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66 Welcome back to you all to Kenilworth Road for the first of two home fixtures in Sky Bet League 2 this week.

This evening we're under the floodlights for what promises to be another keenly-contested encounter with a team very close to John Still's heart, Dagenham & Redbridge. However, as the boss eludes to in his programme notes on pages four and five, tonight is "just another game" and any previous that has gone before will be put to one side for 90 minutes.

The Daggers have had a mixed start to the season so far, but their best results have come away from home, so the Town will need to be on their mettle to ensure their three-match winning run at Kenilworth Road in the league continues.

There's plenty inside this evening's issue including interviews with Scott Griffiths and Kevin Foley, and much more besides. Remember, if you have any feedback on the programme please do get in touch with us.

Enjoy the game! #COYH **99**

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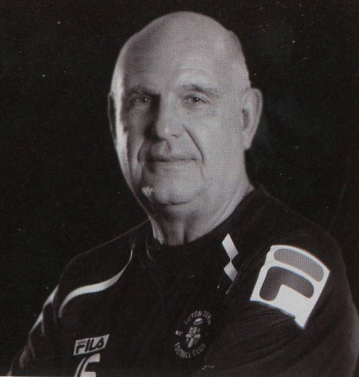
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JOHN STILL



Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of two home matches here this week as we entertain a club very close to my heart, Dagenham & Redbridge.

Obviously this game is slightly special for myself, Terry Harris and Dave Richardson, having spent such a long time with Dagenham & Redbridge.

We have made an awful lot of friends during our time there and as it is still an area in which I live, these are people I still see a lot of.

Welcome

So tonight I would like to welcome in particular, manager Wayne Burnett, who was somebody I brought to Dagenham and recommended for the position when I left to come here. Wayne has done an absolutely terrific job in that time which gives me great pleasure.

Warren Hackett, Wayne's assistant, is another who played for me in the past and was running the youth set-up while I was the club.

Darren Currie, who a lot of Luton supporters will know, who is a coach now with our visitors, did a fantastic job for me too – he was another person we brought in to help build up the quality of the coaching staff. Finally, last but by no means least, physiotherapist John Gowens and kit man Gary Watson.

I'd also like to welcome those members of the Daggers boardroom who will be here tonight. Steve Thompson, life president Dave Andrews, vice-chairman Dave Ward and new chairman Dave Bennett. There are probably many others I have forgot to mention but I welcome you all to Kenilworth Road.

However, we have a game to play tonight, and whilst friendship is very important, the business of football is equally so. It is vital we focus on the game and try and get the three points to add to what has been a very, very good run of form for us.

"GIVEN THE LEVELS OF SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS SEASON, I THINK YOUR BACKING CAN REALLY HELP US PUSH FURTHER ON AS THIS CAMPAIGN GETS TOUGHER."

The two matches since my last set of notes has seen us beat Southend and, on Saturday, Hartlepool. Against Southend I thought we were comfortable winners but against Hartlepool we returned from a difficult encounter with our fourth away win of the season.

Tremendous

I thought the performance from the whole team on Saturday was tremendous. Ricky Miller made his Luton debut after we recalled him from his loan spell at Dover and he can be very pleased with his contribution. His display epitomised the strong and committed performance by each and every player at the weekend and that was the basis for a deserved result in some difficult conditions.

STILL FRIENDS

We made the decision to recall Ricky following Ross Lafayette's hernia operation, which I'm happy to report was a success. Ross is now on the way back to fitness, as are a number of our players. Alex Lawless played, and scored, against Southend but wasn't involved Saturday after picking up an unrelated injury to his other leg. We have been boosted by the return to training by Fraser Franks, Luke Rooney, Curtley Williams and Paul Connolly, whilst Shaun Whalley is returning to full fitness. We will assess Jake Howells before he resumes training, hopefully this week.

We have organised a friendly against Hemel Hempstead on Wednesday which will benefit a number of these players.

Healthier

In the next few weeks the squad should look a lot healthier and hopefully that will give me a good selection headache.

After this evening's game we face another test on Saturday against Northampton, who will provide stern opposition here at Kenilworth Road. However, given the levels of support we have received this season, I think your backing can really help us push further on as this campaign gets tougher.

I know that the Dagenham players are going to be really up for this game so we need everyone involved with Luton Town to give the appropriate response, and to give it everything in our bid to keep the three points at Kenilworth Road.

Enjoy the game.

John Still



BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID BLAKEMAN



Tonight's match against Dagenham and Redbridge has obvious resonance for John Still. As most of us will know, John managed the Daggers from 1989 to 1994 and from 2004 until joining us in 2013.

Again, and as most of us will know, his record, with very limited finances at his disposal, was a remarkable one. He achieved two promotions, enabling Dagenham and Redbridge to achieve their highest ever league position – having secured promotion to League 1.

Unfortunately, the team only survived for one year in that division but that does not detract from the manner in which the club's fortunes were transformed under his jurisdiction.

Happily for us, John is now our manager and recent performances have given us all hope that last season's successes could potentially be repeated this season. I write these notes having just got back from the fantastic result at Hartlepool – where we played some terrific stuff and cemented our fourth-place position – which I hope we can improve upon tonight.

Standard

To achieve the aim of a second successive promotion will depend, however, upon the standard of recent performances being maintained. Tonight's match is, of course, a difficult one. Although Dagenham have not been as consistent as, no doubt, their supporters would have liked, they have still produced some good results – including a very useful away win at Accrington, last Saturday week. We will, of course, need to be on our toes to ensure that we can maintain our winning form.

You will have noted, from other recent programme notes that plenty is happening behind the scenes at the Club. That also goes for the various community activities that we have in train. In recent times we have undertaken a series of school based events, including ground tours.

Please let your teachers know, if you would like your school to do a ground tour here. It can easily be arranged by contacting me at david.blakeman@lutontown.co.uk. There is no charge to a school for coming on a tour of Kenilworth Road. The children will get to see behind-the-scenes, including the first-team changing rooms, have the opportunity of walking down the tunnel, sitting in the directors' box and cheering an (imaginary) goal in the Kenilworth Road end. The noise they generate is unbelievable!

Visit

Similarly, my colleagues and I are quite happy to visit schools to undertake assemblies. Again, if any teachers are reading this, please feel free to contact me on the above named email to set up such an arrangement.

We have, in the recent past, conducted, in conjunction with local charity Unleashing Potential, a series of interactive events with schools.



School children enjoying the World Cup Week of Learning in the summer

For instance, in the summer we undertook our World Cup Week of Learning – when 700 local school children attended the ground over a period of three days. They were treated to an interactive assembly from an educational rapper, a ground tour and the opportunity to lift a replica World Cup.

The kids loved it – and so did we! We really hope that some of those children will become committed Luton Town fans in the future.

One of the things that really excites me about my job is the opportunity to interface and liaise with various

organisations and bodies to help the club use its very powerful brand to assist those organisations.

We undertake a large number of charitable events, in addition to the school-based activities described above. If you are involved with a charity, or know someone who is, please do contact me if you have ideas as to how we could help your charity in fundraising or other charitable aims.

Whilst we are helping these deserving bodies to obtain a helping hand, in doing so we also get the opportunity to talk about the football club.

Every time we do that, there is the chance of converting somebody into becoming a Luton Town fan. We need as many fans as we can get.

Personally, it really irritates me when I see young children walking around the town, wearing Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City or Arsenal shirts. It is even more annoying when they are wearing the shirts of foreign teams such as Barcelona or Brazil. Anything we can do to convert those youngsters into becoming Luton fans is good by me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do have any ideas as to how the Club can help the community of Luton and, in doing so, help us to become a bigger club.

Congratulations

I would also like to congratulate John Buttle, who won the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Luton Community Awards on 10th October. John has been associated with this club for over 50 years. He won the award, not just because of his devotion to this Club – though his work here involves him assisting a multitude of worthy causes – but because, in his personal capacity he has been responsible for raising huge sums of money for charity. I am sure that our many supporters who have had the privilege of knowing, being helped by or working with John, will want to offer their congratulations too.

Let's cheer as loudly as we can for three points this evening under the Kenilworth Road floodlights.

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FA Cup:

Runners-up 1959

Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

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Winners 2009

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Runners-up 1988

Football League Division Two:

Champions 1981/82

Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):

Winners 1936/37

Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

League One:

Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

Skrill Premier Champions:

2013/14

Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

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Runners-up 1913/14

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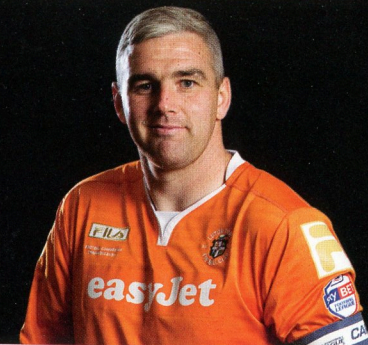

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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



After a slow start to the season it was great to pick up a fifth straight win on Saturday against Hartlepool.

What is most encouraging is that we have gradually have found our feet at this level without having reached our full potential yet and with a number of players unavailable through injury.

This upturn in fortune is testament to the hard work and ability of the lads and the management of the gaffer and his staff. Soon we'll have a number of players watching in the stands who will count themselves unlucky not to be in the starting XI. That will be a good problem from the gaffer...I won't envy him when that time comes.

At Hartlepool I thought they put us under pressure in spells at the start of each half but I don't really think they really got in behind us to test Tyles at all during the 90 minutes. It was disappointing to concede a goal from the penalty spot late in the game; from where I was stood at the time I don't think it was a foul by Scotty. However, it mattered little in the grand scheme of things and the victory was another important win.

Solidity

We've conceded just twice in the last seven matches and it is great to see that our defensive solidity, that served us so well last year, is coming to the fore again this season. The long hours on the training field really do pay off in games. We will spent a big chunk of our week defending and that has served us in good stead when teams really put us under the cosh.

At the other end, we scored twice on Saturday with Cully on hand to score once more and it was good to see Jim score his first goal for the club, following up after Ricky saw his free-kick saved. After his decent loan spell at Dover it's good to see Ricky back.

"WE'VE GOT OURSELVES INTO A GOOD POSITION - NOW IT'S UP TO US TO PUSH ON."

Given the run we're on it will be easy to get carried away. After six wins and a draw from seven games that is no surprise. However, we have a strong and experienced manager, coaching staff and dressing room that will ensure we will not get complacent. As I've said, it's a long old season and a lot can change.

Who would have thought we would be fourth in the table after six games this season when we had five points? All we need to do is to keep working hard as a group. We've got ourselves into a good position - now it's up to us to push on.

This evening we take on Dagenham & Redbridge, a club of course that the gaffer, Terry and a number of the lads have great affection for. The manager spent 10 years there so it is understandable that the game takes on a different significance, but he's been in the game long enough to know that he's the manager of Luton Town and over the course of the 90 minutes he'll be doing everything in his powers to ensure we walk away with the three points come 9.30 tonight.

Our recent form might mean we go into the match as favourites but that's nothing new to us. This season we haven't had big expectation on us, as we have in previous seasons, but with Dagenham at the other end of the table I guess a lot of people might be expecting us to win tonight. In my experience these are the games that are the toughest. We've already seen how competitive this league is, and that teams at the bottom can easily beat those at the top. Let's hope that tonight isn't one of those occasions.

Thank you for your incredible support, especially the 525 of you that went to Hartlepool. On behalf of all the lads, a big thank you. Get behind us once again tonight. Enjoy the game.

Wilko wins award

Town defender Luke Wilkinson was named the Sky Bet League 2 Player of the Month for September last week.

The Hatters did not concede a goal with Wilkinson in the side in September and the centre-half notched his first goal for the club in the 2-0 win over Oxford three weeks ago.

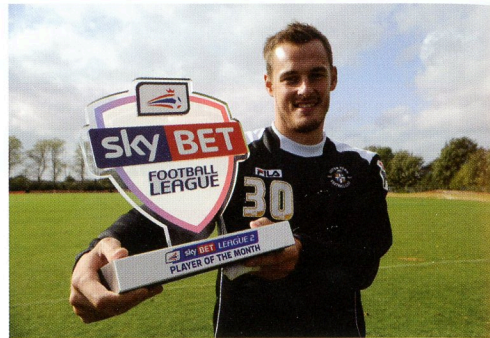
John Still told lutontown.co.uk: "Luke has done tremendously since joining us and his form is testament to a fantastic attitude.

"Bearing in mind he had a little injury during pre-season he has worked incredibly hard to get fully fit and play an important role in the team.

"The defence as a whole has been magnificent but I still think you're yet to see the best of Luke Wilkinson."

Sky Sports' Football League pundit Don Goodman said: "He has thankfully recovered from a back injury and his presence makes the Luton defence difficult to breach.

"They did not concede a goal in September, need I say more."



Sky Bet Football Trading Manager Paul Lowery said:

"It would have been 100/1 for Luton to have kept clean sheets in each of the four games in which Luke Wilkinson played, but that's exactly what they did.

"Luke also grabbed himself a goal during Luton's 2-0 victory over Oxford. He was 25/1 to grab the first of the game, and 12/1 to score at any point during that game."

Green light for Mansfield match

The Hatters' Sky Bet League 2 fixture with Mansfield Town, scheduled for Saturday 29th November, at Kenilworth Road will go ahead on the day as planned.

As was reported two weeks ago, Bedfordshire Police advised the Club of a potential English Defence League march through Luton on the same day.

However, the EDL march is now due to take place on another day, allowing the Town's match with the Stags to take place.

Inevitably, given the need to advise supporters of the potential re-arrangement, the Club has seen cancellations for commercial bookings for this particular game. We would like to advise all supporters and commercial customers alike that tickets and bookings may now be purchased in confidence that the match will proceed as originally expected, without disruption.

The Hatters commercial department now has several mascot, sponsorship and hospitality matches available for this game.

To find out more, telephone the commercial team on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

Well deserved, John

Honorary life vice president John Buttle was rewarded for his hard work at Kenilworth Road and with many causes around the town at the Luton Community Awards on the day before our last home match.



John, who has held several positions at the club throughout the years, received the Lifetime Achievement award at the event.

After hearing the news, manager John Still invited John into the post-match huddle after the 2-0 victory over Southend where his words of encouragement were well received from the Hatters players.

From all at Luton Town, congratulations John!



How's that for goal value?

Hatters fans got the fourth-best value per goal among English clubs for their season ticket last season, according to the BBC's annual The Price of Football survey.

The Town's price-per-goal figure of £4.69 in the report is just 31p behind Fleetwood, whose supporters got the best value per goal last season for their season ticket, but above every club in both the Premier League and Championship and all bar two in League 1.

The price-per-goal figure is based on the cheapest season ticket cost last season and the number of home goals scored last term. The Town celebrated promotion back to the Football League and won 18 of their 23 home fixtures last season.

However, deconstructing the basis of the survey, which were posted on the BBC website at last week, it reveals that the value supporters get supporting the Hatters should be better than reported.

The survey is intended to benchmark the value for money (or otherwise) supporters get from their football clubs across the top five leagues in England but, in reality, the cost of being a Luton Town supporters isn't truly reflected as discounts taken up by the majority haven't been accounted for within the survey. Furthermore, there is no adjustment made for the fact that Kenilworth Road is an all-seater stadium comparing its pricing against competitors who had, in some cases, large areas of open, standing terracing.

Statistically, around 40 per cent of all adult season ticket members purchased their tickets at £300, less than the £330 minimum price quoted in the article and only 1.5 per cent of all adult season ticket members purchased at the £400 – the maximum price quoted.

Reacting to the results of the report, Town Chief Executive, Gary Sweet, said: "The survey is a welcome piece of work and could, if researched more acutely, become a valuable entry into the football calendar.

"While we're delighted that we have been identified as one of the least expensive clubs to see a goal – even if the report is 10-20 per cent adrift – I would have preferred to see more accuracy in the report and a fairer analysis, such as terracing prices to be separated or extracted, and for discounts to be included.

"This is the first season we have increased general prices – to most – since we became custodians in 2008 and we were keen to reward loyalty with an amnesty for those wonderful people who have continued to support us during the Conference era; which we'll endeavour to reward for future seasons.

