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*York City v
Luton Town*

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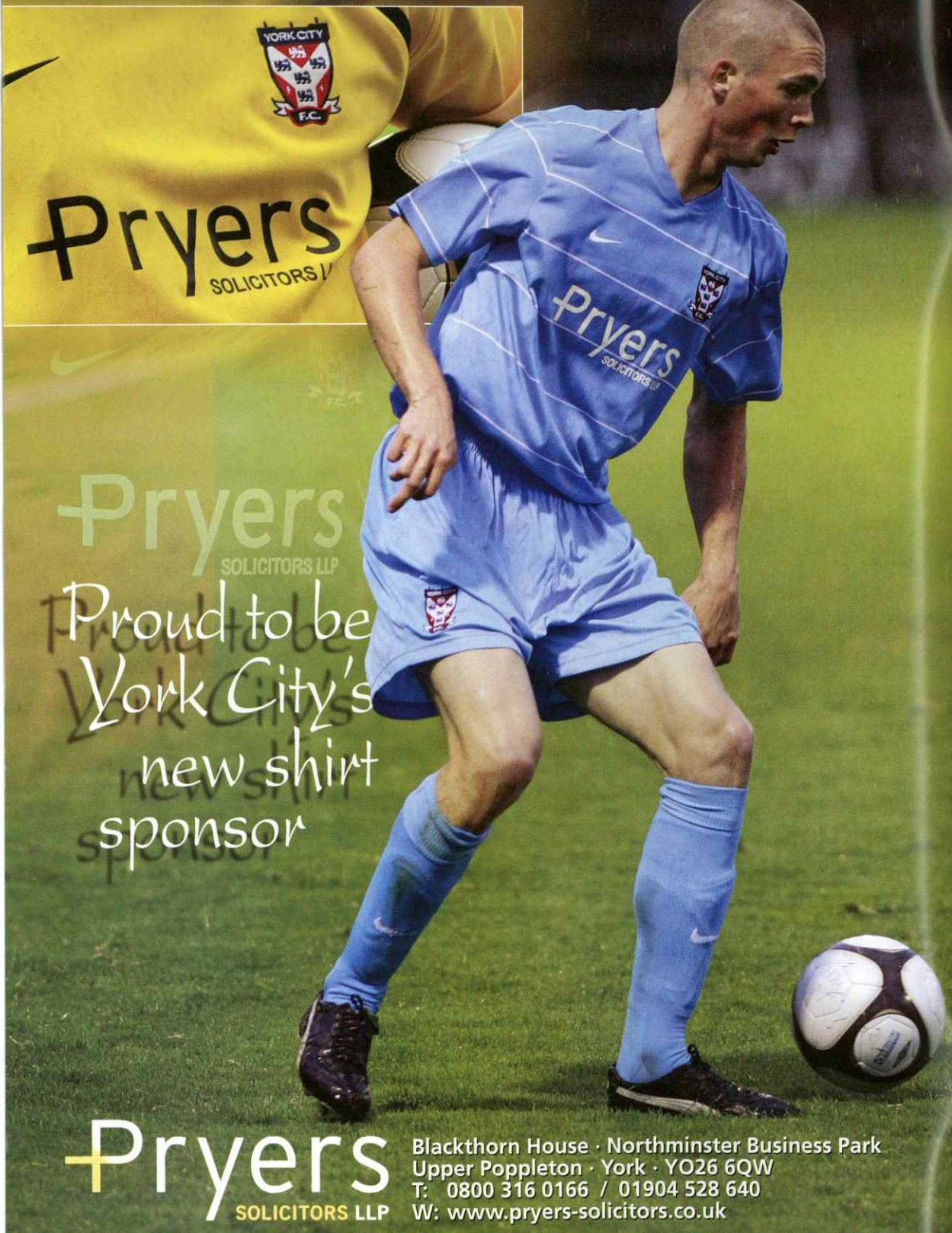
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BOARDROOM WELCOME

by SOPHIE HICKS

Good evening and welcome to Bootham Crescent for tonight's Blue Square Premier match against Luton Town. We extend a warm welcome to the Luton directors, management, staff, players and supporters and we hope you all have a safe journey home after the game.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Martin, Andy and the team for the results they have achieved in recent weeks. It was a fantastic victory away at Kettering, with a strong performance from the team and I felt very proud of all our players. Every game counts from now until the end of the season and I know our management team are working hard with the players to ensure we get as many points as possible in the coming weeks to assist our league campaign. Also, well done to the team for reaching the quarter finals of the FA Trophy. We can't underestimate this competition, as success last year enabled the Board to work with Martin to build the team we have today. I wish the players the best of luck away to Barrow on 20th February.

I would like to personally extend a warm welcome to the Club's special guests this evening. Tonight we have invited key individuals from local football to Bootham Crescent for the match to help to strengthen the Club's relationship with the wider football community in York and North Yorkshire. It is important that we encourage positive relationships to further our community aspirations, especially when the prospect of a new community stadium is getting closer. Welcome to Gary Limbert, Tim Atkins, Ellie Hutchinson, Barry Casterton, Dave Winterburn, Steve Wade, Bob Grainger, Mark Coulson, Gordon Staniforth, Rob Wadsworth and John Stockton. I hope you have an enjoyable, informative evening.

Clearly the ground situation is at the forefront at present for the York City board of directors. Last week, in *The Press*, we made our position quite clear. Our preferred option is a new community stadium for the city of York with extensive community facilities to benefit York residents. However, if this is not supported by the Council, we fully encourage the expansion and redevelopment of Bootham Crescent. What we are not prepared to support is moving to a refurbished Huntington Stadium and I'm sure this would not be acceptable to our supporters, whom we represent. We are a Club that needs to be sustainable in the future and we need income generating facilities, that we don't currently have, to survive and prosper. The City of York Council has the opportunity to make a difference to sport in this city. Let's hope the Council members are ambitious and forward thinking enough to recognise the tremendous benefits sport has to a community. Come on Mr Waller, Mr Scott and Mr Gillies, put your political differences aside, get behind this project and do something positive for our city.

The Council has stated publicly that they will commit £4 million to the community stadium project, as well as the cost for relocating York Athletics from Huntington Stadium. These funds will come from the sale of Huntington Stadium for development, so there will be no impact on the York taxpayer in these difficult financial times. Indeed, one could argue the Council would be saving money by investing in a new stadium or the redevelopment of this site, as over the coming years, the decaying Huntington Stadium will require improvement and costly maintenance. This afternoon the stadium report will have been presented to the Council Executive for consideration. Stadium project manager, Tim Atkins, has collated all the key information and the funding proposals going forward. The next key date after today is Thursday 25th February, when it is the Council budget meeting and the stadium will clearly be part of the discussions.

The issue of the stadium has been dragging on now since 2003 and we need to move forward. We are frustrated by the situation and I'm sure our fans are too. However, please be assured that the directors are working hard behind the scenes to push this project forward. On Saturday 13th February, prior to the Ebbsfleet game, Jason and Rob McGill had the opportunity to meet with the Football Foundation. They have been very supportive and will continue to work with us to ensure we achieve the best possible facilities of our supporters. We have also received support from York MP Hugh Bayley this week, who discussed the issue of the community stadium in the House of Commons.

Tomorrow night, Jason McGill and I will be meeting with our various supporter groups at one of the regular fans meetings I host. The focus of the evening will be the stadium and we will be asking representatives from our fan groups to help the Club in our campaign to progress the community stadium project. Through our supporter groups we will then communicate to our wider fan base how you too can help and ensure we have a sustainable home for the future. Together we have achieved great things in the past. We have saved the Club and bought back own ground from the previous Chairman when the situation looked impossible. Now it's time to fight for our future and the facilities this Club deserves.

On a different note, please visit our community page in tonight's programme to read more about the positive work we are doing in the area and the coaching courses we will be holding during half-term and the Easter holidays. Also, the Supporters' Trust will be holding their AGM in the Social Club on 29th March. Please try to attend this event if you can.

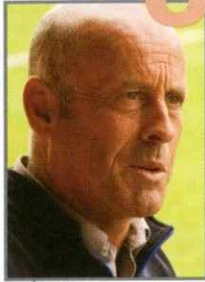
Finally, good luck to the team tonight. I wish you all the very best.

Thank you to all our fans for your ongoing support. *Sophie*



MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARTIN FOYLE



I would like to welcome Luton Town's officials, players and Richard Money for tonight's re-arranged game.

Luton are still one of the hot favourites to gain promotion straight back into the League, so tonight is a massive step for us to see if we can compete against an expensive and experienced squad.

These notes are done prior to the Ebbsfleet game and hopefully we have kept our form intact. Great wins at Cambridge and Kettering and the draw at Histon have given us great belief on our travels and it has put us in a decent play off position. Being in the game so long we will make sure nobody takes their eyes off the next game. It is the old cliché "one game at a time".

I would like to again thank the parents of my youth players for arranging the dinner at Manor School last week. It was a big success. Well let's hope it is another entertaining game here at Bootham Crescent.

Best Wishes

Martin

DID YOU KNOW

Two years ago today City lost 3-1 at Histon with Nicky Wroe scoring from the penalty spot. It was the first League defeat in 12 games and City were midtable in the Conference.

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

DANIEL PARSLAW

I'm writing these notes prior to the trip down south to Ebbsfleet.

It's a tricky game against a team who have picked up some form, so a win would set us up nicely for tonight's match. Luton arrive with games in hand and on a great run of results so we know how well we need to play to get anything. Our home record is fantastic and we will aim to continue to try and play good football in the process of picking up the three points.

It's quite obvious that our pitch has come out worse in the fight against the weather but hopefully we can get it in a decent state for the final third of the season. Both Mark and Kevin work tirelessly on preparing the surface for us and is very much appreciated.

