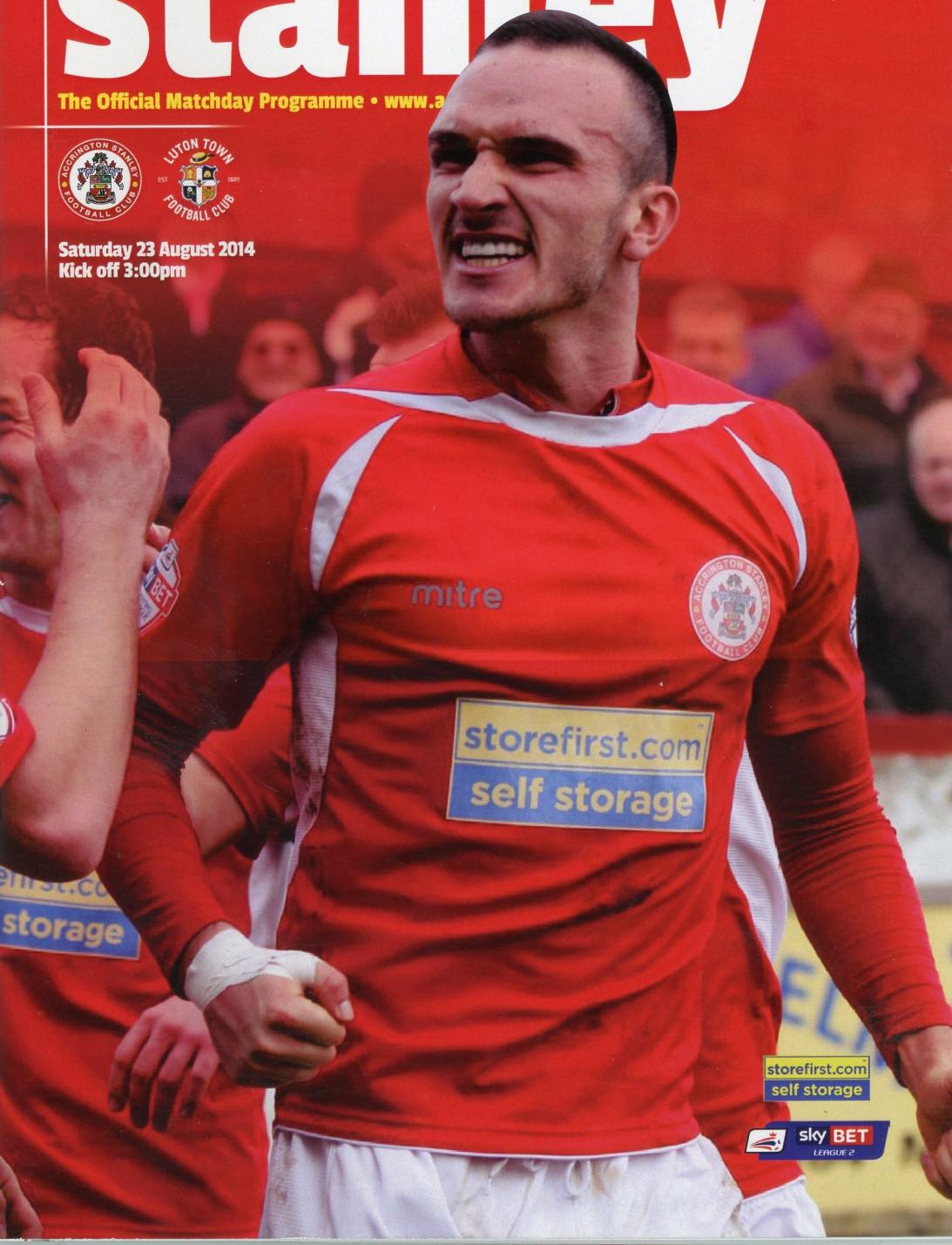


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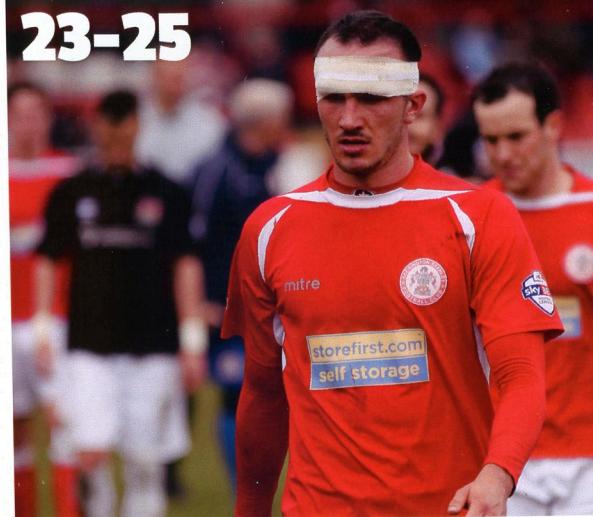
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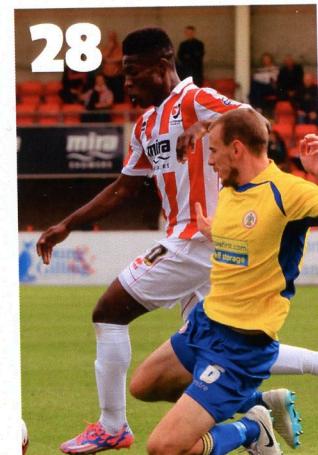
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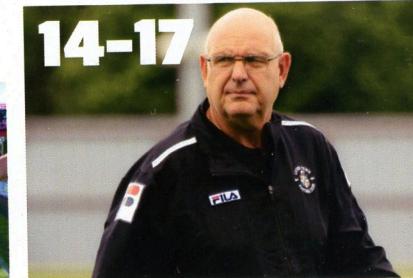
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We're only three games into the league season and though it hasn't started the way we would've wanted, nobody is pushing any big red buttons at this stage.

Today we welcome John Still and all the players, staff and supporters from Luton Town and I'm certainly not panicking because of the belief that I have in myself and the belief that I have in the players. I've said from the word go that I'll always try to do the best for the players and get them the best things I can get my hands on. That hasn't changed.