"At Luton Town, we pride ourselves on offering our supporters good value for a professional service and an exciting day out. We know we're not perfect but we're getting there. Our supporters should expect to receive better value from the Club in future as we recognise that football, at the top level, could be in danger of forgetting its true fans, as the real cost of supporting a Club is eating too much into the average or lower man's wage."

Southend Golden Gamble

Town fan Nick Horsler had extra reason for cheer at our last home match with Sound after winning the half-time Golden Gamble draw.

Nick scooped £920 after his ticket, 12793, was plucked out of the barrel during the break at the weekend.

Remember tickets are only £1 and half of the proceeds go back to the football club, while the other half goes into the kitty.

up next



TOWN SUPPORTERS WON'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT TO WATCH JOHN STILL'S SIDE IN ACTION AGAIN. WHY? WELL BECAUSE NORTHAMPTON TOWN ARE THE VISITORS TO KENILWORTH ROAD ON SATURDAY

NORTHAMPTON TOWN



WHO? Northampton Town, aka the Cobblers, from Northampton, Northamptonshire. The club were formed 117 years ago and are currently managed by former Halifax and Oxford boss Chris Wilder, who took over at Sixfields last season. Their traditional club colours have been claret and white.

A LOAD OF COBBLERS. Northampton are nicknamed the Cobblers, a reference to the town's historical shoe-making industry. If you like your shoe stories...Over 4,000 pairs of leather shoes and 600 pairs of cavalry jack-boots for the Parliamentary armies were manufactured in Northampton during the Civil War, and a further 2,000 for Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army in 1648. Until well into the 19th century, the shoe industry boomed in and around the town with small manufacturing workshops set up in the surrounding areas.

SINCE WE'VE BEEN GONE... The two clubs will meet for the first time in Football League competition since April 2008. The year the Town dropped out of the League in 2009 the Cobblers were relegated from League 1. After 11th and 16th placed finishes in League 2, Northampton almost suffered relegation to the Conference but a late rally in form kept them up. In 2012/13, the Cobblers reached the League 2 Play-Off final, only to lose to Bradford. Last season saw them struggle again, however, Wilder kept them up. Their 21st-place position was their lowest since they finished bottom of the old Division 3 in 1993/94 – a season they avoided relegation with Kidderminster, Conference winners, unable to meet League ground capacity criteria.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? The Hatters won the last meeting between the two sides in a November

2011 FA Cup first round tie at Kenilworth Road – Adam Watkins scoring a late winner which would eventually lead to Cobblers boss Gary Johnson being sacked. Both clubs have met a total of 80 times with the Hatters winning 38 to Northampton's 27. At Kenilworth Road the Town have won 29 of the 41 meetings. The Cobblers have won five games on Bedfordshire soil, the last coming in September 2000. That 2-0 victory was their first at Kenilworth Road since 1920. Overall 223 goals have been scored in Luton-Northampton clashes, working out at an average of 2.78 goals per game.

THIS TIME ROUND. After last season's campaign of struggle, Northampton have started the season well and have been in and around the top seven for several weeks so far. The Cobblers lost to Cheltenham on Saturday and tonight host Wilder's former club Oxford at Sixfields. Top scorer is striker Marc Richards has eight goals so far.

CLUB CONNECTIONS. The Town have one former Cobbler in their ranks in the shape of Luke Guttridge, who scored 14 goals and played 112 matches for Northampton in two spells. Other players to have played for both include centre-forward Steve Howard – who joined the Town from the Cobblers and went onto to score 103 goals in 228 games – Terry Branston, Anthony Charles and Greg Taylor. Craig Hinton, who spent a short loan spell at Kenilworth Road in 2010, is the Cobblers' Under-18 coach.

DID YOU KNOW? That the Cobblers hold the record for the shortest time taken to be promoted from the bottom tier to the top tier and relegated back down to the bottom again, in the space of nine years. Three promotions, in 1961, 1963 and 1965, saw Northampton reach the top flight. Then relegations in 1966, 1967 and 1969 completed the ultimate yoyo.

tickets please



LUTON TOWN v NORTHAMPTON TOWN



SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal matchday prices. £20 adults, £15 seniors and young adults, £12 golden seniors, £8 youths, £5 juniors. Please note tickets for this match are only on sale to supporters on the club's database.



EXETER CITY v LUTON TOWN



SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

This match is not all-ticket for Luton Town supporters but tickets are available in advance from the ticket office at a reduced rate. We have received a full allocation of 260 seats and an initial allocation of 300 terrace tickets for this game. The total allocation of terrace tickets is 1,053.

Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders until close of business on Wednesday 22nd October (at two per season ticket). Any remaining tickets will go general sale online at 5pm on Wednesday 22nd October and over the phone or in person from Thursday 23rd October.

Tickets are £1 cheaper to buy in advance, the prices are as follows:

Stagecoach Stand seating: adults £21, seniors over 61 £16, under-18s/students with valid NUS card £7, under-12s £4. St James Road away terrace: adults £16, seniors over 61 £13, under-18s/students with valid NUS card £7, under-12s £3.

Ambulant disabled fans are charged the appropriate age related price with a helper free of charge.

Three wheelchair spaces are available at £20 and can also be purchased through the Luton Town ticket office.

Tickets will be available on the day subject to availability priced £1 more than the buy if bought in advance.

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2014

FA CUP FIRST ROUND

The Hatters will discover their opponents in the First Round of the FA Cup when the draw is made live on BBC Two and Radio 5 live at 7pm on Monday 27th October.



LUTON TOWN v TRANMERE ROVERS



SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal matchday prices. £20 adults, £15 seniors and young adults, £12 golden seniors, £8 youths, £5 juniors.

BECOME A DIAMOND!

With the season up and running and season ticket sales through the roof, the Luton Town ticket office continue to do good business on diamond season ticket sales.

The diamond package is not your usual season ticket option, with many added benefits including a free

replica shirt, free tickets for guests and hospitality for one match per season in the Eric Morecambe lounge.

Instalment options are now available for diamond package, and to find out more just give the ticket office a call on 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk for more information.

SPEAKING Commercially

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to all of our corporate guests and sponsors who are here present at Kenilworth Road for this game against Dagenham & Redbridge.

We were able to release details of our Christmas celebratory dinner last week and we are thrilled at welcoming back members of the 1973/74 promotion-winning side for a trip down memory lane in December. Tickets are already selling well and for more information check out the details on page 47.

With the team's performance on the pitch comes the increased interest in all of our hospitality and sponsorship packages. So if you want to hire a box or sponsor a player now is the time to give us a call!

MATCH SPONSOR - HARTWELL FORD



Hartwell Dunstable are proud to continue their long association

with Luton Town tonight. It is a very happy coincidence that our opponents tonight are Dagenham & Redbridge, Dagenham being the spiritual home of Ford Motor Company in the UK.

Ford is a brand that we have represented through various guises (Luton Motor Company, Tricentrol and Trimoco to name a few) since 1919, we have since added the very exciting Fiat and Peugeot brands to our dealership in Dunstable.

We hope to see all of you at our dealership in Dunstable in the very near future where we can help with new and used car and commercial sales, service and parts – and don't forget to mention you are a supporter of Luton Town, too! COYH

TODAY'S MASCOTS



JAMES WHITEHEAD



EDWARD HALL

It gives us great pleasure to welcome our two mascots for this evening's match. First up is 10-year-old James Whitehead. James' favourite players are Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Mark Tyler. Secondly we have nine-year-old Edward Hall. Edward's favourite players are Jonathan Smith and Luke Guttridge. We hope you have a fantastic evening with us, boys.

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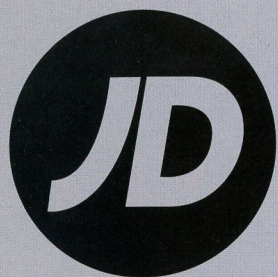


Sweep MK's Alistair Bond (left) pictured with man-of-the-match Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu. Contact Sweep MK on 07795 173063.



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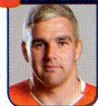
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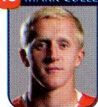
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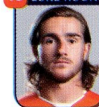
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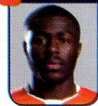
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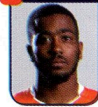
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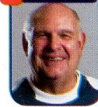
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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Dagenham & Redbridge to Bedfordshire tonight for what is only their second League visit to Kenilworth Road.

The Daggers arrive here this evening aiming to bounce back from their last-gasp 1-0 home defeat against Newport County on Saturday.

Boss Wayne Burnett, who took over from John Still when the Hatters manager left Victoria Road in February 2013, brings his side to Kenilworth Road in 19th place in the League 2 standing having taken 14 points from 13 games so far, winning four and losing seven of those.

However, if you're thinking the Town are in for an easy three points then think again. The Daggers' form on the road is better than their record at home. Burnett's side have won two and lost five at home, whereas on their travels they have lost just twice in six matches, scoring nine goals in the process.

So far this term tonight's visitors have won most recently at Accrington Stanley 10 days ago, whilst the Daggers have also won, like the Town, at Hartlepool. Draws have also been gained at Oxford and Cheltenham.

Saturday's defeat to Newport was their fifth defeat in seven home league games, so no doubt tonight's visitors will be happy to be away from home once more again.

Last season, Burnett's first full campaign in charge, was hailed a success as the Daggers defied the bookmakers' predictions of a season of struggle by finishing in ninth

place in League 2, which was 11 points away from a Play-Off place and 10 above the final relegation place.

Although much is sure to be made of the first game between the two clubs since Still's switch to Kenilworth Road, the Daggers squad is one which is significantly made-up of players signed under Burnett's tenure.

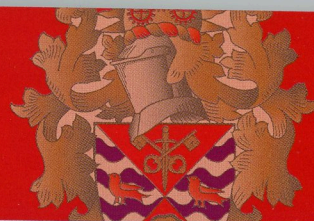
The likes of Scott Doe and captain Abu Ogogo joined under Still but Burnett has excelled in bringing in a mix of young and hungry (sound familiar?) and experienced players since taking charge.

Experience doesn't come much more significant than striker Jamie Cureton, the Daggers' top goalscorer this season with five goals to his name. The 39-year-old frontman is chasing 300 career goals and is fast becoming a vital part of Burnett's side.

While the Town have many former Dagenham players in their ranks, there is one familiar face in the Daggers squad. Hatters fans never got to see the best of midfielder Andre Boucaud after the midfielder joined from York, but after he left Kenilworth Road to join York, the Trinidad & Tobago international (he played against Lionel Messi in a friendly against Argentina before the World Cup) signed for Dagenham this summer and has gone on to be an influential figure in the middle of the park for the Daggers.

Dagenham last visited Kenilworth Road last summer in a friendly that the Town won 3-0 (Mark Cullen, Alex Lacey and Shaun Whalley on target) but the Hatters were also triumphant in the Daggers' sole competitive visit back in 2008 when winning 2-1 in League 2 thanks to goals from Paul McVeigh and Sol Davis.

in opposition



OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM VICTORIA ROAD

► THE MANAGER

WAYNE BURNETT. The boss who took over from John Still in 2013. Joined the Daggers' coaching staff in 2009, originally as academy manager. As a player served Blackburn, Plymouth, Bolton, Huddersfield and Grimsby.

► GOALKEEPERS

LIAM O'BRIEN. England Under-19 international stopper who joined the Daggers in May this year following his release from Brentford. Made his Football League debut with Barnet.

MARK COUSINS. Former Fulham and Colchester goalkeeper who arrived at Dagenham this summer following the end of his contract with the U's.

► DEFENDERS

DAMIEM BATT. Experienced defender who signed this summer after leaving part-time football with Eastleigh. Began at Norwich as a youngster before spells in non-league, helping Oxford win promotion in 2010.

JACK CONNORS. Daggers academy graduate who penned professional terms last season. Made his debut in September 2013 and has been capped at under-21 level for the Republic of Ireland.

SCOTT DOE. Long-serving centre-half who joined the Daggers in March 2009 from Weymouth. Been a regular ever since and has now made over 200 Football League appearances.

BRIAN SAAH. Former Leyton Orient and Cambridge central defender who signed for the Daggers in July 2013 after rejecting a new deal at Torquay. Missed just three games in League 2 last season.

ABU OGOGO. Club captain and right-back who arrived at Victoria Road in July 2009 after his release from Arsenal. Was part of the Daggers side that won the League 2 Play-Offs in 2010, and was last season's Player of the Year.

NATHAN GREEN. Left-back or winger who was spotted playing for Tonbridge Angels in Conference South last season. Previous on the books at Lewes and Billericay.

► MIDFIELDERS

ASHLEY CHAMBERS. Speedy winger or striker with a good record against the Hatters following spells at York and Cambridge. Began his career at Leicester before joining York, scoring in the 2012 Play-Off final against the Town.

GEORGE PORTER. Midfielder who penned a short-term deal with the Daggers this summer. Began at Cray Wanderers, then joined Leyton Orient and then Burnley. Was on Rochdale's books last season.

JOSS LABADIE. Close season arrival who signed after leaving Torquay. Came through the West Brom academy before signing for Tranmere, who he played 70 times for, and then Notts County.



LUKE HOWELL. All-action midfielder who has been with the Daggers since August 2011. Began his career at Gillingham before moving to MK Dons and then Lincoln. Top scorer in 2012/13 and closing in on 100 appearances for the club.

ASHLEY HEMMINGS. Former England youth international who arrived this summer from Walsall. Began his career at Wolves but has enjoyed numerous loan spells, including one with Burton last term.

ANDRE BOUCAUD. Experienced central midfielder who is no stranger to Kenilworth Road after a short spell with the club in 2012. Joined the Daggers from Notts County and is a Trinidad & Tobago international.

► STRIKERS



JAMIE CURETON. Evergreen striker who began his career with Norwich, making his debut in the Premier League in 1994. Targeting 300 career goals after time with 15 clubs, including prolific spells at Bristol Rovers, Reading, Colchester, Norwich and Exeter.

RHYS MURPHY. Summer 2013 arrival from Dutch club Telstar. Began his career at Arsenal but scored on his Daggers debut. Missed the end of last season with a thigh injury.

ZAVON HINES. Former West Ham, Burnley and Bradford forward who signed for the Daggers at the end of August last year. Penned a new two-year deal this summer.

ADE YUSUFF. Young striker who signed last month from Chatham and scored twice in the Daggers' win at Accrington recently. Started last season at Hornchurch and has also played for Biggleswade.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

Nick Murphy has fond memories of John Still's tenure: Play-Off glory at Wembley and snatching a late point at the home of East London rivals Charlton – just two 'magic moments' that spring to mind. Life goes on though, and in Jamie Cureton, the Daggers possess a cutting edge which has wounded the Hatters on more than one occasion in the past...

the doom-mongers and kept the Daggers' ship sailing. What do you make of the job he is doing at Victoria Road?

NICK: I'm a big fan of Wayne, and although he has split opinion of late, I still maintain he's the right person to lead us forward. The main issue is with our home form, where we have a rotten record over the past year or so, whereas away from home we're fairly consistently getting good results – most recently at Accrington.

If we can start implementing Wayne's philosophy and ideas for the full 90 minutes at home, rather than 45 at a time, we'd almost certainly be picking up a bigger haul of points than we have been. The big question though is whether the performances will pick up at home, and if they do, can we start getting the right results.

TOTT: Which of your players should Luton keep a close eye on today? Who makes things tick?

NICK: There are a number of players who have been pivotal so far this season, none more so than Jamie Cureton. Despite his age, Cureton has been a star for us, making us tick going forward and providing the highest number of assists in the team. Elsewhere Abu Ogogo has been a rock in the midfield, while Ashley Chambers and Andre Boucaud have impressed after signing permanently in the summer, both adding much needed ingredients into the midfield area.

TOTT: Luke Wilkinson has made an impressive start to life at Kenilworth Road – were you sorry to lose him in the summer?

