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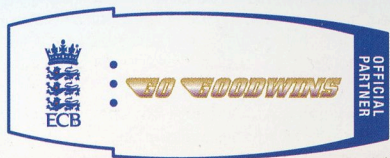
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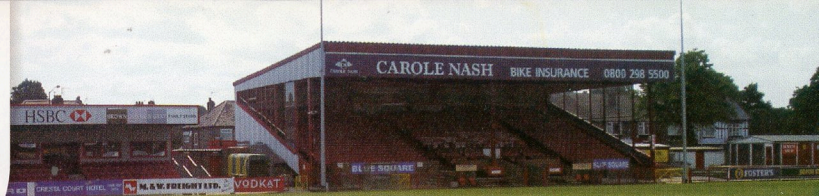
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Ed Lines...

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, supporters and Directors of Luton Town Football Club for this Blue Square Premier fixture. Although managerless at present they lie in 5th position in the league well placed to achieve their main aim this season of returning to the Football League at the first attempt. They have managed to retain most of the players from last season and look to be one of the stronger teams in the Division shown by the recovery at Kidderminster last Saturday coming from 1 nil down to win 2-1 even after having a man sent off.

Talking of sending offs brings me to our game against Mansfield Town last weekend - and what a game that was! For the neutral supporter there was plenty of action to write home about but unfortunately not all to do with good football. Mansfield came with a game plan to battle it out with us and started the game with a number of niggly fouls. If the referee had clamped down early he would not have lost control of the game as the tackles rained in thick and fast and not always legally. I'm not going in to the rights and wrongs of what went on during the game as I'm sure everyone has their own opinion on the game but Altrincham are not known for their heavy handed approach to football so I'll leave it there.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, we have been drawn away to Mansfield in the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup next Saturday - still no home tie at this stage of the competition since 2001 when we beat Nuneaton Borough 3-0. It's certainly a difficult tie but with our excellent away form and a good following on the terraces I'm sure the lads will give their all to get us in the hat come Saturday night. Mansfield may have an excellent home record but cup ties are a different story - let's hope this one has a happy ending for us.

Congratulations are due to George Heslop and his Youth team who beat Vauxhall Motors in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Youth Cup on Sunday. They now play Stalybridge Celtic in the 3rd Qualifying Round next week before the League teams enter the competition.

I would like to welcome back to Moss Lane this afternoon 4 Alty legends. It gives me great pleasure to see Mick Farrelly, Andy Reid, Paul Rowlands and Harry Wiggins all at today's game. For those who don't know these names there is an introduction to them elsewhere in the programme. Hopefully all four of them will stop behind after the game for a beer and chat in the bar.

Just when we thought that our injury crisis was over Chris Denham had to leave the field of play on Saturday and with the suspensions of Doughty and Senior and the loan signings coming to the end of their stay we're now down to the bare bones again. Thus it is vitally important to support the club with its many fundraisers and hopefully enabling Graham to strengthen the squad come January. How many of you have joined the new supporters association? SAFE and STAR had well over 200 members and the present aim of TASC is to reach a similar figure. If you haven't joined up, it's only £10 per year and all profits come to the club. Please see Brian Flynn or the TASC members in the Club Shop and sign up. Thank you in advance and here's to hitting that 200 target by Christmas.

Talking of Christmas, the club is holding its annual Christmas Party at the Cresta Court on Saturday November 28th following the home game against Kettering Town. Tickets are just £35 each or £60 per couple. All the players and management will be in attendance and your presence would be greatly appreciated. Please see Karen, Sarah or myself to book your place.

Finally, following today's game we have a "sell-out" Meet the New Recruits evening in the Sponsors Lounge. Many thanks to Ken McKenna, Michael Welch, Robbie Williams and of course Graham Heathcote for giving up their time for this annual fundraiser - I'm sure it will be just as successful as previous ones.

See you in the bar,
Grahame & Terry


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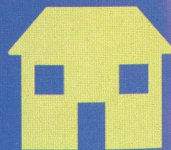
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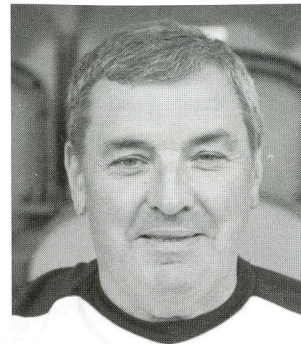
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Cotes' Comments...



Thank you - You Were Terrific

I must start by thanking you fans for the fantastic support you gave the players on Saturday; the nine men in the last 25 minutes were terrific and epitomised the spirit we have within our squad. We know that to react in the wrong manner cost us dearly and we have to learn very quickly that the approach by some sides here this season will test our resolve and we have to be cleverer. It's a mark of the respect the players have earned very quickly this season. Today's game will be another stern test against another side who are desperate to go back into the league which I fully understand. It is our job to make that as difficult as possible for them here today, only then at the end of the season is a team or two teams able to say we earned the right to go into the Football League and sense of achievement that would go with

that. The full time sides should be at the top of this league, facing so many different part time teams with varying part time scenarios. You listen to some managers go on about their full time team as if they are achieving something. They have all the advantages in this league and should be expected to make the play offs as a minimum. You hear them going on when they have beaten a part time team, they should beat them and we should do our damndest to try and make sure they don't. That what football is all about isn't it. Today is sure to be another cracking atmosphere as Luton have won their last two games and are in the play offs a position that wasn't good enough to save Mick Harford who I have a lot of respect for after last year's FA Cup ties. That shows the pressure that is put n a club looking to go back first time; that pressure can work against you but it is understandable when you look at the parachute payment these clubs receive. That alone is nearly the equivalent of our playing budget. That puts it into perspective! The full time clubs should be at the top of this league. We should be looking to improve year on year, on and off the pitch. Only time tells which club is actually the stronger; the one with ambitions and debt or the one that strived to get better slowly and no debt interesting

isn't it.

It goes without saying that we need your support next week at Mansfield. It should be an interesting day - I love the FA Cup.

Enjoy the game
Graham



OTHER FIXTURES TODAY

AFC Wimbledon v Kettering Town
Barrow v Ebbsfleet Utd
Eastbourne Boro v Mansfield Town
Gateshead v Chester City
Hayes & Yeading v Cambridge Utd
Histon v Forest Green Rovers
Kidderminster Harriers v Crawley T
Rushden & Diamonds v Tamworth
Stevenage Boro v Salisbury City
Wrexham v Grays Athletic
York City v Oxford Utd

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 20th October

Luton Town v York City
Stevenage Boro v Wrexham

Saturday 31st October

Cambridge Utd v Kidderminster H
Chester City v AFC Wimbledon
Crawley Town v York City
Ebbsfleet Utd v Wrexham
Forest Green v Eastbourne Boro
Grays Athletic v Barrow
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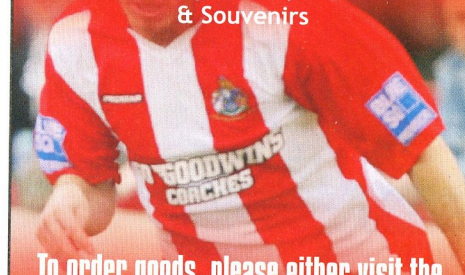
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Today's Visitors...

Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front.

George Pilkington

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 June 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.