This is a great group of lads first and foremost but they are also great players. It's been my job to pick them up after a defeat the other night and they believe in the methods that I'm applying here and they enjoy coming into work which is something that every young footballer should do.

Everybody's singing from the same hymn sheet which is vitally important and the result the other night was disappointing but I'm trying to teach the lads to process that disappointment and put it aside. It won't affect what we do going forward.

It's been a hard week off the field with the thefts that have taken place from the club but I'd like to go on record to thank everyone that has helped clear up the mess, increase the security or offered any other kind of assistance as well as everyone that has sent their good wishes to the club.

Skybet and the Sun have made a great gesture

in helping the lads out with new boots and we appreciate that. When an incident like this impacts on the lads then I take it personally. It's my job to protect the welfare of the boys and it's massively disappointing when things like this happen.

Onto today's game and I was lucky enough to work with John a couple of times on BT Sport last season and he's a football man through and through and knows his football inside and out. He'll be bringing a team here set up to win the game.

Luton have got a massive following and are a proper football club. Their story is a famous one now they're back in the Football League. They get really good gates, which we're obviously envious of, but I have to concentrate on Accrington Stanley and I'm bothered about our group of lads and the results we get.

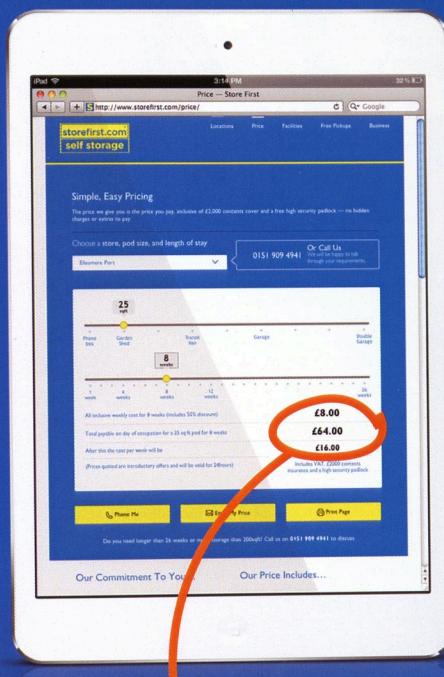
We'll give Luton all the respect they deserve but at the end of the day if we concentrate on doing the right things then I have no doubt what the outcome will be. It's just a case of making sure we do those right things.

Enjoy the game.

James



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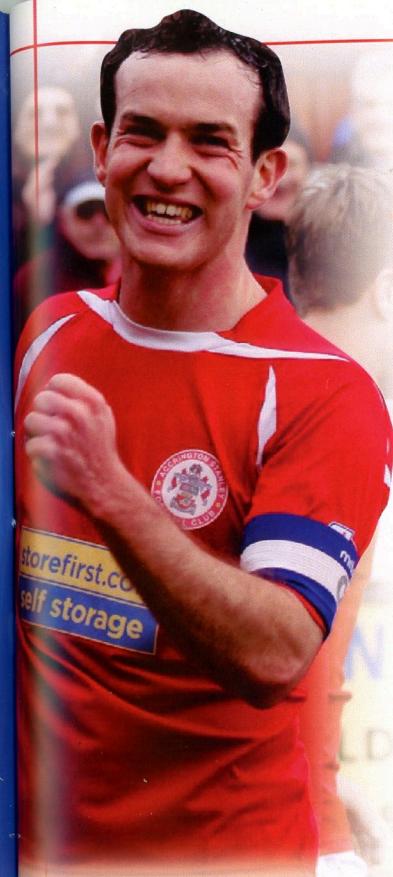
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with all the lads. We have to take our pain and disappointment and use it positively today.

I'm sure Shrewsbury couldn't believe their luck that we gifted them three goals. It was an uphill task from there and we were looking for little miracles to get back into the game but we're determined to learn from it and move on.

Today it's Luton and the lads have been eager to get out there since the final whistle the other night. We've done our homework and we know that they've had a couple of good results, winning at Carlisle and equalising in the last minute against Bury so we know that they will be real tough opponents.

When you've had a result like we had on Tuesday night you can't afford to dwell on it.

We had a big discussion after the game and in the changing room and sat down to watch the DVD and go through it on Thursday but that has to be it now. The focus has been on how we can get three points today.

We won't be saying we've drawn a line under it and forgotten about it because you never quite forget something like that and it was horrible sitting and watching it again

We're coming up against a team that have just been promoted who are likely to travel in big numbers and we've been really looking forward to it. We're keen to put in a good performance and get our first points on the board for the fans.

Off the field it's been one of the more bizarre weeks in my time here. The break ins that have been spoken a lot about and the lads

losing their boots and some other kit is not something that you expect to happen at a club like this but it's just something else that we've had to deal with.

It's been great to see all the messages of support on Twitter and hear about all the people that have phoned or called in to see if they can help. We're thankful to SkyBet who have helped the lads out with some new boots and it's nice to know that people are looking out for the club and do care when bad things like this happen.

You always have a bad spell in any season and we think that this period of things going against us and not getting the results is just that. We think we can break that this weekend, work our way through it and we'll find that things soon start going our way.

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Stanley v Carlisle

Accrington Stanley will host fellow League Two side Carlisle United in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The tie has been scheduled for Tuesday 2nd September with kick off 7:45pm.

Further details including admission prices will be announced shortly.

Northampton Town Ticket Prices

Stanley fans can phone the Northampton ticket office in advance of the game on Saturday 20th September to take advantage of a saving offered for buying in advance. Call 01604 683777 to get the discounted prices.

