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ben

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Prostar for today's game and the visit of Luton Town.

We need to bounce back today with a performance and a result after the Barnet game where we feel that we dropped two points. We were disappointed not to have won the game especially when we had got ourselves back into the game after being two nil down. With it being nearly two weeks before we are in League action again after today we need to get the points to push us back up the table. We know how hard a test it is going to be against a Luton Town team who are doing very well and will be scrapping for their lives to get much needed points following their 30 point deduction before the season had started.

I would like to welcome Asa Hall back to the Prostar Stadium today. Asa did very well during his spell here and was well liked by everyone at the club. It is good to see that he has settled in well at Luton.

After today's game we will turn our attention to the cups. We have two exciting games against Dagenham in the JPT and Blyth Spartans in the FA

Cup. The draw against Blyth has thrown up a classic FA Cup tie and promises to be a good game and a great atmosphere at a very tight and compact ground.

Thank you for all your support again especially for all of you that turned out on a freezing cold night for the Barnet game.

So get behind the lads and help us along.

Thanks

Benji



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paul simpson

I'd like to start by welcoming Mick Harford and everyone connected with Luton Town to the Prostar Stadium for this afternoon's game.

We took on Barnet last Tuesday night and in the end had to be satisfied with just the point. We didn't help ourselves with the way in which we started the game and were once again two goals behind early on. I was lost for words after the game because of the way that we defended at times as it is out of character from our players.

To our credit the players showed what they are about and we hit back with two quick goals. The first from Grant Holt came after some great build up play and the equaliser from another well executed free-kick from Ben Davies. I'm delighted with the goals that we scored and I'm delighted with the reaction but it doesn't take away the disappointment of the way we started.

There were some positives from the game and one of those was the return to first team action for Paul Murray. Paul has worked hard to get back to fitness after picking up an achilles problem early into the season and it's great to have him back fit and available for selection. There was another good piece of news on the injury front in the reserves game at Sheffield United on Wednesday where David Hunt played for 90 minutes. David was looking sharp during the pre-season and was involved in all of the early games but then picked up a knee problem which has taken until now to recover from. We want to be challenging on all fronts this season and to do that I believe we need to have the squad fit and available to be called on.

On Thursday myself, John McMahon and a number of the players took part in a bike ride from the old Gay Meadow site to the Prostar Stadium. Shrewsbury has been named as one of the new 'Cycling Town's' and the ride was to highlight how easy it is to take short bike journeys in and around the town. The club is a big part of the community and the players are always keen to back events such as this when the time allows.

Today will be another very tough test for our side as Luton are literally fighting for their lives. The point's deduction has given them a tough task but they have been picking up points and on the road where their form is decent.

All the best

Paul



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SUPER BLUES

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MONTHLY DRAW

Our monthly draw is being held at half time today- listen out for your number - it could be your lucky day !

1st Prize £200 | 2nd Prize £100 | 3rd Prize £100

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Why not join the Super Blues, it only costs £1 per week and anyone over 18 years of age can join. In addition to the monthly prize draw there is a variety of benefits. For more details on how to become a member visit our website at www.superblues.co.uk.

If you wish to enjoy all of our membership benefits for the remainder of the current season it will cost you just £30 if paying by cash or cheque.

SCRATCH CARDS

We are looking for more people to help us sell these popular Shrewsbury Town fund raising scratch cards. The cards cost only 50p each and you can win up to £400. You only need to sell a few tickets a week as during the course of the year this does add up to a significant amount of tickets sold. If you can help please contact Chris on 01952 604742.

DON'T FORGET - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 2nd November Annual Football Programme and Memorabilia Fair

In the Arthur Rowley bar at the Prostar Stadium 11.00am until 2.00pm. Admission is free and everyone welcome.

Event sponsored by Furrows and Salop Glass.

Annual Sportsman's Dinner, Monday 3rd November

Due to unforeseen circumstances and the withdrawal of Graham Poll, our main speaker will be Ex Wolves and Man City star Steve Daley. In addition to Steve and providing further entertainment will be comedian Charlie Hale. This event will be held in the Sovereign Lounge at the Prostar Stadium. Tickets cost only £30 and can be purchased in groups or individually. You will need to hurry as over 200 tickets have already been sold.

BUY A BRICK

Buy a Brick for Christmas!! Bricks to be purchased as Christmas presents must be ordered no later than the 12th December. Application forms are available from the website or from main reception at the Prostar stadium. All enquiries regarding bricks should be directed to Chris Winter on 01952 299133.

GRAND XMAS DRAW

Our popular Xmas Draw tickets will be distributed shortly. Top prizes include a Samsung all in one home cinema system, season ticket for 2009/2010 and of course many other prizes. We appreciate everyones help in selling the tickets and if anyone can help by donating a prize contact Chris on 01952 604742.

POWERLEAGUE BAR

The bar is proving very popular so why not pop in for a drink before the game, hot snacks are also available and you can watch live football on Sky Sports TV. The bar re-opens 15 minutes after the final whistle. Join the growing number of fans using this excellent facility.

rob bickerton

I'd like to start by welcoming everyone from Luton who have made the trip up to the Prostar Stadium for this afternoon's game.

On Tuesday we didn't get the result that the manager and players wanted but for me it was great to see so many Town fans here once again. It was a cold and wet night but there were over 5,000 of our own supporters in the Prostar Stadium and that is brilliant support.

The FA Cup draw has handed us the long journey North of Newcastle to take on Blyth Spartans. It is a tie which really encapsulates the magic of the FA Cup and will be a tough test with Blyth who have a rich history in the competition. We've agreed that the game will kick-off an hour early at 2pm, this is so that extended highlights of game can be recorded and this is of financial benefit to both clubs. One factor behind the reasoning on why the kick off needs to be an hour earlier is that for the game the TV cameras need a certain amount of light and the early kick off will help the lux of the floodlights at Blyth.

The club are bringing back an event that used to be part of the calendar at the old Gay Meadow. We are re-introducing the carol service which will be held at the Prostar Stadium on the 21st December. Full details will be announced shortly but the evening will feature the usual carols and choir. We are planning for this to once again be an annual event at the club.

As a club we are a big part of the community and we are keen to put on events that will see the whole of the community use the stadium. We want the community to feel a part of the club and you will have seen in previous programmes the work that players have been doing around the county.

On Tuesday we have got Dagenham & Redbridge and while today is all about the Coke Cola Football League after that we turn our attention to the cups. The main aim this season is to do well in the league but at present we are in two cup competitions and it would be nice to do well in those as well as doing well in the league.

As always if you would like to get in touch then email rob.bickerton@shrewsburytown.co.uk and I will always read and try to reply to these, if you don't get a reply straight away don't fret because if I have received an email from you it will be read.

Enjoy the game

Rob

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GOLDEN GAMBLE

Two very lovely young ladies were kind enough to do the half time draw when we entertained Barnet on a very cold Tuesday evening. They drew out number 857 which belonged to David Willocks who won £692.50. That helped to warm him up a little.



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MAN OF THE MATCH



SPONSOR'S MAN OF THE MATCH - BEN DAVIES

Ben Davies was named the Sponsors Man of the Match for the game against Barnet. Ben is seen being presented with his Tanners Champagne by Sponsor Evans Easy Space and Network With Style.



SOVEREIGN MAN OF THE MATCH - BEN DAVIES

Ben Davies was named as the Sovereign Club's Man of the Match for the Barnet game. Ben is pictured receiving his bottle of Tanner's Champagne from Sovereign Member Kev Evans.

A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE

Reservations are now being taken to dine in Shrewsbury Town's prestigious restaurants. A romantic meal for two in a private box overlooking the pitch through to a party booking for 250, we have the right facilities, the right menus and the best service. Our boxes seat up to 12 diners, the Wrekin Suite up to 40 and the Sovereign Suite can suit any number up to 250. Our menus are varied and always freshly cooked to order using only the finest locally produced ingredients. **To check availability and reserve your table please call 01743 289177 or email hospitality@shrewsburytown.co.uk.**

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY SARAH LAWRENCE



AKA Mrs Caynham Shrew, Sarah attended her first Town match in February 2005. Seduced by a Darren Moss brace and a remarkable 4-2 reverse against Kidderminster Sarah never looked back and is now a 3rd year season ticket holder. Sarah is partying today in block 13 with 32 of her closest friends.

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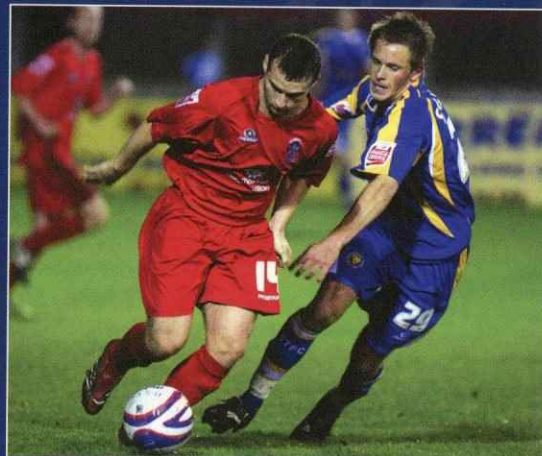
match action

Accrington Stanley 2 Town 1

Accrington: Kenny Arthur, Chris King, John Miles, Paul Mullin (c), Jimmy Ryan, Robbie Williams, John Mullin, Rostyn Griffiths, Terry Gornell (Higginbotham, 68), Kieran Charnock, Phil Edwards (Murdock, 18) **Subs:** James Speare (gk), Kallum Higginbotham, Colin Murdock, Jamie Clarke, Andrew Procter **Goals:** Gornell 2, P. Mullin 7

Town: Luke Daniels, Mike Jackson, Graham Coughlan, David Hibbert (Humphrey, 56), Ben Herd, Ben Davies (c), Grant Holt, Marc Tierney (Walker, 56), Shane Cansdell-Sherriff, Kevin McIntyre, Gylfi Sigurdsson **Subs:** Glynn Garner (gk), Kelvin Langmead, Michael Symes, Chris Humphrey, Richard Walker **Goals:** Davies 67

Attendance: 1,249 (369)



match action

Brentford 1 Town 1

Brentford: Ben Hamer, Marcus Bean, Adam Bennett, Adam Newton, Nathan Elder, Charlie McDonald, Glenn Poole (Dickson, 90), James Wilson, Sam Wood, John Halls, Marvin Williams **Subs:** Seb Brown, Kevin O'Connor, Ryan Dickson, Mark Phillips, Moses Ademola **Goals:** McDonald 74

Town: Glyn Garner, Mike Jackson, Graham Coughlan, Ben Herd, Ben Davies, Grant Holt, Marc Tierney, Shane Cansdell-Sherriff (Humphrey, 78), Richard Walker (Symes, 78), Kevin McIntyre, Gylfi Sigurdsson **Subs:** Neil Ashton, Kelvin Langmead, Michael Symes, Paul Murray, Chris Humphrey **Goals:** Humphrey 80

Attendance: 5,362 (597 away)



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Stuart Dunn covers Town's fortunes for BBC Radio Shropshire and the Shrewsbury Chronicle

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Peter Thorne	Bradford	10	0	10
Samie Ward	Chesterfield	9	0	9
Grant Holt	Shrewsbury	4	5	9
Billy Clarke	Darlington	7	1	8
Andy Bishop	Bury	7	1	8
Paul Benson	Dag & Red	6	2	8
Ian Davies	Shrewsbury	6	1	7
Imeon Jackson	Gillingham	7	0	7
Glenn Poole	Brentford	5	2	7



2008/09 SEASON

actim STATS

GOAL COUNTER 430

RIGHT FOOT 246 goals



LEFT FOOT 86 goals



HEADERS 87 goals



Own goals 9 (2.1%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
John O'Flynn (Barnet vs Accrington Stanley) 0:19

By a substitute after coming on
Danny North (Grimsby vs Chester) 0:43

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2.6 cards per match (Yellow), 0.2 cards per match (Red)

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
Rory McArdle (Lincoln City vs Rochdale) 2:17

By a substitute after coming on
Stuart Lewis (Exeter vs Gillingham) -9:23

SUB TOTALS

Subs used710
Offsides1064
Corners1737
Shots Off Target1627

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 7 7

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	7
0-1	16
0-2	6
0-3	-
0-4	-
0-5	-
0-6	1
1-0	10
1-1	30
1-2	12
1-3	11
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	6
2-1	16
2-2	7
2-3	1
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	5
3-1	11
3-2	1
3-3	1
3-4	1
3-5	-
4-0	2
4-1	3
4-2	1
4-3	-
4-4	-
5-0	1
5-1	2
5-2	-
5-3	-
6-0	1
6-1	1
7-0	1

In the Coca Cola Football League Two this season there have been **1647** shots on target, goals constitute **26.1%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **87** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Chester **9**). There have been **37** penalties awarded this season and of those **27** have been scored (a success rate of **73.0%**). Bury have been awarded most penalties - **4**. Chester have given most penalties away **5**. The team to score the most penalties is Bury **3**. Barnet missed **2** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League Two this season.

*up to and including 26/10/2008

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	7	28	4.00
Prostar Stadium	Shrewsbury	6	22	3.67
Valley Stadium	Rotherham	6	22	3.67
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	6	21	3.50
Oral Windows Stadium	Bradford	6	20	3.33
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	7	23	3.29
Walsley Park	Port Vale	7	23	3.29
W.B. Barking & Dag Stadium	Dag & Red	6	19	3.17
Emilworth Road	Luton	6	18	3.00
The Deva Stadium	Chester	6	17	2.83
Leisure Ground	Chesterfield	7	19	2.71
6.6 Darlington Arena	Darlington	7	19	2.71
Whistling Dicks	Morecambe	6	16	2.67
Lincoln Bank	Lincoln City	6	16	2.67
Wedgefield Stadium	Accrington S	7	18	2.57
RBS Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	7	17	2.43
Wendell Park	Grimsby	7	16	2.29
Stamford Hill Stadium	Barnet	7	16	2.29
Windsor Park	Brentford	7	16	2.29
Lea Valley Road	Notts County	6	13	2.17
Stamford Lane	Bury	7	15	2.14
Stamford Park	Wycombe	6	12	2.00
St James Park	Exeter	6	12	2.00
Dean Court	Bournemouth	7	12	1.71

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
Shots on target 92 Dag & Red. **shots off target** 86 Rochdale. **corners** 94 Notts County. **hit woodwork** 8 Dag & Red. **offsides** 62 Chesterfield. **fouls** 178 Shrewsbury. **yellow cards** 29 Shrewsbury. **red cards** 3 Chesterfield.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 50 Jamie Ward (Chesterfield). **Shots on target** 4 Jamie Ward (Chesterfield). **Shots off target** 25 Kevin Ellison (Chester). **Assists** 7 Ryan Lowe (Chester). **Crosses** 59 Matthew Hamshaw (Notts County). **Offsides** 30 Jamie Ward (Chesterfield). **Fouls** 1 Nathan Elder (Brentford). **Free-kicks won** 38 Sam Saunders (Dag & Red).

WELL, that will teach me for wanting Town to get drawn away to a non-league club in the first round of the FA Cup!

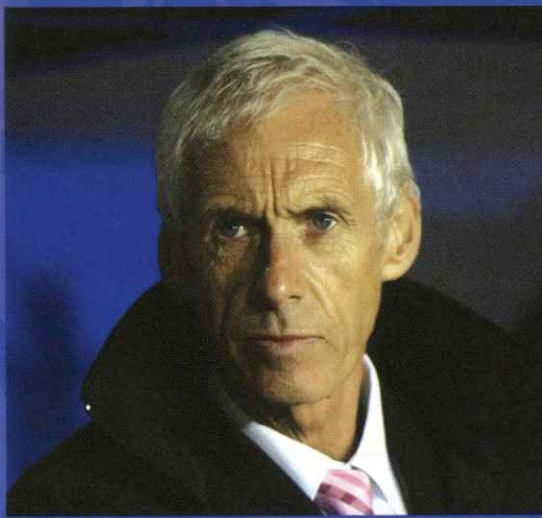
There I was, as I settled down to watch last Sunday's draw on ITV, hoping Town would pull out a team we rarely get to face.

After all, there's nothing duller than being paired with a team from the same division.

But then Ossie Ardillies pulled out number 41 Shrewsbury Town just seconds after Martin Keown had picked the numbered ball representing Blyth Spartans. My first thoughts were along the lines of (what a nightmare trip - we couldn't have been sent any further). But then, when I actually thought about it a little longer, I actually started to look forward to what awaits those of us planning to embark on the 230 mile trip to the Northumberland coast next weekend.

It's a proper cup tie, in the best traditions of the competition, and with north eastern people renowned for their friendliness, the trip to the 4,000 capacity Croft Park now can't come quickly enough.

We've not had too many excursions to non-league clubs in the FA Cup in recent years - the Histon horror show apart, of course - and I'm sure lots of Salopians will be unable to resist the lure of such a quirky away day.



Paul Fairclough - impressed with the Prostar and with a point.

Blyth Spartans boss Harry Dunn (namesake of my nearly two-year-old son!) took the chance to do his homework on Town by heading to the Prostar for the Barnet game in midweek.

He's a respected non-league manager and I'm sure his team will ensure Town have a difficult afternoon, but Shrewsbury are overdue a good cup run, and hopefully Blyth, not that I'm taking anything for granted, will be the springboard to bigger and better things.

I HAVE always had a lot of time for Paul Fairclough, the Barnet manager, since he handled the disappointment of a penalty shoot-out defeat at Gay Meadow in the Conference play-off semi finals four years ago with such dignity.

And the Barnet boss was in good form once again when I grabbed a quick with him after Tuesday's 2-2 draw here at the Prostar.

Delighted to return to London with a hard-earned point, Fairclough was very complimentary about all things Shrewsbury, reserving much of his praise for Paul Simpson.

'In Paul Simpson, Shrewsbury are very lucky,' said Fairclough. 'They've got a really astute manager, he knows the way he wants to play his football and he's had success over the years, so that's the first thing in place.'

