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THE CHAIRMAN

PAUL D.P. SCALLY

"I CAN ONLY PRAISE THE EFFORTS AND CHARACTER OF THE PLAYERS FOR STICKING TO THE GAME PLAN, CONTINUING TO PLAY THE RIGHT WAY AND WE GOT OUR JUST REWARDS"

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, and welcome back to The Medway Priestfield Stadium for this afternoon's Sky Bet League 1 clash against high-flying Luton Town.

First and foremost I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the opposing Chairman along with his team of special guests, directors, management, players and supporters that have made the short trip down the M1 and, result aside obviously, I wish you a pleasant stay at the home of Football in Kent and a safe journey home following the final whistle.

I'm sure many of you are still recovering from our nail biting FA Cup replay against Hartlepool United on Wednesday evening. Whether you were there live, listening to the radio or glued to our official Twitter feed and score flash updates I think I speak on behalf of everybody when I say what an incredible cup tie it was.

Obviously the plan wasn't to go two-nil down, and having bossed proceedings for the early part of the game it was a bit of a setback for us, but I can only praise the efforts and character of the players for sticking to the

game plan, continuing to play the right way and we got our just rewards.

Max Ehmer produced a striker's finish to get us back into the game and then, with 96 minutes on the clock, Tom Eaves was the calmest man at Victoria Park to smash home an excellent penalty to take the tie to extra-time where we dominated and thoroughly deserved to go through with Luke O'Neill and Elliott List finishing the job.

We now have a real chance of making the third round, however we won't take Slough Town for granted; they've done very well themselves to get this far and we will be professional and mature in our approach for the fixture which takes place next Sunday (2pm) due to the fact the BBC have picked the game for extended highlights. Ticket information will be available very soon.

I'd like to give special thanks to the 101 dedicated souls who made the very long trip to the Super Six Stadium on Wednesday. You are an absolute credit to the club and you kept backing the players even when we were 2-0 down and struggling to assert ourselves. We, as a collective team of

people, are very grateful for your support and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

However, the cup will have to wait for a week as we have two very important fixtures before then with Bristol Rovers following up today's game on Tuesday at the Memorial Stadium. We need to get some points on the board and I'm sure if we apply ourselves as we did for our recent games against Bradford and Fleetwood we have a chance of putting pressure on the sides above us in the table. The campaign is a marathon, not a sprint. We haven't got to the halfway point yet and there are plenty of points to play for so there is no need to worry.

Steve has yet to have a fully fit squad to choose from, however by Tuesday everyone should be available for selection and the manager can then pick his preferred players to fit the system he wants to play. We know we can beat anyone in this league, we have proved it enough times and today we will need to be focused from the very first whistle as Luton are renowned for their attacking prowess.

Josh Parker has returned from

international duty following his exploits with Antigua and Barbuda and he will be in the frame to feature at some point this afternoon. When he is firing on all cylinders we are aware of his threats and it's good to have him back with us.

Away from the field of play just for a moment and, as I write these notes, our events team are preparing for our first 'Cirque du Sleigh' Christmas party. The Great Hall has had a makeover this week and before too long you'll see how impressive it looks when images and video are uploaded to the official website and social media platforms. Everyone has worked very hard behind the scenes and I'm looking forward to seeing the finished article

before kick-off today. If you are yet to decide where to have your festive gathering then I can assure you our parties will offer a night to remember, and with places still available it's not too late to get yourself along to Priestfield and celebrate with friends, family or work colleagues.

Our customer engagement team are on hand to take your calls on 01634 350350 or you can email events@priestfield.com. A lot of dates are sold out but the club website has a list of dates that are still available so please take a look and if you want more information then our staff can talk you through how the evening works.

Talking of the festive period, our ticketing staff have come

up with a great initiative to generate some atmosphere at Priestfield for our games against Wycombe (Dec 15), Portsmouth (Dec 26, 1pm) and Doncaster (Dec 29). Adults can purchase tickets for all three fixtures for just £54 which offers a £12 saving if you purchased individual tickets.

A family ticket (two adults and two U18's) offers a saving of £44 so why not bring the kids along and enjoy some festive football at the home of Football in Kent? Naturally you can find out more on the website or call us on 01634 300000.

I'd like to pass on my congratulations to Ben White, Bryan Bull and our U18's team who have progressed to the third round of the FA Youth Cup following an impressive 4-0 win over Cheltenham. We play Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park in the next round, which takes place in a couple of weeks, and I wish them luck. They are clearly a very talented bunch and they have deserved the chance to play at a former Premier League stadium.

Back to the matter at hand though and today's game is one which I'm sure will entertain any neutral with both teams keen to get the ball down, play the right way and score goals. Luton are playing very well at the moment and we'll need to be at our very best to take maximum points.

However, there is no reason why we can't clinch victory; we are a good side ourselves and on our day will trouble any defence in the division.

Get behind the boys and let's get this place rocking!

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Paul D P Scally
Chairman





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EAVES NOMINATED FOR GOAL OF THE MONTH

Tom Eaves has been nominated for the Sky Bet League 1 Goal of the Month for October.

The striker scored a sensational goal at Fratton Park against league leaders Portsmouth to put Gills 1-0 up against Kenny

Jackett's side and Alex Lacey added a second before the break to give the visitors a useful advantage which was held until the full-time whistle.

Fans can now vote for Tom via www.skysports.com. #VoteTom

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR CHLOE



Lifelong fan and season ticket holder, Chloe Page, recently got in contact to ask her football family at

Priestfield for some help.

Chloe was diagnosed with Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome when she was 17 years old; the condition affects everything in the body from connective tissue to internal organs which causes Chloe to have another disease which affects the heart called POTS

(Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome). It causes not only massive amounts of daily pain to Chloe, but also affects her everyday life with her daughter, Lillie.

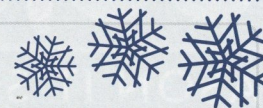
This afternoon we will be holding a bucket collection with fans able to donate at various points around the stadium. Chairman Paul Scally has kindly agreed to match pound for pound what the fans raise for an electric wheelchair. Dig deep and let's help a member of our family reach her fundraising target. #HelpChloe

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

For our Sky Bet League One fixtures against Wycombe Wanderers, Portsmouth and Doncaster Rovers we are offering fans the opportunity to purchase their seats for all three games at a reduced price.

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FA CUP PROGRESS

Gillingham will play Slough Town at the Arbour Stadium in the second round of the Emirates FA Cup.

Steve Lovell's men beat Hartlepool United 4-3 after extra-time in a classic cup tie at the Super Six Stadium on Wednesday night to book a second round tie against a side who apply their trade in National League South.

The fixture will be played on Sunday Dec 2 at 2pm. The game has been selected for extended highlights by the BBC. Ticket information will follow.

BALL BOYS



This afternoon we are delighted to welcome members of the Hollands and Blair U13 squad who will act as ball boys for this afternoon's fixture.

We hope you enjoy your hospitality experience at the home of Football in Kent.

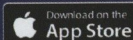


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THE MANAGER

STEVE LOVELL

**"AS WE SHOWED WEDNESDAY
WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP, WE ARE
WORKING TIRELESSLY EVERY DAY AND
WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO JUST THAT"**

Good Afternoon everybody and welcome back to The Medway Priestfield Stadium for today's Sky Bet League 1 fixture against Luton Town.

Firstly I'd like to wish a warm welcome to Luton boss Nathan Jones, someone I know very well having worked alongside him at Charlton Athletic a few years ago. He is somebody I have coached with several times and we share the same philosophy on Football; we both like to entertain our supporters with a free flowing attractive style and I have no doubt today's match will be an enjoyable one.

Nathan has done a fantastic job, Luton are in the top six as things stand and we are under no illusions that we are in for a difficult game today, but I have absolutely no doubt that we have the tools at our disposal to cause them just as many headaches as they cause us and if we are at it from the first whistle we can be a difficult team to pin down at Priestfield.

Our last two games have been on the road of course having played Oxford in the league last Saturday and Hartlepool on Wednesday in our FA Cup replay at Victoria Park. Last weekend's game was a really frustrating one for us; I felt in the first-half we were certainly as good as the opposition, if not better, and we were denied an opener early on when Regan Charles-Cook beat the keeper, only for the offside flag to go up. Having seen it again we all know

the player isn't offside but in fairness to the referee the touch off an Oxford defender was very difficult to see and he has to call things as he sees it. Obviously, after seeing it again, we all know we were denied a legitimate goal but then again we've had the luxury of watching it back on TV.

In the second-half Brandon Hanlan had a great opportunity but just missed the target, and then the referee awarded a penalty against Tomas Holy. Again, on reflection, I think we would have to concede it was a spot-kick but at the time there was clearly an element of doubt because the referee consulted his assistant before deciding to give it. After which we struggled to get back on level terms, although we gave it everything we had in the closing stages. I think a draw would have been a fair result but unfortunately it was another one of those days where we didn't get the rub of the green, with the officials failing to spot Tom Eaves being wrestled to the ground on at least one occasion.

That took us into Wednesday and the players were very determined to not only bounce back from Saturday, but to ensure we were not one of the surprises of the first round draw. In the home tie we struggled to break Hartlepool down who had obviously come looking for a replay, and having started the brighter at Victoria Park we suddenly found ourselves 2-0 down and chasing another fixture.

At the break I told the players that we didn't deserve to be two goals down, but we didn't do anything with the possession that we had and we needed to make it count. And within five minutes Max had pulled one back. Tomas made a great save to keep us in it and then the referee correctly awarded a penalty in second-half stoppage time for handball. Eaves converted the penalty and then in extra-time our quality finally shone through with Luke O'Neill and Elliott List making the score 4-2. They pulled one back but I didn't really feel we would let the result go, and I was delighted for the players and the 101 supporters (who were excellent from start to finish and we thank you for your backing) after such a long journey. Over the two games we deserved to go through and we now play Slough Town for a place in the third round.

However there is work to do before that; today's game, and indeed Tuesday's against Bristol Rovers, are tough fixtures. We need to be at it from the word go, make more of our possession and maintain defensive stability to get something from either of these games.

As we showed Wednesday we will never give up, we are working tirelessly every day and we will continue to do just that. And with you with us every step of the way I'm certain we can climb the league table.

Enjoy the game
Steve

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THE GILLS 09



LUTON TOWN



Luton Town, promoted at the end of last season after a four-year residency in League Two, have made an impressive start to life at the higher level, based largely on an excellent home record, where they have picked up twenty-three of their thirty-two points, and they currently stand in fifth place in the table.

The Hatters, one of three unbeaten teams at home in League One, the others being Barnsley and Sunderland, thrashed Plymouth Argyle 5-1 at Kenilworth Road last Saturday to record their seventh victory in nine on their own pitch this season. They were 3-0 up within the first half hour, thanks to goals from James Collins, Elliot Lee and James Justin. Collins then added his second, from the penalty spot, in additional time at the end of the first half, and went on to complete his hat-trick after the interval before Joel Grant's late consolation for the Pilgrims in a game watched by a crowd of 10,004, including 871 visiting

supporters. The victory took Luton's goal tally to twenty-three from nine home fixtures.

Manager Nathan Jones believed his side's performance harked back to the late 1980s and 90s when Luton were in the top flight, saying afterwards, "There were a lot of people from Premier League and Championship clubs here because of the international break. They see a full house at Kenilworth Road, a lot of them would have remembered Kenilworth Road back in the glory days when they were in the top flight, but back then wouldn't have been any better than it was today. What a wonderful performance that showed our club in a great light. The fans were magnificent from start to finish and, to be fair to Plymouth fans, they contributed as well. They travelled up here, which is difficult, a hell of a journey and it showed our club in a great light, so I'm very proud to be manager of this football club, every day, but especially today. The first half

performance, I won't make any apologies about it, I thought we were wonderful, I really did. It's as good a performance that we've had since I've been here."

Luton have won two of their last three away fixtures, at Oxford (2-1) and AFC Wimbledon (2-0), the club's only victories on their travels in the league this season. They have drawn three times and been beaten at Portsmouth, Peterborough, Doncaster and Barnsley.

Collins' hat-trick last Saturday took his total to seven league goals for the season, and he is currently the club's leading scorer, followed by Lee, who has scored six times, and Danny Hylton, with five goals. Hylton, who hit a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Accrington Stanley towards the end of October, missed the Plymouth game due to a suspension, following his sending-off in the 0-0 draw at Rochdale three weeks ago, that will also keep him out of today's match.

NATHAN JONES THE MANAGER

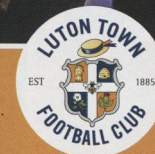
Succeeded John Still as Luton boss on 6 January 2016 and signed a four-year extension to his contract in January this year.

As a player, Nathan came through the ranks at Cardiff but didn't make an appearance for the Welsh club, whom he left to join Merthyr Tydfil in 1993. He then failed to make the first-team during a year with Luton and went on to spend time in Spain with second division side Badajoz and third tier outfit Numancia, with whom he won promotion in 1996-97.

After returning to England, Jones played 99 times for Southend

before joining Brighton in 2000, winning three promotions and suffering one relegation whilst with the club. He moved to Yeovil in 2005, making over 200 appearances for them before retiring in 2012.

He remained with the Glovers, as assistant to Terry Skiverton and first-team coach under Gary Johnson. After a year in charge of Charlton's Under-21 side, he moved to Brighton in 2013, where he assisted Oscar Garcia, Sami Hyypia and Chris Hughton before taking the manager's job at Luton.



