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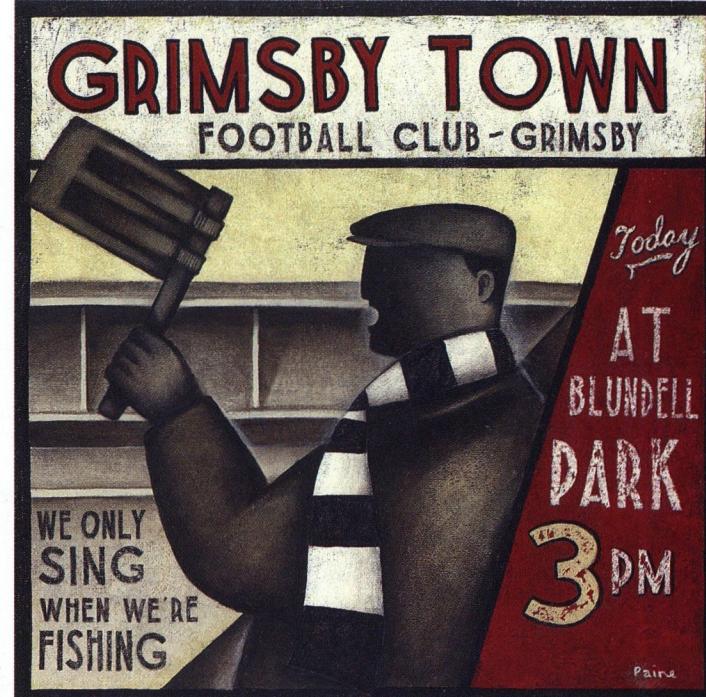
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PAUL HURST

The last game here at Blundell Park I was pleased with the performance against Wrexham. I felt that we started the game extremely well and could have easily found ourselves in front earlier than we did, but eventually we did go one up thanks to a great finish from Scott Neilson in front of the Pontoon.

Then, if anything, I felt we let them back into the game and conceded a soft goal just before the break. The second half we kept pushing and were certainly the team asking the questions but it started to feel like it was going to be one of those frustrating days again, where we didn't get what we deserved, but Craig Disley's header in the 87th minute was certainly very pleasing, and then Cooky's goal put the icing on the cake in stoppage time.

It was pleasing for Cooky to get on the score sheet and also for Dis to reach double figures, bettering his total of nine from last season.

Exactly a week ago we faced a long trip to Forest Green Rovers for the rearranged fixture, which was abandoned in January due to floodlight failure. I felt, certainly in terms of the score line, it was a game of two halves. From our point of view we gave away two bad goals and we made life very hard for ourselves by going behind so quickly in the game and we conceded a second on the half hour mark.

The second half we picked up the tempo and really put Forest Green on the back foot for virtually the entire 45 minutes. I don't think Forest Green had more than one, maybe two, chances the rest of the time we were playing all the football in their half and creating some decent chances. Unfortunately we didn't do quite enough to get back on level terms but if we had I don't think Forest Green could have had any complaints if we had claimed a late goal. Our performance was definitely worthy of a point. That said if you give any team, and I don't care who it is, a two goal lead, you're making your task very difficult.

On Saturday we got an excellent three points against Nuneaton thanks to a bright start and a good finish from Alex Rodman. It was an excellent ball in from Aswad and Rodders guided the ball home on the volley. After that the game was a real scrappy affair played out in windy conditions and on a bobbly pitch. The players showed a desire to put their bodies on the line and worked extremely hard to secure the win. While the game was not one for the purists, as manager, I was delighted with the way we ground out the

victory against a team who are having a very good season. It was the type of performance for me that makes you successful and answered some questions which have perhaps been asked of the team. It was pleasing to send another terrific away following home happy and make the journey back a more pleasurable one.

At the end of last week it was announced that the remainder of Liam Hearn's contact was to be paid up at the player's discretion. I think Liam's injury situation has been hugely frustrating for everyone, not just for himself but also anyone with a connection to the club. In his first full season here he scored 29 times and was fantastic. At the start of his second season we believed we were going to have a player who we could build a side around but we lost him to injury very early on. At the beginning of this campaign Liam was back pushing for a place in the starting line up and although he didn't hit the heights of his first spell he was still getting amongst the goals and had just started to show glimpses of the Liam of old – especially in the game where he ultimately picked up the injury which wrote off the rest of his season. So it's a real sad one for the club as well as the player but I'm sure he'll always be welcome back at Blundell Park at any time.

The last time we faced Luton Town in the League it marked my first solo game in charge as a manager. Looking back now, 7 months on, the circumstances surrounding the game were certainly a little strange but I felt on the day we more than deserved the point. The first half they were the better side, the second half I thought we were. Luton have, of course, gone on to have a terrific season and John Still has done a fantastic job and deserves the credit he's getting. It's one thing being a big club and having resources but you still need to produce the goods. He's going to take them up as Champions, there's no doubt about that, so tonight it will be a big, big test for us.

Enjoy the game,

Hursty

MY FAVOURITE GAME

BY LES BRECHIN



GRIMSBY TOWN 2-1 EXETER CITY
SATURDAY MAY 11TH 1991
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

I'VE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE SOME BRILLIANT GAMES IN MY 40 ODD YEARS SUPPORTING THE MARINERS. BEATING EVERTON AT GOODISON PARK 1-0 IN THE LEAGUE CUP IN 1984 WHEN EVERTON WERE THE TEAM OF THE MOMENT.

The 2-1 win at Middlesbrough when they were in the top half of Division One and we were in the bottom half of Division Four, Jim Dobbin's last minute screamer at Newcastle, the two Wembley wins in 1998 and of course Phil Jevons' unforgettable last minute extra-time winner at Anfield and many others too, but one of my favourite ever Mariners game was the last game of the 1990/91 3rd Division season, 11th May 1991, at home to Exeter City.

The previous season we had been promoted from Division 4 as runners-up. Exeter City had won the title that year and the other two teams to come up were Southend United and Cambridge United. Both Southend and Cambridge had already clinched back-to-back promotions so we went into the game knowing that a win would not only clinch us that coveted 3rd place but also complete a unique feat of 3 teams being promoted together in successive seasons.

Bolton were level on points with us but we had a far superior goal difference so we knew that we had to match or better

Bolton's result. I stood in the Pontoon back then so got into the ground a lot earlier than usual as a near full house was expected (even though someone 6ft 5 would invariably come and stand in front of you just before kick-off). Anyway by the time the game kicked off I think there was around 17,000 packed into the ground and The Pontoon was packed to the rafters.

Town kicked off towards the Pontoon End and it was a tense start to the game and every time the ball came remotely near the goal the crowd would surge forward in anticipation of a shot. I think it was about 15 minutes into the game when we were awarded a free kick just outside the area. I can't remember who took the kick but I can just remember the ball coming to John Cockerill in the area looking yards offside in front of The Pontoon. Surely the flag would go up but no flag came and Cockers duly smashed the ball home to send the ground wild. The



Pontoon went absolutely mental and I ended up several yards away from where I was originally stood hugging and celebrating with fellow Mariners fans who were total strangers. This was often the case when Town scored back then and it took a few minutes to get back to where you were originally stood. Not long after Cockers added a second forcing the ball home from close range and the entire process was repeated again. So half-time came and a comfortable 2-0 lead held.

Exeter who had former Mariner Gordon Hobson and Mariner-to-be Murray Jones playing for them and that day they seemed a beaten team as they trudged off at half-time. Surely it was only a matter of how many we would score in the second half but it was another name that would go on to have a Mariners connection, Mark Cooper (later linked with The Mariners managerial vacancy) who set the Town fans nerves jangling when he fired home an unstoppable shot from 30 yards ten minutes into the 2nd half.

Both teams had further chances during the game but the moment I will never forget came about five minutes from time. Exeter were awarded a corner and their tall centre-half Shaun Taylor had come forward. He met the corner perfectly with his head and it seemed all ends up that the ball was going in. This is where time seemed to stand still. News had already come through that Bolton were winning so an equaliser for them would be heartbreak for every Mariners fan in the ground. The whole event must only have taken a couple of seconds but the entire ground held it's breath as the ball headed towards the top corner of the net in what seemed like slow-motion. Somehow though it seemed that the ball changed course and it thudded against the post before being cleared to safety. I still reckon to this day that the ball was going in but The Pontoon collectively managed to blow the ball and inch or so onto the post.

News had come through that Bolton had won and we still had a few minutes

left so if Exeter were to equalise then it would be Bolton going up and we would be left to negotiate the play-offs, but thankfully we held out with no more major incidents. I remember that the crowd began climbing over the fence of The Pontoon and as the game entered stoppage time there were several hundred people already on the side of the pitch waiting for the referee's whistle. The whistle finally came and within a matter of seconds the pitch was covered in a mass of black and white as fans poured onto the pitch to celebrate successive promotions.

It was an amazing achievement by Alan Buckley who had taken over from Bobby Roberts and turned around a struggling club who had just been relegated to the bottom tier of the Football League with only a handful of players on the books into a double promotion-winning team who were now back in the second tier of English football in only his third season in charge.

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The Michael Green Foundation was founded by Joanne Green after her husband, Michael died suddenly in December 2012 - aged only 53 - from a heart attack due to complications arising from Type 2 diabetes.

Michael was a much-loved husband and father - he was also loved amongst friends and colleagues and was known for his charisma, humour and his willingness to help others.

The doctors at Watford General concluded that he had suffered a 'silent heart attack' - a complication of this condition which is little known about. Joanne, along with her 16 year old daughter, Natalia, did not want anyone else to go through the trauma of losing a loved one through ignorance, and so began their campaign to change lives.



HAPPY 69TH BIRTHDAY

to Mally Kirk from June, Paul, George and family

IT'S DAVID SHARPE'S BIRTHDAY TODAY AND HE IS AS MAD AS A HATTER!!

David is a lifelong supporter of Luton Town FC (a passion he has passed onto one of his two daughters). So perhaps it was obvious that what he wanted as a birthday present was to attend this match in style in the McMenemy's hospitality suite!

He is shy about this Birthday - it's a big one... so make his evening special. If you see him say hello and wish him a very happy birthday!!

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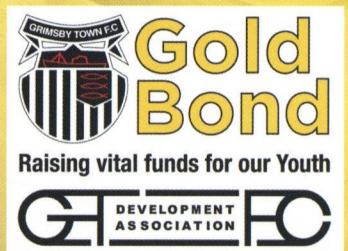
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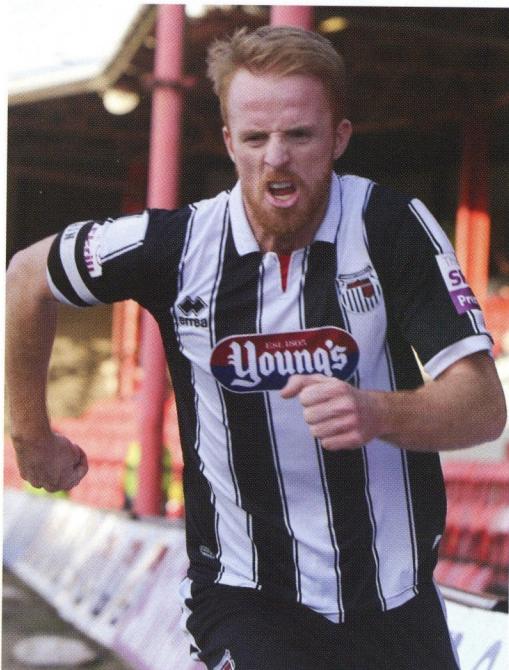
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Neilson 21', Disley 87', Cook 90'

Pearson 45'

TOWN: McKeown, Pearson, Hatton, Thomas, Boyce, Disley, Rodman (McLaughlin - 89'), Neilson, Thanoj, Jennings (Hannah - 86'), John-Lewis (Cook - 72')

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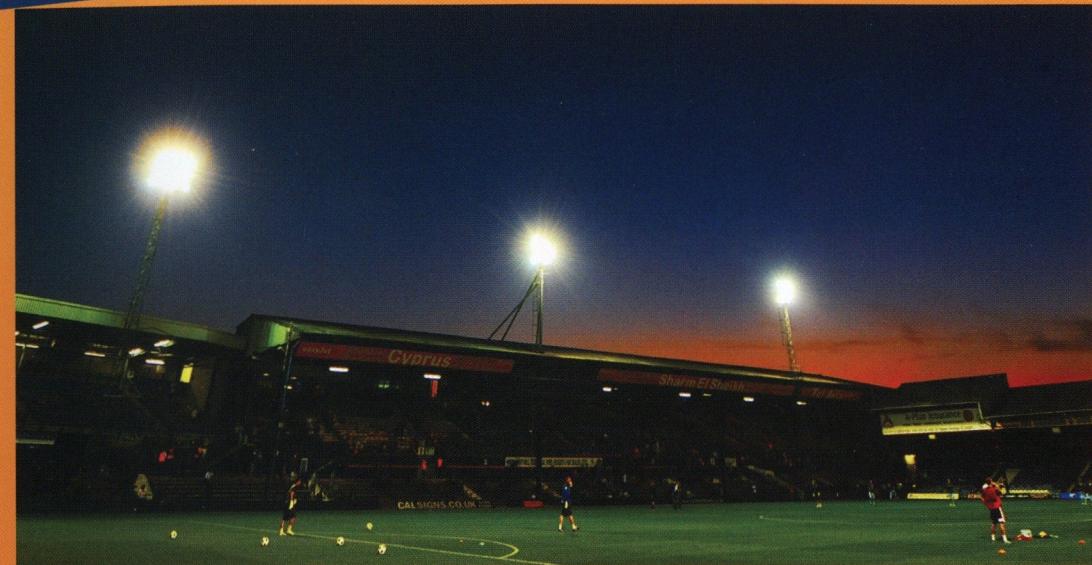
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THE VISITORS LUTON TOWN



The fifth season at Conference level looks like being one of success for Luton Town. Only a nightmare end to the campaign will prevent the Hatters from regaining their Football League position, which they originally lost in 2009.