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Oxford United Ticket Details

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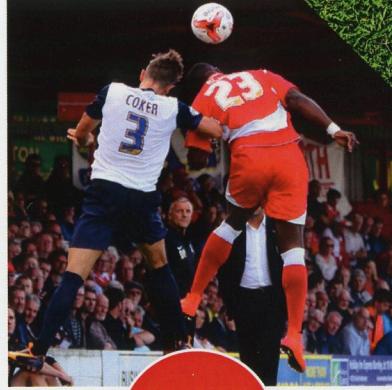


Match Review



ACCRINGTON STANLEY SOUTHEND UNITED Skybet League Two - 9/08/2014

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SCORER'S
Southend
Barnard 85

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 James Gray runs into the area and hits the post from a tight angle
- 6 A Josh Windass back heel sets up James Gray in a good position but striker fires wide
- 37 Ryan Leonard strike is saved by Stanley keeper Luke Simpson
- 46 Shaquille Coulthirst goes down in the area under a challenge from Adam Buxton and Dean Winnard. Barry Corr takes the penalty but Simpson makes a superb save.
- 61 Josh Windass volley's over from a Piero Mingoia ball into the area
- 85 Sub Lee Barnard appeals for a penalty after a challenge by Dean Winnard in the area. It's given and Barnard takes the spot kick himself, sending Simpson the wrong way



“Some of our flair players weren’t at the races against Southend – they have been fantastic in pre-season and we showed our defensive qualities but we just couldn’t get going, going forward.”





Alabi's keen to strike out

Young striker James Alabi says manager James Beattie was the lure for him to come to Accrington Stanley.

Alabi, 19, signed from Stoke City on an initial one month loan spell and is keen to make an impact at the Store First Stadium.

Alabi has been given a starting berth in League Two and hopes both Stanley and himself benefit from his four-week spell.

"It's a good little club and the players and the management all welcomed me and have helped me settle in," said the forward.

"James Beattie was one of the main reasons why I came here because he can work with me and help me with my striking ability.

"I didn't know much about the club before I came but I know they are well known and have a lot of history and it's a good chance for me to see what I can do in League Two."

Alabi is a powerful forward who is willing to have a go. "My strengths are holding the ball up but my main strength is running in behind and beating defenders for pace and power.

"At the moment, it's about making sure I can do some good things for the team. " Alabi has had experience of League One and League Two in previous stints on loan.

"I was on loan at Scunthorpe when they got promoted from League Two last season and I was on loan there when they were in League One two seasons ago," said Alabi.

"It is hard for a player to come to a club and establish yourself, you have just got to make sure you are confident and have the right attitude."



Must do well says Jordan

Jordan Mustoe has plenty of League Two experience – and he wants to use his know-how to propel the Reds up the table.

The 23-year-old missed the opening day clash with Southend, signing a one-month deal with the Reds the week after.

The left back has played the last three games and is keen to establish himself at a club after having a number of loans spells around the lower leagues despite his young age.

"I have been at quite a few clubs in League Two and I know the league well and

know what to expect," said Mustoe, who lists Barnet, Morecambe, Carlisle, Bury and Wycombe on his CV as loan deals from his then parent club Wigan Athletic.

"I feel confident at this level and want to do well. It was really hard for the first game of the new season not having a club and being out of contract – it hurt.

"I don't think some players realise how hard it is when you haven't got a club so I am thrilled to be here. There is competition for the left back role but no one wants an easy ride and competition is good."

Mustoe had a friendly face in the Stanley dressing room as he already knew Adam Buxton from his Wigan days.

"It's always nice when you know someone, especially a character like Bucko, but I am the type of character that settles in easily anyway and I have had to deal with it quite a lot already in my career, walking into a new dressing room.

"They are a good group here at Accrington and I am sure we will do well this season. Results haven't gone our way so far but there is a long way to go and we just need that one result to kick on."

Introducing... Luton Town

John Still has forged quite a reputation within football particularly in non-league and the lower divisions of the Football League.

What he achieved in 10 years with Dagenham and Redbridge was nothing short of remarkable as he took them as high as League One on a shoe-string budget.

After his playing career was cut short by an unfortunate injury, Still started to manage non-league clubs.

His first jobs in the Football League were at Peterborough and Barnet, who he led them to play-offs on two occasions.

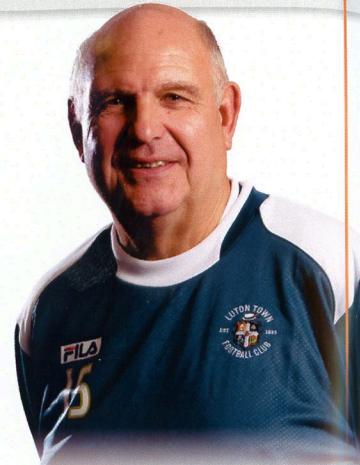
In 2004 he joined Dagenham and Redbridge

ONE TO WATCH! Paul Benson Midfielder

Benson, 34, made his move to Luton permanent in the summer, joining after a successful loan spell during the second half of last season.

The striker started his career with Dagenham and Redbridge where he had the impressive record of 69 goals in 165 appearances. He would move onto Charlton Athletic, before moving to fellow League One side Swindon Town.

John Still then jumped in and reunited himself with the striker and during the back end of last season Benson netted a resounding 17 goals in 36 games to ensure promotion for the Hatters.



Did you know: John Still has the impressive record of winning the Football Conference on three occasions - Maidstone United, Dagenham and Redbridge and his Luton Town side won the league last season with 102 points and also scored over 100 goals in the process.



The Spine of the Team



Mark Tyler Goalkeeper

Former Peterborough United custodian Mark Tyler has worked tirelessly to become number one shotstopper at Kenilworth Road.

Was an integral part of last season's Skrill Premier championship-winning side and produced a string of impressive displays.

Tyler, 37, has more than 600 professional appearances to his name and will be integral to any success the Hatters may have this season.



Steve McNulty Defender

Man-mountain McNulty cuts an imposing figure on the football pitch and offers the Hatters resilience at the heart of the defence.

The captain started his career in the lower leagues making over 50 appearances for Burscough, Vauxhall Motors and Barrow before signing for Fleetwood Town in 2009.

Whilst at Highbury he made 110 appearances and scored nine goals as he helped the club to the title and promotion to League Two.



Jake Howells Midfielder

Despite still only being 23-years-old, Howells can very much be considered as Mr Luton Town.

