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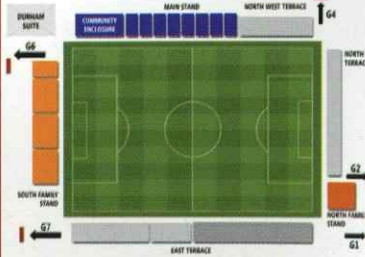
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SANDRA BULL
STADIUM OFFICER

Ian Hendon Says

A warm welcome to Mick Harford and everyone connected with Luton Town to Underhill Stadium this afternoon.

An even warmer welcome to supporters of this football club.

It was sad to see Luton relegated after Monday's games. They have clearly faced an uphill struggle all season and under the circumstances they deserve a lot of credit for the results and performances they've managed to put in. It was pleasing to see them win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy the other weekend at Wembley; I trust their fans had a good day out, even if it was to be followed by something very unpleasant not too soon after.

It is not right for me to discuss the rights and wrongs of the punishment imposed on them, but I do wish them a speedy return to The Football League. If and when we find ourselves in the same division we know that the games attract a good crowd and create an atmosphere, and that's something I'm happy to look forward to.

Against Bournemouth at Underhill last Saturday we managed to achieve our goal of ensuring that we are playing in The Football League next season. That was the single most important target I set myself and the club when I started picking the team early in the New Year.

Against Bournemouth I felt that in the first half the opposition showed themselves to be one of the better sides we have faced all season. They certainly had chances in the first half to establish a lead. In the second half we settled down and started to play a bit ourselves and as Bournemouth's approach became more direct I felt we were increasingly able to handle anything they could throw at us. The back four did really well, as did Jake Cole too.

I'd set the players a particular points target that until now we've kept in-house. I told them that I wanted to reach at least 50 points this season. At the moment we have 47 with three games to play. My reasoning was that I thought 50 points was certainly attainable, a realistic target and that in any season a team that clocks up 50 points will not go down. I didn't want to escape the drop by virtue of anyone's points deduction; I wanted us to stay up exclusively by our own efforts.

I wasn't really happy with our display at Aldershot. That was a game that with a little more application we could have come away with all three points. On reflection I can see that being that we have had a reasonably settled side a lot of the players have played a lot of matches in a short period of time and some tiredness is bound to creep in. Perhaps there was an element of that in the first half against Bournemouth also.

I can understand the jadedness, I can understand it, but I still can't accept it as a valid excuse. To do anything in this league somehow from within you have to manage to find the resources, the mental application if you like, to go that extra yard to close that man down, to block the cross and get yourself across the finishing line ahead of your opposition.

I must give a special mention to Jake Cole, who as you probably



know has returned to QPR. He was with us for just one month, but one in which he played an incredible ten matches! He has been brilliant and I could not have asked for anything more. I hope to be in a position to be able to try to re-sign him during the summer, but I'm sure his good performances have not gone unnoticed.

The loan system is one that nearly all clubs use and I see us as no different. I think you need the nucleus of players that are drawn from your own ranks, but the clubs in the top divisions are often keen for their youngsters to get experience and teams in League 2 can offer that opportunity. Or a player with experience might become available for a loan period, and if I think they have something to offer the club I won't hesitate to look at that kind of player.

I must also make public my thanks to Lee Harrison and Mark Stein for their role in helping me this year. They both have a great deal of knowledge of the professional game and it has been great to tap into that experience and bounce ideas off the pair of them. We have worked collectively and staying up is a collective achievement.

I am watching a great deal of matches in these last few weeks of the season looking at possible new recruits. In an ideal world that is how I see most of my summer, trying to strengthen the squad, the team and the club.

I am really determined that the season doesn't fizzle out, just because we are safe. That is not the correct approach, to say nothing of those that have paid good money to watch a match of football. We have a duty to show the same high level of endeavour whatever time of the season and that most certainly includes today.

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Signy's Soundbites

Here's the recipe for success that has so endeared PAUL FURLONG to all at Underhill.

"I enjoy doing what I'm doing and long may it continue", said 'Grandad' Paul, the name by which he is affectionately known to the younger elements in the dressing room.

Would he like to continue at Underhill, where he is currently on loan from Southend United until the end of the season? "I'm sure we'll sit down and talk about it at some stage", he says.

Encouraging words from IAN HENDON: "I am hopeful that something can happen".

The 40-year-old Paul scored a trademark matchwinning header against AFC Bournemouth last weekend to ensure League status for the Bees next season -- to the delight of his watching family members.



That was career Goal No 200 for the one-time Enfield striker and Furlong took off his shirt and saluted it on the floor. "I had to do something special, even if it cost me a booking", he said.

Goal No 1 came for Coventry City v Watford, he thinks, in August 1991, when some of his present team-mates weren't even born. Different days, he recalls.

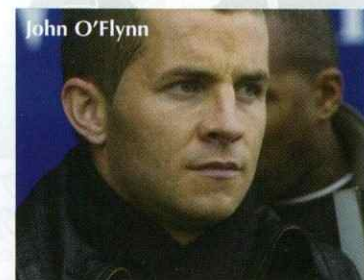
In the 1990s the dressing room was a more serious place as the players waited for the match. Today the music is pumped up and the likes of ALBERT ADOMAH and YANNICK BOLASIE gyrate around.

Barnet FC plan a presentation today to Golden Oldie Paul ... Luton fans might recall he scored eight of his total when

he played for them. A model pro. He deserves the plaudits.

Here's a statistic that would please any manager and supporter in the country. Barnet's strike force JOHN O'FLYNN and Furlong have scored 27 goals between them in 55 games.

Top scorer O'Flynn, who has scored 18 of the total, was back in Ireland earlier this week nursing the hamstring injury that ruled him out of the Easter programme and probably also cost the punters backing him for the Golden Boot award to miss out.



PS Don't forget on-loan striker CLIFF AKURANG. He scored his first goal for Weymouth in a 1-1 draw with Forest Green Rovers...with a booking thrown in for good measure.

It could just be "au revoir" to 23-year-old JAKE COLE, the 6ft 3ins tall goalkeeper who returned to Queen's Park Rangers this week after 10 games on loan in a month.

Ian Hendon, expressing his gratitude to Cole for his efforts in ensuring Barnet's League 2 status for next season, said: "I am hopeful we can sign him permanently".

Cole, who took ROB BECKWITH'S No 1 squad number, has only managed eight games in five seasons with Rangers and said when he arrived that he just wanted to play League football and not sit on the bench.

Cole is thankful for the games with the Bees and has loved his time at Underhill. He was a big hit with supporters, who I am sure will be



hoping his departure is not permanent.

The departure of Cole lets in LEE HARRISON for a possible chance of some late glory in the final matches of the season.

The 37-year-old has made 357 appearances for the Bees - he's only the fifth player to clock up 300 - and yet he only came back to Underhill in 2006 to be mentor to ROSS FLITNEY and later ROB BECKWITH.

Lee lost his place through injury this season and, as a fully qualified FA coach, has been working alongside Ian Hendon. He has been Player of the Year three times at Underhill but, even when he had a blip in form earlier this season, he certainly did not deserve some of the personal abuse he got from a minority of fans.



Lee's big enough to fight his own battles - all 6ft 2ins of him - and it would be terrific for him to have what could perhaps be a final hurrah and a place back in the limelight.

Mind you, Israeli goalkeeper RAN KADOCH is also hoping to make an impact in one or two of the final games.



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Signy's Soundbites Cont...



Mission accomplished - that's the satisfactory result for 37-year-old Ian Hendon after three and a half months guiding the Bees to retaining their Football League status with four games to go.

He was just told "you're in charge" when PAUL FAIRCLOUGH switched to his new role in the Prince Edward playing fields project at the start of 2009 and Ian even had to counter criticism from some supporters that he was too inexperienced for a managerial role.

Ian was told that the club might be interviewing or contacting other managers about the job - and was kept in the picture when this happened. There were some formidable names mentioned.

Ian, an inspirational captain of the club, just quietly continued to "tick the boxes" and has responded as to the manner born to the challenge to ensure that the Bees maintained their League status. The Bees are currently five games unbeaten and Ian has revealed his private target for the players has been 50 points...just three needed now with three games to go.

Well done.

JEREMY de MAGALHAES, the 24-year-old left sided central defender, left Underhill this week when his contract was cancelled.



de Magalhaes was restricted to four games since joining the Bees last summer and has not played since a cartilage operation in December, despite a rehabilitation period at Lilleshall.

Sadly we will never know if he was going to be the best left sided central defender since SIMON KING ... as PAUL FAIRCLOUGH had hoped. Best wishes, Jeremy.

Disciplinary note: the Bees have collected 11 yellow cards and one red in 20 games with Ian Hendon in charge this year.

Whisper it quietly, but there's still only one caution for dissent all season, by on-loan MICHAEL TOWNSEND, now back with Cheltenham Town.

A familiar face expected in the Underhill crowd today: MONTY PANESAR, England's left arm spin bowler in Test and one-day matches. Luton-born Monty, the first Sikh player to represent England, is a keen supporter of the Hatters.

Things aren't always as they seem. ALBERT ADOMAH was stretched off at Aldershot on Monday after a tackle from behind.

In the dressing room afterwards a worried query about Albert brought an unexpected prognosis that the flying winger should be fit to keep his place this afternoon.

Striker ELLIOTT CHARLES came back from his extended loan at



Hemel Hempstead Town with a report of an injury...but days later he was on the bench against AFC Bournemouth and came on as a substitute for ADAM BIRCHALL.

It's the 50th anniversary of Barnet's appearance in The FA Amateur Cup Final at Wembley against Northern

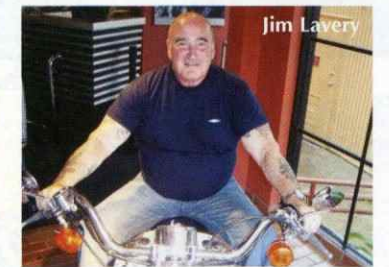
giants Crook Town. The young Bees side lost 3-2 ... with a wonder goal from BOBBY BROWN as some solace. (See Reckless Moment on page 21)

Attention all young supporters. Anyone aged below 14 is invited to write their special match report (no more than 500 words) featuring any Barnet game from the 2008-09 season.

The best judged effort will win a Football League and Barnet FC goodies bag and a chance to be entered into a national competition to win a VIP trip to Wembley for the 2009 play-offs.

The winning Barnet entry will also have their report featured on the official website and in the matchday programme. Please submit entries by e-mail to info@barnetfc.com by Monday (April 20) noting name, age and postal address.

In a line: a best of season Easter Saturday crowd of 3,133 at Underhill included 1,268 from Bournemouth ... Barnet's 1-0 win against the Cherries made it two 'doubles' for the season, the other being Rotherham United...Many happy returns to Jim Lavery who celebrates his 60th next Wednesday, a keen supporter of the Bees for some 40 years...



Jeremy



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Club Captain's Blog

Now I cannot begin to understand what this season has been like for Luton Town Football Club and nor can I comment on the why's and wherefore's to their points deduction at the start of this season, as I have little comprehension as to what went on at the football club before the current owners took over.

Rightful Place

I can however place on record my congratulations on making a fantastic go of trying to retain the clubs league status and alongside that winning the Johnstone's Paint trophy at Wembley. I'm sure it won't be long before the club regains its rightful place back in league football.

Turnaround

Moving on to us and if you had told most people that Barnet football club would be safe from relegation with four games to go at Christmas time, most supporters of this club would have had good reason to doubt it. We are currently five games unbeaten and put a run of form at home together that is remarkable given we had only won a solitary home game before Christmas.

Statement

As I have said before, everybody has their own reasons for the turnabout in fortunes and I have read them all. Some say that we have done it by bringing in loan players, some say this type of thing always happens with a new manager at the helm for a while. There is a lot of truth in a lot of the statements. Without Furlong, Bolasie, Lockwood, Cole, we might not have gotten out of this mess, but let me throw out there, that without a O'Flynn, Bishop, Adomah, Deverdics and a Yakubu, those loan signings might not have looked so good.

From The Skies

It is a manager's job to manage, but firstly it was his job to identify what was needed and put it out on the pitch to help us gain results. Those loan signings did not just appear at the training ground one day from the skies. They were found through knowledge of players that are out there in the positions that this football club required. If you think this is me praising Ian Hendon, then you'd be right. For it was Ian who went out seeking the players to loan and also get the best out of the players that were here. Along with that all those players jumped on board and made it happen.

It's been a collective effort



Vital Ingredient

The last ingredient we needed was you the supporters to believe in us. At first quite rightly, most supporters were doubting at first that we could do it, the form book does not lie. I doubt now though there are many Barnet supporters who turn up and don't expect us to win at home. Not only that, the games have been played in a way that is entertaining and surely that is what any supporter wants to come and see. Home games now feel like we have staff, players and supporters all pulling in the same direction at 3 o'clock on a Saturday. That has to be the way forward for any football club.

Thanks Jake

Lastly want to say a well done to Jake Cole, who I hope to see pull on a Barnet shirt again in the near future, he has been a fantastic lad to have at this football club, and not only that, performed at a high level throughout his loan, keeping us in many a game.

Jake has been a big player for us



Don't Relax

Today I hope will not be a case of letting ourselves relax and take the 'foot of the gas'. We have a proud home record to maintain and another couple of wins to add to our total. This season is not over and I'm sure the manager will not let that be the case.