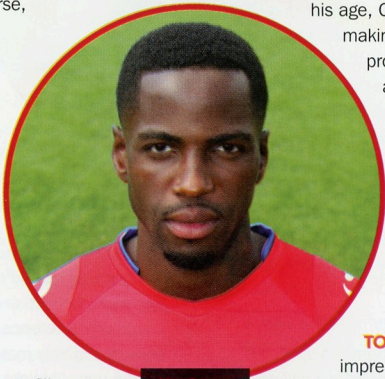
TALK OF THE TOWN: There's only one person with which to start – John Still. What's your favourite John Still memory from his time in charge of the Daggers? Is he still regarded as a legend amongst the club's fans? What is John's legacy to Dagenham?

NICK: There are so many brilliant memories to choose from Stilly's time at the Daggers, but for me personally the 2010 Play-Off campaign is hard to beat. Specifically the 6-0 win against Morecambe, but more obviously the final against Rotherham are two memories that I'll never forget. I'm fairly certain he's regarded as a legend here, alongside Terry Harris, of course, who also has connections with the club stretching further back. John's legacy is essentially that he laid the foundations for us to try to establish ourselves as a Football League club, his scouting network of players has enabled us to thrive and provide some recognition in the footballing world. Regardless of how he may have departed, there's no doubting the influence and the legacy John had on the club.

TOTT: Wayne Burnett had big shoes to fill when he succeeded John Still – but has defied



Wayne Burnett



Abu Ogogo



Celebrations after winning the League 2 Play-Off final

NICK: I was absolutely gutted to lose him. Although his last season with us wasn't particularly good, he was blighted by injury in pre-season, which ultimately left him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the season. There's a reason why he won the player of the year the season prior to that, and if I'm being honest, I think it was a mistake letting him go or at least not fighting harder to persuade him to stay.

TOTT: What is the most memorable Dagenham game you have ever seen?

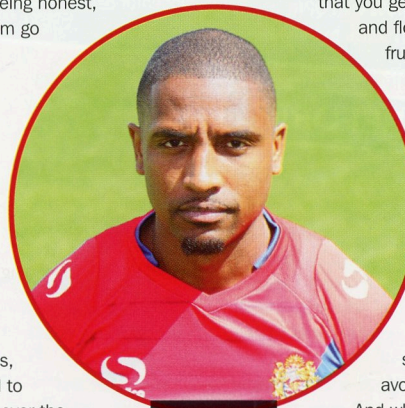
NICK: For me personally, the 2-2 draw at Charlton in League 1 is a game that will live long in the memory. The unexpectedness of the result given the stature of the two clubs, at the Valley as well, contributed to an unforgettable occasion. Moreover the manner of our equaliser, having gone 2-1 down in injury time, only to come back to 2-2 in the dying seconds with a diving Jon Nurse header was simply brilliant. The Wembley game as a stand-alone fixture is obviously also up there.

TOTT: What makes being a Dagenham fan special? What is unique about the club which keeps calling you back for more?

NICK: I think it's just the community association that the club has with the supporters that makes clubs at this level, like Dagenham and Luton, special and unique. You feel valued as a supporter rather than as a customer like in the Premier League. Also the fact that you get to see young players develop and flourish, and while it is incredibly frustrating, there's not many greater thrills than seeing a player you saw on the terraces play in the Premier League, like Dwight Gayle, for example. You just wouldn't have it any other way.

TOTT: What are Dagenham's ambitions for the season? Do fans envisage a return to League 1 in the coming seasons? Or is it more about avoiding the Conference trap door? And what is your prediction for today's game?

NICK: As with every season, the first and primary ambition is to avoid relegation. This season however, I feel as though we are definitely capable of more. If we can sort the defence out, at home in particular, then we can certainly make a push towards the Play-Offs. As for the game tonight, I think I'd take a draw, although obviously I'd love a win. I'll go for a 2-2.



Andre Boucaud

A HATTER...

AND A DAGGER

The two clubs of course are intricately linked by John Still, who spent two spells in charge of the Daggers and won the club promotion to the Football League by winning the Conference title and then to League 1 via the Play-Offs.

During his time here at Kenilworth Road the manager has brought a number of former Daggers to the club. Paul Benson, Scott Griffiths, Solomon Taiwo and Luke Wilkinson have all played significant parts whilst at Dagenham & Redbridge under Still.

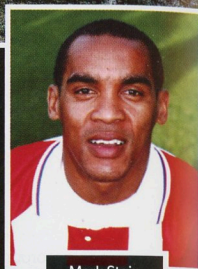
However, scratch further below the surface and many more players have been on the books of both clubs down the years.

One player to have served both clubs with distinction is striker Mark Stein, who scored 27 goals in 107 games for the Hatters, and played in the Littlewoods Cup final win over Arsenal. After spells with QPR, Oxford, Stoke, Chelsea and a return back to Kenilworth Road, the South

African joined Dagenham in 2001 and notched 49 times in 76 games at Victoria Road.

Other players to have played for the Town and the Daggers include defenders Dean Beckwith, Will Antwi, Michael Spillane and Shane Blackett. Goalkeeper David Button, now at Brentford, spent loan spells with both the Hatters and the Daggers in 2009. Although he did not make a first team appearance for the Town, he was an unused substitute in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final victory over Scunthorpe.

Finally, but by no means least, striker Mark Nwokeji joined the Hatters on-loan from Dagenham during the 2009/10 campaign, and scored one goal – away to Rotherham in an FA Cup second round tie – in nine appearances.



Mark Stein

Daggers' first-ever opponents in the League Cup in 2007 but goals from Matthew Spring and Drew Talbot secured the Hatters a 2-1 win.

A year later, after the Hatters' relegation the previous season, the two sides met in the League for the first time.

Goals from Sol Davis and Paul McVeigh earned the Hatters another 2-1 victory. A strike from left-back Davis put the Town ahead after just seven minutes but the Daggers fought back to level through Magnus Okuonghae just after the half-hour. However the Hatters secured all three points when McVeigh restored the lead four minutes before the break.

Later that season, the Town had a Valentine's Day to forget, this time on the receiving end of a 2-1 scoreline at Victoria Road to leave Mick Harford's side further in trouble at the bottom of the League 2 table.

Defender Danny Foster, now with Wycombe, struck both the Daggers' goals – accounting for 40 per cent of his overall career tally in over 300 senior matches. Ian Henderson scored the Town's goal, whilst Scott Griffiths and Solomon Taiwo played for the home side.

Tonight is the fifth meeting between the two clubs in competitive competition and the third in the Football League. The head-to-head record reads two wins to both teams from the four previous meetings.

The Daggers were in the Conference on the first occasion the two sides met, back in October 2001 in an LDV Vans Trophy second round tie at Victoria Road. Then-Town boss Joe Kinnear made 11 changes for the tie, including midfielder Dean Brennan and striker Peter Thomson. Steve McGavin fired the hosts in front only for Brennan and Thomson to then put the Hatters ahead. Goalkeeper Mark Ovendale scored an own goal 15 minutes from time before Ashley Vickers' scored a golden goal winner three minutes into extra-time.

It wouldn't be until six years later, following Dagenham's promotion to the Football League, that the two clubs would meet again. The Town were the

back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF THE DAGGERS' GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

► 2006/07 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

TONY ROBERTS: Former Welsh international goalkeeper who made a club record 175 League appearances before leaving Victoria Road in May 2011 to become Arsenal's full-time goalkeeping coach.

SCOTT GRIFFITHS: England Semi-Pro international right-back who scored once in 98 League games before moving to Peterborough United in October 2009. Now of course here at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters.

DANNY FOSTER: Defender who scored three times in 70 League outings prior to joining Brentford in July 2009. Later with Wycombe Wanderers, his career was ended by injury in November 2013.

DAVE RAINFORD: Influential midfielder who netted eight goals in 29 League games while at Victoria Road prior to joining Chelmsford City in May 2008 after being promoted in his school teaching job.

ANWAR UDDIN: The first Asian player to captain a League team, this central defender scored once in 64 League games, moving to Barnet in July 2010, then Sutton United and Eastbourne Borough.

JAKE LEBERL: Central defender who netted six goals in 84 League games before joining AFC Wimbledon in June 2007. He then had a spell back at Dover Athletic and since played for Faversham Town.

SAM SAUNDERS: Exciting winger who scored in five successive games in 2008-09. He netted 14 goals in 62 League outings prior to joining Brentford in July 2009. He appeared in the JPT final in 2011.

GLEN SOUTHAM: England Semi-Pro international midfielder who netted three goals in 75 League outings before joining Hereford United in July 2009, since playing for Barnet, Dover and Eastleigh.

PAUL BENSON: England Semi-Pro international striker who scored a club record 28 goals in 2006/07. He moved to Charlton in August 2010, then Swindon, Portsmouth, Cheltenham and now here at Kenilworth Road.

CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH: Scotland international striker who moved to Peterborough United in January 2007. He starred in three promotion campaigns before joining Brighton in May 2011.

SAM SLOMA: Winger who joined Grays Athletic in June 2008, then played for Chelmsford, Woking, AFC Hornchurch and Wingate & Finchley. He now works for London & Capital financial services.

► 2009/10 PLAY-OFF WINNERS

TONY ROBERTS: Veteran stopper played almost 500 times in all competitions for the Daggers and was previous with QPR.

ABU OGOGO: Young right-back who forced his way back into the first-team after suspension. He was ever-present in 2012/13 and had scored 13 goals in 193 League games by the end of last season.

DAMIEN MCCRORY: Republic of Ireland Youth left-back who was a mid-season signing from Plymouth Argyle. He scored once in 76 League outings before moving to Burton Albion in June 2012.

MARK ARBER: Experienced central defender who was Player of the Year in 2009/10. He netted 12 goals in 176 League outings before moving to Dartford in June 2012, since playing for Corby Town.

SCOTT DOE: Central defender who was runner-up in Daggers' 2009/10 Player of the Year awards. He was ever-present in 2012/13, scoring ten goals in 204 League games by the end of last season.

ROMAIN VINCELOT: French midfielder who was ever-present and top scorer in 2010-11, netting 13 goals in 55 League outings before moving to Brighton in June 2011. He is now with Leyton Orient.

DANNY GREEN: Ever-present winger who netted the second goal in the Play-Off final triumph, scoring 24 times in 87 League games. He joined Charlton Athletic in June 2011 and is now at MK Dons.

JON NURSE: Barbados international who scored the Daggers' first and last goals of the season, including their Wembley winner. He netted 27 times in 179 League games before joining Barnet in June 2012.

PAUL BENSON: The experienced now-Hatters striker who joined the Daggers from White Ensign and scored in the Daggers' Play-Off final success over Rotherham at Wembley.

JOSH SCOTT: Striker who scored four times in the League Two Play-Off semi-final win over Morecambe. He netted 15 goals in 105 League games for Daggers, moving to Aldershot Town in July 2014.

PETER GAIN: Former Republic of Ireland Under-21 winger who missed just three games in the Daggers' 2009/10 promotion campaign. He scored four goals in 149 League outings before leaving in May 2012.

TOWN 2-0 SOUTHEND

LAWLESS 17, CULLEN 34



Mark Cullen slots home to make it 2-0...



Mark Tyler claims a Southend cross

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town made it five wins in six league matches to jump into fourth place in the table as two first half goals were enough to see off Southend United at Kenilworth Road.

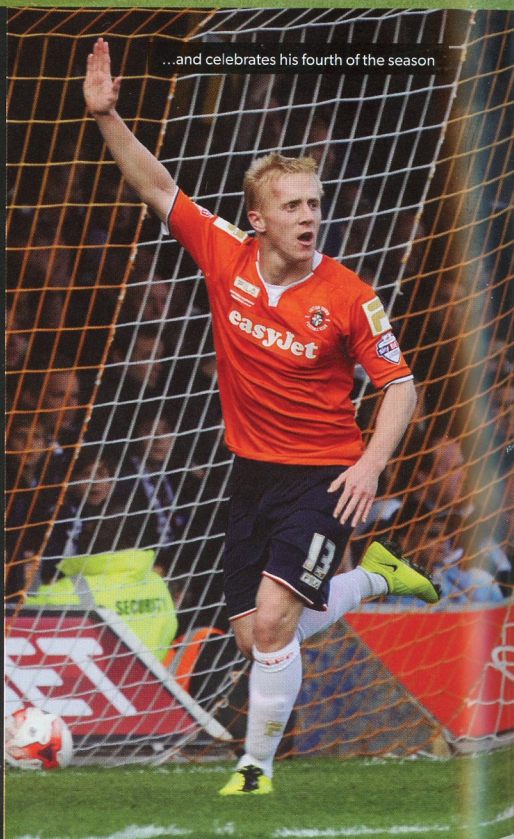
Midfielder Alex Lawless, making his first start since Easter, opened the scoring in fine style in the 17th minute when taking Scott Griffiths' pass down the left, cutting inside onto his right foot and curling home a terrific shot into the top corner.

Southend, who arrived at Kenilworth Road aiming to end a run of 12 matches without a win against the Town on Bedfordshire soil, were struggling to test Mark Tyler, and the Hatters took advantage of some slapstick defending on 34 minutes when visiting defender Cian Bolger gifted possession to Andy Drury on the edge of the penalty area and his pass set-up Mark Cullen to double the lead.

The Shrimpers began the second half strongly but failed to turn their dominance into goals which enabled the Hatters to see out the game comfortably.

Half-chances came and went for both sides, with the Town unlucky not to extend their lead on several occasions.

But the Hatters held onto register a fourth straight win and in the process keep a fifth clean sheet in six matches to rise further up the League 2 standings.



...and celebrates his fourth of the season



A Pelly Ruddock sandwich



Luke Wilkinson celebrates

TOWN: Tyler; Harriman (sub Lacey 90), Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson; Doyle, Smith, Lawless, Ruddock Mpanzu; Drury; Cullen. **SUBS NOT USED:** Benson, Wall, Guttridge, Stevenson, Walker, Justham.

HARTLEPOOL 1-2 TOWN

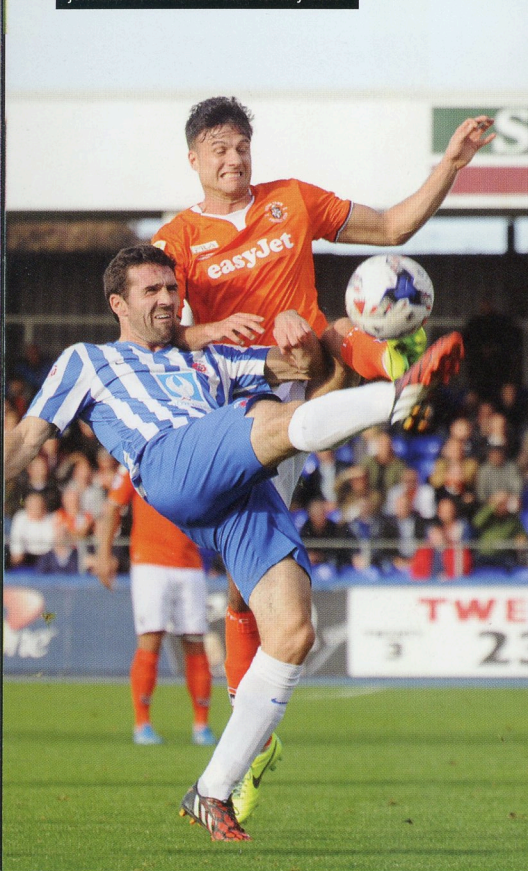
AUSTIN 90 (PEN)

CULLEN 40, STEVENSON 81



Mark Cullen fires the Hatters ahead

Jonathan Smith battles with Tommy Miller



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters became the first club in League 2 to record five successive victories as goals from Mark Cullen and Jim Stevenson kept up their fine run of form at Hartlepool.

Showing just one change to the side that beat Southend the week before, John Still started striker Ricky Miller, recalled 48 hours previously from a loan spell at Dover after scoring five goals in 10 games.

Hosts Hartlepool had only scored two goals in six previous home games but started on the front foot. Striker Charlie Wyke tested Mark Tyler with a fourth-minute shot that the keeper did well to beat away.

Tyler kept out several half-chances as the Town worked their way into the game and five minutes before half-time the patient Hatters took the lead. Cullen, on his 50th appearance for the Town, took Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's clever pass to slot home his fifth goal of the season.

Hartlepool upped the ante after half-time but failed to test Tyler and as the home side ran out of ideas the Town strengthened their grip on the game.

