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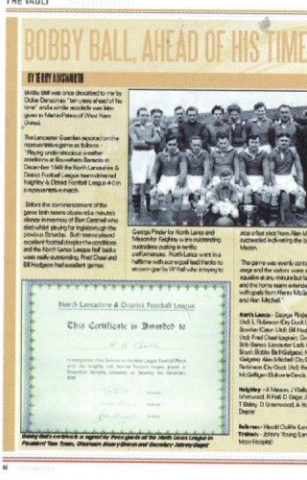
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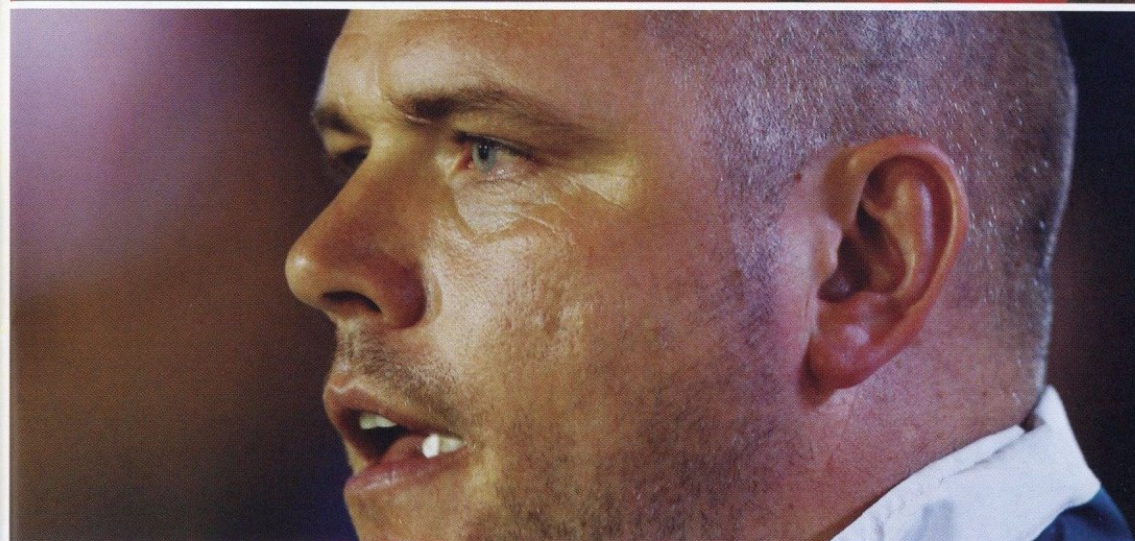
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JIM BENTLEY



GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE GLOBE ARENA TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS FROM LUTON TOWN.

It's been a few weeks since we were here when we beat Bury 1-0 with a super performance. It was probably the display of the season so far and we set a standard that we have to look to reach every game, and a standard we will definitely need to replicate today against a very good side who are enjoying things back in the Football League.

Luton are a big club in decent form, similar to when we played Bury in our last game at home and I'm looking forward to the challenge and looking forward to coming up against John Still, a manager I really admire.

I would obviously have loved to have been in action last week in the FA Cup but it wasn't to be and the only good thing about that is that we should have a much bigger

squad of players to choose from today. Kevin Ellison and Alan Goodall will be back after their suspensions and I should imagine we'll have most of the injuries we have had in recent weeks cleared up by now too.

That means I've got a bit of a selection headache today because I think the lads that came into the side at Stevenage did themselves proud. Although I was happy with the point in the end I thought we fully deserved to win the game and if we had taken our chances I'm sure we would have.

In the end we had to come from behind after they scored with their only shot on target but we stuck with it really well and showed great determination to get something from the game and hopefully

we can take that determination into today's game as well.

What makes today a bit special is that we are playing for the Eric Morecambe Trophy which I think is a great idea.

I have been in Morecambe for some time now and know just what he means to the town and I believe Luton fans have the same affinity for him as well.

The atmosphere against Bury last time out was brilliant and hopefully we can have the same again today.

Enjoy the game and have a great Christmas.

Jim



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE. MAY I EXTEND A WARM LANCASHIRE WELCOME TO THE TRAVELLING OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF LUTON TOWN WHO HAVE MADE THE LONG JOURNEY NORTH.

The last few years have not been an easy time for Hatters followers.

Relegation from the second tier of English football to the fifth in successive seasons saw them playing in the unfamiliar territory of Football Conference in the 2009-10 season and it took five long seasons to regain their Football League status as Conference champions last term.

Today the Hatters sit in second position in the League 2 table and with an FA Cup 2nd Round relay v Bury next Tuesday night maybe the good times are about to roll again at Kenilworth Road. It would be remiss of me not to extend a personal welcome to Luton manager, John Still.

As a club we formed a close relationship with John's former club, Dagenham and Redbridge, and John was an integral part of that relationship. John, all the best for the season.....starting tomorrow!

Today is being billed as the Eric Morecambe Match. We all know of our Eric's love of football from his early life watching the Shrimps at Christie Park (from the Cinder Bank I understand) and later his support of The Hatters and his service to them as a Director and Vice-President.

Just as Eric gave his home town fabulous publicity by adopting it's name, he also gave Luton Town great exposure on national television at the height of Morecambe & Wise's popularity.



Following the vandalism to Eric's sculpture, I attended a public meeting at the Midland Hotel in October and, on behalf of the club, offered our help with the various Eric initiatives that were being planned.

A few suggestions were made on the night and those ideas are being worked on with a view to hold some exciting events next year, keep an eye on the local press for more details. With the Morecambe v Luton fixture looming, I suggested we kick off the fund raising initiatives at this fixture.

Commemorative rosettes are on sale today with all proceeds going to the Eric and Ernie Bronze Wall Relief Fund. Another suggestion on the night was for today's match to be contested for the Eric Morecambe Trophy.

After discussions with our counterparts at Luton and the Football League this became a reality and Graham Ibbeson, the sculptor of the real Eric, has produced a special golden Eric for the occasion.

As you read this, Eric should be back in his rightful position on the Promenade (Thursday 11th December) and it is so fitting that we should be playing Luton just two days later.

Well, it seems an age since we were last here, well ok, four weeks actually! Following a great performance and result here against Bury, we tasted defeat at Portsmouth's cauldron-like Fratton Park and earned an excellent point at Stevenage when we were really down to the bones player-wise with various injuries and suspensions.

To all the supporters who have made three long journeys south (including Dover) over the past few weeks a big thank you.

Even at Fratton Park they made their presence felt and it is appreciated by all at the club. Please get behind Jim, Ken and the boys today and let's create a great atmosphere with our visitors from Bedfordshire and celebrate "the one with the glasses" together!

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Rod Taylor

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MARK HUGHES

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO THE GLOBE FOR THIS GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

We come into the game on the back of an excellent draw at Stevenage and following a defeat at Portsmouth that left us all with a bit of a sour taste in our mouths.

At Portsmouth we lost 3-0 and anyone not at the game would probably think we got battered. But that was definitely not the case and had a few decisions not gone against us like they did we could have got something from the game.

We didn't do ourselves any favours after giving away an early goal which really gave them a lift but after that it was pretty even and in the end we were caught on the break twice as we tried to get back into the game.

Looking back at the game they could well have had three red cards with a pull back on Kev as he was running on goal and two elbows but once they weren't given it felt like it was going to be one of those days and that is how it turned out.

Stevenage was as well as we have played for a few weeks and if we hadn't got anything from the game it would have been criminal.

We were up against it at Stevenage a bit with injuries and suspensions but we dug deep and got a point which we were happy with but If we had been a bit more lethal in the final third we could have won the game because we had chances to take the three points but unfortunately didn't take them.

We have to build on that Stevenage display at home today and put in a



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similar performance to the one we produced against Bury here last time out. I thought we were different class that day against a good side and we have to come into today's game WITH the same mentality.

Against Bury we got on the front foot and got right in their faces and it paid off and that is what we will have to look to

do today against a good side who are having a great run at the moment. We have worked really hard over the past fortnight with not having a game last week and we all know our jobs today which will hopefully help us gain another three points.

Enjoy the game.
Mark

THE VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

BY ADAM WOODHOUSE



CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1885
Nickname: The Hatters
Home Ground: Kenilworth Road
Capacity: 10,226



Honours: Football League second Division winners 1981-81; League cup winners 1987-88; FA Cup runners-up 1958-59; Football League Trophy 2008-09

THIS AFTERNOON THE SHRIMPS WELCOME LUTON TOWN TO THE GLOBE ARENA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN NON-EXISTENT SINCE THE 2008-09 SEASON, WITH THE HATTERS SUFFERING RELEGATION FROM LEAGUE TWO AT THE CLIMAX OF THAT CAMPAIGN.

Their demotion ended an abysmal period in the club's history, suffering three relegations in as many seasons from the highs of the Championship to the less glamorous lows of the Conference Premier.

That final drop came as a result of a staggering 30-point deduction handed out to the Hatters following illegal payments made to agents and after failing to agree a Company Voluntary Agreement to exit administration.

It ended a spell of 89 years in the Football League for today's visitors and the Bedfordshire outfit have found it no easy feat returning to the fourth tier of English football.

Under new ownership following their relegation, the one-time League Cup winners reached the Conference play-off

final twice in four seasons but with the Club's 2012-13 campaign fading away, Luton 2020 decided it was time for a change and the consortium led by TV presenter Nick Owen appointed a fifth manager in as many years.

That man was John Still, with the former Peterborough and Barnet boss sworn in from Dagenham and Redbridge in an attempt to achieve his third promotion into the Football League following success with Maidstone in 1989 and Dagenham in 2007.

A seventh placed finish was the result after his first few months in charge but a year later it was a complete contrast, with the Hatters embarking on a memorable record-breaking campaign under Still's leadership.

The 2008-09 Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners were crowned Champions of the Conference at the end of last season; having embarked on a club-record 27-match unbeaten run as well as picking up 101 points, scoring 102 goals and conceding only 35 as the Hatters returned to the Football League in style.

After five seasons plying their trade in non-league, boss Still strengthened his squad in the summer with League Two safety the club's minimum requirement.

Striker Paul Benson - who scored 17 times for the Hatters last season - signed on a permanent deal and he was joined at Kenilworth Road by experienced duo Paul Connolly and Nathan Doyle, while former Luton winger Adam Drury returned to the club from League One Crawley.

Those additions have more than added to what Still already had at his disposal and the Hatters are currently in contention for an automatic promotion spot after an impressive run of nine wins in 11 games.

That record included seven victories on the bounce and despite the Club's 11-match unbeaten run coming to an end against Burton Albion last month the Hatters are very much in the hunt for back-to-back promotions as they strive for Premier League football at Kenilworth Road by 2020.

STAR MAN: MARK CULLEN

Luton Town signed Mark Cullen on a two-year contract after he was released by Premier League-bound Hull City in May 2013.

The striker caught the eye of Hatters' boss John Still when he twice played for Stockport County on loan against Luton in the Conference in a spell where he scored four times in 16 games. Cullen played in the Premier League whilst with Hull, scoring on his full debut in a 2-2 draw against Wigan Athletic in 2010.

Unable to break into the Tigers' starting XI on a regular basis as the Humberside club changed managers, Cullen was also loaned out to Bradford and Bury. He was unable to help Stockport survive in the Blue Square Bet Premier despite some fine performances, but the Town were able to beat off competition from a number of clubs to secure the striker's signature.

On his new signing, Still told Town's official website: 'I've been aware of Mark since he's been at Hull under Peter Taylor, who thought a lot of the boy. He was on loan at Stockport last year and I thought he was outstanding against us. I made a lot of calls to try and get him here and hand on heart I didn't think he would come down to Conference level.'

'But Mark's got good ability, he can score, his movement's clever and I think he's going to develop into a really good player.'

Cullen scored 10 goals last season, including the late equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Cambridge United and finished the campaign with three goals in his last five matches, signing a new contract keeping him at Kenilworth Road until 2017.



LAST TIME OUT V BURY



BURY 1-1 LUTON TOWN

An injury-time equaliser denied the Luton a victory and a place in the third round of the FA Cup. Leading thanks to Mark Cullen's scrambled goal five minutes after half-time, the hosts earned a replay when substitute Daniel Nardiello fired home in the 90th-minute. After an even first half Bury began the second half with period well winning an early corner before Danny Mayor cut inside from the left and fired a shot over Mark Tyler's crossbar.

But on 50 minutes it was the Town that took the lead with a goal that the Bury defence will not want to see again. Scott Griffiths forced his way up the byline and there seemed no danger when the left-wing-back's cross rolled towards goal. However home goalkeeper Lainton and a defensive colleague left the ball for each other on the goal-line and Cullen nipped in to bundle the ball over the line for his ninth goal of the season.

The hosts tried in vain to level almost immediately but Nicky Adams' free-kick hit the Town wall before Hope fired way over the crossbar after latching onto a super through ball from Mayor. The hosts were piling on the pressure and Michael Harriman came close to finding the net with an own goal with 11 minutes left with the QPR loanee relieved to see the ball drop the other side of the post. Bury's corner count with four minutes left read 16-1 and from the 16th flag-kick Tyler needed to be alert to palm over Chris Hussey's right-wing corner.

However, the pressure continued and Bury from their 17th and final corner of the game, with goalkeeper Lainton in the mix, levelled. The Town couldn't clear their lines and Nardiello thundered home to send the home fans wild.

LUTON: Tyler; McNulty, Franks, Wilkinson; Harriman, Griffiths (sub Howells 76); Smith, Doyle, Drury; Walker (sub Miller 59), Cullen.

Subs: Robinson, Stevenson, Rooney, Lacey, Justham.

ONES TO WATCH

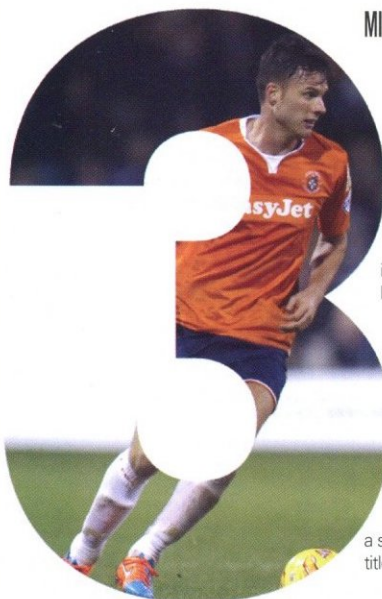
LUTON TOWN

BY MATTY BENNETT

GOALKEEPER
MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who was the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in the summer of 2009. Prior to his move to Kenilworth Road Mark had made almost 400 appearances whilst with Peterborough United.