'Shrewsbury have got a magnificent stadium and a good, good team. We suckered them tonight, there's no question about that. I think tactically we got it right and got our two goals, but then they clawed it back to 2-2. I think it was a fair result and for us to come up to Shrewsbury and get a result, we're very, very pleased.'

I HOPE Town manage to put on a good performance today for birthday girl Sarah Lawrence to help her celebrations on reaching the big four-0 that extra bit special. South Shropshire-based Sarah is a big Town fan and I know her husband, Phil, has splashed out for more than 30 tickets in the West Stand for this afternoon's game.

I'm sure they will make plenty of noise and will hopefully have lots to get excited about. Happy Birthday Sarah.



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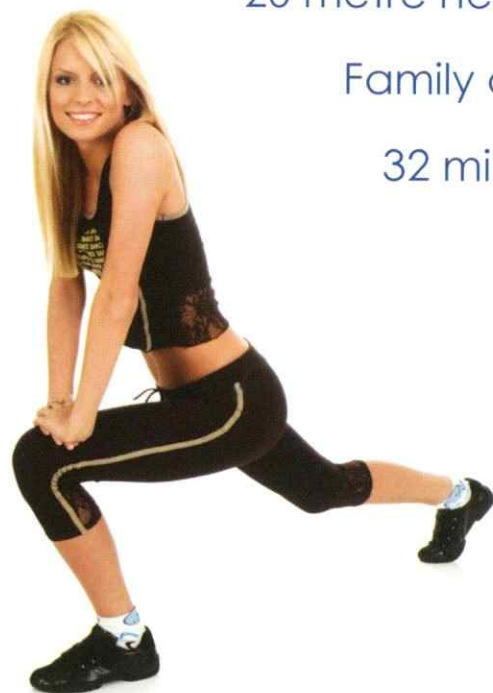
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life after town

Today we look back at the squad from the 1987/1988 season and the featured players are David Linighan and Bernard McNally.

1987/1988

Steve Perks - Stafford Rangers. Richard Green - Swindon Town, Gillingham, Walsall, Northampton and Rochdale. Dougie Bell - Birmingham City, Partick Thistle, Cork City, Portadown, Clyde, Elgin, Alloa and Albion Rovers. Richard Pratley - Became coach at Shrewsbury Town. David Linighan - Ipswich Town, Blackpool, Dunfermline, Mansfield Town, Southport, Chester and Hyde United. Victor Kasule - Hamilton Academical, Portadown, Derry City and Bohemians. Bernard McNally - West Brom, Hednesford Town and Telford United. David Geddis - Swindon Town and Darlington. Mickey Brown - Boston United, Chester City, Nuneaton, Newtown and Shawbury United. Paul Tester - Hereford United and Worcester City. Tim Steele - Wolves, Stoke City, Bradford, Hereford United, Exeter, Tamworth and Sutton Coldfield. Wayne Williams - Northampton Town, Walsall and Kidderminster Harriers. David Moyes - Dunfermline, Hamilton and Preston North End. Jon Narbett - Hereford United, Oxford, Kalmar FF, Chesterfield and Worcester. Ken Hughes - Wrexham and Telford United. Brian Williams - Alvechurch. Gary Leonard - Bury, Stockport and Gateshead. Alan Irvine - Mazda, St Mirren, Portadown and East Fife.



DAVID LINIGHAN

HARTLEPOOL(1982-1986), DERBY(1986), SHREWSBURY (1986-1988), IPSWICH(1988-1996), BLACKPOOL(1996-1998), DUNFERMLINE(1998-1999), MANSFIELD(1999-2000), SOUTHPORT(2000-2001), CHESTER(2001), HYDE(2001)

Centre back David Linighan, joined Town for £30,000 from Derby County in 1986. During his time

with the Town he formed a solid defensive partnership with David Moyes. In the 2 years Linighan was at Shrewsbury he played 65 times and scored only 1 goal. He played a major part in keeping the town in the old 2nd Division (now the championship). His fine form didn't go unnoticed and other clubs were showing interest in David.

In 1988 he moved to Ipswich Town for £300,000, nearly 10 times the amount Salop paid for him 2 years earlier. It was at Portman Road where he spent the majority of his career, in 8 years at the club he made 277 appearances and scored 12 goals. After 2 seasons at Ipswich he named captain and held onto the captains' armband for a further 5 seasons until 1995. During his time as captain he led the team to promotion to the old first division.

After 8 years at Ipswich he moved to Bloomfield Road to join Blackpool. At that time the manager was Sam Allardyce, who signed Linighan to shore up an unsteady Blackpool defence.

During the 3 years he was at Blackpool he played under 3 different managers Allardyce, Gary Megson and Nigel Worthington. David played 100 times for Blackpool and managed 5 goals for the club. He then moved north of the border to Dunfermline, only making one appearance, during his time with Dunfermline he was loaned out to Mansfield, soon after the deal became a permanent one. He stayed at Field Mill for just one season and then moved into non-league football playing for Southport, Chester City and a brief stint at Hyde United before hanging his boots up in 2001.

BERNARD McNALLY



SHREWSBURY (1980-1989), WEST BROM (1989-1995), HEDNESFORD (1996-1998), TELFORD (1998)

Bernard McNally signed professional terms with Shrewsbury at the beginning of the 81/82 season and was a key part of one of the best ever Town sides. And helped establish the side as a main stay in the old second division in the mid 1980's. During his time at Town he earned 5 caps for the Northern

Ireland team, including being named in the squad for the 1986 World Cup. In 9 years at Gay Meadow McNally played 282 times and scored 23 times.

His great form for Town caught the attention of West Brom, he signed for the Baggies in 1989 for £385,000. He had a successful time at the Hawthorns, in his first year at the club he was voted fan's player of the season. The highlight of his time with West Brom was being a member of the squad that won the 1993 second division play off final. In the later stages of his time at west Brom he was finding it hard to hold down a first team place, so made the move to Hednesford.

When Bernard joined them, Hednesford were doing well in the conference and he was an instant hit with the fans. His biggest highlight at the club was during the 96/97 season in the FA cup; the club reached the 4th round and had an away tie against Middlesbrough, in front of 28,000 fans. They lost 3-2 after being 1-0 up, with McNally playing a major part. He left Hednesford in 1998 and had a brief spell with Telford before retiring from playing.

In 2004 he returned to Telford, this time as manager with the club in the Northern Premier First Division. Despite some poor form early on, he got the club to the play off final. Where Telford beat Kendal 2-1 at The New Buck's Shed. But Telford struggled the next season and were second bottom in the table. Following heavy pressure from the fans McNally was fired in 2005. Bernard McNally is currently coaching and trying to raise awareness in the grass roots football scene.

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match action

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Town: Glyn Garner, Michael Jackson, Graham Coughlan, Ben Herd, Ben Davies (c), Grant Holt, Marc Tierney, Shane Cansdell-Sherriff (Humphrey, 46), Richard Walker (Symes, 70), Kevin McIntyre, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Murray, 46)

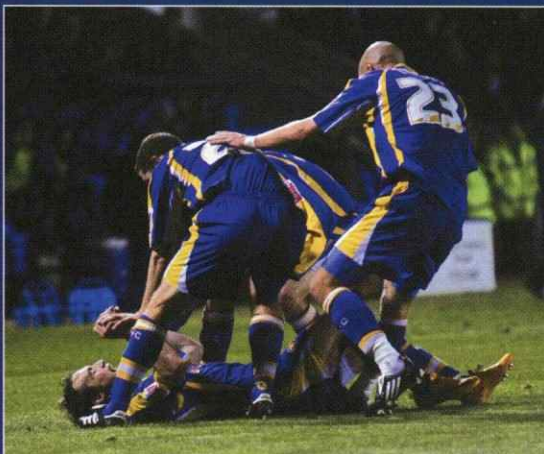
Subs: Neil Ashton, Kelvin Langmead, Michael Symes, Paul Murray, Chris Humphrey

Goals: Holt 30, Davies 33

Barnet: Lee Harrison, Joe Devera, Kenny Gillet, Neal Bishop, Ismail Yakubu (c), Michael Leary, Albert Adomah, Max Porter, Michael Townsend, Nicky Nicolau, John O'Flynn (Birchall, 90)

Subs: Adam Birchall, Nicky Deverdics, Luke Medley, Joe Tabiri, Ran Kadoch **Goals:** O'Flynn 4, 29

Attendance: 5,163 (68 away)



Lenny's Word Search

These famous former Shrewsbury Town players all played for either Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. Can LOOK FOR THE SURNAMENES- (Jimmy) QUINN, (Bernard) McNALLY, (Mark) WILLIAMS (ALL NORTHERN IRELAND) (Sandy) BROWN, (Jim) HOLTON, David MOYES, (Ross) MacLAREN (SCOTLAND) (David) EDWARDS, (Paul) EVANS, (Mickey) THOMAS, (Neville)SOUTHALL (WALES)

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Lenny's Laughs

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Player: Our Gaffer reminds me of history He's always repeating himself!

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ON TOUR

Today we picture a couple of Town fans on their recent goal trip to Marbella in Spain. Shane Thorne and Hugh Wills are pictured in their Town shirts just before they tied off, the courses dress code meant they couldn't play in their shirts but the Town flag stayed on the buggy.

If you have any pictures of yourself 'On Tour' that you would like to go into the programme then email them to ian@shrewsburytown.co.uk or drop them off at reception for the attention of Ian Whitfield.

lenny's den

Mascots



Jessica Williams, Luke Preece and Cory Jones were the mascots for the Barnet game.

Quick Quiz

- True or False?** In the match against Bournemouth on October 18th, Ben Davies scored a hat-trick.
- Gylfi Sigurdsson was born in (a) Sweden (b) Iceland (c) Norway
- True or False?** Steven Hindmarch, Shane Cansdell Sherriff and Graham Coughlan all have birthdays in November.
- Luton's nickname is (a) The Glovers (b) The Baggies (3) The Hatters
- Luton's ground is (a) Kenilworth Road (b) Kensington Road (c) Kent Road
- True or False?** One of Luton's notable former players in the 1950s was called Billy Bingham and he played for, and managed, Scotland



Answers: 1.False - our brilliant captain scored two- but not three- yet!!!! 2. Iceland 3. True. 4. (3) The Hatters 5. (a) Kenilworth Road 6. True- Billy Bingham was with Luton from 1958-1961, but false- he didn't play for Scotland; he played and managed Northern Ireland.



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8. PETER BROADBENT



If Geoff Fellows was a surprise unanimous choice for the Shrewsbury Chronicle Dream Team, the man chosen to play in the centre of midfield was a shoo-in. Anyone who saw him turn out at Gay Meadow will tell you that he was the greatest player ever to wear a Shrewsbury Town shirt. There was only one: Peter Broadbent.

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Peter Frank Broadbent was born in Elvington, Kent, on May 15, 1933. On leaving school he joined Dover FC in the Southern League, but it wasn't long before he attracted the attention of league scouts and in May, 1950, he signed for Brentford as a professional.

Broadbent was soon a regular in a Brentford side which included future England manager Ron Greenwood. The top clubs immediately began to take notice of the precocious youngster, and after just 16 league games for the Bees, he joined then-mighty Wolves for £10,000.

Broadbent made an immediate impact at Molineux, and within a month legendary Wolves manager Stan Cullis gave the 17-year-old his first-team debut against Portsmouth.

He established himself as a first-team regular the following season, and he netted 12 of the 96 goals Wolves scored on their way to winning the Division One title in 1953-54.

Broadbent became a more prolific goalscorer, and he netted 21 goals in the championship-winning side of 1957-58. That summer he made his full England debut in the World Cup game against the USSR in Gothenburg.

The following season Wolves went on to secure their third league title, and Broadbent scored a Boxing Day hat-trick at Portsmouth. He finished the season as top scorer with 22, and he notched Wolves' first ever goal in Europe against FC Schalke.

In 1959-60 Wolves just missed out on the double, but there was a fourth top medal for Broadbent as he played in the team

which beat Blackburn Rovers 3-0 in the FA Cup final. He remained a regular in the Wolves side for the next four years, and ended up with a total of seven England caps – an unbelievably low tally for a player of his genius. One of those appearances came against Brazil in Rio in front of a crowd of 130,000.

After 452 league games and 127 goals for the Wolves, Broadbent moved on in January, 1965, at the age of 31 – and Shrewsbury manager Arthur Rowley pulled off the greatest coup in the club's history by bringing him to Gay Meadow for £10,000.

He made his Town debut in a 1-1 draw at Walsall, and scored his first goal for the club in an amazing 3-2 victory over Queen's Park Rangers, who led 2-0 at half-time.

It was obvious from the word "go" that Broadbent was a class apart from most Division Three players. His ball control was immaculate, his passing uncannily accurate and his vision light years ahead of most opponents and many of his team-mates.

His first FA Cup appearance for Shrewsbury came in the fifth round tie at Leeds United, then leaders of the top flight, in February – the first time Town had ever reached that stage of the competition. The Yorkshire giants won 2-0 in front of a crowd of 47,740.

The following season Broadbent missed just two league games, and he played a key role in an epic FA Cup run which took in eight matches. He bagged the winner in the first round against Torquay, and scored an unlikely header in the 4-3 win against Carlisle United in a fourth round second replay at Deepdale – a match described by Bill Shankly as the most exciting he had ever seen.

That victory set up a trip to London for a never-to-be forgotten game against Chelsea. There were 51,144 crammed into Stamford Bridge to see Town put up a magnificent fight before going down 3-2.

Bryon Butler wrote in the Daily Telegraph that, in Broadbent, Shrewsbury had "easily the most accomplished forward afield".

It was obvious that Broadbent was still good enough to play in Division One, and the inevitable happened after just nine games of the 1966-67 season. Aston Villa made him an offer he couldn't refuse, and he returned to the top level for another two seasons.

In 1969, at the age of 36, he moved to Stockport County after 64 games for Villa, and he finished his career with non-league Bromsgrove Rovers.

His final tally for the Town was 69 league appearances and seven goals – but in his case, what do the stats matter?

Broadbent's entry on the official Wolverhampton Wanderers website concludes: "To many Wolves fans he is regarded as the greatest player ever to don the club's colours." And in his autobiography, George Best said Broadbent was the player he most admired. I rest my case.

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away supporters

Crewe ASFC 1 – 2 STFC ASFC

It was another Shrewsbury Town home game but an away trip for the ASFC as the team travelled up the road to Nantwich for a game vs. Crewe Alexandra's supporters team, who the ASFC had already comfortably beaten 4-0 at home on the first week of the season.

A strong squad of 15 travelled for the game but it was the settled regular starting line up that got things underway on a cool, but dry morning in Cheshire.

Team: GK – B Harvey, RB M Price, CB J Klekot, CB A Groves, LB P Thomas, RW G Price, CM G Leahy, CM S Price, LW A Thomas, ST D Evison, ST A Davies
Bench: R Thelwell, J Hall, T Klekot, D Mansell.

It was clear from the off that the Crewe Supporters team were vastly improved from that who had rolled over at the start of the season. Going forward they had bags of pace and good skill, while at the back the back line was more solid and organised, and for the opening 10 minutes they dictated the play, and really forced the ASFC back. It took the ASFC some time to get back in the game, with Evison and Davies testing the backline, but the ASFC could not find the opening goal.

One person not helping matters was the ref provided by Crewe, who seemed to be blowing for every little foul the ASFC were making, while the Crewe boys seemed to play on after every 50/50 challenge, and it's fair to say a few of the ASFC were getting "Annoyed".

Worse was to come approaching half time, as Crewe put more pressure on the back line with a quick counter attack, getting in down the right flank, and the strikers cross come shot, deceived keeper Harvey and went straight in. Did he mean it, hell no, but it put the home team 1-0 up and it was time for Andy Davies to make a change. After a poor first 30 minutes, which culminated in a running argument with the ref, G Price, was replaced with a Fresh T Klekot who immediately went on the charge, and got into the game.

At the other end, it was M Price, who made what amounted to goal saving tackles approaching half time. He was there to cover when, while pushing forward, the ASFC were caught napping again, and only two great sliding tackles prevented Crewe from getting in again one on one with the keeper.

What the ASFC needed more than anything at half time was an equaliser, and through hard work they snatched it. Ant Thomas and Phil Thomas liked well down the left wing, and the latter hit a delightful cross to the back post where Davies had lost his man and headed home from close range. Game on! It was a great header and Andy Davies 89th strike for the ASFC, the all time top scorer since our records began.



Steve Price (PC) controls the play in centre mid

At half time Davies kept it the same, as the ASFC had bossed the last 10 minutes of the half, and came out doing the same in the second. With G Leahy instrumental in shutting out Crewe, his work rate and chasing back, and getting forward was a joy to behold, although totally knackered for the ageing star. Steve Price provided the defensive shield in midfield, while Groves and Klekot were solid as a rock at centre back in the second half.

The ASFC winner came through a piece of individual skill and a quick counter attack. After claiming a cross from Crewe keeper Harvey threw the ball to Ant in the right back area, who took a touch and sprayed a great ball down the right wing for Evison who had showed and made a great run, Evison picked the ball up halfway into the Crewe half and set off on a run to goal, beating a man, and then when in on the keeper at a acute angle, just clipped the ball over him with ease, a move Evison is getting well known for. The Crewe players remarked that Evison finish was one worthy of winning any game.

With that Davies reshuffled again, playing one up front and sitting back to hold onto a hard worked win, which the ASFC did with very few chances for either team.

Gerry Leahy took home the man of the match, after another hard working display, of chasing and passing, while Justin Klekot was awarded second place for a dominate performance at centre back. 3rd place went to Phil Thomas for also being solid and the back, and for that great cross for the first vital ASFC goal.

The ASFC travel to Oxford next week, before the Brentford game, looking to make it 4 wins from 4, and continue the good run.

Glyn Price

A man of the moment

In late October my newspaper carried an obituary that recorded the death of a politician who never achieved high office, but achieved a notoriety that far exceeded the fame of that of many that did.

