still fell short of the success that their fans demanded, especially as bitter rivals Liverpool were still hoovering up trophies at a prodigious rate.

In November 1986 Alex Ferguson was appointed as manager. The first few seasons were wobbly. They were runners-up in 1987-88 (albeit a long way behind Liverpool), but stuck in mid-table apart from that and in 1989-90 only avoided the drop by five points. The breakthrough came the following season when his side (including Steve Bruce, Gary Pallister, Bryan Robson and Mark Hughes) lifted the European Cup-Winners Cup trophy. In 1991-92 they were engaged with Leeds United in an intriguing battle for supremacy and with five games to go were two points clear with a game in hand. They lost three games in a row to hand the title to Leeds.

United struggled until November the following season, but the capture of Eric Cantona from Leeds was the spark they needed. They overhauled Norwich to get to the summit and were battling for supremacy with Aston Villa. Another jittery spell was overcome in March and United were rampant at the finish as they won their last seven games to finally end the 26 year wait for the title.

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Press GANG

Matt Gooding looks at former U's in the news



When Cambridge United take to the Wembley pitch in the FA Trophy final later this month, it's quite possible they'll be facing at least one familiar face.

Adam Wilde (pictured) started his career with the U's back in the late 1990s, but after failing to cut it in the professional ranks, the winger drifted into non-league, with the likes of Cambridge City and Weymouth.

He joined Gosport Borough, our Trophy Final opponents, in 2009 from AFC Totten, and has proved to be a snip for Alex Pike's team, making over 150 appearances to date.

Now 34, Wilde combines playing part-time with his day job running a barber's shop, and despite the U's being head and shoulders above Boro in the football pyramid, he believes he and his team-mates can spring a surprise on March 23.

"It's going to be massive, this is the biggest game I've ever been involved in, everyone's absolutely

buzzing," said Wilde.

"Reaching Wembley would fulfil a boyhood dream. I went there to see Wade Elliott, a friend of mine, score the winner for Burnley in their play-off final against Sheffield United five years ago, but playing there would be something else.

"We're the underdogs but anything can happen in a cup tie."

Gosport also have league matters on their mind, with the club facing a fight to avoid relegation from the Conference South.

At the other end of the table, play-off chasing Sutton United claimed a notable scalp last Tuesday when they beat league leaders Bromley 4-2.

Goalkeeper Jason Brown, who left United after Christmas, has been between the sticks for Sutton for the last five games, and believes the result sends out a message to the rest of the division.

"This result will send a lot of shock-

waves through the league, and one will want to play us now," said.

"We've been sending out a message since Christmas with some excellent performances, but a win over Bromley will turn heads.

Shockwaves? Turning heads? all go in the Skrilk South.

He added: "I felt we were alive in the game, but games turn moments and when I made a save in the second I had a feeling it would go our way.

"Bromley were on top at the end of the second half, but you can see they were desperate for a goal.

"Even at 2-2 I was still rushing to get the ball out to the defence because there was still time, you had the feeling something would happen."

Brown, 31, has conceded three goals in his first five matches with the other U's, and the former Welsh international stopper has been keen to praise his team-mates for their part in this impressively short record.

"Since I've been here I've realised we have a fantastic squad, a fantastic team spirit," he said.

"We have hungry boys who understand their role within the team or squad, and when you have something like that, you always have a chance, and you have really good chance.

"We have nothing to fear from anyone, but we cannot get complacent and think the job is done because it is nowhere near done.

Prior to signing for United in December, Brown had been a free agent for some months, and should perhaps pass on some tips on how to get back into football to Dean Webb.

The ex-U's striker-turned-defender signed for Chelmsford City in the summer, but has now been released from his one-year contract after making 17 appearances for The Clarets.

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Travellers' TALES

Mark Johnson looks back at our recent trip to Grimsby

Grimsby: it's further than you think! Admittedly it might not be the first choice tagline for the Grimsby Tourist Board - or indeed the best - but it would certainly be the most accurate as, although the 90 miles or so to Lincoln pass easily enough, the final 40 or 50 are interminable as you wind your way along mainly single carriageway roads through the Lincolnshire Wolds. Allowing plenty of time helps; and that's just what your BBC Radio Cambridgeshire commentary team did, so there wasn't too much of a problem finding somewhere to park in a side street beside the ground.

Blundell Park is a large, old fashioned ground that has been turned into an all-seater stadium and, as such, looks somewhat incongruous in the Conference. The dominant feature is a huge, two-tiered stand that towers over the surrounding streets as much as it does the ground. The upper tier is about twice the height of the lower tier and both are filled with red seats, although a number of those in the very back rows of the upper tier have faded to the usual hues you might expect in an edifice exposed to the elements. Those in the lower tier have the letters 'GTFC' picked out in white amongst them. The glass windows of corporate areas separate these tiers.

Low, grey buildings are on either side of this stand; these serve as offices, turnstile blocks and other



necessaries and they fill the area along that side of the ground. There's plenty of filling for them to do, as although the stand along this side is huge, it's a tall rather than a long stand. To the left of the stand, looking from across the ground, a couple of minibuses are parked between the breezeblock buildings and the side of the pitch; and it is here that the only noticeable change to the ground since our visit in August is to be found. That change comes in the form of a large, screen-style scoreboard which made its debut at this match. It replaces the old, more basic scoreboard that was bolted to the roof above the visitors section of the ground. It showed match highlights of a couple of games before kick-off, including the first leg of the semi-final at the R Costings Abbey Stadium, and other 'highlights' too; such as people dining in the corporate areas or paying as they go through the turnstiles. Once the match began the scoreboard displayed the score and a great big clock that barely seemed to tick round during the second half.

