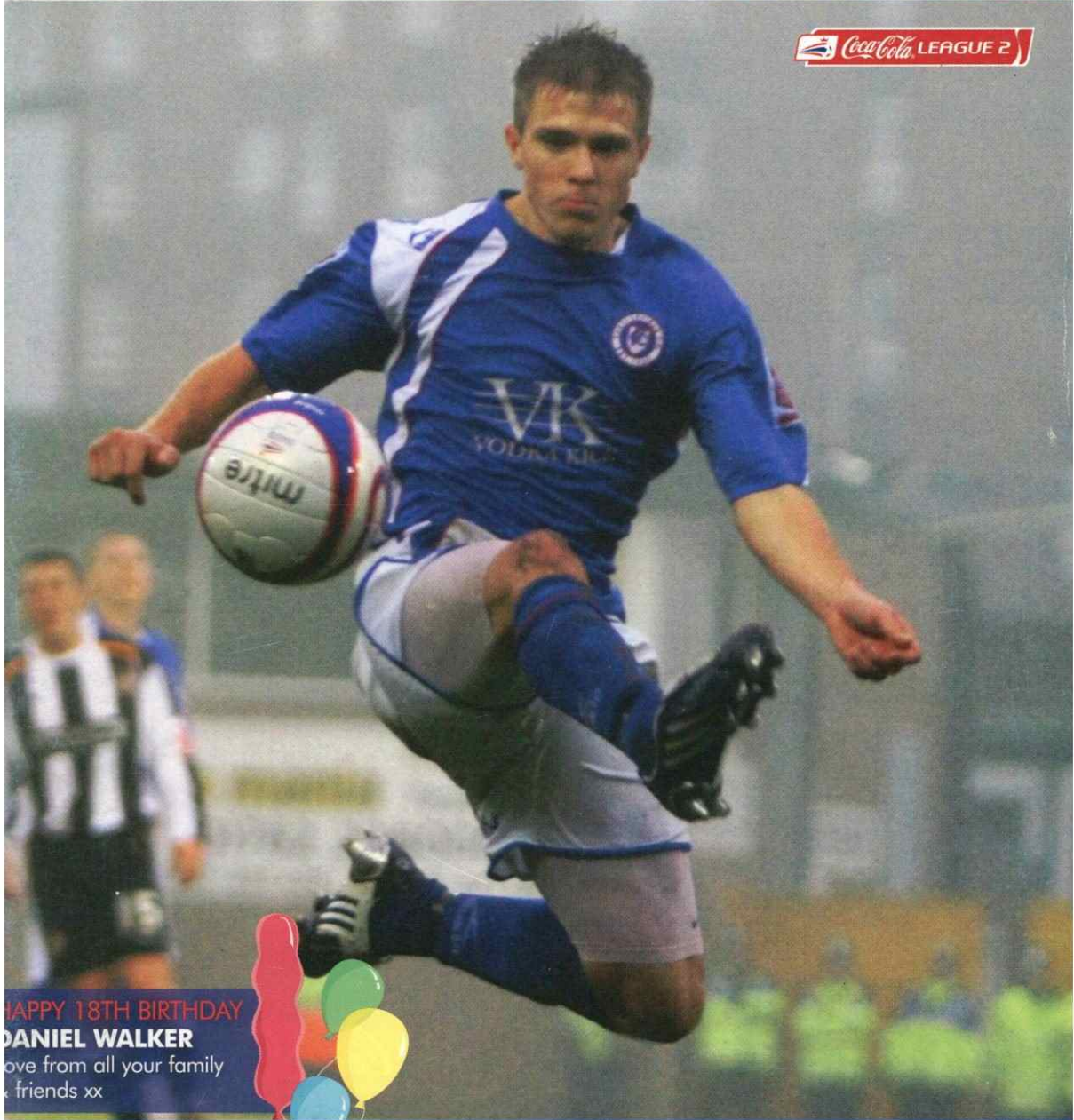


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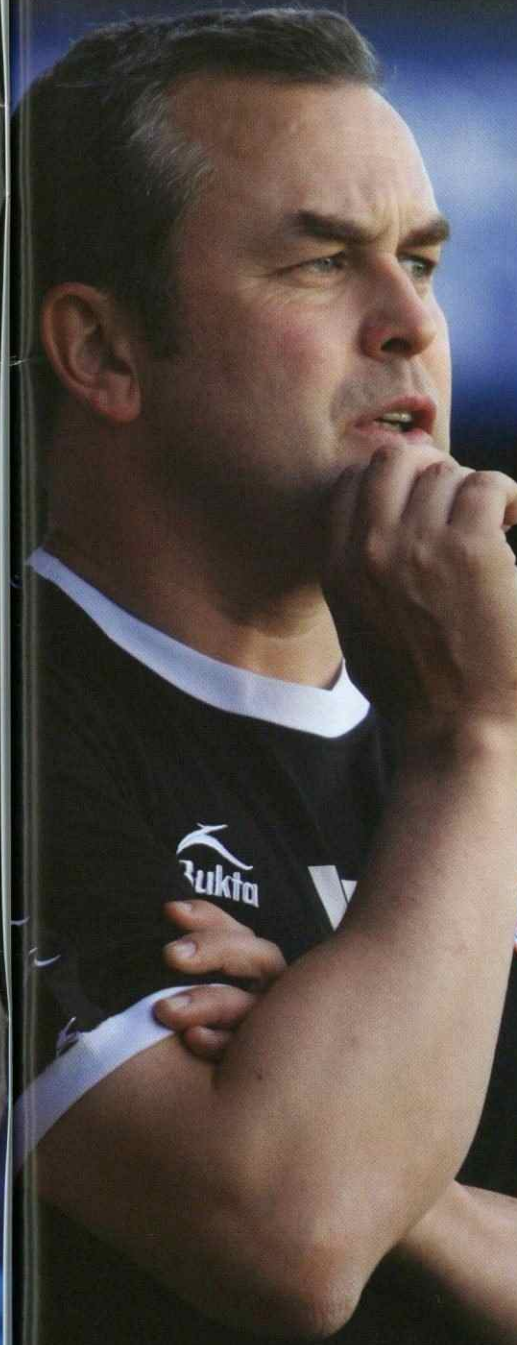
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LEE RICHARDSON ...FROM THE DUGOUT

Much has been written and said about the controversial FA Cup saga with Droylsden but it just illustrates once again how unpredictable cup football can be, particularly the FA Cup.

Last Saturday we had a good result in our league game away at Port Vale. It was not only a good performance by the lads but we ended up with a clean sheet, which was the most pleasing aspect of all. With nine league points up for grabs over the Christmas period it was good to get three of them in the bag already. We now need to build on that and get another good run going so we can get back in touch with the promotion pack of teams just above us.

It's four years since we last had a home game on Boxing Day and strangely that was also against today's visitors Luton Town. We welcome manager Mick Harford, his staff, the players, officials and supporters for today's game.

With a schedule of four matches in just eight days this is a hectic time for the team so one where making full use of the squad is crucial. One of the newer members of the first team squad is Dan Gray who has only played twelve league games but in that time he taken his chance and that has been rewarded with a longer-term deal.

Sunderland is recalling goalkeeper Trevor Carson in the January transfer window and I want to thank Trevor for his time with us and wish him well for the future.

Finally a word about Derek Niven who as part of his treatment for testicular cancer, has now completed his session of chemotherapy. It looks as though he will be back with us early in the New Year and when he returns it will be like having a new member of the squad.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and thank you for your support.

Enjoy the game.

Lee

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LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP



LEAGUE TWO REVIEW

Game of the day was at Shrewsbury where leaders Wycombe Wanderers beat the Shrews by a goal to nil. Matt Harrold's goal in the second half was enough to give Wanderers all three points and set up a nine point lead at the top of L2. Bury slipped up on the south coast but remain second. The Shakers lost out to a Bournemouth side quite buoyant at the moment, goals from Sammy Igoe and debutant Joe Partington gave the Cherries all three points. Brentford drew at Priestfield and remain third, Charlie McDonald opened the scoring for the Bees but Simeon Jackson cancelled out the goal with his eleventh of the season and Gillingham remain ten unbeaten. Nathan Elder (Brentford) and Barry Fuller (Gillingham) were sent off in the closing stages.

John Danby the Chester goalkeeper was the hero for Cheshire based club in the draw at Valley Parade. Danby pulled off a string of saves to keep Bradford at bay and leave them in fourth place. Exeter confirmed themselves as promotion candidates with a convincing win over play off rivals Rochdale at St James Park. Goals from Steve Basham (2) & Craig Mcallister (2) saw off Dale whilst Clark Keltie replying was no more than a consolation. Darlington dropped two points at home to Barnet who twice had to come back. Liam Hatch opened the scoring for Darlo followed by O'Flynn's equaliser, Hatch then put the Quakers in front again before Yakubu made the match all square.

Paul Benson took his season tally to 15 as the Daggers romped to a 4-0 nil win at Moss Rose, Macclesfield. Further goals from Soloman Taiwo & Sam Saunders wrapped up the scoring for the East London side. Aldershots eleventh month unbeaten record the other recreation ground continued, Scott Davies grabbed two second half penalties after Grimsby scored twice through JP Kalala & Nick Hegarty. Davies (who missed one for the Shots here at Saltergate in October) maintained the excellent home record that Aldershot have. Lincoln City's Adrian Patulea grabbed the only goal at Meadow Lane that kept the home side with a poor run of form, Ian Mcparland who was given the dreaded vote of confidence earlier on in the day has saw his side win only two of the last twelve games. Port Vale remain three points behind the Spireites in 15th.

Luton kept their current unbeaten run with a useful point at home to Morecambe, Michael Spillane grabbed the opener for the Hatters but it was the Shrimpers who hit back through Carlton. Mark Burchill scored twice for Rotherham who won for the first time in six matches with a good win at Accrington. Andy Proctor got a goal back for Stanley but Drewe Broughton settled it late on for the Millers.