Enjoy today's game.

Lee Harris



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A Condensed History...

Luton Town

Bedfordshire's premier football team have enjoyed a rich and varied Football League history, with Wembley triumphs and long spells in the top division. This season's Johnstone's Paint Trophy success is testament to the fight and character displayed by the Hatters in the face of overwhelming odds, who have left the League previously only to return in triumph.

The club was founded in April 1885 as a result of a merger between two local teams, Wanderers and Excelsior, and by the 1890s had become the first professional side in the south of England. Founder members of the Southern League in 1894 Town managed runners-up places in successive seasons and this proved sufficient to secure a Football League Division Two place in 1897, replacing Bolton Wanderers. A top-half finish in their maiden campaign boded well but the Hatters struggled to compete due to the large costs of travel to their predominantly Northern-based opponents.

A return to the Southern League followed, with Luton achieving moderate success including consecutive fourth place finishes in 1906 and 1907, their first full seasons after their move to their present location, Kenilworth Road. The club reached The FA Cup 2nd Round for the first time during this period.

After the end of the First World War the Southern League was invited to form a new regional Third Division, so the Hatters began the 1920-21 campaign as a League club once more, adopting their now familiar black and white colours at the same time. In contrast with their previous non-League form Town took to League football straight away, culminating in numerous top-half finishes, and by the 1930s were knocking on the door of the Second Division. The 1935-36 campaign saw Luton lose just eight League games on the way to a runners-up spot with some memorable results, including a 12-0 demolition of Bristol Rovers in which wing-half Joe Payne marked his debut at centre-forward with a record 10 goal-haul. The next season as Town went one better, capturing the Third Division South title and amassing a century of League goals.

Resuming their second-tier League campaign after World War Two Luton suffered a relegation scare at the start of the 1950s but, under the guidance of Dally Duncan and with a blossoming youth policy, the team began to gel. After missing out on a top-flight berth by one place in 1953, two years later the Hatters achieved their dream. The 1954-55 campaign saw Duncan's side involved in a titanic promotion struggle with Birmingham City and Rotherham United, and it was the Hatters who edged out the Millers for second spot, and promotion, but only on goal average. A blistering start in their maiden First Division campaign, which saw Town beat top-flight giants Wolves, Blackpool and Newcastle, ensured the finished comfortably in mid-table. An eighth place finish followed in 1958 but it was the magic of the Cup that was to capture the attentions of Hatters fans the following term.

Despite the departure of manager Duncan in October the team, guided by centre-half and captain Syd Owen, defeated former winners Blackpool after a quarter-final replay at Kenilworth Road in front of a record 30,069 crowd to reach the semi-finals for the first time. Norwich City from the Third Division South proved stern opposition and Town fought their way to Wembley for the first time, after another replay, to face Nottingham Forest. Despite playing against ten men for much of the game, with Forest goal-scorer Roy Dwight unable to continue following injury, Luton went down to 2-1 defeat. Owen's achievements in leading the team did not go unrecognised, securing both the manager's job permanently and



being voted Footballer of the Year by his peers, but the former player found life in the hot-seat a difficult adjustment, the upshot being relegation back to the Second Division the following year and, by England's World Cup triumph in 1966, Town were in the fourth tier for the first time.

The Fourth Division championship in 1968 started a revival and, two seasons later, the exploits of former Fulham forward Malcolm McDonald helped Town back into the Second after a runners-up finish. A further promotion in 1974 brought First Division football back to the town but a disastrous start saw the Hatters return to the second division by a point.

The arrival of David Pleat as manager brought the glory days back to Luton. The Second Division championship title in 1982 was achieved on the back of a fine attacking game and fluidity of passing and the following campaign saw more of the same - regular TV appearances were the norm as Pleat's side attempted to play themselves to First Division survival and a final-day victory over Manchester City at Maine Road, courtesy of a Raddy Antic winner, relegated the hosts and was celebrated by a dancing David Pleat on the pitch as he rushed to hug his players.

Although First Division survival was often perilous the Hatters enjoyed a reputation as a Cup side, with Pleat leading Town to an FA Cup semi-final in 1985 against eventual winners Everton; the pain of a further semi-final defeat in 1988 was tempered by a return to Wembley in the League Cup Final as Luton overcame a 2-1 deficit to beat holders Arsenal 3-2 and claim their first domestic Cup trophy. Strangely, the holders were to suffer defeat the following campaign - Town going down 3-1 to Brian Clough's Forest, thirty years after the sides locked horns in an FA Cup final.

Post-War Managers

George Martin	1939-1947
Dally Duncan	1947-1958
Syd Owen	1959-1960
Sam Bartram	1960-1962
Bill Harvey	1962-1964
George Martin	1965-1966
Allan Brown	1966-1968
Alec Stock	1968-1972
Harry Haslam	1972-1978
David Pleat	1978-1986
John Moore	1986-1987
Ray Harford	1987-1990
Terry Mancini	1990
Jim Ryan	1990-1991
David Pleat	1991-1995
Terry Westley	1995
Lennie Lawrence	1995-2000
Ricky Hill	2000
Lil Fucillo	2000-2001
Joe Kinnear	2001-2003
Mike Newell	2003-2007
Kevin Blackwell	2007-2008
Mick Harford	2008-



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Meet And Greet The Team from Kenilworth Road



Mick Harford - Manager

As a player Mick was an excellent top flight centre forward who was good in the air as well as having a fine first touch. Since hanging up his boots, Mick has twice had a spell on the coaching staff at Luton, initially as assistant manager under Joe Kinnear and as Director of Football for Mike Newell. Harford left the Hatters in November 2004 to be re-united with Kinnear at Nottingham Forest. He then took over as caretaker manager at Forest in 2004, replacing Kinnear, for a total of six matches before Gary Megson was confirmed as the new manager. An eight month spell in charge at Rotherham United was the first managerial job he held in his own right and on leaving the club, he had a short spell coaching at Millwall before joining the Geraint Williams at Colchester United in 2006, as his number two, a position he held for a year before the opportunity arrived to join John Gregory - again as an assistant manager - at Queens Park Rangers in June 2007. In October 2007, Harford took caretaker charge at QPR for one month following Gregory's dismissal, losing only once in five games before he left when Luigi De Canio took over as a manager. Mick is assisted by Alan Neilson and Kevin Watson.

1. Dean Brill - Goalkeeper - Age 23

Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when boss Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite the Club being relegated from the Championship he was named Young Player of the Season. He kept a clean sheet in his U19 debut as a 15-year-old in April 2001 and his impressive displays alerted the attention of several bigger clubs, but Luton fought off the competition to secure his signature. A tall, commanding goalkeeper standing at six foot three, Brill is a great organiser whose voice will always be heard throughout a game.

2. Claude Gnaka - Defender - Age 25

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

3. Sol Davis - Defender - Age 29

Sol joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a first team regular. Sol was unfortunately involved in a serious incident during the 2006-07 season when he suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to a match, however he made a miraculous recovery and despite being told by doctors it will take months for him to return, he was soon back in action.

4. Keith Keane - Midfield - Age 22

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith is another of the youth team who regularly appears for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and clearly has made a rapid progress. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates.

5. Ian Roper - Defender - Age 31

Central defender with bags of experience who signed a contract at Luton last summer. Roper climbed up the ranks while at Walsall, gaining a reputation of being a tough, no-nonsense defender. He made 325 appearances during his 13 year period at the club, where he won promotion on three occasions.

6. George Pilkington - Defender - Age 28

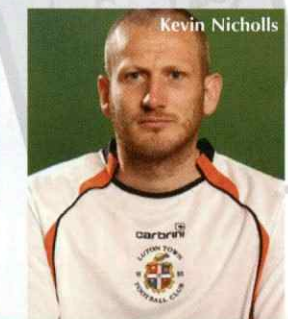
Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of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

7. Ian Henderson - Forward - Age 24

Ian joined the Hatters at the end of December 2008 following his release from Northampton Town. Also able to play a role on the right side of midfield, Henderson is a product of the Norwich City youth academy where he made the grade to make 79 appearance for the Canaries as well as England U20 honours. At the beginning of the 2007-08 season Henderson was released by the Canaries and was snapped up by Northampton. During his time at Sixfields, he largely came off the bench, but failed to score in the 33 appearances he made for the Cobblers.

8. Kevin Nicholls - Midfielder - Age 30

The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. He then moved to Leeds United for £700k in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise signalled a move to Preston North End for a fee of £750k. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.



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Meet And Greet Continued...

9. Sam Parkin – Forward – Age 28

Ex-Chelsea trainee Sam is a forward with a prolific goalscoring record, and choose Kenilworth Road as the place to further his career in 2006. Unfortunately, Sam's career at Kenilworth Road has yet to get going after a serious injury. After signing for League 1 side Swindon Town in August 2002, Parkin set the Football League world alight, scoring 67 league goals in 120 appearances. Naturally, his goalscoring talents captured the attention of the bigger clubs, and Parkin signed for Ipswich Town in the summer of 2005 for £550k. Unfortunately, a broken ankle forced him to miss much of his time at Portman Road, although he still managed to score five goals in 17 Championship appearances during his first season. Once Blues boss Jim Magilton then made it clear that Parkin would not get regular football at Portman Road he quickly joined the Hatters for a £340k fee.

11. Lewis Emanuel – Defender – Age 25

Lewis arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career and played for six seasons. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he made his league debut.

14. Asa Hall – Defender/Midfield – Age 22

Asa began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004 where he won England U19 and U20 caps. Asa has had loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town.

15. Ed Asafu-Adjaye – Defender – Age 20

Ed is in his first year as a professional footballer having made significant progress through the club's youth set-up. The full-back, who spent a short time on-loan at non-league side Walton & Hersham, made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension.

16. Rossi Jarvis – Defender/Midfield – Age 21

Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by he joined Luton last summer.

18. Chris Martin – Forward – Age 20

Currently on a season-long loan from Norwich City 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 U19 squad, scoring on his debut against Turkey in March 2007. Top scorer for the Hatters this season.

20. Michael Spillane – Defender – Age 20

The Irish youngster joined the club on a season-long loan from Norwich City in August 2008, and is equally at home in defence or midfield, having played in both positions in recent seasons for the Canaries and the Hatters. The Republic of Ireland U19 international has just signed a new two-year deal with the Canaries.

22. Mark Bower – Defender – Age 29

Mark joined the Hatters from Bradford City on a month's loan in January 2009. He made his Bantams debut in 1998. He had two loan spells with York City at a time when Bradford were playing in the Premier League. Mark was named as City captain by then caretaker boss David Weatherall in 2007.

24. Tom Craddock – Forward – Age 22

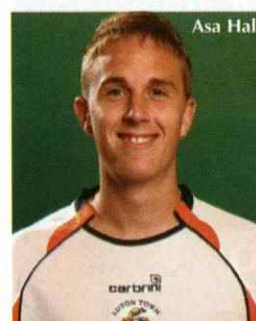
Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who has done well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis for £80k. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool United.

28. Paul McVeigh – Forward – Age 31

Paul started his career at Tottenham Hotspur where he made three appearances before he joined Norwich in March 2000 on a free transfer and although he took a few years to really establish himself, in the 2002-03 season he was the club's top scorer with 15 goals and he helped Norwich win promotion to the Premiership the following season. During his spells at Tottenham and Norwich, he was capped by Northern Ireland 20 times in total.

32. Kevin Gallen – Forward – Age 34

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at Loftus Road. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons last season before joining Luton on loan.



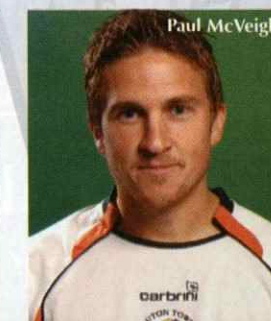
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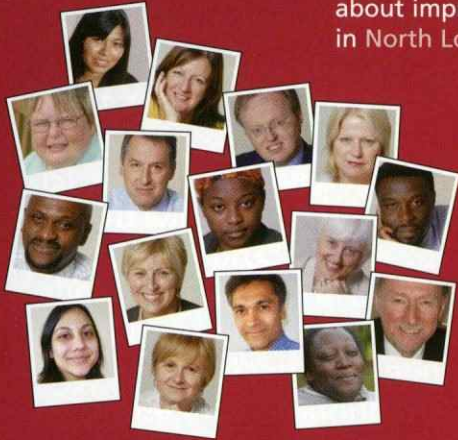
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SIX OF THE BEST

Luton Town

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles six of the biggest names associated with Luton Town

BRUCE RIOCH



Influential midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100k in July 1969, a record for a Division Four player. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping the Rams to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

MICK HARFORD



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

RICKY HILL



England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

MALCOLM MACDONALD



Ace marksman "Supermac" was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968, initially as a full-back and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180k in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333k in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and has since worked in the media.

BRIAN STEIN



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

PAUL WALSH



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



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Manager: Keith Alexander

Brief Directions By Road: M6 junction 17 taking the A534 signposted Congleton and Macclesfield. A complicated series of roundabouts awaits in Congleton (but it is a good stop off point for a pre-match meal too) and two options become available. 1. For ease in finding the ground and a pleasant country drive follow the signs for the A54 and head out of Congleton towards Buxton. After 5 miles of leaving Congleton on this A54 road turn left onto the A523 towards Macclesfield. You will see the ground on your left upon entering the outskirts of Macclesfield. 2. From Congleton the A536 heads straight into Macclesfield but on the wrong side of town for the football ground. If you decide on this way eventually you will find Moss Road heading South out of the town and on your right.