Two of the three remaining sides also contain red seats. The stands behind the goal to the left of the huge stand and along the side facing it are single tiered and joined by a continuous roof. An area of unused terracing in the corner

between these two areas reveals the secret of these stands' past

Whilst the stand behind the goal allocated to visiting fans, the one alongside the pitch contains a press box - or press boxes, for there are two. Box A, the only one in use for our visit, contains fairly comfortable seats behind a white bench whose width makes for a slight challenge for those reporting with laptops; however, I suspect that when the press areas were built a lap top was simply something that appears when one is down. Box B, which is slightly further back and slightly more centrally positioned, has contoured wooden seats. The surprising number of press boxes is only outdone by the remarkable number of pillars which are deemed necessary to support the large, corrugated roof which covers this stand. Fortunately, the pillars are sensibly proportioned and you can peer around them to see all the pitch without too much of a problem. An area of tarmac beside this stand leads to the rear part of this all-seater stadium. Behind the remaining goal is a large, stand-alone area of seating. Vertically striped in black and white, the seats here look like the skin of an impossible large zebra has been left to dry in the sun.



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Terrace TALK

There's a time and a place for nuzzling, says Henry Milward



Football, some people will tell you, is beyond the rule of law. A Wild West hinterland of corrupt officials, dubious thugs and tax loopholes: not morally bankrupt but well into the overdraft. But people tell you all sorts of things: I was once almost convinced that Suede's 1993 song Animal Nitrate was written for Leo Fortune-West. Listening is very important – it makes women fall in love with you, kids – but do it selectively.

Those people had a fine example, they thought, after Alan Pardew nuzzled David Meyler in a match on a weekend, you don't need the details. It was a nuzzle. I mean, I haven't seen the video, because I really haven't got the energy, but let's call it a nuzzle. You'll know by now that reactions to things have changed. Once, you actually saw and heard them brewing. Unemployment in the north-east (more on that later)? Look out of your Leicestershire window and you'll see a band of blokes from Jarrow walking with placards: that was their reaction. And say what you like about

extremists groups – not in their earshot – but they know how to react: hastily-decorated placards, loud hailer and stomping.

No, the reaction was the furious online kind which it feels horribly old hat to even mention. Some were giggling, that furiousness was fine, others were angry. The crux of their 140-character arguments was that had they nuzzled David Meyler in their jobs, they'd have been sacked. It's an excellent point but none of their jobs are footballer or football manager.

We've talked about this before in these pages: that loyalty to your town centre boutique is not the same as loyalty to a football club or a group of fans. No-one, to my knowledge, kisses the badge of their well-known uber grocer and salutes the fish counter. But do try it on Monday, if you have the opportunity.

Glasgow kisses aren't beautiful things, of course, but there are very few situations in your job or mine when you would be running 20 metres to slide tackle an employee

of a rival company, with onlookers heartily applauding and calling rival a little sausage. I would not shepherd a scrunched up piece of paper to the recycling bin or hold of a colleague's shirt on my way to lunch. The argument doesn't work: comparing physical competitive sport to your job is entirely futile. Futile when it comes to contact, when it comes to nuzzling between positions and almost everything else besides.

In one breath we expect footballers and managers to be entertainers, our recovery from depression, our idols, we sing songs about them for goodness sake, then at the very same time they should be entirely compatible with us. That's not to say they're free to run roughshod over ethics and morals, that's another tedious matter with an obvious answer, only that the rules are different because the game is different.

Humbly Grove police, you'll be pleased to know, won't be taking any further action', which could also be stylised: won't be taking any further action, but quote me in give things ounces more grace. Some people – yes, people agree – were offended by the nuzzle. Actually, there is precedent: criminal proceedings against footballers, including the Bournemouth defender James Cotterill, who was imprisoned for punching Bournemouth's Sean Rigg in an FA Cup match, but it's a slightly muddy area: contact in football is often enough merit sanction, contact on the London underground is a small reward for working in the capital. Let's lock the door from the outside and let football get on with it.

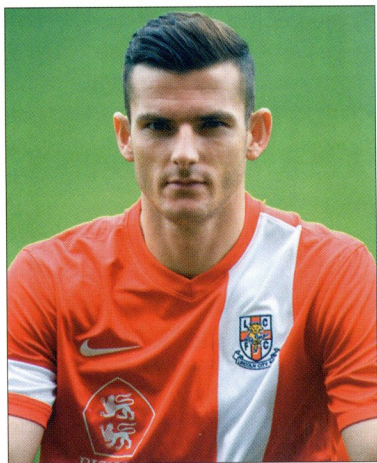
Conference CALL

Dave Stacey reviews the latest news and results

Despite dropping points for the first time since January 4th (six straight league wins) our visitors tonight Luton actually extended their lead at the top during a weekend in which only one of the top five sides won.

