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Good evening and welcome to tonight's eagerly awaited Blue Square Premier match against Luton Town. We would like to welcome Richard Money along with the Chairman, Board and players of The Hatters.

The weather has been uncertain in recent weeks, and has forced many postponements up and down the land. It has been hard for managers to focus on their team's momentum and has also scuppered many sides' training schedules. I must note that our players have shown great professionalism in recent weeks and have worked admirably to adapt to training in light of the weather.

I am sure every manager would like their teams play in the sunshine but you have to manage both the conditions and training accordingly.

We have enjoyed two positive results on the road in recent weeks. The first was a hugely successful day at Tamworth where we were excellent and played to our strengths. Three days ago we visited Hayes & Yeading in a match which was far from memorable, but from which we gained a worthy point. Overall, we felt we were the better side but lacked the fluency in front of goal.

I know all of you are looking forward to tonight's match. Our players will certainly be fully motivated and a win tonight will give us a big lift should we be able to maintain our fine home form and capture the three points.

I would like to thank you, as always, for the wonderful support shown towards me and the players and once again I ask you to raise your voices throughout tonight's encounter and cheer on Mansfield Town Football Club.



Mansfield Town v Luton Town
Tuesday 2nd March 2010
Kick-off 7.45pm (rearranged game)

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FROM THE EDITOR

Due to financial constraints we have been unable to produce a new programme for tonight's match. Therefore, much of the material in today's programme dates back to the original date set for this fixture back in November.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any statistics or other editorial which appears out of date.

Mark Stevenson

Editor

NEXT UP... SALISBURY CITY

DATE: Saturday 6th March 2010, 3pm
VENUE: Field Mill



Salisbury will prove difficult opponents as their lowly league position of 15th in the Blue Square Premier belies their true form.

Tommy Widdrington's men have had to overcome a 10 point penalty deduction handed to them for entering into administration and have recorded some impressive victories along the way including wins against high-flying York and Kettering earlier in the season.

They are currently unbeaten in four league games and have booked themselves a place in the last four of the FA Trophy.

TICKET PRICES

Adults	£16
Concessions	£8
U13s (if accompanied by a paying adult)	Free

NEW DATES FOR RUSHDEN AND YORK



Our two recently postponed matches at home to Rushden and York have been re-arranged. We will now face York on Tuesday 16th March and plan to entertain Rushden on Tuesday 13th April. Both games will kick off at 7.45pm.

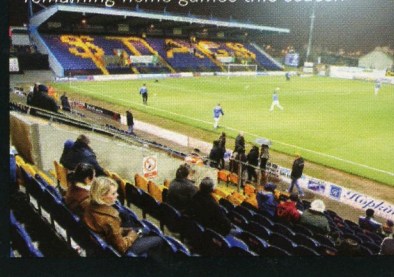
LEAGUE TABLE AS OF TUESDAY 02 MARCH 2010

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER	Pld	Pts	GD
1 Oxford United	31	69	+35
2 Stevenage Borough	32	66	+31
3 York City	32	60	+18
4 Rushden & Diamonds	32	56	+23
5 Luton Town	32	56	+12
6 Kettering Town	32	55	+15
7 Mansfield Town	33	54	+12
8 AFC Wimbledon	32	53	+23
9 Kidderminster Harriers	31	49	+13
10 Crawley Town	32	48	-4
11 Altrincham	32	46	+10
12 Wrexham	31	42	+4
13 Hayes & Yeading United	34	40	-12
14 Histon	31	39	-7
15 Tamworth	33	39	-7
16 Salisbury City (-10)	32	37	-6
17 Ebbsfleet United	36	36	-25
18 Cambridge United	31	35	+3
19 Eastbourne Borough	34	33	-21
20 Barrow	29	31	-13
21 Gateshead (-1)	33	31	-15
22 Forest Green Rovers	32	27	-27
23 Grays Athletic	33	18	-43
24 Chester City (-25)	28	-3	-19

REMAINING FIXTURES

Sat 06 Mar	Salisbury City	H	15:00
Sat 13 Mar	Tamworth	H	15:00
Tue 16 Mar	York City	H	19:45
Sat 20 Mar	Histon	A	15:00
Tue 23 Mar	Altrincham	H	19:45
Sat 27 Mar	Kettering Town	A	15:00
Sat 03 Apr	Wrexham	H	15:00
Mon 05 Apr	Cambridge United	A	19:45
Sat 10 Apr	AFC Wimbledon	H	15:00
Tue 13 Apr	Rushden & Diamonds	H	19:45
Sat 17 Apr	Oxford United	A	15:00
Sat 24 Apr	Kidderminster Harriers	H	15:00

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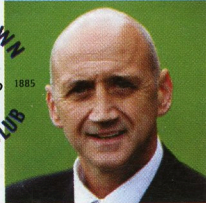




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David Holdsworth

Mansfield Town

- 1 Alan Marriott
- 2 Scott Gardner
- 3 Paul Heckingbottom
- 4 Gary Mills
- 5 Luke Jones
- 6 Scott Garner
- 7 Louis Briscoe
- 8 Matt Somner
- 9 Robert Duffy
- 10 Jon Shaw
- 11 Ryan Williams
- 12 Craig Armstrong
- 14 Steven Istead
- 15 Luke Foster
- 16 Gary Silk
- 17 Jake Speight
- 18 Andy Nicholas
- 19 Kyle Perry
- 21 Tom Naylor
- 22 Ben Turner
- 23 Conor Higginson
- 24 Grant Ryan
- 25 Jon Challinor
- 26 Kyle Nix
- 27 Jason Bradley
- 32 Blair Sturrock
- 33 Neil Collett
- 34 Oliver Hotchkiss
- 36 Michael Brough
- 37 Andy Burgess







Manager
Richard Money

Luton Town

- 1 Mark Tyler
- 2 Ed Asafu-Adjaye
- 3 Lewis Emanuel
- 4 Keith Keane
- 5 János Kovács
- 6 George Pilkington
- 7 Adam Newton
- 8 Kevin Nicholls
- 9 Liam Hatch
- 10 Tom Craddock
- 12 Shane Blackett
- 13 Shane Gore
- 14 Asa Hall
- 15 Jake Howells
- 16 Rossi Jarvis
- 17 Ryan Charles
- 18 Claude Gnappa
- 19 Steve Basham
- 20 Kevin Gallen
- 21 Callum Reynolds
- 22 Craig Nelthorpe
- 23 Fred Murray
- 25 George Beavan
- 26 Kevin Pilkington
- 27 Mark Nwokeji
- 29 Matthew Barnes-Homer
- 30 Adam Watkins
- 31 Jordan Patrick
- 32 Jack Wood
- 33 Taylor Nathaniel
- 34 Sam Barker
- 36 Alex Lacey
- 37 Godfrey Poku



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-  Assistant referee: **A McIntyre**
-  Assistant referee: **J Waters**
-  Fourth Official: **C Ward**

Fixtures

Tuesday 2 March

- Cambridge Utd v Oxford Utd
- Eastbourne Boro v Stevenage
- Kidderminster v Ebbsfleet United
- Mansfield v Luton
- Salisbury v Crawley Town
- Tamworth v Gateshead

Wednesday 3 March

- Histon v Rushden & D'mnds

Saturday 6 March

- AFC Wimbledon v Altrincham
- Barrow v Cambridge Utd
- Eastbourne Boro v Kidderminster
- Forest Green v York
- Hayes & Yeading v Luton
- Histon v Gateshead
- Kettering v Chester
- Mansfield v Salisbury
- Stevenage v Crawley Town
- Tamworth v Rushden & D'mnds
- Wrexham v Ebbsfleet United

Next Up

Stags v Salisbury City
Sat 6th March 2010
Kick Off: 3.00pm



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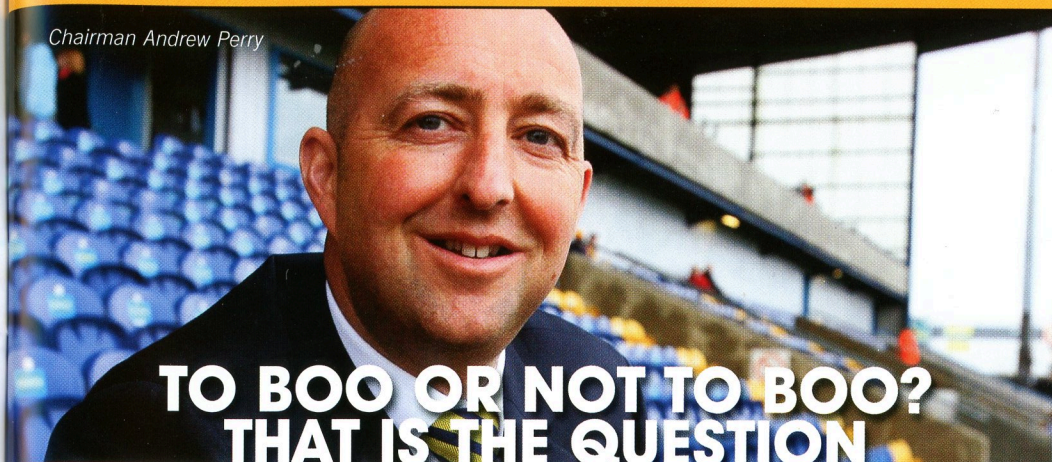
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chairman's foreword...

Chairman Andrew Perry



TO BOO OR NOT TO BOO? THAT IS THE QUESTION

I'm sure opinions are divided on this subject; I would have thought the more intelligent of us do realise that it achieves nothing, is totally pointless and counter productive.

Having the privilege of putting my own (and Andy Saunders' and Steve Middleton's) necks on the line when we bought this amazing football club, especially when there was nobody else really willing to do it, I now get see and hear what happens on the other side of football.

Booing is definitely not a motivational tool that players and management respond to. I know, I've been told. So why do some supporters do it, especially when he have a squad stronger than we have had for years?

As far as I'm aware, the club is unrecognisable compared with the least five years. So why the negativity?

This season is not about an individual game, but about a season of 46 games. There will always be the occasional lows in between the highs

But that's life. It is how we respond to these lows that affect the direction we move in. We are all a team and we should be pulling in the same direction from the Board, staff, players and most importantly, you, the fans.

So please support the lads vocally for the whole of the game, and try to get out of the mentality of

moaning for the sake of moaning. These players are your heroes and role models and deserve to have the 90 plus minutes of your support.

Another subject where opinions divide is the... THE HAND OF FROG.

"As cynical and repugnant a piece of cheating as you will ever witness" – wrote Matthew Norman in the Evening Standard of Thierry Henry's handball in the build-up to William Gallas's goal that took France to the World Cup finals at Ireland's expense.

**Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them? - Shakespeare**

We all have our opinions on this matter, but FIFA have condoned the actions of a well-respected human being.

I don't hear the French moaning about this incident. So where does this debate end?

Ex-England Rugby Union star, Brian Moore said that you could play fair but you would lose. He argued that if you want to win rugby matches against New Zealand or South Africa you had to do what it took. In other words Thierry Henry – you were right.

Isn't football the greatest game in the world when thousands of fans can watch the same game and have a different point of view on an incident or on the match as a whole?

Finally, I won't be changing my opinion on booing. Please, once again I ask you to support our players and not to belittle them. They are our passport to the Promised Land.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Richard Money, his players, staff and the chairman and directors of Luton Town for this evening's Blue Square Premier encounter.

Luton have made several changes in recent weeks, however, they undoubtedly have one of the strongest squads in the division. Their strength in depth and playing personnel is plain for all to see.

It is never easy for a club that is relegated from the Football League, and it certainly takes time for such clubs to understand the ethics which operate in the Blue Square Premier.

Teams will always see ex-League clubs as a huge scalp, and this is something our club has also learned in the past 18 months.

Tonight's encounter should prove to be very healthy and our players need no reminding that we are playing against a strong opposition tonight.

We enter this game having lost only one in nine and remain in fine form. My players are working tirelessly on the training ground and continue to persevere and operate to the highest of standards.

As you know by now, I do try to deal in facts. Having studied the Eastbourne Borough game on DVD two days ago, I noted that we dominated the statistics chart, having registered more shots on goal and corners than the opposition. In the

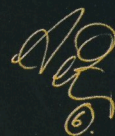
end, we were dissatisfied to only take a point during a match which was fairly unattractive to watch amid difficult playing conditions.

I respect Eastbourne, however, and they came with a game plan to stop our full backs operating effectively and to quieten down the game.