Car Parking: The car parking at the ground is usually restricted to officials and corporate hospitality however there is plenty of unrestricted parking in the surrounding streets. A very safe place to park is in the Lyme Green Retail Park, which is only about 300 yards south of the ground down the London Road or as I did last season on the London Road itself.

Directions By Train: Macclesfield Station is a good 30-minute walk, a mile and a half, from the station. Turn left out of the station into Sunderland Street until the major crossroads at the War Memorial. Turn left into Mill Lane (A523 towards Leek) and follow the road for about a mile where it becomes Cross Street then London Road and you will find the ground on your right. The number 9 bus from Macclesfield Bus Station which is adjacent to the railway station will take you to the Moss Rose and runs every 20 minutes, fare £1 one way. A Taxi should cost no more than £6.

Supporters Coaches: The BFCSA is running a coach to this fixture and the fare is £30 for adults and £25 concessions and departs from outside the Barnet Odeon at 9.30am sharp. For further details check out the BFCSA website at www.bfcsa.co.uk, or phone the coach travel hot line on 01707 647365. You must be a member of the Association to travel, but don't worry you can join on the day. The supporters' coach travel is entirely organised and operated independently by the Barnet FC Supporters Association. Barnet Football Club Limited cannot be held liable for any losses occurred.

Eating And Drinking Locally: You will struggle to find a pub close to the ground - The Golden Lion is about 10 minutes walk away - but as always this guide has some seriously cultured suggestions. On the A54 at Allgreave, which only involves a short detour from my route above (i.e. instead of turning left onto the A523 to the ground, carry straight on for about 5 miles), you will find the superb Rose & Crown pub, built around 1800, it is first rate. However if it is just ale you are after then look no further than the Beartown Tap in Willow Street Congleton which was voted



CAMRA Pub of the Year in 2003 and 2004. I have been informed that there are no social club facilities for visiting fans at Moss Rose

The Ground Description: Home from home, welcome to a good old fashion 'home' ground. The main or London Road stand which occupies half of the touchline was erected in the mid 1960's and seats just 563. This style of grandstand, short but deep with a broad roof fascia was very popular in the north-west as the very similar main stands at Altrincham and Leek Town illustrates. The uncovered but sturdy terracing that flanks it has room for 1,000. Opposite is the 2002 latest edition to Moss Rose, The Alfred McAlpine Stand which has executive boxes behind its 1500 seats. To the left is the possibly unique Star Lane End which has the odd arrangement of a small bank of seating in front of a shallow terrace. This clever and cosy little arrangement is covered by a plain roof and was a result of The Football League insistence on a certain ratio of seating to standing accommodation when The Silkmen were promoted to the League in 1997. Finally to the right is our home for the game, along with a small section of seating in the McAlpine Stand, the uncovered Silkman End terrace, which has room for 1,500.

Admission Prices:

McAlpine Stand (Seating) - Adults £18, Concessions £14, Under 16s £5. Silkman Terrace - Adults £14, Concessions £10, Under 16s £5.

Our Last Meetings & Memories: Our last visit in March 2008 resulted in a 0-3 defeat. My memory goes as far back to 1970 when as a 10 year old I watched a Barnet side including Ben Embery Jack McClelland, Les Eason, Colin Powell and the like loose 1-0 to Macc in an FA Trophy semi final played at Stoke City's old Victoria ground. Nearly 8,000 watched the game. I also recall the 1988 season when the team were on a superb run of form and Mrs Reckless insisted on coming along to Underhill for her first game that season, we were wiped out 1-4!

Celebrity Watch: Celebrity number one is ex Bee and current Macc Manager Keith Alexander. Trio was a hero of the old West Bank between 1986-1988. He scored 20 odd goals from 80 odd appearances but set up numerous more for David Sansom and Nicky Evans. The Get Me Outa Here Celebrity Jungle King (of the fake tan) David Dickenson has shares in the local solarium in nearby Bollington while Jasper Carrot's detective partner Robert Powell grew up in these parts. The greatest Glam Rock band ever was Slade and their original frontman Noddy "Mind Your Nuts" Holder lives in the area..)



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It was 50 Years Ago Today! **Crook Town 3-2 Barnet**

FA Amateur Cup Final, Wembley Stadium
Saturday 18 April 1959

Eureka Moment

While handing out Player of the Year voting slips last weekend a supporter casually came up to me and said: "Did you know that when we play Luton Town next week it will be 50 years ago to the very day that Barnet lost 2-3 to Crook Town in the FA Amateur Cup Final at Wembley Stadium? It would be nice if this fact was mentioned in the programme". You know he was absolutely right and thank you – and I am sorry that I didn't actually catch his name but from our brief chat and his knowledge he had obviously been a regular at Underhill for many years.

Flirting

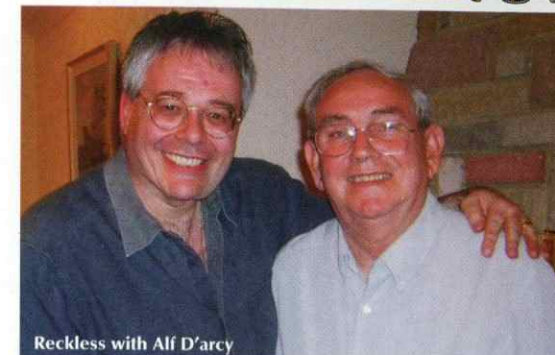
Barnet had already won the FA Amateur Cup in 1946 but the Final in those days was played at a First Division ground. Barnet beat Bishop Auckland 3-2 at Stamford Bridge. The club actually flirted with the final in 1958. At Brentford's Griffin Park they had lost to Woking 2-3 at a replayed semi final stage after a 1-1 draw at Fulham's Craven Cottage. Both games attracted gates of nearly 30,000.

Easy Ride

For the 1959 campaign it was a fairly easy ride through the preliminary rounds (Sheppey United 4-0, Willington 8-4, Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 after a drawn 2-2) until a Quarter Final with the mighty Bishop Auckland who had won the trophy three times during the 1950s. The game at Underhill in front of nearly 10,000 finished 2-1 to Barnet. The Semi Final at Highbury against Walthamstow Avenue finished 0-0 but the Bees ran out 2-0 winners in the replay at White Hart Lane.

Teenagers

Crook Town from the Northern League were a very strong side and Barnet, according to the press anyway, were the underdogs mainly due to the fact that they had such a young team, including six teenagers and five more in their 20s. In reality that season could have so easily been a "Double" winning season



Reckless with Alf D'arcy

for the Bees as the team pipped Wealdstone to the Athenian League Championship losing just 6 matches out of 30 and scoring 85 goals!

Barnet Contingent

The attendance was over 60,000 but not all were from Crook or Barnet. In those days most amateur clubs would sell tickets for the Final and the demand from neutral supporters from all over England was high. According to another Barnet supporter who was there on the day and sitting just a few rows behind the Royal Box "The Barnet contingent was a lot bigger than we could reasonably expect today and I seem to remember that the second half was shown live on TV but I may be wrong?"

Colour Clash

Another interesting fact is that due to a colour clash Barnet took to the field in light blue shirts with claret stripping. Strange, as our normal change strip in the 1950s was blue shirts and white shorts. The story is that they were the same shirts that Aston Villa wore in the 1957 FA Cup Final and given to us as a present! The star of the game was undoubtedly 19 year old Bobby Brown who scored two brilliant individual goals for the Bees. Both would have had modern day TV pundits drooling. On a more 'sour grape' note the Barnet faithful in the crowd felt hard done by for Crook Town's second goal as it clearly had gone out of play before being crossed. The linesman should have given a goal kick – things haven't changed that much really have they?

Legendary Quotes

Goalkeeper Brian Goymer once reminisced about the day: "I remember coming out of the Wembley tunnel, the place was packed to the rafters and there was a fantastic noise, I saw my mum and dad. It was a marvellous thing. It was fair to say we were all a little overawed by the occasion." He continued, "Afterwards we couldn't get the coach down Barnet High Street. There were people everywhere. The whole of Barnet had been drawn to Wembley; it was like a magnet, a fantastic sense of community".

Captain Alf D'arcy has since told me: "The Final at Wembley was incredible a wonderful day, we had a magnificent young team and how proud and lucky was I to play there with my older brother in the same team."

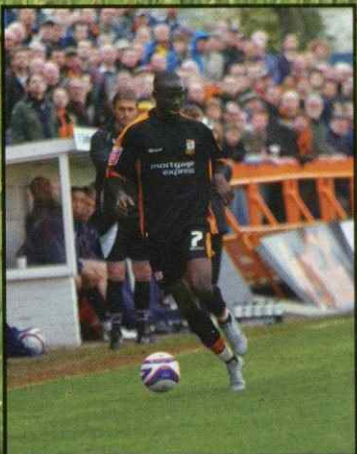
Barnet: Brian Goymer – Jim Duncan – Micky Cooper – Bobby Cantwell – Alf D'arcy – Roy Sleep – Johnny Welsh – Dennis D'arcy – Bobby Brown – Tony Harding – Roy Drake.

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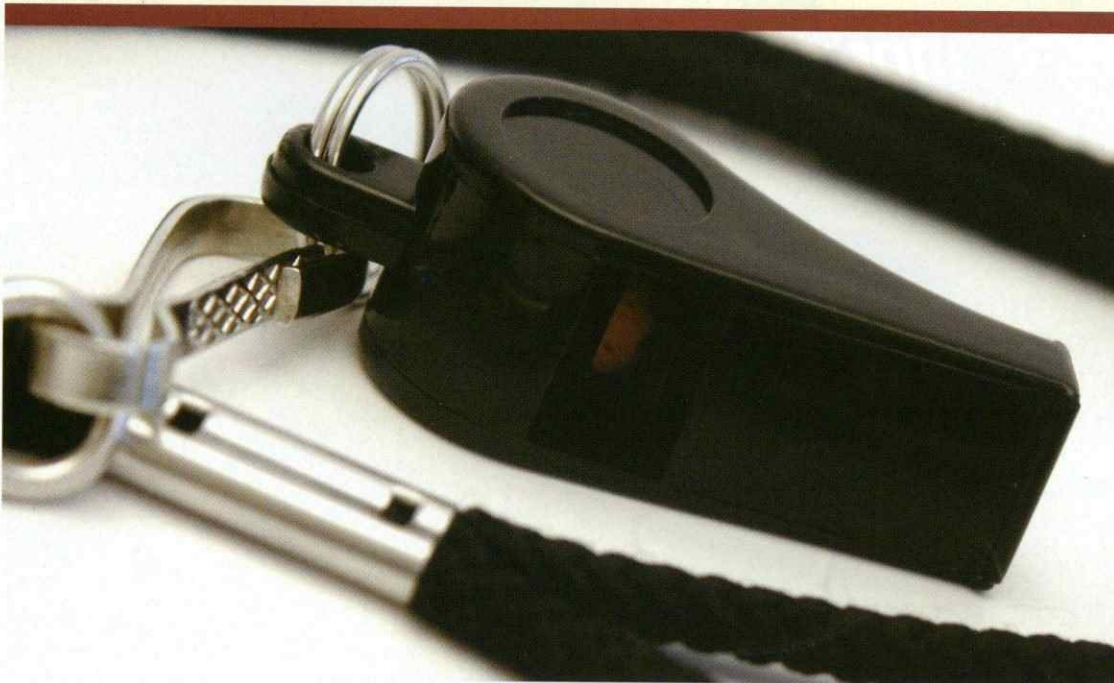
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This Sporting Life

Never far from scandal, Inter Milan's Adriano is but a shadow of the player he once used to be.

At his barnstorming best, opposing defences had no answer to his no-nonsense attacking instincts. A formidable goals-per-game ratio in the famous blue and black of the Nerazzurri cemented his reputation as one of the most feared strikers in world football. Every manager would bend over backwards to have him in his team and his contemporaries watched intently as he scored many noteworthy goals for club and country.

Regrettably, it seems to have all gone sour for the barrel-chested Brazilian as he last week announced his intention to take a break from the game, a sabbatical if you will, during which time he will reconsider his career. "I've lost the happiness of playing," he told reporters. "I wouldn't like to go back to Italy, I want to live in peace here in Brazil."

Adriano failed to return to Milan after recent World Cup qualifiers against Ecuador and Peru. Ever since, the Brazilian media has been full of speculation over what had happened to him.

We're led to believe that Adriano, 27, has been battling alcohol addiction, something he has strenuously denied, and that he recently split from his partner – driving him to depression. Not even the supreme man-management of Jose Mourinho could alter the course of one of the club's most naturally gifted players. It now looks likely that he'll be absent for months while he gets his house in order.

Adriano isn't the only player to have lost his way and failed to report back to the club to which he is contracted. His fellow countryman, Robinho, famously stunned Manchester City teammates by leaving a club training camp early to return to his native Brazil. This came a day after AC Milan's Kaka rejected a £100 million transfer to Eastlands, so rumours were rife that Robinho was upset at his friend's failure to join him. He later cited family reasons for his inter-continental jaunt.

Wigan have more recently suffered from the ill-discipline of foreign superstars and will be thinking long and hard before making Amr Zaki's loan stint a permanent one.

