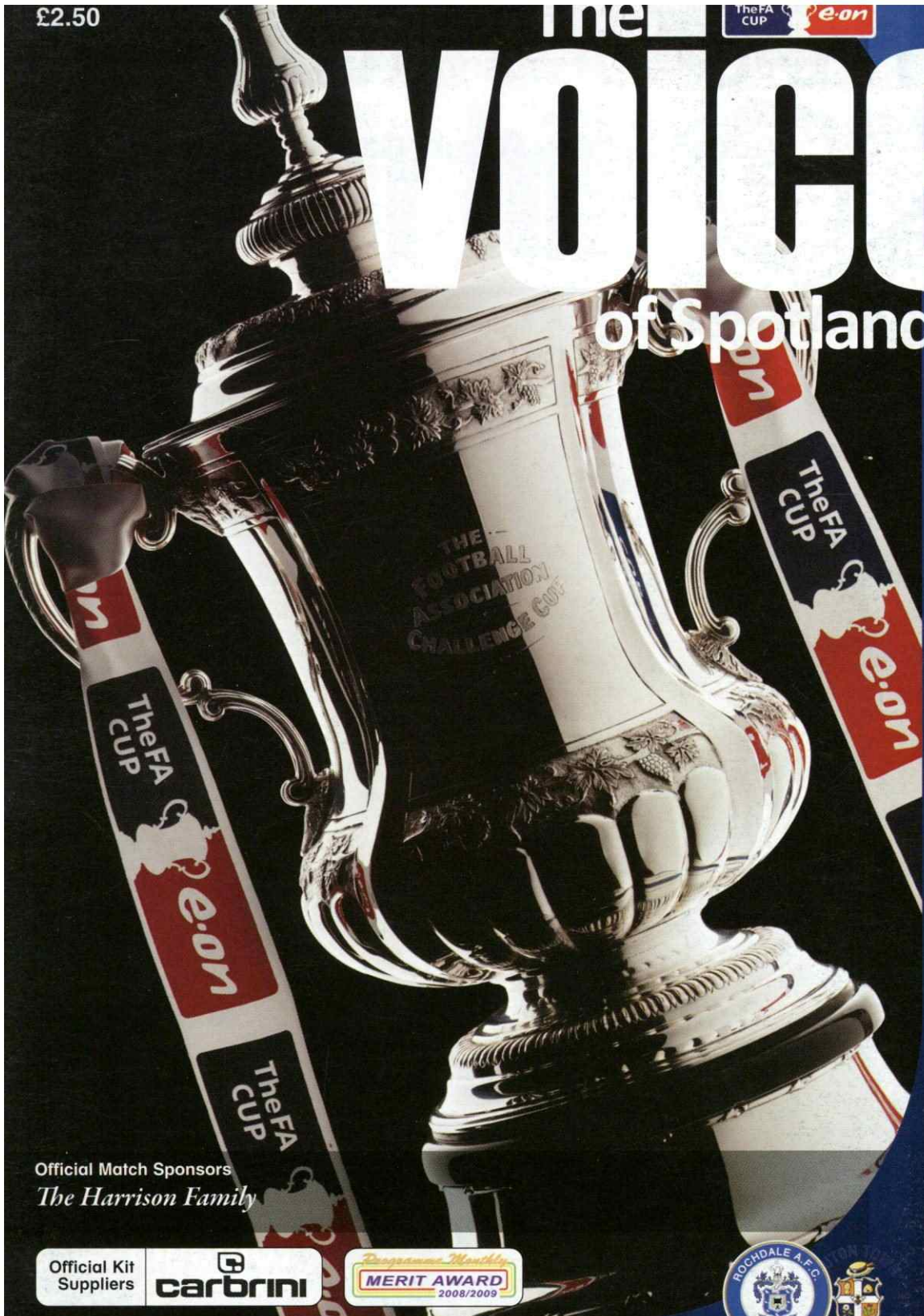


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A Word From The Manager

keith hill



I'd like to start by welcoming Richard Money, his players and everyone connected to Luton Town to Spotland for tonight's replay

Saturday was a true rollercoaster ride, but even when we were three down we didn't look out of the game. I know the lads are capable of such comebacks; they have the self-belief and although it won't happen every time, it does seem to be a recurring theme coming back from three down. We rescued a point at Morecambe earlier in the season and a valuable replay at Luton.

I thought Luton were an excellent side and they relaxed with their three-goal advantage and played the ball around the pitch very well.

Kenny Arthur clearly struggled through the game at the

weekend and at the time of writing these notes he looks doubtful for the replay. Sadly we cannot bring in another goalkeeper for the game who wasn't registered to play for the original fixture, so it could mean a home debut for our youth team 'keeper Danny Taberner unless Kenny finds a miracle cure.

If young Danny does play tonight it will represent an opportunity for him much in the way Craig Dawson came into the squad a little earlier than planned. While Danny is a lot younger, Craig should provide inspiration to the younger lads here at the club and show that you can make an impact when an opportunity raises its head.

The prize, if you like, is a trip to Sheffield to play Rotherham in the next round, but if I'm honest we aren't looking any further ahead than the game tonight. Luton showed on Saturday they are a very capable outfit and we will have to make sure we bring our workbags to Spotland if we want to take care of business.

Hopefully you'll bring yours too and get behind the lads from the start.

Enjoy the game.

Keith



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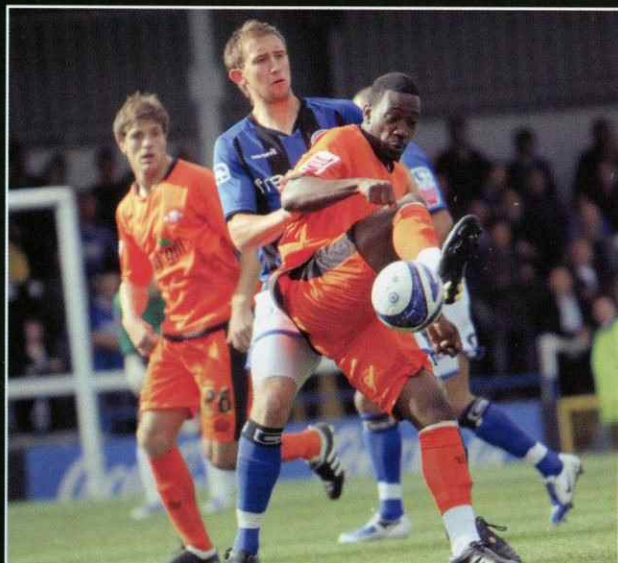
Coca-Cola LEAGUE 2

Saturday 26th September 2009
Rochdale 4, Hereford United 1



MATCH TRIVIA

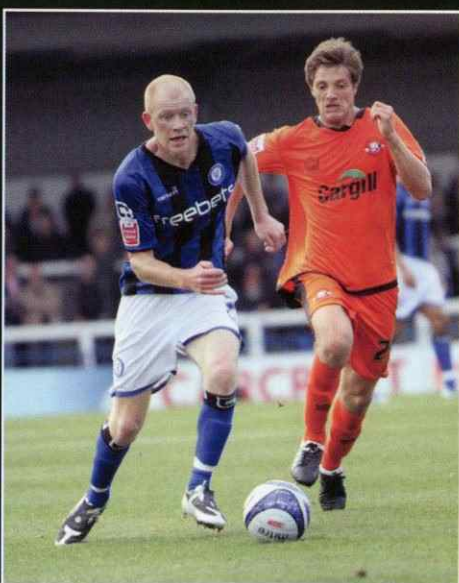
- This was Dale's 3,619th Football League match
- It was our 1,214th Football League win
- It was also Dale's 853rd home win in the Football League
- This was our first win over Hereford in 12 attempts going back to September 1993
- The attendance of 2,620 was the third highest in 23 Spotland meetings between the clubs



Left: Craig Dawson gets tight on his man
Below: Simon Whaley leaps across the front of a painful-looking Ryan Valentine



Left: Chris O'Grady attempts to turn away from Darren Jones
Above: Will Buckley puts a near-post effort against the upright



Left: Chris Dagnall shows superb control to bring the ball down
Above: Jason Kennedy breaks away from midfield in the first half



Left: Three of Dale's goalscorers congratulate Will Buckley for making the score 3-1
Above: Chris Dagnall gets the better of Ryan Green to fire in an angled drive

Pictures by Daniel Youngs



Match Reviews

KEITH HILL



"I asked for goals and got them, but I'm not satisfied. I want more and I felt we should have scored more in the second half.

"Chris Dagnall should have 10 or 12 goals to his name by now. He is working tirelessly with Chris O'Grady up front and he has six in nine, but I want more.

"I want more from all the players, the coaching staff and the football club because we are ambitious. We are only nine games in and we're reasonably happy.

"It was a difficult game because they are a good team with ability on the counter-attack and pace in good positions. They caused us a few problems, particularly at the start. We won the game comfortably in the end, but it could have been very different because they did have a few threats."

JOHN TREWICK

Hereford Manager



"I thought giving two goals away before half-time gave us a lot to do, particularly the manner of the goals.

"For the first one we had possession and lost it on the edge of our box. The second one, we took a corner in such a hurry with a minute to go before half-time.

"We've talked about these things, we've got to keep clear heads on the football field and understand the state of the game. We were well in the game until then and at 1-1 at half-time, who knows?"

"Obviously we tried to rally at half time and stay in the game and make sure we gave ourselves a chance, but when the third goal went in that was it, finished!"

Hereford Times

HEREFORD SLUMP TO HEAVY DEFEAT

Hereford fell to a disappointing reverse at Spotland to slip back into trouble at the foot of the League Two table.

Rochdale looked lively in attack from the outset, but their first real attack did not come until the ninth minute when Adam Bartlett had to dive to save Will Buckley's effort.

With both sides looking to build their attacks, Hereford were next to threaten with Craig King driving a shot wide.

But Hereford were punished for some haphazard defending on 20 minutes when Jones failed to clear and Gary Jones crossed for Chris Dagnall to beat Bartlett from close range.

The Bulls, however, were back on level terms within three minutes when Marshall got around the back of the defence and his cross was touched on by King for Pugh to slide the ball in at the back post.

Hereford's skilful passing movement on the edge of the area, involving four players, brought a shooting chance for King on 29 minutes and the ball was only narrowly wide of an upright.

As half-time approached, Hereford forced a couple of corners and, from the second of these, the home side raced

away on the counter-attack and Simon Whaley slid in a debut goal.

Rochdale made a lively restart after the interval and Bartlett had to dive to keep out Dagnall's low shot.

The Bulls were lucky to escape on the hour when Ryan Valentine deflected a driven cross from the left against his own bar with Sam Gwynne, who was an energetic worker in midfield, hooking the ball to safety.

Hereford stuck back and King raced on to Walker pass only to mis-hit his shot which rolled through to Arthur.

Rochdale forced a corner midway through the period but Tom Kennedy's flag-kick was headed a long way wide by Dagnall.

More poor defending from Hereford allowed the home side to put the game beyond doubt when Will Buckley smashed the ball in from close range.

Craig Dawson's strike quickly put the game beyond doubt.

But the Bulls woes were not yet over as a second yellow card for skipper Green in injury meant an early end to proceedings for the former Wales international.