Hopefully tonight you've all turned up in your numbers to support us and another victory is clocked up. Enjoy the game.

Daniel



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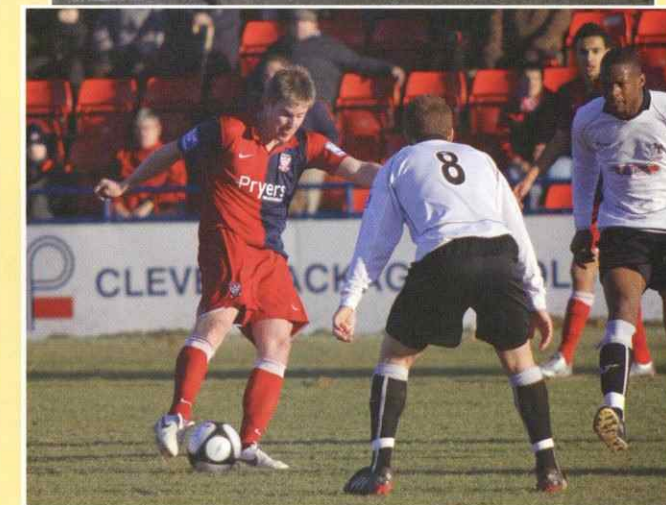
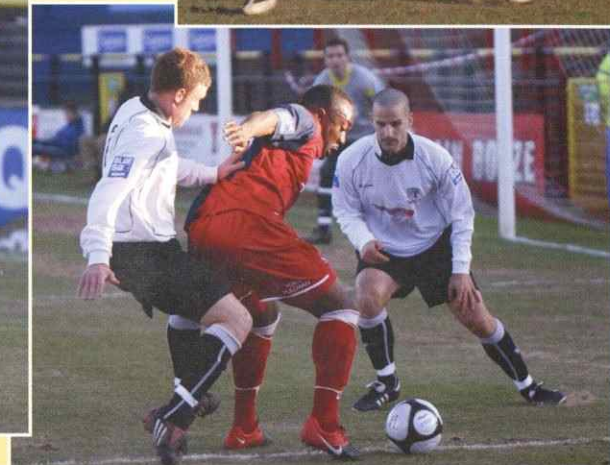
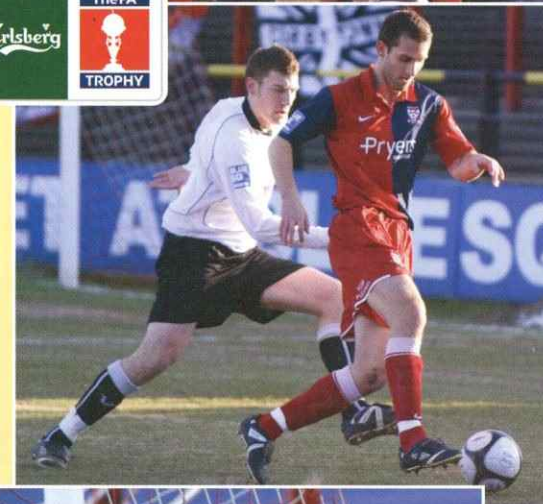
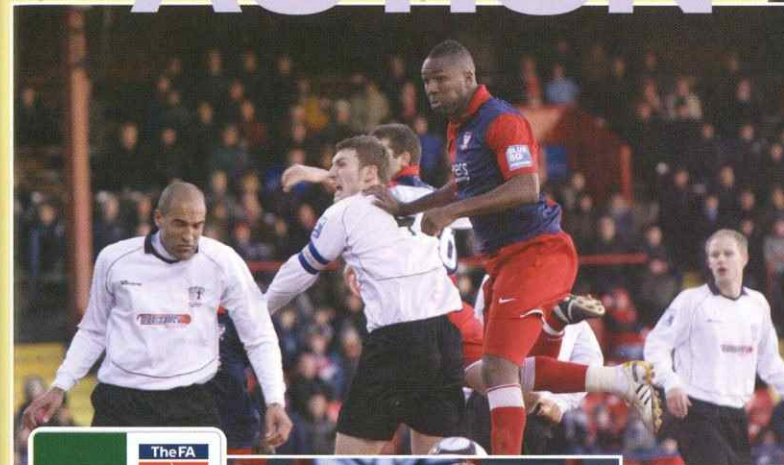
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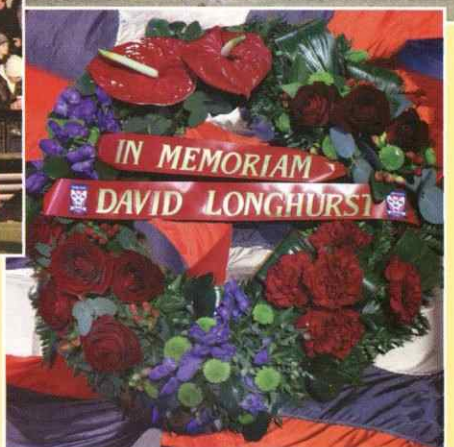
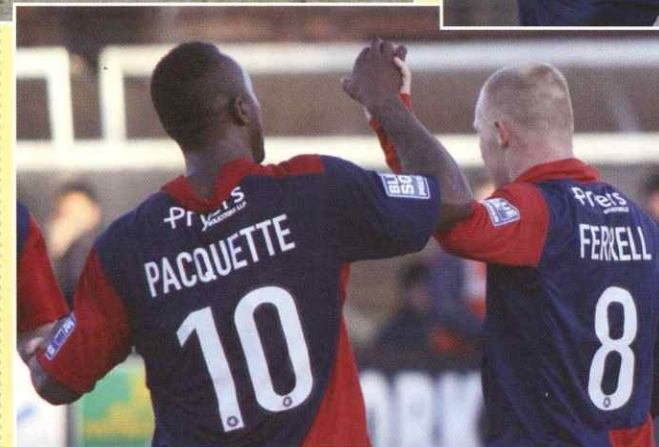
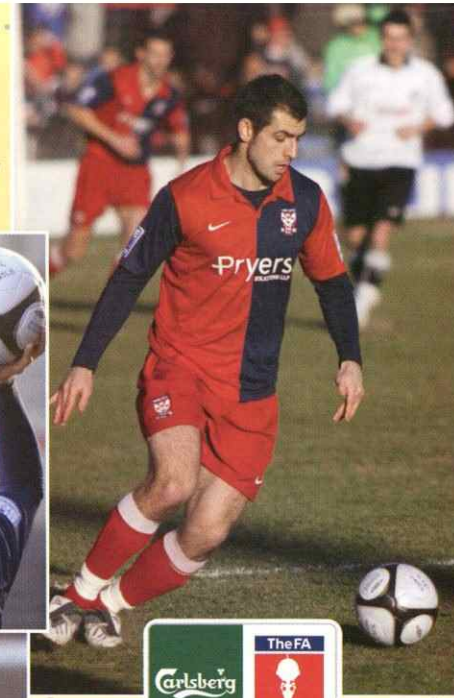
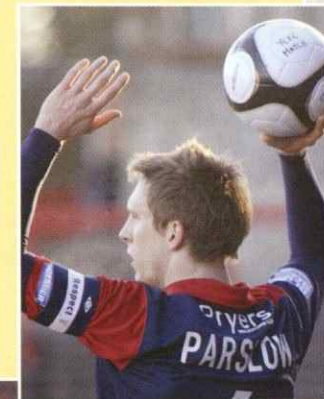
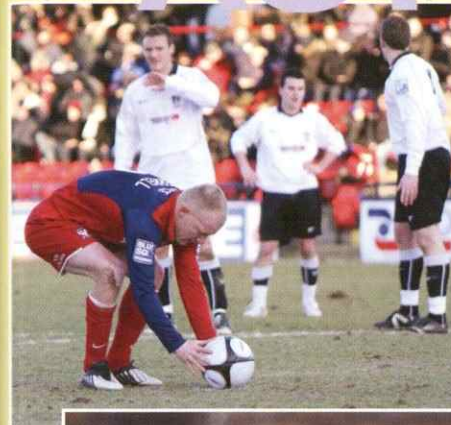
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POTTER'S PAGE

ROSS POTTER



Welcome to this evenings match against Luton Town.

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DID YOU KNOW

On his date in 1977 Chris Galvin netted in a 1-1 draw at Reading and City were 18th in Division Three (League One).

We also have Mark and Lindsey Bramley with us enjoying a VIP ticket. Mark is celebrating his birthday with us and hopes that Richard Brodie scores this evening!
Please get behind the York Minstermen raffle, it is a fantastic fundraising event, for

details of tickets and any other sponsorship and hospitality please contact me on 01904 624447 (ext 6).
Enjoy the game.

Ross Potter / General Manager

TOP COMEDIAN TO PLAY YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB IN AID OF YOUTH FUND

Award-winning comedian Richard Herring will bring his sell-out Edinburgh Festival show to the unlikely setting of York City social club on 7th April, 2010.

Herring's critically acclaimed Edinburgh show sold over 10,000 tickets as part of its month-long run and he is currently on tour, packing out venues across the UK. But he has squeezed in an extra gig to raise funds for York City's youth team, which is currently coping with a financial shortfall.

The comedian, born in Pocklington but raised near Bristol, inherited his support for the club from his father and he has often referenced the Minstermen during his routines. After producing prime-time BBC

programmes such as "Fist of Fun" and "This Morning With Richard Not Judy" alongside his comedy partner Stewart Lee they both branched off to solo success. He has sold out his Edinburgh show for the past decade, written for the likes of Al Murray and is a regular on TV and radio.

Organiser James Waterson commented, "Richard has used the good name of York City FC as the butt of his jokes for many years. I got in touch and suggested that since the club had provided him with so much material it's about time he paid us back with a gig. To his credit he immediately agreed.

