

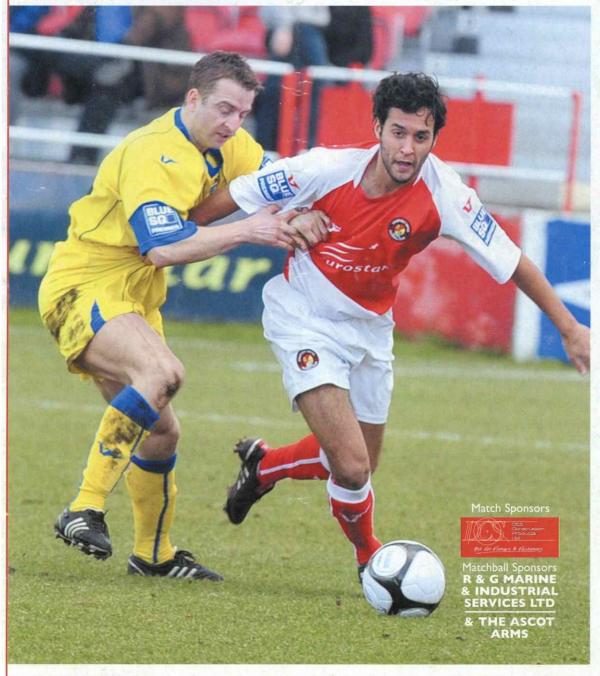


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I hope you all enjoy your brief visit to Kent, enjoy a good game of football and have a safe journey back to your

Since our last home fixture against Barrow we have played three games away from Stonebridge Road, all at difficult places to go, including Kidderminster, Wrexham and of course last Saturday at Crawley.

In all three games we have been competitive, spirited and have worked very hard for the cause, which as a manager is all I can ask. Our two draws away to Kiddy and Wrexham were well deserved and we could have on another day travelled home with a bigger points haul, it is really a fine

Last Saturday away at Crawley was again a keenly contested game which could have gone one way or the other. No quarter was given by either team, it was a real tight affair where whoever scored first or got that fortunate break in front of goal would go on to be victors. We lost our skipper Peter Holmes to illness before the game and then Dean Pooley and Gavin Heeroo during the game to heavy challenges which didn't help our cause. But credit to the players we kept fighting.

I read somewhere before our game with Crawley that their manager Mr Evans and his assistant had finally looked in the mirror and changed their ways. Believe me they haven't. Leopards, spots you know the rest.

I don't have to reiterate to the players or you supporters how big each game is from now on in, starting with today against our visitors today and the pre-season favourites. We performed as a team very well at Kenilworth Road and sealed a well earned victory, every player played their part to a man and we will need to be at our very best to give us a chance of a result today.

I travelled to watch Luton on Tuesday when they beat Kidderminster 3-1 and there is quality and experience throughout. It's a terrific challenge for the players today and for the rest of the season which they must enjoy. I'd love the chance to pull on a pair of boots again and be able to play a game of competitive football and be able just to have the chance to compete again. In fact I think I enjoyed and loved competing more than actually playing the game itself, if you can understand that. Being competitive and being able to play the game go hand in hand and you need both qualities to achieve and succeed.

I'd like to give special thanks those supporters who have followed us on the road of late and throughout the season your support is truly appreciated. Please continue to get behind our players and enjoy every game from now on in home and away.

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We received a really warm welcome across the board at Luton when we played there a few weeks ago. I hope we take the chance to reciprocate that today, Luton really are a friendly club. There was certainly no big club attitude and they were all genuinely interested in our model. No doubt it will be a tough game as Luton look to cement their play off place and we look to pull away from the relegation zone again.

We were dragged back in Tuesday as results didn't really go our way but as Liam always says win our games and other results don't matter and that

positive attitude goes across the whole squad. As I write these notes on Wednesday evening I am meeting Eurostar tomorrow for a crucial meeting as I get a chance to put across to them all the good reasons they should extend their sponsorships over the next 2/3 years.

Last week myself and Phil meet with the Council to work on getting the lease signed. Whilst we worked on the lease the council are also helping us with other opportunities, whether that's the right education contacts to expand our PFS building to be able to host 16-18 year olds or whether its where we can fit into the councils 2012 Olympics plans as a host for events. The council relationship is going from strength to strength and we are hosting the GBC Olympic coordinator for today's game.

As most fans are also aware there has been considerable press around MYFC renewals and our cash flow issues as we head into the end of the season. Things are tight and we are in continual contact with MYFC to push decisions around next years budget and player retention something which I am determined to do better than last year and be upfront with fans about. I certainly enjoyed the Fans forum kindly organised by Radio Kent and I hope fans felt the same. I think we really got across Liam's passion for this club and his determination to continually improve.

Also off the pitch there are numerous opportunities towards the end of the season. We are looking at a fans v fans game at the ground on the 27 th March when we should be playing Chester, Liam and Paul have offered to warm up, pick and manage those sides and we are looking to charge £100 a head if that appeals to you please contact Wicksy . We also have a Soccer School on the ground on the May bank holiday organised by the Youth section and there will be corporate events the week before if you fancy a work's game here.

On the pitch last week was disappointing but staying up is still well within our own hands and we face those crucial games in the next 4/5 weeks .Hopefully we will get one or both of Dean Pooley and Clint Easton back before the end of the season as Dean injured himself last week saving a virtually certain goal and Clint suffered probably the most horrific injury I've seen at Stonebridge Road for a while. Both players showing the attitude Liam and Paul engender in the squad and they will need over the next few weeks.

Enjoy the game Duncan

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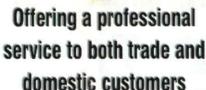
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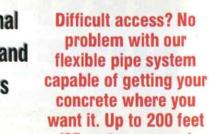








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Clint Easton is making steady progress following his operation just under 3 weeks ago. Clint has been working hard in the gym over the past week to maintain his fitness levels. We are hoping that Clint can resume running in the coming weeks.

During our visit to Aggborough to face Kidderminster at the beginning of the month, we were unfortunate to lose Magno Vieira, Leon Crooks and Alex Stavrinou during the game, and Dean Pooley picked up a knock and only just managed to finish

Magno felt his hamstring tighten very early in the game and knew immediately that he was unable to continue, resulting in his substitution on 18 minutes and also his absence for our trip to Wrexham. Leon's back stiffened up in the first half, and despite our best efforts to remove the stiffness and discomfort, Leon was forced to come off at half time.

Alex suffered a knock to his lower leg which caused a dead leg, however he managed to return to training before the Wrexham match.

Dean rolled his ankle when his study got stuck in the pitch, however it wasn't as bad as first feared. He managed to finish the

game and Dean was able to play a full part against Wrexham.