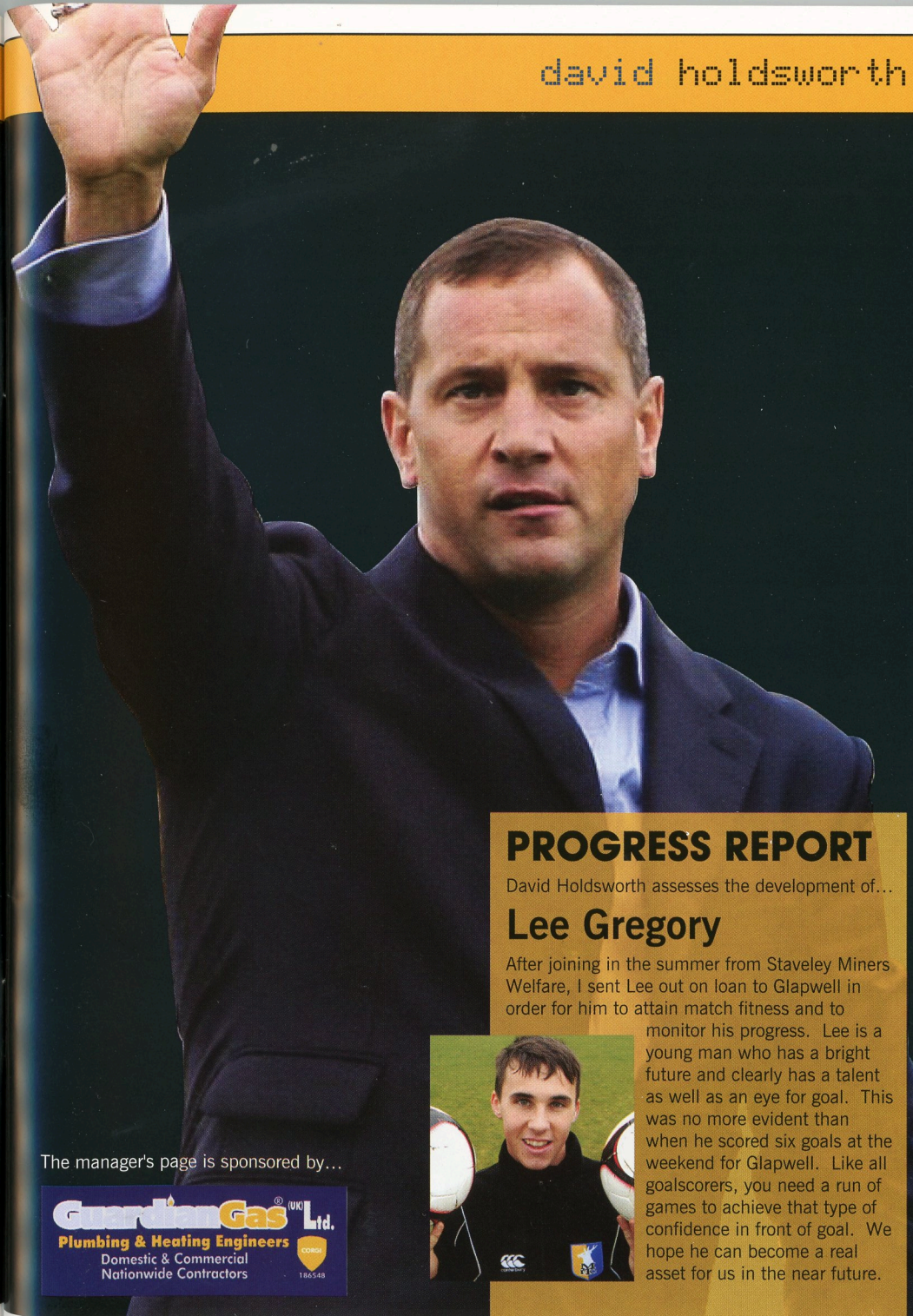
Your support here at Field Mill has been tremendous and I will always understand your frustrations when we are unable to win matches. However, patience can certainly be the key and as I have written in previous notes, teams come here to try and quieten you, the supporters.

As always, your support is extremely welcome and the belief you can give the

players can be second to none. Therefore, please show your faith to our players. We are fourth in the league at this precise moment and in healthy form. We will continue to work as hard as we possibly can to achieve our ultimate aim.



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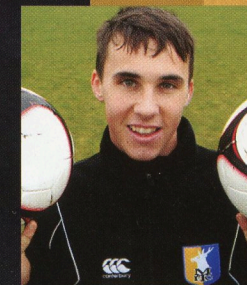
PROGRESS REPORT

David Holdsworth assesses the development of...

Lee Gregory

After joining in the summer from Staveley Miners Welfare, I sent Lee out on loan to Glapwell in order for him to attain match fitness and to

monitor his progress. Lee is a young man who has a bright future and clearly has a talent as well as an eye for goal. This was no more evident than when he scored six goals at the weekend for Glapwell. Like all goalscorers, you need a run of games to achieve that type of confidence in front of goal. We hope he can become a real asset for us in the near future.



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10 DEVELOPMENTS BEHIND STAGS REVIVAL

In July of last year, a change in ownership of our football club was completed by local businessmen and lifelong fans Andrew Perry, Andrew Saunders and Steve Middleton.

The takeover saw the start of a journey to take us in a new direction and stabilised us financially, after suffering large losses in previous years, alongside the number one aim of re-establishing us as a Football League club.

With the ink barely dry on the paperwork, new Chairman and Co-owner Andrew Perry spoke on behalf of the new proprietors and said: "We are

looking forward to the challenges ahead and with the help and support of the local community I am sure that we can achieve our common goal - which is promotion to the Football League.

"This is a new era for the club and we hope to re-ignite relationships with the supporters and give them something to be proud of."

However, Mr Perry would be the first to admit that there is still much work to do, but today we look back at 10 improvements introduced during the past 15 months which have played some part in realising these ambitions.

1 DAVID HOLDSWORTH

To start with, and perhaps the most obvious improvement that has succeeded in elevating the fortunes of the Club, was the appointment of manager David Holdsworth in January. With the team hovering perilously close to the relegation zone, former manager Billy McEwan was relieved of his duties last December. The effect of the switch in management was instantaneous as results improved.



New faces were brought in and the ex-Ilkeston boss eventually managed to steer us to a respectable 12th place finish. Under David Holdsworth's managerial reign, the side have maintained a fortress mentality at Field Mill and remarkably recorded only one defeat at home during the whole of his 11 month tenure. This season is looking very promising as we sit firmly within the play-off mix.

2 CROWD IMPROVEMENTS

In a bid to restore health to our finances, many efforts have been made to boost crowd levels here at Field Mill and increase revenues from other commercial activities.

The first move made to achieve this goal was to lower prices for season tickets during the summer. As a result sales have doubled on last seasons with over 2,700 tickets being sold during the campaign. This now means that we can expect crowds of 3,000 people on average for home games this term which serves to enhance the atmosphere on match days and therefore lift the players to perform well.

season ticket holders watch 25 games for only **£7.80** per game

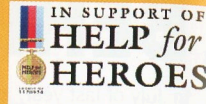
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3 U13 INCENTIVE

In another innovative scheme for supporters, U13s can now attend home games for free if they are accompanied by a paying adult, which not only ensures that watching live football here at Field Mill is made more affordable but also helps to nurture a new generation of Stags fans.

4 PLEDGE TO THE TROOPS

In addition, in recognition of the immense bravery shown by our servicemen and women in the line of duty, season tickets are now offered to them for free.



5 COMMERCIAL REVAMP

The Club's commercial activities have benefitted immeasurably from the refurbishment and renaming of the Executive Suite after Stags' legend Kevin Bird. Similarly the Cross Bar was dedicated to former full back Sandy Pate and both facilities now offer a wide range of executive hospitality packages which, in conjunction with the new sponsorship packages announced ahead of this season, constitute important revenue streams in this challenging financial climate.



6 NEW EXCITING EVENTS

Backroom staff have worked tirelessly to bring you new and enjoyable events including Comedy Nights, Ladies' Race Night, and the ever-popular Fireworks Night hosted here earlier this month. We have also organised a larger number of open days throughout the year and we were able to benefit from being one of the venues in the FA Cup tour last November.

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7 FIELD MILL RESTORATION

We have also made great strides behind the scenes with many improvements made to the stadium, including the replacement or repair of approximately 500 broken seats and the stepping up of cleaning-up operations to create a more pleasant environment.



8 STAGS' NEW SCOREBOARD

Furthermore, the new scoreboard was unveiled here at Field Mill only last month providing fans with the facility to be kept updated with scores from across the country and an opportunity to display their birthday wishes or any other messages.



9 NEW WEBSITE

Throughout the last 12 months, strenuous efforts have been made to improve our online presence and news coverage on our official website mansfieldtown.net.

Such is the success of the more user-friendly website and the introduction of new features such as video and audio packages that visitor numbers have increased dramatically. We now receive 114,000 more page views per month than 18 months ago which is one of the highest rates of growth in the official clubs' website network.

10 STAGS' ONLINE SHOP

Also, in March the online club shop was launched at www.stagsclubshop.com to make the purchasing of club merchandise more convenient and allowing you to buy replica shirts and other goods at the click of a button. The club shop also now offers a wider range of clothing and accessories.




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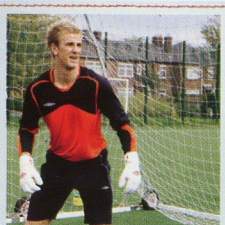


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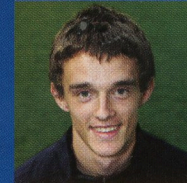


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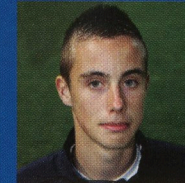
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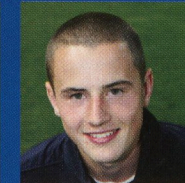
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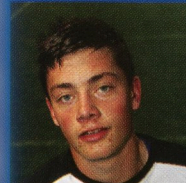
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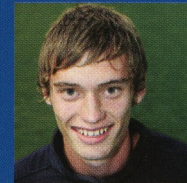
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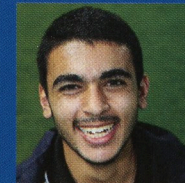
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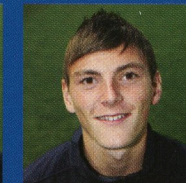
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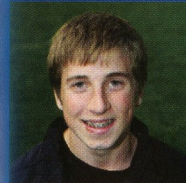
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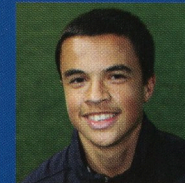
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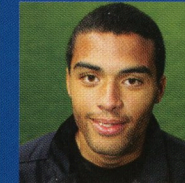
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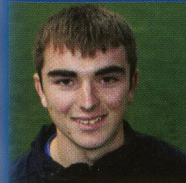
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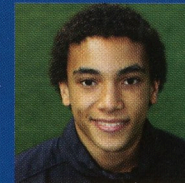
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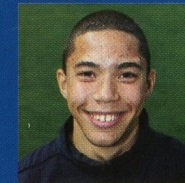
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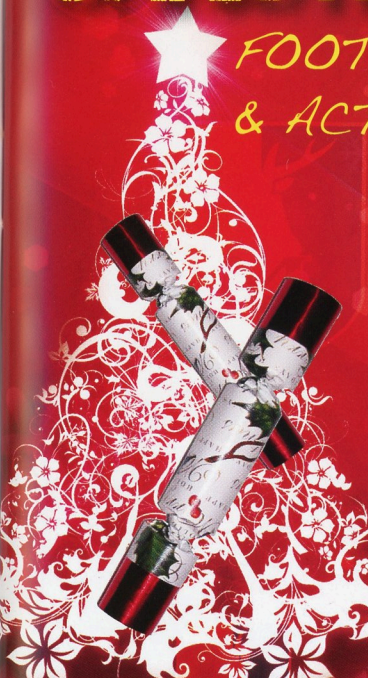
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Hobbies: - Ross loves playing football, swimming and cycling. He attends all Football in the Community activities throughout the holidays.



Callum Milner

School: Daneswood
Favourite Player: Ryan Williams and Jake Speight
Hobbies: Callum enjoys playing football, listening to music and hanging around with the girls.