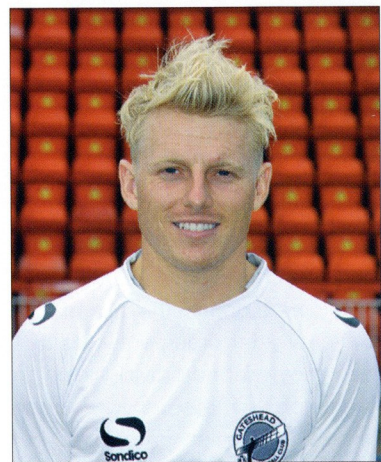
Having bagged 25 goals in those aforementioned six unblemished results, it was somewhat of a surprise when the trip to face Salisbury at the Ray Mac stadium ended goalless, Andre Gray coming closest for the visitors with a pile driver from 30 yards that hit the post. The result stretched the Hatters' lead at the top to 15 points (having played a game more) and leaves City three points shy of the final play-off position.

Remaining in third place is Alfreton after they were pegged back by a late, late Lincoln goal at the iMPact Arena. The Reds went in front when Shaun Harrad converted Dan Bradley's cross just after the hour mark but Sean Newton (below) lashed home in the fourth minute of added time after the Town defence failed to clear a corner. Whilst only the fourth draw of Nicky Law's men's season leaves them still well involved in the play-off chase the point should be enough to ease City worries as they



now lie 14 points from the drop zone.

Two sides hoping to be in the end of season promotion chase contested a fierce battle at the Hive as Gateshead picked up a valuable three points against Barnet, a lopoping header by Jamie Chandler (below) from John Oster's cross secured the points for the Heed with 20 minutes to go for their first away victory in seven matches and moves them in to sixth place, two points from that coveted fifth spot. The result inflicted a second successive home league defeat on the Bees.



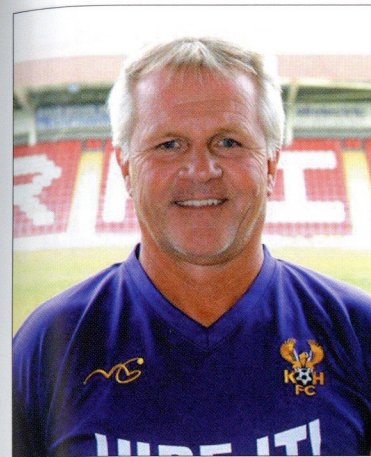
As mentioned, the only side in the top five to win at the weekend was Nuneaton after the visit of Welling. Boro's first real attempt on goal resulted in the opener as Andy Brown rose highest to head home James Armson's cross. Dave Hibbert wrapped things up three minutes from time when he turned in Danny Sleath's cross to end a four game unbeaten run for the Wings.

Lee Gregory struck his third hat-trick of the season as Halifax hammered bottom club Hyde, who will be relegated if they lose at Alfreton tonight. Ryan Crowther's volley opened the scoring for the



Shaymen after just nine minutes before Gregory (above) doubled the lead from close range on the half hour. Paul Marshall's curler from the edge of the box made it 3-0 just after half-time before Alex Brown pulled one back for the hosts. It made no difference, however, as Gregory raced away to slot home his second and rounded off his hat-trick with a clinical finish from the edge of the box to complete the scoring. Halifax remain three points from a play-off spot.

Grimsby's promotion push took a late dent as they were held at Macclesfield. Connor Jennings took the Mariners' first clear-cut chance late in the first half, converting after Andi Thanaj's shot fell his way to notch his first goal having recovered from life-threatening leg surgery, but Scott Boden levelled from the spot in the 95th minute after Shaun Pearson fouled Chris Holroyd. The draw leaves Grimsby four points off the play-offs but they do have up to five games in hand on their rivals. Mariners' boss Paul Hurst was left to rue, "We've been comfortable and had chances to put the game to bed and a couple of bad bits of play by ourselves gave them the chance to equalise with almost the last kick of the game."



Briefly diverting to off-field news, Kidderminster announced last week the departure of manager Andy Thorn after just 10 games in charge at Harriers. Leaving with the less than impressive record of just three wins, Thorn has been replaced by assistant manager to his predecessor Gary Whild (above).

Which leads us nicely in to the battle of the managerless sides at the Racecourse which, perhaps unsurprisingly, finished goalless, Wrexham finishing with 10 men after Andy Bishop saw red for a second booking in the final quarter of an hour.

There were key battles in the relegation dogfight, too, as Woking virtually assured themselves of another year at this level with victory over Southport who now hover in the final safety spot. Scott Rendell headed the Cards in to the lead just after half-time and Keiran Murtagh wrapped up the points with a shot from close range late on.

The Sandgrounders had already found themselves leap-frogged after Chester's victory over Dartford in front of the BT Sport cameras on Friday night. Gareth Seddon grabbed the only goal of the game on 51 minutes with the first shot on target. There is now a four point gap between 20th and 21st and it does look as though it will be one from Aldershot,

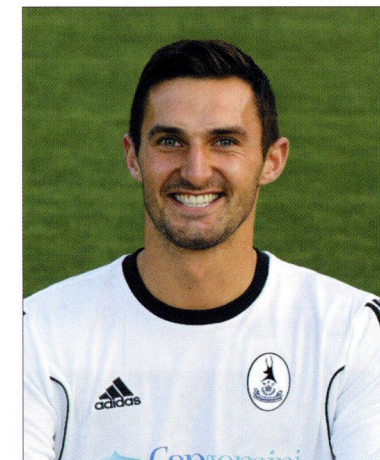
Southport, Chester and Hereford to join Dartford, Tamworth and Hyde.