Having started as a schoolboy with Watford he later went onto join the Hatters and hasn't looked back since.

The midfielder has gone onto make over 220 appearances for the Kenilworth Road club and has played for the club in League One, League Two and the Conference.

He also has international caps on his CV having appeared for England C and Wales Under 21's

The Squad

1	Mark Tyler	ENG	G
2	Fraser Franks	ENG	D
3	Danny Fitzsimons	IRL	D
4	Jonathan Smith	ENG	M
5	Steve McNulty	ENG	D
6	Alex Lacey	ENG	D
7	Alex Lawless	WAL	M
8	Andy Drury	ENG	M
9	Paul Benson	ENG	F
10	Alex Wall	ENG	F
11	Jake Howells	WAL	M
12	Scott Griffiths	ENG	D
13	Mark Cullen	ENG	F
14	Andy Pary	ENG	M
15	Luke Rooney	ENG	M
16	Elliot Justham	ENG	G
17	Pelly Ruddock	ENG	M
18	Ross Lafayette	ENG	F
19	Ricky Miller	ENG	F
20	Shaun Whalley	ENG	M
21	Luke Guttridge	ENG	M
22	Matt Robinson	ENG	M
23	Curtley Williams	ENG	D
24	Jim Stevenson	ENG	M
25	Paul Connolly	ENG	D
26	Luke Wilkinson	ENG	D
27	Brett Longden	ENG	D
28	Mark Onyemah	ENG	D
29	Zane Banton	ENG	F
30	Charlie Walker	ENG	F
31	Charlie Smith	ENG	M
32	Ian Rees	ENG	M

129 The number of years the Hertfordshire club have been in existence having been founded in 1885.

£3,000,000 The highest transfer fee that Luton Town have ever received. They received £3M from West Bromwich Albion for Curtis Davies in 2005.



Fans view

Hatters fan Steve Moore, 26, is Diverse FM's Luton Town Show presenter.

Lee Clarke caught up with him to discuss the departure of Andre Gray, his dream Luton player and what he expects from the Hatters this season.



If it was quite a season for you last season. Did you fully expect to go up in such style?

Not at all. In fact, the appointment of John Still was all about moving away from trying to find a magic formula to win the league each season. Still was hired with a remit of rebuilding the playing side of the club in his way, over a period of time, so we would be better for it in the long term. As a result, there was certainly less pressure and expectation last year, so to play some of the football we did and to win the league, was almost ironic in a way.

How would you assess League Two so far, has it been exactly what you expected?

It is certainly a stronger league than the one we left five years ago. A lot of the teams that we were doing little more than just avoiding the drop have finally fallen through the trapdoor, replaced by ambitious sides from below. I still believe that any side capable of finishing in the Conference play-off spots would quite comfortably finish in the top half of League Two..

Do you think last season's emphatic title win will give you much needed momentum ahead of this season?

Well, there will certainly be some momentum carried over from that and we are certainly better off for having it. Keeping the main

nucleus of the squad is probably just as important though and given that, despite promotion, John Still was never going to waiver from building from the base up, that was something that we were always going to achieve.

How big of a loss was Andre Gray?

Sure, losing a player of his quality is always going to be a major blow and weaken the squad. However, if Mark Cullen never gets injured in the early part of last season, Andre Gray never gets back into the starting eleven and that question could well be 'How big of a loss is Mark Cullen?' As well as that, Gray's contract was up at the end of this season, so to get the money we did was excellent business by the club. There is also a prevailing feeling that even if Cullen is unable to step up, it will only be a matter of time before Still finds the next young hot-shot non-league striker to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Paul Benson, Craig Mackail-Smith and Dwight Gayle.

What would you say is the main strength of Luton Town Football Club?

I think it's most certainly the support. It has always been large in number, but the events of the last decade have, apart from some notable exceptions like the 2009 Johnston Paint Trophy Final, led to a negative



and pretty antagonistic atmosphere. What John Still has managed to do is help turn the crowd into a unified, positive force, creating the best elements of the 'We have been wronged' siege mentality this makes it much tougher for opposing players to face Luton. This is in stark contrast to the majority of the non-League years, where it was a more intimidating atmosphere for Luton players than it was the opposition.

Do you fully expect to be up there challenging for promotion again this season?

I'd like to think so. Certainly if we are out of the play-off shake up as early as February-March time I would be disappointed. However, talk of us being favourites for the division is hugely overblown and I would certainly be shocked if we achieved a second successive title.

Who are your key players?

Obviously I have already mentioned Mark Cullen who will be key in the sense that how successful he is may well directly translate to how successful we are. Captain Steve McNulty is an incredible reader of the game and he is also one of the best ball-playing defenders in the lower leagues.

If money were no object which player from the Football League would you like to see play for Luton?

Callum McManaman. The one thing lacking in this Luton squad is a really pacey wide player who can go past people on the ball and for me, he is one of the best at that outside the Premier League. As well as that, he is the kind of young player with potential that John Still loves to work with.

And finally... Where will you finish this season?

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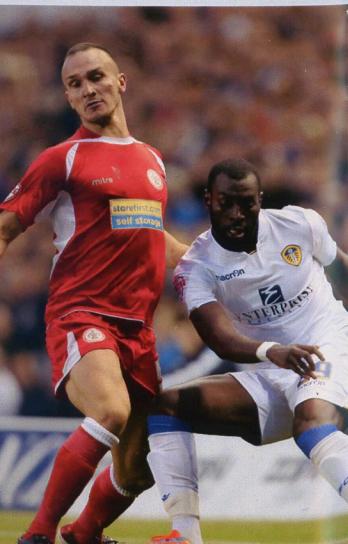
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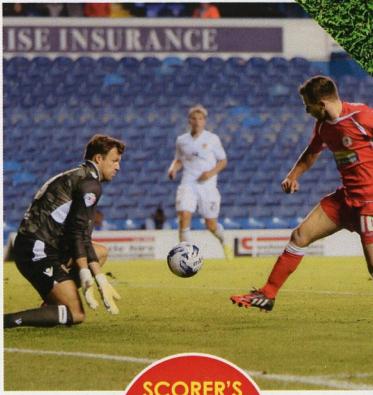


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SCORER'S
Leeds
Doukara
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MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 Gaetano Berardi races down the wing and finds Souleymane Doukara on the edge of the area who fires home
- 38 Lewis Cook plays a neat through ball to Doukara who finishes smartly pasted Simpson
- 46 Atkinson comes on at the break and heads narrowly over the bar
- 56 James comes close for the Reds
- 84 Will Hatfield pulls the ball back and James Gray pulls it back and fires it past the defender on the line
- 88 Will Hatfield flicks the ball just narrowly wide
- 90 Berardi sent off for a high tackle on Will Hatfield



“Despite some negatives in the first half, there were lot of positives to take from the game. I think we did ourselves justice in the end and we showed what we can do.”