"Tickets are only £9 and Richard has offered his services for free. This means that every single penny of the ticket price will go towards ensuring our table-topping youth team can continue for another season."

Richard added, "I think it is time to pay York City back for all the years of disappointment they have given me, by coming to

disappoint the people of York for one night only."

The York City youth team are currently top of the Puma Youth Alliance, above teams such as Hull, Bradford and Scunthorpe. But a lack of a central funding is threatening its existence and the entire set up is reliant on donations and fundraising.

Sarah Andrew, Chairman of the fundraising committee, said, "It's absolutely brilliant that someone such as Richard is willing to take time out to play a gig on our behalf. We really appreciate it."

Tickets are £9 and can be bought online with Debit/Credit cards at www.wegotickets.com/event/71309

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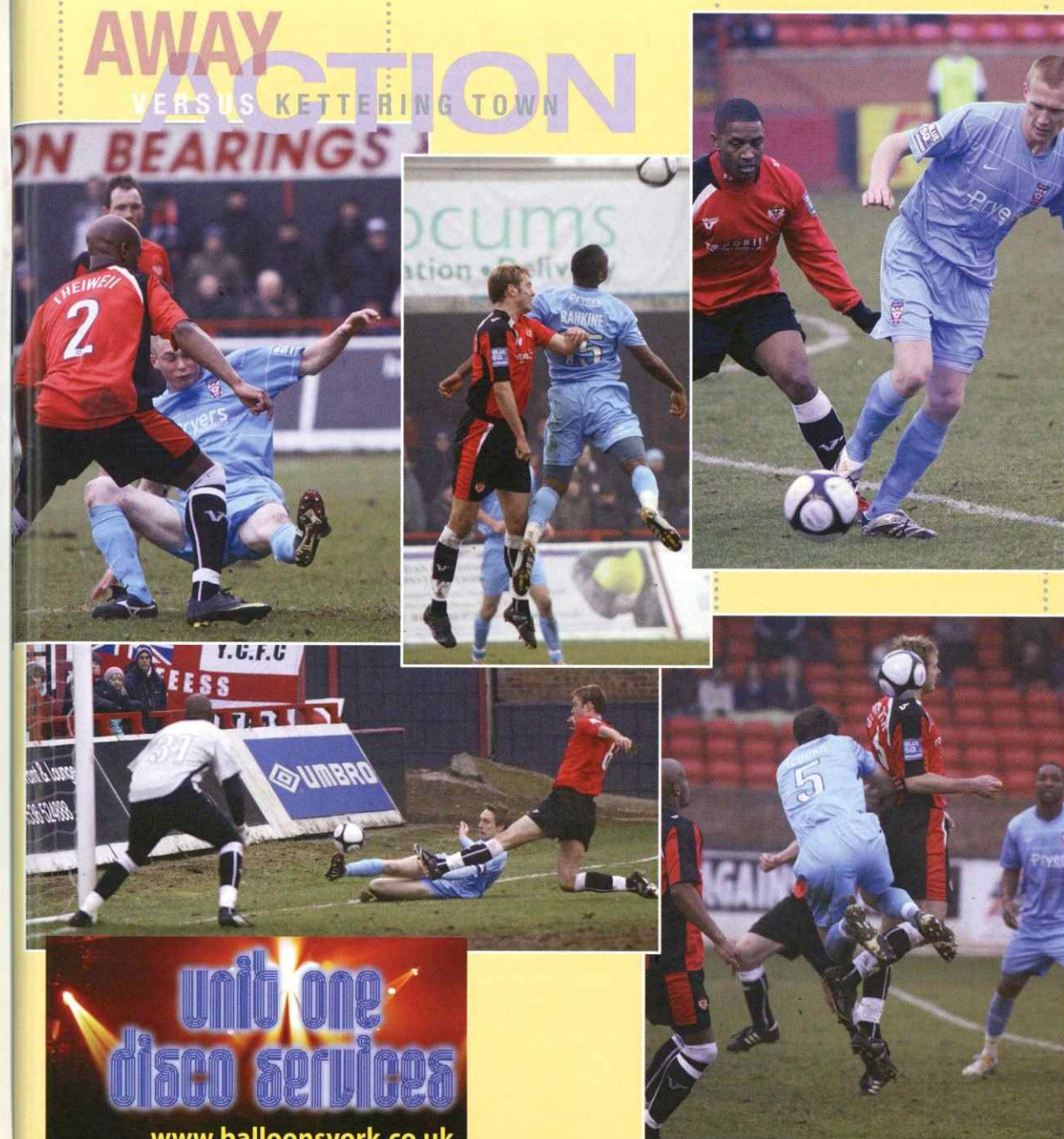
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On this date in 1952 Alf Patrick hit a hat trick in a 6-2 home win over Halifax Town watched by 7,902. Billy Fenton (2) and Billy Hughes were the other scorers and City were in the top half of Division Three North.

THE PROMOTION YEARS

1992/93

PART ONE



City fans celebrate as Paul Barnes is congratulated by John Borthwick after scoring his first goal for the club on 15th August, 1992 in a 2-1 home win over Shrewsbury Town.

A nostalgic look back this season at City's six promotion campaigns – by DAVID BATTERS.

Following their Fourth Division championship success of 1983/84 City spent five seasons in the third tier of the Football League. In the first two campaigns in the Third they finished 8th and 7th and twice reached the fifth round of the FA Cup losing to Liverpool in a replay at Anfield on each occasion. In 1986/87 the club's fortunes dipped and they just avoided the drop back to the Fourth and in May 1987 the managerial team of Denis Smith and Viv Busby, who had brought so much success to Bootham Crescent, left for Sunderland. Other departures included Andy Leaning, Steve Senior, Keith Walwyn and Gary Ford. Bobby Saxton was appointed the new boss and he was faced with the almost impossible task of building virtually a

new squad for 1987/88. The season was a disastrous affair with City in the relegation zone from start to finish – only a win at Brentford in the last game avoided bottom spot. In the four years back in the basement league (1988-1992) the

Wayne Hall, central defenders Steve Tutill, Paul Atkin and Ray Warburton along with experienced Paul Stancliffe. In midfield were powerhouse Nigel Pepper and lively wingers Tony Canham and Jon McCarthy and in the summer of 1992 Ward signed midfielder Gary Swann from Preston North End and £50,000 striker Paul Barnes from Stoke City to complete the jigsaw.

City thus started 1992/93 with a fair degree of confidence and



Nigel Pepper scoring from the penalty spot in a 2-1 win over Torquay United at Bootham Crescent on 1st September, 1992.

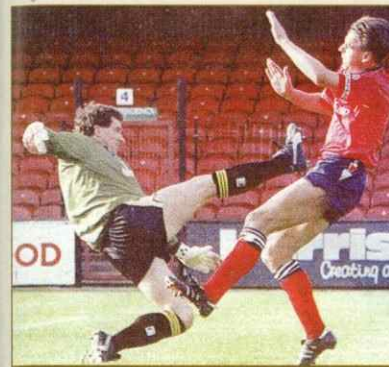
club finished 11th, 13th, 21st and 19th under the management of firstly John Bird and then John Ward who was appointed in November 1991. Bird had assembled a strong defence with promising youngsters 'keeper Dean Keily, fullbacks Andy McMillan and

they were away to a flyer winning the opening four games against Shrewsbury Town 2-1 with Barnes netting on his debut, Lincoln City 1-0, Wrexham 4-0 and Torquay United 2-1. Defeat followed at Walsall but another sequence of 4 straight wins were recorded at



Doncaster Rovers' goalkeeper Paul Crichton saves this shot by John Borthwick in a 1-1 draw at Bootham Crescent on 3rd October, 1992.

Carlisle United 2-1 and Darlington 1-0 and at home to Hereford United 4-2 and Colchester United 2-0. In this spell Ian Blackstone, who had joined the club in 1990, netted four goals and also on target was another close season signing John Borthwick. At the



Paul Barnes and Rochdale's goalkeeper Kevin Rose battle for the ball in City's 3-0 home victory on 17th October, 1992.

end of September with eight wins in nine games City led the now named Third Division, following the establishment of the Premier League, by four points.

City dropped their first home points on the first Saturday of October when Doncaster Rovers held them to a 1-1 draw at Bootham Crescent in front of the biggest crowd to date 4,611 with Nigel Pepper equalising from the penalty spot.

GO WITH ROWE

Saturday, 20th February 2010

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Admission: Seated – adults £14, concessions £11. Standing – adults £13, concessions £10.

Parking: Street parking.

Programme: £2.

Recommended route & pre-match meal: Travel west via M62. Leave at J15 to join M61 and follow to later join M6. Leave M6 at J36 to join A591 (Lake District peninsulas), then bear left onto A590 (SP Barrow). Stay on A590 into Barrow and shortly after passing Fire station on the right, TL immediately before the SOCCER BAR into Wilkie Street for the ground.

Approximate mileage: 165. **Shorter & Scenic route:** Leave York on A59 via Harrogate and Skipton then join A65 (SP Kendal.). Cross over M6 and at r/bt take 2nd exit then at r/bt take 1st exit onto A590 into Barrow then as above. **Approximate mileage:** 114. To eat first, on entering Barrow, continue past Wilkie Street, then at Craven Park r/bt take 3rd. exit onto Bridge Approach (SP Walney Island) then at lights TR onto Promenade, TL Albert Place South, TL Baden Powell Street, TL Warren Street, TR Methuen Street, TL White Street, Knox Street then bear right onto

City stretched their lead at the top to seven points following a 2-1 victory at Scunthorpe United thanks to goals from McCarthy and a late spot kick from Pepper. The line up for this game at Glanford Park on 10th October, 1992 was: Kiely, McMillan, Hall, Pepper (Tutill), Stancliffe, Atkin, McCarthy (Canham), Borthwick, Barnes, Swann, Blackstone.