Having said that, Tamworth picked up a massive three points at the expense of Aldershot this weekend. Our very own on-loan striker Matthew Barnes-Homer grabbed the only goal of the game, his first for the Lambs, volleying home Lloyd Kerry's cross with 20 minutes to go.

And finally, two goals in as many minutes meant that Braintree and Hereford shared the spoils at Cressing Road as Dan Walker cancelled out namesake Holman's opener in the first half.

The North

The top two both won comfortably in the North to further extend the gap to the rest.

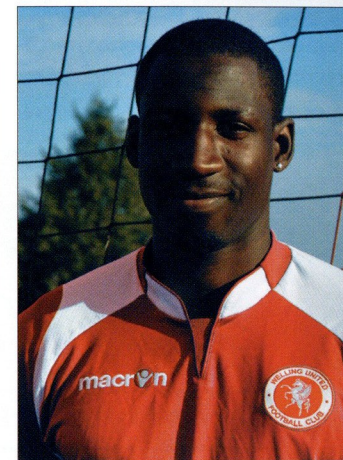


AFC Telford travelled to struggling Stalybridge and had a brace from Andy Owens (above) to thank whilst North Ferriby were just up the road comfortably seeing off Histon, Liam King, Danny Emerton and Lewis McMahon all on target. Sitting in third still are Hednesford despite their 1-3 at Gainsborough who were helped by Jonathan Margett's brace whilst Altrincham got themselves back on track with James Walshaw and Damien Reeves completing a second half turnaround against Brackley who had taken an early lead through David Bridges.

Former leaders Solihull have slipped down to the final play position following their 2-1 defeat at Harrogate who moved in to second and a point from the play-off process.

The South

Leaders Bromley have now slipped their lead at the top slip to just two points to Eastleigh, who have 19 games in hand, following defeat at Chelmsford which leaves Ravens winless in three. Michael Cheek, Keiron St. Aimee and Christian 'Brick Wall' Smith rendered Pierre Joseph-Dubois' effort a mere consolation. Eastleigh, though, didn't take advantage they went down to Concord Rangers by the odd goal in front. Leading 2-1 the game turned against the Spitfires when Reece Connolly was shown a red card in a quarter of an hour to go and the turnaround was completed by Tom Stokes (77) and Stephen Cawley (91).



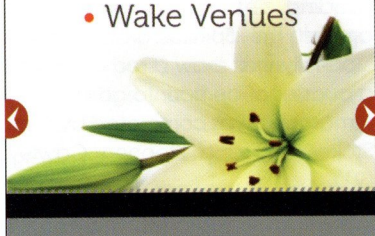
There were wins for the remainder of the play-off place holders, however, with Sutton overcoming Farnborough 1-2, Ebbsfleet seeing off Hayes & Yeading thanks to Anthony Acheampong (above) strike and Whitehawk victorious over Havant & Waterlooville. At an injury-time Alex Kington penalty Bath are now just one point from the play-offs after Josh Low's 89th minute goal did for Maidenhead.

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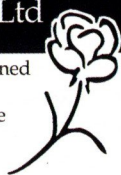
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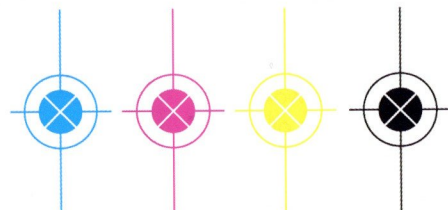
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Here & THERE

Henry Milward looks forward to our next two matches



Wobbling in a second season at
this level is easily done. Performing
well in the first, with momentum
from promotion outside often leads
to a drop-off in fortunes, as rivals
procure your players and that
same momentum slowly dissi-
pates. Dartford fit the model and
indeed they looked as though they
were all played out at the end of

2013, having lost ten league
matches in succession. It was a try-
ing run which severely tested boss
Tony Burnham's mettle, but it is to
his and the Darts' significant credit
that they emerged to pull them-
selves back into survival con-
tention.

Instead of slipping under like
Hyde, the Kent club put that streak

v Welling United Tuesday, March 18th, 19.45 The Skrill Premier

Welling, too, earned promotion 18
months ago, but their second year
in the Conference has been spent
in loftier climes. Within shouting
distance of the top five in one of
the most open top halves in recent
years, Jamie Day's side have
taken comfortably to the chal-
lenges laid out in front of them in
2013/4. The Wings have been
inconsistent, and that may be a
determining factor when the play-
off places are decided but they
are nevertheless utterly secure.
Never, this term, have they lost



more than two league matches in
succession, earning useful wins at
Chester, Braintree and Woking
while seeing off the likes of Forest
Green, Gateshead and
Macclesfield on home turf.

While Day has used the loan mar-

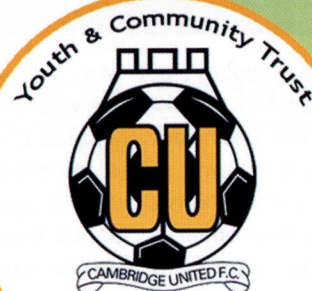
v Dartford Saturday, March 15th, 15.00 The Skrill Premier

behind them with a narrow victo-
ry at Kidderminster. It was their
success in three months and w
secured thanks to Andy Pugh's fi-
nal half winner. Pugh wasn't eligible
to appear in the following match
Burnham's men pegged the
back in a 3-3 draw at Princes Pa
They went on to triumph in each
their next three outings, striking ni-
ne times along the way including f
against Woking. A 3-0 defeat
Southport at the start of Mar
brought them back down to ea
(in truth, you don't really go in
orbit when you're in the
Conference relegation places) b
they are nevertheless in with a fig-
ing chance of a third season
non-league's top tier.