The 2013/14 season was Tyler's fifth at Kenilworth Road and he crowned it by playing every match in the 46-game title-winning campaign. He kept clean sheets in exactly half of those games and has now made 232 appearances in total for the Hatters.

MIDFIELDER
JONATHAN SMITH

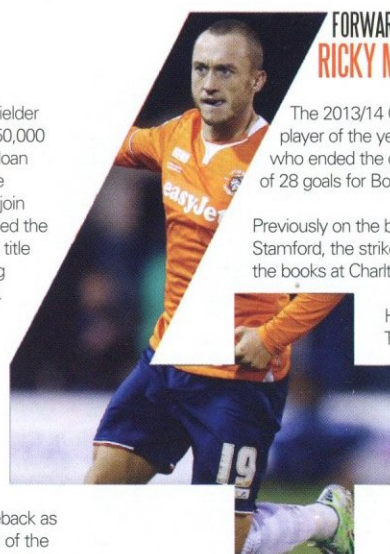
Combative central midfielder signed from York for £50,000 following a successful loan spell. Originally with the Shrimps he left York to join Swindon where he helped the Robins win the League 2 title in 2011/12 before switching back to Bootham Crescent.

Smith suffered a broken leg on Boxing Day last year but his progress and rehabilitation was tremendous and, four months to the day after the incident, he made an emotional comeback as a substitute in the final match of the title-winning campaign.

DEFENDER
STEPHEN McNULTY

Experienced centre-half who signed for the Town in February 2013. The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to the Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the trophy as the Cod Army captain. The Liverpoolian has also played for Barrow, Vauxhall Motors and Bursough.

McNulty enjoyed a fantastic season at the heart of the Hatters defence and was an ever-present as the Hatters lifted the Conference title. He walked away with a whole host of end-of-season awards, including Player of the Year and goal of the season.

FORWARD
RICKY MILLER

The 2013/14 Conference North player of the year and top goalscorer who ended the campaign with a haul of 28 goals for Boston.

Previously on the books of Rothwell and Stamford, the striker began his career on the books at Charlton as a youngster.

He signed for the Town on a two-year deal this summer.

2 FRASER FRANKS

Talented centre-half who signed for an undisclosed fee in January 2014 from Welling United. Began his career as a youngster at Chelsea and then Brentford before moving to AFC Wimbledon, winning promotion in 2011. Left Kingsmeadow for Welling and helped the Wings secure the Conference South title in 2012/13. Made 17 appearances at the heart of the Hatters defence in the title-winning season of 2013/14.

3 DANNY FITZSIMONS

Former Millwall and QPR defender who followed team-mate Jim Stevenson to Kenilworth Road from Histon on a two-year contract in the summer of 2013. Swept the board at the Stutes' end-of-season awards in 2013 and has over 100 games experience despite only being 22-years-old. Capable of playing at left-back or in central defence, an injury kept him out of the Town side for the entire 2013/14 campaign but he's back to full fitness and aiming to stake a claim in the Town squad.

6 ALEX LACEY

Highly-rated centre-half who made his first team debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling in 2009. Signed a professional contract to remain at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2011/12 season which was extended to a three-year deal in the summer of 2012. He spent the 2012/13 season on loan at Conference South side Eastleigh but began the 2013/14 season as captain during pre-season and broke into the side in August.

7 ALEX LAWLESS

Influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May 2013, turning down contracts at two clubs in League 1. Lawless enjoyed a fine 2012/13 campaign which culminated in him winning both the Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year awards. Began his career as a youngster at Fulham and has also played for Forest Green. Scored six goals in 32 matches as he helped the Town lift the Conference title in 2013/14. The third-longest serving member of the squad.

8 ANDY DRURY

Creative midfield player who returned to Kenilworth Road on a two-year contract in the summer of 2014, signing from Crawley Town. First signed for the Hatters from Stevenage in 2010 his performances from midfield caught the eye of Ipswich

Town who signed him in January 2011. He would go on and become a regular at Portman Road in the Championship until a change of manager saw him find first team opportunities limited. Drury signed on-loan for Crawley before making that move permanent in the summer of 2013. He started his career with Sittingbourne before spells at Gravesend and Lewes.

10 ALEX WALL

Powerful striker who signed in the summer of 2013 having impressed whilst on-loan to the Hatters from Maidenhead United until the end of the 2012/13 season. Alex joined Maidenhead from Thatcham Town but burst onto the scene last season with a dozen goals for the Magpies. He won the Blue Square Bet South player of the month award for February following a purple patch in front of goal and, following his arrival at Kenilworth Road, scored two goals. In 2013/14 he scored a fine winning goal in the 4-3 win over FC Halifax before going out on loan to Dartford where his form in front of goal continued. Credited with the final Luton goal in the Conference following his strike in the 1-0 win over Hyde.

11 JAKE HOWELLS

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May. In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals, including his first senior goal in the incredible 4-3 win over Cambridge in September 2009. Capped at Under-21 level by Wales, Howells signed a three-year contract extension in the summer of 2012. During the 2012/13 season he surpassed the 200-appearance mark for the club as a 21-year-old. In 2013/14 Howells then broke the 275-game barrier in Town colours and netted eight goals as the Town romped to the title.

12 SCOTT GRIFFITHS

Left-back who signed at the end of the 2012/13 season after impressing following his arrival on an original short-term deal.

The former Dagenham & Redbridge man, the experienced defender joined the Hatters in March 2012 following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011. Scott was an ever-present for the Town in the title winning campaign of 2013/14.

14 ANDY PARRY

Versatile central defender or midfielder signed from Southport on a two-year contract in the summer of 2013. Also able to play at right back, Parry had two season's worth of Conference football under his belt. Began his career as a youngster at Blackburn. Appeared 26 times for the Town in his debut season of 2013/14 and scored four goals.

15 LUKE ROONEY

Creative midfield player who signed a six-month deal in the summer of 2014 having played in the final two months of the Town's championship-winning season. Started his career as a youngster at Gillingham where a string of fine performances led to him becoming a regular for the Gills. Signed for Swindon in 2010 and helped the Robins win League 2 but after being frozen out of the side he spent time out on loan before joining the Town last term from Maidstone.

16 ELIOT JUSTHAM

Up-and-coming goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May 2013. The 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks in the 2012/13 season. The stopper has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading. He made his Town debut in an FA Cup tie at Woking, keeping a clean sheet in the process, and went onto feature in all of the Hatters' cup ties in 2013/14. Was an ever-present as substitute keeper for Mark Tyler during 2013/14.

17 PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU

Highly-rated midfielder who signed on a permanent deal from West Ham in January 2014 from West Ham United. Only made his debut for the Hammers in August 2013 in the Capital One Cup but was loaned to the Hatters in December - making his debut at centre-half against Staines in the FA Trophy. He scored his first goal for the Town in the 7-0 win over Hereford and picked up a championship winners' medal after string of impressive performances in central midfield.

THE PLAYERS

LUTON TOWN

18 ROSS LAFAYETTE

Summer signing from Welling United, the strong and pacey frontman scored 39 goals in 90 matches with the Wings, who he helped win the Conference South in 2012/13. A regular scorer further down the pyramid he also has experience of coaching in the United States. Joined the Town on a two-year deal.

20 SHAUN WHALLEY

Attack-minded midfielder or winger who followed Andy Parry to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport in the summer of 2013. Whalley was in inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring 10 goals and creating many more and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards. After beginning last season with the Town, Whalley was loaned to AFC Telford who he helped win the Conference North title.

21 LUKE GUTTRIDGE

Influential and experienced central midfielder with over 450 senior appearances to his name who signed for the Hatters in August 2013 on a two-year contract. He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend, and also helped Northampton reach the League 2 play-off final last season. Luke enjoyed a fine debut season with the Hatters, scoring an impressive 13 goals in 33 matches before a foot injury curtailed his season in March. Returned to full fitness this summer, scoring in the friendly draw with Colchester.

23 MATT ROBINSON

Young central midfielder who impressed the Town enough in pre-season of 2012 to earn himself a contract. He made his Town debut in a 2-0 win at Kidderminster Harriers in August and scored his first goal for the club in the 3-1 win at Southport on the final game of the 2013/13 season. Matt made 31 appearances for the Town in the title-winning campaign and scored twice - both vital goals against Chester and Grimsby.

24 CURTLEY WILLIAMS

A former Ipswich scholar whose primary position is right-back who joined the Hatters this summer. Curtley spent time in Spain at

Luke Wilkinson



the Glenn Hoddle Academy before spells in non-league. He helped Lowestoft to the Play-Offs in his first season before enjoying another successful campaign in Suffolk last term, with the club winning promotion through the Play-Offs.

26 NATHAN DOYLE

Defensive central midfielder who penned a one-year contract with the Hatters in September 2014 after leaving Bradford City in the summer. Derby-born, he came through the Rams' youth ranks before signing for Hull and then Barnsley. Joined Bradford in 2012 and helped the Bantams win the League 2 Play-Offs in his first season - a campaign that also saw the Yorkshire outfit reach the final of the League Cup.

28 JIM STEVENSON

Box-to-box midfielder signed in May 2013 on a two-year deal from Histon. Scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the top goalscorer. Jim made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth Road for Histon in a game the Hatters won 5-1. He made six appearances for the Hatters in his debut season but impressed out on a loan spell with Dartford.

29 PAUL CONNOLLY

Hugely experienced right-back who has enjoyed almost 10 years' worth of football in the Championship with spells at Plymouth, Leeds, Derby and Millwall. Most recently with Crawley.

Helped Plymouth win promotion twice - from Leagues 2 and 1 - before joining Derby where he captained the Rams. Left Millwall last year and signed for Crawley but jumped at the chance to sign for the Hatters in the summer of 2014.

30 LUKE WILKINSON

Centre-half who has previously played under John Still whilst with Dagenham. The former Bristol City and Portsmouth defender enjoyed a successful spell on-loan at Dartford before nailing down a place with the Daggers and was voted their player of the year two seasons ago. Signed a one-year deal with the Town in July 2014.

35 CHARLIE WALKER

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters after scoring 43 goals last season as the club won promotion. Joined the Town on trial this summer and scored twice in the friendly against AFC Dunstable before being snapped up on a permanent deal.

THE MANAGER:

John Still was confirmed as the new manager of Luton Town on a two-and-a-half-year deal in February 2013. The 63-year-old made the move after nine years at the Daggers. In that time he achieved promotion to the Football League in 2007 and won the League Two play-offs in 2010. Still said at the time: "In your life you have projects. The project I had at Dagenham was to do everything I could to make them a Football League club.

"I said once I feel I've done that, if anything else comes up that matches the ambition I believe I still have, then that's what I want to do.

"The (other) offers that have come in for me to leave have been a higher level than Dagenham.

"But it has to be right club, right place, right time. When the situation at Luton town came up, they seemed to be very impressed with how I do things. I was very impressed with the things the club explained to me." Still was the man to finally take Luton back into the Football League - a feat he also achieved at Maidstone United in 1989.

The former defender, who embarked on his second spell as Dagenham boss in 2004, has been roundly admired for his ability to not only take the east Londoners into the Football League with limited resources, but for also bringing a season of League One football to Victoria Road and stabilising the club in League Two.

JOHN STILL



WHAT WERE LUTON'S HOPES FOR THIS SEASON?

Luton's ambitions for the season are most definitely to win a second successive promotion. After coming up from the Conference last year, the squad felt they had more than enough in the ranks to push on and reach League One at the first attempt.

HOW HAS THE SEASON GONE SO FAR?

I am slightly surprised just how comfortably Luton have made the step up this year, as I must admit, I felt the league would be much stronger than it is.

Looking at the sorts of players that teams were bringing in during the summer, I felt Luton would be

happy with a play-off place as there looked to be a number of strong opponents they would be facing. But having watched all the games, there's been no stand out teams yet and Luton have gained momentum to reach a top three place that there's no reason they can't keep hold of.

WHICH PLAYERS HAVE IMPRESSED THIS SEASON?

Defender Steve McNulty has been in superb form so far this season, carrying on his performances from last campaign.

Centre half partner Luke Wilkinson, who joined in the summer, has been an excellent addition for the club, and fitted in seamlessly alongside McNulty. QPR loanee Michael Harriman has looked a real

find at right back and has just signed an extension for another month, with keeper Mark Tyler getting even better with age.

Another recent addition Nathan Doyle has slotted in superbly just in front of the back four and looks a really classy operator, while Jonathan Smith is now fully recovered from his leg break and is having a fine campaign.

WHO SHOULD MORECAMBE BE WARY OF THIS AFTERNOON?

Young midfielder Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu on his day is a handful for any opposition in this league, while leading scorer Mark Cullen has impressed in front of goal and is only one away from his tally for the whole of last season.

MEDIA VIEW: MIKE SIMMONDS

LUTON TOWN

BACK TO THE FUTURE

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO FOUR OF LUTON TOWN'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

1959 FA CUP FINALISTS

RON BAYNHAM: England international goalkeeper who made 388 League appearances until injury ended his playing career in May 1965. He later worked as an interior decorator and now lives in Silsoe.

BRENDAN McNALLY: Eire international right-back who joined Cambridge City in July 1963, then Dunstable. He managed Chesham and Dunstable, then worked for Zenith Windows, settling in Dunstable.

KEN HAWKES: Left-back who moved to Peterborough United in June 1961, then played for Bedford and St Neots. He spent 28 years as a sales rep for a wholesale food company and still lives in Luton.

JOHN GROVES: Long-serving right-half who netted 16 goals in 218 League games, moving to Bournemouth in September 1963. Settling in his native Derby, he spent 30 years working for Courtaulds.

SYD OWEN: England international who became manager. Later Leeds United's coach until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

DAVE PACEY: England U-23 left-half who netted 16 goals in 246 League games for the Hatters, moving to Kettering Town in July 1965. He then worked for Electrolux, settling in Newport Pagnell.

BILLY BINGHAM: Northern Ireland international winger who joined Everton in October 1960, then played for Port Vale. He managed Southport, Plymouth, Everton, Mansfield and Northern Ireland.