Charlie Read missed our journey to Wrexham due to illness, and this was also the reason for Peter Holmes missing the Crawley fixture.

Last Saturday at Crawley we lost Dean Pooley and Gavin Heeroo both to knee injuries. Dean was stretchered off during the 1st half and taken to hospital for an xray. Early indications pointed towards potential ligament damage in his knee. Dean's week has been full of treatment, a

visit to a knee specialist on Tuesday, and undergoing an MRI on



Gavin opened up his knee slightly during a challenge in the second half, causing his absence from training during the early part of the week. He returned to training on Thursday with no complications.

Enjoy today's game,



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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 and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. 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 II appearances for the Shakers. A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

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 at a time when Mick Harford was a coach with the Dons 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 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, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and 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, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield. bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front.

GEORGE PILKINGTON

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice and club captain.

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

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, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension. Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract. However with first team opportunities still blocked, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did when he was in charge was to recall the young defender. Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

IAKE 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

IANOS 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.

SHANE BLACKETT

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United. Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004. He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07. His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him with Dagenham team-mate Craig Mackail-Smith in lanuary 2007 going onto make 38 appearances during his time with the London

FREDDIE MURRAY

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Atheltic in August 2009 and was made permanent in January 2010. Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper. Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers

MIDFIELDERS

ADAM NEWTON

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing after agreeing a twoyear contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford. Predominately used as a right winger, the pacy wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back. Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected academy but could only make three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. The former England

Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign. After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

ROSSI JARVIS

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

ASA HALL

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

KEVIN NICHOLLS

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. Following Luton's successful first-season in The Championship and the spirited FA-Cup performances, Nicholls was a player very much in demand. He moved to Leeds United for ?700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of ?750,000. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his firstteam opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a threeyear deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

FORWARDS

RYAN CHARLES

An energetic striker who has made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road since making his debut in 2007. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the

Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. He followed that form up by scoring 12 goals for the youth team last season and his exploits during those two campaigns earned him his first team debut as a second half substitute at Southend in March. He was given his full team debut in the following game against Carlisle before scoring on his home debut against Oldham, Charles had turned down the chance to join local rivals Watford as a youngster.

TOM CRADDOCK

Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who has done well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level, following lames Morrison, Tony McMahon, Andrew Taylor, David Wheater, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town. Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis. A £80.000 bid was accepted by Middlesbrough and Tom signed a two-and-half year contract in January 2009. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool

IORDAN PATRICK

Promising young forward who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters. Patrick made his first team bow when appearing as a substitute at Grimsby Town in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days and set-up Tom Craddock for 90th minute equaliser. With pace to burn the striker is tipped to have a big future ahead of him and is a regular for the Town's Under 18s.

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.

MARK NWOKEII

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

MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

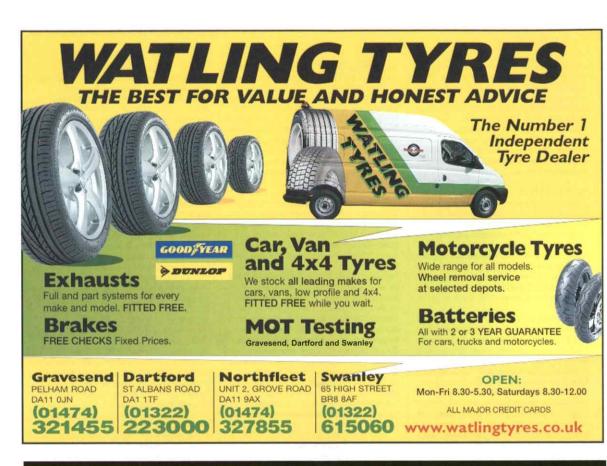
Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially

on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers and has agreed a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opens on 1st January. 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 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.

KEVIN GALLEN

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan. After a successful loan spell Gallen joined permanently in January 2009, signing until the end of the season before agreeing a one year contract extension with the club in May keeping him at Kenilworth Road until June 2010.







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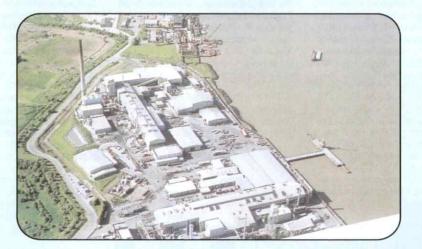
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Luton Town Football Club was formed on 11 April 1885, the product of a merger of the two leading local teams, Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior.

Initially based at Excelsior's Dallow Lane ground, the club moved to Dunstable Road in 1897. In 1890, the club began making payments to certain individual players. The following year, Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional

Luton Town was a founder member of the Southern Football League in 1894, and, after finishing as runners-up in its first two seasons, the team left to help form the United League. In the league's inaugural season the club came second, before joining The Football League for 1897-98. The club continued to enter a team to the United League for two more seasons, and won the title in 1897-98. Poor attendance, high wages, and the high travel and accommodation costs that resulted from Luton's distance from the northern heartlands of The Football League crippled the club financially, and made it too expensive to compete in that league. A return to the regionally organised Southern League was therefore arranged for the 1900-01 season.

Eight years after arriving at Dunstable Road, Luton moved again, settling at their current ground, Kenilworth Road, in 1905. Captain and left winger Bob Hawkes became Luton's first international player when he was picked to play for England against Ireland on 16 February 1907. A poor 1911-12 season saw Luton relegated to the Southern League's Second Division, but the club managed to win promotion back two years later. When war broke out, the schedule was reduced to a series of friendlies, but Luton took part in The London Combination for 1915-16. A key player of the period was Ernie Simms, a forward. Simms was wounded while serving in Italy in the First World War, but returned to score 40 goals during the following season.

The Luton side first played in the white and black colours which the club has retained for much of its history during the 1920-21 season, when they rejoined The Football League; until then, the players had worn sky blue shirts with white shorts and navy socks. Such was the quality of Luton's team at this time that despite playing in the third tier, a fixture between Ireland and England at Windsor Park on 22 October 1921 saw three Luton players on the pitch - Louis Bookman and Allan Mathieson for Ireland, and club top goalscorer Simms for England. However, after Luton finished fourth in the division, the squad was broken up as Simms, Bookman and Mathieson joined South Shields, Port Vale and Exeter City respectively. Luton stayed in the Third Division South until 1937, when the team finished top and won promotion to the Second Division, at that time the second tier of English football. During the promotion season, striker loe Payne scored 55 goals in 39 games; during the previous season he had scored 10 in one match against Bristol Rovers, which remains a Football League record as of 2009.