With promotion looking unlikely last season, the Hatters made a calculated gamble and began to look towards 2013/14 before the end of the campaign.

Former Dagenham & Redbridge boss John Still was brought into the club and immediately began reshaping his squad for the following season. A run of five games without defeat in their final league outings would prove to be a sampler of what was to come.

Still had previously done a marvellous job at Dagenham, lifting the club, against all odds, from non-league to League One, uncovering some of the lower leagues' hidden gems in the process.

And Still was quick to bring players who have served him well into Kenilworth Road: the quartet of Solomon Taiwo, Scott Griffiths, Alex Wall and Elliot Justham quickly coming into the club, followed by striker Paul Benson on a season-long loan in August 2013.

The manager's transfer dealings continued throughout the summer with experienced defender Anthony Charles, who had previously won the Conference with Barnet and Aldershot, joining alongside Hull striker Mark Cullen, who had impressed last term on loan at Stockport.

Upon the opening of the transfer window on 1st July, Still was quick to swoop for Southport duo Andy Parry and Shaun Whalley, as well as highly rated Histon pair Danny Fitzsimons and Jim Stevenson.

Still also reshaped his backroom staff with former Grays boss Hakan Hayrettin replacing former Mariner Alan Neilson as First Team Coach and Jeff Wood taking over from Dmitri Kharine as Goalkeeping Coach.

One of the club's most important signings of the summer was Northampton midfielder Luke

Guttridge, who had just come off a losing League Two Play Off Final defeat with the Cobblers.

Pre-season victories over higher opposition Dagenham and Redbridge and Aston Villa would set the tone for the season to come, although the Hatters didn't get off to the flying start that many anticipated.

A 1-0 defeat at Southport on the opening day kicked off a run of just two wins in their opening eight games at the start of the season, which included a televised 0-0 draw with the Mariners at Kenilworth Road.

But their following game, a 2-0 loss at Wrexham, was a real turning point and Still's men have never looked back – sweeping aside all before them on a run of 27 league games unbeaten, which was ended by a shock 1-0 home defeat to Woking last Monday.

It is the manner of Luton's victories that has caught the eye. Over 80 goals have been scored so far this term, with four or more goals being registered on ten separate occasions, including six against Kidderminster and seven against Hereford.

THE MEN FROM KENILWORTH ROAD



Mark Tyler



Elliot Justham



Steve McNulty



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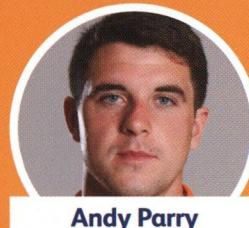
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Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 02.04.77 | Norwich
Veteran stopper who was originally on the books of hometown club Norwich City. Played nearly 500 times in 15 years with Peterborough, before joining the Hatters in 2009. Has surpassed 700 senior appearances and continues to impress with his commanding displays.

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 18.07.90 | Thurrock
Young goalkeeper Elliot Justham joined from East Thurrock last summer, having starred for the Rocks last term with 14 clean sheets in just 31 games. A commanding presence between the sticks, Elliot has attracted attention from West Ham and Reading.

Position: Defender
DOB: 26.09.83 | Liverpool
Big defender who has become one of the club's most valuable players since a January 2013 arrival from Fleetwood, Steve led the Cod Army to the Conference title in 2012. Previously starred for Burscough, Vauxhall Motors and Barrow. Impressive in the air and with excellent positional sense, the 30-year-old is one of the division's best centre halves.

Position: Defender
DOB: 17.07.93 | Hendon
Originally joined the Hatters on loan from West Ham in December and made such an impression that the club moved quickly to bring the player in permanently in January. Has played for the Hammers in the League Cup this season and is noted for his box-to-box style of play.



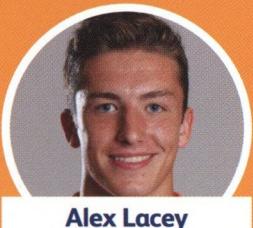
Andy Parry



Fraser Franks



Ronnie Henry



Alex Lacey

Position: Defender
DOB: 13.09.91 | Liverpool
Imposing central defender Andy Parry joined the Hatters from Southport in the summer. The 22-year-old started out with Blackburn and impressed in two seasons with the Sandgrounders – he likes to dominate games in the air.

Position: Defender
DOB: 22.11.90 | Hammersmith
A January signing from Welling, defender Fraser Franks has quickly settled in the Luton ranks. Previously won promotion from the division with AFC Wimbledon and won promotion from the Conference South last term with Welling. Tall and rangy full back, who has good energy and is excellent in the air.

Position: Defender
DOB: 02.01.84 | Hemel Hempstead
A summer 2012 signing from Stevenage, Ronnie Henry offers tremendous leadership from the back for the Hatters. Was a key part of the Stevenage side that won promotion from the Conference to League One and he is comfortable at right back or centre half.

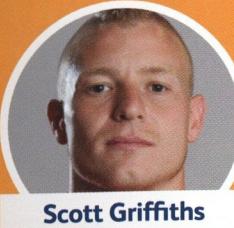
Position: Defender
DOB: 31.05.93 | Milton Keynes
Young defender Alex Lacey has forced his way into the Luton first team, having starred for Eastleigh on loan last season. A calm and assured centre half, the 20-year-old likes to get the ball down and play out from the back.



Scott Griffiths



Luke Guttridge



Jake Howells



Alex Lawless

Position: Defender
DOB: 10.02.86 | Westminster
Formerly with manager John Still at Dagenham, Scott Griffiths is a tenacious left back noted for his excellent distribution from the back. The 28-year-old joined the Hatters from Peterborough, having enjoyed success last season with Chesterfield on loan.

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 27.03.82 | Barnstaple
Influential midfielder Luke Guttridge has been the heartbeat of the Hatters' side since his arrival last summer. His driving runs from deep have inspired the side to the top of the table and he is into double figures in the scoring ranks already. Previously enjoyed success with Southend and Northampton.

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 18.04.91 | St Albans
Long-serving midfielder Jake Howells is a product of the club's youth academy and is one of their most prized assets. A Welsh under-21 international, Jake is a real midfield all-rounder with a good eye for goal. He has made over 200 appearances, despite being just 22.

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 05.02.83 | Llwynupiion
Highly skilful midfielder Alex Lawless continues to impress for the Hatters. Turned down two moves to League One in the summer and has been amongst the goals already this term. Previously impressed for York City.



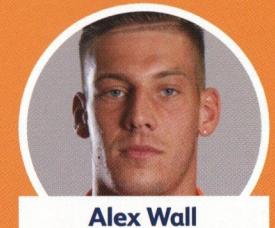
Cameron McGeehan



Matt Robinson



Jonathan Smith



Alex Wall

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 06.04.95 | Kingston-upon-Thames
A young midfielder with an excellent pedigree, Cameron is on loan from Premier League side Norwich City. The 18-year-old has been on the books at Fulham and Chelsea and has also won FA Youth Cup honours with the Canaries.

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 01.06.94 | Leicester
Teenage midfielder Matt Robinson continues to belie his youthful years with assured displays in the centre of the park. Formerly with hometown club Leicester, Matt impressed manager John Still and was subsequently offered a new two-year contract last summer.

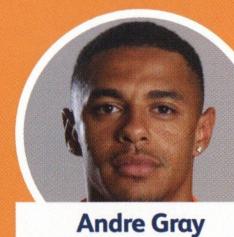
Position: Midfielder
DOB: 17.10.86 | Preston
Classy midfielder who joined the Hatters from Swindon in the summer, Jonathan is an excellent passer of the ball, who controls the game from the centre of the park. Previously enjoyed success at Morecambe, Forest Green and York.

Position: Striker
DOB: 22.09.90 | Thatcham
Young striker Alex Wall joined the Hatters from Maidenhead last season and has worked his way into first team activity this term. A powerful player with an excellent turn of pace, Alex is one to watch going forward.



Jon Shaw

Position: Striker
DOB: 10.11.83 | Sheffield
Tall and powerful striker Jon Shaw continues to be one of the Conference's most feared frontmen. Had a prolific record at former club Gateshead and has been amongst the goals for the Hatters. Strong in the air, Jon is a composed finisher.



Andre Gray

Position: Striker
DOB: 26.06.91 | Wolverhampton
Prolific striker who continues to trouble opposition defences, Andre Gray has made an instant impact at Kenilworth Road since his March 2012 arrival from Hinckley. Andre has tremendous pace, which he uses to burst down the channels and has an iron nerve when presented with a chance.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS



Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects ten post-war LUTON TOWN'S 'CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS':

1954/55

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958/59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.



1969/70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton

maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981/82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Greasham was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donagh, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.



1987/88

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

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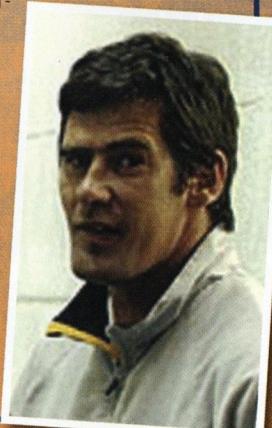


1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2004/05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

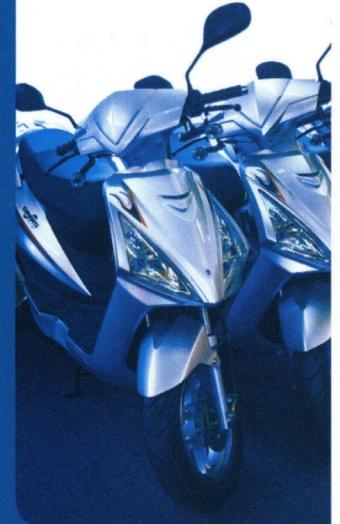


2001/02

Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

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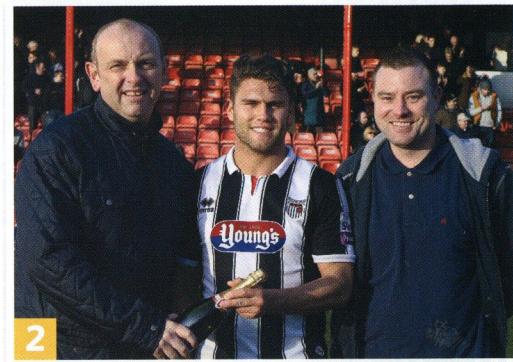
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LUTON TOWN 1

(Marshall)

Blundell Park was in the midst of Bonetti fever as the Mariners welcomed Division One rivals Luton Town for this FA Cup Third Round tie.

The mercurial Italian was wowing the fans with his silky wing play and stealing the headlines as Town found themselves firmly in the public eye.