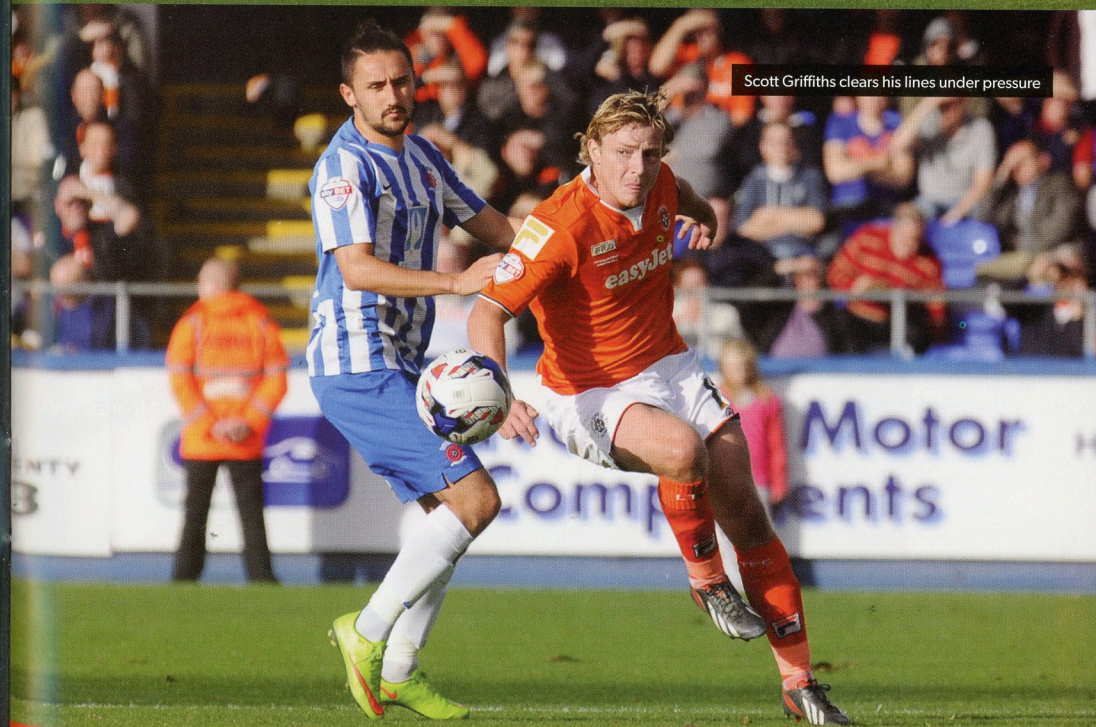
Luke Wilkinson had a bullet header cleared off the line, Cullen and Miller then both went close before Miller's free-kick nine minutes from the end was parried by home goalkeeper Scott Flinders and Stevenson was alive to the loose ball to tap home his first Luton goal to make it 2-0.

And despite the home side pulling a goal back with a stoppage time penalty, the Town held on record yet another victory – their fourth on the road this season – to close the gap on the top three.

Ricky Miller in action on his Town debut



Scott Griffiths clears his lines under pressure



TOWN: Tyler; Harriman, Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson; Doyle, Smith, Drury; Ruddock Mpanzu (sub Stevenson 79), Miller (sub Guttridge 90), Cullen (sub Benson 71). **SUBS NOT USED:** Lacey, Wall, Walker, Justham.

Great Scott!

SCOTT GRIFFITHS HAS FOND MEMORIES OF HIS TIME WITH TONIGHT'S VISITORS BUT HOW DOES BEING PART OF THE TOWN REVOLUTION UNDER JOHN STILL COMPARE TO WHEN THE PAIR WERE TOGETHER AT VICTORIA ROAD? THE LEFT-BACK TELLS TALK OF THE TOWN

As unsung heroes go there aren't many better than Scott Griffiths. While the Town garnered 102 goals and 101 points on their way to winning the Conference title last year, there was one man at left-back that saw it all.

Griffiths played every single game for the Hatters last season and was part of the defence that kept a club record 23 clean sheets.

The championship success of last season was the third of Griffiths' career and his second in the Conference having been a part of the Dagenham & Redbridge side that won promotion to the Football League under John Still in 2006/07.

And that triumphant campaign with the Daggers remains close to the defender's heart.

Belief

"We never really had massive expectation at Dagenham because of the size of the club," Griffiths told Talk of the Town. "The Conference still had some big clubs in it that year but as we started to win games the manager kept saying 'don't think anything different - you've got an amazing chance of going up - we will go up'.

"The manager gave us belief and confidence. At the start of that season some players probably didn't believe in themselves that they could go on and be a success. I don't think they knew what they were capable of but the manager got it out of them and we won the league."

There was a similarity in the Daggers' title triumph of that year and of the Town's success last term, too, as Dagenham overhauled long-time leaders to then runaway with the championship and win it by 14 points.

"When we found ourselves in the top three we really thought to ourselves 'we can do this'," continues the 28-year-old. "It was the same last year as well. At Dagenham we overtook Oxford, pretty much at the same

time as we went past Cambridge last year and we pretty much stayed there. It was a great time there."

With the Daggers holding off the likes of Oxford, Morecambe, York, Burton, Cambridge and Kidderminster - to name half-a-dozen teams - it was an achievement to be proud of.

However, as a fresh-faced 20-year-old it was that particular title success with tonight's visitors that means the most to Griffiths.

"The first title in your career is always special," says the left-back. "It is why Dagenham holds a very big place in my heart.

"Despite the fact they don't get the humungous crowds like we do here, the celebrations the day we won the title was fantastic. You felt like you were surrounded by very happy, cheerful people and that's why my whole time there was so enjoyable."

There are few 20-somethings that have a championship winners' medal on their mantelpiece at such a young age and Griffiths believes that achievement is a major reason why he's been able to add two more to his collection.

"The manager has always said about a winning mentality," he says, grinning before attempting to reel out more of Still's famous quotes.



GRIFF'S GOLD

**DAGENHAM - CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2007
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"I think I have had that mentality instilled in me at a young age.

"I've been there and done that. It's like when you've not done something before you don't know how to do it. Once you have you then know how to; you know how you can make it happen again.

"For example, to win a title. I now know what it requires to win a league; I saw it last year - you do get an eye for it."

Griffiths' performances for the Daggers were not going unnoticed and in 2009 he signed, originally on loan, for then-Championship Peterborough United.

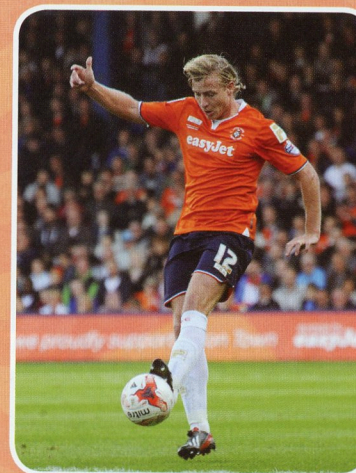
The move started well enough before not least four managers held the hotseat at London Road during Griffiths' time there.

But amid the ups and downs with Posh, there was more success, this time in League 2 - and guess what? Scott sees similarities with the Town squad of this year that was at Chesterfield in 2011.

"In my first season at Peterborough I played 20-25 games but a new manager came in, Gary Johnson.

"I fell out of favour because he thought I was too young...only for him to go and buy a player in my position roughly six months younger than me.

"Matters came to a head when I said I couldn't play because I was carrying an injury and he wanted to play me.



DID YOU KNOW?

Scott's goal in the Hatters' 6-0 win over Kidderminster in December last year was his first goal since scoring for Dagenham in their 5-0 win over Shrewsbury in League 2 in August 2009. Paul Benson struck the other four goals for the Daggers that afternoon.

THE BIG INTERVIEW

"I said I'd rather see someone play who was fit, rather than me hobbling around the pitch. I thought it was a decision for the good of the team.

"In any case it was Johnson that got me the loan move to Chesterfield. We won League 2 there that season so I know what it takes to win this division and I can see we've got the same ingredients here at Luton.

"It's the team bonding, the ability; things you see in training. I don't know, I think you can have that certain 'something' and I can tell its similar here now, I know it's going to be a good year. It's very exciting."

With Dagenham arriving at Kenilworth Road this

evening, the former Southend youngster looked back on the time he was plucked from Aveley by Still as a teenager back in 2004.

"After leaving Southend's academy I went to Grays Athletic and played a few games for their reserves," explains Griffiths. "I was playing left midfield and scored a couple of goals and then, as a 17-year-old I joined Aveley.

"Although it was a lower level I will never forget playing there because I scored nine goals that season and I don't think I'm ever going to score that many in a season again!

"I never knew anything about Dagenham's interest, though. It wasn't until Rob Garvey, one of

John's scouts, approached me after a game. After talking to him and the gaffer I had a trial and did well and earned myself a contract. I got in the first team soon after and the rest is history."

So what's changed in the last 10 years?

"Well the manager often asks his defenders 'can you head it? can you kick it?' and I could do both and I think I still can!" says Griffiths.

"That's all that matters. I think I've matured now and I'm a bit more confident on the ball now than I was when I first started."

And what about tonight?

"Well if myself, Paul Benson and Luke Wilkinson are involved it should be a good game for us," he says. "And with John and Terry's links to the club it should make for an interesting evening."

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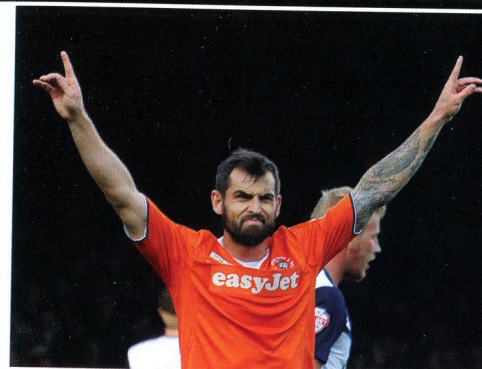
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NIGHTMARE OVER FOR GOALSCORER LAWLESS



Mark Tyler and Mark Cullen's tongues were firmly in their cheeks when they told Hatters Player that Alex Lawless' goal against Southend was a cross.

"Not. A. Chance," was the Welshman's response. He couldn't help but bite to a little bit of banter from his team-mates. After all, when you've scored your first goal in the Football League after years of trying, nobody is going to take the gloss of such an important point in your career.

Lawless' fine curling effort against the Shrimpers put the Town on their way to a fifth win in six League 2 matches but the midfielder's relief, on his first start of the season, was evident in his celebration. It was a goal, a moment, which meant a lot after months of frustration on the sidelines.

"It's hard to explain how I feel. I was desperate to play in the Carlisle game, absolutely desperate," said the 29-year-old, who had been on the sidelines with a hamstring injury this season.

"The frustration just made me want to do even more leading up to the weekend and now I'm just going to try and use the goal, the 90 minutes and the win to build my confidence.

"Of course it's a massive boost to my confidence, that's what those type of things are, and although I put pressure on myself to get more goals and help the team, hopefully I can build on that."

With the injury problems now behind him, the former York man is now hoping that is just the case: behind him, forgotten.

"It was a nightmare, highly frustrating but you've just got to dig in and people have moments like that," continued Lawless. "But hopefully I'm past that. I'm not really looking back on what the season has been like for me."

"The team has got the points when I haven't been playing and now I'm back I want to help them continue to do that, that's the main thing. Personally it's been frustrating but that's it, it's over, I'm only looking ahead now."

On the goal itself, the midfielder's 19th in Luton colours, Lawless admitted that he had an incline that he would notch against Southend after being told he would line-up on the left-hand side of midfield.

"Leading up to the game I had an idea I might be playing on the left," explained Lawless. "I had visions about scoring. I think you need to do that early on so that the full back, who might not know you're naturally right-footed, and are going to come inside."

"Fortunately the execution went with it, so it worked out great, it reminded me a little of the goal at Barnet on Boxing Day last season, cutting inside from the left onto my right foot."

"It was nice to be back starting, though and the next thing on the check list was that we go on and win the game, which we did."

"For a goal to have helped is just a bonus and now hopefully I can take that, the 90 minutes and the goal, and build on that."

LAWLESS IN NUMBERS

- The Welshman scored his first goal for the Town in his second appearance, away to Altrincham on 13th November 2010
- Lawless scored six goals for the Hatters last season – his best seasonal tally of his career
- His appearance against Southend was his first start in the Football League since playing for Torquay in League 2 against Lincoln in February 2006.



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STEVENSON AND MILLER ON HARTLEPOOL WIN



Jim Stevenson celebrates at Hartlepool

There were firsts for two of the Town side that earned the 2-1 win at Hartlepool on Saturday – with both involved in what turned out to be the winning goal at Victoria Park.

Striker Ricky Miller was recalled from a loan spell at Dover, where he had hit five goals in 10 games, to make his debut at Hartlepool and his 81st-minute free-kick set-up midfielder Jim Stevenson to net his first goal for the Town since arriving from Histon last year.

"It was brilliant to be involved, and a bonus to start," 25-year-old Miller, who scored 28 goals for Boston last season, said. "The three points made it even better – it was a thoroughly fantastic result.

"I hoped that I would be involved somehow because I could have played 90 minutes at Dover. I think I slotted in okay and did my part. I think on another day I could have scored but all that matters is that we won and I hope I impressed the manager.

"I think I showed what I'm capable of. For the free-kick, Steve McNulty came over to me and said 'make sure you hit the target'. I did that and fortunately for us Jimbo was on hand to put it in.

"Obviously my ambition was to come in and hit the ground running when I signed but patience isn't my best attribute! But I've been working hard and now I've played a part I need to keep working hard to keep my place.

"The team have been winning and you can't change a winning team so to get a chance was great. The team spirit and confidence is flying, all we need to do is to keep it going."

For Stevenson, his first goal in Town colours was one to cherish having been given the opportunity this season by John Still.

The midfielder signed from Histon last summer was deprived of his first goal for the Town by a very late offside flag in the 2-0 win over Oxford last month but he was not be denied at Victoria Park.

"I don't think I've had a shot since that effort!" he joked afterwards. "It's nice to get a goal, it was an important one and that's all that matters.

"I was in the right place, I picked a spot where I thought there seemed to be plenty of space and we're always encouraged to 'follow-in' on those kinds of opportunities in training. If you get in there enough times a chance will eventually fall to you and this time that was the case."

After spending last season on loan at Dartford Stevenson has already featured in the Town squad more times so far this campaign. And Stevenson believes that his hard work and dedication is paying dividends.

"I'm a big believer in working hard to get your rewards," said Stevenson. "I look at the bigger picture. If you're not in the team one week you've got to keep working to get back in it. This year the manager has rewarded my hard work in pre-season with a few opportunities and it's been a case of kicking on and being patient.

"Scoring isn't going to do my chances any harm, is it? We're all on the same page as players. We want to push us further up the league.

"But we're aware that we can play better, even though we're on a great run. We still have players coming back who aren't even 100 per cent fit yet. We know we can be more ruthless and if we can keep working hard I'm sure we can carry on this run."

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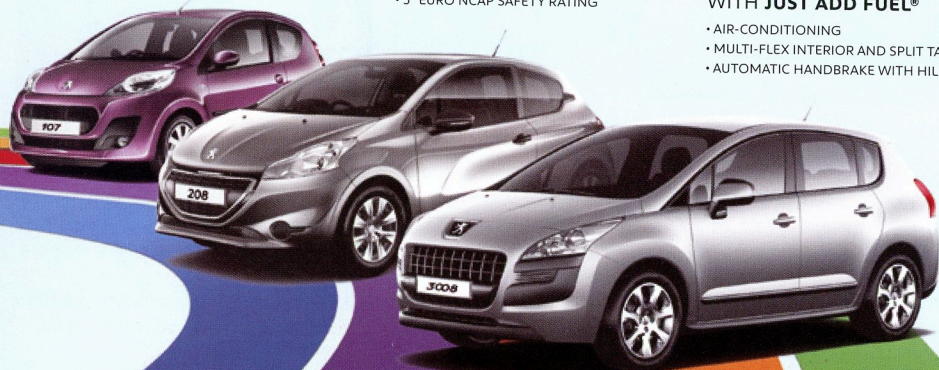
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Andy Drury

Andy Drury was given licence to roam around Kenilworth Road in a more advanced position in our last home game against Southend United and the midfielder's influence on the game was evident throughout.

