

Hatters up next for City

SALISBURY City face Luton Town at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium on Saturday, in the first of two home games in four days.

The Hatters were relegated from Coca-Cola League Two last season, having been docked 30 points – ten for financial irregularities, and 20 for exiting administration without a Company Voluntary Arrangement.

Luton fought gamely and with their 30 points restored would have finished comfortably safe in 15th, but they finished bottom, ending their 89-year stay in the Football League.

They restored pride by winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, beating Scunthorpe United 3-2 at Wembley.

Mick Harford's men were favourites to win the Blue Square Premier and they have made a strong start, going unbeaten in their first seven games, with their fine run continuing on Tuesday night with a facile 3-0 victory over Crawley Town.

The Whites will be buoyant though, after Monday's thrilling 4-3 win at Hayes & Yeading United, in which Matt Tubbs notched a hat-trick.



Matt Tubbs

"In terms of infrastructure, the level of their football and their number of players, Luton should beat us," said Salisbury manager Tommy Widdrington.

"The only reason they are here is because they had 30 points deducted.

"But I always tell the players that the

opposition are just 11 pairs of arms and 11 pairs of legs, and we have to look them in the eyes. I want our backyard to be a fortress and I don't want anyone sticking any flags in it."

The Whites have done business with the Hatters in recent years, midfielder Rob Sinclair and defender Ed Asafu-Adjaye having moved on loan from Kenilworth Road in 2007-08.

Sinclair made his move to Salisbury permanent that summer, but Luton opted to keep Asafu-Adjaye.

Former Southampton utility player Alan Neilson, who made five appearances for the Whites in 2007, is on Harford's coaching staff.

Grays come to Old Sarum on Tuesday having made a slow start to the season.

Tubbs' penalty secured a 1-0 win in the same fixture last season.

■ Fans are reminded that Wilts & Dorset will run a special bus service to and from the Raymond McEnhill Stadium on Saturday match days this season.

For full details visit: www.salisburycity-fc.co.uk