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NOMINATE YOUR FAN OF THE YEAR

Winner to be honoured at Football League Awards 2009

The Football League has launched a nationwide search to find the 'EA SPORTS Fan of the Year' run in conjunction with BBC Radio Five Live, with the winner to be honoured at a spectacular gala dinner at the Grosvenor House on Park Lane on Sunday 29th March 2009.

The Football League Awards are held in conjunction with FourFourTwo magazine and supporters are now being asked to put forward fellow fans for consideration for this award by submitting nominations via www.footballleagueawards.com.

Anybody who knows a fan who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and shown extraordinary dedication to their club is encouraged to put their nomination forward, along with the reason why they feel their nominee should win this prestigious award. Voting closes on Wednesday 14th January 2009.

The fourth annual Football League Awards event will recognise footballing excellence both on the field and behind the scenes - with clubs and players awarded alongside the fans. There will be 20 categories in total, including a range of football awards and industry specific honours.

The nominations for the Football League Fan of the Year Award will be judged by an expert panel, including representatives from The Football League, EA SPORTS and FourFourTwo.

The Football League's Commercial Director, Stewart Thomson said: "The Football League Awards has become an important fixture on The Football League calendar. Once again, this year's ceremony will present us with an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions made to The Football League by fans, players, clubs and sponsors alike.

"The Football League relies on the support of dedicated fans, and the awards are a fantastic way for us to identify and reward such loyalty, and hard work behind the scenes. I would encourage fans to put forward any individuals they believe should be in contention for the award, and give them a chance to receive the recognition they deserve."



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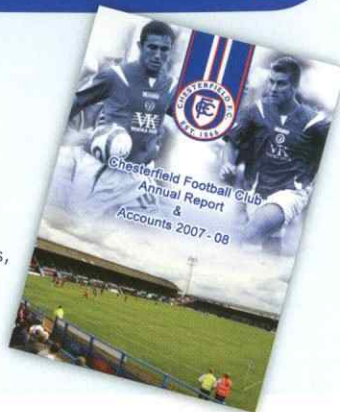
SPIREITESWORLD



AGM DATE FIXED

The Annual General Meeting of Chesterfield FC (2001) Ltd has been fixed for Thursday 22 January 2009. It will be held at the Olde House, Loundsley Green Road, Newbold, Chesterfield, starting 7.30pm. At the meeting the annual report and accounts for year ending 30 June 2008 will be presented to shareholders for approval.

A formal notice of the meeting, with a copy of the annual report and accounts, is being sent out to shareholders. It will contain the chairman's statement, a financial review, a review season 2007-08, company information, a report of the directors, a report of the independent auditors, and the profit and loss and balance sheet for the year.



LEE'S AWARD FOR FAIR PLAY

Lee Richardson's act of sportsmanship, in allowing Droylsden to walk in a goal to level the scores at Saltergate has been recognised by Tony Sheldon, life president of the Manchester Jewish Soccer League. He presented a special trophy in appreciation of the Chesterfield manager's act of morality after the floodlight abandoned cup tie at Droylsden last week. It follows a raft of letters and emails sent from all parts of the country by people touched by Lee's selfless act perceived to depict sportsmanship of the highest standard.



TEIXEIRA RETURNS TO USA

Chesterfield has released striker Val Teixeira, on completion of his short-term deal, following the decision not to include him in the Spireites longer-term plans. The 31 year old US based Portuguese striker joined the Spireites in September 2008 from Crystal Palace's linked club Crystal Palace Baltimore hoping to make a breakthrough in English soccer. He has already returned to the USA for Christmas.



IPSWICH TOWN FA CUP NOTICE

Ipswich Town issued the following information to both Droylsden and Chesterfield ahead of Tuesday night's cup replay.

The winner of the second round tie will play Ipswich Town on Saturday 3 January 2009, kick-off 3.00pm. It's ticket only entry for the third round tie at Portman Road, with 2,200 tickets available for sale. There is no cash payment through the turnstiles on the day of the match. Ticket prices are:- Adults £15, Concessions £6, Juveniles £2. The away club will make their own announcements about ticket selling details.



YOUNGSTERS GET EXTENDED DEALS



Three of Chesterfield's younger players are to have their short-term contracts extended.

Defender Dan Gray (19), who has made an immediate impact since coming into the first team, is getting a new 18 month deal until June 2010. He has made twelve appearances so far this season since making his debut against Aldershot in October 2008. Forwards Ben Algar (19) and Scott Boden (19) are having their contracts extended until the end of this season to give them chance to build on their potential.

SUNDERLAND TO RECALL CARSON

Loanee goalkeeper Trevor Carson is set to return to Sunderland after the Premiership club indicated its intention to recall him in the January transfer window because of longer-term goalkeeper injuries at the club.

The advance notice has been given to enable Chesterfield to make alternative arrangements. Everyone wishes Trevor best wishes for the future.



NEWS IN BRIEF

SPIREITES SIGN ASKHAM



Chesterfield have signed former Sheffield United starlet and England schoolboy international Lee Askham, initially on a one month deal. The 18 year old, who was a free-agent, has played Blades reserve team football until his release earlier this year. He has been training with Chesterfield for the last few weeks.

FANS VOTE FOR PFA AWARD

Don't forget you can vote for any Chesterfield player to give them a chance of winning the PFA 2Up Fans' Player of the Month Award, like Jamie Ward did for November. These are the only PFA awards voted for by the fans themselves. For more information go to www.givemefootball.com



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Love Chester XXX

Welcome to Saltergate today for our first Boxing Day fixture at home for three seasons, the home fixture in 2004 was against today's opponents, Luton Town and we lost the game 1-0 we do not want a repeat of that so let's get behind the team today and urge them on to a Great Boxing Day win. C'mon you Spireites!



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| Is their nickname? | What is their ground known as? | Who is their manager? |
| A. The Cobblers | A. Kenilworth Rd. | A. Micky Adams |
| B. The Hatters | B. Brisbane Rd. | B. Mick Harford |
| C. The Shakers | C. Whaddon Rd. | C. Mick McCarthy |

(Answers at bottom of page)

MEMBERS PHOTO GALLERY

GEORGE and JACK MARRIOTT have sent us this picture; they are in the South of France proudly wearing their CFC shirts. Everyone at Chesterfield FC would like to wish GEORGE a very special Happy 10th Birthday on Monday the 29th, George has just undergone major surgery so we all wish him well for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at Saltergate as soon as he is well enough.



JARED SHOOTER age 14 has sent this drawing of Jack Lester. Well done Jared it is brilliant.



We would welcome any pictures and photos from our members so we can include them on the Young Spireites page in the match day programme.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- December 27th
John Richards
11yrs old
- December 28th
Spencer Jones
8yrs old
- December 29th
Adam Hartshorn
12yrs Old
- George Marriott**
10yrs Old
- December 30th
Joshua Bradley
13yrs Old
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15yrs Old

Answers: A. Kenilworth Rd. B. Mick Harford



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Alan is one of a select group of Chesterfield based England fans that, unless he can't obtain a ticket, you can be sure he'll be wherever the England team run out, be it South Africa and the USA for friendly fixtures or Belarus for the serious qualifying stuff. There's another footballing world out there and Alan intends seeing it with England and thankfully telling us about it! – Howard Borrell)

Watching football gives us all the opportunity to meet fans of opposing teams, to discuss how the respective teams are doing and to talk about current football issues from the quality of refereeing and the 'respect' campaign, to the progress being made on our move to the new stadium.

Watching England away games means meeting up with other England fans that support a cross section of English league and non league teams, and there appears to be an increasing number of fans from non Premiership teams who travel the length and breadth of Europe supporting England. Having a bit of banter with fans of our local rivals such as Sheffield Wednesday, Rotherham, and Mansfield can be quite entertaining.

Exchanging views with the locals on how their national team is doing, the progress England have made with Fabio Capello as manager, and the interest shown in English football in general, can pass many an hour in a local bar or restaurant. We even catch up with other Spireite fans, some of whom we never bump into at games in this country, but always meet either in an airport lounge or some far off foreign city.

When England played Belarus in October it meant England fans had the opportunity to see what life was like in the developing east European capital of Minsk. The city itself was clean and tidy with plenty of green open spaces. There are normally only about 3000 English

visitors to Minsk each year, but the city coped with an influx of some 2 and a half thousand England football fans in one day. Although the locals did not necessarily speak a lot of English, they were far more welcoming than the locals were when visiting Moscow last year. They seemed either bemused or entertained by the collection of England flags hung up on any vantage point across the city centre on match day.

The only scary moment came when a police car stopped and a police office came over demanding firstly to see our passports, and then waffled on in Belarusian. We think he was asking where we were going to but we couldn't be sure! As quickly as he arrived he left the scene, much to our relief. The pre match atmosphere in the stadium was noisy but friendly; with the local football fans being somewhat excited at the prospect of seeing the England football team play. Their biggest cheer of the night was not when they scored, but when David Beckham made a brief appearance as a substitute. After the game there was a large group of young Belarus fans outside the England team hotel just across from the stadium, eagerly waiting for the players to return. Our post match conversations about the game included a brief conversation over breakfast with David Pleat who was the ITV co commentator at the game. The whole trip was an enjoyable experience, including the visit to one of Minsk's local microbreweries to sample the good local beer. A more recent trip to watch

England play our rivals Germany meant a return to Berlin, which we visited during the 2006 World Cup. Berlin is a great city full of history and interesting places to see, and everywhere we went we were met by helpful and friendly people, even the Scottish tour guide. Although most of the locals could speak good English, trying to speak to them with a few words of German always got a positive response, even if it was greeted with a little amusement.

The game started with a somewhat tense atmosphere, but England scoring first soon quietened the Germany fans. Despite conceding a silly equaliser, a late winner by John Terry had the England fans in good voice at the end of the game, and ready to celebrate with the locals over a few good German beers.

Watching England play away from home in recent times has in general become a much better experience. In the main the travelling England fans are well behaved, if somewhat loud after a few beers. Foreign police in most countries and the local population now seem to accept the visit of England supporters does not lead to violence and disorder. In fact, in Berlin, the only trouble we heard of was England supporters being attacked by local troublemakers. This, of course, wasn't reported in the UK press as they probably couldn't make a headline out of it!