Source: Hereford Times

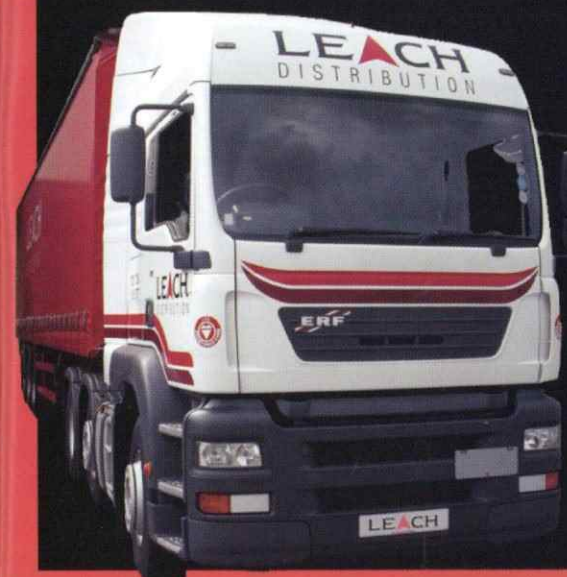


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Nickname: The Hatters
Football League Debut: 4th September 1897 v Leicester Fosse (a), Division Two, D 1-1
Record Victory: 12-0 v Bristol R., Division Three (S), 13th April 1936
Record Defeat: 0-9 v Small Heath, Division Two, 12th November 1898
Most League Points (2 for a win): 66, Division Four, 1967/68
Most League Points (3 for a win): 98, League One, 2004/05
Best League Season: 7th, Division One, 1986/87
Ground Capacity: 10,226
Record Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup, 1958/59

FIVE-YEAR RECORD

Season	League	Pld	Pts	Pos	FA Cup	League Cup	JPT
2004/05	L1	46	98	1	Rd 3	Rd 1	Rd 1
2005/06	Ch	46	61	10	Rd 3	Rd 2	N/A
2006/07	Ch	46	40	23	Rd 4	Rd 3	N/A
2007/08	L1	46	33	24	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 1
2008/09	L2	46	26	24	Rd 2	Rd 2	Winners



Tonight's Visitors - Luton Town

Luton Town



IN GOAL

1. MARK TYLER

Mark is a hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June following his release from Peterborough. The 32-year old made almost 500 appearances in 15 seasons at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. After falling down the pecking order at Posh, he was loaned out to Bury last season.



13. SHANE GORE

Shane was pressed into action on Saturday just five minutes before kick-off after Tyler suffered an injury in the warm-up. A former Wimbledon goalkeeper, he arrived at Kenilworth Road on a short-term deal on the eve of this season. The 28-year old came through the ranks

when Wimbledon were based at Selhurst Park and he has also played for Barnet and Stevenage.

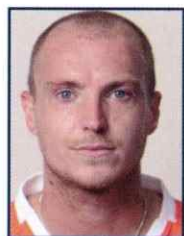
IN DEFENCE

3. LEWIS EMANUEL

Lewis arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his hometown club Bradford City, where he had started his career. Aged 26, Lewis signed a new contract with the Hatters in July, although he hasn't appeared since the opening game of this season.

4. KEITH KEANE

Keith made his debut for hometown club Luton as a 16-year old in November 2003. Another of the youth team who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine and made rapid progress through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams.



5. ALAN WHITE

Alan re-signed for the Hatters in the summer, nine years after leaving Kenilworth Road for Colchester. Darlington-born, the 33-year old started his career with Middlesbrough and also appeared for Leyton Orient and Peterborough (loan), before joining his home town club in May 2007. He was sent-off for Darlington at Spotland on New

Year's Day 2008 and also played against Dale in the epic play-off semi-final matches later that year.

6. GEORGE PILKINGTON

George (pictured) is an experienced defender who joined our visitors on a free transfer in from Port Vale August 2008. The 28-year old began his career as an Everton trainee, before going on to play over 200 times for the Valiants.

12. SHANE BLACKETT

Luton-born Shane became former manager Mick Harford's sixth signing in the summer when he penned a two-year contract after leaving Peterborough. Equally adept at centre-back or left-back, the 27-year old began his career with Dunstable before a switch to Arlesley in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge, who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004.

15. JAKE HOWELLS

Jake is a 21-year old left-back who came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road to make his full debut in a game at Bradford last October. His efforts last season then saw him rewarded with a professional contract in May.

18. CLAUDE GNAKPA

Claude, a defender capable of playing centre-back or at full-back, joined the Hatters on a free transfer from Peterborough in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude (26) moved to Swindon in July 2006. Twelve months later he joined Peterborough and was a regular in their League Two promotion winning side.

20. ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Ed graduated to Luton's first team after progressing through the club's youth set-up. The 20-year old has since been on loan at Walton & Hersham and Salisbury to gain further first team experience.

21. CALLUM REYNOLDS

Callum is a Luton-born defender who signed a six-month loan deal from Portsmouth in July. Aged 20 yesterday, Callum 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 Portsmouth and he subsequently joined Pompey in the summer of 2007.

23. FREDDIE MURRAY

Freddie is a left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Grays Athletic in August. The 27-year old had only signed for the Essex club in August, having previously been with Northampton, Stevenage and Cambridge. Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn.

IN MIDFIELD

7. ADAM NEWTON

Adam, who scored Luton's second goal on Saturday, agreed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in the summer following his release from Brentford. The 28-year old started his career at West Ham, coming through the Hammers' academy, before signing for Peterborough in May 2002. The former England Under-21 international stayed at London Road for six seasons, winning promotion in 2007/08, something he also achieved with Brentford last term.

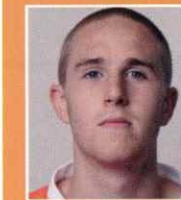
8. KEVIN NICHOLLS

Kevin began his career at Charlton, before moving to Wigan in 1999. He joined the Hatters in August 2001 and went on to enjoy six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road, captaining the side to the League One title in 2004/05. The 30-year old linked-up with Leeds in July 2006, but a public fall-out with United manager Dennis Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road and the following summer he moved to Preston for a fee of £750,000. However, Kevin found his chances limited at Deepdale and he returned to Luton in August 2008, signing a three-year deal and being named as club captain.

11. ANDY BURGESS

Andy is a self-confessed Hatters' fan who joined the club in the summer after being

released by Rushden & Diamonds. The Bedford-born, left-footed midfielder started his career at Nene Park in 1999, coming through the ranks to become a regular in the Diamonds' team that went on to win the Conference title in 2001 and defeat Dale in the Division Three play-offs 12 months later. Aged 28, Andy moved to Oxford in January 2006, but returned to Rushden after 18 months.



14. ASA HALL

Asa began his football career in Wolves youth system before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham in 2004. He won received caps for England at Under-19 and Under-20 levels during his time at St Andrews and also went on to have loan spells

with Boston, Ashford and Shrewsbury. The 22-year old linked-up with Luton in July 2008.

16. ROSSI JARVIS

Rossi came through Norwich's youth system and was the youngest player to appear for their reserve team at the age of 14. He went on to have loan periods at Torquay and Rotherham and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by at Carrow Road, the 21-year old joined tonight's opponents in August 2008.

IN ATTACK

9. LIAM HATCH

Liam is with our visitors on a season-long loan from Peterborough. Aged 27, he started his career with Herne Bay, before a move to Gravesend & Northfleet in 2001. A successful spell there saw him transferred to Barnet for £17,500, where he helped the Bees to promotion to the Football League in the 2004/05 campaign. Liam's form at Underhill alerted the attention of Peterborough, who paid £150,000 for the striker's services in January 2008. With first team opportunities limited at London Road, Liam was sent out on-loan to Darlington for much of last season.

10. TOM CRADDOCK

Originally a defender, Tom (pictured) has since developed into a forward who did well at youth and reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. A team-mate of Dale's Jason Kennedy in Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side, the 23-year old joined Luton on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and impressed sufficiently for Mick Harford to make the move permanent in January.

17. RYAN CHARLES

Ryan has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine and worked his way through the ranks at the club to make his full debut in a game against Carlisle in March 2008, later scoring on his home debut against Oldham.



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20. KEVIN GALLEN

Kevin established himself as something of a legend at QPR in the 1990s, going on to play over 400 games and hit 97 goals in two spells spanning nearly 14 years at Loftus Road. Brief stops at Huddersfield and Barnsley preceded a return to West London in November 2001, before the 34-year old drifted down the leagues to join MK Dons in the summer of 2007. He joined Luton on loan last November, with the move being made permanent two months later.

31. JORDAN PATRICK

Jordan is a promising forward who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters when he made his first team bow as a substitute at Grimsby in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days, setting-up Tom Craddock's for 90th minute equaliser in the process.

ONE TO WATCH

19 STEVE BASHAM

Age: 31

Position: Forward

Previous Clubs: Southampton, Wrexham (loan), Preston, Oxford, Exeter

TIMELINE

2nd Dec 1977 – Born in Southampton

18th Aug 1996 – Makes his debut for Southampton as they draw 0-0 at home with Chelsea in the Premier League

5th Feb 1998 – Joins Wrexham for a month on loan

21st Nov 1998 – Scores his first career goal in Southampton's 2-0 win at Blackburn

4th Feb 1999 – Moves on loan to Preston and scores twice in his second game as North End defeat Wycombe 2-1

15th Jun 1999 – Makes his move to Preston permanent for a nominal fee

8th Aug 2002 – Leaves Preston for Oxford on a free transfer

9th Nov 2002 – Scores his third goal for Oxford to help them to a 2-0 home win over Dale

29th Nov 2003 – Opens the scoring for Oxford as they win 2-1 at Spotland

8th May 2004 – Is again on target as United defeat Dale 2-0 at the Kassam Stadium on the final day of the season

16th Nov 2005 – Hits his first career hat-trick in Oxford's 3-0 FA Cup win over Eastbourne

2nd Jul 2007 – Ends a seven-year spell at Oxford by joining newly-promoted Exeter

20th Dec 2008 – Scores twice in the first half-an-hour to help Exeter to a 4-1 win over Dale

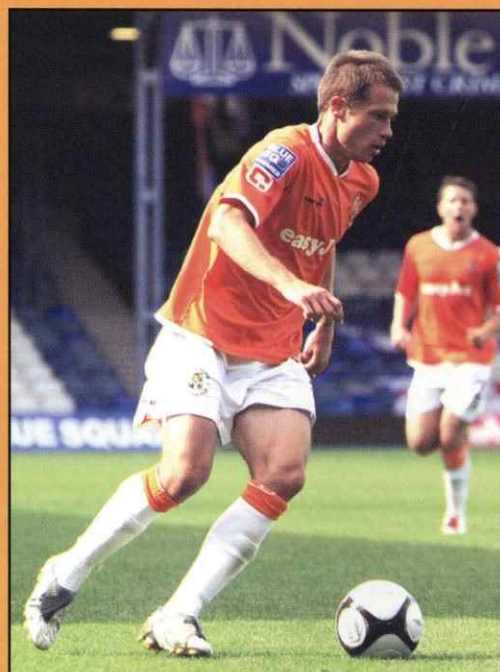
1st Jul 2009 – Drops into the Blue Square Premier with Luton after being released by Exeter

7th Nov 2009 – Scores his sixth and seventh career goals against Dale as Luton take a 3-0 lead last Saturday

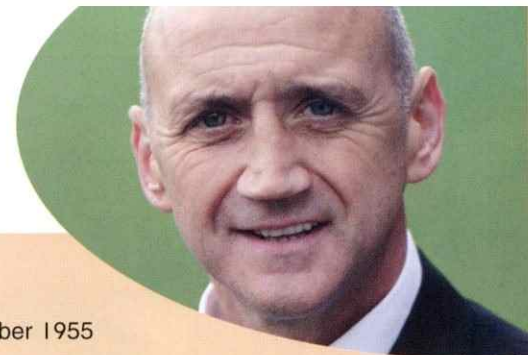
CAREER STATISTICS

May 96	Southampton	20 apps/1 gl
Feb 98	Wrexham (loan)	5/1
Feb 99	Preston (loan)	17/10
Jun 99	Preston	61/6
Aug 02	Oxford	187/49
Jul 07	Exeter	58/9
Jul 09	Luton	7/2
TOTAL		354/78

Figures correct at 10/11/09



in charge



RICHARD MONEY

Born: Lowestoft, 13th October 1955

Playing Career (League only):	Club	Appearances/Goals
Jul 1973	Scunthorpe	173 apps/4 goals
Dec 1977	Fulham	106/3
Apr 1980	Liverpool	14/0
Dec 1981	Derby (loan)	5/0
Mar 1982	Luton	44/0
Aug 1983	Portsmouth	17/0
Oct 1985	Scunthorpe	106/0
TOTAL		465/7

Managerial Career:	Club	Period
Jan 1993 – Jul 1994	Scunthorpe	
Jan 2003 – Apr 2004	AIK (Sweden)	
May 2004 – Oct 2004	Vasteras (Sweden)	
Aug 2005 – May 2006	Newcastle Jets (Australia)	
May 2006 – Apr 2008	Walsall	
Oct 2009 -	Luton	

Richard replaced Mick Harford as manager at Kenilworth Road last month, with his immediate aim to get the Hatters back into the Football League.

