

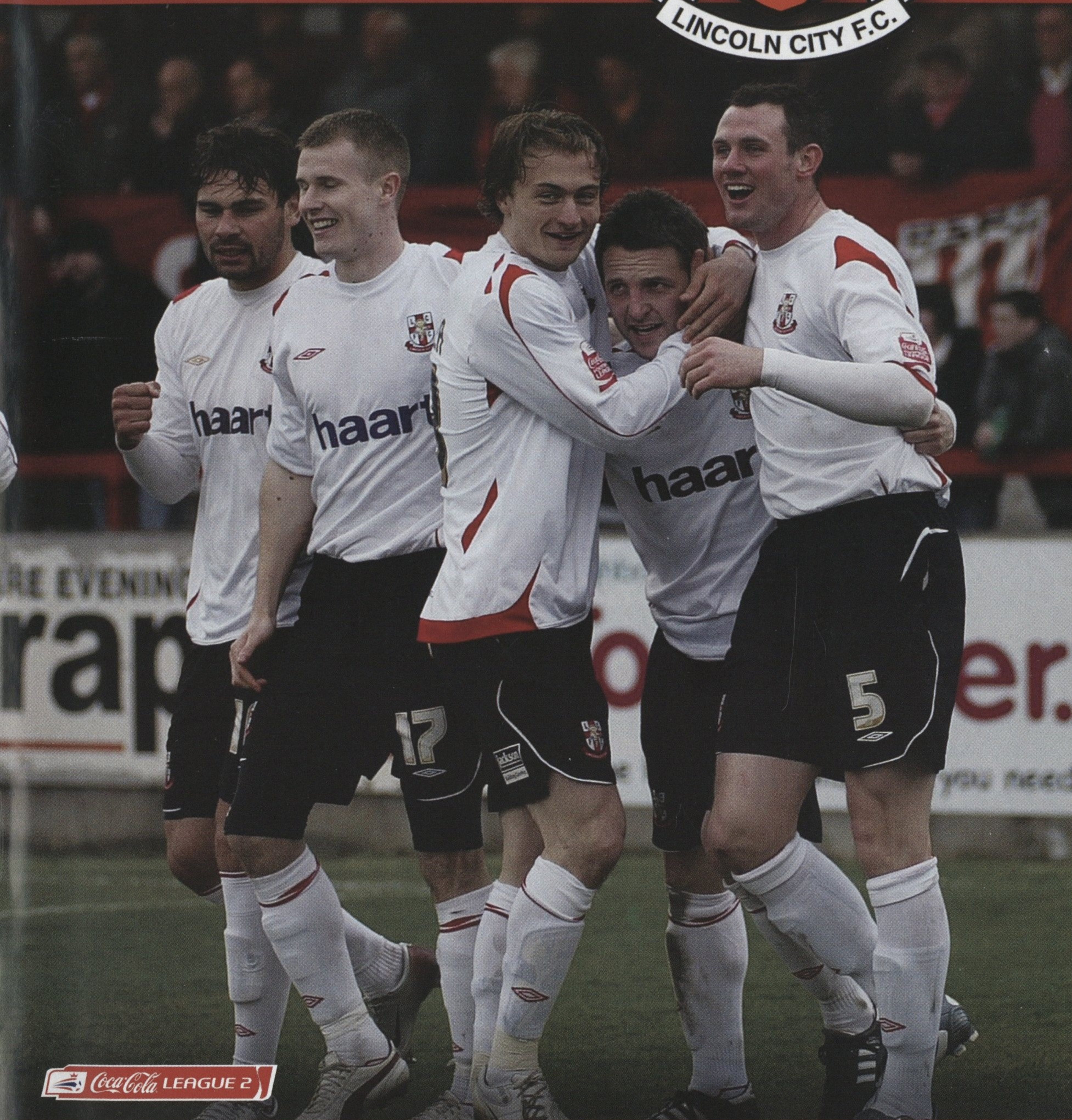
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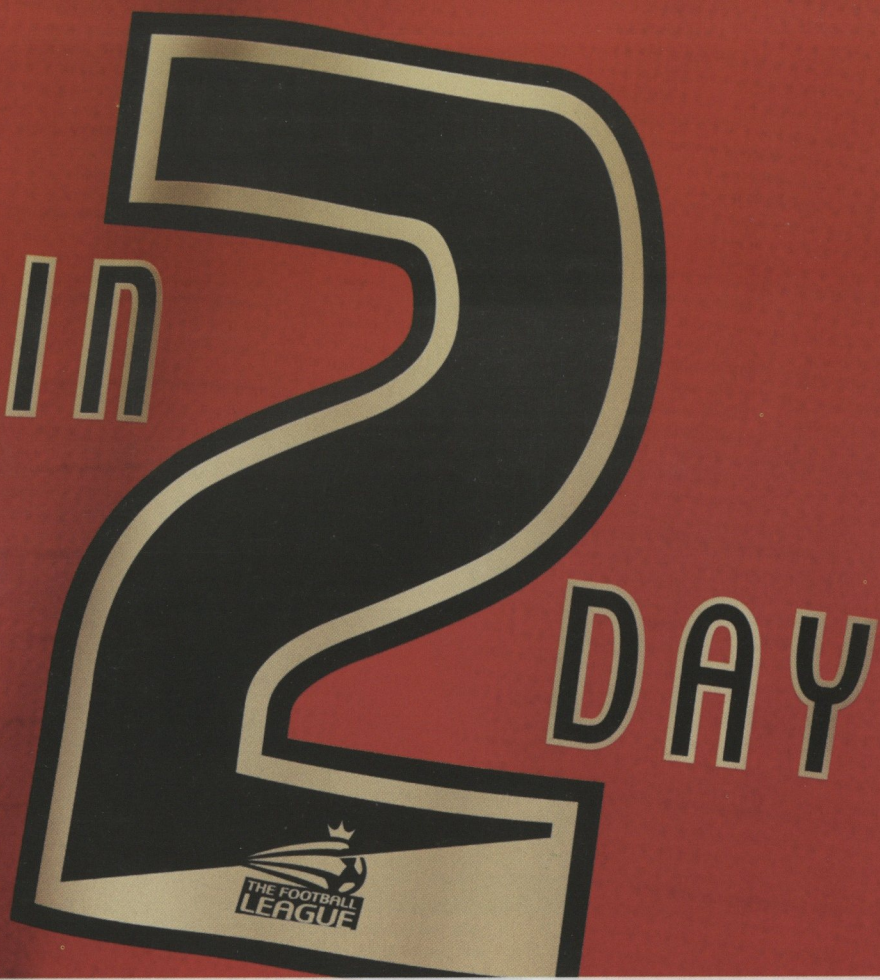
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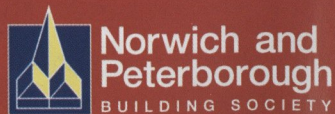
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PETER JACKSON

"WE'VE ONLY GOT FIVE GAMES LEFT AND CAN'T AFFORD TO DROP MANY POINTS BUT THE DREAM IS STILL ALIVE..."



Welcome to Sincil Bank for today's game against a Luton side who will be on a major high following last Sunday's tremendous victory over our local rivals Scunthorpe in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley Stadium.

I'm full of admiration for Mick Harford and for his club in general with regards to how they've done over the past few months. They've faced some difficult times and are facing relegation but we've got a tough challenge here today because Luton are as good as anything in this division. Those of you here today who know Mick from his playing days at Sincil Bank will know that he's a fighter and a winner and I wish him, his staff and his players every success for the future.

It's safe to say that our last home game against Macclesfield wasn't the best game by any stretch of the imagination but it turned out to be a vital win for us and set us up nicely for the trips to Accrington and Chesterfield. I said after the Macclesfield match that we needed to take at least four points from the two away games and we kicked off in fine style at Accrington, a side who were the form side in the division. We knew we had to play well to beat them

and it was thanks to a tremendous captain's performance by the inspirational Scott Kerr, who's probably been playing some of the best football of his career over the last few weeks, that we came away with a tremendous victory. Scott's form has been a revelation and a real plus for us and he and Michael O'Connor have complemented each other well in midfield. Scott knows that he should score more goals than he does so hopefully his two goals will get him off and running.

Another pleasing aspect to come from the Accrington match was that we recorded another clean sheet with Moses and Janos starting to form a good partnership at the back. Overall it was a good, solid performance and an excellent three points and it set us up for a trip to another form side in Chesterfield. We knew we couldn't afford to lose on Tuesday so there was a lot of pressure on the players to perform and they certainly did that.

Whilst we would have liked to have taken all six points from the Accrington and Chesterfield games, the four points still keeps us in there and that's why it's so important that we win today. Hopefully there'll be a few more here today thanks to the special ticket offer and it will be another big day for us so we'll need your

support from the first whistle until the last.

I'll be forced to switch things around with Adi picking up a hamstring injury at Chesterfield whilst Anthony Elding's return to Crewe following his three months with us will be a big loss. He was fantastic during his time here. He worked hard, he trained well and he is certainly someone who I'll be looking at for next year. Whilst it's disappointing to lose him, his absence will open the doors up for some of the other strikers to come in and impress during these final few matches.

The way the division's going and the way that the teams at the bottom are beating the teams at the top, anything could happen. Going into the closing stages of the season, pressure will get to sides and that's why it's important for us to pick up points and we have to get three points today. If we managed to do that then I'm sure we'll take a massive following over to Bradford on Monday but all we can do at the moment is to take one game at a time and that starts today.

We've only got five games left and can't afford to drop many points but the dream is still alive.

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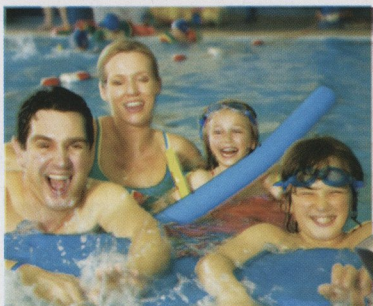
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Last time at Sincil Bank...

26.02.2002

LCFC 0

Luton Town 1 (Taylor)

Nationwide League Division 3, Attendance: 2,921

City: Alan Marriott, Mark Bailey, Stuart Bimston, Grant Brown, Paul Morgan, Paul Smith, Ian Hamilton, Justin Walker, Peter Gain, Lee Thorpe, Dave Cameron. Subs: Ben Sedgemoor, Tony Battersby, Adam Buckley.

Luton Town: Carl Emberson, Matthew Spring, Russell Perrett, Marvin Johnson, Chris Coyne, Matthew Taylor, Steve Howard, Paul Hughes, Ahmet Brkovic, Adrian Forbes, Alan Neilson.

First Time Out...

04.12.1897

LCFC 4 (Morris, Hulme, Robertson, Ross)

Luton Town 2 (Stewart, McEwan)

Football League Division 2

City: William Wilkinson, Archibald McFarlane, Thomas Eyre, Gardiner Hannah, George Morris, Joe Simpson, Edward Hall, Arthur Hulme, Hugh Robertson, Horace Fletcher, William Ross.

Luton Town: Richard Williams, John McCartney, Jimmy McEwan, Sam Davies, William Stewart, James Docherty, William Gallacher, Jimmy Coupar, Tommy Little, Tom McInnes, Frederick Ekins.

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LUTON TOWN



The Hatters Roll Call...

Ed Asafu-Adjaye	Trainee	23	0
22.12.88 / London / Defender			
Dean Brill	Trainee	75	0
02.12.85 / Luton / Goalkeeper			
Mark Bower	Bradford	14	1
23.01.80 / Bradford / Defender			
David Button	Spurs	0	0
27.02.89 / Stevenage / Goalkeeper			
Ryan Charles	Trainee	16	2
30.09.89 / Enfield / Forward			
Tom Craddock	Middlesbro	21	9
14.10.86 / Darlington / Forward			
Sol Davis	Swindon	197	3
04.09.79 / Cheltenham / Defender			
Lewis Emanuel	Bradford	74	5
14.10.83 / Bradford / Midfielder			
Kevin Gallen	MK Dons	25	3
21.09.75 / Hammersmith / Forward			
Claude Gnackpa	Peterboro	25	1
09.06.83 / Marseille / Defender			
Asa Hall	Birmingham	36	10
29.11.86 / Sandwell / Utility			
Ian Henderson	Northampton	14	1
24.01.85 / Thetford / Forward			
Jake Howells	Trainee	26	0
18.04.88 / Hemel Hempstead / Defender			
Rossi Jarvis	Norwich	33	0
11.03.88 / Fakenham / Midfielder			
Keith Keane	Trainee	123	4
20.11.86 / Luton / Midfielder			
Paul McVeigh	Norwich	38	3
06.12.77 / Belfast / Forward			
Chris Martin	Norwich	36	11
04.11.88 / Beccles / Forward			
Kevin Nicholls	Preston	191	30
02.01.79 / Newham / Midfielder			
Sam Parkin	Ipswich	47	10
14.03.81 / Roehampton / Forward			
George Pilkington	Port Vale	12	0
07.11.81 / Rugeley / Defender			
Ian Roper	Walsall	18	3
20.06.77 / Nuneaton / Defender			
Michael Spillane	Norwich	33	3
23.03.89 / St Helier, Jersey / Utility			

The Hatters...

Today's visitors Luton Town travel to Sincil Bank embroiled in a relegation scrap for their lives. Hit with a 30 point deduction before the season had even started, the Hatters, managed by ex-Imp Mick Harford, have been bottom of the table since the first seconds of the season and go into today's match with 22 points from their 40 games and 12 points from safety, although they do have a game in hand on Grimsby.

Despite their uphill struggle in the League, Luton lifted some silverware last weeked at Wembley, defeating Scunthorpe United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final thanks to an extra-time Claude Gnackpa strike. Scunthorpe took the lead through Gary Hooper only to see strikes from Chris Martin and Tom Craddock put Luton ahead. However a late equaliser from Grant McCann put the game into extra-time. The winner for the Hatters came just five minutes into extra-time to send the 40,000 Luton fans wild. It's safe to say that Luton have another six cup finals as they look to avoid the dreaded drop into the non-League.

Before looking at today's team let's travel back to Sunday 11th April 1885, the day Luton Town Football Club were born. Like many other clubs, Luton were formed after a merger of two local teams, these being Luton Wanderers and Excelsior. Luton were the first club in southern England to become fully professional in 1891.

After a brief stint in the Football League, Luton settled in their new home Kenilworth Road and were founder members of the Southern League. Luton adopted their white and black colours in 1919, the same year they joined the Football League. The Hatters had to wait until 1937 before they tasted glory, winning the Southern Third Division, with striker Joe Payne scoring an amazing 55 goals including 10 in one game.

Luton graced the top flight of English Football in 1955 but 10 just years later they were in the Division Four, the Football League's basement division. With players such as Bruce Rioch and David Pleat, Luton won the Fourth Division in 1968 and two years later thanks to new signing Malcolm MacDonald they were promoted again. Luton's climb up the Football League was halted, though, with the £180,000 sale of MacDonald to Newcastle United.