During the early 1950s, one of Luton's greatest sidesemerged under manager Dally Duncan. The team included Gordon Turner, who went on to become Luton's all-time top goalscorer, Bob Morton, who holds the record for the most club appearances, and Syd Owen, an England international. During this period, Luton sides also featured two England international goalkeepers, Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten, as well as Irish internationals Seamus Dunne, Tom Aherne and George Cummins. This team reached the topflight for the first time in 1955-56, after finishing the season in second place behind Birmingham City on goal average. A few years of success followed, including an FA Cup Final appearance against Nottingham Forest in 1959; at the end of the season. Owen was voted FWA Footballer of the Year. However. the club was relegated the following season, and, by 1965, was playing in the

In yo-yo club fashion, Luton were to return. A team including Bruce Rioch, John Moore and Graham French won the Fourth Division championship in 1967-68 under the leadership of former player Allan Brown; two years later Malcolm Macdonald's goals helped them to another promotion, while comedian Eric Morecambe became a director of the club. Luton Town won promotion back to the First Division in 1973-74, but were relegated the following season by a solitary point. Former player David Pleat was made manager in 1978, and by 1982-83 the team was back in the topflight. On the last day of the club's first

season back in the top tier, the side narrowly escaped relegation: playing Manchester City at Maine Road, Luton needed to win to stay up, while City could escape with a draw. A late winner by Yugoslav Raddy Anti? saved the team and prompted Pleat to dance across the pitch ("jig of joy"),an image that has become iconic. The club achieved its highest ever league position, seventh, in 1987, and won the League Cup a year later with a 3-2 win over Arsenal. With ten minutes left on the clock and Arsenal 2-1 ahead, a penalty save from stand-in goalkeeper Andy Dibble sparked a late Luton rally: Danny Wilson equalised, before Brian Stein scored the winner with the last kick of the match. The club reached the League Cup Final once more in 1989, but lost 3-1 to Nottingham Forest.

The club was relegated from the top division at the end of the 1991-92 season, and sank to the third tier four years later. Luton stayed in the third-tier Second Division until relegation at the end of the 2000-01 season. Under the management of Joe Kinnear, who had arrived halfway through the previous season, the team won promotion from the fourth tier at the first attempt. "Controversial"owner John Gurney unsettled the club in 2003, terminating Kinnear's contract on his arrival in May: Gurney replaced Kinnear with Mike Newell before leaving Luton as the club entered administration. Newell's team finished as champions of the third-tier Football League One in 2004-05. While Newell's place was taken by first Kevin Blackwell and later former player Mick Harford, the team was relegated twice in a row, starting in 2006-07, and spent the latter part of the 2007-08 season in administration, thus incurring a ten-point deduction from that season's total. The club then had a total of 30 points docked from its 2008-09 record by the The Football Association and The Football League for various financial irregularities. These deductions proved to be too large an obstacle to overcome, but Luton came from behind in the final of the Football League Trophy to win the competition for the first time. Relegation meant that 2009-10 saw Luton playing in the Conference National, a competition which the club had never before contested. October 2009 saw the arrival of Richard Money

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Its nearly 25 years since the historic agreement between the Football League and Football Conference to provide for promotion and relegation between the two leagues and with the visit of Luton Town today perhaps its relevant to ask the question how many clubs have done what the Hatters are attempting this season - to bounce straight back into the Football League?

The answer will be found if you read on and it doesn't make comforting reading for our visitors.

The agreement was sealed so that the 1986/87 season became a highly interesting one for the Conference with Scarborough becoming the first club to achieve automatic promotion with Lincoln City becoming the rather surprising victims of the Football League trapdoor this is how they and their successors through the trapdoor fared.

The 1987/88 saw Lincoln piped Barnet to the title in a hard fought race by just two points - clinching the title by beating Wycombe 2-0 in front of a then record conference crowd of 9.432.

In 1988/89 troubled Newport County were the new boys on the block and in a forerunner to what would happen 20 years later to Chester their record was expunged in March after 29 games with them rock bottom.

In 1989/90 Darlington repeated Lincoln's feat of an instant return with Barnet again beaten by two points.

1990/91 saw Colchester involved in a tussle with Barnet but this time the Bees won out by two points.

There was no team relegated for the next two seasons due to Maidstone United and Aldershot going bust and Colchester regained their Football League place by edging out Wycombe Wanderers on goal difference in 1991/92 meaning all four relegated clubs had left the Conference three promoted and one gone bust!

Halifax were the new boys for 1993/94 and took several seasons of adjustment before returning to the Football League in 1997/98 but after just four seasons were relegated back to the Conference in 2001/2.

Between 1994 and 1997 Kidderminster, Stevenage and Macclesfield were all prevented from gaining promotion because their grounds were not suitably graded although two of the three did eventually gain promotion by winning the title a second time. This meant no relegated clubs -much to the displeasure of the Conference but it never happened again as clubs upgraded their grounds and in 1997/98 Hereford were back on the non league scene for the first time since 1972 and it took them until 2005/6 to regain their Football League place via the play offs.

Doncaster Rovers were arguably the biggest side so far to be relegated although they were going through a nightmare period and eventually regained their status via the newly instituted play offs in 2002/3. The next relegated side were Scarborough the side who had been the first team to gain automatic promotion, their 13 year sojourn finally ending in 1998/99 and sadly within a few years had gone into liquidation.

Chester City were the next to be relegated in 1999/2000 but took the title in 2003/4 only to be relegated again with fatal results in 2008/9.

Barnet lost their Football League place in 2000/I but fought back to regain their place as champions in 2004/5. The quality of teams being relegated to the Conference continued to surprise and in 2002/3 Exeter and Shrewsbury were the victims with Shrewsbury using the play off to bounce back whilst the Grecians suffered several seasons of frustration before they went up via the play off in 2007/8.

The relegated clubs in 2003/4 were York and Carlisle with the Cumbrians bouncing straight back through the play offs whilst York still await a return to former pastures. The same can be said for the 2004/5 relegation sides Cambridge United and Kidderminster.

2005/6 saw the shock of Oxford United and the ambitious Rushden & Diamonds back among their non league roots with both making a strong challenge this year. 2006/7 saw Torquay United relegated whilst Boston United were dropped two divisions into the Blue Square North and after two seasons Torquay were able to regain their place via the play offs.

Few would have predicted the relegation of Mansfield and Wrexham in 2007/8 and even fewer their inability to make a strong challenge to instantly regain their place in the Football League.

This leaves us with the aforementioned Chester and the unlucky Luton who take over as the biggest club to have played in the Conference but like many before them who have been relegated they are finding the quality of opposition much tougher than expected.

INSTANT PROMOTION AS CHAMPIONS (2) Lincoln City; Darlington. INSTANT PROMOTION VIA PLAY OFFS (2) Shrewsbury; Carlisle; **EVENTUAL RETURN AS CHAMPIONS** (4) Colchester; Halifax*; Barnet; Chester*; **EVENTUAL RETURN VIA PLAY OFFS (4)** Hereford; Doncaster; Exeter; Torquay; * Later relegated again.