Just prior to the start of the campaign Maidstone United resigned from the League and in mid October City had been due to visit the Kent club. Thus there was a blank week in the fixture list and City ended the month with a 1-1 draw at Bury. Borthwick was the marksman at Gigg Lane. A draw was a fair result but McCarthy almost snatched all three points with a point blank range shot that hit the underside of the bar in the last minute.

City's record at the end of October read: P 13, W 10, D 2, L 1, F 26, A 10, Pts 32

French Street for the Ferry pub (LA14 3PE). Retrace route back then TR onto Wilkie Street for ground.

Travel Club: Depart: 10am. **Fare:** £24.

By Train: Holker Street is three-quarters of a mile from Barrow-in-Furness Railway Station. **Suggested services:**

York	dep 09:28
Leeds	arr 09:53
Leeds	dep 10:19
Carnforth	arr 12:00
Carnforth	dep 12:23
Barrow-in-Furness	arr 13:10
Barrow-in-Furness	dep 17:21
Carnforth	arr 18:09
Carnforth	dep 19:35
Leeds	arr 21:16
Leeds	dep 21:42
York	arr 22:08

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Admission: NORTH STAND ALL SEATED. Adults £16, concessions £10, under 16's £8.

Parking: Large car park at ground – £2:50.

Programme: £2.50.

Recommended route & pre-match meal: Travel south via A1(M). At new road layout (formerly large r/bt turn for Clumber Park), bear left and cross

The top of Division Three was:

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Scarborough	23 pts

- At the top of the newly formed Premier League at that stage were Blackburn Rovers followed by Norwich City. Manchester United were 7th, Liverpool 14th, Oldham Athletic 16th, Wimbledon 18th and Nottingham Forest bottom.
- In the First Division Newcastle United led the way with West Bromwich Albion and Stoke City vying for top spot in the Second. Wycombe Wanderers led the Conference.
- Top of the charts in August/September/October 1992 were *Rhythm Is a Dancer* Snap, *Ebenezer* Goode Shamen, *Sleeping Satellite* Tasmin Archer and *End Of The Road* Boyz11Men.

TO BE CONTINUED

over A1 to join A614 (SP Nottingham). Stay on A614 for approximately 7½ miles then at r/bt take third exit to join A617 (SP Mansfield). After approximately five miles, on the right, stop to eat at the Widcombe Fair (NG18 4LF) then continue on A617 and at traffic lights opposite the Oak Tree pub TL and follow the brown football signs. TR onto A60, then TL onto Quarry Lane for the Field Mill ground. **Approximate mileage:** 75.

Travel Club: Depart: 4:15pm. **Fare:** £20.

By Train: Field Mill is half a mile from Mansfield Railway Station. **Suggested services:**

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development of some girls will be across several years possibly playing in the North Yorkshire Girls Centre of Excellence, studying at York College and finally moving on to play For York City Ladies There has been an increase in the number of players, clubs, leagues and competitions since 1993; the number of players has increased from 10,400 in 1993 to over 150,000 today.



North Yorkshire Centre of Excellence (girls)

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York City Ladies FC

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York City in the Community would like to welcome everybody to today's game.

We would like to welcome Adam Craske and some of his students from **Huntington Secondary School** to today's fixture. York City in the Community visited Huntington school last summer to help out with their charity day running a number of different skills sessions. Huntington School is donating £1,000 to the club after a very success day, £500 to York City in the Community, and £500 to the Youth Development Fund. This is a fantastic contribution for both departments, **Steve Torpey** will be receiving the cheque on behalf of the youth team at half time.

The community's first Match Day Special was a success as everybody who attended had a great time practicing their football skills in the club's gym, had the opportunity to meet some of the players and got their autographs, and then watched the game. This is a project we will be looking to run at more home fixtures next season, so watch this space.

The community team started their football fun camps this week at five different venues in York, Ryedale and Selby with over 100 children in attendance. York City players will be in attendance towards the end of the week to assist the community coaches in the presentations in handing out certificates and goodie bags to all of the children.



York City in the Community is due to launch the first mid-week development centre in York at Bootham Crescent after half term. The development centre will run on Wednesday nights starting on the 24th at 4pm-5pm for 7-10 year olds. The centre costs £15 for the block or £3 per week, and is designed for players of all ability levels and experiences. For more information please contact the community office on 01904 624447 (ext 7).

Following the success of last year's Young Sports Writer competition won by Haxby teenager Jamie Crane, the Press have teamed up with York City in the Community and CPP to offer an excellent prize for one of the region's budding journalists. The best writer will receive a laptop courtesy of CPP, as well as a VIP day out at Bootham Crescent for York City's home tie against Tamworth on 27th March. At that match, the winner will meet the players and receive a behind-the-scenes tour before joining York City reporter Dave Flett for the game in the press box.

Good luck to the players tonight.

All the best, Pete and the Community Team



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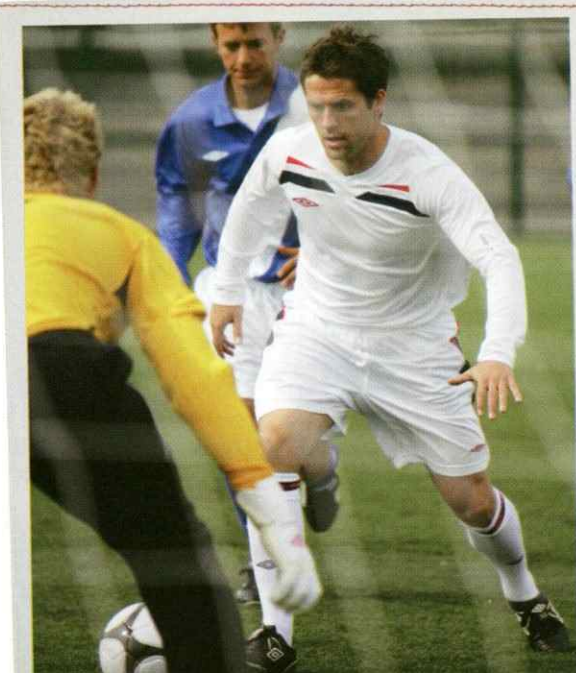
New MATCHDAY PARTIES – selected Saturday home games 11am-1pm, followed by match. As above, including food package plus full kit for birthday child and chance to be mascot for the game.

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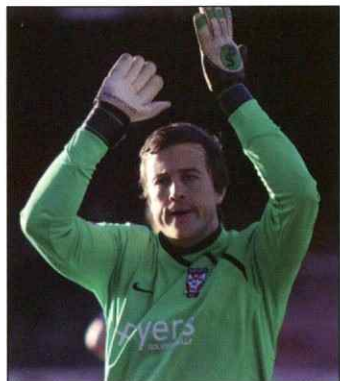
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PHYSIO'S UPDATE

JEFF MILLER



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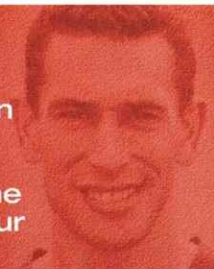
Michael Ingham (left) damaged his ribs and cartilage in the game against Histon. After a review in York District Hospital and also with Doctor Moroney we came to the conclusion it was costochondral cartilage damage and not rib fractures, which were the problem. Four days later in the Kettering game he showed no ill effects and performed two great saves as well.

Neil Barrett had been receiving treatment on his right hip leading up to the Histon game and it was decided to have him on the bench due to the lack of training leading up to this game. He got a good run out in the North Riding Senior Cup this week and is now fully fit.

Adam Smith missed the Kettering game with a stomach bug and he had to miss out on training on Friday, he turned up to train but then felt too ill to start. He had four days rest and recuperation at home and has now trained for the last six days and shows no ill effects. Good Health. *Jeff*

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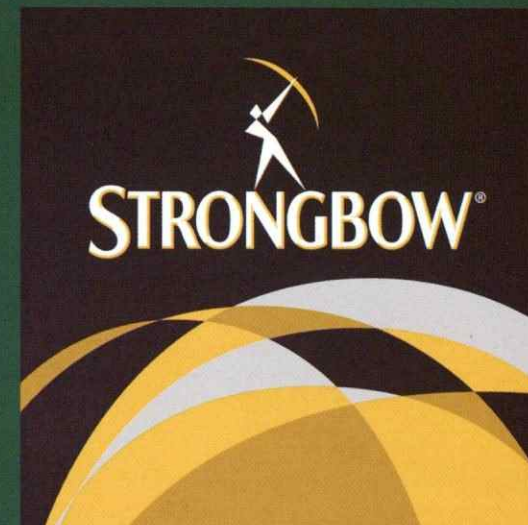
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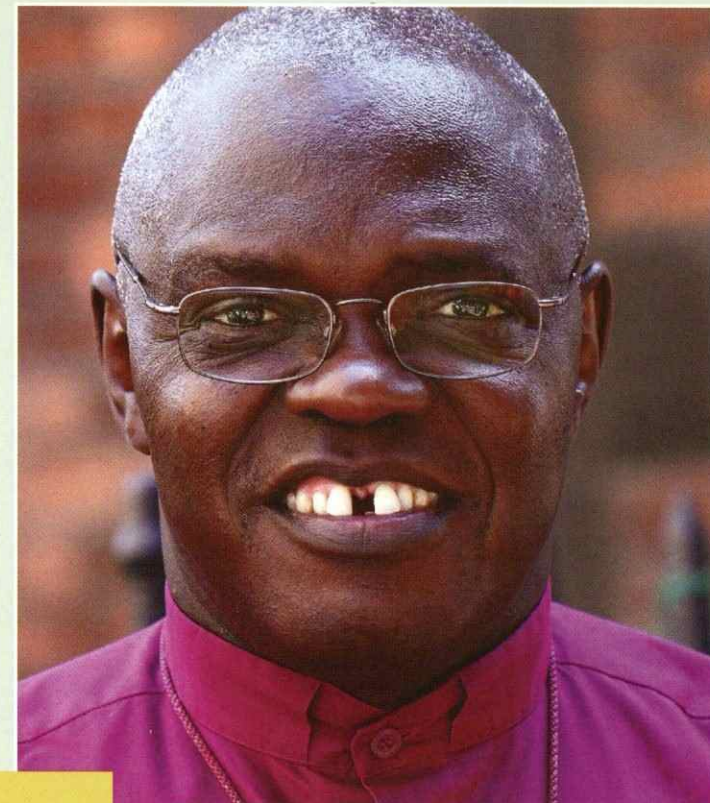
AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

by MAX BENSON

Many football clubs enjoy the support of famous fans; former government spin-doctor Alastair Campbell at Burnley and sibling musicians Noel and Liam Gallagher at Man City for instance. There is something a bit different, though, about one of the more recent converts to York City.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, is a self-confessed football fanatic who, despite his lofty and time-consuming position as the second most senior cleric in the Church of England, has never failed to retain a passion for the beautiful game.