Town raced out of the blocks and player/manager Laws was booked inside the opening minute. It took less than 15 minutes for the home side to open the scoring.

Bonetti curled a delightful long ball forward to Jamie Forrester on the left hand side of the penalty area. The former Leeds man cut inside before lobbing 6'7" goalkeeper Ian Feuer with an exquisite finish.

The Hatters responded well and were inches from an equaliser when Scott Oakes cut in from the left hand side and saw his shot whistle past the post with goalkeeper Paul Crichton beaten.

Town were not to be outdone and Steve Livingstone saw a stinging drive palmed away by Feuer on 22 minutes.

Livingstone did get on the scoresheet from the resulting corner. Gary Childs' set piece drifted beyond the far post to Forrester, who fired in a low left foot cross that was diverted in by the outstretched foot of the former Blackburn and Chelsea star to double the Mariners' advantage.

The hosts were fully on top now and both Forrester and Livingstone came close to adding to their lead before the third arrived on 32 minutes. Bonetti again had a part to play as he linked up with Gary Croft on the left wing. The former Sampdoria star saw his cross swept home by Forrester for his second of the afternoon.

Luton were in desperate need of something to get them back into the game and it came their way on 38



minutes. Guentchev's long cross into the Town box saw Dwight Marshall nip in between Croft and Crichton to reduce the arrears.

The Hatters threatened to storm back into the game, but it was the Mariners who restored their three-goal advantage before the break and fittingly it was Bonetti who got the goal. Forrester broke free on the right wing and his cross was missed by Feuer and Groves, allowing Bonetti to steal in at the far post for Town's fourth.

Bonetti, Dobbin and Childs all had chances to increase the lead before the fifth Town goal arrived on 72 minutes.

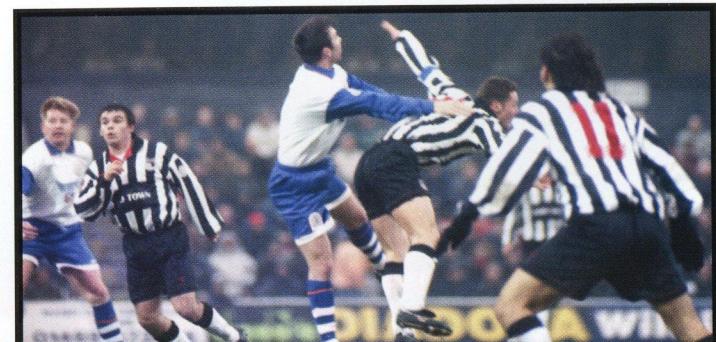
Childs was the provider with a clever flick behind the defence and Livingstone turned smartly to smash the ball home from 18 yards.

With the match sewn up, manager Laws made a triple substitution on 77 minutes as Nicky Southall, Craig Shakespeare and Neil Woods replaced Childs, Dobbin and Livingstone - all three substitutes would have time to make their mark as the floodgates opened.

Southall's first touch saw the sixth Town goal fly in as the midfielder emphatically volleyed home Woods' cross. The roles were reversed with time ticking away as Woods netted the Mariners' seventh of the afternoon. Southall whipped in a cross and the former Bradford man saw his scuffed shot creep past Feuer to complete a miserable afternoon for the Hatters.

MARINERS: Crichton, Laws, Croft, Rodger, Handyside, Childs (Shakespeare 77), Dobbin (Southall 77), Groves, Bonetti, Forrester, Livingstone (Woods 77).

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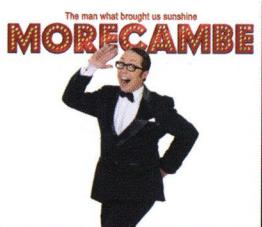
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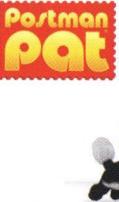
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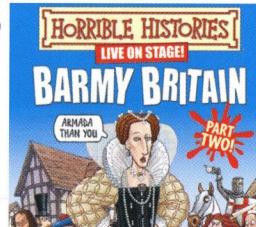
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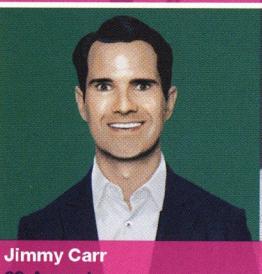
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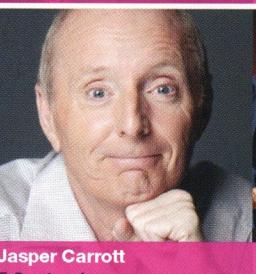
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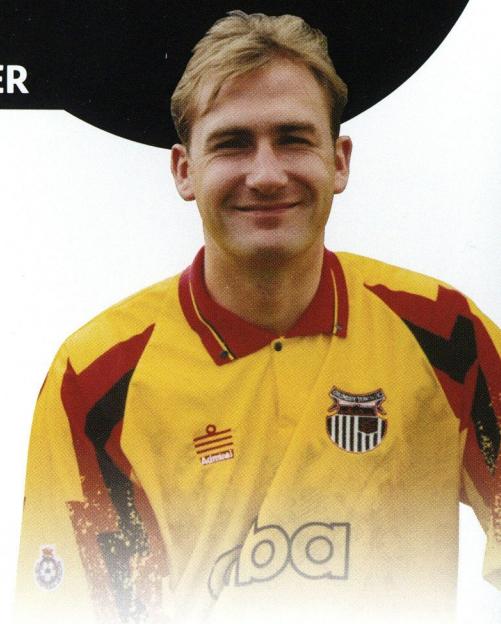
A popular centre half during his playing career at Blundell Park, Graham Rodger moved directly from Kenilworth Road to Blundell Park in 1992.

Started out at Wolves as a youngster alongside current Mariners' Youth Team boss Stuart Watkiss.

It was at Coventry he made his major bow though, coming off the bench during their 1987 FA Cup Final success over Tottenham.

His time at Luton was hampered by injury but he rediscovered his top form once he moved to Cleethorpes.

A towering presence at the back for the Mariners, Grez scored plenty of goals and captained the side before injury ended his career in 1998. He later went onto be assistant manager and then spent a spell in charge of the club in 2006. Graham is now involved with the club's Football in the Community scheme.



MICK CULLEN

Flying Scottish winger Mick Cullen joined the Hatters in 1948 when he was just 17. Graduated through the ranks and made his senior bow in 1951, playing 112 league games in the next seven seasons.

His performances at Kenilworth Road earned him a solitary Scotland cap in a 1-1 draw against Austria on 2nd May 1956.

The winger moved to Blundell Park in 1958 for £4,500 and was equally successful in Cleethorpes, setting up numerous goals and weighing in with 35 himself in 178 league games.

Moving with manager Tim Ward to Derby in 1962, Mick spent three seasons at the Baseball Ground, playing just 24 league games.

Noted for his distinctive shuffle when taking players on, the Scot later settled in Luton, working for Vauxhall Motors and Electrolux, having seen out his playing career in non-league with Wellington, Burton Albion, Stevenage and Rugby.



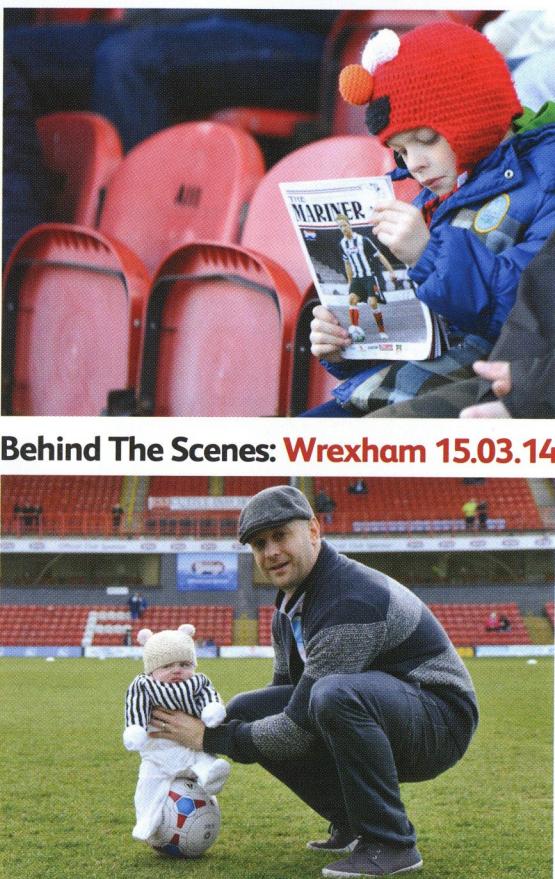
MATT TEES

A real fan favourite at Blundell Park, striker Matt Tees enjoyed two prolific spells with the club. Leaving the East Coast in the mid-60s for Charlton, Matt returned 'home' in 1971 after a successful two-year spell with the Hatters. Matt is still a revered figure amongst Mariners fans and often takes in games at Blundell Park.

Discovered whilst playing local football in Scotland, Matt was originally a machinist in a carpet factory. But his form at first professional club Airdrie soon earned him a move south to Blundell Park.

Scored 51 league goals in four seasons with the Mariners before joining Charlton, where he boasted a one-in-three goal ratio in his two seasons with the Addicks. A short spell at Luton followed, Matt netting 13 times in his 35 league games but it was back at Blundell Park that he was at his best, being part of the 1971/72 Division Four Championship winning side.





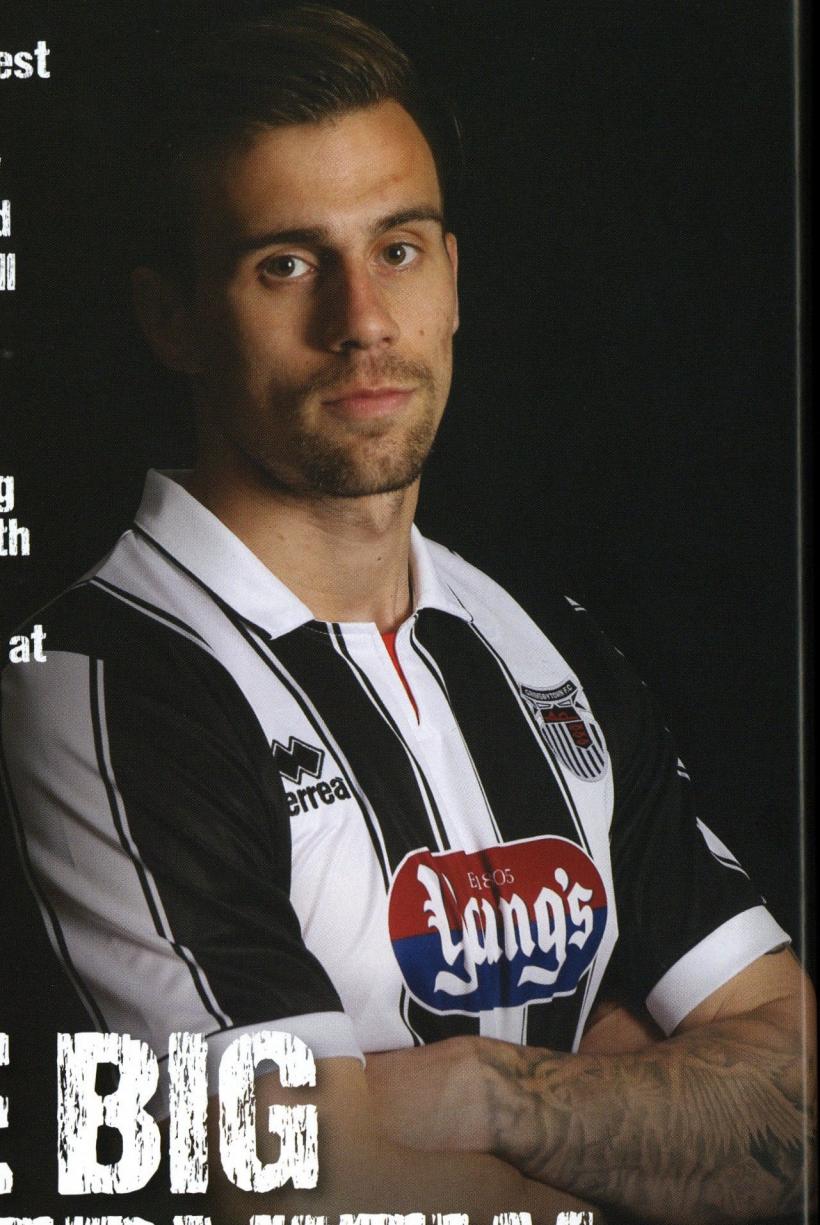
Behind The Scenes: Wrexham 15.03.14



The Mariners' latest loan signing, defender Andrew Boyce has settled quickly at Blundell Park. Like fellow loanee Connor Jennings, the 24-year-old is looking for success in both North and North-East Lincolnshire at the end of the campaign.