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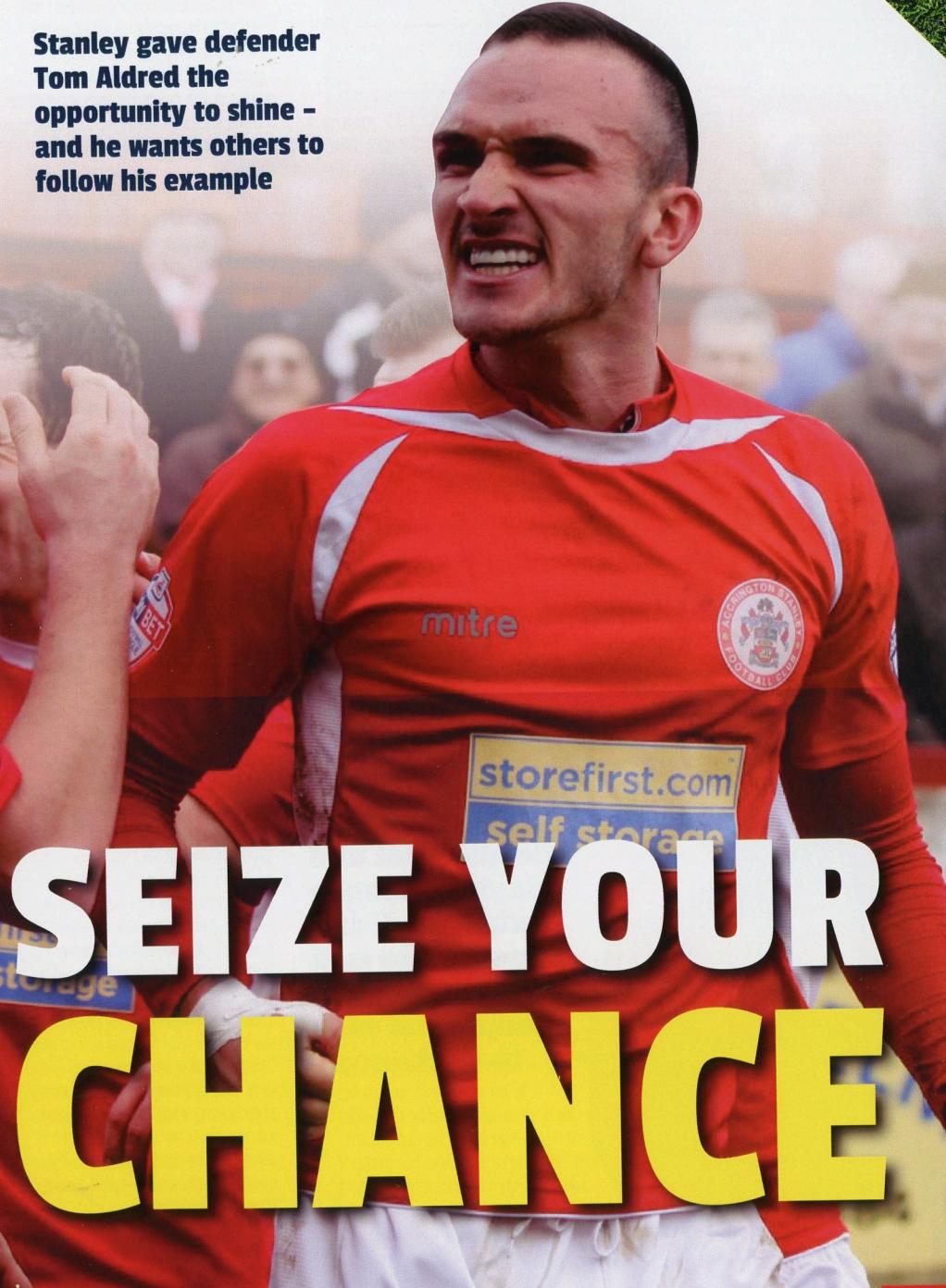


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Stanley gave defender Tom Aldred the opportunity to shine – and he wants others to follow his example



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Brett Ormerod, Gary Roberts, Ian Craney and Jimmy Ryan are names which spring to mind of players who have shone with the Reds and made their moves back into higher leagues, making money for Stanley in the process.

Aldred, 23, was Player of the Season last year and it is rumoured there are Championship and League One clubs who are keeping tabs on him.



And he admits that he is grateful to Stanley for giving him the chance – and others should make use of their opportunity as it can be a small step into falling out of football altogether.

"When you come to a place like Accrington you have got to get your head down and work your way into the team and then stay there," said Aldred, who began his career at Carlisle before a move to Watford.

"I started at Carlisle and I had good potential to kick on and do well but, when I look back, I should have stayed there and played games.

"Instead, I took my move to Watford and, looking back, I took it too early and it happened too fast for me.

"I found myself floating about

"Hopefully this season we will get a few players stepping out and maybe someone who you didn't expect to do well may surprise people and take their chance."

teams and as a centre half that's no good, you need to be playing regularly and I will always be grateful to Accrington as they gave me that opportunity to rebuild my career.

"What you have got to do when you get here is keep your place and impress and do well for yourself and the team.

