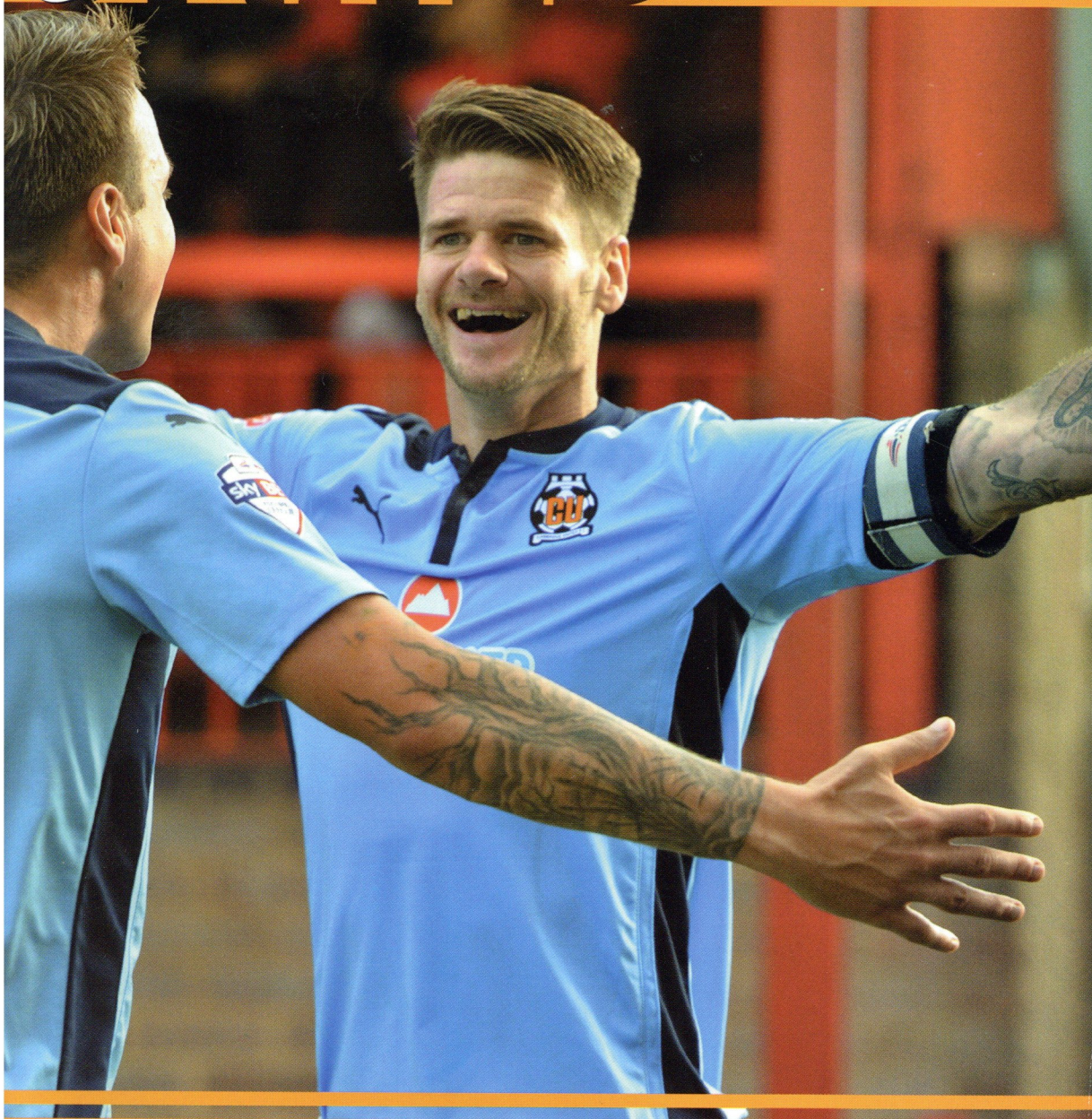


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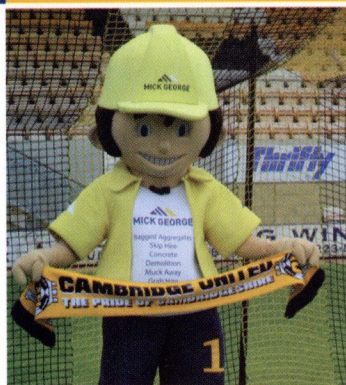


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## ●●● DAVE DOGGETT ●●●

News and views from the Boardroom

Most of our supporters are aware of and very proud of our Youth Development programme. Last weekend because of a number of injuries to our senior players the bench at Dagenham and Redbridge included Bobby- Joe

On Sunday I went along to Clare College training ground on Trumpington Road where our Academy players were playing the same age groups from the Peterborough Academy.

their understanding of the game had developed.

You could see how the coaches enthusiasm and dedication will help these youngsters gain confidence and self-belief not only in playing football but in life skills.

The parents watching their children have a code of conduct which means they watch and enjoy and leave the coaching to the experts.

If you want to see our Youth Development in action why not go down to the training ground on a Sunday morning and watch, who knows, a potential star of the future.

"Both Bobby-Joe and Liam have been at the club for a number of years and are now in the first team squad. The hard work of the last few years led by Jez and Mark Bonner is now bearing fruit."

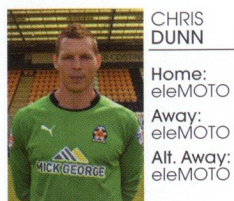
Taylor and Liam Hurst. Both Bobby-Joe and Liam have been at the club for a number of years and are now in the first team squad. The hard work of the last few years led by Jez and Mark Bonner is now bearing fruit.

Watching the under 8s displaying exceptional football skills and putting into practice the latest development skill was absolutely brilliant. The oldest group playing were the under 14s and you could see how

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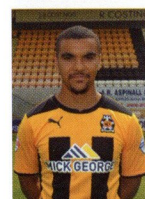
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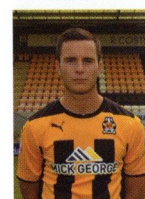
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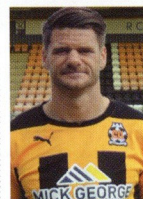
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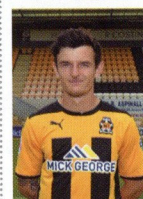
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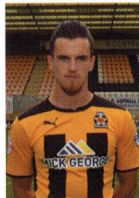
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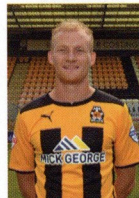
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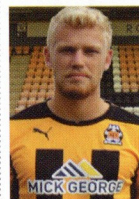
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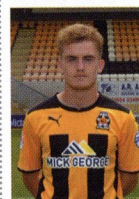
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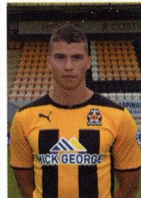
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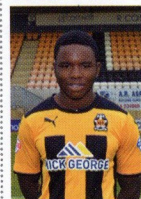
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# RICHARD MONEY

The pre-match thoughts of the Head Coach

Firstly I would like to give everyone my thanks for your tremendous efforts in the second half on Tuesday to help the team find something extra. This was no doubt one of those occasions where you could see they needed your help and not criticism and it was much appreciated by everyone in the dressing room afterwards.

**“We are no doubt going to need your incredible support again. There is a good bond developing between the team and the terraces.”**

We were disappointed that we couldn't reward that support. It was a difficult evening. On top of our well documented injury list Elliott failed his fitness test to make matters worse. It meant a rushed return for Appiah having only trained on Monday.

It doesn't look as if that list will be any better this afternoon and we are no doubt going to need your incredible support again. There is a good bond developing between the team and the terraces. I would like to think we

have, in the main, given great value and entertainment here. Our previous three home performances this season were very good but we know we fell below that standard by some way on Tuesday night.

It is my responsibility to find the structure within the team whilst key players are missing and I am not going to shirk that.

Picking up the necessary points whilst in this period is crucial and we have to find a way. I can only repeat that your understanding and support can only make that process easier for all of us.

Today we face familiar adversaries and I am sure the game will provide the same tension and atmosphere as previous encounters. A warm welcome to John, his staff, the board and supporters to the stadium for this afternoon's game.

Richard Money







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## ...LUTON TOWN...

Doug Shulman introduces today's visitors

The Hatters and United renew acquaintances this afternoon, with both sides finally enjoying promotion from the shark-infested waters of the Conference Premier at the end last season. John Still's men clinched the title with three games to spare and are now finding their feet back in the Football League, thanks to a 1-0 home victory over Cheltenham last Saturday and Tuesday's hard-fought 0-0 draw at York.

Relegated from the Football League in 2009, albeit after suffering a much-publicised 30-point deduction due to financial irregularities, they played Conference football for five years and, like the U's, twice suffered Wembley play-off heartbreak during that time.

The Bedfordshire club reached the 2011 showpiece final but, were pipped at the post by AFC Wimbledon courtesy of a dramatic

penalty shoot-out and, worse was to follow the following season when York put them to the sword at the national stadium courtesy of a 2-1 win. Town concluded the 2012/13 campaign thirteen points adrift of the top five and supporters could be forgiven for wondering when their Football League exile would end.

Nevertheless, the arrival of John Still towards the end of that campaign, following Paul Buckle's departure, triggered the start of a rebuilding programme that prepared them for last season's assault on the title. Experience arrived in the shape of Steve McNulty from Fleetwood, along with prolific goalscorer Paul Benson and former U's man Luke Guttridge, who was charged with making the midfield engine room tick.

The Hatters started slowly with just two wins in the opening eight

matches but, a 2-0 victory over Barnet kick-started a remarkable run of league form, which saw Town remain unbeaten during the next 27 matches, aside of an FA Cup exit to Welling and FA Trophy loss at the hands of United. Town eased into top spot, above the U's, at the turn of the year and, John Still's men never looked back, with the Championship duly rubber-stamped in mid-April to spark and wild celebrations and an outpouring of relief.

Despite feeling the loss of star striker Andre Gray to Brentford, they recommenced Football League life with a morale-boosting 1-0 triumph at Carlisle last month, although, remained winless in their next six matches. The run included home defeats to AFC Wimbledon and Plymouth, whilst Swindon also left Kenilworth Road with 2-1 victory in the League Cup. Nevertheless, last Saturday's win in front of the home fans will certainly have eased frustrations.

A new division, a step up in class and lessons to be learnt but, equipped with a sizeable but strong squad and decent off-field infrastructure, do not expect the Hatters to be hovering in the bottom half of League Two for too long.

### Form Guide ●●●

vs York City (a)	D 0-0
vs Cheltenham Town (H)	W 1-0
vs Plymouth Argyle (H)	L 0-1
vs Shrewsbury Town (a)	L 0-2
vs Accrington Stanley (a)	D 2-2
vs Bury (H)	D 1-1

### Leading Scorers ●●●

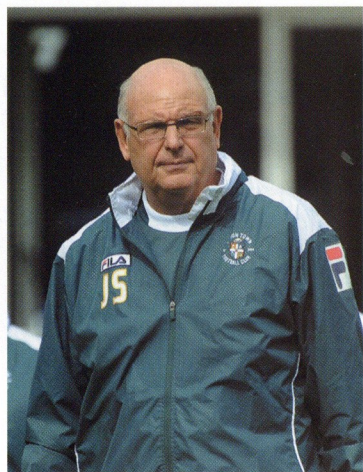
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Jake Howells	1
Pelly Ruddock	1



# ●●● LUTON TOWN ●●●

In the visitors dressing room today

## The Manager ●●●



### John Still

64-year-old John joined Town in March 2013 following a 10-year spell at Dagenham.

Having cut his Managerial teeth with Leytonstone, Dartford and

Redbridge Forest, he guided Maidstone to Conference glory in 1989, then established Dagenham as a non-league force before departing for Peterborough in 1994. After 14 months he joined Barnet, via a coaching spell at Lincoln, filling the role of both Manager and Director of Football.

A year after the Bees' relegation to the Conference in 2001 he became assistant boss at Bristol Rovers, but rejoined Dagenham in 2004.

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

Assisted by Terry Harris and former U's midfielder Hakan Hayrettin, John steered Town to the Conference title last season.

## Eliot Justham Goalkeeper ●●●

Former Brentwood and East Thurrock stopper Eliot was signed from the latter at the beginning of last season. A commanding figure at 6'3" he kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches during the 2012/13 campaign, prompting trials with West Ham and Reading. Providing support for Mark Tyler, he made his Hatters debut in the FA Cup defeat to Welling last November.

## Steve McNulty Defender ●●●

A former Conference title-winning captain at Fleetwood, 30-year old man-mountain Steve provides a commanding presence within the Town rearguard. On the books of Liverpool as a youngster, he captained the Reds U19 side but was released during the summer of 2003. He moved on to Burscough, stayed for two seasons, then took in spells with Vauxhall Motors and Barrow before arriving at Fleetwood, where he also picked up a Conference North

Championship medal. The aforementioned Conference Premier title soon followed, before Steve opted for a move to Town in January 2013.

## Danny Fitzsimons Defender ●●●

22-year old left-sided defender Danny joined the club from our neighbours Histon during the summer of 2013, having served his apprenticeship with Millwall, Queens Park Rangers and Yeovil. Player of the Year at the Glassworld Stadium in 2012/13, he missed the majority of last season following knee surgery but, now fully fit, hopes to finally make his Hatters bow.

## Luke Wilkinson Defender ●●●

Centre-half Luke played under Manager John Still whilst with Dagenham. Formerly on the books of Bristol City and Portsmouth, he also enjoyed a successful spell at Dartford before cementing a first team berth with the Daggers. Player of the Year in 2012/13, he

signed a one-year deal with the Hatters this summer.

## Fraser Franks Defender ●●●

Town swooped for Fraser during the last January transfer window and, after joining the Hatters, the 23-year old formed a solid centre-half pairing alongside Steve McNulty. He began his career as a youngster with Chelsea then Brentford, before moving to AFC Wimbledon, with whom he won promotion to the Football League in 2011. Fraser left Kingsmeadow for Welling shortly after, helped the Wings secure the Conference South title in 2013. He appeared in the Hatters opening three games of this season, but has since been on the sidelines.

## Paul Connolly Defender ●●●

A vastly experienced right-back, Paul boasts ten years of experience from playing in the Championship with Leeds, Derby, Millwall and Plymouth, with whom he enjoyed two promotion campaigns. Paul departed Millwall during 2013 to sign for Crawley, but opted for a change of scenery when the Hatters came calling this summer.

## Scott Griffiths Defender ●●●

28-year old Scott penned a contract extension with Town during the summer after appearing in every game of the 2013/14 campaign. A left-back formerly on the books of Dagenham, Peterborough and Chesterfield, whilst with the Daggers he won the 2007 Conference title under John Still and also claimed a League Two winners medal with the Spireites in 2011.

## Alex Lacey Defender ●●●

A highly-rated young centre-half, 21-year old Alex was handed the captain's armband by Manager John Still throughout the build-up to last season and progressed to make 22 first team appearances during the 2013/14 campaign. After making his debut as a 17-year-old, Alex spent the 2012/13 season on loan with Conference South outfit Eastleigh but is now an integral member of Town's match-day squad.

## Andy Parry Defender ●●●

Former Blackburn youth Andy was recruited from Southport during the summer of 2013 and went on to make 26 appearances for Town last season, scoring four goals, despite missing the opening months of the campaign due to a hernia operation. The 23-year old centre-half played regularly at Haig Avenue for two years before arriving at Kenilworth Road.

## Curtley Williams Defender ●●●

A former Ipswich scholar, right-back Curtley joined the Hatters from Lowestoft earlier this month. Aged 24, he spent time at the Glenn Hoddle Academy in Spain before touring the non-league circuit, helping the aforementioned Lowestoft achieve promotion to the Conference North last season. Curtley made his Town debut in last Saturday's 1-0 home victory over Cheltenham.

## Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu Midfield ●●●

A highly-rated 21-year-old central midfielder, Pelly signed a permanent deal with the Hatters in January following his initial loan spell from West Ham. He made his debut for the Hammers in August 2013 and, having impressed all at Kenilworth Road, John Still persuaded the Premiership club to part with him in exchange for an undisclosed fee.

## Luke Rooney Midfielder ●●●

A creative presence, Luke has penned a six-month deal with the Hatters, having spent the final two months of last season at Kenilworth Road. The 23-year old began his career with Gillingham and became a first-team regular prior to signing for Swindon in 2010. He helped the Robins achieve promotion from League Two but, following loan spells with Rotherham, Burton and Crawley, he opted for a switch to Maidstone United in February. He made just six appearances for the Stones, before Town swooped for his services.

## Nathan Doyle Midfielder ●●●

Town swooped for Nathan late last week, with the 27-year old having penned a one-year deal at Kenilworth Road. Released by Bradford during the summer, he played in the 2013 League Cup Final for City, as well as the League Two Play-off Final win over Northampton later that season. A

former Derby scholar, he has also plied his trade at Hull, Barnsley and Preston, making 250 plus career appearances.

## Jonathan Smith Midfielder ●●●

An influential and industrious midfielder who numbers Morecambe, Forest Green, York and Swindon amongst his previous clubs, Jonathan missed four months of Town's title-winning campaign after suffering a broken leg in the Boxing Day encounter with Barnet. He made an emotional return on the final day of last season and made a first appearance of the current term in last Saturday's 1-0 success over Cheltenham.

## Jim Stevenson Midfielder ●●●

Ex-Histon man Jim signed for the Hatters in May 2013. A box-to-box midfielder, he was the Stutes 11-goal top scorer during the 2012/13 campaign after making his debut as a 17-year old, ironically against his current employers. Now aged 22, he enjoyed a productive loan spell with Dartford last season.

## Alex Lawless Midfielder ●●●

Additional know-how in central midfield is supplied by this 29-year old former Fulham, Torquay and Forest Green man. Creative and

with an eye for goal Alex, who arrived from York in November 2010, has now made in excess of 150 appearances for the Kenilworth Road side. He popped up with a useful six goals during Town's title-winning campaign, but has played just once to date this season.

## Andy Drury Midfielder ●●●

Adding further experience to the squad, this skilful midfielder returned to Kenilworth Road during the summer, having left Crawley. Recruited from Stevenage in 2010, some sparkling performances caught the eye of Ipswich Town, who swooped for him in January 2011. Andy quickly became a key member of the Tractor Boys' squad, before falling out of favour and opting to join Crawley on loan. He eventually signed a permanent deal at the Broadfield Stadium in July 2013. Earlier in his career Andy wore the colours of Sittingbourne, Gravesend and Lewes.

## Jake Howells Midfielder ●●●

A livewire on either flank, Jake is the Hatters' longest serving player despite being aged just 23. Making his debut on the final day of the 2007/08 season, this predominantly left-footed midfielder, capped by ▶

## One To Watch ●●●



### Mark Tyler

### Goalkeeper

37-year old Mark is a hugely experienced goalkeeper.

Having signed a one-year con-

tract extension with the Hatters in May, he has now made over 730 career appearance and shows no sign yet of hanging up his gloves. Over 230 of those matches have come at Luton, with the stopper now working under his former boss at Peterborough, whom he left to join Town in June 2009.

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

He played every league game of the 2013/14 season, keeping an impressive 23 clean sheets along the way.



▶ Wales at under-21 level, has progressed to make 275 plus appearances for the club. Jake, who has a keen eye for goal, netted a useful eight times during Town's title-winning campaign.

#### Shaun Whalley Midfielder ●●●

Operating in the wide areas or within an attacking midfield role, 25-year old Shaun penned a two-year deal with Town having left Southport in June 2013. Scoring ten goals for the Sandgrounders during the 2012/13 campaign and collecting a number of Player of the Year awards, his prowess in the final third is an undoubted asset. Shaun has also seen service at Wrexham and Chester.

#### Matt Robinson Midfielder ●●●

20-year old Matt is in now in his third year with the Hatters having joined from then Championship side Leicester. He impressed John Still towards the end of the 2012/13 season, was duly rewarded with a new two-year deal and progressed to make 31 appearances during Town's promotion season, scoring two goals.

#### Charlie Walker Forward ●●●

A prolific striker, Charlie joined the Hatters from Peacehaven & Telscombe FC in July. A member of the side romping to the Ryman South title last season, he bagged a head-turning 43 goals for the East Sussex outfit. Charlie is yet to make his bow for Luton.

#### Alex Wall Forward ●●●

Celebrating his 24th birthday this coming Monday, former Maidenhead man Alex is a powerful centre-forward blessed with plenty of pace. John Still's first capture as Town boss in March 2013, he bagged a brace in the 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet shortly after signing and progressed to make 12 appearances that season. Alex played a further 15 games during Town's promotion season, whilst also enjoying a loan spell with Dartford. He pocketed an eye-catching six goals throughout that temporary stay at Princes Park, whilst also notching four times for the Hatters. A real handful for defenders, Alex managed to score against the U's for both clubs last season.

#### Ross Lafayette Forward ●●●

Another summer signing, Ross has been snapped up on a two-year

deal from Conference side Welling. Strong and pacey, he scored an impressive 39 goals in 90 appearances for the Wings, whom he helped win the Conference South title in 2012/13. A regular in the Town squad this season, United fans may recall Ross scoring the opener in a 2-2 draw at Park View Road last August.

#### Ricky Miller Forward ●●●

An astute piece of business saw Ricky pen a deal with the Hatters in June. Chased by a number of clubs, the 24-year old was named Conference North Player of the Year whilst with Boston last term. Also bagging 28 goals throughout the campaign, he was previously on the books of Charlton, Rothwell, Stamford, Hitchin, Corby Town and our neighbours Cambridge City. Prolific in front of goal, Ricky has made a surprise loan move to Dover earlier this month.

#### Mark Cullen Forward ●●●

Another youthful member of the squad, Mark scored Town's winner in the 1-0 home victory over Cheltenham last Saturday, likewise their first goal back in the Football League during the opening day success at Carlisle. Signing a two-year contract following his release

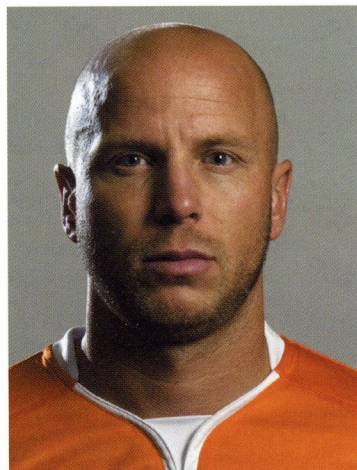
from Hull in May 2013 - a deal which has recently been extended for a further three years - this 22-year old goal poacher, who has spent time on loan at Bury, Bradford and Stockport, was given his career debut by the Tigers and also netted in the 2-2 Premier League draw with Wigan in 2010. U's fans will recall Mark bagging a late equaliser in the 1-1 draw here at the Abbey last season.

#### Paul Benson Forward ●●●

34-year old Paul bagged an impressive 17 goals in 36 games for Town last season, whilst on loan from Swindon. An experienced forward who has now signed a permanent deal at Kenilworth Road, he worked under Manager John Still at Dagenham, helping them to promotion from the Conference in 2007. Also elevated to League One with the Daggers, he bagged 75 goals in total before a spell with Charlton, where he netted 10 times in 33 matches prior to signing for Swindon in January 2012. The Robins loaned Paul to Cheltenham and Portsmouth during the 2012/13 campaign but, re-united with his former boss, has now added another promotion to his CV.

Doug Shulman

### One To Watch ●●●



**Luke Guttridge**  
Midfield

United fans will recall Luke playing in a black and amber shirt from June 2000 until March 2005,

following his arrival from Torquay as a youngster.

Playing over 135 games for the U's, a good proportion of them as captain, Luke, now aged 32, moved on to Southend where he won promotion from both League One and Two and, has since been emblazoned in the colours of Leyton Orient, Colchester, Aldershot and Northampton.

Boasting 498 career appearances, this industrious midfielder was signed from the Cobblers in June 2013 and, key to the Hatters' promotion success last term, he scored a more than useful 13 league goals, despite missing the final two months of the campaign through injury.



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# DEFINING MOMENTS

Football historian Leigh Edwards selects ten key matches and events that have shaped Luton Town's post-war era

## 1955 Top-Flight Hatters

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 United, 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.

## 1959 FA Cup Finalists

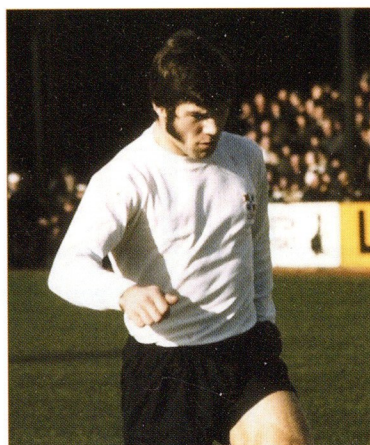
Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958-59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top 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.

## 1968 Fourth Division Title

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967-68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the

Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

## 1970 Promotion Winners



Malcolm Macdonald (above) 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-

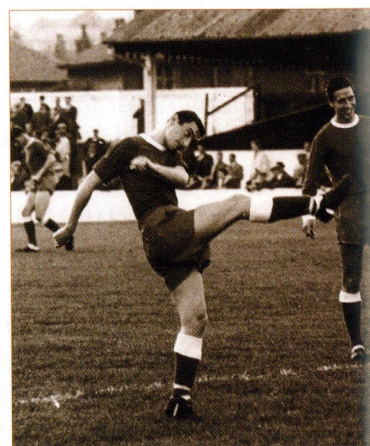
tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

## 1974 First Class Return

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.

## 1982 Second Division Champions

David Pleat (below) guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in



1981-82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish 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 Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

## 1988 League Cup Winners

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 League 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 League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

## 1989 Wembley Finalists Again

Luton Town were League 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 United 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the League Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

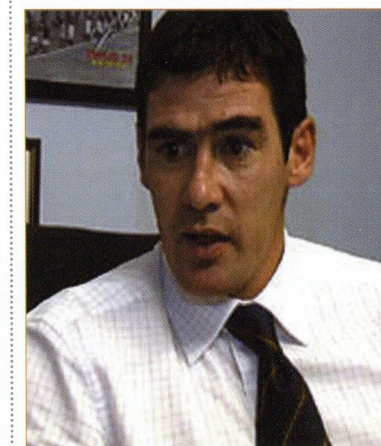
## 2002 Third Division Runners-Up

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.

## 2005 Record Points Total

Mike Newell (below) 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.





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## WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

Kevin Palmer looks back at three matches against today's visitors

Luton Town 1  
Cambridge United 2  
LDV Vans Trophy  
Southern Quarter-Finals  
10 December 2002 – Att. 2,578

**Luton:** Mark Ovendale, Ian Hillier, Sol Davis (Alan Kimble), Matthew Spring, Emmerson Boyce, Chris Coyne, Steve Robinson, Ahmet Brkovic, Dean Crowe (Peter Holmes), Tony Thorpe (Andrew Fotiadis), Paul Hughes; (Manager – Joe Kinnear)

**United:** Shaun Marshall, Adam Tann, Stephen Jordan, Andy Duncan, Stev Angus, Terry Fleming, Luke Guttridge, Shane Tudor (Dan Chillingworth), David Bridges (Franco Nacca), Tom Youngs, Omer Riza; (Manager – John Taylor)

We had been starting to enjoy this competition having reached the final the season before and having already stuck four goals past Rushden and Northampton in earlier rounds.

We put out a strong side to counter the fact we were playing a side a division above us away from home, but within 15 minutes Luton took the lead through Thorpe's volley, but we responded well and deserved our equaliser through Fleming not long after half-time. Ex-U Alan Kimble came on as sub, but it was Luton's forwards who were providing most of the threats. Marshall's fine saves from Thorpe, Crowe and Fotiadis ensured that we made it to extra time.

With penalties looming a U's attack broke down and Guttridge (who had spurned a couple of good chances) was too exhausted to backtrack. A pass fell to him and he scored the golden goal to take us through. We also beat Brentford 2-1 away in extra-time, before succumbing to Bristol City in the Southern Final. Luton finished short of the Play-Off places in Division Two having got off to a bad start.

Luton Town 1  
Cambridge United 0  
Football League Division Two  
2 March 1982 – att. 10,597

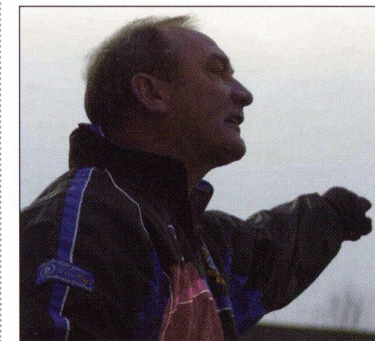
**Luton:** Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Mark Aizlewood, Brian Horton, Clive Goodyear, Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Steve White, Lil Fuccillo (Raddy Antic), David Moss (Manager – David Pleat)

**United:** Richard Key, Dave Donaldson, Jamie Murray, Lindsay Smith, Steve Fallon, Chris Turner, Tommy O'Neill (Les Cartwright), Steve Spriggs, Roger Gibbins, George Reilly, Joe Mayo; (Manager – John Docherty)

Luton were comfortably on top of the Second Division and were looking certain to return to the top flight after a seven-year absence, having only suffered three league defeats all season. We had eased ourselves away from the bottom end of the table and were sat in no-man's land.

The Hatters weren't at their sharpest, hampered by the fact that our feisty players were disrupting them and mitigating the extra quality that Pleat's side undoubtedly possessed. The Luton boss said it was the second half shower of rain that allowed his side's passes to zip along the grass and make the difference. In truth it was the sheer quality of Horton's (below) winner 15 minutes before the end that separated the sides.

Luton finished the season as champions (helped by signing a certain Richard Money from Liverpool), whilst we remained a mid-table side.



Cambridge United 3  
Luton Town 3  
Football League Division One  
3 November 1992 – att. 5,716

**United:** Jon Sheffield, Andy Fensome, Alan Kimble, Paul Raynor, Mick Heathcote, Danny O'Shea, Gary Rowett (John Francis), Mick Norbury, Devon White, Gary Clayton (Gareth Ainsworth), Lee Philpott; (Caretaker Manager – Gary Johnson)

**Luton:** Andrew Petterson, Des Linton, Julian James, Darren Salton, Marvin Johnson, Trevor Peake, Steve Claridge, Chris Kamara, David Preece, Philip Gray, Scott Oakes; (Manager – David Pleat)

Both sides had got off to a poor start in what is now known as The Championship, but Luton were already in the relegation zone, whilst we weren't too far above it.

A pinpoint shot from Oakes put Luton in front after 22 minutes. Within ten minutes of the second half the game looked beyond as Phil Gray made Heathcote suffer, firstly by making a 20-yard shot deflect off him into the net and then by dispossessing him to make it 3-0. Ex-U Steve Claridge was making a nuisance of himself with the defenders as usual.

Losing 3-0 at home against a lowly side, you might expect the fans to be barracking their players, but the U's fans were still cheering their side on and it was this support according to O'Shea that led to the greatest comeback in our League history. The first goal came after 73 minutes when White's cross was stabbed home by Philpott. Four minutes later substitute John Francis won a race with the keeper to knock home Norbury's through ball and Francis equalised spectacularly with three minutes left with a sizzling volley.

The point ultimately did us no good and we were ultimately relegated whilst Luton narrowly escaped.