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- * The chanting of anything indecent or racial
- * Entering the playing area or any other restricted areas without authority

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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.

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- * All safety announcements will be preceded by a 'bing bong' sound from the tannoy. Please listen carefully to any instructions
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- * You must be in possession of the appropriate ticket to access the area of the stadium entered
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- * Do not obstruct driveways or make sure that emergency vehicles have access

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Ten to Tackle Answers

This evening's answers from page are as follows:

1. 20! 2. Daniel Sturridge 3. Five Northern Ireland 5. United States 1970s (1976) 7. Two 8. Vauxhall Mot 9. They sacked their manager Tuesday, then reappointed him or two-year contract on Wednesday Inter Milan

How did you do?

8-10: Number of goals Luto expect to score in their next two games

4-7: Number of managers who be sacked in the time it takes you to do this quiz

0-3: Number of trophies Man City will win this season

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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 | 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 11 | H | Luton Town (FAT3) | D2-2 | 3,194 | 687 | | | Sullivan | Roberts Miller Bonner Taylor Dunk Berry Hughes |
| Tue 14 | A | Luton Town (FAT3R) | W1-0 | 2,312 | 326 | | | Sullivan | Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| Sat 18 | A | FC Halifax Town | D1-1 | 1,767 | 319 | 53 | 2 | Sullivan | Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Dunk Barnes-Homer |
| Tue 21 | A | Tamworth | W1-0 | 833 | 273 | 56 | 2 | Norris | Berry Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Dunk Barnes-Homer |
| Sat 25 | A | Darford | D3-3 | 2,023 | 1,039 | 57 | 2 | Sullivan | Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Chambers Bird2 |
| Tue 28 | H | Grimsby Town | L1-2 | 3,057 | 459 | 57 | 2 | Sullivan | Tait Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Chambers Berry1 |
| February | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 01 | A | Eastleigh (FAT4) | W1-0 | 957 | 191 | | | Norris | Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Chambers Arnold |
| Tue 11 | H | Alfreton Town | L0-1 | 2,106 | 31 | 57 | 2 | Norris | Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| Sat 15 | H | Grimsby Town (FATSF1) | W2-1 | 3,246 | 1,023 | | | Norris | Roberts Pugh Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| Tue 18 | H | Wrexham | D0-0 | 2,231 | 108 | 58 | 2 | Norris | Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| Sat 22 | A | Grimsby Town (FATSF2) | D1-1 | 3,931 | 384 | | | Norris | Roberts Miller Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| Tue 25 | A | Braintree Town | L0-1 | 1,016 | 424 | 58 | 2 | Norris | Roberts Bonner Coulson Taylor Champion Berry Hughes |
| March | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 01 | H | Kidderminster Harriers | W5-1 | 2,528 | 176 | 61 | 2 | Norris | Tait Miller Coulson1 Taylor Champion Berry1p Donaldson |
| Sat 08 | A | Forest Green Rovers | L2-3 | 1,411 | 198 | 61 | 2 | Norris | Tait Miller Coulson1 Taylor Champion Hughes Donaldson |
| Tue 11 | H | Luton Town | 19:45 | | | | | | |
| Sat 15 | H | Darford | 15:00 | | | | | | |
| Tue 18 | H | Welling United | 19:45 | | | | | | |
| Sun 23 | | Gosport Borough (FATF) | 15:00 | | | | | | |
| Wed 26 | A | Salisbury City | 19:45 | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| Tue 15 | A | Kidderminster Harriers | 19:45 | | | | | | |
| Fri 18 | A | Lincoln City | 15:00 | | | | | | |
| Mon 21 | H | Chester FC | 15:00 | | | | | | |
| Sat 26 | A | Gateshead | 17:30 | | | | | | |
| TBA | A | Woking | | | | | | | |