ALLAN BROWN: Scotland international who moved to Portsmouth in March 1961, then managed Wigan, Luton, Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool. He died in April 2011.

BOB MORTON: England B international who netted 48 goals in 495 League games, becoming Bletchley Town's player-boss in July 1964. He worked for Luton Sports Press and died in April 2002.

GEORGE CUMMINS: Eire international who scored 21 times in 186 League outings, moving to Cambridge City in July 1961, then Hull City. He was later an electrician, settling in Newton-le-Willows.

TONY GREGORY: Ex-England Youth winger who joined Watford in March 1960, then Bexley, Bedford, Hastings, Dover and Stevenage. He was managing director of an aerosol manufacturing firm.

1973-74 PROMOTION WINNERS

GRAHAM HORN: Goalkeeper who moved to Charlton Athletic in December 1976, then Southend, Aldershot and Torquay. Later a residential social worker for Devon County Council, he died in July 2012.

JOHN RYAN: Right-back who joined Norwich City in August 1976, then Sheffield United, Manchester City, Stockport County, Chester and Cambridge United's player-boss. He has held coaching posts.

BOBBY THOMSON: Ex-England international who had a spell with Hartford Bi-Centennials before joining Port Vale in October 1976. He was Stafford's player-boss, then ran a sports shop in Sedgley.

PETER ANDERSON: Midfielder who joined Antwerp in December 1975, then Tampa Bay Rowdies, Sheffield United and was Millwall's player-boss. Now CEO of Bayshore Technologies Group in Tampa.

JOHN FAULKNER: Central defender who netted six goals in 209 League games. Later coaching at Luton and Norwich City, 'Maxie' then scouted for various clubs and since become a sports psychologist.

ALAN GARNER: Central defender who moved to Watford in February 1975, then played for Portsmouth, Barnet, Chesham United and Barton Rovers. He now runs his own window business in Hitchin.

JIM RYAN: Winger who scored 21 times in 184 League games, then had a spell with Dallas Tornado before rejoining Luton as a coach, then manager. He has since coached back at Manchester United.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Former England U-23 international who joined Memphis Rogues in May 1978. Later with Eynesbury and St Neots, he then worked as a barman at a local pub and has settled in Clophill.

BARRY BUTLIN: Leading marksman who moved to Nottingham Forest in October 1974, then played for Peterborough and Sheffield United. He is now a financial adviser and has settled in Chellaston.

ALAN WEST: England U-23 midfielder who joined Millwall in July 1981, then had spells with Hitchin and Baldock. He has since become a church minister in Luton and also the Hatters' club chaplain.

JOHN ASTON: England U-23 winger who netted 31 goals in 174 League games before moving to Mansfield Town in September 1977, then Blackburn Rovers. He has since run Pet World in Stalybridge.

1981-82 SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

JAKE FINDLAY: Goalkeeper who made 167 League appearances before joining Swindon Town in July 1985, then Portsmouth and Coventry City. He has held coaching posts, including at Stourport Swifts.

KIRK STEPHENS: Right-back who scored twice in 227 League games before joining Coventry City in August 1984, then Nuneaton Borough. He has since run the family building firm Walsgrave Contractors.

RICHARD MONEY: England B international who joined Portsmouth in August 1983, then Scunthorpe United again. He has since had spells as manager of Scunthorpe, Walsall, Luton and Cambridge United.

BRIAN HORTON: Captain who became Hull City's player-boss in July 1984, then managed Oxford United, Manchester City, Huddersfield, Brighton, Port Vale and Macclesfield. Now Doncaster's coach.

CLIVE GOODYEAR: Central defender who moved to Plymouth Argyle in August 1984, then Wimbledon, Brentford and St Albans City. He has since been a physio at several clubs and now in Bletchley.



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

RICKY HILL: England international midfielder who joined Le Havre in June 1989, then reunited with David Pleat at Leicester City. He held several coaching posts before a spell back at Luton as manager.

BRIAN STEIN: England international striker who joined Anancy in June 1988, then played for Luton again and Barnet. He has since held coaching posts, including a spell assisting Mike Newell at Luton.

STEVE WHITE: Striker who moved to Charlton Athletic in July 1982, then Bristol Rovers again, Swindon Town, Hereford United and Cardiff City. He has assisted Bath City and managed Chippenham.

LIL FUCCILLO: Midfielder who later played for Tulsa Roughnecks, Southend, Peterborough and Cambridge United. His management posts included a spell back at Luton and he now scouts for Newcastle.

DAVID MOSS: Winger who returned to Swindon Town in July 1985. He later assisted Brian Horton at various clubs and managed Macclesfield Town, becoming

involved with youth development at Liverpool.

1988 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

ANDY DIBBLE: Welsh international goalkeeper who joined Manchester City in July 1988, then Glasgow Rangers, Luton again, Stockport County and Wrexham. He has since been a goalkeeping coach.

TIM BREACKER: England U-21 right-back who netted three goals in 210 League games before joining West Ham in October 1990, then QPR. He has since coached at various clubs, recently at Millwall.

ROB JOHNSON: Left-back who reunited with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1989, then played for Barnet. He is now a physio with the English Institute of Sport and has a practice in Matlock.

RICKY HILL: England international midfielder who joined Le Havre in June 1989, then reunited with David Pleat at Leicester City. He held several coaching posts before a spell back at Luton as manager.

STEVE FOSTER: England international central defender who netted 11 goals in 163 League games, joining Oxford United in July 1989, then Brighton again. He now has an insurance business in Hove.

MAL DONAGHY: Northern Ireland international who joined Manchester

United in October 1988, then played for Chelsea. Settling back in Northern Ireland, he has worked for the FAI in development roles.

DANNY WILSON: Northern Ireland international later with Sheffield Wednesday. He has managed Barnsley, Wednesday, Bristol City, MK Dons, Hartlepool, Swindon, Sheffield United, now Barnsley again.

BRIAN STEIN: England international striker who joined Anancy in June 1988, then played for Luton again and Barnet. He has since held coaching posts, including a spell assisting Mike Newell at Luton.

MICK HARFORD: England international striker who joined Derby in January 1990, then Luton again, Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. Later Luton's manager, he is now Millwall's chief scout.

DAVID PREECE: England B international who netted 21 goals in 336 League games, moving to Derby County in August 1995, then was player-coach at Cambridge United and Torquay. He died in July 2007.

KINGSLEY BLACK: Northern Ireland international winger who joined Nottingham Forest in September 1991, then appeared for Grimsby Town and Lincoln City. He currently owns tanning studios in Luton.

AROUND THE GLOBE

GET SET TO CELEBRATE ERIC MORECAMBE DAY
TODAY IS THE FIRST OF WHAT WILL BE
A SERIES OF EVENTS TO MARK ERIC
MORECAMBE DAY ON JULY 23 NEXT
YEAR.

After the great news that the Eric statue has been restored to its rightful place after it was damaged in October today's game comes at a perfect time as the sides play for the Eric Morecambe Trophy.

Looking ahead to the game Shrimps' Chairman, Peter McGuigan, said: "Some might say that fate played a hand in Morecambe v Luton being scheduled so close to the unveiling of the iconic statue back where it belongs. Eric means a huge amount to people from all walks of life but in football terms this is the Eric Morecambe 'derby'."

"Two clubs he had a huge affinity with, we are delighted to be hosting the inaugural Eric Morecambe Trophy game at the Globe Arena. We look forward to welcoming those Hatters fans who make the journey alongside Eric's family who will be making their first visit to our new home."

Luton Town chief executive Gary Sweet told lutontown.co.uk: "I was absolutely gobsmacked when I heard the news about the vandals attacking 'our Eric' and we're delighted that not only will he back on his feet, but we're able to join Morecambe in celebrating Eric's tie with both clubs."

"Eric did so much to raise the profile of Luton Town, he is our most famous of supporter of all-time and we're proud to have such an affinity with a man whose legacy still very much lives on at Kenilworth Road."

"The day of the Morecambe match promises to be a marvellous occasion for both clubs. Luton was his team and Morecambe was his town, and we're looking forward to witnessing a League match with a little bit more riding on it...Eric will be counting on us!"



Work has now started on the fundraising plans for the 'Eric and Ernie' Wall Art to be created by sculpture Graham Ibbeson. It will be integrated into The Sunshine Walk of Fame to be sited opposite the Winter Gardens and it will be unveiled on Eric Morecambe Day in July 2014, a day which marks the 16th anniversary of the Eric Morecambe Statue unveiling by the Queen.

The project will be coordinated by Jim Cadman on behalf of the local community in Morecambe and the friends and admirers of Eric Morecambe from all over the world. It was good to hear the reaction from Eric Morecambe's son Gary who said: 'In a word these plans are FANTASTIC. In two words: REALLY FANTASTIC'

"The whole project is very exciting. I love the idea of the bronze wall art of Eric and Ernie and of the Eric Morecambe Day, which is a sublime, continual annual tribute. 'As a family we all love the idea of an Eric Morecambe Day and we will always make sure one or more of us is there to celebrate these Days with the people of Morecambe."

The income generation plans announced so far for the project include the following:

- MORECAMBE FC v LUTON TOWN on 13 December 2014. Supported by the Football League the winning team will receive the Eric Morecambe Trophy.

- ERIC in MORECAMBE – Tribute Magazine. A publication telling the story of the original statue, the vandalism, its resurrection and its return to Morecambe. The magazine will also include original photographs and memorabilia.

- ERIC MORECAMBE TRIBUTE DINNER A major VIP event at the Globe Arena.

- THE MORECAMBE and WISE ALL STAR VARIETY SHOW

- MORECAMBE and WISE CONVENTION (The Globe Arena / Winter Gardens)

- THE SUNSHINE WALK OF FAME This will be created around the new bronze wall art to be sited opposite the Winter Gardens Theatre. There will be 'Sunshine Plaques' incorporated into the walk way with each one dedicated to a friend or admirer of Morecambe and Wise or an artiste who has appeared at the Theatre. There will also be a section in the walk way for the Patrons 'Sunshine Plaques'

- LIMITED EDITION MAQUETTES A limited edition replica of the 'new' Eric Morecambe Statue signed by Graham Ibbeson dated 11 December 2014.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

GIRLS' GRAMMAR PURSUE WEMBLEY DREAM

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A six-a-side team from Lancaster Girl's Grammar are celebrating after winning the local final of the Football League Kinder+Sport Girls Cup.

The match was played on the main pitch at Globe Arena during half-time of the Shrimps' clash with Bury.

The closely contested game against Walney School from Barrow was decided by a single goal. Aimee Hodgson struck for Girls' Grammar with an emphatic finish, which capped a fine team performance.

The Football League competition gives schools the chance to progress all the way to Wembley, where the Grand Final takes place in May.

LGGS will now represent Morecambe in the Area Final, which takes place at Blackburn Rovers in January.

Janet Preston, Community Manager at

The LGGS team celebrate on the pitch at Globe Arena with Morecambe FC mascot Christie Cat



Morecambe said: "The local final offers a fantastic experience for the girls, to play on the pitch at Globe Arena."

"Both teams played really well and the crowd enjoyed the contest, offering great

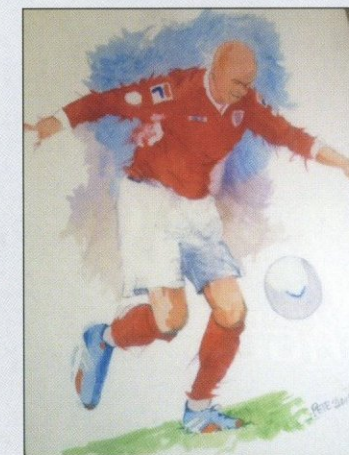
encouragement. We wish LGGS all the best in the Area Final."

GIRLS' GRAMMAR TEAM: A. Hodgson, I. Brand, L. Bain, N. Pickles, N. Collins, K. Lindsay, L. Dowson, K. Kazakina-Tisdall.

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Pete, well known as an excellent local artist, has produced a special edition Kevin Ellison calendar full of illustrations of the Shrimps' striker which are all signed by Kev himself. The calendar is available in the club shop and costs just £5 with all profits going to Prostate Cancer UK. It can also be obtained from the club's reception or from the View Cafe, on Marine Road.



A WARM WELCOME TO A FORMER PLAYER

TODAY WE WELCOME A FORMER PLAYER TO THE GLOBE ARENA.

Gerry McMonagle played for the Shrimps in the early 1960s after travelling to the resort from his home in Ireland.

Gerry only played a handful of games for the club before returning home because of homesickness but has always kept an eye out for Morecambe's results since then. Gerry is a guest of the club today and we hope he enjoys the afternoon.



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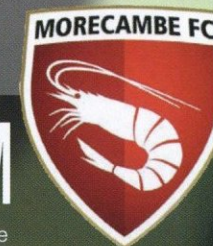
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HELLO AGAIN FROM THE PLAYER TEAM

It's been a bit of a novelty this week, not having a game at all last Saturday after the Dover defeat in the FA Cup.

Dover, of course, have had some great form since beating us and continued it with another league Two scalp when beating Cheltenham in Round Two. At the time of writing the draw hasn't yet been made but after getting to round three we sincerely hope they get a plumb draw.

Back to the free Saturday thing. It did feel a wee bit strange not glancing at my watch every ten minutes before 3pm waiting for it all to kick off.

I decided that I will revert to being a normal human being last Saturday and do the things that they do! Then I discovered that I have been a Shrimps fan for so long that a midwinter free Saturday is so rare, that I have no idea what normal people do.

I considered Xmas shopping but quickly dropped that as a no go, the tinterweb is the way forward in that respect for me. I walked the dogs, which I tend to do most Home Game Saturdays, so that was normal for me, but then pootled about the kitchen like a lost lamb, it wasn't even lunch time and I was bored.

I Switched the TV on and it became evident that for the armchair sports person, BT Vision was a must that day. Newcastle v Chelsea followed by Heienken Cup Rugby or whatever they call it, then Final Score. I can cope with a bit of egg chasing now and again, usually the brainless League type of stuff, but this would do.

My afternoon was planned and I was happy.

Nearly five hours later, in a warm torpor lying on the sofa, gallons of still warm tea resting uncomfortably, I was aware that no matter what Sky or BT Vision can supply can ever or

will ever compete with being there at a Shrimps game.