THE BIG INTERVIEW ANDREW BOYCE

WITH JOHN BYRNE



We left it late in our last home game against Wrexham but is it fair to say that the scoreline didn't flatter us?

Definitely, I don't think they've had too many shots on target during the game and 3-1 doesn't flatter us at all. We created plenty of chances on the day but it was just a case of the goals coming near the end. It doesn't matter when they come though, as long as you get the three points at the end of the day – especially when you are in our position.

We again started the game well and could arguably have been three goals to the good inside 20 minutes, is that a cause for concern?

It is not necessarily a cause for concern because we are at least creating the chances. It would be a concern if we were going out there and not creating any chances. We have spoken about it being important to start games in the right manner and we have got that going lately but we need to be a bit more ruthless in front of goal. The game could have been out of sight by the half hour mark and then we wouldn't be putting ourselves under pressure later on.

There was very little we could do about the Wrexham goal though; how disappointing was it to concede on the stroke of half-time?

As we have spoken about, we should have been a few goals to the good by the time they have even had a shot on target. In fact it wasn't even a shot on target because it has come off Shaun (Pearson) when it has been crossed into the box. We were a bit annoyed with the build-up to the goal because there was a nick off one of their players, which took it into the path of the other lad (Johnny Hunt) and that meant he was offside.

Of course it then takes a massive deflection and you can't legislate for that. Anytime is a bad time to concede a goal but just before half-time is a particularly frustrating one. But we spoke about it at the break and I think we responded well.

How are you finding it since arriving at Blundell Park earlier this month?

I've settled really quickly, in fact it feels like I've been here a lot longer than I have! I think that comes from having played against so many of the lads whilst at Gainsborough and Lincoln, you get to know players from playing against them. And then you have Connor (Jennings) who is in the same boat as me too, which always helps. We're both keeping an eye on the Scunthorpe scores and it's great to see both teams doing well – hopefully we can both be celebrating at the end of the season.

Tonight we entertain Luton Town here at Blundell Park, they have just about sewn up promotion, what can we expect from the game?

There is an old saying that every game is winnable but every game is losable too. What we have to do is go out there and make sure that this is a winnable game and that we have prepared correctly and are in the right mindset for what will be a tough challenge.

FACTFILE

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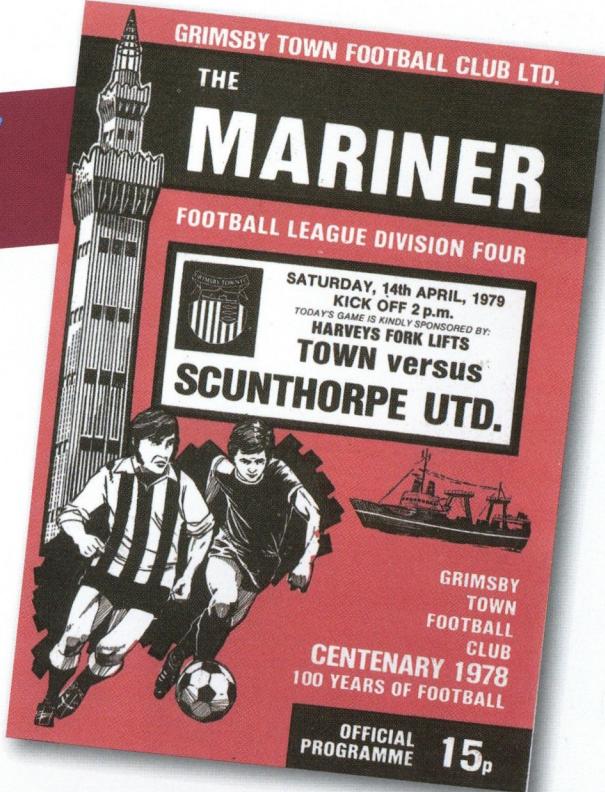
BY ROB BRIGGS

1978/79: KILMORE TO THE FORE

While claiming promotion in 1978/79 as Fourth Division runners-up, results against Scunthorpe might be said to have helped deny Grimsby the title.

The Iron hosted the Mariners on Boxing Day, being unbeaten in four matches. With John Newman's side in the promotion hunt, an 8,008 Old Show Ground crowd saw United press hard for an early goal - several sharp tackles earning attention from referee Mr. Mills - but it was Grimsby that got the opener on 25 minutes. A long throw into the home box bounced in and around attackers and defenders alike, until the ball finally bobbed into the net courtesy of Bob Cumming.

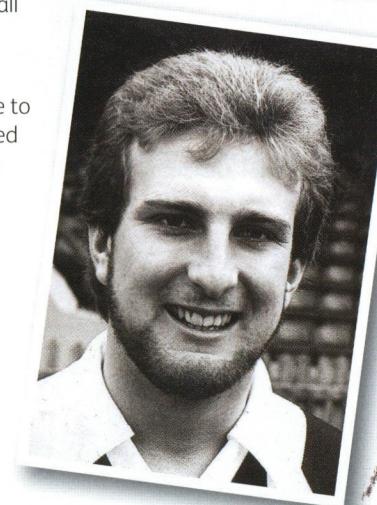
There was however, barely time to celebrate before the Iron levelled with a penalty. Kevin Kilmore's mazy run was ended by Geoff Barker's clumsy challenge, and the young striker beat Nigel Batch for his sixth goal in four games - form that would see him join Grimsby the following summer in a record transfer deal. Thereafter an open, end-to-end contest, United gained the winner (67) when Vince Grimes hit an



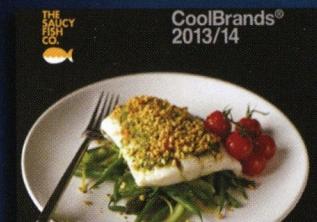
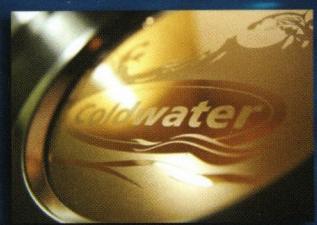
unstoppable shot from the edge of the area for a 2-1 result.

On Easter Saturday 1979 the Mariners sought revenge straight from the kick-off, forcing Scunthorpe onto the defensive for long spells without breaking the deadlock. That they didn't was due to a superb display by Iron keeper Graeme Crawford - one almost-impossible catch being described later

as 'salmon-like'(!) - and against the run of play, United took the lead. On 22 minutes Joe Waters failed to clear a free-kick, and Eamon Kavanagh hit a 20-yard shot to silence most of the 10,197 Blundell Park crowd.



Just as on Boxing Day though, the equaliser came soon after, Crawford's only notable slip ending with teenager Kevin Drinkell heading home. Despite sustained pressure a Town winner would not materialise - not even following the entry of substitute Terry Donovan - making his last GTFC outing before a move to Aston Villa.



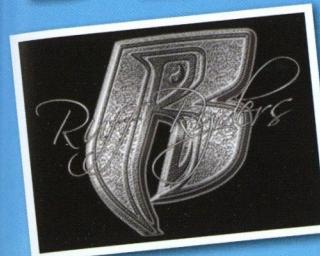
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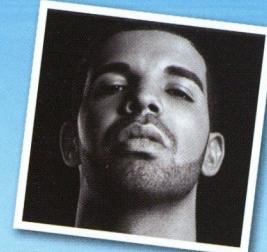


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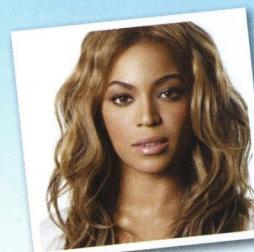


What's your favourite song?

Shanks & Bigfoot - Sweet Like Chocolate

Which musician would you invite to a dinner party and why?

Beyoncé!



Which of your teammates has the worst taste in music?

I'd say Dave Moore because he doesn't like any of my music

What is the last song you downloaded from Itunes?

Rick Ross – Mastermind



What would you rather watch Jools Holland or Top of The Pops?

Top of The Tops

Which album is currently in your CD player?

Probably one of Drake's albums

What radio station do you listen to?

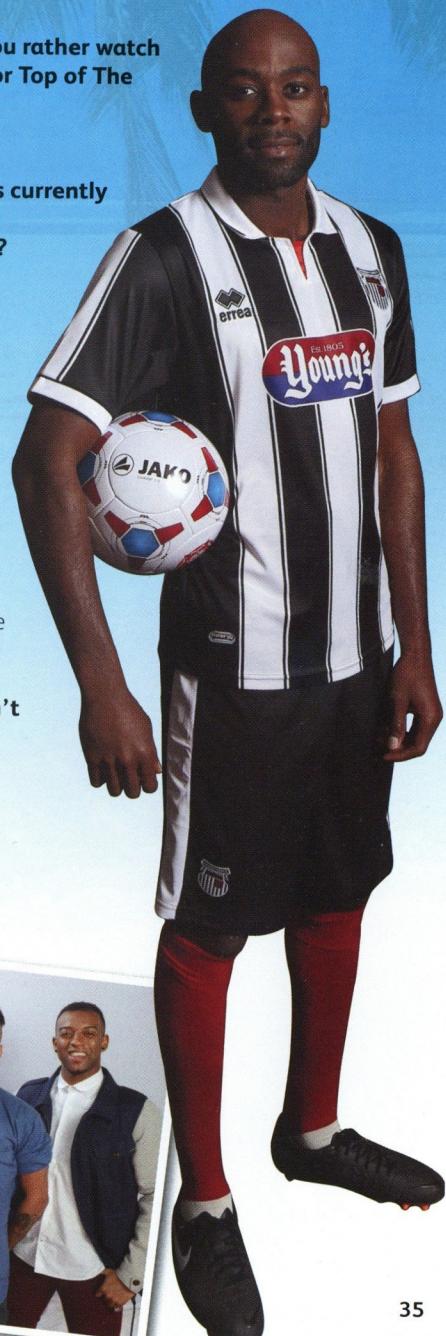
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What would you say is your favourite album?

Drake – Take Care

Which current band/artist can't you stand?

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DANNY BUTTERFIELD ENGLAND

Versatile defender Danny Butterfield was one of the best Grimsby Town youth products of the mid-to-late 90s.

The Boston-born player originally forced his way into the first team reckoning during the 1996/97 Division One relegation campaign, although he didn't make his senior bow until the following season.

That debut came at right back during a 0-0 draw with York City on 9th September 1997. Butterfield played the majority of his early games for the club on the right-side of defence but it was further up field that he scored his first Mariners' goal later that season – netting the only goal in a 1-0 win over Hull City in the Auto Windscreens Shield Second Round from right wing.

Some important appearances over the course of the season meant that Danny was a vital part of the squad that won both the Auto Windscreens Shield and the Division Two Play Offs that term.

It was Lennie Lawrence that saw the young Bostonian as much more than a defender, often deploying him in the centre of midfield, especially during the early months of the 2001/02 season, where Butterfield was

a member of the Town side that famously defeated then-holders 2-1 Liverpool in the League Cup Third Round.

Later that season, new Town boss Paul Groves utilised the youngster on the right side of midfield and he impressed with his excellent distribution, catching the eye of Crystal Palace boss Trevor Francis during the Mariners' 5-2 victory over the Eagles at Blundell Park in March 2002.

And that performance went a long way to earning Butterfield a move to Selhurst Park that summer, joining Palace on a free transfer after his Mariners' contract came to an end.

Danny spent eight seasons with the Eagles, playing over 250 games. He helped Palace reach the Premier

League in 2004 but his most famous moment in the blue and red stripes came in his final season at Selhurst Park when, playing as a makeshift

striker in an FA Cup tie against Wolves, Butterfield scored a perfect hat-trick of right foot, left foot and header.



After a loan spell at Charlton, Danny later helped Southampton back into the Premier League and has since plied his trade for Bolton, Carlisle and current club Exeter.