David Evans was elected Member of Parliament for Welwyn Hatfield in 1987, when Thatcherite Conservatism was perhaps at its height. He was the antithesis of the traditional conservative 'Knight of the shire' landowner, military type or something in the city. Like many of those then advancing in Margaret Thatcher's party he was a plain speaking man, whose brand of common sense had been sharpened by success in business. The son of a postman, he had initially set out to be a professional sportsman but was unable to make the first team as a cricketer with Gloucestershire and Warwickshire or as an Aston Villa footballer. In 1960 he founded a very successful contract cleaning company, which profited greatly by exploiting the opportunities offered by the privatisation of local authority cleaning services. Prior to entering Parliament he sold his business for over £30m.

As a politician he became prominent as a brutally enthusiastic proponent of rightwing views, supporting the Government's free-market economics and advocating authoritarian law and order policies. "I am a very rightwing disciplinarian" he once declared, although this was very evident from his fervent support for hanging and flogging.

He had maintained an interest in sport, becoming a director of Luton Town in 1976. The club was on the up and under the management of David Pleat they were promoted to the first division in 1982. David Evans became club chairman in 1984 and his chairmanship coincided with the most successful period in the club's history. Luton finished in its highest ever league position in 1987 and won the League Cup in 1988. Evans was prepared to invest in the team but the long-term financial realities for a club attracting small gates whilst trying to compete at the highest level could not be ignored. While they hoped to relocate to a new ground, the board made major changes at Kenilworth Road which were intended to bring the club financial benefits in the meantime.

In the summer of 1985 an artificial pitch was installed. The intention was that the ground could be hired out for community use, generating extra revenue and also carrying favour with the local council, whose support was essential for a new stadium. The problem was that the artificial pitch was incredibly unpopular in football circles and tarnished the club's successes. The same year the Bobbers Stand was converted into a line of executive boxes that meant that one side of the ground accommodated only 210 spectators. While again, the move was intended to maximise the revenue generated from

a large scotch

the club's assets, the atmosphere within the ground predictably suffered. The development, however, also had a knock-on effect with the allocation of accommodation in the rest of the ground, leading to problems in providing sufficient segregation for away supporters.

Luton had suffered a crowd riot in a Cup game against Millwall in March 1985 and this served as the catalyst for Evans' simple solution to the segregation problem; visiting supporters would be banned from Kenilworth Road. From Luton's point of view there was logic in the proposal. The community would benefit from removing the threat of marauding away fans. Match day policing costs would be reduced and the club could increase attendances by promoting an unthreatening family orientated atmosphere.

The proposal also complimented the Conservative government's solution to the football hooligan problem: the national football identity card scheme. Evans enthusiastically implemented a 'members only' admission policy at Luton, but rather than demonstrating practicality of ID cards it exposed their many flaws. In the face of objections from the police, football clubs, supporters and crucially doubts expressed by Lord Justice Taylor in his report on the Hillsborough tragedy, the government dropped the policy.

Prior to resigning as Luton Chairman in 1989, Evans took the decision to sell the freehold of Kenilworth Road to the local council for £3.25m. With hindsight this decision weakened the club's ability to finance a new stadium and the current Chairman, Nick Owen, describes the action as a classic case of selling the family silver. After leaving Luton Evans continued with his Parliamentary career until he lost his seat in the new Labour landslide of 1997.

David Evans presided over the most successful period in Luton Town's history, yet what was essentially a romantic story, of a small club enjoying success against the odds, generated little goodwill amongst fans of other clubs. The controversial role of the plastic pitch and the ban on away fans left a sour taste that made it impossible for others to relish Luton's success. Evans' pugnacious chairmanship must take a great deal of the responsibility for that unpopularity.

The creation of the Premier League has made it so much more difficult for the smaller clubs to prosper, with the wealth and power being concentrated at the top levels of the game. The obvious symptom of this has been the financial instability that has been experienced by Luton and other clubs. Perhaps the deepest irony is that it was imposition on football of free-market competition, the sort of prescriptions enthusiastically advocated by Thatcherite politicians like David Evans, which has caused so much hardship and grief to many clubs across football.

Ian Jones



Luton Town – THEN AND NOW

In a meeting at the town hall on 11th April 1885 a resolution was passed to create "Luton Town Football Club". The club was formed by the amalgamation of The Wanderers and The Excelsiors. The club colours were navy blue and pink and the first home ground was originally that of Excelsiors, Dallow Road.

During the 1890s Luton became the first team in southern England to become Professionals by paying players for their expenses. They formed into a limited company and joined the football league for the first time. The club moved from Dallow Road to a new ground called Dunstable Road. The Hatters found life in the league tough and in 1900 joined the Southern League and five years later moved to their present home at Kenilworth Road.

Luton rejoined the Football league after the First World War and played in Division 3 and later in the new Division 3 - South. The Hatters win their first promotion in the Football League in 1937 as champions of Division 3 - South and 18 years later gain another promotion to the top flight.

Contest the 1959 FA cup final but lose 2-1 to Nottingham Forest and by 1965 after three relegations they are back in the basement league, but in less than ten years they are once again in the top flight following three promotions.

Manager – Mick Harford



As a player, Harford started his career at Lincoln City before moving onto Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham City. He joined Luton in December 1984 for £250,000 from the Blues, scoring 81 goals in 186 appearances, before going onto Derby County for £450,000 in January 1990.

He rejoined Luton from Derby in September 1991, scoring 12 goals in

31 appearances as Luton were relegated from the old First Division. He then moved to Chelsea. He also represented Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon in a career that saw him make a total of 707 appearances and score 233 goals, as well as being capped for England.

Since hanging up his boots, Mick Harford has twice had a spell on the coaching staff at Luton, initially as Assistant Manager under Joe Kinnear and more recently as Director of Football for Mike Newell.

During his first spell at the Club he helped mastermind the Hatters' promotion back to the Second Division in 2001/02 and as Director of Football and First Team Coach he played his part in

The 1980's were turbulent times at Kenilworth Road and one particular relegation battle saw a lucky last minute goal at Maine Road for Luton which condemned Manchester City to relegation instead of the Hatters and the infamous David Pleat dance across the pitch at the full time whistle.

Luton Town's Centenary Year in 1985 saw them become the second club to lay a pitch with an artificial surface, and a year later the 'Away fans ban' was introduced due to rioting by some of the Millwall fans at the Kenilworth Road.

Luton were disqualified from the League Cup based on the 'Away fans ban', unperturbed they reached their highest ever league position. Building on the previous season's success, the team was allowed back into the League Cup and beat Arsenal 3-2 in the final, they lost 1-4 in the Simod Cup final against Reading and lost 1-2 in the semi final of the FA Cup against Wimbledon.

At the start of the 90's the 'Away fans ban' was withdrawn and the artificial surface was removed but Luton were relegated to the new Division 1 after the Premier League was introduced. They slid all the way down to the basement league before two promotions in four years had them back in the Championship but the last two seasons has seen relegation's, administration and points deductions and the Hatters started this season in League Two on minus 30 points.

building the side that secured promotion to the Championship, running away with the League One title during 2004/05.

Harford left the Hatters in November 2004 to be re-united with Kinnear at Nottingham Forest. He then took over as Caretaker Manager at Forest in December 2004, replacing Kinnear, for a total of six matches before Gary Megson was confirmed as the new manager at the City Ground.

Having left Forest in January 2005, he had intended to spend the rest of the season helping out old friend Andy King at Swindon Town, however, after a couple of months at the County Ground, he became Manager at Rotherham United, whose relegation from what is now the Championship had already been confirmed.

The eight month spell in charge at Millmoor was the first managerial job he held in his own right and on leaving the club, he had a short spell coaching the forwards at Millwall before he hooked up with his former Derby County team-mate, Geriant Williams at Colchester United in Summer 2006, as his number two, a position he held for a year before the opportunity arrived to join John Gregory - again as an Assistant Manager - at Queens Park Rangers in June 2007.

In October 2007, Harford took caretaker charge at QPR for one month following Gregory's dismissal, losing only once in five games before he himself left the Club when Luigi De Canio took over as a manager. In January 2008, Harford was unveiled as the new manager of struggling and cash-strapped Luton Town until the end of the season. He committed to stay at Luton despite the club being relegated to League Two and docked 30 points in the break before the 2008-09 season.

NEW SIGNING

Asa Hall

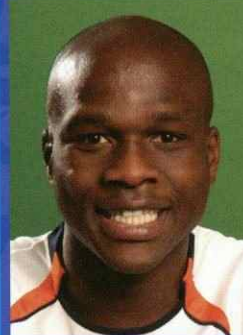


14 – Asa Hall – Midfield

Asa Hall is a versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence. Hall began his football career in the Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at Birmingham he was a regular in the reserve team and was named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under19 and Under20 levels. He went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and ourselves at the end of last season but signed for Luton during the summer.

ONES TO WATCH

Claude Gnaka



2 – Claude Gnaka – Defender

Claude Gnaka is a defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined the Hatters on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz, Claude moved to English side Swindon for a brief spell, before being taken on in July 2007 by Peterborough United. He was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

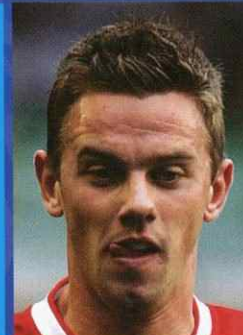
Keith Keane



4 – Keith Keane – Midfield

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with fourteen appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another product of the youth team who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and has made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams. He demonstrated enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates.

Tom Craddock



24 – Tom Craddock – Forward

Tom has come through the ranks with Middlesbrough, being a member of their FA Youth Cup winning side in 2003/04. He made a breakthrough into the first team when he appeared as a substitute in the final game of the 2005/06 season against Fulham having already scored 20 goals for the reserve team. He joined Wrexham on a month's loan in October 2006 and in February 2008 Craddock joined League One team Hartlepool United on a month's loan. Last summer he signed a one year contract extension with Middlesbrough and last month Tom was sent on a one month loan to Luton Town.



No.1 DEAN BRILL - Goalkeeper

Luton-born goalkeeper Dean Brill is another young player of whom big things are expected. Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when boss Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite the Club being relegated from the Championship, he was named Young Player of the Season. Brill joined his hometown club at the age of nine and has progressed through the Centre of Excellence, representing Luton Schools and Bedfordshire County Schools at a variety of age groups. He kept a clean sheet in his Under-19 debut as a 15-year-old in April 2001 and his impressive displays alerted the attention of several bigger clubs, but Luton fought off the competition to secure his signature. A tall, commanding goalkeeper standing at six foot three, Brill is a great organiser whose voice will always be heard throughout a game.

No.3 SOL DAVIS - Defender

It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League. Sol scored his first ever goal in professional football during the clubs win over Wrexham in November 2004. He scored again later that season, his only other goal to date, in a win against Bristol City in March 2005. Sol was unfortunately involved in a serious incident during the 2006/07 season when he suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to the Club's visit to Ipswich Town. He was taken into the specialist unit at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge. The squad had been on their way to the Belstead Brook hotel in Ipswich on Saturday when Davis lost feeling in his left side and this was affecting his speech. Sol however made a miraculous recovery and despite being told by doctors it will take months for him to return, he was back in action and started in the game against Cardiff City on New Years Day, 2007.

No.5 IAN ROPER - Defender

Ian Roper is a central defender with bags of experience who signed a contract at Luton in August 2008. Roper climbed up the ranks while at Walsall, gaining a reputation of being a tough, no nonsense defender. He made 325 appearances during his 13 year period at the club, where he won promotion on 3 occasions, most recently in 2006/07 as a League 2 champion.

No.6 GEORGE PILKINGTON - Defender

George Pilkington is a highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having begun his career as an Everton trainee, George joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for Port Vale, George was highly regarded at the Staffordshire club being named player of the year twice and club captain.

No.8 KEVIN NICHOLLS - Midfielder

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to

appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. Following Luton's successful first-season in The Championship and the spirited FA-Cup performances, Nicholls was a player very much in demand. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of £750,000. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

No.10 RYAN CHARLES - Forward

An energetic striker who has made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road over the last two seasons. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. He has followed that form up by scoring 12 goals for the youth team this season and his exploits during them two campaigns earned him his first team debut as a second half substitute at Southend in March. He was given his full team debut in the following game against Carlisle before scoring on his home debut against Oldham. Charles had turned down the chance to join local rivals Watford as a youngster.

No.11 LEWIS EMANUEL - Midfielder

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice.

No.12 HARRY WORLEY - Defender

He was signed by Chelsea from Stockport County in the summer of 2005 and turned professional in November 2005. He joined Doncaster Rovers on loan in March 2007 and was selected by Jose Mourinho at the start of the following season for the FA Community Shield against Manchester United as an unused substitute. He moved onto Carlisle United on a month long loan in August 2007, but only made one appearance. A loan spell at Leicester City followed at the end of last season before he signed a permanent deal at the Walkers Stadium. In September 2008 Worley joined Luton for a one-month loan period.

No.15 ED ASAFU-ADJAYE - Defender

Ed Asafu-Adjaye is in his first year as a professional footballer having made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. The full-back, who spent a short time on-loan at non-league side Walton & Hersham, made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension. Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract.

No.16 ROSSI JARVIS - Midfielder

Rossi Jarvis is an adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at

the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United. After finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

No.17 KEVIN WATSON - Midfielder

An experienced central midfielder who joined the Hatters on a free transfer in August 2008 after being released by Colchester United. Watson started his career with Tottenham, making a handful of first team appearances and spending time on loan at Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet. In 1996 he moved to Swindon Town, where he helped assure their Division 1 status, from the County Ground Watson went on to spend three successful years with Rotherham United, where made 109 appearances and captained the Millers to two successive promotions. His influence was noted by then Reading manager Alan Pardew who took him to the Madejski Stadium for a £150,000, where he won yet another promotion. He then joined Colchester United where he started 132 league games and added a fourth promotion to his list of achievements.

No.18 CHRIS MARTIN - Forward

Chris Martin joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008. Martin is a young striker who has played 30 times for The Canaries, scoring 5 times. He burst into the first team in 2007, and his performances quickly saw him become a fans' favourite at the club. He is strong for his age and technically gifted, and his early promise saw him win call-ups for the England Under-19s squad, scoring on his debut against Turkey in March 2007.

No.19 DREW TALBOT - Forward

Drew Talbot signed for Luton Town in a £250,000 deal in January 2007 from Sheffield Wednesday as former Hatters boss Mike Newell looked to strengthen his options in attack. He made an immediate impact, making one and then scoring the winner against his old club at Kenilworth Road on his home league debut. Originally on the books of Barnsley, Talbot drifted out of football after injury but came back with Sheffield Wednesday's academy in the 2003/04 season. Often coming off the substitute's bench he scored goals in Wednesday's 2004/05 promotion season including one at Cardiff in the League One play off final against Huddersfield. The following season proved a disappointment for Drew as a back injury ruled him out. After his impressive first full season at Hillsborough, he was not to play again until September 2006, where he made a substitute appearance against Derby County in a 2-1 home defeat. During the January 2007 transfer window, Talbot signed a loan-contract with League One promotion-chasers Scunthorpe United before signing at Kenilworth Road.

No.20 MICHAEL SPILLANE - Defender

Michael Spillane joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008. The Irish youngster is equally at home in defence or midfield, having playing in both positions in recent seasons for The Canaries. The Republic of Ireland U19 international is tipped to have a bright footballing future ahead of him.

No.21 CONRAD LOGAN - Goalkeeper

Logan began his career in 2004 as a trainee at Leicester City and had two loan spells at Boston United during the 2005-06 season. He started the 2006-07 season at Leicester, making over ten appearances, with his senior debut in a 2-0 Carling Cup win over Macclesfield. In August 2007 he signed a season-long loan deal at Stockport County and played 38 games

for the Hatters helping the team to a Wembley play-off final where they met and defeated northwest rivals Rochdale 3-2. Logan has since signed on loan to Luton Town for the 2008-2009 season.

No.23 WAYNE ANDREWS - Forward

Andrews began his career with Watford, making his debut in August 1996 and he went on to make 27 more appearances in the Hornet's first season back in the third tier for 17 years. Early in the 1997-98 season Andrews broke his ankle and subsequently missed the rest of the campaign. In his absence Watford were promoted to Division One and Andrews found himself behind a number of other strikers and loan spells at Cambridge United and Peterborough United followed. Upon being released from his contract at Vicarage Road in April 1999, Andrews moved into non-league football with St Albans City, Aldershot Town and Chesham United before being spotted and signed by Iain Dowie for Oldham Athletic in the summer 2002. The following season Andrews moved to Colchester United, for whom he played 36 times, scoring 16 goals and at the end of the 2004 transfer window, Dowie, who had led Crystal Palace to promotion the previous season, signed Andrews once more to bolster his Premiership squad but he was released by mutual consent in June 2006. Spells at Coventry City, Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City, Leeds United and Bristol Rovers followed before he signed for Luton last month.

No.28 PAUL MCVEIGH - Forward

McVeigh started his career at Tottenham Hotspur where he made three appearances, before he enjoyed a successful spell with Norwich. He joined the Canaries in March 2000 on a free transfer and although he took a few years to really establish himself, in the 2002-03 season he was the club's top scorer with 15 goals. McVeigh helped Norwich win promotion to the Premiership the following season and although he played few games for the Carrow Road outfit at the top flight, he did get on the score sheet at Old Trafford and in the 2005/06 campaign, he was voted Player of the Month for December & January, in a season where he scored eight goals in total. McVeigh began the 2006-07 season on the substitute's bench, though an injury to Darren Huckerby briefly gave him an opportunity to play in the starting line-up although he eventually fell out of favour with Norwich manager Peter Grant and had a spell on loan at Burnley. During his spells at Tottenham and Norwich, he was capped by Northern Ireland 20 times in total and he signed for Luton last season.