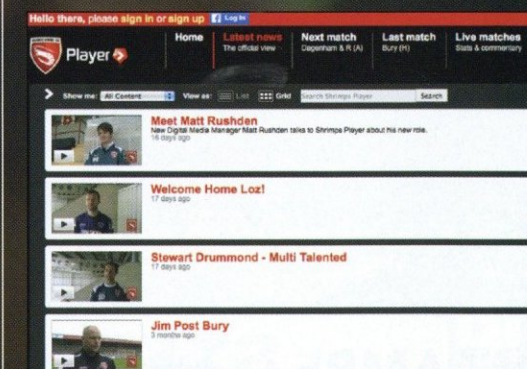
I missed it and I missed it badly, so today, the visit of the Hatters and all its glorious uncertainties are to be celebrated and enjoyed. A good game, and hopefully the right result and will finally end my boredom.

Sad? Possibly.

Welcome to John Still and his men and the travelling Luton hordes, eat pies, drink beer and make noise, football is back at the Globe!!! Yeahav, has it really only been a week???

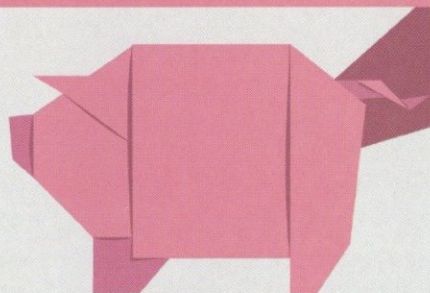
Player will be live from The Greenhouse New Gay Meadow thing next week, full of seasonal cheer and sherry, so if you cannot make it, tune in for the worst cracker jokes and mulled idiocy!!

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\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ RYAN WILLIAMS

WHAT'S IN A NAME

BT MICHAEL GARVEY

RYAN WILLIAMS

Rhyl - The Welsh club Ryan spent over a year with before signing for The Shrimps.

Yellow card - Ryan has picked up two yellow cards in his Morecambe career.

Appearances - Ryan made 29 appearances for The Shrimps last season.

Number - Ryan wears the number ten shirt for The Shrimps.

Wolves - Ryan scored a memorable free kick against the midlands club during a Capital One Cup tie at the beginning of last season.

Incredible strike - Ryan scored another long range free kick in a 2-0 away win over Bury last season.

Llandudno - Another Welsh club that Ryan had a spell with from 2010 - 2011, scoring in each of his first three games.

Liverpool - Ryan was born in Birkenhead, not far from the city.

Interesting fact - Ryan came through the youth ranks at Chester City before their relegation from the Football League and eventual liquidation.

Age - Ryan is 23 years old.

Midfielder - Ryan's position.

Set pieces - Ryan's free kicks pose a threat to any opposing team and his style has been compared to that of Ronaldo or Gareth Bale.



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WE FIRST MET IN A 1-1 DRAW AT LUTON ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH 2008, MICHAEL SPILLANE SCORING ON 51 WITH DANNY CARLTON EQUALISING ON 57 MINUTES, ATT 5,664.

Luton Town : Logan, Keane (Asafu-Adjaye), Roper, Spillane, Howells, Hall, Jarvis, McVeigh, Martin (Gnakpa), Talbot (Andrews) and Gallen (unused subs Brill and Beavan).
Morecambe : Roche, Yates, Bentley, McStay, Adams, Wainwright (Artell), Stanley, McLachlan, Drummond (Carr), Howe and Carlton (unused subs Edge, Taylor and McCann).

Luton won the return game at Christie Park 2-1 on Saturday March 28th 2009, Stewart Drummond scoring on 21 minutes, with Chris Martin 43 and Kevin Gallen 59 minutes replying for Luton. Att 2,599.

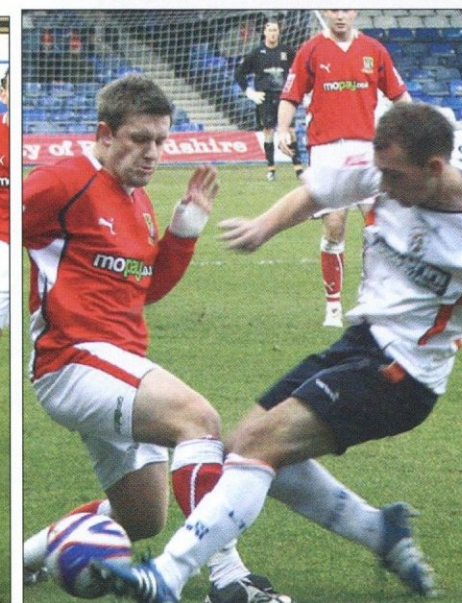
MORECAMBE : Roche, Artell, Bentley, Hunter, Howe, Adams, Curtis (O'Carroll), Drummond, Twiss, Yates, (unused subs McLachlan, McStay, Taylor and Edge).

LUTON TOWN : Brill, Keane, Emanuel, Hall, Pilkington, Bower, Nicholls, Livermore, Martin (Jarvis), Gallen and Craddock.

Having already had 30 points deducted, Luton were relegated to the Conference, this being their final win in the Football league until their return this season.

Not too many players have played for both clubs, Matthew Blinkhorn (Luton 2004-05, Morecambe 2006-09), John Ryan (Luton 1967-69, Morecambe 1972-73), Jonathan Smith (Morecambe 2004-07, Luton 2012-14), Peter Thomson (Luton 2000-02, Morecambe 2001-02), Jason Walker (Morecambe 2006-07, Luton 2010-11), There was Charlie Tracey, who had several spells at Morecambe 1928-29, 1932-34 and 1934-35, who played one war-time game for Luton Town 1945-46.

Of course there was the late great Eric Morecambe, who we honour today, a club president at Morecambe and chairman at Luton Town.



ACTION FROM OUR LEAGUE MEETING AT KENILWORTH ROAD IN 2008

**ON THIS DAY:
DECEMBER 13TH**

1924-25 v Lancaster Town (LC)	2-0	H
1930-31 v Darwen (LC)	2-7	A
1947-48 v Accrington Reserves (LC)	0-2	A
1952-53 v South Liverpool (LJ)	0-2	A
1958-59 v Wigan Athletic (LC)	4-1	H
1969-70 v Wigan Athletic (NPL)	2-1	H
1975-76 v Altrincham (NPL)	1-4	A
1980-81 v Burton Albion (NPL)	2-3	H
1983-84 v Gt. Harwood Town (DCFL)	2-1	H
1986-87 v Macclesfield Town (PC)	1-3	A
1988-89 v South Liverpool (NPL)	2-2	H
1993-94 v Ashton United (PC)	3-4	A
1994-95 v Hyde United (NPL)	1-3	H
1997-98 v Cheltenham Town (C)	1-2	A
2003-04 v Woking (C)	1-4	A
2005-06 v Lancaster City (LJ)	1-1	H
(lost 2-4 penalties)		
2008-09 v Darlington (FL)	1-0	H





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FOOTBALL ?? OH YES, I REMEMBER THAT!

Blimey, a break of a couple of weeks seems like ages and if it wasn't for the risk of being accused of using corny festive clichés I'd say I was suffering from a bout of cold turkey.

So then, it's been a while but what a Saturday to look forward to! Cracking game in prospect against our friends from Luton and then I've booked 23 of us in to the Globe Arena tonight for one of the club's excellent Christmas Party nights – always a highlight of the year.

Looking forward to it? You bet.

I say 'friends' from Luton because we had a fabulously memorable day out last time we were in the same division and were well looked after by our hosts. Many of us travelled down garbed in full 'Eric' gear, being featured on Sky TV and having a great bit of banter with their fans in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the game.

Memorable too, due to a rather more unfortunate incident on our way back to the minibus when we witnessed a traffic accident involving a chap, much the worse for drink, lurching into the path of an oncoming car.

Nothing to laugh at – but the sight of three first-aiders Morecambe Erics doing the necessary with the victim, while another four or five flat-cap, mac and specs-wearing 'marshalls' halted traffic and set up diversions around the scene was something to behold.

We were so shaken that we needed to make a bit of a detour pilgrimage to Eric's other, adopted, home at Harpenden before setting off home, for something to calm our nerves. Wahey!

I'm loving all the Eric Morecambe Trophy fuss around this fixture and the publicity around the return of the Eric Statue – which I trust all our Hatters guests today will have visited at some point during their trip.

It all adds an extra bit of interest to what promises to be a cracker of a match. Luton, as we know, are taking to their League return like a club intent on regaining some of their former glory at a gallop.

And we have shown flashes of great form in our games against Bury and Stevenage to give us hope of making this one a tough ask, again, for a side above us in the league. It'll be great as well to lock horns with John Still again. A proper footballing gent who has made many friends at Morecambe from his time at Dagenham.

I still remember his words of support for our club when I watched the recording of our Wembley Play-Off final triumph. They were from the heart and, coming from a manager who knows our level of football so intimately it was well received.

Enjoy the game and Shrimps On Come You!

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In the year 2000, Luton Town signed
striker Peter Thomson from Dutch side
NAC Brada for £100,000.

He came through the ranks at Bury
before playing for Chorley and
Lancaster Town. The forward scored an
impressive 24 goals in 28 games to
earn a move to The Netherlands.
However, shortly after joining he broke
his leg, playing only five times before
coming back to England with Luton.

He made his Hatters debut on
September 12th 2000, in the Football
League division two. The game finished
as a stalemate, with neither side finding
the net. Thomson was replaced in the
73rd minute by Tresor Kandol.

He scored his first goals a few months
later, in a memorable 3-1 away win
against Stoke City on December 2nd.
Nicky Mahon scored for the home side
after Paul McLaren put Luton ahead.

The striker's brace secured victory.
However, they were his only goals of
the season, after playing 16 times in all
competitions.

Thomson did score on his last ever
appearance for the club in the Football
League Trophy, but his side lost 3-2 to
Dagenham and Redbridge. Dave
Brennan scored the other Luton goal,
but goals from Steve McGavin, a Mark
Ovendale own goal and Ashley Vickers
won the game for the home side.

A loan spell at Rushden followed,
before he joined Morecambe on a free
transfer, making his debut on March
23rd 2002.

He failed to find the net, but he was on
the winning side after a Richard Holmes
own goal and a strike from John
Norman helped The Shrimps win the
game 2-0.

Three days later he did find the back of
the net. He scored a spectacular 87th
minute overhead kick on his home
debut against Dagenham and
Redbridge to earn his side a point. Ken



PLAYED FOR BOTH

BY BRADLEY POOLE



Charlery had initially scored the opening
goal for the away side.

Despite the good start, he only played
two more times for Morecambe; the
last was a 4-1 away defeat to AFC
Telford. Danny Carlton found the net for
Morecambe but Jake Edwards, and
Mark Quayle brace and a Andy

Fensome own goal gave their side
victory.

He then had spells at Southport,
Lancaster, Stafford Rangers and
Altrincham, before retiring in 2007,
playing his last game for FC United of
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LUTON TOWN 1 MORECAMBE 1

DANNY CARLTON WAS DELIGHTED TO BE THE SHRIMPS' GOAL HERO ON SATURDAY.

The on loan Carlisle striker scored his first goal for Morecambe since that promotion-winning strike at Wembley with another goal of pure quality as he volleyed home Craig Stanley's corner to level Michael Spillane's 51st minute opener.

Carlton, without a goal in six previous starts, nipped in front of his marker at the near post to unleash a fierce right volley that Conrad Logan could not prevent from flying into the top right hand corner of the Luton net.

The goal was perfectly timed as it came just five minutes after the home side had taken the lead with a corner of their own when central defender Michael Spillane stuck out a long leg to volley Rossi Jarvis's assist past Barry Roche from 10 yards out.

From there both sides pushed forward in an effort to find a winner. Luton left back Jake Howells fizzed a long range effort not too far wide of the right hand post before Spillane almost grabbed the Hatters a vital victory with a late header from a Jarvis cross that curled just past the upright with Barry Roche beaten.

With just 40 seconds on the clock midfielder Paul McVeigh found himself in space in the box but saw his effort well blocked by the legs of Roche. Chris Martin was then favourite to slot home the rebound but Shrimps' defender Henry McStay produced a vital block.

The home side's pressure continued with Asa Hall drilling a low effort wide and Roche making another excellent block from Keith Keane's low shot from the edge of the area before Morecambe finally threatened.

For Morecambe Carlton headed wide from a good opening and Stewart Drummond, who had to leave the field early with illness, volleyed over on the half hour.

LUTON: Logan, Keane (Asafu-Adjaye 46), Roper, Spillane, Howells, Hall, Jarvis, McVeigh, Martin (Gnakpa 79), Talbot (Andrews 69), Gallen. **Subs Not Used:** Brill, Beavan. **Booked:** Keane.



STEWART DRUMMOND SCORES IN THE 2-1 DEFEAT IN 2009

MORECAMBE: Roche, Yates, Bentley, McStay, Adams, Wainwright (Artell 90), Stanley, McLachlan, Drummond (Carr 64), Howe, Carlton. **Subs Not Used:** Edge, Taylor, McCann. **Booked:** Carlton. **Att:** 5,664

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MORECAMBE 1 LUTON TOWN 2

LUTON PICKED UP A VITAL WIN IN THEIR FOOTBALL LEAGUE SURVIVAL FIGHT TO END MORECAMBE'S 12 MATCH UNBEATEN RUN.

Veteran striker Kevin Gallen was Luton's hero with a winner on 59 minutes when he volleyed home Tom Craddock's ball into the box from close range to earn a vital three points.

Mick Harford's side played the better football in the game but had to show great fight after Morecambe went ahead on 21 minutes. Michael Twiss swung in a free kick from the right and Drummond rose superbly at the far post to head past Dean Brill.

Luton thought they had pulled one back three minutes later when Asa Hall headed home

Kevin Nicholls's cross but saw his effort ruled out for a push. But they came back from that disappointment with Chris Martin heading his side level three minutes from time with a close range header from another excellent Nicholls cross for a deserved goal.

The Hatters started the second half well with Tom Craddock forcing Barry Roche into a superb save before Gallen popped up with the vital winner.

Morecambe hit back with Wayne Curtis and Mark Duffy coming close and Dean Brill saving well from Michael Twiss

MORECAMBE: Roche, Yates, Bentley, Artell, Adams, Curtis (rep O'Carroll 84), Drummond, Hunter, Duffy, Twiss, Howe. **Unused subs:** Edge (Gk), Duffy, McStay, McLachlan.