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| | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | APPEARANCES 2013/14 | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | PLAYER | LGE | FAC | FAT | TO |
| Dunk | Cunnington2(1p) | Elliott | Sam-Yorke2 | Berry | Hughes | McAuley | Wilson | James Akintunde | 0 | 0 | 0+1 | 0+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Hughes | Sam-Yorke | Arnold1 | Austin | Allen | Norris | Luke Allen | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dunk | Sam-Yorke | Arnold | Hughes | Cunnington | Austin | Allen | Norris | Kwesi Appiah | 13+1 | 4 | 0+1 | 17+ |
| Dunk | Sam-Yorke | Arnold | Taylor | Austin | Spillane | Coulson | Norris | Nathan Arnold | 12+16 | 0+2 | 5+2 | 17+2 |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Arnold | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Austin | Hughes | Norris | Mitch Austin | 1+6 | 0+1 | 2 | 3+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington1p | Arnold | Spillane | Hughes | Austin | Sam-Yorke | Norris | Matthew Barnes-Homer | 4+1 | 0 | 0 | 4+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington1 | Hughes | Arnold | Austin | Roberts | Pugh | Norris | Luke Berry | 25+7 | 4 | 5+2 | 34+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington1 | Appiah | Hughes | Taylor | Spillane | Austin | Norris | Ryan Bird | 5+1 | 0 | 3 | 8+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah | Arnold | Berry | Roberts | Tait | Norris | Tom Bonner | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah | Arnold | Hughes | Spillane | Sam-Yorke | Norris | Jason Brown | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Dunk1 | Cunnington | Appiah1 | Hughes | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Austin | Norris | Ashley Chambers | 3 | 0 | 2+1 | 5+ |
| Dunk | Sam-Yorke | Appiah1 | Arnold | Cunnington | Spillane | Roberts | Norris | Tom Champion | 32 | 4 | 4+1 | 40+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah1 | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Arnold | Austin | Norris | Josh Coulson | 29 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Dunk | Cunnington1 | Appiah | Sam-Yorke | Berry | Arnold | Bonner | Norris | Adam Cunningham | 20+1 | 3+1 | 0 | 23+ |
| Dunk | Elliott | Appiah | Cunnington | Sam-Yorke | Arnold | Bonner | Norris | Ryan Donaldson | 18+1 | 1 | 4 | 23+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Elliott | Appiah2 | Berry | Sam-Yorke | Hughes | Norris | Harrison Dunk | 25+1 | 4 | 1 | 30+ |
| Dunk | Sam-Yorke | Appiah | Cunnington1 | Arnold | Austin | Spillane | Miller | Tom Elliott | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Austin | Cunnington | Appiah | Arnold | Berry | Dunk | Sam-Yorke | Norris | Josh Gillies | 2+4 | 0 | 3+1 | 5+ |
| Dunk | Cunnington1 | Appiah1 | Arnold1 | Roberts | Sam-Yorke | Austin | Norris | Ryan Horne | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah2 | Arnold | Sam-Yorke | Roberts | Bonner | Norris | Liam Hughes | 20+8 | 4 | 5+2 | 29+1 |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah | Sam-Yorke | Arnold | Roberts | Bonner | Spillane | Liam Hurst | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dunk2 | Cunnington | Appiah | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Arnold | Austin | Norris | Karl Ledsham | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Ledsham | Arnold1 | Sam-Yorke | Hughes | Taylor | Akintunde | Horne | Norris | Matty Lowe | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah | Roberts | Bonner | Austin | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Chris Maxwell | 24 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Dunk | Cunnington | Appiah | Roberts | Arnold | Austin | Sam-Yorke | Spillane | Rory McAuley | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Gillies1 | Cunnington | Appiah2 | Arnold | Austin | Spillane | Ledsham | Brown | Ian Miller | 32 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Gillies | Arnold1 | Sam-Yorke | Berry | Pierre1 | Appiah | Champion | Maxwell | Will Norris | 6 | 0 | 3 | |
| Gillies | Cunnington | Arnold | Sam-Yorke | Tait | Spillane | Bonner | Brown | Aaron Pierre | 0 | 0 | 0+1 | 0+ |
| Donaldson | Cunnington | Arnold | Spillane | Sam-Yorke | Roberts | Austin | Brown | Andy Pugh | 1+2 | 0 | 2 | 3+ |
| Spillane | Cunnington | Elliott | Donaldson | Arnold | Bonner | Sam-Yorke | Brown | Kevin Roberts | 5+4 | 0+1 | 6+1 | 11+ |
| Spillane | Arnold | Elliott1 | Chambers1 | Champion | Tait | Coulson | Norris | Delano Sam-Yorke | 5+11 | 1+1 | 2 | 8+1 |
| Donaldson | Arnold | Chambers1 | Roberts | Spillane | Akintunde | Horne | Norris | Michael Spillane | 6+10 | 0 | 3+1 | 9+1 |
| Donaldson | Elliott1 | Chambers | Berry | Arnold | Hughes | Roberts | Norris | John Sullivan | 3 | 0 | 2 | |
| Donaldson | Elliott | Hughes1 | Arnold | Roberts | Tait | Spillane | | Richard Tait | 26+2 | 3 | 1+3 | 30+ |
| Donaldson | Elliott | Hughes | Arnold | Gillies | Berry1 | Roberts | Norris | Bobby-Joe Taylor | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Donaldson | Elliott | Hughes | Gillies | Arnold | Barnes-Homer | Roberts | Norris | Greg Taylor | 31+2 | 4 | 5+1 | 40+ |
| Donaldson | Bird | Gillies | Berry1p | Hughes | Tait | Lowe | Sullivan | Ben Wilson | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dunk | Elliott | Barnes-Homer | Arnold | Bird | Gillies | BJ Taylor | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Donaldson | Elliott | Bird2 | Tait | Arnold | Gillies | Austin | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Donaldson | Elliott | Bird | Pugh | Arnold | Tait | Austin | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Donaldson | Pugh | Bird1 | Gillies | Arnold | Bonner | Austin | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Barnes-Homer | Pugh | Bird | Chambers | Gillies | Arnold | Tait | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Arnold | Sam-Yorke1 | Bird1 | Hughes | Austin | Pugh1 | Gillies | Sullivan | | | | | |
| Arnold1 | Sam-Yorke | Bird | Berry | Gillies | Austin | Roberts | Bonner | | | | | |