The walkabout striker held showdown talks with manager Steve Bruce last week after allegedly turning his ankle in a World Cup qualifier against Zambia and failing to return to England. 'Allegedly' is



the watchword here as Wigan were unable to get hold of x-rays from the Egyptian FA and had no way of conducting their own assessments.

And so we have ourselves a worrying trend where players are increasingly going against their club's wishes and failing to report back as they are contractually obliged. Maybe Adriano's idea of a sabbatical from football isn't such a crazy idea after all. Perhaps he'll return refreshed and recapture the form that has so clearly eluded him of late.

Reading FC sports scientist Kunle Odetoyinbo was therefore right in his prediction that footballers will one day take such breaks, telling the Reading Evening Post (thank you Google) that footballers should be encouraged to do so in an effort to prolong their careers.

"For some of them they will only get two or three weeks break a year and then have to compete for 11 and a half months", he said. "I think it could happen. I don't see why a player who started at 15 or 16 turned professional at 18, played for nine or 10 years can't have a year's sabbatical."

This is something already common in other sports, most prominently Formula One. Former Ferrari supremo Ross Brawn took a year out before moving on to Honda and then Brawn GP. Behind the wheel, Mika Hakkinen had a break from F1 before turning his hand to touring cars. Fellow great Alain Prost sat out the whole of the 1992 season before returning to win his fourth and final title in 1993.

You might think the salary would keep anyone interested at the top level of professional football, but you can hardly say that motor racing drivers are poorly remunerated. Remember you heard it here first, well almost.

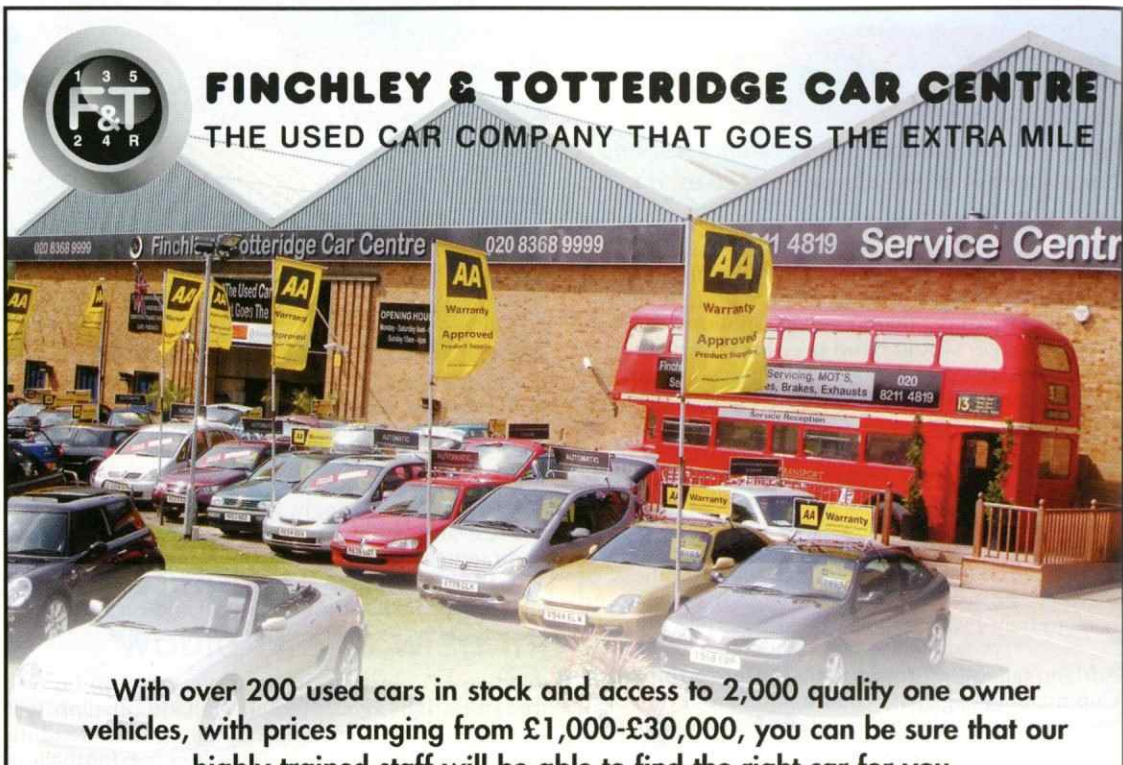
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PEPF Q&A with Paul Fairclough

With work on the Bees' new training ground and planned Centre of Excellence at the Prince Edward Playing Fields site in Canons Park now well under way, BFCSA committee members Ben Kentish and Sam Norris went to check out the latest developments. They were shown around by Paul Fairclough and then caught up with Paul to discuss his new role and his hopes for the project.

Paul Fairclough's role

What does your new role as Chief Executive of Barnet Sports Development Ltd. involve and what have you been doing since you started in the role?

My role has been really diverse since I've taken over. It's been a real culture shock for me. In the football industry you tend to become quite insular because you only really deal with a certain type of people - football people. All of a sudden I've had to widen my vision because I'm dealing with architects, planners, designers, tilers, plumbers, groundsmen and others, so it's become very diverse and very different to what I had been used to. The role that I've taken on initially is to help with overseeing the development of the site itself. Tony [Kleanthous] has got his finger right on the pulse and I'm working alongside him with my finger right on it too. Together we're making sure everything's done and talking to various people about various things, even down to the point of choosing tiles and colours of walls. That's what I'm doing at the moment. On top of that I'm also responsible for creating a Centre of Excellence and a youth structure for the club, and for making links between Harrow Borough Council and the football club. There are various strands going on at the moment. It's like I'm in a long corridor with plates all spinning, and I'm running along keeping them going and then running back to get the next one to keep them all going at once. The plan was always for me to jump across to this but it came sooner than we thought it would. So that's what I'm doing at the moment, as well as trying to get the place ready for the first team for the start of the new season. Basically I'll be managing the site once it's up and running; everything from cleaners to coaches. I'm also chief executive of Barnet Sports Development, which oversees the cricket club - so I'll be looking at what goes on there - and I'll be overseeing what goes on here at Prince Edwards. And I'll be in charge of anything to do with youth football, because our link with PROTEC has gone now. It's very multi-faceted at the moment and it's frenetic.

Is there a team in place to help you?

At the moment it's just me, but I've just put some job adverts in the paper. Plus I've got some final interviews coming up for a Football Development Officer, who will be the link between me and the council, so that will take some of the load off me. We'll also be having someone coming in to handle the commercial side of the new project - plus Kevin Mullen will be getting involved in this. He already has done, in fact - he's done some sponsorship deals



already. We'll be looking for sponsors for the Centre of Excellence and so forth. To run a Centre of Excellence like ours will cost in excess of £250,000 pounds per year, so that's a huge expenditure. We do get some funding but we've got certain criteria to meet. Dave Wilding is helping me with some of the logistics of the Centre of Excellence. The ladies football also comes under Barnet Sports Development so Graham Slyper has been helping me a lot with that. With regard to that, Stanmore College will be coming in and using this as a base for their girls' football. They'll be playing their matches and doing their training here and they'll get educated at Stanmore College. Those girls will feed into Barnet Ladies football team. Both Graham and Dave have done some fantastic, sterling work.

What are the main challenges of your job at the moment?

To have a Centre of Excellence up and running by July is a big task. You've got to employ coaches, but first of all you've got to find the kids. I'm expecting that, for the first year, we won't be particularly strong. But we want to get it in place and then grow it up. I've got a clean state to start with with regards to the Centre of Excellence, which is good because it means I can do things the way I want them to be done. We've just made an announcement on the website about the Centre of Excellence and there's a link on there for kids to download a form or fill the form in online and that will go straight into a database for trials. We can't have any Tom, Dick or Harry joining because it is a Centre of Excellence and so there have to be certain criteria.

How have you adapted to your new role at the club, especially considering it's so different from your previous job?

If I'm being truthfully honest, it's been quite difficult.

I've found it quite painful going to matches. But there is so much of me in this [project] now. I've travelled the world looking at different coaching styles, techniques and organisations and now I've got this opportunity to use that to benefit Barnet. It's different to the buzz of a game and working with senior players, but I will be working with players down here at the academy. Plus I still get my management fix from the England C Team job, which is enhancing the set-up at Barnet because we're currently forging a link with a top club in Helsinki in Finland. That'll benefit us through the transfer of players and ideas between the two clubs. We're going to cement that and make an announcement about that fairly soon. I can't give names yet but it's a good, well-established club over there.

Will you be the hands-on manager of our youth system, working with the players and doing some coaching, or is it more about making decisions at an executive level?

Most of it will be about making decisions but I will probably end up playing a cameo role in the coaching side of things. I won't be taking a specific team but I'll be here making sure the model that I want to take place is being implemented. I've been quite specific on what I want.

How long do you plan to stay in your current role? Do you have hopes of one day returning to club management?

If you look at my record, I'm a very loyal person. I've only had two clubs – Stevenage and Barnet - plus the England job. Barnet have been good for me and I've been good for Barnet, and there's no reason why that relationship shouldn't continue. I'm very happy about what I'm doing here and very excited about it all. I'm looking forward to growing the project and if I'm here in ten years time to see the first youth player coming out the other end – the Barnet Wayne Rooney – then I'll be really excited about that, but you just don't know what's going to happen in life and in particular in football. I've got a passion for football and by doing this I'm still working in the football industry. I'm just pleased that the first team have continued to improve and grow. We're safe now and we've got a club that will be in The Football League next season, which is going to help what we're doing here at Prince Edward. So job done for this season. It wasn't a fantastic start to the season – everyone could see that. I don't really know why that was, because we had real expectations at the start of the season but I don't think we coped with that poor start very well. It took a lot of confidence out of a lot of players and it wasn't until we got the likes of Gary Breen in – the senior, more experienced players – that we began to see the immediate impact. Thankfully we've come through that and the team has grown.

The Project

How much say is Harrow Borough Council having in the project?

There is a Service Level Agreement, which stipulates, for example, that we have to offer a certain number of hours a week to schools in the local area. When I

say offer, I don't mean give them it for nothing; we'll give them use of the facilities for a reduced rate. Our rates will be divided into priority users and standard users. A priority user is someone who works or lives in the area, or goes to school nearby. I'm hoping to conclude a deal this week for around £30,000 with an organisation who want to come in and use the astro-turf pitches for the whole year.

What did the players of think of the project when they visited?

They were very, very impressed. There were a lot of open mouths because they didn't realise how big the project is. They're looking forward to training here. I'm sure having this will help us attract players to the club. A lot of players will look at this and think 'Wow'. Certainly when I was a player if I'd seen something like this I would've been blown away – I would've paid to come and play here!

There has been talk of the England national team using PEPF as their training ground – is this a possibility?

Tracey Kevins, who runs the Barnet Ladies, is the England Ladies U17 manager, I'm the England C team manager and Tony Kleanthous is now on The FA International committee, so we've got massive links with the England team. We'll be pressing all the buttons and pulling any strings we can find to get England down here to train. On the news you see them using London Colney, but let's get them down here - it's only a stone's throw from Wembley.

Just how much of a difference will having this training ground and academy make to the club?

I've been manager of the first team so I know how difficult not having a base has been. We've been like nomads for the last 5 years – literally lugging balls around in the back of a car. This project will give us a totally new professional outlook. We've never before had anywhere that we can call home. This will be home. Any club has got to have roots and we will now have firm, positive roots. It'll be somewhere we can look at and say 'let's grow from here'.

The Academy

How much will having our own academy help the club?

The dream is to have a group of players who have come through the academy system; that would be wonderful. One day I'm sure we will. With that comes that extra loyalty and that extra spirit – that desire to play for the club. We'll have organic growth, which is something we've not been able to have before, other than PROTEC. This way we'll have real organic growth from the ages of 6 and 7 years old. We'll have players who, if you cut their arm off, it would say Barnet – that's what I want really. It'll help financially too – that's not the be all and end all but you can sell one player who has come through the youth system and it can pay for your academy for years. You look at Wayne Rooney – he came right through the system at Everton and they sold him for £30 million, although that type of player comes along once in a lifetime. If we do sell players that'll be a bonus, but the main intention is to get them ready

for the first-team.

Arsene Wenger recently claimed that only now after a decade at Arsenal has he got the academy up to the standards he wanted. How soon do you think our Centre of Excellence can be producing players good enough for our first team and what is your ultimate target for the Centre of Excellence in terms of how many players it produces?

The most important age groups for me will be the development centres – that's the younger ones, between the ages of about 6 and 9. If you imagine a boy coming on board at the age of seven, it's going to take ten years before he's making the first team. But that seven-year-old will have been exposed to the type of training and the type of philosophy that we want and he'll come out with that at the end. Whereas if you take an eleven-year-old player, you've got to unravel everything he's already done and often it's difficult to do that. People have dislikes of things by the time their eleven; for example, if you're a kid aged eleven who hates maths at school then the likelihood is that you're never going to like maths again. Obviously we'd like to get young players coming through instantly and bring through a couple of scholars each year but to get the real results of what we've produced, it's going to take ten years at least.

How many youth teams will we be running, i.e. which age groups?

There will be an under-18 team, a combined under-15 and under-16 team, plus under-14s, under-13s, under-12s, under-11s, under-10s and under-9s, so that's eight teams in total. And then for the kids younger than that we'll have development groups, which will play games against each other.