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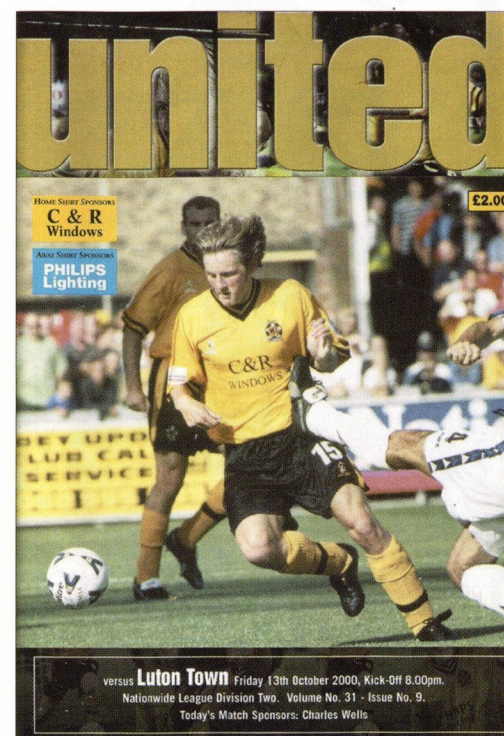


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## ●●● PROGRAMME PARADE ●●●

Andrew Bennett recalls the match day programme from a previous encounter between the clubs



Cambridge United and Luton Town first met in competitive action in the 1978-79 season, unless you count the Cambs Professional Cup of 1977-78, and are now in the same division for the 13th time, as well as having clashed in the FA Cup, the League Cup, the LDV Vans Trophy and the FA Trophy.

United were lying 7th in League Division Two and Luton were third from bottom when they met at the Abbey Stadium on Friday 13th October 2000. The featured player in the programme was new goalscoring sensation Zema Abbey:

*Abbey joined the U's in February 2000 from Ryman League side Hitchin Town for a nominal fee after a successful trial period and the early form he has shown at the Abbey Stadium has been nothing less than brilliant. So good in fact that a host of top Premiership clubs are sitting up and taking notice of*

*his recent good form. But Abbey is taking life day by day and admitted that he is more than happy at Cambridge.*

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

*His form so far suggests he can become the next Trevor Benjamin, but Abbey is*

*hoping he can bring his own ideas to the club.*

*Abbey continued: "For me Trevor going was the best thing for me. I found myself in my first game against Bury and I grabbed that opportunity with both hands. I always go into each and every game to do the best I possibly can."*

*"Roy McFarland is a terrific bloke," he said. "I get on with him extremely well and he is an approachable bloke, unlike some managers. He has always let me know where I*

*stand and I have been ever so grateful for that."*

In the day's match Luton took a first-half lead through Mark Stein in front of a crowd of 6,191, but the dismissal of Matthew Spring for two yellow cards after just half an hour proved decisive as United won it with second-half strikes from Tom Youngs and Abbey.

Abbey only played five more League games for the U's as his refusal to sign an extended contract led to his removal from the team, and he eventually secured a £350,000 move to Norwich City in December.

"In the end we got an acceptable price for a player who would be a free agent at the end of the season, and whose heart was no longer with us," said McFarland. "In selling him we've got rid of some very negative vibes at the club. I mean it when I say I wish him well, but I have to say I was very disappointed by his attitude when we were trying to negotiate a new contract. We gave him his chance in League football when we gambled on buying him from Hitchin Town, but he never seemed to appreciate that, which was sad."

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

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

### Head To Head ●●●

	HW	D	AW	HG	AG
at Cambridge	4	8	4	24	24
at Luton	5	6	4	16	13

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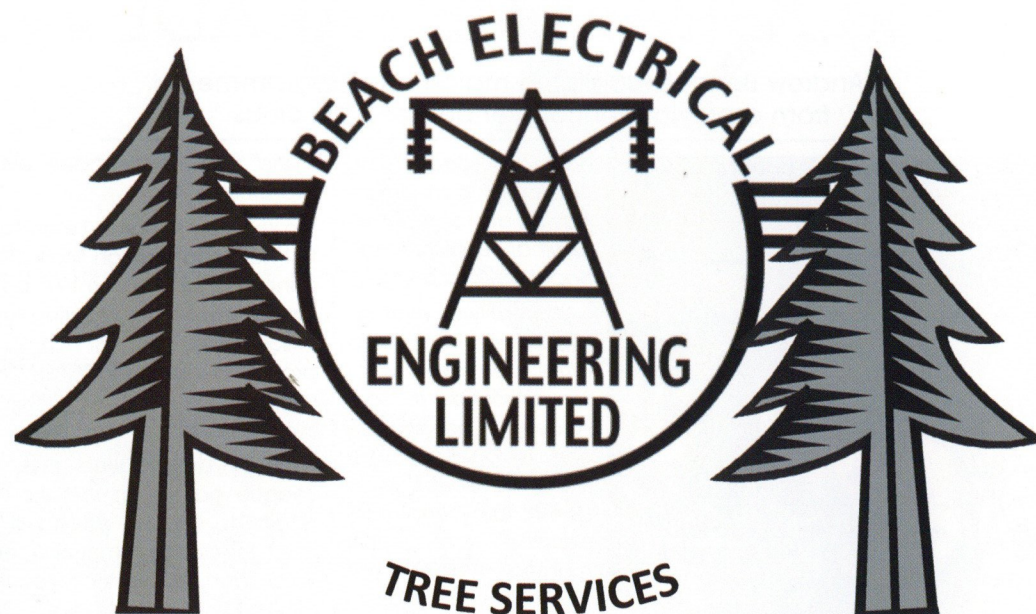
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Goals:

Cambridge United: 37 Hatters: 40







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## ●●●PLANET FOOTBALL●●●

Mike Barnes flies the flag for Finland

HJK Helsinki are flying the flag for Finland in Europe this season after reaching the group stage of the Europa League. They are also on course for their 26th domestic title.

Finland is by no means a centre of football excellence, but its leading club side, HJK Helsinki, is gaining respect across Europe, as a slot in Barcelona's pre-season schedule testifies. The Catalans returned from their long journey north with a 6-0 win, but it was a good mid-term test for HJK, who remain on track to win the Finnish Veikkausliiga for the sixth successive season.

Former Chelsea striker Mikael Forssell has left HJK after hitting 21 goals in 44 appearances in his second spell in Helsinki, but the side also features Markus Heikkinen, Veli Lampi and former Tottenham and Sunderland midfielder Teemu Tainio, all of whom have significant international experience. Future hopes rest with the likes of Nikolai Alho and Robin Lod and foreign imports such as the Ghanaian Gideon Baah and Macoumba Kandji from Senegal.

With 55 points from 26 games, HJK currently hold a seven-point lead over second-placed SJK, who are in turn a point ahead of Lahti. As well as seeking their 26th title win, HJK's history also shows that they have 11 Finnish Cups and three Finnish League Cups, as well as being the only side from Finland to have competed in the Champions League group stage.

In 1998, HJK finished bottom of their group but memorably took four points off Benfica and one off Kaiserslautern. Their other opponents were PSV Eindhoven and the Finns were led out against the Dutch giants at the Philips Stadion in their first-ever group match by midfielder Mika Lehtosou, now their manager. The former Finnish international was unbeaten in his first 21 games in charge at the Sonera Stadium since arriving from his previous club Honka in April this year.



Now 44, Lehtosou, with 17 Finnish caps to his name, is attempting to bring a new generation of HJK players into the continent's premier club competition. His own playing success with HJK in 1998 earned him a loan move to Perugia, but that enterprise proved to be a disappointment as Lehtosou made just 11 appearances for the Italian outfit. He returned home to captain HJK again, but when his playing career was ultimately cut short by injury he embarked on a coaching career, initially with HJK's youth set-up and then with a fruitful spell at another Finnish club, Honka.

Embarking on their annual tilt at reaching the Champions League big time once again this season, HJK saw off Rabotnicki of Macedonia in the second qualifying round before losing out 4-2 on aggregate to Cypriot side APOEL Nicosia. A second-leg 2-0 defeat in Cyprus ultimately finished off HJK, but the damage has been done in the first match in Helsinki as APOEL clawed back a two-goal deficit after Kandji has been red-carded. The dismissal derailed HJK, who had been in control until then thanks to Demba Savage's first-half double.

Savage (pictured above left), a

Gambian international winger, was the shining star during an impressive first 45 minutes for the Finnish champions, racing clear to break the deadlock after 11 minutes and converting a penalty on the stroke of half-time to leave APOEL rocking. Kandji's second yellow card shortly after the restart, however, undermined the Finns' good work, and APOEL ruthlessly wiped out the advantage with two goals in four minutes.

That defeat saw HJK migrate to the Europa League, where a 5-4 aggregate victory over Rapid Vienna in the play-off round saw Lehtosou's men through to the competition's group stage where they are pitched alongside Club Brugge of Belgium, Italian side Torino and Danish champions FC Copenhagen.

HJK were due to open their Group B campaign on Thursday with a short trip to Denmark, where Copenhagen have won just twice in their last seven European home games. HJK are themselves without a win in six European away matches following a 2-1 win at KR Reykjavik in the 2012/13 Champions League second qualifying round.





## ●●●TEN TO TACKLE●●●

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

1. How many years did Luton midfielder Luke Guttridge spend here at the Abbey?
2. Man United have finally won a game this season – who did they beat?
3. Which Premier League club is facing having to play all their home games away from home for a season?
4. Who has said he never received an apology from John Terry after the latter's involvement in a racial abuse row?
5. Which was the last League 2 side to lose its unbeaten record for the season?
6. Name the only League 2 side still to win.
7. Which club, which was in the Premier League last season, is now bottom of the Championship
8. Nicolas Anelka has signed to play for a new team – in which Asian country?
9. Which club has the top scorer in League 2 and yet is only just in the top half of the table?
10. How many foreign-born players were signed to Premiership clubs when it launched in 1992/3 – 11, 51 or 111?



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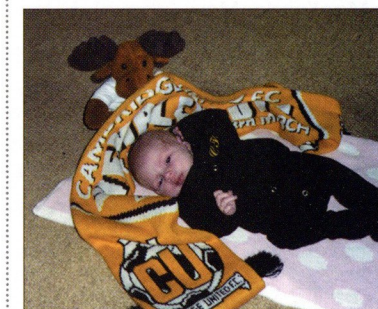
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### All Geared Up

As you can see, Dave Matthew Jones' granddaughter Elsie is all geared up for the terraces when she gets older.



Up the U's!

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## ●●●GOLDEN GAMBLE●●●

Latest winners of our half time draw

The winner of the half time Golden Gamble draw against Exeter City was Mick Kemp who won a cheque for £388 with ticket number 21692.

Second prize of a cream tea at the Gonville Hotel was won with ticket number 21056 and the holder of ticket number 21352 won a free computer health

check. Neither of these prizes have been claimed.

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



# ●●●TODAY'S MASCOTS●●●

Introducing this afternoon's mascots



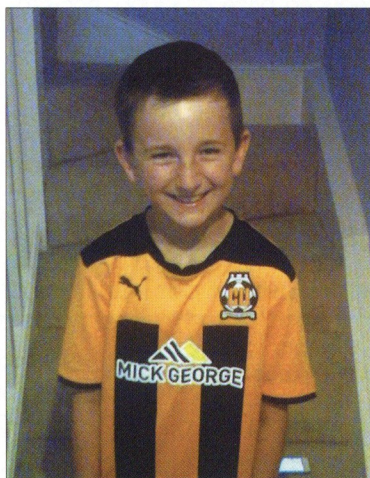
We extend a warm welcome to our mascots who are leading the teams out ahead of this afternoon's match.

**Mackenzie May** (above) is ten years old and attends Buckden Primary School. His favourite team is Chelsea. He plays football for the St Neots development squad under 11s and his other hobbies are Cricket, Bowls and Xbox. His favourite Cambridge United players are Liam Hughes and Tom Eliot.

**Finley Hagan** (above) is eleven years old and his favourite team is Liverpool. He plays football for the St Neots development squad under 11s and his other hobbies are Cricket and Xbox. His favourite Cambridge United players are Liam Hughes and Tom Eliot.

**Kieran O'Sullivan** (right) is seven years old and from Longstanton, he

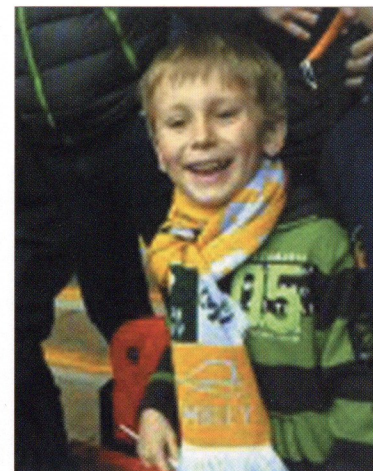
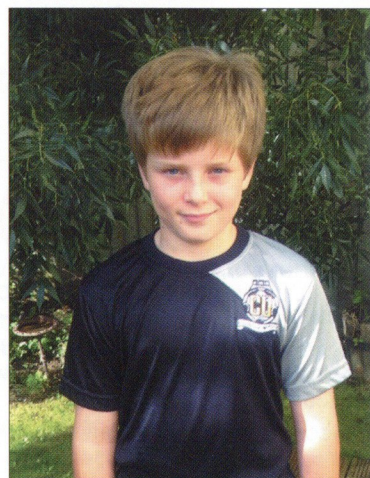
is currently in Year 3 at Hatton Park Primary School. Kieran is sport mad; he plays rugby for Shelford Rugby Club, Gaelic football, cricket and football for Longstanton Colts. He also enjoys playing on his Xbox and listening to music on his ipod. Kieran's favourite Cambridge United player is Ryan Donaldson. Kieran hopes he is a lucky charm for the U's today as they have



never lost when Kieran has been to watch them.

**Alfie Morley** (right) lives in Longstanton and attends Hatton Park Primary school - playing for Longstanton Colts he has just played his first competitive match and got off to a flying start with two goals and a win! His favourite Cambridge United Player is Ryan Donaldson and he loves playing on his Xbox (FIFA) as well as playing and watching football with his sister Abigail and big brother Charlie. His best experience so far is watching Cambridge United at Wembley last year and is hoping for another successful season with another promotion.

**Harry Symonds** (below) is ten years old. He attends Caldecote Primary School and plays for Caldecote U10 as a centre forward. He also attends Netherhall RDC. His hobbies are football ... obviously, and cricket (watching



and playing). He supports the mighty U's and his favourite players are Harrison Dunk and Josh Coulson.

**Viraj Shah** (above, centre) is a keen football supporter who recently turned seven. He is born and bred in Cambridge; watching



United get promoted back into the league is a memory that he will keep with him for his whole life. Viraj often sees the U's team training hard in the David Lloyd gym, where he enjoys playing football and tennis and has a good splash in the pool. His other pastimes



include teasing his younger sister, Avani and dancing to Bollywood!

**Sammy Pope** is ten years old and his favourite players are Josh Coulson and Ian Miller. He lives in Newmarket and attends to St Louis Catholic School in town. He goes to most games with his dad.

## ●●●HELPING HANDS●●●

CFU Helps Online Museum



Supporters' trust Cambridge Fans United has donated £100 to aid the development of 100yearsofcoconuts.co.uk, the trust's online museum of Cambridge United history, as part of its support for the club and initiatives associated with it.

The money will help fund 100 Years of Coconuts work planned for the coming months, including a series of events exploring the history of the club, interviews with former players, managers and supporters and the further development of the recently redesigned website.

CFU's Martin Page presented the cheque to 100 Years of Coconuts volunteer Alan Burge at a recent

home game.

CFU Chairman Dave Matthews-Jones said the trust's continued ability to support the U's - including sponsorship of young players and Assistant Coach Alan Neilson - relied on a healthy membership list and dedication from members.

"We may not currently be facing the kinds of crisis that have threatened Cambridge United in the past, but we still need a strong CFU that is able to work for and speak out on behalf of supporters - and work hard for the club," he added.