He had been on the coaching staff at Newcastle prior to joining Luton and will be hoping for the same sort of success he enjoyed when guiding Walsall to the League Two title in 2006/07.

previous managers

Richard Money is Luton's 23rd post-war manager. Here we take a look at some of the others.

Alec Stock

Alec led the Hatters to promotion from Division Three in 1969/70 having previously enjoyed tremendous success with QPR. He later went on to take Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup Final and is thought to be the inspiration for the comedy Paul Whitehouse character, Ron Manager.



David Pleat

David was on the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road when he took over from Harry Haslam as manager in January 1978. He stayed in charge for the next

eight years and in 1981/82 fashioned a side that lifted the Second Division title. After spells at Tottenham and Leicester, Pleat returned to Kenilworth Road in 1991 where he remained for another four years.

Ray Harford

Harford took over as manager from John Moore in the summer of 1987 and in his first season he saw his team lift the Littlewoods Cup with victory over Arsenal. They also reached the FA Cup semi-final, only to lose to Wimbledon. Remarkably, in 1988/89, Harford guided the Hatters to the Littlewoods Cup Final once again, but on this occasion they lost to Nottingham Forest.

Joe Kinnear

Appointed in February 2001, Joe couldn't save Luton from relegation to the

basement division, but he turned things around in 2001/02 when they stormed to promotion, finishing as runners-up to Plymouth despite losing twice to Dale. Kinnear took the Hatters to a respectable ninth-place finish in the Second Division the following season, only to be controversially sacked by the club's new owners.





facts & figures

Rochdale's best ever result against Luton came at Spotland in September 1966 when we won 3-0.

Our best away result against the Hatters was a 1-0 victory in October 2001.

Dale's worst results against Luton came in March 1966 and February 1968 when we went down to 4-1 defeats at Kenilworth Road.

Our worst home result against Town is a 0-2 defeat in the FA Cup in December 2003.

Saturday's 3-3 draw at Kenilworth Road, producing six goals, is the most prolific game between Dale and the Hatters.

The 16 league and cup games between Dale and Luton have produced 50 goals – an average of 3.13 goals per game!

Dale have scored 21 league and cup goals against Town – one every 69 minutes.

The Hatters have netted 29 league and cup goals against Dale – one every 50 minutes.

LAST SPOTLAND MEETING

Saturday 22nd November 2008
Coca-Cola Football League Two

ROCHDALE 2

Thorpe 2, Le Fondre 59 (pen)

LUTON TOWN 0

Rochdale: Russell, Wiseman, Kennedy, Stanton, McArdle, Keltie, Buckley (Thompson), Jones (Toner), Thorpe, Le Fondre (Dagnall), Rundle
Luton T.: Logan, Gnakpa, Roper, Spillane, Keane, McVeigh (Worley), Jarvis, Hall, O'Connor (Talbot), Martin, Gallen

Att: 2,901

Referee: SJ Bratt (West Midlands)



Town have achieved two league double against Dale – in 1965/66 and 1969/70.

The Hatters' best home crowd against Dale came in November 1969 when 15,876 were present to see the home side win 2-0.

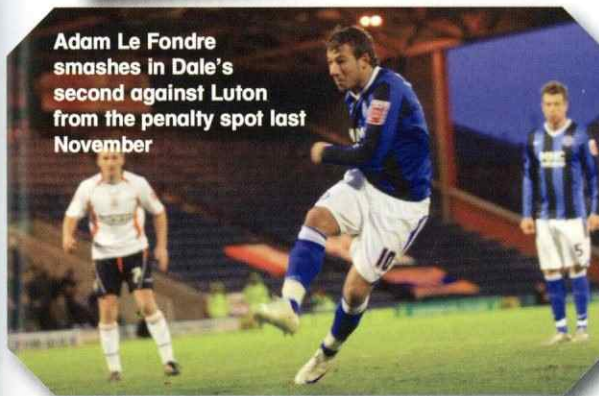
Saturday's attendance of 3,167 is the lowest at Kenilworth Road in all games between the Hatters and Dale.

The lowest crowd to see the teams meet at Spotland came in September 1967 when 1,884 were here for a 2-2 draw.

In December 1910, Dale had their biggest home crowd against Luton when 9,933 turned up to see the teams draw 1-1 in the fifth qualifying round of the FA Cup.

At Spotland, an average attendance of 4,235 has seen league and cup games between Dale and Luton. At Kenilworth Road the average is 7,703.

Adam Le Fondre smashes in Dale's second against Luton from the penalty spot last November



In six seasons of league meetings, Dale have completed one double over Luton, in 2001/02.

COMPLETE RECORD

AT SPOTLAND

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
League	6	3	1	2	10	6
FA Cup	2	0	1	1	1	3
TOTAL	8	3	2	3	11	9

OVERALL

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
League	12	4	2	6	15	20
FA Cup	4	0	2	2	6	9
TOTAL	16	4	4	8	21	29



My first Time

Saturday 2nd October 1993
Endsleigh League Division One
LUTON TOWN 5, BARNSELY 0

Luton Town Football Club and my family have always had an invisible bond.

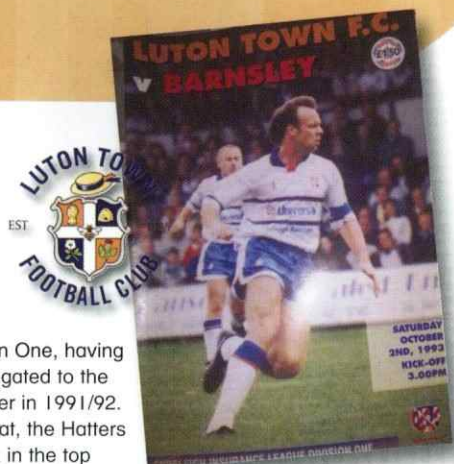
Back in 1959, my grandfather made his first ever visit to Wembley to watch the FA Cup Final between Nottingham Forest and the Hatters. Thirty-years later, my father and I made our first ever visit to Wembley to watch the Littlewoods Cup Final between Nottingham Forest and the Hatters!

So ironically, three generations of the Coupe family can all claim that their first Wembley appearance featured Luton v Nottingham Forest. With this in mind, it was perhaps fate that back in 1993 I ended up at Luton University.

Of course, being an avid Dale fan, I had no desire to watch any other team than Rochdale. Upon moving down south, I took any opportunity I could to get back up north and watch The Dale. We had made a blistering start to the 1993/94 season and my last match before moving to Luton was a 5-1 hammering of Chesterfield. I also made every effort to try and get to Dale matches down south and the supporters coach often picked me up at Toddington service station.

However, it wasn't always feasible to watch Dale and I missed my regular Saturday afternoon fix. At the time Luton still operated a membership scheme that deemed it was necessary for all Hatters' fans to carry a membership card in order to attend matches. The university decided to work in conjunction with the club and asked students to support their new local team, all at discounted prices of course.

I remember buying a ticket from the university bookshop for Luton v Barnsley. Kenilworth Road was one of those grounds I had seen often on TV and at the time Luton were



in Division One, having been relegated to the second tier in 1991/92. Before that, the Hatters had been in the top flight for as long as I can remember and were, in my eyes, a Premier League team.

Now I'm sure that most Dale and Luton fans will agree that Kenilworth Road is not in an ideal location to watch football. I remember walking to the ground through what seemed like various open air markets. The produce from the local fruit & veg stores spilled out onto the street and the ground seemed to be almost tucked away, hidden around the back between a main road and some terraced housing.

I remember walking up Kenilworth Road for the first time and standing on the terrace; of course, now it is all-seated. After being used to standing on the Sandy Lane terrace, it seemed rather large to me. The match was 16 years ago and I can't remember too much about it, other than the score. Cheating a little here, I have checked my reference books and can confirm that Luton won 5-0.

The Luton team that day contained the names Marvin Johnson, Trevor Peake, Paul Telfer, Scott Oakes, John Hartson and Alan Harper, all of course who went on to have top flight careers in the Premier League. Looking at the Barnsley side, I found the names of Neil Redfearn and Ian Bryson, both of whom would go on to play for Dale in later years.

The match itself was a stroll for Luton as Barnsley were reduced to 10 men after two minutes when Gerry Taggart was sent-off for a tackle on Julian James. Luton capitalised fully on this and goals from Hartson, James, Houghton and two from Scott Oakes sealed the 5-0 victory, which put the Hatters back on track after a miserable start to the season. (Except for beating Watford 2-1 on the opening day, that is!)

Over the years I have seen more than a hundred matches at Kenilworth Road and take the opportunity to watch Luton if I can't get to a Dale game. I do have a genuine affection for the team and have made many good friends over the years.

However, for the record, my most memorable match at Kenilworth Road still has to be Dale's 1-0 win in October 2001 which sent us top of the table, replacing the previous incumbents, who just happened to be Luton Town!

Dave Coupe

[Dave is a Dale fan who has lived in Luton since 1993]

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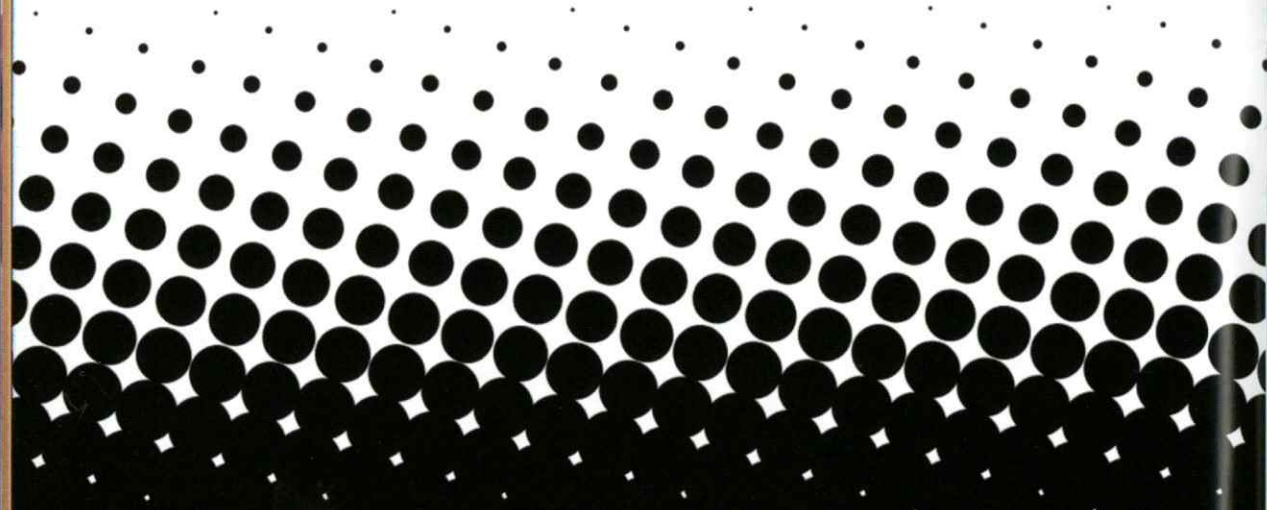


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The last couple of seasons have been wonderful for Dale fans and the trip to Wembley will always be a treasured memory.

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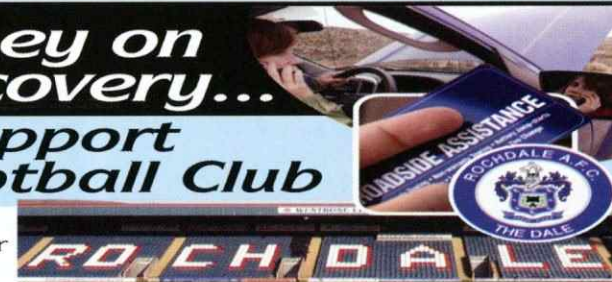
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Through The Years

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years ago

November 2004

Poor league run at home gets Holt-ed

Rochdale 2, Cambridge United 1
League Two

Dale made it back-to-back home league wins with a hard-fought victory against fellow strugglers Cambridge.

Steve Parkin's men also managed to pick up three points after playing much of the game with ten men following Daryl Burgess's 32nd minute red card for hauling down Amadou Konte on the edge of the area.

Just 60 seconds earlier Dale had taken the lead through Grant Holt, who rose unchallenged to head home Jamie Clarke's corner.

Dale held the advantage until half-time, but just two minutes after the break Konte reacted quickest when the ball bounced off Gareth Griffiths and his clinical finish gave Matt Gilks no chance.