What kind of scouting network is in place to find youngsters with enough potential to join the academy?

None at the moment, but we will have one. That's something that we will have to grow. One of the things I'll be doing over the next few weeks is meeting the SSCO's – the School Sports Co-ordinators. These days in education you have a cluster of about 6 primary schools and one person in the middle will be the SSCO. He or she will be responsible for sport and PE in that cluster of schools. So I'm going to meet with these guys and they'll be my talent identification people because they're in the schools. But even if there's a kid who's a star at the age of 7, it's very unlikely that he'll be a star when he's 17. Initially this will just be with Harrow schools but Janet Matthewson will be looking at some kids in Barnet and eventually we'll branch out and have a monopoly – we'll knock Arsenal and Tottenham out of it!

When will the PEPF project be completed, and is it being built in phases?

There are four phases. It's difficult to give exact dates because things are constantly changing. Although the development will open in mid-May, there will be lots more work following that over the next few years, when we get the funding. We'll keep

extending the development. By May all the changing rooms, astro-turf and reception area will be ready and the grass pitches will have been seeded, but obviously they'll need time to grow.

The Future

Will there be a reserve team next season?

Probably not. It's not in my plans, unless the first-team manager comes to talk to me.

Where do you see the club in 5, 10 and 20 years?

In five years time I see us just about ready to go into a brand new stadium – we're looking at various sites at the moment - and I see us in a higher league. In 10 years I see us as an established Championship club and then who knows after that...Europe in 20 years time! After all, Wimbledon did it in six years. I've always had dreams and ambitions for this club and that hasn't changed – I still have.

Interview by Ben Kentish.

What's at PEPF?

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Sam Norris has put together a video tour of the Prince Edward site. It can be found on the BFCSA website at www.bfcsa.co.uk



Barnet FC's Centre of Excellence Update

Barnet FC are set to launch an FA licensed Centre of Excellence. When Barnet were relegated to the Nationwide Conference in 2001 the club had to dismantle an extensive and established youth structure, including their Centre of Excellence.

On regaining status to The Football League the club have gradually began evolving a youth strategy. Football in The Community is now well established at the club with courses being run daily that link in with schools and community groups.

On completion of the first phase of the Prince Edward Playing Field project at the 44-acre site at Canons Park, the club will take another step by re-establishing a Centre of Excellence. The new complex, consisting of high quality artificial and grass pitches is due to open very shortly.

Chief Executive Paul Fairclough says of the scheme: "Having lost the right to have a Centre of Excellence when the club got relegated in 2001 we have not had a recognised youth development programme. Football in the Community continues to grow and we did have an affiliation with Protec, who served us well. But now will now have the opportunity to produce our own players. Having the facilities will enable us to be part of The FA Excellence programme with regular fixtures against our South east Football League counterparts."

As for the objectives Paul adds: "The club aim to produce highly technical, problem solving footballers. We will have a programme that not only develops football skills but also life skills. We want Barnet players to have a winning mentality but also have an appreciation of the game, the opposition, referees, supporters and life in general."

Producing footballers for Barnet FC might well be the main aim, but Paul makes the point that: "We understand that not all the young players will make it into our first team but we are confident that we will provide a pathway for them to continue with football at another level."

The club intend to run teams at all Centre of Excellence levels, including a scholarship group. Consequently the club will be inviting players from 8 to 17 years old to apply for trials that will take place at the end of the current season. The trial categories are as follows: -

Under 9 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 4 at school

Under 10 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 5 at school

Under 11 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 6 at school

Under 12 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 7 at school

Under 13 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 8 at school

Under 14 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 9 at school

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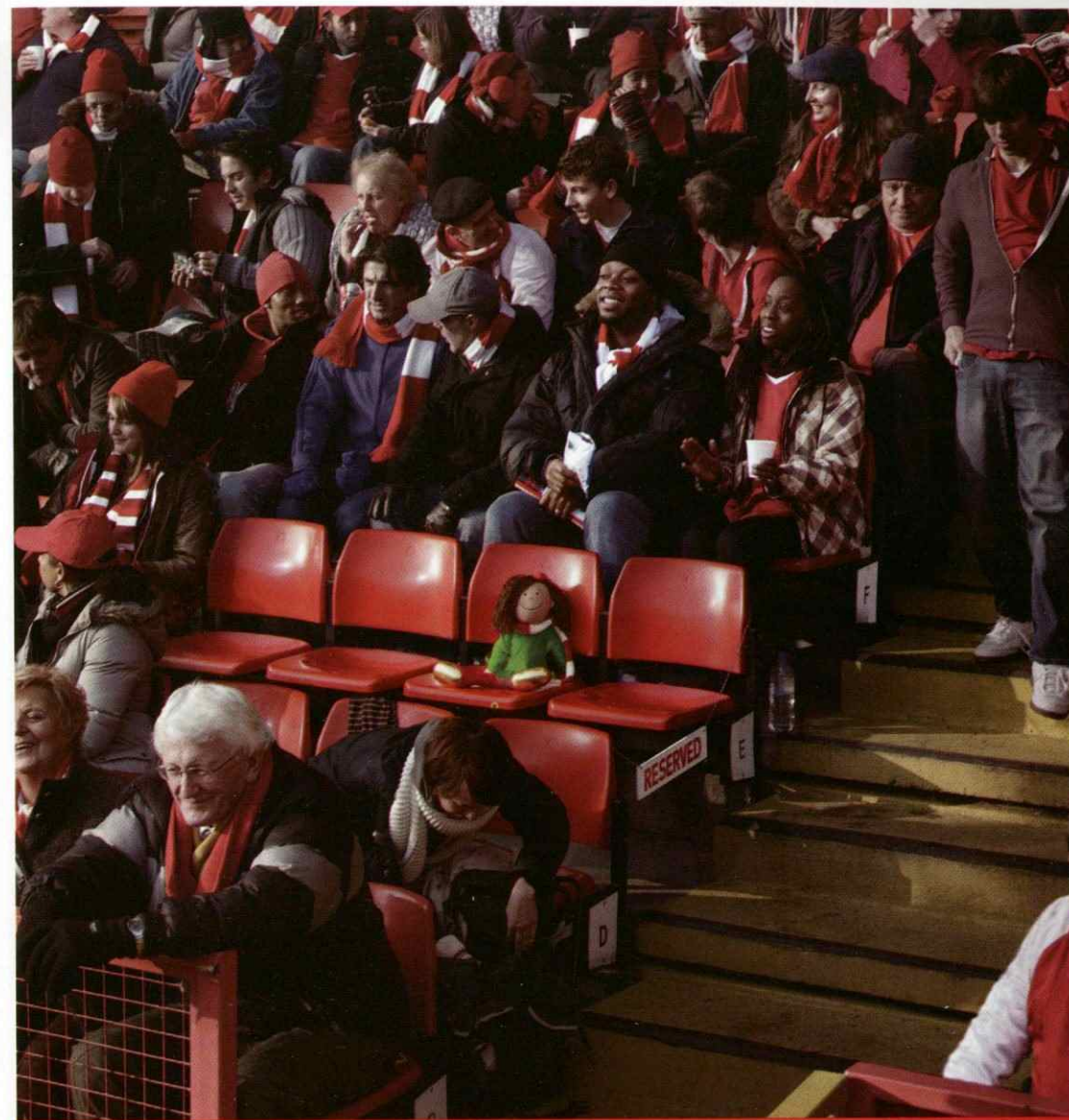
Under 18 - starting September 09, a pupil going into YEAR 13 at school

The Centre of Excellence is due to commence next season and quality young players are invited to apply for a trial by contacting <http://www.barnetfcshop.com/Public/registerExcellence.asp> Successful applicants will be informed of the trial dates.

The club will also be recruiting coaches to assist in the operation of the Centre of Excellence. Coaches will be appointed for the U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 age groups. The coaches appointed will hold a UEFA 'B' Licence, level 3. Potential "coaches" can find all the application details on the club's website.

As well as running the above age groups the club will also be forming "junior development groups", initially in Barnet and Harrow, for the younger age groups. These groups will act as feeder groups for the older groups. More information regarding the development centres will be released shortly.

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The World According To Barry Swain

Any Luton fan here today is probably still spellbound after the last 13 days have brought them an extreme high and a hard to swallow low. The Hatters lifting the Johnstone's Paints Trophy was a sweetener to ease the bitter pill of relegation.



wire and the last thing Luton fans will want a fortnight from today is Andy Scott's side being crowned champions of this division on the same afternoon that Luton bid their final farewells.

So plenty of drama for the BBC London sports team to cover. Good form has meant that there is no share of that drama here at Underhill, or indeed down at Brisbane Road where Leyton Orient have been enjoying a remarkable run of form to secure League 1 safety. Listening to an O's fan talking to BBC London's Phil Parry last weekend, he was quick to point out how strong League One could become next season. Three of Charlton, Southampton, Nottingham Forest or Norwich. Some big clubs coming down. Leeds are by no means nailed on for promotion via the lottery of the play-offs either.

As for League 2, I suspect some clubs will be carefully planning ahead to cut the cloth accordingly. That could prove a leveller for the smaller clubs like Barnet who pride themselves on having economised according to their means for a while now. What would be nice is if League 2 kicked off with every team on zero points in August.

For Bees fans unable to make it to Moss Rose next Saturday for Macclesfield Town v Barnet, the whole match can be heard on Barnet World, courtesy of BBC London 94.9FM from 2.55pm with myself and regular summariser and emerging stand-up comic, Karl Bates. Don't forget you can also text the Barnet World commentary team on 07527 964640. From 2pm through to 6pm on BBC London you'll hear exclusive team news, regular score flashes and updates from the game and, if you feel you have something to say, pick up the telephone and say it on 'The Far Post' with BBC London's very own Tom Watt. The number to call is 0207 224 2000 or text 07786 200 949 or email london.sport@bbc.co.uk.



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I have an extremely soft spot for Luton Town FC. As the son of a Hatters' fan, (legendary Hatters reporter Brian Swain is not my father before you ask!), my first ever football match was at Kenilworth Road for a match against Sheffield Wednesday in the autumn of 1981. Nine months later I was present to see Brian Horton lift the Division Two championship trophy. The Hatters were preparing to climb into the ring with the big boys. Now they prepare for life in non league football - and to think just three years ago I was sitting and covering Luton v Watford for BBC London in what was a Championship game where promotion to the Premier League was on the agenda of both the Hatters and their nearest and not so dearest rivals, the Hornets.

Nowadays, the vast majority of the Blue Square Premier operates on a full-time basis. The division might just as well be re-named League 3 with half of its teams having previously played in The Football League. When promotion to and from the Conference and The Football League became automatic in the eighties, Lincoln City and Colchester United both bounced straight back but that is not such a common trait these days - even though it's now two up and two down.

A win this afternoon for AFC Wimbledon at nearest rivals Hampton & Richmond would virtually clinch promotion for the Dons to add another big name to next season's fifth tier. As for who joins Luton in dropping down from League 2 - Chester, Grimsby and Bournemouth are all nervously battling for every point. Chester v Bournemouth today. Grimsby go to Bournemouth next week! Barnet happily not part of that cluster.

Down here in the capital, this afternoon is almost certainly the day in which Charlton Athletic are relegated to League 1. Not so long ago The Valley was a Premier League stadium, now it must prepare for less glamorous visitors. The one bright spark for them this season has been the form of Nicky Bailey in midfield. Birmingham City the latest club mentioned in the same sentence as the one-time Barnet midfielder in the rumour mill.

BBC London 94.9FM continues to follow the fortunes of its clubs and whilst tonight's Far Post Show might have one of two tearful Charlton supporters on the blower to Tom Watt, there is plenty more to talk about. The FA Cup Final has guaranteed London representation, the UEFA Champions League trophy could yet find its way to the capital for the first time ever. West Ham and Fulham are battling for qualification to the Europa League for next season. Millwall have eyes on promotion to the Championship although it will probably have to be via the play-offs. Then there's Brentford, riddled by injuries, they are hobbling towards the League 2 title - it could go to the

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League 2 Review

The picture is becoming clearer, but not everyone likes what they see...

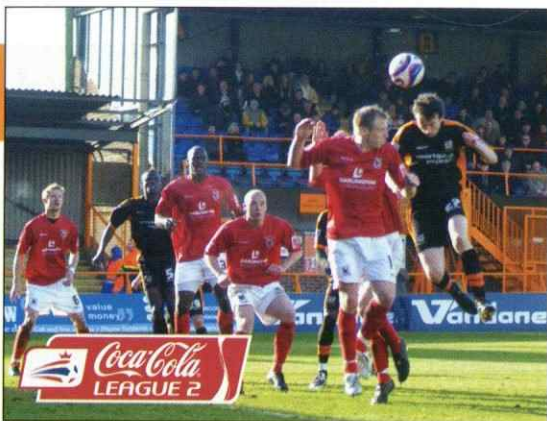
Brave Fight
LUTON TOWN's fight to stay in The Football League ended on Easter Monday after a battling 0-0 draw with promotion-chasing CHESTERFIELD, which saw the Hatters, urged on by a vociferous home support, take the game to the visitors but were unable to make the breakthrough. A draw would still have given Mick Harford's team hope had not GRIMSBY TOWN and CHESTER CITY both won away from home after losing on their own patches over the weekend.