"Every membership subscription helps towards the vision CFU shares with the club - that of a strong, united and successful community club serving the people of Cambridgeshire and beyond."

To join CFU, visit [www.cambridgefansunited.org](http://www.cambridgefansunited.org).

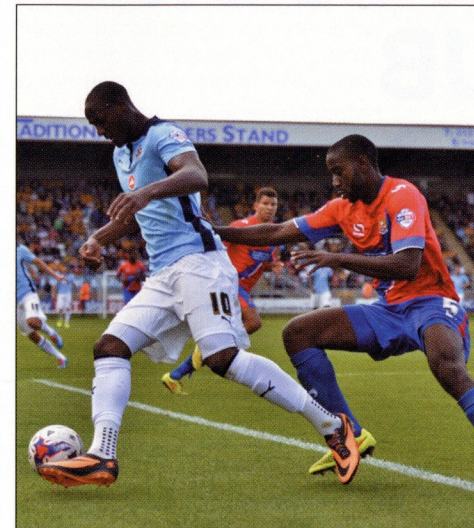
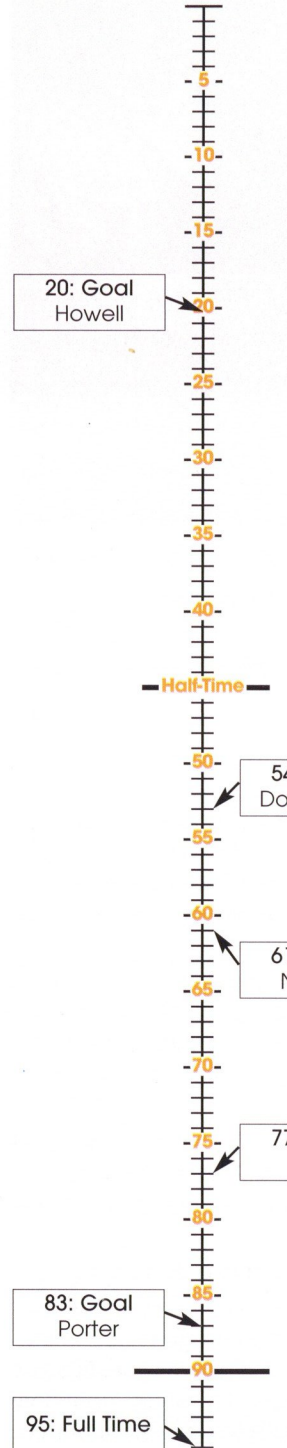
The next in 100 Years of Coconuts' series of Q&A sessions with personalities from Cambridge United's history will take place after the home game against Oxford United on Saturday, October 11, when legendary 1960s goalkeeper Rodney Slack will answer supporters' questions in Marvin's Bar, behind the Main Stand.



# ON REFLECTION

Action from our match against Dagenham & Redbridge

## Time Line



## Match Report

Dagenham & Redbridge 2 Cambridge United 3  
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Three second-half goals secured three points for the U's at Dagenham.

The U's started each half brightly, but it was the hosts who took the lead on 20 minutes, Luke Howell nodding past Chris Dunn. United levelled matters on 54 minutes; Harrison Dunk was fouled 20 yards out and up stepped Ryan Donaldson to curl home the free-kick. And Donaldson's corner found Michael Nelson on 61 minutes, who planted his header past O'Brien to make it 2-1 before Ryan Bird made it 3-1 with 13 minutes to go.

The hosts pulled a goal back on 83 but the U's held firm to secure the points, Chris Dunn making a fantastic fingertip save in the dying moments.

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## ●●● TRAVELLERS' TALES ●●●

Mark Johnson looks back at our recent trip to Dagenham & Redbridge

Tucked away at the end of a terraced street, the catchily named London Borough of Barking & Dagenham Stadium (what is it with ampersands in this part of London?) is not unusual in that it is decidedly unprepossessing from the outside. A proliferation of buildings has sprung up around the edge of the car park like mushrooms on a lawn at the end of a wet summer; buildings that were probably once temporary, but have now taken on a definite air of permanence. They aren't unusual either.

What was unusual was the member of staff who popped his head out of an office window to direct your BBC Radio Cambridgeshire commentary team through the maze of buildings to the press entrance; a helpful and friendly approach we found at every turn.

Once inside, we were allocated seats at the back of the main stand. This stand runs the length of one side of the ground and is filled with half a dozen rows of red seats with a few blue ones thrown in for good measure - perhaps to create a pattern or word that is not visible from this side of the ground. So far, so Tamworth you might think; but this stand is quite literally raised from the standard by being elevated so that even those sitting on one of the comfortably wide seats in the front row have an excellent view - a view that is enhanced (or



not diminished anyway) by a lack of pillars.

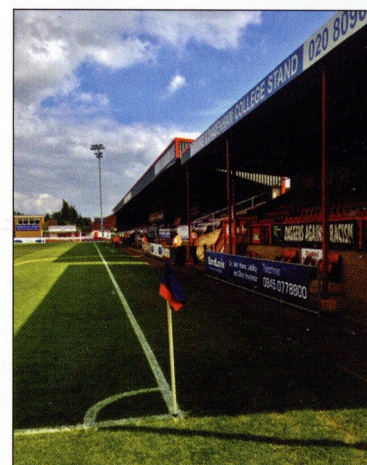
Behind the main stand, old-fashioned toilet facilities are to be found ... and I don't mean 'old-fashioned' in an Antiques Roadshow sense. The narrowest of narrow doorways leads into an area with an open gutter along either side of a suitably dingy wall. Fortunately the tea bar is located on the opposite side of the small courtyard in which these facilities are located. But while the food and drink are dispensed from a relatively hygienic distance, the accompanying condiments are set on a trestle table that leans against the toilet wall.

A covered terrace runs the length of the opposite side of the ground; an area of terracing that is interrupted only by the tea bar located half way along its back wall.

Behind the goal to the left of this, the area is filled by another run of terracing; terracing that is untroubled by any covering to protect it from the elements. The rear wall of this area is actually a back fence, with a creosote-brown finish that gives it the impression of backing onto a contiguous line of garden sheds; a line that is only interrupted by a flat-roofed, two-storey brick building offset to one side. A large scoreboard is positioned above the

centre of the rear wall of this area; a scoreboard that's perfectly serviceable apart from when the sun shines brightly, making it slightly less useful ... particularly when, as at this time of year, it faces the setting sun.

So far, so modest; but what lifts the ground from the mundane is the large stand behind the remaining goal. Single-tiered and front-loading, this construction is not unlike our own South Stand only taller ... and in the same post code as the pitch. There are other differences too: the height of the stand makes it look slightly narrow so the seats seem to rake steeply up towards the high, pillar-less roof - seats that are red and amongst which the word 'Daggers' is picked out in white. The tunnel to the dressing rooms emerges about a third of the way along this stand. Despite these minor(ish) differences, there are other striking similarities to our South Stand: it's the newest and most impressive stand in the ground ... and it's allocated to away fans. The roof and its relative proximity to the pitch makes it absolutely ideal for generating a lot of support for the team - and the travelling Amber Nation took full advantage.





# ●●●CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT●●●

The thoughts of Club Chaplain Stuart Wood

My wife and I are in the interesting position next September of having at least three of our four sons changing their education establishments. Our eldest will be off to Uni after taking a year out; our third will be moving on to a 6th form college after his GCSE's; and our youngest will be leaving primary and moving on to secondary school.

Within a week of being back this term, the forms are being circulated to apply for next year's school places; the UCAS application process starts; and open days or evenings are getting booked in the diary. It feels like the planning for next year is taking over this year.

But it is the same as you go through the system – the hours spent talking about options; the time spent discussing what courses or subjects to take, especially when there is no clear indicator as to what they want to do at the other end!

I also serve as a School Governor at one of the local schools and although we are only a week or two into the school year, we are already looking ahead to the next year; planning for the future is an important aspect of what we do. Spending all of the budget in this academic year without a clear way forward, could mean wasting resources in the longer term, as what seems a good idea now is rendered ineffective in a year's time. But that forward planning needs to go hand in hand with looking after the best interests of the children in the school now. It is unfair to hold money back that is meant for the current pupils, to provide for a future generation of pupils.

This idea of planning ahead, working out a way forward, is such an important one. But at the same time, it mustn't happen at the expense of the short term and immediate.

I was listening to Radio 5's

phone-in the other day when they were discussing the managerial reign of Nigel Pearson at Leicester City and the balancing act between sticking with, or sacking, a manager. That decision is based on the balance between the long and short term views. Do we stick with a manager who isn't quite doing it at the moment, believing he will; or do we go after the short term objective and let tomorrow worry about itself? In Leicester's case, they stuck with Nigel despite the pressure in previous seasons to 'have a change'.

It affects everything – keeping one eye on tomorrow will guide us in the decisions we make today. Of course, many choose to live our lives completely in the short term – it doesn't matter about tomorrow, just worry about today; at the same time we could be so cautious about today because of what 'might be' tomorrow.

Whether it is our child's education, running a football club, living our lives with all the choices that come with that, we need to keep that balance where we live in the moment, making the most of each and every day. But at the same time, we keep an eye on tomorrow to ensure that we can enjoy it as much as we do today.

This is nothing new of course – we know it and we understand it makes sense. The problem comes when the urge to chase the dream today takes over and clouds our judgement about tomorrow. That's when we need good people around us who will keep asking us the questions and ensure we at least think about what we're doing before we leap into today with no thought of tomorrow; or miss what today is offering because we're too consumed with tomorrow.

Stuart



## View From The Other Pulpit●●●

How long have you been Chaplain at Luton Town FC? Are they your first team, or do you look for another result first?

Been chaplain around 5-6 years.

Yes I always look for Luton's result, having lived in Luton for 40 years now and played for them for almost 10 years, they hold a special place in my life

What do you enjoy most about your role at the club?

My role at the club is minimal; I mainly respond to any requests the club has. I was invited by the club some years ago to be their chaplain, and with all my other responsibilities it's difficult to give more time.

What is the hardest part of your role?

Being involved in the funerals of

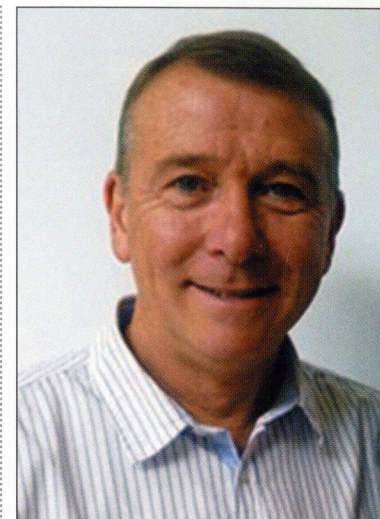
people I have known and worked with at the club over the years.

Do you suffer from the Saturday night blues if they lose?

No I don't, having been an ex-player you learn to deal with any result quickly, as the next game is soon coming. And as the old cliché goes, you are only as good as your last game, your last performance.

How does your work as Chaplain affect your work at the Church, and which Church are you involved with?

I am the Pastor of Luton Christian Fellowship, an Elim Church in the town centre. My chaplaincy role is one part of my overall responsibility and I enjoy that role. I would love to be more involved but with a large growing congregation and



my wide town role over the past 25 years, doesn't give me as much time as I would like to give to Luton Town.

Alan West

Club Chaplain, Luton Town FC

## ●●●RENATE STROUD●●●

We were saddened to hear that long-time United supporter, volunteer and fundraiser Renate Stroud passed away on September 11th.

Renate came over from Germany not long after the war as a teenager and met and married massive U's fan David Stroud. As she had been a huge football fan back in her home town of Kiel it was natural that she should come along to watch matches at The Abbey; their shared love of football is why her sons David (junior) and Gary are such huge Cambridge United fans. They were both regulars for well over 50 years each until their sad passing - David (senior) ten years ago.

After United left the League Renate voluntarily cleaned the kit for a number of months and was a regular fund raiser for United and for CFU. She would save her pennies and two pennies and bring them along to add to the funds.

After falling ill with cancer she would listen to commentary of every match on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, even forgoing her beloved Eastenders for a Tuesday evening commentary! She was in Arthur Rank for two months but as the season started she was still listening as intently as she could. The last United commentary she listened to was our 5-0 win against Carlisle.

David says that he can remember ringing her after our promotion win at Wembley; she was so delighted - it's so nice to know she saw us return to the League.

We offer our condolences to David, Gary and their sister Sue.





## ●●● FAN SCENE ●●●

At Supporters Direct Club Development, we recently spent an interesting morning being introduced to a new fund called 'Power to Change', which will see £150 million of Big Lottery money funding directed towards community enterprises. The fund is due to be up and running by early 2015, and the aim is to support local communities working together to make a difference where they live.

According to the fund's website: "community enterprises provide sustainable solutions to some of the most pressing social and economic issues of our time, and particularly benefit people most in need. We want to help more people respond to local need and opportunity, and change the places in which they live for the better."

A couple of things really struck me. Firstly can there be a better 'community enterprise' than a foot-

ball club? Secondly: are football clubs ready to take advantage of a fund seemingly designed for them? My answers for what it's worth were 'no' and 'some'. That might sound a bit negative. I don't think it's necessarily a reflection of how our clubs are run; at present looking for funding feels a bit like making a cocktail and picking up each ingredient from a different bar. But we need to get real; funders like the Big Lottery are under pressure to deliver something for their money.

Funders will want to see their money is firstly going to something sustainable, and secondly will want to see a clear benefit to the community. With local authority budgets being reduced, and sport often one of the easiest to cut, there is a real opportunity for clubs to get organised and take over the ownership, management and delivery

of sporting facilities and services. The F.A. agrees and only recently we've seen them suggesting this as a way forward. Yes it's going to require some planning and proper thought, but get it right and you could end up doing a better job than any local authority ever would. The community will appreciate it and the benefits will follow.

We want to make sure a large chunk of that Big Lottery money finds its way to the most unique community enterprise in your town or village; the Football Club.

If you'd like to explore how your Club can prepare for this fund or need help considering opportunities please drop us a line. We'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy the game.

James Mathie  
SD Club Development  
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## ●●● ISSA DIALLO ●●●

Having enjoyed a career that's included spells in France, Switzerland and Hungary, Issa Diallo tells Matt Gooding that he knows there's something special about Cambridge.

From France to Cambridge via Switzerland and Hungary, it's fair to say that Issa Diallo has enjoyed an interesting career path.

The 27-year-old arrived at the R Costings Abbey Stadium on the eve of the season following a successful trial, and has been a regular feature at the heart of the U's midfield since the start of the League Two campaign.

Life in English football has been something of a culture shock for the powerful midfielder.

He said: "It's absolutely different to anywhere I've played before, everything is very quick and the players are all very strong and it's a lot more aggressive than the football played in France or Switzerland.

"But I'm very happy to be here. The players and staff have been really friendly with me, and there's a good feeling about the place."

Diallo was without a club in the summer, and was enjoying his holidays in warmer climates when the call came from U's head coach Richard Money.

He explained: "I went home to Senegal, then I went to Miami, and an agent called me up to say he had a club in England who were interested in me. At first I said no because I was thinking 'who are they? And why would I go to a club in the fourth tier?' But once I came over I saw that it was a good club, and that the level of the other players was excellent, and I wanted to be here.

"I didn't know Cambridge had a football team. I had heard about the city, but only because of the





●●●● ISSA DIALLO ●●●●



*Autograph*





► university. But it seems like a nice place – I'm living in Newmarket at the minute but I'm looking for somewhere in Cambridge.

"I've always been a fan of Manchester United since I was a child and my favourite player when I was younger was Ruud van Nistelrooy. I like English football a lot and would like to stay in this country for the rest of my career."

Born in Senegal, a former French colony, Diallo soon moved to the town of Monceau, in Western France, at a young age.