Pleat was named manager in 1978 and by 1981 he had guided the Hatters back into the top flight. It took a last gasp win at Manchester City to preserve top flight status which led to Pleat's famous celebratory skip across the Maine Road pitch.

The summer of 1985 saw Luton install an artificial pitch at Kenilworth Road. After Pleat guided the team to ninth in 1985/86 he left to take over at Tottenham Hotspur. His successor, John Moore, led the Hatters to their highest ever placing in Division One of seventh however he resigned after disliking the high profile nature of the job.

In 1988 under former City defender Ray Harford, Luton defeated Arsenal 3-2 in the League Cup Final thanks to a last minute strike from Brian Stein and the following year they reached the final again but lost out 3-1 to Nottingham Forest with Mick Harford the man on target.

Luton suffered relegation from the top flight in 1992 and in 1996 they were relegated to Division Two and missed out on bouncing straight back up, losing in the



Kevin Nicholls



Rossi Jarvis

Newell was replaced mid way through the 2006/07 season by Kevin Blackwell, however, after a 10-point deduction for entering administration, Blackwell and his successor Mick Harford could not stop the club from relegation.

Financial turmoil saw the club taken over by Luton Town Football Club 2020 and faced the harsh reality of bad management. This season was sure going to be a tough one for everyone connected with the Hatters. After being docked 30 points, Harford had to rebuild his entire squad. Kevin Nicholls returned to the club as captain, last Sunday's hero Claude Gnackpa joined from Peterborough, Asa Hall signed from Birmingham and Chris Martin came in on loan from Norwich.

Luton made a decent start to the season and by the start of October had clawed back 11 points. Injuries took its toll though and as each month passed by the chances of a great escape were slipping away. Winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy looks to be the highlight in a relegation season for the Hatters as realistically Luton need to win all their remaining games including today's at Sincil Bank if they're to challenge the teams immediately above them.

The players hoping to perform the great escape. One player who will be missing for will be talismanic captain Kevin Nicholls who has been handed a five-match ban after admitting a charge of improper conduct relating to an incident at the end of Luton's game against Bradford in January.

Apart from being without the midfielder's services, Harford may well give the rest of his cup winners another start. If this is the case then Dean Brill will line up in goal with Ed Asafu-Adjaye, George Pilkington, Michael Spillane and Lewis Emanuel in defence.

Keith Keane, Asa Hall and Rossi Jarvis started in midfield at Wembley and with Nicholls out there is a place available. That could be filled by final hero Claude Gnackpa who can operate on either flank. Up front is expected to be Chris Martin and Tom Craddock. Pushing for a start will be experienced trio of Ian Roper, Sol Davis and Sam Parkin who all started on the bench at Wembley.



Keith Keane

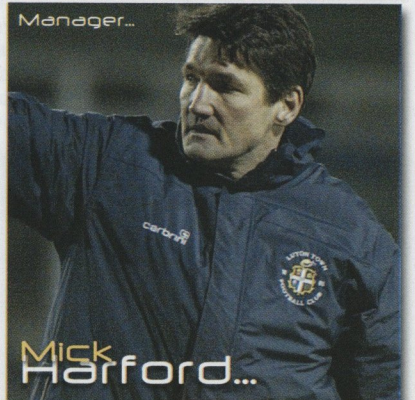
By Adrian Bell

play-offs. Joe Kinnear took Luton Town up to Division One finishing runners up to Plymouth Argyle but after the club was taken over by a mysterious consortium, Kinnear was sacked and replaced by Mike Newell. In 2005 Newell's men were crowned League One champions and an impressive season in the Championship saw the club finish 10th. The Hatters sold a number of key players, however, such as Carlos Edwards, Rowan Vine and Steve Howard which resulted in relegation.



Chris Martin

Currently on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008, Chris is a young striker who has played 30 times for the Canaries, scoring five times. He burst into the first team in 2007, and his performances quickly saw him become a fans' favourite at the club. Strong for his age and technically gifted, his early promise saw him win call-ups for the England Under-19 squad, scoring on his debut against Turkey in March 2007. Chris, who netted twice against the Imps earlier this season, was also on target in last weekend's Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final and will be out to impress again today before he starts a two-match suspension.



Mick Harford...

Mick started his professional football career here at Sincil Bank over 30 years ago and went on to establish himself as one of the country's most feared centre-forwards. One of the few City products to go on and win full international honours with England, Mick left the Imps for Newcastle United for a record £180,000 fee in December 1980 but it was with Luton where he made his name, scoring 69 times in 168 matches during two spells at Kenilworth Road. After his playing career came to an end, Mick moved into coaching and having been in caretaker charge at both Nottingham Forest and QPR as well as managing Rotherham United, Mick was appointed as Luton's new manager in January 2008.

the Connections...

A surprisingly high number of players (29) have played for us both in the Football League over the years and they include the following:

Scottish full back **Robert Anderson** played 74 times for Luton between 1923 and 1925 before making 137 appearances for Newport County as well appearing for the Welsh League. He joined Lincoln at the end of his career making 27 "sterling" appearances although his "power and speed of recovery was limited by the end of a strenuous campaign" according to Benny Dix in 1932. Later returned to Luton to work and he died there in 1974.

Luton born winger **Kingsley Black** joined his home town club in 1987 and went on to appear 123+4 times for them scoring 26 goals, as well as being in the 1988 League Cup winning side, before a £1.5million move to Nottingham Forest in September 1991. He won the first of his 30 Northern Ireland caps (his father was Irish) in April 1988 with 16 of his appearances coming as a Hatter. He later played for Sheffield United, Millwall and Grimsby Town before joining us, initially on loan, in October 2000 and then on a permanent basis the following May. He scored five times in 35+2 appearances before being one of the players released at the end of the season. He retired from the game and is now believed to be living

in Majorca.

Full back **Steve Buckley** began his professional career at Nottingham Forest but failed to appear for them and spent time in the East Midlands non-League scene before moving to Kenilworth Road in 1974. He went on to score nine times in 123 appearances for them before moving to Derby County where he spent nine seasons and played 323 Football League games for them (21 goals) before

"'Legend' is a word bandied about too easily in football but Mick Harford can perhaps lay claim to being one at both clubs!"

joining us in August 1986.

He scored twice in 36 games as we suffered relegation from the League although he was one of the very few who remained here the following season as we won the Conference. Injured for a large part of the season he eventually appeared 22 times and left us for Boston

United in November 1988.

Alf Hale made 156 appearances (four goals) for us at left and centre half in the late 1920's. Described by Benny Dix in his 1932 book on City as "always been a good defensive player, whole hearted in his methods...but his capacity as a constructive player never reached a high standard." He moved to Luton in 1930 and appeared 22 times for them.

Right-winger **Ted Hancock** made 26 appearances (18 of them during 1936/37 when Town won the Division Three South title) and scored three times in two seasons at Kenilworth Road before initially signing for Northwich Victoria in June 1938. The Imps then expressed an interest and they released him to allow him to sign here. He was a regular in the final pre-war season scoring four times in 30 games before leaving at the end of the season.

'Legend' is a word bandied about too easily in football but **Mick Harford** can perhaps lay claim to being one at both clubs! Number eight in our all-time top 100 the fearsome centre forward scored 41 times in 109+6 Football League appearances before moving to Newcastle for a then Club record fee of £180,000 in December 1980. His stay in the north east was brief and a year later he moved to Bristol City and then Birmingham City

Kingsley Black - one of 29 players to have appeared in the League for the Imps and the Hatters



before joining Luton in December 1984 for £250,000. He played 135+4 times for the Hatters and scored 58 times, helping them to win the League Cup in 1988 as well as winning two England caps. Such was his impact there that he is frequently voted one of the best ever Town players. He joined Derby in January 1990 but returned to Kenilworth Road in 1991 for one final season when he scored 12 times in 29 games as the club suffered relegation. He moved on to Chelsea and finally finished his playing career with 545+38 apps and 187 goals. Coaching and management spells have followed at Wimbledon, Luton, Nottingham Forest, Swindon, Rotherham, Colchester and QPR before he returned for a second spell in charge of the Hatters in January 2008.

Midfielder **Peter Holmes** initially joined Luton in August 2000 and spent nearly seven years there although a succession of injuries saw him play just 67+38 times and score 11 goals. He joined us on loan in February 2007 but only played five times before returning to Luton before he was released that summer. He is currently at Rotherham United.

Rob Johnson spent a month on loan here at the start of the 1983/84 season to cover for Phil Neale whilst he played cricket. He played four times for us and 91+6 times for his parent club Luton. He was another member of their 1988 League Cup winning side.

Marc North originally joined Luton in March 1984 as a goalkeeper but converted to a defender and ended his career as a striker! He played 11+7 times for Town scoring three times before and spent a month on loan at Sincil Bank in 1985. Top scorer for Grimsby Town in 1987/88 with 11 he eventually aggregated 138+33 Football League games and 32 goals with six different sides. He died of cancer in 2001 aged just 35.

Phil O'Connor had a very brief Football League career that consisted of one start and one substitute appearance for Luton in 1972/73 and four games with one goal here on loan in January 1975. He later emigrated to Australia playing for several sides as well as scoring five times in 20 games for the national side! Another who died young as he was sadly killed in a car crash in 1985.

Fred Panther was described as a "bullet headed centre forward" when he was playing for Raith Rovers in Scotland where he scored regularly later in his career. He had played 15 times for us in the early 1920's scoring three times and also scored three although in just eight games for the Hatters between 1926 and 1928.

Centre half **Trevor Peake** made 623+5 appearances in nearly 20 years in the Football League with just three clubs! He began here in 1979 going on to make

171 apps and scoring seven times as he forged a superb defensive partnership with Steve Thompson. Voted number nine in our League Legends he was "Player of the Season" in 1979/80 and 1980/81 when he was also in the PFA Team of the Season for Division 4. He joined Coventry City in June 1983 for £100,000 and went on to win the FA Cup with them in 1987 before joining Luton in August 1991. He failed to score in his time there but did play 175+4 games with his final one coming in September 1997 as a substitute at Wrexham which made him at the age of 40 years and 222 days the Hatters' oldest known player. He has since coached at both Luton and Coventry before joining Leicester City's Academy set up.

Currently playing for MK Dons, **Jude Stirling** began his career at Luton in 1999 making 6+4 appearances. Noted for his long throw he appeared six times as a substitute here in the latter part of 2005/06, which is a Club record (along with Guy Ipoua) number of substitute appearances for a player to have made for us without actually starting a game.

Forward **John Taylor** is better known for his time at Cambridge United where he scored 86 of his 152 Football League goals as well as being manager of the club but he appeared 27+10 times for the Hatters between 1995 and 1997 scoring three times.

Whilst at Luton he spent a month on loan here in 1996 scoring twice in five games. When he made his goalscoring debut for us versus Cardiff City he became the 1,000th player to appear in the Football League for us.

Mike Tracey had won an FA Amateur Cup medal with Crook Town in 1959 as well as appearing three times for England in amateur internationals before joining Luton. He scored three times in 23 games before moving here in July 1961. He spent a season with us scoring five times in 21 games before returning to non-League football with Worksop Town. He worked as a solicitor before retiring to Ireland in 1980.

Former Luton apprentice **Wayne Turner** spent six years at Kenilworth Road without really establishing himself in the side eventually appearing 81+3 times and scoring twice. He spent six months on

Football League Lowdown...

Season	Div	H	A
1897/98	2	4-2	3-9
1898/99	2	2-0	0-2
1899/00	2	2-0	2-0
1948/49	2	4-4	0-6
1952/53	2	1-2	0-4
1953/54	2	1-1	0-1
1954/55	2	1-2	1-2
1960/61	2	1-1	0-3
1965/66	4	2-2	0-0
1966/67	4	8-1	1-2
1967/68	4	2-3	2-4
1998/99	2	2-2	1-0
2001/02	3	0-1	1-1
2008/09	2		2-3

Leading FL appearance makers...

CITY	HATTERS	
Roger Holmes	Bob Morton	7
Tony Emery	Syd Owen	7
Roy Finch	John Moore	6
Bobby Owen	Bernard Stretton	6
Roy Chapman	Gordon Turner	6
Andy Graver	Bud Ahearne	5
Horace Green	Graham French	5
Jim Grummett jnr	Tom McInnes	5
Jimmy Munro	John Reid	5
Doug Wright		5

Leading FL goalscorers...

CITY	HATTERS	
Roy Chapman	Jesse Pye	5
Billy Cobb	Ray Whittaker	5
Joe Bonson	Gordon Turner	4
Tom Docherty	Keith Allen	3
Jimmy Hartley	Jimmy Yardley	3
Arthur Hulme		2
Thomas McCairns		2
Hugh Robertson		2
William Ross		2

loan here in 1981/82 and helped us rise from the lower reaches of the table to being promotion candidates as we only lost two of the 18 games he played in! Later had a spell on the coaching staff at Luton.

Steve White had been a regular goalscorer at Bristol Rovers when Luton paid them £200,000 for his services in December 1979. A member of their Division 2 title winning side of 1981/82 he scored 25 times in 63+9 appearances for them before moving to Charlton for cash plus Paul Walsh at the end of the season. It was whilst at The Valley that his brief loan spell at Sincil Bank occurred when he made 2+1 apps in January 1983 and the following month he returned to Luton for a month playing four times without scoring. He eventually amassed 548+98 Football League games and scored an impressive 224 goals.

Lincoln City FC Club News

LINCOLN CITY CLUB BARS

There is a no smoking policy in all bars around the stadium...

Saturday fixtures (3.00pm ko)

Trust Suite

12.00pm - 3.00pm (general public)

4.45pm - 6.00pm (general public)

Hot filled rolls available from 12noon until 3pm

Red Imps Bar (Co-op Stand)

2.00pm - 4.00pm

KC Lounge

12.00pm - 5.30pm (Corporate Box holders only)

5.30pm-7.00pm (general public)

Fox Executive Lounge

12.00pm - 6.00pm (Executive Members only, last orders 5.45pm)

Meals served (please book in advance)

Evening fixtures (7.45pm ko)

Trust Suite

6.00pm - 11.00pm (general public)

Hot filled rolls available from 6pm until

7.45pm

Red Imps Bar (Co-op Stand)

6.45pm - 9.00pm

KC Lounge

6.00pm - 9.30pm (Corporate Box holders only)

9.30pm - 11.00pm (general public)

Fox Executive Lounge

6.00pm - 11.00pm (Executive Members only)

Meals served (please book in advance)

VOTE NOW FOR YOUR PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Voting slips for the 2008/09 Player of the Season are now available from the bars, ticket office, club shop and turnstiles here at Sincil Bank Stadium.

The annual Player of the Season award has been run by the Lincoln & District Football Supporters Club since the 1969/70 season and all completed voting slips need to be returned to LCFC by Friday 24 April 2009.

The winner of the Vic Withers Memorial Trophy will be announced at the Aldershot Town game on Saturday 2nd May 2009.

PEMBO EXTENDS UNITED LOAN

Teenage midfielder Martin Pembleton has extended his loan at Lincoln United until April 25th 2009.