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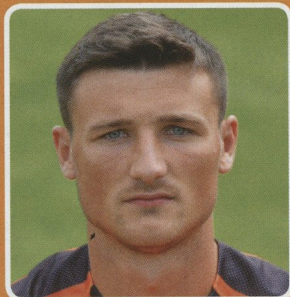
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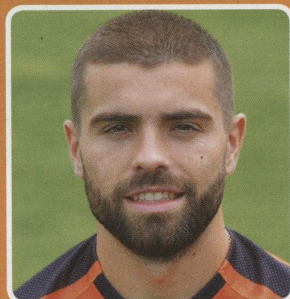


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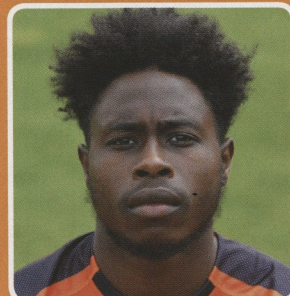
6 MATTHEW PEARSON
DEFENDER // AGE: 25

Joined Luton from Barnsley in June on a three-year deal. Matthew began his career with Blackburn, progressing through their academy to sign his first professional contract in 2011. After being released by the Ewood Park outfit, he moved to Rochdale in July 2012 before dropping into non-league with FC Halifax Town in March 2013. In 2015 he returned to the Football League with Accrington Stanley, remaining there for two years before moving to Barnsley.



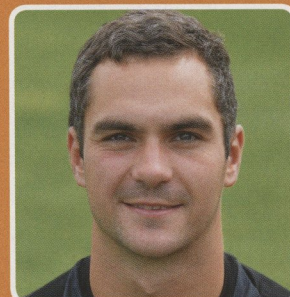
10 ELLIOT LEE
STRIKER // AGE: 23

The son of former Newcastle and England midfielder Rob Lee, Elliot, whose brother plays for Scottish side Heart of Midlothian, started his career at West Ham and, during his time with the Londoners, had loan spells with Colchester, Southend, Blackpool and Luton. Moved to Barnsley in June 2016 and signed for Luton in the summer of 2017, following his release by the Oakwell club. He is contracted with the Hatters until the end of this season.



17 PELLY RUDDOCK-MPANZU
MIDFIELDER // AGE: 25

After beginning his career as a youth player with Borehamwood, Pelly, who can play as a midfielder or centre back, signed a professional contract with West Ham in December 2011. Joined Luton on loan in November 2013 before signing permanently for the Hatters in the following January. Put pen to paper on a new three-year contract, with the option of a further twelve months, in August last year.

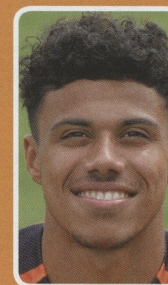


36 JAMES SHEA
GOALKEEPER // AGE: 27

First choice goalkeeper who began his career as a youth player with Arsenal in 2007 and was released by the Londoners in the summer of 2013. James joined AFC Wimbledon in July 2014 after spells with non-league sides Needham Market and Harrow Borough. He moved to Luton in July 2017 and signed an extension to his contract in February this year, with his deal now running until 2020.



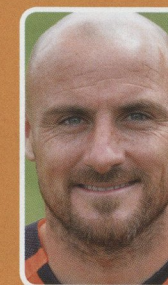
1 MAREK STECH
GOALKEEPER
AGE: 28



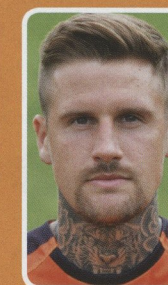
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DEFENDER
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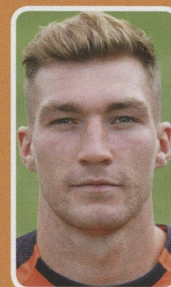
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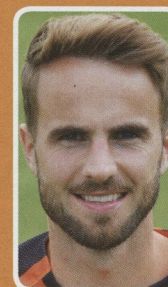
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MIDFIELDER
AGE: 34



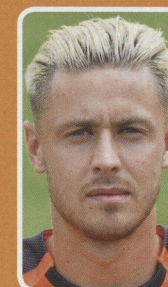
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7 JACK STACEY
DEFENDER
AGE: 22



11 ANDREW SHINNIE
MIDFIELDER
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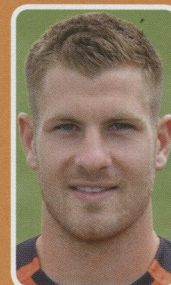
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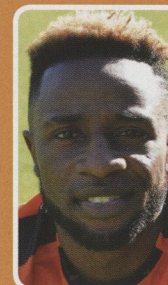
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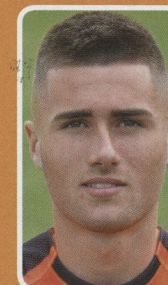
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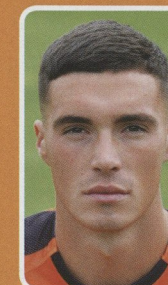
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44 ALAN SHEEHAN
DEFENDER
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS



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This afternoon's Sky Bet League One fixture sees Luton Town visit Priestfield for the first time in the league since they picked up a 1-0 victory in a League Two encounter in August 2008, Sam Parkin scoring the only goal of the game after three minutes in front of a crowd of 5,339.

Gillingham were promoted back to League One at the end of that season whilst Luton finished bottom and were relegated to the Conference, having started the campaign with a deduction of thirty points for misconduct and failing to satisfy the League's insolvency rules. Town spent five seasons in the Conference before returning to the league in 2014.

The Hatters have played here on two subsequent occasions, a 2-1 defeat in a Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie in October 2015 and a victory by the same scoreline in the Checkatrade Trophy the following August, a

game they won despite fielding a weakened side, for which they incurred a £5,000 fine. In the former game, an attendance of 3,428 watched Cameron McGeehan give the visitors a first half lead before Max Ehmer and Bradley Dack scored for us in the second period. The latter attracted a crowd of 2,128 to Priestfield. Frankie Musonda and Jonathan Smith put the Bedfordshire outfit 2-0 up inside the opening twenty-five minutes before Darren Oldaker scored a consolation in stoppage time.

There have been twenty-six previous league matches between Gillingham and Luton here, dating back to May 1921, when the first meeting ended in a goalless draw. They have resulted in twelve home wins, six draws and eight victories for the Hatters. After six of the first fifteen encounters ended all square, the two sides have not shared the points here since a 1-1 draw in April 1935. None

of the last sixteen meetings between the sides here in all competitions has ended in a draw.

Our last home league victory over Town was a League One fixture in April 2008. Parkin opened the scoring for the visitors after nineteen minutes before a brace from Simeon Jackson in the final quarter of an hour gave us a 2-1 victory. Both sides were relegated at the end of that season.

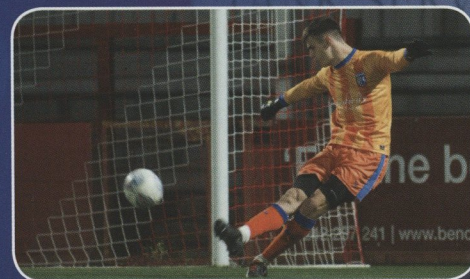
Gillingham's biggest home league win against Luton was by a 5-0 margin in 1964 after we'd beaten Shrewsbury at Priestfield by the same scoreline. Brian Yeo scored a hat-trick against the Hatters, with Brian Gibbs netting the other two in a game watched by 9,214. Town's best win here was a 4-0 victory in a Division Three (South) encounter on the last day of March 1928, just over four months after we'd been beaten 6-1 at Kenilworth Road.



GILLS CRUISE PAST CHELTENHAM TO SET UP BLACKBURN TIE

Ben Allen, George Sheminant, Charles Noyelle and Roman Campbell all find the target as Ben White's side seal a convincing 4-0 win at Whaddon Road.

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CHELTHENHAM TOWN 0 GILLINGHAM 4

FA Youth Cup Second Round, Whaddon Road
14/11/18 // By Phill Catterick

Gillingham booked their place in the third round of the FA Youth Cup following a dominant 4-0 win over Cheltenham Town at Whaddon Road on the Wednesday before last.

Ben Allen and George Sheminant both found the target in the first-half with Charles Noyelle and Roman Campbell netting after the break to ensure Gills go on to play Blackburn Rovers in the third round.

The visitors were rarely threatened throughout with the hosts simply unable to hold off the attacking threats of Noyelle, Allen and Campbell in attack.

Ben White kept faith with the same team that defeated AFC Wimbledon 3-1 in the opening round with Joe Walsh in goal, Miquel Scarlett operating at right-

back with Tommy Lamb and TJ Bramble the holding midfielders. Campbell played up front with Jude Arthurs, Allen and Noyelle in support.

First-Team Coach Mark Patterson and Academy Manager Bryan Bull were also in attendance.

It didn't take long for Gills to seize the advantage, taking the lead inside six minutes. Allen received the ball on the edge of the box, found space for a shot with his left foot and drilled it past Freddie Lapworth who stood no chance.

It was what the visitors deserved after camping in the Cheltenham half for the opening few minutes and Allen's shot was well struck.

Thomas Chamberlain's 40-yard free-kick for Cheltenham sailed

over the bar on the quarter hour mark with Gills well in control at this stage; Campbell coming very close to grabbing a second for the visitors moments later as his left footed effort from inside the box cleared the bar, following good work by Tommy Lamb and Jack Morrell.

The hosts rarely threatened in the first-half with Walsh only required for goal-kicks and to clear from the back as Gills refused to surrender the upper hand. Another shot from Allen was blocked with both Campbell and Noyelle involved in the build-up.

On 36 minutes Cheltenham had a golden chance to draw level when a forward pass to Joshua Gilkes beat the offside trap, Walsh came out to narrow the gap which

appeared to force the player to hit it early. His strike from 20 yards cleared the bar.

With just seconds left on the clock in the first-half, Gillingham edged further in front. A free-kick from Noyelle was delivered to the back post, Emmanuel Fernandez headed it back across goal and Sheminant gambled, getting himself to the loose ball ahead of the keeper and converting from close range.

H/T: 0-2

Gills started the second half well and could have netted a third with Bramble firing just wide, with a penalty shout from Noyelle turned down just moments before.

Ben White's side had been a constant threat throughout the game in attack, and on 61 minutes Gillingham put the game beyond doubt. Arthurs received the ball on the right hand side of the penalty area; he looked tempted to shoot but held the ball up for a couple of seconds, spotted the run of Noyelle and his pass was perfectly weighted for the forward who drilled home from six yards.

The attacking threat from the visitors didn't disappear though with Noyelle and Campbell too hot for Cheltenham to handle and some heroic last ditch defending prevented Roman from potentially adding a fourth when, having skipped past two defenders, a sliding challenge stopped him in his tracks before a right-footed effort from Bancroft, on for Bramble, went narrowly wide of the far post.

There was still time to add a fourth though; a ball from the right found Campbell in space and from ten yards he diverted

a header beyond Lapworth, who was unable to get anywhere near it with the Gills number nine completely unmarked.

Gills now go on to play Blackburn; the game will be played at Ewood Park on Wednesday December 5 (7pm).

F/T: 0-4

Cheltenham: Lapworth, Brennan, Scott, Richards, Handley, Briscoe, Duncan, Gilkes, Basford, Chamberlain (Horton 81), Stanton (Ebanks 66).

Unused subs:

Paterson, Clift, Davis.

Gills: Walsh, Scarlett (Blanks 86), Fernandez, Sheminant, Morrell, Lamb, Bramble (Bancroft 67), Arthurs, Allen, Noyelle (Laing 82), Campbell.

Unused subs: Witt, Hards.

Referee: Mr N Pratt

Attendance: 212

Manager Ben White said: "The boys were focused on the job in hand and it was comfortable in the end. Obviously we did a little bit of analysis into what their threats were and I felt that we

nullified any kind of threat they had and I think the score reflects that.

"I'm very proud of the boys, really proud. They've gone out and done exactly what I've asked them to do, but what we need to do now is get some consistency in our performances.

"We'll go there [Blackburn] as slight underdogs but we're going there to win the game and if we take these kinds of standards and apply that kind of focus and concentration and intensity of our play into the Blackburn game, we'll give ourselves a chance."





APPRECIATION OF GENIUS IS NICER THAN SNEERING

By EDDIE ALLCORN

I suppose I was there at the very beginning and very end of Wayne Rooney's England career.

It began with a hideous and shambolic 3-1 stuffing by Australia at Upton Park in February 2003. Boored off at half-time (0-2), he was one of Eriksson's eleven(!) half-time substitutions. The youngest ever player (17 years, 111 days) the prodigal son. 15 years, 119 games and 53 goals later I was at Wembley to see his final 35-minute cameo against the USA. The warmth towards him rolled down from the stands, willing him to score in the dying moments but thwarted by Brad Guzan in a 3-0 win.

It was a lovely send off, one he undoubtedly deserved given his record-breaking England career had petered out mid-season due to injury and being frozen out at Old Trafford. It is often neater to

end after a tournament but he didn't get that chance. The new young England team is a vibrant group of possibilities but that doesn't mean there isn't room for a modicum of sentiment in the game.

Spectacular

I was in Dortmund in 2017 when England played Germany in a friendly. It was turned into Podolski's farewell game and they really went to town. Predictably he scored the only goal... Plenty of countries make a fuss of their all-time greats at the end of their careers and I think it is a nice touch. I appreciate Rooney hadn't played for England for two years, but he is only 33 and had just enjoyed an incredible six months in the MLS at Washington where he dragged the team bottom of the division into the play-offs with a string

of goals, assists and spectacular moments. Okay, "only" the MSL but then we were playing the USA, many of whom also play there!