Butterfield's international appearance came at the start of his career, after just a handful of run-outs for the Mariners' first team. It was an England Under-18 cap playing against Israel at Northwich Victoria's Drill Field ground on 12th February 1998.

Danny was certainly in good company on the evening, lining up alongside future Premier League stars Paul Robinson, Wes Brown and Paul Konchesky to defeat an Israeli side that included midfielder Yossi Benayoun by one goal to nil.



FACTFILE

Name: Danny Butterfield | **Position:** Defender
DOB: 21.02.79 | **POB:** Boston
GTFC Apps: 147 | **Goals:** 4
International Honours: England U18 (1 cap)





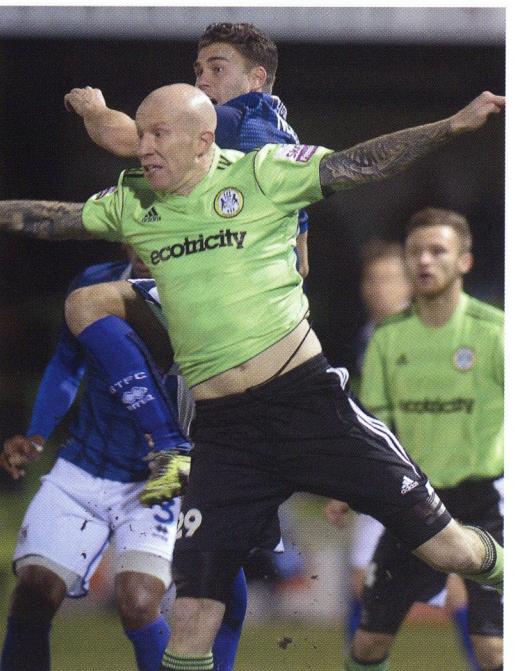
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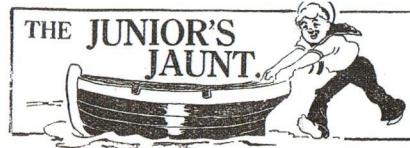


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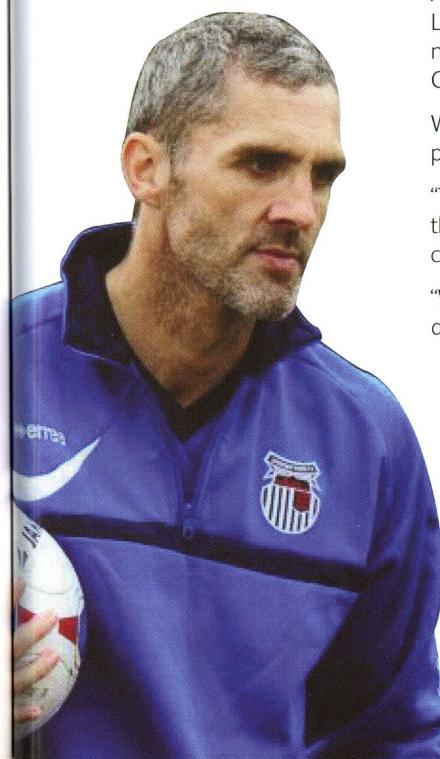
By Chris Stephenson

The hard work is finally paying off for Stuart Watkiss and the Grimsby Town YTs, who have won their last two on the bounce after an otherwise torrid season.

The Mariners finally broke their run of bad luck when they entertained Burton Albion at Cheapside, and won by a 2-1 scoreline. A 1-0 victory over Chesterfield followed a week after.

The victories have seen the young Mariners enter into double figures on their points tally, boss Stuart Watkiss says it's all down to their extremely hard work:

"You've got to give them credit. They'd been working so hard before and it just wasn't going their way.



Lewis Bemrose, the scorer of the only goal against Chesterfield

It's definitely given them a much needed lift.

Callum Robinson and Sam Loughran were on the score sheet against the Brewers as the Mariners claimed their first league win since August, while a solitary goal from Lewis Bemrose was all that was needed to overcome the Spireites at Cheapside.

Watkiss said it was the best team performance he'd seen.

"That was certainly the strongest they've looked while I have been in charge.

"We were incredibly difficult to play against and I'm extremely happy for all the lads because they really deserved that result."

The young Mariners now face a tough couple of games away at Rotherham and Lincoln.

With only three games left of the regular season, can the Mariners keep their winning run going and go out on a high?

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Sat 17th	Notts County	A	1-0
Sat 24th	Burton Albion	A	1-1

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4th	Chasetown	H	3-2
Sat 7th	Hull City	H	0-6
Sat 14th	Hartlepool Utd	H	0-3
Thu 26th	North Ferriby	A	7-0

OCTOBER

Sat 5th	Rochdale	H	0-6
Thu 10th	Harrogate	H	3-1
Sat 12th	Doncaster Rovers	H	0-2
Wed 23rd	Guiseley*	H	0-2

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd	Rotherham Utd	H	2-2
Sat 9th	York City	A	0-2
Sat 23rd	Lincoln City	H	0-0
Sat 23rd	Shrewsbury (MFC)	H	1-2

DECEMBER

Sat 14th	Bradford City	A	1-2
Sat 11th	Notts County	H	1-2

JANUARY

Sat 25th	Hull City	A	P-P
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FEBRUARY

Sat 8th	Hartlepool Utd	A	0-4
Sat 22nd	Scunthorpe Utd	H	1-2

MARCH

Sat 1st	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-3
Sat 8th	Burton Albion	H	2-1
Sat 15th	Chesterfield	H	1-0
Sat 22nd	Rotherham Utd	A	11am

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Oh I got all A*'s... No, not really! I think I passed 5 or 6 subjects. I didn't really like school!

THE PERSON I'D MOST LIKE TO MEET IS... Will Ferrell

MY FAVOURITE HOBBY AWAY FROM SPORT IS... I used to like a bit of fishing but I have a dog now so probably going on a dog walk!

MY FAVOURITE FILM IS... Face/Off

THE LAST FILM I SAW AT THE CINEMA... Anchorman 2 or Wolf of Wall Street – I think I went to see them both on the same day!

MY FAVOURITE THING TO WATCH IS... Grand Designs

THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD IN MY POSITION... Wayne Rooney

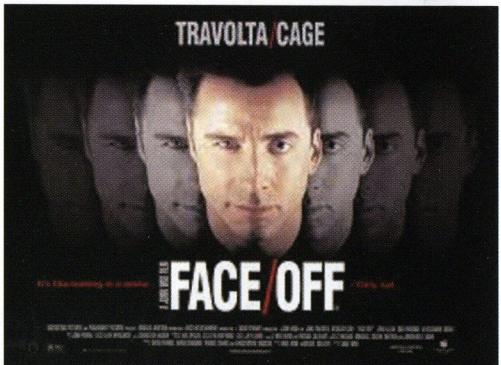
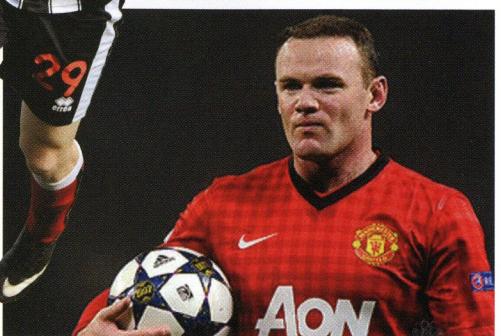
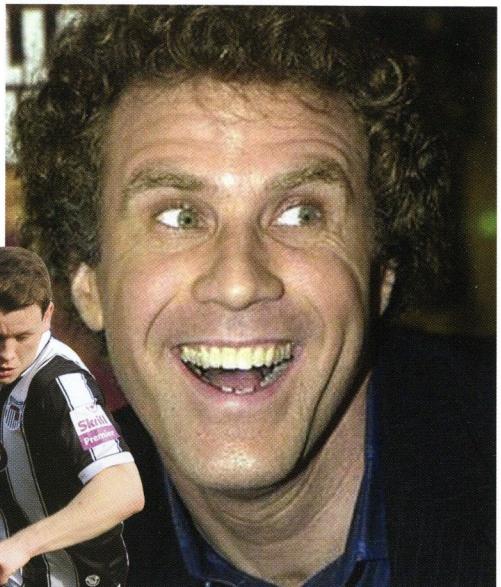
MY CAREER HIGHLIGHT IS... Playing for England C against the Gibraltar national team – I scored

AWAY FROM FOOTBALL I'M GOOD AT... Not a lot!

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LATE TACKLE

MATT BADCOCK

Quiz Time, courtesy of (i.e. stolen from) my esteemed colleague Stuart Hammonds and his NLP column last Sunday: What do Mark Cooper, Gary Mills and Andy Morrell have in common?

If you're at the FA Trophy final this weekend and Gosport Borough manager Alex Pike or Cambridge United's Richard Money make bizarre tactical decisions in the last few minutes you might get a clue.

The aforementioned trio are the last three Trophy winning managers. All went onto leave the club they guided to glory in the next season – Darlington, York and Wrexham – by sacking or their own accord.

Memories can be short in football, bear in mind Gary Mills led York to promotion to the Football League a week after winning the Trophy, and demands for more and more success never goes away.

It seems winning some silverware doesn't aid a manager's cause if things get tough later on.

Of course we won't see Cambridge or Gosport suddenly playing one at the back as they try to hold onto a 1-0 lead.

Cruising up and down the Thames at the Trophy Final media day last week and speaking to the two clubs it was clear how much they want to enjoy the day out and, most importantly, win.

Each team arrives under the arch with its own stories and sub-plots that will play out on the day.

Cambridge captain Ian Miller has already climbed the famous steps to lift Non-League's big cup when he won with Cooper and Darlo in 2011.

Players like Josh Coulson, Luke Berry and Liam Hughes have all come through the ranks at the U's before graduating into the first team.

In Coulson's case his family are big United fans, standing on the terraces every week.

Down in Gosport, manager Alex Pike has the chance to lead his hometown club to Wembley glory. He could also become the first manager ever to win both the FA Vase and the FA Trophy, after tasting victory with Wimborne Town back in 1992.

There can't be many, if any, who predicted these two would meet at this showpiece. Having slipped off the pace in the Skrill Premier title race, Cambridge's priorities have probably changed from their first game in the competition against Salisbury way back in November.

With recent patchy form a win on the hallowed turf could be just the injection they need ahead of the run-in and play-offs.

Gosport's priority is Skrill South survival but their very presence at Wembley this

weekend just goes to show the beauty of cup football.

We featured Pike as our Big Interview in the paper after they were drawn away to North Ferriby. I confessed to chairman Mark Hook we thought they'd be knocked out by the Skrill North title chasers so had better get it in quick! Ye of little faith.

Cambridge will be favourites but so were Manchester City against Wigan in the FA Cup final last year. Stranger things have happened.

Whatever the outcome, it would be nice to see the winning manager break the Trophy curse.