"To be fair to the staff here they give people opportunities who haven't played many league games so it's up to the players to impress, get themselves into the team, keep their place and then who knows where it might take them?"

Since Aldred came into the team in March 2013, replacing the injured Mark Hughes at Rochdale, he hasn't missed a game and he wants to see more of the current crop of players make the most of their opportunities. Who knows what would have happened if Hughes hadn't got injured?

"I guess you never know but it was about me taking my chance and I want other players to do the same and do well," continued the centre half.

"Hopefully this season we will get a few players stepping out and maybe someone who you didn't expect to do well may surprise people and take their chance.

"That's what you need here

as there isn't the five or six marquee players that a lot of clubs have got, players have got to step out from nowhere and produce the goods."

This means the likes of Josh Windass, Michael Liddle, Piero Mingoia, Adam Buxton, James Gray, Will Hatfield, Kal Naismith, George Bowerman and Shay McCartan all have to step up to the plate.

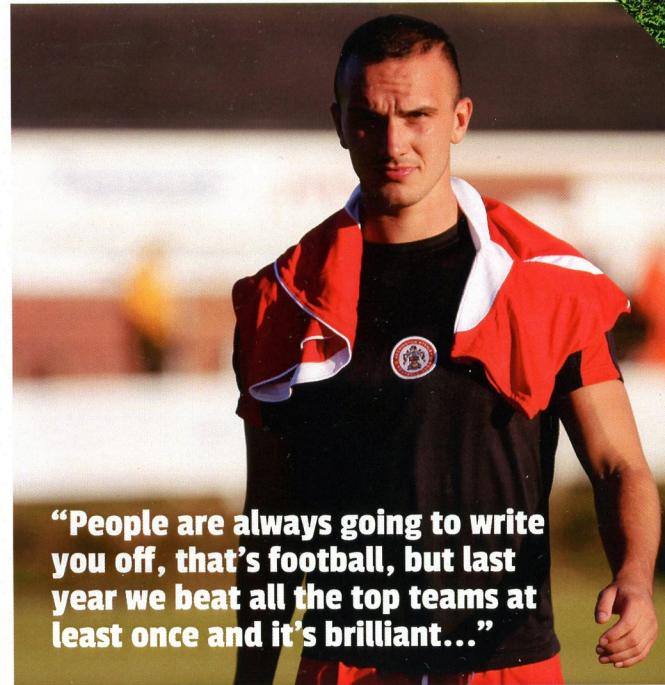
"I think we have lost a few key players from last season in Marcus Bettinelli, Kayode Odejayi and Peter Murphy. They were three big players but there are players who didn't feature last year as much as they will this year who can step into their shoes like Josh and George.

"Josh Windass had a good pre-season and it's up to him to put it into practise now as pre-season is one thing but the league is another.

"I do think Josh will be a very good player, it's just identifying his qualities he can use in League Two which will take him forward

"There is also George Bowerman and it's a big season for Michael Liddle as well because he didn't feature a lot last season because of injury but there are a lot of players who have got to get their heads down and impress."

Aldred admits the there is a great togetherness between the players at Stanley as they battle against the odds every season.



"People are always going to write you off, that's football, but last year we beat all the top teams at least once and it's brilliant..."

"One of the good things about being here is team spirit is the best," said the Bolton-born player. "They are a great set of lads and that helps, especially at this club as you can either laugh or cry at some of the things that go on and the lads do tend to laugh about it! It helps us on and off the pitch to achieve better things.

"People are always going to write you off, that's football, but last year we beat all the top teams at least once and it's brilliant when we are the underdogs and we get the better of the teams with the bigger squads and wages.

"We definitely have got the squad here who are more

than capable of finishing well this year. It's a case of executing this on the pitch but I am sure we will do that and keep going forward."

Whether Aldred is still part of the Stanley furniture in the near future remains to be seen as he admits he dreams of playing at the highest possible level.

"I don't put any pressure on myself but I am ambitious and I want to kick on, keep playing well and I want to play higher as I believe I can.

"Hopefully in three or four years I will look back and say Accrington are the club that made me and I will always be extremely grateful to them for that."