The Rooney send-off turned a mundane friendly into something more memorable, it added 20,000 bums on seats up to a respectable 68,000 on a chilly Thursday evening and it was most certainly not like a testimonial. All the other England fringe players were playing for their international futures and were deadly serious. Rooney slotted in effortlessly as if he'd never been away. The explosive pace is long gone, but the deft passing and movement remain, clever dinks, snappy interchanges, many lesser nations would still love to have him now. That sort of magical guile and imagination is still in short supply the world over.

There was also the money raised for good causes (Rooney's charitable foundation) as well as the chance for Rooney to mix and mingle with some of the very young and inexperienced players to share his wisdom, his knowledge and his obvious passion for the national team.

Sadly though, the professional critics and cynics were out in force. It took the ever measured and logical Southgate to calmly deconstruct every one of their miserable snarky grumbles. I know some columnists are paid to be controversial, to stir up debate, but it left a nasty taste in the mouth.

I can't think of another sport or another country where their highest ever goal scorer and most capped outfield player would be treated with quite so much sneering hatred. I appreciate he never quite reached the heights people hoped for after 2004 and became a lightning rod for the criticism for the "Golden Generation" when they failed to make the last four but for the second half of his England career he was a tall poppy in a field of sometimes mediocre players in his own cohort, and often was the inspiration to drag us through tight spots in

qualification. Something people take for granted too often.

In cricket, players often finish their careers in the last Test at the Oval. I've been lucky enough to see many English and overseas stars sign off with heartfelt thanks, guards of honour, standing ovations, the lot. Alistair Cook was feted in September. It wasn't grudging or miserable. It just provided an opportunity for the fans to say a proper thank you for all they have done for their sport and their country. What's not to like there?

Service

The fact we haven't done it previously says more about the uncaring attitude of the FA and the powers that be and their lack of imagination and appreciation than anything else. Southgate spoke eloquently about involving ex-England players at St George's Park and Wembley. To share their knowledge and also make them feel valued for their service.

In the end, aside from one anti-United misery near me at Wembley, the crowd showed their appreciation towards Rooney. In an era of judgemental cynicism, of snide journalists with axes to grind, paid to carp and snipe and make the world a more miserable place than it

need be it was refreshing to see all that needless snarky debate washed away by the simple act of thanks and the cascading wave of goodwill.

So how great is Rooney? Well earlier this season I was privileged to see Messi play for Barcelona against Tottenham. He scored twice, he hit the woodwork twice, but what most enthralled us was his running, his exceptional ability to find space and his deft, sublime passing. His passing was insane. The best I've ever seen live.

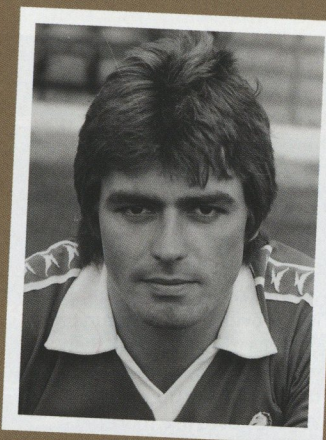
Prior to that, when asked about the best player I'd seen live over 40 years I would answer Zidane. At Euro 2000 we saw him three times for a brilliant French side and he was sensational. So no, Rooney is not in that tiny all-time world super star bracket, but undoubtedly in the next group. In all my time watching England only Hoddle and Gascoigne have had the star quality of Rooney but they didn't do it for so long and consistently. They played half the games he did due to injury and flawed managers.

I was there in Portugal in 2004 when Rooney came of age, his performances against Switzerland and Croatia lit up the continent, it was awesome. Sadly, a combination of injury, suspension and bad luck limited his impact and the success of the team in subsequent tournament finals but it wasn't for the lack of trying. There is "no I in team" and he couldn't do it all. Nevertheless, it has been a privilege to watch Wayne Mark Rooney play for England. A unique talent, a very special player from boy to man to elder statesman in the blink of an eye. Perhaps one day if Kane breaks his record and bows out, the media will be rather more appreciative of our special talents. They don't come along very often.



Pictured:
Mickey Barker
Ken Price
Damien Richardson

"Gillingham came agonisingly close to achieving promotion to the Second Division, for the first time in their history, in 1978-79, finishing in fourth place, two points behind champions Shrewsbury."



HISTORY TODAY

by ANDY FORD

Gillingham came agonisingly close to achieving promotion to the Second Division, for the first time in their history, in 1978-79, finishing in fourth place, two points behind champions Shrewsbury, and one shy of both runners-up Watford and third-placed Swansea. The introduction of the Play-Offs was still eight years away, so the top three all went up and the Gills were consigned to remain in Division Three.

We began the following season with home and away League Cup ties against Second Division Luton Town. The Hatters were starting their fifth successive campaign at the second level of English football, following relegation from Division One (the top-flight in those days, with the leagues named 1-4) in 1975, and had ended 1978-79 in eighteenth place in the twenty-two strong division, only two points clear of the drop zone.

Luton visited Priestfield, on a hot and humid Saturday 11 August 1979, for a match that attracted

an attendance of 6,222 and saw England youth international Steve Bruce make his first team debut for us. Bruce had been set to make his first appearance at the end of the previous campaign but, at the last minute, manager Gerry Summers decided that, as the Gills were chasing promotion, the player was not yet ready to handle the pressure of the occasion.

Display

Bruce Beckett's match report in the following Monday's edition of the daily Evening Post newspaper, under the heading 'Gills are back with a bang', included, 'Gillingham heralded the start of the new season on Saturday with a dazzling display of football that left Second Division Luton Town stunned. Inspired by the return of Damien Richardson to the action, the Gills found their old rhythm immediately and left Luton boss David Pleat a worried man. It was hard to believe that Luton were the Division Two team and,

on Saturday's performance, it won't be long until Gillingham are there themselves.'

We took the lead in the seventh minute, Ken Price making space for himself from a low corner from Richardson to hit a tremendous right foot shot past Jake Findlay in the Luton goal. Richardson played a pivotal role in our second goal, seventeen minutes later, Town defender Mark Aizlewood pulling down the Irishman, just as he looked set to score, in the penalty box. New penalty taker Mickey Barker gave Findlay no chance. Beckett wrote that more had been expected of Luton in the second half but that they again disappointed as the Gills looked to score more goals. As the game reached its last few minutes it looked as if we would have to settle for a two-goal advantage to take to Kenilworth Road, but we scored a third two minutes from time, Richardson playing the ball through to Price, who hit the ball over the diving Findlay and into the net.



Summers said afterwards, "It's nice to be able to go to Luton three goals up. They have had a severe shock today. I don't think they expected anything like that. We planned to go at them. It was important to put them under pressure and get a lot of movement up front, which we did. The first half performance was one of the best I have ever seen us give. We are quietly confident about our chances but not complacent."

Visiting manager Pleat commented, "We couldn't have had a bigger test at the start of the season. They played well, were very strong, but I knew they were a good side. 3-0 looks very difficult but we are a different side at home. We have got to play up to our form but we're opportunists."

Edition

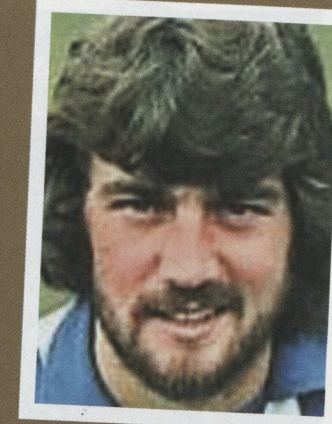
The second leg, watched by 5,509, took place at Kenilworth Road on the following Tuesday evening. Tony Hudd's match report, published in the Wednesday edition of the Evening Post, included, 'Gillingham finished the job in style. Throughout, they continued to assert their superiority, frustrating Luton's attempts at an early breakthrough and provoking a slow handclap from the terraces

as home fans vented their feelings on their team's display. By the time Mark Aizlewood's 87th minute twenty-five-yard drive had finally penetrated a Gillingham defence that had suffocated the Luton attack, it was all over.' By that stage we had extended our aggregate lead to 4-0, courtesy of John Crabbe's goal ten minutes into the second period. The tie ended 1-1, giving us a 4-1 win over the two legs.

Summers' post-match comments included, "We did three quarters of the job on Saturday and finished it very well indeed tonight." A disappointed Pleat was taking none of the credit away from Gillingham, admitting, "They are a very, very good side. We are going to meet a lot of sides in the Second Division this season who aren't as good as them. We couldn't force the early goal, which was vital, but, even in the second half, I still felt we had a chance". Hudd wrote that Pleat 'had called for a "kamikaze" effort from his men to break Gillingham down and get a quick goal. But with Mark Weatherly subduing the prolific Bob Hatton and Charlie Young, a more than adequate replacement for the injured John Sharpe, Luton were forced to do all their passing in front of the back four, who were unyielding.'

In the second round we faced Norwich, who were top of Division One when they travelled to Priestfield. The match ended 1-1, John Overton with our goal, with the Canaries progressing to the next stage of the competition with a 4-2 victory in the return at Carrow Road, Steve Bruce scoring both our goals, his first for the club, City going through 5-3 on aggregate.

The Gillingham v Luton games were not indicative of how 1979-80 would pan out for the two clubs. We finished sixteenth in Division Three, just three points above the drop zone. Luton, destined to return to the top-flight as Second Division champions in 1982, ended in sixth position in Division Two.



CHRIS LYNHAM
LOOKS AT ...

UNDERHILL

I have contrasting memories of Barnet's former home at Underhill. The rather quaint recollections are from my first visits when the stadium was still a non-league venue, a charming North London outpost which was a rather pleasant place to watch football.

Once Barnet were promoted to the Football League in 1991, the stadium swiftly proved to be woefully inadequate at dealing with higher crowds and segregation, particularly when Gillingham visited as it was always a popular trip - 1,000 was the minimum away following and on occasions we over-ran the place.

Barnet arrived at the notoriously sloping Underhill in 1907 but the stadium was only really developed in the 1960s. The main stand was adorned with enormous tannoy speakers and quirky roof-mounted floodlights, while opposite was a shallow covered terrace of the sort that characterised the larger London non-league grounds in the amateur era.

An open terrace at the top of the hill, hemmed in by gardens and backed by netting which prevented stray clearances from shattering local greenhouses, looked down on a small cover at the far end.

I attended my first game on a sunny August Bank Holiday in 1988. The Conference was booming following the award of a long-awaited automatic promotion place to the league, and, under the eccentric guidance of manager Barry Fry and chairmanship of "Fat Stan" Flashman, Barnet were creating headlines and failing to win the title in ever more flamboyant meltdowns.

While Fry undoubtedly had the club's best interests at heart (he re-mortgaged his home on at least one occasion to keep creditors at bay, and was known to mow the pitch in the dead of night), Flashman bankrolled only the playing staff and his legacy was an unsustainable business and a ground under-equipped to keep pace with progress on the pitch.

Barnet undoubtedly enjoyed themselves in the early days having finally won the Conference in 1991, racking up some improbable scorelines amidst turmoil off the pitch. Gates doubled and Fry's reputation in the transfer market kept the club afloat, while £1m was spent on Underhill to meet the League's ground grading criteria, including new turnstiles, crush barriers and police facilities.

Our first competitive visit came in April 1991 with the Bees chasing automatic promotion. Over 1,000 Gills fans, many in bad taste fancy dress, were crammed into half the side enclosure and it was soon apparent that what I'd considered to be a wonderful old school terrace offered limited decent views in such a gathering. We lost 2-0, the crowd of 4,049 being the second largest of the season. We returned on a Tuesday night a year later, languishing at the bottom of the table with absolutely everything going wrong. On a wet and

raucous night we again succumbed 2-0 despite managing to score both the goals, the venerable central defensive partnership of Tony Butler and Gary Breen helping themselves to one each. Breen's was one of the most extraordinary own goals I have ever seen, somehow turning and lobbing keeper Scott Barrett from the corner of the six yard box with geometric precision.

Emphatic

Barnet's self destruction post-Flashman was emphatic and they lasted just one year in the Third Division. For our 1-0 defeat at Christmas 1994 we got a better view of Dougie Freedman's winner as we were housed behind the goal. We still got wet though as the roof (though not the supporting pillars) had been removed.

Occasionally Barnet were compelled to accommodate Gillingham fans on two sides of the ground. The early season evening visit in 1995 saw chaos as nearly 2,000 Gills fans descended on Underhill, giddy with excitement to see if our 100% record would be extended. The terrace behind the goal had been replaced with temporary uncovered seats

and both this stand and the side terrace were packed for an ecstatic 2-0 victory courtesy of an early goal from Kevin Rattray and a Dominic Naylor free-kick. Jim Stannard saved Alan Pardew's penalty for added amusement. Aside from a lame FA Cup defeat in 2007 we never lost at Underhill again. The ground gradually deteriorated as random seated stands appeared (one of which is now the away end at Exeter City) in order to maintain the capacity, but on a sunny day after a couple of hours in the town's Ye Old Mitre Inn it remained perfectly acceptable as long as you were sufficiently organised to grab a decent vantage point.

With a capacity of just 6,023, relocation was the only viable option for the club, particularly as the outraged locals were militant in opposing any meaningful redevelopment. After an aborted attempt to adopt the Copthall Stadium (now home to Saracens) they moved to the more functional Hive in 2013, much to Wealdstone's consternation as the original deal struck by Barnet chairman Tony Kleanthous in 2007 had earmarked the ground for them.