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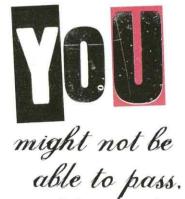












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Moses' earliest football memory takes us back to 1998 and the World Cup finals in France.

"I remember sitting and watching Michael Owen when he scored against Argentina in the World Cup finals. I remember thinking what a great goal it was. My earliest memory of playing has got to be my debut for Millwall aged 15."

So, where did Moses playing career all begin, and how do we get from that to the striker we know today.

"I started playing football as a child at primary school in Wandsworth, and I was picked up by Millwall at the age of 9. I played for the Lions at every age group right through to the first team, where I made my debut aged 15 as I said before, and I represented England at Under 16 level. I moved to West Ham in 2004 where I spent 2 years, and spent a spell on loan to Gillingham during that time. I signed for Rangers in January 2006, and made my only appearance in an Old Firm Derby. I joined Watford in 2007, and spent a loan spell with Bradford, where I broke my leg, an injury which kept me out for 9 months. In a bid to regain fitness, I was sent out on loan to

both Swindon and Hereford. Shrewsbury were my next club, I joined them in February last year, and was a sub in the play off final at Wembley. I joined Kettering in August, and then arrived at Stonebridge Road."

Moses enjoys the footballer's life, and has his own few loves and hates about his profession.

"The best things about being a footballer have to be scoring goals, seeing your name in the papers the day after a game, hearing people talking about you and singing your name from the stands, and obviously doing a job you love. The worst things have got to be losing games, being injured and getting relegated."

Having been here since the middle of January, Moses says he's settled in to life at the Fleet quite comfortably.

"Settling in was the easy bit to be honest. I knew quite a few of the lads before I arrived here. I played alongside Dean [Pooley] for Millwall youth, and I also knew Charlie [Read] and Clint [Easton] before I came here. I played for England youth with Ishmael [Welsh] and I've played against Leon [Crooks], amongst others, for previous clubs."

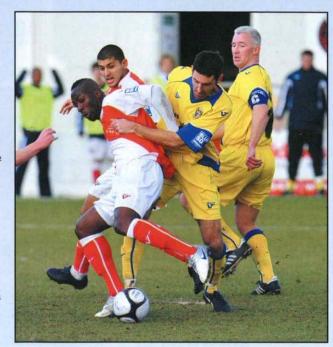
Moses has hit 8 goals since arriving at Stonebridge Road, and it was reported that he believed that he can still catch Magno. So, does he think he can?

"I didn't actually say that to be fair, what I said was taken completely out of context. It would be great for me to finish top of the goalscoring chart for the club, but if Magno finishes top, then that's the way it goes. To be honest, as long as we're safe, it doesn't really matter who finishes ahead of who, does it?"

Today we face Luton, having beaten them at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season. Moses believes we are capable of doing the same thing today.

"At the end of the day, I think we all know that anyone can beat anyone in this league on their day. It sounds obvious, but if we can keep it tight at the back, and not concede, then we've got players who can score, and we give ourselves every chance of winning the game. Luton are a good side, as we saw earlier in the year, but they're no different to any other side in this league, the likes of Oxford, York, Stevenage etc. They're going to be a big, strong side, with a lot of physical presence, and they'll make us work hard for the result. But there's no reason why we can't go out and get it."

Next up, we face a tough trip to Salisbury City. Moses says he feels confident we'll go there and perform well. "We've only lost once on the road since the turn of the year, and that was our defeat to Crawley last weekend. We should be confident going in to the trip down there, as there is absolutely no reason why we can't bring the points back. We'll go in to the game focused on what we have to do, and we'll all be putting in 110% on the day. We know it's a game we have to win, losing just isn't an option."