"I think football is a great sport," he says. "Not only is it exciting to watch, but it can bring whole communities together.



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"That sense of shared identity is really important. When the team wins it gives a real lift to everyone in the area."

Despite having a past allegiance in the English game – and we'll get to that later – Dr Sentamu insists it has been the Minstermen that have stolen his heart in recent years, saying: "I became involved soon after moving to the area in 2005, I was invited

to a match and from that point on I was hooked.

"I love being able to go to a game with thousands of other fans from the city, sharing the ups and downs together.

"I am patron of the club, but I am honoured to be considered an ordinary supporter – I am incredibly passionate about the team."

The Archbishop, who was "more of a rugby player" in his youth, has more in common with the club than meets the eye, particularly when it comes to the subject of the next generation of football players and fans.

"The club have been fantastic in realising the importance of



young people locally," he adds. "They have nurtured many young players from the area who have gone onto great things as a result of the grounding they got at York City."

Obvious examples are youth team graduates from the recent past like Jonathan Greening and Richard Cresswell, both of whom have progressed to enjoy long careers in the highest echelons of English football. Teenage striker Adam Boyes' emergence and transfer to Championship side Scunthorpe last year further highlighted the importance of the Centre of Excellence after six seasons deprived of a place in the Football League and the £138,000 annual funding that comes with it.

Dr Sentamu is also keen to recognise the expanding role the club is playing in the development of young people in the wider community.

"Some say that young people are the leaders of tomorrow,

but they're not. They are the leaders of today," he says. "Young people often get portrayed quite badly in the press, and I think that's unfair when the vast majority of young people are working hard and doing wonderful things in their community.

"We need to support and encourage our young people, who are very talented individuals on the whole, and I am proud that our local football club wants to be involved in that."

City's ongoing work with local charities is another thing not unnoticed by the Archbishop.

"The club have also supported my charity, the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust, which gives vital funding to youth projects across the north of England," he explains. "York City, and [City Chairman] Jason McGill in particular, was really kind to donate the Wembley strip [from City's appearance in the FA Trophy

Final last May] to help raise funds for the Youth Trust."

The Archbishop was also keen to point out the wider benefits of such a gesture, saying: "The auction of the shirts raised £2,171 and that money will help support young leaders who are making positive contributions to the areas they live in across the north of England.

"In many cases the young people who will benefit from this funding come from the most deprived areas in the region.

"It says a lot about the club that they were prepared to give away such a large potential revenue to help those who are trying to make a difference in difficult circumstances, rather than to keep the money for themselves."

Supporters of York City are well aware of the importance of the proposed new community stadium for the City of York - it is integral to

the club's long-term survival for a start. With Council officers set to meet soon to announce the preferred sites, Dr Sentamu is optimistic about the future of sport in the area, adding: "It is a real opportunity to provide a brilliant new ground for the whole community - not just for football, but for rugby league as well as new facilities for athletics... it's a very exciting time.

"I understand many people will be sad to leave Bootham Crescent because it is a fantastic ground with a wonderful history. We all have memories of great games here, but the truth is that the club needs to look to the future."

It may not come as a surprise that, having grown up in his home country of Uganda, York City were not the Archbishop's first love when it came to the beautiful game.

"When I was growing up I always supported Manchester United and I still have a soft spot for them," he confesses.

"I realise that's not a popular thing to say to most football supporters outside of Manchester, but it's true!

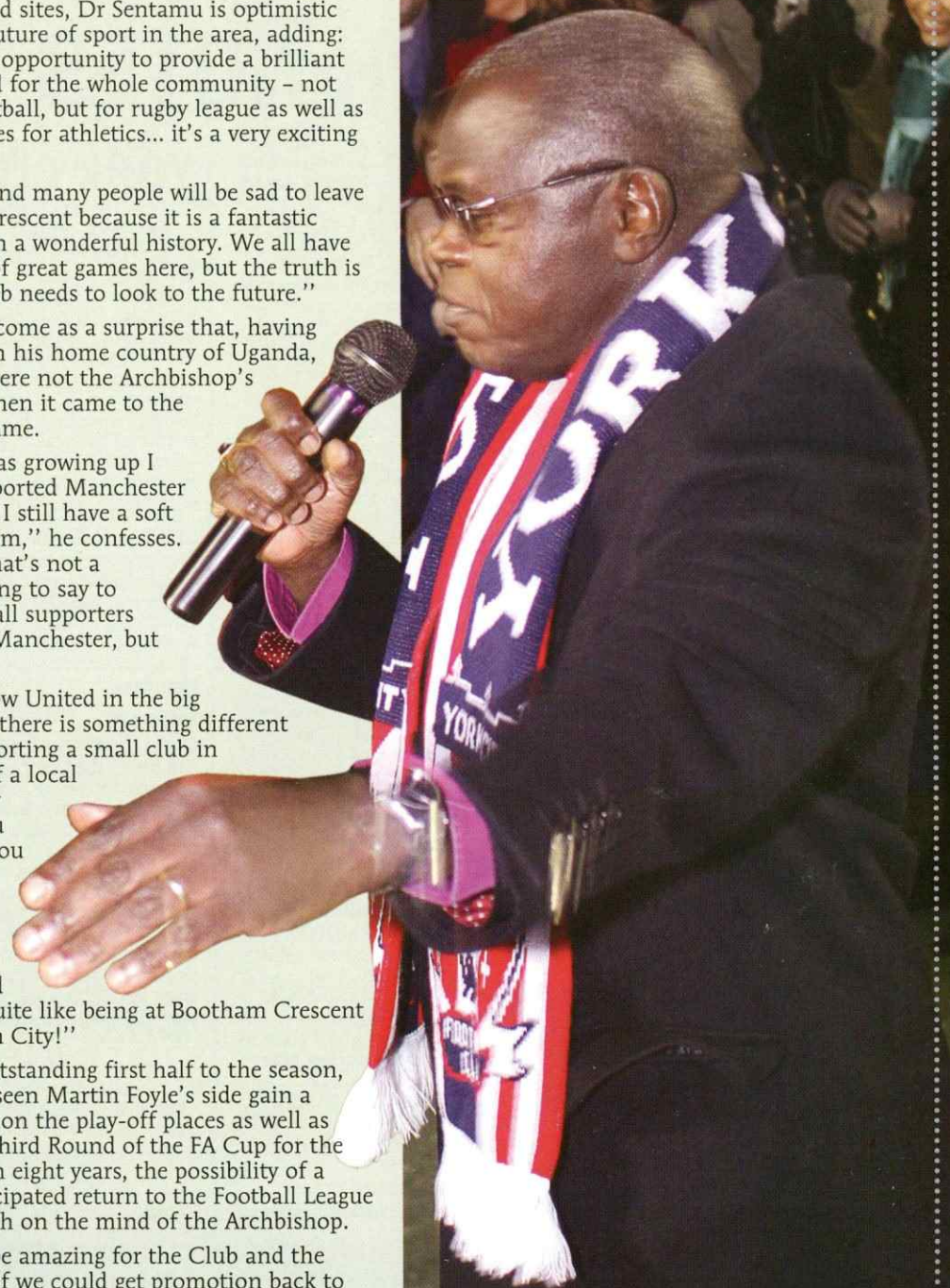
"I still follow United in the big games, but there is something different about supporting a small club in the heart of a local community because you really feel you are part of something.

"I really have never experienced anything quite like being at Bootham Crescent cheering on City!"

After an outstanding first half to the season, which has seen Martin Foyle's side gain a strong grip on the play-off places as well as reach the Third Round of the FA Cup for the first time in eight years, the possibility of a much-anticipated return to the Football League is very much on the mind of the Archbishop.

"It would be amazing for the Club and the whole city if we could get promotion back to the Football League," he enthuses. "It would be great if League football came back to Bootham Crescent and at the moment we have a team who look capable of taking us back there.

"I just hope we can hold on to our best players, at least until the end of the season, so we can make the dream of League football a reality."



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YORK MINSTERMEN

AN EVENING WITH GASH & BARRETT

We are delighted that Neil Barrett and Michael Gash have accepted an invitation to be our guests at York City Social Club on

Thursday, 25th February.

The Social Club will open at 7pm and the event will start at 8pm. Turn up early to make sure you get the best seats!

Michael and Neil will be talking about their careers in football and answering questions from the audience. They've both been around a bit in non-League football, so it will be fascinating to see how this season at City compares with their other experiences.

There will be a raffle, so don't forget to bring a spare pound (or more), if you would like to win one of the excellent prizes. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member of any group. Under-18s are particularly welcome, but they need to be accompanied by an adult family member. Just turn up on the night, entry is **free**.