The 30-year-old touched the ball more than any other Luton player with 89 'actions' according to statistical boffins InStat. 65 per cent of those actions were deemed successful but, as his touch graphic shows the former Crawley and Ipswich man popped up all over the field against the Shrimpers to deliver a fine performance.

His most successful action was his assist for Mark Cullen's goal which put the Town 2-0 in front on 34 minutes, having been inexplicably gifted the ball on the edge of the Southend penalty area by visiting, and possibly concussed, defender Cian Bolger.

Drury was also involved in Alex Lawless' opener, playing two passes in the sequence that led to the goal, swapping passes with Lawless in the middle of the pitch before setting up Scott Griffiths to play the final ball of the move.

The midfielder's pass accuracy rate reached 70 per cent, but what was most impressive was his ability to keep things ticking over in so-called 'non-attacking' moves. Drury was accurate with 19 of his 20 passes in non-attacking passages of play.

Overall Drury received 44 passes from team-mates, only second to striker Cullen who was given 57. The duo received more passes than any other player on the pitch, including the Southend players, an interesting statistic given the pair's involvement in the final third of the pitch in the formation John Still began with.

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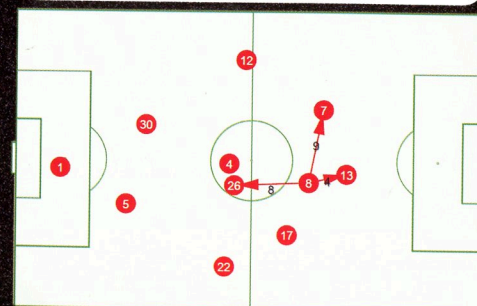
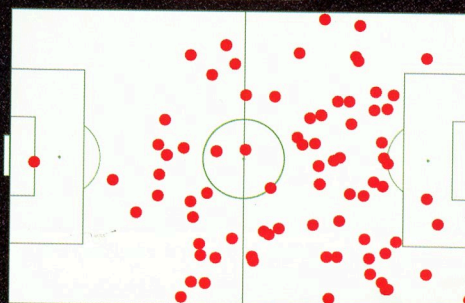
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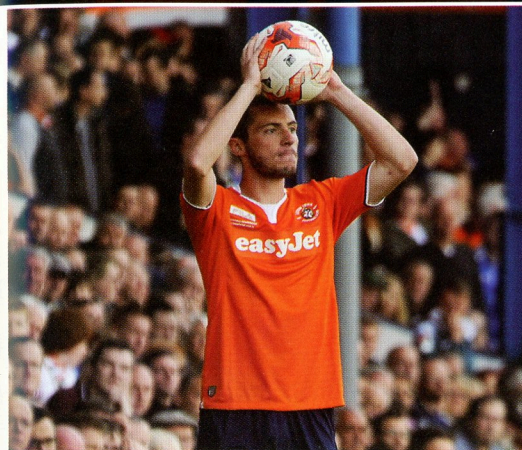
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NEW BOY HARRIMAN OUT TO IMPRESS



Queens Park Rangers loanee Michael Harriman is aiming to put his experience to good use after signing on a 28-day emergency loan from the Premier League club.

The 21-year-old right-back made an impressive debut in the Town's 2-0 win over Southend United in the last home match here, just 48 hours after agreeing the temporary switch to Kenilworth Road. Having already enjoyed loan spells at Wycombe Wanderers and Gillingham in the last two seasons, the Republic of Ireland Under-21 international arrives in Bedfordshire with one goal: to play more games.

"Unfortunately I didn't make QPR's 25-man squad for the Premier League so I couldn't play there until January," said Harriman. "For me, I didn't want to sit around doing nothing, that's why I'm here as I love playing football.

"I didn't want to be sitting on Saturday on my sofa watching the results, I want to be out playing. I'm excited to be out there now and get first team action back under my belt.

"I've been lucky enough so far to get out in the league and get some games. I just want to use my experience, while learning from the players here as well. Everyone's got different experience levels here so I'm going to take everything on board wisely and hopefully progress as a player."

Harriman's performance against Southend was hailed by manager John Still, who substituted him in the final minute of the game so the defender could "experience the love of the Kenilworth Road crowd".

He certainly felt that, and the youngster admitted he would happily extend the loan beyond its 28 days should he be wanted.

"Hopefully I can do my part while I'm here now and see what happens at the end of the loan spell," continued Harriman. "If the first month goes well, I'll be happy to stay, so we'll see how it goes game by game.

"It's all about a learning curve for me and getting as many games under my belt as possible, while getting better as a player which I think I'm doing slowly.

"It's short-term so I've got to come in and show that I'm good enough to play with these lads. They've had a great start and if you come in and you're out of place it will get noticed so I want to be positive."

With League 2 experience already in his locker after 20 matches in the division with Wycombe the season before last, Harriman is hoping his introduction to an in-form Town team will be as comfortable as possible.

"We've already got a good back four, so hopefully I can just slot in with ease," he continued. "The boys are doing well and that's why they're there up near the top.

"My fitness levels are quite good. I love to win tackles and I like to go forward too. Defensively I think I'm solid, so hopefully I can bring a lot of attributes to the team."

And while he's already been subjected to the hurly-burly of League 2 before, Harriman has no qualms about the challenges that lie ahead.

He added: "I came in here with an open mind, that's the best way to be. Then you don't have any expectations so you come in ready and it's a new start."

HARRIMAN IN NUMBERS

- Played 38 of Gillingham's 46 games in League 1 last season
- Has been capped four times at under-21 level for Republic of Ireland
- Made his full league debut for QPR at Anfield in May 2013

centre spot



Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, who set up Mark Cullen for the Hatters' opening goal, battles for possession during Saturday's 2-1 win at Hartlepool

PICTURE THE PAST

Club historian **ROGER WASH** delves into his photographic archive



Mick Harford heads the Town into an early lead against Manchester United at Kenilworth Road in October 1987. The game finishes 1-1 after Brian McClair levels for the Reds in the second half. United manager Alex Ferguson pays the Hatters the highest compliment by playing marauding midfielder Bryan Robson as a sweeper.

Camera Never Lies

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The Luton Town players take a break from training during an end of season tour to Turkey in 1953.

Back row (left to right): Bud Aherne, Bernard Streten, Bob Morton, Billy Cooke, Hugh McJarrow, Ron Baynham, Bernard Moore, Roy Davies, Jesse Pye, Ralph Hann (trainer). Front row (left to right): Charlie Watkins, Mike Cullen, Jim Pemberton, Gordon Turner, Wally Shanks, unknown Turkish gentleman, Bert Mitchell.



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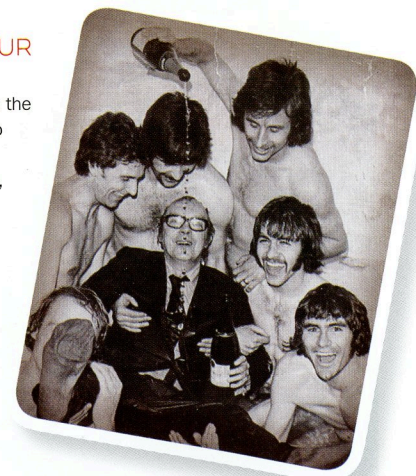
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It was great to see the Luton Ladies secure a 2-1 victory over Bedford Ladies last Wednesday at Kenilworth Road.

Holding the game at the stadium certainly raises the profile of the women's and girls' game and this ties in really nicely with the new Female Football Development programme (FFD) that the Trust are now about to become involved in through the Football League Trust. The FFD programme was launched last year in England with a goal to 'Inspire the Future Female Game' and aims to play an integral role in the progression of the women's and girls' game and drive participation growth and retention



The Luton Ladies celebrate after their win over Bedford at Kenilworth Road

through the delivery of sessions built around fun, friends and fitness.

We have now joined nearly every other Football League club in beginning to deliver FFD sessions aimed at 14-25-year-olds, and in the next few months, in partnership with the Beds FA and our County Sports Partnership team Bedfordshire and Luton, we will be setting up centres in local schools and colleges to engage with fresh participants, as part of the new FA Women's and Girls' programme. It is a big national programme and overall £2.4m will be invested over the next two years from Sport England funding, in an attempt to make Women's Football the second-most played team sport in England with a target of 40,000 new players.

We hope to play an important part along with all other Football League clubs in helping to account for over a third of the national target, firstly by breaking down elite barriers so our FFD will offer the opportunity for players of all abilities to join the female football revolution. We hope many participants will be enjoying their first real kicks, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing - but pressure-free. Through our proposed different approaches, such as incorporating music and allowing participants ownership of sessions, we aim to bring the beautiful game to life for women and girls, taking players from disengagement, to playing for a team maybe within the space of few weeks.

Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have numerous pathways to graduate beyond grassroots at the club through our partnership with Luton Ladies and whether participants wish to excel in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation, or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

Our first session started last week at Barnfield West Academy, and if you want to take part in any of our FFD centres then give us a call at the community office on 01582 737568 or email ltfc.freeschoolvisitsproject@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



Half-term soccer camps on the way!

ASIAN FOOTBALL INITIATIVE

Last month we played to host to one of the regional forums set up by the Football Association to consult on issues addressing Asian inclusion across grassroots football in the UK.

It was a really good turnout in the Eric Morecombe suite and lots of views and feedback was gathered by the FA from everyone involved in local football to take back to Wembley to help with the FA's overall future development plan to devise suggested activities to get more Asians involved playing the game and eventually to progress through into the professional game.

One consistent request from the local community was for local community coaching centres for young players to attend to improve skills.

It seems we anticipated this almost a year ago as we partnered with the Beds FA and Sport England to provide pathways to local competitive football for Asian youths living in the Dallow area with our popular centres at Dallow Community Learning Centre.

At Denbigh High School on a Tuesday night and Luton Sixth Form on a Thursday as we began looking to identify untapped talent on our doorstep, as well as aiming to boost social inclusion and community cohesion by bringing the football club closer to the local community.

The centres have proved hugely successful with over 100 boys each week attending.

Let's hope that the FA come up with plans to increase funding for these centres – the more boys we can get playing, the greater the chance we have of progressing them through our youth development system and into senior football.

That's a view shared by Hatters Talent Identification manager, Ross O'Kane. "There is no doubt a significant pool of untapped ability exists on our doorstep and its

growing - we need to tap into it and show local youngsters there is no barrier to football success at our youth academy," he said. "Our tie up with the Beds FA and local partner clubs in Dallow such as Luton Allstars, Luton United and Luton Sporting Club will help us identify talent and to encourage the boys to play regular organised weekend football in the local leagues where we do a lot of our recruitment."

The three current centres are open to all boys living in Dallow and anyone wishing to take part, or who needs more information on these and other centres that the community department will be running, can contact the community office on 01582 737568.

The long-term aim of the project is to provide more opportunities for boys in Dallow to take part in affiliated football, either with existing local clubs or through the establishment of additional teams from the area. Anyone interested in forming teams in Dallow should contact the Beds FA on 01582 565111.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM SOCCER CAMPS

Only a week to go! If you were one of the over 600 youngsters who attended our soccer camps during the summer then you will already know the format and how to book and you will also probably have all of the details of our soccer camps.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp yet why not come along next week in half term? They are great fun, open to all abilities from 10am to 3pm each day and represent great value at £15 each day you attend.

Our courses run throughout the county from Bedford down to Luton and you can download our leaflet from either the main club website or by giving the community office a call on 01582 737568 for further information or to book a place.





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UNDER-18s MAKE IT FIVE GAMES UNBEATEN

A much-changed and very young line up from the previous week's excellent win away to Leyton Orient was on display for the Hatters youth on Saturday at Ely Way as they welcomed their Gillingham counterparts to Ely Way.

Injuries from that game to Leeroy Maguraushe, Daril Ngwala, Isaac Galliford and Lee Hawkes meant that they were ruled out along with also unavailable Luke Trotman, Harry Tamplin, Kyran McGhan-George and Liam Gooch, but Craig King was fit against to take over in goal with Under-16 players Joe Hankins, Tyreeq Bakinson and Cameron McJannet getting an early chance to show Paul Driver and Head of Youth Wayne Turner how far their game has progressed this season.

Although Gillingham are towards the lower end of the league, they had registered an excellent 5-0 the previous week and started well having the best of the chances in the early stages as the Hatters settled into their game slowly.

Midway through the half, and with Osamu Allman causing the Gillingham defence all sorts of problems, it was the Hatters that struck twice in quick succession to seize the initiative in the match. Firstly, Ekene Amadi timed his run into the six-yard box to perfection to slam home Joe Hankins' cross and then a neat spin and shot from Tuki Tayali doubled the lead for the Hatters.

This advantage was then built upon just before half-time when Allman added a third as his goal-bound shot from 10 yards deflected away from the goalkeeper off of a Gillingham defender to make it 3-0 to the Hatters at the break.

As expected, the visitors came out much more intent after the break and the Hatters stood firm to maintain their lead and nullify the threat from the opposition.

A fourth goal was then added midway through the second half when a James Justin corner was nodded back across goal by Bakinson and volleyed home from 15 yards by Alex Atkinson.

This extra cushion allowed Driver to make changes, with, first, Geo Craig replacing Amadi in attack, and then two more Under-16 players, Akin Famowa and Josh Brown, were introduced for McJannet and Bakinson respectively for their second game for the Youth Team after substitute appearances against Orient last week.

Although there was no addition to the scoring, Craig showed glimpses of the quality that he can bring to the attack and the defence – marshalled well by Frankie Musonda and Craig King – and showed how effective he can be.

A second successive clean sheet was kept despite using three Under-16s, six different players and two different goalkeepers in those two games.

A happy Driver told Talk of the Town: "We have been really pleased with the lads over the past few weeks. Injuries have disrupted a lot of the work we have been doing but this hasn't affected the performances – as individuals or as a team – which is to their credit.

"The big plus for us as a coaching staff is that we have had an early chance to expose a good number of the Under-16s to this next level up and this will definitely help us make better decisions regarding who should come into us on a scholarship next season.

"From the boys' perspective too, their development can only be helped by playing with the older group and they have all put in good performances on the pitch as well as showing us that they are not fazed by the extra pressure of playing up."

Town: King, Hankins, Perry, Musonda, McJannet (sub Famowa), Justin, Atkinson, Bakinson (sub Brown), Amadi (sub Craig), Tayali, Allman. Subs not used. Harker, Amu.