Cambridge enjoyed the better of the game for a spell, but Gilks did well to keep out their best chances.

His goalkeeping earned its reward seven minutes from time when Leo Bertos and Gary Jones combined on the right, with the latter's cross being converted by Holt.

The visitors lost their heads after the goal and Justin Walker became the second player dismissed for a wild lunge at Ernie Cooksey.

Dale: Gilks, Evans, Goodall, Clarke, Griffiths, Gallimore, Jones, Atieno (Warner), Holt, Tait (Bertos), Cooksey

Attendance: 2,353

Referee: RJ Olivier (West Midlands)

LUTON romped to a 5-1 home win over Wrexham, with five different players scoring their goals inside the first hour of the game.



Daryl Burgess was sent-off in the first half against Cambridge

10

years ago

November 1999

Positive Platt gives Rochdale cup goal to savour

Rochdale 3, Burton Albion 0
FA Cup

Dale ended a run of seven home games without scoring with an ultimately comfortable FA Cup first round replay win over non-league Burton.

It took just five minutes for Dale to end the goal-drought, which had lasted over 700 minutes and went back to their opening home league fixture of the campaign in August.

Clive Platt was the man on target, firing home the rebound after Michael Holt had seen his header cleared off the line.

The goal broke Dale from their shackles and they suddenly looked a more positive, confident side than in the previous three months.

They were rewarded two minutes into the second half when Jason Peake's speculative 25-yard shot somehow squirmed under the goalkeeper and over the line. Remarkably, this was Dale's first goal at the Sandy Lane end since April.

Ten minutes from time Julian Dowe rifled in an exocet of a shot from 30-yards to wrap up the tie and clinch a second round trip to Wrexham.

Dale: Edwards, Evans, Stokes, Peake (Carden), Monington, Bayliss, Ford (Flitcroft), Jones, Platt, Holt (Dowe), Atkinson

Attendance: 2,633



Referee: MR Halsey (Welwyn Garden City)

LUTON had booked their place in the second round without the need for a replay with a 4-2 home defeat of Kingstonian.

Clive Platt scored Dale's first home goal in over 700 minutes to set up victory against Burton



20

years ago

November 1989

Shocking performance

Rochdale 1, Doncaster Rovers 3
Division Four

Dale supporters of a certain vintage always recall this game as one of the low points of the late-1980s.

Doncaster, third from bottom of the table at kick-off, came to Spotland and completely out-footballed Dale to chalk up a thoroughly deserved win.

They also had an unlikely goalscoring hero in big centre forward David Jones, who had struggled to find the net all season. In this game, though, he caused untold problems and completed a fine hat-trick.

Hesitancy from Keith Welch gave Jones a simple 13th minute chance for the opener and just before half-time, he intercepted Jonathan Hill's poor back-pass to make it 2-0.

Wayne Goodison reduced the arrears on the hour from the penalty spot after a foul on Peter Ward, but nine minutes later Jones raced clear of a static defence to clinch his third and take the points back to Yorkshire.

Dale: Welch, Goodison, Hill, Brown, O'Shaughnessy, Ward, Holmes (Walling), Johnson, Elliott, Burns (Cole), Graham

Attendance: 1,716

Referee: PW Vanes (Warley)

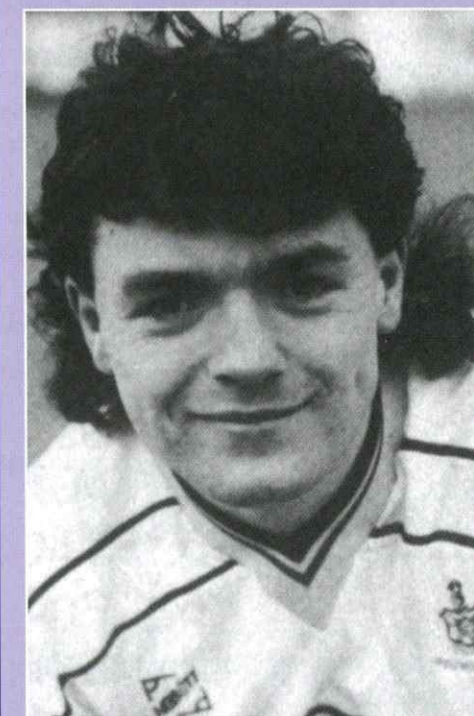
LUTON were beaten 3-1 by Manchester United in a First Division game at Kenilworth Road, Danny Wilson netting for the Hatters in the second half.



Wayne Goodison scored from the spot as Dale lost to Doncaster

Dale Births (This Week)

8th November 1962	Dave Redfern
9th November 1970	Colin Small
10th November 1953	Phil Chambers
10th November 1978	Mark Williams
10th November 1982	Shane Cansdell-Sherriff
10th November 1983	Jon Shaw
11th November 1960	Ian Johnson
11th November 1966	Lyndon Simmonds
11th November 1971	Graeme Atkinson
11th November 1990	George Bowyer
12th November 1982	Stephen Hill
12th November 1986	Kelvin Lomax



Lyndon Simmonds - 43 today!

Dale Debuts (on 11th November)

1950	Billy Heaton v Southport (a)
1980	Bob Higgins v Scunthorpe U. (a)

Through The Years

30

years ago

November 1979

Dale fans call for blood

Rochdale 0, Wigan Athletic 2
Division Four

Angry Dale fans rounded on the board of directors and manager Bob Stokoe as the team slumped to their 11th defeat in 18 league games.

The loss, Dale's fourth at home, saw supporters streaming away from Spotland long before the final whistle as the struggling Latics scored in each half to clinch the points.

In truth Dale's performance wasn't as bad as the punters made out, but the end result was the same as so many others.

The first goal had an almighty stroke of luck about it. A right wing corner hit Colin Methven on the back of his head and rebounded kindly for Tony Quinn to nod past Ian Watson.

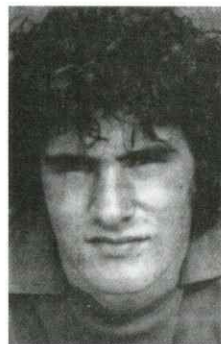
Dale tried to get back into the game, but struggled to make any real impact and Wigan wrapped up the win late in the second half when Peter Houghton nipped in front of Colin Waldron to convert Tommy Gore's cross.

Dale: Watson, Cliff, Snookes, Weir (Hilditch), Waldron, Taylor, Esser, Wann, Hoy, Jones, Seal
Attendance: 2,936

Referee: R Bridges (Deeside)

LUTON stayed top of the Second Division after grinding out a point against bottom club Burnley at Turf Moor..

Ian Watson was beaten by two headers against Wigan



40

years ago

November 1969

Touch of the macabre in Halifax thriller

Halifax Town 3, Rochdale 1
Division Three

Dale's run of eight consecutive league wins came to an end when they were eventually beaten at The Shay by old foes Halifax.

The scoreline and result were in no way fair reflections of the game and it was only two late goals that gave the Shaymen the points.

The game was fast flowing from the first whistle and Halifax took a 24th minute lead when Dave Lennard glanced Bill Atkins' right-wing cross past Chris Harker.

Dale equalised five minutes into the second half. Reg Jenkins did well to get away from John Pickering and when his shot was parried, Tony Buck followed up to score.

It seemed as though the points would be shared, but Halifax rocked Dale with a late double.

Freddie Hill was left unmarked to score on 85 minutes and as the game entered injury time, Lennard finished off Town's best move of the afternoon to seal victory.

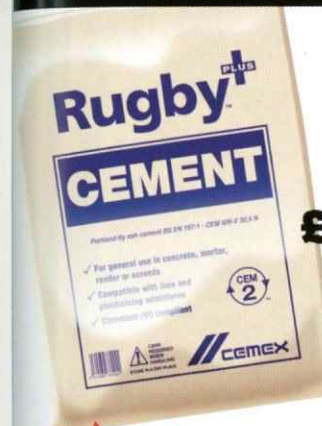
Dale: Harker, Smith, Ryder, Leech, Parry, Ashworth, Whitehead, Rudd, Buck, Jenkins, Butler
Attendance: 7,570

Referee: DA Corbett (Wolverhampton)

LUTON drew 1-1 at home with Barnsley after Malcolm McDonald had given them a first half lead.

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Dale in the media



January 1990

BAY'S BIG BLUNDER



NON-LEAGUE giant-killers Whitley Bay may already have made the biggest FA Cup mistake, Rochdale manager Terry Dolan has warned.

His Fourth Division side was dubbed a "Mickey Mouse club" by Bay boss Barry Graham after the draw, when they failed to be matched with a big-name side.

Dolan denied reports that he turned newspaper cuttings of Graham's stinging quote

By **PETER COOPER**

into pin-ups for the Rochdale dressing-room.

"But it has fired us up to show just what we can do," he said. "And anyone half as successful as Mickey Mouse is doing pretty well!"

Neither squad though will be lacking motivation. Whitley Bay, winners at Scarborough and at home to Preston, want a third League scalp.

And Rochdale are aiming to reach the fourth round for the first time since 1971. Then they lost a replay to Colchester - who went on to conquer mighty Leeds United in the next round.

But Dolan, armed with four separate reports on Whitley Bay, knows all about giant-killing Cup glory.

A year ago, as Bradford City boss, he engineered Spurs' 1-0 FA Cup exit - three weeks after Bradford put Everton out of the Littlewoods Cup.

"Bradford had to be at their best, and hoped to catch Spurs below par," he recalled.

"Now the boot is on the other foot. But I don't mind. I know how it works.

"The third round makes special demands on players. Clubs come into it tired after three holiday matches."

Mickey Mouse!

We're sure Luton won't make the same mistake as Whitley Bay did back in the 1989/90 season when they were paired with Dale in the third round of the FA Cup.

Bay manager Bobby Graham (not Barry, as it says in the cutting) referred to the draw as 'Mickey Mouse', feeling it was a poor reward for having seen off Scarborough and Preston in the earlier rounds.

Dale weren't overly offended at Graham's comments and would probably have felt the same in his position, but it did give the press plenty of ammunition in the build up to the tie.

This cutting shows Dale manager Terry Dolan trying to deflect all thoughts of bad feeling between the clubs, despite the Daily Mirror doing their best to stir things up.



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Football

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Greg Jones takes a look at recent happenings in the football world ...

In the spirit of the FA Cup, Football Round-Up takes a look at some of the ties that took place over the weekend, including some of the major shocks that occurred.

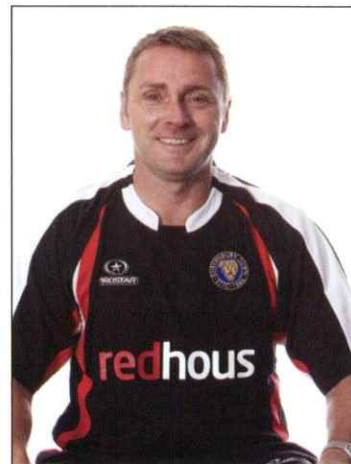
One of the most high-profile exits of the round came from former Premiership side Charlton Athletic. They were beaten 1-0 at Northwich Victoria on Sunday afternoon, with Wayne Riley scoring the winner nine minutes from time to give The Vics a second round tie at home to Chris Sutton's Lincoln City.

Northwich had chances throughout the game against the Addicks and some would say they deserved their spot in round two. The home side could have doubled their lead shortly after their first, but had a good header cleared off the line by Charlton, who must be rueing their recent drop from the Premiership to being knocked out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle.

Another shock came in the form of Dale's former manager Paul Simpson's Shrewsbury side losing 1-0 to Blue Square South side Staines.

Staines, most famous for being the hometown of Ali G, travelled to Shrewsbury knowing they had a good chance of an upset after they knocked out Stockport County two seasons ago. Ali Chaaban scored the goal for the Staines Massive after 21 minutes which proved to be the winner.

Chaaban, now known as Ali C, sent the hundreds of travelling Staines fans wild as they toppled a team 51 places higher than them in the footballing pyramid. Perhaps it was no surprise that Simpson (pictured) chose to blame his players rather than himself, by saying, "Our performance was disrespectful to Staines, to the supporters, to the shirts they wear and me." Insert



Another side through at the expense of a League Two team was Bath City. They won 2-0 at struggling Grimsby, adding to the Mariners' woes. Chris Holland and Darren Edwards scored the goals for the Blue Square South team as they progressed into the draw for the second round.