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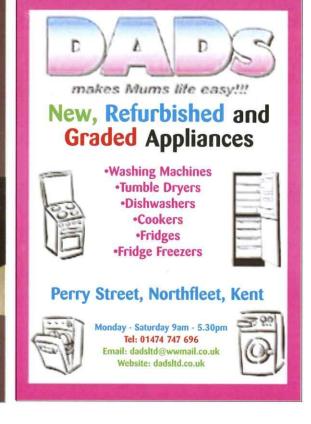
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Sat 8 Aug	Altrincham	914	1-1	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	Charles	Crooks	Shakes	Heeroo	Welsh	ShultonY	Forshaw	Vieira	Lamprell	West	Lindie	Wills	Pooley
TUES 11 AUG	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	1523	1-3	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	CharlesY	Crooks	Shakes	Heeroo	Welsh	Shulton	Lindie	Vieira	Lamprell	West	Forshaw	Wills	Pooley
SAT 15 AUG	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	865	0-0	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	Crooks	Charles	Heeroo	Welsh	Shulton	Shakes	Linde	Vieira	Lamprell	West	Forshaw	Wills	Pooley
Tues 18 Aug	Stevenage Borough	1704	0-3	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	CrooksY	CharlesY	Heeroo	WestY	Bailey	Shakes	Forshaw	Vieira	Lamprell	Wills	ShultonY	Ginty	Pooley
Sat 22 Aug	Mansfield Town	3269	0-3	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	Crooks	Charles	HeerooY	West	Welsh	Shakes	Thomas	Vieira	Lamprell	Forshaw	Ginty	Wills	Pooley
SAT 29 AUG	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	884	1-2	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	Crooks	Charles	Heeroo	Pooley	Welsh	Shakes	Thomas	Vieiral	Lamprell	GintyY	ForshawY	Henry	Shulton
Mon 31 Aug	Eastbourne Borough	1165	2-1	Cronin	Salmon	Collins	CrooksY	Pooley	Heeroo	Shulton	Welsh	Shakes	Thomas I	Vieira I Y	Lamprell	Ginty	Forshaw	Wills	Read
SAT 5 SEPT	OXFORD UNITED	1468	0-2	Cronin	Salmon	CollinsY	Crooks	Charles	Pooley	Heeroo	Welsh	Shakes	Vieira	Thomas	Ginty	Wills	Shulton	Forshaw	Read
TUES 8 SEPT	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	863	0-0	Cronin	Pooley	Collins	Crooks	Charles	Wills	Heeroo	WelshY	Bailey	Vieira	Thomas	Lamprell	Ginty	Forshaw	Lindie	Shakes
Sat 12 Sept	Forest Green Rovers	762	0-0	Cronin	Pooley	Collins	Crooks	Charles	HeerooY	Wills	Bailey	Welsh	Vieira	Thomas	Ginty	Salmon	Shakes	West	Linde
SAT 19 SEPT	AFC WIMBLEDON	2005	2-2	Cronin	Salmon	Pooley	Crooks	Charles	Heeroo	Welsh	Wills	Bailey	Linde	Cumbers	Vieiral	Forshaw	Abbey	Shakes	Thomas
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Sat 26 Sept	Kettering Town	1345	0-3	Cronin	Salmon	McCarthy	Crooks	Charles	Wills	BaileyY	WelshY	ShakesY	Vieira	Cumbers	Lamprell	Ginty	Shulton	Heeroo	Pooley
TUES 29 SEPT	SALISBURY CITY	792	1-2	Cronin	McCarthy I	Heeroo	Crooks	Charles	Wills	Welsh	Bailey	Shakes	Vieira	Cumbers	Lamprell	Forshaw	Shulton	Ginty	Pooley
SAT 3 OCT	CRAWLEY TOWN	987	0-0	Cronin	Pooley	Crooks	Charles	McCarthy	Heeroo	Welsh	Shulton	Wills	Shakes	Cumbers	Vieira	Bailey	West	Ginty	Abbey
Sat 10 Oct	Cambridge United	3668	0-4	Cronin	Heeroo	Crooks	Charles	McCarthyY	Holmes	Welsh	Shulton	Wills	Shakes	Cumbers	Lamprell	Salmon	Ginty	West	Abbey
Sat 17 Oct	Barrow	1241	0-2	Cronin	HeerooR	Crooks	Charles	McCarthy	Henry	Holmes	Shulton	Wills	Charles	Ginty	Salmon	Shakes	Vieira	West	Welsh
Sat 24 October	Bromley FA Cup	1133	0-3	Cronin	Shakes	Easton	Charles	Crooks	Henry	West	Wills	Welsh	Ginty	Charles	Lamprell	Bailey	Vieira	Salmon	Riley Sherlock
SAT 31 OCT	WREXHAM	969	0-1	Cronin	Heeroo	Easton	Charles	CrooksR	Willis	Holmes	Henry	Welsh	Vieira	CharlesR	Ginty	West	Shakes	Pooley	Bailey
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Tues 24 Nov	AFC Wimbledon	2942	0-3	Cronin	Salmon	Heeroo	SmithY	Pooley	Holmes	West	BaileyY	Welsh	Vieira	Shakes	Lamprell	Forshaw	Ginty	Wills	Read
SAT 28 NOV	MANSFIELD TOWN	850	2-1	Cronin	Salmon	Heeroo	Smith	Pooley	Holmes I	West	Stavrinou	BaileyY	Vieira I	Shakes	Lamprell	Ginty	Welsh	Wills	Read
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Sat 5 Dec	Oxford United	5188	2-4	Cronin	Heeroo	Charles	Smith	Crooks	West	Stavrinou	HolmesY	Welsh	Vieiral	Shakes	Lamprell	Wills	Ginty	Pooley	Salmon
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SAT 26 DEC	GRAYS ATHLETIC	937	2-1	Cronin	Salmon	Charles	Crooks	Pooley	Stavrinou	Holmes	Bailey	Welsh	VieiralY	Shakes I	Wills	Forshaw	Heeroo	Ginty	Easton
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SAT 16TH JAN	ALTRINCHAM	873	1-2	Cronin	Salmon	Easton	Crooks	Pooley	Bailey	Holmes	Stavrinou	WestY	Vieira	ShakesY	Ginty	Wills	Welsh	Charles	Heeroo
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TUES 26TH JAN	MAIDSTONE UNITED (KSC)	260	1-3	Lamprell	Collins	Heeroo	Springett	Crooks	West	Henryl	Bailey	Wills	Ginty	Welsh	Hagan	Forshaw	Salmon	Phipp	Sherlock
Sat 30th Jan	Luton Town	6658	3-2	Cronin	Salmon	Easton	CharlesY	Crooks	Stavrinou	Holmes	Bailey	Shakes	Vieira2	Ashikido I	Collins	Heeroo	West	Ginty	Wills
Sat 6th Feb	Chester City	460	2-1	Cronin	Salmon	EastonY	Crooks	Charles	Stavrinou	Holmes	Baliey	Shakes	Vieira2	Ashikodi	Ginty	West	Pooley	Heeroo	Welsh
TUES 9TH FEB	HISTON	738	0-1	Cronin	Salmon	Easton	Crooks	Charles	Stavrinou	HolmesY	Baliey	Shakes	Vieira	Ashikodi	Heeroo	West	Pooley	Welsh	Ginty
SAT 13TH FEB	YORK CITY	1226	1-0	Cronin	Pooley	Easton	Charles	Crooks	Heeroo	Holmes	Bailey	Shakes	Vieira	Ashikodi I	Collins	West	Welsh	Ginty	Wills
Sat 20th Feb	Gateshead	533	3-1	Cronin	Pooley	Collins	Charles	Crooks	Heeroo	Holmes	BaileyY	Shakes I	Vieiral	Ashikodi I	Lamprell	West	Ginty	Wills	Salmon
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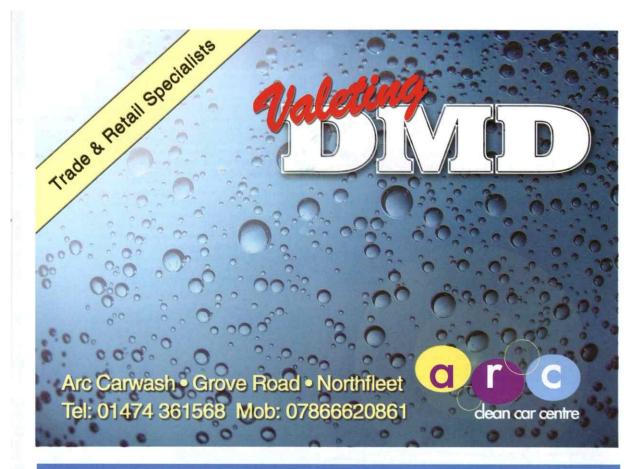




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BRUCE SEWELL (1998-2000) By Ed Miller

There are clear links between the respective squads of the Fleet and Luton this afternoon with Peter Holmes and Liam Hatch possibly lining up against their former sides.

But one other player has strong links between the two clubs and it is a player close to the Fleet's heart after our former skipper was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2005.

Bruce Sewell was a former British Universities midfielder in the early Nineties and began his non-league career in Essex with Ford United. He also turned out for Purfleet, Billericay Town, Yeading, St Albans and Northwood before arriving at Boreham Wood in late 1996 where he established himself as a player of quality, who could also fill

He played against Luton Town in an FA Cup First Round tie in 1998, which Boreham Wood lost 3-2 at Kenilworth Road, and caught Fleet manager Andy Ford's eye after scoring a superb goal for Wood against us in 1997-98. Ford tracked the player's availability, landing his man in December 1998.