Pembleton has been with the Unibond League Division One side for the past month, although his appearances have been limited after he was sent off on his debut for the Whites.

REDUCED PRICES FOR EXETER MATCH

As is the case today, reduced admission prices will be in operation for next Saturday's home game against promotion-chasing Exeter City.

Admission prices have been reduced to just £10 for adults and £5 for concessions/U16s and the offer is for all home sections of the stadium, with the



exception of the Fox Executive Lounge where normal Category 'B' prices will apply.

Supporters who have already pre-purchased tickets for the fixture will be entitled to a refund from the Club Office on production of their match ticket.

Due to the reduction in admission prices, no advance purchase discount will be available with the £10 and £5 prices being in operation up until kick-off. There is no need to purchase tickets in advance.

A promotional poster can be downloaded from www.redimps.com/exeterposter.jpg

All adult and concessionary season ticket holders, meanwhile, will be able to take advantage of a £10 reduction off their 2009/10 season ticket renewal when purchasing their new season ticket before the end of June.

This discount will be over and above the early purchase discount and will only apply to existing 2008/09 season ticket holders.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the main office and Club Shop at Sincil Bank Stadium will be closed tomorrow and Monday before re-opening at 9.00am on Tuesday 14 April.

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL TEAMS

We are offering teams in the area the opportunity to hold their presentation evening's at the largest football stadium in Lincolnshire!

Whether it is an end of season get together with a few drinks or a fundraising party with your presentations, Sincil Bank Stadium can cater for your needs and for a limited time we have a special offer available on room hire for the evening (7.00pm - 11.30pm) at just £100.

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CALLING ALL BUDDING FOOTBALLERS

The Goal Activity Club here at Sincil Bank Stadium is holding a one-off event for the final game of the season.

If you're into football then The Goal is the place to be on Saturday 2nd May 2009 as Guinness world record holder, football freestyler Dan Magness will hold a soccer skills workshop from 12 noon until 2.00pm, teaching budding footballers some tricks.

Then, during the half-time interval at the



Imps v Aldershot match, the children will showcase their new talents in front of the crowd with Dan, who has worked with Manchester United and Chelsea stars amongst others,

The price for the day is just £20, which includes the workshop together with one adult and one child ticket for the Aldershot game.

Whilst at The Goal, your child will be fully supervised with qualified staff. However, there are limited places available, so if you want to have a go at this one-off opportunity, get in quick!

If you are not already a Goal member, why not come along and see for yourself the facilities we have to offer! It is the place to come and make new friends during the school

holidays and with prices starting from only £15 for the day, it is a real bargain!

For a booking form and more information please phone Sophie Pateman on 01522 560114.

FANS MATCH - THE REMATCH

Part two of the Lincoln City fans versus Grimsby Town fans charity challenge match is scheduled to take place at Sincil Bank Stadium on Wednesday 6 May 2009 with a 7.30pm kick-off.

Admission prices will be £2 for adults and £1 for concessions with all proceeds going to the Children's Wards at Grimsby & Lincoln Hospitals.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be holding a preventative health screening event for the community on Thursday 4th June 2009 in the Trust Suite.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the number one reason for severe disability in the UK. The symptoms are generally not obvious until a stroke occurs which all too often is too late.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow up care with their GP.

The following four health screens utilizing ultrasound and ECG technology are offered: Carotid Artery/Stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Atrial Fibrillation and Peripheral Arterial Disease screenings are available at a package price of just £139. For the Osteoporosis screen just add £10.

These are life saving tests which can give you very important information in a timely manner, as Mr Larcombe from Walsall informed us:

"Following the results of the scans both my wife and I hadit was found that I had a very significant narrowing of both my carotid arteries.

"I have had an operation on the worst of the two with an imminent one to follow. According to the Surgeon they were both very badly diseased and a disaster waiting to happen. I cant thank you enough for virtually saving my life and for the services you offered."

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You must pre-register, please call 0800 1789127 quoting the reference AKPTB to make an appointment now or visit www.lifelinescreening.co.uk for more information.





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LOTTERY LATEST

This weeks Roll Over Jackpot now stands at 2,400!

Congratulations this week goes to Mr Munday of Lincoln who is obviously over the moon about his £1,000 win.

This season is flying by and I am sure you will soon be thinking about renewing your Season Ticket. You could be saying to yourself: "I might struggle this year." Well, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that you could get a complimentary ticket to every home League match if you collect £50 or more in each week for the Imps Birthday Lotto.

Just canvass a couple of streets near to where you live or get your friends and family or work colleagues to join. It's got to be worth a try, and don't forget you would get commission on your collections as well. As long as I receive £50 net you will get a matchday ticket. Get in touch as soon as you can. Everyone who brings in 50 new members before the end of June 2009 will also receive a ticket to a pre-season friendly of their choice.

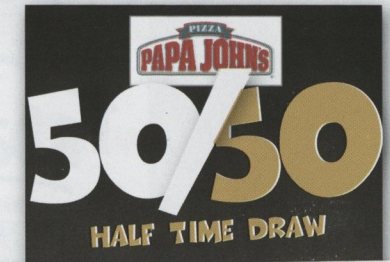
Congratulations this week go to Mrs Putterill who has won £200 on 'The Imps Sunshine Weather Lottery' just one more number right and it would have been £10,000. We have also had three £20 winners this week too plus lots of £2 winners.

Please get in touch if you can help with any of the Club's lotteries. We really do need YOUR help and we do pay! Lots of clubs are feeling the pinch at the minute so don't let ours fall into

that state so please help! The lotteries really do play an important part in the clubs fundraising.

For more details please contact me ASAP by emailing lynda.nixon@redimps.com, calling 01522 563785 or by visiting me in the Club Office

I look forward to hearing from you.
Lynda Nixon



Congratulations to Pete Grant of North Hykeham (ticket number 40916) on winning £200 and Geoff Wilkins from Ruskingtn (ticket number 41571) on winning £67 in the 50/50 draw at the Macclesfield Town game.

Pete and Geoff are pictured receiving their winnings from yours truly and youth team coach Grant Brown.

Don't forget to purchase your 50/50 ticket before every home game to be in with a chance of winning some big money! Tickets, which are brought to you in association with Papa John's, cost just £1 and sellers can be found around the Stadium before kick-off. Each ticket has a Papa John's Pizza voucher on the reverse - when you purchase a Pizza with four toppings you get a Lincoln City Imps Pizza free!

Don't forget, the more tickets that are purchased, the bigger the prizes! It is drawn at half-time by a guest who also will have a photo taken with you and be printed in a match day programme.

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IMPS BIRTHDAY LOTTO RESULTS

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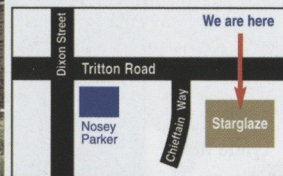
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FROM THE BOARDROOM



Good afternoon everyone and a big welcome to the directors, management and supporters of Luton Town FC.

I must first congratulate Luton Town on an absolutely tremendous victory against Scunthorpe in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley last weekend. It was probably one of the best and most entertaining finals I have seen at Wembley for many a long year and credit to both sides for such a pulsating game. Luton thoroughly deserved their victory and they along with "The Iron" demonstrated that there is some good football being played in the lower echelons and both sides were a credit to their respective leagues.

Whilst this Wembley victory is a great bonus for Luton I'm sure it doesn't make up for the miserable season they have had in League 2 and the almost inevitable drop in to non-League football. I'm sure we all wish them well for next season.

As I sit here writing this little epiphem I have just returned from Chesterfield

"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT AS A CLUB WE CONTINUALLY LOOK TO CAPITALISE ON OUR ASSETS AND LOOK TO UTILISE THEM TO THE FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE OF LCFC..."

having watched a tense, nerve shredding game, which on the one hand we were probably lucky to get a point from but on the other hand could so easily have taken three points if chances had been taken.

I'm not sure how this leaves us in the League at the moment, but in a nutshell I would expect that we will have to win our five remaining games, starting today, to have any chance of a play-off place. Mathematically it is still possible (forever the optimist) especially as we play three teams above us, who are potential "six-pointers" for each of these games.

At this point we should cast our minds back to season '57/'58 when I vividly remember that we won our last six League games to stave off relegation and stay in Division 2, the final game being a home match against Cardiff City which we won 3-1 in front of 18,000 people. So you see, miracles do happen!

On the ground development front we are pressing ahead with a permanent access route from South Park Avenue to the rear of the South Park end. If successful with our negotiations this will be a big boon to our quest to re-develop the South Park Stand area of the ground.

We have applied for some grant funding for this project and hopefully in two to three months we will have an answer to our application. It's very important that as a club we continually look to capitalise on our assets and look

to utilise them to the financial advantage of LCFC. More and more clubs are bringing in 365 days a year revenue in an effort to boost dwindling gate receipts and it is important that we at LCFC do our utmost to arrive at a similar situation.

As these are my last programme notes this season it only remains for me to thank you all for the tremendous support you have given the Imps, in what has been a frustrating season for us all.

I would also like to thank those people who have helped me personally, both with good advice and useful suggestions.

Thank you all.

Up the Imps!
Bob Dorrian

MONTHLY UPDATE...

For a monthly update from Steff Wright, sign up to our E-newsletter via Imps Direct

The chairman has now started his monthly blog as part of the regular Imps Direct E-newsletter which also features the latest events and goings on at Sincil Bank and some exclusive special offers that will save you money. Sign up now by visiting www.impsdirect.co.uk/subscribe

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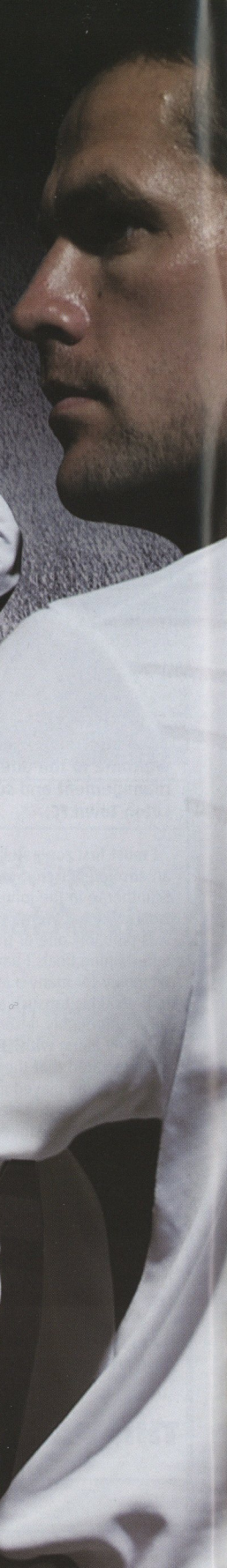
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- 24-25 Chesterfield 1 Lincoln City 1
- 24-25 Focus On...

coca cola League two table

	P	HOME					AWAY					Gd	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1. Brentford	40	11	7	2	33	14	8	8	4	21	17	23	72
2. Wycombe	40	9	9	2	27	14	8	8	4	20	15	18	68
3. Exeter	41	12	4	5	33	23	7	7	6	26	24	12	68
4. Bury	41	11	4	5	30	18	7	9	5	25	22	15	67
5. Rochdale	41	10	6	4	39	21	8	5	8	28	33	13	65
6. Gillingham	41	11	6	4	36	20	7	5	8	18	33	1	65
7. Shrewsbury	41	14	4	3	40	15	1	12	7	15	24	16	61
8. Chesterfield	41	8	7	5	32	25	8	6	7	30	28	9	61
9. Bradford	41	10	9	2	35	17	6	3	11	24	32	10	60
10. Dag & Red	40	9	3	7	34	20	6	8	7	29	27	16	56
11. Lincoln City	41	6	10	4	26	19	8	4	9	26	29	4	56
12. Darlington	41	11	5	5	33	18	7	5	8	21	20	16	54
13. Morecambe	40	7	9	4	26	19	5	8	7	19	27	-1	53
14. Rotherham	40	9	6	4	26	15	10	5	6	28	22	17	51
15. Aldershot	41	9	8	4	33	28	4	2	14	20	43	-18	49
16. Notts County	41	6	6	9	22	26	4	8	8	24	34	-14	44
17. Accrington	41	8	5	8	24	23	3	6	11	16	31	-14	44
18. Barnet	41	6	6	8	27	32	4	7	10	24	36	-17	43
19. Port Vale	41	6	4	11	22	32	6	3	11	19	28	-19	43
20. Macclesfield	41	6	4	11	21	35	5	3	12	20	37	-31	40
21. Bournemouth	41	10	6	5	26	13	4	6	10	25	35	3	37
22. Grimsby	41	5	6	9	28	27	2	7	12	17	39	-21	34
23. Chester	41	4	7	9	23	28	3	5	13	16	45	-34	33
24. Luton	40	7	6	7	33	32	6	7	7	23	28	-4	22

Lincoln city fc squad stats

	2008/09				LCFC Career			
	FL		Total*		FL		Total*	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Lee Beevers	38+1	2	42+1	2	149+12	9	166+14	11
James Bennett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Brown	28+6	2	29+7	2	28+6	2	29+7	2
Rob Burch	41	0	44	0	41	0	44	0
Shane Clarke	10+10	0	12+11	0	21+15	0	23+16	0
Ayden Duffy	0+1	0	1+1	0	3+2	0	4+2	0
Lee Frecklington	25+2	7	28+3	7	98+26	21	111+30	23
Paul Green	30	1	33	1	77+5	3	86+5	3
Daniel Hone	17+2	1	20+2	1	37+5	2	42+5	2
Geoff Horsfield	9+3	1	9+3	1	9+3	1	9+3	1
Lenell John-Lewis	21+5	4	25+4	6	36+11	6	40+13	7
Scott Kerr	40	2	44	2	158+4	8	177+4	9
Janos Kovacs	40	3	44	3	40	3	44	3
Gary King	2+3	0	2+4	0	5+6	1	5+7	1
Kern Miller	0+1	0	0+1	0	0+1	0	0+1	0
Sam Mullarkey	7+7	1	7+7	1	7+7	1	7+7	1
Dany N'Guessan	38+2	8	42+2	9	65+20	15	71+22	16
Stefan Oakes	19+7	1	21+7	1	19+7	1	21+7	1
Michael O'Connor	7+1	1	7+1	1	7+1	1	7+1	0
Adrian Patulea	17+14	11	19+14	11	17+14	11	19+14	11
Martin Pemberton	0	0	0	0	4+2	0	4+2	0
Frank Sinclair	21+2	0	22+2	0	21+2	0	22+2	0
Moses Swaibu	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0
Owain Warlow	0	0	0	0	6+17	0	8+19	0
Ben Wright	13+15	2	15+17	3	39+23	17	44+26	18
Left Club								
Anthony Elding	15	3	15	3	15	3	15	3
Kevin Gall	6+3	0	7+4	0	6+3	0	7+4	0
David Graham	2+7	0	2+8	0	2+7	0	2+8	0
Paris Simmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Total stats include Football League, FA Cup, League Cup, Football League Trophy and Football League Play-Offs.