George Beavan

A highly promising central defender Beavan was spotted by former Youth Team coach Marvin Johnson, who initially gave him a trial at the club. He impressed tremendously and soon became a consistent member of the Luton Town Youth team during the 2006/07 season.

Good in the air and strong in a tackle, George was promoted into the reserve team and a combination of injuries and player sales saw him given an unexpected debut against Bournemouth when, after just six minutes, he came on as a substitute as Keith Keane hobbled off injured. George is predicted to have a bright future in the game by many at Kenilworth Road.

Sent on-loan to Salisbury City in 2008 he is currently enjoying his second loan spell with Grays Athletic.

Lewis Emanuel

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice. Out of contract at the end of the 2008/09 campaign, Lewis signed a new contract in July 2009.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. Sent on-loan to non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension. Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract. However with first team opportunities still blocked, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did when he was in charge was to recall the young defender.

Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

Jake Howells
The young left back came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008.

After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

Alan White
Vastly experienced centre half who resigned for the

Hatters nine years after leaving Kenilworth Road. Darlington-born Alan started his career with Middlesbrough making his debut for Boro in a 3-3 draw with Liverpool in 1996.

However, with first team opportunities limited at the Riverside, Alan jumped at the chance to sign for the Hatters in September 1997 for £40,000.

After 98 appearances in Luton colours, Alan left Kenilworth Road in 2000, joining Colchester United on a free transfer.

Four years at Layer Road came and went before he spent one season-spells at Leyton Orient, Notts County and Boston United.

He signed for home-town team Darlington at the start of the 2007/08 season and went onto make 85 appearances for the Quakers before joining the Hatters for the second time in the summer of 2009.

Shane Blackett

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United.

Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003.

His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004.

He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07.

His reputation as a pacy defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him with Dagenham team-mate Craig Mackail-Smith in January 2007 going onto make 38 appearances during his time with the London Road outfit.

Callum Reynolds

Young Luton-born defender who signed a six-month loan deal from Premier League side Portsmouth in July 2009.

Reynolds began his career with Rushden & Diamonds having been spotted playing for the Crawley Green club in Luton.

Despite not making a senior appearance at Nene Park, his promise playing for the Diamonds' youth team alerted the attention of visiting Portsmouth scouts and he subsequently signed for Pompey in the summer of 2007.

Also capable of playing in midfield, Reynolds also spent time on-loan at Basingstoke Town making eight appearances for Stoke during 2008/09.

Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009.

Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper.

Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

MIDFIELDERS

Andy Burgess

Self-confessed Hatters fan, Andy signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2009 after being released by Rushden & Diamonds.

The Bedford-born, left-footed midfielder can play in any position across the middle of the park and was Mick Harford's first signing ahead of the Hatters' 2009/10 campaign.

Andy started his career at Nene Park, coming through the ranks to become a regular in the Diamonds' team and went onto win the Conference and League 2 titles in 2001 and 2003.

After over 200 appearances for the Northamptonshire side he moved to Oxford United in the summer of 2006 but after one season and 57 appearances he returned to Rushden.

Burgess has also represented the England C side on

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six occasions prior to the start of the season.

Adam Newton

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford. Predominately used as a right winger, the pacy wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back.

Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected academy but could only make three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002.

The former England Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign.

After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title.

A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

Rossi Jarvis

Adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

Asa Hall

Versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence. Hall began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under-19 and Under-20 levels and went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town, starting 13 games for the latter.

Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season.

Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals.

Following Luton's successful first-season in The Championship and the spirited FA-Cup performances, Nicholls was a player very much in demand. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of £750,000.

His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

FORWARDS

Ryan Charles

An energetic striker who has made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road since making his debut in 2007. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. He followed that form up by scoring 12 goals for the youth team last season and his exploits during those two campaigns earned him his first team debut as a second half substitute at

Southend in March. He was given his full team debut in the following game against Carlisle before scoring on his home debut against Oldham. Charles had turned down the chance to join local rivals Watford as a youngster.

Tom Craddock

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, following James Morrison, Tony McMahon, Andrew Taylor, David Wheeler, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town. Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis.

A £80,000 bid was accepted by Middlesbrough and Tom signed a two-and-a-half year contract in January 2009. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool United.

Jordan Patrick

Promising young forward who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters. Patrick made his first team bow when appearing as a substitute at Grimsby Town in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days and set-up Tom Craddock for 90th minute equaliser.

With pace to burn the striker is tipped to have a big future ahead of him and is a regular for the Town's Under 18s.

Kevin Gallen

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. 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 before joining Luton on loan.

After a successful loan spell Gallen joined permanently in January 2009, signing until the end of the season before agreeing a one year contract extension with the club in May keeping him at Kenilworth Road until June 2010.

Liam Hatch

The 6ft 3in Striker signed for the Hatters on a season-long loan from Peterborough United in June 2009.

Hatch started his career with Herne Bay before a move to neighbours Gravesend & Northfleet in 2001.

A successful spell at Stonebridge Road saw him transferred to Barnet for £17,500 where he helped the Bees to promotion to the Football League with 11 league goals in the 2004/05 campaign.

His form at Underhill alerted the attention of Peterborough United who paid £150,000 for the striker's services.

With first team opportunities limited at London Road Hatch was sent on-loan to Darlington

during the 2008/09 campaign where he hit nine goals in 29 league and cup appearances at the Darlington Arena.

Steve Basham

Experienced striker who joined the Hatters on a one-year deal in August 2009 following his release from Exeter City.

The forward began his career with home-town club Southampton but only made one start during his time at the Dell.

With first team opportunities limited on the South Coast, Basham was sent on-loan to Wrexham and Preston North End and, following a second successful spell at Deepdale, he signed permanently for the Lancashire outfit for £200,000 in the summer of 1999.

However, after making 61 appearances - and winning a promotion with North End in 2000 - he signed for Oxford United in August 2002.

Basham scored 43 goals in 139 league starts at the Kassam Stadium and was best remembered in Oxfordshire for his ability to link the play and create opportunities for his team-mates.

The striker was on the move again in 2007, moving south to Exeter City where - in his first season at the club - he helped the Grecians win promotion back to the Football League.

After winning promotion again last season from League 2, he was released from St James Park this summer after making 27 league starts and scoring seven goals.

Ben Wright

Striker who signed for the Hatters on a month's loan from Championship side Peterborough United in September 2009.

Wright made his name as a promising young attacker in non-league football, moving to Posh from Conference South outfit Hampton & Richmond Borough.

He made his debut coming on as a substitute in the 1-0 defeat to Stevenage Borough and scored his first goal in Luton colours on his full debut against Tamworth four days later.