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STATS & FACTS

Gills Record at Underhill:
P 9 W 3 D 2 L 4

Final Appearance:
8 September 2012
League Two
Barnet 1 Gillingham 3

Attendance: 2,835



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Billy Bingham

BACK IN THE MIX

by Phill Catterick

TO SAY THAT INJURY HAS DENIED BILLY MORE APPEARANCES IN A GILLINGHAM SHIRT SINCE HE SIGNED LAST SUMMER (24 AT TIME OF WRITING) IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THE VERY LEAST, AND THE MAN HIMSELF WOULD TELL YOU HE'S FOUND IT FRUSTRATING AT THE BEST OF TIMES HAVING TO WATCH ON FROM AFAR.

However, having now returned to full fitness, he's back in the thick of things and helps provide balance in the Gills midfield being naturally left footed.

Like the rest of the squad, he's certainly racking up the miles, and before stepping on the train to Hartlepool on Wednesday he sat down with Phill Catterick to discuss his return to form.

PLAYER INTERVIEW

"THERE ARE NOT MANY CLUBS THAT HAVE SUPPORT LIKE WE DO AND THE PLAYERS ARE REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE BACKING"



"IN THE LAST FEW GAMES (BRADFORD, FLEETWOOD AND BLACKPOOL) PRIOR TO OXFORD WE HAD ONLY CONCEDED ONE GOAL, SO AT THE BACK WE LOOK GOOD"

Q: Let's start with Saturday's game at Oxford. You spoke to the press after the game; it was a tough one to take wasn't it because prior to the goal we looked relatively comfortable and a draw looked a likely, and fair, result?

A: There was nothing in the game at all really and both teams would have taken a point at one stage. We had one chance, didn't take it but they didn't have many either because we defended well.

Q: Defensively at the moment we look solid, it's perhaps at the other end where we need to be a bit more clinical with the chances we do create?

A: In the last few games (Bradford, Fleetwood and Blackpool) prior to Oxford we had only conceded one goal, so at the back we look good but we just need to get back to how we were a couple of weeks ago in creating more opportunities and scoring more goals.



Q: That will likely be helped with the majority of the squad now fully fit or returning from injury. The Manager hasn't had the entire squad to pick from at all this season so once he's able to do that are you confident we can return to the form that won us games at the start of the campaign?

A: Yes, definitely. Everyone is training now I think so before too long we will all be available for selection; which is the plan. There are a couple of players who can play in each position so it's a case now of getting back on track and getting three points on a more consistent basis.

Q: From your own point of view how are you feeling? You said recently you want to play every game for the rest of the season which would be great for you?

A: Yeah. An ankle injury takes time to heal; the aim is to play as many games as I can. I didn't

play much last year having had a serious injury (Billy having broken his ankle and leg) and a couple of niggly ones towards the end of the season but from now on my aim is to play every game.

Q: What's the most frustrating part of being injured?

A: A couple of parts; the first is obviously dealing with the injury and training by yourself in the gym with no-one else around and that can be difficult. On top of that, when you do get back, your form doesn't actually come to you straight away. It takes a while to return to normal; they are the two main things from my point of view.

Q: Let's talk about today's game against Luton. They appear to be scoring goals for fun so what do we need to do to stop them doing the same for us?

A: We need to defend well, as

we have been doing, and create more at the other end. We need to limit them as a team and, first and foremost, do what we can to keep a clean sheet.

Q: With the big man up top, on his day, give him half a sniff and he'll convert anything we do create for him?

A: He's on fire. He's scoring goals all over the place; when he's getting chances he tends to take them and he's playing really well. He hasn't been getting the rub of the green with free-kicks though.

Q: Is he (Tom Eaves) the type of player you would rather have on your side rather than have the duty of marking him?

A: For sure, purely due to the size of him and everything that goes with that. He's somebody you definitely want in your team, he's the top scorer in the league. I think that speaks for itself.



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Q: We touched on the two wins here against Bradford and Fleetwood; those two performances prove that we have the game to take on any team so is it just a case of being more consistent?

A: Possibly. It's a tough one. It's difficult to put your finger on it as little things can affect your way of playing. When we won those two games [Bradford and Fleetwood] the feeling around the place was great and there was a buzz in the dressing room. If we could go three or four games unbeaten that would give us a boost.

Q: Are you confident, as a collective unit, that we have enough to move up the table rather than slipping down it?

A: For sure, yes. Training is good; the table doesn't really come into my mind at this stage to be honest. At times our attacking side has been unplayable so if

we can get that back, and retain defensive stability, we shouldn't have a problem.

Q: And the fans have been great haven't they?

A: Yes they have, both home and away. We really do appreciate it; we had five home games

on the spin and there are not many clubs that have support like we do and the players are really grateful for the backing. It's something that doesn't go unnoticed.

Billy was speaking to Phill Catterick before Wednesday's game at Hartlepool.



GILLS CHRISTMAS 2018



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GILLS CHRISTMAS 2018

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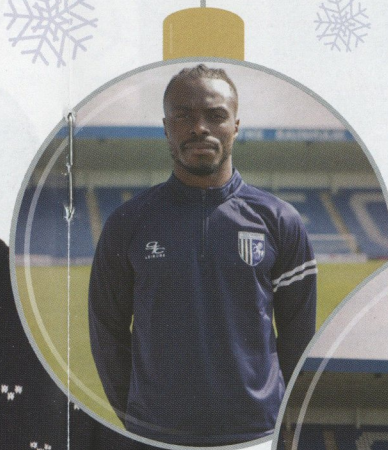
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GILLS CHRISTMAS 2018



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ACADEMY UPDATE

by BRYAN BULL

As reported on pages 16 to 19 in today's programme, our Youth Team group (under 18's) comfortably won their second round FA Youth Cup tie at Cheltenham Town the Wednesday before last by four goals to nil.

In truth, once we went ahead against Cheltenham through an early Ben Allen goal, we rarely looked like losing the game, and once George Sheminant added a second on the stroke of half-time the key messages then were about avoiding complacency, which the group did very well. Charles Noyelle scored his third goal in two Youth Cup ties from

close range on the hour mark to probably put the result out of Cheltenham's reach, and with 10 minutes to go Roman Campbell headed in Noyelle's corner to make it four for his second in two games. All in all, it was a pleasing performance against what wasn't the strongest team the boys will ever come up against, but they now need to start getting some Youth Alliance League points on the board as our league form hasn't been good enough recently.

In the next round we go to Ewood Park to face Blackburn Rovers for what I am sure will be a much stiffer test on

Wednesday December 5th. Blackburn is a higher category club within the Academy structure than us, but I feel if we can play to our full potential then we are capable of giving anyone a game. They will be at a similar level as Charlton and Reading, who we played pre-season in what were at that time very even games.

Decisions

On a different note, it is about that time of year where we make decisions on our under 16 group regarding next year's apprentice intake and whether we can offer them a place. It is a very challenging time for the players and their families, but also for the staff involved in what are potentially life changing decisions. In the next programme I should be able to bring you those decisions, with a little bit about the young men who will form part of the Youth Team squad for next season.

Enjoy the game.
Bryan



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A LOOK AT GILLINGHAM'S CLUB RECORDS

NUMBER ELEVEN: BIGGEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE DEFEAT Article by Andy Ford

The biggest Football League defeat is understandably not a record that any club would wish to break. In the case of Gillingham, our heaviest loss has stood for almost ninety years, since an 8-0 Division Three (South) thrashing against our visitors this afternoon, Luton Town, at their Kenilworth Road home, on Saturday 13 April 1929.

1928-29 was a disappointing season for the Gills. Seven successive defeats during September and October, during which we scored four times and conceded nineteen, saw us plunge to the foot of the table. A brief revival lifted us to fifth from bottom at the turn of the year but, at the time of the April trip to Bedfordshire, we were still battling to avoid finishing in the bottom two. There was no automatic relegation, but the lowest two sides in the final table had to seek re-election to the Football League for the following

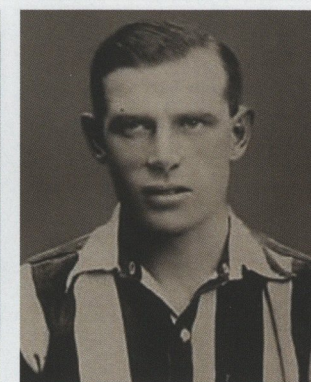
campaign. Defensive frailties had been a concern and, by the time of the Luton match, we'd already conceded four goals or more in seven league games.

Substitutes

The Hatters, who were in the top half of the table, had the good fortune of a man advantage after only ten minutes, an injured ankle forcing Harry Bruce out of the action for the remainder of the game, reducing us to ten players as there were no substitutes in those days. In the time that Bruce had been on the pitch, Gillingham's Albert Legge had struck the Hatters' crossbar and the hosts had taken the lead thanks to a penalty awarded for handball by George Crawford and converted by Andy Rennie. A match report mentioned that the Gills were disorganised and, although they struggled gamely for much of the game, they couldn't cope with the home

side's fast-moving and dangerous shooting forwards. It was 5-0 at half time and 8-0 by the end of the game, Rennie scoring five of the goals, but the account stated that Gillingham were unfortunate not to have scored at least three times.

Under the title of 'Routed', an accompanying Notes on Sport piece to the main newspaper report began, 'It cannot be said that the display given by Gillingham at Luton on Saturday did them any credit. Making every allowance for the loss of the services of Bruce at an early stage of the game, there is little excuse for the team being routed by eight goals to none. On the play, the winners were a greatly superior combination. Their forwards were a dashing and dangerous line, with a thorough understanding of each other's methods, and behind them were men who knew the value of constructive work. Added to this, the shooting of the attackers



Pictured left to right:
Albert Legge, Andy Rennie and Arthur Dominy

was par excellence, and the tale of goals would have been increased had it not been for a sound display by [George] Hebden in goal'.

As for the Gills, 'the backs and halves were fairly outplayed for a considerable portion of the game and, try as they would, they could not stem the onslaughts of their opponents. There were times when the visiting forwards gave glimpses of good form, but their efforts were too spasmodic and also lacked the cohesion necessary to penetrate a solid defence. They had scoring chances and, had they enjoyed a little of the good fortune which fell to the lot of their rivals, the defeat would have been minimised.' The article ended with, 'As a consequence of the reverse, and also owing to the fact that four of their nearest rivals improved their positions in the table, Gillingham found themselves in the role of wooden spoonists and, from this unenviable position, they may find it a difficult task to escape. It is worthy of note that Rennie, the Luton centre-forward, who helped himself to a nap hand on Saturday, has now scored forty-one goals this season, and

he has a chance of securing a higher aggregate than any other player in the four sections of the league. A leader of the calibre of Rennie would have been a valuable asset to the Kentish club this season, as it cannot be said that, of all the players who have filled the position, one has proved a success'.

Retained

We didn't manage to climb off the bottom of the table for the rest of the season and had to seek re-election along with Exeter City. The Grecians received 42 votes and the Gills 35, meaning that both clubs retained their Football League status, at the expense of five clubs trying to join the league. Argonauts (a London-based amateur outfit) received six votes, Aldershot five, Thames and Kettering one each and Llanelly no votes.

Luton finished the 1928-29 season in seventh place, five points behind champions Charlton, who were promoted to the second division. Only one side went up in those days. Andy Rennie scored forty-three goals and was the joint highest scorer in the four divisions.

Our top marksman was Arthur Dominy, with fourteen goals. Rennie turned out for the Hatters between 1925 and 1934 before retiring from playing professional football after making three appearances for Newport in the 1934-35 season. He died in Luton Hospital on 5 September 1938, following a hernia operation, just three years after calling time on his playing career.

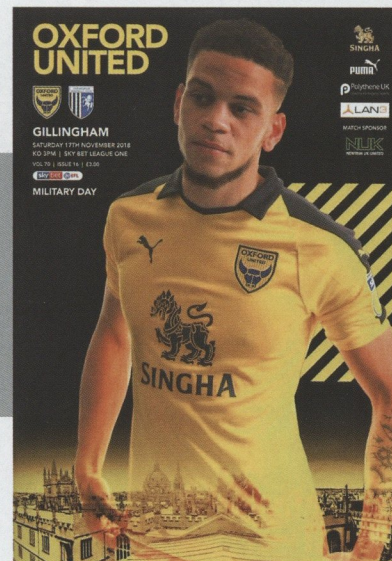
We have come close to at least equalling our record defeat on several occasions, losing 7-0 at both Queens Park Rangers and Brighton in 1932, 9-2 at Nottingham Forest in 1952 and 7-0 at Shrewsbury in 2008. At Barrow on Monday 9 October 1961 the referee prevented any chance of the record defeat being matched or beaten when bad light forced him to call off the game with fourteen minutes left and the Gills 7-0 down. The team had been delayed on their trip north, leading to the match kicking off half an hour late. Barrow's Holker Street ground, like Priestfield, had no floodlights in those days. The score counted and was a rare example of the result of an incomplete Football League fixture being allowed to stand.



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PROGRAMME PLUS

by Andy Ford

As a result of a vote at the Football League's Annual General Meeting in June, Championship, League One and League Two clubs are no longer obliged to publish a matchday programme for their home games. Previously, programmes had been compulsory as a result of partnership and sponsorship agreements held by the EFL. The vote came about as some clubs wanted the option not to publish them due to increased costs and declining sales.