LINCOLN CITY 1 MACCLESFIELD 0

Coca-Cola League 2
Tuesday 31 March 2009, Attendance: 2,478



LINCOLN CITY

- 1 Rob Burch
- 5 Lee Beevers
- 4 Janos Kovacs
- 25 Moses Swaibu
- 3 Aaron Brown
- 11 Scott Kerr
- 19 Shane Clarke
- 12 Dany N'Guessan
- 22 Sam Mullarkey
- 10 Anthony Elding
- 23 Adrian Patulea **G**
- subs**
- 7 Stefan Oakes
- 9 Geoff Horsfield
- 15 Ben Wright
- 21 Gary King
- 28 Kern Miller

MACCLESFIELD TOWN

- 1 Jon Brain
- 16 Shaun Brisley
- 5 Richard Walker
- 6 Paul Morgan
- 3 Ahmed Deen
- 17 Jordan Hadfield **Y**
- 27 Nat Brown
- 7 Lee Bell **<>** 55
- 32 Junior Daniel **<>** 60
- 14 John Rooney **<>** 72
- 26 Gareth Evans **Y**
- subs**
- 9 Emile Sinclair **<>** 55
- 10 Simon Yeo **<>** 60
- 12 Danny Thomas **<>** 72
- 11 Jamie Tolley
- 22 Matthew Flynn

REFEREE: Rob Shoebridge (Derbyshire)
ASSISTANTS: Mark Brown & Scott Ledger
FOURTH OFFICIAL: Paul Thompson

G Goal
Y Yellow card
R Red card
<> 19 Sub on/off



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ACCRINGTON 0 LINCOLN CITY 2

Coca-Cola League 2
Saturday 4 April 2009, Attendance: 1,139



LINCOLN CITY

- 1 Rob Burch
- 5 Lee Beevers
- 4 Janos Kovacs <> 83
- 25 Moses Swaibu
- 3 Aaron Brown
- 11 Scott Kerr GG
- 17 Michael O'Connor
- 12 Dany N'Guessan <> 72
- 22 Sam Mullarkey
- 10 Anthony Elding
- 23 Adrian Patulea
- subs**
- 15 Ben Wright <> 72
- 28 Kern Miller <> 83
- 7 Stefan Oakes
- 9 Geoff Horsfield
- 19 Shane Clarke

ACCRINGTON STANLEY

- 1 Kenny Arthur
- 2 Peter Cavanagh
- 6 Andrew Procter
- 7 John Miles
- 9 Craig Lindfield
- 12 Phil Edwards
- 14 Jimmy Ryan
- 15 Robbie Williams
- 11 Robert Grant <> 66
- 29 Kieran Charnock
- 34 Michael Symes
- subs**
- 22 Sean McConville <> 66
- 5 Colin Murdock
- 16 John Mullin
- 33 Adam Kay
- 23 Zac Hibbert

REFEREE: Dean Whitestone (Northamptonshire)
ASSISTANTS: Tony Harrington & Peter Wright
FOURTH OFFICIAL: Philip Bramley

G Goal
Y Yellow card
R Red card
<> 19 Sub on/off



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CHESTERFIELD 1 LINCOLN CITY 1

Coca-Cola League 2
Tuesday 7 April 2009, Attendance: 3,419



LINCOLN CITY

- 1 Rob Burch
- 5 Lee Beevers
- 4 Janos Kovacs
- 25 Moses Swaibu
- 3 Aaron Brown
- 11 Scott Kerr
- 17 Michael O'Connor <> 85
- 12 Dany N'Guessan
- 22 Sam Mullarkey <> 33
- 10 Anthony Elding
- 23 Adrian Patulea G <> 80

subs

- 15 Ben Wright <> 33
- 9 Geoff Horsfield <> 80
- 19 Shane Clarke <> 85
- 7 Stefan Oakes
- 28 Kern Miller

CHESTERFIELD

- 1 Tommy Lee
- 24 Jared Wilson
- 15 Aaron Downes
- 18 Danny Hall
- 3 Gregor Robertson
- 4 Jamie Lowry
- 8 Derek Niven
- 22 Peter Till
- 25 Drew Talbot <> 46
- 9 Martin Gritton
- 14 Jack Lester G

subs

- 10 Darren Currie <> 46
- 6 Kevin Austin
- 17 Lloyd Kerry
- 19 Scott Boden
- 21 Dan Gray

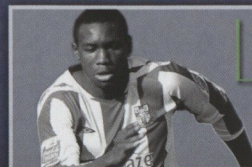
REFEREE: Graham Laws (Tyne & Wear)
ASSISTANTS: David Storrie & Jason Whiteley
FOURTH OFFICIAL: Jock Waugh

G Goal
Y Yellow card
R Red card
<> 19 Sub on/off





FOCUS ON



Lenell John-Lewis...

Position: Forward - Born: London - DOB: 17.05.89
Career: LCFC (trainee), LCFC

Teenage striker Lenell John-Lewis was six months into his second year as a Scholar at Sincil Bank when he was offered a professional contract by manager Peter Jackson.

Lenny, who had a trial for Middlesbrough prior to joining the Imps in the summer of 2006 after a spell with Grantham Town, was handed his first team debut as a substitute as a 17-year-old in an FA Cup first round tie against Port Vale whilst his Football League bow came 12 months later in a League 2 clash at Wycombe Wanderers, again as a substitute.

His first Football League goal came along two weeks later at Stockport County and it wasn't long before he pen-to-paper on a professional contract that will run until the summer of 2010.

Lenny capped an excellent first League season by being named as joint 'Young Player of the Season' with Daniel Hone and until he was forced to undergo a hernia operation at the beginning of March was a regular in the first team squad, scoring five times from his 30 League and cup appearances.



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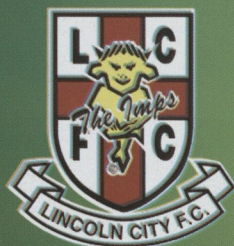


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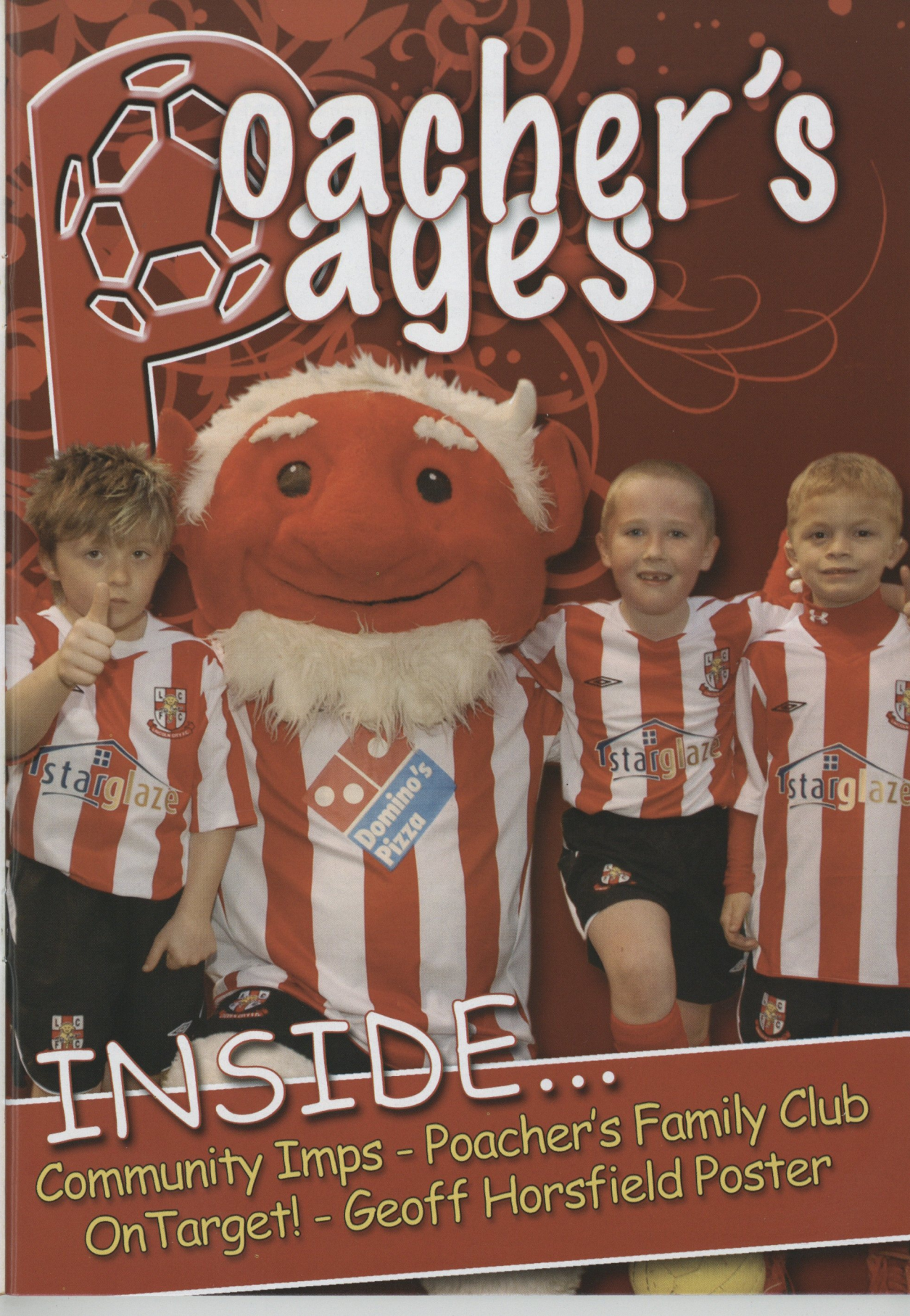
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OnTarget! - Geoff Horsfield Poster



Kids,

Afternoon all and welcome to today's game against Luton Town. Firstly let me congratulate Luton on their excellent win at Wembley last weekend. It was especially sweet as they beat our rivals Scunthorpe in the final. Luton have had a tough time recently and the Wembley win has at last given their supporters something to cheer.

I don't often comment as a mascot on club's circumstances, but you may have noticed Luton have started on minus 30 points! It's an awful state for a club to be in and one I don't think Luton deserved.

They'll probably go down this season despite a fantastic effort by the players, and I hope that they bounce straight back up next season to regain their place where they belong in the Football League.

Still talking about Luton and they bring with them an ex-Imp in the shape of Mick Harford. I remember when I was a baby Poacher my granddad taught his budgie to say 'Mick Harford' before anything as he was such a good player for the Club. In fact when I was really small I was told if I didn't support a big club then I'd have the Mickey taken out of me at mascot school, so I chose Luton because big Mick Harford was there! They were in Division One at the time and won the League Cup beating Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley.

Anyway Mrs Poacher is back again today - she's here nearly all the time now! Of course she missed the win over Macclesfield because she was too tired after our fun run at Hull. Proper athletes like me don't get affected by that though!

Keep On Imping!

Poacher

TODAY'S MASCOTS...



NAME: Nathan Thompson
AGE: 11

SCHOOL: Lincoln Christ Hospital

FIRST IMPS GAME: Beat Hartlepool 3-0

FAVOURITE IMPS: Dany N'Guessan & Adrian Patulea
WHERE YOU NORMALLY SIT: Co-op Stand

PREDICTION: 2-0 Lincoln



NAME: Max Gowshall
AGE: 7

SCHOOL: Halton Hologate C of E Primary

FIRST IMPS GAME: v Lincoln United

FAVOURITE IMPS: Adrian Patulea & Dany N'Guessan
WHERE YOU NORMALLY SIT: Poacher's Corner

PREDICTION: 2-1 to the Imps



NAME: Aaron Fox
AGE: 8

SCHOOL: Saxilby C of E Primary School

INTERESTS: Football, Karate & Swimming

HOPES FOR FUTURE: Play Professional Football

FAVOURITE IMPS: Adrian Patulea & Daniel Hone



NAME: Kyle Fox
AGE: 6

SCHOOL: Saxilby C of E Primary School

INTERESTS: Football & Nintendo DS

HOPES FOR FUTURE: Play Football for Lincoln City

FAVOURITE IMPS: Adrian Patulea & Daniel Hone



NAME: Adam Edwards
AGE: 9

SUPPORTS: Luton Town

SCHOOL: Ash Trees

FAVOURITE IMP: Stefan Oakes!

PREDICTION: 2-2



We had a lovely send-off for our groups last week at Celebration Evening - it was fantastic to see them all receive their prizes for their hard work. Here's what's been happening this week...

A NEW TERM BEGINS!

Next term we welcome into the centre groups from Birchwood, City of Lincoln Academy, St Peter at Gowts, and Waddington, All Saints.

They will be doing such activities as a Lincoln City stadium tour, a trip to the common, news reports, data collection and many more! Good luck to them and can't wait to meet you!

EASTER AT THE GOAL!

We've been having lots of fun this week at Sincil Bank's holiday club. We have made crispie cakes and bounced until we have made ourselves giddy at Playzone.

We had an almighty pool tournament and our winner won himself two match day tickets for today! Mums and Dads - if you're stuck for childcare next week, why not come to us?

There are still some places left and the agenda for next week includes a treasure hunt, movie making, a trip to Activities Away and a table tennis tournament. All this from only £15 a day, from 8-5.30pm! Give it a try!

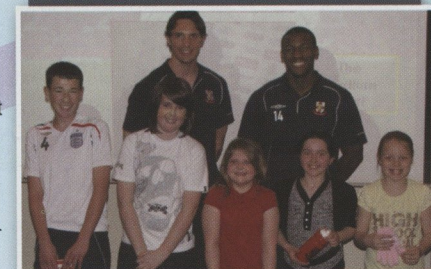
Call the centre on 01522 560114 or visit the website at www.the-goal.co.uk

CELEBRATION EVENING

We marked the end of term in fine style last week with a special evening for all our students. The evening was well attended with pupils from Westgate Juniors, St Peter and St Paul's, Priory Witham Academy, Skellingthorpe.

The Holt and Bishop King on hand to receive their goody bags and match day tickets. Lincoln City players Lenell John-Lewis and Ben Wright gave out prizes and signed a long queue of autographs afterwards! Their hands must have ached! Special mention must go to Alex and Jessica from Bishop King and Hayleigh from Westgate, who were brave enough to read out their 'Recipe for Success' poems. Well done, that was not an easy thing to do!

We really hope everyone involved has learned some valuable skills to take back to school with them - you have all been fantastic!



POACHERS SATURDAY CLUB

Today sees the first ever Poacher's Saturday Club here at The Goal. Mums and Dads leave your children with us, whilst you potter in the morning! Hassle-free!

We will entertain your child from 11.45am to 1.45pm for the bargain price of only £3. For this your child will be given activities to keep them amused and provide them with some refreshments.

Children must be aged 6-14 and there is no need to pre-book. Just come straight to The Goal!