THE ACADEMY

Youth Team &

Development

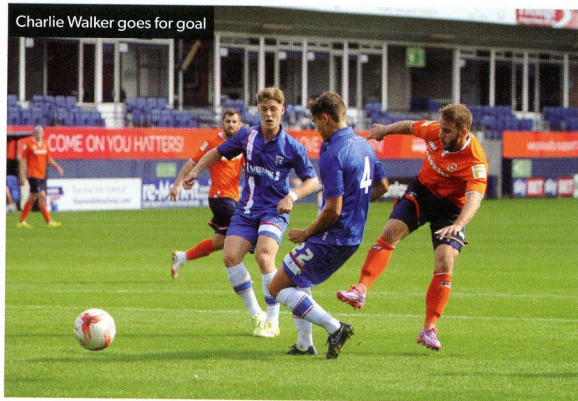
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AUGUST												
	Sat 2	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-1	King	TROTMAN 1	Hawkes	Atkinson ♦	Tamplin	Musonda	
	Tue 12	12 noon	A	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	W 2-1	King	Justin	Magarause	Tamplin	Musonda	McGhan-George ♦	
	Sat 16	11.00am	H	Stevenage	D 1-1	King	Trotman	Hawkes	Justin	Musonda	Tamplin	
	Wed 20	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	King	Trotman	Magarause ♦	Tamplin	Musonda	Justin	
	Sat 23	10.30am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 5-0	King	Trotman	Perry ♦	Justin	ATKINSON 1	Tamplin	
	Sat 30	11.00am	H	Watford	W 3-0	King	TROTMAN 1	Perry	Justin	Tamplin ♦	Musonda	
SEPTEMBER												
	Tue 2	12 noon	A	Dagenham & Redbridge (LC)	L 1-3	King	Trotman	Perry	Hawkes	Musonda	Magarause ♦	
	Sat 6	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 2-4	King	Trotman	Magarause ♦	TAMPLIN 1	Musonda	Justin	
	Sat 20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town	D 1-1	King	MAGURAUSHE 1	Parry	Hawkes	McJannett	McGhan-George	
	Sat 27	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	King	Magarause	Perry	Justin	Hawkes	McJannett	
OCTOBER												
	Sat 4	11.00am	H	Southend United	D 1-1	King	Magarause ♦	PERRY 1	McGhan-George	Musonda	Hawkes	
	Sat 11	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Gooch	Magarause	Perry	Justin	Musonda	Hawkes ♦	
	Sat 18	11.00am	H	Gillingham	W 4-0	King	Hankins	Perry	Justin	McJannett ♦	Musonda	
	Sat 25	11.00am	H	Dagenham & Redbridge								
NOVEMBER												
	Sat 1	11.00am	A	Cambridge United								
	Sat 8	11.00am	H	Barnet								
	Sat 15	10.30am	A	Watford								
	Sat 22	11.00am	A	Northampton Town								
	Sat 29	11.00am	H	Peterborough United								
DECEMBER												
	Sat 6	11.00am	A	Southend United								
	Sat 13	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon								
	Sat 20	11.00am	A	Gillingham								
JANUARY												
	Tue 6	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient								
	Sat 10	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons								
	Sat 24	11.00am	A	Stevenage								
	TBA			Peterborough United								

DEVELOPMENT

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI					
SEPTEMBER										
Tue 9	1pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	W 5-0	Justham	McNeil ♦	Brown	Tamplin ♦	Williams	Smith
Tue 23	2pm	A	Portsmouth	D 2-2	Justham	Justin	Brown ♦	Perry	Andoh	Doyle ♦
Tue 30	1pm	H	Gillingham (Cup)	W 5-2	Justham	Robinson	Brown	Lacey	Parry	Uttridge
OCTOBER										
Tue 28	1pm	H	Peterborough United							
NOVEMBER										
Tue 4	TBA	TBA	Cambridge United (Cup)							
Tue 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United							
Tue 25	1pm	H	Leyton Orient							
DECEMBER										
Tue 2	1pm	H	AFC Wimbledon							
Tue 9	TBA	TBA	AFC Wimbledon (Cup)							
JANUARY										
Tue 6	1pm	A	AFC Bournemouth							
Tue 13	1pm	H	Brighton (Cup)							
Tue 20	1pm	H	Gillingham							
Tue 27	1pm	H	Milton Keynes Dons (Cup)							
FEBRUARY										
Tue 3	1pm	A	Peterborough United							
Tue 24	1pm	A	Leyton Orient							
MARCH										
Tue 10	1pm	H	Cambridge United							
Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon							
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth							
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Charlie Walker goes for goal



Charlie Walker goes for goal

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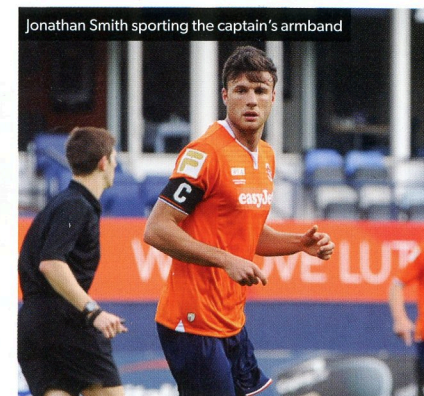
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Paul Benson goes close with a diving header



Jonathan Smith sporting the captain's armband

Academy Alumni

HE'S ONE OF A SELECT GROUP OF TOWN PLAYERS TO GRADUATE FROM THE ACADEMY AND GO ON TO STAR IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE. **KEVIN FOLEY** REFLECTS ON THE UPS AND DOWN DURING HIS TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD



"Don't worry I could talk about Luton all day," says Kevin Foley as we usher our apologies for interrupting his daily schedule of the school-run last Wednesday afternoon.

As the phone call ticked around to the two-and-a-half mark Foley soon became aware, as the conversation wandered from his time in the Town's youth system to watching himself on Match of Day in the Premier League with Wolves, that he's nearly 30. "That's outrageous!" he shrieked.

Admittedly we hadn't helped: reminding him that it is almost nine years since the Hatters had beaten Leeds United 5-1 in the Championship – before the wheels fell off and the Town's downward spiral began. The season of 2006/07, that saw the Town relegated from the Championship, was the toughest of Kevin Patrick Foley's career. But more of that later – let's start at the beginning.

Everyone likes a hometown boy done good. Except that's not entirely true. Contrary to anything ever-written about Foley he is not a Lutonian.

However, Luton was the place where the football bug was caught, and soon after kicking the ball around the park as a young boy in a Manchester United shirt, it wouldn't be long before Foley was outlining a career in the game.

"People think I was born in Luton, but I was born in London and moved to Luton when I was five," explains Foley. "I grew up in Luton, in Farley Hill, and I didn't really play football properly until I was eight or nine.

"I was playing for Barnfield Colts and was scouted to go on a six-week trial with Luton Town centre of excellence. Fortunately for me I was taken on at the age of nine by Paul Lowe.

"Lee Cowley was coaching and he really did teach me a lot. Sometimes it wasn't easy, especially as a young boy because all you want to do was to play football all the time, and the sessions would be stop-start. But that was the important thing – he was coaching us and preparing us to be footballers, we were taught the basics; how to play on the back foot, how to pass the ball effectively. This was a really key thing for me in my younger years and I'm glad he's still at Luton coaching now.

"At that time I never took anything for granted but half-way through my last year as an under-16 I was told I was going to be offered a two-year YTS deal and I was over the moon. I knew that the hard work was about to begin."

Within months of signing his scholarship, Foley was given a rare chance in a reserve game that would go on to shape his career.

"The opportunity to play right-back came about when I was 16 and I was called in by Brian Stein to play in a reserve game.

"Growing up I would play up front, I know it's hard to believe but I would bang the goals in for fun! In the centre of excellence I was playing as a midfielder, and I had never played right-back before, I'd always played either central midfield or right midfield.

"Playing for the reserves was a huge thing because you'd be playing against bigger, better players. I slotted in okay and I really thrived on it. I came away from the game thinking I could go on and do for myself in that

FOLEY IN NUMBERS

Foley played 166 times for the Hatters and scored five goals. He made his debut as a second half substitute on 22nd October 2002 in a 2-0 away win at Woking in the LDV Vans Trophy.

position. My aim from then on was to nail down a place at right-back."

With a spring in his step and with a whiff of first team football around the corner, Foley remained focused, keeping his head down and developing as a player. And he had youth team boss John Moore to thank for keeping him on the straight and narrow.

"I can't speak highly enough of John," says Foley. "He was a great coach and is a great man. He instilled discipline, and taught a lot of us young players the principles in life. He was always somebody you were desperate to impress. He didn't always congratulate you on doing things, so when he did it was a massive deal.

"It was a tough environment in youth team but it stood me in good stead. These days I see a lot of young players have everything delivered to them on a plate. I think all young players need to learn discipline and the respect. Cleaning boots isn't a bad thing."

Sooner or later, though, the first team chance did come along. After two appearances in the LDV Vans Trophy as a 17-year-old in 2002, he got his first taste of League action under then-boss Joe Kinnear with two substitute appearances late in the 2002/03 season in League 1.

Kinnear, though, departed in a dramatic summer off the field for the Town, leaving Foley and the club in limbo. One phone vote later, the Hatters had a new man at the helm in Mike Newell.

Foley began the 2003/04 campaign still unsigned and went onto play 37 times in all competitions, scoring twice. Not bad for an 18-year-old fresh out of the youth team who was beginning to make the right-back position his own.

"The end of the Joe era was a bit weird," recalls Foley. "Joe left, and Mike Newell came in. Mike was told he was working with limited resources and, with the club under a transfer embargo, it meant we couldn't sign anyone, me included.

"I was thrown in at right-back and for 75 per cent of that season I was basically playing as a third-year YTS earning less than £100 per week. Enoch Showumni was in the same boat, but playing for expenses. After he scored a hat-trick against Brentford we were both signed

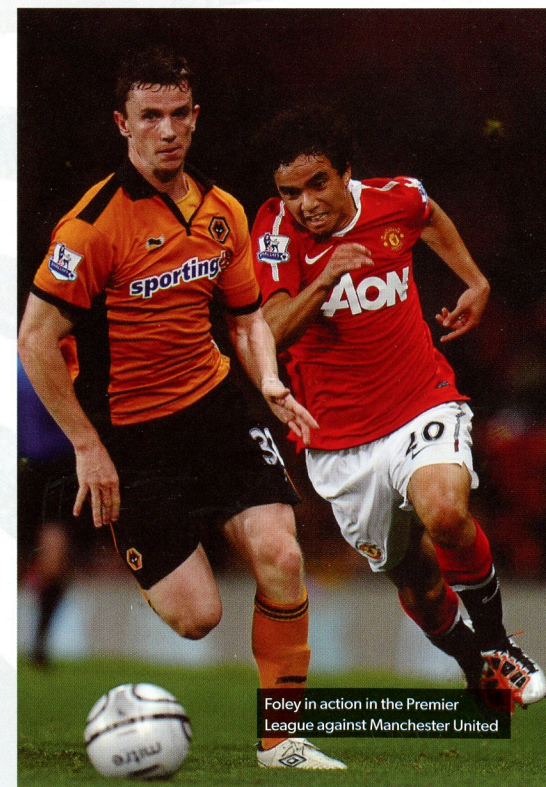
on professional forms and we were both understandably delighted, it was a magical feeling."

His performances in the Town side were drawing glowing reports and soon he was adding goals to his game – his first senior strike against Yeovil was followed by another in the League Cup at Charlton.

The Hatters finished that season in 10th place and nobody expected the following campaign to be anything other than another tilt at reaching the Play-Offs at best.

"At the start of the season after there was no real belief that we could win the league or even challenge for promotion," admits Foley. "As players you always want to better your previous season and in 2003/04 we finished just outside the Play-Offs so having a crack at the top six was our aim. We beat Oldham in the first game and won the next five.

"We were flying, but then lost three games on the bounce. I remember after losing to Hull the manager sat us down. We rarely ever had meetings and never used to watch the DVD back but we did this time. Mike Newell just said 'look, people are doubting us'. He showed us clips in which we did well and clips in which we didn't."



Foley in action in the Premier League against Manchester United

FOLEY'S FAVOURITES:

FAVOURITE PLAYER PLAYED WITH: "Emmerson Boyce. Read the game brilliantly, would always encourage you and was very quick."

BEST GAME: "I should say Liverpool but for me it's the 1-0 win over Hull. Just thinking about it makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand up."

He said: 'the wheels aren't coming off, don't worry, we just need to cut out these little mistakes'. There were no drastic measures after that and in the end we romped home.

"That team was great. Kevin Nicholls was running the show, Steve Robinson kept things ticking over, Paul Underwood was a great athlete, Ahmet Brkovic scored goals for fun; we had Rowan Vine and Steve Howard up front, and a back four of Sol Davis, Curtis Davies, and Chris Coyne and myself, and Marlon Beresford in goal. It was a good team and we didn't pick up many injuries that season – that was the key. I was 19 going on 20 that season and I'd won a league title. It gave me so much confidence and I learnt so much.

"I think growing up as a player at Luton made me realise what I wanted to achieve. John Moore always used to tell us to set ourselves targets so I set myself the goal of playing in the Premier League and playing in a World Cup."

Foley was still four years from ticking one of those ambitions of his list as he embarked on life in the Championship with the newly-promoted Hatters.

The Town weren't given much of a chance in 2005/06, especially as the fixture computer handed the Hatters an opening three-game schedule against teams relegated from the Premier League the season before: Crystal Palace, Southampton and Leeds.

"I remember the Palace game because a lot was made of Andy Johnson deciding to stay after they were relegated," says Foley. "I was told before the game how Johnson would play, that he would stand off the post at set pieces, looking for the second ball. He was my man, I didn't listen to anything I was told, and after we couldn't clear a corner, Johnson pounced to score. It was my fault. It turned out to be a big lesson for me and I'll never forget that. Thankfully we won the game."

One abiding memory for Foley from that season in the Championship was the Town's epic FA Cup encounter with Liverpool in front of the live BBC cameras.

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Foley (left, next to Mike Newell) celebrates as the Town lift the League 1 trophy

"Without a doubt the game of that season was the Liverpool cup tie," says Foley. "It was an incredible night. In the tunnel beforehand I was genuinely in awe standing next to Gerrard, Alonso and Carragher...they were the European Champions after all. I couldn't believe it.

"To go 3-1 up was unbelievable, it was out of this world. In the end we ran out of steam, I think we'd put so much effort into the game at that stage that the final 20 minutes took it out of us.

"I remember Alonso's goal from the halfway line. Marlon had come up for a corner and was out of his goal, stranded. I wanted to run back and try and clear it but thought to myself 'I'm not going to make it', I had no energy left. Afterwards it was so, so disappointing. We had them at 3-1, we should have seen it out, and perhaps we got caught up in the emotion of it all."

After a more-than-respectable 10th place finish in the Championship, having flirted with the Play-Offs throughout the year, the summer – and season – that followed was tough for Foley to take as the Town lost several key players and saw the manager leave which contributed to the first of three successive relegations.

"We lost Vine, Nico, Howard, Curtis. The spine of the team was gone and it really affected us. It was a strange season, Mike Newell was sacked and in came Kevin Blackwell. It was a new experience for me, I had never really seen that side of football before. A lot of questions went through my mind. Who will the new boss be? Will he like me? What formation will he play? Will he bring in his own players?"

But while Foley would still keep his place in the side under Blackwell, the Town drifted down to League 1, and the two-time young player of the year would soon be saying goodbye to Kenilworth Road.

"After relegation that season I still had a year left on my contract," continues Foley. "Before the first game of the

season I was still at the club but Kevin Blackwell pulled me and told me that Wolves had put in an offer.

"I was nervous, I'd spent 12 years at Luton and it had been a big part of my life. It all happened so quickly. I met Mick McCarthy on Sunday, signed on Monday and made my debut against Bradford in the League Cup on Tuesday. I remember playing well the previous season at Wolves. I must have made a good impression.

"Moving away for the first time was a new experience. I learned a lot. We won promotion in 2009 to the Premier League. At that point I said to my agent that I felt I'd 'made it' after all, I was watching myself on Match of the Day!"

Foley's affections for the Hatters never diminished as he starred in the Premier League at Molineux, but it wasn't until 2013 that he got the return to Kenilworth Road he never thought was possible when the Town drew Wolves in the third round of the FA Cup.

"I was thinking that I might never make a return to Luton, especially with them out of the league at the time," he says. "I couldn't believe it when the draw was made.

"But the less said about the game the better...I played a nice little part in the Luton goal, shanking my clearance which led to the winner.

"It was strange walking through the main reception as an opposition player, but good to see familiar faces; Lita on reception, Dickie the groundsman; and Nick Owen came and had a chat with me before the game.

"It reminded me what a great place it was; the memories came flooding back, from watching the West Ham FA Cup quarter-final replay in the stands, to making my debut and being part of the League 1 championship side.

"For so many reasons I'll never forget my time at Luton. It will always have a place in my heart."



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THE SOCIAL NETWORK



At our last home game against Southend, manager John Still gave a debut to Michael Harriman and everybody – the boss included – was in agreement that it was a fine first match from the QPR defender.

It got us thinking about the best-ever debut by a Luton player down the years. We put that question out to our Twitter and Facebook followers and the response was pretty unanimous.

🐦 Steven Manfredi @sman3d
@LutonTown Jean Louis Valois #debutboy #endofdiscussion

🐦 Simon @HungryHatter
@LutonTown I missed Valois's debut, but John Harrison had a great first game for us.

🐦 Kevin Crowe @KevinSCrowe
@LutonTown Andre Scarlett vs Oldham.