GOAL SCORERS 2013/14

| PLAYER | LGE | FAC | FAT | TC |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Luke Berry | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Kwesi Appiah | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adam Cunningham | 7 | 1 | 0 | |
| Ryan Bird | 3 | 0 | 3 | |
| Nathan Arnold | 3 | 0 | 2 | |
| Ryan Donaldson | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Harrison Dunk | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Delano Sam-Yorke | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Josh Coulson | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tom Elliott | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Ashley Chambers | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Tom Champion | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Josh Gillies | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Liam Hughes | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Andy Pugh | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Aaron Pierre | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Own Goals* | 1 | 0 | 0 | |

* Oastler (v Aldershot 17/08/13)

Tables & FIXTURES



| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Luton Town | 34 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 52 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 30 | 13 | 58 | 76 |
| Cambridge United | 33 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 28 | 61 |
| Alfreton Town | 35 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 20 | 34 | -3 | 58 |
| Barnet | 36 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 22 | 19 | 8 | 57 |
| Nuneaton Town | 36 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 27 | -2 | 57 |
| Gateshead FC | 36 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 29 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 25 | 8 | 55 |
| FC Halifax Town | 36 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 48 | 17 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 37 | 16 | 54 |
| Salisbury City | 35 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 32 | -2 | 54 |
| Grimsby Town | 31 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 53 |
| Kidderminster Harriers | 34 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 33 | 0 | 51 |
| Welling United | 34 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 24 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 27 | 5 | 49 |
| Forest Green Rovers | 32 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 32 | 15 | 48 |
| Macclesfield Town | 33 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 29 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 21 | 25 | 5 | 48 |
| Woking | 36 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 33 | -7 | 48 |
| Wrexham | 35 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 27 | 31 | 2 | 47 |
| Lincoln City | 36 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 24 | 36 | -3 | 47 |
| Braintree Town | 29 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 46 | 46 |
| Hereford United | 35 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 32 | -13 | 40 |
| Chester FC | 35 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 17 | 23 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 21 | 31 | -16 | 39 |
| Southport | 35 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 36 | -19 | 37 |
| Aldershot Town (-10) | 34 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 24 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 25 | 3 | 33 |
| Dartford | 36 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 28 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 34 | -23 | 33 |
| Tamworth | 34 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 21 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 30 | -22 | 32 |
| Hyde FC | 36 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 17 | 49 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 47 | -63 | 9 |

Today's Fixtures

Aldershot Town v Chester FC
 Alfreton Town v Hyde FC
 Braintree Town v Wrexham
 Cambridge United v Luton Town
 Forest Green Rovers v Salisbury City
 Grimsby Town v Hereford United
 Kidderminster Harriers v Macclesfield Town
 Lincoln City v Welling United
 Nuneaton Town v Tamworth

Coming Next

Cambridge United v Dartford
 The Skril Premier - 15.03.14 15:00
 Cambridge United v Welling United
 The Skril Premier - 18.03.14 19:45
 CRC v Brightlingsea Regent
 Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division - 19.03.14 19:45
 CRC v Wivenhoe Town
 Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division - 22.03.14 15:00

| The Skril North | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| AFC Telford United | 32 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 61 | 37 | 24 | 65 |
| North Ferriby United | 31 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 61 | 37 | 24 | 63 |
| Hednesford Town | 33 | 17 | 5 | 11 | 66 | 57 | 9 | 56 |
| Altrincham | 29 | 16 | 6 | 7 | 63 | 39 | 24 | 54 |
| Solihull Moors | 34 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 54 | 45 | 9 | 54 |
| Harrogate Town (-3) | 32 | 17 | 5 | 10 | 60 | 40 | 20 | 53 |
| Boston United | 32 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 66 | 47 | 19 | 53 |
| Brackley Town | 32 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 49 | 34 | 15 | 53 |
| Colwyn Bay | 32 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 49 | 47 | 2 | 48 |
| Barrow | 33 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 40 | 45 | -5 | 46 |
| Guiseley | 28 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 39 | 39 | 0 | 45 |
| Stockport County | 32 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 52 | 49 | 3 | 41 |
| Worcester City | 32 | 10 | 8 | 14 | 31 | 43 | -12 | 38 |
| Leamington | 32 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 39 | 43 | -4 | 37 |
| Gainsborough Trinity | 30 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 49 | 58 | -9 | 37 |
| Bradford Park Avenue | 31 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 51 | 59 | -8 | 36 |
| Vauxhall Motors | 33 | 10 | 6 | 17 | 35 | 53 | -18 | 36 |
| Histon | 32 | 7 | 8 | 17 | 35 | 52 | -17 | 29 |
| Gloucester City | 30 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 41 | 56 | -14 | 28 |
| Stalybridge Celtic | 31 | 7 | 7 | 17 | 41 | 67 | -26 | 28 |
| Oxford City | 28 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 34 | 42 | -8 | 25 |
| Workington | 29 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 29 | 57 | -28 | 21 |