No.29 JORDAN PATRICK - Forward

Patrick became the youngest player ever to play for Luton Town, after coming on a substitute in the 82nd minute in a 2-2 away draw at Grimsby last month, aged 16 years and 11 days and he set up Tom Craddock's equaliser deep into injury time to secure a point. He still attends local high school, but was allowed the day off to travel with the side to Grimsby. Patrick was also named on the substitutes' bench for Luton's match against Accrington Stanley four days before his debut, but remained on the bench.

No.33 JAKE HOWELLS - Defender

He made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008, in a 1-0 defeat to Huddersfield Town at the age of 17. The highly regarded left back had rejected approaches earlier in the season to sign professional terms at Portsmouth and Fulham to continue his apprenticeship at Luton. Howells will be hoping to make the left back position his own during the 2008/09 season.

shooting stars



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten post-war Luton Town goalscoring favourites

GORDON TURNER

Long-serving inside-forward Gordon Turner holds Luton Town's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in March 1950, he featured in Luton's 1951-52 FA Cup run and 1952-53 promotion near-miss. He was leading marksman seven times, including 1954-55 when ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight, also representing the Football League. Netting 243 goals in 406 League outings for the Hatters, he briefly reunited with Jesse Pye at Wisbech Town in July 1964, then played for Kettering Town, Dunstable and Bletchley. He lived and worked locally until his death in December 1976.

RON DAVIES

Welsh international striker Ron Davies was Luton Town's leading marksman in 1962-63. Initially with Chester, he twice topped their goalscoring charts and moved to Kenilworth Road in October 1962. He impressed with his aerial strength in a struggling side, netting 21 goals in 32 League games for Luton before joining Norwich City in September 1963. Moving to Southampton in August 1966, he was top scorer three times prior to joining Portsmouth in April 1973. He played for Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, LA Aztecs, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, becoming a soccer coach in Florida.

JOHN O'ROURKE

England U-23 striker John O'Rourke was Luton Town's top scorer in three successive seasons. Initially with Arsenal, he moved via Chelsea to Luton in December 1963 and netted 64 goals in 84 League games while at Kenilworth Road before joining Middlesbrough in July 1966. He starred as they regained Second Division status at the first attempt in 1966-67, then had spells with Ipswich Town, Coventry City and QPR in the top-flight, moving to AFC Bournemouth in January 1974. Later with Poole Town, Johannesburg Rangers, Weymouth, Dorchester Town and Poole again, he has since been a newsagent in Highcliffe.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including their 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £330,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and now works in the media.

BARRY BUTLIN

Striker Barry Butlin was leading marksman as Luton Town regained top-flight status in 1973-74. Signing professional for Derby County in January 1967, he had limited opportunities under Brian Clough and was loaned to Notts County prior to joining Luton for £50,000 in November 1972. He netted 24 goals in 57 League games while at Kenilworth Road before moving to Nottingham Forest for £122,000 in October 1974. Reunited with Clough, he featured in their 1976-77 promotion campaign and joined Peterborough United in August 1977, then played for Sheffield United. He is a financial adviser, living in Chellaston.

BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted their 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992, helping win promotion in 1992-93. His brother Mark also played for Luton.

PAUL WALSH

England international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. Later with Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career, he is now a football agent.

MICK HARFORD

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including their 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and now manager back at Luton.

TONY THORPE

Striker Tony Thorpe was leading marksman as Luton Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. A former Leicester City trainee, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Fulham for £800,000 in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1,000,000 in June 1998, he was top scorer three times prior to rejoining Luton in July 2002 after two loan spells. He netted 70 goals in 164 League games overall before moving to QPR in August 2003, then Swindon, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Tamworth.

STEVE HOWARD

Striker Steve Howard topped Luton Town's goalscoring charts in five successive seasons. Initially with Tow Law, he joined Hartlepool United in August 1995 and moved to Northampton Town for £120,000 in February 1999. He starred in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign, joining Luton for £50,000 in March 2001. A key figure as the Hatters won promotion in 2001-02, then the League One title in 2004-05, he scored 95 goals in 212 League outings before being sold to Derby County for £1,000,000 in July 2006. He helped them win promotion in 2006-07 and joined Leicester City for £1,500,000 in January 2008.

played for both

Born in Carlisle in 1958, **David Geddis** was spotted Bobby Robson's Ipswich Town scouting system and signed on for the Portman Road club in 1975.

Finding difficulty in forcing his way past Ipswich forwards such as Trevor Whymark and Paul Mariner, Geddis went on loan to Luton. He did so well that Luton tried to buy him, but Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson recalled him to Portman Road. He was in and out of the Ipswich side the following season but got himself an FA Cup winner's medal in a final where he crossed the ball for the winning goal. Despite this success he was transferred to Aston Villa in 1979 for £300,000.

Whilst at Villa, Geddis won a division one winners medal (these days it's called the Premier League), as one of the 14 players used by villa that season. After 43 games and 12 goals, Dave moved on to Barnsley where he scored an amazing 24 goals in 45 games before moving back to the Midlands with Birmingham City. In 3 seasons at St Andrews, he only played 46 times but managed 18 goals, including 2 against his old club Aston Villa.

From the Blues, he came to us in 1987 and made 41 appearances, scoring 11 times over 2 seasons for Chic Bates' side but moved on once again to the other STFC, Swindon and then to today's opponents where he made 13 appearances although 11 of those were as a substitute.

David Edwards is a player that a lot of Town supporters are rightly proud of producing. He started, as many do, as an apprentice at his hometown club and made his league debut in our last league 2 game before relegation in 2002-03 season, as a substitute in a 2-1 home defeat to Scunthorpe.

During our conference season, he grew in confidence and was on the verges of the first team toward the end of the season. After promotion, Dave cemented a place in the first team and became many fans favourite player for gutsy and determined performances. He played in our last season at Gay Meadow but talk of a transfer was rife too and he moved to Luton Town for a substantial fee (around £250,000).

His time at Luton was short lived and he only made 19 league appearances for Luton in League One before the club was forced to sell him for a quick profit and took a £675,000 offer from Wolverhampton Wanderers and he signed in January 2008.

His Wolves debut was against the first team he played against for Shrewsbury, Scunthorpe and he scored too. He went on to make 9 more appearances in the championship that year and may have made more, but for injury.

This season has worked out well for Dave with Wolves top of the championship at the moment. He has played 15 times and scored twice. Maybe we will have 2 home grown players in the premiership next season.

Dave also represents Wales at international level and he made his full international debut in November 2007 against the Republic of Ireland as a substitute in a 2-2 Euro 2008 qualifier.

Before that, he had shown his international worth when he played for Wales Under-21s, making his debut against Cyprus in May 2006, and going on to make another 12 appearances and score 5 goals. Recently he scored his first international goal against Liechtenstein in a 2-0 and has made 9 appearances for Wales so far.

In his youth, **David Pleat** excelled at most sports and played cricket for Nottinghamshire Schools, Nottinghamshire County Youth teams and was also a footballer playing for England Youth and Schoolboy as an International (1960/63). He began his professional career at home town club Nottingham Forest as Forest's youngest ever player at the time. He later had spells with Luton Town, Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City, Peterborough United and Nuneaton Borough. His playing career ended at the age of 28 due to back problems.

In 1978, after a period as reserve team coach, he took charge of then Second Division struggler's Luton Town. In his fourth season as manager, 1981-82, Luton won promotion as champions to the First Division and remained there for the next ten years. Pleat's second managerial job was with Tottenham Hotspur, starting in 1986 when he left Luton Town was his best. 1986-87 was a good season for Tottenham. They finished third in the First Division and reached the FA Cup final, where they were beaten by Coventry City.

David's third managerial job, at Leicester City, was far from successful. Amongst the promotion favourites when he became manager at Christmas of 1987, by the time he was sacked in January 1991 as they were fighting against relegation.

In May 1991, Pleat was named as Luton Town manager for the second time. Their fortunes had slipped dramatically in the previous three seasons, when relegation had been avoided on the very last day of each season. Pleat seemed like the man to secure Luton a place clear of relegation, but instead they were relegated on the last day of the season.

David Pleat's first season as Sheffield Wednesday manager was frustrating. He had hoped to mount a challenge for a UEFA Cup place, but instead they were involved in a relegation battle right up to the very last day of the season and finished 15th in the Premiership.

1996-97 was better. Wednesday were top of the Premiership table after winning their first four fixtures of the 1996-97 season, and Pleat was named Premiership Manager of the Month for August 1996. But they were unable to mount a serious title challenge and finished seventh in the final table, not even enough for a UEFA Cup place. Pleat was sacked in October 1997 with Wednesday battling relegation once again. Pleat returned to Tottenham Hotspur as Director of Football in 1998, and had several periods as caretaker manager, the last of which was in the 2003-04 season.

Marcus Braddock



an interview with...



Luke Daniels was born in the town of Bolton on Tuesday 5th January 1988. From an early age he threw himself into football and played in his local Sunday League, though it wasn't long before the biggest club in the world came knocking: "I started playing when I was about 8 or 9 years of age and began playing in the local Sunday league.

"I hadn't been playing for more than a season before I got scouted by Manchester United and ended up there when I was nine."

In his first interviews Joe Hart revealed that he hadn't always wanted to be a keeper and preferred to play outfield. This wasn't the case for Luke who always wanted to take his place in goal: "I've always been a goalkeeper, when I started to play on the field next to our house I was the youngest one so always got stuck in goals. I got used to playing there, enjoyed it and have always played there since. I've always been a tall lad and I guess that helped from early on - it's a pre-requisite these days to have a physical presence between the posts."

For any young player the dream is to be picked up by a big club, but to be picked up by Manchester United is the ultimate dream. To be schooled and trained by such a club gives any young player a great start in the game.

"I was with United from when I was nine right up until I was sixteen years of age, and it gave me a really good technical base to build on," said Daniels. "I can't fault any of the training I received during that time and it was great to be involved."

The downside though is the pressure of being at a club with such history and success. It was a pressure that Luke became aware of from a young age.

"To be at a club that big with the pressure that can be put on you from such a young age can be difficult to get through.

"Manchester United are European champions and are the biggest club around so it's difficult to live up to that standard early on. Schmeichel, Barthez, Tim Howard and Roy Carroll were all there during my time, so that is the standard you are looking to achieve. I played most weeks on Sunday mornings until I left; there was always games to be played as they have squads at all ages."

Luke continued to progress through the youth ranks at Old Trafford, but with his 16 year birthday approaching the decisions on scholarships would need to be made. A big part of any footballer's game is the mental side and maturity, and for Luke this decision came a few years too early at United.

"Mentally I don't think that I was ready at a young age to be at such a big club. Had the opportunity come a couple of years down the line then I think I would have had a decent chance. The thing is that you can't make yourself older than you are, and if at sixteen you're not ready to be put under that pressure, then you have to be honest with yourself. When I left there were plenty of offers so I wasn't too concerned with leaving."

After moving on from United there were a number of options open to Luke, and in the end he decided to make the move to join West Bromwich Albion. He joined the club on a 2 year scholarship, and this meant a move away from his native Bolton.

"Albion is a massive club but as soon as I went there, the feel of the club was right and I was happy to sign forms.

"I was then living away from home at sixteen years of age, and it took me maybe 6 to 12 months to settle in and really show what I could do.



"It's hard work when you are with the youth team, and sometimes the first team seems so far away, but it was great when I signed my first pro contract. To get that chance of training with the first team everyday is a fantastic feeling."

Luke was progressing well at the Hawthorns, but as with all young keepers he needed the chance to play games. A loan move to the Scottish Premier League saw Luke join Motherwell and in the end he made his debut against Celtic.

"I had a couple of injuries last season, and at the end of the season the opportunity came from me to go up to Motherwell. I went up there as the number two with the idea to push for the first team place, and managed to get a couple of games in at the end of the season which was great experience for me.

"I made my debut against Celtic and that is really being thrown in at the deep end but I did okay.

"No matter where you are you have the chance of being thrown into a big game, and Motherwell were going for a European place. It shows that the manager had the faith in me to do well which is a big lift."

Albion's return to the Premier League saw Tony Mowbray strengthen his squad in preparation for the task ahead. In came highly rated keeper Scott Carson and Luke knew that it might be another season with a loan move to gain experience.

"At the start of the season I knew that I'd probably end up out on loan again, and with Scott Carson coming in I knew he'd go into the side. Hopefully if I can get a good season of playing week in and week out, then I can go back to Albion and really start to push him to get into the team.

"I am at the stage now where I need to be playing every week, as sitting in the reserves at Albion or on the bench is wasting time where I could be at somewhere like Shrewsbury playing matches. To get the opportunity that I have done here is really good for me, and is helping me no end."

Shrewsbury is a club that Luke had played against at reserve team level a few times. Amongst the Town squad there was one face who would make it easier for Luke to settle in.

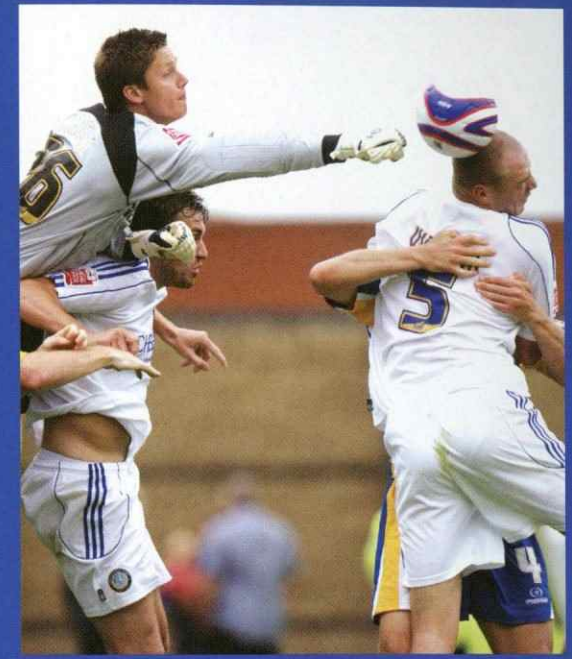
"I didn't play against Shrewsbury while I was in the youth team but did in the reserves a few times. I came through the youth team with Chris Humphrey so I've known him for a while and played a lot of games with him."

Since joining at the end of pre-season Luke has been an ever present up until the Brentford game. It shows the faith that Paul Simpson has put into the young keeper, and this is something Luke appreciates.

"I've been quite pleased with the way things have gone for me so far and Shrewsbury are up there near the top of the league. It's quite unusual for a manager to throw a young goalkeeper into the team and give him such a chance. It's been good that I have been able to hold my place in the team and show what I can do."

The physical demands of League 2 can be an eye opener to some young players, but Luke has adapted well. He's already taken his fair share of knocks, especially the one when Port Vale captain Marc Richardson left Luke needing 15 stitches in his face.

luke daniels



"The physical part of it is part and parcel of football, and being a goalkeeper you are always going to get roughed up a little bit. I don't mind that as you know you've got to go into places that other players wouldn't put their head in.

"I was more disappointed with the second goal against Port Vale as it had been allowed as a goal rather the injury I'd picked up.

"They do say keepers are a bit stupid but the quiz questions show that doesn't apply to me."

The young keeper isn't making any long term plans at yet but at the moment he is firmly focused on Shrewsbury Town. The hope is that he can help the club achieve promotion which he hopes will help his chances at Albion.

"I'm not looking too far ahead, and my main aim is to get through to January and then hopefully get the loan extended.

"I want to help Shrewsbury push for promotion and then I can leave with the club in League 1 and then see what I can do in terms of the Premier League."

Luke has been involved with the England U18 squad and made his debut in their 2-1 win over Slovenia in April 2006. He hasn't been involved recently but hopes regular first team football will give him another chance.

"Over the last 18 months or so I haven't played as much football as I would have liked to. I'd love to play for England again but that decision is out of my hands.

"I have just got to play club football and if it happens it happens. If it doesn't then I'll just have to keep working hard to make sure my chance will come again."



26 – Luke Daniels

This season we've changed the player question and answers around a little bit and come up with the 1886 idea. Basically there are 68 questions number from 18 to 86 and each week we will randomly pick 20 questions from the list. Today it is Luke Daniels's turn to take the 18 to 86.

- Q - Which of the following are you any good at? Cooking. DIY. Gardening. Decorating.
A - **Cooking, I'm a good cook**
- Q - Song you would sing at Karaoke?
A - **Mr Brightside by the Killers as that's my favourite song**
- Q - Favourite stand-up comedian?
A - **As I'm from Bolton I have to say Peter Kay**
- Q - A recent gadget you acquired that you could not live without?
A - **Nintendo DS, always on that especially on away trips**
- Q - A food or drink that you can't stand?
A - **I'm not a fan of Mushrooms**
- Q - If you could be invisible for the day, what mischief would you get up to?
A - **Probably sit in a room and see what people are saying about me**
- Q - A TV show that you'd always switch off?
A - **Emmerdale, I hate it**
- Q - The last book you read?
A - **Lance Armstrong's autobiography**
- Q - A holiday destination you would love to go to?
A - **The Maldives and sit on a beach**

- Q - Have you ever Googled yourself?
A - **No**
- Q - A saying or phrase you use all the time?
A - **I don't really have one phrase, well none that can be printed here**
- Q - Most embarrassing CD in your collection?
A - **I've not got any that are embarrassing; I've got a good collection**
- Q - Most difficult opponent faced?
A - **Can't really think of one though Marc Richardson was the most painful**
- Q - A website you're never off?
A - **Facebook**
- Q - Best ground played at?
A - **I've been on the bench at all sorts of stadiums but to play on would be the Hawthorns in the reserves or The Prostar in the league**
- Q - What make of boots do you wear?
A - **Adidas World Cups**
- Q - Any pre-match superstitions?
A - **None**
- Q - A soft-drink you like?
A - **Lemonade**
- Q - Anything in particular make you squeamish?
A - **Not particularly squeamish**
- Q - Your favourite ever film?
A - **The Shawshank Redemption**

Quiz Time

Over the season we will be doing our best to find the brainiest player in the squad with the return of quiz master Colin Bloomfield. Today Luke Daniels pits his wits against the devilish questions of quiz master Bloomfield

- 1) What does GMT stand for?
A) **Greenwich Mean Time - Correct**
- 2) Which new ITV1 drama, about performing arts students, includes music written by Gary Barlow?
A) **Britannia High - Correct**
- 3) Which non league side scored twice at Liverpool in last season's FA Cup 4th round - only to lose 5-2?
A) **Havant & Waterlooville - Correct (though a bit of help from Holty's singing)**
- 4) Which TV and radio presenter hosted the MTV Music Awards in Los Angeles last month?
A) **No idea - Correct answer Russell Brand**
- 5) Which Labour politician has recently been under the spotlight for dealings on a yacht with a Russian billionaire?
A) **Peter Mandelson - Correct**

- 6) Which element's chemical symbol is Pb?
A) **Lead - Correct**
- 7) Julie Goodyear played the character Bet Lynch in which soap?
A) **Coronation Street - Correct**
- 8) The "Friends Romans Countrymen" speech comes from which William Shakespeare play?
A) **Julius Caesar - Correct**
- 9) Who is the manager of League One side Oldham Athletic?
A) **I can't remember - Correct answer John Sheridan**
- 10) Who directed Star Wars?
A) **George Lucas - Correct**

Luke finishes with 7½ points but as Holty sang Waterloo all the way through question 4 it's only a point for that one. Though special mention should go to Luke for getting questions 6 and 8 correct with no hesitation!