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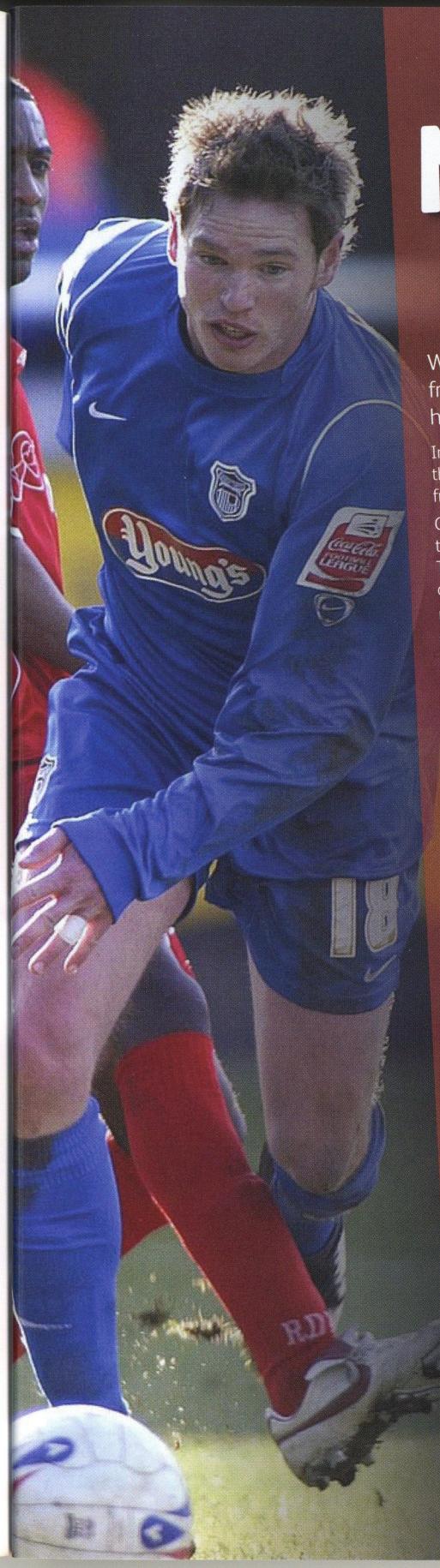
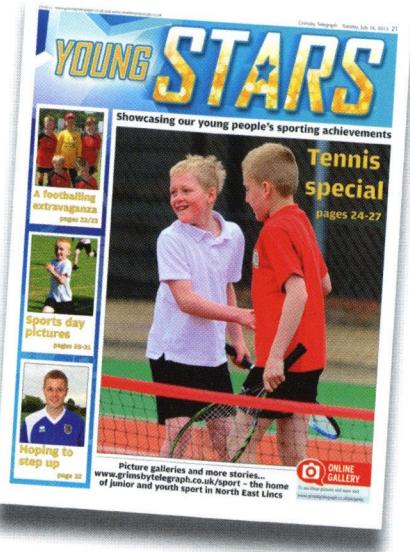
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MARMITE MEN

When Russell Slade snapped up midfielder Ciaran Toner from local rivals Lincoln City ahead of the 2005/6 season, he was hardly an unknown quantity to Mariners fans.

Indeed, the Irishman had netted the fourth in a pulsating 4-2 win for the Imps at Blundell Park just six months earlier with a crisp finish in front of the Osmond Stand.

On paper, this young former Tottenham Hotspur trainee would be the perfect foil for our box to box terrier Paul Bolland in midfield, as Town looked to win promotion back to League Two at the second attempt.

Ultimately Toner would spend three seasons at Blundell Park. And throughout that time would have had a fair claim to have been the most gifted player at the club. Yet, ultimately, his apparent lack of that extra something when it mattered might rightly earn him the title as something of a 'Marmite Man'.

Though Slade's favourite midfield pairing of Bolland and Jean-Paul Kamudimba Kalala started most of the games in that initial season, Toner still played plenty of football, and finished the season with three goals.

Perhaps not a great scorer of goals, but a scorer of great goals. Toner had a wand of a right foot that scored a number of beauties, including memorable strikes against Lincoln City and Carlisle United, the latter a screamer of a half-volley that will live long in the memory.

But, when it came down to it, Toner was found wanting. He was an unused substitute in the play-off final defeat to Cheltenham in Cardiff in 2006. Even in a game crying out for that bit of spark or creativity, Slade still couldn't find the faith in Toner that many supporters did. That said it all.

In his second season at Blundell Park Toner actually finished as top scorer with eight goals, helping keep the Mariners in the league, and was rewarded with a new two year contract.

With a new deal in the bag, supporters were hoping the best of the Irishman was yet to come. Sadly, he disappointed. Fitness problems curtailed his season under Alan Buckley, and he was released having played 25 games, scoring just three.

In all Toner struck 14 goals in 80 starts for Town over three seasons. Not a bad record for a midfielder, I hear you say. But surely Toner was a player with so much more to give.

He went off to Rochdale where he became a key player in a team which lost out in the play-off final to Stockport, before turning out for Harrogate, Guiseley and Gainsborough Trinity.

Toner should, and could have done more in the game; such was the talent that first attracted Tottenham when he was still a young lad.

After he left the Mariners in 2008, Toner gave an interview to the press explaining how he always gave 100 per cent to the club. In his heart of hearts, he will know he could have been far more than just another wasted talent.

By Sam Kinnaird



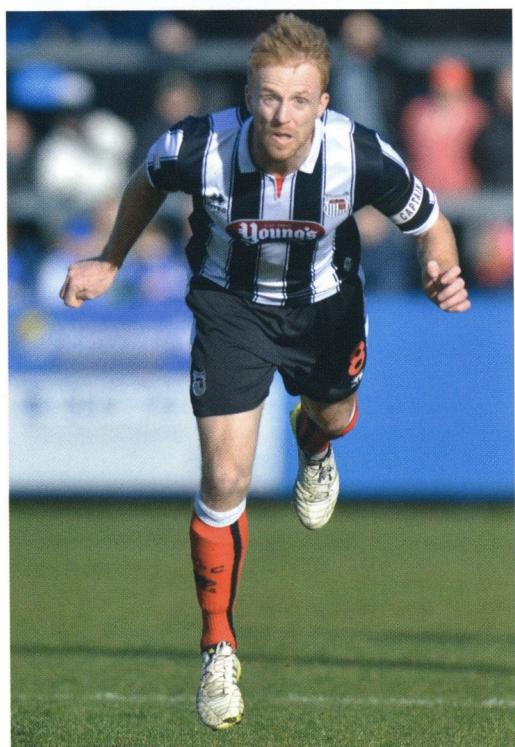
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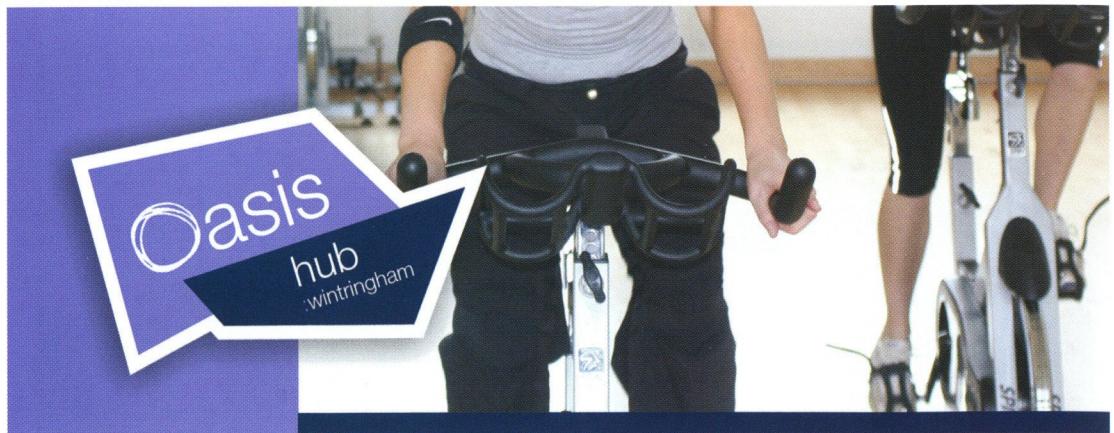
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Last Monday the Grimsby Town Futsal Scholars travelled to Birmingham in preparation for their last 16 tie against Crystal Palace in the Soccer AM Cup. They stayed in the Aston Travel Lodge Monday evening where the hosts served up an excellent pre match meal for the scholars and then it was off for a bit of pre match bonding in the form of a FIFA 14 tournament.

The following morning it was down to business, after breakfast and a quick leg stretcher along Birmingham Canal the Futsal Scholars headed to Birmingham National Futsal Arena for a 12pm kick off.

The scholars entered the court with the Sky TV cameras poised ready to capture the action. Crystal Palace kicked off and kept early possession with Grimsby keeping their shape well, this led to very little action in the first 10 minutes. Crystal Palace eventually dared to have a go at Grimsby and this paid off on 12 minutes when they opened the scoring. Liam Cooper the Grimsby goalkeeper would have felt particularly upset as just moments earlier he had made an excellent save.

With five minutes of the half to play Mark Westerby called a time out and tinkered with the tactics as well as introducing Jack Blendall. This paid dividends as Grimsby dominated the closing stages and eventually scored through the substitute who smashed the ball in from the edge of the box.

The second half was very one sided as Grimsby finally shook off their nerves. They made this domination count as Jack Burrows, an England Futsal representative, rattled one in from close range. The next 5 minutes Grimsby struggled in possession and Crystal Palace were beginning to get on top and create 1 or 2 half

chances.

Mark Westerby the coach noticed this and called a 2nd time out, again he used this opportunity to adapt the tactics and this time introduced Mathew Perrin as a substitute. With 3 minutes to play Nathan Lambert shrugged off a couple of tackles as he had done throughout the game and found Perrin in the middle. Some excellent footwork from the substitute and a neat pass into Connor Watson's path was enough to set up a Grimsby third with Watson beating the keeper in the 1v1.

The Palace coach immediately called time out and introduced a 'fly keeper' tactic which essentially meant Palace had 5 outfield players. Liam Cooper made a couple of vital saves in the closing stages before Jack Burrows grabbed his second, lobbing the fly keeper from inside his own half to make it 4-1 to Grimsby and book the Mariners place in the quarter finals.

After the game the Sky TV cameras were quick to grab Nathan Lambert



Time out 2nd half



Post-match interviews

and Jack Burrows for a post-match interview. All the action can be seen along with the quarter finals live draw this week on Soccer AM (Sky One).

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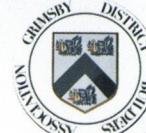


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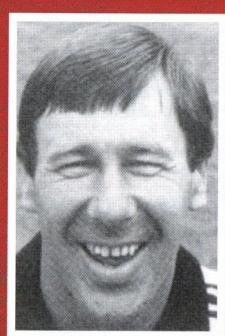
BY ARTHUR DAWSON

I saw my first game in 1929, I was six years old and I can remember Joe "Give it to Robbie" Robson and Tim Coleman played although I can't remember who the opposition were. I've chosen a 4-4-2 formation made up of some of my favourites over the past eighty years or so although I'm not sure what the likes of Harry Betmead or Pat Glover might have made of playing in this formation!



**GOALKEEPER:
HARRY
WAINMAN**

Played for several seasons starting in the mid sixties at a time when there were many changes in players and managers. I have chosen Harry because he came through the ranks as a local lad, was a good handler, reliable with crosses and a good kicker of the ball.



**RIGHT BACK:
JOHN McDERMOTT**

Ever reliable, dedicated and conscientious servant to the club. He was first choice with all his managers and would have added to his record total but for injuries. Will his appearance total now ever be approached let alone beaten?



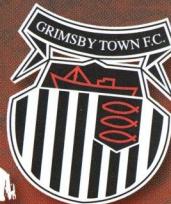
**LEFT BACK:
HUGHIE JACOBSON**

A stalwart of the old First Division days, he was a tough and strong tackling left back who was also a good header of the ball. Played in every game when Town won the Division Two Championship in 1933-34.



**CENTRE BACK:
HARRY
BETMEAD**

Grimsby born, tall and a strong header of the ball, he was an England international. The lynchpin of the old First Division days, he played in all seasons leading up to the Second World War and one season after but probably lost his six best years during the hostilities.



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**CENTRE BACK:
KEITH JOBLING**

Another local lad who held the club record appearance for many years. Strong and aggressive, he never flinched out of a tackle. A consistent performer despite seeing many changes and playing in some difficult times for Town, he was captain and led the team to promotion in 1962 to the old second division.



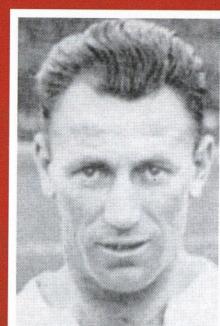
**RIGHT MIDFIELD:
STUART BRACE**

He was like a streak of lightning ghosting up the right wing and scoring many goals. A member of the Championship winning team under Lawrie McMenemy.



**CENTRE MIDFIELD:
JACKIE
BESTALL**

The provider to the successful forward line of the pre-war years. Small but good enough to play for England, he was a tricky dribbler who ensure that Pat Glover got plenty of goals.



**CENTRE MIDFIELD:
CHARLIE CRAVEN**

Charlie had the ability to swerve past players and he was a shrewd and tricky player. Not a great goalscorer but he got his share and was a good provider to others.



**LEFT MIDFIELD:
BOBBY CUMMING**

A strong and aggressive player who was the 'minder' in the successful 1980's team. In todays game he may not stay on the pitch too long for some of his feisty tackles, but he will forever be a Grimsby legend and football lost something when the laws surrounding tackling were applied more strongly.