AN EVENING WITH THE MANAGEMENT

Subject to fixture re-arrangements or congestion, we're hoping to entertain Martin Foyle, Andy Porter, and maybe others on Thursday 25th March. See www.yorkminstermen.org.uk or follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/YorkMinstermen

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Entry forms for the 2010 World Cup Prediction Competition can be picked up from the Supporters

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SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS

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SOCIAL EVENINGS

Our next social evening is on THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY from 7:30pm at the Old Doctor Butlers Head Public House, 2 Masons Avenue, London EC2V 5BT to celebrate Arthur Bottom's 80th birthday.

WEBSITE

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POCKLINGTON MINSTERMEN

MEETINGS

A big thank you to Andy Porter and Steve Torpey for been guests at our last meeting it was another enjoyable evening, thanks also to David Brewis for chairing the session.

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL RANKINE & DAVID MCGURK

Our next meeting will be on the 10th of March when our guests will be Striker Michael Rankine and Defender David McGurk. Everyone welcome, you do not have to be a PMM member to attend our meetings, children welcome if accompanied by an adult, there is no entry as usual there will be a raffle.

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FOOTBALL CARD

The winner of the card at the Corby game was Mathew Jewitt from Harrogate with Swindon.

For further details or group news contact Steve Clark, Chairman Pocklington Minstermen pocklingtonminstermen@live.co.uk Mobile 07886959301 www.pocklingtonminstermen.co.uk

YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Good evening everyone, and a warm welcome for our re-arranged game with The Hatters today.

The winner of our members complimentary ticket draw tonight is Stephanie Lynch of Dringhouses, membership No.40.

50/50 CASH DRAW v CORBY TOWN

A healthy attendance for this FA Trophy fixture resulted in the team of 50/50 ticket sellers being kept busy. Jon, the seller behind the turnstiles, once again sold the highest number of tickets and was told on several occasions, at the last two games, that people were buying extra tickets due to the reduced admission prizes.

The £280 cash prize was won by Charles Powell from Rawcliffe with ticket number 17731, which was drawn by new signing Courtney Pitt.

At this game, Stephen Lambert from Harrogate came to the Supporters Office to claim the ROKO Health Club membership that he won a few weeks earlier at the Hayes & Yeading United game.

With all of the extra FA Cup and FA Trophy games plus the improved attendances, it is proving to be a very successful season for the 50/50 Cash Draw. Hopefully, we will see some big crowds and impressive prizes on offer as we near the end of the season.

Thank you for your continued support of the 50/50 Cash Draw and good luck at the season's remaining games.

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The winning ticket at the North Riding Senior Cup tie against Guisborough Town was kindly drawn at half time by North Riding County F.A. Life Vice President, Mr R Ellwood.

The £45 prize was claimed in the Social Club after the game by Roger Godfrey from Surrey. Roger was in York on business and came along to Bootham Crescent to watch City against Barrow but didn't realise that game had been postponed due to Barrow's F.A. Trophy replay.

Ian Tyssen / ycfc5050@hotmail.co.uk / 50/50 Cash Draw Promoter

The winner of our raffle at the Newport County game was Kevin Charlston with ticket No. 2386.

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Nine years old Joe lives in Osbaldwick and goes to Lord Deramore's Primary School, Heslington, York. His favourite players are Kevin Nicholls and Mark Tyler. Winning the JPT at Wembley last year was his favourite game. He played for local team Fulford Juniors as a

defender/goalkeeper.

His grandfather is Malcolm Huntington (ex Evening Press) who has reported on City for over 40 years.

DID YOU KNOW

30 years ago today Derek Hood scored the winner in a 1-0 success over Portsmouth at Bootham Crescent watched by 2,509. City were in the lower reaches of the Fourth.



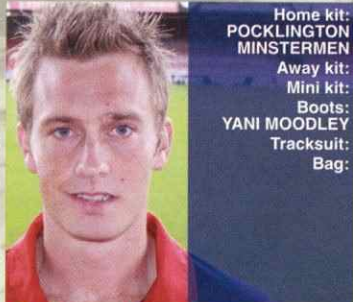
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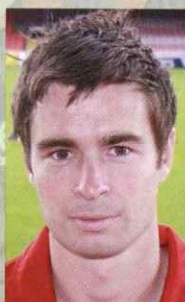
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SHARON SHORTLE

At the time of writing, the sad situation at Chester City is still rumbling on. With the game against Forest Green called off at late notice after the players refused to play because they'd not been paid, and then having the game against Wrexham called off because of costs not paid to the police, and then the match against Kidderminster called off because of a league ruling, it's hard to see where



the club will go from here. More to the point, it's hard to see what the Conference can do next.

Supporters Direct has called for Chester to be closed down. According to BBC Sport, the organisation says support is already there to back a re-formed club and they'd like that to happen. It seems harsh, doesn't it? Above all, is it the right thing to do?

If York City had gone under in 2002, and not had groups fighting off all the problems the club faced, it could have been a similar story at Bootham Crescent.

York would have had to re-start from a lower league, and the quest to get back into the Football League would have been even harder than it has already been. Keeping the club alive certainly seemed at the

time - and has proved to be since - to be the best option. It takes a long time for a new club to reach the same level as it's previous incarnation may have reached. Just looking through the lower leagues shows that.

But sometimes losing a club, as sad as it is, can be for the best. Debts are wiped, and a new regime can learn from the mistakes the old regime made in the past.

If the support is there for a new Chester - as Supporters Direct suggest - rather than a club that is merely a shadow of what it used to be, then perhaps it's the right option in this case. But I think it's still a tough decision to make.

Thankfully for York, it never quite came to having to make that decision.

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5 Scunthorpe Utd	17	7	5	5	26	23	+3	26
6 Doncaster R	17	7	3	7	30	32	-2	24
7 Grimsby Town	17	7	3	7	25	28	-3	24
8 Lincoln City	17	6	4	7	34	28	+6	22
9 Hartlepool United	15	5	6	4	25	23	+2	21
10 Darlington	18	6	3	9	16	19	-3	21
11 Notts County	18	5	3	10	26	41	-15	18
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The full list of home fixtures until the end of the season are as follows:

21st February - No Games
 28th February - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Lincoln City
 7th March - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Darlington
 14th March - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Mansfield Town
 20th March - Under 11s v Doncaster Rovers
 21st March - Under 13s and 15s v Doncaster Rovers
 28th March - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Notts County
 4th April - Easter Break
 11th April - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Grimsby Town
 18th April - In Service Day
 25th April - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Rotherham Utd
 2nd May - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Hartlepool Utd
 9th May - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Scunthorpe Utd
 16th May - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Hull City



YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

27th February - Doncaster (H)
 2nd March - Rotherham (A) 2pm
 6th March - Grimsby (A)
 13th March - Scunthorpe (A)
 16th March - Hull City (A)
 20th March - Bradford (H)
 27th March - Chesterfield (A)
 10th April - Hartlepool (H)
 17th April - Burton (A)

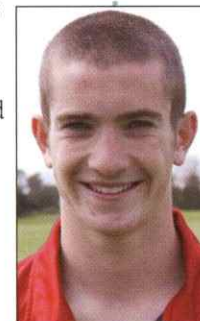
YOUTH TEAM NEWS

After the huge victory against Mansfield last week, we went into the game against Notts County full of confidence, the result and performance however were below par and we were sent back to York with a 1-0 defeat.

The game was in doubt to begin with, as the pitch was very hard and in some places frozen, this meant for a horrible surface to play on and didn't allow us to ever get our passing game going, the pitch itself was also very narrow and it didn't make for a very good spectacle. However it is easy to blame the pitch for the defeat, but on the day we didn't turn up and Nott's County just seemed to want it a bit more than ourselves.

Chances were few and far between in the first half and the game was very scrappy, the ball spent most of the time in the air and there seemed to be endless throw ins. York did create the best chance of the first half in the fifteenth minute when striker Dom Brown latched on the some hesitant play from the Nott's County centre half but he dragged his effort just past the post. Both sides failed to make either keeper work for the rest of the half as no side really looked like scoring and half time arrived with the scores level.

York started the second half the better of the two teams and went closest when a bit of Jamie Hopcutt magic set up Jed Vale whose shot hit the post and to the relief of



the County defence went safe. Half chances then fell to strikers Kingsley Wetherald and Dom Brown shortly after each other but neither could fire the visitors into the lead.

Nott's County then took the lead twenty minutes from the end with their only clear cut chance of the match, from a York point of view it was a poor goal to concede as County broke from our set piece to go 1-0 up. Take nothing away from the break and the finish from the County striker but from our point of view it was a poor goal and left us with a mountain to climb to get back in the game.

With five minutes remaining Tom Richardson nearly levelled things up and if not for one of the saves of the season from the County keeper we would have been going back home with a point, Richardson met Hopcutt's free kick with a bullet of a header but the County keeper somehow clawed it over the bar and won the game for Nott's County.

This was a disappointing display considering last week's fantastic performance but we need to put it behind us and show a good reaction next week. Credit must go to centre halves Ryan Qualter and Dean Lises who did perform very well at the back for York and limited County to very little chances.