"When I was born my father was already working there," he said. "Then I followed him over with my mother and my siblings when I was one. I always loved football, and started playing when I was five in a team with my friends."

However, a career in the professional game did not seem likely when Diallo was growing up, as his family preferred him to focus on his studies.

"I wasn't part of a youth academy, and didn't play football professionally until I was 21," said Diallo. "It was just a hobby for me,

because for my mother and father it was important that I stayed in education, so I was studying full time.

"I didn't think about football as a job, I got all my diplomas and studied international commerce. It was only when I had finished my studies and people were interested in me that I was able to show them that I could make good money being a full-time footballer."

During his teenage years Diallo played in the Championnat de France amateur, a vast sprawling competition that involved 72 teams in various groups. It makes up the third and fourth tier of the French league system, and Diallo turned out for Montceau Bourgogne, making eight appearances and scoring one goal in the 2007/08 season. From there he was picked up by Saint-Louis Neuweg, where he made much more of an impact, netting seven goals in 25 appearances and earning his big break.

That involved a short hop across the border to Switzerland, where he agreed a two-year deal with FC Locarno, based in the city of Locarno, which is near the border

with Italy on the banks of Lake Maggiore.

"An agent recommended me to Locarno, I spent two good years there," said Diallo. "It was my first professional contract, so I was very happy, and then I got my move to Servette."

A regular in the Locarno side between 2009-2011, Issa made 57 appearances for the club without finding the net, playing in defence or his favoured midfield position. From Locarno it was on to Geneva, Switzerland's second largest city, where Diallo signed for FC Servette, one of Swiss football's traditional big names. Formed in 1890, the club has 17 Swiss Championship titles to its name, and made history in 1930 by organising the Coupe de Nations, a precursor to the European Cup and the Champions League.

"It was a very good experience for me," said Diallo. "We played a good season, finished in the top and got into the Europa League."

Making 18 appearances for the club's first team, Diallo seemed to be on the verge of establishing himself in the side when injury struck.

He said: "Five games before the end of the season I damaged my cruciate ligament and my meniscus. It was just in a training match but it kept me out for ten months."

The injury meant he missed out on a chance to test himself against European opposition, with Servette exiting the 2012/13 Europa League in third qualifying round, losing to Rosenburg on the away goals rule. By the time Diallo returned to action, things had taken a turn for the worst at the club.

"There was a problem with money at Servette," he said. "They offered me a new contract, but the team wasn't doing very well and I wanted to wait and see what would

happen at the end of the season.

"Then I got another serious injury, which would keep me out for seven months. I was injured when my contract came to an end, and because I hadn't accepted the new one, I left Servette."

Indeed, Servette had staved off bankruptcy in 2012, but things didn't improve on the field, and the club was relegated for footballing reasons for the first time in its 113-year history.

For Diallo, who made a total of 34 league appearances during his two years in Geneva, it meant a summer spent regaining fitness alone, and for the first half of last season he was without a club.

"It was a really hard time for me," he said. "I spent six months having to take care of myself because the injury stopped me from playing and finding another team."

By the time the January transfer window opened Diallo was back up and running and found himself a new club. This time he was on the move to eastern Europe, where he agreed a six-month deal with Hungarian top-flight outfit Kaposvari FC. Known as the Somogyiak – they are based in the Somogy region of Hungary – Diallo joined a team ensconced in a relegation battle, and was unable to halt the team's slide in division two. A final day loss, 2-0 to Videoton, confirmed their relegation.

"The level in Hungary isn't very good," said Diallo. "So it wasn't a brilliant experience, but it wasn't too bad either. For me it was really important because I had been out injured for so long. I went there and played a lot of games which was what I needed."

Then came the move to Cambridge. U's fans first glimpsed Diallo playing as a mystery trialist against the likes of Braintree, MK

Dons and Sutton United. With his obvious strength and passing ability, Richard Money was keen to keep his identity under wraps, only revealing the midfielder's name when he put pen to paper on a one-year-contract.

Since then Diallo has made seven first team appearances, despite suffering from a thigh problem which saw him miss the matches away to Birmingham City and Portsmouth. He has also opened his goal-scoring account for the club, driving in a 20-yard daisy cutter in the 5-0 win over Carlisle.

Our interview took place a couple of days after the 3-2 win at Dagenham, which saw the U's recover from going a goal down to take the points courtesy of goals from Ryan Donaldson, Michael Nelson and Ryan Bird.

Reflecting on the match, United's first away win of the season, Diallo said: "It was very good to get the points. In the first half we didn't play well, so to come back and score three goals was good, and it was a good victory.

"It will be good for the team's confidence and it was good for the supporters who were there."

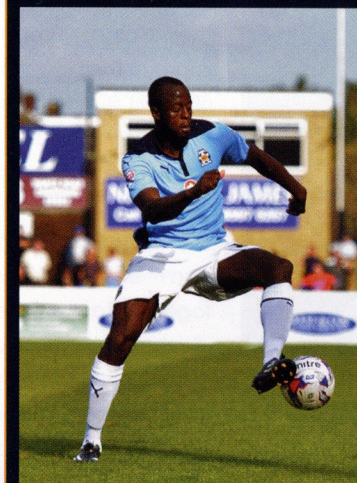
Indeed, Diallo was keen to praise the U's fans who follow the team home and away, adding: "The supporters have made a really good impression on me. On Saturday we had a lot of fans there, and it's not like that in Switzerland at away games. It was very lovely to see and nice that we got them an away win, I know there's something special in Cambridge."

Looking ahead to the rest of the season, the U's go into today's game in 11th place following Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat to lowly Exeter City.

Diallo is quietly confident that United can make an impression in their first season in League Two since 2005 but, showing a fine grasp of one of English football's biggest clichés, warned that the team cannot afford to look too far ahead.

"We are a good team and I think it's possible for us to finish in a good position," he said. "But it's very early in the season and we're not thinking about anything like that now. We just want to take one game at a time then think about winning the next one."

## Issa Diallo ●●●



### U's Record ●●●

DOB:	26/01/1987
Signed:	August 2014
Appearances:	7
Goals:	1

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In the last few days, the Scottish referendum has taken almost all the air time on every news programme. The slogan for the advocates of maintaining the status quo is "better together". I have thought about this phrase over the last few days in another context.

On Monday and Tuesday I attended a seminar organised by the Football League Trust. All 72 clubs were represented and as well as listening to key note speakers and participating in workshops, it was a chance to network, talk to other clubs and get an insight into the work of many community trusts across the country. One thing astounded me though. So many trusts have such a difficult relationship with their clubs. So many owners and chairman can't see the value of their club working to improve their local community and see them only as a potential cash cow. Thankfully, we have a chairman like Dave Doggett who believes in community and everyone working together to achieve a single shared vision. Our community trust is one part of our club and Mission676 has given us the foundation to drive our charitable work forward in 2014/15

onwards. Our trust chairman, Graham Daniels, will soon be able to announce the appointment of our new trust manager, so that we can grow our existing work and partner with local companies to benefit all cross sections of our community.

One such partner, Cambridgeshire Football Association, held their awards evening at our game on Tuesday night. Dave, myself, Luke Chadwick and Tom Champion were honoured to make presentations to clubs and individuals who have made a difference to players at grass roots level. We are really proud of our association with Cambs FA and we have many exciting initiatives to work on together in the coming 12 months and beyond to raise standards and encourage participation. To kick start that process, we are delighted that Josh Coulson has signed up as an ambassador for Cambridgeshire Football Association's Charter Standard programme. Josh is a fantastic role model for local youngsters having progressed from starting his football career with Cherry Hinton Lions to now playing in the Football League.

When you think that we will also be partnering with the NHS Trust, plus the local authorities, our club core sponsors and other high calibre Cambridge companies, it promises to be a really exciting year.

Whilst we now have the benefit on funding opportunities from the Football League Trust, we also have a grant that has one more year to run from the Football Conference. In writing a report on Year One, we have to include participation figures. It is brilliant for you to know that in 2013/14, the projects delivered by our football club, through the trust, as no cost to the participants have impacted over 5000 children, numerous disabled groups, the elderly, the homeless and young people in the abbey ward who would otherwise not be able to access these activities. Mission676 will allow us to do so much more. Without a doubt, promotion to the Football League, and therefore membership within the Football League Trust, has also opened a huge number of opportunities that we can explore and develop.

Even more astounding than the poor relationships cited between some clubs and trusts, is the fact that some trusts don't even have a good relationship with their academy. I find that truly incredulous. Tales of disconnect between academies and first teams are common place, which is often why talented young players never make the final crucial step. The pathway is blocked and they don't get an opportunity. Short termism is a disease of English football and halts the careers of many talented youngsters. Sometimes it's even worse and club politics get in the way.

Our community programme, youth development scheme and academy are almost seamless. Huge numbers are involved which ensures a strong base to the pyramid. Then there is a pathway through our schools and holiday course provision, regional development centres (RDC's), shadow squads and academy all the way to the first team. Over the next few years, as our academy approaches its tenth year since re-forming and an EPPP audit, this will be seen through an even greater quality and quantity of players making that journey. On Tuesday, two of our most promising youngsters, Joe Neal and Ben Wormen, both spent the evening with the first team, meeting all the staff and seeing everything that goes on behind the scenes on a match day. They are both aged 13 years old but play regularly in our Under 16's. There are many other players who regularly play in at least a year above their age group. This weekend, we should have been playing Portsmouth. They think it's too far to travel so have informed the Football League that they won't fulfil the fixtures. Our Under 9's to Under 14's are now travelling to play Liverpool instead!

We have many challenges ahead, but being together, as club, academy and trust isn't one of them.

Richard speaks in his notes about the bond between the team and terraces. It's true. It is strengthened in triumph and adversity. Last season wasn't all plain sailing. We had tough moments. The last decade following CUFC has also seen more pain than joy. What made the two Wembley victories even more spe-

cial was the memories of the previous two visits. So, on Tuesday, we knew that you would recognise that we were struggling and respond accordingly.

I try to keep away from discussing the first team and their performances. But I will say that apart from one or two exceptions, any club without the services of players like Tom Elliott, Robbie Simpson, Tom Champion, Ian Miller, Luke Chadwick and Liam Hughes would struggle to cope. Then consider that Kwesi only trained for one day before starting on Tuesday, Harrison missed three weeks of training before being thrown straight back into the team and Matteo was ill for a week before the Newport game and is still catching up with fitness, then maybe Tuesday was less surprising. We are working hard to add to our numbers before today but the Salary Cap Protocol (SCP) in the Football League means that even with an injury list like ours, signing players is difficult, however temporary, and we must operate strictly within a budget set against our turnover.

That's why "better together" has relevance at every level of our club as well as for the "no" campaigners north of the border. It's how we were successful last season. When players are missing, especially key experienced players, the others need to all find a few percentages more to make up for it. So do the staff, so do the fans.

The atmosphere at this game last year was fantastic. Let's make it even better today. We need your help and support, as you showed the team on Tuesday, even more than ever.



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- 8: One in eight men get prostate cancer in the UK
- 4: One in four African Caribbean will get prostate cancer in their lifetime
- 60: Every 60 minutes a man dies of prostate cancer
- 250,000: A quarter of a million men are living with the disease in the UK

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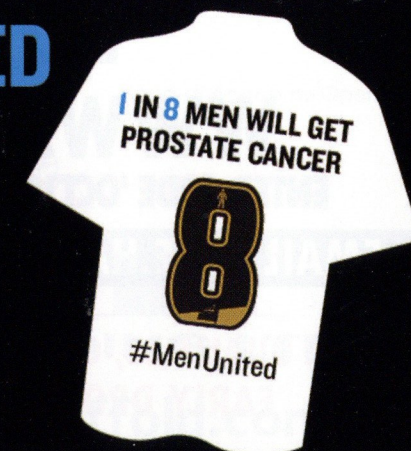
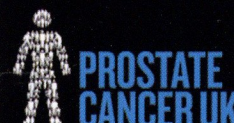
- 187,000 people have signed for Men United - which would fill the R Costings Abbey Stadium 21.5 times - pledging to give prostate cancer a real beating. Will you?

• £210,000 the amount raised by Football League club representatives completing the London to Amsterdam Cycle Challenge in June 2014.

"Every time a player or a fan pulls on a (insert club nickname) shirt with a squad number featuring our Man of Men they are helping to save lives" said Prostate Cancer UK's Director of Fundraising, Mark Bishop. "They are raising awareness of an issue that for far too long has been hidden away. Players and fans are supporting the 250,000 men living with prostate cancer in the UK and the 40,000 diagnosed with the disease each year."

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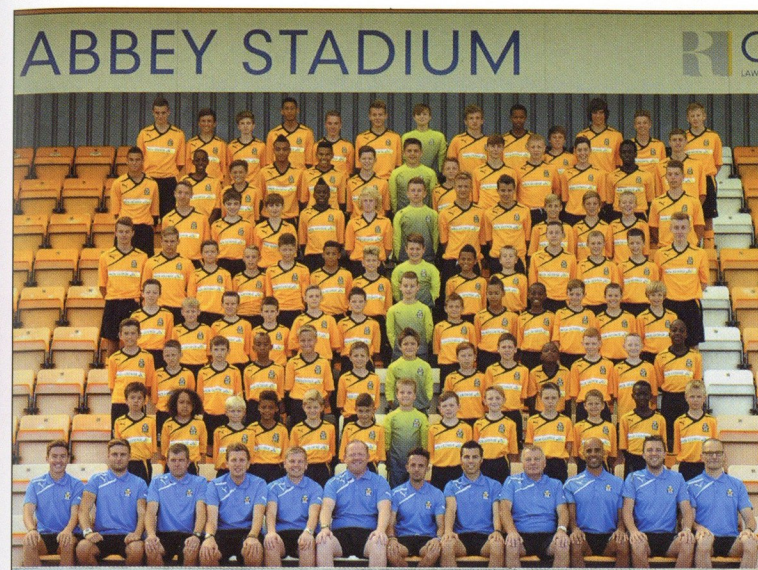


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## ●●● ACADEMY UPDATE ●●●

Latest News from our Academy



The colours blue, red, green and yellow have been extremely prominent in the minds of the coaching staff over the summer months as we have spent hours and hours on our new coaching program/syllabus. Our Four Corner Model of Technical, Tactical, Physical & Psychological/Social components is now what we are trying to enforce on the players and challenge them in new and different ways to help them improve.

With the boys being back at school we are into full swing of training three times a week and fixtures at weekends so we have already seen some excellent improvements and are extremely excited about what we hope to see over the coming months.

The U16s & U18s have been playing their respective fixtures since the start of August but the school-boys (U9 - U14) have had their opening two fixtures of the season against Barnet FC and Peterborough United FC. There have been some really pleasing individual performances and like always

some areas that the players can work on. As we continue to work through the syllabus we concentrate on different areas of the pitch and therefore will cover areas that both need improvement and areas that have been highlighted as real attributes to certain individuals.

With EPPP comes a games program that is organised for us by the Football League which is something new and although this still creates challenges in itself we are all the time trying to enhance the boys program as best as we can. For example this morning our U18's have hosted Watford FC at the

Training Ground, whilst the U16s have played away against the Hornets. The U14s have travelled down the M11 this morning to play Tottenham Hotspur and tomorrow our U9 - U13 travel north to play Liverpool FC. These games for the school boys have been organised by ourselves so that we can try and get them as many top level experiences as possible.

Games against Leyton Orient and Brighton & Hove Albion, are what we have for the remainder of September. We start October with trips to West London as our U18s and U16s sides face AFC Wimbledon whilst our U9 - U15 squads travel to Chelsea!

I would also like to make a special thank you to Watkins Brickwork and G&H Scaffolding Ltd for their help with work at the Club Training Ground over the last couple of weeks. We want to ensure we maintain our lovely facilities for our own players and players and parents of visiting Academy clubs and their help is aiding us in achieving this!