Crewe Alexandra, also of League Two, were a third surprise exit from the competition as they lost 3-2 at York City. Dario Gradi's side took the lead twice in the first half and were 2-1 up with four minutes of normal time remaining, but an equaliser from Richard Pacquette and a winner two minutes later from Richard Brodie sealed an unlikely victory for the Blue Square Premier side.

Two League One teams also lost out to non-league opposition, with Yeovil and Hartlepool going down 1-0 to Oxford United and Kettering Town respectively.

Oxford, who sit eight points clear at the top of the Blue Square Premier, scored ten minutes into the second half through Jack Midson. Yeovil are all-too familiar with the giant-killing concept, having beaten many a league team in their days as a non-league club, but they were on the other end of the magic of the FA Cup at the Kassam Stadium as their dreams were ended at the first hurdle.

Hartlepool also lost out to a high-flying Blue Square Premier side when Kettering won 1-0 at Victoria Park, with Moses Ashikodi scoring the winner after fifteen minutes. God was certainly on their side as they rode their luck to come out on top against a Hartlepool team who sit mid-table in League One.

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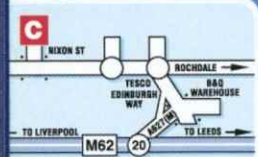
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Scrutator



I was sitting in the away end at Luton with us losing 3-1. The editor of this publication poked me agitatedly in the back and remarked that if we produce one of our comebacks, then I could forget doing the garden tomorrow as I'd be writing an additional programme page.

I gave the editor short shrift with my response, before watching Joe Thompson bag a wonderful late brace which takes his career stats to 11 goals in 80 games. Not bad for a teenager born and bred in the town and plucked from nowhere by Keith Hill when he was in charge of the Youth set up here a few years ago.

Mind you, there are other local lads playing well for the team too. Buckley and Dawson both hail from the OL postcode area and are helping to demonstrate that locally-produced talent is indeed more rewarding rather than risking the wrath of the bank manager by purchasing ready-made talent.

If I ever see the day where a Rochdale team lines up completely made from home-grown talent I think I'll die a happy chappy. I suppose in the olden days players were traditionally sourced from the surrounding area just like support is. Sadly though, Rochdale-born talent like Earl Barrett, for example, would look to the bright lights of Manchester for a career in football.

But now, the club can rightly point to the players on the pitch and declare to the town's aspiring footballers that their future lies with Rochdale and not necessarily elsewhere. When I was growing up I wanted to play for Rochdale too, but I was in a minority impersonating Steve Johnson on the playground whilst others were Bryan Robson or Kenny Dalglish!

You could argue that home should be where the heart lies. Current skipper Gary Jones has clearly adopted Rochdale as his second home and happily returned here when his move to Barnsley didn't work out. He has since gone on record as regretting the move to South Yorkshire, realising that this club can provide him with the ambition and drive that is reflected in his game.

Steve Parkin too could have been written into the stone walls of the Town Hall had he stayed in 2001 when we were top of the division looking a certainty to go up. He found the grass wasn't really any greener elsewhere and ended up back at Spotland.

David Perkins is another example of a player who could have had it all, but jumped ship too early. He is now out on loan at Chesterfield, along with Alan Goodall. Glen Murray has been in the cold at Brighton, although we couldn't really turn down the £300,000 we were offered to be fair.

The underlying point is that in the past Rochdale was a stepping stone to either a bigger club or to a career in the non-league. The club has undergone such a shift in where it sits in football's pantheon, that we should be viewed now as a club to step up to. The chemistry of the club is one of excitement and ambition like I have never known and the comeback at Luton was just another example of what this crop of players and management can achieve if they resist the myth that the grass is greener elsewhere.

I'm actually struggling to think of somebody who has left Spotland in the last 20 years to go on and have a wonderful career elsewhere. I suppose Alan Reeves and Paul Butler fall into that category, but even that was about 15 years ago now.

There's the problem of paying for success too. Many moons ago crowds would double or treble on the back of the season we're having. Not so these days. Football as a consumer industry has changed and people looking for something to do have changed. We compete with ten pin bowling, the cinema and Jeff Stelling in the pub, not to mention the plethora of other clubs within 20 miles who it is perceived offer better football.

The sad thing is the town doesn't really know what a success story Rochdale AFC is. I look at the home-grown talent on the pitch and think, "There is a reason to be proud of our town".

But it has to be paid for and a run in the cup is so significant to clubs like us and Luton. Tonight's match is of vital importance to both teams. Let us hope that Rochdale continue to do the long-suffering supporters proud and eventually, the town might just start to notice!

"I was in a minority impersonating Steve Johnson on the playground whilst others were Bryan Robson or Kenny Dalglish!"

Scrutator

Spotland

Scene



TONIGHT'S GAME



This tie will be played to a conclusion tonight, with 30 minutes of extra-time and a penalty shoot-out deciding

the outcome if necessary.

Supporters of both sides are reminded that the winners of this replay will be away to Rotherham United in the second round, with the tie taking place on the weekend of Saturday 28th November.

Should Dale be successful this evening, details of coach travel and admission to the Don Valley Stadium will be available on the club's official website and in The Voice of Spotland for the game against Notts County on Tuesday 24th November.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

It was a rather shell-shocked Editor who received a phone call from the club secretary Colin Garlick on Sunday morning, telling him that the replay with Luton had been chosen for live television coverage.

"That's the good news," said Colin. "The bad news is it's this Wednesday!"

We had already decided to produce a reduced sized programme for this evening due to the quick turnaround required for the original replay date of next Tuesday.

However, with six days having been lopped off that time span, it was suddenly panic stations on Sunday, as the Chesterfield issue was put to one side and everyone was full steam ahead for tonight's programme.

If you're reading this page at the match, then all the labours will have been worthwhile and the 56-page programme will have somehow been compiled in record time.

Hopefully, most of your favourite articles are still included, but we'll be back with the full-sized 72-page programme for Saturday's League Two game with Chesterfield.

And finally, to all those who helped out on Sunday and Monday, the club and Editor send out a sincere thank-you for all your work and hope that things work out just as well on the pitch.

FA YOUTH CUP



Rochdale's youth team played Congleton Town in the first round of the FA Youth Cup last Wednesday and turned in an excellent performance that produced a 3-0 win.

Dale's goals were scored by Chris Brown, Scott Hogan and Reece Gray, capping off a performance which really pleased manager Chris Beech.

He said: "It's a fantastic achievement to be in round two of the FA Youth Cup for a second year running. I am sure that this has not happened here for a long time.

"On a really heavy, wet pitch, we played some very good football and the lads handled the potential banana skin tie very well.

"Congleton worked hard and were encouraged from the sidelines from start to finish; it was a fantastic achievement for them to be in this tie, this being their fourth game in the competition.

"We scored some good quality goals and with more conviction in our finishing we could have scored more, but Congleton's goalkeeper deserves praise for his second half performance.

"A clean sheet and nine goals in our last two games – what more could you ask for? We are already looking forward to the next tie, which will be away to Oldham or Stalybridge.

"I'd also like to add I am very pleased to announce we have offered Godwin Abadaki a Youth Scholarship for next season. I am sure he will be the first of many from our under-16s team."

MATCH REFEREE

TONY BATES (Staffordshire)

Tony is in his 14th season on the referees' list, with his first game in charge coming on the opening day of the 1996/97 campaign when Dale visited Swansea.

Tonight he is appearing at Spotland for the 16th time in a refereeing capacity and was last here for our 1-1 friendly draw with Blackpool in July.

His most recent senior match at Spotland was the 2-2 draw with Exeter in March.



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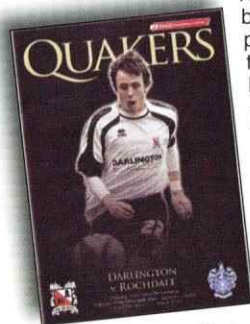


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Having won three games on the bounce, Dale were, on paper, presented with the ideal chance to make it four with a trip to bottom club Darlington.

Many Dale fans had been praying for the Quakers to win their first game of the season before our visit due to the "they have to win sometime" scenario, but this never materialised.

There was also the added spanner in the works of

Darlo sacking manager Colin Todd after their weekend draw at Grimsby. Would this work for or against Dale? Only time would tell.

BEFORE

As usual with away night matches, it's a mad rush around after work to get to the departure point on time.

I was heading from Rawtenstall towards Rochdale when a nightmare sign appeared at the end of Owd Betts – ROAD CLOSED!

A white van in front of me obviously wanted to go the same way, so I decided to follow him through Shuttleworth and up some narrow roads near to the Fisherman's Retreat. This route really put my car's suspension to the test, but it was all in a good cause.

I arrived at Razzle's just after 4.45pm and found him glued to Deal or No Deal again. The reported traffic problems on the A1 near Darlington were a side issue at this point, as Razzle was enthralled by a woman who won £10,000 when the banker had offered her £33,000 and the unopened box contained £100,000.

By this time TTNYear was outside pipping his horn impatiently, something called "council estate behaviour" by the cul-de-sac living Middle Englander Razzle.

After picking Dingle up at the back of the Roebuck in the town centre, it was time to head north and see what we could come up with to pass the time.

Razzle was enthralled by a woman who won £10,000

We talked about Darlington's plight and how one-half of their temporary management team had also been in charge when a Sako-inspired Dale won 5-0 there three years ago.

"That Maddison has been a caretaker more times than Mr Griffiths," said Dingle, bringing back childhood memories of Grange Hill in the days of Tucker Jenkins and Trisha Yates!



"I'll report you to Mrs McCluskey!"

We also looked back at the Hereford game and how it was surprising that a team with a former top flight defender as manager

(John Trewick) could look so inept at the back.

This took us on to reminiscing about the days when Trewick played for Oxford alongside the likes of John Aldridge, Trevor Hebbard, Kevin Brock and Malcolm Shotton, someone who would resurface again later in the evening.

The aforementioned traffic problems near Darlington had forced TTNYear into prompting his SatNav to find an alternative route. This basically involved leaving the A1 and heading for Teesside, before heading back west through a place called Yarm.

This sounds like an odd place, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Yarm looked like it should be in Cheltenham or somewhere in the Cotswolds, such was the appearance of its high street and all-round Englishness.

"What a personable little village," said Razzle, although I thought the word 'quintessential' would have done it more justice.

Thanks to this detour and avoidance of any hold-ups, we were at the Northern Echo Arena before seven o'clock. It was a sign of the times that only part of the vast car park was open and after being directed to one of the hundreds of available spaces, we found ourselves parked up next to – and you'll never believe this – the aforementioned Malcolm Shotton (pictured), who was probably scouting for another club.

Razzle and I went for a wander round



Passed through here!



the ground and mused over how different it was to when we were there for the play-off game less than 18 months earlier. The car park and surrounding areas were buzzing that afternoon, but on this early autumn evening it was a desolate place symptomatic of a club dying on its feet.



Coaches' emblazoned on its side (pictured).

"Looks like the manager's driven himself here," said Razzle, dryly.

DURING

We headed into the stadium at around half-seven and decided to purchase some grub. There were only six steak & kidney pies left, although the pleasant Byker Grover behind the counter said they had sent for some more, most likely from the deserted home ends.

After taking a few bites of my pie, I suggested to Razzle they could also do with sending for some flavour and some heat while they were there!

Once out of the concourse, we were greeted by an eerily deserted stadium (pictured) that continues to make a mockery of George Reynolds' decision to move Darlington there six years ago. They even shepherded Dale fans into one corner of the away end, while at the other corner, the giant screen that had been there on every previous visit was no more.



Despite the lack of any atmosphere, the home side made the better start and if truth be told, Dale were fortunate to be level at the interval.

Kevin Gall got in behind our defence a couple of times and should have scored at least once, while at the other end, Simon Whaley and Chris Dagnall came closest with what were only half-chances.

"What a personable little village," said Razzle.

nestling in the corner.

Darlington heads visibly dropped from then on and it was no real surprise when Simon Whaley's perfect cross to the far post was knocked home by Chris O'Grady with ten minutes to play.

AFTER

As I left the stands I took one last look back at the vast stadium (for our level) and wondered if I would ever go there again.