ACTION REPLAY

CHESTERFIELD

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Ward 31, Lester 78

DROYLSDEN

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Brown 50, Halford 81

Tuesday 9th December 2008

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After Droylsden's protestations following the abandonment of the original match with them leading 1-0, more controversy followed at Saltergate with Jack Lester at its heart.

Jamie Ward had slotted Chesterfield ahead following a pin-point clearance to him by keeper Trevor Carson. Spireites looked the much more accomplished side and it was against the balance of play when Alex Brown flicked in a header to level following Liam Brownhill's cross.

Tempers erupted when Spireites inadvertently took the lead with 12 minutes to go. The mercurial Aaron Downes had just headed a punt up field away, and as his body came back down to earth he clipped Carl Lamb, scorer of the goal in the fogbound game.

The ball was deliberately out of play to allow treatment to the stricken striker. The resulting throw was aimed at Lester, 30 yards out and wide by the touchline, and he chipped back towards Mawson.

The play back was probably a little too strong and coupled with a Mawson misjudgement, the ball sailed into the net. Referee Andy Woolmer had no option but to allow the clearly unintended goal but what followed showed Chesterfield to be an honourable club and Blue Square North side Droylsden to be anything but.

Richardson and Lester kept cool under wholly inappropriate pressure with the Chesterfield boss clearly indicating an error has occurred and he and assistant Scott Sellars instructed his side to stand still from the kick off to allow Droylsden to equalise.

CHESTERFIELD:

Carson; Gray, Austin, Downes, Goodall; Currie (Boden 73), Kerry, Winter, Robertson; Lester, Ward. Subs (not used): Lee, Picken, Harsley, Hall, Teixeira, Algar

Goals: Ward 31, Lester 78

DROYLSDEN:

Mawson; Brownhill, Cryan, Halford (Byron 83), Newton; Beck, Brown, Sorvel (Pickford 67), Prince (Townson 73); Lamb, Tipton. Subs (not used): Clancy, Burbeary, Roche, Tandy

Goals: Brown 50, Halford 81

Booked: Newton 22 (foul), Brown 44 (foul), Halford 78 (altercation with Lester)

Referee: Andy Woolmer (Northants)

MANAGERS SAID

There's something in the air with Chesterfield and Droylsden! I can't condone what Jack did, whether or not he was meaning to score only he will know, but we can't let that happen, it's against the spirit of the game but we should have won the game. I felt we were much the better side. Some sloppy finishing meant we didn't win the game

LEE RICHARDSON

They did the proper thing, we did the same thing at Worcester City last year and let them score. It was just a pass back and it went in. Their lad said he didn't mean it but at one point I felt they (Chesterfield) were going to let it stand but fair play to Lee, he did the right thing, the only thing he could have done and the thing I would have done.

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IN TOWN TODAY

LUTON TOWN

IN THE NEWS

Luton Town have released first-team coach Warren Neill and performance manager Joe Dunbar. The pair joined the club in January when administrators sacked manager Kevin Blackwell and his coaching staff.

Managing director of owners Luton 2020, Gary Sweet, told the club's website: "We know the situation we are in and we are aware of the skills needed. This club is in a unique situation and clinical action is sometimes required to maximise our chances of survival."

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Aggrieved Luton Town boss Mick Harford was in no doubt that his side should have won after being held to a 1-1 draw at home against Morecambe. The Luton manager revealed that Rossi Jarvis, Asa Hall, Keith Keane and Michael Spillane had all been suffering from a virus and was disappointed his side hadn't been able to claim all three points.

He said: "The start was excellent. The first 15 minutes we played some very good football and then the game changed into a scrappy affair. They came to stifle us and get bodies behind the ball. It wasn't the greatest game of football I've seen. It was a battle, a scrap. We have got three or four boys who aren't very well, but they've got through the game."

And he was left to rue the fact that his side were unable to take advantage of their first half dominance. "We could have been two or three nil up in the first 10 minutes and it would have been a different game. If we got the early goal, which I thought we deserved, they would have had to come out a little bit. We couldn't break them down in the first half and they were probably the best chances we had. To me it's two points dropped, but it kept the unbeaten run going, which is good for the players' confidence." Harford admitted that his side need to turn these scrappy encounters into victories and was also disappointed to see his side concede from yet another set piece. "When we got a 1-0 lead we

stopped doing the things we were doing in the first half. The two goals today came from set-pieces that's why they are so important in professional football. In all fairness to the players in the last few games they looked solid, they've looked strong. We've kept them down to one shot today, but we are disappointed to have conceded."

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Luton pulled off a shock 1-0 win over League One Colchester to earn a place in the Southern Area final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Claude Gnakpa's 29th-minute goal was enough to see the Football League's bottom club - still stuck on minus six points at the bottom of League Two - dispose of their higher league opponents. After a quiet opening period it was the hosts who had the first chance when Wayne Andrews cut in from the left in the 24th minute and unleashed a 25-yard effort that was tipped aside by Dean Gerken. Five minutes later Luton were ahead when Rossi Jarvis cut the ball back from the left byline for Andrews to strike a 16-yard effort that was deflected in by Gnakpa from six yards.

Colchester responded and almost drew level five minutes before the break when Scott Vernon's thunderous 15-yard volley came back off the underside of the crossbar from Johnnie Jackson's corner. Luton then had another lucky escape five minutes after the interval when Jackson ran into the penalty area past Ian Roper and Jake Howells only to see his 14-yard effort hit the inside of the post and fly across the goalmouth to safety.

A rare second-half chance for Luton saw Jarvis curl an 18-yard free-kick just past the post in the 55th minute, but Colchester piled on the pressure late on and substitute Steven Gillespie was guilty of a glaring miss nine minutes from time when he side-footed wide from eight yards with the goal at his mercy. Then, deep into injury-time, Conrad Logan pulled off a stunning save from Anthony Wordworth's close-range effort to ensure Luton went through.

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Dean Brill
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Kevin Nicholls
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Rossi Jarvis
Kevin Watson

STRIKERS

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Drew Talbot
Wayne Andrews
Ryan Charles
Tom Craddock
Paul McVeigh
Jordan Patrick
Kevin Gallen
Scott Sinclair

LUTON TOWN

IN CHARGE MICK HARFORD



Born in Sunderland, Mick Harford joined Lincoln City in 1977. He was at Lincoln for just over three years before he moved on to Newcastle United in a £180,000 transfer. After just 19 appearances and eight months at Newcastle, Harford moved on again, this time to Bristol City for £160,000 in August 1981. Seven months later, Harford had impressed enough to gain a move to Birmingham City for £100,000.

Harford continued to impress at Birmingham and in December 1984, then Luton Town manager David Pleat added Harford to his side for a £250,000 fee. In his time at Luton, Harford earned himself two England team caps, making his international debut against Israel in 1988. He also featured against Denmark in the 1989 fixture. Harford was part of the side that won the Littlewoods Cup in 1988 for Luton against Arsenal. He is often voted the best ever Luton Town player, such is the regard he is held in at Kenilworth Road. He was a key player at Luton until his transfer to Derby County in January 1990 for £450,000. Even after his transfer, Harford managed to help the Hatters in their fight against relegation, as in the last game of the season Derby County played Luton Town, and Luton needed the win to stay up. Harford managed to head the ball from outside his own box, past England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, into his own net as Luton won the game and avoided relegation. Harford then rejoined the Hatters in September 1991 for £325,000, despite competition from Manchester United. Harford managed a credible 12 goals from 29 league games as the Hatters were relegated from what was about to become the Premier League. Following Luton's relegation, Harford moved on again, this time to Chelsea for £300,000 in August 1992, but despite being the top scorer at the club, Harford was surprisingly sold on again in March 1993, to his hometown club Sunderland in a £250,000 transfer deal. He lasted just four months at Sunderland, before moving to Coventry City for £200,000 in July 1993. Despite being at the club for 13 months, Harford only made one league appearance, as a substitute, and despite scoring he never featured for the club again. In August 1994, Harford made his last move as a footballer. He joined Joe Kinnear's Wimbledon side, for £50,000. Harford would go on to make 60 appearances for the Dons, many in midfield, before he moved into a coaching role at Selhurst Park. He followed his old manager Joe Kinnear, back to Luton Town following Luton's relegation to Division 3. Harford helped master-mind the successful promotion season of 2001-02, as Luton stormed to promotion back to the Second Division. Following the 2002-03 season, the club was sold to a new consortium, and Harford and Kinnear were then sacked. Harford was to be offered his job back, but he refused to work under that board. After the owners were forced out, Harford returned to the club as Director of Football, as well as being the first-team coach. Harford

helped new manager Mike Newell to a 10th place finish, and his value was proved by then Nottingham Forest manager Kinnear's attempts to make him his assistant manager at Forest. Harford initially rejected the move but in November 2004, despite the contrast of fortunes both sides were displaying, with Forest fighting relegation in the Championship and Luton running away with the League One title, Harford moved onto the City Ground.

Kinnear was to last only a few more weeks at the club before the club's poor form forced him to leave the club. Harford was then appointed caretaker manager, and he performed admirably despite the problems at the club. Gary Megson was then appointed manager full time in January 2005, and Harford left the club. Out of work for only a short while, Harford teamed up with Andy King at Swindon Town in February 2005, in a deal that was due to run until the end of the 2004-05 season. In April 2005 however, Harford was appointed the new manager of Rotherham United, whose relegation from the Championship at the end of the 2004-05 season had already been confirmed. Harford had an impressive start to his managerial career, but was sacked in December after a run of 17 games without a win. He was replaced by Alan Knill. Harford finished the season at Millwall, coaching the strikers at the club before their relegation from the Championship at the end of the 2005-06 season. Harford then joined his former Derby County team-mate Geraint Williams at Colchester United in the summer of 2006, becoming the club's assistant manager. Harford was linked with another return to Kenilworth Road following the sacking of ex-Luton Town manager Mike Newell, but the job instead went to Kevin Blackwell. He left Colchester to become assistant manager at Queens Park Rangers in June 2007 before becoming caretaker after the departure of John Gregory. Harford left QPR after the appointment of Luigi De Canio. 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 docked 30 points in the break before the 2008-09 season.