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# ●●● IN THE WINGS ●●●

## Final Third Development League South ●●●

### September

Wed 10	A Gillingham	W1-0
Tue 23	H Leyton Orient	13:00

### October

Tue 14	A Portsmouth	14:00
Tue 28	H AFC Wimbledon	13:00

### November

Tue 18	H Luton Town	13:00
Tue 25	A AFC Bournemouth	13:00

### December

Tue 02	A Peterborough United	13:00
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### January

Tue 06	H Gillingham	13:00
Tue 20	H Portsmouth	14:00

### February

Tue 06	A AFC Wimbledon	19:00
Tue 17	H AFC Bournemouth	13:00

### March

Tue 10	A Luton Town	13:00
Tue 24	H Peterborough United	19:00
Tue 31	A Leyton Orient	13:00

## Final Third South ●●●

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Luton Town	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
<b>Cambridge United</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
AFC Wimbledon	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Leyton Orient	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Peterborough United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Gillingham	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
AFC Bournemouth	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0

## Football League Youth Alliance South East ●●●

### August

Sat 09	A Dagenham & Redbridge	L0-1
Sat 16	H Gillingham	D1-1
Wed 20	A Luton Town	L0-2
Sat 23	H MK Dons	D1-1
Sat 30	A Northampton Town	L1-3

### September

Sat 06	H Stevenage	W4-2
Sat 13	A Southend United	L1-4
Sat 20	H Watford	11:00
Sat 27	A Leyton Orient	11:00

### October

Sat 04	H AFC Wimbledon	11:00
Sat 11	A Peterborough United	11:00
Sat 18	H Barnet	11:00
Sat 25	A MK Dons	11:00

### November

Sat 01	H Luton Town	11:00
Sat 08	A Stevenage	11:00
Sat 15	H Northampton Town	11:00
Sat 22	A Watford	11:00
Sat 29	H Stevenage	11:00

### December

Sat 06	A AFC Wimbledon	10:30
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Sat 13	H Leyton Orient	11:00
Sat 20	A Barnet	10:30

### January

Sat 03	H Peterborough United	11:00
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### Youth Alliance Cup

Aug 12	R1 H Gillingham	D1-1 (L5-4 on pens)
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## FLYA South East ●●●

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Barnet	7	5	1	1	26	20	6	16
Peterborough United	6	4	2	0	17	5	12	14
MK Dons	8	4	2	2	23	17	6	14
Luton Town	6	4	1	1	16	6	10	13
Leyton Orient	8	3	4	1	16	11	5	13
Northampton Town	8	4	0	4	17	17	0	12
Watford	7	3	1	3	20	17	3	10
Southend United	7	3	1	3	11	15	-4	10
Stevenage	8	2	2	4	15	17	-2	8
AFC Wimbledon	6	2	1	3	7	9	-2	7
<b>Cambridge United</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>5</b>
Dagenham & R'bridge	7	1	1	5	7	24	-17	4
Gillingham	7	0	2	5	8	19	-11	2

# ●●● IN DEVELOPMENT ●●●

Latest news from our Regional Development Centres

The 2014-15 season has kicked off for our Regional Development Centre and Shadow Squad players.

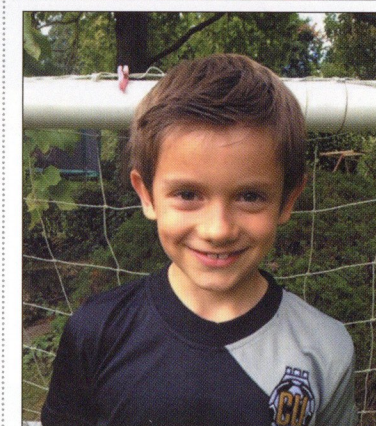
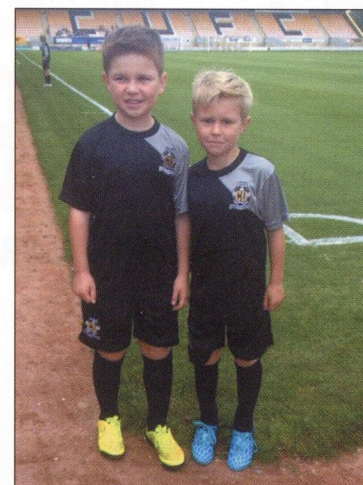
Training at 14 Regional Development Centres and the two Shadow Squads began the week commencing Monday 8 September. Over 1000 talented young players started the season, kitted out in their new Cambridge United FC youth development kits. This season for the first time, we included the kit in the training fees that are paid to join our youth programmes. Therefore every single member of the CUFC development programme has their very own kit which has been quite a hit on Twitter, with #NewKitSelfie trending! Some 'selfies' sent in by some of our young players are on this page!

The standard of players in the programmes below our Academy is



higher than ever. There are around 800 gifted and talented 7-16 year olds training with us once per week within a Regional Development Centre and 200 super-talented players at the level above, our Shadow Squad. These players will receive professional coaching and aim to gain a place within the U's Academy.

Looking and feeling 'the part' is a crucial factor in a child's psycho-



logical development. The message from our coaches is that "Now that you look smart you have to play smart too".

The hard work has begun and will continue over the course of a nine month programme designed to help each individual player become their best. We look forward to updating you with the progress of our players throughout the season.

James Cutting

Football Development Manager

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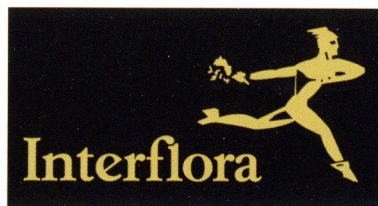
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## ●●● ON THIS DAY ●●●

Kevin Palmer looks back at this day in 1980

Cambridge United was still searching for an elusive away win in the old Division Two (now the Championship) and they failed to find it at Shrewsbury, hampered by the fact that injuries meant that right-back Doug Evans played as a striker. The 2-1 defeat with a consolation goal from Roger Gibbins (pictured) pushed us down to 18th in the table.

Luton Town was in the same division as us, but managed to win their first League game in five by beating Orient 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. Brian Stein and Ricky Hill were the heroes for the Hatters, eclipsing Orient whose solitary strike came from ex-Spurs striker Ian Moores. The victory hoisted Luton into the top half of the table.

### GAME OF THE DAY

Southampton 2

Liverpool 2

Division One - Att. 24,085

**Southampton:** Peter Wells, Ivan Golac, Mike McCartney, Steve Williams, Dave Watson, Chris Nicholl, Kevin Keegan, Mick Channon, Phil Boyer, Nick Holmes, Graham Baker; (MANAGER - Lawrie McMenemy)

**Liverpool:** Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Avi Cohen, Phil Thompson, Ray Kennedy, Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Sammy Lee, David Fairclough, Terry McDermott (Colin Irwin); (MANAGER - Bob Paisley)

Southampton had signed the ex-Liverpool star Kevin Keegan and they had got off to a better start than Liverpool who had won the last two League titles. This was the first time that Keegan had faced his old side in a League game and he tackled his former teammates with a ferocity that raised several eyebrows as well as hackles. Terry McDermott was forced to limp off after a Keegan cruncher, whilst a tackle on Israeli international Avi Cohen could have earned a red card instead of the yellow that was shown. To be fair, Keegan did apologise to both players afterwards and he threatened Liverpool in legitimate ways too, especially in



the air, an impressive achievement considering he was considerably shorter than Hansen or Thompson.

Liverpool took the lead from a Souness shot after eight minutes, but the Saints levelled when Watson's cross was turned in by Nicholl. The home side then went in front when a sloppy backpass from Cohen was intercepted and drilled home by Boyer. Liverpool came much more into the fore in the second half and gained a penalty when Fairclough's shot was handled by no less than two Southampton players. Regular penalty taker McDermott was already off the pitch, but Phil Neal was usually clinical. His weak shot hit the post much to his chagrin, but he made up for it by later racing down the wing and crossing for Fairclough to head home the equaliser. The 2-2 draw meant that the two sides were third and fourth, behind Ipswich who beat Coventry 2-0 at home and Nottingham Forest who thrashed Leicester 5-0.

**Headline News:** The first crack in the Iron Curtain occurred when the

Polish Government gave into the striking shipyard workers and allowed them to form free trade unions and the right to strike legally. The strike leader Lech Walesa formed the Solidarity Union which eventually brought down the government, though many feared the Russians would invade as they had done in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968.

In the **UK music** charts 'Feels Like I'm In Love' by Kelly Marie was the number one single pounding out in the discotheques, whilst Kate Bush had the best-selling album with 'Never For Ever'.

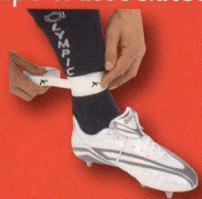
**On the TV:** ITV had a bizarre show called 'Up For The Cup' in which two football club's players (Walsall and Coventry City) voted for their favourite variety act amongst their supporters. It was presented by David 'Diddy' Hamilton and it was Bolton Wanderer's supporters who were eventually voted the most talented in the final.



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## PRESS GANG

Matt Gooding reports on former U's in the news

Last Saturday the U's were celebrating a victory over a Dagenham and Redbridge side containing two of our former players, Ashley Chambers and Brian Saah.

It's been a mixed start to the season for the Daggers, and defender Saah (pictured) believes better defending is required if they are to climb the League Two table.

"We are contributing to our own downfall at the back," said Saah. "As soon as we can cut out our individual errors and make sure our decision-making is better I think we'll be all right."

"Going forward we don't look too bad, we are scoring goals and looking quite threatening."

"Defensively we could be better and we've obviously conceded a few goals of late, but as a team we have got to look to do better defensively. Once we get our defence in order we should be okay."

Being an, er, defender himself, one hopes Saah is looking in the mirror at his own performances. He added that Wayne Burnett's men are looking to improve their form in front of their own supporters.

"At the start of last season it was a fortress here," he said. "Teams didn't really want to come here, we were playing really well, keeping clean sheets and scoring a few goals and that's the recipe we need to get back to. We will get back to it, it's just taking a bit longer than anyone expected."

The mid-week League Two action saw Daggers beaten 3-0 by Portsmouth, so Saah's warning has possibly gone unheeded. Stevenage also lost, 2-1 at Bury, but it was a good evening for Adam Marriott, who netted his first Borough goal at Gigg Lane.

Oxford are also struggling, but former United defender Tom Newey



believes he has the answer to their woes; scoring first.

"I think there's a statistic that if you score the first goal at this level then 70 per cent of the games you go on to avoid defeat," said Newey.

"That's a massive stat and we're not managing to do it at the moment."

"Yet there's a lot of encouraging signs, we are creating numerous chances and sooner rather than later it has to turn in our favour."

Tuesday saw Oxford open the scoring against Accrington, then go on to win 3-1. Perhaps Newey knows what he's talking about.

In League One, Barnsley have made a mixed start, with eight points from six matches at the time of writing.

However, ex-U's midfielder Luke Berry believes the spirit in the Tykes camp bodes well for the rest of the season.

He said: "We do have a good belief in ourselves. We've been down a few times this season and come back to get a result."

"We were 1-0 down against Crewe and came back to win 2-1

and then we were a goal down to Coventry and we came back to draw that one twice to draw 2-2."

"It's down to the manager, the players and the whole staff. It's (that fight and belief) something that's important. It's good that we don't crumble under pressure."

"It's only been a few games, but hopefully we can keep showing that (belief) throughout the season."

Barnsley were defeated by Crawley Town on the opening day of the season, a match which saw another ex-United midfielder, Josh Simpson, limp off with an ankle problem.

He has been sidelined ever since, but is likely to return to the Red Devils line-up in the next couple of matches.

"The latest scan didn't find any other damage in there so it is now down to Josh and Luigi (Cerullo, physio) to step things up," said Crawley boss John Gregory.

"It is just a question of getting Josh through a couple of training sessions pain-free. He is a naturally fit lad so it won't take too long to get him back on the field."



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1030	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK
1045	GYMNASTICS/ BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL/ KWIK CRICKET	FENCING/ NETBALL	DANCE/ HOCKEY	HANDBALL/ TENNIS
1130	CRICKET/ NETBALL	TAG RUGBY/ PARACHUTE GAMES	FOOTBALL/ HAND NUMBER BALL	NETBALL/ ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FOOTBALL/ NETBALL
1215	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
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## ●●● TERRACE TALK ●●●

Henry Milward aims to keep his ambition hidden

On one side of the junction is a tastefully yellow secondary school, heating a square with colour like a North African mosque. Across the way is a mural depicting a mushroom with arms: in one hand he holds a small fire, in the other, a slightly smaller one, and beneath him are a swarm of mushrooms, lingering under the image of the town and the famous bridge. Mostar, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, is a town defined by bridges ('most' is the local word for bridge): they symbolize connection and also its fragility. The old bridge was destroyed in 1993 during the Balkan war: it was seen as a focal point, one of division but also unity between Bosnian Muslims, and Croats. Since it was rebuilt, it makes for an impressively evocative sight.

On the far side of that junction is the shell of a building. Inside, in thick black paint it's written: hidden ambition. Hidden ambition. There is something about the two words together which makes you thin. Is the ambition knowingly hidden, forcefully hidden or hiding beyond our comprehension? And is there a best place for ambition to be? A

friend of mine spent her early life in Mostar, before the war took her south to Montenegro. Later, she became an acclaimed musician in the United States. Her view is simple. 'People who are obsessed with being the best are weird, there's something missing - I've met a lot of them, musicians but also sportsmen, there's something wrong.'

Ambition can be a dirty word; an admission, an obsessive streak. There's a certain narcotic edge. Some of the best late-blooming distance runners are recovering addicts, people who needed to replace one extreme with another. Ambition, for sporting greats, especially those playing individual sports, is something at once tangible and totally intangible, a moveable feast which they may not even find nourishing.

Using the idea of being the best, finishing first, as sustenance, also seems abstract and borderline damaging. On the eve of the school year, during one of our interminably drawn-out staff meetings, the head teacher noted his wish

that the school would 'be the best', a comment which was followed by no qualification. Because there is no qualification available: it is an unnecessary, whimsical, nonsensical aim, an ambition with no backbone. The ambitious are outsiders, reasoned Morrissey on his *Maladjusted* album: they have to be.

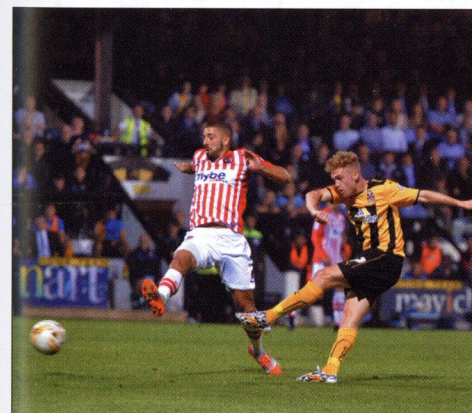
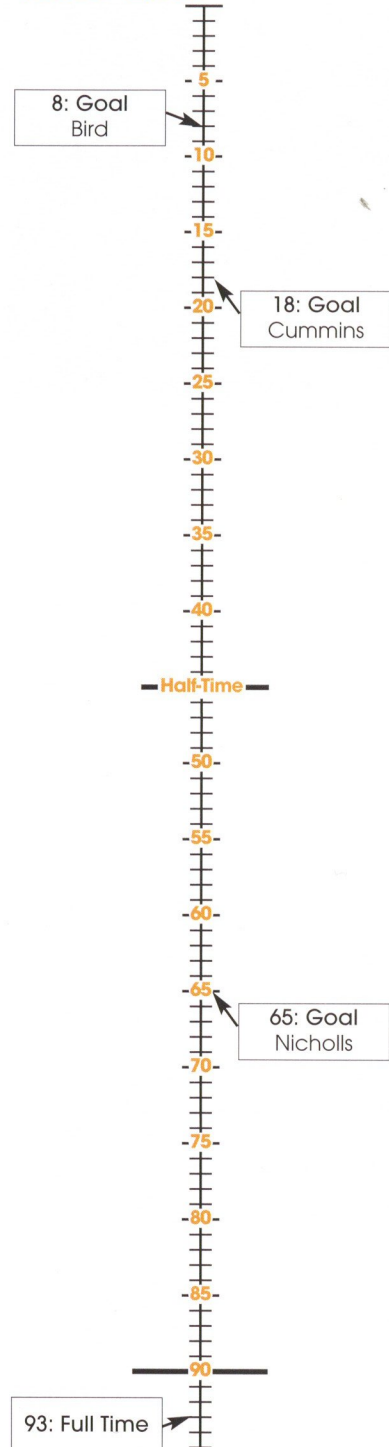
Even to come near to being something which maybe, possibly, arguably, might be but definitely isn't the best requires a very high level of repetitive faff. Malcolm Gladwell's oft-quoted figure is 10,000 hours: that much deliberate practice can turn you into an expert. And that said, a study released this summer reckoned that 'practice only accounts for a small level of the variation in skill level'. Ambition, then, might be better off hidden in a back pocket, untold, and being the best swapped for a more thoughtful aim. On the outside of that empty building in Mostar, there is another piece of writing, in a similar chunky font. It says: 'Bring us back our bridge'. And that aim was ticked off a decade ago.