Oxford United have gone in totally the opposite direction and, from the start of this season, have been producing two versions of their programme each matchday, one for home fans and the other for visiting supporters. This makes for an additional cost for any dedicated Oxford programme collector, who has

to fork out £6 each matchday on two programmes that are almost identical in content.

United's programme is 68 pages for £3, and 64 pages are replicated across the two versions. For our visit to the Kassam Stadium last Saturday, the only differences were as follows - the home edition had a cover picture of Oxford midfielder Marcus Browne, the chairman's column on page two, an advert on page 67 and details of the club's next game under the squad line-ups on the back page, whilst the away version had Tom Eaves on the front, a column by Steve Lovell and brief details of ten Oxford players on page two, a guide for visiting supporters on page 67 and news of our following fixture under the squad line-ups on the back cover.

Oxford's idea is certainly novel,

but not one, in my opinion, that will catch on, and, on some occasions, it must be a chore to produce two different versions. For example, the first visitors to the Kassam Stadium this season were Fleetwood Town, who took 87 fans to the game. If the programme sold to one in four followers of the Cod Army you would have needed to produce fewer than 25 copies of the away version to satisfy demand in the visitors section.

Last Saturday's programme achieved something that would normally be deemed quite difficult to do, they made Gillingham High Street look more aesthetically pleasing and attractive than it usually does. How did they manage to do that, you may ask? Well, they erroneously used a picture of Rochester High Street!

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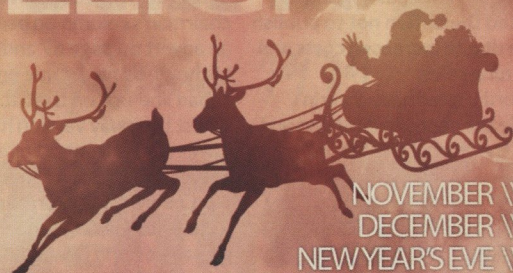
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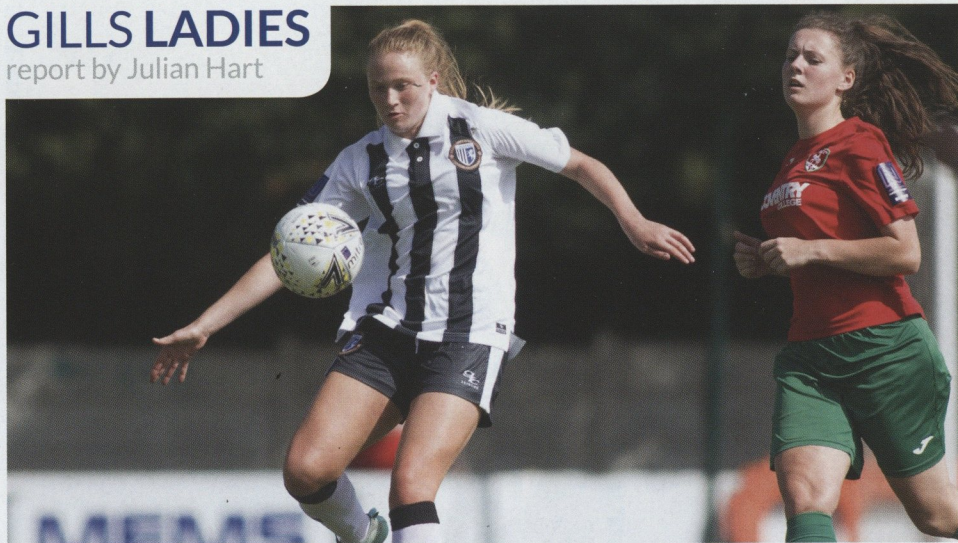
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GILLS LADIES

report by Julian Hart



GILLS THROUGH TO KENT CUP SEMI-FINAL



Gillingham Ladies booked a place in the semi-final of the Kent FA Women's Cup after a resounding 6-0 win over Margate Ladies at Hartsdown Park.

Goals from Breon Grant in the first-half gave Gills the advantage at the interval. A brace from Alice Bussey in the second-half along with strikes from Ellie Manning and Vicky Ashton-Jones secured a last four tie for Gills.

At a cold and blustery Hartsdown Park, Gills were keen to avoid the start they had at Margate in pre-season, where the hosts took an early two goal lead.

In the opening few minutes, Gills were on the attack, Sharna Giordani scuffed a shot which went just wide of the goal.

Soon after Gills were awarded a free-kick after Alice Bussey was fouled by Nicole Adams. Daisy

Monaghan's delivery into the penalty area was headed wide. Margate had an effort on goal when Rebecca Longley picked up a loose ball and tried an ambitious long range effort. The looping shot was dealt with by Courtney Shanly.

Gills broke the deadlock on the quarter hour mark. Bussey did well to gain possession on the halfway line and burst forward; she played a smart through ball to Breon Grant but the forward's first touch sent the ball wayward, and looking like the Margate keeper would collect. Grant did well to regain the ground and round the keeper and poke a shot home from an acute angle. 0-1

Bussey was at the heart of the Gills attack; it took a double block from Margate defender Rebecca Longley inside the penalty area to deny the young Gills' forward.

Grant looked to add to her tally but was denied by 'Gate keeper Lauren Watson, who did well to tip a shot round the post for a corner.

Just before the half hour mark, Grant's shot from inside the penalty area came off the underside of the crossbar, bounced behind the line before coming out and cleared away. The referee initially played on before a discussion with the linesman awarded the goal to Gills. 0-2

HALF TIME
MARGATE LADIES 0
GILLINGHAM LADIES 2
(Grant 15, 28)

After the restart Gills quality showed through; in the 52nd minute Bussey was fouled by the Margate goalkeeper on the edge of the box. The resulting free-kick was tipped over the crossbar by Watson.

In the 67th minute, Ellie Manning added Gills third goal of the game with a coolly taken finish past the goalkeeper. 0-3

Gills added a quick fourth goal just a minute later, Bussey using her pace to get past the Margate defence, a smart low shot into the bottom right hand corner was out of the reach of Watson. 0-4

Manning turned provider soon after, setting up Vicky Ashton-Jones, a well taken finish beating the offside trap. 0-5

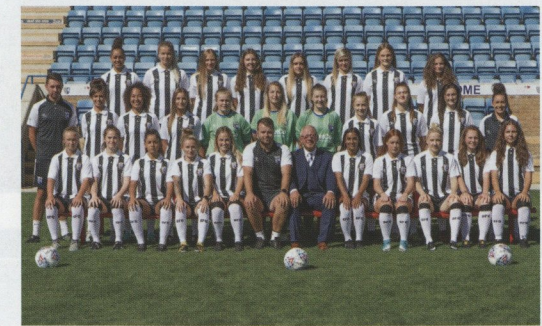
With five minutes to go Gills were awarded a penalty. A clumsy tackle in the box gave the referee absolutely no choice but to point to the spot; Bussey scored the spot-kick with a strike into the bottom right corner. 0-6

Gills Ladies will face either Herne Bay Ladies, Ashford United Ladies or Gillingham Ladies DS in the semi-final of the competition.

FULL TIME
MARGATE LADIES 0
GILLINGHAM LADIES 6
(Grant 15, 28, Manning 67, Bussey 68, 84, Ashton-Jones 72)

Margate Ladies: Lauren Watson, Rebecca Longley, Rebecca Slevin, Olivia Godden, Hannah Russell, Lucy Paris, Nicole Adams, Wiktoria Bukowska, Harriet Woolston, Amy Robinson, Grace Phillips-James
Margate Subs: Katie Longley, Shannon King, Isabelle Robinson, Annabelle Ashby, Megan Longden.

Gillingham Ladies: Courtney Shanly, Vanisha Patel (Harriet Clark 58), Lydia Huntly, Vicky Ashton-Jones, Millie Waud, Sharna Giordani (Emily Symonds 70), Daisy Monaghan, Ellie Manning, Niamh Jestin, Breon Grant (Grace Seely 63), Alice Bussey

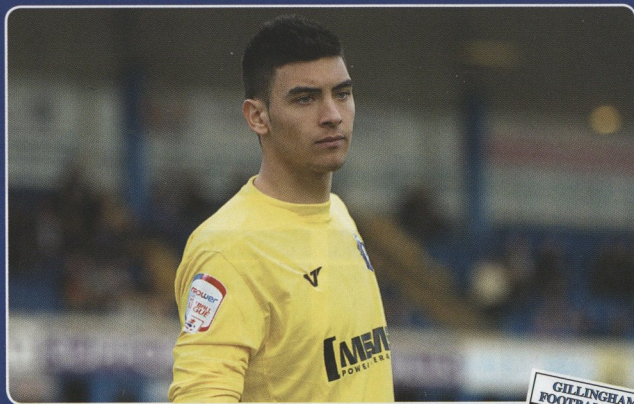
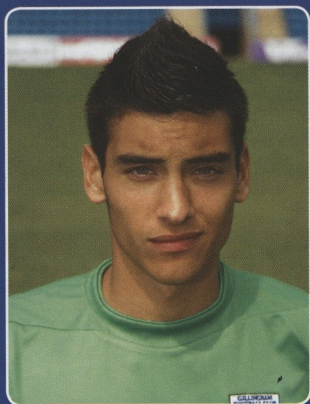


GILLS LADIES RESULTS & TABLE

19/08/18	Coventry United Ladies	H	0-0
26/08/18	Portsmouth Ladies	A	1-4
09/09/18	Plymouth Argyle Ladies	H	1-4
12/09/18	C&K Basildon Ladies	A	3-1
16/09/18	Oxford United Women	H	0-5
23/09/18	Watford FC Ladies	A	2-6
30/09/18	MK Dons Ladies	A	0-1
04/10/18	QPR Women	H	2-0
04/11/18	Chichester City Ladies	A	0-2

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1	Chichester City Ladies	11	9	0	2	11	27
2	Coventry United Ladies	9	8	1	0	23	25
3	Watford FC Ladies	10	7	0	3	4	21
4	Loughborough Foxes Women	11	6	1	4	12	19
5	Oxford United Women	10	5	1	4	8	16
6	Plymouth Argyle Ladies	8	5	0	3	2	15
7	Cardiff City Ladies	7	3	1	3	6	10
8	Milton Keynes Dons FC Ladies	9	3	1	5	-7	10
9	Portsmouth FC Women	8	3	0	5	3	9
10	Gillingham Ladies	9	2	1	6	-14	7
11	C & K Basildon Ladies	10	0	2	8	-23	2
12	Queens Park Rangers Ladies	10	0	2	8	-25	2





THE EX-FILES by ANDY FORD

PAULO GAZZANIGA



Argentinian goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga, who had been with Valencia's youth team during 2010-11, arrived at Gillingham on trial in July 2011, having been recommended to the club by former Aston Villa, Watford and Queens Park Rangers forward Gary Penrice.

Manager Andy Hessenthaler said, "He doesn't speak any English and that's our concern, but the kid is an interesting one. I'm not sure about him yet because he is nineteen and hasn't played many games, but we have been given an opportunity to look at him. He has all the attributes to be a very good 'keeper."

Hess feared that he might lose out on the goalkeeper, saying, "I have to be careful that other teams are not watching him. If we are going to do something then we might have to do it quickly", adding "Whether he is ready or not, I don't know? We might bring him in and then send him out on loan. Every game Paulo has played he has

kept a clean sheet." The manager did sign Gazzaniga, who went on to make his first team debut for us in a 3-1 home defeat against Barnet in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at the start of October 2011. His first league match came in a 4-3 loss at Accrington Stanley in January 2012, the goalkeeper replacing Ross Flitney as a half-time substitute. His first league start came in the following game, a defeat against Southend at Priestfield that was shown live on Sky, and he went on to establish himself as our first choice between the sticks for the remainder of the season, making a total of 22 appearances in all competitions.

Such was Young Player of the Year Gazzaniga's impact that Hessenthaler stated that he was expecting bids for the player during the close season and warned those paying that he would not come cheap, saying, "He is a million-pound player, without a doubt. Teams might make a move in the summer and we wouldn't stand in anyone's

way. He is a find and they don't come around very often. He is a wonderful kid, a wonderful player and he is a wonderful person. He is going to be top-notch and he will play in the Premier League."

Undisclosed

Paulo joined Premier League newcomers Southampton for an undisclosed fee in July 2012, by which time Hessenthaler had become our director of football, having been replaced as manager by Martin Allen. Part of the deal involved Tommy Forecast moving in the opposite direction on a season-long loan. Saints boss Nigel Adkins told the club's website, "He is very ambitious, he is young and hungry and wants to do well for Southampton. He has a good stature about himself - he is a young lad who has an assured confidence about himself, which is good. I know from speaking with him that he has a very good attitude and work ethic, which is important for us. He will be in

an environment that we think will help him improve under the guidance of our goalkeeping coach, Jim Stannard, and Kelvin Davis, who has a lot of experience and I know that he will take him under his wing." As a player, Stannard had been a record breaker with the Gills, conceding only 20 league goals in our promotion campaign of 1995-96.

Appearances

On 22 September 2012, Hessenthaler's prophecy that Gazzaniga would play in the Premier League came true when he was in Southampton's team for a 4-1 home victory over Aston Villa, the first of nine league appearances he made during 2012-13. Paulo's career

then stagnated somewhat as diminishing returns set in. He made eight Premier League appearances in 2013-14 and just two the following campaign, when he was used as cover for first choice 'keepers Kelvin Davis, Artur Boruc and Fraser Forster, and a further two in 2015-16. Despite the lack of first-team opportunities, Gazzaniga signed a new four-year deal with the club in September 2015.