Thanks - Nick Thompson

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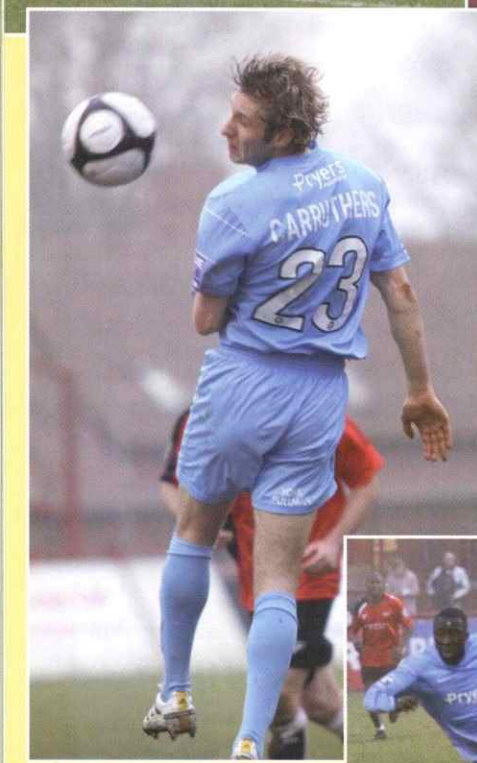
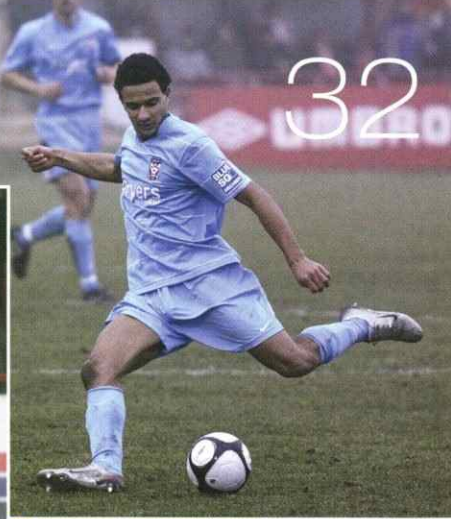
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R Brodie	25+3 20	6+2 7	31+5 27
C Carruthers	14+2 2	7+2 -	21+4 2
A Ferrell	16+7 1	4+3 1	20+10 2
K Gall	0+4 1	1+2 -	1+6 1
M Gash	13+9 6	3+3 -	16+12 6
L Graham	10 -	7+1 -	17+1 -
M Ingham	30 -	8 -	38 -
A Lawless	25+2 1	7 -	32+2 1
L Mackin	20+6 -	6+1 -	26+7 -
D McGurk	20+4 -	8 -	28+4 -
A McWilliams	0+3 -	- -	0+3 -
J Meredith	28+1 -	9 -	37+1 -
J Mimms	- -	1 -	1 -
C Nelthorpe	0+7 -	0+1 -	0+8 -
R Pacquette	1+6 1	2+2 2	3+8 3
D Parslow	30 -	7 -	37 -
C Pitt	0+1 -	- -	0+1 -
B Purkiss	23+1 1	4+3 -	27+4 1
M Rankine	22+7 5	7+1 2	29+8 7
D Sangare	12+4 2	1+2 -	13+6 2
A Smith	13+7 2	4+1 -	17+8 2
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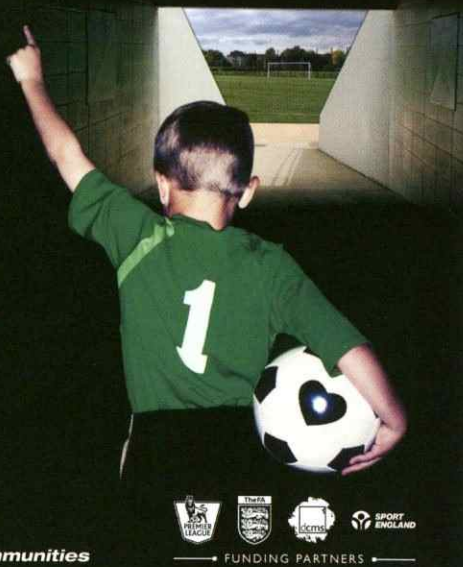
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PEN PICTURES 2009/10

GOALKEEPERS

Mark TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road. After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers. A former England Youth international, Tyler was

handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss.

Shane GORE

Former Wimbledon stopper who arrived at Kenilworth Road on a short-term deal on the eve of the 2009/10 season. He came through the ranks at Selhurst Park but could only make one substitute appearance before leaving for Peterborough in 2003. Shane has also had spells with Barnet and Stevenage and featured for Maidenhead United in 2008/10 prior to joining the Hatters.

DEFENDERS

Claude GNAKPA

A Marseille-born defender capable of playing centre back or full

back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell. He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games. A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009.

Keith KEANE

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003,

LOOKBACK / Luton Town

A big welcome this evening to LUTON TOWN on this their first visit to Bootham Crescent since September 2001.

In total the clubs have met 14 times in the Football League (1966-2002) in the old Divisions Two, Three and Four and the Hatters can boast an excellent record in the series. City have recorded just one league victory over Town and that was in March 1967 in the first ever meeting. Andy Provan (2), Les Collinson, Tommy Spencer and John Goodchild netted in a 5-1 success. City were in the bottom four of Division Four and on the last day of that season lost 5-1 at Kenilworth Road and had to apply for re-election. Scorers for Town that day included Bruce Rioch (2) with David Pleat making his last appearance for the club.

The following campaign Luton won 3-1 at home and the game at Bootham Crescent ended 1-1 and Town went on to gain promotion. The clubs next met in the old Second Division (Championship) in 1975/76 and Luton completed the double winning 4-0 at home and 3-2 here. Ian Holmes (pen) and Brian Pollard scored in this latter match. Paths were not to cross for 20 years and then in 1996/97 City went down 2-0 at Luton with the game at York finishing 1-1. The next season Town did the double winning 2-1 at Bootham Crescent and 3-0 at home in a game which saw City finish with nine men having Mark Tinkler and debutant Graham Rennison sent off. In 1998/99 the match here was a thrilling affair and ended 3-3 with Gordon Connelly and Richard Cresswell (2) on target. Luton won the return fixture 2-1. The clubs last met

in the Football League in 2001/02 and Town again did the double winning 2-1 here with City suffering their usual fate at Kenilworth Road going down 2-1.

This term marks the first season of City and Luton meeting in non-league football and in October City ended their sequence of seven straight defeats at Luton by drawing 1-1. Neil Barrett opened the scoring with Asa Hall netting the equaliser.

In 1978/79 the sides met here in the 3rd of the FA Cup and 4th Division City beat Second Division Luton 2-0 with Gordon Staniforth and Kevin Randall on the scoresheet.

Players who have appeared for both clubs include Reg Stockill in the 1930's, Jimmy Weir, Jim Goldie, Viv Busby, Rob Matthews, Lee Nogan, Liam George and Janos Kovacs with Sam Bartram providing the managerial link.

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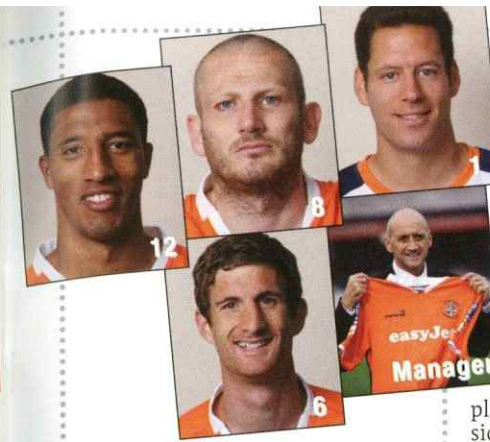
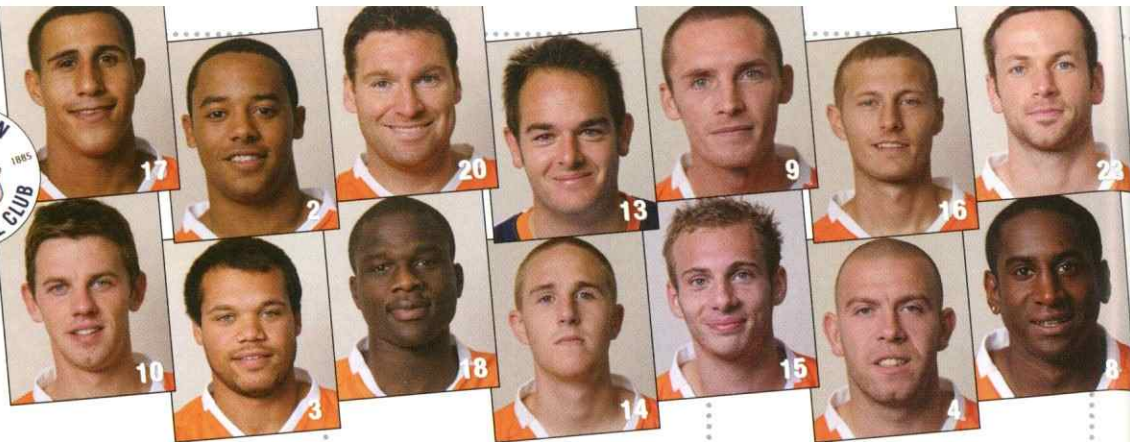
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CITY: Fettis, Edmondson, Basham, Fielding, Potter, Evans (Salvati), Brass, Bullock, Richardson (Fox), Nogan, Proctor. Scorer: Nogan (32 mins).

TOWN: Emberson, Skelton, Perrett, Boyce, Johnson, Forbes (Mansell), Nicholls, Spring, George, Griffiths (Douglas), Howard (Hillier). Scorers: Griffiths (42 mins), Hillier 73 mins.

Following this game City were 11th in Division Three (League Two) and Town, who went on to win promotion, 3rd.



Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards. He finished the season with 14 appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another of the youth team who regularly appears for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and has made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams. 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.

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. 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 on-loan to non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell. 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.

Janos KOVACS

Giant Hungarian-born defender who signed for the Hatters in January 2010 from League 2 side Lincoln City. Kovacs enjoyed 18 months at Sincil Bank before being placed on the transfer list by boss Chris Sutton. A cult hero in Lincolnshire he joined the Imps following a successful spell with Chesterfield where he spent two years. Had a spell on loan with City in 2006/07.

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 6'3" 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.