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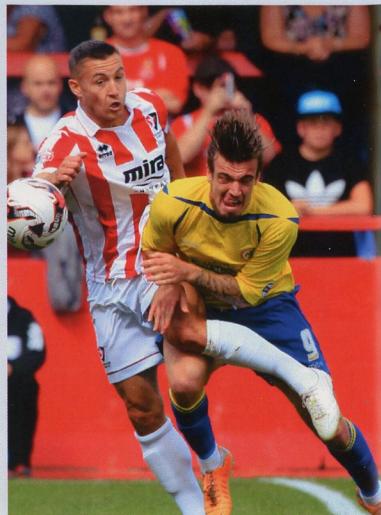
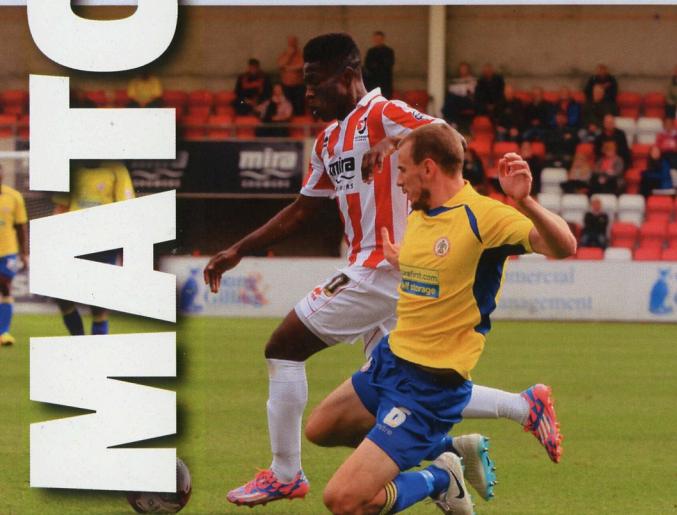
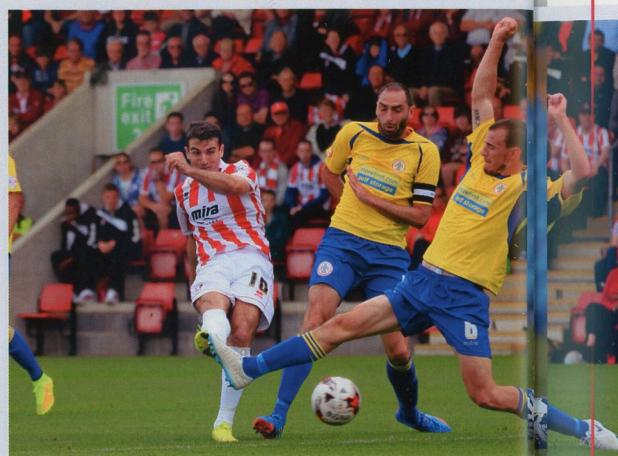
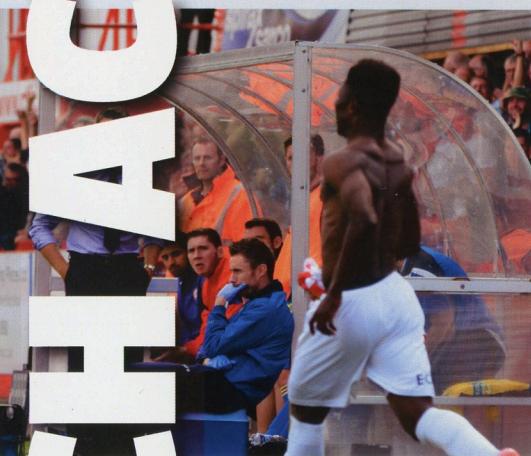
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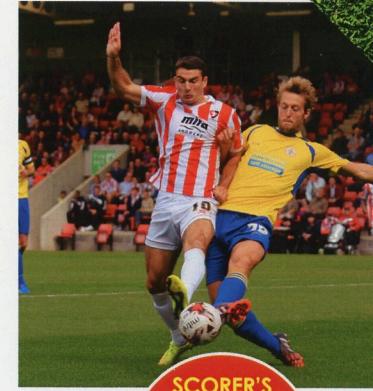
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CHELTONHAM TOWN ACCRINGTON STANLEY Skybet League Two - 16/08/2014



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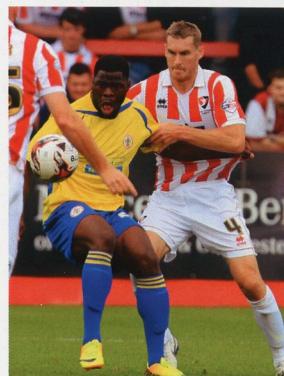
SCORER'S
Cheltenham
Harrison 34,
Arthur 84
Stanley
Naismith 77

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 Joe Hanks free kick deflected just wide
- 17 Matt Taylor's header is cleared off the line
- 22 Rob Atkinson blocks Terry Gornell's goalbound effort
- 34 Corner which Troy Brown heads against the post and it rebounds for Byron Harrison to tap home
- 39 Josh Windass blast turned around post by Trevor Carson
- 66 Sub Koby Arthur's strike is spectacularly turned away by Luke Simpson
- 72 James Gray clears Matt Taylor's header off the line
- 77 George Bowerman finds James Gray who passes to Kal Naismith and Naismith strokes the ball home
- 84 A goalkick from Trevor Carson finds Koby Arthur who finishes well past Luke Simpson
- 90 Gornell fires across the goal and narrowly wide
- 92 Naismith clips a penalty over the bar after a foul on Piero Mingoia



"The lads are dejected in the dressing room there but I've said to them that they need to pick themselves up."



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'Accrington Stanley Columnist Lee Clarke shares with us his thoughts ahead of the 2014/15 season'

Clarkey's column

Accrington Stanley columnist Lee Clarke bemoans interfering chairman.

As I sit and write this, the dust is just settling on the shocking and I feel disgraceful news that with just two days before the beast that is the Premier League reared its head again, Tony Pulis had departed from his role as manager of Crystal Palace. Now managers come and go all the time you say, so why is this big news?

Well for starters the timing. Imagine preparing for two solid months and working your socks off to get everything right ahead of a clean slate of a campaign, and then just 48 hours before you are due to kick-off, leaving your role to someone else to take over. It just isn't right.

A chef wouldn't work for the fours preparing the meat and all the trimmings for a gourmet meal to then let someone else take the credit (or criticism). Crazy!

What also makes it big news is the fact that this is yet another case of a football chairman meddling with the first-team squad. How often do we hear that today?

When a chairman buys a football club someone should tell them the role of a manager's job. They manage

chairman who wants the best for his club and from time to time probably does make positive suggestions for the manager to take on board, and also negative ones!

According to reports Palace chairman Steve Parish had refused to sign four major players that Pulis had recommended would take the club to the next level, but had told him that he was planning on bringing Wilfried Zaha back to the club. You won't be shocked to learn that Zaha wasn't on the manager's list of targets.

I mean think about the robust, dogged style that Pulis plays. Would the Manchester United youngster really have fit into that style? Pulis obviously didn't think so and that should have been all that mattered to close the door. Not an arrogant attitude that screams 'well this is my club!'