He moved to Spanish second tier side Rayo Vallecano on loan for the 2016-17 season before leaving Southampton permanently in August 2017 to join Tottenham on a five-year contract, where he was reunited with his compatriot and former Southampton

manager Mauricio Pochettino. There was a certain level of surprise at the signing, with Pochettino who, like Gazzaniga, had been born in Murphy, Santa Fe, Argentina, explaining the reasoning behind the move, saying, "I think we need another 'keeper because we have Hugo Lloris and Michel Vorm. I think we have very good keepers in the academy, like Alfie [Whiteman] and Brandon [Austin], but they are still so young. The gap with Hugo and Michel was massive. I think Paulo was a perfect profile for us to bring. We know him from our period at Southampton. He was the best 'keeper last season in the Championship, the Spanish second division, at Rayo Vallecano in Spain, and I think there's no doubt about signing him and creating more competition in our goal."

Opportunities

First team opportunities have continued to be limited for the goalkeeper, following his move to the London club, as he has been mainly third choice, behind Lloris and Vorm. His first team debut and only appearance last season came in a 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace at Wembley, when he deputised for the injured Lloris and Vorm. Further injuries for the duo this season have handed more opportunities to Gazzaniga, who has made five first-team appearances this season, two in the Premier League, a couple in the Carabao (League Cup) and the home fixture against PSV Eindhoven in the Champions League, and he is still yet to play in a losing side for the club.

Earlier this month Paulo received his first international call-up for Argentina and he made his debut as a substitute in Tuesday's 2-0 friendly win over Mexico.



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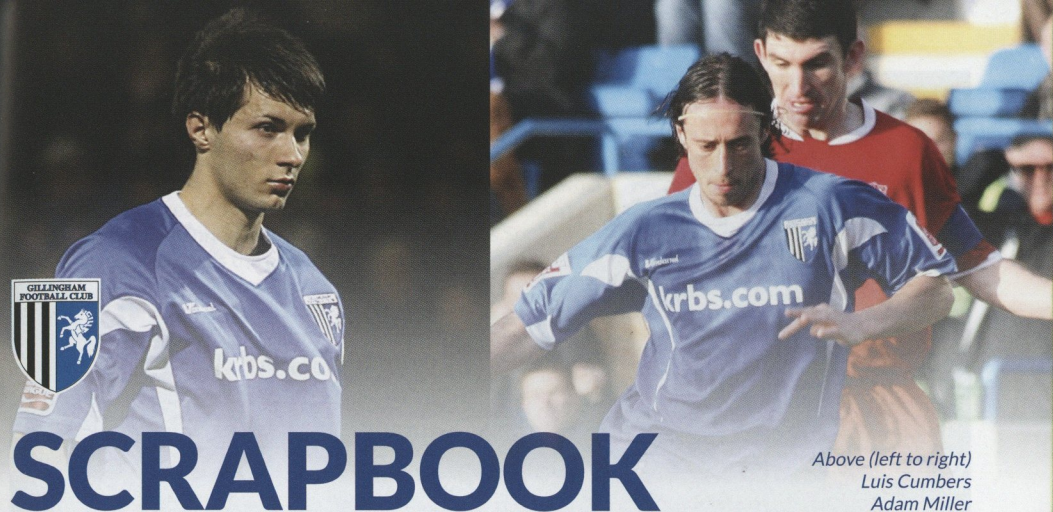
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SCRAPBOOK

ANDY BRADLEY REFLECTS ON THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF GILLINGHAM'S PROGRESS DURING THE 2008/09 SEASON

A handsome 4-0 home victory over Rotherham United got the juices flowing and extended Gillingham's mini-run of success. For this was the team's third win in a row and sent them back up into the League 2 play-off slots (seventh) for the first time in nearly two months.

The Millers never really recovered after having Danny Harrison red-carded – for a two-footed tackle on Barry Fuller – 10 minutes prior to the interval. "Some people would say this made it easier for us," suggested Gills manager Mark Stimson. "But how many times have we seen teams with 10 men, for some unknown reason, try harder and get something from the game?" Fair comment. There have been numerous examples over the years to prove that being a player short is not always the disadvantage it should be. But in this instance it probably was.

Simon King's looping header, from Nicky Southall's free-kick, gave Gills the tonic of an early lead and they went on to add three more without reply in the second session.

Adam Miller followed up on

Mark McCammon's blocked shot to make it 2-0 before John Nutter crossed for Garry Richards to nod in number three.

Then, with two minutes remaining, there was a magic moment for young sub Luis Cumbers. He was left with a straightforward tap-in to register his first senior goal for the club.

Not that it was a completely one-sided affair as keeper Simon Royce was required to pull off two excellent saves in the first period, while Rotherham were still at full strength, and then another in the second.

Outstanding

Stimmo added: "We put in an outstanding performance and came away with a fantastic win." Few problems were anticipated when the Gills next travelled to play Bury.

After all, they had won there in the FA Cup a fortnight earlier and the Shakers had now lost their last five games at home.

But you can probably guess what happened. The Gills had a bad day defensively and got smashed 4-0. Nobody saw that coming, especially Stimson.

He was not a happy man and in his next programme notes wrote: "It summed up our day when Mark McCammon was taken out by their keeper (Wayne Brown) in front of goal and to my amazement the referee only produced a yellow card.

"At that moment I knew the goalie would probably save the resulting penalty (taken by Miller) and sure enough he did."

However, Gillingham's sixth penalty miss out of the last nine awarded made no difference to the result because Bury were already four up with Andy Bishop and Glyn Hurst both netting twice.

At least the team had an early opportunity to put matters right when third-placed Rochdale visited Priestfield the following Tuesday.

And two quality strikes, for a 1-1 draw, helped warm people in the meagre crowd of 3,961 on a bitterly cold November night.

Albert Jarrett's precision cross set up Simeon Jackson to slam Gills in front and Adam Le Fondre levelled by dispatching a curler into the top corner.

So, one point apiece and a fair result.



TALK OF THE TOWN

by Andy Ford

We had family living in Luton when I was growing up, so there were frequent visits to the town and I've taken an interest in the fortunes of the Hatters ever since. I recall on one of our trips hearing chanting and singing Hull City supporters near the Arndale Shopping Centre. Research indicates that this was the first day of the 1975-76 season, with Luton back in the Second Division after a year in the top-flight. They beat Hull 2-0 that day.

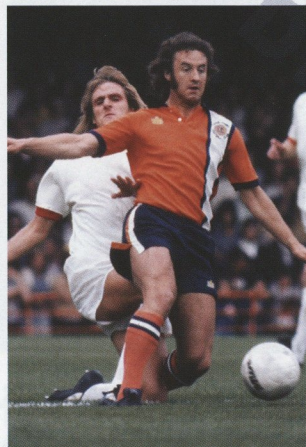
There is a connection between my Luton memories and the start of campaigns. The first time I saw them play was a League Cup tie at Priestfield in August 1979, the season-opener of 1979-80. Gillingham, a division lower than Luton, won 3-0. We went on to go through 4-1 on aggregate. I next saw Luton against the team

I support, Tottenham, at White Hart Lane, on the opening day of the 1982-83 season, Town's first game back in the top-flight after David Pleat had led the club to the Division Two title in 1981-82. I was most impressed with the sheer number of travelling fans that packed out the Park Lane end that afternoon. The game ended 2-2.

Supporters

A family visit to Luton in December 1983 coincided with a Hatters home match against Coventry, so I saw my first game at Kenilworth Road, standing on the Oak Road terrace, which was for Luton fans. We were very much in the era of football hooliganism and, during the first half, some home supporters, who had infiltrated the away section, swept across the terrace,

scattering the Sky Blues supporters. Whilst I would never condone trouble at football, the manoeuvre did look impressive and well organised, although I probably wouldn't have been of the same opinion had there not



been a football pitch's length between myself and the trouble. I wasn't a good omen for Luton, Coventry won 4-2 and, when I returned for the Everton match later that season, the Merseysiders triumphed 3-0.

Starting work towards the end of 1984 provided the finances to follow Tottenham away and one of my first trips was to Luton for a 2-2 draw in February 1985. The following month Kenilworth Road witnessed a shocking night, with the repercussions lasting years. Visiting fans rioted when Millwall visited Luton for an FA Cup tie, before, during and after the match. John Motson, commentating for the BBC's Sportsnight programme, later described it as the worst trouble he ever saw at an English football ground. When they appeared at the local Magistrates' Court the following morning, the majority of the 31 people arrested identified themselves as fans of other clubs, most notably Chelsea and West Ham. At the end of the season, trouble involving Liverpool supporters at the European Cup Final in Heysel, Belgium, resulted in 39 deaths and over 600 injuries. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government's answer to the football hooliganism issue was an ID card scheme for fans, that was thankfully never introduced. Conservative MP David Evans, who was also Luton's chairman, reacted to the Millwall riot by going a step further, banning visiting supporters from attending games at Kenilworth Road from the start of 1986-87 and introducing a scheme whereby home fans would need to carry membership cards to gain entry.

I saw Tottenham at Luton in 1986, just before the ban came into effect. Wanting to avoid

being herded cattle-like from Luton station to Kenilworth Road, I thought I might slip under the radar by travelling on a normal service train, rather than a football special. A group of about ten of us Spurs fans arrived at Luton off the same train and were led to a side exit, where we did get escorted to the ground, by about a dozen Police and a few Police dogs! We'd previously always been given the whole away end, but this time we had half, with the remainder left empty. The open section was so packed when I arrived that, once inside the ground, having walked up the steps, you couldn't get on the terrace. I held up both arms, two fans grabbed them, pulled me up and hauled me on to the terrace and this manoeuvre was then repeated with others as they arrived. The terrace was dangerously overcrowded and evidence of the contempt in which away fans were generally held in those days. It was around twenty minutes into the game before the other section was opened and the pressure eased.

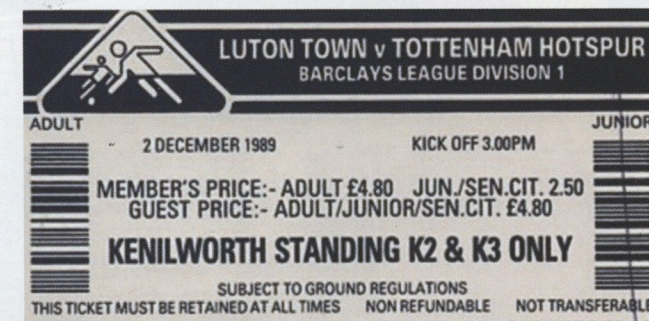
Introduction

The 1985 introduction of an artificial pitch and the away fans ban, which lasted for four seasons, the following year, turned Luton into one of the most hated teams in the league. I did beat the ban on one occasion. One of my work colleagues was

from Luton and her Mum was a member and got me a guest ticket for Tottenham's game at Kenilworth Road in December 1989. It was uncertain as to how many visiting Tottenham supporters had got in, but there were quite a few cagey looking spectators! Post-goal celebrations would have been an indication, but the game ended 0-0.

I've been back to Kenilworth Road twice since, once for a 2-1 defeat for Gillingham in September 1996 when I sat in the Oak Road end, basically the old terracing with seats bolted onto it and very poor leg-room, that was now for away supporters, and then on a Tuesday night in March 2009, as part of the Gills' press team for a League Two match, when the comfort level of the press box far exceeded that of the Oak Road end. The game finished in a 0-0 draw.

Luton, hit by a 30-point deduction before that season started, 10 for paying agents via a third party and 20 for failing to satisfy insolvency rules, were relegated to the Conference at the end of that season, finishing fifteen points adrift of safety. They returned to the Football League in 2014 and today's game is the first league clash between the two sides since that goalless encounter just under a decade ago.





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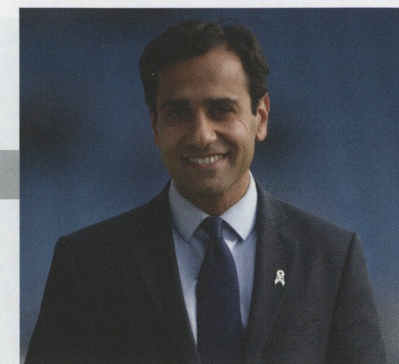
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REHMAN CHISHTI MP

REH'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Welcome back fellow Gills fans for what could be an exciting encounter against Luton Town!
I know that if we play the way we did at the beginning of the season and in our recent matches against Fleetwood Town and Bradford, we can bring about another stunning win today, so let's get behind the boys in blue and make our support heard across Priestfield!

Last week marked the 70th Birthday of our future King, Prince Charles the Duke of Cornwall and in light of this I would like to share with you some of his most valuable and meaningful charitable work ranging from raising awareness of climate and environmental issues, to helping young people, often from deprived areas, develop their skills and confidence.

The roots of Prince Charles charitable endeavours can be traced back as early as 1976 when he founded The Prince's Trust, which is perhaps the best known of his charitable organisations. The Trust, which now employs over 1100 staff and has over 6000 volunteers, aims to help vulnerable young people (aged 11-30) many of whom are unemployed, struggling at school, or facing homelessness or mental

health issues, get their lives back on track. It does so through running a range of training programmes which provide practical and financial support to build young people's confidence and each year around 60,000 young people are helped with the vast majority of them moving into employment, education, volunteering or training soon after.