Bruce was an instant hit at Stonebridge Road, his larger-than-life personality and sense of responsibility and leadership a good addition to the dressing room. He captained the club for a spell, playing alongside the likes of Premiership-bound Jimmy Bullard and Fleet legends Jimmy Jackson and Steve Portway.

He scored six goals for the Fleet in a two-year spell that included two strikes against his former club Billericay. He left the club in December 2000 and a broken leg later ruled him out of extending his playing career much into his thirties. However, having studied as a physiotherapist, Bruce landed a job as Luton Town's physio, the highlight of his time there undoubtedly the club's promotion to the Championship.

He married his childhood sweetheart Annabel in 2002 and a year later she gave birth to their son, Noah. Bruce, who adopted his wife's surname to become known as Bruce Hobbs, left Luton in late 2004 to take up a position as senior lecturer of sports therapy at the

University of Hertfordshire. But tragedy struck a few months later when he was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, an illness classified as terminal with a life expectancy of two to six years from

His family and friends set up Road2Hope to raise funds to support Bruce and his family as the former Fleet skipper vowed to be one of the very few to reverse the effects of the disease, or at least halt its progression. In November 2006, former Fleet boss Ford arranged a charity match, roping in old Fleet faces, former teammates of Bruce's from his various clubs, a few ex-Spurs stars and Luton also sent a couple of players. Bruce also met up with Jimmy Bullard, who presented him with a Fulham shirt for a charity auction being held for

A family friend also covered 3,500 miles as part of the Paris-Dakar Expedition, a three-week fundraising campaign that included a 300mile journey across the Sahara unsupported.

The Road2Hope website is still online and can be found at www.road2hope.com where there are contact details about making donations to continue supporting Bruce. We attempted to contact the family as this programme went to press for a further update as to his condition but had not received a reply in time. The Fleet website will keep fans informed should we hear any more news.

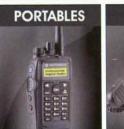
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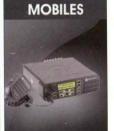


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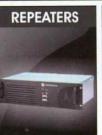




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Away travel bookings can be made today for the last few remaining games. Details of cost and leaving times will be available at the game today, so please make sure you book your place and remember that the Salisbury game is on a bank holiday day so public transport will be running a Sunday service timetable.

As you will all be aware with Chester no longer in the league we have a spare Saturday. Liam and Paul have offered to manage and run teams of supporters on that

It will cost you £100.00 to book a space in one of the teams. This is a great gesture by Liam and Paul and offers all of you who think this game is easy (remember I hear you every week on the terrace) this is a chance to show the rest of us your silky skills. If you want more details pop into the club office or shop.

Season tickets for next season will soon be available and the good news is that the price is being held at this season's prices, so excellent value, plus there are two or

three special season tickets being offered this time. Please look out for the early bird dates and offers.

SHARE ISSUE?

Two years ago 26,000 Fleet Fans went to Wembley to cheer Liam Daish and his team to success in winning the FA Trophy - the pinnacle of football success in non-league

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BUT THAT IS ONLY HALF THE STORY Membership renewals for the club owners, MyFC, have been disappointingly low and the clubs financial situation is in a critical state. There is doubt whether sufficient funds can be found for April expenses and possibly even for this month. In addition Liam needs around £175k to offer 7/8 key players contracts for next season.

POSSIBLE SHARE ISSUE

One way to secure extra funding is to issue new shares in Ebbsfleet United - an option now being seriously considered by members of

If you are online and want to be kept up to date with all Fleet News including news of a Share Issue please email

fleetnews@conectar.gotadsl.co.uk with your name and address - your name will be moved to the Fleet email list.

Enjoy the game, Jessica





Ahoy there shipmates,

and welcome aboard the fine ship Stonebridge for this afternoon's fixture in the Blue Square Premier with those landlubbers from _/uton Town. J's hopin' they's brought their sea legs and their water wings with them on their trip, Is heard from Beter Norton things could be gettin' a little choppy out there today if the

weather be believed!

I had a nice letter from Reggie the Red t'other day after our visit to Creepy Crawley last weekend. Be said he hoped that our Deano makes a quick recovery from his injury, and that we continues to play in the RSW next season. Is heard reports from some of the crew who sailed in to port last weekend that we didn't deserve t'lose the game. Is wishin' Deano all the best and a speedy recovery too!

J's been lookin' forward t'welcomin' Luton to our fine port today. They's a good side, but we managed t'beat 'em at their place in January and J's seein' no reason why we can't do t'same to 'em today! Is sure you'll join me in welcomin' Liam Satch back to this fine port, as long as he doesn't put t'hall in t'net this afternoon!

Is got a new member of ship's crew with me today, young Gregory, so make sure you's all give him a warm welcome!

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Today's mascot is 6 year old Gregory Stevens, who lives in Orprington, Kent. He attends St Philomena's primary school in Orpington, and lists his hobbies as football and judo. Gregory is an Arsenal fan, naming Cesc Fabregas as his favourite Gunner. For the Fleet, our centre half Darius Charles gets the accolade. Gregory is here today with his Dad, and everyone at the Fleet hopes you enjoy your mascot experience.







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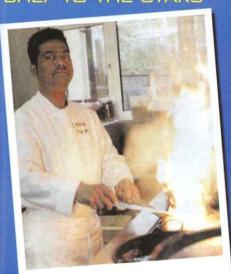
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We are still running our Playing for Success (PfS) initiative Monday to Thursday afternoons and it is all still running smoothly! This term we have pupils in from Istead Rise Primary, Westcourt Primary, Painters Ash Primary and Singlewell Primary. The term is going well and the kids are learning loads... as always!

We are also running a What Money Means programme to Bellwood Primary in Maidstone all about money, why we use it and how to save it which can only be a good thing to promote to children in the current economic times!

In the next couple of weeks we will be running the same money course again to two other schools, both in Gravesham, as well as continuing the PfS work. We will also be running a Sports Leaders certificate, open to local NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training), and a Wacky Racers dads and lads day with Wrotham Road Primary School, where they will get to build a toy race car, design the outside to be as Wacky as possible and then race them around the centre at the end of the day!

If you have any great suggestions of things you'd like to see us doing with the local community, anyone from pre - school up to senior citizens then just drop us a line with any sensible suggestions, the number is 07833232644, ask for Ashley.