LUTON: Brill, Pilkington, Bower, Emanuel, Keane, Nicholls, Hall, Martin (rep Jarvis 75), Livermore, Gallen, Craddock. **Subs Not Used:** Button (G), Davis, Henderson, Parkin.

Booked: Pilkington, Craddock. **Ref:** C. Oliver (Northumbria)

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DOUBLE DEFEAT

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PORT VALE RES 4 MORECAMBE 0
A YOUNG MORECAMBE RESERVES SUFFERED A SECOND SUCCESSIVE 4-0 LOSS WITH DEFEAT AT PORT VALE.
A strong Vale team were soon in control and took the lead after just four minutes as Byron Moore intercepted a loose pass ball and tucked the ball into the.

The Shrimps hit back with youngster Jack Kelleher having a run at goal only to be denied by some good defending from Reiss Greenidge.

Ryan Lloyd saw a shot to the far post just tipped away in the 15th minute as the pressure continued and former Shrimps' loanee Ryan McGivern with an acrobatic shot that flew a yard over the bar.

Andreas Arestidou produced neat saves to deny Achilles Campion and Jonathon Kapend and was at his best again to save from Enoch Andoh's 25 yarder.

Kelleher tested home keeper Ryan Boot with a powerful shot in the 28th minute that he tipped around the post for a corner.

Hopes of a comeback were dashed when Vale scored a second when Kapend found Lloyd who drove the ball home from the edge of the area.

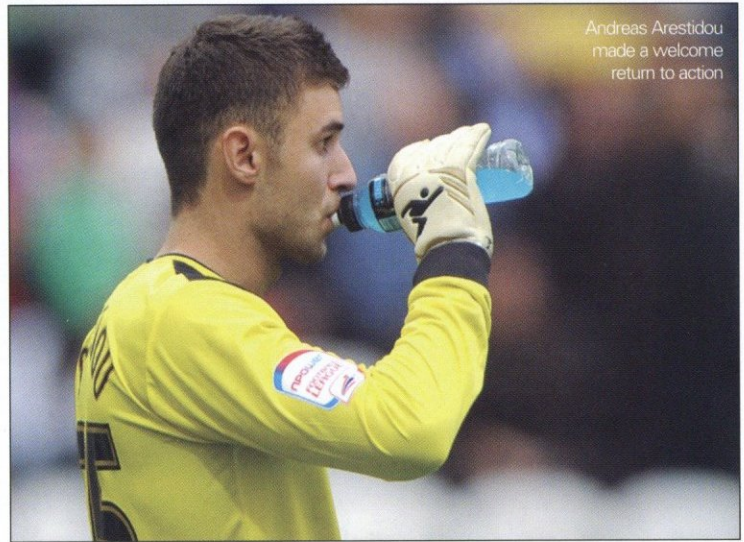
The Shrimps had Arestidou to thank for an excellent save from Campion and the save of the game in the 34th minute when he tipped away a shot from Andoh at full stretch.

Vale extended their lead in the 57th minute as McGivern charged down the left wing and his cross eluded a number of players before finding Kapend at the far post and he side footed home.

The Valiants added a fourth in the 72nd minute when Campion converted a McGivern cross.

Arestidou made further blocks from Campion and Byron Moore before the Shrimps almost snatched a late consolation at the death.

PORT VALE: Ryan Boot, Aziz Deen-Conteh, Ryan McGivern, Chris Birchall, Richard Duffy,



Andreas Arestidou made a welcome return to action

Reiss Greenidge, Byron, Enoch Andoh, Jonathon Kapend (Omar Haughton 68), Achilles Campion, Ryan Lloyd.
SUBS NOT USED: Harry Pickering, Billy Reeves, Kyle Clarke, Chekaine Steele.

MORECAMBE: Andreas Arestidou, Tyler Edwards, Jim Smith, James Roberts, Adam Reynolds, Charlie Bailey (Ben Thomas 61), Cameron Rigby (Josh Signey 61), Tom McCready, Jack Kelleher, Ryan Williams, Aaron Pomeyie
SUBS NOT USED: Will Kitchen, Ross Hilton.

WIGAN 4 MORECAMBE RES 0
MORECAMBE RESERVES WENT DOWN 4-0 TO A STRONG WIGAN ATHLETIC SIDE AT CHRISTOPHER PARK IN THE FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE THIS AFTERNOON.

The Shrimps, who included Jamie Devitt and Andreas Arestidou on their returns, struggled to match a Latics side that consisted of seven first team players including James Tavernier, Thomas Rogne, Ben Watson and Emyr Huws.

Wigan created a number of chances throughout the 90 minutes with two goals from Andy Delort followed by a near post finish from Rob Kiernan and a second half tap in from Jordan Flores.

After half chances for Oriol Riera and Andy Delort, Latics opened their account on 20 minutes with a fine move and finish. Watson found Tavernier racing down the right wing, with the full back provided the perfect cross to Delort who powered his header home.

On 35 minutes Delort claimed his second of the afternoon with a cool chip from the edge of the area.

Four minutes later and Latics extended their lead to 3-0 when Flores' corner provided the assist for Kiernan who stole in at the near post to fire home left footed.

Within the opening 10 or so minutes of the second half Latics hit the post twice and managed to extend their lead to 4-0 on 57 minutes when Flores tucked home the rebound after a Riera effort had hit the post.

WIGAN: Evans, Tavernier, Balogun, Watson (Poole 87), Rogne, Kiernan, Jennings, Huws, Delort (Hamilton 77), Riera (Chow 77), Flores.
SUBS NOT USED: Keane (GK), Wilson.

MORECAMBE: Arestidou, Wright, Thomas, Drummond, Edwards, McCready, Watson, Williams, Redshaw, Devitt, Bondswell.
SUBS NOT USED: Rigby, Signey, Pomeyie.



WHEN ERIC GOT AN EARLY BATH

LUTON TOWN DIRECTOR AND MUCH LOVED COMEDIAN ERIC MORECAMBE, ALWAYS FOND OF PRACTICAL JOKES, HAD THE TABLES TURNED ON HIM WHEN HE STRAYED TOO CLOSE TO THE LUTON PLAYERS CHANGING ROOM ON THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION

Morecambe did not mind the soaking though, as he was celebrating promotion back to the old Division One along with everyone else following a home game against Sunderland in May 1974.

The club had now gone full circle in dropping from Division One to the basement and back again in 14 short years and with high profile Eric on the Board and a strong squad of players it tow, supporters were confident that mistakes of the past would not be repeated.

Privately the directors had some misgivings as they felt the club was not yet ready for promotion but on a night like this they had to go along with the flow.

The hard job on the playing side had taken place on the previous Saturday when the Hatters returned from West Bromwich with a point which had clinched second spot in Division Two and with it promotion.

A crowd of 20,285 turned out at Kenilworth Road four days later to see the final game of the season against Sunderland and, with nothing to play for, they were intent on turning it into a carnival.

Luckily the players, with the pressure off, were happy to join in with the mood of the night and the fans were treated to a display of attacking football with goals flying in from all angles.

The score was an incredible 3-3 at half-time with Sunderland taking the lead three times with rocket shots from



outside the area and the Hatters responding in kind. It is difficult to believe but both goalkeepers, Graham Horn for the Town and Jim Montgomery for Sunderland, played blinders pulling off at least half a dozen breathtaking saves each to keep the score down!

The second period did not let up and what it lacked in goals it made up for with fine saves from both goalkeepers once more, as well as many near misses.

The only goal of the half was completely out of keeping with all that had gone on before, with ex-Hatter Vic Halom scuffing a shot past Horn.

He looked suitably embarrassed but if he thought he had spoilt the party he was mistaken as at the end of the game the supporters stormed on to the pitch and would not go home until their heroes had appeared in the main stand to take a bow. It was then on to the relatively easy task of throwing Eric into the bath!



HOW ERIC BROUGHT SUNSHINE TO LUTON

COMEDIAN ERIC MORECAMBE BROUGHT SUNSHINE TO THE STANDS AND TERRACES AT LUTON TOWN FC FOR MANY SEASONS IN THE 1970S AND '80S, WRITES GEOFF COX.

It all started when the funnyman moved to Harpenden and his son Gary said he wanted to support a football team.

So they tossed a coin to decide whether it would be Luton or Watford. Hatters or Hornets?

The rest, as they say, is history. Such was his commitment to the club, Eric was asked to join the board of directors at Kenilworth Road.

Shortly after his appointment, he briefly grew a rather sparse moustache. He explained to his fans: 'It's a football moustache, eleven a side!'



Eric often told the story how once, when Luton were 2-0 down at half time, supporters chanted, 'What do you think of it so far?' to which he replied, 'Rubbish'. Eric also made a point of featuring his club on the Morecambe &

Wise TV shows, once holding a 'Luton FC' sign in a sketch with Glenda Jackson. Eric died in 1984, aged only 58, but his memory lives on at Luton Town's stadium with the Eric Morecambe Suite.

SHRIMPS FUTSAL

FUTSAL SIDE BRUSH ASIDE BURNLEY

BURNLEY 2 MORECAMBE 9

AFTER A DISAPPOINTING START TO THE SEASON, MORECAMBE WENT INTO THEIR CLASH WITH NORTH WEST LEAGUE 1 NEWCOMERS BURNLEY WITH A POINT TO PROVE.

Coach Michael Stringfellow had called for a response to back-to-back defeats and the players delivered in fine style.

Morecambe started on the front foot and were soon rewarded with an Alex Boland goal, as he slotted home at the end of a fine passing move. A second was quickly added from Liam Caprani and Zak Cannar made it 3-0 inside five minutes.

Stunned by waves of Morecambe attacks, Burnley lost their defensive discipline and the deficit grew as Jordan Smith placed a fine free-kick into the top

corner and then added another from a tight angle.

Morecambe were rampant and Tyler Burton scored a simple tap-in at the end of a swift counter attack, making in 6-0 at the break.

The second period continued in the same vein and Cannar headed home goal number seven from a perfectly weighted free-kick by Smith.

As the Shrimps stepped off the gas, Burnley enjoyed their first real spell of possession and were rewarded with two goals in quick succession.

The Morecambe response was immediate and Jordan Smith hit a spectacular strike from inside his own area, which dipped over the keeper and into the net.

A half-volley from Alex Boland capped-off a fine display and sealed the points for the Shrimps with the final reckoning 9-2 to Morecambe.

Michael Stringfellow praised his young side saying: 'Our passing and movement was excellent today and we kept our shape well.'

"The defensive discipline was much improved and there were some good individual performances, with Boland and Burgan both doing particularly well. We need to take the positives from this game, work hard and build on what we've achieved for the challenges ahead."

MORECAMBE: Kyle Burgan (GK), Jordan Smith, Alex Boland, Tyler Burton, Zak Cannar. **Subs:** Scott Carter, Luke Whitaker, Liam Caprani.



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Shrimps' star Andy Wright, who is the club's women's football



champion, said: "It is a pleasure to be the club's ambassador for girls' football and I have been impressed with the enthusiasm of those taking part. The message is simple - whatever your ability, come along and get involved. It's free, it's a great way to get fit and you will make new friends."

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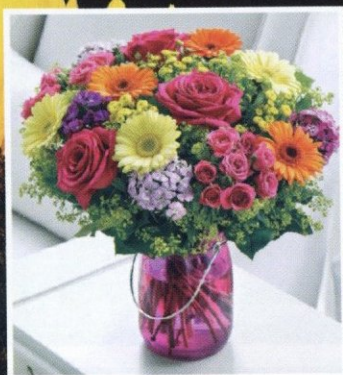
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TODAY'S GAME FEELS LIKE A BIG ONE.

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Luton are also the latest in a long line of big clubs to find themselves making a trip to the Globe Arena.

The Hatters are expected to have a big following and all four sides of the ground making noise always contributes to a good atmosphere.

Of course today we are also celebrating the return of 'Our Eric'.

It's great to see the statue back in its

rightful place and his two favourite football teams going head-to-head is a fitting celebration of that.

Well done to all involved who have turned a shocking situation into an opportunity to further pay tribute to our town's favourite son.

Depending on the relative fortunes of either club the 'Eric Morecambe Trophy' may be a one off but it is all set to be a great occasion.

Let's just hope the football matches it. The Shrimps need to channel what they showed in their last home game against Bury a month ago.

It was the best 90 minutes of the season from Jim Bentley's side.

More of the same will do just nicely, but it will be no easy feat against a side many believe will win League 2 this season.

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MAINY'S MINUTES

A TEENAGER'S VIEW OF FOLLOWING THE SHRIMPS

HELLO AND WELCOME BACK TO THE GLOBE ARENA. ALSO A WARM WELCOME TO THE FANS WHO HAVE TRAVELLED IN THEIR NUMBERS FROM LUTON FOR THEIR FIRST VISIT TO THE GLOBE ARENA.

Well it has been some time since our last home game! I make it 4 weeks now since the epic game against Bury.

Casting my mind back to the Bury game, we provided a fantastic response to the defeat against Dover the week before. Both fans got behind their teams, and Bury brought just over 1,000 fans so the atmosphere was brilliant. Got to praise the Shrimps fans though.

We got behind our team throughout the game. We always seem to be very loud vocally regardless of the number of fans we have at the game (the same applies to away games).

Our game plan worked well, with centre halves and two wingbacks, and Ellison and Mullin working their socks off up front! I think particular praise must go to Ryan Edwards and Paul Mullin who did their jobs very well and had very good games. Every single player played well, but I think these two stood out.

The week after, we seemed to deploy the same tactics and it didn't work out, but it was good to hear that we still put in a good shift despite the result. We came away with a draw, the week after at Stevenage. So we are still on a sticky spell at the moment. Hopefully the week's break will mean that we come in today's game full of energy.

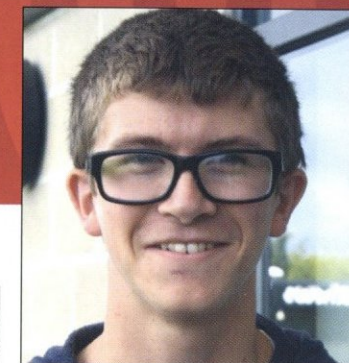
A positive from the last two games is the early return of Jamie Devitt from injury. Jamie has been exceptional this season and he has been really creative. I'd say that we have missed him in the time that he's

been injured, and it'll be good to see him hopefully back playing today. As you can probably tell from what I've just said, I haven't been to the last two away games so I've missed the football! You may recall from my previous columns that sometimes I have been to see other teams such as Preston, Lancaster and Annan Athletic. Last Saturday, I went to Deepdale to see my second Preston game of the season. They played Shrewsbury at home in the FA Cup 2nd Round. You could say I was doing some spying for Jim, as we play Shrewsbury next week! The truth was really, I was just missing seeing football and couldn't bare three Saturdays in a row without attending a football match!