🐦 Richard Tilley @tilleyrich
@LutonTown no question JLV v Torquay What a goal too

🐦 Luton Eye @LutonEye
@LutonTown JLV all day, night, week, month and year.

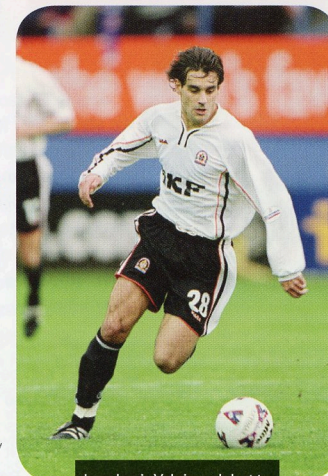
🐦 Philip Hull @philhull56
@LutonTown Tom Finney - 2 goals in 1st 20 mins v Carlisle 1973/4 #debutboy #COYH

🐦 Chris Mitchell @chrismitch99
@LutonTown #debutboy Definitely JLV but Tony Thorpe at Newcastle in the FA Cup a close second. #screamer

🐦 Sheplfc @sheplfc
@LutonTown David Preece 1984 scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Villa. Would have gone 4 Valois but it was ONLY Torquay! #COYH #debutboy

🐦 Steven Cole @stevencole01
@LutonTown JLV - all day long. The Bedfordshire Platini! Like somebody arriving on loan from Barca or Milan.

🐦 Ian Freeman @ianbeeffreeman
@LutonTown Valois against @TUFC1899 was the best debut ever by anyone. No-one had heard of him before kick off and an instant hero by HT



Jean Louis Valois: a debut to remember back in 2001

🐦 CK @ck1_cricket
@LutonTown Jean Louis Valois, greatest debut anyone has ever had, 'twas an honour and privilege to be there that day

🐦 Ian Cruise @Ian_Cruise
@LutonTown The 'second coming' of @Mickharford against Oldham in 1991. Last minute overhead kick winner anyone?! #royoftheroversstuff

🐦 Gary McEvoy @LutonBho
@LutonTown JLV all day long. Remember my dad continuously shouting "GIVE IT TO THE FRENCH BLOKE"

🐦 Nick Oakhill @NickOakhill
@LutonTown Msr Valois without a shadow. I remember watching him with my jaw on the ground #pureskill

🐦 bunydav @Ironman_LTFC
@LutonTown JLV for the wow factor, closely followed by Ricky Hill and Rory

Allen; most eagerly anticipated, Graham French

second time around

🐦 Paul Sharpe @PSharpe1984
@LutonTown has to be Valois, stole the show even with a Griffiths hat trick #footlikeatractractionengine

🐦 James @jmorgs88
@LutonTown Jean Louis Valois all day long, never have and probably never will see a debut like that again

🐦 Andrew Kingston @treblethree
@LutonTown Going to have to add to the Jean Louis Valois votes, a stunningly brilliant debut which was capped with a majestic goal #JLV

🐦 Dale Haynes @DaleyHaynes
@LutonTown Valois was class, looked like he had come from playing with Zidane and Platini.

🐦 Guy Kefford @GKsalestraining
@LutonTown Ron Futchter vs Wolves old 1st Div 1974 in vital 3-2 win came with his brother Paul gifted centre back at 19,642 oak rd rocking

🐦 Michael Barker Even though he got sent off, Matt Spring against Plymouth. He ran the midfield all day

🐦 Geoff Ware Tony Thorpe at Newcastle FA Cup

🐦 Jimmy Tennyson Dave Beaumont West Ham 0 Luton 3 League cup semi final 1989

🐦 Alan Adair Ricky Hill Easter Monday 1976 v Bristol Rovers.

Travellers' TALES

In case you didn't know Luton are back, and back in the Football League after five years away, and ardent Hatters fan **Kevin Harper** will see it all this season. In between sleeping on the coach and munching on a pie at away games he'll be writing of his experiences for Talk of the Town...

THE JOURNEY

After a couple of short trips, to Cambridge and Stevenage, it was back to the long hauls for the 458-mile round journey to Hartlepool. The Bobbers coach left Luton train station just after 8.30am with daylight barely in full swing, but with a full vehicle anticipating another Town win and keeping this fantastic run of form going.

Although it was a long journey there was little traffic so it went fairly quickly.



We stopped off for a quick pit stop on the M1 on the way up and then after a quick scoot up the A1 and other A-roads it was onto the A168 into Hartlepool. Although I'd been to Hartlepool before this was the first time I'd been in daylight so got to see the place in all its glory which made the journey a bit more interesting. Shortly after 1.30pm we arrived at the ground on what had turned into a lovely sunny day.

THE GROUND

Although I had been to Victoria Park before it hadn't been for a while so I didn't remember too much about it. The ground itself is actually quite quaint and unlike some grounds that way it is actually the right size for the team who plays there. Between the turnstile and the away end were the usual facilities such as toilets and refreshment kiosks. The gents was pretty modern which I didn't expect in an old ground, and it was certainly a vast improvement on recent away games.

The away end was situated behind the goal. 525 devoted travellers made the trip up and we were situated in the Smith & Graham Stand which was all seated, similar to the Oak Road stand although not as deep. Just like the Oak it had a fairly low roof which meant we could make a decent atmosphere and cheer the players onto another win. The view was pretty good too so all in all the ground got a thumbs up from me.

THE FOOD

The ground was very good but sadly the food inside it wasn't. There were a wide number of options on the menu in the food kiosk but they had ran out of things like pies long before kick-off. Everything was overpriced and in the case of the burgers especially it was pretty disgusting. Lots of people came away from the kiosk with chips, which wasn't a bad option given the state of everything else! Just across the concourse from the food there was a bar which sold beer for £3 a pint. That made up for the appalling food at the very least. On a warm, sunny day the bar did a good trade!



THE PROGRAMME

Like most programmes in this league, the programme, entitled 'The Blue Print', cost £3. It was a 52 pager which contained all the stuff you would usually see in a programme.

The Town were given warm welcomes by the Hartlepool manager, chief executive and chairman with the latter then going on a three paragraph rant at the local council!

Three pages were dedicated to the Town where Stephen McNulty, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Mark Cullen were singled out as 'the key three'.

As luck would have it those three had a huge effect on the game so that was a good choice. The other thing of note in the programme was an interview with Pool full-back Michael Duckworth where it is claimed his favourite band is Stereo Kicks. To admit to liking X-Factor is one thing but an eight-piece boy band? Deary me!

THE GAME

We made one change from the Southend win with Ricky Miller making his debut in place of Alex Lawless. Although the pitch looked good before the game it soon cut up quite badly which made conditions difficult, not helped by the wind off the North Sea.

The start to the game was quite quiet really, with the only things of note in the opening half hour being two very well-respected minute applauses on 14 and 25 minutes dedicated to a Pools fan who died recently and a former player who died seven years ago Sunday. Town fans joined in to show what a good bunch we are.

We took the lead shortly before half-time when Mark Cullen finished brilliantly after a lovely Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu through ball, and in the second half went about consolidating our lead with Cullen, Ruddock and Miller looking dangerous on the break.

There are so many qualities to like about this team at the minute and one of those is the amazing work rate it has, and that was evident in abundance in the second half and eventually we got the second goal our efforts deserved. Hartlepool had done a lot of huffing and puffing but gave away a free-kick on the edge of their box which Miller belted at goal.



The keeper parried it and, for the second away game in a row, a John Still sub scored with his first touch. Jim Stevenson was the man on hand this time for his first Luton goal.

Despite conceding a dodgy looking penalty in injury time we saw the game out well for another three points on this wonderful run.

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

It wasn't an easy pick in this game but Stephen McNulty barely put a foot out of place in the entire match. He positioned himself well to deal with plenty of crosses and got some vital interceptions in.

I'm not sure what he said to Ricky Miller before the free-kick for the second but whatever it was clearly worked! It was a real leader's performance from the skipper, very much as we've come to expect from such a defensive rock.

SUMMARY

After a great win it was back on the coach for the long journey back south. We eventually got back to Luton just before 10pm. It was a long day but it was yet another excellent away day in what is fast becoming another memorable season!

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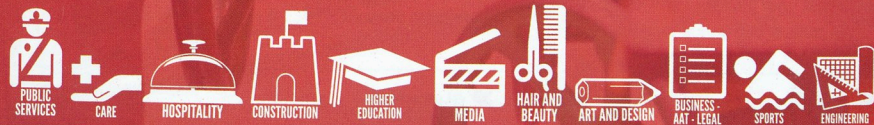
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commentary. Player is the only way that you'll be able to listen to commentary online through your computer or mobile device this season with the Hatters back in the Football League.

A number of previous subscribers have returned to the new improved video service and if you are wondering what complementary services the video subscription site, www.player.lutontown.co.uk, provides in addition to the official website, www.lutontown.co.uk, on a matchday, we have provided a taster below.

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ON THIS DAY

► THE RECORD

The Hatters go into this evening's game protecting a very good record on this day in the history books. The Town have won 12 of the 23 matches they have played on 21st October, drawing five and losing six. In recent times the Hatters' record has been excellent. The last nine games have seen the Town win six, draw two and lose just once – a record that goes back to 1978.

► THE LAST TIME

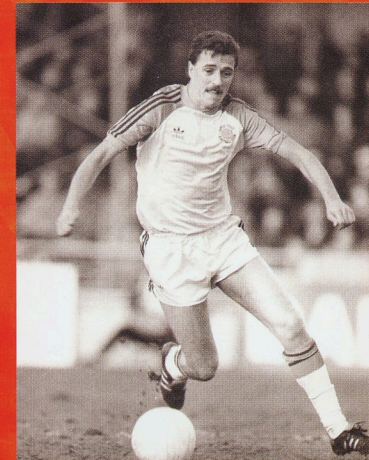
Bizarrely the Hatters' last two matches on 21st October have both been against Grimsby at Blundell Park. While the Town's record on the banks of the Humber estuary aren't the greatest, the matches in 2008 (in League 2) and 2011 (in the Conference) saw the Hatters pick up four points. On their last visit on this day the Town triumphed 1-0 on a Friday night in front of the live television cameras thanks to a goal from Tommy Wright. Three years before two Tom Craddock goals helped the Hatters draw 2-2 on a Tuesday night trip in the -30 season.

► PIVOTAL MOMENT

On this day in 2006 the Hatters thrashed Leeds United 5-1 at Kenilworth Road in the Championship to go fifth in the table. The Town would then lose their next seven matches, tumbling down the league and would be relegated come the season's end – the first of three successive demotions. That gloomy future seemed a million miles away after the win over Leeds, which came courtesy of two goals from Carlos Edwards and one each from Rowan Vine, David Bell and Markus Heikkinen.

► LONG WAY HOME

The Town's 1997/98 campaign was a tough one. The previous season had seen the Hatters reach the Division 2 (now League 1) Play-Offs but an injury list had robbed the



David Moss scored on this day back in 1978 as the Hatters hammered Notts County at Kenilworth Road

Town off half-a-dozen key players. A young side had to contend with a 4-0 home defeat to Watford but on this day in 1997 a young Alan White popped up with a late winner from a Tuesday night away trip to Carlisle to relieve some of the pressure on under-fire boss Lennie Lawrence.

► SIX OF THE BEST

Goals were the name of the game under manager David Pleat at the start of the 1978/79 season. An opening day 6-1 win over Oldham was followed by a 3-0 win over Charlton and a 7-1 hammering of Cardiff. On this day in 1978 the Town made it 25 goals in just six matches at Kenilworth Road after Notts County were beaten

6-0. Brian Stein scored twice and he was joined on the scoresheet by Bob Hatton, Alan West, David Moss and Lil Fuccillo.

► AWAY THE LADS

The Hatters have equalled their biggest away win in recent years, most notably the 5-0 triumphs at Alfreton and Nuneaton last season and the 6-1 win at Ebbsfleet in 2010. The Town also beat Colchester 5-0 at Layer Road in 2003. However the earliest 5-0 win on the road for the Town came in the Division Four (now League 2) championship season in 1967/68 in a victory at Exeter. On that day in Devon Keith Allen scored twice and was joined on target by Ian Buxton, Alan Slough and Ray Whittaker.

► BEST OF THE REST

The Town's first win on 21st October came in a 3-2 win over Portsmouth in 1905. The Town have beaten Watford once on this day, a 3-1 home win in 1933. The Hatters' sole game in the top flight on 21st October was a 4-1 win over Norwich at Kenilworth Road in 1989 with Kingsley Black, John Dreyer, Danny Wilson and Steve Williams on target.

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Luton Ladies

HATTERS LADIES WIN AT KENILWORTH ROAD

The Town Ladies completed an early season double over their Bedford counterparts with a hard fought 2-1 victory at a very wet Kenilworth Road last Wednesday night.

Bedford had the better of the early exchanges with efforts on goal but were restricted to long range efforts that were comfortably dealt with by keeper Hollie Staples. A long ball over the top set Bedford's Eden Washington through on goal but Staples timed her dive to perfection blocking the shot at her feet.

The Town took the lead when Rachel Kosky's corner was met on the volley by Zara Carroll with the visitors' defence unable to prevent the ball crossing the line. The Hatters continued to probe down the right wing and created a number of half chances that came to nothing. The best opportunity came when Rebecca Kane strode into the box before pulling the ball back to Remi Bains whose snatched at the shot and the ball flew narrowly wide.

With 10 minutes to go to the break Bedford won a corner and when the defence failed to clear in the resultant scramble Chloe Scott hooked the ball into the net to equalise.

On the stroke of half-time came the evening's controversy. Rebecca Kane latched onto a through ball and dribbled round Bedford keeper Katie Upton who brought her crashing to the floor two yards outside the penalty area. After a considerable delay the decision was to award a free-kick and to caution Upton. Carroll lined up the resultant free-kick but her powerful strike rattled the crossbar before bouncing to safety.

Luton began to take more control in the vital areas in the second half and looked more likely to take the lead. After 65 minutes the Town regained the lead when Jess McKay's neat touch sent Kane through on goal and she



Zara Carroll volleys the Ladies in front against Bedford

held off the attention of her marker to lift the ball over the diving Upton and into the net. Staples was again called into action diving to her left to catch and hold a powerful drive from Bedford striker Tash Fensome.

The Town continued to create and Kane again broke through on goal but her looping shot was somehow tipped onto the crossbar by Upton. Henny Horsler then broke from deep to surge forward but her shot was again well fielded by the diving Upton.

Luton defended superbly as a group for the final quarter of the match, seeing out the game with some intelligent football with the three points lifting them to sixth in the table.

A delighted Town Manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "Our games with Bedford are always tight affairs as we know each other's strengths so well.

"Our injury problems are well documented, but I have nothing but praise for this group of players who have dug deep in recent weeks, adapting to playing out of position and to different changing formations.

"The players showed a real togetherness and I think were good value for their win."

The Ladies would like to thank the Club for agreeing to host this game and especially groundsman Richard Bird for his hard work in preparing such a fine playing surface.

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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

New Bolton boss Neil Lennon made an instant impact when he banned the Trotters' players from wearing bobble hats in training.

"I don't want them training in hats because they don't play football in hats," said the former Celtic manager with irrefutable logic.

Lennon, of course, is far from the only manager to lay down the law. And some managers' lists of prohibited items is longer than the notice at airport security:

PAOLO DI CANIO - EVERYTHING

Long before Paolo Di Canio made headlines at Sunderland for threatening to throw his players' mobile phones "into the north sea", he was terrorising the staff at League 2 Swindon.

Ketchup and mayonnaise were on the black list, as was ice in coke, which – according to Di Canio – had in the past caused players to miss matches through indigestion.

Singing in the shower was a no-no, lest it interfere with the pre-match preparation of others in the dressing room (who takes a shower before a game?).

Youth-teamers were banned from eating or training with the main squad and were even barred from using their changing rooms.

"I don't mind if the parents of the kids or family of the coach are angry because they worry what is going on," he said reassuringly. "I don't care."

Di Canio's crazy regime worked a treat in League 2, delivering promotion in year one. Yet when he tried the same tricks in the Premier League, a rebellious dressing room hounded him out in months.