IN GOAL
CONRAD LOGAN

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. In August, 2007, then manager Martin Allen made Logan available for loan for the forthcoming season and he signed a season-long loan deal at Stockport County. In the 2007-08 season, Conrad played 38 games for Stockport and helped the team to a Wembley play-off final on May 26th where they met and defeated northwest rivals Rochdale 3-2.

Logan signed on loan to Luton Town in the 2008-2009 season, providing competition for Dean Brill.

IN DEFENCE
IAN ROPER

Roper worked his way up through Walsall's ranks to sign professional forms in May 1995 and gave sterling service to the club over the years. Dominant in the air and strong in the challenge, he was a reliable figure who put in many solid and no-nonsense displays during his Saddlers' career. He collected the 2002-03 Player of the Year award to add to the Young Player of the Year prize that he earned a couple of years earlier. He was an important member of the back-line who did well to get his Saddlers' career back on track after falling out of favour for a spell under former boss Ray Graydon, which saw him placed on the transfer list. He completed his resurgence by signing a new three-year deal at the end of the 2003-04 season, but suffered at the hands of suspension and injury for much of 2004-05. He returned to the side in early February 2005 and was soon back to his solid best with some commanding displays in the heart of the back-line. Roper joined Luton Town in August 2008.

IN MIDFIELD
MICHAEL SPILLANE

Spillane signed a full, professional, three year contract with Norwich in 2006. He had already made his first team debut by this time however, against West Ham United in the FA Cup third round, making him the youngest ever player for Norwich City to play in an FA Cup game. He has also represented Republic of Ireland U17s, for whom he was the captain, in the Algarve tournament and he is being tipped for big things by the Norwich City management staff. He captained the Republic of Ireland U18s to an international tournament win, scoring twice in the competition; netting in a 2-2 draw with Belgium and then striking a late winner against Portugal. The squad also recorded a 3-1 win against Georgia. Spillane was given his first extended run in the Norwich side towards the end of the 2006/07 season. He got his chance in the centre of midfield due to injuries to Youssef Safri, Simon Lappin and Mark Fotheringham. Spillane signed on loan for Luton Town for the 2008-2009 season in August 2008. He has been praised for his maturity for one so young. He scored his first Luton goal in the match against Aldershot Town on September 13.

IN ATTACK DREW TALBOT

Originally on the books of Barnsley Talbot drifted out of football after injury but came back with Sheffield Wednesday's academy in 2003-04. Often coming off the substitutes bench he scored goals in Wednesday's 2004-05 promotion season including one at Cardiff in the Football League One play off final. 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, when 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, however, he was then transferred to Luton for a fee of £250,000. Talbot scored his first goal for Luton on his home league debut against Wednesday as well as forcing former team-mate Tommy Spurr to score an own goal. Despite a decent goal return he was unable to stop Luton avoiding relegation. After an epic performance against Liverpool he was labelled the "Ginger Maradona". Plymouth Argyle reportedly bid for Talbot and he himself turned down a move to Italian side Brescia on deadline day.

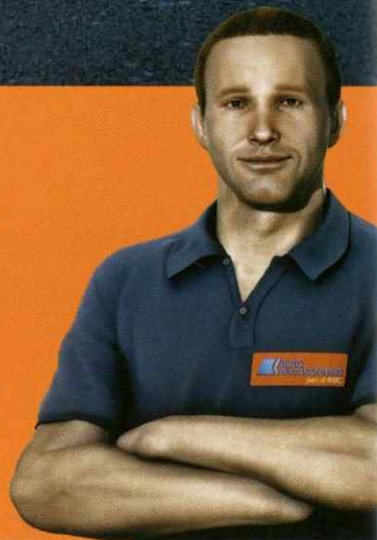


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ROCHDALE

Keith Hill's Dale are our next visitors. At present they sit just outside the play-off zone and are one of the teams we need to be aiming to overhaul in the new year. They're without a win in four, one of those games being a defeat at non-league Forest Green Rovers in the FA Cup.

ROCHDALE LAST WEEKEND

EXETER CITY 4 ROCHDALE 1

Exeter recorded a resounding win over 10-man Rochdale to further enhance their League Two play-off credentials. Steve Basham tapped into an empty net to put the home side in front. Scott Wiseman then hauled Ryan Harley down in the box and the Dale defender was given his marching orders before Basham tucked in the penalty. Craig McAllister added two more with a brilliant solo effort and a simple finish, while Clark Keltie's late penalty was no more than a consolation.

EXETER Jones, Tully, Seaborne, Edwards, Moxey, Saunders (Sercombe 82), Gill, Panther, Harley, Basham (Stewart 62), Stansfield (McAllister 61). Subs Not Used: Marriott, Murray.

Goals: Basham 16, 31 pen, McAllister 84, 87
Booked: Moxey

ROCHDALE Russell, Wiseman, Ramsden, McArdle, Kennedy, William Buckley, Keltie, Toner, Rundle, Shaw, Le Fondre (McEvilly 67). Subs Not Used: Spencer, Dagnall, Mark Jones, Holness.

Goals: Keltie 90 pen
Sent Off: Wiseman (31) **Booked:** McArdle

Att: 4,326
Ref: David Phillips (West Sussex)

NEW BOY: Jon Shaw

A product of the Sheffield Wednesday youth academy, he first made an appearance as a 75th minute substitute in the FA Cup Third Round against Gillingham at Priestfield during a 3-1 defeat in January 2003. The following season he joined York City on a month's loan where he made 8 appearances but failed to score before he was recalled by Wednesday due to an injury crisis at the

club. He was immediately put into the starting line-up as a midfielder for a 2-1 win over Rushden & Diamonds. Jon eventually made eight starts that season and scored his first two senior goals. A header against Luton Town and a long range effort against QPR in front of 29,313 fans at Hillsborough.

He joined Burton Albion in November 2004 on non-contract terms, where he was reunited with former strike partner Mark Robins. After scoring in his first two games he signed an extended deal until the end of the season with Burton. Shaw scored 12 goals in his first season at Burton, making him the club's leading goalscorer for the season. He was not as prolific in the 2005-06 season, when he only scored 11 goals, but still managed to top the goal scoring charts. He also played in the lucrative FA Cup tie against Manchester United in January 2006 where he helped secure a 0-0 draw. However, in the reverse fixture at Old Trafford, Shaw was reluctantly forced to leave the field of play due to an injury sustained to his mouth.

Shaw joined Halifax Town for an undisclosed fee in 2007. He had a fine first season at the club scoring 20 goals in 37 appearances making him the club's top goal scorer and that would have been one of the main reasons for the club's survival had they had not been liquidated. His goals and performances on the pitch earned him many awards at the end of season awards including the supporters club player of the year.

Shaw signed a two-year contract with Rochdale last summer. He made his Dale debut in The League Cup at Spotland against Oldham Athletic in a game which finished 0-0 in regular time and was won by Oldham 4-1 on penalties. His debut in the league came later in the week against Barnet at Spotland and he wrapped up a 3-1 victory with the final goal of the game, a dipping volley in the 72nd minute. His goal at Exeter last weekend was his first for Dale.



ROCHDALE SQUAD

No.	Position	Player
1	GK	Sam Russell
2	DF	Simon Ramsden
3	DF	Tom Kennedy
4	DF	Nathan Stanton
5	MF	Clark Keltie
6	MF	Ciarán Toner
7	FW	Lee McEvilly
8	MF	Gary Jones
9	FW	Chris Dagnall
10	FW	Adam le Fondre
11	MF	Adam Rundle
12	DF	Nathan D'Laryea
14	DF	Scott Wiseman
15	MF	Joe Thompson
17	FW	Jon Shaw
18	MF	Kallum Higginbotham
19	FW	Lee Thorpe
20	DF	Raphale Evans
21	GK	James Spencer
23	DF	Rory McArdle
25	MF	Theo Coleman
26	MF	Kyle Lambert
27	MF	Mark Jones
30	FW	Will Buckley
31	DF	Marcus Holness

ALL TIME RESULTS

	CFC wins	Draws	Rochdale wins
League	38	23	26
FA Cup	1	0	1
L Cup	2	0	0
Total	41	23	27

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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.

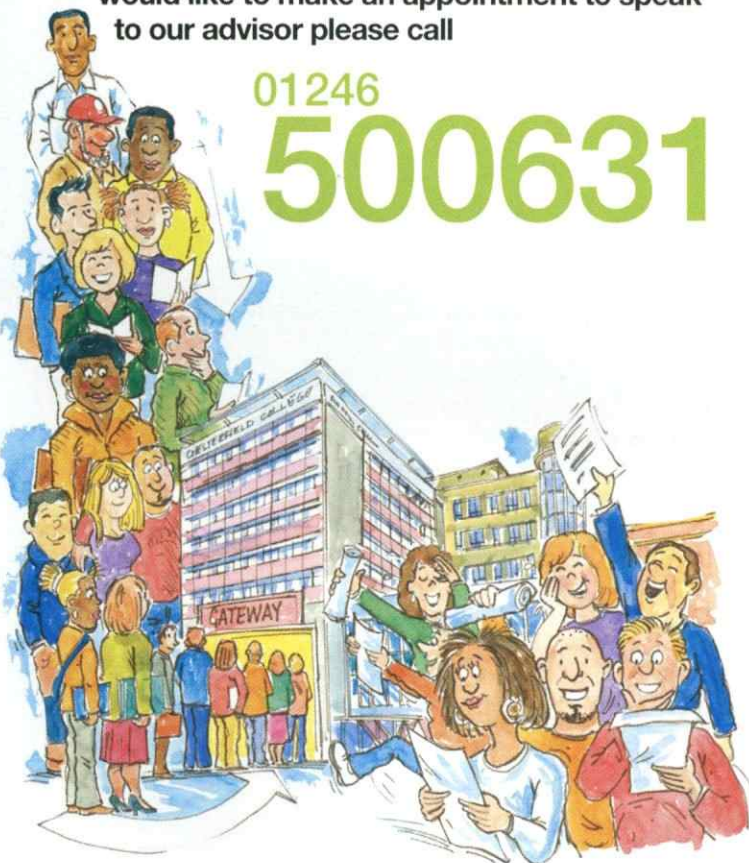


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To be fair to the lads they have trained really hard to keep their fitness levels up. It's not easy just training every day knowing that on the Saturday they will not have a game, but individually they have been very receptive to the work.