Matthew Smith

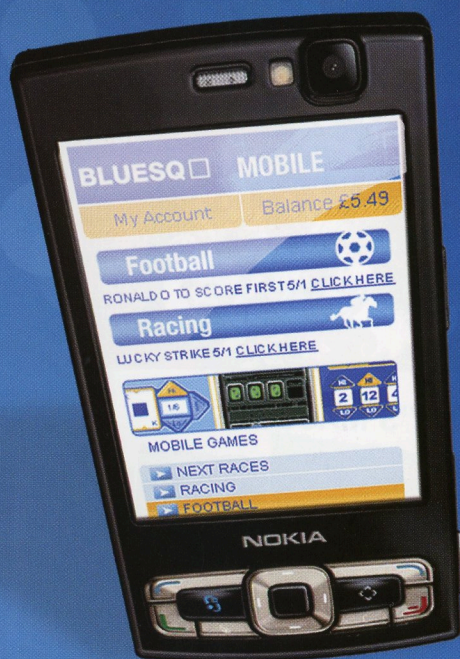
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THE BASICS...

Age	32
Month of birth	July
Any Siblings?	A brother, Marc
Shoe size	9
Any Tattoos?	No
Any Piercings?	No
Who did you last speak with on the phone?	My Mrs

LAST...

Magazine you looked at	Sky Magazine
Thing you ate	A ham sandwich
Book you read	Ross Country by James Patterson
TV show you watched	Flash Forward
Time you cried	...with laughter at my Mrs every day
Took a shower	This morning

WHAT IS/WAS...

Your most prized possession	Family
Your first car	A G Reg Blue Ford Escort
Your current car	Volkswagen Golf
Your bedtime (on average)	As early as possible
Your best trait/characteristic	Honesty
Your worst trait/characteristic	Stubbornness

YOUR FAVOURITE...

Place to be	Home
Non-Alcoholic drink	Coffee
Alcoholic drink	Red Wine
Meal	Thai
Shampoo & Conditioner	Elvive
Fast food establishment	A Chippy
Colour	Red
Season	Summer
Holiday	Rhodes, Greece
Perfume/Cologne	Clinique, Happy
TV show	Heroes
Article of clothing	Shoes

Book

The Jigsaw Man, Paul Britton
Children's Book Spot the Dog

DO YOU BELIEVE...

In Karma	No
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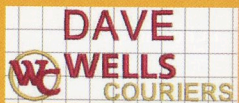
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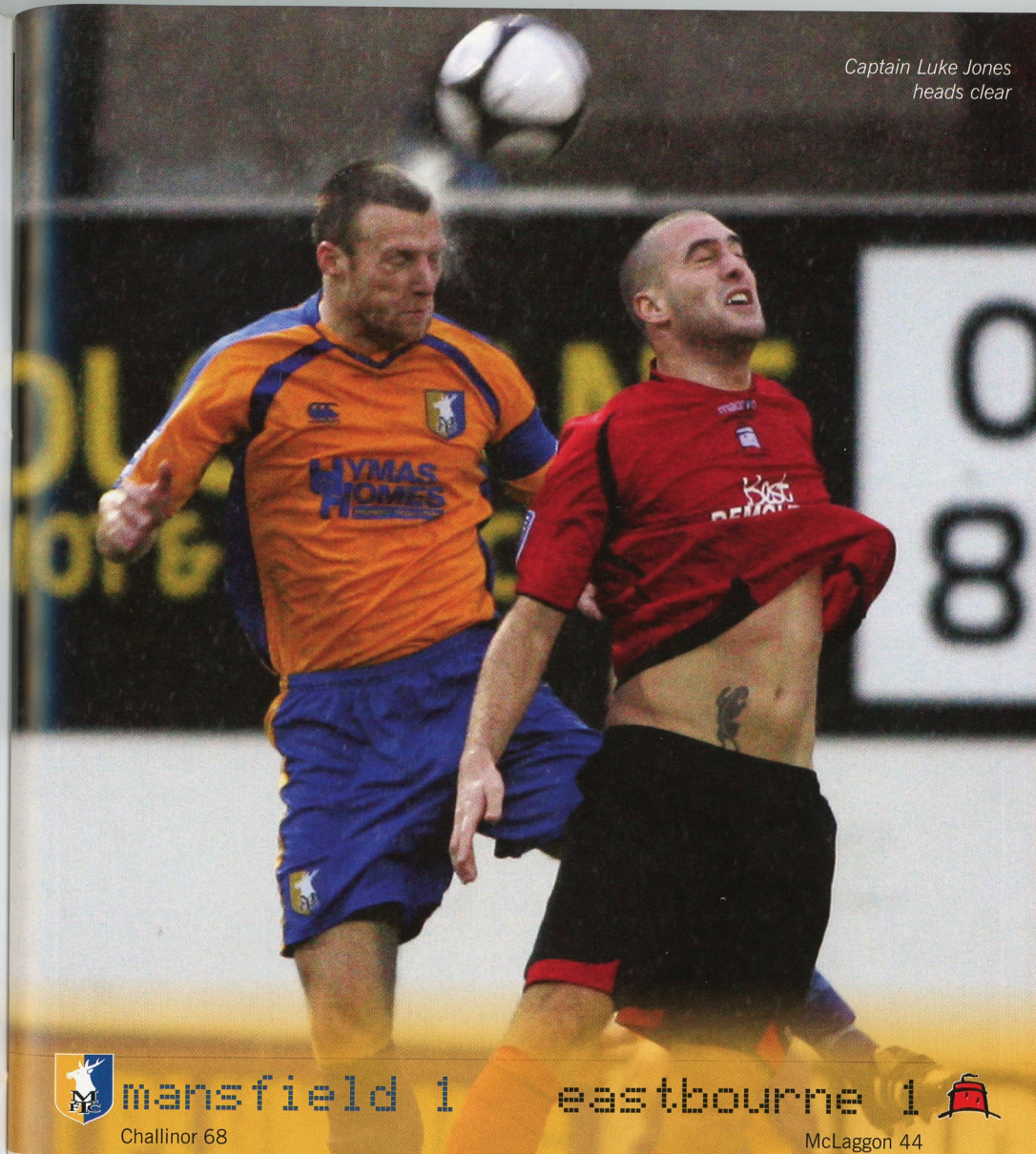
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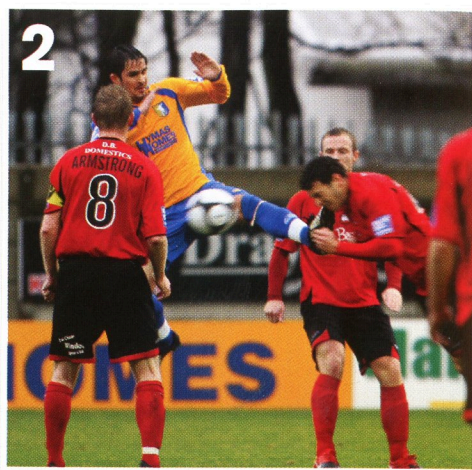
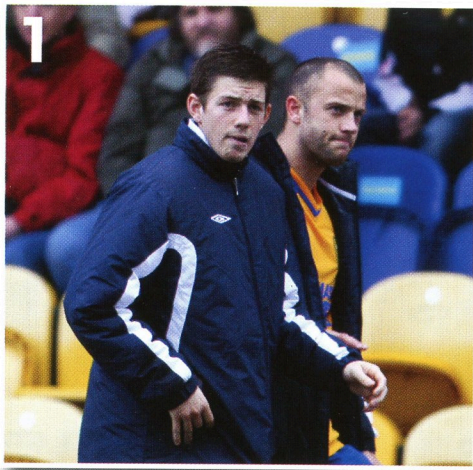
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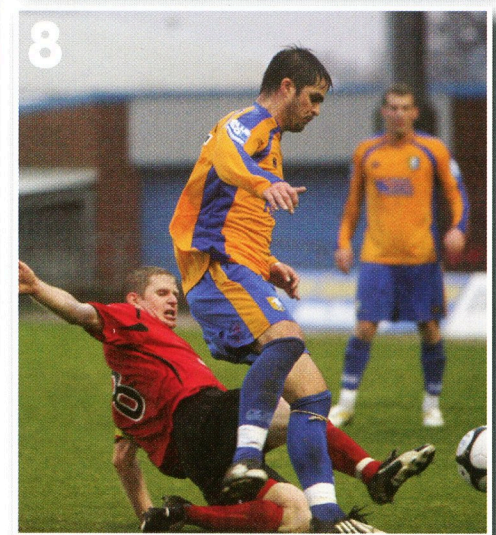
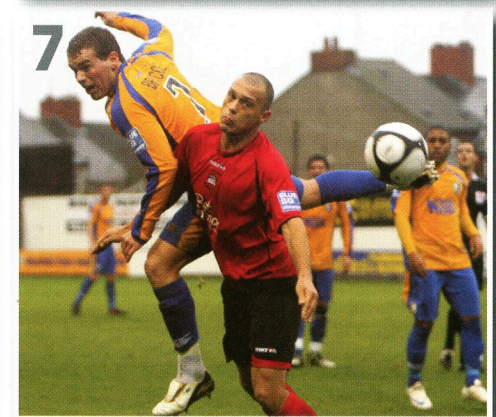
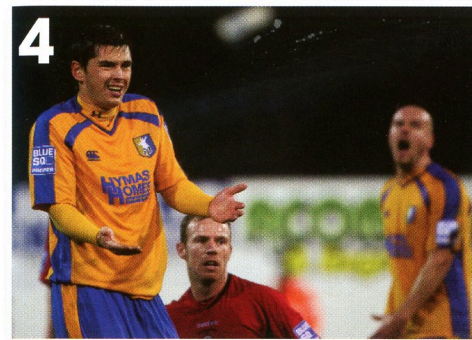
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Player	Substitute	Player	Substitute
1 Marriott		10 Goal Attempts	12
3 Heckingbottom		5 On Target	7
5 Jones		5 Off Target	5
6 Garner		0 Hit Woodwork	0
8 Somner		4 Corners	4
11 Williams		16 Fouls	19
25 Challinor		5 Offsides	2
36 Brough		1 Yellow	5
7 Briscoe		0 Red	0
9 Duffy		Referee	A Madley
19 Perry	32 Dobson 7 min 35 Sturrock 62 min	Attendance	2,922
		1 Knowles	
		2 Baker	
		5 Austin	
		24 Elphick	
		8 Armstrong, P	
		11 Crabb, M	
		14 Weatherstone	
		23 Benjamin	12 Johnson 90 min
		26 Brown	
		10 Enver-Marum	9 Atkin 90 min
		27 McLaggon	22 Fraser 56 min



1 Kyle Perry departs early from the match due to injury, with fitness coach Tom Williams
2 Jon Challinor battles for the ball

3 Ryan Williams congratulates Jon Challinor after he equalises for the Stags



4 Rob Duffy claims his innocence
5 Jon Challinor stretches for the ball
6 Louis Briscoe heads for goal
7 Louis Briscoe battles with Eastbourne's Dan Brown
8 Debutant Jon Challinor is thwarted by Eastbourne's Paul Armstrong



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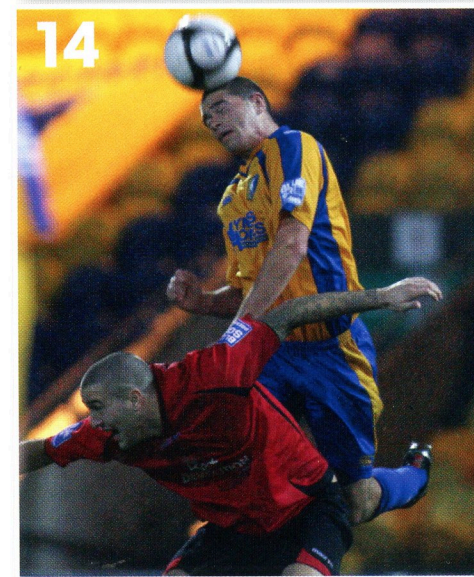
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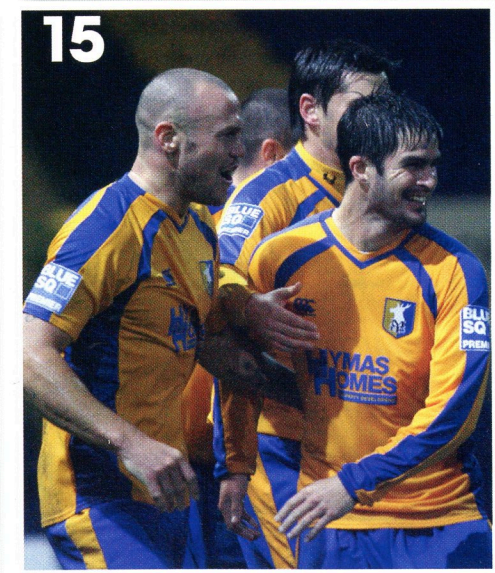
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9 Louis Briscoe climbs highest

10 Michael Brough gets up tight to Eastbourne's Michael Crabbe

11 Kyle Perry goes close early on

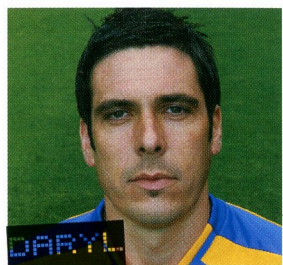
12 Craig Dobson halts Eastbourne's Dan Brown

13 Blair Sturrock is gobsmacked after the referee disallows his 'goal' due to handball

14 Scott Garner heads clear

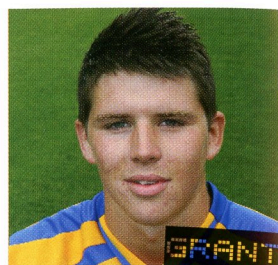
15 All smiles as Jon Challinor equalises

BRAIN BOX CHALLENGE



DARYL CLARE

Daryl Clare takes on Grant Ryan in this week's Brain Box challenge, as we attempt to find the most intelligent player in our squad.