ARSENE WENGER - MARS BARS

When you get on a plane these days, it's scarcely believable that passengers still need to be informed that it is a no-smoking flight.

Which is pretty much how Arsene Wenger must have felt when he pitched up at Arsenal in 1996 to discover that his players idea of 'refuelling' was a couple of Mars Bar.

On his first game, players were so dismayed at the disappearance of sugary treats that they chanted 'We want our Mars bars back', and – when getting the training to matches – would sneak into WH Smith to stock up on the sly.

WEST BROM - AUTOGRAPHS

In 2009, Baggies officials nailed a sign to the gates of their training ground informing fans that players would stop to sign autographs "under no circumstances".

The reason? "The club has taken this step to stop abuse of the players' goodwill and prevent profiteering from bulk signings of West Bromwich Albion items to sell on websites such as ebay."

You can see their point. When the sign went up, there were a mighty two shirts for sale on ebay, one for a whopping £20.

BRAZIL - SEXUAL ACROBATICS

Whilst the likes of Mexico, Costa Rica and Bosnia slapped their players with outright sex bans during this year's World Cup, Brazil took a more slapstick approach.

"The players can have normal sex," said Luiz Felipe Scolari, presumably with a Sid James chuckle. "Usually normal sex is done in balanced way, but there are certain forms, certain ways and others who do acrobatics. We will put limits and survey the players."



Arsene Wenger once banned Mars bars at Arsenal

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LEAGUE 2 NEWS IN BRIEF

The Hatters became the first team in League 2 to string five League victories together after Saturday's 2-1 win at Hartlepool but the result wasn't enough for the Town to rise into the automatic promotion places.

The victory did, however, close the gap to the top three with Burton Albion losing their second successive home match with a 2-0 defeat to Morecambe at the Pirelli Stadium. It was the Shrimps' second successive away win and they stay sixth.

Burton's defeat meant Wycombe and Bury could take advantage and both clubs leapfrogged the Brewers with wins this weekend.

Winning

Wycombe now lead the division following their 2-0 home win over AFC Wimbledon, whilst Bury continued their rich vein of form in front of their own supporters with a sixth successive win at Gigg Lane as they beat Portsmouth 3-0.

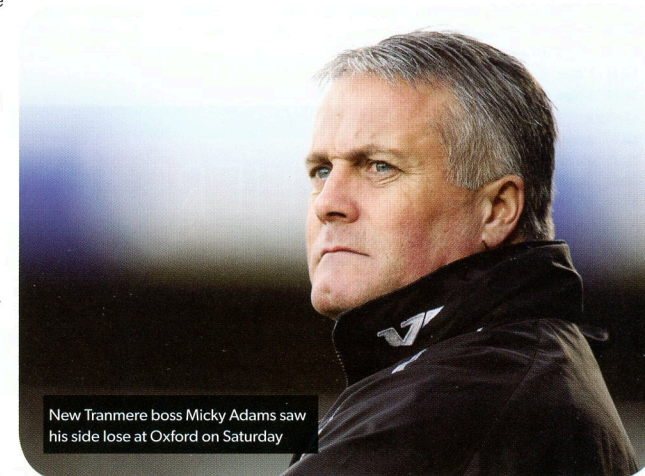
Plymouth stay fifth as they continued their good run of form with a 1-0 home victory over Carlisle United whilst Shrewsbury picked up their first away win of the season by also winning 1-0. The Shrews scored late on to win at York, who had new boss Russell Wilcox in charge for his first match.

A whole host of sides remain within striking distance of a top seven berth, including in-form Newport, whose win over tonight's visitors Dagenham sent Justin Edinburgh's side up to ninth place – their highest position of the season so far.

Cheltenham got back to winning ways by beating Northampton 3-2 at Whaddon Road – the Robins' first win in eight games.

At the other end of the table Tranmere stay bottom as new boss Micky Adams saw his side lose 2-0 at Oxford. Rovers are now two points from safety.

This evening the three clubs above the Hatters in table are all away from home. Burton make the long trip to Carlisle; Bury go to Shrewsbury; while leaders Wycombe – who only survived relegation to the Conference on goal difference on the final day of last season – make a journey to Devon to take on Exeter.



New Tranmere boss Micky Adams saw his side lose at Oxford on Saturday

LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

Accrington v Hartlepool
AFC Wimbledon v Plymouth
Cambridge v Cheltenham
Carlisle v Burton
Exeter v Wycombe
Morecambe v York
Newport v Southend
Northampton v Oxford
Portsmouth v Stevenage
Shrewsbury v Bury
Tranmere v Mansfield

TOP GOALSCORERS

Richards (Northampton)	8
Tubbs (AFC Wimbledon)	8
Akinfewa (AFC Wimbledon)	6
Ellison (Morecambe)	6
Hayes (Wycombe)	6
Hylton (Oxford)	6
Rose (Bury)	6
Cullen (Luton)	5

THE SEASON

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Robinson
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (C1C1)	L 1-2	4,410	436	-	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Robinson
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	L 0-1	9,101	690	14	Tyler	Franks	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Drury
Tue 19	7.45pm	H	Bury	D 1-1	7,890	289	14	Tyler	Franks	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Drury
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 2-2	1,562	586	12	Tyler	Connolly	HOWELLS 1	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Robinson
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	5,888	1,037	18	Tyler	Connolly	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Stevenson

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6	12.15pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 0-1	7,864	527	19	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Ruddock	Drury
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	W 1-0	7,793	221	18	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Smith
Tue 16	7.45pm	A	York City	D 0-0	3,649	445	18	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	Lacey	Wilkinson	Smith	Ruddock
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 1-0	6,533	2,050	13	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Ruddock
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	W 2-0	9,101	868	10	Tyler	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Smith	Doyle

OCTOBER

Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Smith	Doyle
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (JPT2)	L 0-1	2,186	125	-	Justham	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,238	1,033	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	4,225	525	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge											
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town											

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City											
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers											
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion											
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town											

DECEMBER

Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe											
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County											
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth											

JANUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town											
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town											
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle											
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town											
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United											

FEBRUARY

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United											
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City											
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United											
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	A.F.C. Wimbledon											
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley											

MARCH

Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury											
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe											
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth											
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County											
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town											

APRIL

Fri 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City											
Mon 6	7.45pm	A	Tranmere Rovers											
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion											
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge											
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United											
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Southend United											

MAY

Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage											
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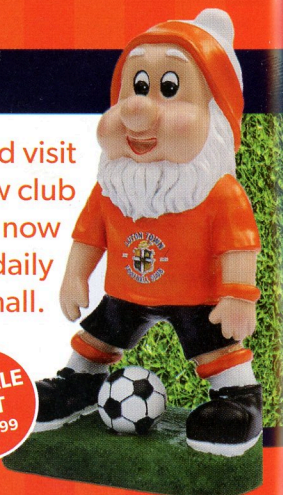
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Fixtures & Results

SUBS

Drury	Howells	CULLEN 1	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock	Guttridge	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	RUDDOCK 1	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen	Benson	Franks	Wall	Guttridge	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Miller	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Rooney	Cullen	Smith	Lawless	Wall	Lafayette	Stevenson	Wilkinson	Justham
Ruddock	Guttridge	CULLEN 1	Lafayette	Drury	Wall	Howells	Rooney	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Wall	Rooney	Lafayette	Whalley	Stevenson	Connolly	Justham
Stevenson	Guttridge	CULLEN 1	Wall	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Whalley	HOWELLS 1	Cullen	Drury	Lafayette	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Drury	Cullen	Benson	Howells	WALL 1	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Wall	Benson	Walker	Robinson	Stevenson	Lawless	Tyler		
Drury	Ruddock	LAWLESS 1	CULLEN 1	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller	CULLEN 1	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	STEVENSON 1	Walker	Justham

LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wycombe Wanderers	13	8	4	1	19	8	11	28
2 Bury	13	8	2	3	23	11	12	26
3 Burton Albion	13	8	1	4	16	15	1	25
4 LUTON TOWN	13	7	3	3	14	9	5	24
5 Plymouth Argyle	13	7	1	5	14	8	6	22
6 Morecambe	13	7	1	5	16	12	4	22
7 Shrewsbury Town	13	6	3	4	16	10	6	21
8 Southend United	13	6	3	4	13	11	2	21
9 Newport County AFC	13	5	4	4	16	13	3	19
10 Cheltenham Town	13	5	4	4	13	13	0	19
11 Cambridge United	13	5	3	5	23	15	8	18
12 Northampton Town	13	5	3	5	22	19	3	18
13 AFC Wimbledon	13	5	3	5	20	21	-1	18
14 Portsmouth	13	4	5	4	11	12	-1	17
15 Stevenage	13	5	2	6	16	19	-3	17
16 Mansfield Town	13	5	2	6	12	16	-4	17
17 Exeter City	13	4	4	5	14	17	-3	16
18 Accrington Stanley	13	5	1	7	18	24	-6	16
19 Dagenham & Redbridge	13	4	2	7	16	21	-5	14
20 Oxford United	13	3	4	6	13	18	-5	13
21 Carlisle United	13	3	3	7	15	22	-7	12
22 Hartlepool United	13	3	2	8	8	20	-12	11
23 York City	13	1	7	5	11	18	-7	10
24 Tranmere Rovers	13	2	3	8	11	18	-7	9

PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON		TOTAL		DISCIP		LFC			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	6	0		
Paul Benson	6	(1)	0	2	(0)	8	(1)	0	2	47	18	
Paul Connolly	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	5	(0)	0	3	0	5	0
Mark Cullen	13	(0)	5	1	(0)	14	(0)	5	0	0	50	15
Nathan Doyle	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0
Andy Drury	9	(3)	0	1	(0)	10	(3)	0	1	0	39	8
Fraser Franks	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	3	(0)	0	1	0	20	0
Scott Griffiths	11	(0)	0	2	(0)	13	(0)	0	1	0	65	1
Luke Guttridge	7	(2)	0	1	(1)	8	(3)	0	1	0	44	13
Michael Harriman	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jake Howells	7	(2)	2	1	(0)	8	(2)	2	0	0	286	28
Elliot Justham	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	0	0	8	0
Alex Lacey	8	(2)	0	1	(0)	9	(2)	0	0	0	42	1
Ross Lafayette	1	(6)	0	0	(1)	0	1	(7)	0	1	8	0
Alex Lawless	1	(1)	1	0	(1)	1	(2)	1	0	0	159	19
Steve McNulty	12	(0)	0	2	(0)	14	(0)	0	1	0	82	2
Ricky Miller	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	1	0
Andrew Parry	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	26	4
Ian Rees	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	4	0
Matt Robinson	5	(1)	0	1	(1)	6	(2)	0	0	1	53	3
Luke Rooney	4	(2)	1	1	(0)	5	(2)	2	1	1	13	2
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	8	(3)	1	0	(1)	9	(4)	1	1	0	36	3
Charlie Smith	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	3	0
Jonathan Smith	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	7	(0)	0	2	0	67	3
Jim Stevenson	2	(8)	1	0	(0)	3	(8)	1	1	0	16	1
Mark Tyler	13	(0)	0	1	(0)	14	(0)	0	1	0	244	0
Charlie Walker	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	0	2	0
Alex Wall	1	(3)	1	1	(0)	2	(3)	1	3	0	32	7
Shaun Whalley	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	0	0	23	2
Luke Wilkinson	12	(0)	2	2	(0)	14	(0)	2	1	0	14	2
Curtley Williams	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0

HOLD THE Back Page

WITH LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR MIKE SIMMONDS

You could forgive Luton Town boss John Still for heading into the wrong dressing room before tonight's clash.

For the Hatters chief spent over a decade at the East London club as manager in two spells, his second lasting nine years, where he took them from the depths of the Conference to a season in League 1.

This will be the first time Still has led a side into battle against his former club for a competitive match, as the easy pre-season win last campaign, doesn't really count.

The Hatters boss makes no secret of his love for the club either, one that his dad supported, and admitted during his post-match press conference in Hartlepool, that the fixture is clearly going to mean more than just another game for him.

Still's return is just one of a number of reunions between the two clubs as obviously number Terry Harris was his second in command at Victoria Road, with fitness coach Dave Richardson also making the move to Kenilworth Road.

On the pitch too, Paul Benson enjoyed a marvellous five years with Daggers, and is still held in high regards by the club's supporters, as is Scott Griffiths, who served the club superbly after joining as a 19-year-old from non-league Aveley.

In the Daggers ranks too, there is a certain Andre Boucaud, who despite clearly having the talent, with his skills on display in training, he is still spoken about by former team-mates at the time, and never got to show that in a Hatters shirt.

Meanwhile, looking at Town's start to the campaign prior to the Hartlepool win, thanks to the efforts of @scart_issue and his infographic on this page, it mirrors last year's efforts rather scarily.

With 12 games gone on their way to a crushing Conference title win, they had secured 20 points, while this time around, despite the step up in class, they are a point better off.

Still has often said that his side don't start the season well but grow into it around the 10-game mark and that is showing signs of ringing true once more.

Seven games undefeated, five straight wins, just two goals conceded, all sounding remarkably similar to last season, and we all know how that ended up don't we?

Finally, looking to Twitter once more, and another remarkable stat from @treblethree was dug up, that the Hatters have never lost when Mark Cullen has scored, winning 12 and drawing once.

Here's to another goal from Town's leading marksman tonight then!



sky BET LEAGUE 2



Sammy the Stag receiving the trophy on Craig's behalf.



Craig's score prediction:

TRANMERE ROVERS 0
MANSFIELD TOWN 1
13/2*

*no first scorer and subject to change



SEPTEMBER FAN OF THE MONTH

**CRAIG
PLOUGHMAN**

Mansfield Town fan Craig Ploughman has been named the Sky Bet League 2 Fan of the Month for September.

Accounts clerk Craig and colleagues from the law firm where he works raised over £700 in a charity run for Mansfield fan Lisa Lodder who lost her battle with cancer earlier this year.

Craig said: "I am now planning to run the Workshop Halloween Half Marathon for Emma Stamp.

"Emma was a good friend and also a big Stags supporter who lost her life in a car accident at the age of 23."

Mansfield Town Chairman John Radford said: "The club is proud of Craig for his sterling efforts in raising money in honour of both Lisa Lodder and Emma Stamp.

"He is a deserved winner of this award and everyone at the Stags would like to commend him for his endeavours."

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| 1 Mark Tyler | 19 Ricky Miller |
| 2 Fraser Franks | 20 Shaun Whalley |
| 3 Danny Fitzsimons | 21 Luke Guttridge |
| 4 Jonathan Smith | 22 Michael Harriman |
| 5 Stephen McNulty | 23 Matthew Robinson |
| 6 Alex Lacey | 24 Curtley Williams |
| 7 Alex Lawless | 26 Nathan Doyle |
| 8 Andy Drury | 28 Jim Stevenson |
| 9 Paul Benson | 29 Paul Connolly |
| 10 Alex Wall | 30 Luke Wilkinson |
| 11 Jake Howells | 32 Brett Longden |
| 12 Scott Griffiths | 33 Mark Onyemah |
| 13 Mark Cullen | 34 Zane Banton |
| 14 Andy Parry | 35 Charlie Walker |
| 15 Luke Rooney | 36 Charlie Smith |
| 16 Elliot Justham | 37 Kynan Isaac |
| 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu | 39 Ian Rees |
| 18 Ross Lafayette | |



DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

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| 1 Liam O'Brien | 14 George Porter |
| 2 Damian Batt | 15 Joss Labadie |
| 3 Jack Connors | 16 Nathan Green |
| 4 Scott Doe | 17 Luke Howells |
| 5 Brian Saah | 19 Bradley Goldberg |
| 6 Billy Bingham | 21 Matt Partridge |
| 7 Jamie Cureton | 22 Ian Gayle |
| 8 Abu Agogo | 23 Ashley Hemmings |
| 9 Rhys Murphy | 27 Ade Yusuff |
| 10 Ashley Chambers | 28 Andre Boucaud |
| 11 Zavon Hines | 29 Frankie Raymond |
| 12 Christian Doidge | 30 Mark Cousins |

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