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT	H	A
1	Oxford United	16	12	3	1	34	10	24	39		
2	Stevenage Borough	15	8	6	1	24	10	14	30	1-1	
3	Kettering Town	15	9	3	3	22	11	11	30	0-2	
4	Mansfield Town	16	9	2	5	27	19	8	29		
5	Luton Town	15	8	4	3	21	15	6	28	1-2	
6	Afc Wimbledon	15	7	5	3	27	14	13	26	0-1	
7	York City	15	7	5	3	22	14	8	26		
8	Cambridge United	16	6	6	4	30	16	14	24	0-0	
9	Kidderminster Harriers	16	7	3	6	22	17	5	24	0-3	
10	Altrincham	16	6	6	4	18	15	3	24		
11	Rushden & Diamonds	16	6	5	5	23	18	5	23	1-0	
12	Tamworth	16	5	7	4	21	20	1	22	0-0	
13	Crayke Town	16	6	4	6	15	22	-7	22	0-0	
14	Histon	15	6	2	7	19	21	-2	20	2-1	
15	Salisbury City (-10 Pts)	16	8	3	5	21	19	2	17		
16	Barrow	16	4	5	7	13	24	-11	17	3-0	
17	Eastbourne Borough	16	4	4	8	13	24	-11	16		
18	Wrexham	13	4	2	7	12	12	0	14		
19	Gateshead (-1 Point)	16	3	4	9	17	26	-9	12	3-2	
20	Grays Athletic	15	2	5	8	15	29	-14	11	3-0	
21	Forest Green Rovers	16	2	5	9	12	31	-19	11		
22	Hayes & Yeading Utd	16	1	6	9	14	28	-14	9	2-1	
23	Ebbsfleet United	16	1	6	9	8	27	-19	9	1-1	
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THE RECORD

Most, if not all of those present this afternoon will remember all too well our meetings with the Hatters in the FA Cup last November. They do give rise to one little difficulty for the amateur statistician - just exactly how does one classify a result achieved by means of a penalty shoot-out? The compromise below will have to serve!

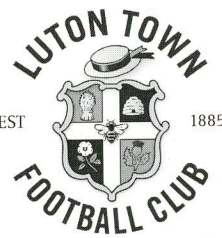
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Overall	2	0	2	0	0	0

much else - at this time of year ... I'm hoping to get home before 1 a.m., but am refusing to count chickens! The truth is that memories of our previous matches with Luton centre more on matters off the pitch than the frankly rather drab fare that was served up on the field; it is to be hoped that there will be more in the way of football to remember this afternoon.

THE GROUND

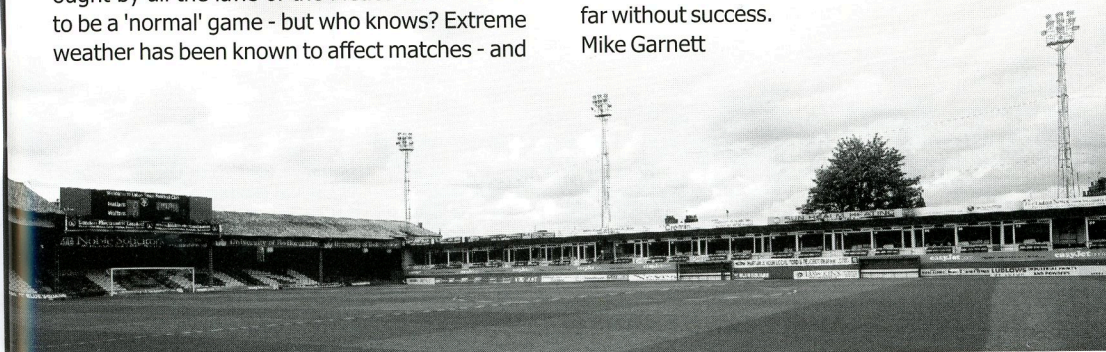
Kenilworth Road is in its way quite unique as a venue. The approved approach to the ground for away fans is circuitous to say the least, taking you into the town centre from the southern side and then passing through a pretty narrow shopping area before ending in a terraced street; the entrance to the Oak Road Stand takes you under the first floor of apparently occupied houses and the steps up to the stand itself give you a fine view of their backyards. When you reach the top there are plenty of seats, but not a lot of legroom under the low roof; the roof supports make a clear view difficult, and the lighting is subdued, to put it kindly. To your left are a series of executive boxes running the length of the pitch; the Main Stand to your right has a more modern extension at one end and the opposite Kenilworth Road end houses the more vociferous home supporters. There is literally no spare space, so it's little wonder that the club have been looking to relocate for years, but so far without success.

Mike Garnett



THE MEMORIES

Since we're still (just about) in British Summer Time we shouldn't need the floodlights this afternoon; this will be a blessing based on last November's bitter experience - we should be able to kick off on time rather than 37 minutes late unless our guests suffer the most horrendous motorway traffic delays en route. Furthermore, even allowing for a repeat of the ridiculous amount of injury time played here against Eastbourne in April, we will finish well before the 11 p.m. of our last encounter - and there will be a result without the lottery of a shoot-out. In other words, today's ought by all the laws of the Medes and Persians to be a 'normal' game - but who knows? Extreme weather has been known to affect matches - and



Today's Special Guests...

Welcome To Today's Guests

This Afternoon we welcome four former Altrincham playing Legends whose careers span a 12 year period in Altrincham's history between 1985 and 1997. Between them they have played 686 games for the club, one of them has scored the winning goal in an FA Trophy Final and another has even managed the club but above all the one thing that singles out these four former players is that they all gave everything on the pitch for Altrincham Football Club.

In alphabetical order our guests today are;

Mick Farrelly, born in Manchester, England Schoolboy International, Mick started his career with Preston North End, signing professional terms in June 1981 and over the next few seasons played over 90 first team games for them before joining Altrincham in 1985, Mick will always be remembered as the man who scored the only goal in Altrincham's FA Trophy win over Runcorn in 1986. Mick was also a Cheshire Senior Cup finalist and played in Altrincham's FA Cup wins against Blackpool and Birmingham City (as sub). He was also good enough to win three semi professional caps in 1987 against Ireland, Holland and Scotland. In four and half seasons Mick played 224 games and scored 19 goals for the 'Robin's', playing in every shirt number except 1, 9 & 11, before moving to Macclesfield Town

Andy Reid was born in Davyhulme and began his senior career with Everton before joining Witton Albion and then moving on to spend four seasons at Southport, followed by a

couple of seasons at Runcorn before at last moving to Moss Lane for the 1989/90 season. 'Hagar the Horrible', as he was affectionately known, was an uncompromising 'all action' type of player. Able to play at the back or in midfield, his best position was undoubtedly centre-back. He played a big part in Altrincham's so near yet so far attempt at the League title. After 3 seasons he joined Bury as part of the £10,000 deal that saw him and Nicky Daws join Bury. He played 33 games and scored once during his spell at Gigg Lane before moving back to Moss Lane when Paul Rowlands took over as manager. Andy was selected for an England semi-professional cap in March 1995 and in his second spell at Moss Lane the highpoint was the FA Cup tie at Spurs when was up against Klinsmann and Sheringham. Injury blighted his latter days and his presence was sorely missed during the 96/97 relegation season

Paul Rowlands had two spells at Moss Lane, the first as a player and the second as a player/manager. Paul's career started at Tranmere Rovers before moving on to Cammell Laird, Hoylake and finally West Kirby (John King's old club), where at just 19 he was appointed captain and led them to the Cheshire Amateur Cup. In 1984 he had trials at Runcorn which led to him signing a contract for that club in the spring of 1985. The following year he missed out on playing at Wembley (against Altrincham) after playing in all the previous rounds. Paul joined Altrincham he signed for Altrincham and once more was soon appointed captain. He made the centre-half

spot his own and in the season of 1990/91 he formed part of a defensive unit along with Harry Wiggins and Andy Reid that brought the Robins so close to winning the Championship. a year later Stan Allan allowed Paul to go to Barrow, (then under Graham Heathcote), along with John Brady in a deal that brought Tony Chilton to Moss Lane. Graham immediately appointed Paul player coach at Barrow. After relegation Paul moved on to Bangor City as Player/manger before being invited back to Moss Lane in November 1993 after the sacking of Gerry Quinn. Unfortunately this second spell lasted just 110 days with just 2 wins in 13 games and Paul was sacked after a 3-1 defeat by bottom of the table Witton Albion. Although it didn't work out, no-one could deny his commitment.