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QUESTION

8 (A. 10)	How many events are there in a decathlon?	8
13	What is the square root of 169?	Pass
Rome	According to the old proverb all roads lead to which capital city?	Rome
Rainbow	Which children's television show featured the characters of George, Zippy and Bungle?	The Magic Roundabout
Aintree	At which racecourse is the Derby and the Oaks traditionally run?	Epsom
Middlesbrough	Steve McLaren was manager of which football club immediately before being appointed England manager?	Was it Charlton?
Pass (Metronome)	What is the name of the clockwork device used by musicians to measure time?	Pass
Netball	Which sport is played over four periods of 15 minutes where only two of the seven players can score?	Netball
-15 to 1	'Question or Nominate' was a phrase commonly heard on which UK TV quiz show?	Pass
Jaws	In which film did Roy Scheider play a sheriff and Richard Dreyfus a marine biologist?	Jaws

7

RESULT

4

ROUND ONE ROUND ONE ROUND ONE ROUND ONE ROUND ONE ROUND ONE ROUND ONE

GARY SILK	JONATHAN D. LARVER	JAKE SPEIGHT	KYLE NIX	KYLE PERRY	STEVEN ISTEAD	LUKE GRAHAM	LUKE JONES
VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS
CONOR HIGGINS	TOM NAYLOR	GRANT RYAN	SCOTT SPARNER	LOUIE BRISCOE	JASON BRADLEY	TIM SANDERCOMBE	SCOTT GARDNER
Game A	Game B	Game C	Game D	Game E	Game F	Game G	Game H

ROUND TWO ROUND TWO ROUND TWO ROUND TWO ROUND TWO ROUND TWO

CRAIG ARMSTRONG	PAUL HEDGECOCK	DARYL CLARE	RYAN WILLIAMS	ALAN MARRIOTT	GARY WILKS	ROB DUFFY	MATT SONNER
VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS	VERSUS
GARY SILK	JONATHAN D. LARVER	GRANT RYAN	KYLE NIX	KYLE PERRY	JASON BRADLEY	TIM SANDERCOMBE	SCOTT GARDNER
Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Game 6	Game 7	Game 8

QUARTER FINALS QUARTER FINALS QUARTER FINALS QUARTER FINALS QUARTER FINALS

CRAIG ARMSTRONG	DARYL CLARE	WINNER OF GAME 5	WINNER OF GAME 7
W	V	W	V
PAUL HEDGECOCK	WINNER OF GAME 4	WINNER OF GAME 6	WINNER OF GAME 8
QUARTER FINAL 1	QUARTER FINAL 2	QUARTER FINAL 3	QUARTER FINAL 4

SEMI FINALS SEMI FINALS SEMI FINALS

WINNER OF QF 1	WINNER OF QF 3
W	V
WINNER OF QF 2	WINNER OF QF 4
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BRAIN BOX FINAL

WINNER OF SF 1	WINNER OF SF 2
W	V
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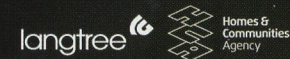
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BURLY BRUMMY'S DESIGNING HIS OWN FUTURE

Words: Mark Stevenson | Pictures: Richard Parkes

Kyle Perry has certainly found himself in the right place at the right time to be where he is today, but not even the hardest of hearts would deny this loveable forward his break in football.

Standing at 6'4" tall, and built like a Sherman tank, one could be forgiven to expect a tough interior to the 23-year-old. But he is as gentle as they come.

The burly forward gives good reason to appreciate professional football more than most. Only five years ago, Kyle began work as a graphic designer for the Co-op and rose early each morning to be at his office desk for 8am. He would leave nine hours later to train at nearby non-league club Telford for three nights a week.

"I'd get out of the office, grab a quick sandwich, and then head straight to training," said Kyle.

The powerhouse front man was unable to gain a professional contract at hometown club Walsall, and was forced to find permanent work after being released following a three-year scholarship.

"I ended up designing billboards, posters, leaflets and that type of thing for the Co-op as they went through a re-branding process.

"Doing a 'normal job' has made me level headed. I met some great people and it was a wonderful experience, but I wouldn't change it for what I'm doing now."

He left his mark on the company after two years of

service and did enough to earn the Community Colleague of the Year Award in 2006, for his services to charity.

"We were allowed to do 21 hours of charitable work and I took it upon myself to take advantage of it. I organised a football tournament where 16 teams (whose players were employees of Co-op), played against one another. I thoroughly enjoyed the process of

organising the event and it put the 'feel good factor' back in my life. We managed to raise over £2,000 for MacMillans Cancer Research so it was all worthwhile."

Kyle combined his full time role with leading the line for semi-professional Telford, where he bagged 32 goals in 68 appearances. He was soon snapped up by Willenhall Town, finding the net on no fewer 26 occasions during the 2006/07 campaign. His brother Todd was also in the same side.

His talents were spotted by Chasetown in the summer of 2007 and then his career's momentum began. He was part of the club's heroics as The Scholars became the lowest ever ranked club to reach the third round of the FA Cup, beating Port Vale, and then losing to eventual finalists Cardiff City.

"I'd get out of the office, grab a quick sandwich, and then head straight to training."



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- Brown or white bread
- Club or country

"It was with Chasetown in the Cup that I made my name. The limelight and national exposure was astonishing for a club the size of Chasetown and the remarkable run that year has helped transform the club. From the funds which they have gained they now have a youth scholarship system in place, which is so unusual for a club that low down the pyramid. The cup journey is the highlight of my career."

It was the televised tie against Vale which put him in the shop window, and the club which he helped crash out of the Cup soon won the race for his signature.

It meant he would have to clear his desk and say goodbye to his eight hour daytime shifts.

"As soon as Port Vale offered me the contract I couldn't pack my stuff quickly enough. I had to leave my job as a graphic designer but I knew that a chance like this would rarely open for me again."

His 18 month stint at Vale Park was not as fruitful as he would have liked, however. Kyle was unable to score in 18 starts and 13 substitute appearances, but curiously appeared four times in the 'Team of the Week' and collected the February Player of the Month award in the process.

"I made my debut away at Swansea and I remember walking into their changing room and seeing my name on the back of the shirt for the first time. As a semi-professional player, names aren't



printed on the backs of shirts, so to see mine for the first time was very special. It has remained so to this day. I get a tingle every time I see 'Perry' hanging on the peg."

Kyle was again in the right place at the right time ahead of his next move - one which would ultimately lead him to Field Mill.

Just one month after manager David Holdsworth had taken the Stags' hot-seat, Perry fired a sensational hat-trick for Vale's reserves as they ran out 3-0 victors against our second string. His performance was so memorable that he was signed by the gaffer six months later.

"Football's a funny old game, isn't it? I happened to shine in one game and it happened to be the right time to do it. I have worked hard throughout my career so far and I like to think that I am reaping the rewards in front of goal."

"I love every moment of it here. It is intense, but I like that."

"I do feel, however, that you must have variety in your life when you work hard at anything, and when I

am away from the game I do like to switch off from football and do other things. I am currently learning to play the guitar and I'm looking forward to the day when I can play 'wonderwall'."

The ten goal front man currently lives at his home in Wolverhampton with Mother Pat and Father Dave.

"They have both been a great support to me. My mum is a caring woman and my dad is a football nut. When I was sent off against Stevenage earlier this season, my dad was roaming the touchline shouting at the referee. I had to remind him that he is my dad as well as a fan and to act in a more befitting way!"

In this programme feature, Kyle enjoyed a two course meal at the Talbot Inn along with fellow 'car school' members Louis Briscoe and Michael Brough.

"I had the 16oz rump steak and it was cooked just how I like it. The service was spot on and I was privileged to be treated to such a fine meal," he added.

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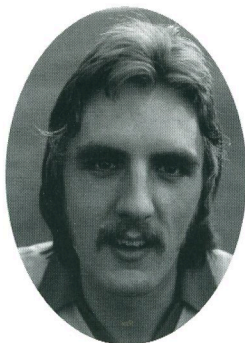
Moving on to the second part of this section and another six players who have all scored loads of goals for the Club and at one time or another been firm favourites amongst the Stags' faithful.

THE STRIKERS – PART TWO

Terry Eccles

1973-1977

Appearances: 118 (Football League, 47 goals), 31 (other competitions, 10 goals)



Danny Williams signed Terry Eccles for the Stags in July 1973 for £6,000 from Blackburn Rovers, and what a great acquisition he turned out to be. He was with the Stags during the most successful period in their Football League history, although by the time the Third Division title had been secured he had moved on to

Huddersfield Town. Leading scorer in his first season (20 goals), he was eclipsed by Ray Clarke during the Fourth Division championship season but his 17 goals during that campaign were, nonetheless, vital. A fearless striker who was not afraid to put his head where some feared to put their boot.

Goals/game ratio: 0.40 FL, 0.38 overall

Chris Greenacre

1999-2002

Appearances: 121 (Football League, 49 goals), 14 (other competitions, 9 goals)



Chris came, originally on loan, from Manchester City in 1999 when Lee Peacock made his move in the opposite direction. He scored twice on his first team debut against Lincoln City. He was an immediate hit with the fans as he scored 6 times in his 11 match loan spell. At the end of the three months the move was made permanent. In all of his three seasons at Field

Mill he headed the scoring charts. During the 2001-02 promotion season he had the scouts flocking to Field Mill. He completed that season with the Stags but then moved on to Stoke City on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling.

Goals/game ratio: 0.40 FL, 0.43 overall

Ted Harston

1935-1937

Appearances: 70 (Football League, 81 goals), 6 (other competitions, 4 goals)



Teddy Harston's overall record is one of over a goal a game which to say that he played in 70 League games is quite remarkable. He was signed from Bristol City in October 1935 and became the first Stags player to score a hat trick on his debut. Prior to his arrival at Field Mill his record was not remarkable but once here he just could not stop scoring.

In his first season he scored 26 goals in 29 matches but that was just a warning of things to come. In the following season, (1936-37) the Club and Division 3 North scoring records were shattered as the amazing Harston knocked in 55 goals in 41 matches. and just for good measure he scored hat trick in the FA Cup.

Goals/game ratio: 1.16 FL, 1.12 overall

Harry Johnson

1931-1936

Appearances: 163 (Football League, 104 goals), 9 (other competitions, 10 goals)



Said to be 'past it' on signing for the Stags he proved all his knockers wrong by adding the Stags' League goal scoring record to the one he already held for his previous club Sheffield United. He played in the Stags first six seasons in the Football league and is still the only Stag to have score over 100 Football League goals for the club. He holds one other Stags' record in that

in 1932 between 5 September and 5 November, he scored 18 goals in 10 consecutive matches. In each of the Stags first four League seasons he was the club's leading goal scorer.

Goals/game ratio: 0.57 FL, 0.51 overall.

Ken Murray

1953-1957

Appearances: 140 (Appearances, 60 goals), 5 (other competitions, 1 goal)



Inside forward Ken Murray began his career as an amateur with Bishop Auckland whilst working in the shipyards. He moved to Darlington in 1950 and then the Stags in July 1953. He was our seasonal leading scorer twice in 1954 (21 goals) and 1955 (13 goals). He retired in the summer of 1960 when his then club, Gateshead, were voted out of the Football League.

Born in Newcastle on 2 April 1928, he died there in January 1993.

Goals/game ratio: 0.43 FL, 0.42 overall

Ken Reeve

1949-1954

Appearances: 139 (Football League, 62 goals), 6 (other competitions, no goals)



Ken Reeve began his career with Grimsby Town but because of WW II he did not make his debut until he had been with the club for nine years. Before his arrival at Field Mill, he was leading goal scorer for Doncaster Rovers. The then Stags' manager, Freddie Steele, signed him in the summer of 1949. Playing either inside

or centre forward he had a strong shot, his best season being 1951-52, when he lead the Stags scoring chart having netted 21 times.