It was a fairly good game, and Shrewsbury gave Preston a good run for their money. Preston did win the game 1-0 with a lucky goal. Shrewsbury could've taken the lead early on through James Collins if it wasn't for a fantastic save from the Preston keeper Thorsten Stuckmann.

In my opinion the Shrewsbury players to look out for next week are Ryan Woods, who controlled the game from midfield throughout the game, and James Collins, who looked a constant goal threat up front. The reason Preston won the game, was because they defended well and got a lucky goal. Preston did exploit the wings a lot and I'd say that Shrewsbury's main weakness is their left hand side.

Once again, Preston's 5,000 or so fans weren't very vocal and Shrewsbury's 644 fans made much more noise! I felt like doing an impression of the Wealdstone raider shouting 'you've got no fans!'. In my



opinion our fans are much better than Preston's fans any day of the week! Anyway onto today's game, we are expecting a big following from high flying Luton (that sounds weird as they have an airport in Luton!).

I'm repeatedly seeing posts on social media about Luton's fantastic away support. So hopefully there will be a big crowd, making a brilliant atmosphere! It was very evident from the Bury game that the atmosphere made a positive influence on the Morecambe players and fired us up for the victory!

Hopefully we can do the same today for what will be a very tough game. Luton are a very big club, with a big squad as well and an experienced manager. They have some experienced players such as Paul Benson, goal scorers such as Mark Cullen (9 goals this season) and a big centre back in Steve McNulty. It is also notable that an ex Morecambe player who I remember vaguely is in their squad- Jonathan Smith. Smith started his professional career with us in 2005 and played in central midfield. He's a product of the youth system, and was with us until 2007. He has recently played for Swindon and York in the football league. Luton is his 7th club.

Hopefully we can have a similar sort of atmosphere that we had against Bury. I urge you to get behind the lads and spur them on to a victory!

Come on you Shrimps!
James


"I'M REPEATEDLY SEEING POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT LUTON'S FANTASTIC AWAY SUPPORT. SO HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE A BIG CROWD, MAKING A BRILLIANT ATMOSPHERE! IT WAS VERY EVIDENT FROM THE BURY GAME THAT THE ATMOSPHERE MADE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE MORECAMBE PLAYERS"

REPORT

ACTION REPLAY

MORECAMBE 1 BURY 0 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 2014






MORECAMBE

Davies; Beeley, Parrish, Hughes, Edwards, Wilson; Goodall, Kenyon (rep Redshaw 66), Fleming; Ellison (rep Wright 87), Mullin (rep Barkhuizen 77).

Subs not used: Lumley, Williams, McGowan, McCready.

Booked: Fleming.



BURY

Loach, McNulty, Cameron, Mills, Hussey; Tutte (rep Nardiello 55), Etuhu, Mayor, Adams (rep Duffus 70), Rose, Soares.

Subs not used: Lainton, Sedgwick, Thompson, O'Brien.

Booked: Cameron.

Ref: D Coote.

Attendance: 2,665.

KEVIN ELLISON SCORED HIS SEVENTH GOAL OF THE SEASON TO EARN THE SHRIMPS THEIR FIRST HOME WIN FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AND END A RUN OF DISAPPOINTING DEFEATS.

The veteran striker scored from close range with 20 minutes to go after visiting keeper Scott Loach could only parry a shot from Jack Redshaw into his path.

Morecambe had the better of the opening exchanges and the hosts went close on 10 minutes through an Ellison header which ended on the roof of the net after a pinpoint cross from Mark Hughes

The half hour mark brought about a shift in momentum and Bury began to put pressure on the Morecambe goal. A number of corners and free kicks threatened to produce a breakthrough as

half time approached but the Shrimps held out to leave the game scoreless going into the break.

The hosts flew out of the traps in the second half and were almost rewarded for their efforts on 57 minutes but Lawrence Wilson's close-range strike was cleared off the line by Chris Hussey.

On 66 minutes, Shrimps' boss Jim Bentley looked to change the game for the Shrimps and brought on Jack Redshaw for Alex Kenyon, switching to a 3-4-3 formation and the change paid off almost immediately.

With his first touch of the ball, Redshaw cut inside on the edge of the box and hit a left footed shot towards the Bury goal which Loach could only push into Ellison's path for the striker to score.

MAN OF THE MATCH

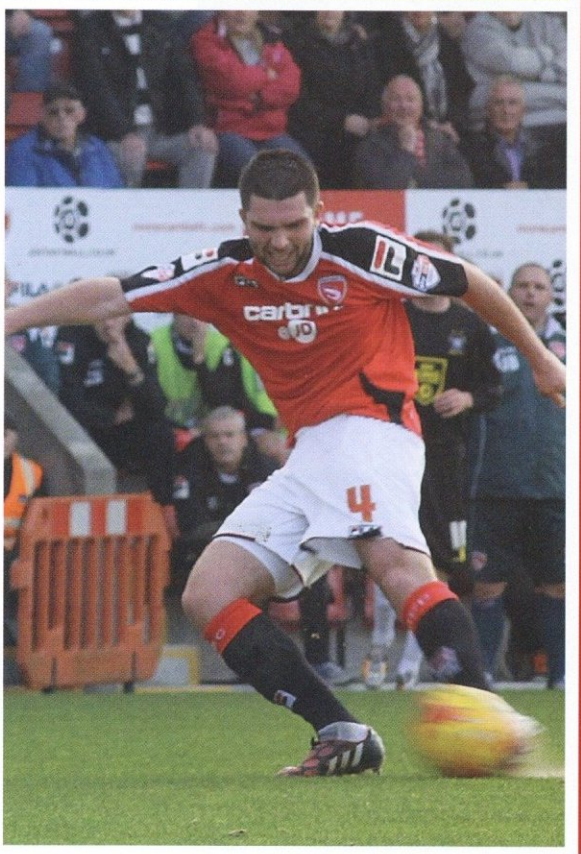


KEVIN ELLISON

MANAGER'S COMMENT



"We really needed that after losing at Dover. It was horrible last week. I have been at this club more than 10 years and the fans have never really had a go at me like they did last week. I could totally understand their frustrations and nobody feels a defeat like me. I take the pats on the back when things go well so have to accept the criticism when it comes along too."



REPORT

ACTION REPLAY

PORTSMOUTH 3 MORECAMBE 0 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2014



MORECAMBE WENT DOWN 3-0 AT FRATTON PARK FOR THE SECOND SEASON RUNNING AFTER A CONTROVERSIAL AFTERNOON.

The Shrimps conceded three goals and had Scott Davies to thank for keeping it to that. But that only told half the story as the home side could have seen three possible red cards on a day where several big decisions went against the Shrimps

The Shrimps started on the front foot but found themselves a goal down after just 10 minutes.

Danny Hollands launched a long throw into the Morecambe box and Pompey striker Craig Westcarr reacted sharper than the Morecambe defence to produce a fine left foot volley to beat Scott Davies

from 10 yards out. The Shrimps' best chance fell to Paul Mullin just before the break when he beat a home defender to a bouncing ball in the Pompey box but headed wide of the target from just three yards.

Mullin was played through on goal by Ryan Edwards seconds after the restart but his poor first touch saw the chance go begging.

Portsmouth added a second on 54 minutes with a quality goal. Westcarr's neat flick played in Miles Story and his left wing cross was headed home superbly by Jed Wallace from 12 yards out. Wallace scored again two minutes from time when he got in behind Laurence Wilson and drilled a low shot past Davies from 10 yards out.

MAN OF THE MATCH



SCOTT DAVIES

MANAGER'S COMMENT

"It was like the Mansfield game last year. 'Decisions were going against us, people were getting elbows and things like that which in my opinion were blatant. I can't use it as an excuse though. It's not down to the referee that we haven't won the first ball from a long throw or we haven't reacted for the second goal and it's not down to the referee that they've broken down the left."



PORTSMOUTH

Jones, Fish, Whatmough, Robinson, Butler, Wallace, Hollands, Bean (rep Attanganga 90), Story, Taylor, Westcarr.
Subs not used: Poke, Chorley, Holmes, Shorey, Close, Wynter.



MORECAMBE

Davies, Beeley, Hughes, Parrish (rep McCready 76), Edwards, Wilson, Fleming, Goodall (rep Redshaw 61), Kenyon, Ellison, Mullin (rep Devitt 76).
Subs not used: Lumley, Watson, Wright, Williams.

Ref: G Ward.
Att: 14,349.



REPORT

ACTION REPLAY

STEVENAGE 1 MORECAMBE 1 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 2014



A LATE GOAL FROM PADRAIG AMOND GAVE MORECAMBE A WELL EARNED POINT AT THE LAMAX STADIUM.

The Shrimps' substitute scored with a fine header from Jamie Devitt's 85th minute corner to level the scores after Simon Walton had given the home side the lead with a 62nd minute penalty after Mark Hughes's rash challenge on David McAllister.

Morecambe had the better of a scrappy first half and created the better chances. Jack Redshaw was quickly in the thick of the action when he weaved his way into the area and forced an excellent low save from home keeper Chris Day.

Redshaw then had to leave the field with a back injury and his replacement Ammond was presented with a chance moments later when he was put through by Paul Mullin but was again denied by an excellent block from Day.

The home keeper had to be at his best again to block at the feet of Mullin was caused the home side plenty of problems.

The young striker had an excellent chance to open the scoring moments later but saw his shot from Ryan Williams's pull back cleared off the line by Ronnie Henry.

MAN OF THE MATCH



JAMIE DEVITT

MANAGER'S COMMENT

"We're down to the bare bones at the moment and I'm proud of the lads today. We've had an iffy spell recently but they've given it everything. We should have been comfortably ahead at half-time, we had some good chances, but then we conceded what if I'm honest, was a clear penalty 'You're thinking' here we go again' because in a game we should have been leading we found ourselves 1-0 down."



STEVENAGE

Day, Henry, Ashton (rep Whelpdale 9), Charles, Okimo, Lee (rep Adams 56), Walton, McAllister, Deacon, Barnard, Beardsley (rep Brunt 86).

Subs not used: Beasant, Dembele, Pett, Jebb.



MORECAMBE

Davies, Parrish, Hughes, Edwards, Wilson, Drummond, Williams, Kenyon (rep McCready 75), Devitt (rep McGowan 86), Redshaw (rep Ammond 32), Mullin.

Subs not used: Arestidou, Bondswell, Watson.

Ref: M Haywood.

Att: 2,464



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Morecambe FC Manager, Jim Bentley, said: 'This is yet another top offer from the club.

"Anything which encourages more people to come and watch gets my thumbs up. The boys really appreciate the noise a larger crowd makes, it all helps to build the atmosphere on match

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Junior***	£30	£42	£42	£86	£239

days. The half season ticket looks great value with FREE kids included and it goes without saying that we all hope as many people as possible take advantage and come to support us in the second half of the season.'

A family of 1 x Adult and 3 x under 14's will be able to watch the last 13 games of the 14-15 season for less than £2.50 per person per match

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Tickets are available to purchase from the Club Shop during normal opening hours up to the kick off v Carlisle Utd at 3pm on Friday, December 26th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELLIS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ELLIS BYRON WHO IS 8 YEARS OLD ON DECEMBER 13TH AND IS CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY AT GLOBE ARENA TODAY.

Ellis attends St Luke's CE Primary School and he loves football. He plays for Heysham Blue Stars and also in the Morecambe FC Development Centre. Ellis is an Everton fan and his favourite player is Samuel Eto'o. Ellis also supports Morecambe FC and his favourite player is Kevin Ellison.



CHRISTIE THE CAT

Hi there. I've been asked to come up with the purr-fect quiz page this season to get you thinking. I hope you enjoy it.

QUIZ BY ALAN MAIN

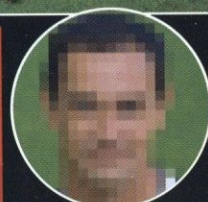


HOME

1. Who did Luton defeat in the 1988 League Cup final?
2. Striker Paul Benson made his league debut with which club?
3. Which TV presenter is the current Luton chairman?
4. What is Luton's traditional nickname?
5. Former manager David Pleat has been caretaker manager at which Premiership side?

AWAY

6. Name either of the sides who were promoted with Luton to the top flight in 1974.
7. Who defeated Luton at Wembley in the 1959 FA Cup final?
8. Shaun Whalley joined Luton from which North West Conference side in 2013?
9. Signed from Odense in 1989, name Luton's record signing.
10. Which Northern Ireland star is Luton's most capped international?



BLURRED LINES
Who is this?



SPOT THE BALL

Which of the balls is actually the correct one. Answer at the bottom of the page

WHO AM I?

- 1 I was born on April 15, 1988
- 2 I represented my country at Under 21 level
- 3 I have played against Cristiano Ronaldo
- 4 I made 17 appearances for one of my clubs, all as a substitute
- 5 I signed for the Shrimps on August 1st 2013



BOBBY BALL, AHEAD OF HIS TIME

BY TERRY AINSWORTH

Bobby Ball was once described to me by Dickie Danson as "ten years ahead of his time" and a similar accolade was later given to Martin Peters of West Ham United.

The Lancaster Guardian reported on the representative game as follows: - "Playing under atrocious weather conditions at Bowerham Barracks in December 1949 the North Lancashire & District Football League team defeated Keighley & District Football League 4-0 in a representative match.

Before the commencement of the game both teams observed a minute's silence in memory of Bert Cartmell who died whilst playing for Ingleborough the previous Saturday. Both teams played excellent football despite the conditions and the North Lancs League half backs were really outstanding, Fred Cheal and Bill Hodgson had excellent games.