We have now got dates for the games which have been postponed.

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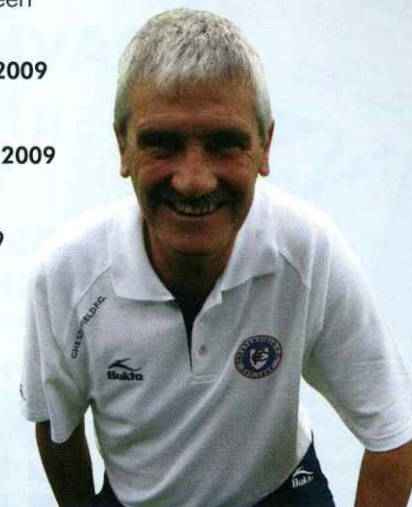
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HANG ON TO THIS PROGRAMME!

The editor of "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" magazine explains the joys – and financial rewards – of collecting football programmes.

The FA Cup Final was always the highlight of the football season, and that was reflected in the hobby of programme collecting, where the Wembley Final issue was always a must-buy for collectors each season. It remains the most collectable set, but, as a reflection of the changes in football priorities, the growing interest is in the Champions League Final at the end of every season.

For several decades, there was only moderate interest in programmes from what used to be called the European Cup Final, and many of the programmes, particularly those involving British clubs, saw a surplus of supply over demand, and were priced (modestly) accordingly.

The passing years have changed that situation. There is now a growing interest in, and appreciation of, European club competitions, and as the years roll on, and further success in the Champions League becomes a more remote possibility for previous winners, such as Celtic, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa, the programmes from their successful finals become increasingly more sought after by their fans. When Celtic

became the first British club to win the European Cup, in Lisbon in 1967, more than sufficient quantities of the match programme were brought back to Britain, and sold at 2/6d (12 1/2p) – the leading dealer of the time unhelpfully stamping the front of the programme to that effect. That programme now sells for more than £100.

There was scarcely any interest in this country when the tournament was first launched in 1955, with English clubs debarred from competing. As a consequence, few copies of the programmes from the 1956 (Real Madrid v Rheims in Paris) and 1958 (Real Madrid v AC Milan in Brussels) Finals exist, and they fetch several thousands of pounds on the rare occasions they appear on the market. In between, when Real Madrid beat Fiorentina in Madrid in 1957, no programme was issued, and there were no programmes issued for the finals held in Milan in 1965 and 1970 (when Feyenoord beat Celtic).

In the days before UEFA took control of programme production for the European Cup Final, the supply of programmes depended on the prevailing culture in the host country. When Ajax won the first of their three consecutive finals, in 1971, the match against Panathinaikos of Greece was played at Wembley, and programmes were, and remain, in plentiful supply. They weren't so easy to come by the following season, when Inter Milan were beaten in the final in Rotterdam, and you can now expect to pay upwards of £200 for that programme. In 1973, Ajax and Juventus met in Belgrade, where programmes were a low priority for the Yugoslav Football Association, and they were issued to



VIP's only. These fetch upwards of £2500 when they appear on the market, although great care should be taken as reproduction copies are around. Thankfully, programmes are now produced in such quantities, and priced very reasonably, that a good contemporary collection of Champions League Final programmes can be built up easily and fairly cheaply. What little variation there is on price is due to demand for iconic matches, such as Manchester United's dramatic victory over Bayern Munich in 1999, which sells for £20, in contrast to the £10 price tag of its successors.

It would be overly simple to state that, such are the quantities produced by UEFA, and the significant post-match surpluses, that the £7-to-£10 prices of recent Final programmes will only come down. However, it is worth taking into account the lesson of two of Liverpool's early finals. The programme sold for their first final, against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome in 1977, is in fact an English production, and moreover was reprinted shortly after the match. Despite that, copies now change hands for between £20 and £30.

Liverpool's third success, in Paris against Real Madrid in 1981, barely registered on the price of the plentiful programme from that final, but it is now fetching up to £50, such has been the subsequent demand.

Illustrations:

- 1 Celtic v Inter Milan 1967
- 2 Ajax v Juventus 1973

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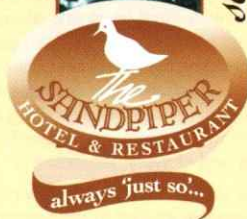
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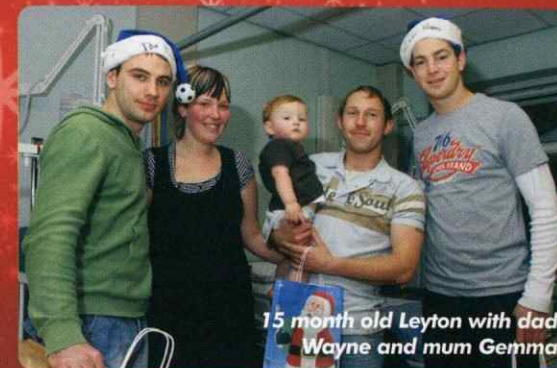
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15 month old Leyton with dad Wayne and mum Gemma



2yr old Olivia Hardwick



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2 day old Joel

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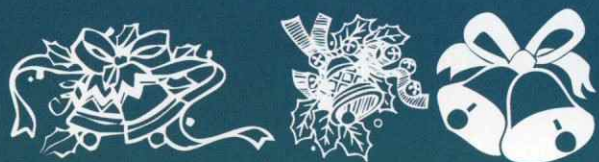


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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Mark Wright	Mick Harford
Played 5 Won 2 Drawn 0 Lost 3 For 5 Against 5 Av Pts/game 1.20 Biggest Win(s) Chester 2 Notts County 0 (13/12/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Chester 1 Morecambe 2 (15/11/2008).	Played 42 Won 8 Drawn 10 Lost 24 For 41 Against 64 Av Pts/game 0.81 Biggest Win(s) Luton 3 Oldham 0 (15/03/2008). Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 4 Luton 0 (02/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Mark Wright.....0	Mick Harford0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots
Ryan Lowe 53

shots on target

Ryan Lowe 26

shots off target

Kevin Ellison 32

assists

Ryan Lowe 9

crosses

Ryan Lowe 32

fouls

Damien Mozika 32

free-kicks-won

Damien Mozika 34



GAMES SINCE

0	a win	0
0	a home win	0
1	an away win	4
1	a defeat	4
1	a home defeat	3
0	an away defeat	1
11	a score draw	3
23	a no score draw	1
1	conceding a goal	2
0	scoring a goal	0
4	conceding > 1	3
0	scoring > 1	2
0	keeping a clean sheet	0
1	failing to score	1
61	back to back wins	25
3	back to back defeats	4
0	gaining a point	0
1	losing a point	1
0	win by > one	2
5	loss by > one	4

Player with the most...

shots
Chris Martin 35

shots on target

Chris Martin 17

shots off target

Chris Martin 18

assists

Rossi Jarvis 4

crosses

Claude Gnakpa 40

fouls

Michael Spillane 29

free-kicks-won

Claude Gnakpa 28

SHARP SHOOTERS

Chester	CCFL	Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL	Cup	Tot
Ryan Lowe	7	2	9	Asa Hall	3	1	4
Kevin Ellison	5	1	6	Chris Martin	3	1	4
Kevin Roberts	3	0	3	Paul McVeigh	3	0	3

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played7	Chester wins0	Luton wins3
Draws4	Goals 5 (0.7 per game)	Goals 11 (1.6 per game)
0-0's2	Times failed to score 3	Times failed to score 2

Biggest League win at Chester for each team:
No wins for Chester
07/10/1967 Chester 1-3 Luton



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS

19	Position	24
20	Played	20
5	Won	6
4	Drawn	6
11	Lost	8
23	Goals For	24
36	Goals Against	28
19	Points	-6

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	7	15	5	2	4	3

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	2	4	18	1	4	4	23

Record When Scoring First

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4	2	0	20	6	3	0	13

Record When Conceding First

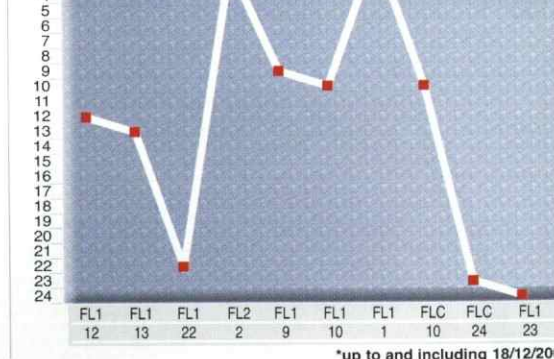
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	2	11	11	0	2	8	21

Match Scores

Wins: 2-0[1], 2-1[1], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], 5-1[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 0-2[4], 0-6[1], 1-2[2], 1-3[1], 1-6[1], Draws: 1-1[4]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-1[2], 3-1[2], 0-1[2], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], 1-2[2], 1-3[1], 1-6[1], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[3], 2-2[1], 3-3[1]

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FA CUP ROUND 2 REPLAY(PART 1): BUTCHERS ARMS, DROYLSDEN

With these two teams very rarely meeting in their histories, this was the 3rd tie between the two clubs inside a month. As we all know the first game was called off at half time with the Bloods leading one goal to nil. The heavy fog resulted in the referee taking the decision to call the game off; this understandably upset the opposition however the decision was the correct one as the game wasn't fit to carry on.

The second fixture between the two clubs witnessed another controversial moment, with the scores level at 1-1, one of their players seemed to be down injured therefore their 'keeper played the ball out so the player could be drawn to the referees attention. When the game was re-started the ball was thrown to Lester who chipped the ball back to their keeper in the air, their keeper misjudged the flight and the ball ended up in the back of the net. Chesterfield took the lead.