Tireless

The Trust has also helped young people across our local area and in 2014-15 more than 3400 young people across the South East, including nearly 600 people from Medway and North Kent, with their local branch based at our very own Historic Dockyard. And nationally, thanks to the tireless work of the Prince, over the course of the Trust's lifetime it has helped almost 1m young people turn their lives around and created 125,000 entrepreneurs.

Prince Charles is also well-known for having strongly promoted environmental awareness and has a particular interest in organic farming, which resulted in the launch of his own organic brand, Duchy Originals, which sells more than 200 sustainably

sourced products, with the profits donated to The Prince's Trust. In 1970, in one of his first major public speeches, Prince Charles warned of the "horrifying effect of pollution in all its forms" referring specifically to the "mountains of refuse" created by single use plastic.

Now, almost 50 years later we have woken up to the threat posed by single use plastic and are starting to take action to tackle it and earlier this year he once again raised awareness of the issue, speaking of the "nightmare" effect that plastic waste is having on the world's oceans.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to the great work of Prince Charles for all he has done toward these valuable causes, including helping hundreds of young people locally.

And for a chance to win a £10 voucher to spend at the Club shop: Who was the first ever Gills player to play in the World Cup after the Qualifying Rounds? (Hint: the final was in 2006). Tweet your answer to @Rehman_Chishti. The Club will select the winner at random before the next home game.

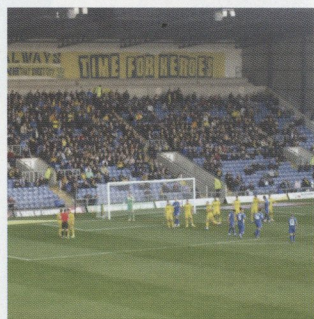
Your local Member of Parliament,
Rehman Chishti MP



AWAY DAYS

OXFORD UNITED REVIEW

"The away fans are located in the North Stand opposite the main stand, the view is fine, the stewarding relaxed and the 521 Gills fans out of 6,628 were in fine voice"



THE JOURNEY

Any trip to Oxford should be quite straightforward getting to the city. The problems usually arise when getting to the ground. The journey is covered by the network card, so turn up and buy on the day, an hour up to London from Canterbury, across to Paddington and an hour to Oxford.

We were on one of the brand-new fleet of trains out of Paddington, but it didn't solve the same old problem of chronic overcrowding (standing room only for others) and it was late. Fortunately, many passengers disembarked at sunny Slough. Some Gills went on the new alternative route from Marylebone instead but we were being boring.

Getting from our final pub to the ground was a pain, the middle of Oxford was completely jammed up. Our taxi took over half an hour and involved cutting through

garages, heading out of town and using the ring road. The #5 bus back with the home fans from the notorious Black Bird Leys estate behind the Kassam was the best post-match option. A couple more beers meant we didn't head home until eight.

Rating 2/5

PRE-MATCH

With one of our number's birthday to toast we had a pub crawl planned, but the map went out of the window as we just made it up as we went along with mixed results. Our early arrival (11.25) limited our initial options so we ended up in the trendy craft beer "Pint Shop". We then moved on to the more traditional Bookbinders and then the Rickety Press. Both excellent but nowhere near the ground.

Post-match the bus dropped us in the town centre, the Wheatsheaf was friendly but

mediocre, the recommended Bull full, the Chequers quirky but populated with eccentric clientele and finally near the station The Lighthouse was a convivial finale with fellow Gills.

Rating 3/5

THE GROUND

The Kassam Stadium has two problems, one, they forgot to build one end, which remains a car park even after 17 years, and, secondly, the location, right on the edge of the city meaning everyone needs to drive or get a bus, inevitably resulting in gridlock. The away fans are located in the North Stand opposite the main stand, the view is fine, the stewarding relaxed and the 521 Gills fans out of 6,628 were in fine voice.

The back of the home end had been decorated with some club banners but the place still looks austere and unimaginative. We had a lovely view of the car park, bowling alley and the Science

Park, hardly the dreaming spires of lore... but superb spot to bait the clueless referee's assistant in front of us.

Rating 3/5

THE GAME

I think I'd calmed down by Sunday morning. The game was quite open and both sides went for it, the Gills saw one chance sizzle past the post, Holy made some smart saves and United hit the post, but basically the game hinged on three incidents.

The first came after just ten minutes, Charles-Cook was put through on goal and finished with aplomb. Sadly, the goal was ruled out for offside which was unfortunate given the ball through came from an Oxford defender...

The second came on 59 minutes, Holy was adjudged to have fouled Browne and conceded a penalty. On further inspection it looked a bit soft but no doubts about the finish, un-saveable, high into the top

left-hand corner by Henry a la Harry Kane.

The third and final defining moment arrived ten minutes later as a la Harry Kane in Russia, Eaves was manhandled all afternoon, but this time he was caught in a bear hug, a proper all-encompassing cuddle. A blatant penalty. Incredibly the linesman right in front of us and the clueless referee Hair decided to give it the other way!!! Quite staggering. Bewildering. When will our ruddy luck change with officials?

Rating 2/5

CONCLUSIONS

Once again, a game defined by the incompetence of the officials. In a sport of tight margins, all we ask for is fairness, consistency and some flipping protection for our own Mr Eaves. We left feeling understandably downhearted and downright angry, but defiant... next stop Hartlepool!

Final Rating 10/20





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ATTENDANCE STATS SEASON 2018/19

	Visiting Fans	Gills Fans Away	2018/19 Av	Highest	Lowest
Sunderland	2,087		30,203	32,193 vs Oxford Utd 01/09/18	28,727 vs Peterborough Utd 02/10/18
Portsmouth		542	18,334	19,018 vs Luton Town 04/08/18	17,634 vs Shrewsbury Town 08/09/18
Bradford City	256		16,034	19,487 vs Sunderland 06/10/18	11,075 vs Coventry City 23/10/18
Coventry City	692		11,712	16,407 vs Sunderland 29/09/18	9,879 vs Rochdale 01/09/18
Barnsley		259	11,551	12,820 vs Oxford Utd 04/08/18	10,709 vs Southend Utd 03/11/18
Charlton Athletic			10,355	12,416 vs Barnsley 20/10/18	8,810 vs Fleetwood Town 25/08/18
Plymouth Argyle		254	9,232	12,065 vs Sunderland 03/11/18	8,190 vs Burton Albion 20/10/18
Luton Town			9,130	10,059 vs Sunderland 11/08/18	8,454 vs Accrington Stanley 23/10/18
Bristol Rovers			8,309	9,073 vs Portsmouth 21/08/18	7,184 vs AFC Wimbledon 23/10/18
Doncaster Rovers		237	7,906	11,881 vs Sunderland 23/10/18	6,846 vs Fleetwood Town 06/10/18
Peterborough United	478		7,275	10,472 vs Portsmouth 15/09/18	5,347 vs Fleetwood Town 23/10/18
Oxford United		521	6,832	8,697 vs Shrewsbury Town 27/10/18	5,748 vs Accrington Stanley 21/08/18
Southend United	1,037		6,729	7,923 vs Charlton Athletic 01/09/18	5,603 vs Walsall 23/10/18
Shrewsbury Town		217	6,195	9,007 vs Sunderland 20/10/18	5,216 vs Blackpool 18/08/18
Gillingham			5,105	8,438 vs Sunderland 22/08/18	3,916 vs Fleetwood Town 03/11/18
Wycombe Wanderers			4,997	6,879 vs Oxford Utd 15/09/18	3,997 vs Rochdale 23/10/18
Walsall		332	4,613	5,755 vs Plymouth Argyle 04/08/18	3,719 vs Charlton Athletic 06/11/18
AFC Wimbledon	963		4,214	4,848 vs Sunderland 25/08/18	3,630 vs Bradford City 02/10/18
Scunthorpe United			4,015	5,579 vs Scunthorpe Utd 25/08/18	3,341 vs Charlton Athletic 02/10/18
Blackpool	90		3,605	4,393 vs Bradford City 08/09/18	2,769 vs Scunthorpe Utd 23/10/18
Fleetwood Town	52		3,408	5,035 vs Blackpool 27/10/18	2,304 vs Wycombe Wanderers 02/10/18
Rochdale		194	3,332	4,359 vs Barnsley 21/08/18	2,301 vs Bristol Rovers 02/10/18
Burton Albion	181		3,322	4,681 vs Coventry City 17/11/18	2,149 vs Southend Utd 02/10/18
Accrington Stanley		418	2,692	4,801 vs Barnsley 17/11/18	1,732 vs AFC Wimbledon 22/09/18
Millwall		560	<div>League One 2018/19</div> <div>Total 1,731,788 (213)</div> <div>Average 8,130 (+334)</div> <div>Average Visiting Away Fans (9) 648</div> <div>Average Travelling Gills Fans (9) 330</div>		
Portsmouth		69			
Tottenham Hotspur U21	60				
Crawley Town	45				
Hartlepool United (FAC)	126				



HOME TICKETS



The below fixtures form part of our Christmas Cracker ticket offer. For more information check out the club website or turn to page 47.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS
Sky Bet League One
Saturday, December 15
Kick-off: 3.00pm

Tickets are now on general sale.



PORTSMOUTH
Sky Bet League One
Wednesday, December 26
Kick-off: 1.00pm

Tickets are now on general sale.

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

1 ONLINE

Fans can book tickets 24 hours a day from the comfort of their own home via www.gillsshop.co.uk. Home match tickets are available for purchase up to the day of the match (1pm for 3pm fixtures, and 5pm for 7.45pm games). Booking fees apply.

2 PHONE

Supporters can call the club's Customer Service Centre, available on (01634) 300000, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Booking fees apply.

3 THE MEDWAY PRIESTFIELD STADIUM

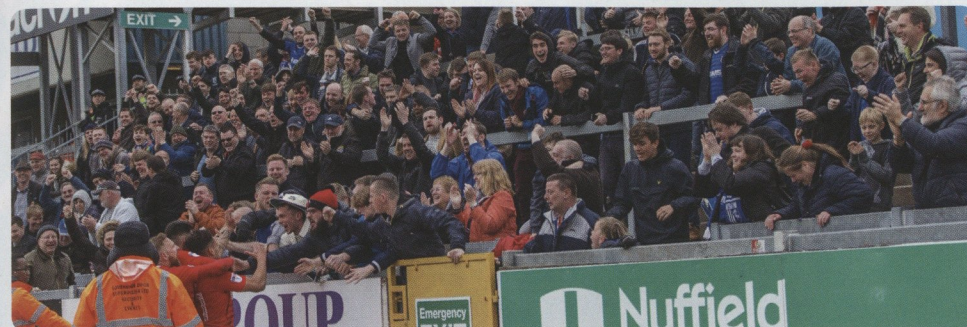
Gillingham FC's Ticket Office and Megastore, situated in Redfern Avenue, are open for in-person bookings. The opening hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm on matchday Saturdays, 9am to 1pm on non-matchday Saturdays.

TICKET PRICES (PRE-MATCHDAY)

RAINHAM END, MEDWAY STAND & GORDON ROAD Blocks A, B, C, F, G	
Adult	£22
Senior citizen	£19
U18	£7
U12	£7
MEDWAY STAND LOWER Block D, E, F	
Adults	£25
(no concessions)	
GORDON ROAD Blocks D, E	
Adult	£25
Senior citizen	£19
U18	£7
U12	£7
BRIAN MOORE STAND	
Adult	£20
Senior citizen	£16
U18	£6
U12	£6

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AWAY TICKETS



BRISTOL ROVERS
The Memorial Stadium
Sky Bet League One (27.11.18)
KO: 7.45pm

Gillingham have been allocated 291 South Stand seated tickets and 300 terraced tickets for Tuesday's game at Bristol Rovers.

Prices are as follows (seated):

Adults	£22	16-21/65+	£18
Under 16	£10	Under 11	£5

Uncovered terrace:

Adults	£18	16-21/65+	£14
Under 16	£10	Under 11	£5

Tickets are now on general sale. These can be purchased online, over the phone (01634 300000) or in person on Redfern Avenue.

Coach Departure Times:

Rainham, Railway Station	1.20pm
Rainham, outside Cricketers PH	1.30pm
Gillingham Football Club	2.00pm
Strood, Coach & Horses	2.15pm

Fares: Adults £25.00 Juniors £21.00

If you need to contact Bristol Rovers directly you can call 0117 9524001.

Please note coaches are not departing from Sittingbourne train station at this time.

Check website for details on the FA Cup Second Round fixture with Slough Town.

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There are three simple ways to book your seats:

- 1 In person at the ticket office when purchasing tickets.
- 2 In Office Hours ringing Gillingham FC ticket office (01634) 300000.
- 3 Out of hours ring either 07930 443665 or 0777 5572840 (this may be an answerphone service, we will return your call).