# ●●● ON REFLECTION ●●●

Action from our match against Exeter City

## Time Line ●●●



## Match Report ●●●

Cambridge United 1 Exeter City 2  
Sky Bet League 2 - 16/09/14

Exeter came from behind to defeat Cambridge United at the R Costings Abbey Stadium and claim their first league win of the season.

It started well for the U's, who hit the front after eight minutes when Ryan Bird fired in his second goal in two games. But the Grecians hit back eight minutes later when Graham Cummins beat Chris Dunn, and in the second half Alex Nicholls took advantage of some slack defending to slot in the winner.

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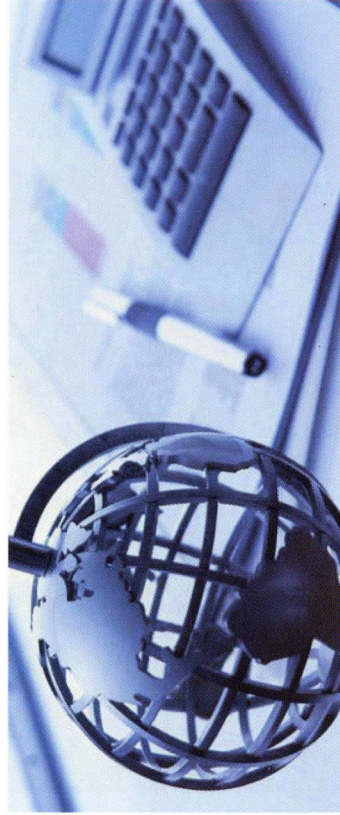
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## ... RODNEY SLACK ...

Fans worshipped him ... and he worshipped fans

Fans' favourites ... they come in all shapes and sizes and inhabit many different areas of the pitch. Think Paul Wanless, Alan Biley, the Steves Spriggs and Fallon, Lindsay 'Wolfie' Smith, Danny Potter, Bill Cassidy or Steve Claridge.

Their playing styles may differ, but two attributes many terrace idols share are a never-say-die attitude and a warm relationship with the supporters. Fans love a trier, and they also adore a player who reciprocates their admiration.

One player who enjoyed a particularly close rapport with U's supporters was Rodney Slack, the legendary goalkeeper who appeared more than 350 times for the club in the 1960s.

Fans will be able to get close to Rodney once again when he conducts and question and answer session next month. The 100 Years of Coconuts-organised event will take place in Marvin's Bar, behind the Main Stand, after United's game against Oxford United on Saturday, October 11.

Rodney gained his status as a favourite of the fans with some thrilling displays in the Southern League and various cup competitions following his move from Queens Park Rangers in 1962.

He was often cited as the best keeper outside the Football League, and his brilliance wasn't just down to his fabulous talent and technique. He was also the bravest goalkeeper many people had ever seen, in an era when referees gave precious little protection to the men between the sticks, and forwards went into studs-up slides in the six-yard box with little fear of sanction.



Rodney had a close relationship with stretcher-bearers as well as with supporters.

Those supporters voted him their Player of the Year three times in his first five years at the Abbey Stadium, and Rodney was just as appreciative of them as they were of him. Talk to him now and he will tell you he turned down offers of contracts with Football League clubs because he didn't want to undo the rewarding bond he had formed with the fans. His love of the club and the area helps to explain why he stayed in Cambridge when his U's career came to an end in 1970 - working for many years in the local fire service - and why he still lives close to the Abbey.

An in-depth interview with Rodney can be found on Coconuts TV, the YouTube channel set up by 100 Years of Coconuts to help tell

the story of Cambridge United. Go to [100yearsofcoconuts.co.uk](http://100yearsofcoconuts.co.uk) and click on Memories and then Coconuts TV.

The Q&A session with Rodney will be the second in a series put on by 'Coconuts'. In the first, in March this year, manager Bill Leivers - with whom, it has to be reported, Rodney didn't always see eye to eye - delighted a packed Marvin's Bar with his pithy reminiscences.

The volunteers behind Cambridge Fans United's Coconuts initiative intend to bring supporters more opportunities to talk to people who have played major parts in the history of Cambridge United. In addition to the evolution of [100yearsofcoconuts.co.uk](http://100yearsofcoconuts.co.uk), there are further exciting developments in the pipeline. Follow the news on social media or on the website itself.




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## ●●● HERE & THERE ●●●

Henry Milward looks forward to our next two matches

### v Wycombe Wanderers●●●

Sky Bet League 2 - Saturday, September 27th, 15:00

United visit Adams Park for the first time since the opening day of the 2004/5 season, when Jermaine Easter was on target in a 2-1 defeat in the year the U's dropped out of the Football League.

**Directions by car:** leave the M40 at junction 4 and take the A4010 towards Aylesbury. Turn left at the fourth roundabout into Lane End Road, and then continue straight along this road, crossing another roundabout into Hillbottom Road. Adams Park appears down the end of this road. (HP12 4HJ)

**Parking:** there is a reasonably-sized car park at the ground priced at £5 per car, while some of the nearby industrial estates offer parking at £3.

**Train:** Adams Park is on the outskirts of Wycombe and around two-and-a-half miles from the station (High Wycombe), so a taxi is the best bet. Trains run from London Marylebone. However, there are

likely to be rail replacement services in operation this weekend between Cambridge and London so you may be forced to take a bus from Cambridge to Royston.

The Away Travel Club will be running a coach to the game.

Contact the club on 01223 566500 to reserve your seat and for more information.

**Admission:** tickets bought on the day (on the terrace) will cost £20 for adults (26-59-year-olds), £16 for seniors, £14 for young adults (19-25-year-olds), £11 for juniors (8-18-year-olds) and £7 for under 7s. Tickets can be bought in advance from WWFC for a £2 discount.



### v Burton Albion●●●

Sky Bet League 2 - Friday, October 3rd, 19:45

Burton raced out of the blocks under former U's defender Gary Rowett, earning 19 points from a possible 21 to top the early-season table. The Brewers have enjoyed steady progress since squeaking to

promotion ahead of United in 2009. They did have a brush with trouble during Paul Peschisolido's spell in charge in 2011, with a 19th-placed finish, but Rowett has led a significant upturn in fortunes, with back-

to-back play-off places secured. In 2013 they lost out to Bradford in the semi-finals while last term they were beaten by Fleetwood in the final, having seen off Southend.

**Directions by car:** leave the M1 at junction 22 and join the A511 towards Coalville/Burton. Turn right at the junction of the A5121, towards Burton North. As you arrive in the outskirts of Burton you will pass a McDonalds on your right. Shortly before the next roundabout the stadium will appear on your right. (DE13 0AR)

**Parking:** the club car park is on Princess Way. It is a reasonable size and priced at £2 per car. Street parking or parking in the nearby industrial estate is also available.

The Away Travel Club will be running a coach to the game. Contact the club on 01223 566500 to reserve your seat and for more information.

**Admission:** in the covered terrace behind a goal: £15 for adults, £13 for over 65s and 17-22-year-olds, £5 for under 16s.





# ●●●TWO'S COMPANY●●●

Dave Stacey reviews the latest news from around the League



The big news of the week came from Accrington Stanley (above) as James Beattie became the second manager to leave his post in League Two this season. Having issued a rallying call that his side would "prove the doubters wrong" just two weeks ago, the timing of his resignation came as somewhat of a surprise the night before his side's trip to AFC Wimbledon.

The former Southampton and Sheffield United striker claimed to have left with a "heavy heart" but has been heavily linked with the vacant managerial post at Leeds and the not-so-vacant managerial post at Blackpool.

On his departure the five cap England man said, "I can never fully repay the faith and backing I got from the players, my staff and, of course, the fans. They always gave me 100 per cent. I thank them for granting me the opportunity and privilege to be part of a unique club."

A surprise early contender for the job is Blackburn midfielder David Dunn who is said to be "open to a player-manager role," whilst a

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more obvious choice is Stanley legend John Coleman, currently residing with Sligo Rovers in Ireland.

## Calling Time ●●●

Another man calling time on something is veteran midfielder Jonathan Greening who chose to retire rather than sign for Hartlepool! The 35-year-old midfielder was on trial at Pools after an unsuccessful period training with Rotherham and played against his former club Middlesbrough in a friendly, doing enough to prompt Pools boss Colin Cooper to declare a public interest in signing his former team-mate. However, the Champions League winner had other ideas.

"Jonathan had two days with us and decided to retire from football – I don't know what it says about my sessions! He had some time during the summer with his family and came in here. I was prepared to sit down and talk with him about moving forward but he said he feels as though it's probably beyond him."

Cooper also revealed that he tried to talk him out of the decision. "He's a great lad, I told him not to

be hasty – here or anywhere else. He is keen to get involved in coaching and is on the pathway to his badges but I have seen some players regret stopping playing when they could carry on."

## The Right Decision ●●●

We covered Burton boss, and former U, Gary Rowett's decision to turn down overtures from Championship basement dwellers Blackpool on Tuesday night but more has been revealed since about what made Rowett make that choice. "It's very easy to put your own ambitions first but sometimes it's about making the right decision based on everything," Rowett (below) divulged.



"I have four young children so it's important to be a dad, too. On Monday when I heard about the interest my little boy, who has just turned six, came back from a friend's house and had broken his collarbone so I spent all afternoon in A&E at the local hospital. It's at times like those you appreciate being close to your family."

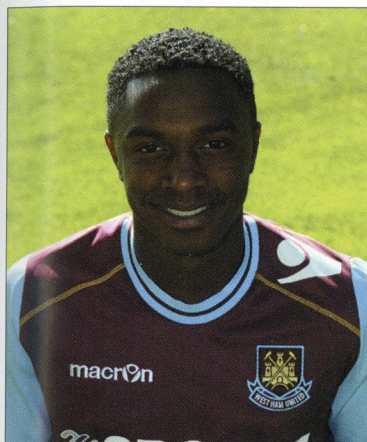
## Taking Tips ●●●

Southend boss Phil Brown has admitted he's been taking tips from

his fellow professionals this week following the loan signing of Jerome Binnom-Williams. The double-barreled left-back comes from Tony Pulis' former club Crystal Palace following a long-term injury to regular left-back Ben Coker and Brown confessed, "The downside is he hasn't played League football but it was Tony Pulis' recommendation that swung it for me."

## Transfer Action ●●●

Another manager in transfer action was Tranmere's Rob Edwards after his long-term pursuit of West Ham midfielder Matthias Faniño (below) paid off. The 20-year-old, who has made three first-team appearances for the Iron, put pen-to-paper on a deal for the rest of the year with Edwards revealing, "Matthias is a player we've been watching for a while and I'm pleased to be able to bring him here."



An interesting acquisition at Dagenham saw former high-jumper Dalton Grant added to the backroom staff at Victoria Road. Grant won gold at the Malaysian Commonwealth games and competed in three Olympics and hopes his experience of dealing with high-pressure situations can rub off on the players. "I've worked with football players on an individual basis for quite some time now," he explained. "Hopefully I can provide extra support to the team and

add something a little bit different to what the club already has."

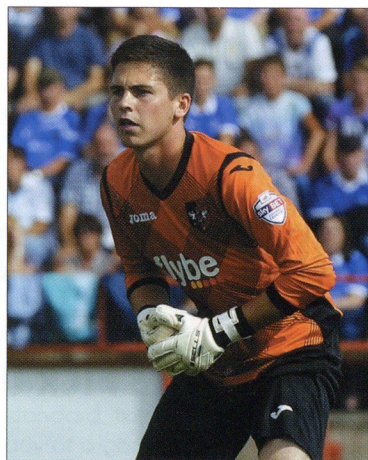
## Silly Boy ●●●

Our visiting manager today John Still had some strong words regarding one of his strikers last week. Amid clamour for Alex Wall to get more game time Still revealed, "Wall played in a development game ... and was shocking. If supporters want me to play players who have been shocking in development games then I'm not going to. He hasn't played well enough and he knows he hasn't played well enough." He also described Wall as a "silly boy" after he was sent off for dissent against Barnet. With Wall's goal scoring record against the U's last season it would not be a surprise if he did start today, though!

## Pym's Time ●●●

It's been a pretty successful couple of weeks for Exeter and their goalkeeper Christy Pym whose formed earned him a call-up to the England Under20 squad and an unexpected training session with the senior side. The 19-year-old stopper has been a Grecians fan his entire life and actually lives within spitting distance of their St James' Park home.

Pym (below) confessed, "It's fair to say it wasn't your everyday experience, or your everyday week, especially when Exeter are not having the best of times at the



moment. While I was at St George's Park preparing for the U20 game I was asked if I would help the senior squad out. You can imagine what my answer was! I was a little bit nervous as you would expect but I had nothing to lose. Trying to block shots from the likes of Wayne Rooney, Danny Welbeck and Raheem Sterling, I didn't want to let too many in but at the same time I didn't want to be keeping them all out!"

Pym was introduced as a substitute with 10 minutes remaining of the U20's 6-0 whitewash of Romania alongside City team-mate Matt Grimes.

## The 92 Club ●●●

Whilst we were off enjoying our victory at Dagenham the Abbey wasn't entirely empty. Football fans Marc Patterson, John Wyatt, Ron Martin and Bill Goss left Norwich City's Carrow Road a week last Thursday and drove day and night to visit the hallowed 92 Premier and Football League grounds in aid of Men's Prostate Cancer UK charity ending up at chez Abbey within 72 hours. Goss revealed, "We're being sensible about it, each having four hour stints driving but you don't get to sleep properly because we have to get out and do 10 keepy-uppies at every ground!"

## And Finally ●●●

It was a proud moment for Adebayo Akinfenwa when the AFC Wimbledon striker discovered he is video game FIFA 15's strongest player once more. Coming in just ahead of Oldham's George Elokobi, former QPR man Christopher Samba and Swansea striker Wilfried Bony, 15 stone, 6 foot 1 inch Akinfenwa announced that he would have been disappointed had he not retained his top place and boasted, "If I wasn't the strongest I would have called out whoever they had chosen for a bench-press challenge!"