**FORWARD:
PAT GLOVER**

Big Welsh international. A goalscorer, big and strong, in the days when the laws were applied differently. We went for crosses and often Pat, the ball and the goalkeeper ended up in the net. He was also a good striker of the ball.



**FORWARD:
BILLY CAIRNS**

Not all that tall but he had an uncanny ability to hang in the air and twist himself round to get on the end of crosses. He came to Grimsby after the War towards the end of his career but was a fine signing for Town over a number of years.

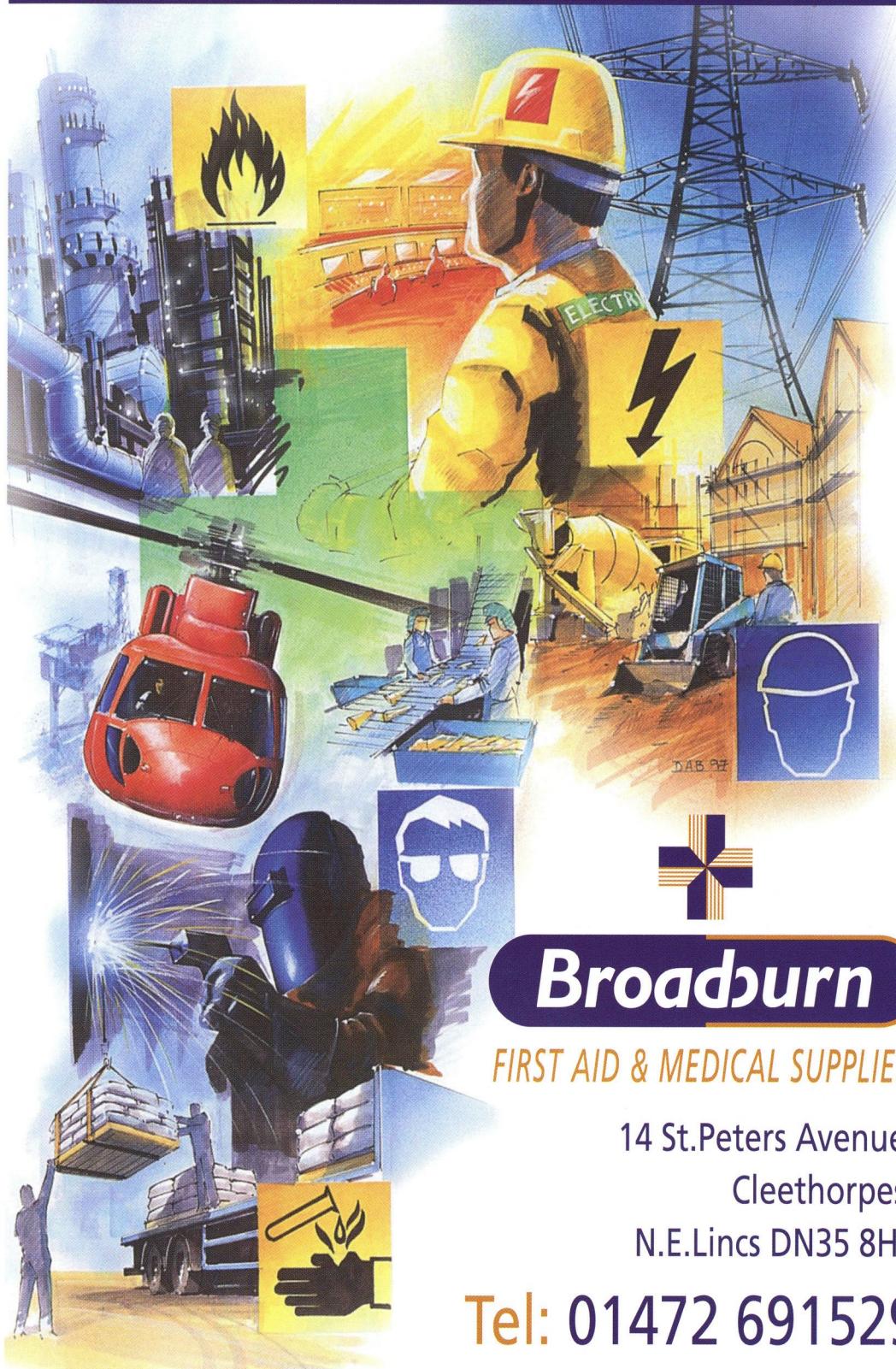


**TEAM MANAGER:
FRANK WOMACK**

Manager of the successful 1930's team, he established Town in the old First Division, leading them to their highest ever League position. I selected him just ahead of Alan Buckley but it was a close run thing.



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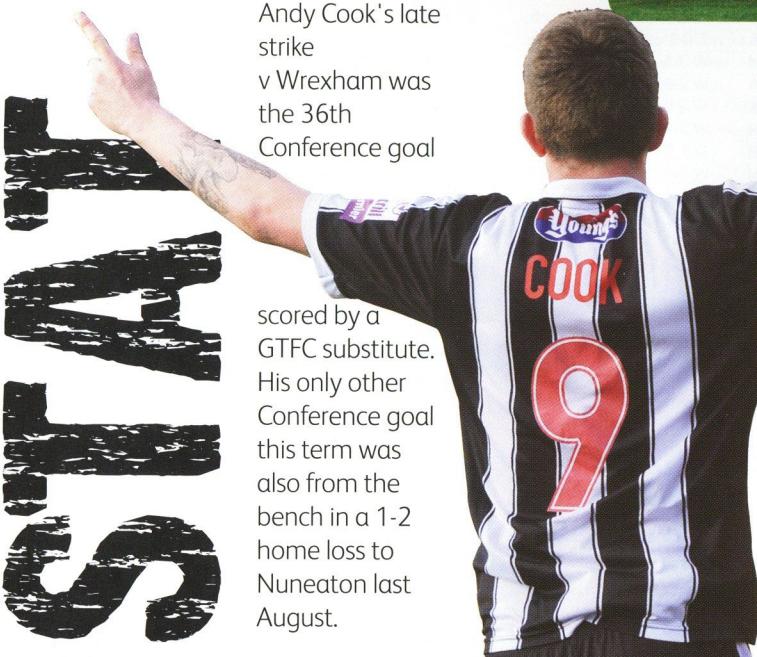
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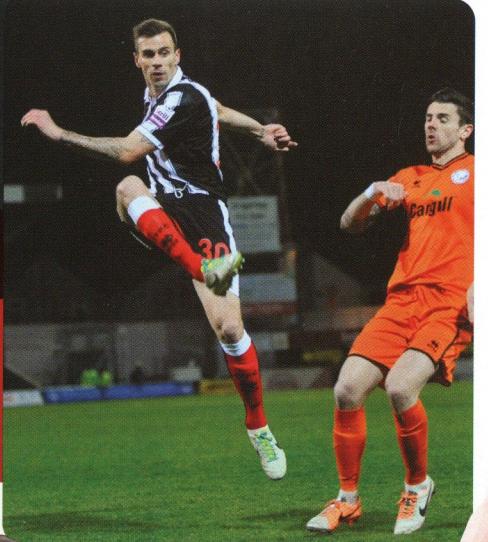
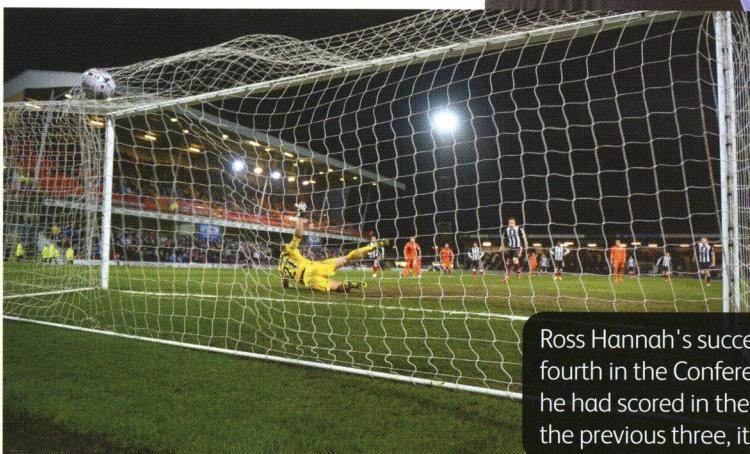
Andrew Boyce was the third Town player to make his Conference bow v Hereford, following the debuts of Richard Brodie and Jamie Devitt here (1-1) in January 2013.

Andrew Boyce became Grimsby's 85th different Conference player when making his debut against the Bulls.



Andy Cook's late strike v Wrexham was the 36th Conference goal

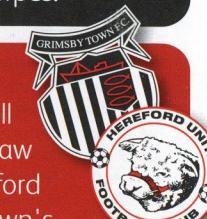
scored by a GTFC substitute. His only other Conference goal this term was also from the bench in a 1-2 home loss to Nuneaton last August.



The 3-1 success over Wrexham was Town's fifth Conference win this term by that score, all occurring in Cleethorpes.



The Blundell Park draw v Hereford was Town's 170th fixture in Conference football.



Town's 1-1 draw against Hereford continued the occurrence of all six goals in three Conference meetings to date being scored only in the first half.

Ross Hannah's successful penalty v Hereford - his fourth in the Conference this term - was the first he had scored in the first half of play. And like the previous three, it occurred at Blundell Park.

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY 2013-14



Sat 26 Oct	Rushall Olympic	H	W 3-0	1,456	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	McDonald	Pearson 1
Sat 9 Nov	Scunthorpe United	H	D 0-0	8,306	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	McDonald	Pearson
Tue 16 Nov	Scunthorpe United	A	W 2-1	5,699	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	McDonald	Pearson
Sat 7 Dec	Northampton Town	H	W 2-0	3,828	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	McDonald	Pearson 1
Sat 4 Jan	Huddersfield Town	H	L 1-3	6,504	McKeown	Bignot	Thomas	Doig •	Pearson



Sat 30 Nov	Coalville Town	A	D 1-1	844	McKeown	Hatton	Bignot	Doig	McDonald
Tue 3 Dec	Coalville Town	H	W 3-0	1,102	McKeown	Bignot	Winfarrah	Doig	Humble
Sat 14 Dec	Barnet	A	W 2-1	3,441	McKeown	Bignot	Thomas	Doig	McDonald
Sat 11 Jan	Maidenhead	H	W 2-1	1,623	Hedge	Bignot	Thomas	Doig	Pearson
Sat 1 Feb	Tamworth	H	W 4-1	2,795	McKeown	Hatton	Fyfield	McDonald	Pearson
Sat 15 Feb	Cambridge United	A	L 1-2	3,264	McKeown	Hatton	Fyfield	Doig	McDonald
Sat 22 Feb	Cambridge United	H	D 1-1	3,931	McKeown	Bignot	Fyfield	McDonald	Pearson