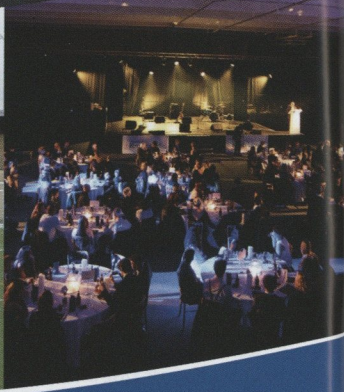
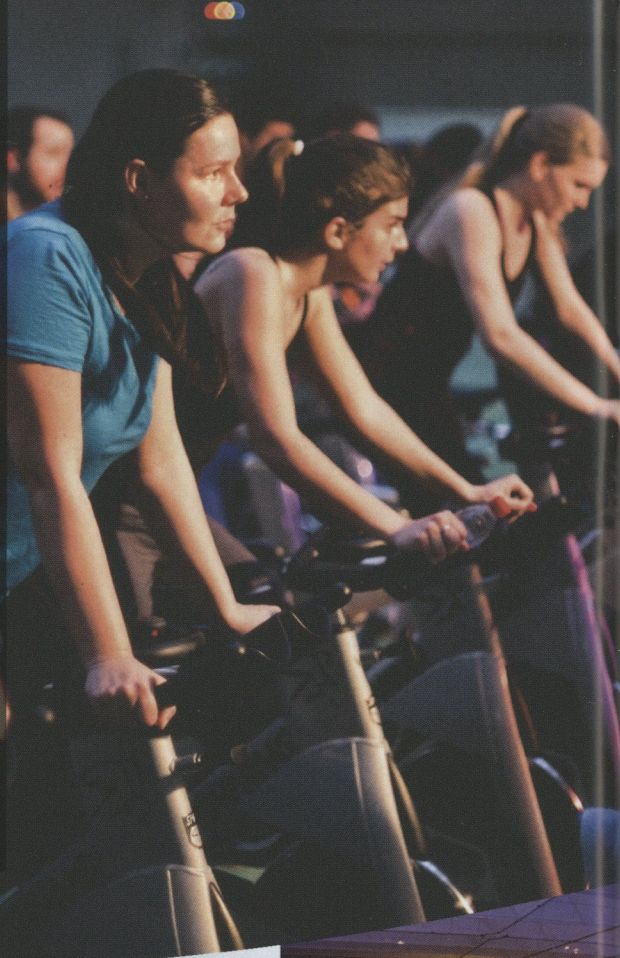
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Barnsley v Doncaster Rovers

Blackpool v Burton Albion

Bradford City v Oxford Utd

Charlton Athletic v Bristol Rovers

Plymouth v Fleetwood Town

Rochdale v Accrington Stanley

Scunthorpe Utd v Portsmouth

Walsall v Sunderland

Wycombe v Shrewsbury Town

**Saturday fixtures are 3.00pm
KOs unless otherwise stated.**

TABLE



	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Portsmouth	17	11	5	1	28	14	14	38
2	Sunderland	17	10	6	1	33	14	19	36
3	Barnsley	17	10	4	3	31	14	17	34
4	Peterborough	18	10	4	4	34	23	11	34
5	Luton Town	18	9	5	4	32	20	12	32
6	Charlton	17	8	4	5	26	20	6	28
7	Blackpool	17	7	7	3	20	16	4	28
8	Doncaster	18	8	4	6	27	25	2	28
9	Coventry	18	8	4	6	20	19	1	28
10	Accrington	18	7	7	4	21	21	0	28
11	Walsall	18	7	5	6	19	24	-5	26
12	Fleetwood	18	6	6	6	24	19	5	24
13	Burton Albion	17	7	3	7	23	22	1	24
14	Southend Utd	18	7	2	9	22	24	-2	23
15	Wycombe	18	5	7	6	24	25	-1	22
16	Shrewsbury	18	5	6	7	19	22	-3	21
17	Scunthorpe	18	5	6	7	28	38	-10	21
18	Rochdale	18	5	5	8	24	34	-10	20
19	Gillingham	18	5	3	10	26	30	-4	18
20	Oxford Utd	18	4	6	8	21	27	-6	18
21	Bristol Rovers	18	4	5	9	15	16	-1	17
22	Plymouth	18	3	4	11	19	34	-15	13
23	Wimbledon	18	3	2	13	12	28	-16	11
24	Bradford City	18	3	2	13	13	32	-19	11

ROLL CALL

PLAYER	D.O.B.	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL		CARDS	GFC CAREER	
		APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS		APPS	GOALS
Billy Bingham	15/07/1990	9 (2)		2 (2)		11 (4)		2	20 (5)	
Mark Byrne	09/11/1988	17	1	4 (1)		21 (1)	1	5	91 (13)	7
Louie Catherall	19/04/2000									
Ben Chapman	31/12/1998			1 (2)		1 (2)		1	2 (4)	
Regan Charles-Cook	14/02/1997	10	1	4		14	1	3	14	1
Danny Divine	10/03/2000									
Tom Eaves	14/01/1992	14 (4)	11	5	1	19 (4)	12	2	58 (12)	30
Max Ehmer	03/02/1992	18	1	5	1	23	2	4	186 (1)	14
Barry Fuller	25/09/1984	12 (2)	1	3 (1)		15 (3)	1	2	162 (7)	1
Bradley Garmston	18/01/1994	9 (2)		3 (1)		12 (3)		3	63 (26)	3
Tom Hadler	30/07/1996			3		3			4	
Brandon Hanlan	31/05/1997	14 (1)	3	4 (1)		18 (2)	3	1	18 (2)	3
Leroy Hlabi	28/09/1999									
Tomas Holy	10/12/1991	18		4		22			77	
Ryan Huckle	18/02/2000									
Alex Lacey	31/05/1993	6 (1)	1	3 (1)		9 (2)	1	1	21 (3)	2
Elliott List	12/05/1997	4 (8)	2	3 (3)	2	6 (12)	4	1	22 (49)	6
Noel Mbo	14/03/1999			1		1		1	1 (1)	1
Liam Nash	09/01/1996			(1)		(1)			2 (13)	
Navid Nasserli	26/07/1996	(4)		3		3 (4)		1	5 (6)	1
Connor Ogilvie	14/02/1996	2 (2)		4		6 (2)			48 (2)	1
Darren Oldaker	04/01/1999	3		4		7			15 (8)	4
Finn O'Mara	03/02/1999								3 (1)	
Luke O'Neill	20/08/1991	15 (1)	2	6	1	20 (1)	3	4	62 (4)	6
Josh Parker	01/12/1990	10 (1)	2	1		12 (1)	3	1	57 (20)	16
Dean Parrett	16/11/1991	7 (3)		2		9 (3)		1	9 (3)	
Josh Rees	04/10/1993	2 (3)		3 (1)		5 (4)			5 (4)	
Callum Reilly	03/10/1993	9 (3)	1	1 (1)		10 (4)	1	4	25 (4)	1
Miquel Scarlett	27/09/2000			(1)		(1)			(1)	
Aaron Simpson	17/06/1999			2		2		1	4 (1)	
Bradley Stevenson	12/09/1998	1 (2)		1 (2)	1	2 (4)	1	1	2 (6)	1
Jack Tucker	13/11/1999			1		1			1 (2)	
Conor Wilkinson	23/01/1995	2 (5)		1 (1)		3 (6)			24 (26)	4
Henry Woods	07/09/1999			(1)		(1)			(1)	
Gabriel Zakuani	31/05/1986	16		3		19		4	61	

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				Referee	F	A	Att	Pos
Accrington Stanley	Sat Aug 4	A	3.00pm	Backhouse	2	0	2,201	2
BURTON ALBION	Sat Aug 11	H	3.00pm	Probert	3	1	5,016	4
Millwall (CC1)*	Tue Aug 14	A	7.45pm	Breakspear	0	0	4,401	-
Walsall	Sat Aug 18	A	3.00pm	Kettle	1	2	4,316	7
SUNDERLAND	Wed Aug 22	H	7.45pm	Coggins	1	4	8,438	9
COVENTRY CITY	Sat Aug 25	H	3.00pm	Salisbury	1	1	4,880	9
Barnsley	Sat Sep 1	A	3.00pm	Busby	1	2	11,434	12
Portsmouth (CT)	Tue Sep 4	A	7.45pm	Young	0	4	2,011	-
AFC WIMBLEDON	Sat Sep 8	H	3.00pm	Kinseley	0	1	5,246	14
Rochdale	Sat Sep 15	A	3.00pm	Coy	0	3	2,925	20
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	Sat Sep 22	H	3.00pm	Swabey	2	4	4,407	21
Shrewsbury Town	Sat Sep 29	A	3.00pm	Joyce	2	2	5,695	21
Portsmouth	Sat Oct 6	A	3.00pm	Sarginson	2	0	18,158	19
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (CT)	Tue Oct 9	H	7.45pm	Coggins	0	4	308	-
SOUTHEND UNITED	Sat Oct 13	H	3.00pm	Busby	0	2	5,584	19
Doncaster Rovers	Sat Oct 20	A	3.00pm	Salisbury	3	3	6,891	19
Plymouth Argyle	Tue Oct 23	A	7.45pm	England	1	3	8,754	20
BRADFORD CITY	Sat Oct 27	H	3.00pm	Collins	4	0	4,339	18
FLEETWOOD TOWN	Sat Nov 3	H	3.00pm	Breakspear	3	0	-	17
BLACKPOOL	Tue Nov 6	H	7.45pm	Hicks	0	1	4,055	17
HARTLEPOOL UNITED (FAC1)	Sat Nov 10	H	3.00pm	Huxtable	0	0	2,224	-
CRAWLEY TOWN (CT)	Tue Nov 13	H	7.45pm	Drysdale	2	1	-	-
Oxford United	Sat Nov 17	A	3.00pm	Hair	0	1	6,628	19
Hartlepool United (FAC1R)	Wed Nov 21	A	7.45pm	Oldham	4	3	1,873	-
LUTON TOWN	Sat Nov 24	H	3.00pm					
Bristol Rovers	Tue Nov 27	A	7.45pm					
Slough Town (FAC2)	Sun Dec 2	A	2.00pm					
Scunthorpe United	Sat Dec 8	A	3.00pm					
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	Sat Dec 15	H	3.00pm					
Charlton Athletic	Sat Dec 22	A	3.00pm					
PORTSMOUTH	Wed Dec 26	H	1.00pm					
DONCASTER ROVERS	Sat Dec 29	H	3.00pm					
Southend United	Tue Jan 1	A	3.00pm					
ACCRINGTON STANLEY	Sat Jan 5	H	3.00pm					
Burton Albion	Sat Jan 12	A	3.00pm					
WALSALL	Sat Jan 19	H	3.00pm					
Sunderland	Sat Jan 26	A	3.00pm					
Coventry City	Sat Feb 2	A	3.00pm					
BARNSLEY	Sat Feb 9	H	3.00pm					
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	Sat Feb 16	H	3.00pm					
Wycombe Wanderers	Sat Feb 23	A	3.00pm					
Fleetwood Town	Sat Mar 2	A	3.00pm					
OXFORD UNITED	Sat Mar 9	H	3.00pm					
BRISTOL ROVERS	Tue Mar 12	H	3.00pm					
Luton Town	Sat Mar 16	A	3.00pm					
AFC Wimbledon	Sat Mar 23	A	3.00pm					
ROCHDALE	Sat Mar 30	H	3.00pm					
Peterborough United	Sat Apr 6	A	3.00pm					
SHREWSBURY TOWN	Sat Apr 13	H	3.00pm					
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Fri Apr 19	H	3.00pm					
Bradford City	Mon Apr 22	A	3.00pm					
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	Sat Apr 27	H	3.00pm					
Blackpool	Sat May 4	A	3.00pm					

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Tomas Holy
Luke O'neil
Bradley Garmston

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THE LAST WORD

The Football League announced on Monday that their nine-strong board (including representatives from six clubs; Championship sides Brentford, Bristol City and Reading, League One outfits Scunthorpe and Walsall and League Two's Carlisle) had formally agreed a new five-year rights deal with Sky Sports, worth £595M, a 35% increase on the current arrangement, to run from the start of next season until May 2024.

However, the news has not gone down well with some of the Championship clubs, who feel that the deal is miniscule in comparison with the £4.55BN Sky and BT have agreed to pay to show Premier League games between 2019 and 2022. Seven second tier outfits were amongst the top twenty in England in terms of highest average attendances last season and some clubs believe that the Championship is undervalued.

The EFL's interim chairwoman, Debbie Jevans, said, "Concluding these negotiations has indeed

been challenging and the board took on the comments and frustrations voiced by a number of clubs", a reference to recent suggestions that some outfits wanted to reject the offer, due to both the financial aspect and the length of the deal, with the feeling that it runs too long when the media landscape is evolving due to changes in technology, such as live streaming. On Tuesday, officials from Championship teams staged a crisis meeting at Villa Park and complained the deal had been finalised without them being fully consulted. A statement included, 'Championship clubs are gravely concerned that the EFL board has announced it has approved a new long-term domestic broadcasting rights deal. Nineteen clubs from the league wrote to the EFL asking them not to sign the deal and to engage in meaningful discussions. This was ignored.' Taking care not to bite the hand that feeds them, the statement added, 'Our issues are not with Sky, who we respect and value,

but with the way in which the proposed agreement has been negotiated and explained to clubs.'

Outfits were upset that the contract provisionally agreed in September 2017 had been amended, with Sky paying £5M less for additional games and rights. Sky had imposed a deadline of Monday for a deal to be agreed and the fact of the matter is that no other broadcaster had bid for the contract, which suggests that the Championship is not as lucrative as some of the clubs believe, especially when you consider that the rights for Football League highlights are currently held by little-known cable channel Quest.

The statement from Tuesday's summit in Birmingham also included, 'There is a calm determination within the Championship clubs to ensure the matter is not left here.' It is believed that two options being considered are a legal challenge to the deal and a vote of no-confidence in the Football League's board.

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- 8 Dean Parrett
- 9 Tom Eaves
- 10 Conor Wilkinson
- 11 Regan Charles-Cook
- 12 Barry Fuller
- 13 Callum Reilly
- 14 Josh Parker
- 15 Elliott List
- 16 Billy Bingham
- 17 Navid Nasser
- 18 Liam Nash
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