Harry Wiggins

A no nonsense full-back or central defender, Harry began his career in West Cheshire League football with Poulton Victoria and joined Telford United and in five seasons at the Buck's Head he was twice the club's player of the year, and skippered the team and played in the 1989 FA Trophy final at Wembley. He joined Altrincham in 1990 playing at left back in 57 out of 59 games available and fully played his part in Altrincham's vain assault on the League title. The following season Harry moved up into midfield and played a further 37 games with the same whole hearted commitment he had the previous season at left back.

So please give a warm welcome to; **Mick Farrelly, Andy Reid, Paul Rowlands** and **Harry Wiggins** Altrincham legends all.



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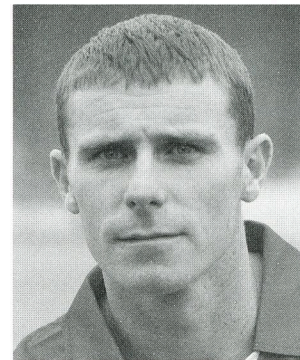
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Captain's Log



Consistency is something everyone aims for in football, and it applies to referees as well as players.

That thought was uppermost in my mind after we lost 2-1 to Mansfield last Saturday in one of the more eventful games Moss Lane has staged in recent times.

Inevitably, after two red cards, countless yellows and controversy all over the pitch, the man in the middle found himself under the spotlight probably more than anyone else.

I am not complaining about the two decisions that left us with nine men for most of the second half. They were sendings off, and I wouldn't take him to task over that.

What did rile me a bit, though, was the lack of consistency that had us wondering where we stood at times. It was a tough afternoon for the ref, but he didn't help himself by treating some fouls or incidents strictly and others leniently.

A lot has been said about the crackdown on foul play and

how it has taken physical contact out of the game, but I am not unduly perturbed by that. I like a tackle as much as the next player, but if the powers-that-be rule that you can't go in to challenges like they used to in the manager's playing days, fair enough.

As long as we know, and as long as it is applied evenly for both sides. I'm not sure it was last Saturday, and that is why there was so much anger and frustration on our part as we found ourselves battling against mounting odds.

It was still quite a contest, with so many twists and turns, and it was great to see so many inside Moss Lane, creating the sort of atmosphere we all thrive on.

There were a fair few in the away end, but, even so, there can be no disputing that our fans were out in far greater numbers than normal.

The absence of any Premier League football in the area, and the fact that, for once, England's match was not being screened on TV, would have helped, but it would be nice to think our progress this season had at least some influence on the size of the gate.

Either way, the extra few hundred picked a good day to come along, with drama and incident from start to finish. There were so many talking points, not least Robbie Williams' last-minute header that would have given us a barely-believable point but for a linesman's flag, and I just

hope we did enough to encourage everyone to come along again, against Luton today.

You could see how much extra room there was for Mansfield in possession, when we were down to nine, but we still had a right crack at them, still kept going right to the end, and I think the lads deserve a lot of credit for that.

Tom Kearney's quality shone through again, and there can surely be few players at this level who can match his ability to retain possession, even in the tightest of spots.

I was also pleased to see James Smith live up to his billing after being given a favourable mention in this column. I said he was developing into a top-class defender, and he showed I can be a reasonable judge at times!

I have been working hard on my fitness, and I feel I am getting better and stronger all the time. The old injury seems to be settling down, fingers crossed, though I should perhaps be careful about touching on that particular subject. I was only joking with our physio the other night about him having a well-deserved week off, then, suddenly, it's business as usual again, with Chris Denham picking up a knee injury.

Maybe it's just going to be one of those seasons, where we have to contend with injuries throughout. I hope not, but it is beginning to look that way.





When We Were Kings

Alty in the APL 1979/80 PART 9: FLEET FOXED AND MAN CITY TANGLED UP IN BLUE

When the team you support has won its previous five matches; is currently occupying premier position in the league table and then announces the acquisition of a player who has been described as "the hardest player I have played against" by a such an expert judge as Alty's supreme competitor, John King, then you do get the inkling that this could indeed be a season to treasure.

On Thursday, 25th October 1979, Tony Sanders was delighted to announce the signing of the 25-year old 6ft. 2in. defender/midfielder Graham Barrow from Southport for a fee of £1,800. The Robins' manager disclosed that he had initiated three previous approaches to secure the highly-rated Barrow's services: "I have been after this player for some time and, at this price, he is a bargain." This transaction looked to be even more of a masterstroke by the Alty boss when it emerged that Southport's original asking price had reportedly been £7,500.

Born in Chorley on 13th June 1954, Barrow had joined Blackburn Rovers on leaving school, eventually progressing to their reserve side before being released and then signing for his hometown club. In October 1978, he moved to Southport, for whom he recorded a total of 51 appearances and scored eight goals. During his tenure at Haig Avenue, he had been selected to play for the Northern Premier League (NPL) representative XI and had also impressed many Alty fans with his performances as Southport achieved the league double over the Robins during the 1978/79 NPL season. Having swooped to capture the unsettled Barrow upon learning that he had been holding talks with Mossley, Sanders confessed that he was initially uncertain as to exactly where his latest recruit, depicted as "big, busy and intelligent" by the Manchester Evening News Non League correspondent, the late Doug Peacock, would fit into his team's pattern of play. In fact, the imposing figure of Barrow would be called into action much sooner than had been anticipated.

Saturday, 27th October 1979 brought a debut visit to Moss Lane for Gravesend & Northfleet (the pre-MyFootballClub.co.uk and Eurostar-affiliated incarnation of Ebbsfleet United) for Alty's fourteenth Alliance Premier League (APL) fixture. Managed by the former Brighton & Hove Albion defender Tony Sitford (who was entering his sixth season at the helm),

the Kent side had qualified for the APL by finishing in 12th position in the 1978/79 Southern League Premier Division. The visitors had won their preceding three APL matches and were lying in 9th position in the league table, seven points behind the Robins but with five games in hand.

Graham Barrow had turned up at Moss Lane that afternoon expecting merely to be a spectator, whilst being resigned to facing a possible long wait before he would get the opportunity to break into the Robins' first team. However, both Mal Bailey and Graham Tobin were forced to withdraw at the eleventh hour with injuries and, therefore, Tony Sanders called him up for his Alty debut at right full back with Stan Allan moving across to fulfil a central defensive role.

A crowd of 1,826 witnessed the Robins seize the early initiative and Graham Heathcote went close to scoring with a header (yes, this ultra rare phenomenon did indeed happen occasionally!) only minutes before his curling shot struck the crossbar. After 32 minutes, the irrepressible Barry Howard snaffled the ball off the visitors' striker, Brian Gregory, and then proceeded to drive a low shot into the net from the edge of the penalty box.