Following a brief confrontation of players and managers, Lee Richardson decided to allow the Conference North outfit to score an uncontested goal. This therefore put the result back to 2-2. In my opinion Richardson did the right thing and made the decision with the 'spirit of the game' in his mind.

Therefore we set off to the Butchers Arms ground with us not knowing what to expect following the first two fixtures between the clubs. The Butchers Arms is stadium with the capacity of around 3,000 with 500 seats. The ground has

undergone some renovation in recent years with the development of the 'William Pace Stand' in which the dressing rooms are housed. It could be described as a typical non-league ground with all the stands being very close to the pitch and the home fans still have the wonderful opportunity to walk around the ground to stand at the end their team is kicking into. There is no requirement on a normal league game for them to segregate the stadium however the FA cup does require segregation which meant the away fans were housed in a covered terrace behind one of the goals. On a typical Manchester evening this was very welcome.

The first half was quite lively with the game being rather open. Both sides were looking to get that first goal. The Spireites however looked the more likely of sides to score with the evident quality of Ward and Lester. The Blood did work some openings but didn't capitalize. Gray and Currie were working well with the ball and both played some tremendous passes. Lowry and Kerry were both doing their traditional 'ferrier' roles not allowing any of the Blood players to have time on the ball. Chesterfield opened the scoring when Lester finished well on the 25th minute. The game continued to be an open affair which led to both sides making openings with the Spireites coming closest on two occasions with Chesterfield one nil up.

At the start of the second half the Spireites were trying to kill the game as

quick as possible and that is what they did, on the 53rd minute Currie finished a well worked free kick with an excellent shot from around 20 yards. At two nil, the Blood had to attack and they pushed men forward, this giving the Spireites the opportunity to counter attack the Blue Square North side. Lester and Ward were enjoying the room available but didn't manage to increase the scoring. Then on the 71st minute controversy hit the tie once again. The floodlight to the far-right of the Spireites fans went out which stopped the game and moments later the near-right floodlight went out. This meant both lights on the 'William Pace stand' side were out. In my opinion the match was still playable as the visibility was much better than the fog we had at Saltergate in the first match and the Blood manager thought that was fit to play.

The game was ultimately called off with 19 minutes remaining with Chesterfield two goals up. After a very professional performance from the Blues they now had the prospect of returning to the Butchers Arms for another replay. The FA confirmed that the fixture would take place last Tuesday 23rd December. Let's hope the lads put in another good performance and by the time you read this article we will be in the third round awaiting an away trip to Ipswich.

The 'official' replay review will follow shortly.

BELIEVE!

Daniel Walker



ACTION REPLAY

CHESTERFIELD

2

Ward 38, 67

MACCLESFIELD TOWN

4

Gritton 23, Bell 25, Gritton 57, Evans 77

Friday 12th December 2008

Venue: Saltergate

Competition: Coca Cola League Two

Attendance: 2451

The Spireites were soundly beaten at a rainy Saltergate in a game that was also costly personnel wise. Bookings for Lloyd Kerry and Jamie Ward plus a last minute red card for Alan Goodall means suspensions will rob Lee Richardson of all three men.

Chesterfield's third straight League loss looked on the cards with less than half an hour played. Martin Gritton did well to create an opening for himself to score before a dreadful error by Kevin Austin presented Lee Bell with a gift to extend Macc's lead.

Jamie Ward pulled one back after a Sean Hessey mistake but, with Spireites beginning to look likely to level, Gritton forced Rob Page to err and he restored a two-goal advantage.

Ward again cut the deficit before sub Gareth Evans ran on to a Gritton flick to beat keeper Trevor Carson to the ball and secure the points to leapfrog their hosts and send Chesterfield into the bottom half of the table.

In the last minute an offside flag from Amy Raynor and a whistle from ref Simon Hooper failed to halt

Silkmen sub Francis Green's run and in trying to retrieve the ball he and Goodall got into a scrap that saw them both dismissed.

CHESTERFIELD:

Carson, Downes, Page, Austin (Currie 46), Goodall, Gray, Kerry, Winter (Harsley 68), Robertson, Lester, Ward. Subs (not used): Lee, Picken, Boden

Goals: Ward 38, 67

Booked: Kerry - foul 39, Winter - foul 66

Sent Off: Goodall - 90 violent conduct

MACCLESFIELD TOWN:

Brain, Reid, Hessey, Brisley, Deen, Thomas (Green 79), Bell, Brown, Dunfield, Yeo (Evans 56), Gritton (Jennings 85). Subs (not used) Tolley, Rooney

Goals: Gritton 23, Bell 25, Gritton 57, Evans 77

Booked: Hessey 34 - foul, Dunfield 44 - foul

Referee: Simon Hooper (Swindon)

MANAGER SAID

I got the team selection wrong. We have this tendency just to give goals away. I think Aaron was outstanding at right back but we missed him in the centre of defence. The logic behind the starting back four was the fact that the same back four had kept the two clean sheets we have had earlier in the season. Plus our better wins have been when we have been more solid. Gifting goals like we did made things impossible for us. Again we gave ourselves a hellish task after conceding two soft goals in the first half hour.

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Nineteen men have played at first-team level for both Luton Town and Chesterfield. The earliest common players – the likes of **Proctor Hall** and **Harry Fitzpatrick** – played in the League for Chesterfield Town and the Southern League for our visitors, and a pair of goal keepers swapped sides before each began their Third Division careers.

At the same time that **Joe Mitchell** was keeping goal for Luton, **Percy Summers** was doing the same here. Percy played around 130 Midland League games for the old Town club over four seasons before the Great War, and was first-choice at Kenilworth Road in Luton's last Southern League season, 1919-20. The following year Mitchell, who made around 60 Southern League starts for the Hatters, joined Chesterfield. He stayed to become the club's first Football League goalkeeper but conceded a lorryload of goals behind what was essentially a semi-pro defence.

The Hatters scouted quite extensively in Notts and Derbyshire between the wars and several local players followed the likes of **Stewart Littlewood** (of Holmewood,) **Herbert Mosley** (of Bolsover) and **Oscar Neale** (of Stonegravels) to Kenilworth Road. While those three made no impression on our Football League side others did; Scotsman **John Black** lost a chunk of his two-year Chesterfield spell with a broken leg and was released, but was snapped up by Luton, where he played 91 times in four years.

Tommy Bell's 20 goals in 42 games were instrumental in getting Chesterfield to the Northern Section championship in 1931, and the scheming forward recorded a similar scoring rate with The Hatters in 1933-4. **Colin Cook** exploded onto the Chesterfield forward line in 1932, scoring five on his reserve

debut and amassing 37 goals in a peculiarly stop-start 50-game career, here. Luton moved quickly for him when Chesterfield gave him a free, but he played only eight times for them; typically, he scored five times in those eight games to leave him looking oddly under-used there, too. Mind you, if he hadn't been under-used, then there might not have been **Joe Payne**, the Brimington Common lad who rattled in ten for the Hatters in one game in 1936.

Hugh McJarrow played for both sides just after the Second World War. We brought him out of Scottish junior football in 1946 and sold him to Sheffield Wednesday after scoring eleven times in 33 games. Two years each at Hillsborough and Kenilworth Road saw him maintain a healthy scoring rate, without ever being able to feel secure as a first-teamer. He netted ten times for The Hatters from fifteen games.

Gareth Salisbury and **Billy Stark** shared clubs in the Sixties; while Salisbury only managed a year at each, Stark (who earned a curious distinction by being on the books of both Celtic and Rangers in his time) had three years at Luton, where it

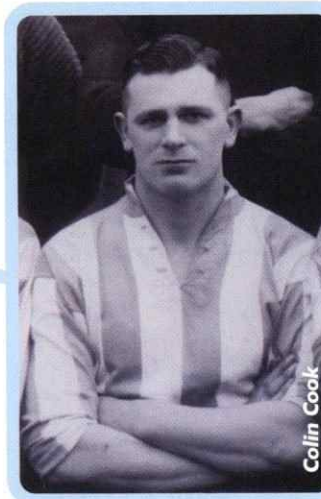


Rodney Fern

was popularly reckoned that the signing of a Scot or Welshman would draw hundreds of that nation's exiles from Luton's motor factories to the game.

Joe Shaw snapped the disenchanted **Rod Fern** up from the Hatters for £8,000 in 1975, and the distinctively moustachioed frontman responded with 54 goals in 150 starts after being played in his best position. Rod didn't exactly see eye to eye with Arthur Cox, Shaw's successor, and Rotherham benefitted from that, just as we had earlier. He went to Millmoor for £35,000 in 1979 and netted 34 times from 98 starts as The Millers won the 1981 Division Three championship.

Two big-hearted players in **Danny Wilson** and **Sean Dyche** played for Chesterfield before joining Luton, but mostly the traffic has been up the M1 of late. In recent seasons we've seen the likes of **Nathan Abbey**, **Keith Rowland**, **Peter Holmes** and **Rob Beckwith** turn out for us after being on Luton's books, while our current playing staff includes two ex-Hatters in **Darren Currie** and **Alan Goodall**.