KEY: Home Matches and scorers in bold
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						KEY: Home Matches and Scorers in bold BOOKED: ■ I SENT OFF: □ * Own Goal Goalscorers: 1 • Player withdrawn	
			Subs Used			Subs Not Used	
Kerr	•	Disley ■	McLaughlin	Colbeck	Neilson •	Hearn •	John-Lewis, Rodman, Hannah 1
Kerr	Disley	McLaughlin	Colbeck	Colbeck	Hearn 1 •	John-Lewis	Southwell
Kerr	■ •	Disley	McLaughlin	Colbeck	Rodman •	John-Lewis •	Cook, Neilson, Southwell
Thanoj	Disley ■	McLaughlin 1	Colbeck 1	Hearn 1 •	John-Lewis •	Doig, Rodman, Hatton	Cook, Southwell
Thanoj ■	Disley	McLaughlin	Colbeck ■	Hearn •	John-Lewis •	Rodman 1, Bignot, Cook	Kerr, Southwell
Thanoj	Disley	McLaughlin •	Colbeck •	Rodman	John-Lewis •	Hearn, Walker, Cook 1	Kerr, Neilson
Kerr	Disley •	McLaughlin	Colbeck ■ •	Rodman •	John-Lewis	Neilson, Cook, Thanoj	McDonald, Hannah
Kerr	Thanoj	McLaughlin	Neilson ■ •	Rodman	John-Lewis 1 •	Colbeck, Walker, Cook,	Hearn, Hannah
Kerr	Thanoj •	McLaughlin	Neilson •	Rodman •	John-Lewis	Jones, Hannah, Colbeck	Doig, Cook
Kerr	Jones	McLaughlin	Colbeck ■	Hannah •	John-Lewis •	Cook, Hearn	Thomas, McDonald, Neilson
Kerr 1	Jones •	McLaughlin 1	Neilson •	Hannah •	John-Lewis 1	Disley 1, Hearn, Thomas	McDonald, Cook
Kerr	Disley	McLaughlin	Neilson •	Hannah • 1	John-Lewis •	Thomas, Cook, Hearn 1	McDonald, Rodman
Kerr	Disley	McLaughlin	Neilson	Hannah • 1	John-Lewis 1	Thomas, Hearn, Jones	McDonald, Cook
Kerr	Disley	McLaughlin	Neilson •	Hearn •	John-Lewis •	Rodman, Cook, Colbeck	Jones, McDonald
Kerr	Jones •	McLaughlin	Colbeck •	Hearn •	Cook	Rodman, Neilson, Southwell	Bignot, Disley
Kerr	Disley	Rodman 1	Colbeck •	Hannah • 2	Cook	McDonald, Neilson, Hearn	Bignot, Disley
Kerr	Disley 1	Jones	Colbeck	Hannah • 1	Cook •	Hearn, Winfarrah	Thanoj, Bignot, Walker
Kerr	Disley 1	Neilson •	Colbeck	Hannah •	John-Lewis •	Rodman 1, Cook, McLaughlin	Bignot, Hearn
Kerr	Disley	McLaughlin	Rodman	Hannah • 1	John-Lewis •	Colbeck •, Cook, Hearn 1	Neilson, Bignot
Kerr ■	Disley	Neilson •	Rodman	Hannah	John-Lewis •	Colbeck ■, Cook ■, Southwell 1	McLaughlin, Bignot
Kerr	Disley ■ 1	Neilson • 2	Rodman	Hannah ■ •	John-Lewis •	Cook, McLaughlin, Southwell	Bignot, Colbeck
Kerr •	Disley 1	Neilson ■ •	Rodman	Hannah 1	John-Lewis	McLaughlin, Bignot ■, Cook	Colbeck, Southwell
McLaughlin	Disley	Colbeck	Rodman •	Hannah •	Cook •	Neilson, John-Lewis, Southwell	Thanoj, Walker
Thanoj	Disley ■ 1	Neilson	Colbeck •	Hannah	John-Lewis ■	Rodman	Walker, Southwell, Cook, McLaughlin
Kerr •	Disley	Neilson	Colbeck •	Hannah • ■	John-Lewis •	Rodman, Cook, McLaughlin	Fyfield, Thanoj
Kerr	Disley ■	Neilson ■ • 1	Rodman ■	Hannah	John-Lewis • 1	Thomas, Colbeck, Tounkara	McLaughlin, Cook
Kerr	Disley	Neilson •	Rodman	Hannah •	John-Lewis •	Hatton, Thanoj	Colbeck, Tounkara, Cook,
Kerr	Disley	Neilson •	Rodman	Tounkara	John-Lewis •	Fyfield, Hannah, Cook	Colbeck, Thanoj,
Kerr ■ •	Disley	Neilson	Colbeck •	Hannah ■	John-Lewis 1	Thanoj, Hatton, Rodman	Cook, Southwell,
Thanoj •	Disley ■ 1	Neilson •	Rodman 1	Jennings •	John-Lewis •	Hannah, Kerr, Hatton	Cook, Southwell
Kerr	Disley	Thanoj	Rodman •	Jennings ■ • 1	John-Lewis	Hatton, Hannah, McLaughlin	Southwell, Cook,
Kerr	Disley •	Thanoj	Rodman	Hannah • 1	John-Lewis	Neilson, Jennings, Cook	Hatton, McLaughlin
Thanoj	Disley 1	Neilson ■ 1	Rodman •	Jennings •	John-Lewis ■ •	Cook 1, Hannah, McLaughlin	Kerr, Bignot
Kerr	Disley 1	Neilson • 1	Thanoj •	Jennings	Cook	Tounkara, Hannah, McLaughlin	Bignot, Rodman
Kerr	Disley ■	Neilson •	Rodman 1	Jennings	John-Lewis	McDonald, Thanoj, Cook	Hannah, Tounkara
Kerr	Disley •	Rodman •	Neilson	Hannah • 1	Cook 1	Jones, Colbeck, Hearn	Hedge, Bignot, Thanoj, McLaughlin
Kerr	Disley	Neilson	Colbeck	Hannah •	John-Lewis	Hearn, Rodman	Hedge, Doig, Cook, Bignot, McLaughlin
Kerr	Disley	Neilson •	Colbeck	Hannah •	John-Lewis 1	McLaughlin, Rodman	Hedge, Doig, Cook, Hearn, Bignot
Kerr	Disley	Neilson •	Rodman	Hannah •	John-Lewis	Colbeck, McLaughlin 1	Doig, Cook, Bignot, Thanoj, Southwell
Thanoj •	Disley ■ 1	Neilson •	Colbeck	Hannah 1	Cook	McLaughlin, Rodman, Southwell	Hedge, Hatton, Humble, Winfarrah,

McLaughlin	Thanoj	Rodman	Neilson •	Cook	Southwell	Winfarrah	Hannah, Disley, Colbeck, Walker
McLaughlin	Thanoj	Colbeck	Hatton •	Cook •	Southwell 3	Charlesworth, Walker, Neilson	Pearson, Hannah
McLaughlin •	Thanoj	Disley	Colbeck	Rodman	Cook 1	Southwell 1	Hatton, Pearson, Neilson, Winfarrah
McLaughlin	Thanoj	Rodman	Colbeck 1	John-Lewis •	Southwell	Cook	Hatton, Disley, Neilson, Walker.
Kerr	Disley	Rodman •	McLaughlin 1	John-Lewis 1 •	Tounkara 1	Colbeck, Cook 1	Thomas, Thanoj, Hannah
Kerr •	Disley	McLaughlin •	Rodman	John-Lewis 1	Cook	Neilson, Thanoj	Thomas, Hannah, Tounkara.
Kerr	Disley	Neilson 1	Rodman	John-Lewis	Hannah	Cook, Colbeck, Tounkara	Hatton, Thanoj,



TABLE/PLAYER STATS 2013/14



		The Skrill Premier												
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 LUTON		37	15	3	1	55	12	8	8	2	31	14	+60	80
2 Cambridge Utd		36	14	3	2	38	9	4	9	16	16	16	+29	66
3 Alfreton Town		38	13	3	2	38	22	8	1	11	21	34	+3	64
4 Nuneaton		39	11	4	5	26	22	6	6	7	23	29	-2	61
5 GRIMSBY		35	9	6	3	34	20	8	3	6	19	16	+17	60
6 Barnet		39	10	5	5	27	20	7	4	8	22	22	+7	60
7 Gateshead		38	9	6	4	32	22	7	5	7	25	25	+10	59
8 Kidderminster		38	13	3	3	41	21	4	5	10	15	33	+2	59
9 Forest Green		37	13	3	4	43	18	4	4	9	27	33	+19	58
10 FC Halifax Town		37	13	4	1	48	17	3	5	11	23	37	+17	57
11 Salisbury		38	12	5	2	29	15	4	3	12	17	37	-6	56
12 Braintree Town		34	10	2	5	24	15	6	5	6	20	17	+12	55
13 Macclesfield		37	11	4	4	33	21	5	2	11	23	31	+4	54
14 Welling		38	8	5	5	24	16	6	6	8	26	30	+4	53
15 Lincoln City		40	9	5	6	26	16	5	6	9	27	39	-2	53
16 Wrexham		39	9	5	5	27	19	5	4	11	28	37	-1	51
17 Woking		37	8	4	6	25	22	7	2	10	24	33	-6	51
18 Southport		38	10	4	4	26	17	1	5	14	14	39	-16	42
19 Hereford		39	8	6	5	21	18	2	6	12	17	37	-17	42
20 Chester FC		39	3	10	6	19	26	6	3	11	21	36	-22	40
21 Aldershot		38	9	6	4	42	26	3	6	10	14	26	+4	38
22 Dartford		38	6	3	9	26	28	4	4	12	16	35	-21	37
23 Tamworth		38	5	6	9	22	27	3	2	13	15	37	-27	32
24 Hyde (R)		39	0	3	17	17	51	1	4	14	16	50	-68	10

Player	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals
1 Jonathon HEDGE	0	0	1	0
2 Sam HATTON	15 (5)	0	7	0
3 Aswad THOMAS	24 (4)	0	7 (1)	0
4 Scott KERR	28 (1)	1	7	0
5 Shaun PEARSON	32	2	8	3
6 Chris DOIG	18 (1)	1	6	0
7 Joe COLBECK	16 (7)	1	6 (4)	1
8 Craig DISLEY	27 (1)	9	9	1
9 Andy COOK	5 (18)	2	6 (3)	3
10 Liam HEARN	6 (8)	4	0 (1)	0
11 Scott NEILSON	21 (4)	5	7 (2)	1
12 Clayton McDONALD	16 (2)	1	9	1
13 James MCKEOWN	35	0	11	0
14 Lenell JOHN-LEWIS	29 (1)	5	7	3
15 Paul BIGNOT	20 (1)	1	6	0
16 Alan GOODALL	7	0	0	0
17 Ross HANNAH	18 (7)	9	6	2
18 Andi THANOJ	11 (4)	0	5 (2)	0
19 Ritchie JONES	4 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
20 Dayle SOUTHWELL	0 (4)	1	3 (2)	4
21 Ellis HUMBLE	0	0	1	0
22 Tom CHARLESWORTH	0	0	0 (1)	0
23 Alex RODMAN	19 (8)	3	8 (3)	1
24 Paul WALKER	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
25 Caine WINFARRAH	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
26 Patrick McLAUGHLIN	17 (6)	2	6 (3)	2
27 Jamal FYFIELD	4 (1)	0	3	0
28 Oumare TOUNKARA	1 (3)	0	1 (2)	1
29 Connor JENNINGS	5 (1)	1	0	0
30 Andrew BOYCE	4	0	0	0

Previous Results

Saturday 22nd March 2014

Barnet 2-0 Hereford
Braintree 1-0 Aldershot
Forest Green 0-0 Welling
Gateshead 3-1 Lincoln City
Hyde 0-2 Dartford
Kidderminster 1-1 Southport
Luton 3-0 Chester
Macclesfield 2-1 Tamworth
Nuneaton 0-1 Grimsby
Wrexham 1-1 Salisbury

Tuesday 18th March 2014

Aldershot 0-0 Kidderminster
Alfreton 4-2 Tamworth
Braintree 0-2 Lincoln City
Cambridge 2-1 Welling
Chester 2-2 Southport
Forest Green 2-1 Grimsby
Macclesfield 2-0 Barnet
Wrexham 2-0 Hereford

Monday 17th March 2014

Luton 0-1 Woking
Saturday 15th March 2014
Aldershot 2-2 Nuneaton
Cambridge 1-1 Dartford
Chester 0-1 Alfreton
Grimsby 3-1 Wrexham
Hereford 0-0 Hyde
Kidderminster 1-0 Barnet
Lincoln City 2-0 Braintree
Salisbury 0-0 Gateshead
Southport 4-1 Macclesfield
Tamworth 1-2 Forest Green
Welling 0-1 Halifax

Top Goalscorers

Andre Gray	26
Luton Town	
Lee Gregory	24
Halifax	
Brett Williams	20
Aldershot Town	
Paul Benson	16
Luton Town	
Ben Tomlinson	16
Lincoln City	
James Norwood	15
Forest Green Rovers	
Connor Jennings	15
Grimsby Town	
Louis Moutl	14
Nuneaton Town	
Luke Guttridge	13
Luton Town	
Scott Boden	13
Macclesfield Town	
Dan Fitchett	13
Salisbury City	
Scott Rendell	12
Woking	
John Akinde	12
Alfreton Town	
Jake Hyde	11



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Liam HEARN 10
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ANDREW BOYCE 30

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04 Jonathan SMITH
05 Steve McNULTY
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10 Alex WALL
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This Week's Fixtures

The Skrill Premier

TONIGHT

Aldershot v Gateshead
Chester v Tamworth
Grimsby v Luton
Welling v Braintree

THURSDAY

Braintree v Nuneaton
Southport v Forest Green

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The Skrill Premier

Grimsby Town
v Woking
Tuesday 8th
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