Almost thirty years on, Alty aficionado Brian Flynn still recalls this particular goal vividly. I'll let him recount the anecdote: "We had a character behind the goal who was a sort of 1970s equivalent of Pete Hughes and who would take great pleasure in getting on the backs of visiting defenders and goalkeepers. Between the sticks that day was a guy called Lee Smelt (who subsequently progressed to Nottingham Forest for a fee of £15,000 during the Summer of 1980). For Barry Howard's goal at the Chequers End, the Kent side's goalkeeper was a little slow getting down and, as he ruefully picked the ball out of the back of his net, the inevitable comment of: "That one smelt a bit" was delivered by none other than Mister George Heslop himself!"

However, only four minutes had elapsed before the Fleet's Bob Dudman equalised against the run of play, blasting a free kick through the Robins' wall and past an unsuspected Alex Stepney. Alty duly responded by launching several waves of attacks and regained the lead on the stroke of half-time. Graham Heathcote claimed his fifth goal of the season by converting a penalty, which had been awarded for a blatant foul on Barry Whitbread by Kenny Burrett.

The Robins increased their advantage

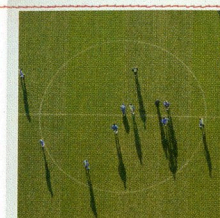
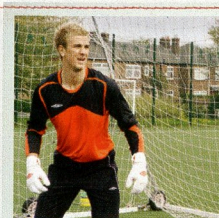
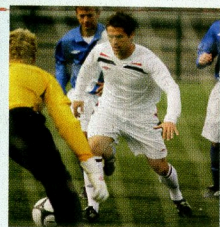
courtesy of a 75th minute comical own goal. Heathcote's long through ball was needlessly backheaded by Gravesend's No. 4 John Keirs on the periphery of his own penalty area and the ball promptly drifted over the helpless Smelt and into the net at the Golf Road End.

However, the home supporters' joy was rather tarnished in the 80th minute, when the Robins' combative skipper John King was given his marching orders by referee David Richardson (who had handed out red cards to Liverpool's Terry McDermott and Everton's Gary Stanley at Anfield in front of 52,201 spectators only seven days earlier). The Alty captain was dismissed for a tackle on Steve Brown, having only incurred his first booking a few minutes earlier, and now faced the prospect of a four match ban due to having reportedly accrued a tally of 28 disciplinary points.

Notwithstanding the fact that they had been reduced to ten men, it was the Robins who scored again in the 89th minute. Lee Smelt failed to hold a Heathcote shot and that arch-poacher Whitbread was inevitably on hand to poke home the rebound for his fifth goal on only his sixth Alty appearance to date. With second-placed Worcester City having won 1-0 at Telford United, the Robins' largely straightforward victory over the Fleet maintained their four point margin at the zenith of the APL table and also ensured that their 100% home record in the APL had remained intact.

Tuesday, 30th October 1979 marked the visit to Moss Lane of Malcolm Allison's remodelled Manchester City team to participate in a special testimonial match to honour four Altrincham FC players, who between them had accumulated almost 30 years' service for the club. The 'Famous Four', as they were billed by Alty's Chairman Noel White in the accompanying issue of the Robins Review (which was priced at 15p in those distant times), comprised Stan Allan; Mickey Brooke; Ivan Crossley and John Owens.

Brought to Moss Lane from Skelmersdale United by Roy Rees in the Summer of 1972, right full back Stan Allan had already amassed 302 appearances in the NPL for the Robins and would proceed to play a further 127 (+2 as substitute) APL games for Alty before departing from Moss Lane during the 1983/84 season. As a member of Alty's triumphant 1978 FA Trophy side, Allan became the first player to possess a winner's medal in both the FA Trophy and the FA Amateur



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Cup competitions. His subsequent spell as the Robins' manager during the abject 1991/92 season, however, is really best overlooked.

Mickey Brooke joined the Robins from Ellesmere Port Town in February 1973 and was the epitome of the versatile 'clubman', turning out for the Robins principally as a left full back, whilst also acting as a midfielder or forward when required. He clocked up 223 (+3 as sub) NPL matches for the Robins but only added 2 (+1 as sub) appearances in the APL during the 1979/80 season (his final one at Moss Lane). My favourite memory of this popular Alty character will always be the marvellous goal he scored in the 2-0 FA Cup Second Round victory at Droylsden on 16th December 1978, which ultimately secured Alty's first trip to play Spurs at White Hart Lane. Alas, Mickey died in June 2002.

A member of the Coventry City team that had lost 4-3 to Spurs in the 1970 FA Youth Cup Final, Ivan Crossley arrived at Moss Lane from Bangor City at the advent of the 1974/75 season and duly recorded 147 (+4 as sub) NPL appearances for the Robins. Chiefly employed as a full back, he went on to play 25 (+7 as sub) games in the APL. His last appearance in an Alty shirt occurred at Wembley in the 1982 FA Trophy Final defeat against Enfield. Many years later, I had the pleasure of chatting to Ivan on a few occasions, as he could be found on Market Street in Manchester in his role as a representative for the RAC. Sadly, Ivan died in June 2001 at the age of 48.

John Owens was another significant newcomer from Skelmersdale United during the Summer of 1972. This highly-educated, classy and immensely consistent central defender then assembled a total of 254 (+3 as sub) NPL appearances, supplemented by 90 (+4 as sub) league matches for the Robins during the first three seasons of the APL. He was later appointed to the post of manager of the England Semi-Professional XI and eventually relinquished his vocation as a schoolteacher in order to accept the role of Academy Manager at Liverpool FC. In recent times, Manchester City had brought their first team squad to Moss Lane for a special challenge match on two previous occasions. Back on Monday, 12th December 1966, Joe Mercer's side had overcome Freddie Pye's reigning Cheshire County League champions by four goals to nil, the scorers being Johnny Crossan; Colin Bell and Glyn Pardoe (2).

Then, on Monday, 1st May 1972, Malcolm Allison fielded the following starting XI against the Robins: (1) Joe Corrigan (2) Tony Book (3) Willie Donachie (4) Mike Doyle (5) Tommy Booth (6) Alan Oakes (7) Mike Summerbee (8) Francis Lee (9) Wyn Davies (10) Rodney Marsh and (11) Tony Towers. Rodney Marsh scored the only goal of the game against a Robins team which featured a promising youngster by the name of Graham Heathcote as their substitute. I wonder whatever happened to him....?

The venerable George Heslop recollects the Manchester City squad alighting from their coach in their muddy tracksuits at the Moss Lane players' entrance on that evening back in 1979, as Malcolm Allison had overseen a pre-match training session. Only three days earlier, the Blues had suffered a 4-0 mauling at Maine Road against Liverpool, so any thoughts of treating the fixture against Alty as merely a casual practice match had been rapidly dispelled. However, in the wake of both the mortifying result and performance of his charges versus the Robins that particular evening, there were rumours that a suitably disgruntled Allison had led his City players away to their awaiting coach in those same tracksuits only ten minutes after the final whistle had sounded at Moss Lane!

City's 13-man squad included a sprinkling of players who had graduated to the first team via the club's ranks of juniors and apprentices, such as Ray Ranson; Paul Power; Dave Bennett; Nicky Reid (brother of that one-time Alty colossus, Andy) and Roger Palmer. Also on duty were three survivors of the Blues' prior visit to Moss Lane in 1972: Joe Corrigan; Willie Donachie (whose son Danny's ephemeral period as an Alty player consisted of a solitary appearance as a substitute at Southport almost 14 years later!) and Tommy Booth.