Geoff Horsfield

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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN FULL SWING

Once again our fantastic Holiday Clubs are proving a huge success this Easter with every day packed with skills sessions, fun games and activities to keep everyone entertained throughout the day.

If you haven't already booked, there are still a few places left for next week. All our coaches are fully FA qualified with CRB, Child Protection and First Aid certificates so you can be sure every child is in safe hands. And there's even a lunchtime competition, plus special guest appearances from Imps stars who drop in to join in the fun...



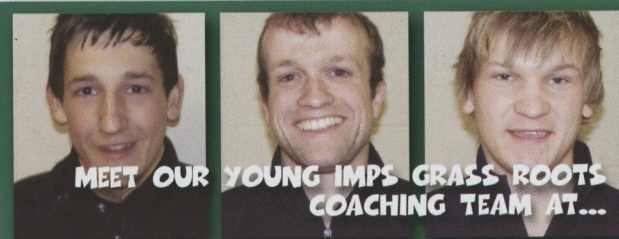
IMPS STAR ON TARGET WITH CUP WINNERS

Imps striker Anthony Elding paid a special visit to Thurlby Community Primary School near Bourne last week to celebrate their success in winning our regional stage of the national FA Community Cup. Anthony dropped in to meet pupils and staff of the school as well as present the team with their winners certificates and a special Lincoln City kit which they will wear in the next round. Thurlby will now represent Lincoln in the next regional stage of the tournament at Luton Town later this month and we all wish them the very best of luck!



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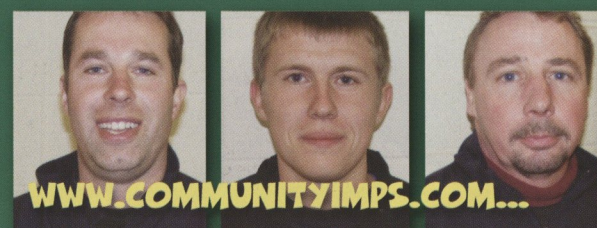


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Pupils from St Peter's Primary in Farndon near Newark (pictured above) had a fantastic day out courtesy of Football In The Community recently when they took part in a stadium tour and a coaching session at Sincil Bank. And youngsters from Bassingham Under 8's (below) also had a great time when they took part in our Matchday Package including stadium tour and coaching session before the Bury game. For more info on our Stadium Tours visit www.communityimps.com...



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Semi Final 2

ST JOHN'S BBH 0
SIR FRANCIS HILL 1

A last-gasp winner from Joshua Doughty was just enough to edge holders Sir Francis Hill into this year's Domino's Cup final after an enthralling encounter with St John's BBH.

Seb Ligudzinski for St John's and Kyle Pooley for Sir Francis Hill both had early efforts saved, and as both teams attacked this end-to-end game produced a series of shots which flew high and wide. Brad Murphy, Ross Wilding and Matt Smith all fired wide for BBH while Sir Francis Hill's Jack Rowden almost latched onto a through ball before firing over the bar.

As both teams traded corners, the game was destined to end all square until the dying seconds when Joshua Doughty scrambled home a re-bounce after a series of stunning reflex saves from BBH's keeper.

Congratulations to both teams for producing such a thrilling tie. Look out for our special Domino's Cup feature in the Exeter programme when Manor Leas will meet Sir Francis Hill in the final.



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POACHER'S FAMILY CLUB

All the latest from Ticket Promotions Co-ordinator Jodie Tipper.



Easter Eggstravaganza!

Today in Poacher's Corner there is all sorts of Easter activities to join in with.

If you are in fancy dress you will be called up to the side of the pitch for a winner to be picked. See Kool Kat for your chocolate egg and Jodie for your other competitions to enter!



Poacher's Mascot Prize Draw...

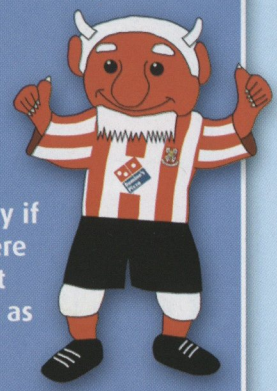


Congratulations to Oliver Higginson who has won the Poacher's Mascot draw for April.

He will be running out on the pitch with the Imps next Saturday, just a few days after his birthday!

We hope you have a great day!!

POACHER'S SATURDAY CLUB

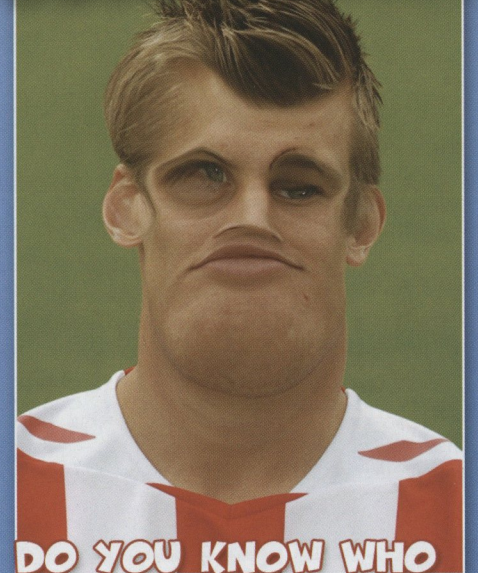


Today saw us hold the first EVER Poacher's Saturday Club, but don't worry if you missed it as there will be another next Saturday, April 18th as well as on Saturday 2nd May!

It is round at The Goal Activity Club from 11.45am-1.45pm and is only £3! Come along and make new friends, play on the Playstation and join in with other activities!

Parents can drop you off and go have a quiet drink or nip into town!! There will be a short form for parents/guardians to sign before leaving you.

GUESS WHO?



DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS CITY PLAYER IS?

Answer: Janos Kovacs



FA GIRLS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

FA Girls Centre of Excellence Fixture Programme...

Date	WK	Activity	Notes
Apr 11		Easter Break	Easter Break
Apr 18	29	Regional Fixture	
Apr 25	30	Regional Fixture	Northampton Town - Away

All home fixtures at Robert Pattinson School, North Hykeham.



I thought that this week it would be a good opportunity to focus on the U12 age group.

With the Girls Centre of Excellence programme running in double age bands then it is always the biggest step from U12's to U14's, especially with larger sided teams, bigger pitches and bigger goals. This is without the physical nature of players being almost two years older in some cases.

The U12 programme starts at seven-a-side and moves to nine-a-side from Christmas until the end of the season, giving players an introduction to more space and increased decision making. The players have adapted fairly well to these changes but they have shown unpredictability in their play at times, going from outstanding to mediocre which is what we would expect from young players who find it difficult to achieve consistency. However, the U12's have been carefully nurtured this season by forward thinking coaches, Matt Petch and Tracy Nixon.

At the time of writing we have just completed a tough set of fixtures at Nottingham Forest and they were very physical with a philosophy of focussing on big strong players whereas we have concentrated more on the technical aspects of the game.

We played at Leeds United on Thursday which was a rearranged game from the bad weather we endured in February. This no doubt proved to be another set of testing fixtures against players attached to a Women's Premier League outfit.

The Lincoln City Girls Centre of Excellence U12's 2008/09 are: Liz Ashcroft, Ellie Casson, Robyn Floyd, Katie Gray, Charlie Green, Megan Hillaby, Lucy Hukin, Jermima Job, Courtney Limb, Charlotte Moffatt, Abigail Murrell, Lucy Read, Charlotte Summers, Tobey Vidler and Katie Williams.

Richard Cooper
Centre of Excellence Director

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Please take some time to acquaint yourselves with today's sponsors, and remember to give them a call or visit them if you need any of their products or services. We are sure that they will give all fellow Red Imps' fans a warm welcome.

HOSPITALITY 2008/09

We only have two Executive Boxes left for the rest of this season. The first is when we entertain Exeter and the other is at the last game of the season against Aldershot. You'll have 10 of the best seats in the house to watch the game in comfort and privacy. Included in the price is a buffet, complimentary programmes and exclusive use of the KC Lounge to meet your guests before the game. Prices start at £350 + vat.

This season we introduced the Programme Sponsor package which offers companies the chance to combine match day advertising, in the programme and around the ground, with hospitality for six people. For more information on any of the advertising, sponsorship or hospitality packages please email commercial@redimps.com or call 01522 563783. We'd be happy to discuss the numerous opportunities to promote your business at the Football Club.

LINCOLN CITY FC GOLF DAY

I'm pleased to advise the annual Lincoln City F.C. Golf Day will be held at the Welton Manor Golf Club on Thursday May 21st.

On the day, teams of four will enjoy a bacon roll on arrival, collect 1st tee accessories, play 18 holes, receive refreshments at the 'halfway house' and enjoy a two-course meal, all for £150 + vat.



Janos Kovacs - the sponsors' "Man of the Match" against Macclesfield Town - receives his award from Sills & Betteridge representative Ian Baker.

We'll be offering prizes for the longest drive and 'nearest the pin' as well as prizes for the top 3 teams.

Please contact Lyndsey Potts on 01522 563783 for further details.

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If you'd like further information on how to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to increase your business and support the local community please contact Lyndsey Potts on 01522 563783 or by e-mail lyndsey.potts@redimps.com

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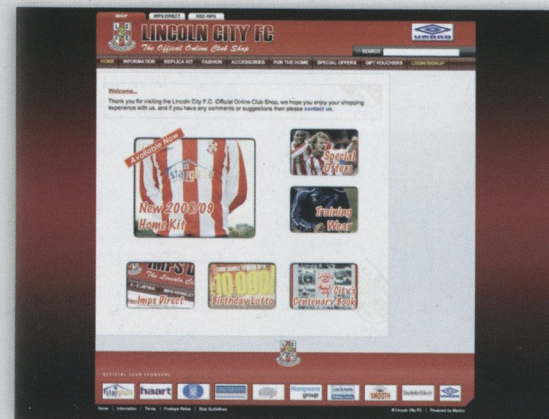
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Pre-match meals are available to book and start at as little as £45, which includes a three-course meal, a Fox Executive Lounge match ticket and table service throughout the day. Alternatively, season ticket holders can upgrade their ticket, starting at as little as £18 per person. For more details please contact the commercial department.

To book your meal please contact us now on (01522) 563783 or email commercial@redimps.com

NEW-LOOK ON-LINE SHOP

Take a look at our on-line Club Shop, which recently enjoyed a 'makeover'! You'll see all our replica shirts, training product and plenty of gift ideas for your friends and family. All can be ordered on-line and delivered to your home.



Up The Imps!
Tim Poole
Commercial Manager

Sponsor Presentations

Kevin Cooke was the duty director at the Macclesfield Town game and he's pictured here presenting mementos of the occasion to our sponsors' representatives.



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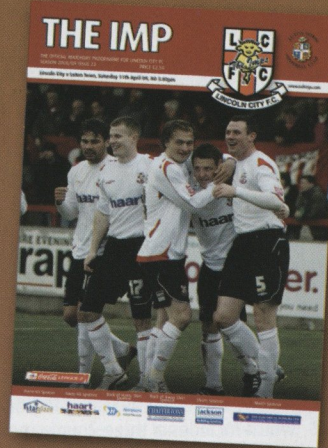
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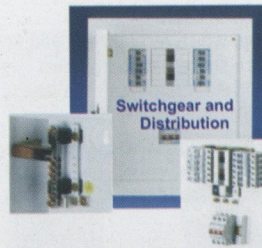
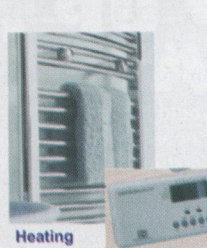
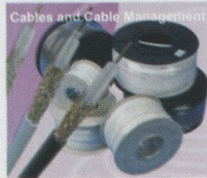
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Congratulations to John Freeman from Welton who has won the Junior Reporter Competition.

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John will be at today's game to enjoy his prize for winning the Lincoln City competition and will get a behind the scenes look at the Club on a match day where he will meet Peter Jackson before watching the game from the press box.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	KO
Sat 16 Aug	H* Scunthorpe	1-1
Sat 30 Aug	A Bradford City	4-1
Sat 6 Sep	H* Chesterfield	1-1
Sat 13 Sep	A Grimsby Town	1-2
Wed 17 Sep	H Nuneaton T (MYC1)	5-0
Sat 20 Sep	H* Mansfield (LC1)	6-1
Sat 27 Sep	H* Doncaster	1-0
Sat 4 Oct	A Hartlepool	2-6
Sat 11 Oct	H* Macclesfield (Cup1)	1-2
Sat 18 Oct	H Boston United	1-1
Sat 25 Oct	A Hull City	1-1
Sat 1 Nov	H# York City	0-0
Tue 4 Nov	A Grimsby T (FAYC1)	1-0
Wed 19 Nov	H** Mansfield (FAYC2)	3-1
Sat 29 Nov	H Rotherham	3-2
Mon 8 Dec	A Birmingham (FAYC3)	1-2 aet
Sat 13 Dec	H Bradford City	1-2
Wed 17 Dec	A Rushden (MYC2)	1-7
Sat 20 Dec	A Darlington	1-3
Sat 17 Jan	H Grimsby Town	1-1
Sat 21 Feb	A Boston United	1-1
Sat 28 Feb	A Scunthorpe United	2-0
Sat 7 Mar	H Hull City	1-0
Sat 14 Mar	A York City	0-2
Sat 21 Mar	A Mansfield Town	3-1
Sat 28 Mar	H# Darlington	1-1
Tue 31 Mar	A Doncaster Rovers	3-1
Sat 11 Apr	A Chesterfield	11:00
Sat 18 Apr	A Rotherham United	11:00
Sat 2 May	H* Hartlepool	12:00

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League Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Grimsby T	22	13	5	4	48	25	+23	44
Chesterfield	21	13	3	5	32	26	+6	42
Darlington	23	12	5	6	51	32	+19	41
Hull City	20	12	2	6	44	26	+18	38
Scunthorpe	21	11	4	6	36	19	+17	37
York City	20	10	5	5	33	18	+15	35
Mansfield T	23	11	1	11	40	36	+4	34
Lincoln City	21	8	8	5	35	28	+7	32
Bradford City	21	8	2	11	23	37	-14	26
Doncaster R	23	6	4	13	29	45	-16	22
Hartlepool	20	4	3	13	24	37	-13	15
Rotherham	23	3	6	14	31	64	-33	15
Boston	22	3	4	15	26	59	-33	13

LINCOLN CITY 3 DONCASTER ROVERS 1

The U18s travelled to Doncaster Rovers last week to take on their North East Conference rivals as they looked to build on a run of one defeat in 2009.

They went into the game without first year scholar Kern Miller following his recent inclusion in the first team squad. Graham Hutchison from the under 16's came in to replace him at centre back alongside three others from that age group starting the game which is a good sign of things to come for next year.

City started much the brighter of the two sides and raced into a three goal lead after only 22 minutes. Right winger Ryan Limb opened the scoring with a neat side footed finish after good work by Nathan Adams and the Doncaster side were left a bit shell shocked after great play by Lee Bennett and a superb cross resulted in a Rovers defender hacking the ball into his own net although the City strikers were ready to pounce if he had not intercepted.