Seals or Mariners?
The Mariners bounced back from a 1-0 defeat to ACCRINGTON STANLEY at Blundell Park with a 2-0 victory at Meadow Lane over NOTTS COUNTY, who are still not mathematically safe as a result. Stanley's win on the Saturday was followed up with a home defeat to CHESTER on a balmy Bank Holiday afternoon - RYAN LOWE's penalty just before half-time ensured that they remain just a point behind both Grimsby and BOURNEMOUTH, who lost 1-0 to both Bees over the weekend.

Bees Still Top Pile
BRENTFORD remain four points clear of EXETER CITY in second after collecting four points out of six, although their win over the Cherries was achieved after the sending-off of goal-scorer DARREN POWELL after a fight with his own team-mate. A 1-1 draw with the Grecians at Griffin Park meant that Exeter needed a win to keep pace with ANDY SCOTT's high-fliers, and a MATT GILL volley midway through the second-half was enough to see off the challenge of WYCOMBE WANDERERS, who could have leapfrogged City with a win but who remain in third, one point worse off than their opponents.

Driving Seat?
The Chairboys hold on to the remaining automatic place on goal difference ahead of BURY who narrowed the gap after managing a point more than PETER TAYLOR's side over the Easter weekend. A 2-1 home victory over travel-shy SHREWSBURY TOWN was pretty much expected, given that the Shrews haven't won a League game on the road since the opening day of the season, and the Shakers followed this up with a hard-fought 2-2 draw at DARLINGTON, which all but extinguishes the Quakers' faint play-off hopes.

This Time For Dale?
ROCHDALE can guarantee at least a play-off place with victory at Darlo this afternoon having also mustered a win and a draw in their last two encounters. A narrow 1-0 win at Spotland over PORT VALE was followed up by a 1-1 draw at the New Meadow, with Shrews striker GRANT HOLT getting on the score-sheet against his former club.



Vale have still to confirm their League 2 status for next season; like NOTTS COUNTY they are eight points off relegation with nine to play for but it would require a remarkable set of events for either side to face the drop.

Spireites Just In Time
MACCLESFIELD TOWN are one point worse off in 20th, but six clear of GRIMSBY and BOURNEMOUTH immediately below them and just needs to match CHESTER's result this afternoon to be safe. A 2-0 win at the Deva over Mark Wright's City gave them some breathing space but in-form MORECAMBE took all the points in their Easter Monday clash at Moss Rose. Just one defeat from their last sixteen has seen the Shrimps make a late surge for the play-offs and, although in 11th place at the moment, they are just four points off CHESTERFIELD, occupying the final play-off berth at present.

Gills Recover From Bee Sting
GILLINGHAM's 2-1 home win over DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE keeps them in sixth, six points ahead of SHREWSBURY in eighth just outside the play-offs, so it would appear that the top six are guaranteed to be involved in at least the battle for the automatic places. Six points separate the next six clubs with LINCOLN CITY in 12th still in with an outside chance. The various permutations are skewed with both MORECAMBE and John Still's Daggers having a game in hand.

Room At The Top (And At The Bottom)
Just a single point separates BOURNEMOUTH, GRIMSBY and CHESTER in the battle to avoid the drop. The Mariners have the easiest run-in on paper, with their last three games coming against teams immediately above them but it looks as if Edi Howe's Cherries ultimately hold the key, their next two games being against Chester away and them Grimsby at home. Whatever the outcome, this could be the most exciting (or nerve-racking) end to a season for many a year....

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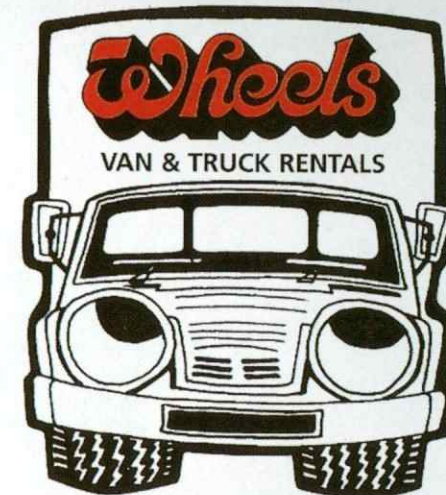
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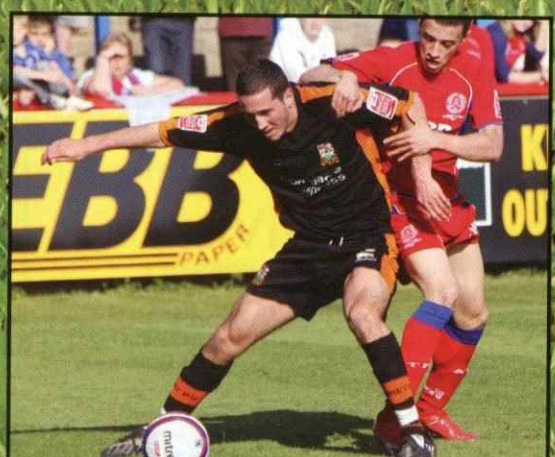
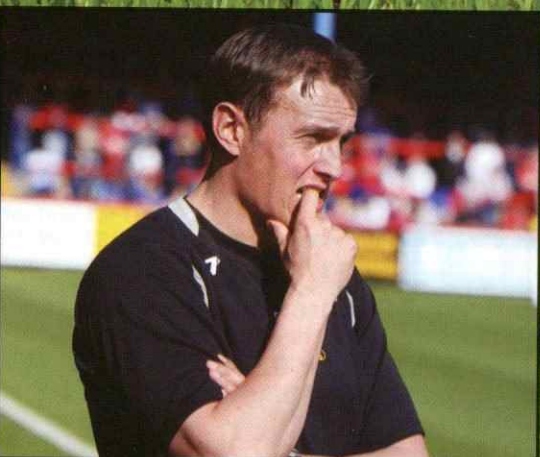
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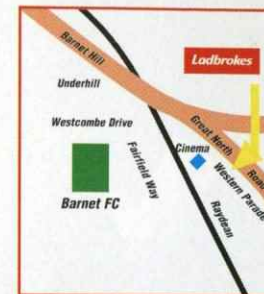
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	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals
1 Jake COLE	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
1 Rob BECKWITH	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
1 Joe DEVERA	30	1	1	2	0	0	32	1	1
3 Kenny GILLET	25	4	0	4	0	0	29	4	0
4 Neal BISHOP	38	3	1	4	0	0	42	3	1
5 Ismail YAKUBU	38	1	3	3	0	1	41	1	4
6 Michael LEARY	21	4	2	3	1	0	24	5	2
7 Albert ADOMAH	43	0	8	4	0	1	47	0	9
8 Max PORTER	17	6	0	4	0	0	21	6	0
9 Chii AKURANG	11	12	3	1	0	0	12	12	3
10 Adam BIRCHALL	17	19	1	2	2	2	19	21	3
11 Nicky DEVERDICS	21	7	1	1	1	0	22	8	1
12 Luke MEDLEY	4	13	1	2	1	0	6	14	1
14 Keiron ST. AIMIE	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	4	0
15 Joe TABIRI	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	0
16 Ashley CAREW	10	0	1	2	1	0	12	1	1
17 Danny HART	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
18 Lee HARRISON	19	1	0	2	0	0	21	1	0
19 Elliott CHARLES	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0
20 Ian HENDON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Michael TOWNSEND	13	0	0	2	0	0	15	0	0
21 Aswad THOMAS	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
21 Matthew LOGWOOD	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
22 Jeremy DE MAGALHAES	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
23 Tommy BLACK	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
23 Paul MITCHELL	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0
23 Mark HUGHES	7	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
24 Nicky NICOLAU	12	8	1	1	1	0	13	9	1
25 Ron KADDOCH	9	1	0	1	0	0	10	1	0
25 Abasi OGOGGO	5	2	1	0	0	0	6	2	1
27 Gary BREEN	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
28 Paul FURLONG	20	0	9	0	0	0	20	0	9
29 John O'FLYNN	32	2	17	2	0	1	34	2	18
30 Yannick BOLASIE	15	3	3	0	0	0	15	3	3

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COCA-COLA LEAGUE 2 TABLE

POS TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
1 Brentford	42	11	8	2	34	15	9	8	4	22	17	24	76
2 Exeter City	43	13	4	5	34	23	7	8	6	27	25	13	72
3 Wycombe Wanderers	42	10	9	2	28	14	8	8	5	20	16	18	71
4 Bury	43	12	4	5	32	19	7	10	5	27	24	16	71
5 Rochdale	43	11	6	4	40	21	8	6	8	29	34	14	69
6 Gillingham	43	12	6	4	38	21	7	5	9	18	34	1	68
7 Chesterfield	43	8	8	5	32	25	8	7	7	30	28	9	63
8 Shrewsbury Town	43	14	5	3	41	16	1	12	8	16	26	15	62
9 Bradford City	43	10	10	2	36	18	6	3	12	25	34	9	61
10 Dag & Redbridge	42	10	3	7	37	21	6	8	8	30	29	17	59
11 Morecambe	42	8	9	4	28	20	6	8	7	20	27	1	59
12 Lincoln City	43	6	11	4	26	19	8	5	9	27	30	4	58
13 Darlington	43	11	6	5	35	20	7	6	8	21	20	-16	56
14 Rotherham United	42	10	6	4	28	16	10	6	6	28	22	-18	55
15 Aldershot Town	43	9	9	4	34	29	4	2	15	21	46	-20	50
16 Accrington Stanley	43	8	5	9	24	24	4	6	11	17	31	-14	47
17 BARNET	43	7	6	8	28	32	4	8	10	25	37	-16	47
18 Notts County	43	6	6	10	22	28	4	8	9	25	36	-17	44
19 Port Vale	43	6	5	11	22	32	6	3	12	19	29	-20	44
20 Macclesfield town	43	6	4	12	21	36	6	3	12	22	37	-30	43
21 Bouremouth	43	10	6	6	26	14	4	6	11	25	36	-1	37
22 Grimsby Town	43	5	6	10	28	28	3	7	12	19	39	-20	37
23 Chester City	43	4	7	10	23	30	4	5	13	17	45	-35	36
R 24 Luton Town	42	7	7	7	33	32	6	8	7	23	28	-4	24

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Soccer Oddities

With Karl Bates

Good afternoon one and all, for regular readers of my section of the matchday programme I usually trawl through the weird and wonderful world of football and come up with some 'interesting' facts I have found from across the globe or some trivia to test your knowledge, well today you lucky lucky people you can have both.



But first of all can I please say a special hello to a good friend of mine Ian Smith (Smithy) who has come down today to watch the game, he is a Luton Town season ticket holder and has watched the Hatters week in week out since I have known him. I know the fact that they are in the conference next year won't stop him (or the thousands of Luton fans) from following their side. I hope personally they are back in The Football League sooner rather than

later. As you can see I have placed a mug shot of him in the programme so if you spot him at today's game, shake his hand and say "Hey SMITHY", go on you know you want to. Right then on with the facts and stuff, hope you like them.

Did you know...

In 1950 India withdrew from the World Cup because FIFA refused to let their team play barefoot.

In 1954 Turkey knocked out Spain from during a World Cup qualifier by drawing straws. Blindfolded Italian boy Luigi Franco Gemma picked the straws to decide the winner.

In 1996 George Weah paid for his teammates uniforms and expenses so that Liberia could enter the African Nations Cup.

Football goalies didn't have to wear different coloured shirts from their teammates until 1913.

Jean Langenus of Belgium wore a suit jacket, golfing plus fours and a red striped tie when he refereed the 1930 World Cup final.

In the 1938 World Cup semi-final, Giuseppe Meazza of Italy's shorts fell down as he was taking a penalty shot. He held his shorts up and calmly scored past Brazil's Valter.

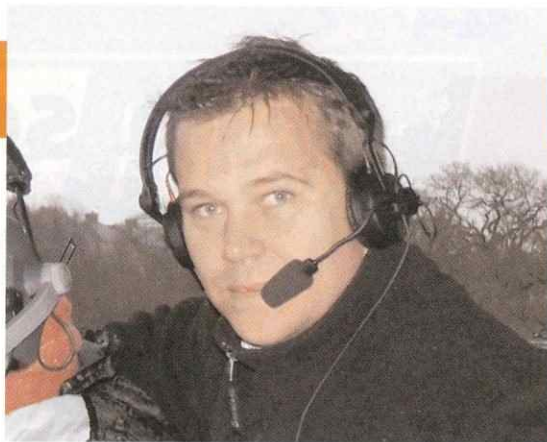
In 1998 English referee Martin Sylvester sent himself off after punching a player during a game in the Andover & District Sunday League.

Luigi Riva of Cagliari and Italy once broke the arm of a spectator with one of his powerful shots.

Under Herbert Chapman, The Arsenal changed their name to simply Arsenal in order to appear at the top of the alphabetical list of old Division One clubs.

In 1999 Leganes coach Enrique Martin received a ten game ban for bringing down an opposition player who was clean through on goal.

When Fernando d'Ercoli of Pianta was given a red card in a game, he became so mad that he snatched the card from the referee and ate it.



Q: There are 13 players who have played for England even though they were not born in this country. Before reading on see if you can guess who they are?