Leader Board: Grant Holt - 8; Luke Daniels - 7½; Mike Jackson - 7; Richard Walker - 7; Graham Coughlan - 5; Steven Hindmarch - 5; Shane Cansdell-Sherriff - 2½

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james bond

It was good to meet 150 or so genuine Town fans – including regulars and some new faces – at the recent Club Night hosted by BBC Radio Shropshire here at the Prostar Stadium. I know supporters like to feel they have some input and ownership in the club they follow so passionately, so meeting key members of STFC and being able to quiz them face to face enhances that bond with the club.

Paul Simpson always gives good value, sticking to his promise on the radio beforehand "to respond openly and honestly to anything that comes my way." And he was joined on the three-man panel by Town's managing director Rob Bickerton, and general manager Jon Harris.

We're all team-managers of course, even though Paul is arguably a little better qualified than you or me! Formations are always a good starting point, and Simmo defended the 4-4-2 formation that one fan felt had let the side down at Accrington.

"I tried 4-4-2 for the first time and it worked superbly (7-0 superbly!), but then we lost at Accrington using that same formation.

"But you can't blame the defeat on the system. The system didn't force us into eight individual errors in the first minute to give Accrington their first goal. I encourage players all the time to get wide, to get crosses in, to get one of the midfielders in the box and one sitting, someone from the opposite side of the field in there too – I want to play attacking football and I'll continue to do that."

And he defended his defenders, when he was asked about hitting it anywhere under pressure.

"Do you want my central defenders to do Cruyff-type turns and stepovers in the 18 yard box?"

"I've tried to get a team here where the back four can defend, and if you look at the number of clean sheets we've had then they're obviously doing their job. The midfielders in front of them are their to block and help the back line also to move things forward.

"In any game there'll be a period when you're under pressure from the other team, but we never panic, and if to clear the danger we sometimes hoof it over the stand – well, the opposition aren't going to score from there!"

Rob Bickerton explored the financial incentive for winning promotion this season.

"With the new TV deal, most of the amounts are just about doubling – and bearing in mind you get more in the higher divisions, then that bigger amount becomes even bigger.

"The gap between the Championship and League One, and also between Leagues One and Two, in the share-out to clubs is not evenly distributed either, so there's a far bigger prize on the back of promotion for everybody. Basically, the higher you go, the more cash you get."

He also reiterated STFC's ambition to head not just for League One, but for a place in the Championship – backed by the now daily use of the Prostar facilities by outside bodies that is injecting finance into the club 24/7.

Jon Harris found himself defending how the club reacted to the crowd disturbance right at the end of the recent Port Vale game.



"We have been working very hard to ensure there's no repeat," he said. "It's been a big learning curve with the change of ground and the change in crowd strategies in the various areas of the stadium – but we've worked very closely with the police to see what went wrong against Port Vale and to learn from it."

And while a lot of blame was laid at the feet of Vale supporters, it was suggested that one Town 'fan' had provoked a volatile situation. Jon told the meeting that that individual had been spotted and recognised on CCTV footage, had been picked up by the police before he left the ground, and that it was up to the courts to deal with him – and to issue any banning order.

On another note, he explained the reason for the rise in fares on the Park and Ride buses to the stadium, which had been implemented after negotiations with the bus operators who had seen a big rise on their own costs.

Plenty of topics were asked and answered, which is very healthy for the relationship between the club and its supporters.

If you weren't there, or missed the broadcast of the proceedings on BBC Radio Shropshire, then you should still be able to access it via bbc.co.uk/Shropshire – or via the Shrewsbury Town club website. Try and get to the next one though. You'll enjoy the session and the banter, and also the fact that when we switch of the microphones, the Paul Simpsions of this world take time out to talk to supporters informally.

Final word from Simpson himself, when asked who he thought are Shrewsbury's real challengers for promotion.

"I don't actually care about anybody else. This club is the only one that bothers me – how we're going to do and whether we can sustain it. I'm doing everything I can to change the squad around, and to continue to change it around as best we can within our budget, and if I can keep on doing that I think we stand as good a chance as anybody."

Nice one Paul.

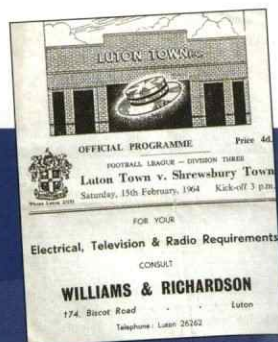
James Bond
BBC Radio Shropshire



in the archives

Programmes from the past

Today we feature the front cover of the programme from the game played at Kenilworth Road on Saturday February 15th 1964. The programme sold for 4 old pennies, a far cry from the £3 some clubs charge nowadays. Don't forget if you have any old programmes, badges, tickets etc for sale contact Chris on 01952 604742.



ALTERNATIVE A to Z Chris Smith takes a look at the places he's travelled to over the years.

Morecambe

Another look back at games away in the FA Cup against non league opposition. This was an intriguing fixture as it was the first time the Town had played in the FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round for over 50 years. For the statos amongst you Town played away at Bromsgrove Rovers on the 12th November 1949 (this was to be Town's last season as a non league club). Despite 2 goals from Jackson, Town lost 5 - 2 in front of 5,000 fans.

Now back to Christie Park on the 23rd October 2003 (Town's first season after relegation). Following a goalless first half things changed dramatically in the second and Town ran out winners by four goals to two with goalscorers Sam Aiston, player manager Jimmy Quinn and a brace for Ryan Lowe. The crowd was only 1,951 which as always included a very healthy following from Shrewsbury.

I wonder how many Town fans visited the excellent fish and chip shop adjacent to the ground; it was undoubtedly the best in the Conference and now likely to be the best in the league.

Many of you will remember that Town subsequently lost in the First Round proper, away at Scunthorpe by two goals to one. We played really well, deserved to win, but lost to a late goal from the home side.

MET PREVIOUSLY

Luton and ourselves meet today for the first time since the 2001/02 season when the Hatters did the league double over us, winning 2-0 at Gay Meadow and by a single goal at Luton. To date we have met a total of eighteen times, Shrewsbury winning four, Luton streaking ahead with ten victories, four games ending all square, three of which were at Luton, and in consecutive meetings between 1969 and 1981. The only goalless match came in the middle of this sequence during the 79/80 season. Town have scored twenty-four times, Luton netting thirty. Shrewsbury's best ever scoreline over Luton came during the 64/65 campaign in what is their only away win, four goal George Boardman led the way together with strikes by Robin Scott (2) and Bobby Ross as we cruised to a seven goals to two victory. The 1-4 reversal suffered at Luton back in 81/82 in what was then the old division two still ranks as our worst result against them. The two have not met in cup competition but have met in friendlies down the years.

Kevin Davies

ON THIS DAY

Morris and Wharton hit the two goals by which we won our first ever match on November 1st, this a Birmingham League fixture away to Nuneaton back in 1902. We had to wait a further three games and a span of forty-five years before tasting our first ever home match on this date, the 1947 Midland League fixture versus Doncaster Rovers reserves going our way by a two goals to one margin, goals by Davie and Mulraney. To date we have played a total of fifteen games on the 1st, winning eight, losing just three - all away from home - and drawing four, none of which were goalless. Town have never failed to score at home on this date, in fact they have failed to find the net on only three occasions, at Leeds (0-1 in 1986), at Wycombe in 1994 by a similar scoreline, and finally at Stevenage Borough in 2003, a Nationwide Conference fixture which was our last outing on November 1st. We have scored twenty times, conceding thirteen.

Kevin Davies

blue and amber

As September came, myself, like a few other Shrewsbury fans were preparing ourselves for a new chapter in our lives, moving away to University.

One dilemma, how would we all continue following the Town as a Student Exile? Well, my exile stint couldn't have started any better, moving into my halls of residence first thing on Saturday 13th September, and then racing back from Stoke-On-Trent to see Salop equal their record win by destroying Gillingham 7-0.

Safe to say that my first night at Uni included quite a few beers!

After appealing for some help on Blue and Amber message board from fellow students, online users "Mr Brightside" and "SP" also were facing the same problem as me, how would they manage to follow the Town while away "studying"?

Mr Brightside, moving away to Manchester, was still hoping to get to as many games as possible, using the direct train link, and also getting to as many of his local away games as possible, including Bury, Rochdale and Morecambe.

When Mr Brightside is unable to get to a game, he is planning to use his DAB digital radio in order to keep up to date with the latest scores, although he will have to grin and bear the AFC Telford United commentary!!

SP, on the other hand, was going to find it much harder to continue to watch the Town, with him being based in Aberystwyth. Steve plans on using the internet and ceefax to keep up to date with Town, coming home to watch us on as many occasions as possible.

He will be managing to get to the games over the Easter and Christmas breaks, while enjoying the extended University holidays. Let's hope that SP is going to be as lucky with his games he manages to see as I have been so far!

As for me, well, I am quite lucky. I am now the latest member of the Stoke-On-Trent Shrews, with "pottedshrew" and "riversider" already based there. We will be travelling to all home games, with riversider playing for the Away Supporters (ASFC), and we will also be making it to as many away games as possible.

We have already managed to get to Darlington away, leaving Stoke at 7am in order to make sure



that we were in the bitterly-cold North-East for 10am for the ASFC game.

Amazingly, I also managed to witness the second 7-0 win of the season, away to Wycombe in the JPT. That was a day not to be forgotten, not just for the football, but also Ben Harvey's inability to find Stafford services, instead ending up at Keele!

Once again, that win was celebrated with a few beers with my fellow flatmates, and I hope many more days and nights like that are to come while I am at University.

The beauty of university is meeting so many new people. In my flat, I have managed to potentially convert two football fans to part-time Shrewsbury fans, with them both agreeing to come to some games over the course of the season, despite one supporting West Ham and the other Nottingham Forest. (He now wants Holty back, tough luck!!!)

Many times I have been walking through Stoke and surrounding areas wearing my blue and amber shirt with pride, with many strange looks and comments along the lines of "who are they" and "why do you support them" I have great pride in telling them we are little Shrewsbury Town, and I will continue to fly the Shrewsbury flag with pride around Stoke!

Finally, good luck to the lads for today's game against Luton. Let's have all 3 home stands getting behind the team, roaring them on to another vital 3 points in our push for promotion.

Floreat Salopia

Sam Morris (samtheshrew)

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league two preview

League Two Review Saturday 25 and Tuesday 28 October by Gerard Butler

Accrington Stanley 0-1 Wycombe Wanderers

Wanderers kept up their profitable habit of stoppage time goals, as Chris Zebroski struck in the last minute to earn all of the points at a Stanley side struggling at home again.

Brentford 1-1 Shrewsbury Town

The Bees lost ground slightly on the leaders, despite taking the lead as late as the 73rd minute through Charlie MacDonald, as Chris Humphrey replied for the visitors, now in fifth place, seven minutes later.

Barnet 0-1 Exeter City

City moved into the top three for the first time this season as their goal form continued through Matthew Gill's 72nd minute winner at Barnet, who are struggling in 18th spot.

Grimsby Town 1-3 Bradford City

Town were left searching for their first league win of the campaign as they slumped to a Friday night home defeat at the hands of a ten man Bantams side who advanced into fourth place. Omar Daley put the visitors ahead after seven minutes, but five minutes later, Matt Clarke was dismissed for City. However, Michael Boulding added their second goal with 32 minutes played, and Graeme Lee got the third just before the hour mark. Liam Trotter got the home side's consolation in the 65th minute.

Darlington 3-0 Dagenham & Redbridge

The Daggers' bright start has faded with this third successive setback, as Liam Hatch took just five minutes to open the scoring, whilst Jason Kennedy made it two on 51 minutes, and Hatch scored again four minutes later to put Darlo into the top six.

Bury 1-2 Luton Town

Luton recorded an impressive win at Gigg Lane to keep their survival hopes alive. Tom Craddock nudged the visitors ahead after 35 minutes, and Ian Roper collected the second goal, a minute before the break. Andy Bishop got the hosts' consolation from the spot on 53 minutes played.

Gillingham 2-0 Chester City

Gillingham's assured home form continued as they secured a 2-0 win there against struggling Chester City. Andy Barcham got the first with 72 minutes played, and Leigh Mills collected the second, two minutes left.

Rochdale 3-1 Aldershot Town

Rochdale's strong form continued against poor travellers

Aldershot. Adam Rundle put the home side in front after 27 minutes, but Marvin Morgan replied on 66 minutes. However, Joe Thompson restored home advantage with nine minutes left, and Will Buckley struck the third deep into stoppage time.

AFC Bournemouth 0-1 Lincoln City

The Cherries suffered a blow to their survival hopes, as the visiting Red Imps moved into the top half thanks to Lenell John-Lewis' 24th minute winner.

Chesterfield 3-1 Notts County

Chesterfield's return to form continued with this victory which ended the Magpies' unbeaten run. Jamie Ward put the hosts ahead in the 28th minute, and Stuart Goodall added a second with 57 minutes played, but Delroy Facey gave County some hope three minutes later. However, Paul Harsley settled matters in stoppage time.

Port Vale 2-1 Morecambe

The Valiants moved within touching distance of the top half with these three points against Morecambe. Luke Rodgers struck the opener after 80 minutes, but Jim Bentley equalised almost immediately, only for Marc Richards to net the winner deep into stoppage time.

Macclesfield Town 1-2 Rotherham United

United claimed a significant victory against the Silkmen which took them above Grimsby in the bid to avoid relegation. Dale Tonge took just five minutes to put the visitors ahead and Ian Sharps made it two at the start of stoppage time. There was still time for Francis Green to pull a goal back for Town, who had James Jennings dismissed whilst Sharps saw red for the Millers.

TUESDAY NIGHT GAMES

Wycombe Wanderers stay top despite the abandonment of their home game with Macclesfield Town due to bad weather, whilst the clash of the bottom two; Luton Town and AFC Bournemouth suffered a similar fate.

Bradford City 1-0 Bury

Bradford City eased into second spot, as Barry Conlon scored the only goal with four minutes left against a fading Bury side.

Rotherham United 0-1 Darlington

Darlington advanced into the top three as Ricky Ravenhill's 61st minute goal saw them collect an impressive win at a Millers side who remain in 21st place.

league two preview

Chester City 3-0 Brentford

City put some modest results behind them to shock promotion chasing Brentford. City edged ahead in the 25th minute through Ryan Lowe, and Kevin Roberts made it two on 57 minutes, leaving Lowe to wrap it up, three minutes later.

Exeter City 1-6 Chesterfield

Previously the form side, the Grecians suffered a humiliating home reverse to the improving Spireites. Jamie Winter put the visitors in front after 38 minutes, and Alan Goodall provided the second, a minute before the break, but Adam Stansfield's 49th minute goal appeared to have put City back into the contest. However, Jack Lester's brace in the 63rd and 76th minutes took it away from them, Jamie Ward made it five with 78 minutes played, and Darren Currie had the last word with two minutes to go.

Shrewsbury Town 2-2 Barnet

Town bounced back for a home draw against struggling Barnet, who took a two goal lead through John O'Flynn's double in the fourth and 28th minutes. Grant Holt began the fightback on 31 minutes, and just two minutes later, Ben Davies had levelled the score.

Dagenham & Redbridge 4-0 Grimsby Town

The Daggers halted a run of three straight losses to move back into the play-off places after this comfortable success against winless Grimsby. Mark Arber opened the scoring on 16 minutes, whilst Ben Strevens made it two with 35 minutes played. Paul Benson provided a third in the 63rd minute, and Strevens wrapped it up in stoppage time.

Notts County 1-2 Rochdale

Dale came from behind to collect a victory which puts them on the fringes of the play-off zone. Jamie Forrester's 47th minute penalty put the Magpies ahead, but Lee Thorpe replied after 63 minutes, and scored the winner ten minutes later.

Lincoln City 2-0 Gillingham

City struck early as they boosted their play-off hopes at the expense of Gillingham. Lee Frecklington got the first on twelve minutes, and Dany N'Guesan provided the second, two minutes later.

Aldershot Town 1-0 Port Vale

The Shots halted their loss of form as Louie Soares' 13th minute goal was enough to see off the Valiants, as both sides remain in mid-table.

Morecambe 1-1 Accrington Stanley

Stanley went ahead after just five minutes through Henry McStay's own goal, but the Shrimps drew level through Craig Stanley's 50th minute goal.