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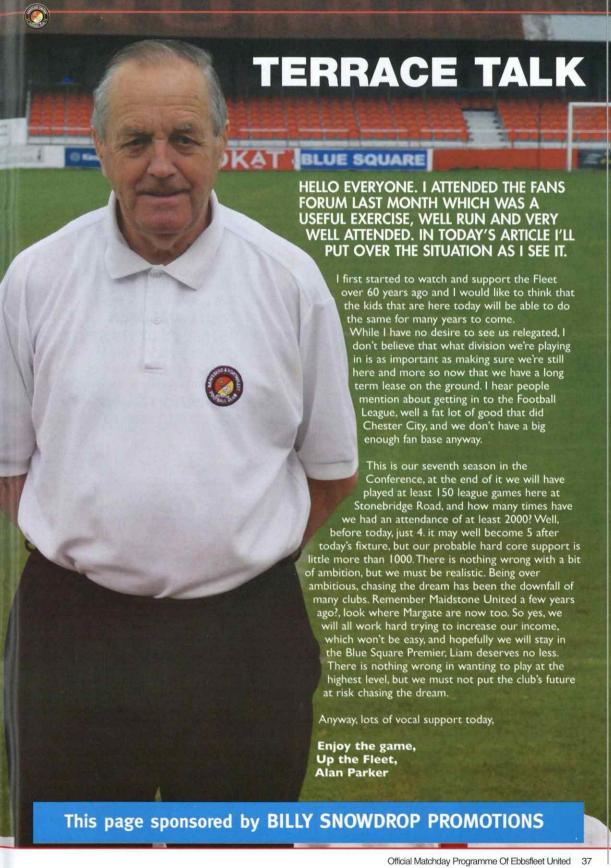


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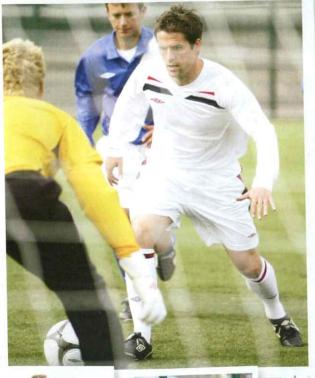
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Name: Ian Docker Home & Away Kit: Tracksuit & Sockties:



by Ed Miller

EBBSFLEET UNITED 3 LUTON TOWN 2

Only one previous fixture between the Fleet and Luton makes our usual trip down memory lane somewhat redundant this week. That game, of course, came a little under two months ago with Magno Vieira's brace and Moses Ashikodi's winner giving the Fleet an unlikely 3-2 triumph at Kenilworth Road.

The journey from Ryman League grounds of the Nineties to the likes of former top-flight venues such as Kenilworth Road may seem like a long road travelled but in fact it is little more than 20 miles. And that's because two of the Fleet's most memorable results, almost a decade apart, have both come in Bedfordshire. With the victory at Luton kicking off a new decade earlier this year, it was a win at another venue Bedfordshire at the beginning of the Noughties that propelled the Fleet into the non-league big time.

Eight years ago, give or take a month, the Fleet's I-0 win at Luton's neighbours Bedford Town clinched the Ryman League title ahead of Canvey Island. Che Stadhart's only goal of the game was enough to print 'Bedford' into Fleet fans' minds for ever more but even then, with the lure of Conference football on the horizon, it would have been unthinkable to consider going to Luton inside eight years and winning, the Hatters having won promotion themselves that season from the old Third Division (both of us claiming exactly 30 league victories) on their way to a spell in the Championship.

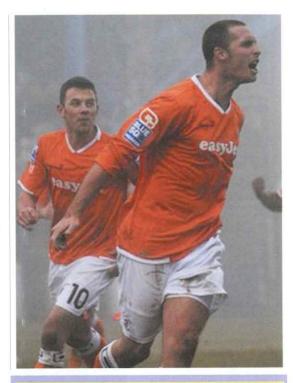
As a further curiosity of that Bedford game, Liam Hatch was in the Fleet line-up that day, a key figure in our title-winning side, little knowing that he would be plying his trade just down the motorway at Kenilworth Road before the decade was out.

The Fleet have met only one other Bedfordshire side down the years, that being Dunstable in the lower reaches of the Southern League from the mid-Sixties through to the early Nineties.

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MILLS SATISFIED WITH POINT

Tamworth earned a deserved point against Mansfield at Field Mill on Saturday and could even have left with all three points according to Lambs' boss Gary Mills.

"We had a couple of great chances to put the ball into the net to win it and we really needed those three points," said Mills who's charges find themselves involved in the fight to avoid relegation. "But we have come here and got a clean sheet at Mansfield which was a great effort by my players who I thought were the better side over 90 minutes," he told Chad.co.uk.

Other than Andy Nicholas' dangerous long throw-ins Mansfield posed little threat to the Lambs' goal. "We came under pressure from their long throws and free kicks but they didn't open us up in open play. Mansfield are a strong side and we knew we had to be switched on which we were," he added. "The lads have been magnificent for me from day one this season and we are delighted with the point. We have just lost to Rushden and Histon in games which we deserved something out of so it's not like we have been playing badly."

BLUEBIRDS SIGN BROWN AND EDWARDS

Blue Square Premier League side Barrow AFC have bolstered their squad with the capture of midfielder Kayleden Brown and full-back Paul Edwards.

17-year-old Brown has joined the Bluebirds on a work experience deal and the Baggies will the option to recall the youngster after Thursday, April 8. 30 year-old Edwards has been training with Barrow recently after spending much of the season on the sidelines because of injury. Edwards was released by Port-Vale at the end of the 2008/09 season and linked up with Wrexham AFC for a trial spell at the end of last year.

BOUCAUD BACKS POPPIES FOR PLAY-OFFS

Kettering Town midfielder Andre Boucaud believes the Poppies have a good chance of making the endof-season play-offs if they maintain their current form.

The Poppies have played one more game than their closest playoff rivals and slipped to a disappointing defeat at the hands of Cambridge United in midweek. However Boucaud is remaining positive over his side's prospects and told Northants ET: "I think we have got a great chance. We have been playing well and if we continue like that then I have no doubts that we will be in the play-off places. Everyone saw what the problem was on Tuesday and we know we missed too many chances. It's frustrating because our performance was pretty good. The important thing is we are creating the chances and I am sure everyone would be worried if we weren't doing that. I am confident the goals will come and if we can sort that problem out then we are capable of doing very well."

HAYLOCK BLASTS REFEREE FEARN

Hayes & Yeading manager Garry Haylock was critical of referee Amy Fearn's performance following his side's goalless draw at Grays Athletic on Saturday afternoon.

The United boss was left fuming after the encounter and went so far as to claim Fearn was the worst referee he has seen. He told the *Uxbridge Gazette*: "She was surely the worst referee we've ever had. If you're not good enough - don't come and do the job. She was truly awful. It didn't help that we came to a place like this where the bounce on the pitch made it difficult, and the small ground made it hard to make use of our wingers. In the circumstances, we did well to keep a clean sheet. However, if the referee had got on top of the game from the off it would have been different - but she was weak all the way through."