Goals/game ratio: 0.45 FL, 0.43 overall

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North East Conference
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Stags 1-3 Bradford City

Brawny midfielder Niall O'Rafferty bagged his eighth goal of the season with 60 minutes on the watch, but it wasn't enough to chalk points on the board as our young guns fell to a 3-1 loss at home to Bradford City.

The Bantams broke the deadlock shortly before half time in a hum-drum first 45 which saw few goalscoring chances.

The visitors bagged a second before Nick Langford was upended in the penalty area on the stroke of the hour. Niall O'Rafferty stepped up from 12 yards to reduce the arrears.

Bradford made the points safe with a third, and by then the margin was too big to pull back.

Head of Youth Mike Whitlow Said: "To be fair there was little between the two teams in a very flat game. It was one which no-one played

poorly, but nor did anyone excel.

"It was a very average match," he added.

Line up: Glenn, Purcicoe, Ludlam, Burton, Craven, Munn, Griffiths, O'Rafferty, Henry, Atkin, Langford

Used subs: Ventrella, Dowdall, Williams



Consolation goal: Niall O'Rafferty

FIXTURES/RESULTS

Date	Opposition	H/A
Sat Aug 15	Hartlepool United	A 4-5
Sat Aug 22	Darlington	H 2-1
Sat Aug 29	Rotherham United	A 4-4
Sat Sept 5	York City (11.30am k/o)	H 1-5
Sat Sept 12	Grimsby Town	A 3-2
Sat Sept 19	Doncaster Rovers	H 2-3
Sat Sept 26	Scunthorpe United	A 4-0
Sat Oct 3		
Sat Oct 10	Hull City	A 0-7
Sat Oct 17	Burton Albion	H 3-4
Sat Oct 24	Lincoln City	A 0-7
Sat Oct 31	Notts County	H 3-2
Sat Nov 7		
Sat Nov 14	Chesterfield	A 0-2
Sat Nov 21	Bradford City	H 1-3
Sat Nov 28		
Sat Dec 5	Hartlepool (1pm k/o)	H
Sat Dec 12	Darlington	A
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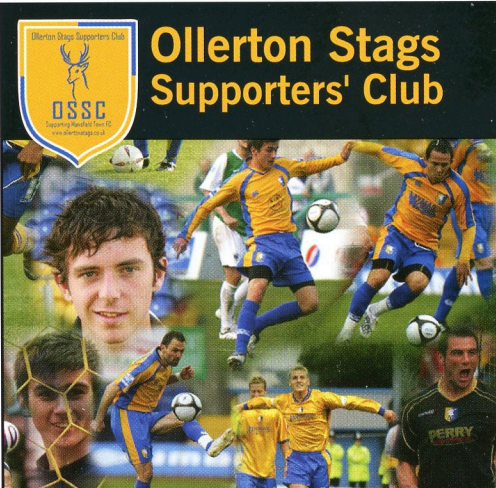
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Commentator
 Nigel Pinnick

WHY WE MUST KEEP THE FAITH

I know sections of the Stags' faithful are becoming concerned at our recent performances. We have to remember this is a long campaign and will be littered with pitfalls.

This has become increasingly evident in recent weeks where, in my opinion, teams come to the Mill looking to secure a point and to hit us on the break. Couple this with teams approaching games with the sole intention of stopping us from playing our fast free flowing style of football and we can perhaps begin to understand why results have been difficult to obtain in recent weeks.

Ironically, this comes on the back of one of our best away performances under David Holdsworth at Crawley Town. All of this is a complete reversal of last season where our away form prevented us from mounting a serious challenge for promotion.

Realistically, we are in an enviable position over the likes of Oxford. The title is theirs seemingly to lose. Clear at the top, pushing on, they like Burton Albion will falter and that's when we need to be sniffing around like a wounded animal waiting to pounce.

Moving on to tonight we welcome, arguably, the biggest team in our division in Luton Town. The Hatters have provided us with some classic encounters here at the Mill and I suspect tonight might be the same. Let's hope they leave our away dressing room in one piece this time!

It won't have escaped the Hatters' fans that this division is not the walkover that many felt it might be. Teams will visit Kenilworth Road and scrap. fight

and bite their way through 90 minutes of action not appreciated by the football purist.

I hope that tonight we get a good game of football where both teams can play with a cavalier passing style befitting our previous battles.

I have to admit to having a soft spot for tonight's visitors, having travelled there during my 103.2 days. I found the club to be hospitable and the locals friendly.

For the duration of tonight's game though, I am looking for our tigerish midfield along with our flying wide men to provide the ammunition for the Kyle Perry/Rob Duffy goal scoring combo.

I don't want to end on a negative note, but some sections of our support were pretty vocal with their disappointment after Saturday's draw. I urge you, no implore you, to turn that disappointment into a rallying call to the boys tonight. They and David Holdsworth deserve our support more now than ever. We are entering a period where our promotion credentials will be checked and tested at every turn.

It really is our turn to do our bit. Sing that bit louder, cheer that bit longer and try to get everyone around you to do the same.

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offside...



BBC Sports broadcaster Ross Ellis catches those offside in the wider world of football

Calling for a replay: Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen



VIDEO TECHNOLOGY: IT'S A NO BRAINER

At the time of writing, the Republic of Ireland have been cruelly denied a place at the 2010 World Cup Finals. And why? Well, it's not the referee's fault. If he didn't spot Thierry Henry's handball, how could he possibly award a free kick? It's not entirely Henry's fault. Yes, he handled the ball but it was probably an instinctive thing to do. He was desperate to keep the ball in play and was quick to admit the infringement after the match. No, the real culprits in this whole farce are FIFA. The archaic governing body of world football has let the sport down again. Why on earth, when there is so much at stake, are we living in a world where video technology is not introduced in football? One of the limpest arguments is that you'd have to introduce cameras across all standards of football, including Sunday league games.

Nonsense. Complete drivell.

Since when has there been a billion pounds at stake at a Sunday league match? That's the amount France could benefit from after qualifying for the World Cup. I'm sorry, it's just gone beyond a joke.

I feel dreadfully sorry for the Ireland team and for the country as a whole. I expect that sport is all about ups and downs and controversy should be part of the game – otherwise we'd have nothing to debate! But this will really hit the country hard, particularly at a time of recession.

Video technology is used in rugby, tennis and cricket and there hasn't really been a backlash from those sports. If anything, it has improved decision making in rugby, removed any doubt about line calls in tennis and given clarity on run out decisions in cricket. Yes, it's not foolproof but it's clearly better than not having it at all.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen called on FIFA to order a replay, saying he would raise the issue with French President Nicolas Sarkozy at a Brussels summit.

But France's Prime Minister Francois Fillon responded that the Irish government should not interfere in footballing decisions.

I doubt the politicians at FIFA can come up with anything better.

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the opposition...

HATTERS ARE ON THE MONEY

After much speculation surrounding who would fill the vacant hot seat at Luton Town, our playoff rivals have appointed former Walsall boss Richard Money.

Better known in some circles as 'Dickie Dosh', he left his role as Newcastle's academy chief to succeed Mick Harford, who left the Hatters last month.

"I'm looking forward to getting stuck in," he told the Club's website. "There's a great base to build on."

Money, 54, comes with managerial pedigree and experience of successful promotion campaigns after leading Walsall to the League 2 title in 2007 during his first year of being in the role. He left the Banks' Stadium in April 2008 and moved to St James' Park in June that year.

He is joined by former Cambridge manager, and last season's Blue Square Premier Manager of the Year, Gary Brabin who came within an ace of leading the U's into the Football League, and will now

act as Money's aide and non-league guru in his capacity as Chief Scout.

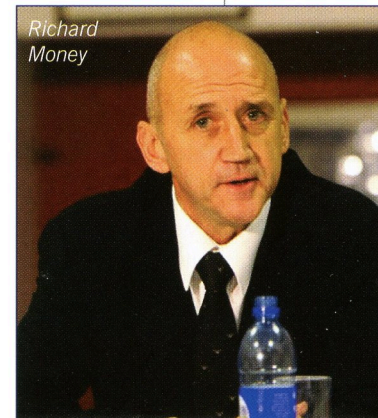
The new gaffer arrived at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters lying comfortably in a playoff position and with every confidence that his charges will be competing for the top spot come the business end of the season.

"I've seen the squad here and there is a huge amount of ability," he added.

"There's no doubt this team is capable of finishing top at the end of the season. That's my focus.

"I'm sure there will be changes to what people are used to, but no two managers are alike so you have to adapt to achieve success.

"Everything is in place to move forward and to move forward from a play-off place is a great place to start."



Richard Money

The Numbers Game

- 1987 The year that Luton achieved their highest ever league finish of 7th in the old first division. 3-1 – The score by which the Hatters lost to Nottingham Forest in the 1989 League Cup Final.
- 44 The number of appearances manager Richard Money made for the Club as a player between 1982 and 1983.
- 15-0 The Club's largest ever win which came over Great Yarmouth Town in the FA Cup in November 1914.
- 6,019 Luton's average home attendance last season



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THE RISE AND FALL OF LUTON TOWN

Luton were the first southern English side to turn professional – and are no doubt looking to bounce back to the Football League as a former premier division club. They may no longer have Irish international Kev Foley, but they still have EasyJet!



Kenilworth Road



It's tough luck being from Luton. Not so long ago, people used to say: "Oh, I don't know much about the place – but I've used the airport!" Now, as a Luton fan, you'd be hoping for people to rave about the Football League Trophy win at Wembley some half a year ago but instead they go: "Oh yes, Luton, you have the football club that got relegated to non-league for the first time ever – sorry to hear that, mate!"

Like it or not, 2009 in Luton's history will be remembered by the latter rather than the former. And us Stags' fans know what it feels like. But as David Holdsworth himself has said, Luton is a club with an immensely loyal fan base that will stick with the team through thick and thin, as our opponent's attendances in the BSP this season so far show. So, plenty of away support is expected for one of the biggest games this season, in which Stags will be looking to make up for the clear away



Kevin Foley

defeat earlier in the season

Wolves' Kevin Foley, who recently made his senior Ireland debut – shame about South Africa by the way – is one of Luton's latest footballing prodigies. The 25-year-old progressed through the ranks at his home town club, and only joined Mick McCarthy's squad two years ago. How differently could things have worked out for Wolves Fans' Player of The Season 2008-09, and Premiership regular Foley, with his former club now five divisions lower.

However, bear in mind that The Hatters were a Championship side themselves in 2005-06. From there, a rapid fall down the league ladder followed, triggered by entering administration and major financial difficulty. The frustrated Luton fans

have had plenty on their plate over the recent years due to unstable management and cash flow issues. Even Kevin Bailey, Luton-born manager of Sheffield



Wednesday, couldn't make a difference during his brief managerial time at the club two seasons ago.

An interesting character in the Luton squad is former Stags, and of course, Manchester United keeper Kevin Pilkington, now on loan with The Hatters from Notts County. If you've been wondering what Kev is up to these days, he is involved with our national team – as goalkeeping coach of England Universities!

Another Stags link – take a deep breath now – leads to the Haslam family. Keith Haslam's father Harry spent a successful six years managing Luton in the '70s. Joe Kinnear, the man in charge of now relegated Newcastle United last season, also had a managerial spell with The Hatters.

Luton, with their history, have also produced a good number of internationals over the years, most notably for Ireland – what's with the Irish connection?! The more experienced generation would remember Mal Donaghy – the man made over 400 appearances for Luton before joining The Red Devils at the mature 31 years of age, and still went on to play a substantial role in both United's and his country's fortunes.

But enough of the football – what is Luton really like then? Well, as you would expect with an airport handling over 10 million passengers a year, the airline industry has a huge impact on the town's economy, creating jobs and even paying for our visitors' shirts. EasyJet is Luton's main operator and the reason why many of us head towards the town at silly hours to catch a 5am flight. Travel tip – these are the cheapest!

Millinery is the industry Luton is historically famous for, which is why today's visitors have to bear the nickname 'The Hatters'. Also home to Vauxhall, it is the fate of Luton amongst many other towns nearby London to have the vast majority of people working in the Big Smoke, hence having less of a local identity of its own.

Football-wise, Luton's biggest rivals are Watford, and during the course of history, The Hatters have beaten The 'Orns, currently in the Championship, 35 times while losing 27. I think you'll find it interesting that Stags are 8-6 up against Luton, goals even at 40-40 – so today is our chance to make a difference.