This was the 20th time I had seen Dale play in Darlington, but the Quakers' perilous state, the lack of support and the way they faded after we went ahead made me think the chances of a 21st visit were rather slim.

This will be a real shame for me, as I like Darlington and think their fans are on the same level as we are. It's just unfortunate they have been sold down the river somewhere.

After getting off the car park much quicker than normal, it was time to hit the A1 and head for home. TTNYear was clearly in some sort of rush given the rapidity with which we reached Leeds, but there we came to a shuddering halt thanks to the Highways Agency reducing the M62 to one lane just before the Bradford exit.

This cost us at least half-an-hour, but once through the filter system it was full throttle to Rochdale, even though the car was weighed down with another three points in the boot.

I suggested they could also do with sending for some flavour and some heat while they were there!

Dale fans were of the opinion that the first goal was vital and so it proved after the introduction of Will Buckley.

He suddenly had Darlo on the back foot and Dale suddenly looked more threatening, although the first goal took several ricochets before

numbers 7



No. 7

The Football League introduced squad numbers in 1999. David Chaffey looks back at the players who have worn the shirts for Dale since then.



David Flitcroft

Flickers was a very solid player for Rochdale. He had his critics, but his effort and impact while at Dale was fantastic and he worked hard and led by example.

Steve Parkin signed him from Chester in 1999, where he'd been a regular. He started off brilliantly in his first game away at Cheltenham, where I remember him rugby tackling their mascot! Flickers was always good for a laugh.

After four good years at Dale, he decided to leave and join Macclesfield when Alan Buckley wasn't sure whether or not to offer him a new contract. However, his last season at Dale had been by far his best, with amazing performances against Preston and Coventry in the FA Cup sticking out in the memory.

He's now back and doing a rather magnificent job as our player/assistant manager.

reason, though, he really struggled in his second season and only managed three goals and his performances weren't great either.

We released him at the end of 2004/05 and he went to join Chester before dropping into the non-league scene with York and Worksop Town. He then headed over to Australia with Perth Glory and he's currently doing well at Wellington Phoenix in New Zealand while also continuing to represent his country.



Lee Cartwright

Cartwright was brought in by Steve Parkin in what looked to be a third or fourth choice signing for that right-wing position. He was knocking on a bit, but had been a legend over at Preston before signing for Stockport, where we got him from.

He had no pace, but when he eventually got in a position to cross a ball, he could do that quite well, although he also had an annoying tendency to cut inside.

Cartwright only played about half the games in 2005/06 and couldn't maintain a first team place and was released at the end of that season.



Leo Bertos

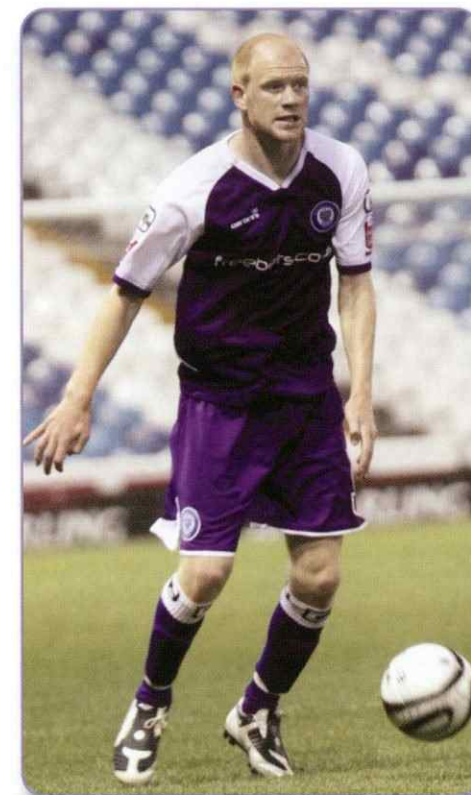
Leo was brought in by Alan Buckley after being released by Barnsley. He was a very quick and skilful right winger who was also a New Zealand international.

His first season was excellent and he was up alongside our top scorers with ten goals as we narrowly avoided relegation. For some



Darrell Clarke

Clarke joined Dale during 2006/07 on a half-season loan from Hartlepool, where he'd done well. In fact he'd had a very good career which was affected by injury and we never really got to see the good performances we were expecting. He played just 12 games for the club, scoring one goal.



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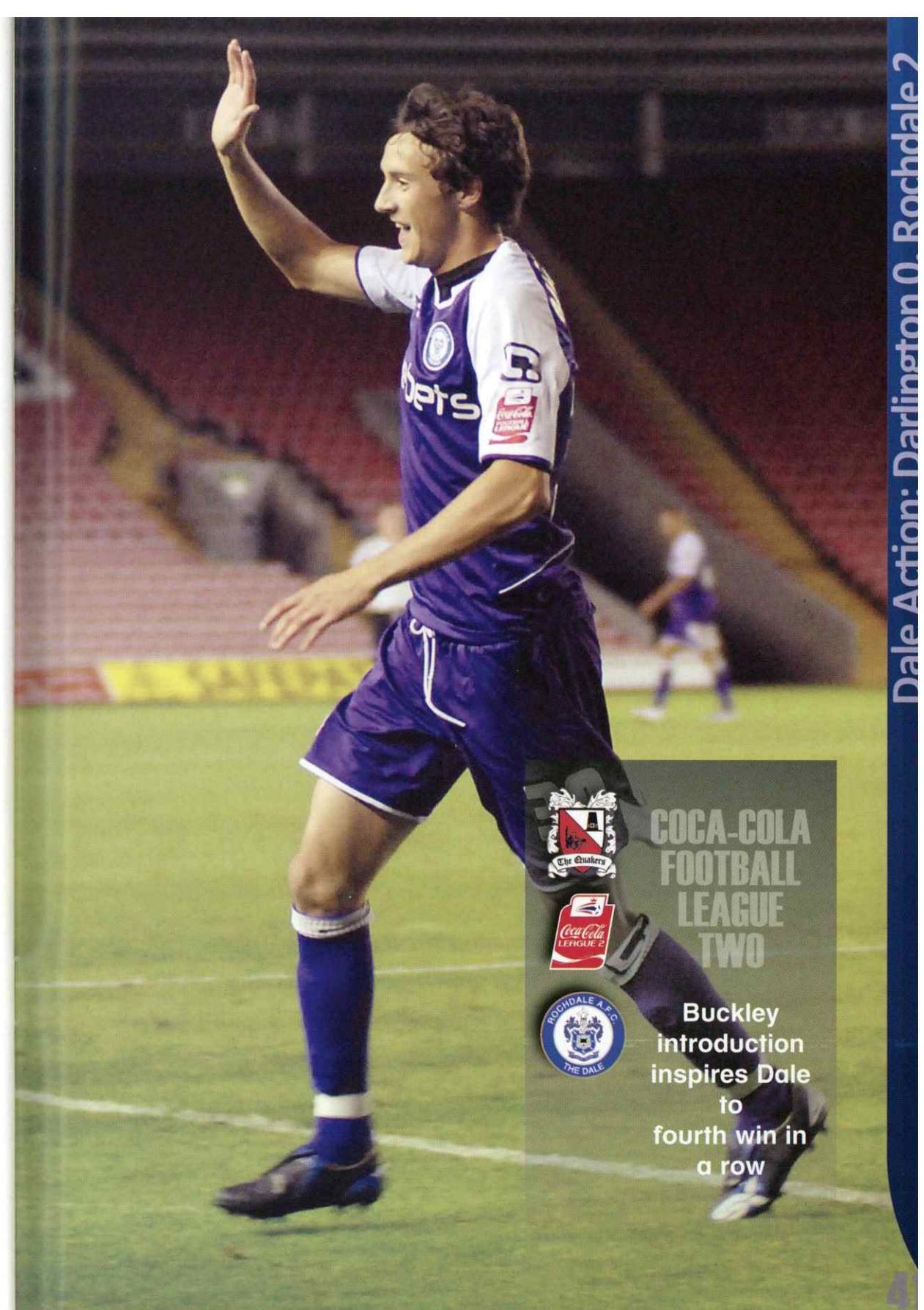
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MATCH TRIVIA

- This was Dale's 3,620th Football League match
- It was our 1,215th Football League win
- It was also our 362nd away win in the Football League
- This game was the 150th between Dale and Darlington in all competitions
- Dale have won four of their seven league fixtures at the Darlington Arena



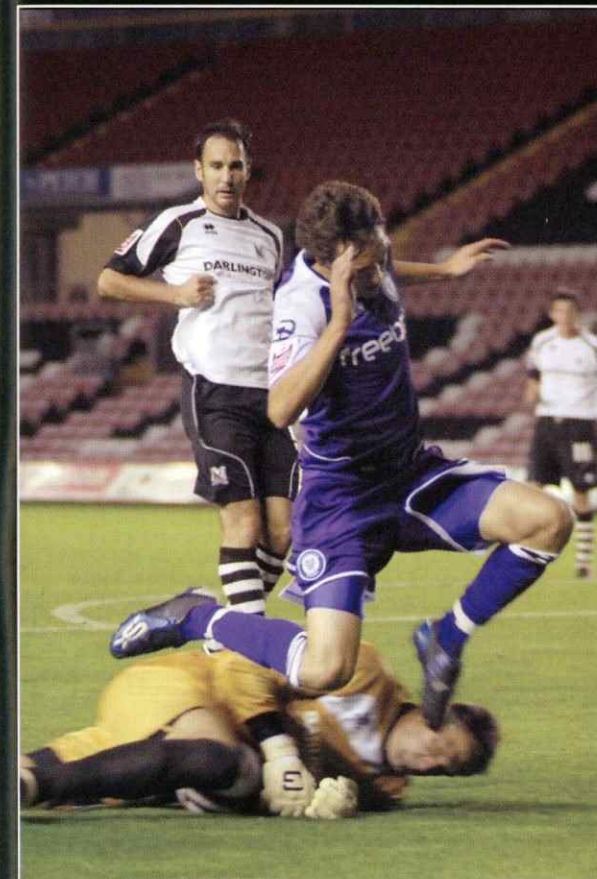
Left: Simon Whaley shows great ability to control the ball in mid-air
Below: Chris Dagnall hogs the touchline in order to get past his marker



Left: Chris Dagnall gets amongst a crowded goal area as Dale apply second half pressure
Above: Craig Dawson and Simon Whaley rise with goalkeeper Russell Hoult at a second half corner



Left: Simon Whaley is given plenty of room by Jamie Devitt to lay the ball off
Above: Gary Jones breaks through from midfield as Jamie Devitt closes in



Above: Will Buckley takes the ball away from former Dale loanee Jeff Smith
Left: Will Buckley leapfrogs Russell Hoult, who was out quickly to collect the ball



Pictures by Steve Bennett



KEITH HILL



"It's the best start to a season we've made during my time at the club, but it's not a 10-game season and we must guard against complacency, stick to the plan we have and carry on nurturing this talented young squad.

"We're playing very well right now and it's important we make hay while the sun shines."

CRAIG LIDDLE

Darlington Caretaker-Manager



"We had a real go.

"Myself and Neil have only had the players since yesterday, but the reaction we've had from them has been excellent.

"We had a few chances, but didn't take them and that first goal was always going to be important. Once Rochdale got it we were always going to be up against it.

"But we did not defend the first goal well. We had worked on defending their corners to the near post and had done well all game, but there was a collision in the box and the ball fell to their player.

"There might have been a deflection too, but that happens when you're near the bottom.

"The lads are disappointed in the changing room but it's up to me and Neil to lift them in time for Macclesfield on Saturday because that's a very important game."

The Northern Echo

MISSED CHANCES COST QUAKERS DEAR

Darlington remain without a win, but caretaker manager Craig Liddle will be left wondering how as they created chance after chance but lost 2-0 at home to Rochdale.

Rochdale's second half goals punished Darlington for their profligacy in front of only 1,748 supporters, Quakers' lowest league crowd of the season.

But the low crowd was treated to an entertaining game with play flowing from end to end and Gall being on the end of the evening's first three chances, the first a snapshot on four minutes after a touch by Jamie Devitt played in the ex-Carlisle striker.

He then turned past Dale defender Nathan Stanton in the penalty area and at an angle aimed for the far side of the goal with the outside of his boot, but Gall saw his effort flash narrowly wide.

Seconds later, played in by left-midfielder James Bennett, Gall saw a powerful attempt pushed away by ex-Accrington keeper Kenny Arthur.