Striker Andy Hutchinson then put City in a superb position half way through the first half after capitalising on a poor clearance from the Doncaster goalkeeper. He calmly took a touch and placed the ball into the unguarded net from 35 yards out.

Doncaster were a good side and started to

get to grips with the game and pulled a goal back to make it 3-1 with a penalty five minutes before half time.

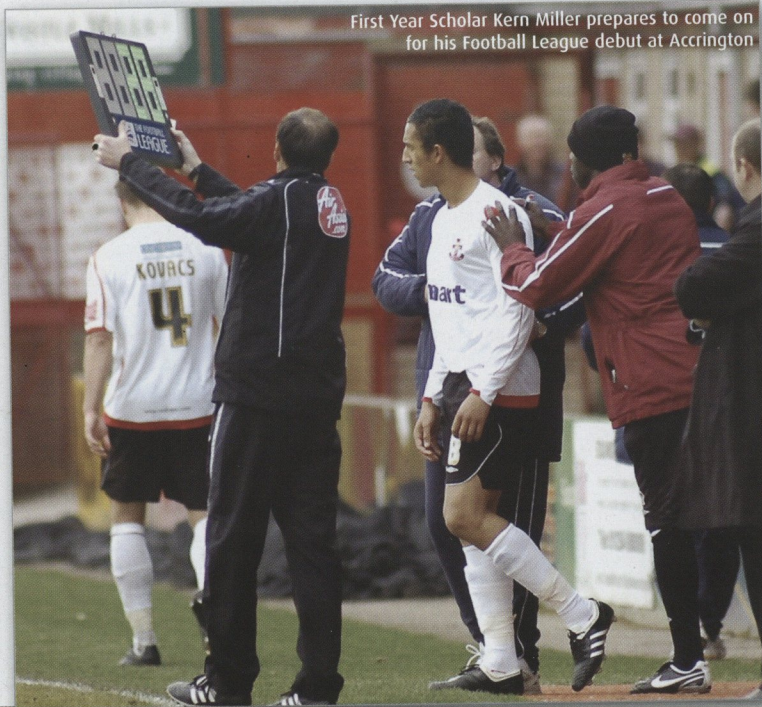
The Imps coaching staff knew that the next goal was important in the second half. Doncaster began the second half with a lot of possession and the Imps changed their shape to match the Doncaster side and the Imps defended well and had they been a bit more clinical with their final ball, could have added to their three goals.

The result leaves the under 18's in eighth position in the North East Conference with a very respectable 32 points from 21 games with only five defeats, which is the second least in the division.

City have games in hand on some clubs and they will look to continue their good run of form with a victory over Chesterfield today who currently sit in second place in the table, ten points ahead of the Imps as the season draws to a close.

City's youth team will be looking for a strong finish to the season with a realistic chance of finishing in the top half of the table.

Team v Doncaster: Richard Bredice, Keiran Heap, Luca Coleman-Carr, Lee Bennett, Graham Hutchinson (Jack Davies 80), Connor Fitzpatrick, Ryan Limb (Josh Barker 65), Jack Roberts, Andy Hutchinson, Nathan Adams, James Gibson (James Cooper 32). Subs not used: Jack Thomas, Ross Cherry.



First Year Scholar Kern Miller prepares to come on for his Football League debut at Accrington

Notes from the Centre of Excellence with Doug Robinson, Centre of Excellence Manager...

We played our final set of games fixtures last weekend against County rivals Boston United. We hosted under 11 and 15 and our under 10, 12 and 14 squads played at Cranwell.

Keenly contested as they were such fixtures may disappear. Centres of Excellence are licensed by Football League and Association and part funded through a Trust. When clubs lose their League status they have a period of reduced funding and then have to finance youth development wholly themselves. So, in effect, after some time out of the League they only keep Centre of Excellence status at the gift of the Football League.

Currently several of the clubs that have lost League status over recent years are arguing that, for continuity and security, if they meet recognised standards (as Centres have to do) they should be able to retain that status (and the funding and protection that goes with it). They argue that a good geographic spread of accredited youth development centres is important and loss (or gaining) of League status shouldn't mean that changes.

We currently play Boston and Cambridge United who are both in this predicament and they have been campaigning with the authorities to change the way things are done. Cambridge have been particularly dynamic in their fund raising and commitment to youth development. We were impressed with their set up, approach and professionalism in our games programme fixtures against them this season. In some respects their standards were better than some of our Football League club opponents and I can understand that they feel the unfairness of that.

We have supported them and Boston by including them in our fixtures (they are not part of those organised by the Football League) and will continue to do so whilst they provide opposition, facilities and an approach of quality. It will be interesting to see where this debate ends up. I guess our feeling is that youth development needs long term planning and commitment and the telling factor should be whether the quality of the provision meets agreed standards rather than the increasing lottery of having Football League status.



Under 11s v Boston



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Barrow	3-1	2-0
Carlisle United	3-1	3-0
Chester	4-0	1-2
Crewe Alexandra	5-1	1-8
Darlington	2-0	6-0
Doncaster Rovers	1-2	3-0
Gateshead	1-0	3-2
Halifax Town	9-1	0-3
Hartlepool United	6-0	3-4
Hull City	1-0	1-4
New Brighton	3-0	1-2
Rochdale	3-0	5-3
Rotherham United	3-1	1-0
Southport	7-0	1-1
Stockport County	1-2	1-0
Tranmere Rovers	4-2	0-1
Walsall	3-0	3-0
Wrexham	0-0	3-1
York City	1-1	1-1

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Average points per game: 2.08

Most appearances: 40 - Allan Hall, Dan McPhail,
George Whyte

Most goals: 41 - Allan Hall



John Ward celebrates one of his 99 League and cup goals for the Imps



A-Z

... WARD, JOHN

A talented centre-forward, John Ward was appearing for City's reserve and 'A' sides and with top Lincoln Sunday side Adelaide Park when he signed professional terms at Sincil Bank in March 1971. He took a couple of seasons to hold down a regular first team place but once did he was rarely out of the starting line-up.

He missed just a handful of League games from 1973 to 1977 and was a regular name on the City scoresheet, scoring 70 times in those four seasons but it was his goalscoring exploits in the 1975/76 season that would make him a hero to many a Lincoln supporter as he netted 29 League and cup goals in that record breaking campaign.

Early in the 1977/78 season Ward suffered a bad injury but he came back the following season - a season when the Imps dropped back down to the Fourth Division - but he soon followed former mentor Taylor and players such as Sam Ellis and Dennis Booth to Watford for a fee of £15,000 in the summer of 1979.

In total he netted 90 League goals for the Imps in 241 appearances, with his overall League and cup tally being 99 goals from 263 games, putting him fifth in the all-time Club goalscoring chart.

Following a brief spell with Grimsby Town, Ward returned for an even briefer stay at Sincil Bank under Colin Murphy, making one appearance in April 1982, but it wasn't long

before he hung up his shooting boots and a return to Watford saw him take up his first coaching role.

Three years after returning to Vicarage Road, Graham Taylor appointed Ward as his assistant and the duo worked in tandem for the next six years both with Watford and Aston Villa when Taylor was handed the top job at Villa Park. Ward was also involved in Taylor's coaching team during his tenure in charge of the England national team.

In November 1991, Ward decided that it was his turn for a stab at management and he was appointed as manager of York City, although a year before he was rumoured to be returning to Sincil Bank, only for Allan Clarke to be given the job.

After two years in charge at Bootham Crescent, in which he guided the Minstermen to promotion via the play-offs, Ward moved to Bristol Rovers and he took the Pirates to the play-offs in 1995, losing in a Wembley final to Huddersfield Town.

After a spell as assistant to Adrian Heath at Burnley, Ward returned to Bristol, but this time with Rovers' near neighbours City. He revived the Robins' season to reach the play-offs but promotion hopes were again dashed, this time by Brentford. But the following season Ward got his success as he took City to automatic promotion - finishing three points behind former club Watford.

After leaving Ashton Gate, Ward was appointed as assistant to Wolves' boss Colin Lee and later he was Dave Jones' right-hand man at Molineux as they strived to reach the Premiership. That goal was finally reached in May 2003 with a play-off final victory over Sheffield United.

Despite helping Wolves finally achieve their goal of a return to the top flight, Ward left Molineux in the summer after a reshuffle in

the backroom staff. However, he was never going to be out of work for too long and the Lincolnian was appointed as Cheltenham Town manager in November 2003, going on to lead them to play-off success over Grimsby Town in 2006. He subsequently left Cheltenham for Carlisle United, where he spent 13 months in charge until leaving in November 2008.

... WARTIME FOOTBALL

When professional football was suspended due to the Great War in the summer of 1915, City competed in the Midland Section of the War League, which was split into two parts, the main competition, which ran for around six months, and a subsidiary competition which ran for 10 games in 1915/16 and six in each of the following three seasons.

Just three City players signed up for war duty with the rest taking up employment in local foundries, which enabled them to continue to play. In the early stages of the War, guest players were only to be used should the players on the Club's books be unavailable but as time progressed this agreement was relaxed as men were prevented from travelling due to work commitments.

On April 28th 1917, City were required to fulfil two fixtures on the same day, at Sheffield Wednesday and at Birmingham. Nine players travelled to Sheffield, only to go down 7-1 whilst five went to Birmingham and with the remainder of the team made up with local men, came away with a respectable 0-0 draw. Clem Jackson (109), Jack 'Cracker' Manning (106), Alf Ball (106), Percy Addinall (105), Billy Egerton (100) were the leading appearance makers with Egerton's 52 goals being the best scoring return.

Tommy Strong, a private with the South

Staffordshire Regiment who played eight times in the League for City between 1914 and 1915, was killed in action on September 25th 1915 whilst Scotsman James Comrie, a private with the Northumberland Fusiliers, 7th Battalion (Territorials) who made 12 appearances in 1910/11, also lost his life in the Great War. Finally David Salkeld, a private with the Northumberland Fusiliers, 14th Battalion made nine war-time appearances for City. He was killed in action on January 3rd 1918.

With the 1939/40 season just three games old, the Football League suspended the competition due to the outbreak of the Second World War and at Sincil Bank, the Air Raid Precautions services (A.R.P.) immediately requisitioned the South Park stand and dressing room area for use as a First Aid Post and Dressing Station.

There was a gap of seven weeks before the Football League arranged regionalised competitions with City taking part in the East Midlands section in 1939/40. All players' professional contracts were scrapped and with an experimental side on show, City lost 8-0 at Chesterfield in their first war-time fixture.

The structure was different in 1940/41 with a North/South split whilst in 1941/42 there were two competitions - a first championship which ran until Christmas, and a second championship which lasted until the end of the season. City came second in the first championship, finishing behind Blackpool on goal average, having won 13 of their 16 matches.

From 1942 the A.R.P. took over the majority of the St Andrews Stand whilst the numerous local R.A.F. bases led to the inclusion of many 'guest' players, including several who would become well-known post-war players including England international Neil Franklin, Irish international Peter Doherty and Chilean George Robledo, who went on to make his name with Newcastle United.

Pre-war City players who featured included Allan Hall, Johnny Campbell, Bernard Towler and Geoff Marlow whilst Tony Emery played the first of his 424 League and Cup games for the Imps in an FA Cup tie against Yorkshire Amateurs in November 1945 shortly before his 18th birthday.

On Christmas Day 1940, City played two fixtures against Doncaster Rovers with the morning match at Belle Vue finishing goalless and the return fixture at Sincil Bank ending in a 3-1 victory for the Imps courtesy of a Towler hat-trick whilst in 1941/42, Mansfield Town were defeated 6-0 and 7-2 at Sincil Bank and 5-0 and 8-1 on their home soil.

Cyril Lello netted seven goals in an 8-5 win over Notts County in December 1943 whilst Billy Hullett, a guest from Manchester United, also scored seven in the aforementioned 8-1 win at Mansfield. Another guest, Goole-born

Bert Knott, enjoyed a remarkable Christmas in 1941, scoring three in the 5-0 win at Mansfield on December 20th, four in the 6-0 Christmas Day victory over the Stags and five in a 9-3 home win over Doncaster Rovers two days later. In total, Knott scored 28 times from his 31 war-time appearances.

Billy Bean (204), Jack Hardy (199), Joe Clare (147), Bert Johnston (104), George Moulson (103) were the leading appearance makers with Bernard Towler (73 from 89) and Tommy Cheetham (47 from 52) being the top goalscorers. There is no record of any fatalities from City's pre-war playing staff during the hostilities.

... WATNEY CUP

The Watney Mann Invitation Cup was a short-lived pre-season tournament held in the early 1970s and was contested by the teams that had scored the most goals in each of the four divisions of the Football League who had not been promoted or admitted to one of the European competitions.

Two teams from each division were involved and City qualified for the 1972 tournament, but lost 1-0 to Burnley in front of 7,425 spectators at Sincil Bank.

... WHYTE, GEORGE

In his eight seasons at Sincil Bank, Scotsman George Whyte, who joined City from Accrington Stanley at the same time as Harold Riley, appeared in 299 League games, putting

him 10th in the Club's all-time appearance chart.

That tally included a run of four seasons when he was an ever-present with his total of consecutive League games between March 3rd 1934 and September 3rd 1938 amounting to a Club record of 183.

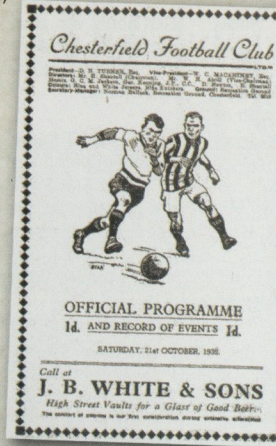
Whyte joined the Imps in the summer of 1931 and less than a year later he was celebrating as City clinched the Third Division North championship; the Cowdenbeath-born left sided player being ever-present in the League, netting eight goals in the process.

Three of these goals came from the penalty spot with one - at Chester on Boxing Day - for many years being allocated to Allan Hall but a check of Hall's personal log of the season revealed that it was Whyte who scored in the 2-1 defeat, meaning that Hall finished the season with a re-adjusted Club record of 41 League goals.

As mentioned, Whyte was a regular throughout his City career and his prowess from the penalty spot and other dead ball situations accounted for the majority of his 35 goals

Originally a left-winger, Whyte switched to the half-back position during the 1932/33 season. The circumstances surrounding the switch came about after Walter Buckley had been involved in a road accident on the way to a game at Swansea Town in September 1932.

Like many players in the 1930s, Whyte's career was brought to an abrupt halt by the Second World War. In his own words, Whyte "retired gracefully" and joined the city's fire service. He stayed in the Lincoln area after the War was over, being employed by the Lincoln Co-operative Society. He died in August 1992 aged 83.



The programme cover from City's first game during WW2 - an 8-0 defeat at Chesterfield!



ON THIS DAY

1921 - Nottingham Forest Reserves 1 City 2, Midland League

Thomas Rippon's 21st of the season and Robert Chambers' sixth in eight games secure the points.