ROLL CALL

Name	Pos	DoB	Previous Club
1 Mark Tyler	G	02-04-77	Peterborough U
2 Ed Asafa-Adjaye	D	22-12-88	None
3 Lewis Emanuel	D	04-10-83	Bradford C
4 Keith Keane	M	20-11-86	None
5 Alan White	D	22-03-76	Darlington
6 George Pilkington	D	07-11-81	Port Vale
7 Adam Newton	M	04-12-80	Brentford
8 Kevin Nicholls	M	02-01-79	Preston NE
9 Liam Hatch	F	03-04-82	Peterborough U
10 Tom Craddock	F	14-10-86	Middlesbrough
11 Andy Burgess	M	10-08-81	Rushden
12 Shane Blackett	D	03-10-82	Peterborough U
13 Shane Gore	G	28-10-81	Maidenhead U
14 Asa Hall	M	29-11-86	Birmingham C
15 Jake Howells	D	18-04-91	None
16 Rossi Jarvis	D	11-03-88	Norwich C
17 Ryan Charles	F	30-09-89	None
18 Claude Gnappa	D	09-06-83	Peterborough U
19 Steve Basham	F	02-12-77	Exeter C
20 Kevin Gallen	F	21-09-75	MK Dons
21 Callum Reynolds	D	10-11-89	Portsmouth
23 Fred Murray	D	22-05-82	Grays Ath
24 Ben Wright	F	10-08-88	Peterborough U
25 George Beavan	D	12-01-90	None
26 Kevin Pilkington	G	08-03-74	Notts Co
27 Mark Nwokeji	F	30-01-82	Dagenham
30 Adam Watkins	M	08-09-91	None
31 Jordan Patrick	F	14-10-92	None
32 Jack Wood	M	16-04-92	None
33 Taylor Nathaniel	M	16-01-92	None
34 Sam Barker	M	29-05-92	None

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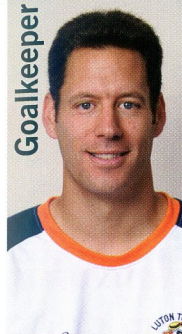


in town...

ON THE PITCH: FOUR TO WATCH

Mark Tyler

Goalkeeper



Tyler is a vastly experienced keeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 following his release from Peterborough.

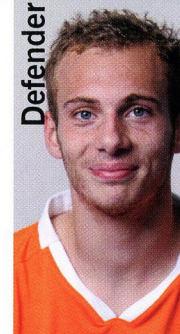
Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road before falling down the pecking order at Posh, he went on loan to Bury where he made 11 appearances last season.

His loyal service to Peterborough was rewarded in July 2007 with a testimonial game against Liverpool, which was watched by over 10,000 fans.

A former youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by former boss Mick Harford and has been ever present this season.

Jake Howells

Defender



21-year-old left back Jake Howells came through the youth ranks at Luton Town and made his first team debut at the end of the 2007/08 season.

Capable of playing as a left sided midfielder as well as in defence, he turned down offers to join Portsmouth and Fulham in order to further his career at Luton.

He made 36 appearances for the Hatters last season

and received the Club's Young Player of the Year award. He was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract during the summer.

Jake scored his first senior goal in Town's 4-3 victory over Cambridge in September.

Kevin Nicholls

Midfielder



Hardworking midfielder Kevin Nicholls is now in his second spell with the Hatters after enjoying six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League 1 title in 2004/05.

He began his career at Charlton before moving to Wigan in 1999, and then Luton in 2001, where he

made 175 appearances over the next six years until moving to Leeds for £700,000 in July 2006. However, a very public falling out with former boss Dennis Wise saw him move on to Preston for a fee of £750,000.

Kevin re-signed for Luton on the three-year deal in August 2008.

Tom Craddock

Striker



Originally a defender, Craddock turned into a promising forward at youth and reserve level with his first club Middlesbrough.

With first team opportunities limited at the Riverside Stadium however, loan spells with Wrexham and Hartlepool followed before a loan stint at Luton in October 2008. He made

an instant impact by scoring two goals in his debut against Grimsby.

The striker took a shine to the Hatters and agreed to a permanent move in January 2009 in exchange for a fee of £80,000.

He currently leads the scoring charts at Kenilworth Road with seven goals so far this term.

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Gnakpa 61, Craddock 79

cambridge united 2

Crow 81, Crow 90+2 (pen)



OVERVIEW AND COMMENTS

Luton started the match with a basic 4-4-2 formation, which they maintained for the full 90 minutes. Gnakpa and Newton occupied the wings, with Craddock and Gallen starting as the front pair. In a tactical substitution, Howells was brought on for Newton in the 86th minute.

TEAM FORMATION



KEY POINTS

TACTICAL SUMMARY

- Luton tended to attack as a unit, with someone always available to receive a pass.
- Gnakpa and Newton frequently pushed forward to provide support for the two front men.
- They tended to bring everybody back when defending set pieces.
- The two central defenders took on separate responsibilities when defending, Blackett attacked the first ball, with Pilkington offering cover.

STRENGTHS

- Both Craddock and Gallen were good in the air. They were able to hold the ball up well, and with their strength they were difficult to shift off the ball.
- They maintained a good width, with both wingers providing a good outlet for attacking options.
- The central defensive pair maintained a high level of discipline throughout, with each sticking to their task.
- The midfield, and in particular Keane, were energetic, pressing and harrying the opposition throughout.

KEY PLAYERS

- Blackett proved a powerful presence in the centre of defence. He won every ball he challenged for.
- With his overlapping runs, Murray offered an extra option in attack on the left hand side.
- Nicholls marshalled the team superbly from the centre of the park. He was organised throughout, and used the ball well when necessary.
- Gnakpa was very quick. He was frequently able to take the ball to the byline before crossing for the strikers.



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sammy the stag...



Hi kids,
Luton Town are the visiting team at Field Mill today. We didn't play The Hatters last season, as they were playing their football in League Two, but were relegated when they finished bottom of the table. So let us hope for a great match and good luck to the Stags players.
Sammy

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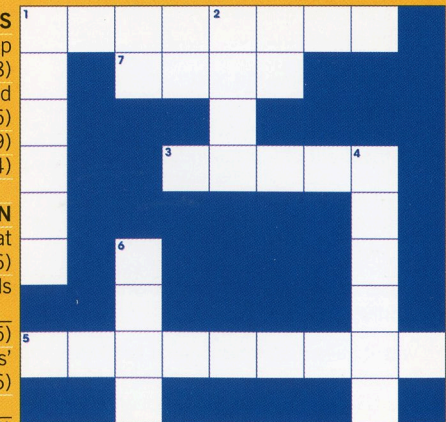
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ACROSS

- 1 - Longest reigning Premiership manager. (8)
- 3 - Number of States in the United States of America. (5)
- 5 - Annual Tennis competition. (9)
- 7 - Type of guitar. (4)

DOWN

- 1 - Plays their home games at Craven Cottage. (6)
- 2 - Ran the 100m in 9.69 seconds in the Beijing Olympics 2008, Bolt. (5)
- 4 - Colour of The Stags' home shirt. (6)
- 6 - The team is playing _____ or away. (4)



Crossword Answers: ACROSS 1 - FERGUSON, 3 - FIFTY, 5 - WIMBLEDON, 7 - BASS. DOWN 1 - FULHAM, 2 - USAIN BOLT, 4 - YELLOW, 6 - HOME

THE DARK SIDE OF A FOOTBALLING LIFE

Football can stir the emotions like little else. For real fans, there's no escape and it can almost feel like a life sentence at times.

Last Tuesday, Forest Green's last minute winner at Field Mill plunged me into instant gloom, and I was only following the game on the internet.

We were out of the FA Cup in the cruellest fashion, when we should have been looking forward to a pre-Christmas trip to Bath City, and hopefully a third round place.

No chance of a blockbuster tie in January at Field Mill against one of the big boys, or a repeat of the FA Cup heroics of 1969 and 1970. All snuffed out in a matter of seconds – football truly is a cruel game at times.

A Forest Green-style defeat can lead to a kind of helpless rage for those of us afflicted by unconditional love of a football team. It's illogical, entirely selfish and self-destructive.

And just imagine how the Irish fans who travelled to Paris for the World Cup play-off decider must have felt when Thierry Henry cheated them out of a place in South Africa.

But the great thing with football is there's always another game. And Luton Town at home tonight couldn't be much tastier, could it?

So life goes on, and another day dawns. But not for Robert Enke.....

Enke was the German international goalkeeper who recently took his own life by throwing himself in front of a train. He may well have been his country's first choice keeper at next year's World Cup in South Africa. On the surface, he had everything to live for, but Enke's life had a dark side.

His wife Teresa later revealed her husband, aged

just 32, was terrified that their adopted daughter would be taken away from the family if the depression from which he had suffered for years was discovered.

"I tried to be there for him, I said that football is not everything. There are many beautiful things in life. It is not hopeless. I always wanted to help him to get through it. He didn't want it to come out because of fear. He was scared of losing Leila."

“These were footballers who had experienced the heights of public acclaim – yet for some reason found life too much to bear.”

A doctor who treated Enke said the goalkeeper had first sought treatment in 2003, when he lost his starting place at Barcelona. Dr Markser said: "He suffered from depression and fear of failure."

In a suicide note, Enke apologised to his family and the medical staff treating him for deliberately misleading them into believing he was better. "Despite daily treatment for months, we did not succeed in preventing his suicide," said the doctor.

Enke's suicide is not the first to rock the footballing world, although it is certainly one of the most high profile.

The sad case of Justin Fashanu remains unique in football. On May 3, 1998, the former Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Notts County and Torquay star was found hanged in a deserted lock-up garage in Shoreditch after visiting a local gay sauna.

In his suicide note, he wrote: "I realised that I had already been presumed guilty. I do not want to give any more embarrassment to my friends and family."

The inquest into Fashanu's death heard there had been no warrant out for arrest. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

Whilst at Nottingham Forest, Fashanu had been banned from training with the side after Brian Clough discovered the striker's homosexuality.

Later in 1990, he publicly revealed he was gay in a Sun "exclusive" headlined "£1 million Football Star: I Am Gay." Fashanu had sown the seeds of his own inevitable destruction in a world as macho as professional football.

Dave Clement was a stalwart right-back for many years with Queens Park Rangers, making 472 appearances for the London club and playing five times for England in the mid-1970s.

He later played for Bolton, Wimbledon and Fulham before his career came to a close in 1982 after he suffered a badly broken leg.

Unable to accept his career was over, he slumped into depression and eventually committed suicide by drinking weedkiller. His son Neil Clement, who went on to play for West Bromwich Albion, was just three years old at the time of his father's death in March 1982.

John Lyons, a much travelled centre forward with Wrexham, Millwall, Cambridge United and Colchester, was just 26 when he killed himself after suffering from depression. He played his last game for Colchester just two days beforehand.

The Enke, Fashanu, Clement and Lyons cases are all tragedies, depriving families left behind of loved ones.

These were footballers who had experienced the heights of public acclaim – in the cases of Enke and Clement international acclaim – yet for some reason found life too much to bear.

Interestingly, footballing suicides are not as common as their counterparts in cricket. A few years ago, cricket writer David Frith wrote a book *By His Own Hand*, later retitled *Silence Of The Heart*, in which he recounts the moving stories of the suicides of dozens of cricketers, from former Notts star Arthur Shrewsbury to Yorkshire and England wicketkeeper David Bairstow (who also played football for Bradford City).

It's impossible to draw any firm conclusions from a study of sporting suicides, or indeed non-sporting suicides.

Each suicide is an individual tragedy and cannot be compared to others. Who really knows why Robert Enke decided to end his life when he had so much to live for? Or why Dave Clement felt he had no future at the age of just 34?

But the stories of Enke, Clement, Fashanu and others illustrate all too clearly the eternal frailty of the human condition. And why losing to Forest Green in the FA Cup is not necessarily the end of the world.....



Tragedy: The death of Robert Enke

THE ROCK AND GOAL YEARS

Football historian Leigh Edwards looks back at this week over 30 years of the Conference.

1979

Strikes by John McClelland and Russ Allen gave Mansfield Town a 2-0 FA Cup first round victory over Blyth Spartans in front of 4,433 at Croft Park on 24th November 1979: Rod Arnold, Derek Dawkins, Ian Wood, Neville Hamilton, Kevin Bird, John McClelland, John Lathan, Steve Taylor, Terry Austin, Arthur Mann (Bob Curtis), Russ Allen.