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2	Brentford	13	4	3	0	12	4	2	3	1	4	3	9	24
3	Exeter City	13	2	2	2	7	5	5	1	1	12	7	7	24
4	Bradford City	13	3	2	1	12	8	4	0	3	13	10	7	23
5	Shrewsbury	13	5	0	1	19	3	1	4	2	7	8	15	22
6	Darlington	13	4	2	1	13	6	2	2	2	11	7	11	22
7	Bury	13	3	1	3	8	7	3	3	0	13	8	6	22
8	Gillingham	13	5	1	1	14	3	1	2	3	6	16	1	21
9	Dagenham & Red	13	3	2	1	14	5	3	0	4	10	11	8	20
10	Rochdale	13	4	1	2	15	8	1	4	1	7	7	7	20
11	Lincoln City	13	2	3	1	9	7	3	1	3	7	7	2	19
12	Chesterfield	13	3	1	3	11	8	2	1	3	8	11	0	17
13	Port Vale	13	2	0	5	8	15	3	1	2	9	7	-5	16
14	Notts County	13	1	5	0	7	6	1	4	2	10	12	-1	15
15	Aldershot Town	13	3	3	0	12	9	1	0	6	7	18	-8	15
16	Accrington	13	2	1	4	8	10	2	0	4	6	9	-5	13
17	Macclesfield	13	2	0	5	9	19	2	1	3	6	9	-13	13
18	Barnet	13	1	2	4	6	10	2	0	4	7	15	-12	11
19	Chester City	13	1	2	3	8	9	1	2	4	7	20	-14	10
20	Morecambe	13	1	3	2	7	9	0	3	4	6	15	-11	9
21	Rotherham	13	4	1	1	14	8	3	3	1	8	5	9	8
22	Grimsby Town	13	0	3	4	5	11	0	3	3	3	13	-16	6
23	Bournemouth	13	2	2	3	6	6	1	2	3	8	13	-5	-4
24	Luton Town	13	1	2	3	8	10	3	2	2	8	7	-1	-14

Player	Club	FL2	CUPS	TOTAL
Peter Thorne	Bradford City	10	0	10
Grant Holt	Shrewsbury	4	5	9
Paul Benson	Dagenham & Red	6	2	8
Billy Clarke	Darlington	7	1	8
Simeon Jackson	Gillingham	7	0	7
Glenn Poole	Brentford	5	2	7
Andy Bishop	Bury	6	1	7
Ben Davies	Shrewsbury	6	1	7
Kevin Ellison	Chester City	5	1	6
Sam Saunders	Dagenham & Red	6	0	6
Simon Yeo	Macclesfield	6	0	6
Chris Dagnall	Rochdale	5	1	6
Reuben Reid	Rotherham	5	1	6
Jamie Ward	Chesterfield	5	0	5
Ryan Lowe	Chester City	3	2	5
Scott Davies	Aldershot Town	4	1	5
Charlie MacDonald	Brentford	5	0	5
Richard Butcher	Notts County	4	1	5
Paul Mullin	Accrington	4	1	5
Ben Strevens	Dagenham & Red	5	0	5

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So the FA Cup draw has delivered Blyth Spartans Vs Shrewsbury Town, and yet another marathon away day for the loyal band of supporters of Shrewsbury Town again this season. This is of course very different to the norm; this is the magic of the FA Cup. We play a team to whom we had no interest in, knew very little about and a trip we probably all laughed at Telford having to make in their part time league, that was until Sunday 26th October, when the whole of Shrewsbury Town Support and media suddenly took a huge chunk of interest in Blyth, Maps came out, routes & transport went through the early stages of planning, Blyth Spartans website hits goes into overdrive and Kickoff times (2pm) are being moved to accommodate ITV who want to show the highlights as a main feature and not to accommodate "Local Derbies". So here is a watered down version of Blyth Spartans Cup history - The clubs first ever season in the Unibond league was memorable, winning the Division Championship and Unifilla Cup. Since gaining promotion the club has held its own in the Premier division, finishing 6th and 7th in its first two seasons. These seasons also saw an FA cup win at Bury and the winning of the Presidents Cup. Season 1997/98 was disappointing, however it is best remembered for an unlucky 4-3 defeat at Blackpool in the FA Cup. In season 2005/06 Harry Dunn and his assistant Graham Fenton continued creating a further notch in the Spartans history by winning the Unibond Chairman's Cup, The Peter Swales Memorial Shield and the coveted Unibond premier championship, and as our ground was up to "Conference entry", a place in the Conference North. Their FA Cup exploits is impressive, having beaten a number of league clubs over the years, highlighting when the club reached the 5th round of the FA Cup in 1977/78. Having beaten Chesterfield and Stoke City the club drew 1-1 with Wrexham before losing 2-1 in a replay at St James Park watched by a crowd of 42167! Yes 42167!

CUP STATS: Best season in the FA Cup 1977/78 5th Round replay. Best season FA Amateur Cup 1971/72 semi final. Best season FA Trophy 1979/80 & 1982/83 Quarterfinals. FA Cup record - 1st Round 31 Times, 2nd Round 14 Times, 3rd Round 3 Times, 5th Round once.

Club News – A New Initiative

This season we have launched our ALL NEW AWAY TRAVEL FAMILY TICKET, any Child under 11 accompanied by a paying Adult will now be able to travel to ALL AWAY GAMES for £5 that is regardless of distance or destination, and they will also receive a FREE DRINK along the journey. Membership for the entire 2008/09 season has been set at Adults £5 and under 16s Free, entitling you to travel on our Away Travel Coaches, Membership to 'The Pool Card' (250+ company discount offers), Free entry to Paul Simpson Q&A nights, Discounted Quiz Nights, and much more as the season develops. Please Note; with ever increasing numbers wishing to travel with us we now fill the first coach almost immediately, so if you wish to book please do so as early as possible. If more coaches are required we are only too pleased to organise them and avoid turning down last minute supporters wishing to book.

Brentford Man of the Match was won comfortably by Graham Coughlan.
Martyn Hall – Vice Chairman OSC

OSC TRAVEL CLUB

Sat 8th November – Blyth Spartans - FA Cup

Proposed times are: Four Crosses Depot 5.20am, Oswestry 5.45am, Shrewsbury Oxon 6.05am, Meole Island 6.15am and Old Potts Way 6.30am, Bucks Head Wellington 6.50am & Telford Town Centre 7.00am. Prices to be confirmed.

Friday 14th November – Chesterfield

Picking up at: Four Crosses Depot 2.10pm, Oswestry 2.30pm, Shrewsbury Oxon 2.55pm, Meole Island 3.05pm and Old Potts Way 3.20pm, Bucks Head Wellington 3.40pm & Telford Town Centre 3.50pm.
Adults - £13.50 Oap/Under 16s - £11.50 Family Ticket; Adult & Under 11 - £18.50

Saturday 22nd November – Lincoln City

Picking up at: Four Crosses Depot 8.10am, Oswestry 8.35am, Shrewsbury Oxon 9.00am, Meole Island 9.10am and Old Potts Way 9.25am, Bucks Head Wellington 9.45am & Telford Town Centre 9.55am.
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on the road with the town

Blyth Spartans: **Saturday 8th November 2008 - 2pm** **FA Cup - First Round**

Directions: From Shrewsbury the easiest way is to get to the M6 and head north, then take the M62 towards Leeds and join the M1/A1m towards Newcastle. From A1: take A19 signposted 'Tyne Tunnel'. 2nd roundabout take A189 signposted 'Ashington' then continue as below: From A189 take A1061 signposted Blyth, 1st roundabout take turnoff signposted A1061 Blyth follow road to 2nd roundabout straight across (A1061), 3rd roundabout straight across (A1061 Town Centre/South Beach). 4th roundabout turn left onto A193 (Ind Estate). 5th roundabout straight across (A193 - Ind Estate). 6th roundabout turn right onto Plessey Road. The Ground is now on left.

Pubs - There is a social club at the ground that will let away fans in, I am not sure if there is a charge. Apart from that there may be some pubs around the vicinity of Blyth.

Parking - Town fans are advised to park in a secure car park which is situated about 15 minutes walk of the ground.

Ground - Looking forward to visiting Croft Park. The ground capacity is 4,000 so should make for a good atmosphere. We have been given the Carlsberg Stand which is a standing area behind the goal, and it is better than some league 2 grounds (Acyc comes to mind) because it has a roof!!! If you would like to sit then a transfer can be made ON THE DAY for a sum of £1.

Entrance to the ground is via the Plessey road stand. Wheelchair supporters have a covered section, make it known to a steward on the day that you require this facility.

Favourite FA Cup Memory - This is the first time we have met in a competitive game, so its memories from Salops FA Cup Exploits over the years that I will focus on. Town have been known as giantkillers after results against Everton in 2003 and Manchester City in 1979. My memory is of Wayne Rooney sulking at the state of the pitch before the game, my mum pointed that out and said to me and my brother that we were going to win today. Suppose the saying 'Mum's always right' is true after all.

Chesterfield: **Friday 14th November 2008 - 7.30pm** **Coca Cola League 2**

Directions: Take the A5 then M54 and M6 towards Birmingham. You can go on the old M6 or the M6 toll road but leave either and joining the A38 northbound towards Derby. Near Derby joining the A50 East bound towards the M1. Join the M1 heading northbound. Leave the M1 at junction 29 and take the A617 towards Chesterfield. On reaching the edge of the town centre go straight across the first roundabout and then the next, passing the famous Chesterfield church with the crooked spire on your left. As the road divides, keep to your left, going around an open car park. This road leads into Saltergate, where you will pass the Barley Mow Pub on your left and the Town Hall Car Park, before reaching the ground on your right.

Pubs: There is the Saltergate social club at the ground which allows away supporters in. Other pubs of note are The County which is very popular with away fans and does decent food and a couple of pubs close to the away end. The industry inn being the closest with it about 60 seconds away if you jog.

Parking: As a town centre ground there are a number of reasonably priced car parks within 5 minute walk of the ground. The most popular are the two next to the town hall, both charging in the region of £2.50-£3 for four hours, apart from that use the side streets opposite the Chesterfield Arms.

Ground: not a bad ground, we have been allocated standing behind the goal, warning it is UNCOVERED!!!! There are some seats, well wooden benches, available to supporters who prefer sitting. This could well be our last visit to Saltergate as they are moving to a new stadium on the outskirts of Chesterfield.

Favourite recent memory: Well I have only been once, and that was last season. Those who were there will know it was not a memorable game. Lets hope this game is the right result.

All the very best of luck to the team today.

Up the town
Sean Evans



away travel club

Away Travel Club

Fantastic Support at Brentford

Thanks to all 597 Town fans who made the trip to Griffin Park. What a terrific turnout. Once again we took two coach loads of supporters and we are pleased to report another good journey without any traffic problems. Fans enjoyed watching the DVD from the Wycombe game and some reported that the goals looked even better when seen for the second time. You could hardly tire of watching Town score seven goals in a game.

As fan of the week Steve Fletcher enjoyed his trip and Steve kindly provided a variety of DVD's for our further "in travel" entertainment.

Thanks go again to Steve for once more helping distribute the Christmas draw tickets.

Man of the Match

On coach 1 goalscorer Chris Humphrey was selected and on coach 2 Mike Jackson polled most votes.

Fan of the Week

Our next winner is Sean Evans who is a very popular member of the Travel Club.

Sean lives in Shrewsbury and watched his first Town match in 1997. It's fair to say he has been hooked ever since and Sean rarely misses a match - home or away. Many of you will know Sean who works for the Town in the busy ticket office at the Prostar Stadium. We hope Sean has an enjoyable evening at Chesterfield where he will enjoy free travel.

F.A.Cup

As you all know we have been drawn away to Blyth Spartans in the 1st round. It is a very long trip which means an early start particularly due to the fact it is a 2-00pm kick off. Thankfully it is reassuring to know, especially on these long journeys, that we always provide coaches that are fully air conditioned, have toilet/washroom facilities and T.V. screens to watch DVD's. Additionally as this is such a long journey there will be two drivers allocated to each coach which will give us greater flexibility if needed.

Coach Departure Times

BLYTH SPARTANS

Saturday 8th November

Coaches departs:

Wem 6-35am, Crown Abbey Foregate 7-00am
Red Lion Wellington 7-20am

Coach Fare: £19

Don't forget discounts apply to Juniors, O.A.P's, Super Blues and Travel Club members and for junior school children it is half price.

Please book early, other pick up points may be available.
Contact Chris ASAP

Travel Club Membership

Every trip sees new members for the Travel Club, it is only £1 to renew your membership and for new members it is £2. Travel Club members will receive discounted travel on all our away trips.

NB. Don't forget you do not have to be a member to travel with us, all we ask is no alcohol on the coaches and foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.

CHESTERFIELD

Friday 14th November

Wem 3-00pm, Crown Abbey Foregate 3-30pm
Red Lion Wellington 3-50pm

Coach Fare: £13

Don't forget discounts apply to Juniors, O.A.P's, Super Blues and Travel Club members and for junior school children it is half price.

LINCOLN CITY

Saturday 22nd November

Coach departs:

Wem 9-20am, Crown Abbey Foregate 9-50am
Red Lion Wellington 10-10am

Coach fare: £16

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PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE

As you may or may not know the crowds are growing at home on Saturday mornings at the Sundorne Sports Village when the under 18s are playing on the competition pitch. It is a great venue to play our matches and it seems to be easier for the supporters to get to. Before we were out at Walford or nearly 22 miles away at Lilleshall to play our youth matches. But word of mouth is getting around and it is nice to see a number of old & new faces, with the likes of Brian Lucas (Groundsman at Walford) and Stuart Dunn (Shropshire Radio), who brings his young child down with him to hopefully see the next professional from the youth set up? I am sure that the crowd is getting slightly bigger each game and sometimes the Shrewsbury Town away supporters are playing and they watch for some of the time.

As for our performances we have started to play more football than we did last season and this is down to the first team manager (Paul Simpson) who likes to play football in the right areas. I say to the scholars when we watch the first team at home matches and even when we going training along side them; look at the players in your position because that is the standard which the manager is wanting. These standards are taken into the reserve matches which John McMahon and Stuart Delaney

ask for. It helps the scholars when selected for the reserves that they play along side the professionals and try to hit their standards.

This time last season we had only won 3 matches, with us only recording 7 wins in all our games. When people talk about last year they bring up the FA Cup 3rd Round match at Newcastle United which we won 1-0 (Stephen Allen) then going on to play the finalist Chelsea at Brentford Football Club, with Manchester City winning the trophy. At this stage of the season we have already won 7 matches with us through to the Midland Youth Cup semi final (Rushden & Diamonds or Lincoln City who are playing on Tuesday 9th December) and we have won more games in the Puma Youth Alliance than last season so a good run in the FA Youth Cup would not go amiss.

We have also been lucky enough to have Paul Lyons who is one our Centre of Excellence coaches come down and video the matches at The Village. Paul used to do this down in London with the youth team at Millwall Football Club on a regular basis when he was doing his university course. Paul does a great job, but he has to be careful as when he and Lewis Taylor another one of our Centre of Excellence coaches videoed the Kidderminster Harriers home match they started chatting away about number of issues kit, Steve Wheatley, especially me and my TV dinners, it was very funny but things are fine. It is good to have a laugh at times.

FA Youth Cup 1st Round

Wednesday 5th November 2008
Chesterfield
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Come along and support the future.

Nigel Vaughan
Head of Youth



youth



RESERVES - Central League Division One

August		
Wed 20 Lincoln City - A	5-2	D.Moss, M.Symes(2), Hibbert, Madjo
Wed 27 Sheffield Wednesday - H	6-2	M.Symes (4), M.Pugh
September		
Wed 10 Mansfield Town - A	p-p	tbc
Wed 24 Macclesfield Town - H	5-2	Walker (2), Madjo, Bayly, Langmead
October		
Wed 1 Nottingham Forest - H	1-2	S.Leslie
Wed 29 Sheffield United - A	0-0	7pm
November		
Wed 26 Port Vale - H	-	2pm
December		
Wed 2 Sheffield Wednesday - A	-	2pm
Wed 17 Walsall - H	-	7pm
January		
Wed 7 Macclesfield Town - A	-	7pm
Wed 21 Mansfield Town - H	-	2pm
February		
Wed 9 Port Vale - A	-	7pm
Wed 25 Sheffield United - H	-	7pm
March		
Wed 11 Nottingham Forest - A	-	7pm
April		
Wed 8 Lincoln City - H	-	2pm
Wed 21 Walsall - A	-	7pm

YOUTH - PUMA Youth Alliance

August		
Sat 16 Port Vale - H	2-1	Coulston, Gray
Sat 30 Wigan Athletic - A	1-2	A.Gray
September		
Sat 6 Macclesfield Town - H	3-2	J.Coulston, S.Davey, J.Taylor
Sat 13 Wrexham - A	0-2	
Mon 15 Solihull Moors - MYC - H	5-2	J.Taylor (2), J.Coulston (2), W.Richards
Sat 20 Stockport County - H	0-2	
Sat 27 Walsall - H	1-2	A.Gray
October		
Sat 4 Preston North End - H	1-0	W.Farmer
Sat 11 Port Vale - PUMA Cup - H	2-0	A.Lloyd, A.Gray
Sat 18 Chester City - A	0-2	
Mon 20 Kidderminster - MYC - H	10-0	Gray (5), Coulston, Hooman, Taylor, Lloyd, Wood
Sat 25 Tranmere Rovers - H	1-0	W.Farmer
November		
Sat 1 Stockport County - A	-	
Wed 5 Chesterfield - FAYC - H	-	7pm @ The Prostar
Sat 8 Wrexham - H	-	11am
Sat 15 Oldham Athletic - H	-	12 noon
Sat 22 Burnley - PUMA Cup 2 - H	-	12 noon
Sat 29 Walsall - A	-	
December		
Sat 6 Tranmere Rovers - A	-	
Sat 13 Chester City - H	-	11am
January		
Sat 10 Port Vale - A	-	
Sat 17 Wigan Athletic - H	-	11am
Sat 24 PUMA Cup 3	-	
Sat 31 Macclesfield Town - A	-	
February		
Sat 7 Burnley - A	-	
Sat 14 Blackpool - H	-	12 noon
Sat 21 Accrington Stanley - A	-	
Sat 28 PUMA Cup 4	-	
March		
Sat 7 Rochdale - H	-	11am
Sat 14 Preston North End - A	-	
Sat 21 Oldham Athletic - A	-	
Sat 28 Morecambe - A	-	
April		
Sat 4 Bury - A	-	
Sat 18 Carlisle United - H	-	12 noon



Friday 17.30pm



DAN - 23

Friday 19.45pm

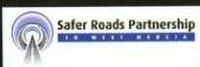
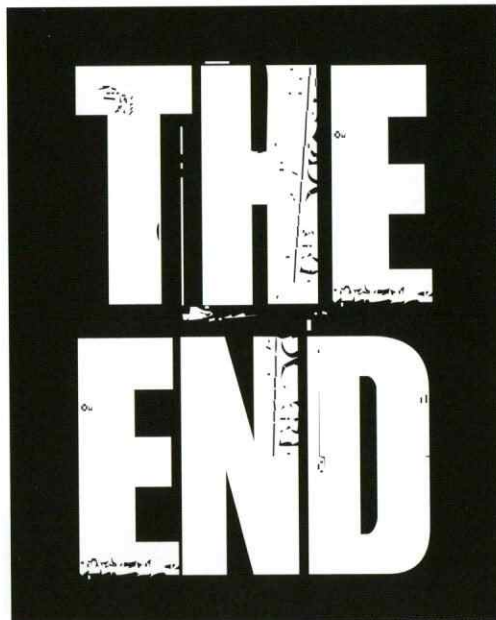


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Welcome along to another vital home league game as we seek to build on our hugely impressive record here so far. Only five points dropped from a possible 21 (averaging three goals a game) has kept us tucked in nicely amongst the front runners.