A: Terry Butcher (Singapore), Cyrille Regis (French Guiana), John Barnes (Jamaica), Graeme Le Saux and Matt Le Tissier (Channel Islands), Owen Hargreaves (Canada), Brian Stein, Mark's bother (South Africa), John Salako (Nigeria), Tony Dorigo (Australia) Luther Blissett (Jamaica), Rob Jones (Wales), Gordon Hodgson (South Africa) and Joe Baker (America).

Q: Which footballer has cost clubs the most money, accumulated from club to club?

A: The answer is Nicolas Anelka- When he moved from Bolton to Chelsea in January 2008 he became the world's most expensive footballer in terms of total transfer fees. The grand total is £86.8m, give or take a few pounds. The previous record was held by former Blues midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron, who weighs in with £76.2m in accumulated fees.

Q: Who is the only goalkeeper to lose in the Champions League final but not concede a goal?

A: Jens Lehmann, who was sent off for Arsenal just 18 minutes into the 2006 Champions League final. The score at the time was 0-0 but Barcelona went on to win 2-1.

Q: Which football club has a pitch half in Wales and the other half in England?

A: The answer is Chester City.

Q: Name six current British managers to play alongside David Beckham?

A: Steve Bruce, Mark Hughes, David Moyes, Alan Shearer, Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce.

Q: What's the longest period of time a national team has gone without scoring?

A: Northern Ireland went two years and five days - that's thirteen-and-a-half games spanning 1,298 minutes - without scoring a goal, until David Healy ended the drought 11 minutes into the second half of a 4-1 defeat to Norway on 18th February 2004.

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Karl Bates
Barnet World Match Summariser

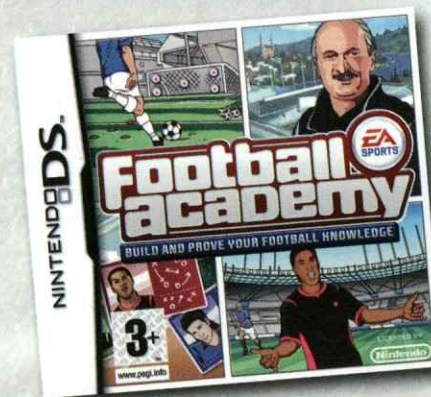
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Supporters' News

HATTERS

I have seen a pre season friendly between Barnet and Luton Town, but this is the first competitive game between the two sides at Underhill. An astonishing season for the Hatters, recently crowned the first ever Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners to hail from this division. I saw part of their Wembley victory, and well deserved it was too. Brian Stein was pictured, part of a legendary family. In addition to his well documented goal scoring for the Hatters, Brian scored some important goals during the Barnet promotion season of 1993, and is currently working at Grimsby Town. Luton have the second highest average attendance in our division and I wish them well for a swift return to the Football League.

TRAVEL

To book for the final away fixture of the season up in Macclesfield phone 01707 647365 or talk to the effervescent Steve Percy today, probably taking a cold drink at the Pavilion. The Newsletter explains why the price bandings were revised in October. Indeed, in common with other supporters' organisations, this has been a difficult year for organising coach travel, and after the first six away matches there was an unsustainable deficit of £2,457. Hence the higher prices. There will be a full end of season report in the AGM notification. In the meantime the details for Macc is 9.30am departure with prices of £30 or £25. I understand that there was to be a retro theme amongst supporters at Aldershot. People think I was hallucinating when I recall fancy dress at, I think, Crewe in the early Nineties and the Percy tastefully dressed as a German officer of the Second World War. Perhaps it was all just a dream.

PROGRAMMES OF THE PAST

Last week I told you of the programme given to me which dates from Tuesday 2nd October 1962, when the Bees entertained the Arsenal billed as "the greatest occasion in the history of the Underhill ground". My counterpart then was Mr J Swaker, who penned Supporters' Association Chairman's Notes. He talks about the founding of the Association in 1926 with a membership of 36, and a year's income of £60. He then contrasts it with the current association "one of the strongest in amateur football", with a pool membership of 9,500. This, of course, could not have been accomplished had it not been for the hard work by the committee over a number of years, and the happy relation that exist between the parent club-our motto, Help and not hinder". One more request now that Steve Percy and I have run out of the Black programme binders, which have been keeping my collection in order for some years now. If you have any spare, or if you could help with the address of a reputable supplier, please let us know.

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Please let us know if you have not yet received your copy. It includes accounts of the early FCBFA games from this season, the recent meeting between Tony Kleanthous and the Committee and the last few winners of the Beehive Fund, namely Alison Holt, Tony Skinner and Ann Percy. It costs £4 per month to join, so contact Henry Stevens for further details. Since then Janet Matthewson won the April draw.



LAST CALL FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Look out for voting slips distributed once again today, and your last chance to vote. The categories include Player of the Year, the Most Improved and Goal of the Season. Last season Joe Devera triumphed in both the first two categories, and for the full list of winners and an account of the evening consult the Newsletter. This year the event takes place on Sunday 3 May, with admission by ticket only £5, nothing for BFCSA members, from 7.30 pm onwards. See the man who likes to call himself Reckless for tickets. He promises several star names on the Guest List. The first team squad may well be grooving to the sounds of the Discotheque until midnight. You can also download the voting slip at the BFCSA website. If you are under the age of 18, vote for the YBFCSA Player of the Year. Amongst those eligible in that particular category this year are Joe Tabiri, Albert Adomah, Max Porter, Nicky Deverdics, Ryan Burge, and Yannick Bolasie, although for the full list look at the voting slips. I will be handing them out along with a carefully trained team of keen youngsters plus Village.

THE FOOTBALL SUPPORTER

The new edition of TFS, magazine of the Football Supporter starts in extremely sombre fashion, the cover a list of those who lost their lives at Hillsborough. Further into the issue there are pages acclaimed as Lost Treasures. So we are shown "Sunny Day on the Kop", but the terrace in question is the one at the County Ground Northampton. Another bitter sweet photo for Bees fans is "Darlo's Tortured League Exile, Over" which show the Quakers win at Welling in 1990. That victory confined the Bees to an extra season in the Conference, but the caption reminds us that Darlington have never progressed beyond the fourth tier, and have twice entered administration in the last decade. I have free copies of the magazine if you would like a read.

FBFCSA

The Supporters team achieved an exciting 1-1 draw at Brentford, a game played in the shadow of Twickenham rugby ground. Their equaliser was a Jake Manzi penalty in the ninetieth minute. I'd have given it. Today they are taking on Watford.

Good Luck to the Bees

Alan Jones

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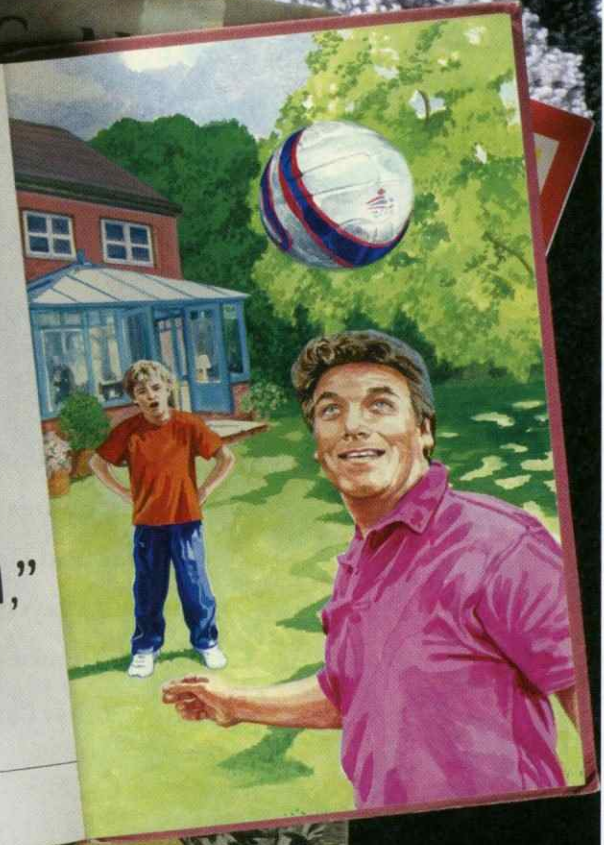
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“What a ***** goal!” screamed Johnny’s dad.

“I don’t like football with Dad,” thought Johnny.

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Thanks Jake!



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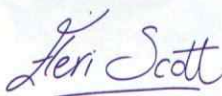
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I hope all of our guests have a fantastic day and look forward to welcoming them again to Underhill in the not too distant future.

As we push forward for another season we have many new and exciting commercial opportunities at the club. For more information on how we can promote you and your company, give me a call on 020 84416932 ext 815 or email escott@barnetfc.com

Enjoy the match



Commercial Manager



Paul Furlong and Ian Hendon with Benjamin Stevens at the Rotherham match.



Tom Boyne who celebrated his 21st with us here in the club with Paul Furlong at the Rotherham match.




Allangas who were our match day sponsor against AFC Bournemouth with Yannick Bolasie.



Rainbow Telecom with Yannick Bolasie after the AFC Bournemouth match.


Barnet Football Club

The Barnet Squad & their Sponsors


	Ian Hendon Home: Bill Boyne Interiors Away:
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	Lee Harrison Home: David, Keith, Adam, Neha, Nik, Julia and Joe Away:
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	Jeremy De Magalhaes Home: Away:
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	Joe Devera Home: Net Bar Consultants Away:
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	Neal Bishop Home: Store 2 Door 07956600995 Away:
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	Ismail Yakubu Home: Cleaner Carpets by Martin 07966 177116 Away:
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	Michael Leary Home: Yulanka, Yusif and Isabella Away:
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	Albert Adomah Home: 'Dave' Murphy Away: Sean Timlin
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	Adam Birchall Home: Green Stripes Garden Services Away: The Dove Boys
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	Max Porter Home: www.blackambers.com Away:
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	Ashley Carew Home: Stirling General Insurance Away:
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	Danny Hart Home: Beds Bee Away: Talent Spotters
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	Nicky Nicolau Home: Oakleigh Park Squash Club Away:
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	Kenny Gillet Home: Mark O'Meara Away:
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	Kieron St.Aimie Home: Away:
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	Cliff Akurang Home: Away:
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	Luke Medley Home: Away:
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	Joe Tabiri Home: Away:
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	Elliott Charles Home: Away:
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	Nicky Deverdics Home: Outsourced HR Solutions Away:
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	Ran Kadoch Home: Away:
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	John O'Flynn Home: Eric and Sheila Herbert Away: Rose Reynolds
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	Paul Fairclough Home: Richard, Lesley, Jamie and Alex Evans Away:
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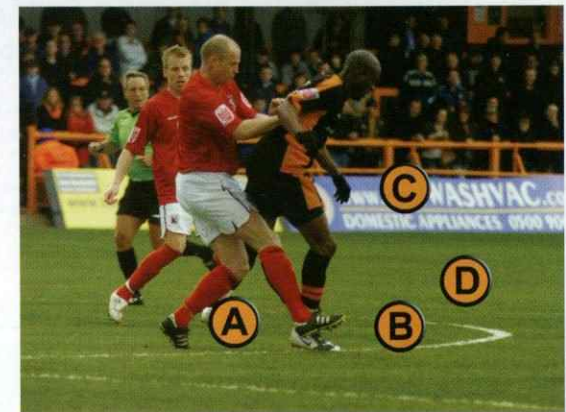
Last week's mascot...



Jimmy Jones was our mascot for the game against Bournemouth last Saturday. Here is pictured with one of his favourite players, the flying winger Albert Adomah, if you would like to become a mascot at one of our matches have a look on our website where you can find all the details or get in touch with the club by phone or letter.

Spot the Ball!

Have you got your eye on the ball? Can you spot where the ball is?