Hayes & Yeading find themselves sitting in 14th place with 43 points from 36 games after Saturday's clash, while Grays Athletic are rooted to the foot of the table with 19 points from 34 matches

BOUNCING ROUND THE BLUE SQUARE—

GATESHEAD LEFT BACK JOINS TRINITY

Former Hartlepool United, Hereford United, Stockport County and York City left back Mark Robinson has become the latest player to leave Blue Square Premier club Gateshead.

The 28 year-old has joined Blue Square North outfit Gainsborough Trinity and along with the recently departed Darren Williams, made his debut in Saturday's 3-2 win over Alfreton Town

Summer signing Robinson played in the first ten games of the season for Gateshead but lost his place to Phil Cave before reclaiming his place in December. The Guisborough-based player made 23 appearances for Gateshead and, like Williams, has signed for Gainsborough until the end of the season. "We will see where we go from their," said Robinson "Brian Little is a quality manager who has been in the Premier League and had been after me for a while. My contract was cancelled by mutual consent at Gateshead so that I could join Gainsborough and it was great to get off to a winning start. I was gobsmacked when I was put on the transfer list as I had just produced my best performance of the season at Mansfield and was one of the better players against Barrow in the FA Trophy. With Paul Heckingbottom signed I obviously didn't fit in the managers plans and when you train every week you want to play on a matchday."

Cave will provide back up to the experienced Heckingbottom for the rest of the season.



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SALISBURY GROUND RE

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The first thing that strikes you about the stadium is that it is sunken, meaning that you enter at the back of the stands and descend into it. On one side is the Main Stand, which not really a stand as such. Instead the rows of seating have been located in front of the Clubs Office building, with the roof of that structure being extended outwards somewhat to try and give some cover. The team dugouts are located in front of this area. On one side is the In-Excess covered terrace which extends around one corner of the ground and along one end. Whilst opposite is an open terrace which is allocated to away supporters. The other side of the ground, known as the 'Hop Back Side', is a strange looking affair, with two small pockets of covered seating sitting astride a large advertising hoarding

for a local brewery, that also incorporates a small electric scoreboard. The two outer wings of this side of the ground comprise of open terrace.

For most games segregation is not in force at the stadium. However, if fans need to be segregated, than a block of seating and open terrace are allocated on the Hop Back side of the ground. In addition away fans are given the Partridge Way open terrace at one end of the ground near to the car park entrance. Also note that if segregation is in place then there is no access inside the ground to the Club Bar or Club catering, as a burger van is employed instead.

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GREETINGS FLEET FANS, AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO STONEBRIDGE ROAD FOR OUR FIRST AND ONLY HOME GAME OF THE MONTH, THIS AFTERNOON'S BLUE SQUARE PREMIER ENCOUNTER WITH LUTON TOWN.

I'd like to extend that welcome to all those Hatters fans that have made the trip down from Bedfordshire this afternoon, and wish them a safe journey back round the M25 at full time.

It's been another difficult week for Fabio Capello, with the news that David Beckham is almost certainly out of the World Cup with a torn Achilles tendon. He picked up the injury last Sunday during the final minutes of AC Milan's game with Chievo, and had an operation on Monday to fix the tear. According to reports, he's likely to be out for at least 4 months, which makes selection for the World Cup squad almost

So, the big question is, who does Capello take to replace him? As England's most capped outfield player, whoever does replace Becks has some massive boots to fill. There are a number of options, but which one

First off, there's Aaron Lennon. The Spurs wing wizard has made 15 appearances for the Three Lions, the last being in the 5 - I win over Croatia in the World Cup qualifiers. But things haven't been good of late, and Lennon is struggling to overcome a troublesome groin injury, which has kept him out of action for the last three months. He faces a race against time to overcome the injury and get minutes on the pitch to prove he's fit enough to make it on the plane to South Africa. The next option is Shaun Wright Phillips. The Man City star has made 30

appearances for the Blues this season, six of those from the subs bench. Rumour is rife that he's on his way out of Eastlands in the summer, and that Roberto Mancini doesn't really rate him...but 30 caps and 6 goals for the national side may tell Capello otherwise.

Theo Walcott has had an indifferent season for Arsenal, and has been in and out of the side due to injury. This could affect his chances of getting into the squad, but he could also be one to take a chance on.

There are a few other options to be considered, including James Milner, Joe Cole and Adam Johnson. Another name that has been mentioned is Stewart Downing. I personally hope that Capello doesn't waste a spot in his squad on Downing, because I don't believe he's good enough to play for the national side. I'm still trying to fathom how Martin O'Neill spent £10million on him in the summer. It's only my opinion, but I just don't think he's in the same league as the other names that have been mentioned above.

But that's enough about that, because I've ranted about Downing before, and I know it gets a little bit boring!

So, until next time, when fellow strugglers Eastbourne Borough visit us on Easter Monday.

C'mon You Reds, Rachel



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Luton Town

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27. MARK NWOKEJI 29. MATTHEW BARNES - HOMER 30. ADAM WATKINS

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	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1 Stevenage Borough	34	21	9	4	41	72	
2 Oxford United	33	20	8	5	30	68	
3 LUTON TOWN	35	20	7	8	17	67	
4 Rushden & Diamonds	34	18	8	8	32	62	
5 York City	35	17	10	8	16	61	
6 Kettering Town	36	17	8	11	13	59	
7 AFC Wimbledon	34	16	9	9	26	57	
8 Crawley Town	36	16	7	13	-4	55	
9 Mansfield Town	35	15	8	12	8	53	
10 Altrincham	34	12	12	10	10	48	
11 Kidderminster Harriers	33	13	9	11	9	48	
12 Wrexham	34	11	10	13	2	43	
13 Histon	35	11	10	14	-7	43	
14 Hayes & Yeading	36	11	10	15	-12	43	
15 Cambridge United	34	10	12	12	5	42	
16 Salisbury City	34	14	5	15	-10	37	
17 Tamworth	35	8	13	14	-10	37	
18 Gateshead	35	10	6	19	-20	35	
19 EBBSFLEET UNITED	38	9	8	21	-27	35	
20 Barrow	32	8	10	14	-17	34	
21 Eastbourne Borough	36	7	12	17	-29	33	
22 Forest Green Rovers	34	6	9	19	-30	27	
23 Grays Athletic	34	3	10	21	-43	19	

Today's Other Fixtures

Saturday, 20 March 2010

Altrincham v Rushden & D'mnds, 15:00 Eastbourne Boro v Grays Athletic, 15:00 Ebbsfleet United v Luton, 15:00 Histon v Mansfield, 15:00 Kettering v Forest Green, 15:00 Wrexham v Cambridge Utd, 15:00 York v AFC Wimbledon, 15:00

Sunday, 21 March 2010
Tamworth v Oxford Utd, 15:00

Today's Officials

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