1928 - City 0 Chesterfield 0, FL3N

1931 - York City 1 City 1, FL3N
Alf Young with one of 102 goals we score in the season. We lead the table one point ahead of Chesterfield with a game in hand.

1936 - City 5 Gateshead 0, FL3N

The previous day (Good Friday) a crowd of 14,586 had been at Sincil Bank to see us lose to Chesterfield. Just 3,713 see us hammer Gateshead thanks to a brace from Charles Bulger and one each from Alf Horne, Albert Green and Johnny Campbell.

1937 - James Campbell born

London born forward who joined West Bromwich Albion in 1954 from Maidenhead and who went on to score nine times in 31 Football League games for them. He moved to Portsmouth in 1959 scoring 12 times in 50 games before moving to City in 1962. He scored on his debut here in our first ever

“James Campbell scored on his debut here in our first ever Fourth Division game versus Tranmere...”

Fourth Division game versus Tranmere eventually scoring 12 times in 41 starts. He only scored four times in 1963/64 from 22 games and was released at the end of the season moving on to Wellington Town. Later settled in the Midlands and became a painter and decorator. He died in 1994.

1942 - Allan Harvey born

Allan Harvey was a winger who failed to make any Football League appearances with Leeds, Barnsley or us but he did play in our very first League Cup tie against Bradford Park Avenue in 1960. He later moved to Canada and played for a number of clubs there.

1942 - Mansfield Town 1 City 8, War League

Bernard Towler scored his 25th goal of the season but Manchester United's Bill Hullett scores the other seven!

1951 - Chester 2 City 1, FL3N

Tony Emery scored his only Football League goal in 402 games for City after moving onto the attack after suffering a cut head.

1952 - Southport 0 City 3, FL3N

Good Friday win which moved us ever

closer the title. Harry Troops (2) and Johnny Garvie scored.

1953 - Southampton 1 City 0, FL2

First visit to Southampton since 1934.

1955 - City 2 Blackburn Rovers 1, FL2

First home win since New Year's Day and against the table toppers! Eric Littler and Johnny Garvie scored in front of 14,745 at Sincil Bank.

1959 - City 2 Barnsley 1, FL2

Two up at half-time thanks to Roy Chapman and Andy Graver goals we had to sweat for the win after bottom side Barnsley pulled one back in the second half.

1964 - Oxford United 2 City 0, FL4

1966 - Southport 5 City 1, FL4

Regular City keeper Peter Wakeham had been sent home for refusing to watch a show in Morecambe the night before with the rest of the City team so Pat Jeavons was given his debut. He was reported to have had a "nightmare game" and never played in the Football League again for us. The defeat left us bottom of the entire league.

1967 - Bradford Park Avenue 2 City 1, FL4

A crowd of 3,713 see 23rd placed Park Avenue defeat 24th placed City. Phil Hubbard though scored his first Football League goal for us.

1977 - Bury 3 City 0, FL3

1980 - Marvin Robinson born

Journey man forward who has played in the Football League for 10 clubs as well as two Conference sides. In total though he has only made 57 League starts with a further 50 appearances from the bench and scored 20 goals. Seven of those goals came in 2005/06 here at Sincil Bank when he made 20+12 of his appearances. He was involved in a car accident whilst playing for Cambridge in 2007 in which he suffered a broken leg and bruised lungs and hasn't played since.

1981 - Southend United 0 City 0, FL4

A bumper crowd of 12,391 see the top two clash at Roots Hall.

1987 - Crewe Alexandra 1 City 2, FL4

Nine game run without a win ended at Gresty Road thanks to goals from John McGinley and Gary West. We remain 10 points off bottom spot with most teams having eight games left.

1992 - City 1 Maidstone United 0, FL4

After a lengthy spell out with injury Sean Dunphy finally makes his Football League debut for us. Matt Carmichael scores the goal in the final meeting between the sides.

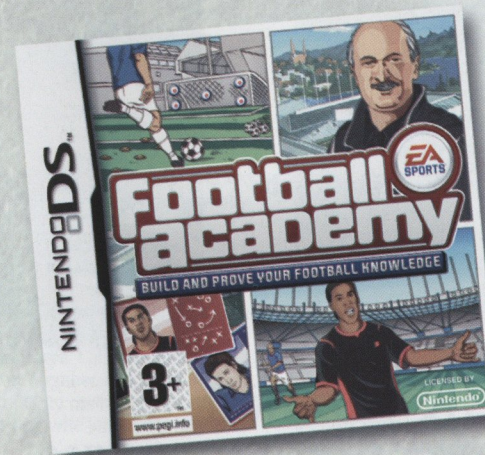
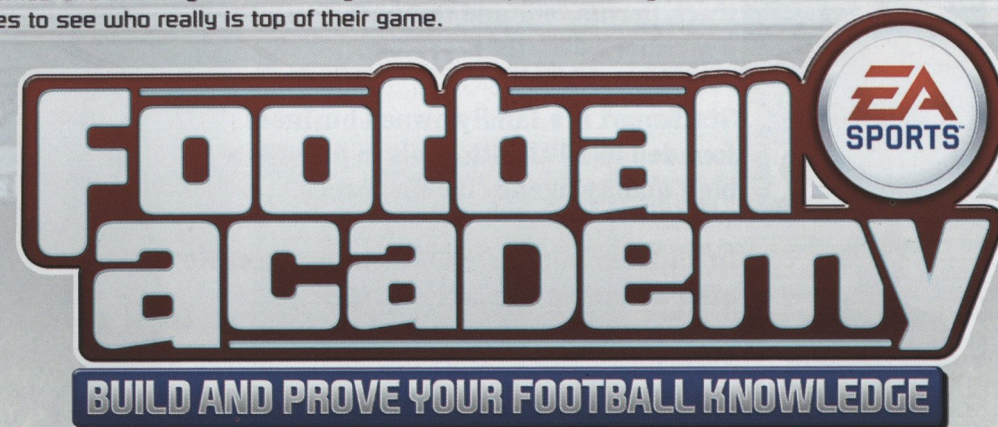
1995 - City 2 Fulham 0, FL3

Mid-table clash watched by just 2,932. Matt Carbon and David Hill with his last goal for us are the scorers.

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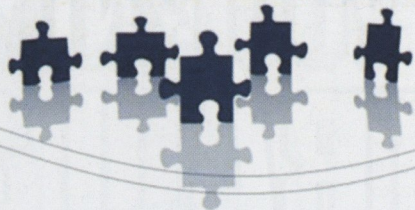
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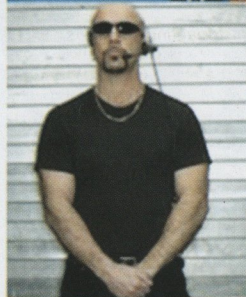
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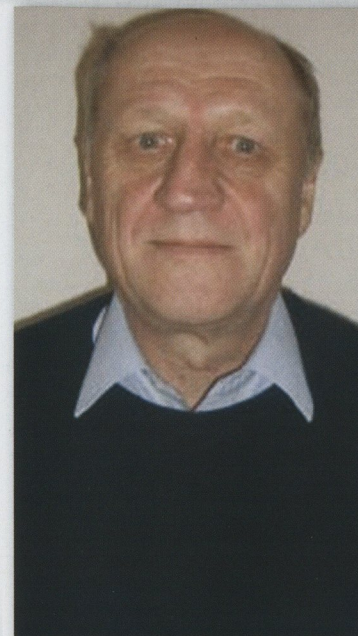
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WHAT BEING A GOLD MEMBER MEANS TO...



...JOHN BATES

My passion for Lincoln City started over 50 years ago when I use to watch with my father standing by the corner flag on a wooden stool he use to carry so I could see over the wall. As time went by we were up in the old South Park Stand watching people like McClelland, Chapman and Harbertson.

In my later years as I left the city working abroad for about eight months of the year my chances of watching games became limited. I can remember the Conference year when it took me about six hours to find the final score because I could not get anybody on the phone!

When the Club went into administration I wanted to help. I entered the auction to have a day with John Inverdale (Gold Member) to see around the BBC. I was lucky enough to win and my wife and I were made very welcome. I also decided to become a Gold Member. This involved putting in £1,000 to cover five years of membership (my wife joined the following year).

The Gold Members meet three times a year in the Boardroom where we hear from the Board and the Manager. Very often we would get to hear news that had not been

made public and afterwards anyone can ask a question regarding Lincoln City. I always find these very informative.

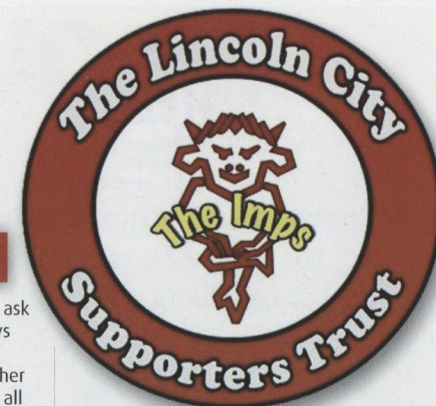
After the meeting we all meet in another room where lunch is served and we can all digest what has been discussed. After lunch we all then troop off to the Echo Stand to watch our heroes. Once a season we are allowed a match day in the Boardroom. This entails arriving around 1.30pm where we are met by the Board of Directors where we sit down for a lunch with another Gold Member. A seat in the Directors' Box is our reward and at the end of the match it is time for a celebration drink hopefully and to watch the match awards.

Being a Gold Member brings me and others an insight into running a football club. It does not matter if you are a season ticket holder or a person who lives away from the city and cannot make many games this is a great way to support Lincoln City Football Club.



...RICHARD SHELDON

My love affair with Lincoln City F.C. began many years ago in my nan's house on Scorer Street. On matchday afternoons I would watch from the window as my dad and uncle made their way to Sincil Bank. Corporation



buses arrived full of supporters and I would listen out for the cheers and groans of the crowd until the buses returned to take supporters home. I longed for the day I would be old enough "to go to the match".

That day arrived and I can remember watching the team play in the old Second Division in the late 1950's. We did the double over Liverpool in the 1959/60 season but then suffered successive relegations ending up in the basement division where we stayed for 14 years! This is not what I wished for, but I was hooked and as they say, "once an Imp, always an Imp".

I joined the Supporters Trust Gold Membership Scheme when it was first formed in 2001. I saw an opportunity to invest in the Club (received some shares) and enjoy the benefits membership offered. From memory, about a dozen members attended the first meeting. Numbers gradually increased and when the 50 mark was achieved we were able to elect from amongst ourselves a representative to sit on the Club's board of directors. This position is currently held by Jean Foster.

Prior to today's game, members will gather for the final Gold Members Meeting of the season. We will be updated on Trust activities and Steff Wright along with his fellow directors will brief us on current matters and future plans followed by a Q&A session with Jacko, which I'm sure will be interesting. We will conclude with a bite to eat and a chance to mix with fellow Gold Members. I recently enjoyed taking a guest to my matchday boardroom visit, an opportunity to rub shoulders with other guests and directors of both clubs. We were very well looked after and I managed to have a brief word with Colin Murphy and recall his successful team of the early 1980's - arguably the best Lincoln side I have seen play.

I thoroughly enjoy being a Gold Member. Not only do I meet up with old friends and make new acquaintances but I also gain a greater insight into the challenges of running a football league club, both on and off the field. If membership appeals to you then why not contact Jean for further details. You never know, you might find yourself on the Board one day!

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MUTTERINGS...

By tradition the Easter weekend, which nowadays sees only two fixtures played by each team but in the so called good old days saw sides play three matches, is seen as the time, especially when Easter falls late, when issues are decided or at the very least begin to come clearer in the various battles for promotion or relegation.

The two teams meeting at Sincil Bank this afternoon - Lincoln City and Luton Town - have totally different aims (or is it dreams?) to keep alive over this festive weekend with the mighty Imps looking to keep in the play-off race while the Hatters desperately look to somehow get out of the bottom two and maintain their Football League status.

While I suspect nothing will be mathematically certain by the completion of the Easter fixtures I feel by Monday evening both sets of fans will know by using their brains and not their hearts whether their dreams are just that or whether they still have a realistic chance to achieve the dream with the battle going on into the last three Saturdays of the campaign.

Luton come to Sincil Bank looking to complete the double over City following their 3-2 victory on Christmas Sunday in what was an entertaining game. The Hatters were then looking to get out of 'negative equity' after their 30 points deduction prior to the start of the season. Luton were bottom of League Two then and remain so but taking out their points deduction they would have been in a safe mid-table position (14th following last week's games).

The matter of points deduction is certainly controversial and I must say it seems to go against the sense of fair play making the competition uneven and unfair and dare I intimate it appears to me to bring the League into disrepute, especially with four teams in League Two now having had points deducted this campaign. However, I do appreciate clubs cant just use administration as a way/means of gaining an unfair financial advantage and that there has to be sanctions/punishments but it seems not quite right that it is the current owners/directors and the loyal band of fans who suffer rather than those in charge at the time who, for whatever reason allowed it to happen.

Having written that, I am not being critical of the Football League board or the Football Association because they are in the virtually impossible situation of having to determine sanctions/punishments which are fair to the other clubs in the League as well as to the punished club whilst keeping the integrity of the competition intact. It is easy for us all as fans to be critical of such decisions but we don't have to use the 'wisdom of Solomon' to come up with the answer which would somehow satisfy everyone.

As I've already intimated I don't think



points deduction is necessarily the answer because it skews the league table but to be honest I don't have a better answer.

Obviously our visitors today were the most severely hit by the point deduction (30) and this has overshadowed their whole season and I believe it is to the credit of everyone involved at Kenilworth Road that they have got to the last six games of the campaign still in the fight for survival. I can remember commenting to several people back before the season started that while it would have been a bitter blow to take it would have made more sense if Luton had been relegated. That way they could have had an

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even start to the campaign in the Conference rather than face the realistic possibility of being relegated all season, while the integrity of the competition could have been kept more intact although that issue was complicated by the fact Rotherham and Bournemouth also had points deducted (17) at the start of the season. I must say I've been very pleasantly surprised how the gates at Luton have held up all season, which has meant chairman Nick Owen and his board haven't had to face up to an every declining attendance with the resulting greater loss in finances which could have been expected for a team 'rooted' to the bottom spot all season.

I suspect I was not the only neutral supporter following last Sunday's Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley who felt that some justice had been restored when Luton won the competition. If things are to go wrong come the end of the season for the

Hatters, then at least they will have that wonderful occasion and victory to remember the 2008-2009 campaign for, in a positive way.

Being selfish from an Imps' point of view I hope that Luton's victory means a few more Hatters fans will have travelled to Sincil Bank this afternoon while a few more City fans have turned out to see the 'cup winning' visitors.

In welcoming Luton to the Bank, it gives us all a chance to meet back up with Lincoln City legend and surely one of the best 10 strikers ever to play for City, in the form of the Hatters manager, Mick Harford, who of course went on to play at the highest level and gain international honours.