Quakers were playing openly and that allowed Rochdale, with ex-Quakers Jason Kennedy and Scott Wiseman in the side, to create scoring opportunities of their own.

Simon Whaley saw an 18-yard shot deflected wide for the visitors' first corner and soon after Whaley hit the side-netting in a game of chances for both sides.

Darlington made a blistering start to the second half with Devitt's quick footwork almost forcing an equaliser.

He turned a defender inside and out before unleashing a shot heading for the top corner until Arthur tipped over and from Bennett's corner Miller had a goal-bound header cleared by Whaley.

But Quakers were soon to pay for their missed chances and, as on Saturday at Grimsby, their downfall was a set-piece.

On the hour Will Buckley poked home at the near post after a corner was palmed away weakly by Russell Hoult, leaving Darlington harshly a goal down. The sub had only been on the pitch for six minutes but he notched with the help of a deflection.

But Darlington were not finished yet. From a corner Gall headed across goal and also volleyed over from close range after meeting Tony Kane's right-wing delivery.

A bit more composure and Gall might have scored one of his numerous chances and a lesson in finishing was soon handed out by Dale's Chris O'Grady.

He executed a smart volley at the far post after meeting Whaley's whipped ball in from the right to kill the game off, ensuring Darlington are still without a win in ten league games.

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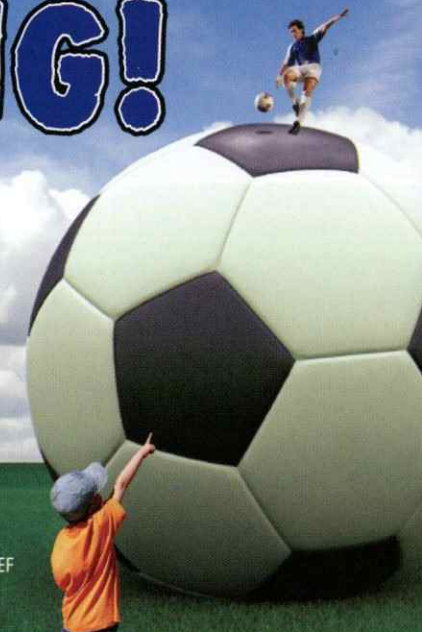
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Welcome tonight to for this FA Cup replay against our friends from Bedfordshire. I hope you have all enjoyed your trip to Lancashire.

KICK IT OUT DAY

At the last home match against Accrington Stanley, we ran our One Game, One Community Cup Final with Spotland Primary overcoming Hamer Community School 2-0 in a keenly contested match.



Our thanks go to Joe Thompson for presenting the trophy and medals to the finalists during half-time.



Also, thanks go to players of both sides for supporting this day by wearing the Kick It Out T-shirts in their respective warm-ups.



The annual national Kick It Out campaign was at the centre of recent activities by Rochdale's Community Trust, with a primary schools 5-a-side tournament organised, incorporating 12 schools involved in the Community Cohesion Project.



We held the finals at the Soccer Factory on Monday prior to the game, with five primary schools competing on a league basis to find the two best teams to return on the Saturday.

This activity complements the Cohesion Project that sees coaching delivered to primary schools in the Rochdale MBC community, with in-term sessions plus after school multi-sport sessions throughout the school year.

Results were:

Spotland 3 Hamer 2, Belfield 4 Brimrod 0, Marland Hill 2 Hamer 2, Brimrod 0 Spotland 8, Marland Hill 2 Belfield 3, Hamer 3 Brimrod 1, Belfield 0 Spotland 5, Hamer 3 Belfield 2, Marland Hill 3 Brimrod 0, Spotland 4 Marland Hill 1

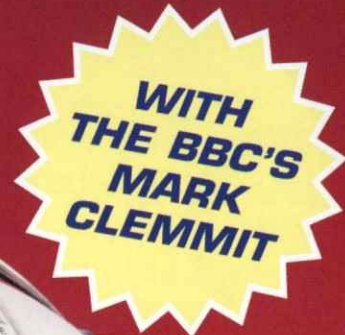
Final Placings:

School	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spotland	4	0	0	20	3	12
Hamer	2	1	1	12	8	7
Belfield	2	0	2	9	12	6
Marland Hill	1	1	2	8	9	4
Brimrod	0	0	4	1	18	0

See you all for the visit of Chesterfield on Saturday.



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Joe Thompson



There are two very good reasons why you are sat here at Spotland tonight and they both arrived courtesy of Dale's Joe Thompson.

His late two-goal salvo at Luton on Saturday completed a stunning comeback in the first round proper of the FA Cup and a 'proper' cup tie it was.

It was a true fairground affair with Dale on the roundabouts while Luton played on the swings and vice versa. Alas no one took a goldfish home, although at three-nil down it looked like the Hatters were going to the pet shop for fish food!

"We have shown we can do it before in the game against Morecambe," said Thompson. "There is a strong belief among the lads that we can turn things around should we start badly. Perhaps we should start each game believing we are losing 3-0 and see where that takes us!

"There isn't much time for recovery for the lads, especially those carrying injuries at the moment. Kenny Arthur looked like the Tin Man at times on Saturday, but he pulled off some really good saves, particularly in the second half. It is a team effort and those carrying the injuries are doing for us all, players and supporters."

Keith Hill switched Joe to attack, going three up front in a bid to get something from the game and while many class the young winger as the hero of the hour, Thompson was a little more modest.

"To be fair they were both excellent crosses that were begging to be put into the net. I was in the right place at the right time and didn't realise it was so late on. You just get caught up in the game.

"I prefer to play out on the wing, although the first half seemed to pass me by on Saturday. I just didn't get the ball often enough. The home supporters noticed too because they were giving me grief about it, telling me that my team-mates weren't passing it to me because I was no good!

"Then I got switched to striker later on and scored two of the goals that helped us earn a

replay! I felt like doing something similar to Tom Kennedy's celebration when he scored against Bury by running down the wing when we equalised, but changed my mind; the goals were my payback!

"We change around quite a lot, it keeps us on our toes and more importantly it gives the opposition something else to think about. Nobody gets confused; if one goes long, cover comes in behind; if one goes wide, one comes inside. All the lads are good footballers and the systems Keith Hill and Dave Flitcroft have in place help us to adopt play patterns that are very unpredictable.

"We are going well in the league at the moment and we are delighted with the way things are going. I know there's a long way to go, but I'd rather be at the top mixing it up with best in the division than scrapping away at the bottom. We are all enjoying life at Rochdale, the players, the management and the fans and long may it continue."



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Player	09/10 League		09/10 Other		Dale Career League		Dale Career Other		Dale Career Total		Overall Career	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Arthur	14	-	3	-	14	-	3	-	17	-	378	-
Brizell	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buckley	11(1)	3	2(1)	-	56	14	10	-	66	14	66	14
Byrne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dagnall	15	9	3	-	127	43	19	6	146	49	190	56
Dawson	15	1	3	2	15	1	3	2	18	3	18	3
Edwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flitcroft	-	-	1	-	161	4	29	-	190	4	517	29
Flynn	5(1)	-	1	-	6	-	1	-	7	-	38	-
Higginbotham	(1)	-	(2)	-	41	4	9	-	50	4	62	4
Holness	5(3)	-	3	-	34	-	8	-	42	-	42	-
Jones	13	-	2	-	358	48	52	3	410	51	479	53
Keltie	-	-	-	-	31	1	5	-	36	1	215	12
J Kennedy	15	-	3	-	15	-	3	-	18	-	140	12
T Kennedy	15	3	3	-	103	9	18	-	121	9	279	15
Le Fondre	(1)	-	-	-	99	37	14	4	113	41	186	61
Lillis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	29	-
Manga	(2)	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
McArdle	3	-	1	-	131	5	17	1	148	6	150	6
O'Grady	12	5	1	-	12	5	1	-	13	5	172	28
Rundle	5(4)	1	3	-	124	17	20	2	144	19	268	31
Shaw	(1)	-	(1)	-	7	1	6	-	13	1	44	3
Sherriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spencer	(3)	-	(1)	-	3	-	1	-	4	-	7	-
Stanton	10	-	1	-	111	-	15	-	126	-	402	1
Stephens	2(3)	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	5	1	17	2
Thompson	10(5)	3	3	2	71	9	9	2	80	11	80	11
Toner	-	-	-	-	37	1	7	-	44	1	247	20
Whaley	7(1)	2	-	-	8	2	-	-	8	2	233	31
Wiseman	7(3)	-	(1)	-	42	-	5	-	47	-	109	1

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2	Rochdale	15	14	29
3	Dag & Red	15	11	29
4	Notts County	15	19	26
5	Rotherham	15	7	26
6	Chesterfield	15	3	26
7	Shrewsbury	15	6	25
8	Barnet	15	6	24
9	Bury	15	-1	24
10	Aldershot	15	6	22
11	Burton Albion	15	1	22
12	Bradford	15	-1	21
13	Port Vale	15	2	20
14	Accrington	15	-1	20
15	Crewe	15	0	18
16	Northampton	15	-2	18
17	Hereford	15	-3	18
18	Macclesfield	15	-6	18
19	Lincoln City	15	-10	16
20	Morecambe	15	-7	15
21	Cheltenham	15	-11	15
22	Torquay	15	-5	14
23	Grimsby	15	-16	11
24	Darlington	15	-19	5

league 2 attendances

TEAM	HIGH	LOW	AVE
Accrington	3228	1447	2028
Aldershot	3406	2276	2968
Barnet	2858	1298	2168
Bournemouth	6378	4563	5558
Bradford	11757	11107	11381
Bury	3496	2130	2846
Burton	3373	2332	2898
Cheltenham	4134	2928	3238
Chesterfield	6196	3104	3810
Crewe	6943	3534	4316
Dagenham	2446	1683	1944
Darlington	2310	1748	1920
Grimsby	5007	3173	4024
Hereford	3280	2013	2402
Lincoln	5527	3005	3835
Macclesfield	3433	1125	2146
Morecambe	3335	1701	2318
Northampton	4391	4017	4167
Notts Co	9396	6545	7810
Port Vale	6158	4326	5064
Rochdale	4534	2311	2884
Rotherham	5738	3002	3813
Shrewsbury	7096	5086	5902
Torquay	3966	2271	2927



league 2 stats

Best Home Win
5-0, Notts Co. v Bradford C., 8/8/09
5-0, Dagenham & R. v Shrewsbury T., 18/8/09

Best Away Win
4-0, Crewe Alex. at Grimsby T., 15/8/09
4-0, Notts Co. at Macclesfield T., 15/8/09
4-0, Rochdale at AFC Bournemouth, 31/10/09
4-0, Crewe Alex. at Cheltenham T., 31/10/09

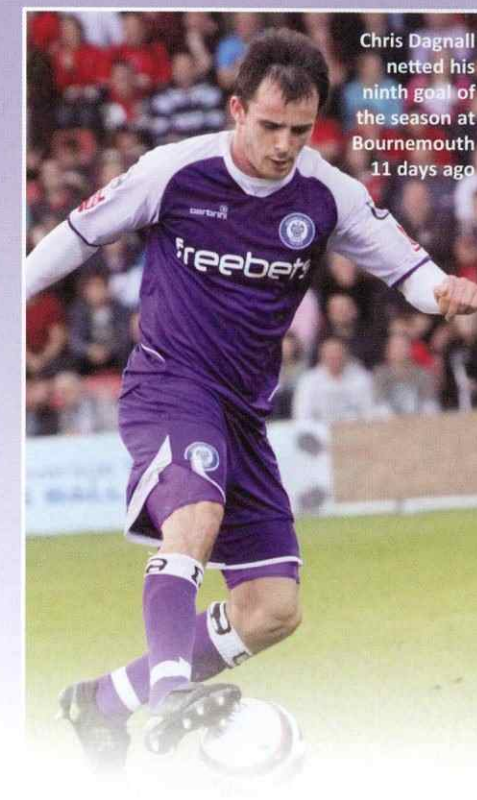
Highest Aggregate
9 goals
4-5, Cheltenham T v Bradford C., 22/8/09

Most Goals in a Match
4 - Paul Benson (Dagenham & R.) v Shrewsbury T., 18/8/09

Leading Scorers (all competitions)
13 goals - Calvin Zola (Crewe Alex.)
10 goals - Paul Benson (Dagenham & R.)
10 goals - Adam Le Fondre (Rotherham U.)
9 goals - Chris Dagnall (Rochdale)
9 goals - Lee Hughes (Notts Co.)