George Pinder for North Lancs and Mason for Keighley were outstanding custodians putting in terrific performances. North Lancs went in a halftime with a one goal lead thanks to an own goal by W Hall who in trying to

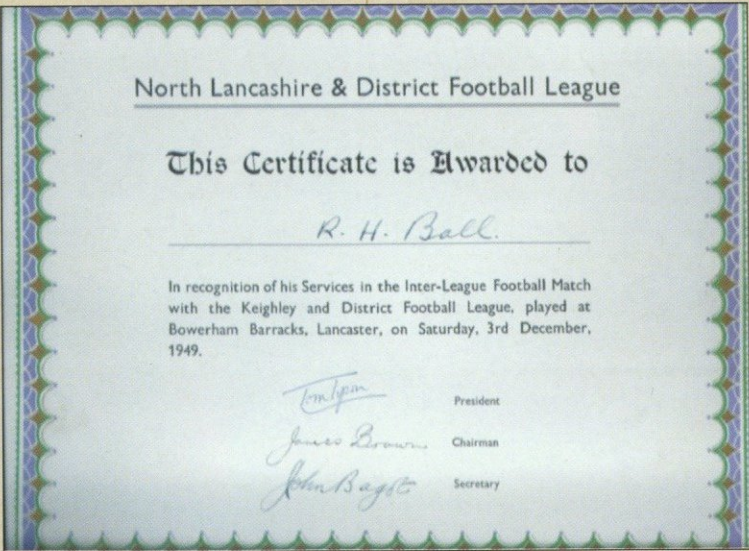
stop a fast shot from Alan Mitchell only succeeded in diverting the ball past Mason.

The game was evenly contested at this stage and the visitors were expected to equalise at any minute but failed to do so and the home team extended their lead with goals from Henry McGaffigan (2) and Alan Mitchell."

North Lancs: - George Pinder (Dry Dock Utd); L Robinson (Dry Dock Utd), R Bowker (Caton Utd); Bill Hodgson (Caton Utd), Fred Cheal (captain, Civil Service), Bob Baines (Lancaster Lads Club Old Boys); Bobby Ball (Galgate), K Ormerod (Galgate), Alan Mitchell (Dry Dock Utd), R Parkinson (Dry Dock Utd), Henry McGaffigan (Bolton-le-Sands).

Keighley: - A Mason; J Walls, W Hall; J Isherwood, R Hall, D Gage; J Swainson, T Bailey, D Greenwood, A Hodgson, T Draper

Referee: - Harold Osliffe (Lancaster)
Trainer: - Johnny Young (Lancaster Moor Hospital)



Bobby Ball's certificate is signed by three giants of the North Lancs League in President Tom Tyson, Chairman Jimmy Brown and Secretary Johnny Bagot



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English Cup	Date	H/A	Opponents	Result	Gate	Receipts
Preliminary	17/9/1949	H	Galgate	5-3	2,220	£113
1st Qualifying	1/10/1949	H	Clitheroe	3-0	2,400	£127
1st Qualifying	15/10/1949	H	Nelson	3-2	5,200	£250
1st Qualifying	29/10/1949	H	Rossendale	5-0	3,200	£158
1st Qualifying	12/11/1949	H	Lancaster City	4-1	2,200	£120
1st Round proper	26/11/1949	A	Bradford City	0-9		

Following the match the teams were entertained to tea at the Castle Hotel. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr Tom Tyson, President of the North Lancs League and Mr W Anderton, President of the Keighley & District League to the League for their hospitality.

Pictured left: Galgate 1949-50 winners of Senior Challenge Cup + Parkinson Cup

Back Row L-R: - J M Bigrigg, W Cornthwaite, R Singleton, J Moore, B Wallace, K Tennant, E Walkden, H T Bowl, A Newton (trainer)

Front Row L-R: - Bobby Ball, K Ormerod, C Burgess, John Glaister, Tommy Bowker

Mascot - D Satterthwaite

In season 1949-50 Galgate finished 5th in Division I of the North Lancs League and won two cup competitions as well as taking part in the English Cup (FA Cup) where they played Fleetwood Town of the Lancashire Combination.

The cup record of Fleetwood Town in 1949-50 also included a local club, Galgate, and their exploits did great credit to local football.

Fleetwood was sitting proudly on top of the Lancashire Combination at the time and Clitheroe, Rossendale United and Lancaster City all suffered heavier defeats on their trips to Highbury. Galgate would have come home from

Fleetwood with around £45 from the gate receipts, a substantial amount. I often wondered why Galgate gave up the advantage of a home draw always believing that they played at Fleetwood for the extra revenue but as this letter (March 2014) from Phil Brown, vice chairman of Fleetwood Town explains that was far from the truth.

"As you'll have noticed, all 5 games were at home (Highbury) although Fleetwood were actually drawn away at Galgate in the Preliminary Round.

Galgate's ground (behind the Plough Inn) wasn't enclosed and whilst the Galgate committee had tried to make sufficient improvements to allow the tie to go ahead, "owing to the farmer having set the adjoining field with corn" (as reported in the Fleetwood Chronicle), home advantage had to be conceded. Going into the game itself, Fleetwood, who were sitting at the top of the Lancashire Combination at the time, raced into a 2-0 lead through Robinson and Ronson but Galgate levelled at 2-2 at half time and took the lead early in the 2nd half thanks to a hat trick from Ormerod. Further goals from Vaughan, Gray and Holden saw Fleetwood safely through however.

The Fleetwood line up for the Galgate game was: - Rodgers; Tuson, Holden; Gray, Williamson, Pollock; Ronson, Saunders, Robinson, Vaughan, Simpson

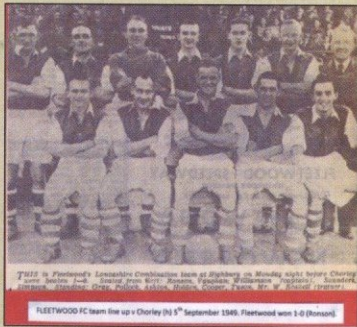
I've also attached a Fleetwood team group pictured 12 days before the

Galgate tie (prior to league game v Chorley (h) on Monday 5th September 1949. When we spoke, you mentioned both teams had a Ronson playing in the tie. Fleetwood's Ronson was Percy Ronson.

Percy played 416 first team games for his home town club between 1948 & 1961 and he later became the club groundsman. His son Billy enjoyed a successful Football League career at Blackpool, Cardiff City, Wrexham, Barnsley and Birmingham City before emigrating to the USA.

Finally, Fleetwood's 1949-50 FA Cup adventure ended in humbling fashion at Bradford City in the 1st Round, a 0-9 defeat being at least partly due to a 1st half injury which reduced them to 10 men with less than 30 minutes played."

The Fleetwood Town team photographed just 12 days before the history making game against the "Silkboys" of Galgate





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A LOOK AT THE LATEST NEWS INVOLVING SOME OF OUR FORMER PLAYERS

DAVE ARTELL

DAVE ARTELL SAYS HE WILL CHERISH HIS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIES WITH GIBRALTAR FOREVER.

The ex-Shrimps' defender and now Crewe's Academy Operations Manager was part of Gibraltar's side that lost just 4-0 against World champions Germany last month.

Rotherham-born Artell qualifies for the Gibraltar national team through his father, and has since made a number of appearances for his country who were only awarded full UEFA membership last year.

After taking up the role with the Alex Artell signed for Bala Town to enable him to still be able to play for Gibraltar in their qualifying campaign.

'Most people would snap your hand off to become an international footballer, so I realise how lucky I am,' Artell said.

'These opportunities don't come for everyone and it's a fantastic experience, something I'll cherish forever.'

'I've never played international football, so I wouldn't know what it's like and there's nobody here with years and years of experience. We're a very primitive nation on a big stage so we're playing catch up, but that adds to the enjoyment because everyone's learning and everyone's in it together,' said the defender who has made five appearances since his first cap back in March.

Despite becoming accustomed to the challenges of Leagues One and Two, Artell is completely unfazed by this higher level.

'It's the highlight of my career. It's the biggest level, the biggest test,' he added.

Artell was taught that first-hand when Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski scored four goals as Poland crushed Gibraltar last month.

'I'd say he was probably the toughest opponent I've faced,' claims Artell, who has previously faced Michael Owen, a young Wayne Rooney and an 'exceptional' Gianfranco Zola.

'He [Lewandowski] would go out on the wing and you wouldn't see him for 10 minutes.

'Then, next time you saw him, he was one-on-one with your keeper and you're thinking 'How the hell has he got there?'

'That's a mark of the quality of the man. He's just about the complete player.'

CARL BAKER



FORMER SHRIMPS STAR CARL BAKER HAS BEEN NAMED THE SKY BET LEAGUE 1 PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER.

Baker was in magnificent form throughout last month, scoring the decisive goal in the 1-0 victory over Port Vale as well as providing two assists in the 6-0 triumph at home to Colchester United.

'I've been nominated for this award a couple of times so it's nice to finally win it - I'm delighted,' said the 31-year-old.

'The lads, the manager and the staff have been fantastic and I wouldn't have won anything without them. This award has topped off a great month.'

RICHARD BRODIE

RICHARD BRODIE'S SUCCESS IN THE FA CUP CONTINUED AS HE HELPED SOUTHPORT REACH THE THIRD ROUND OF THE COMPETITION WITH A 2-1 WIN OVER EASTLEIGH.

Brodie, who was part of the Crawley team that played Manchester United at Old Trafford a few years ago, scored Southport's opening goal in the win over an Eastleigh side that included another former Shrimps' star in Craig Stanley.

Ex-defender Kieran Charmock also had a good day as he was part of the Chester team that held Barnsley to a 0-0 draw to earn a place in the round 3 draw.

There was no second round joy though for Warrington defender Craig Robinson as his side went down 2-0 at Gateshead.

GALA DRAW 2014/15

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On return from Shropshire, the group began to plan their social action project for making a difference in the local community. The young people chose to support Morecambe Foodbank and collected food items from family, friends, work colleagues and teachers. The group then took their items to the Morecambe Foodbank and helped with the work of packaging food boxes.

Community Manager Janet Preston said, "With 95kg of food items collected, the young people have made a fantastic contribution to this very worthwhile charity. They enjoyed their experience helping out at the Foodbank and have learnt more about the vital work that they do for the local community."



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NEXT UP ...

SHREWSBURY V MORECAMBE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 20 2014

The Greenhous Meadow as it is currently called, has a capacity of 9,875 seats. It is comprised of four separate stands and at first glance looks similar in design to some other new stadiums that have been recently built. Yes it is smart looking, functional and tidy, but lacks that certain something to make it stand out from the others.

Away fans are located in the Pro-Vision CCTC Stand at one end of the ground. Leg room is good and the stands are quite steep keeping the fans close to the action and there is good height between rows. The concourses are quite well laid out, although the swing doors at the entrances to the toilets were met with a bit of trepidation.

Although they were clearly marked one for entrance and one for exit, the inevitable occurs with fans piling out of each. The catering is provided by a local company called Jennys and includes amongst other things; Burgers (£3), Cottage Pie (£2.50), Steak Pie (£2.50), Balti Pie (£2.50), Pasties (£2) and Sausage Rolls. Plus the club provide handy plastic forks to tackle those hot pies and I have to say that my steak pie was very tasty, one of the better that I have



had on my recent travels. Alcohol was also available in the form of Lager (£3.10) and Bitter (£2.90). There are also large plasma screens on the concourses showing Sky Sports throughout the afternoon.

Directions

At the end of the M54 continue onto the A5. After about seven miles, there is a traffic island which is at the junction with the A49. Bear left at this island still following the A5. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the B4380 (Thieves Lane). Continue along Thieves Lane going straight over two roundabouts and this will lead you into Oteley Road. You will reach the stadium down further down Oteley Road on the left.

Parking

There is a large car park at the stadium, holding almost 700 cars, however, this is for permit holders only. Parking is prohibited in the nearby Retail Park and nearby streets,

so to find some street parking you may have to drive a bit further away. Check though for any parking restrictions detailed on posts, before parking up.

Otherwise there is a car park at the Meole Brace Bowling Club, which also offers parking at £5 per car and has a bar on site too. It can be found at Meole Rise (Off Upper Road, SY3 9JF).

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TRAVELLER'S TALES



IT SEEMS AN AGE SINCE OUR LAST
HOME GAME AND OUR SPLENDID
VICTORY AGAINST BURY.

Two long trips in succession saw us firstly take the 600 mile round trip to Portsea Island and the mighty Pompey. Fortunately we were able to take a leisurely drive down on the Friday with the Old Cocks for what is one of the highlights in the calendar to perform in front of 14,000 home fans. It really is a sight to see at this level.

Anyone with a couple of hours to spare while down there should take a visit to Gunwharf Quays where the Spinnaker Tower and naval ships can be seen. There are 30 restaurants and bars and loads of shops, so you can drop the good lady off while you go to the match! We met up with the Sardines at the Artillery Arms, where we heard the news of Terry's Travel bus breaking down on the way which was a real shame for the fans on board. We are always made welcome with home fans in the front and away in the back - we usually manage to meet and have a chat somewhere inbetween!

A 15 minute walk to Fratton Park and a visit to the famous Tudor facade where you collect your tickets. As you enter the ground and climb the steps, the first thing you see is the massive home stand which dwarfs the rest of the stadium and if you listen carefully you can hear Pompey John ringing his bell.

We got quite a drubbing here last season and with Pompey losing to Aldershot we knew we were in for a tough afternoon. Their quality was clear to see and it wasn't long before they got their first. We stood firm for the rest of the half and were happy to be just 1-0 down at the break.



PORTSMOUTH/STEVENAGE

Unfortunately the second half didn't get any better and if it wasn't for Scott in goals we could have had a real hammering. Amazing how good Pompey are at home, but their massive crowd really is a 12th man.

Different plan for the Stevenage trip. . . Me and Parcellave left the girls at home and had a 6.30am start for the drive down to Peterborough on the Saturday morning. I haven't been since we played them in 2007, when some of us were dressed Posh and Joe Lewis was in goals for us. We arrived just after 10, parked the car, headed for the nearby Wetherspoons for brekky, then to the railway station just up the road to catch the 11.15am which stops at Stevenage on the way to London. This takes about 50 minutes for £11 return, but can be done quicker on the express that goes straight through, but costs you twice as much - you decide!

We met a couple of Shrimps' fans at the station who had come up from London and took a taxi to the Roebuck Inn, which is the other side of the Lamex Stadium but worth a visit. Ipswich were on the TV and we had a bit of craic with a couple of Tractorboys who remembered our famous FA Cup tie all those years back.