John McClelland

Goals by Andy Leitch and Brian Durbin gave Bath City a 2-1 victory at Weymouth Malcolm Phelps, Gerry O'Hara and Steve Crompton scored to give Worcester City a 3-0 win at home to Redditch United Two goals by Dave Poplar plus another from Bobby Brown gave Boston United a 3-1 victory over Telford United at York Street.

Two goals by Joe Jordan plus others from Lou Macari, Kevin Moran and Steve Coppell gave leaders Manchester United a 5-0 win at home to Norwich City Arsenal and Liverpool draw a blank at Highbury John Duncan scored twice as struggling Derby County hammer Nottingham Forest 4-2 at the Baseball Ground.

No 1 single: When You're In love With A Beautiful Woman – Dr Hook

1989

Goals by Mark Cooper, Terry Howard and Lee Harvey gave Leyton Orient a 3-1 Third Division win at home to the following Mansfield Town side on 25th November 1989: Brian Cox, Craig McKernon, Mark Kearney, Trevor Christie, George Foster, Kevin Gray (Steve Charles), Kevin Kent, Tony Lowery, Steve Wilkinson, David Hunt, Steve Prindiville.

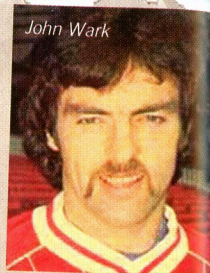
John Timmons scored to give Macclesfield Town a 1-0 win over Welling United at Park View Strikes by Kevin Rogers, Ian Thompson and Ray McBride's own goal gave Merthyr Tydfil a 3-2 victory at home to Runcorn Nicky Dent scored twice in Wycombe Wanderers' 4-2 victory over Yeovil Town at Huish.

Paul Rideout and Rod Wallace netted two goals apiece as free-scoring Southampton trounced Luton Town 6-3 at The Dell Strikes by David Platt and Tony Daley gave high-flying Aston Villa 2-0 victory at Wimbledon Goals by Steve McMahon and John Barnes gave title-chasing Liverpool a 2-1 win over Arsenal at Anfield.

No 1 single: You Got It (The Right Stuff) – New Kids On The Block

1984

Wayne Entwistle and Craig Madden netted in Bury's 2-0 Fourth Division victory over the following Mansfield Town team at Field Mill on 24th November 1984: Kevin Hitchcock, Steve Whitworth, Mark Kearney, Gary Pollard (Mick Vinter), George Foster, Colin Calderwood, Tony Lowery, Noel Luke, Mick Galloway, Dave Caldwell, Stewart Barrowclough.



John Wark

Peter Conning, Gary Anderson and Mick Fagan scored to give Altrincham a 3-0 victory over Scarborough at Moss Lane Two goals by Dominic Genovese plus others from Bob Lee and Paul Casey gave Boston United a 4-1 win at home to Worcester City Mark Smith grabbed a hat-trick in Kettering Town's 4-3 win at home to Enfield.

John Wark scored twice against his former club as Liverpool triumphed 2-0 at home to Ipswich Town Clive Walker grabbed a hat-trick as Sunderland gained an exciting 3-2 win over Manchester United at Roker Park Goals by Lee Chapman and Mark Smith gave Sheffield Wednesday a 2-1 victory over Arsenal at Hillsborough.

No 1 single: I Feel For You – Chaka Khan

1994

Kevin Wilson, Martyn O'Connor and Charlie Ntamark scored to give Walsall a 3-1 Third Division win over the following Mansfield Town team at Field Mill on 26th November 1994: Darren Ward, Adrian Boothroyd, Ian Baraclough, Paul Holland, Lee Howarth, Chris Timons, Jamie Campbell, John Doolan (Simon Ireland), Steve Wilkinson, Stewart Hadley, Kevin Noteman (John Pearson).



Paul Rideout

Two goals by Mark Hall plus another from Dave Leworthy gave Dover Athletic a 3-0 victory at home to Bath City Jamie Paterson and Colin Lambert scored to give Halifax Town a 2-1 win over Kettering Town at The Shay Phil Power scored twice to give title-chasing Macclesfield Town a 2-1 victory at home to Gateshead.

Alan Shearer grabbed a hat-trick as Blackburn Rovers went top of the Premiership after beating QPR 4-0 at Ewood Park Mark Hughes was sent off as Manchester United were held to a 0-0 draw by Arsenal at Highbury Paul Rideout's first-half goal gave struggling Everton a 1-0 victory over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

No 1 single: Let Me Be Your Fantasy – Baby D

2004

Andy Scott scored to give Leyton Orient a 1-0 League Two victory over the following Mansfield Town team in front of 3,803 at Field Mill on 27th November 2004: Kevin Pilkington, Jake Buxton, Jason Talbot, Adam Murray, Dave Artell, Luke Dimech, Tom Curtis, Alex Neil, Richard Barker, Paul Warne, Wayne Corden.

Strikes by Lee Nogan and Dave Merris gave York City a 2-1 victory at home to Carlisle United Dino Maamria scored twice in the last two minutes to give Stevenage Borough a dramatic 2-2 draw with Forest Green Rovers at Broadhall Way Leaders Barnet gained a 3-2 victory over Aldershot Town at the Recreation Ground.

Two goals by John Terry plus another from Damien Duff and Eidur Gudjohnsen gave leaders Chelsea a 4-0 victory at Charlton Athletic Two goals by Paul Scholes plus another from Ruud Van Nistelrooy gave Manchester United a 3-0 win at West Brom Liverpool won 2-1 at home to Arsenal with goals by Xabi Alonso and Neil Mellor.

No 1 single: I'll Stand By You – Girls Aloud

1999

Chris Greenacre scored to give Mansfield Town a 1-0 Third Division victory over Halifax Town in front of 2,322 at The Shay on 27th November 1999: Ian Bowling, John Andrews, Lee Williams, Mark Blake, Neil Richardson, David Linighan, Gary Tallon (Andy Roscoe), Darrell Clarke, Tony Lormor, Danny Bacon (Alistair Asher), Chris Greenacre.



Chris Greenacre

Glenn Kirkwood's second-half goal gave Doncaster Rovers a 1-0 FA Trophy second round victory at Ossett Town Goals by Ged Kimmins and Neil Davis gave Hednesford Town a 2-0 FA Trophy second round win at Bedworth United Ian Rodgers' strike gave Hereford United a 1-0 FA Trophy second round win at home to Barton Rovers.

Two goals against his former club by Kevin Phillips plus another from Gavin McGann gave Sunderland a 3-2 win at Watford Trevor Sinclair's strike just before half-time gave West Ham a 1-0 victory at home to Liverpool Michael Bridges' last-gasp goal gave leaders Leeds United a 1-0 win over Southampton at Elland Road.

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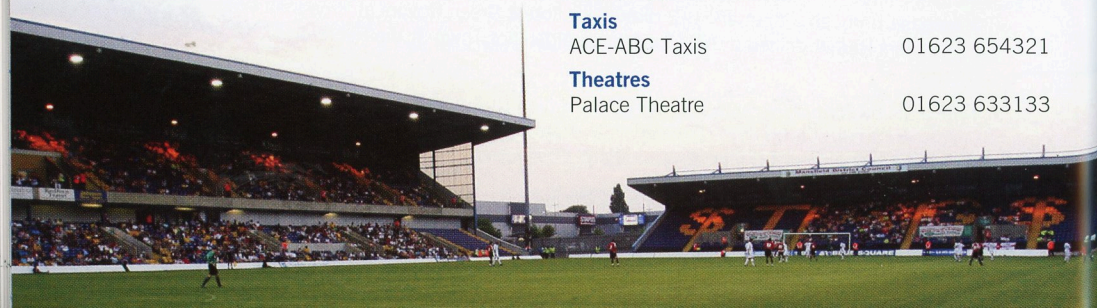
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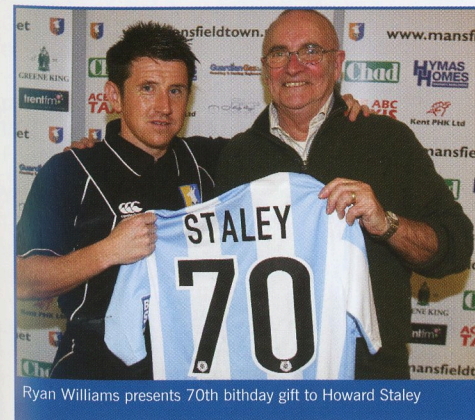
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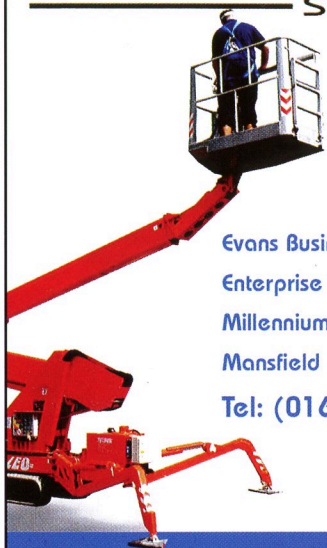


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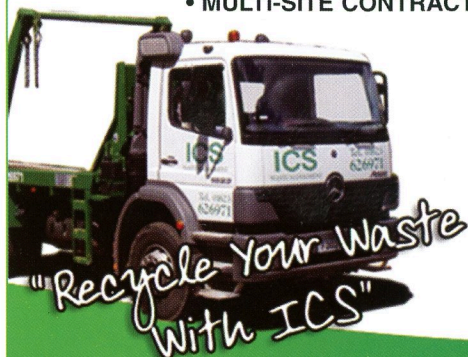
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CROW SWOOPS TO SAVE CAMBRIDGE

This evening we bring you a complete round up of results from last weekend's full programme of fixtures in the Blue Square Premier.

In perhaps the pick of the matches, today's opponents Luton were involved in a pulsating finish with 9th placed Cambridge as they threw away a 2-0 lead with only 10 minutes left on the clock.

Substitute Danny Crow came off the bench for the U's and pulled a goal back in the 81st minute only to follow it up with an injury time penalty to grab a share of the spoils, and avenge the corresponding game at the Abbey Stadium in September, where his side lost 4-3 despite being 2-0 up at half time.

At the very top of the table Oxford maintained a five point gap between them and second placed Stevenage through a 1-0 win over Barrow at the Kassam Stadium, whilst Boro kept up the pressure on the leaders by winning 1-0 at Forest Green.

York took advantage of Luton's draw and snuck into fifth place by triumphing 1-0 away at AFC Wimbledon, whilst 3rd placed Kettering succumbed to a 2-0 defeat at home to

Kidderminster in Lee Harper's first game in charge of the Poppies. Our 1-1 draw with Eastbourne ensured that we remain fourth.

At the opposite end of the table, all four bottom placed sides lost this weekend with Forest Green, who lost to Stevenage, and Chester, who suffered a 3-1 reverse at home to Altrincham, among the casualties.



On the mark for Cambridge:
Forward Danny Crow

Ebbsfleet (our opponents this Saturday) are still to register a home win after losing 1-0 to Tamworth at Stonebridge Road, whilst Gateshead convincingly beat Grays 3-0 courtesy of a hat-trick from loanee Stags striker Daryl Clare.

Eastbourne's 1-1 draw here at Field Mill on Saturday put further daylight between them and the drop zone as did Hayes & Yeading's 2-1 victory over Crawley.

In the remaining two fixtures, Histon managed a 0-0 stalemate with Wrexham and Rushden & Diamonds beat Salisbury 3-1.