Highest Attendances
11,757, Bradford C. v Crewe Alex., 10/10/09
11,664, Bradford C. v Chesterfield, 26/9/09
11,439, Bradford C. v Burton A., 12/9/09

Lowest Attendances
1,125, Macclesfield T. v Barnet, 12/9/09
1,298, Barnet v Morecambe, 18/8/09
1,447, Accrington S. v Shrewsbury T., 29/8/09



Chris Dagnall netted his ninth goal of the season at Bournemouth 11 days ago



Key: [45] Time of Substitution Player Booked • Player Sent Off •

Home games in bold, cup games in *italics*

August 2009		Pts	Pos	Att	Away	Starting Players					Substitutes													
Sat 8	A Port Vale	D 1-1	1	13	6158	716	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	THOMPSON	Jones	Dagnall (80)	Buckley (72)	Rundle	Le Fondre (72)	Shaw (80)	Toner	Higginbotham	Holness	Brown	Edwards
Tue 11	A Sheffield Wednesday (CC1)	L 0-3	-	-	6696	528	Arthur	Holness (74)	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Thompson	Jones	Dagnall	Buckley (53)	Rundle (53)	Shaw (53)	Higginbotham (80)	Briant (74)	Brown	Fitcroft	Stearns	Edwards
Sat 15	H ALDERSHOT TOWN	W1-0	4	6	2465	233	Arthur	Flynn (68)	T KENNEDY	J Kennedy	Stanton •	Dawson	Thompson	Jones	Dagnall	Buckley	Rundle (18)	Holness (18)	Wiseman (66)	Higginbotham	Shaw	Stephens	Spencer	Edwards
Tue 18	H CHELTENHAM TOWN	L 0-1	4	12	2311	131	Arthur	Flynn	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	Dawson	Thompson	Jones	Dagnall	Buckley	Rundle (77)	Spencer (77)	Wiseman	Higginbotham	Shaw	Stephens	Brown	Edwards
Sun 23	A Rotherham United	L 1-2	4	18	3602	439	Arthur	Flynn	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Thompson (77)	Jones	DAGNALL	O'Grady	Buckley (62)	Rundle (62)	Spencer (77)	Wiseman	Holness	Shaw	Stephens	Edwards
Sat 29	H BURY	W3-0	7	13	4534	1600	Arthur	Flynn	T KENNEDY	J Kennedy	Holness	Dawson	THOMPSON	Jones	DAGNALL	O'Grady	Buckley	Rundle	Spencer	Wiseman	Stanton	Higginbotham	Stephens	Edwards
September																								
Tue 1	H BRADFORD CITY (JPT1)	L 1-2	-	-	1800	537	Arthur	Flynn (81)	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	DAWSON	Buckley (60)	Fitcroft (85)	Dagnall	Thompson	Rundle	Spencer (60)	Wiseman (81)	Brown (85)	Higginbotham	Edwards		
Fri 4	A Morecambe	D 3-3	8	9	2367	614	Arthur	Flynn (46)	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	Dawson	THOMPSON	Jones (56)	DAGNALL	O'Grady (46)	Buckley	Higginbotham (46)	Wiseman (46)	STEPHENS (56)	Stanton	Rundle	Spencer	Edwards
Sat 12	H TORQUAY UNITED	W2-1	11	9	2407	134	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Thompson	Jones	DAGNALL 2	O'Grady	Buckley (73)	Rundle (73)	Spencer	Flynn	Higginbotham	Stephens	Brown	Edwards
Sat 19	A Northampton Town	W2-1	14	6	4048	308	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Thompson (62)	Jones	Dagnall (88)	O'GRADY	BUCKLEY	Whaley (62)	Stephens (88)	Flynn	Rundle	Holness	Spencer	Edwards
Sat 26	H HEREFORD UNITED	W4-1	17	5	2620	159	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	DAWSON	WHALEY (77)	Jones	DAGNALL	O'Grady	BUCKLEY	Thompson (77)	Spencer	Flynn	Higginbotham	Stephens	Rundle	Edwards
Tue 29	A Darlington	W2-0	20	2	1748	316	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Thompson (54)	Jones	Dagnall	O'GRADY	Whaley	BUCKLEY (54)	Spencer	Flynn	Holness	Stephens	Rundle	Edwards
October																								
Sun 4	A Burton Albion	L 0-1	20	7	3119	613	Arthur	Wiseman	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson (59)	Whaley	Jones	Dagnall (64)	O'Grady (80)	Buckley	Holness (59)	Thompson (64)	Spencer (80)	Flynn	Stephens	Rundle	Edwards
Sat 10	H BARNET	W2-1	23	4	2648	127	Arthur	Wiseman (76)	T KENNEDY	J Kennedy	Stanton	Dawson	Whaley (90)	Jones	DAGNALL	O'Grady	Buckley (71)	Thompson (71)	Flynn (76)	Rundle (90)	Spencer	Stephens	Holness	Edwards
Sat 17	A Grimsby Town	W2-0	26	3	3754	478	Arthur	McArdle	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	Dawson	Whaley	Jones (61)	Dagnall (89)	O'GRADY	RUNDLE (81)	Stephens (61)	Thompson (81)	Manga (89)	Flynn	Spencer	Brown	Taberner
Sat 24	H ACCRINGTON STANLEY	L 1-2	26	3	3206	334	Arthur	McArdle (65)	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	Dawson	Whaley	Stephens	DAGNALL	O'Grady (57)	Rundle (56)	Thompson (56)	Manga (57)	Wiseman (65)	Stanton	Flynn	Spencer	Taberner
Sat 31	A AFC Bournemouth	W4-0	29	2	6378	314	Lillis	McArdle	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Stanton •	Dawson	Thompson	Stephens	DAGNALL (84)	O'GRADY 2	WHALEY (75)	Rundle (75)	Holness (84)	Higginbotham	Manga	Flynn	Spencer	Taberner
November																								
Sat 7	A Luton Town (FAC1)	D 3-3	-	-	3167	355	Arthur	McArdle	T Kennedy	J Kennedy	Holness	DAWSON	THOMPSON 2	Jones	Dagnall	O'Grady (57)	Rundle (57)	Higginbotham (57)	Buckley (57)	Manga	Flynn	Spencer	Brizell	Taberner
Wed 11	H LUTON TOWN (FAC1R)	8.00																						
Sat 14	H CHESTERFIELD	3.00																						
Sat 21	A Dagenham & Redbridge	3.00																						
Tue 24	H NOTTS COUNTY	7.45																						
Sat 28	FA Cup 2																							
December																								
Tue 1	A Bradford City	7.45																						
Sat 5	H MACCLESFIELD TOWN	3.00																						
Sat 12	A Lincoln City	3.00																						
Sat 19	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	3.00																						
Sat 26	A Crewe Alexandra	3.00																						
Mon 28	H MORECAMBE	3.00																						
January 2010																								
Sat 2	H ROTHERHAM UNITED	3.00																						
Sat 9	A Aldershot Town	3.00																						
Sat 16	H PORT VALE	3.00																						
Sat 23	A Cheltenham Town	3.00																						
Sat 30	A Bury	12.00																						
February																								
Sat 6	H CREWE ALEXANDRA	3.00																						
Sat 13	A Notts County	3.00																						
Sat 20	H DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	3.00																						
Tue 23	H BRADFORD CITY	7.45																						
Sat 27	A Macclesfield Town	3.00																						
March																								
Sat 6	H LINCOLN CITY	3.00																						
Sat 13	A Shrewsbury Town	3.00																						
Sat 20	A Accrington Stanley	3.00																						
Sat 27	H GRIMSBY TOWN	3.00																						
April																								
Sat 3	A Chesterfield	3.00																						
Mon 5	H AFC BOURNEMOUTH	3.00																						
Sat 10	A Torquay United	3.00																						
Tue 13	H DARLINGTON	7.45																						
Sat 17	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3.00																						
Sat 24	A Hereford United	3.00																						
May																								
Sat 1	H BURTON ALBION	3.00																						
Sat 8	A Barnet	3.00																						

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CHESTERFIELD

Saturday 14th November 2009

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Coca-Cola Football League Two



Manager: John Sheridan

Current League Position:

6th

Colours:

Red shirts, red shorts, red socks

Chesterfield will come to Spotland on Saturday afternoon in a position where they can now "concentrate on the league".

The Spireites suffered a 3-1 home defeat by Bournemouth in the FA Cup last weekend, which was revenge for the Spireites' 2-1 league victory at Dean Court last month.

That is their only away success to date, with the other six fixtures on the road yielding just one point.

Form has been a complete contrast at Saltergate, making the loss to Bournemouth perhaps rather surprising.

Chesterfield have won seven and drawn one of their fixtures there, which easily gives them the best home record in League Two.

They are one of three teams on 26 points and can draw level with Dale should they win here in three days time.

Their Last Visit

Chesterfield were victims of Jamie Ward's

stupidity when they last played at Spotland in September 2008.

Will Buckley's attempted cross floated into the net to give Dale a 67th minute lead, only for Ward to equalise five minutes from time with a free-kick Sam Russell fumbled into the goal.



However, with the game in injury time Dale won a free-kick on the edge of the area. Ward deliberately delayed the kick being taken and received a second yellow card for his troubles. Justice was then duly served when Tom Kennedy floated the ball into the top corner to give Dale a dramatic 2-1 win.

Their Record Here

That win 14 months ago was Dale's first over the Spireites at Spotland since the mid-1990s and brought us level on 18 league victories each on this ground.

This follows on from a dreadful run of results here for Chesterfield, who lost six times in seven league visits from December 1984 to August 1994.

Going further back in time, the Spireites were the hapless victims when Dale recorded their best ever win in December 1926, Albert Whitehurst scoring five times in an 8-1 success.

You Should Be Here Because ...

That record 8-1 victory has stood for 83 years and needs overhauling. Just imagine if it happened in three weeks time and you missed it!

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Match Officials



Referee:
Mr A Bates
(Staffordshire)



Assistant Referee:
Mr DJH England
(South Yorkshire)



Assistant Referee:
Mr G Beswick
(County Durham)



Fourth Official:
Mr J Waugh
(South Yorkshire)

Rochdale AFC

Colours: Blue & Black Shirts, White Shorts, Blue Socks

- 1: Kenny Arthur (GK)
- 2: Scott Wiseman
- 3: Tom Kennedy
- 4: Nathan Stanfon
- 5: Clark Keltie
- 6: Ciaran Toner
- 7: Jason Kennedy
- 8: Gary Jones
- 9: Chris Dagnall
- 10: Scott Spencer
- 11: Adam Rundle
- 12: Dale Stephens
- 13: Daniel Taberner (GK)
- 14: Simon Whaley
- 15: Joe Thompson
- 16: Marc Manga
- 17: Jon Shaw
- 18: Kallum Higginbotham
- 19: Chris O'Grady
- 20: Denis Sherriff
- 21: Matty Edwards (GK)
- 22: David Flitcroft
- 23: Rory McArdle
- 24: Chris Brown
- 25: Callum Byrne
- 26: Craig Dawson
- 27: Josh Brizell
- 28: Matt Flynn
- 30: Will Buckley
- 31: Marcus Holness

Luton Town

Colours: Orange Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts, Orange Socks

- 1: Mark Tyler (GK)
- 2: Ed Asafu-Adjaye
- 3: Lewis Emanuel
- 4: Keith Keane
- 5: Alan White
- 6: George Pilkington
- 7: Adam Newton
- 8: Kevin Nicholls
- 9: Liam Hatch
- 10: Tom Craddock
- 11: Andy Burgess
- 12: Shane Blackett
- 13: Shane Gore (GK)
- 14: Asa Hall
- 15: Jake Howells
- 16: Rossi Jarvis
- 17: Ryan Charles
- 18: Claude Gnakpa
- 19: Steve Bosham
- 20: Kevin Gallen
- 21: Callum Reynolds
- 23: Freddie Murray
- 31: Jordan Patrick

Next Home Game

Saturday 14th November 2009

CHESTERFIELD

Coca-Cola Football League Two

Kick Off: 3.00pm

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