The remaining five names on the City team sheet were all imports of varying degrees of expenditure. Kazimierz Deyna, the holder of 105 International caps for Poland, had been signed from Legia Warsaw for a fee of £110,000 (plus some office equipment, allegedly!) in 1978; the Yugoslav International central defender, Dragoslav Stepanovic, had cost £140,000 from West German Second Division outfit VfR Wormatia Worms and today's visitors, Luton Town, had been paid the sum of £350,000 for the services of central defender Paul Futcher.

In attack, the Blues selected Mike Robinson, their recent £750,000 acquisition from Preston North End. Finally, City's £1,437,500 British transfer

fee record signing from Wolverhampton Wanderers, midfielder Steve Daley, began his comeback after a three match absence caused by breaking a bone in his toe.

On an extremely rainswept night at Moss Lane, 4,059 spectators (who had paid £1.00 for a main stand ticket or 85p to stand on the terraces) watched the Robins outclass their supposedly superior opponents with unexpected ease. After just five minutes, Corrigan could only parry a Barry Howard shot and Graham Barrow (deputising for the ineligible John King in central midfield) calmly slotted home the rebound to register his first goal for the Robins.

Thirty minutes later, it was 2-0, courtesy of a piece of magic from an inspired Barry Howard, who was giving the Blues' defenders a truly torrid evening. Collecting a throw-in from Graham Heathcote, the Robins' winger had the temerity to nutmeg the Scottish International full back Donachie, prior to slotting the ball between Corrigan and the near post at the Chequers End from an outrageously acute angle. Alty diehard Phil Jordan remembers his fellow Robins supporter Nic Seller's evocative description of Howard's feat to a work colleague the next day as "like posting an apple through a letterbox from 30 yards!"

With City's expensive forwards generally misfiring and Alex Stepney dealing comfortably with any rare efforts from his old foes that were actually on target, the Robins produced a positive performance, both on and off the pitch, that could only serve to enhance their quest for Football League status. As Doug Peacock later wrote in the Manchester Evening News, City's much-vaunted line-up, valued at circa £3m, had been humbled by a Robins side with an estimated combined cost in the transfer market of £22,000.

The following day was one of those rare occasions when it was actually a genuine delight to attend Altrincham Grammar School. In the run-up to the benefit match at Moss Lane, the hubristic City supporters in my class had been predicting (especially to those of us who followed Alty) that their team would inflict an almighty hammering on the Robins. What an utter pleasure it was then to walk into a classroom to be greeted by both the sight of 'Alty 2 City 0' chalked up in giant letters on the blackboard and the satisfyingly eerie sound of silence from the previously vociferous City contingent. Halcyon days, indeed.



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Sat.12.9.09	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	3pm	0-0	817	COBURN	DENSMORE	DOUGHTY	SMITH	YOUNG	DANYLYK	KEARNEY	SENIOR	DENHAM	WILLIAMS	CLEE	HEFFERNAN	SAUNDERS	PEARSON	JOHNSON (2)	LAWTON (11)	-	-
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HOW IT WORKS... There are some parts of the Moss Lane pitch which have been selected as "special squares", where a lot of the action has taken place over the years. Both penalty spots have seen their fair share of drama over the years and these are expected to be very popular. Also available at a slightly higher price are squares in the penalty area, the centre circle and also the corner quadrants.

MAGIC MOMENTS... This year a number of squares are allocated to particularly magic Robins' moments. These squares will be available for a slightly higher price and each particular moment will be featured in a match day Robins Review, where the buyer of the

square will also be able to add their own memory of the moment.

'sir' Jackie Swindells King Of The 6 Yard Box... The 6 yard boxes at either end of our famous ground have seen some legendary goal poachers over the years but none graced them more often than Alty's record goal scorer, the late, great and hugely missed Jackie Swindells. As such, we have dedicated the squares in those boxes as 'Swindells Squares'. Again, we will feature parts of Jackie's career and goals in six editions of the Robins Review where the buyers will be able to contribute their own memories of Jackie. In addition there are to be two extra special auction Squares

The "Freeman Square" - This extra-special square is located at the spot from which Clive Freeman hit his "Goal of the Month" blockbuster against Chester City in 1992. This square will only be made available by auction which will take place online at www.altyfans.co.uk or alternatively bids can be emailed directly to me at altytasc@tiscali.co.uk Bids will be accepted through the coming weeks until 5.30pm on Saturday 28th November 2009 (nearly 17 years to the day) after the home game against Kettering and the winner will be announced in the Noel White Suite.

Likewise, there will also be the **"Welch Square"** where Michael Welch launched his astounding 70 yard Blue Square Goal of the Season against an unsuspecting Crawley Town last season. This auction will take place

in the same manner as the "Freeman Square" but after Christmas and will close at 5.30pm on Saturday 20th March 2010 after the home game against Rushden & Diamonds (again nearly a year to the day of the goal) in the Noel White Suite.

BRILLIANT WHERE DO I SIGN?

TASC member Steve Foster has acquired a whiteboard with the pitch squares on it. This will be in place at the TASC section of the club shop at all home games and brought into the

Noel White Suite afterwards. Fans will be able to pay their money and take their choice there and then. Anyone unable to get to matches should make alternative arrangements by either emailing altytasc@tiscali.co.uk or phoning the club on 0161 928 1045.

Squares will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis starting at the home fixture against Mansfield Town on Saturday 10th October 2009.

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- Freeman Square (x1) auction only
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Sean's Surgery



Good afternoon everyone!
Just as we seemed to have got over our recent injury crisis Chris Denham came off against Mansfield with an injury to his left knee.

Following my examination of his

knee he has sustained ligament damage. We went to see the consultant yesterday to try to determine the full extent of the damage and I am hoping that an MRI scan will give me a much clearer picture as to how badly the ligament is torn.

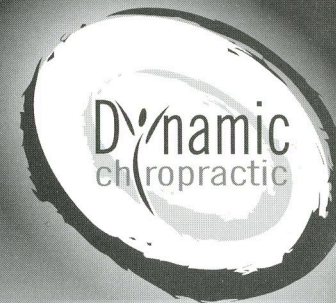
Earlier this week following a scan on his left knee it was revealed that Anthony Danylyk has a torn cartilage, he is due to see the consultant in the next few days to decide the best course of action. While he is able to play at the moment without any discomfort I am quite confident that surgery can be delayed and Anthony can continue playing until, either his knee becomes painful or the season has finished, with our

recent bad run of injuries, let's hope it's the latter.

Dale is continuing to make progress with his rehab following his knee injury, he had a scan last Saturday and I hope to have the results of the scan by the time you read this. If it reveals that he has only sustained damage to one ligament and the cartilage is fine then I am happy to step up his work and return him to full fitness shortly.

On a positive note, Robbie Lawton, Colin and Welch are all looking really good in training following their recent injuries and surgery.

Enjoy the game, Sean.



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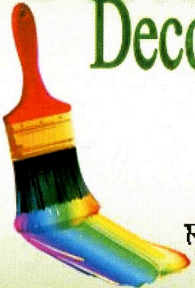
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SEARCHING QUESTIONS.....