Tuesday night's game was a topsy-turvy affair that at 7:45 would have been two points dropped, but by 9:30 was a point gained. Barnet started very well and those two Town goals in three minutes turned the game around, when it looked like we were going to be in for an embarrassing evening. The staff and players were all very disappointed, that much was obvious; Benji's post match interview with me for the web was as low as I've seen him in a while.

Luton arrive at the Prostar Stadium desperate for points. Their mission for this season is as basic as it gets: to avoid relegation after starting with a deficit of thirty points. The Hatters' appear to play with a little more freedom away from their Kenilworth Road base, and have posted impressive wins at Exeter, Gillingham and of course at Bury last weekend. They have had some damaging results though with Macclesfield, Accrington and Rotherham – teams they would have looked to take points from – all beating them. Bottom of the league they may be, but we all know what an artificial look the League Two table will have for this campaign. It's going to be a tough encounter.

The FA Cup first round draw on Sunday was a bit of an anticlimax, especially with us coming out of the bag so early. There were 88 teams and we popped out sixth with a tricky looking tie at Blyth Spartans, who play at the same level as our neighbours down the road. It's a no-win situation for us and a potential banana skin, which is sure to attract the attention of the national media. I can't say I'm looking forward to my trip up there, but it presents a fine opportunity to progress to round two – if we prepare properly for it.

I popped along to the club last week to attend the Q & A session involving the manager, Rob Bickerton and Jon Harris. Much of it was the usual run of the mill stuff, but there were a

few enlightening moments, in particular playing budgets, and refereeing. Rob started off proceedings by explaining that League Two clubs were obligated to publish their annual spend on players wages, and though these wouldn't be released until May, it was suggested that anything between half a million and two million pounds, would be the average outlay at our level. In League One that would rise from around one million to four million, and in the Championship anything from eight to twenty million! Like he said, that is only one side of it – outlaying two million as opposed to £500,000 isn't enough to guarantee success on the field, and he cited Hereford United as a perfect example of that. He did say that the commercial side of the business allowed the club to operate in probably the top five or six, as opposed to the bottom half dozen from our days spent at Gay Meadow. Discussions were under way about the possible extension of the building by as much as 50%, to increase the revenue brought in from the banqueting and corporate facilities, which continued to grow from strength to strength. He made it clear that non-football revenue was a vital source of additional income for the club, hence the plans for expansion. He said the next phase of development was underway, in the quest to help turn Shrewsbury Town into an established Championship outfit.

Many of the points raised for Jon concerned stewarding and policing, in light of the unpleasantness caused by a few mindless idiots here a few weeks ago. I thought Jon was articulate and gave measured responses, and he thought we could learn from our mistakes, which is fair enough in my view – the place has only been operating for 15 months when all said and done.

Paul is always excellent value and takes time to answer any questions in a balanced way. He was talking about the standard of refereeing and how Keith Hackett (the Referee's Chief) had instructed all member clubs before the season kicked off, to bring to his attention any grievances they may have about poor standards of officiating. Clubs were promised a response "within two to three days," but a report had to be submitted with times of incidents, and video or DVD evidence to substantiate the claim. To date, Simmo had received three responses all saying that having studied the evidence, the assessor agreed with the referee's decision. He had yet to receive a reply to his complaint about Darren Deadman's handling of the Port Vale game. The fourth official had indicated six minutes of additional time (minimum, remember) and only four of those had been played when they scored their winning goal. They had also been reduced to ten during added on time, and the gaffer had timed the incident from the red card being shown to the player to him leaving the field at 90 seconds. So, where had the missing three and a half minutes gone? Ten days had passed since the club submitted its paperwork, and yet still no reply from Mr. Hackett's team. I'm guessing that if it's been received by now, it will say something along the lines of the referee was right.

Let's hope there are no contentious issues this afternoon, and that the majority of us leave with smiles on our faces!

Martin Wild

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played at the meadow



In Played at the Meadow this week is one of the most prolific goal scorers in football history. On his trips to Gay Meadow he usually ended up on the score sheet and his name is John Aldridge.

I remember Aldridge cutting his teeth with Newport County when he used to play against the Town in Welsh Cup games. But the game I always remember is the thrilling Shrewsbury v Oxford United game on the 10th November 1984 when Oxford were flying at the top.

John Aldridge was missing his usual strike partner Billy Hamilton who was out with a knee injury. Oxford had the best of the early exchanges and it was no surprise as early as the 5th minute they had a chance to open the scoring. Gary Stevens gave away a spot kick after fouling Gary Briggs. Aldridge hit a low right hand effort only for Town's goalkeeper Ron Green to guess right. Straight after this Oxford's keeper Steve Hardwick made a smart save from Colin Robinson.

Aldridge's was always a goal poacher and always a threat and he made the Town pay by punishing them in two moments of slack defending. Shrews allowed Bobby McDonald to drop a left wing cross centre on to Aldridge's head 1-0 and then Ron Green dropped a stinging Kevin Brock drive, it fell to Aldridge's feet and Green watched him waltz past to make it 2-0 on the stroke of half-time. Those two goals gave Aldridge his 99th /100th League and cup goals.

With both strikes coming in the last 10 minutes of the first half you could forgive Shrewsbury for wilting but with an inspired display by Paul Petts they fought for their lives. Steve Cross had a header crash against the underside of the bar, but the referee gave Town a lifeline by awarding as dubious a penalty as the one he gave Oxford. Keeper Hardwick was pulled up for climbing on Cross and it was left for Ross MaLaren to bury the spot kick.

John Trewick, Malcolm Shotton and McDonald were all in the book as Oxford were stretched; Hardwick was the busier keeper with Aldridge just feeding on scraps as Town came forward with Gary Hackett, Robinson and Petts all unlucky. In the 89th minute Town produced a storming finish and it was left to Sub Chic Bates to crash a powerful header which Hardwick touched on to the bar before saving Stevens bicycle kick at the far post. The resulting corner was the last straw for Oxford as Stevens crashed home a Paul Johnson corner with a header. The 6,541 crowd certainly had their moneys

worth. Stevens clutched a gallon of scotch for his two hat tricks against Huddersfield and Notts County early in the season.

Shrewsbury gave the best side in Division 2 a 2-goal start but fought to get a memorable point. Oxford manager Jim Smith was disappointed but would only have to wait two months in the 3rd Round of the FA Cup for his team revenge as his team returned to the Meadow and won 2-0 with that man Aldridge doing more damage on the Shrews defence.

Aldridge finally broke free for an instant that all it took to hook home the second goal after Gary Briggs nodded a Kevin Brock corner. £40,000 buy from Arsenal Brian McDermott scored the 1st after a big mistake from Steve Perks who was on a 5 match run as Town number 1 after he had just deposed Ron Green. Oxford lost to Blackburn at home in the next round but they went to win the Division 2 title.

John Aldridge started his career at South Liverpool but was signed by Len Ashurst the Newport County manager in 1979 for £3,500. He soon became a Somerton Park legend Aldo and had a great partnership with Tommy Tynan. He was in the squad that got Newport to the quarter finals of the 1980/81 European Cup Winners Cup that included Town's head of youth Nigel Vaughan they got a great 2-2 draw away at the Carl Zeiss Jena FC of East Germany with Tynan equalising in the 90th minute but Newport lost 1-0 in front of 18,000 people. Newport qualified for Europe after beating the Shrews 5-1 in the Welsh Cup final even though the Shrews couldn't qualify for Europe.

He joined Oxford in 1984 for £78,000 he broke the clubs record number of goals in a season 1984/85. He netted 6 goals in Oxford's League Cup winning year when they beat QPR 3-0 at Wembley their only major trophy.

With Liverpool losing Ian Rush to Juventus in 1986/87 they needed a proven and experienced replacement Aldridge joined for £750,000 in 1987. People worried about him but his 26 goals and a goal in Liverpool's first 9 games settled nerves and with Peter Beardsley and John Barnes in the front line Aldridge was always going to score.

1988 Dave Beasant became the first goalkeeper to save a penalty in a FA Cup final that Aldo took. Rush settled back at Liverpool and in 1989 for a million pounds Aldridge became the first non-Basque player to join Real Sociedad and scored 40 goals in 63 games. He left John Toshack's men to return to England.

In 1991 he joined Tranmere for £250,000 he scored 40 goals in his first season at Prenton Park. In 1996 he became player/manager of Tranmere and in 2000 they went on a giant killing run to get to the League Cup final only to lose to Martin O'Neil's Leicester City they were relegated to the 3rd tier of English football in 2001 Aldridge resigned before Rovers went down, he has not managed since.

John Aldridge scored 362 goals in 672 League and Cup games with a goal ratio of 1.8 games, that's some going you will agree.

Alan Stubbs

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Thanks to all the children that attended the October Half Term Courses either here on the Powerleague pitches or at Bishops Castle Community College. Both courses were a great success and all the children attended at the club on the Thursday where they had a tour of the ground. I can't believe its coming round this quick but here are the details of our Christmas courses running this December!

Venue	Days	Dates	Times	Cost
STFC New Ground on the brand new Powerleague pitches ON ASTRO & Tour of STFC on Tuesday 23rd December	2	22nd & 23rd December. Tour of New Ground & club shop (Tues). Competitions and prizes.	10.30am-3.00pm	£14 per day or £25 for 2 days
Belvidere Secondary School	2	22nd & 23rd December. Multi Sports. Competitions and prizes.	10.30am-3.00pm	£12 per day or £20 for 2 days

The STFC course will be outside on the new Powerleague astro turf pitches so trainers or astro boots are needed. All players must bring: full soccer kit, trainers, shin pads, wet weather gear or a change of clothes and a packed lunch. The main aim of the course is to improve and develop individual skills and an understanding of positional and team play, in a fun and safe environment. Players attending Belvidere will be in the Sports Hall so trainers must be worn; this is a multi sports course.

To book a place on either of the above course please pick up a form from reception and send it to: Football in the Community Office, The Prostar Stadium, Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST. Any questions contact Fiona on 01743 289177 ext 219. Booking forms will also be available to download from the Community Sports Trust page of the official club website.

Please note cheques are now to be made payable to S.T.C.S.T.



Stat Pack

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Paul Simpson	Mick Harford
Played 23 Won 7 Drawn 9 Lost 7	Played 35 Won 6 Drawn 8 Lost 21
For 35 Against 24	For 33 Against 53
Av Pts/game 1.30	Av Pts/game 0.74
Biggest Win(s) Shrewsbury 7 Gillingham 0 (13/09/2008).	Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).
Biggest Loss(es) Chesterfield 4 Shrewsbury 1 (05/04/2008).	

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Paul Simpson	0	Mick Harford	0
Draws ..0	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...

shots
Ben Davies 27

shots on target
Ben Davies 17

shots off target
Grant Holt 19

assists
Ben Davies 2

crosses
Ben Davies 42

fouls
Grant Holt 33

free-kicks-won
Grant Holt 25



GAMES SINCE

2 a win 0
0 a home win 4
2 an away win 0
1 a defeat 2

1 a home defeat 0
1 an away defeat 3
0 a score draw 1

17 a no score draw 23
0 conceding a goal 0
0 scoring a goal 0

1 conceding > 1 1
2 scoring > 1 0
4 keeping a clean sheet 10
9 failing to score 7

12 back to back wins 13
21 back to back defeats 2
0 gaining a point 0
0 losing a point 1
2 win by > one 8
18 loss by > one 11

Player with the most...

shots
Chris Martin 27

shots on target
Sam Parkin 14

shots off target
Chris Martin 13

assists
Claude Gnakpa 3

crosses
Claude Gnakpa 31

fouls
Michael Spillane 21

free-kicks-won
Claude Gnakpa 23

SHARP SHOOTERS

Shrewsbury	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Grant Holt	4	5	Asa Hall	3	1
Ben Davies	6	1	Tom Craddock	3	0
Dave Hibbert	3	0	Chris Martin	2	1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....18	Shrewsbury wins.....	4	Luton wins.....	10
Draws.....	Goals 24 (1.3 per game)		Goals 30 (1.7 per game)	
0-0's.....	Times failed to score 8		Times failed to score 2	

Biggest League win at Shrewsbury for each team:

10/01/1970 Shrewsbury 5-1 Luton
12/10/1996 Shrewsbury 0-3 Luton



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS

5	Position	24
13	Played	13
6	Won	4
4	Drawn	4
3	Lost	5
26	Goals For	16
11	Goals Against	17
22	Points	-14

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	2	0	3	3	1	1	5

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	2	3	14	1	3	4	20

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	1	0	2	4	2	0	12

Record When Conceding First

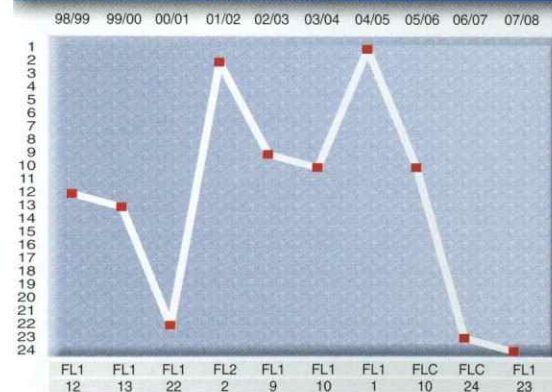
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	3	3	16	0	2	5	18

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[1], 4-0[1], 4-1[1], 7-0[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 1-2[2], Draws: 1-1[3], 2-2[1]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-1[1], 3-1[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], Draws: 1-1[3], 2-2[1]

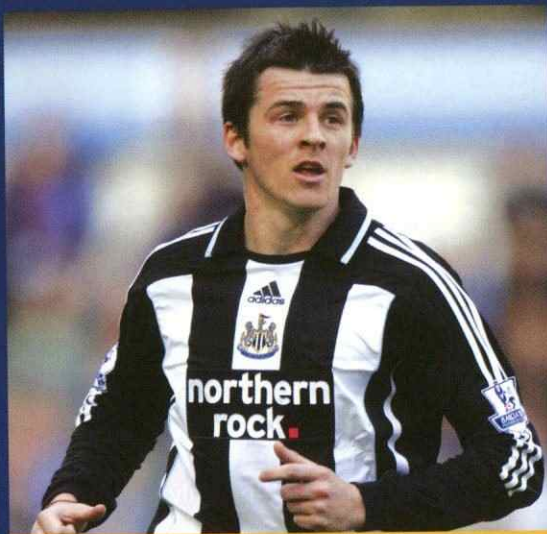
LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 26/10/2008



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Joey Barton – a role model?

It's a week or three ago but I have to say that listening to Rio Ferdinand label a certain section of England supporters as "morons" for booing Ashley Cole whilst playing for England, annoyed me intensely. Leaving aside the fact that Ferdinand has hardly made himself look particularly bright over the years (although I may come back to that), who does he think he is? In other industries, would you not be severely reprimanded for insulting the paying customer or even sacked? It really shows how untouchable the top players feel, could you imagine Bobby Moore saying something like that?

I doubt it because up until the recent past, players and supporters would mingle far more than today. All you have to do is read a few autobiographies of older pro's, to see that it was not unheard of for players to travel on the same bus as supporters, to home games or training. Modern life and the pursuit of cash has created a big gap between top level players and the man on the street. Ferdinand seemed mystified as to why anyone would boo Ashley which shows how out of touch with real people he must be as even non football supporters have a poor opinion of Mr Cole's recent extra marital antics and he hasn't gone out of his way to endear himself to supporters over the years.

I should say at this point, that I don't agree with booing myself, and would not boo one of my own players but I can understand why some people did, and that's because I live in the real world. Rio has problems understanding because (and this is a guess) he lives in a world where he only hears one point of view, that of other footballers. He also lives in a world where he is worshipped regularly so I suppose it's no surprise to hear him say what he likes about the people who pay his wages.

Another thing that has annoyed me recently has been this Joey Barton nonsense. Now I have been described as a bleeding heart liberal, and I do believe in rehabilitation of offenders and giving people chances but how many chances does he need? The chap is clearly a troubled individual and needs help but greedy football clubs aren't fussed with that and just want him playing and justifying his wages. At some point, somebody has to say enough is enough and you just haven't behaved well enough to be involved yet.

What sort of image does it give to kids learning the game? To see a man regularly beat up on others, be imprisoned and then walk straight back into the side? I think it suggests that so long as you are a good footballer, you can get away with anything and still play.