Colin Cook

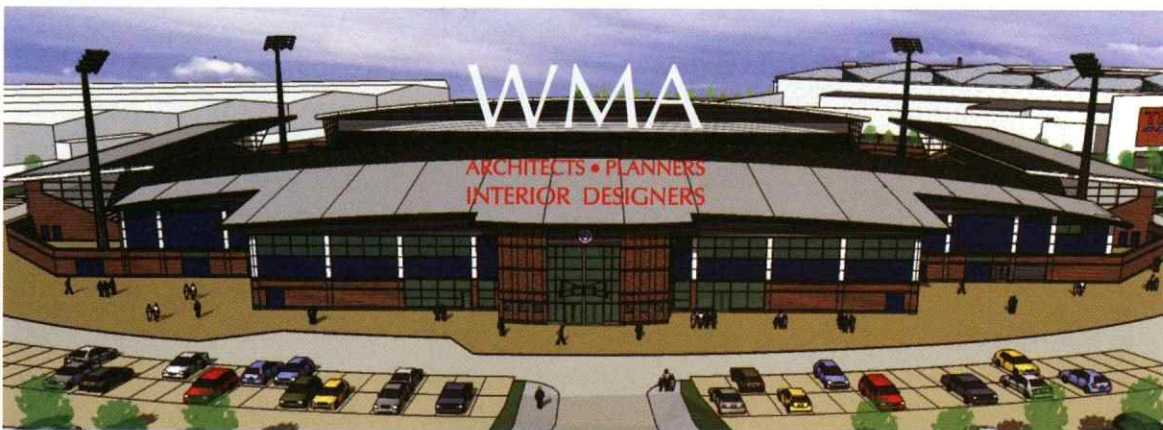
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ON THIS DAY

December 26th

CHESTERFIELD RECORD ON THIS DAY
30 wins, 16 draws, 23 lost

CHESTERFIELD 3
SOUTHAMPTON 0

Div Two (Now the Championship) 1936

Sadness prevailed over Saltergate, with the flags at half-mast, following the death the previous day, on Christmas day, of the club Chairman Sir Ernest Shentall. The crowd joined in the singing of the hymn 'Abide with me' to the accompaniment of the Sheepbridge Works silver prize band. The players had been staying in Buxton for a few days. Following the home victory over Aston Villa by 1-0 at Saltergate on Christmas Day morning, hopes were high for a win over the Saints. The first goal came on 35 minutes from a good move by Bonass and Spence for Clifton to score. Before half time, Spence, playing his 602nd League game, scored from a penalty. Clifton netted the third and his second on 65 minutes. A good game was enjoyed in this festive season. The Saints played well, but on the day the Spireites were the better team.

Chesterfield: Moody, Seagraves, Kidd, Wass, Sliman, Weightman, Spence, Clifton, Ponting, Read, Bonass

Attendance: 17,550

ROTHERHAM 1
CHESTERFIELD 2

Division Three 1970

The Spireites outshone Rotherham throughout the game, and the victory took the Spireites into sixth spot. The Millers did score first on the hour, which was their first serious threat on goal. Neil Warner chipped the ball over the Spireites defence and Swift ran through to head home past the advancing Alan Stevenson. Three minutes later a John Archer special set up Kevin Randall for a well-deserved equalizer. Only two minutes more

and Randall set off down the right crossing the ball to Ernie Moss who turned away from the goal to meet the centre and scissor kick into the far corner. For those of us at Millmoor the goal was unforgettable. This was the Spireites day, a truly splendid performance.

Chesterfield: Stevenson, Holmes, Phelan, Fenoughty, Bell, Stott, Moore, Moss, Randall, Archer, Pugh

Attendance: 14,666

CHESTERFIELD 3
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3

Division Three 1978

It was the biggest gate of the season for this Boxing Day local derby. Six goals and thrills in abundance, the result was in doubt to the final whistle. Kowalski almost snatching the winner with the final kick of the game. Two goals down after 24 minutes, the Spireites had a tough task to get back into the game. Wylde and Porterfield being the Wednesday scorers, although the Porterfield goal may have come off a home defender. A bullet header from Phil Walker reduced the arrears after 35 minutes. Rod Fern came up with an equalizer 3 minutes later. The Spireites dominated in the second half but it was Wednesday who took the lead on 80 minutes from a Johnson fierce drive. When all looked lost for the Spireites Colin Prohett headed home the equalizer on 86 minutes.

Chesterfield: Letheran, Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, Prohett, Walker, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Cammack.

Attendance: 13,330

MANSFIELD TOWN 0
CHESTERFIELD 1

Division Three 1983



The Stags' best attendance of the season watched the Boxing Day clash of the local rivals. John Duncan's men were on top throughout the first half. Mansfield played their part and after the break they did cause a few problems for the Spireites. Jim Brown (pictured) was in fine form in goal for Chesterfield. The goal on 41 minutes won the game for the Spireites. It was spectacular – a Kendal blast from 30 yards, to give Chesterfield their first win since October 15th, being the draw specialist at the time. One rather expected a Stags equalizer. Overall the win was well deserved and could have been more emphatic.

Chesterfield: Brown, Scrimgeour, Stimpson, Kendal, Baines, Bellamy, Birch, Spooner, Newton, Clayton, Bell

Attendance: 6,730

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GROUNDS FOR CONCERN

The current unfortunate plight of today's visitors has been more than adequately documented, both in these pages and indeed in wider circles, such as the depth of feelings on the draconian concession of no less than thirty League points. The very rights and wrongs of this issue will continue to be debated far and wide and will of course include pointed reference to AFC Bournemouth and Rotherham United, as well as Luton Town themselves. The sixty-four-thousand-dollar question will continue to be asked as to why three League Two clubs should have to start a season with a combined handicap of...64 points. Yet whilst the very public recriminations will be played out in these three towns and elsewhere as to the inequities of starting a league season in such extreme deficit, it is also relevant to look at the very root causes that have led to such controversies.

As every Hatters fan who has travelled up the M1 today will no doubt testify, there have always been grounds for concern in Luton, quite literally in the Bedfordshire club's own case. Specifically, Town's desire to leave their current residence of Kenilworth Road has been the pre-occupation of successive hierarchies within the club and actually extends all the way back to the extremely successful period that The Hatters enjoyed back in the eighties. In actual fact, even before the club's halcyon moments, such as a high watermark of seventh position in the old first division and winning The League Cup in 1987 and 1988 respectively, they were seeking to relocate. Put simply 'The Kenny', as it is often affectionately dubbed by fans, is extremely dated and has never been financially viable in the modern era. The ground has effectively hampered any real hopes that Luton ever had of consolidating their status, when enjoying any periods of relative prosperity on the pitch. Luton's status as a top flight club actually extended for a decade until 1992, when succumbing ironically to relegation

in the very season prior to the advent of the new FA Premier League. The heavy irony is that had The Hatters enjoyed their on field success just a few years later, the rewards commensurate with Premier League status could have led the club in a different direction. Some supporters will of course counteract that by the fact that any stay in the new league could have been fleeting anyway as the club would have been rendered totally uncompetitive due to the stadium. Even in the eighties, a series of circumstances conspired against Town, whether self-imposed or not, with one of the most notable consequences being an away fan ban that had obvious revenue repercussions. Central to all this, though, were always the physical constraints of Kenilworth Road. The ground has meant Luton running at a loss for a considerable period and has also meant that successive regimes have invested serious time and money in pursuit of a move, with the fruitless results having an inevitable consequence as to the sheer financial up-keep of the club. Moreover, it has necessitated a resultant decline in

team development. It should not be forgotten that Luton actually secured a top ten berth in the Championship as recently as 2006 but the failure to relocate has meant a fire sale of players and the successive relegations that have left the club in their current predicament both on and off the pitch. One of the most public and well documented failures to relocate was actually played out for nearly half a decade in the mid to late nineties, when former Chairman David Kohler launched a doomed project to build the so-called 'Kohlerdome', which was to be a futuristic model based broadly on the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit. The plans were on such a grand scale that they even involved a moveable grass pitch. The resultant red tape basically tied the club up to such an extent that when the unpopular Kohler departed in 1999, the club soon went into receivership. The intervening years have seen yet more financial frivolity and extreme maladministration that Luton fans will not wish to dwell upon, save to say that happily the club was eventually taken over earlier this year by TV presenter and lifelong fan, Nick Owen.

Owen has obviously had to pick up the pieces of the shattered former regimes and is certainly a man of real integrity who will have the best interests of the club and fans at heart. For he and everybody connected with Luton Town, to secure a football league place for next season will be all that they will now be pre-occupied with. If this mammoth task is achieved, you sense that any future attempts to secure an appropriate home for The Hatters will be then methodically and sensibly pursued. After all, it is the effective failure to resolve this over many years that has opened the door for Owen...

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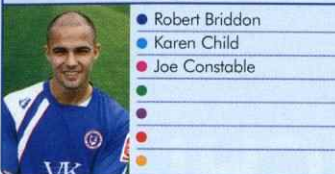
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We will be using the facilities at St Mary's until at least the end of February 2009 before moving back to Holmbrook Valley Park on the 7th of March 2009

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For Birthday Parties, Saturday Morning Club and any other Community enquiries you can contact me on any of the following:

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HOBBIES: Football, Power Rangers
FAV PLAYER: Jack Lester

NAME: Oliver Winfield
AGE: 11
SCHOOL: Unstone School
HOBBIES: Football
FAV PLAYER: Jamie Ward

NAME: Nathan Moss
AGE: 5
SCHOOL: Westfield Infants
HOBBIES: Football, Computer Games
FAV PLAYER: Jamie Ward



HALF-TERM REPORT

After missing out on the play-offs last season with a lack of experience being held up as the biggest missing ingredient, Chesterfield manager Lee Richardson sought to add know-how to his squad in the summer. So with the season almost halfway through, it seems worthwhile taking a look at how far we've come.

AUGUST

The season kicked off with plenty of new faces to learn about. In defence we signed the hugely experienced duo of Rob Page and Kevin Austin plus Danny Hall and Alan Goodall, both no strangers to league football. Behind them, we started the season with just one senior keeper, Tommy Lee, recruited from Macclesfield Town after a loan spell at Rochdale for whom he'd played in the play-off final against Stockport County last May. Rookie Dan Whatsize was the only other goalie in the squad.

Midfield saw the know-how of Darren Currie and Paul Harsley come to Saltergate along with young terrier Lloyd Kerry, who'd looked decent whilst on loan with us from The Blades towards the end of last season. In addition young Dan Gray and Ben Algar joined the pro ranks from the youth team, though little did we know the impact Gray would make at right back as the season unwound.

In attack we started the season at Barnet with just two men that fitted that job description, Jamie Ward and Jack Lester. A major worry! Scott Boden, latterly of Sheffield United's academy, had appeared in pre-season games. He was taken on at the last minute but, like Currie, wasn't quite signed on in time to feature in the opener at Barnet.

A fluke 60 yard free kick on a horrible wet and windy day put the Bees ahead but an upbeat second half show by the lads gave us a 3-1 win and we all felt the summer had gone well and all looked rosy in the Saltergate garden. A 2-0 Carling Cup defeat at Preston ironically cemented that view. We'd played well and conceded the second right at the end as we pressed for a leveller.