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The most searching question of the moment is who controls the heating in the house. Man or woman. Animal or beast. If you are waging a war with the other half over when to start putting on the heating can I suggest you go for this cheeky curry option to stop the cold weather getting to your bones.

RICHIE'S CHEEKY CURRY.....

You can go with chicken, lamb, pork or beef for this dish.....

Create a curry paste with a tablespoon of curry powder, cardamon seeds, chilli flakes, ground cumin, ground coriander mixed with two tablespoons of oil and tomato puree. Add your meat to a red hot pan with finely sliced onions and celery, seal the meat then add half the paste. Stir for five minutes until meat is browned. Add two cans of chopped tomatoes. Cook for a further ten mins on simmering heat. Add fresh coriander and cherry tomatoes with a final stir of the remaining paste. Add a large spoon of fresh yoghurt before serving to cool the power of the dish. Add more to make it less potent. Serve with rice/cous cous and naan.

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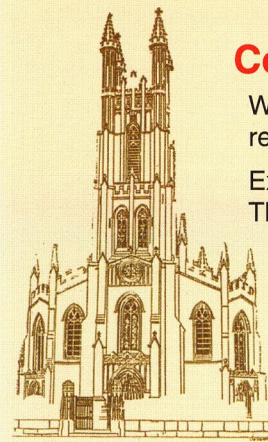
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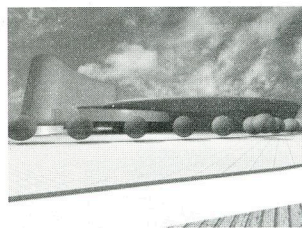
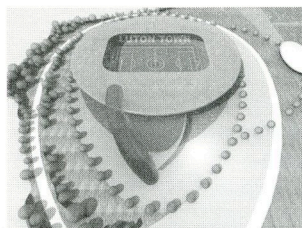
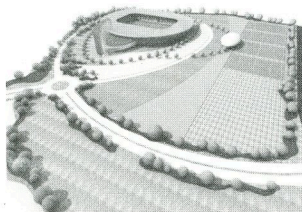


"WORST DRAW IN THE HISTORY OF THE FA CUP EVER"

The title of this week's missive is a quote from Mark Eckersal on the Altrincham Fans Forum (www.altyfans.co.uk). Ecky is one of the eminent Alty fans who wisely allocate hours each week to consideration of all things Alty via the medium of the internet. His view is widely shared by most Alty fans, with the majority of comments on the draw being unsuitable for such a civilised publication as The Robins Review. Most supporters were still dealing with the trauma of last week's infamous encounter with The Stags when news came through that we would be travelling to Field Mill next Saturday for the right to enter the FA Cup 1st Round.

Reactions of course are linked intrinsically to the moment the event happens & I am sure that just a couple of years ago, the Fans Forum would have been teeming with a set of different responses. It would have had to have been the draw for the 1st Round as Mansfield were still a Football League Club, but I am sure that comment like "Great....a trip to a struggling league club....I've been waiting for a draw like this for years!" would have been typical. The view may have been similar to last season's cup draw against today's opponents Luton Town with most Alty diehards delighted to get the opportunity to go to Kenilworth Road, where of course we

performed admirably before bowing out on penalties in the replay at Moss Lane.....surely the latest ever finish for a game here after the Kick Off was delayed by power generation issues!



The Hatters may be trying to adjust to life outside The Football League, but clearly they have grandiose longer term ambitions as the artist's impression of their proposed new stadium indicate. The Club are looking to relocate to this 20,000 seat stadium, possibly to be built somewhere near to Junction 12 of the M1. However, the scheme is facing opposition from local residents as well as

FlynnZine...

some supporters who feel that the Club should stay within Luton itself. Whatever the outcome is you certainly get the feeling that life could be quite interesting for this famous club for the next few years!

A testament to our own development on the field is provide by a cursory glance at October's fixture list, with each game being against a team who has played in the Football League within the last five years!

Finally, it has been great to welcome a number of former Altrincham playing heroes in recent times & four more will be here today....Mike Farrelly, Andy Reid, Harry Wiggins & Paul Rowlands. Mike will forever hold a place in Altrincham supporters' hearts for his superb goal that won the 1986 FA Trophy at Wembley, whilst Andy, Harry & Paul were part of that fantastic 1990/91 side that went so close to gaining promotion to The Football League. 'Rollo' has also managed the Robins & 'Reidy' was part of the team that played at White Hart Lane in 1995 against Klinsmann & Co. Harry is the nephew of another Alty great....Gerry Casey.

I am sure that they will leave Moss Lane today with a sense that Altrincham Football Club is making excellent progress. Bring on the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Winners & let's try & hit the jackpot!!

Brian

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Fans View...

Mike Broadbent, who is now retired, was a journalist for more than 40 years on newspapers in Manchester and Fleet Street, followed by thirty years with BBC TV News.

Long before I embarked on my 42 year (so far) love affair with Luton Town, as a schoolboy I was turning up as Moss Lane, and many away games, to follow Altrincham in the Cheshire league.

In the late 40's after the austerity of the war, there was an explosion of interest in entertainment - music halls, dance halls and above all, football.

There were massive crowds; I remember cycling to Maine Road and paying sixpence to park my bike in someone's back yard before joining other small boys being handed over the heads of the 80,000 crowd to the front of the terrace to watch Manchester City beat Yeovil 8-0. But my first love were the Robins. My favourite players were Cyril Barclay, who I once saw score with a volley direct from a corner, goalie with a Hitler moustache who delighted on waiting until the referee's back was turned before drop kicking what should have been a goal kick, but over all lightening

right winger Micky Warburton, with his shiny black hair plastered with brilliantine.

On one occasion we got very excited when we heard that Alty had signed Ronnie Matthews, brother of the late Stanley.

He was an inside forward and played just three games; kept going by occasional sips from a hip flask on the touchline before moving on for another pay packet elsewhere.

Two-coach steam trains took us to outposts at Winsford, Northwich and some league grounds because many of the reserve teams Third Division (North) clubs played in the Cheshire League.

That all ended when I left school at sixteen to take a job which involved working most Saturday afternoons and a later move to London.

But I happened to be working in Birmingham when, in 1966 Altrincham were drawn away at Wolves in the 3rd Round of the FA Cup, the start of a twenty year competition with Yeovil to be the most successful non-league club in the country.

They lost 5-0, but at least, after the game, I got to meet my hero Micky Warburton; no longer the muddy footballer, but a businessman in his camel-hair

coat - still with his brilliantine hair. Despite all their success, though, election to the League eluded them - in one year, losing by one vote to Barrow.

I remember the then Luton Town chairman Denis Mortimer telling me that he blamed himself; he'd intended to vote for Altrincham, but on the day of the League annual meeting he was late back from lunch and missed the vote. The Robins never came so close again.

After that my visits to see Altrincham were occasional - draws against Everton and Spurs, two FA Trophy victories at Wembley and the Robins greatest FA Cup achievement on a bitterly cold night at Birmingham when they became only the second non-league club to beat a First Division club on their own ground - we watched, holding our breaths, as the winning goal, from a misplaced back-pass, trickled past the oncoming City goalkeeper, one David Seaman.

Since then there has been rougher times, but the Altrincham result is still the first I look for, sharing their ups and downs.

Mike Broadbent.