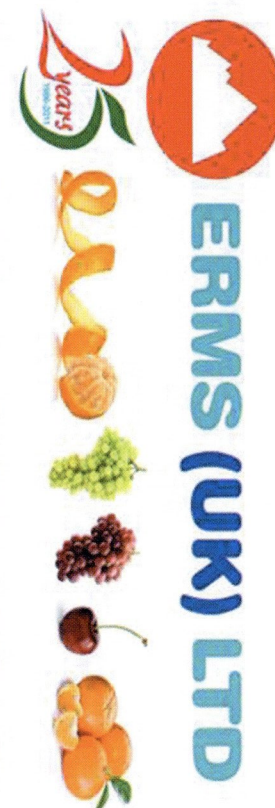
| The Skril South | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Bromley | 30 | 20 | 3 | 7 | 62 | 31 | 31 | 63 |
| Eastleigh | 28 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 28 | 17 | 58 |
| Sutton United | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 54 | 28 | 26 | 56 |
| Ebbfleet United | 30 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 51 | 30 | 21 | 54 |
| Weston-super-Mare | 32 | 14 | 6 | 12 | 42 | 42 | 0 | 48 |
| Bath City | 33 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 45 | 40 | 5 | 47 |
| Dover Athletic | 29 | 13 | 5 | 11 | 43 | 27 | 16 | 44 |
| Eastbourne Borough | 29 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 35 | 37 | -2 | 43 |
| Basingstoke Town | 28 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 40 | 32 | 8 | 41 |
| Bishop's Stortford | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 45 | 38 | 7 | 41 |
| Concord Rangers | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 38 | 37 | 1 | 40 |
| Havant & Waterlooville | 23 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 37 | 25 | 12 | 39 |
| Staines Town | 29 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 34 | 46 | -12 | 36 |
| Chelmsford City | 29 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 34 | 54 | -20 | 34 |
| Farnborough | 30 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 42 | 60 | -18 | 33 |
| Boreham Wood | 28 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 46 | 39 | 7 | 32 |
| Maidenhead United | 28 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 37 | 45 | -8 | 29 |
| Hayes & Yeading Utd | 26 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 32 | 35 | -3 | 28 |
| Whitehawk | 29 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 37 | 52 | -15 | 28 |
| Tonbridge Angels | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 33 | 55 | -22 | 26 |
| Dorchester Town | 29 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 28 | 65 | -37 | 25 |
| Gosport Borough | 24 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 36 | -14 | 22 |

| Thurlow Nunn Premier | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Hadleigh United | 29 | 23 | 4 | 2 | 88 | 27 | 61 | 73 |
| Felixstowe & Walton | 29 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 66 | 38 | 28 | 59 |
| Brightlingsea Regent | 23 | 18 | 3 | 2 | 62 | 22 | 40 | 57 |
| Gorleston | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 69 | 49 | 20 | 56 |
| Godmanchester Rov. | 26 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 54 | 31 | 23 | 54 |
| Mildenhall Town | 29 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 64 | 43 | 21 | 49 |
| Haverhill Rovers | 29 | 15 | 3 | 11 | 53 | 43 | 10 | 48 |
| Norwich United | 26 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 42 | 33 | 9 | 46 |
| Newmarket Town | 28 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 60 | 51 | 9 | 43 |
| Walsham-le-Willows | 29 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 59 | 40 | 19 | 42 |
| Brantham Athletic | 28 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 57 | 55 | 2 | 41 |
| Stanway Rovers | 29 | 9 | 7 | 13 | 55 | 50 | 5 | 34 |
| Kirkley & Pakefield | 27 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 46 | 58 | -12 | 33 |
| CRC | 29 | 10 | 2 | 17 | 56 | 53 | 3 | 32 |
| Thetford Town | 28 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 38 | 66 | -28 | 22 |
| Diss Town | 28 | 6 | 3 | 19 | 35 | 79 | -44 | 21 |
| FC Clacton | 24 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 34 | 58 | -24 | 20 |
| Ely City | 29 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 35 | 67 | -32 | 19 |
| Wivenhoe Town | 28 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 21 | 61 | -40 | 13 |
| Woodbridge Town | 26 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 28 | 99 | -70 | 11 |

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| 2 Kevin ROBERTS..... | ○ | □ |
| 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..... | ○ | □ |
| 21..... | ○ | □ |
| 22..... | ○ | □ |
| 23 Ashley CHAMBERS..... | ○ | □ |
| 24 Nathan ARNOLD..... | ○ | □ |
| 25 Ryan BIRD..... | ○ | □ |
| 26..... | ○ | □ |
| 27..... | ○ | □ |
| 28..... | ○ | □ |
| 29 Josh GILLIES..... | ○ | □ |
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| 39 Matthew BARNES-HOMER..... | ○ | □ |
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Luton TOWN

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| 1 Mark TYLER..... | ○ | □ |
| 2 Fraser FRANKS..... | ○ | □ |
| 3 Danny FITZSIMONS..... | ○ | □ |
| 4 Jonathan SMITH..... | ○ | □ |
| 5 Steve MCNULTY..... | ○ | □ |
| 6 Anthony CHARLES..... | ○ | □ |
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| 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..... | ○ | □ |
| 20 Danny VIANA..... | ○ | □ |
| 21 Luke GUTTRIDGE..... | ○ | □ |
| 22 Shaun WHALLEY..... | ○ | □ |
| 23 Matt ROBINSON..... | ○ | □ |
| 24..... | ○ | □ |
| 25 Ronnie HENRY..... | ○ | □ |
| 26 Paul BENSON..... | ○ | □ |
| 27 Andre GRAY..... | ○ | □ |
| 28 Jim STEVENSON..... | ○ | □ |
| 29 Kane FERDINAND..... | ○ | □ |
| 30 Alex LACEY..... | ○ | □ |
| 31 Jake WOOLLEY..... | ○ | □ |
| 32 Brett LONGDEN..... | ○ | □ |
| 33 Jerome JIBODU..... | ○ | □ |
| 34 Zane BANTON..... | ○ | □ |
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