Then he has the temerity to come out and say he wants to be a role model! Just because you say it and want it, doesn't make it automatically so. Does he imagine that now he has decided to be a good boy, everyone should follow his lead from now on? It's not the model I am setting for my children, that's for sure. The idea that you can be a thug for a while and then make it all right by behaving yourself after a while is wrong and doesn't make him a role model, rather an example (hopefully, one day) of how no situation is irretrievable.

If you are looking for good role models for children, you should look down the leagues not up. Seeing our players going into local schools and setting a good example to the pupil is what people like Joey Barton should be doing. If Barton wants a good role model himself, maybe he should look at our own Kelvin Langmead. He doesn't make promises to the press about being a role model, he just gets on with it, plays his game where he is asked and doesn't complain. Even when he isn't a first team regular, he isn't sulking like some of his Premiership counterparts, he is getting involved encouraging local kids in schools.

The more I look at the higher reaches of the Premiership and some of the disloyal, money grabbing violent and abusive players, the more I wonder about whether being at the top level is worth it. Money makes the world go round but the desire for it deviates and distorts stress levels, behaviour and fair play. There always seems to be something unpleasant going on up there at the top, whether it's players public behaviour, dodgy agents and managers, rolling on the floor cheating or takeovers by disinterested corporations. Everyone has their snout in the trough, pushing for a larger share of advertiser's money and leaving only crumbs for those at the bottom end.

Top flight football is less about skill these days and more about resources and who has the most. When I was a kid we used to talk about who was the best team, now the important statistic is who the richest club is and that seems wrong to me. Rant over.

**Come on you Blues!
Marcus Braddock**

For this week's Pressbox article comes from Town's media manager Ian Whitfield

The worst thing about being a programme editor is when you get a few home games on the bounce. This has meant the last week have been a little busy for myself and all the contributors as we've had Tuesday against Barnet, today against Luton and then Tuesday against Dagenham & Redbridge in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Up till last Sunday before the FA Cup draw was made there was the possibility of another home game on the 8th! When the ball was pulled out to show Town had an away trip I must have been the only one in Shrewsbury who was pleased – though the karmic wheel did spin a little with the 4 and bit hour trip up to Blyth Spartans.

The Town programme is a joint effort by a large number of people and the thing that allows us to achieve a good up to date issue each time is the hard work and flexibility of these people. It also helps to have a really good printer in WPG and Sharon at WPG who brings it all together; this means we can usually go to print as near to the matchday as any club I know.

Over the last few games we've once again seen how you can't really predict anything in football. The result against AFC Bournemouth was excellent but we all could see that the performance could have been a little bit better but it was a good benchmark. Then we've seen the other side of it with the Accrington and the Barnet games where suddenly we are two goals behind and everyone around the pitch is a little shell shocked! This was again highlighted on Wednesday night with the Arsenal v Tottenham game. I do like Arsenal a little after living down in London for 10 years, during that time a lot of my friends down there were regulars at Highbury and there is

just something about the way Arsenal play that you have to like. There was a suggestion from Tretts that we should go down the pub and watch the game but as I'm trying to be financially tight – planning for a baby in the new year – I declined the kind offer from the ex Town legend. In the end it was probably a good call as with the game ending 4-4 I would have probably been drunk and even more depressed by the end of the game! That does go to show that you can plan and execute all sorts of preparation for a game of football but in the end the only thing that is guaranteed is that it won't end up how you think it will.

One new thing I have been doing this season is preparing to produce a couple of season so far DVDs – one for Christmas and one for the end of the season. The plan is to have all the goals and match action as well as interviews and special features to make the DVD's a little bit more special. What I do each game is sit there with a clipboard and tag moments of the game which will be good to go into the match highlights. By doing this you tend to get an idea of how many chances Town and the opposition get during a game. It must be said that the amount of chances, efforts or attacks in a game nearly always sees Town have the lion's share over the 90-minutes. It's also a useful tool for when I get back into the office after an away game and people who haven't been to the game ask about.

So that's the Luton programme put to bed and off to the printers and now it's on to the Dagenham & Redbridge game on Tuesday night. It's only a smallish programme so that will hopefully mean I can have a lie in over the weekend.



Everyone is well aware of how life's rich tapestry seems to go around in circles, good times followed by bad, famine followed by feast, and football too is likewise blessed with such diversity.

Followers of any side, no matter where they may be on earth, know what it is like to see their heroes climb from the depths of despair to the heights of ecstasy, only to continue the trend in the circle of life.

At the moment we have just such a scenario in English football with once mighty Tottenham Hotspur, not so long ago semi-finalists in the UEFA Cup, now bottom of the Premiership after suffering their worst start to a season in over one hundred years.

In stark contrast we have little Hull City – and I use the term not in a derogatory sense – having taken 104 years to reach English football's top flight, now showing that they are well worthy of a place at football's top table lying as they do at the time of writing in third place in the table, ahead of big guns Arsenal and Manchester United.

United themselves of course famously suffered relegation to the old division two in 73/74, only to return to the top flight a stronger and better equipped to become the side they are today.

Around that same stage in the early 1970's, Carlisle United rose to the top flight and for a brief period even headed the old first division before lady luck decided that it was time to see a reversal of fortune. United began to plummet into almost freefall, dropping down the divisions, hovering precariously on the brink of Football League exit for several seasons before finally the trap door opened and they fell into non league obscurity and the conference.

Along came a certain manager by the name of Paul Simpson, and Carlisle awoke to rise Phoenix-like to regain their former Football League status, and continue to taste the sweetness of success as they continued to rise through the divisions on the back of successive promotions to gain a place in league one, where they currently reside.

Supporters of Leicester City could have hardly envisaged that their once proud first division status – the old first division – would be so easily relinquished for life in League One, effectively the old third division, a scenario perhaps reminded this season as the Foxes currently lie in an automatic promotion place.

Winning European trophies is no automatic guarantee of continued future success either.

Leeds United, once European competition regulars and European Cup finalists in 1974, now languish in the third tier of English Football, whilst Nottingham Forest, twice European

champions in back-to-back seasons of 1979 and 1980, find themselves firmly rooted at the foot of the championship table and look increasingly set to join the likes of Leeds in League One.

Today's visitors Luton once claimed their place in the top flight, yet today find themselves propping up the entire professional game in England, albeit by virtue of a massive points reduction at the start of the campaign, and of course the long time Football League exploits of clubs like Wrexham and Torquay, Mansfield and Oxford are now mere memories as these clubs look to find away back into the Football League.

Worry not, football clubs have survived far worse, and whilst success is not quite guaranteed, neither is anything else in this world.

Kevin Davies

MASCOTS

CHLOE YALE

Age: 7
From: Shawbury
School: St Peters, Wem
Favourite Player: Ben Davies
Favourite Teams: Shrewsbury Town & Everton
Hobbies: Ice skating & horse riding



ALEX YALE

Age: 11
From: Shawbury
School: St Peters, Wem
Favourite Player: Ben Davies
Favourite Teams: Shrewsbury Town & Everton
Hobbies: Football, cricket & basketball



KIERAN BRAGG-READER

Age: 10
From: Shrewsbury
School: Langley Primary School
Favourite Player: Ben Herd
Favourite Teams: Shrewsbury Town & England
Hobbies: Playing football, reading & computer games



SAMUEL LISTER

Age: 7
From: Hoarcross
School: Smallwood Manor
Favourite Player: Ben Davies
Favourite Teams: West Bromwich Albion & Shrewsbury Town
Hobbies: Football, rugby & cricket



Admission Prices for 2008/09

Prices shown are Early Bird prices, with Match day prices in brackets ()

Category A Blocks 1, 2 & 16	Adults	£19 (£21)
	Over 65's, Students & Juniors	£13 (£15)
Category B All of South Stand	Adults	£16 (£18)
	Over 65's	£11 (£13)
	Students	£11 (£13)
	Unaccompanied child 12 to 16	£9 (£11)
	Unaccompanied child 11 and under	£3 (£5)
West Stand (excluding Block 16)	Adults	£16 (£18)
	Over 65's	£11 (£13)
	Students	£11 (£13)
	Unaccompanied child 12 to 16	£9 (£11)
	Unaccompanied child 11 and under	£3 (£5)

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1 Adult plus 1 child, aged 11 or under	£17 (£19)	Additional children	£3 (£5)
1 Adult plus 1 child, aged 12 to 16	£19 (£21)	Additional Adult (Family Enclosure only)	£17 (£19)
1 Additional child aged 11 or under	FREE	Additional Senior or Student (Family Enclosure)	£12 (£14)

MATCH DETAILS

HOME

Shrewsbury Town v Dagenham & Red – Tickets on sale now
Johnstones Paint Trophy - Area Quarter Final
Date Tuesday 4th November 2008, Kick off 7pm
Adults £10, Over 65's, students, disabled & unaccompanied juniors £5 Children under 16 will be free of charge when accompanied by an adult (maximum of 2 children per adult).

Shrewsbury Town v Dagenham & Red – Tickets on sale now
Coca Cola League 2
Date Tuesday 25th November 2008, Kick off 7.45pm

AWAY

Blyth Spartans v Shrewsbury Town – FA Cup Round 1
Tickets on sale now
Date Saturday 8th November 2008, Kick off 2pm
Terrace prices: Adults £12, Concessions £6
There are a limited number of seats (60 in total) and it will cost £1 to transfer ON THE DAY - this is on a first come, first served basis

Chesterfield v Shrewsbury Town – Coca Cola League 2
No tickets, pay on the turnstile
Date Friday 14th November 2008, Kick off 7.30pm
Standing - Adults £16, 65+ £10, 15 to 18 year olds £10 14 & under £7
Sitting - Adults £18, 15 to 18 year olds £13, 14 & under £12

Lincoln City v Shrewsbury Town – Coca Cola League 2 Tickets on sale now
Date Saturday 22nd November 2008, Kick off 3pm
All seated - Early Bird prices shown with Match Day prices in brackets.
Adults £15 (£17), 60+ £11 (£12), Students £11 (£12), Disabled £11 (£12), Under 16 £5 (£6)

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Late opening Wednesday to 6pm
Saturdays – Only when there is a home match – 9am to kick off and after final whistle
Night games – 9am to kick off and after final whistle
Hours will differ from time to time; any additional hours or alterations to the times will be advertised in advance on the website www.shrewsburytown.com and in match programmes.

match facts

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

A Taylor

Assistant Referee (yellow)

S P Bennett

Assistant Referee (plain)

A J Scragg

Fourth Official

S J Martin

ELSEWHERE IN THE LEAGUE

Bournemouth v Chesterfield

Bradford v Barnet

Brentford v Rochdale

Dag & Red v Accrington Stanley

Exeter v Chester

Grimsby v Darlington

Lincoln City v Port Vale

Macclesfield v Gillingham

Morecambe v Aldershot

Notts County v Bury

Rotherham v Wycombe

NEXT

Town v Dagenham & Redbridge

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Tuesday 4th November 2008

Kick-off 7pm | Prostar Stadium

Town Reserves v Port Vale

totesport.com League

Wednesday 26th November 2008

Kick-off 2pm | Prostar Stadium

Town Youth v Chesterfield

FA Youth Cup

Wednesday 5th November 2008

Kick-off 7pm | Prostar Stadium

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975 & 1987

In the interest of the spectator safety all conditions as laid down in the ground regulations, which are displayed around the stadium, must be observed at all times. Any person acting in contravention of these conditions is liable to arrest. In addition sitting or standing on the perimeter wall is forbidden at all times. Standing in seated areas is also forbidden.

Closed circuit television is in use and any spectator found to be acting in a disorderly manner is likely to be arrested or ejected from the ground.

In the event of an emergency, instructions will be given through the public address system.

First aid and medical facilities are provided at the North East corner of the ground. In the event of medical assistance being required, the help of a steward should be sought.

To comply with the safety certificate, all doors and gates on exit routes will be opened before the end of the game unless the police or the matchday safety officer directs otherwise. Spectators on who wish to leave early should approach the nearest steward.

The car park will be closed five minutes before the final whistle to allow spectators on foot to leave the stadium first. Vehicles will be allowed to leave the car park when spectators on foot and the Park & Ride and other coaches have dispersed.

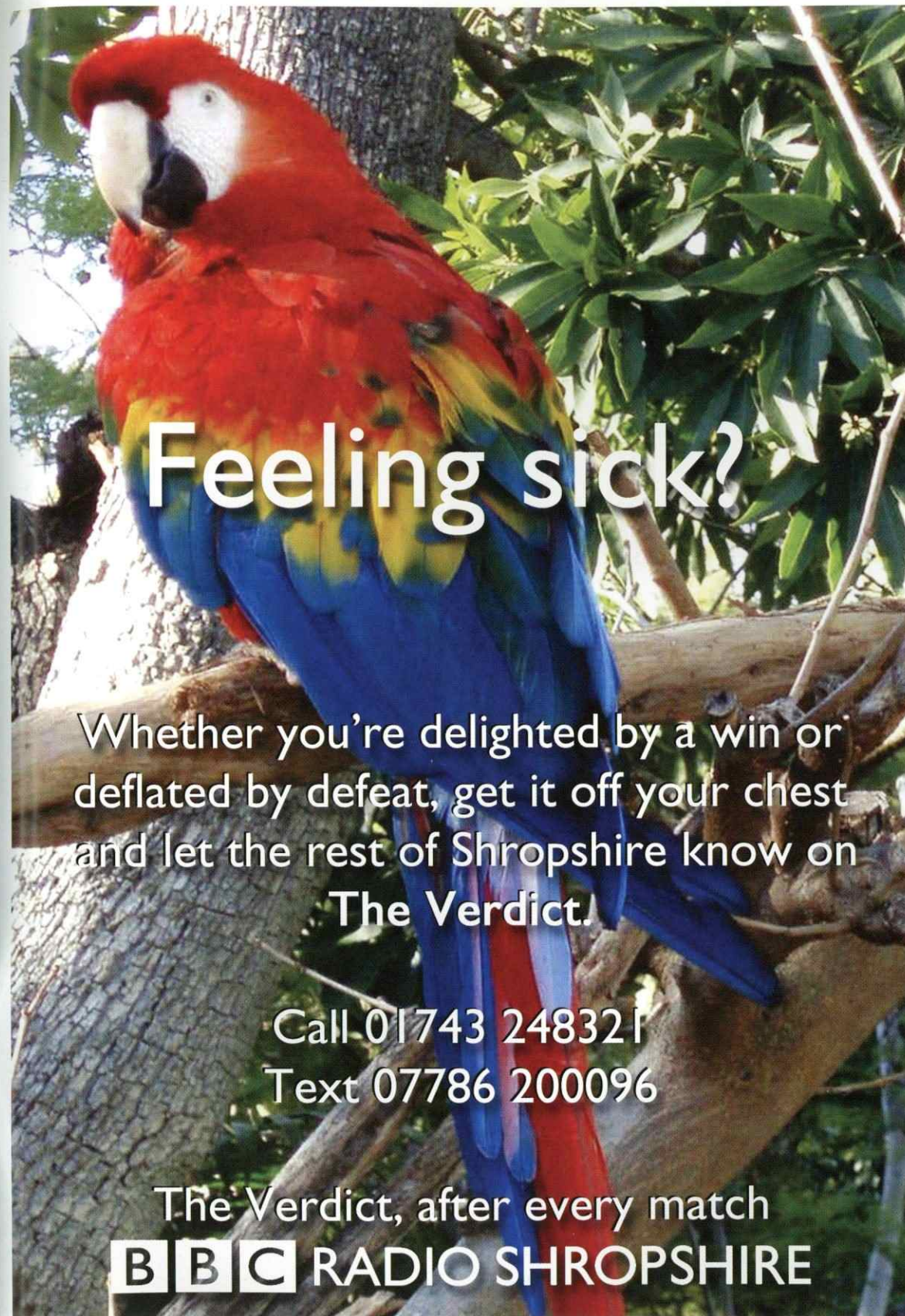
In the event of a match being abandoned advice will be given to spectators regarding admission prices to the re-arranged game.

Emergency procedure:

In the event of an emergency, you will hear a message over the public address system. This will be preceded by a loud klaxon sound. Please remain where you are and listen carefully to the message. Comply immediately with instructions given if it affects your area.

Stewards will direct you to safe areas, above all, remain calm and do not move until the announcement concerns your area of the ground.

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Glynn Garner	1	■	■	1	Dean Brill
Darren Moss	2	■	■	2	Claude Gnakpa
Neil Ashton	3	■	■	3	Sol Davis
Mike Jackson	4	■	■	4	Keith Keane
Graham Coughlan	5	■	■	5	Ian Roper
David Hunt	6	■	■	6	George Pilkington
Marc Pugh	7	■	■	8	Kevin Nicholls
Kelvin Langmead	8	■	■	10	Ryan Charles
David Hibbert	9	■	■	11	Lewis Emanuel
James Constable	10	■	■	12	Harry Worley
Michael Symes	11	■	■	14	Asa Hall
Ben Herd	12	■	■	15	Ed Asafu-Adjaye
Matt Jones	13	■	■	16	Rossi Jarvis
Ben Davies	14	■	■	17	Kevin Watson
Paul Murray	15	■	■	18	Chris Martin
Grant Holt	16	■	■	19	Drew Talbot
Chris Humphrey	17	■	■	20	Michael Spillane
Steven Leslie	18	■	■	21	Conrad Logan
Guy Madjo	19	■	■	23	Wayne Andrews
Steven Hindmarch	20	■	■	24	Tom Craddock
Scott Bevan	21	■	■	28	Paul McVeigh
Jasbir Singh	22	■	■	29	Jordan Patrick
Marc Tierney	23	■	■	33	Jake Howells
Shane Cansdell-Sherriff	24	■	■	40	Scott Sinclair
Richard Walker	25	■			
Luke Daniels	26	■			
Kevin McIntyre	28	■			
Gylfi Sigurdsson	29	■			
James Meredith	33	■			