After the successful **Pontoon Competition** which was run recently and won by Terry Surrige the club are planning on holding another one starting on December 1st.

Each of the 116 teams in the Premiership, Football League and Blue Square premier are randomly allocated a number. For just £10 you nominate a number and that is your team. The first team to reach 21 goals (in league games only) wins the first prize of £100. The 2nd team to achieve this target wins £50 and the third team £10.

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MOBILE PHONES

TASC want your mobile phones! We raised over £800 from 131 phones last year. Please hand your old mobiles in to any member of the TASC committee, into the boxes in the bar or shop, or to the club's offices during normal office hours on any working day. So far this year we have only received a few phones - let's not forget this scheme, it was a big earner for us last year, for not much effort!

ALTRINCHAM FC CALENDARS

Calendars are still available from the club shop pre-game or at half time and in the bar after the game. We have only got a few left, but in the event that we sell out, please place an order and we will get more printed.

SOS

The bucket collection last Saturday against Mansfield raised £56.40 which will be added to the SOS fund. Thanks for your donations!

"MY SQUARE" PITCH SPONSORSHIP

TASC launched the my square pitch sponsorship against Mansfield last week. We had a

good initial response response to it, but there are still plenty of spaces available. Squares can be purchased from the club shop pre-game or at half time and in the bar after the game.

GOAL/CLEAN SHEET SPONSORSHIP

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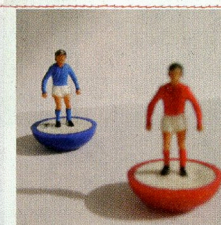
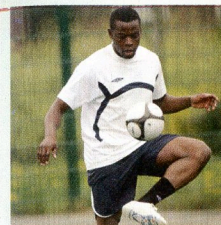
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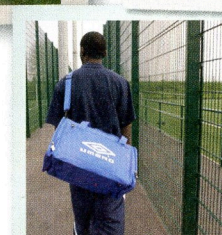
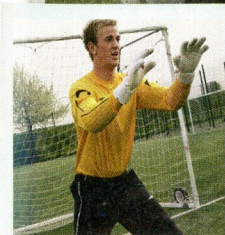
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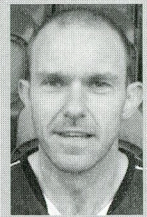
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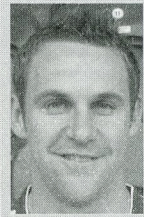
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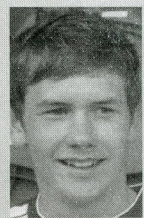
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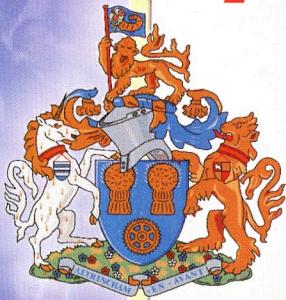
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Jan 30th	Sat	Stevenage Borough	BSP		Gary Hardy		Jon Stack x4
Feb 6th	Sat	Salisbury City	BSP	Paul Daine		In Memory of Bill Brocklehurst	
Feb 27th	Sat	Grays Athletic	BSP	High Legh Goes to Alty			
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Youth Team Round Up...

VAUXHALL MOTORS YOUTH (1) 1 - ALTRINCHAM FC YOUTH (0) 2

FA Youth Cup 2nd Qualifying Round match, played on Sunday, 11 October, 2009 at 11am

ALTRINCHAM: 1. James Thorn, 2. Ben Shawcross, 3. James Smart, 4. Dominic Bates, 5. Rory Bradbury, 6. John Bennett, 7. Jamie Brown, 8. Dan Shaw (capt), 9. Blaine Whiteside, 10. Michael Linney, 11. Niall Sheridan. Subs: 12. Liam Bromley-blackburn, 14. Kieran Madden, 15. Joel Brownhill, 16. Ryan Marsden, 17. Matthew Clinton. In the crowd were Alty management duo, Graham Heathcote and Ken McKenna, along with vice-chairman Grahame Rowley and wife Karen, and Alty Secretary and Director, Derek Willshaw.

Alty kicked off and, soon, a fine run up the left by Smart ended with his cross to Whiteside but he got his header wrong and the ball went wide. But Vauxhall took an early lead. Thorn had done well to stop a firm shot but could not hold the ball. Though he did well to beat out the follow-up he could not stop the third attempt which went into the net (5 mins).

Conditions were tricky with a stiff breeze and periodic showers but Smart again got in a good cross from the left which went wide off Whiteside's head. Indeed all of Alty's early chances seemed to be headers as, now, Sheridan headed over the bar (11 mins). Vauxhall had a lucky break when Vauxhall keeper Simister spilled the ball but the ball was cleared before Whiteside could capitalise on the error. Smart continued to be an attacking threat on the left as he got in a cross to the back post but Brown could not turn it in (19 mins).

As the game approached the half-hour mark it was Altrincham on the back foot, scrambling clear a Motors' corner. However, Altrincham soon went close at the other end when, from a Shawcross freekick, Bradbury rose well but saw his header loop narrowly wide of the far post (32 mins). Next, Bennett won



possession which led to Sheridan winning a corner.

But play was fairly balanced with the Motors also soon winning a corner, after which Toy fired a 25-yard freekick narrowly over the bar (39 mins). As half time approached Whiteside volleyed wide (43 mins). The interval arrived with Alty still trailing 1-0 but during the break the rain got heavier and the wind stiffened, in a direction that would favour Altrincham in the second half.

Altrincham started the second half well but still had nothing to show for it before Vauxhall's combative O'Looney was cautioned for a foul (52 mins). Whiteside was beginning to cause problems, especially in the left channel but play was halted for injuries when bizarrely three players went down in the Alty penalty area. Two of them, Alty's Smart and Vauxhall's Jones, appeared to have collided. But it was Smart who had come off worst of the three and though he hobbled on for a minute or two he had to give way to Joel Brownhill (61 mins).

As the half reached its midway point, Altrincham won a corner but Linney's downward header from Brown's excellent flagkick was cleared off the goal line by Vauxhall. Next, Vauxhall's keeper kicked weakly and this allowed Whiteside to feed Brown who raced towards goal, only to be brought down just outside the box. But no freekick was

given. Soon Alty did get a promising freekick but Brownhill's shot hit the wall. Just as it looked as if Altrincham would be frustrated by the Vauxhall defence, their right-back, who had shortly before been treated for cramp, underhit a back pass and this allowed Whiteside to intercept the ball, round the advancing keeper and score with a diagonal shot into the far corner and level the scores (71 mins).

Altrincham now looked the more likely winners and they almost scored again when Linney put Whiteside clear but his shot crashed off the crossbar (75 mins). Brownhill was also having an impact on the left and he soon won a corner.

Soon Whiteside fired over but Altrincham finally got their second goal in the 86th minute. It came from Brownhill, who fired a low shot from outside the box into the keeper's bottom left-hand corner. O'Looney then transgressed again and got a lecture from the referee who had handled the game well. Soon afterwards O'Looney again seemed to lose his composure but he almost redeemed himself with a 20-yard shot in added time. Alty keeper Thorn did not hold the shot and it squirmed along the line before he reclaimed it (90+2 mins). Soon afterwards the final whistle went with Altrincham having deservedly progressed to the next round but having been pushed all the way by their hosts.

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