However our home opener against Alan Knill's Bury sent us home with heads spinning, wondering what had gone wrong. Three-nil down at half-time wasn't expected and though we pulled one back after the break, all was clearly not well. The bench that day featured our new loan keeper, Trevor Carson from Sunderland.

'It all must have been a blip' was the thinking after a win at Grimsby Town thanks to a superb Currie assist for Ward but everything crumbled again at Saltergate a week on as Wycombe scored early and had to do little else to confirm the win.

August ended with us out of one cup competition and with six points from four games. Not a disaster but two disastrous performances during which we'd shown our susceptibility at set-plays, the experience brought in hadn't yet gelled and our faults of last season hadn't been solved. We also saw the debut of second year trainee Jordan Bowery, drafted into the squad as Lester was sidelined with a thigh problem.

SEPTEMBER

Dreams of Wembley were soon dashed as Grimsby gained revenge to beat us on penalties after a 2-2 in the Johnstone's, a disappointing start to September, but we bounced back with a last gasp winner against previously unbeaten Rotherham United, Alan Goodall the unlikely scorer at the end of a belting game that saw us move into the top ten.

Our next two games though were testing ones. No points and three red cards from trips to Dagenham & Redbridge and Rochdale, grounds we'd won on last season. In Essex Kerry and Page were dismissed, Kerry for retaliation after being assaulted (without the ref seeing) whilst his skipper was adjudged to have elbowed his opponent.

At Spotland a late goal seemed set to earn us a point before the scorer, Ward, was yellowed for a second time as he walked in front of a free kick as it was about to be



taken. The kick was indeed taken twice and the second attempt flew in to give the hosts a last gasp set play winner, just the way we won there in the Spring.

A turgid game at home to Brentford was another defeat and at the end of the month we were out of another KO competition and sitting in an unacceptable 14th spot and the pressure on the manager was becoming very noticeable.

The month saw Luke Boden come in on loan from Sheffield Wednesday and Val Teixeira join on a short term deal after scoring a hat-trick in the reserves. The Portuguese man had lived all of his adult life in America and, at 31, was having a one-shot opportunity at football in England.

OCTOBER

Points lost in draws at monsoon lashed Morecambe and at home to a poor Chester City halted the rot but failed to enable us to make ground or boost confidence and then a 3-1 loss at Lincoln City, in which Janos Kovacs scored, was a real low point.

Chairman Barrie Hubbard called the form 'unacceptable' and the feeling was that Lee's job was on the line as Aldershot came to Saltergate. A Ward hat-trick gave us a massive boost in a 5-1 win and we followed that great win up with a comfortable 3-1 victory over unbeaten Notts County and then we won 6-1 at Exeter City, Jack got two in what was our best ever away win.

The month ended with us in 12th but just three points off the play offs and five from third place. In Jamie Ward we had the league's form player and in Dan Gray, selected at right back for his debut against The Shots, we had the 'find' of the season. But we still couldn't buy a clean sheet. That apart, all looked well.

NOVEMBER

We were a tad away from a battling win at Bournemouth before Darren Anderton levelled late on but at least we saw the manager bag his first cup win of his managerial career, a 3-1 win over neighbours Mansfield Town that saw Jamie Winter bag a brace. A 6612 crowd saw the Rec buzzing and a home draw against Droylsden had everyone thinking of a glamour tie in round three.

A terrific Friday night game saw us come back from two down to earn a point against a good Shrewsbury side but that was followed up by a low grade home draw with a very ordinary Accrington Stanley side who should have been killed off by the break.

However a stunning opening to the game at Bradford City saw us cruising, 2-0 up, before we conceded to three set plays, for the 17th, 18th and 19th times of the season, to throw away the game we should have comfortably won. Just to add to the woes, Goodall was sent off, his second yellow leading to a decisive penalty that Barry Conlon converted to win the game.

The final weekend of the month saw Droylsden come to Town, as did the fog, and after difficult conditions worsened so did our play and The Bloods saw Carl Lamb score but at the break the ref abandoned the game with a pea-souper at the ground though Droylsden's connections thought it was all a set-up!

Twelfth place and six points off the top seven were our end of month resting place.

DECEMBER

Gillingham, no great shakes, were two up by half time at Priestfield though we almost grabbed a point after Lester scored and then saw a shot superbly saved. Droylsden Part Two saw Jack at the centre of events again. At 1-1 after we'd been a goal up and coasting, he inadvertently lobbed Craig Mawson after an injury break. The Bloods players and management lost their heads and reds should have been the order of the day but Lee Richardson kept his head and allowed the visitors to walk through to equalise. Great sportsmanship but with around £100,000 up for the winners in prize money and gate money from Ipswich Town, it was a very brave decision, not supported by everyone at Saltergate. A big crowd took advantage of it costing just £1 to get in.

That bizarre night was followed by another, a Friday fixture against Macclesfield Town who were soon two up. Ward narrowed the gap and we looked good value for a point before The Silkmen reopened the two goal gap and we went on to lose 4-2. The 'Rico Out' shouts were loud and went on well after the final whistle. A red card for Goodall after he was seemingly attacked by Francis Green was another shock, he was given a 4 match ban.

On to The Butchers Arms and a comfortable win was on the cards after Lester and Currie scored but, 18 minutes from time, half of the lights went out and the ref eventually called the game off. All very unsatisfactory and, indeed, suspicious. Our fourth encounter had already taken place but since these notes were written due to the festivities. Ipswich here we come (I hope).

Last Saturday we had one of those 'must win' games, a trip to Port Vale where we'd not won in a league in the best part of 21 years but an Aaron Downes header gave us the win and, most importantly of all, saw us keep a clean sheet for the first time in 18.

Gray, Ben Algar and Scott Boden were all offered extended deals, Gray for 18 months, the others until the end of this season.

We're seven points off the play offs and nine from second spot, closable gaps but we need to up our game somewhat if we're to be in with a shout of moving up come May.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Breeze & David Jones.



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I write these notes the day after the third attempt to play our second round FA Cup tie against Droylsden. I am amazed that we still do not have a winner to go on to play at Championship side Ipswich Town in the third round.

The bizarre circumstances of the floodlights failing with less than twenty minutes to go was really depressing as we had finally taken our opponents by the scruff of the neck and showed them we can play football. At the time of writing there are rumours that the fourth attempt may be played in the afternoon to avoid "electrical problems."

The Droylsden manager will now probably stop moaning now that fortune has favoured his team. By the time you read these notes the result SHOULD be known (but you never know).

If Droylsden felt hard done by, then our visitors today must think they have broken a hundred mirrors and run over several black

cats. Starting off the season with minus 30 points due to administration and other issues, the Hatters really have a job of even staying in the Football League. Their first target this season will be to reach zero points, and then start looking at the teams they can overtake.

I hope you all had a great Christmas, and that Santa brought you all that you asked for. I understand the Droylsden manager Dave Pace received a book on anger management, a new pair of wire cutters and some dignity.

Now that the New Year is just around the corner, I would like to mention that we still have a few spaces on our weekend trip this season. We will be staying in Blackpool on Friday and Saturday 24/25th April and taking in the match at Accrington on the Saturday, returning from Blackpool on Sunday morning, and stopping at the National Football museum in Preston on the return journey. There are only FOUR double

rooms left, if you are interested, please contact me for further details after the match in the Executive Club or call/text me on 07745 543272. Please note texts only between 8 - 5 Monday to Friday due to work. The cost of the trip is £110 for Supporters Club Members (or £115 for non-members).

Congratulations to Carol Tuck of North Wingfield who was the winner of our November monthly members draw.

The Supporters Club newsletters will have reached our members before Christmas, please note that we are always happy to receive letters or articles for inclusion in our next issue. I thoroughly intend to do a piece about the FA Cup, and a few other bits n bobs, why not drop us a line at Chesterfield Supporters Club, PO Box 1866, Chesterfield, S40 3XS or email to mickumney@hotmail.co.uk

Enjoy the game

Mick

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'AUTOWORLD' PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Chesterfield striker Jamie Ward was once again the unanimous winner of the Spireite Supporters Club 'Autoworld Player of the Month' award. Jamie's consistent form throughout the month of November earned Jamie the Supporters votes.

Jamie is pictured receiving his award from Autoworld Managing Director David Priestnall before the recent game against Macclesfield Town.

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	Pld	Goal
1 Tommy LEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Phil PICKEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Gregor ROBERTSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Jamie LOWRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Rob PAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Kevin AUSTIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Jamie WARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Derek NIVEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Darren CURRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Paul HARSLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Alan GOODALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Jack LESTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Aaron DOWNES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Jamie WINTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Lloyd KERRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Danny HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Scott BODEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Ben ALGAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Dan GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Jordan BOWERY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Trevor CARSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Lee ASKHAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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LUTON TOWN

MANAGER Mick HARFORD

	Pld	Goal
1 Dean BRILL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Claude GNAKPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Sol DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Keith KEANE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Ian ROPER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 George PILKINGTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Garreth O'CONNOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Kevin NICHOLLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Sam PARKIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Ryan CHARLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Lewis EMANUEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Harry WORLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Asa HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Rossi JARVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Kevin WATSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Chris MARTIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Drew TALBOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Michael SPILLANE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Conrad LOGAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Wayne ANDREWS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Tom CRADDOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 George BEAVAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Paul McVEIGH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29 Jordan PATRICK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33 Jake HOWELLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36 Aaron FLETCHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 Scott SINCLAIR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Today's Line-up page in association with



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Webb

Assistant Referee: D H Coote

Assistant Referee: P Graham

Fourth Official: I Smedley

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Sat 28th December 2008

Darlington v Chesterfield

Kick-Off 15:00



Sat 3rd January 2009

Brentford v Chesterfield

Kick-Off 15:00



Sat 10th January 2009

Chesterfield v Rochdale

Kick-Off 15:00



Sat 17th January 2009

Chester City v Chesterfield

Kick-Off 15:00



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