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	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Home Record	10	6	3	1	21	8	13	2.10	0.80	2.10	21	4
Away Record	10	5	1	4	12	14	-2	1.20	1.40	1.60	16	8
Overall Record	20	11	4	5	33	22	11	1.65	1.10	1.85	37	4

LEAGUE RECORD 2008-2009 [FOR THE SAME PERIOD]

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Home Record	9	6	1	2	17	9	8	1.88	1.00	2.11	19	7
Away Record	10	1	2	7	10	17	-7	1.00	1.70	0.50	5	21
Overall Record	19	7	3	9	27	26	1	1.42	1.36	1.26	24	14

MATCH RESULTS

MONTHLY RESULTS	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
September	7	2	1	4	10	13	-3	1.42	1.85	1.00	7	18
October	4	3	1	0	6	3	3	1.50	0.75	2.50	10	1
November	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	1.50	0.50	2.00	4	9

RECENT FORM	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Last 8 Overall	8	5	2	1	13	8	5	1.62	1.00	2.12	17	4
Last 5 Home	5	3	2	0	8	4	4	1.60	0.80	2.20	11	5
Last 5 Away	5	3	0	2	7	6	1	1.40	1.20	1.80	9	6

SEASON STATS

SCORING & CONCEDED	No.	Rank	OCCURRENCE STATS	Occ	W	D	L	F:A	Rank
Goals For	33	4	Score First	14	11	1	229:13	8	
Average Goals For	1.65	4	Opp Scores First	5	0	2	3	4:9	15
Goals Against	22	9	Clean Sheet	7	6	1	0	12:0	4
Average Goals Against	1.10	9	Fail To Score	2	0	1	1	0:1	7

OVERALL SEQs	W	WD	D	L	LD	Pts	Rank
Combined	4	6	2	3	5	6	9
Home	3	5	2	1	2	11	5
Away	3	3	1	3	4	0	11

POINTS GAINED	POINTS LOST
Win When Losing	0
Draw When Losing	2
Points Gained	2
Rank	20
Lose When Winning	2
Draw When Winning	1
Points Lost	8
Rank	15

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Record v. Top Half	7	2	1	4	8	13	-5	1.14	1.85	1.00	7	14
Record v. Bottom Half	13	9	3	1	25	9	16	1.92	0.69	2.30	30	4
First Half Record	20	11	7	2	19	6	13	0.95	0.30	2.00	40	1
Second Half Record	20	7	6	7	14	16	-2	0.70	0.80	1.35	27	14
Winning at Halftime	11	10	0	1	26	8	18	2.36	0.72	2.72	30	10
Drawing at Halftime	7	1	3	3	5	10	-5	0.71	1.42	0.85	6	19
Losing at Halftime	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1.00	2.00	0.50	1	8



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Home Record	10	5	3	2	15	9	6	1.50	0.90	1.80	18	8
Away Record	10	5	3	2	12	11	1	1.20	1.10	1.80	18	5
Overall Record	20	10	6	4	27	20	7	1.35	1.00	1.80	36	6

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Home Record	7	2	2	3	10	11	-1	1.42	1.57	1.14	8	19
Away Record	9	3	2	4	8	12	-4	0.88	1.33	1.22	11	12
Overall Record	16	5	4	7	18	23	-5	1.12	1.43	1.18	19	16

MATCH RESULTS

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RECENT FORM	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Last 8 Overall	8	4	2	2	10	8	2	1.25	1.00	1.75	14	8
Last 5 Home	5	1	2	2	5	7	-2	1.00	1.40	1.00	5	19
Last 5 Away	5	4	0	1	9	7	2	1.80	1.40	2.40	12	2

SEASON STATS

SCORING & CONCEDED	No.	Rank	OCCURRENCE STATS	Occ	W	D	L	F:A	Rank
Goals For	27	10	Score First	9	6	3	0	14:5	13
Average Goals For	1.35	10	Opp Scores First	9	4	1	413:15	3	
Goals Against	20	5	Clean Sheet	7	5	2	0	8:0	10
Average Goals Against	1.00	5	Fail To Score	6	0	2	4	0:8	15

OVERALL SEQS	W	WD	D	L	LD	Pts	Rank
Combined	3	8	2	1	2	14	4
Home	2	5	1	1	3	6	9
Away	4	4	2	2	4	8	5



POINTS GAINED	POINTS LOST
Win When Losing	4
Draw When Losing	1
Points Gained	13
Rank	1
Lose When Winning	0
Draw When Winning	3
Points Lost	6
Rank	11

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	GFA	GAA	PpG	Pts	Rank
Record v. Top Half	12	5	4	3	17	15	2	1.41	1.25	1.58	19	4
Record v. Bottom Half	8	5	2	1	10	5	5	1.25	0.62	2.12	17	6
First Half Record	20	6	9	5	10	11	-1	0.50	0.55	1.35	27	11
Second Half Record	20	8	7	5	17	9	8	0.85	0.45	1.55	31	7
Winning at Halftime	6	5	1	0	11	3	8	1.83	0.50	2.66	16	12
Drawing at Halftime	9	3	4	2	9	7	2	1.00	0.77	1.44	13	7
Losing at Halftime	5	2	1	2	7	10	-3	1.40	2.00	1.40	7	1

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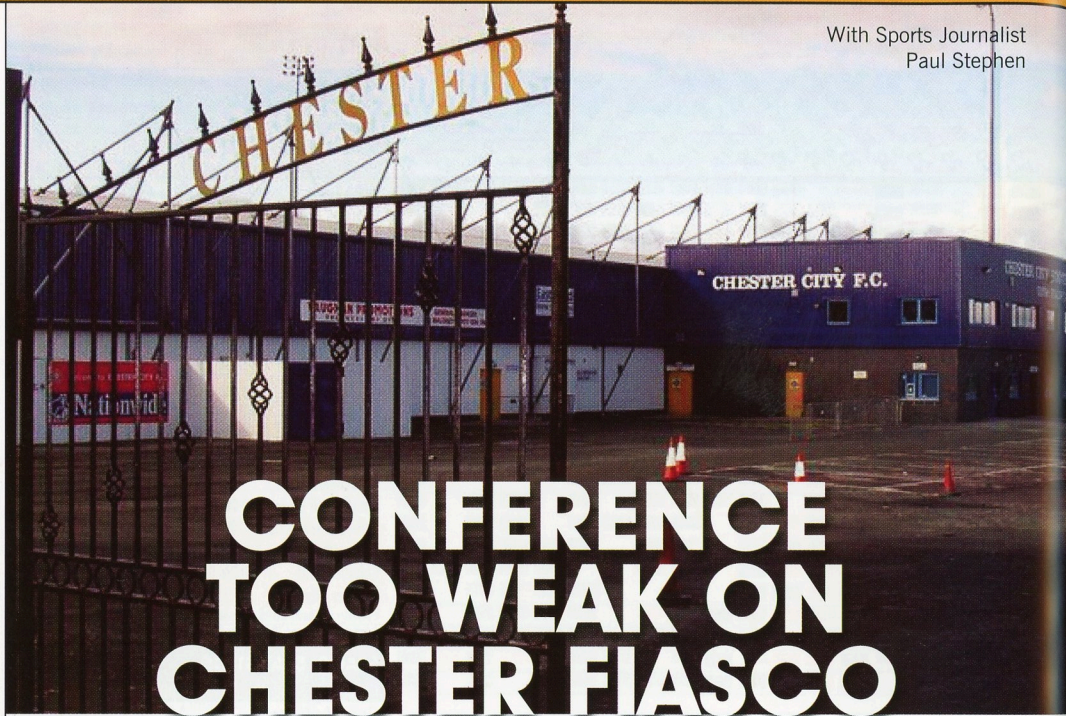
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CONFERENCE TOO WEAK ON CHESTER FIASCO

As the debacle surrounding crisis club Chester City continues unabated, isn't it about time the powers-that-be got tough on unpaid debts?

"How many times can a threat be made without anything being done?" is what I ask myself when I see the deadlines coming and going concerning Chester being asked to repay their outstanding debts.

They were originally asked to settle the matter by October 26th or face expulsion from the league but instead received an 11th hour extension and when that time had elapsed were duly given another reprieve which will take them up until the end of this month.

Nobody wants to see the division's bottom placed side go out of business, but equally is it right that they are allowed to go on flouting rules that the rest of us are supposed to abide by and go on owing money to other football clubs whilst the Conference look on and do nothing? I for one don't think so.

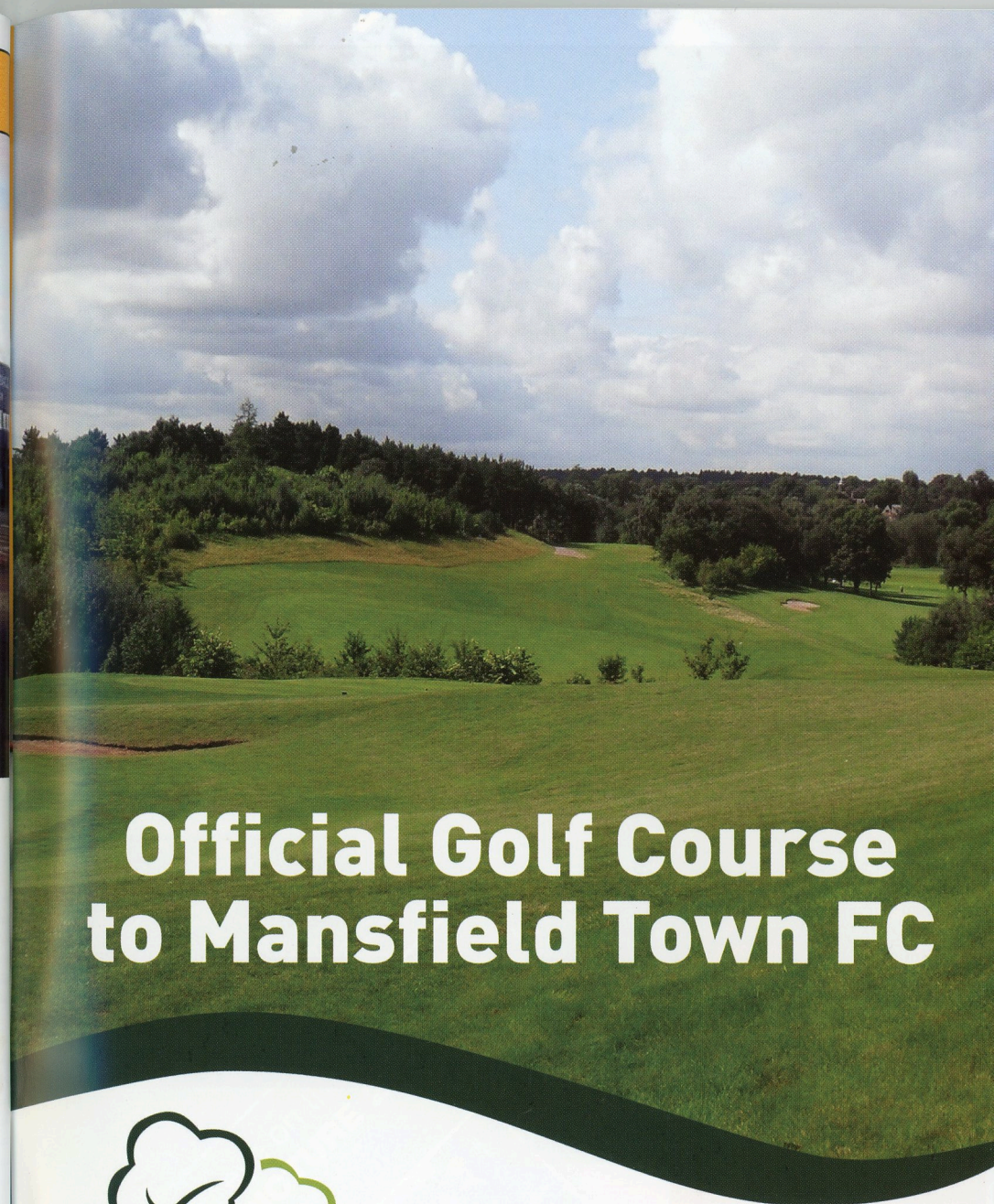
I am fully aware that the situation is a complicated one, and there are some who would argue that the Club have suffered enough through the 25 point

deduction and transfer embargo imposed on Jim Harvey's men, but it must be remembered that there are other victims too.

The debts in question refer to ticket sales owing to Wrexham and monies owed to Vauxhall Motors over the loan of ex-striker Paul Taylor from over 12 months ago. How can these two clubs, or any other club for that matter, possibly budget properly or balance their own finances if debts are not honoured in a proper fashion. My sympathies lie with those who will quite rightly feel let down by the Conference for not sorting this out much sooner.

More importantly, it does nothing for Chester either, as they need to face up to their precarious situation rather than be given more leeway. Their situation is grave and they may not survive, but no club should be allowed to operate and be mismanaged at the cost of others.

Something has to be done. The Conference have shown no leadership over the matter, and it makes the organisation look weak and impotent unless they can finally get to grips with this lamentable situation and enforce their own rules and regulations.



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-  Referee: **R L Lewis**
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Fixtures

Tuesday, 24 November

- AFC Wimbledon v Ebbsfleet United
- Barrow v Grays Athletic
- Cambridge Utd v Rushden & D'mnds
- Crawley Town v Salisbury
- Eastbourne Boro v Histon
- Forest Green v Oxford Utd
- Kettering v Hayes & Yeading
- Mansfield v Luton
- Stevenage v Chester
- Tamworth v Altrincham
- Wrexham v Kidderminster
- York v Gateshead



NEXT UP...

- Ebbsfleet v Stags
- 28th November 2009
- Kick Off: 3.00pm

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