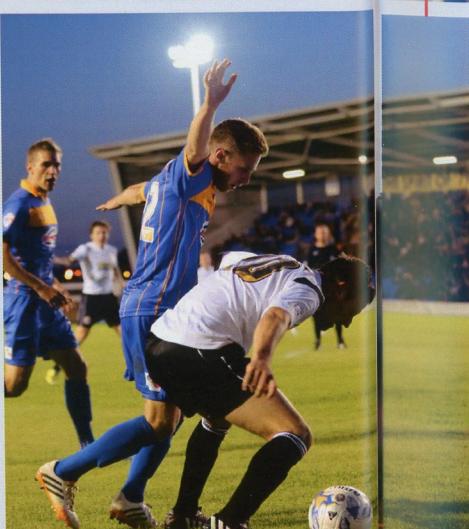
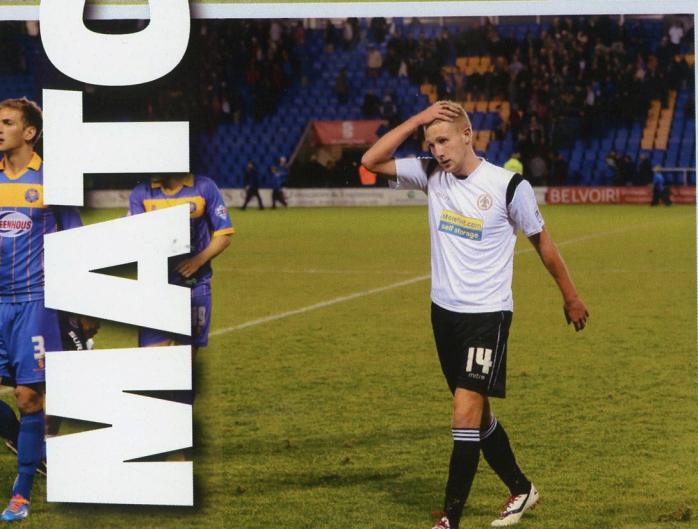
You have to feel that the Eagles who went from rock-bottom last year to a very credible 11th would have improved again this year under the former Stoke manager's guidance. I now fear that in one swift board meeting they have been plunged straight into a relegation dog-fight even before a ball has been kicked.

Pulis is a man with great integrity and I admire him for what he has done in this instance. It is nice to see a manager stand up to an owner and have the strength to walk out on a club so close to a season. He certainly will not be out of work for long and hopefully next time he can work for a boss who realises what a great manager they actually have.

Until next time...

Clarkey

Match Report



SHREWSBURY TOWN ACCRINGTON STANLEY Sky Bet League 2 - 19/08/2014

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MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 Goalkick by Luke Simpson hits the backside of former Red Andy Mangan and the ball finds its way into the back of the net
- 15 Will Hatfield fires just wide
- 22 Unmarked James Gray heads over the bar for Stanley
- 42 Simpson is shown a red card for bringing down Mangan and stopper Jay Lynch comes on for his Stanley debut. His first job is to pick the ball out of the back of the net from Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro's penalty
- 45 Connor Goldson lashes home number three from Liam Lawrence's corner
- 65 Mangan heads number four into the net from Akpa-Akpro's cross
- 72 Lynch denies Ashley Vincent with a diving save
- 79 Josh Windass forces Shrews keeper Jayson Leutwiler into some action, pushing his shot around the post

"All the lads are devastated. I will take the blame for the performance, I take it on my shoulders. We will come back and be okay."





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Last week was spent living in Halls of Residence at UCLAN, Preston. Here the group lived independently taking part in shopping tasks and competing in our 'Come Dine With Me' challenge. To round off the course they are currently planning a community event to raise money for Child Brain Injury Trust. More details of this will be announced shortly. The

National Citizen Service is for all 16 and 17 year olds and is a course approved by UCAS. It is also a great way to try new activities and meet new people. If anyone would like more information about future NCS trips please get in touch on 01254 304071 or ncs@stanleytrust.co.uk

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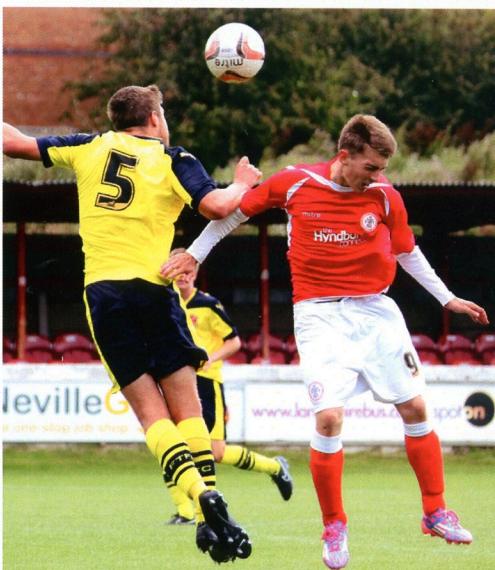
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5	AFC Wimbledon	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
6	Cheltenham Town	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	7
7	Wycombe Wanderers	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
8	Southend United	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	6
9	Mansfield Town	3	2	0	1	3	2	1	6
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12	Bury	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	4
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14	Luton Town	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
15	Northampton Town	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
16	Stevenage	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
17	York City	3	0	3	0	4	4	0	3
18	Dagenham & Red	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
19	Carlisle United	3	0	1	2	1	4	-3	1
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21	Oxford United	3	0	0	3	1	4	-3	0
22	Newport County AFC	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0
23	Hartlepool United	3	0	0	3	0	5	-5	0
24	Accrington Stanley	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

Player Stats	Apps	Goals	Y	R
Adam Buxton	3	0	0	0
Michael Liddle	1	0	1	0
Luke Joyce	2	0	0	0
Tom Aldred	4	0	0	0
Dean Winnard	4	0	1	0
Shay McCartan	1	0	0	0
Josh Windass	18	0	1	0
James Gray	4	1	2	0
Will Hatfield	2	0	0	0
Kal Naismith	4	1	0	0
Luke Simpson	4	0	0	1
Marcus Carver	1	0	1	0
Piero Mingoia	4	0	0	0
Nicky Hunt	4	0	1	0
James Jenkins	0	0	0	0
Connor Martin	0	0	0	0
Jay Lynch	1	0	0	0
Liam Goulding	0	0	0	0
Andrew Dawber	0	0	0	0
James Alabi	3	0	0	0
Rob Atkinson	2	0	0	0
Jordan Mustoe	3	0	0	0

Ground Regulations

Ground Safety at Accrington Stanley Football Club

The safety and well being of supporters is of paramount importance to Accrington Stanley Football Club. Please contact a steward if you have any worries over a matter of safety, if you have any concerns about the behaviour of other spectators or if you need help finding your way in the ground. We would like to remind all spectators that offensive language or behaviour will not be tolerated anywhere within the ground.

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