Ask Mr Bumble to sign your programme

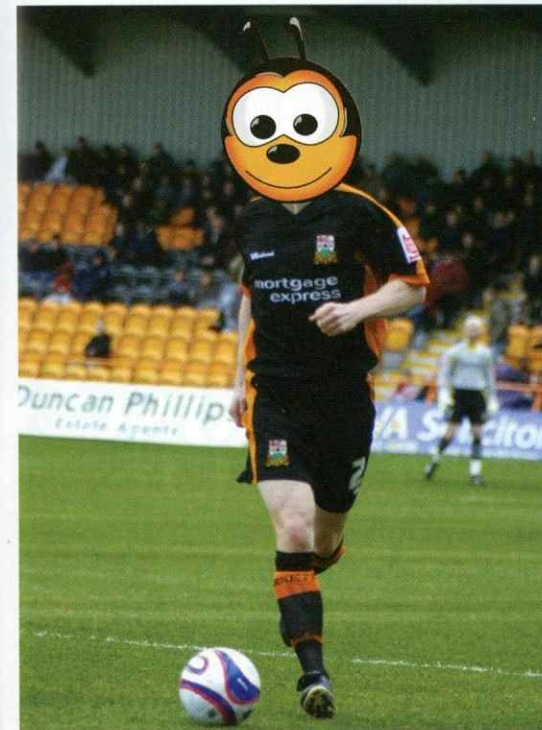


ANSWERS: SPOT THE BALL: A WHO AM I: MATT LOCKWOOD

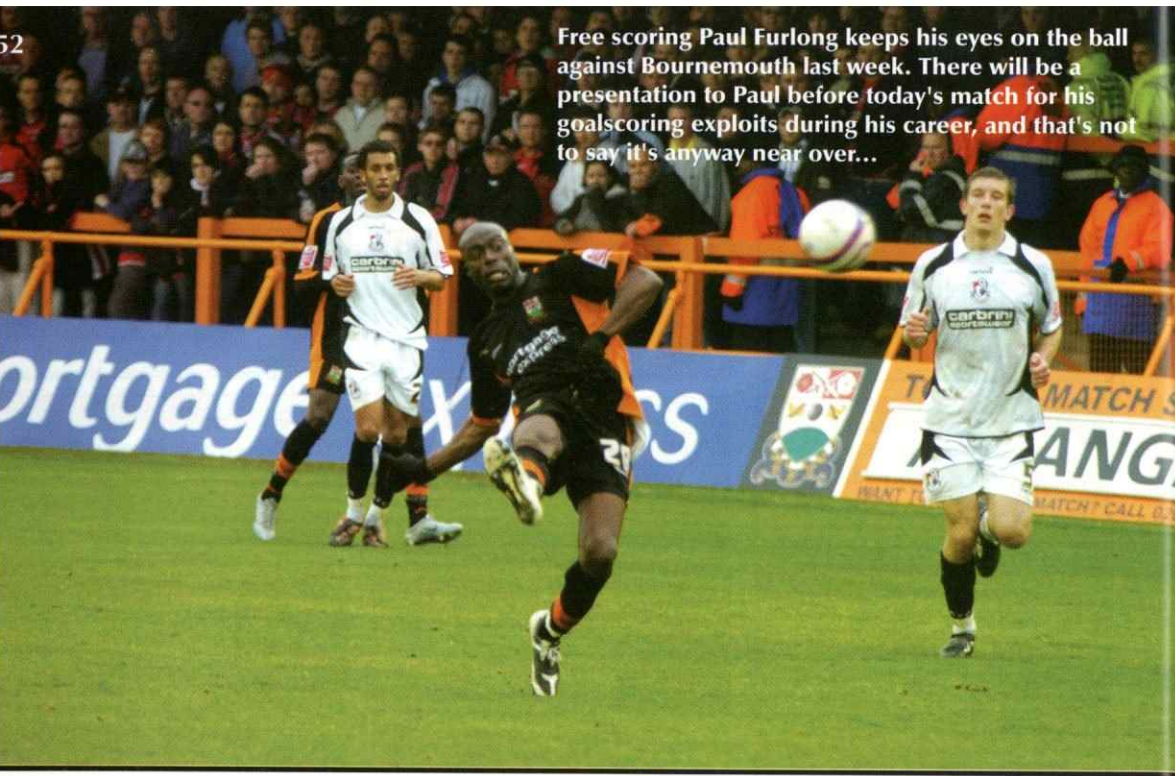


Who Am I?

I am not here anymore, having returned to Colchester, but I enjoyed my time at Underhill.



Free scoring Paul Furlong keeps his eyes on the ball against Bournemouth last week. There will be a presentation to Paul before today's match for his goalscoring exploits during his career, and that's not to say it's anyway near over...



NEXT UP AT UNDERHILL...

PORT VALE

COCA-COLA LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2009, KICK OFF 3.00PM



Barnet's final fixture of the 2008-09 season will be at Underhill, with the Bees taking on Dean Glover's Port Vale. Both sides will be looking to end the season on a high and, with Vale's League 2 status virtually assured or next season, this will be an ideal opportunity for both sides to go on the attack in the hope of finishing the campaign with three points.

fewer goals on their travels than all the other sides in the bottom half of the table, with the exception of those docked points. A key reason for this may be the presence of former Bees favourite Sam Stockley in the Valiants' back-line, having signed from Wycombe in the close season, and he will be assured of a warm welcome back to Underhill should he feature in the visitors' squad.

almost brought a much-needed point before the visitors prevailed with a winner from future Aston Villa midfielder Ian Taylor. The only other meeting, earlier this season, ended goal-less.

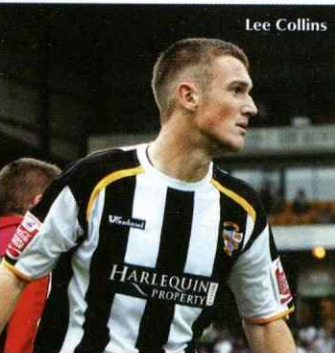
The Bees have made a habit of ending the season strongly over the years and, with just a single home defeat in 2009, there are high hopes for another Underhill victory to end the season. However, Vale's recent away form is good - recent victory at promotion-chasing Bradford is testament to that - so a victory is anything but a foregone conclusion. An intriguing contest awaits.

James Castle



Vale have managed six away wins thus far this season, having conceded

The two sides have met on three previous occasions with Barnet yet to record a victory over their opponents. Before this season their only meeting was in the third tier in the 1993-94 season, with Vale doing the double over the Bees; with Gary Phillips' makeshift side, struggling to come to terms with life in Division Two, suffering a 6-0 drubbing at Vale Park, including hat-tricks for both Martin Foyle and Bernie Slaven, a rude awakening to life in at this level. Goals from Kelly Haag and Zeke Rowe at Underhill just before Christmas restored some pride and



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BARNET FC Season 2008-09 STATISTICS

DATE	VERSUS	KICK OFF	HA	SCORE	AWAY	ATT	AWAY
Sat 09 Aug	Chesterfield	3:00PM	H	L1-3	2,237	520	
Tue 12 Aug	Brighton & Hove Albion (CO)	7:45PM	A	L0-4	2,571	241	
Sat 16 Aug	Rochdale	3:00PM	A	L1-3	2,442	90	
Sat 23 Aug	Brentford	3:00PM	H	L0-1	2,815	1,278	
Sat 30 Aug	Chester City	3:00PM	A	L1-5	1,295	88	
Sat 06 Sep	Dag & Redbridge (IPT 1)	7:45PM	A	L2-4	1,412	158	
Sat 06 Sep	Lincoln City	3:00PM	A	L0-2	3,417	178	
Sat 13 Sep	Macclesfield	3:00PM	H	D1-1	1,776	97	
Sat 20 Sep	Bury	3:00PM	H	L1-2	1,995	325	
Sat 27 Sep	Grimsby Town	3:00PM	A	W1-0	3,713	81	
Sat 04 Oct	Accrington Stanley	7:45PM	H	W2-1	1,899	65	
Fri 10 Oct	Dagenham & Redbridge	7:45PM	A	L0-2	2,629	582	
Sat 18 Oct	Rotherham United	3:00PM	A	W4-3	3,801	127	
Tue 21 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	7:45PM	H	D1-1	2,258	807	
Sat 25 Oct	Exeter City	3:00PM	H	L0-1	2,887	980	
Tue 28 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	7:45PM	A	D2-2	5163	168	
Sat 01 Nov	Barnet FC	3:00PM	A	D1-3	19,510	117	
Sat 08 Nov	Rochdale (FA Cup R1)	3:00PM	H	D1-1	1,782	355	
Tue 18 Nov	Notts County	7:45PM	A	L0-4	1,934	338	
Sat 22 Nov	Rochdale (FA Cup R1 [R])	7:45PM	A	L2-3	2,339	62	
Tue 25 Nov	Macclesfield Town	3:00PM	H	L1-3	1,579	86	
Sat 06 Dec	Luton Town	3:00PM	A	L1-3	5,536	511	
Sat 13 Dec	Gillingham	3:00PM	H	D2-2	2,248	995	
Sat 20 Dec	Darlington	3:00PM	A	D2-2	2,270	86	
Fri 26 Dec	Aldershot Town	1:00PM	H	L0-3	2,729	728	
Sun 28 Dec	Bournemouth	3:00PM	A	W2-0	4,725	302	
Sat 10 Jan	Bury	3:00PM	A	L0-1	2,402	103	
Sat 17 Jan	Dagenham & Redbridge	3:00PM	H	D1-1	2,366	526	
Tue 27 Jan	Accrington Stanley	3:00PM	A	D1-1	1,056	72	
Tue 27 Jan	Shrewsbury Town	7:45PM	H	D0-0	1,588	362	
Sat 01 Feb	Exeter City	3:00PM	A	L2-1	4,145	175	
Tue 10 Feb	Grimsby Town	7:45PM	H	D3-3	1,554	357	
Sat 14 Feb	Notts County	3:00PM	A	L0-2	3,830	176	
Sat 21 Feb	Barnet FC	3:00PM	H	W4-1	2,445	701	
Sat 28 Feb	Chesterfield	3:00PM	A	D1-1	3,071	129	
Tue 03 Mar	Rochdale	7:45PM	H	W2-1	1,332	291	
Sat 07 Mar	Chester City	3:00PM	H	W3-1	2,085	186	
Tue 10 Mar	Brentford	7:45PM	A	L0-1	4,742	373	
Sat 14 Mar	Macclesfield	3:00PM	A	L1-2	1,899	82	
Sat 21 Mar	Lincoln City	3:00PM	H	W3-2	1,979	339	
Sat 28 Mar	Darlington	3:00PM	H	L0-1	2,069	262	
Tue 31 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	7:45PM	A	D1-1	4,066	289	
Sat 04 Apr	Gillingham	3:00PM	A	W2-0	6,033	260	
Tue 07 Apr	Rotherham United	7:45PM	H	W2-0	1,588	138	
Sat 11 Apr	Bournemouth	3:00PM	H	W1-0	3,133	1,260	
Mon 13 Apr	Aldershot Town	3:00PM	A	D1-1	2,597	362	
Sat 18 Apr	Luton Town	3:00PM	H				
Sat 25 Apr	Macclesfield Town	3:00PM	A				
Sat 02 May	Port Vale	3:00PM	A				

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Rob Beckwith																															
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Key
 Amber square indicates player started the match.
 Black square indicates playing substitute. Number within the black square indicates goals scored in that match.
 Numerals beside black or amber square indicates goals scored in that match.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE

MR DEAN WHITESTONE

ASSISTANTS

MR MICHAEL GEORGE
(RED & YELLOW FLAG)

AND

MR IRVINE WOODWARD
(YELLOW FLAG)

4TH OFFICIAL
MR KEITH YEO

TODAY'S SQUADS

Coca-Cola League 2 - Saturday 18 April 2009

BARNET



Black and Amber shirts
Black and Amber shorts
Black and Amber socks

LUTON TOWN



White with Orange shirts
White shorts
White socks

Today's Other League 2 Fixtures

Brentford v Accrington Stanley
Bury v Macclesfield
Chester v Bournemouth
Chesterfield v Gillingham
Dag & Red v Bradford
Grimsby v Port Vale
Lincoln City v Exeter
Morecambe v Notts County
Rochdale v Darlington
Rotherham v Shrewsbury
Wycombe v Aldershot

League 2 Table

As 17 April 2009

OS	TEAM	PLD	GD	PTS
	Brentford	42	24	76
	Exeter City	43	13	72
	Wycombe Wanderers	42	18	71
	Bury	43	16	71
	Rochdale	43	14	69
	Gillingham	43	1	68
	Chesterfield	43	9	63
	Shrewsbury Town	43	15	62
	Bradford City	43	9	61
0	Dag & Redbridge	42	17	59
1	Morecambe	42	1	59
2	Lincoln City	43	4	58
3	Darlington	43	16	56
4	Rotherham United	42	18	55
5	Aldershot Town	43	-20	50
6	Accrington Stanley	43	-14	47
7	Barnet	43	-16	47
8	Notts County	43	-17	44
9	Port Vale	43	-20	44
0	Macclesfield Town	43	-30	43
1	Bournemouth	43	1	37
2	Grimsby Town	43	-20	37
3	Chester City	43	-35	36
4	Luton Town	42	-4	24

2. Joe Devera
3. Kenny Gillet
4. Neal Bishop
5. Ismail Yakubu
6. Michael Leary
7. Albert Adomah
8. Max Porter
9. Cliff Akurang
10. Adam Birchall
11. Nicky Deverdics
12. Luke Medley
15. Joe Tabiri
17. Danny Hart
18. Lee Harrison
19. Elliott Charles
20. Ian Hendon
23. Mark Hughes
24. Nicky Nicolau
25. Ran Kadoch
26. Abu Ogogo
27. Gary Breen
28. Paul Furlong
29. John O'Flynn
30. Yannick Bolasie

Last time out...

13/04/09 - L2 - Aldershot 1 Barnet 1

Cole, Devera, Gillet, Yakubu (Porter), Breen, Bishop, Adomah (Nicolau), Bolasie, Leary, Birchall, Furlong.

Subs Not Used: Kadoch, Tabiri, Charles.

Scorer: Leary

1. Dean Brill
2. Claude Gnackpa
3. Sol Davis
4. Keith Keane
5. Ian Roper
6. George Pilkington
7. Ian Henderson
8. Kevin Nicholls
9. Sam Parkin
11. Lewis Emanuel
14. Asa Hall
15. Ed Asafu-Adjaye
16. Rossi Jarvis
18. Chris Martin
20. Michael Spillane
22. Mark Bower
24. Tom Craddock
28. Paul McVeigh
29. Jordan Patrick
30. Mark Farthing
32. Kevin Gallen
33. Jake Howells
36. Aaron Fletcher
40. Scott Sinclair

Last time out...

13/04/09 - L2 - Luton Town 0 Chesterfield 0

Brill, Asafu-Adjaye, Pilkington, Bower (Spillane), Livermore, Keane, Nicholls, Gnackpa (Henderson), Hall, Craddock, Parkin.

Subs Not Used: Davis, Jarvis, McVeigh.



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