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 and was made permanent in January 2010. Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

MIDFIELDERS

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 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 up by 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. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and 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.

Kevin NICHOLLS

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. 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. 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, has worked his way through the ranks.

Tom CRADDOCK

Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who did well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. 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-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. 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

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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. 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 last summer.

Mark NWOKEJI

Lightening quick striker with superb goalscoring record at non-league level who signed on loan from League 2 outfit Dagenham & Redbridge.

Matthew BARNES-HOMER

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers and has agreed a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently. After notching 21 goals in all competitions last season, the powerful forward has scored nine times in 20 league appearances this term and, since arriving at the Worcestershire club in 2007, has hit an impressive tally of 34 goals in 77 starts. Barnes-Homer also enjoyed a dream start to his international career when he netted the winner on his debut for England C in their 2-1 win over Poland in November. An energetic talent, the front man began his career as a trainee at Wolves before going on to lead something of a nomadic life prior to finding his feet



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at Kidderminster. After leaving Molineux he tried his luck in the United States before returning to England and, following success with a clutch of non-league sides, Barnes-Homer was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers. He struggled to make an impression at Adam Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07

season, Harriers manager Mark Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature. His form in front of goal at Kidderminster had alerted the attentions of a number of Football League teams but Barnes-Homer was suitably impressed by the Hatters' vision and became Richard Money's first signing for the club.

Craig NELTHORPE

Recently joined Town on loan from City until the end of the season. The left winger was previously with Doncaster Rovers and Oxford United before moving to York last summer.

MANAGER

Richard MONEY

Lowestoft-born Richard became the Hatters' 24th post-war permanent manager to succeed Mick Harford. Dubbed "Dicky Dosh" by Walsall fans after he guided the Saddlers to the League 2 title in 2006/07, Richard played 49 times during his season-long stay at Kenilworth Road in 1982/83. Richard cut his managerial teeth at Scunthorpe United - who he also served as a player, before going continuing his education overseas with two clubs in Sweden. After a brief stint in Australia it was to the Bescot where he enjoyed his most successful spell before joining Newcastle United as academy director prior to returning to Bedfordshire.

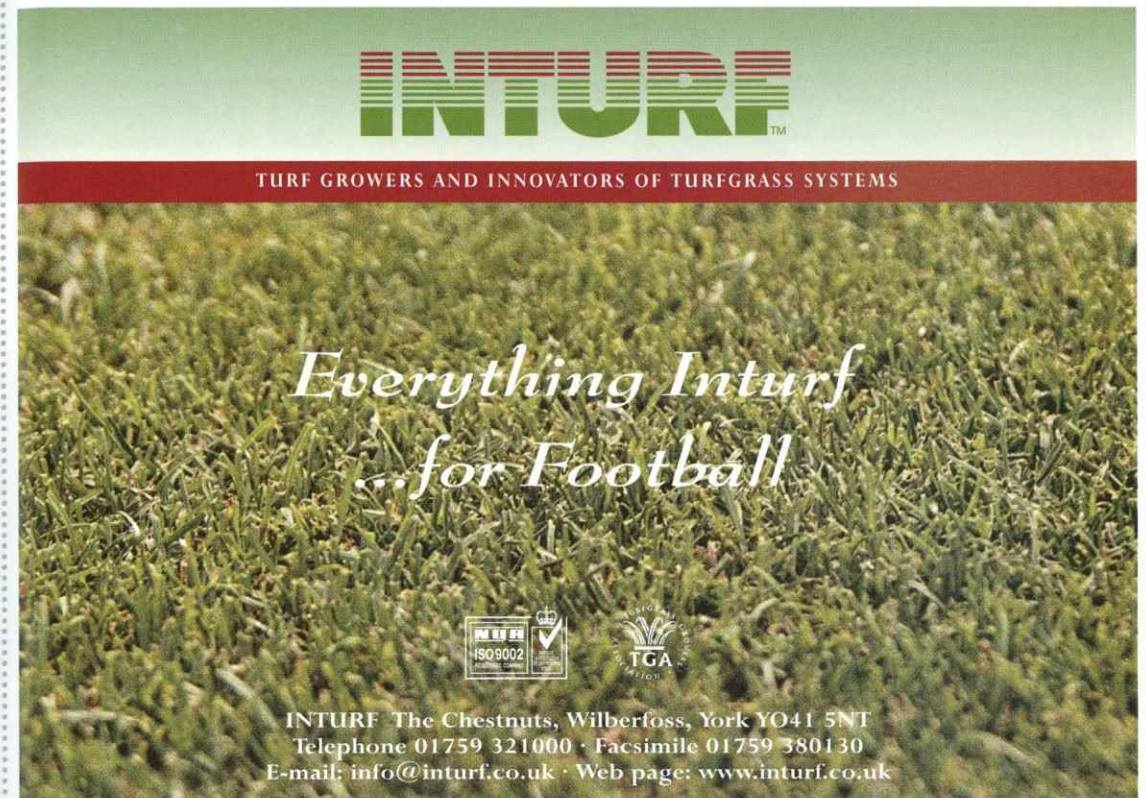
TONIGHT'S OTHER BSP GAMES

- Altrincham v Eastbourne Boro
- Gateshead v Barrow
- Oxford United v Rushden & D'md
- Salisbury City v Tamworth



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AS AT 13th FEBRUARY 2010

TEAM	PD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Oxford United	29	19	6	4	53	21	32	63
2 Stevenage Boro	31	18	9	4	52	22	30	63
3 YORK CITY	30	17	8	5	44	25	19	59
4 Rushden & D's	30	16	7	7	53	29	24	55
5 Luton Town	29	16	7	6	40	26	14	55
6 Mansfield Town	32	16	5	11	53	41	12	53
7 Kettering Town	30	15	6	9	37	25	12	51
8 AFC Wimbledon	30	14	8	8	50	26	24	50
9 Kidderminster H	30	13	7	10	41	31	10	46
10 Crawley Town	30	13	6	11	35	38	-3	45
11 Altrincham	28	11	8	9	36	28	8	41
12 Tamworth	31	9	12	10	32	35	-3	39
13 Histon	30	10	9	11	35	39	-4	39
14 Hayes & Yeading	33	10	9	14	47	59	-12	39
15 Wrexham	28	10	8	10	28	25	3	38
16 Cambridge Utd	30	8	10	12	44	41	3	34
17 Salisbury City*	30	13	4	13	34	41	-7	33
18 Ebbsfleet United	34	9	6	19	33	57	-24	33
19 Eastbourne Boro	31	6	11	14	27	46	-19	29
20 Barrow	27	6	10	11	28	43	-15	28
21 Forest Green R	31	6	8	17	30	57	-27	26
22 Gateshead†	30	7	5	18	34	49	-15	25
23 Grays Athletic	32	3	8	21	27	70	-43	17
24 Chester City‡	28	5	7	16	23	42	-19	-3

Points docked: *Salisbury 10; †Gateshead 1; ‡Chester City 25

DRAGONS CHAIRMAN ISSUES QUIT THREAT

Wrexham chairman Geoff Moss has stated he is "deadly serious" about quitting the North Wales side after receiving a number of threatening and abusive messages criticising his leadership of the club.

Moss is the majority shareholder at Wrexham and since the club plunged into administration five years ago has invested more than £4m of his own money into the club. However, the growing criticism from fans has led him to review his position at the club. "There comes a point when you think, do I need this any more? What the fans should ask themselves is 'who's been funding the wages over the past two months when we've had no games because of the bad weather'."

After suffering a disappointing second season in the Blue Square Premier, the possible departure of Moss along with his funding, will be a further blow to both fans and management, but he has stressed that he has no intentions of leaving the club "in the lurch" but instead will "retreat over the next few months".

CHESTER CITY SUSPENDED

The ongoing troubles at Chester City have taken a new twist after the club was suspended from the Blue Square Premier for seven days after failing to fulfil their matches against Forest Green Rovers and local rivals Wrexham.

After the third month of not receiving pay, the clubs players went on strike shortly before the planned departure to the New Lawn for the game against Rovers, leading to the game being postponed just two hours before kick-off. Further outstanding payments to local police has seen Chester Council placing a prohibition notice on games at the Deva stadium until policing resources can be paid for.

At the time of writing the future looks bleak for City with no investment forthcoming and certain relegation only weeks away from being confirmed. Tomorrow night's game against Kidderminster Harriers has also been postponed and unless the clubs officials can give the Blue Square league board assurances they can fulfil their games until the end of the season, it looks likely that all results involving the club will be wiped out giving a new dimension to the fight for promotion and relegation.

SHAW HOPING TO PROVE HIS WORTH

Mansfield Town striker Jon Shaw is hoping to prove his worth to his new team after netting his first goal for the club in the recent defeat to Stevenage.

The former Rochdale striker, who had an eight game spell on loan with the Minstermen in 2003, joined the Stags in early January but injury has forced him to sit out a number of recent games. Now back to full fitness and with his team hovering around the play off places, he is determined to help his team into a top five spot and repay the faith shown in him by boss David Holdsworth.

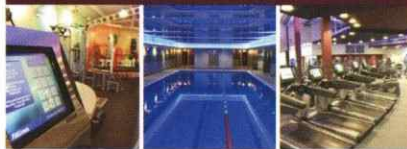
"To come into the side for players who are working hard and who deserve their place, you've got to show something. Hopefully I've done that and given the gaffer a lot to think about."

Shaw is no stranger to life in the premier division of Non League football after making over 100 appearances for last years champions Burton Albion and making a further 30 appearances during loan spells at Gateshead, Crawley and Barrow.

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- 14 Neil BARRETT
- 15 Michael RANKINE
- 16 Richard BRODIE
- 17 Levi MACKIN
- 20 Andy McWILLIAMS
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- 12 Shane BLACKETT
- 13 Shane GORE
- 14 Asa HALL
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