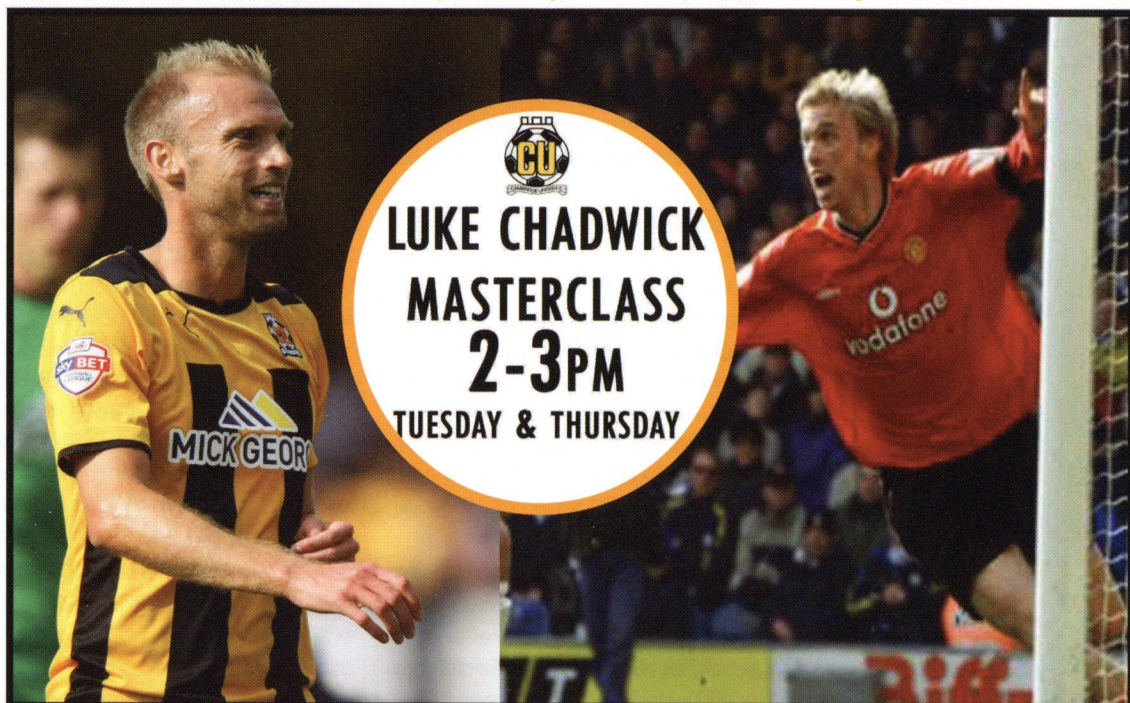




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## ●●● TICKET NEWS ●●●

We have introduced new online box office

We are delighted to announce that supporters will now be able to use the new and improved online box office.

As part of our new ticketing system, supporters are encouraged to pre-book tickets for U's home games to help avoid queues and congestion at the turnstiles.

The new online box office via [cambridge-united.co.uk](http://cambridge-united.co.uk) will enable supporters to:

- Choose a specific seat or terrace ticket
- Print your own e-ticket at home or have your ticket sent to you via SMS.
- Have your ticket posted out or made available for collection.

An online transaction fee of 50p per ticket will apply, this is cheaper than the previous online ticket ordering system. An additional 20p fee applies for SMS tickets. As an introduction to the new online box office, supporters will be able to purchase tickets for the fixture against Luton without paying the 50p transaction fee.

Telephone bookings can also be made by calling the U's ticket office on 01223 566 500. Each ticket ordered over the telephone is subject to a 75p booking fee.

Match tickets can still be purchased from the U's ticket office with no transaction fees.

As part of our continued progression, an Early Purchase scheme has been put in place. Supporters who purchase their tickets before 5pm on the day before a game will be eligible for standard ticket prices. Any tickets purchased on the day of a game,

by telephone or in person will be subject to an additional cost of £2 per ticket. This cost applies to all tickets in all areas of the ground. The Early Purchase scheme will begin for the fixture against Oxford United on Saturday 11th October.

Supporters can purchase match tickets online on the day of the game for no extra charge.

Key information:

- Lost or damaged tickets can be replaced at a charge of £1 per ticket. The original ticket will then become void.
- Telephone booking fees have been put in place due to the large number of calls being received at the club.
- Valid ID must be shown when collecting pre-booked tickets. (Photo card driving license, valid Credit/Debit card or utility bill dated within the last 12 months.)
- Proof of entitlement will also be requested for all concession ticket purchases.
- All supporters will need to create an online account before making their first purchase through the U's online box office.
- The previous charge of 3.5% for credit card bookings has been removed
- No online transaction charges will apply until Sunday 21st September 2014.

Read more at [www.cambridge-united.co.uk](http://www.cambridge-united.co.uk).



## ●●● FIXTURES & RESULTS ●●●

All the facts and figures for 2013/14

Date	H/A	Opponents	Res.	Aft	Away	PTS	POS	Starting Line-Up						SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB
August																			
Sat 09	H	Plymouth Argyle	W1-0	6009	1221	3	4	Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Bonner	Taylor	Diallo						
Tue 12	A	Birmingham City (CAP1)	L1-3(aet)	9816	1064			Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Bonner	Taylor	Hughes						
Sat 16	A	Portsmouth	L1-2	16671	1180	3	13	Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Bonner	Taylor	Hughes						
Tue 19	A	York City	D2-2	3176	291	4	13	Dunn	Chadwick	Coulson	Bonner	Taylor	Hughes						
Sat 23	H	Morecambe	L1-2	3152	103	4	17	Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Bonner	Taylor	Diallo						
Sat 30	H	Carlisle United	W5-0	3512	366	7	9	Dunn	Lanzoni	Coulson	Nelson	Taylor	Diallo	1					
September																			
Tue 02	A	Crawley Town (JPT1)	L0-2	1252	141			Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Lennon	Taylor	Diallo						
Mon 08	A	Newport County	D1-1	2,594	121	8	11	Dunn	Lanzoni	Coulson	Nelson	Taylor	Diallo						
Sat 13	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W3-2	2,049	770	11	6	Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Nelson	Taylor	Diallo						
Tue 16	H	Exeter City	L1-2	3,266	155	11	11	Dunn	Tait	Coulson	Nelson	Taylor	Diallo						
Sat 20	H	Luton Town	15.00																
Sat 27	A	Wycombe Wanderers	15.00																
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Sat 11	H	Oxford United	12.15																
Sat 18	A	Mansfield Town	15.00																
Tue 21	H	Cheltenham Town	19.45																
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Sat 22	A	Accrington Stanley	15.00																
Sat 29	A	AFC Wimbledon	15.00																
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# ●●● BY THE NUMBERS ●●●



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Burton Albion	8	4	0	0	7	1	2	1	1	4	5	5	19	
Bury	8	3	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	6	1	7	17	
Wycombe Wanderers	8	2	1	1	5	4	3	1	0	6	1	6	17	
Morecambe	8	3	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	6	4	5	16	
Northampton Town	8	3	1	0	8	2	1	1	2	5	6	5	14	
Shrewsbury Town	8	4	0	0	9	1	0	2	2	3	6	5	14	
Southend United	8	2	1	1	5	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	14	
Cheltenham Town	8	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	4	3	2	14	
Portsmouth	8	3	0	1	7	2	1	1	2	2	5	2	13	
Mansfield Town	8	3	0	1	5	3	1	0	3	3	6	-1	12	
Cambridge United	8	2	0	2	8	4	1	2	1	7	7	4	11	
AFC Wimbledon	8	1	1	2	8	7	2	1	1	6	5	2	11	
Plymouth Argyle	8	2	1	1	6	2	1	0	3	3	5	2	10	
Stevenage	8	2	0	2	5	6	1	1	2	5	7	-3	10	
Tranmere Rovers	8	1	2	1	5	5	1	1	2	5	5	0	9	
York City	8	0	4	0	3	3	1	2	1	5	6	-1	9	
Newport County	8	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	2	3	4	-2	9	
Luton Town	8	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	4	-2	9	
Dagenham & Red.	8	1	0	3	4	8	1	1	2	6	8	-6	7	
Accrington Stanley	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	0	4	3	11	-7	7	
Hartlepool United	8	1	1	2	2	4	1	0	3	3	8	-7	7	
Oxford United	8	1	1	2	6	6	0	2	2	3	5	-2	6	
Exeter City	8	0	3	1	4	5	1	0	3	2	6	-5	6	
Carlisle United	8	0	2	2	5	9	0	1	3	1	9	-12	3	

## Today's Fixtures ●●●

AFC Wimbledon v Morecambe  
 Bury v Burton Albion  
 Cambridge United v Luton Town  
 Cheltenham Town v Dagenham & Redbridge  
 Mansfield Town v Carlisle United  
 Northampton Town v Accrington Stanley  
 Oxford United v Stevenage  
 Plymouth Argyle v Hartlepool United  
 Portsmouth v Wycombe Wanderers  
 Shrewsbury Town v Newport County  
 Tranmere Rovers v Exeter City  
 York City v Southend United

## Coming Next ●●●

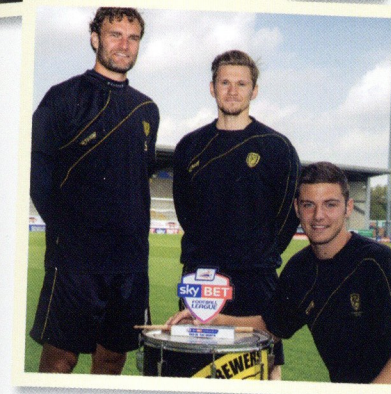
Cambridge United v Oxford United  
 Sky Bet League 2 - 11.10.14 12:15  
 Cambridge United v Cheltenham Town  
 Sky Bet League 2 - 21.10.14 19:45  
 Cambridge United v Hartlepool United  
 Sky Bet League 2 - 25.10.14 15:00  
 Cambridge United v Northampton Town  
 Sky Bet League 2 - 14.11.14 19:45

## Appearances ●●●

PLAYER	LGE	FAC	CAP	JPT	TOT
James Akintunde	0	0	0	0	0
Kwesi Appiah	5	0	1	0	6
Mitch Austin	1	0	0	0	1
Aytron Bevins	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Bird	2+1	0	0	0	2+1
Tom Bonner	4	0	1	0	5
Luke Chadwick	1+5	0	0+1	1	2+6
Tom Champion	5	0	1	1	7
Josh Coulson	8	0	1	1	10
Adam Cunningham	1+1	0	1	0	2+1
Issa Diallo	6	0	0	1	7
Ryan Donaldson	8	0	1	1	10
Harrison Dunk	6	0	1	0	7
Chris Dunn	8	0	1	1	10
Tom Elliot	6	0	0	0	6
Ryan Horne	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Hughes	4+1	0	1	0+1	5+2
Johnny Hunt	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Hurst	0+2	0	0	0	0+2
Matteo Lanzoni	3	0	0	0	3
Harry Lennon	0+1	0	0	1	1+1
Matt Lowe	0	0	0	0	0
Ian Miller	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Nelson	4	0	0	0	4
Will Norris	0	0	0	0	0
Delano Sam-Yorke	0+2	0	0+1	0	0+3
Robbie Simpson	2+3	0	0+1	1	3+4
Jayden Stockley	1+2	0	0	1	2+2
Richard Tait	5+1	0	1	1	7+1
Bobby-Joe Taylor	0+3	0	0	0+1	0+4
Greg Taylor	8	0	1	1	10
Sam Whittall	0+2	0	0	0+1	0+3

## Goal Scorers ●●●

PLAYER	LGE	FAC	CAP	JPT	TOT
Kwesi Appiah	2	0	0	0	2
Ryan Bird	2	0	0	0	2
Tom Elliot	2	0	0	0	2
Robbie Simpson	2	0	0	0	2
Jayden Stockley	2	0	0	0	2
Ryan Donaldson	1	0	1	0	2
Luke Chadwick	1	0	0	0	1
Josh Coulson	1	0	0	0	1
Issa Diallo	1	0	0	0	1
Michael Nelson	1	0	0	0	1



## AUGUST FAN OF THE MONTH REECE BROWN

Burton Albion fan Reece Brown has been named the Sky Bet League 2 Fan of the Month for August.

Reece, 19, has supported the Brewers for nine years and now taken his support a step further by taking a role as a community coach for the Burton Albion Community Trust (BACT).

Reece said: "As a massive Brewers fan, I volunteered at the BACT for a year, before the Head of the Community Andy Taylor offered me some part-time work.

"To work for the club I love is a fantastic feeling and I want to push on further in this career in the future."

Burton Albion Chairman Ben Robinson said: "Reece has played a pivotal role in increasing the atmosphere home and away. His communication with the fans over the summer through fan engagement has led to the club and fans working closer together.

"Reece has introduced a drum into the terraces and this has encouraged the fans to help make the Pirelli Stadium a fortress come matchday."

Reece's score prediction:

**BURTON ALBION 2**  
**YORK CITY 0**  
**15/2\***

\*odds correct at time of writing

If Reece won the £250,000 Sky Bet Transfer Fund, he would buy James Collins for Burton Albion!



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# Today's Squads

## CAMBRIDGE UNITED

HEAD COACH: RICHARD MONEY  
KIT: AMBER & BLACK



## LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: JOHN STILL  
KIT: WHITE & ORANGE



1	CHRIS DUNN	○	□
2	RICHARD TAIT	○	□
3	GREG TAYLOR	○	□
4	JOSH COULSON	○	□
5	TOM BONNER	○	□
6	IAN MILLER	○	□
7	RYAN DONALDSON	○	□
8	TOM CHAMPION	○	□
9	ADAM CUNNINGTON	○	□
10	TOM ELLIOTT	○	□
11	HARRISON DUNK	○	□
12	MATTEO LANZONI	○	□
13	WILL NORRIS	○	□
14	JOHNNY HUNT	○	□
15	ROBBIE SIMPSON	○	□
16	MITCH AUSTIN	○	□
17	LIAM HUGHES	○	□
18	MICHAEL NELSON	○	□
19	DELANO SAM-YORKE	○	□
20	ISSA DIALLO	○	□
21	KWESI APPIAH	○	□
22	LUKE CHADWICK	○	□
23	JAYDEN STOCKLEY	○	□
24	SAM WHITTALL	○	□
25	HARRY LENNON	○	□
26	LIAM HURST	○	□
27	BOBBY-JOE TAYLOR	○	□
28	JAMES AKINTUNDE	○	□
29	RYAN HORNE	○	□
30	MATT LOWE	○	□
31		○	□
32	RYAN BIRD	○	□
33		○	□
34		○	□
35		○	□
36		○	□
37		○	□
38		○	□
39	AYRTON BEVINS	○	□

1	MARK TYLER	○	□
2	FRASER FRANKS	○	□
3	DANNY FITZSIMONS	○	□
4	JONATHAN SMITH	○	□
5	STEPHEN McNULTY	○	□
6	ALEX LACEY	○	□
7	ALEX LAWLESS	○	□
8	ANDY DRURY	○	□
9	PAUL BENSON	○	□
10	ALEX WALL	○	□
11	JAKE HOWELLS	○	□
12	SCOTT GRIFFITHS	○	□
13	MARK CULLEN	○	□
14	ANDY PARRY	○	□
15	LUKE ROONEY	○	□
16	ELIOT JUSTHAM	○	□
17	PELLEY RUDDOCK MPANZU	○	□
18	ROSS LAFAYETTE	○	□
19	RICKY MILLER	○	□
20	SHAUN WHALLEY	○	□
21	LUKE GUTTRIDGE	○	□
22		○	□
23	MATT ROBINSON	○	□
24	CURTLEY WILLIAMS	○	□
25		○	□
26		○	□
27		○	□
28	JIM STEVENSON	○	□
29	PAUL CONNOLLY	○	□
30	LUKE WILKINSON	○	□
31		○	□
32	BRETT LONGDEN	○	□
33	MARK ONYEMAH	○	□
34	ZANE BANTON	○	□
35	CHARLIE WALKER	○	□
36	CHARLIE SMITH	○	□
37	KYNAN ISAAC	○	□
38		○	□
39	IAN REES	○	□

# Match Officials

Referee: Graham SALISBURY

Assistant Referee: Stephen DALY

Assistant Referee: Keith LAWSON

Fourth Official: Guy STRETTON