From here we headed towards the stadium via the Our Mutual Friend, which had a few Stevenage fans in and a decent choice of cask ales. From here it is another 10 minutes walk along the underpasses, then collect our pre booked tickets before meeting up with everyone in the fans bar which is Home and Away friendly and relaxing after a long trip.

It is a nice, compact and tidy ground which suits the standard of football. The game was never going to be a classic and it was clear neither side wanted to lose. 0-0 at half time you couldn't blame anyone thinking it had a scoreless draw written all over it, however a risky challenge in the box saw us concede a penalty and we had half an hour to get a goal back. We made their keeper work on occasions and thankfully Podge came up with a great header late on in front of the very happy 60 or so Shrimps that had made the journey. The goal made our trip home so much sweeter.

A brisk walk back to the station, back to Peterborough and a visit to the micro brewery nearby before a freshen up and an enjoyable meal on a riverboat - happy days, make the most of them . . .

Today we welcome Luton Town for their first visit to the Globe. We met at Christie Park the season they had a 30 point deduction, which saw them relegated.

They corpe back much stronger and it will be a really difficult game today. Luton fans were really concerned when they heard Eric had been vandalised but by now the repair should be complete and back in his rightful position on the promenade, consequently it seems fitting that both Clubs have permission to be playing for the Eric Morecambe Trophy, which would be great to win, but I would be very happy with the three points . . .

Enjoy the game
Mark

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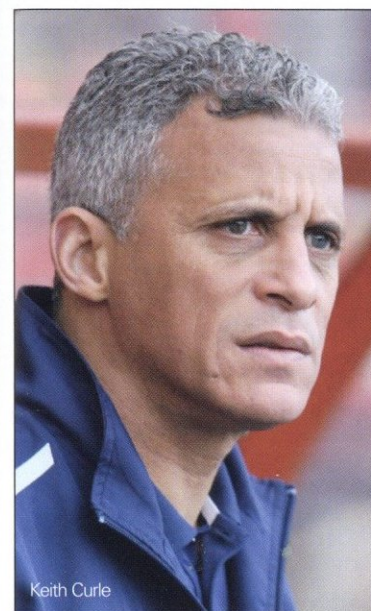
AROUND THE LEAGUE



CARLISLE
UNITED



**MANAGER KEITH CURLE HAS INTIMATED
CARLISLE UNITED WILL NEED TO MOVE
PLAYERS ON IN JANUARY BEFORE HE
CAN MAKE ADDITIONS TO HIS SQUAD.**



Keith Curle

Since arriving in September, Curle has brought in loanees and striker Derek Asamoah on a permanent basis. However, the prospect of further arrivals is likely to rest on the Cumbrians' own movement of personnel.

"Players have to move out before others come in,"

"I'm mindful of the fact that we have a number of players in the changing room and financially we can't keep adding players.

"To free up the opportunity for me to bring in players that are deemed good additions, the likelihood is that some players can be sacrificed."

Although Curle named no names, he intends to speak with those outside of his plans before the transfer window opens. "Out of professionalism, I have to have a sit down with players, a face-to-face conversation," added the former England defender.

"I have to say - it's in your interest to get your agent to get you a move to make sure you've got a career after this year."

Carlisle have extended the loans of defender Connor Brown from Oldham Athletic until January 3 and Burnley's Tom Anderson.

Striker Mark Beck has agreed a new deal with the Cumbrians that will keep him with the club until the summer of 2016.

The 20-year-old, who has won Scotland Under-19 honours and been named in Under-21 squads, has scored 10 goals in 63 games for the League Two club.

HARTLEPOOL
UNITED



**HARTLEPOOL UNITED, WHO THE
SHRIMPS FACE ON DECEMBER 28,
SACKED MANAGER PAUL MURRAY AFTER
FRIDAY'S FA CUP DEFEAT BY NON-
LEAGUE BLYTH SPARTANS.**

A goal from Jarrett Rivers sent the Northern Premier League side through to Monday's third round draw.

Pools are bottom of League Two, six points away from safety, and have put Sam Collins in temporary charge of the first team.

Murray had described his side's second-half performance against Blyth as "diabolical."

He told the BBC: "There was no fight, no passion, we thought we had it won. That's been the story in the league as well. There were angry words exchanged in the dressing room."

The former Oldham coach was Hartlepool's sixth manager since Mick Wadsworth's departure in

December 2011 with no boss since Danny Wilson from 2006 to 2008 lasting two years in the job.

SHREWSBURY
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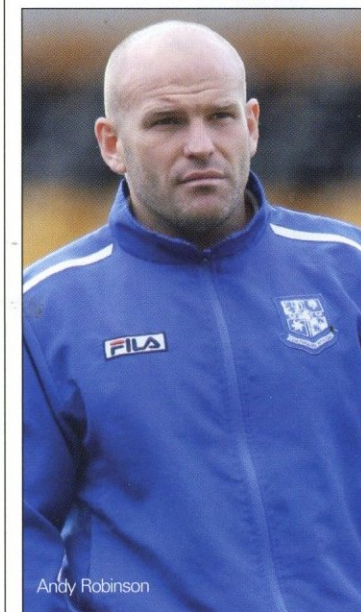


**NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENTS
SHREWSBURY TOWN HAVE ALLOWED
SUMMER SIGNING ANDY ROBINSON TIME
OFF AS HE COMES TO TERMS WITH A
CAREER-THREATENING KNEE INJURY.**

The 35-year-old former Tranmere Rovers, Swansea City and Leeds United midfielder has made just three substitute appearances this season.

And Town boss Micky Mellon has allowed him to go away and consider his future.

"He wants some time way to think about what he does with his life," Mellon told BBC Radio Shropshire.



Andy Robinson

STAT ATTACK

LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wycombe	19	11	5	3	31	17	14	38
2 Luton	19	11	4	4	23	12	11	37
3 Shrewsbury	19	11	3	5	30	15	15	36
4 Burton	20	11	3	6	26	23	3	36
5 Southend	19	10	4	5	21	15	6	34
6 Plymouth	19	9	4	6	22	11	11	31
7 Newport	19	8	7	4	28	21	7	31
8 Exeter	20	8	7	5	28	26	2	31
9 Bury	19	9	3	7	27	23	4	30
10 Cambridge	19	8	3	8	31	24	7	27
11 Morecambe	19	8	3	8	20	21	-1	27
12 Portsmouth	19	7	5	7	22	22	0	26
13 Accrington	19	8	2	9	28	32	-4	26
14 Stevenage	19	7	4	8	27	27	0	25
15 Northampton	19	7	3	9	27	27	0	24
16 Wimbledon	19	6	6	7	24	27	-3	24
17 Cheltenham	19	6	5	8	18	28	-10	23
18 Mansfield	19	6	4	9	15	24	-9	22
19 Oxford Utd	19	5	6	8	20	24	-4	21
20 Dag & Red	19	6	3	10	25	30	-5	21
21 York	19	3	10	6	18	23	-5	19
22 Carlisle	19	5	3	11	25	37	-12	18
23 Tranmere	19	3	6	10	19	26	-7	15
24 Hartlepool	19	3	3	13	14	34	-20	12

PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE GAMES				CUP GAMES			
	APPS	USED	UNSD	GLS	APPS	USED	UNSD	GLS
Amond Padraig	8	7	2	2	2	2	0	2
Arestidou Andreas	0	0	14	0	0	0	3	0
Barkhuizen Tom	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beeley Shaun	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
Bondswell Nathan	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1
Davies Scott	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devitt Jamie	9	4	0	1	2	0	0	0
Doyle Chris	1	1	5	0	0	1	1	0
Drummond S	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Edwards Ryan	8	0	9	0	3	0	0	0
Ellison Kevin	15	1	0	7	2	0	0	0
Fleming Andrew	15	1	0	1	3	0	0	0
Goodall Alan	12	2	1	0	2	0	1	0
Hughes Mark	13	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Jones Lee	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kenyon Alex	13	3	2	1	3	1	0	0
Lumley Joe	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
McCready Tom	0	4	5	0	0	1	2	0
McGowan Aaran	1	1	8	0	0	0	2	0
Mullin Paul	11	6	1	4	1	1	0	0
Parrish Andrew	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Redshaw Jack	8	6	0	2	4	0	0	1
Roche Barry	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sampson Jack	3	7	5	0	1	2	1	0
Watson Declan	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Widdowson Joe	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Williams Ryan	5	2	10	0	3	1	0	0
Wilson Laurence	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Wright Andrew	6	4	5	0	2	1	0	0

Date	Opposition	H/A	F/A	ATT	PoS
Sat Aug 9	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	3-0	1,529	1
Tue Aug 12	Bradford City (COC1)	H	0-1	2,395	-
Sat Aug 16	Newport County	H	3-2	1,506	1
Tue Aug 19	Oxford United	H	1-0	1,615	1
Sat Aug 23	Cambridge United	A	2-1	3,152	1
Sat Aug 30	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	4,656	3
Tue Sept 2	Fleetwood Town (JPT)	A	3-1	2,048	-
Sat Sep 6	Cheltenham Town	H	0-0	2,273	3
Sat Sep 13	Plymouth Argyle	H	2-1	1,865	2
Tue Sep 16	Mansfield Town	A	0-1	2,185	4
Sat Sep 20	A.F.C. Wimbledon	A	0-1	3,822	5
Sat Sep 27	Northampton Town	H	0-1	1,725	6
Sat Oct 4	Southend United	A	1-0	5,284	5
Tue Oct 7	Bury (JPT)	A	1-3	1,681	-
Sat Oct 11	Wycombe Wanderers	H	1-3	1,710	7
Sat Oct 18	Burton Albion	A	2-0	2,560	6
Tue Oct 21	York City	H	1-1	1,361	7
Sun Oct 26	Exeter City 1pm	H	0-2	1,787	8
Fri Oct 31	Accrington Stanley	A	1-2	1,710	10
Sat Nov 8	Dover Athletic (FAC1)	A	0-1	1,609	-
Sat Nov 15	Bury 2.30pm	H	1-0	2,265	8
Sat Nov 22	Portsmouth	A	0-3	14,349	11
Sat Nov 29	Stevenage	A	1-1	2,264	11
Sat Dec 13	Luton Town	H			
Sat Dec 20	Shrewsbury Town	A			
Fri Dec 26	Carlisle United	H			
Sun Dec 28	Hartlepool United	A			
Sat Jan 3	Stevenage /F.A. Cup 3	H			
Sat Jan 10	Tranmere Rovers	H			
Fri Jan 16	Cheltenham Town	A			
Sat Jan 24	Plymouth Argyle /FAC 4	A			
Sat Jan 31	A.F.C. Wimbledon	H			
Sat Feb 7	Northampton Town	A			
Tue Feb 10	Mansfield Town	H			
Sun Feb 15	Dagenham/FA Cup 5 1pm	H			
Sat Feb 21	Newport County	A			
Sat Feb 28	Cambridge United	H			
Tue Mar 3	Oxford United	A			
Sat Mar 7	Luton Town /F.A. Cup 6	A			
Sat Mar 14	Hartlepool United	H			
Tue Mar 17	Shrewsbury Town	H			
Sat Mar 21	Carlisle United	A			
Sat Mar 28	Exeter City	A			
Fri Apr 3	Accrington Stanley 3pm	H			
Mon Apr 6	Bury	A			
Sat Apr 11	Portsmouth	H			
Tue Apr 14	York City	A			
Sat Apr 18	Burton Albion	H			
Sat Apr 25	Wycombe Wanderers	A			
Sat May 2	Southend United	H			



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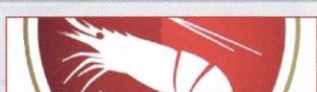
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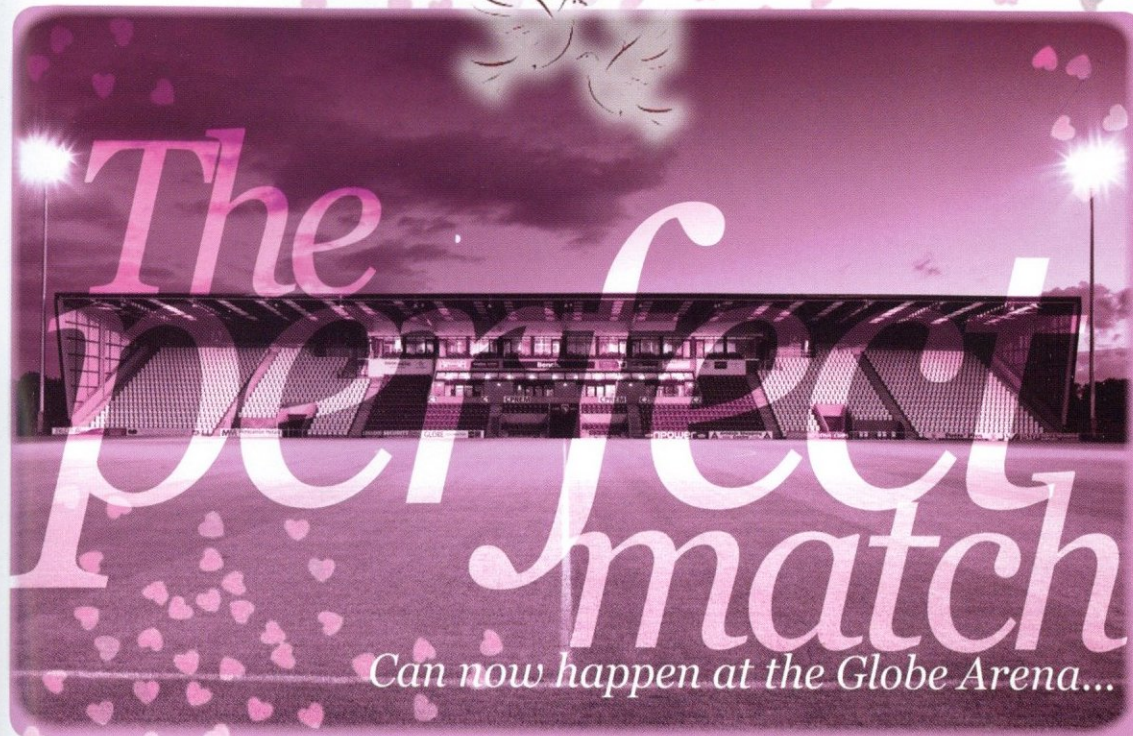
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