It seems incredible that it is 32 years ago this summer that a tall, shy, lean young man who at that stage always appeared to have this head bent down, appeared at Sincil Bank along with three mates from the Lambton Street Boys club to sign for the Imps in what was arguably Graham Taylor's last signings as the Imps manager - or was it George Kerr's first?

That young man was 'Big Mick' and it may surprise many of you to know he arrived at Sincil Bank as a right half/midfielder and it was George Kerr who quickly spotted Mick's ability as what I would describe as a traditional English centre forward and what an excellent centre forward he turned into. Today, however, is not about Mick, who I'm sure we all wish well after today, but it is about three crucial points for the Imps or the Hatters as they chase their respective dreams.

Obviously I desperately want City to gain those points so we can enjoy the Easter festivities tomorrow before setting off for Valley Parade, Bradford on Monday to seek three more points to maintain the play-off challenge.

Enjoy the game, come on you Red Imps and Happy Easter.

Chris Ashton, Chairman, Red Imps Travel Section



Lincoln City

fixtures and results 08/09

Date	Opposition	Res	Crowd	Away	Pts	Pos	Referee
Sat, 09 Aug	Rotherham United	0-1	4,748	1,200	0	18	A. Haines
Tue, 12 Aug	Derby County (CC1) *	1-3	10,091	1,207	-	-	C. Oliver
Sat, 16 Aug	Dagenham & Redbridge 1-3	3,581	138	0	18	P. Gibbs	
Sat, 23 Aug	Wycombe Wanderers	0-1	4,112	247	0	18	G. Hegley
Sat, 30 Aug	Grimsby Town	1-1	4,573	831	1	18	L. Mason
Sat, 06 Sep	Barnet	2-0	3,417	178	4	16	C. Pawson
Sat, 13 Sep	Bury	1-3	2,663	268	4	19	M. Oliver
Sat, 20 Sep	Brentford	1-1	4,557	289	5	19	J. Linington
Tue, 23 Sep	Leicester City (JPT2) **	0-0	8,046	473	-	-	T. Kettle
Sat, 27 Sep	Morecambe	1-1	5,003	146	6	19	K. Hill
Sat, 04 Oct	Chester City	og 2-0	1,962	245	9	14	O. Langford
Fri, 10 Oct	Rochdale	1-1	4,510	330	10	15	C. Sarginson
Sat, 18 Oct	Chesterfield	3-1	4,326	683	13	13	M. Jones
Tue, 21 Oct	Macclesfield Town	2-1	1,247	205	16	11	K. Evans
Sat, 25 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	1-0	4,464	227	19	11	R. East
Tue, 28 Oct	Gillingham	2-0	4,396	322	22	10	D. Webb
Sat, 01 Nov	Port Vale	0-1	4,793	382	22	11	C. Boyeson
Sat, 08 Nov	Kettering Town (FAC1)	1-1	3,314	893	-	-	S. Hooper
Sat, 15 Nov	Darlington	0-2	3,534	477	22	12	S. Mathieson
Tue, 18 Nov	Kettering Town (FAC1r)	1-2	3,953	621	-	-	G. Horwood
Sat, 22 Nov	Shrewsbury Town	0-0	3,517	370	23	13	G. Scott
Tue, 25 Nov	Aldershot Town	0-2	2,625	209	23	13	P. Crossley
Sat, 06 Dec	Exeter City	1-2	3,916	119	23	13	D. Whitestone
Fri, 12 Dec	Accrington Stanley	5-1	2,625	58	26	12	M. Haywood
Sat, 20 Dec	Notts County	1-0	4,568	969	29	12	C. Webster
Fri, 26 Dec	Bradford City	0-0	6,156	1,699	30	12	N. Swarbrick
Sun, 28 Dec	Luton Town	2-3	6,643	352	30	12	S. Cook
Sat, 10 Jan	Brentford	2-2	3,932	455	31	12	S. Bratt
Sat, 17 Jan	Rochdale	og 2-2	2,897	334	32	12	M. Oliver
Sat, 24 Jan	Chester City	1-1	3,760	113	33	12	N. Miller
Tue, 27 Jan	Gillingham	2-1	4,525	138	36	11	S. Hooper
Sat, 31 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	3-3	3,634	182	37	12	A. Haines
Tue, 10 Feb	Morecambe	1-1	1,471	113	38	11	D. Foster
Fri, 20 Feb	Port Vale	1-0	5,097	288	41	11	F. Graham
Sat, 28 Feb	Rotherham United	0-1	4,336	782	41	13	G. Salisbury
Tue, 03 Mar	Dagenham & Redbridge	3-0	1,302	143	44	12	S. Cook
Sat, 07 Mar	Grimsby Town	1-5	5,133	895	44	13	C. Webster
Tue, 10 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0	2,562	133	47	11	K. Evans
Sat, 14 Mar	Bury	1-1	3,642	409	48	12	C. Sarginson
Tue, 17 Mar	Darlington	0-1	2,835	116	48	12	C. Boyeson
Sat, 21 Mar	Barnet	2-3	1,979	339	48	13	D. Phillips
Sat, 28 Mar	Notts County	1-1	4,027	864	49	13	K. Friend
Tue, 31 Mar	Macclesfield Town	1-0	2,478	43	52	12	R. Shoebridge
Sat, 04 Apr	Accrington Stanley	2-0	1,139	160	55	11	D. Whitestone
Tue, 07 Apr	Chesterfield	1-1	3,419	389	56	11	G. Laws
Sat, 11 Apr	Luton Town	H					
Mon, 13 Apr	Bradford City	A					
Sat, 18 Apr	Exeter City	H					
Sat, 25 Apr	Shrewsbury Town	A					
Sat, 02 May	Aldershot Town	H					

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Rob BURCH											
Paul GREEN											
Aaron BROWN											
Janos KOVACS											
Lee BEEVERS											
Frank SINCLAIR											
Stefan OAKES											
Lee FRECKLINGTON											
Geoff HORSFIELD											
Anthony ELTING											
Scott KERR											

 Played
 Replaced by
 Used Substitute
 Unused Substitute
 Red/Yellow Card
 Goal Scored
 * After Extra Time - ** lost 1-3 on Penalties

Player	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	27	28
Dany N'GUESSAN															
Ayden DUFFY															
Lenell JOHN-LEWIS															
Ben WRIGHT															
Daniel HONE															
Michael O'CONNOR															
Martin PEMBLETON															
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Gary KING															
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Kern MILLER															
Kevin GALL															
David GRAHAM															

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DATE	OPPONENTS	KO
Wed 20 Aug	Shrewsbury	2-5
Tue 26 Aug	Port Vale	4-3
Tue 9 Sep	Walsall	1-1
Wed 1 Oct	Sheffield U	0-5
Tue 7 Oct	Nott Forest	3-3
Tue 14 Oct	Sheffield Wed	2-1
Wed 29 Oct	Macclesfield	4-2
Tue 11 Nov	Mansfield	6-2
Wed 14 Jan	Port Vale	3-1
Tue 20 Jan	Walsall	1-2
Tue 24 Feb	Macclesfield	1-2
Wed 11 Mar	Sheffield U	0-1
Wed 25 Mar	Sheffield W	1-1
Wed 1 Apr	Nott Forest	0-0
Wed 8 Apr	Shrewsbury	0-5
Wed 15 Apr	Mansfield	14:00

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LEAGUE TABLE

	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
Shrewsbury	14	9	4	1	31
Nottingham	13	8	4	1	28
Sheffield W	15	6	3	6	21
Walsall	15	6	3	6	21
Sheffield U	14	6	2	6	20
Port Vale	14	6	1	7	19
Lincoln City	15	5	4	6	19
Macclesfield	15	3	4	8	13
Mansfield	13	2	1	10	7

Team v Nottm For: Ayden Duffy, Liam Bull, Joe Lamplough, James Bennett, Danny Hone (Owain Warlow 62), Kern Miller, John Kennedy, Simon Heslop, Gary King, Luke Powell, Chris Arthur (James Cooper 70). Subs not used: Ross Cherry, Ryan Limb, Connor Fitzpatrick.

Team v Shrewsbury: Ayden Duffy, Liam Bull, Joe Lamplough, James Bennett, Kern Miller, Danny Hone, Chris Ovington, Jack Roberts, Gary King, Nathan Adams, Chris Arthur. Subs Owain Warlow, Richard Bredice, James Cooper, Lee Bennett, Andy Hutchinson.

All home reserve team games this season will be played at Sincil Bank Stadium with four being in the afternoon and four in the evening. The eight away games are also split between afternoon and evening. Admission to all home reserve games will be free for 2008/09 season ticket holders whilst a nominal charge will apply to non-season ticket holders. Match reports can be found online at redimps.com.



Bradford City (a) Mon 13 Apr

Exeter (h) Sat 18, Aldershot (h) Sat 2 May

Shrewsbury Town (a) Sat 25 Apr

TicketOffice...

BRADFORD CITY v LINCOLN CITY



Coca-Cola League 2
Coral Windows Stadium, Valley Parade, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD8 7DY
Monday 13 April 2009, ko 3.00pm

Visiting supporters to the Coral Windows Stadium are housed in a section of the Midland Road Stand (covered seating, side of pitch) with payment being via the turnstiles on the day of the game. Prices are £20 for adults, £14 Senior Citizens and £12 for Under 16s. Disabled fans are seated in the East Stand Block C and must pre-book their tickets with the Bradford City ticket office on 01274 770072. Red Imps Travel Section coaches depart Sincil Bank at 11.30am - price £13.20.

LINCOLN CITY v EXETER CITY



Coca-Cola League 2
Saturday 18 April 2009, ko 3.00pm

Discounted prices of £10 for adults and £5 for concessions/U16s will be in operation for this fixture. This offer will be for all home sections of the stadium, with the exception of the Fox Executive Lounge where normal Category 'B' prices will apply. Supporters who have already pre-purchased tickets for this fixture will be entitled to a refund from the Club Office on production of their match ticket. Due to the reduction in admission prices, no advance purchase discount will be available with the reduced prices being in operation up until kick-off on the day of the game. There is no need to purchase tickets in advance.

SHREWSBURY TOWN v LINCOLN CITY



Coca-Cola League 2
The Prostar Stadium, Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST
Saturday 25 April 2009, ko 3.00pm

Visiting supporters to the Prostar Stadium are housed in the North Stand (covered seating, behind the goal) with early bird tickets being available from the LCFC ticket office. Advance purchase tickets are £16 for adults, £11 for concessions, £9 for U16s, £3 for U11s, £17 for family (1 adult, 1 U11), £19 for family (1 adult, 1 12-16), £ for extra 12-16 with family tickets. Extra U11s with family tickets free. Match day prices are subject to a £2 increase in all categories. Concession: Senior Citizen / Students with NUS Card / Disabled (complimentary carer allowed). Red Imps Travel Section coaches depart Sincil Bank at 10.30am - price £15.50.

LINCOLN CITY v ALDERSHOT TOWN



Coca-Cola League 2
Saturday 2 May 2009, ko 3.00pm

Category 'A' admission prices will be in operation for this fixture. Please see opposite for pricing structure. Early Bird prices for this game will be valid up until 5.00pm on Friday 1 May 2009 (12.00pm for Internet purchases).

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AREA	EARLY BIRD		MATCHDAY	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Co-op Stand	£16	£11	£5	£18
Echo Stand	£16	£11	£5	£18
Stacey West Stand	£14	£9	£5	£16
IMPS Stand	£14	£9	£5	£16
Family Stand	£14	£9	£5	£16
Fox Exec Lounge	£24	£24	£13	£26

* Category 'A' games in the 2008/09 season are versus Grimsby Town, Chesterfield, Bradford City, Rotherham United, Notts County and Aldershot Town.

LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB MATCHDAY PRICES 2008/09 - CATEGORY 'B' GAMES

AREA	EARLY BIRD		MATCHDAY	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Co-op Stand	£15	£11	£5	£17
Echo Stand	£15	£11	£5	£17
Stacey West Stand	£13	£9	£5	£15
IMPS Stand	£13	£9	£5	£15
Family Stand	£13	£9	£5	£15
Fox Exec Lounge	£22	£22	£12	£24

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- 5 Lee **BEEVERS**
- 6 Frank **SINCLAIR**
- 7 Stefan **OAKES**
- 8 Lee **FRECKLINGTON**
- 9 Geoff **HORSFIELD**
- 11 Scott **KERR**
- 12 Dany **N'GUESSAN**
- 13 Ayden **DUFFY**
- 14 Lenell **JOHN-LEWIS**
- 15 Ben **WRIGHT**
- 16 Daniel **HONE**
- 17 Michael **O'CONNOR**
- 18 Martin **PEMBLETON**
- 19 Shane **CLARKE**
- 20 Owain **WARLOW**
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LINCOLN CITY

Manager: Peter Jackson - Colours: Red and White

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12 N'GUESSAN	11 KERR	17 O'CONNOR	22 MULLARKEY
	10 ELDING	23 PATULEA	

Next Up...

Exeter City

Saturday 18th April, 2009
Coca Cola League Two, Ko 3.00pm



MATCHBALL SPONSOR



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(Cheshire)

Assistant Referee:

Simon Clayton

Assistant Referee:

Glyn Mellor

Fourth Official:

Steve Cook

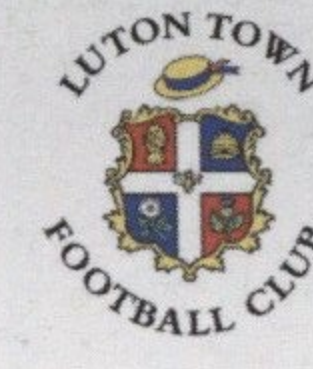
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EMANUEL 11	KEANE 4	NICHOLLS 8	JARVIS 16	
HALL 14	ASAFU-ADJAYE 15	PILKINGTON 6	SPILLANE 20	

BRILL

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Manager: Mick Harford - Colours: Black and Amber

LUTON TOWN



LUTON TOWN

- 1 Dean **BRILL**
- 2 Claude **GNAKPA**
- 3 Sol **DAVIS**
- 4 Keith **KEANE**
- 5 Ian **ROPER**
- 6 George **PILKINGTON**
- 7 Ian **HENDERSON**
- 8 Kevin **NICHOLLS**
- 9 Sam **PARKIN**
- 10 Ryan **CHARLES**
- 11 Lewis **EMANUEL**
- 14 Asa **HALL**
- 15 Ed **ASAFU-ADJAYE**
- 16 Rossi **JARVIS**
- 18 Chris **MARTIN**
- 19 Drew **TALBOT**
- 20 Michael **SPILLANE**
- 22 Mark **BOWER**
- 24 Tom **CRADDOCK**
- 25 George **BEAVAN**
- 27 Dean **MORGAN**
- 28 Paul **MCVEIGH**
- 29 Jordan **PATRICK**
- 30 Mark **FARTHING**
- 32 Kevin **GALLEN**
- 33 Jake **HOWELLS**
- 35 David **BUTTON**
- 36 Aaron **FLETCHER**
- 40 Scott **SINCLAIR**